

Data Representation

Lab 06.03: using a package

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In this lab we are going to use the package PyGitHub to interact with GitHub

It is easier than making all our own requests;

Install using

Pip install PyGithub

Documentation on this package:

- <https://pygithub.readthedocs.io/en/latest/introduction.html>

For examples

- <https://pygithub.readthedocs.io/en/latest/examples.html>

Full reference

- <https://pygithub.readthedocs.io/en/latest/reference.html>

The key is now
on learnonline

The key that we are using is now on learnonline

I put the minus sign in because as a security measure GitHub removes access for the key if it is uploaded to GitHub

Please make sure you do not push a file with this key to the repository, because GitHub will disable it for security reasons. (This has happened with the last one already)

1. install pyGithub

```
pip install PyGithub
```

2. Write a python script called lab06.03.01-githubbymodule.py
3. Test that your pyGithub works

```
from github import Github

# remove the minus sign from the key
g = Github("7aa146eafee094d3a7b1e81aa1d8fcb0eec8b91-0")

for repo in g.get_user().get_repos():
    print(repo.name)
```

4. Modify the program to get the clone url of the repository aPrivateOne

```
g = Github("7aa146eafee094d3a7b1e81aa1d8fcb0eec8b91-0")

repo = g.get_repo("datarepresentationstudent/aPrivateOne")
print(repo.clone_url)
```

This API key no longer works. See top of lab for key that does (hopefully still)

5. Modify this to get the download url of the file in this repository called test.txt

```
fileInfo = repo.get_contents("test.txt")
urlOfFile = fileInfo.download_url
print (urlOfFile)
```

6. I would comment out the print statements once you are happy the program is working

7. Use the `download_url` to make a http request to the file can output the contents of the file (TEXT contents).

```
response = requests.get(urlOfFile)
contentOfFile = response.text
print (contentOfFile)
```

8. Append the text more stuff (with a newline character) to the contents of the file.

```
newContents = contentOfFile + " more stuff \n"
print (newContents)
```

9. Update the contents of the file on git up by using the function

`update_file(path, message, content, sha, branch=NotSet, committer=NotSet, author=NotSet)`

```
gitHubResponse=repo.update_file(fileInfo.path,"updated by prog",newContents
,fileInfo.sha)
print (gitHubResponse)
```