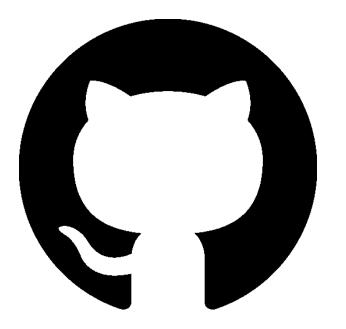
Introduction to Git and GitHub





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- The most widely used versioncontrol system!
 - Remembers entire project history
 - Easily undo changes
 - Track contributions
- Free and Open-Source Software
- Fast & Simple
- Optimized for collaboration
 - Non-linear development





WHAT IS GIT NOT?

- Affiliated with GitHub (which is owned by Microsoft)
- A file editor
- A graphical user interface
 - Many user interfaces exist
- Proactive
 - Must tell git about everything we do!





WHAT IS GITHUB?

- The largest host for Git repositories
- Free (for public repositories)
- A great place to collaborate
 - Support for unique features
 - Comment sections
 - Organizations
 - Issue tracking







WHAT IS GITHUB NOT?

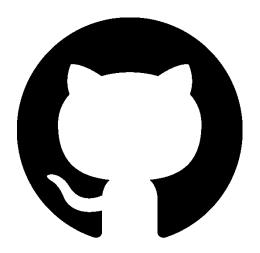
- The only option
 - GitLab, Bitbucket, ...
- A version-control system
 - Everything is on top of git
- Only for source code and programming
- Difficult!





GITHUB & GITHUB DESKTOP

A walkthrough of the user interfaces





GETTING OUR BEARINGS: GITHUB.COM



GETTING OUR BEARINGS: USER PAGE



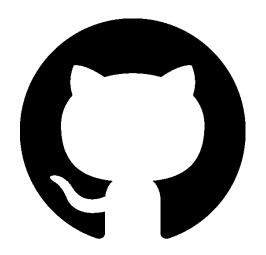
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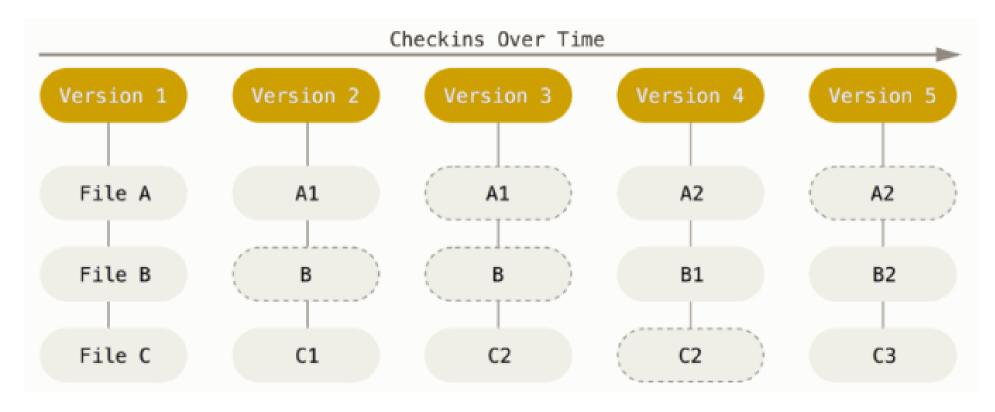
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STRUCTURE OF A GIT REPOSITORY

Snapshots, Locality, File States



SNAPSHOTS



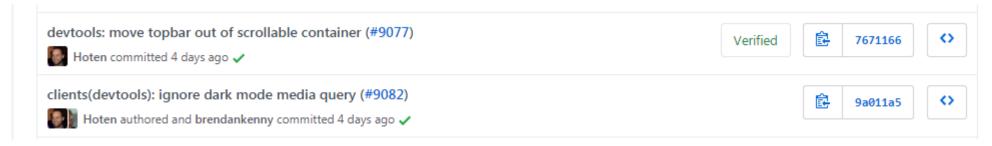
Stores the entire file structure at each snapshot, not a set of changes to one file!

SNAPSHOTS

brharrington try disabling gigahorse (#1062	2)	Latest commit 85a91b3 43 minutes ago
atlas-akka	add binding for materializer (#1050)	5 days ago
atlas-chart/src	sbt-scalafmt 2.0.0	26 days ago
atlas-config/src	update license headers for 2019 (#969)	6 months ago
atlas-core/src	cross build for 2.13.0-RC3 (#1048)	12 days ago
atlas-eval	add binding for materializer (#1050)	5 days ago
atlas-jmh/src/main/scala/com/netfli	add benchmark for uri handling (#1057)	3 days ago
atlas-json/src	remove jackson-datatype-joda usage (#1045)	25 days ago
atlas-lwcapi/src	add binding for materializer (#1050)	5 days ago
atlas-module-akka/src	add binding for materializer (#1050)	5 days ago
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Sample Snapshot: Caption and Set of Files



Can see all files present at any of these times!

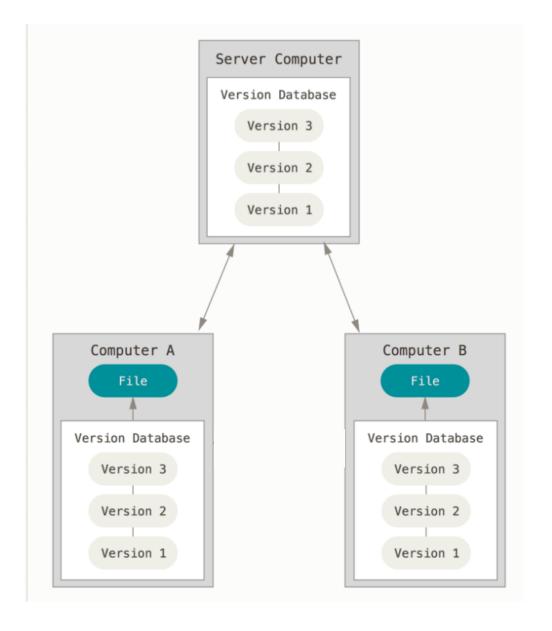
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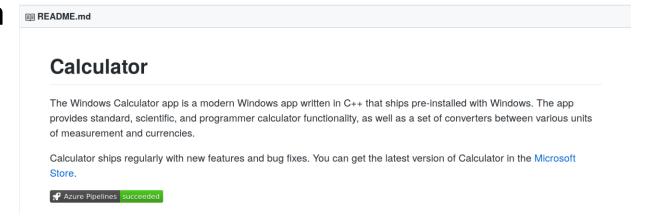
- Snapshots stored on your computer, not only on a server!
 - Hidden .git directory
 - Stores entire history of project (compressed!)





SPECIAL FILE: README.md

- README.md (note the case!)
 - A text-based description of a directory or project
 - Uses Markdown language





SPECIAL FILE: .GITIGNORE

- .gitignore (note the period!)
 - A set of filenames.
 - No file in here will ever be tracked by git
 - Common Uses: backup and temporary files, stored passwords for APIs

```
.gitignore

2 github/~$Introduction to Git & Github.pptx
3 github/Introduction to Git & Github.pptx
4 scripts/key.txt
5 github/.~lock.Introduction to Git & GitHub.pptx#
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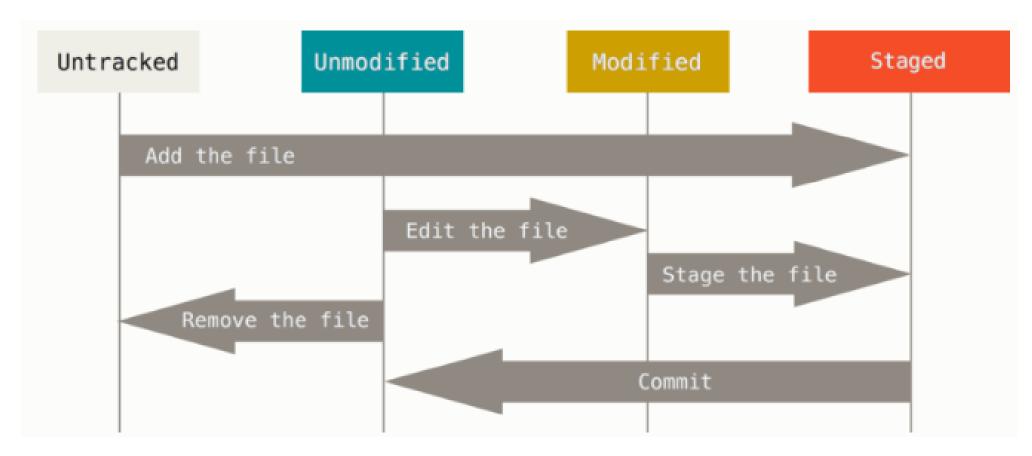


STATES OF FILES IN A REPOSITORY

- untracked: git has not been told about this file.
- modified: we told git about this file, but we've changed it without telling git to remember our change.
- **staged**: we have told git about this file and told git we will want it to remember our change.
- committed: we have made git take a snapshot of our file.



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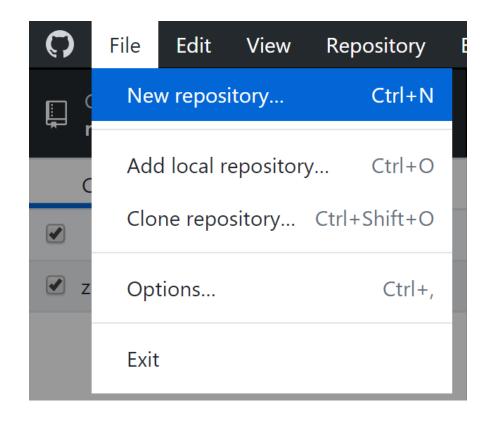


CREATING & CLONING REPOSITORIES

Initialization & Copying from a server

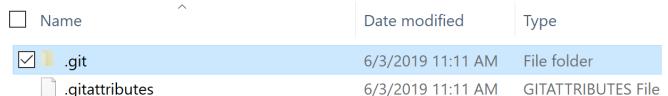


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- Stored in the hidden directory .git
- Note: No files are added to the repository by default!
 - We'll get to adding files a bit later



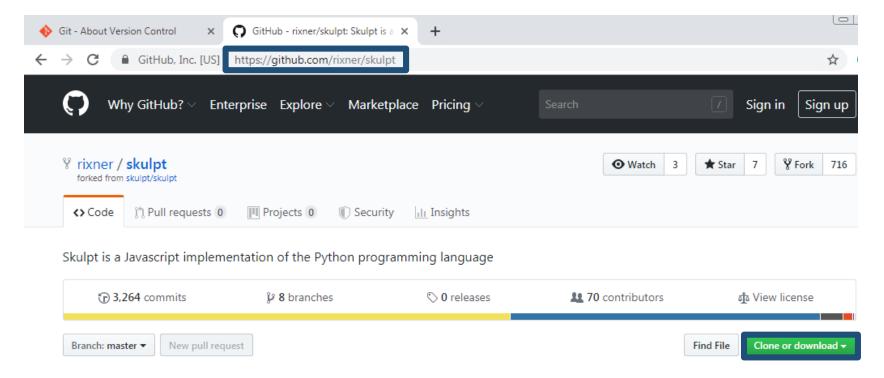


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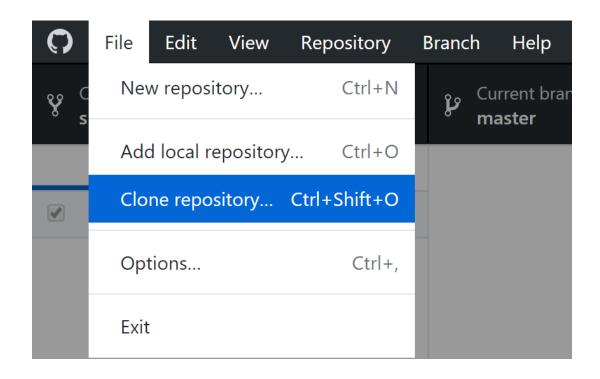


- Downloads entire history of a repository hosted on GitHub
- Two ways to get the URL:

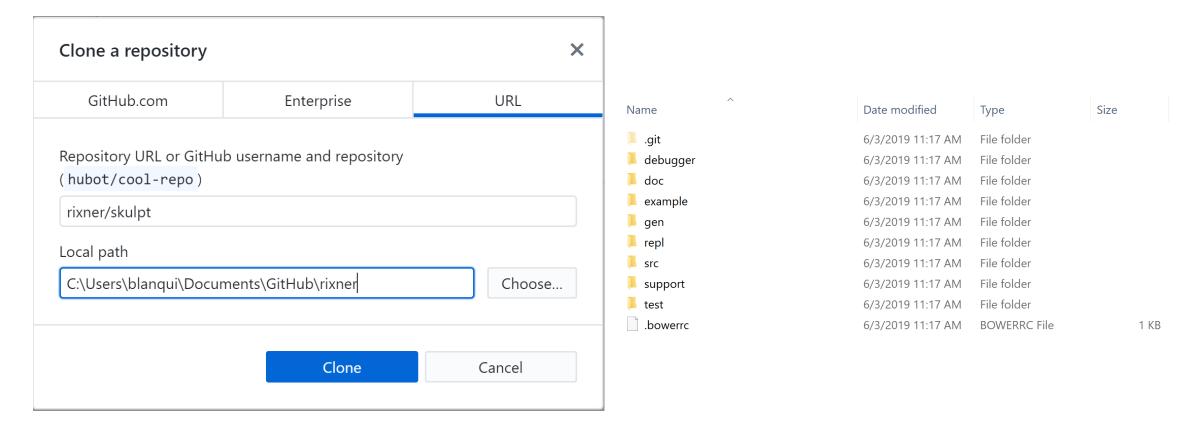




- Most recent snapshot immediately available
- Full history needs to be downloaded as well. Takes time & space!



CLONING





- Downloads entire history of a repository hosted on GitHub
- Creates a copy of it:
 - You work on your own copy
 - The *upstream* / original repository remains untouched by your changes

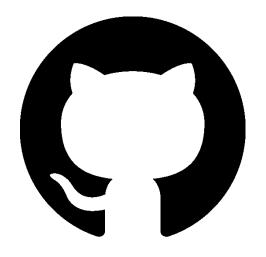


Fork this repository from GitHub now!

https://github.com/chase-lab/biodiv-patterns-course-2022

EDITING WORKFLOW

Editing, adding, staging, and committing





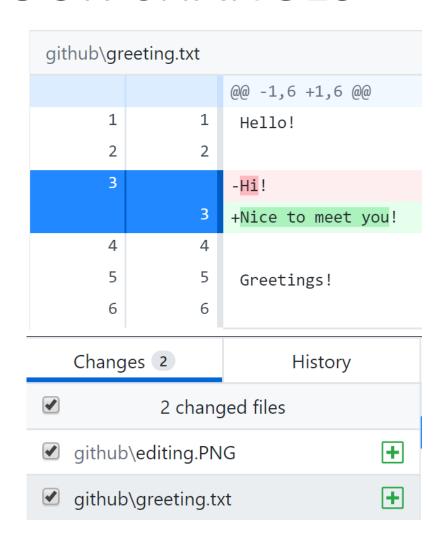
EDITING A FILE LOCALLY

- Open the .rproj (R project) file to easily open a working session in Rstudio
- Open and edit any file using any program



TELLING GIT ABOUT OUR CHANGES

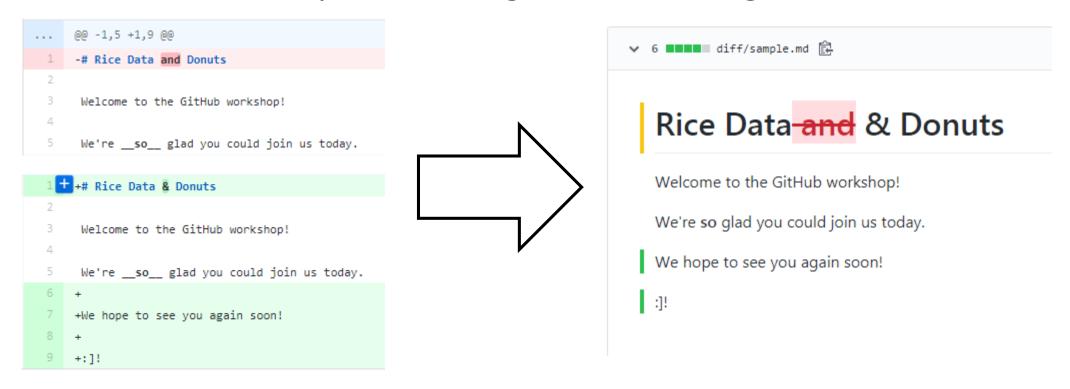
- Git will automatically find what we changed. All we have to do is tell it what we want to save
- Toggle whether we want to add this change using check boxes
- Monitor changes to text files
 - Green: added in
 - Red: taken out
 - White: not changed





VIEWING CHANGES: DOCUMENTS

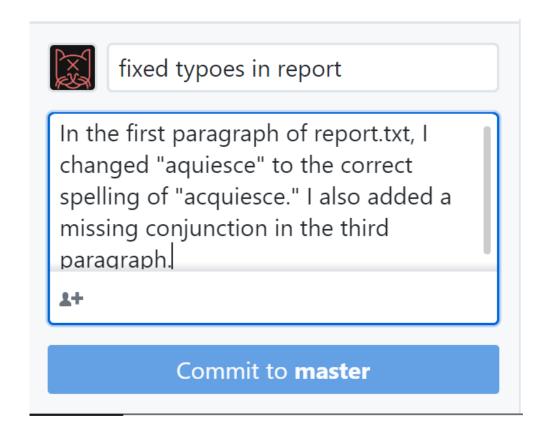
Prose Diff: see word-by-word changes in formatting





SNAPSHOTS OF OUR CHANGES: COMMIT

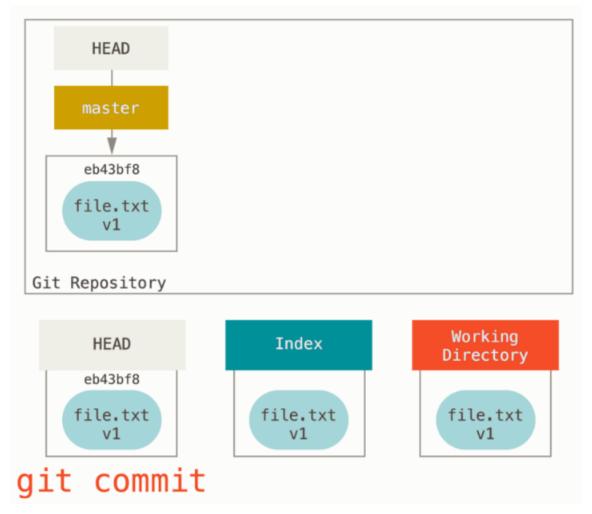
- Once we have reached a milestone, or we just want to quickly and reversibly save our changes
- Annotating our Snapshot
 - Short, simple **summary**. A few words
 - Extended description of approach.
 A few sentences
- Only changes locally!





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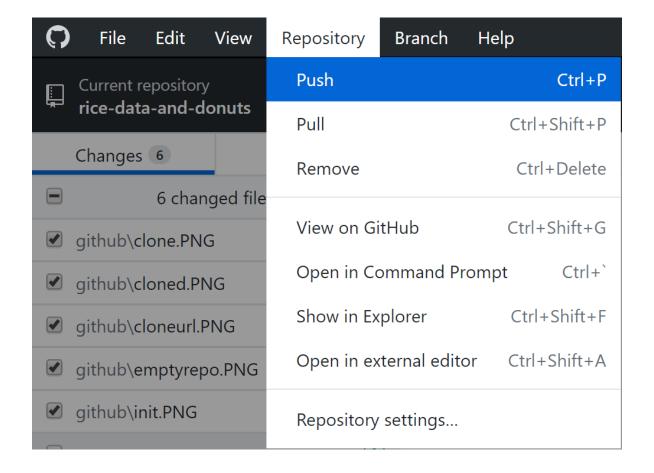
- Tell git to take a snapshot of our files!
 - Transition between which two states for file.txt?
 - Command: git commit
- **HEAD** now points to our most recent snapshot!





UPLOADING OUR CHANGES

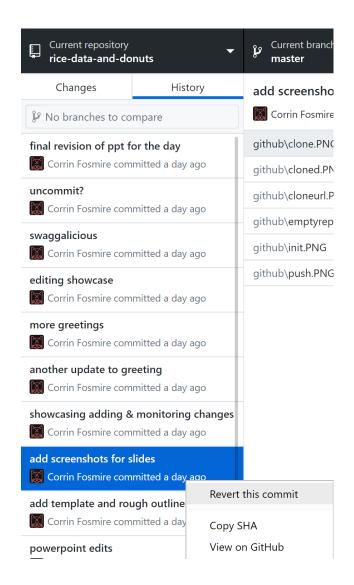
- Once we have a commit, we can send it to GitHub
- This is called a push
- Note: Changes are not sent to the server by default!



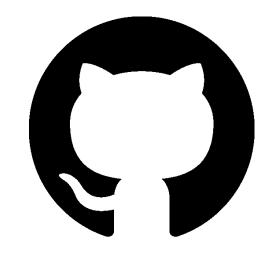


GOING BACK IN TIME

- What if we accidentally made a change that deleted something we really needed?
- Solution: Revert to a previous commit!
- Note this doesn't delete the changes after the revert



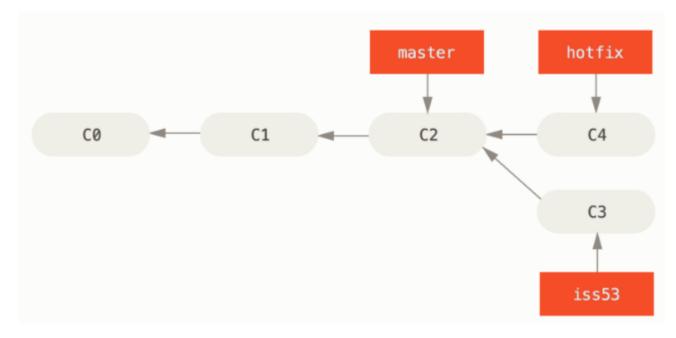
BRANCHES & MERGING



Creating, working on, combining, and switching branches



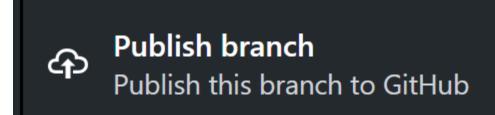
- If you're working on different features or as part of a larger team
- Divergent history
- Independent files
 - Avoids unintended consequences!
- Easy integration

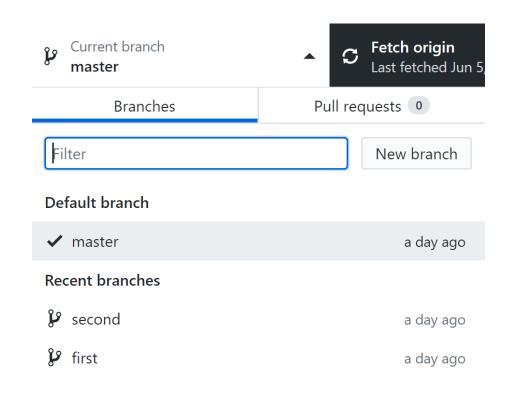




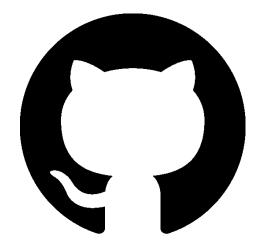
CREATING & SWITCHING BRANCHES

- Click on the "Current branch" tab
- If a branch isn't listed, you may have to search for it
- Make sure to publish the branch to GitHub!





COLLABORATING ON GITHUB



Extensions to collaborate within teams, organizations, and more.



GITHUB EXTENSIONS TO MERGING

Fork



- Copy entire repository to your namespace
- Gives edit privileges
- Pull Request



- Ask the repository owner to make a change
- Can comment on and discuss with owner



- Pointing out what's wrong
- Hope someone can figure it out!
 - Even if they're not the owner of the repository!
 - The benefit of open source
- Great way to get involved
- Supports discussions, fixes, etc

① Compute metrics on "slices" of the data? #547 opened 2 days ago by jayleverett

Nant to contribute to pytorch/ignite?

If you have a bug or an idea, read the contributing guidelines before opening an issue. If you're ready to tackle some open issues, we've collected some good first issues for you.



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