Introduction to Git and Github — A Hands-on Course

Class 2: Basic Git Concepts

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Introducing Git

- Created by Linus Torvalds in 2005
- Initially used for writing much of Linux
- Free software under GNU license
- Command-line
- Ports for essentially all OS







Types of Git Files

Tracked

- These are the files that are part of the tree we looked at yesterday
- Master the current, latest 'official' code
- Staged code that has not been deemed 'official' yet
- The process of changing Staged code to Master is called "committing"







Types of Git Files

- Untracked
 - Sometimes we want to store files for reference that are never part of the master
 - Snippets
 - Possible future or abandoned features
 - Bug issues (tied in with bug tracking or PM software)
 - Maintained but not part of version control







Types of Git Files

- Ignored
 - Log files (typically compile / link / debug logs)
 - Binaries
 - Object files
 - Any other derivative files from compile / link / debug or other functions such as lint
 - Git is set up to automatically ignore these file types (and this can be modified) *.o *.elf etc







A Distributed VCS

- One powerful concept of git is that it can be local, remote, or both
- You can have git running on your local computer (handy if you are using a portable computer or are remote from your local network)
- You can also use a remote repository, which can be centralized (like GitHub) or another's 'local' repository





Local Git

- Git was written in (of course!) linux
- Ports to windows originally used cygwin
- Python and java versions
- https://git-scm.com/download/win
- https://git-for-windows.github.io/

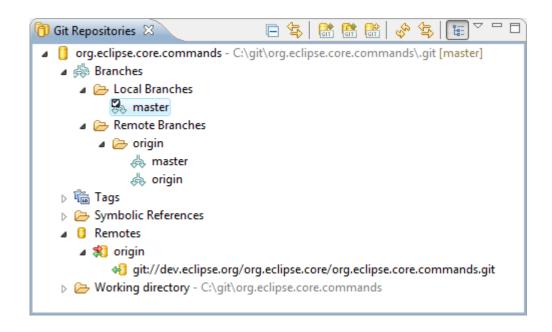




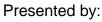


Egit – Git Plug-in For Eclipse

http://www.eclipse.org/egit/









Getting Your Code

- You can copy an entire repository by using the "clone" command. This is handy for pulling in copies of the entire project from a remote repository
- To work on a branch (revision), we use the "checkout" command. This can either get a copy of the Master, or we can create and name a new branch (to develop a possible new feature, etc)







Handy Cheat Sheet

- There are a number of handy one-page guides or cheat sheets to help us when we are learning the command line.
- The following is from http://rogerdudler.github.io/git-guide/files/git_cheat_sheet.pdf





Cheat Sheet 1

create & clone

create new repository

clone local repository

clone remote repository

git init

git clone /path/to/repository

git clone username@host:/path/to/repository

add & remove

add changes to INDEX

add all changes to INDEX

remove/delete

git add <filename>

git add *

git rm <filename>







Cheat Sheet 2

commit & synchronize

commit changes

push changes to remote repository

connect local repository to remote repository

update local repository with remote changes

git commit -m "Commit message"

git push origin master

git remote add origin <server>

git pull

branches

create new branch

switch to master branch

delete branch

push branch to remote repository

git checkout -b
branch>
e.g. git checkout -b feature_x

git checkout master

git branch -d <branch>

git push origin ⟨branch⟩







Cheat Sheet 3



merge changes from another branch

view changes between two branches

git merge <branch>

git diff <source_branch> <target_branch> e.g. git diff feature_x feature_y

tagging

create tag

git tag <tag> <commit ID> e.g. git tag 1.0.0 1b2e1d63ff

get commit IDs

git log









GUI To The Rescue

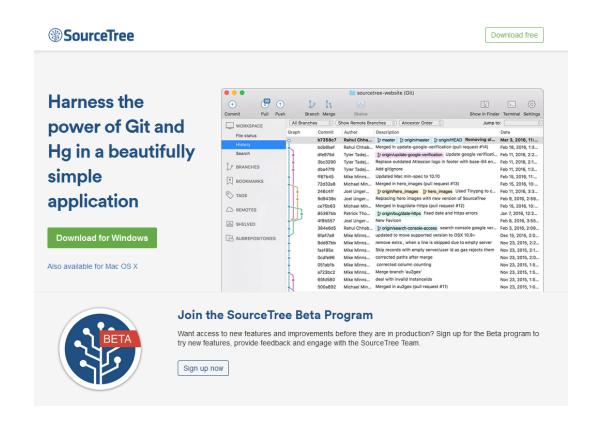
- There are a number of GUI-based tools for git for Windows
- One of the most popular is SourceTree
- https://www.sourcetreeapp.com/

- Supports both git and Mercurial (Hg) repositories
- Works seamlessly with Bitbucket, which we will look at Friday





SourceTree



A free visual Git and Hg client for Mac and Windows

SourceTree simplifies how you interact with your Git and Mercurial repositories so you can focus on coding. Visualize and manage your repositories through SourceTree's simple interface.







Install – use defaults



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SourceTree is a Git client provided completely free by Atlassian

Help improve SourceTree by sending data about your usage

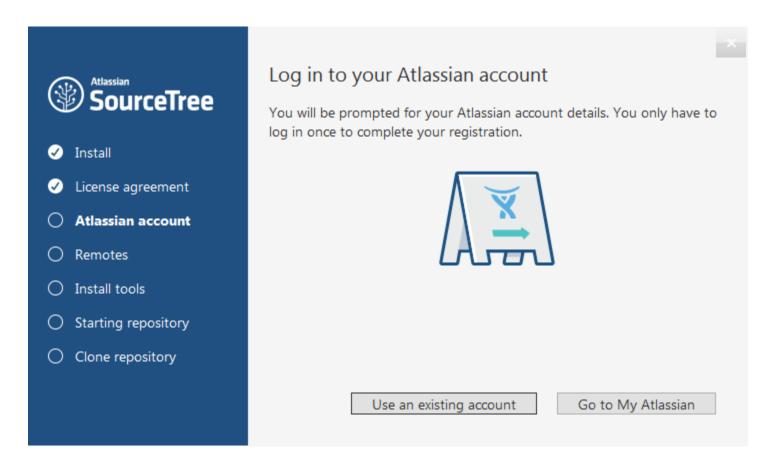
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Set Up Account

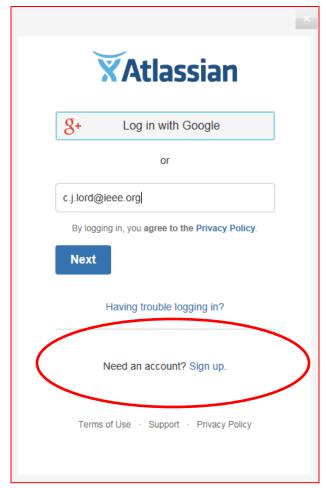


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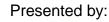




Sign up or Sign in

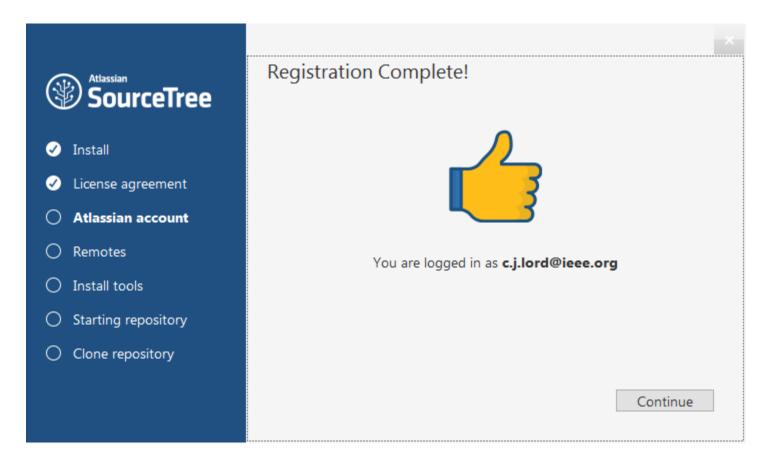










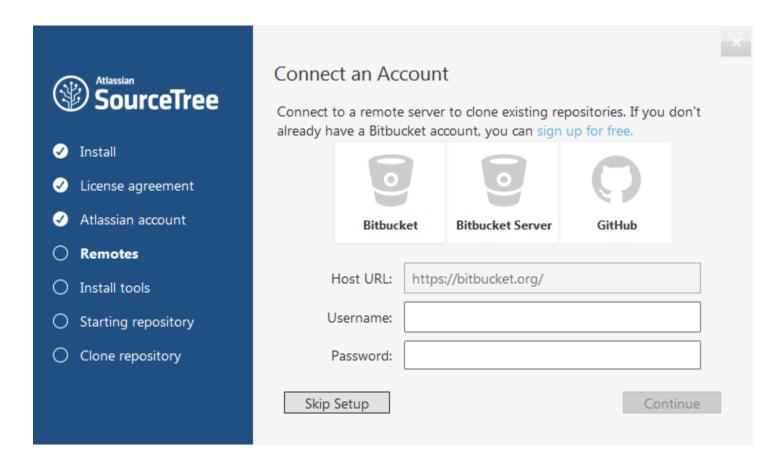


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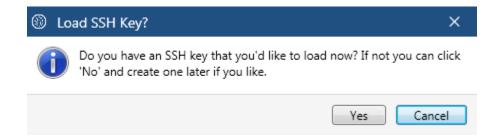


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Find the "No" Button

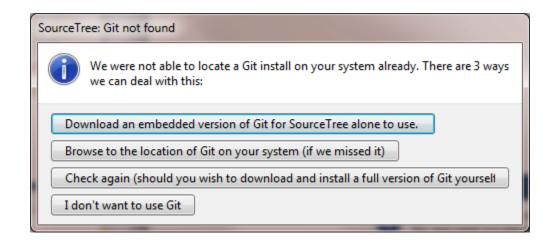


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NOW download Git







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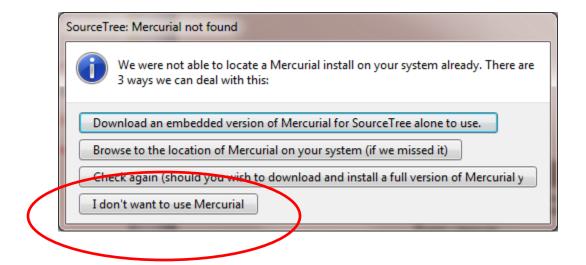






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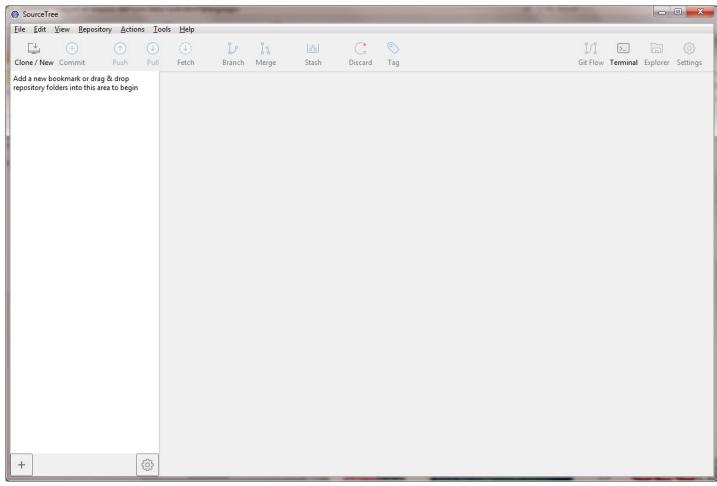
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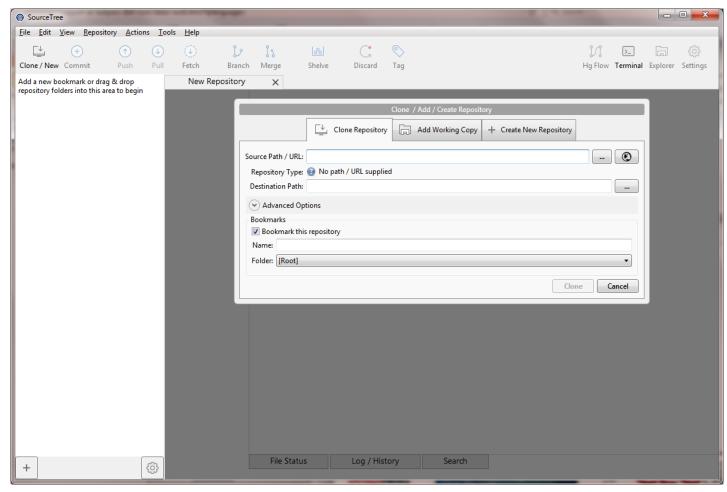
Click on New/Clone







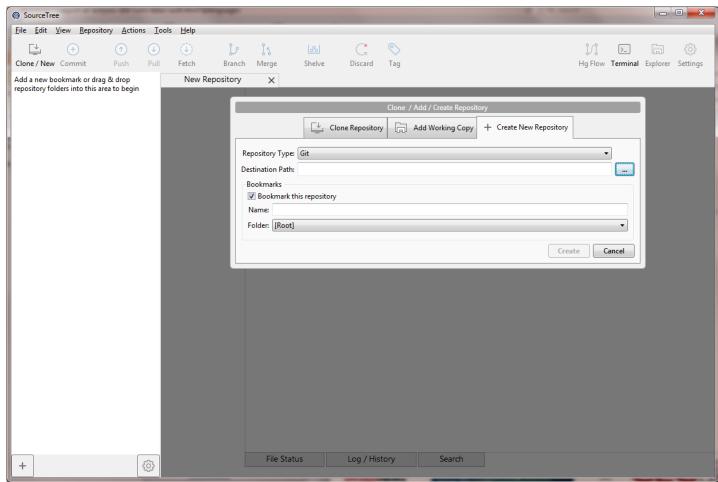
Now We Are Ready







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What About Remote?

- There are many good repositories for shared projects
- Next we will look at the very popular GitHub
- Friday we will look at the companion Bitbucket







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