### 2017 AMS Annual Meeting Student Conference Tools of the Trade

# GitHub



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# Why use GitHub?

Keep your code safe and backed up in the cloud

 Track code changes and versions with ease

 Keep it private, or make it open source and collaborate with others

•Find new projects, libraries, or code snippets to help your research

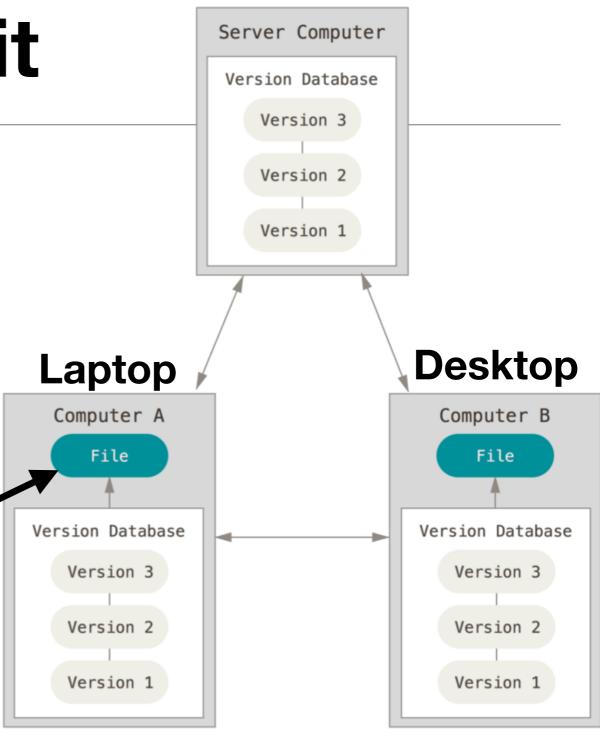
### **GitHub**

### **Brief Primer on Git**

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$ ls
my_awesome_script.jl
my_awesome_script_20170110.jl
my_awesome_script_bad_version.jl
my_awesome_script_new_version.jl
my_awesome_script_v1.jl
my_awesome_script_v2.1.jl
my_awesome_script_v2.jl
```

Files are stored in a database that keeps track of your changes and is distributed across multiple devices and the cloud

my\_awesome\_script.jl





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#### Popular repositories

#### DualPol\_simulator

A dual-polarimetric radar simulator for WRF output

■ Julia ★ 4 ※ 2

#### Doppler\_retrieval

Combined dynamic and thermodynamic retrieval from Doppler wind data

● FORTRAN ★3 💡 1

#### Airborne-Radar-QC

Quality control for airborne tail Doppler radar

● C++ ★ 2 👸

#### samurai

Spline Analysis at Mesoscale Utilizing Radar and Aircraft Instrumentation

●C++ ★2 ¥3

#### analyticAircraft

Software to generate analytic airborne Doppler radar data

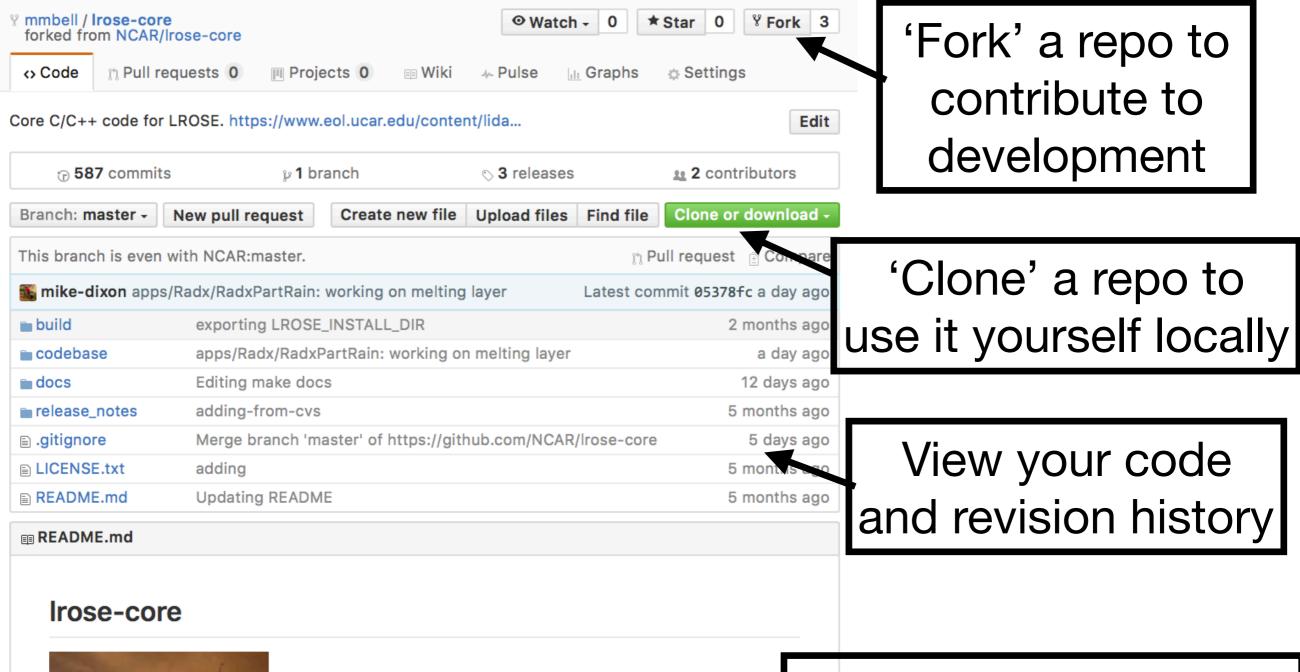
DC++ ★

#### grid2ps

Postscript plotting package for gridded data

● FORTRAN ★

Your GitHub page is a great way to advertise your work for graduate school or employers!





Use a pretty README file to document your project

#### L - The Lidar Radar Open Software Environment

LROSE is a co-operative project between:

- Dept. of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University (CSU) and the
- The Earth Observing Lab at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR).

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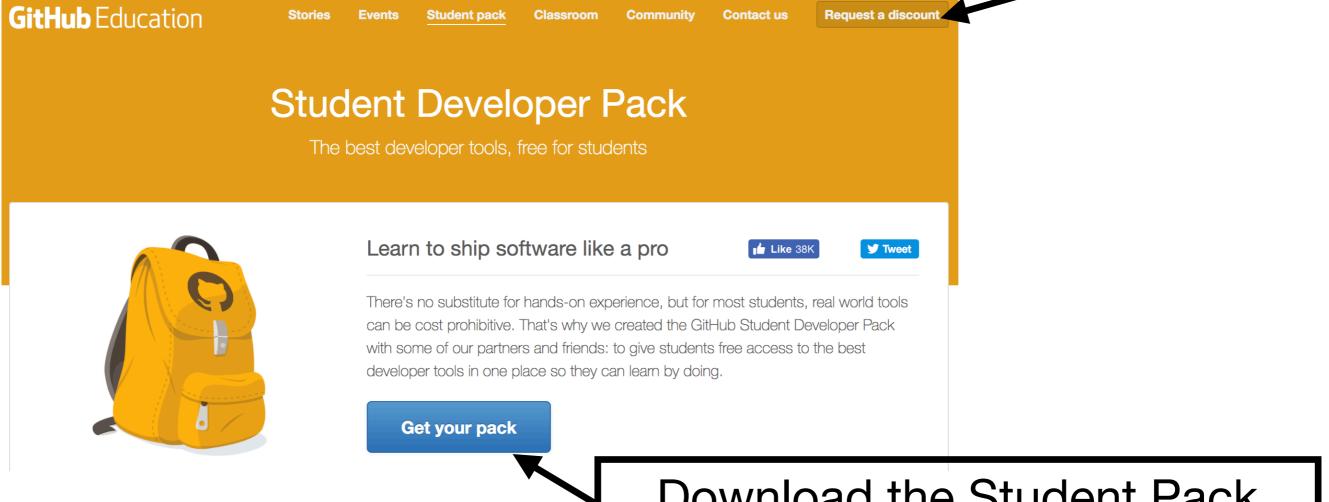
## **Beyond the Basics**

- Not just for code: great for LaTeX manuscript versioning and collaboration
- Use multiple branches to test new ideas without breaking your working code
- GitHub Desktop and GitKraken are great GUIs
- •Feed your research back to the community as an open source project (maybe someone will help fix or improve your code!)

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