

Version control

(using git)

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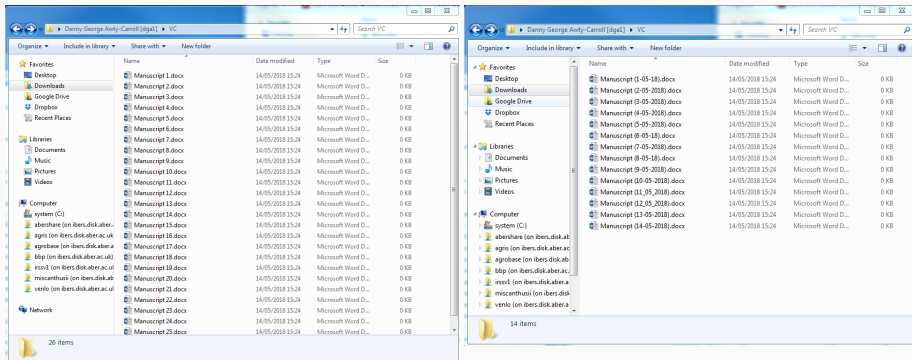
This will focus on using git in windows with a UI

1. Why version control?
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Why version control?

What is version control

This is just the management of versions of a document.
One document through time.



All of us use some version control

Where things get complicated

Numbering or dating documents works OK but can fall down when

- There are multiple documents that need to work together (i.e. a script and data)
- There are multiple people working on the documents (are they on the latest version and merging changes)
- There are updates to the project that may break things
- Line changes need to be reviewed

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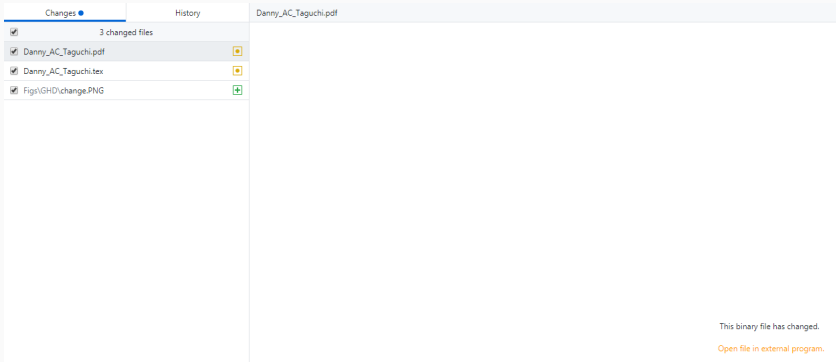
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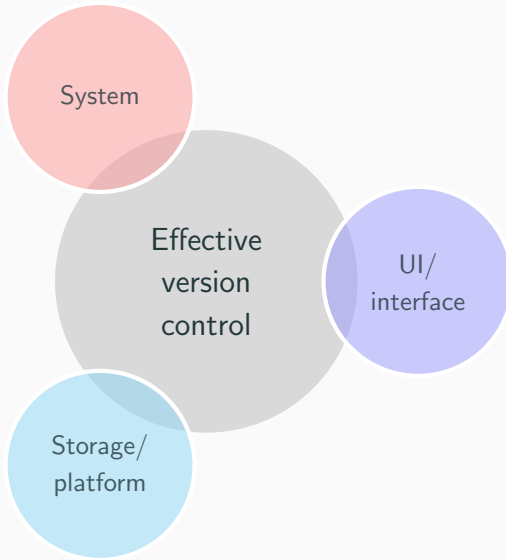
- Add much extra control to binary files (not plain text)
- Back up in real time



Version control system

What version control system?

The first thing about version control systems is which system (we will cover git)



What version control system?

- There are two popular version control systems (git & SVN)
- We will cover git as it is the most popular, the one I know and easiest to use
- Git was developed in 2005 by Linus Torvalds

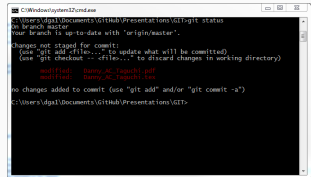


(Principal developer of Linux)

What is git?



- Git is just system of version control

A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window. The title bar reads "C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe". The command prompt shows the execution of "git status" in a directory "C:\Users\dpal\Documents\GitHub\Presentations\GIT". The output indicates the branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master', lists two modified files ("dummy_AC_fupachi.pdf" and "dummy_AC_fupachi.tex"), and states "no changes added to commit".

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C:\Users\dpal\Documents\GitHub\Presentations\GIT>git status
On branch master
Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.

Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git checkout -- <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)

        modified:   dummy_AC_fupachi.pdf
        modified:   dummy_AC_fupachi.tex

no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
C:\Users\dpal\Documents\GitHub\Presentations\GIT>
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- By default it is used through a terminal
- Git has projects with multiple documents called repositories (or repos)
- It then has a tree structure to manage the versions of the repository

Tree structure?



[master] 6c6faa5 My first commit - John Doe

[develop] 3e89ec8 Develop a feature - part 1 - John Doe

[develop] e188fa9 Develop a feature - part 2 - John Doe

[master] 665003d Fast bugfix - John Fixer

[myfeature] eaf618c New cool feature - John Feature

[master] 8f1e0e7 Merge branch 'develop' into 'master' - John Doe

[master] 6a3dacc Merge branch 'myfeature' into 'master' - John Doe

0.1

[master] abcdef0 Release of version 0.1 - John Releaser



The master branch is in grey with colour branches coming of and then being merged back

Key commands?

In the terminal interface there are some useful commands:



- *init* - initialise a repo
- *status* - tells you if you have files out of sync with the current version
- *commit* - adds commits to the current version - a change with a comment and an ID
- *add* - adds new files ready to commit
- *remove* - removes files ready to commit
- *push* - pushes commits to an online repo (only if using a git platform)
- *pull* - pulls commits from an online platform (only if using a git platform)

THIS IS GIT. IT TRACKS COLLABORATIVE WORK
ON PROJECTS THROUGH A BEAUTIFUL
DISTRIBUTED GRAPH THEORY TREE MODEL.

COOL. HOW DO WE USE IT?

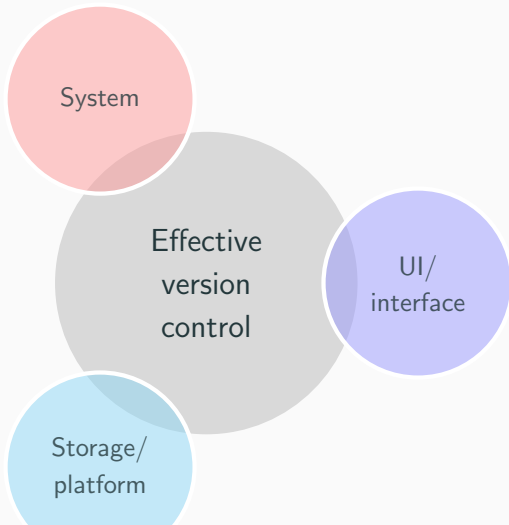
NO IDEA. JUST MEMORIZE THESE SHELL
COMMANDS AND TYPE THEM TO SYNC UP.
IF YOU GET ERRORS, SAVE YOUR WORK
ELSEWHERE, DELETE THE PROJECT,
AND DOWNLOAD A FRESH COPY.



Platform

Which platform?

You can just use git with the terminal on your PC or you can store work on an online repository managing platform, the most popular of these are GitHub and Bitbucket



Why not just store the repository on Dropbox?

You can and it would be backed up and sharable, but there are problems:

- You can run into Dropbox syncing and git version control clashes
- If you share the files with a collaborator they aren't identified separately to you
- You or a collaborator can completely mess up the git system (mostly by deleting the records in the '.git' folder)
- If you do you can't just re download



Which platform?

Bitbucket

- Allows unlimited public or private repositories
- Charges per collaborators over 5 on those repositories
- 1GB storage for **large** files all repositories, 5GB if using a .ac email



GitHub

- Has unlimited public repositories
- With unlimited collaborators
- Pay for private repositories
- However as a student or academic you can sign up for free private repositories
- GitHub is about $\times 4$ more popular than Bitbucket



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If you are interested in using this contact Max Friedersdorff (maf54@aber.ac.uk), the NPPC's Data Manager.

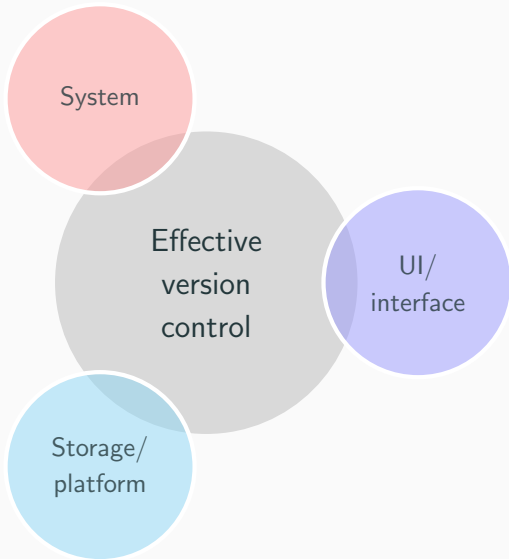


UI



Which UI?

You can just use git with the terminal but there is a friendlier interface



Which UI?

The Terminal

You can just use the terminal with the raw git commands as seen before... but:



- If you are not using the terminal anyway or would rather not a graphical UI is nice
- You don't need to remember commands or repo names
- You need to install git for widows
<https://git-scm.com/download/win>

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

C:\Users\dgai>My Documents\GitHub\Presentations\GIT>git status
On branch master
Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.

Changes to be committed:
  (use "git reset HEAD <file>..." to unstage)

        new file:   Figs/git/Dropbox.png

Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git checkout -- <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)

        modified:   Danny_AC_Taguchi.pdf
        modified:   Danny_AC_Taguchi.tex

Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)

        Figs/git/gitdesktop.png
        Figs/git/terminal.png

C:\Users\dgai>My Documents\GitHub\Presentations\GIT>git commit -m "added image f
or dropbox"
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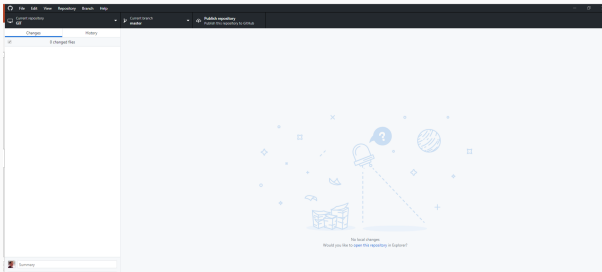
Which UI?

Git Desktop

The easiest to use and most popular UI is git desktop:

- This is made by GitHub and integrates very well with GitHub or local (on pc) repositories
- It will work with other hosting platforms but less easily
- Is the easiest to use!
- Will install git for windows

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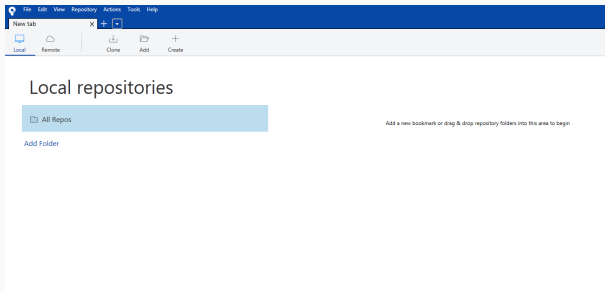


Which UI?

Sourcetree

- Sourcetree is owned by atlassian who owns Bitbucket
- It will work with other hosting platforms easily
- It has more complex controls
- Will install git for windows

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Using git

How to use git

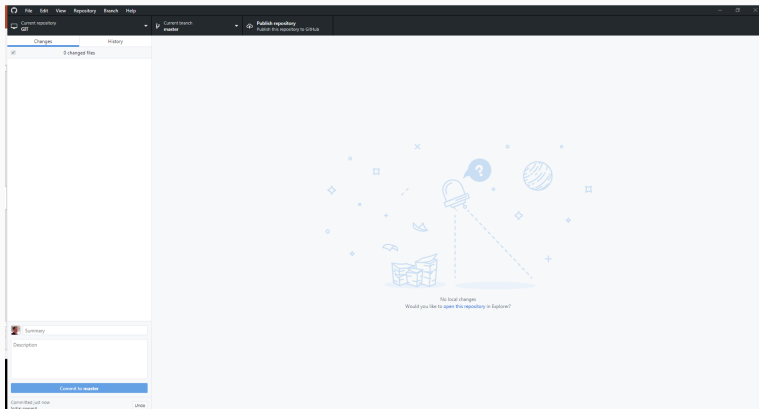
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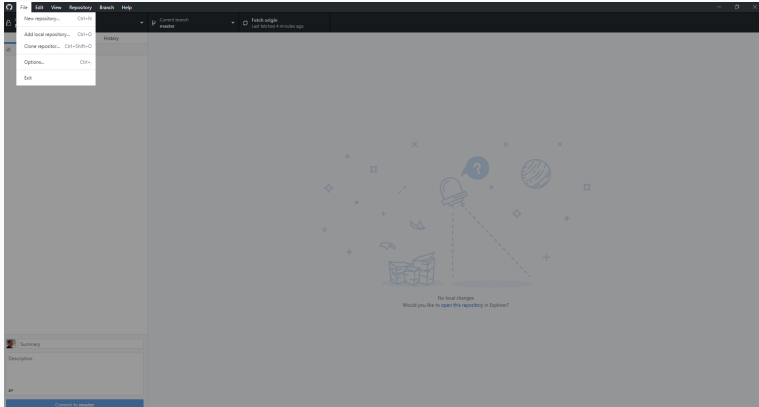
Following is a brief demonstration of the interface



Adding a new repository

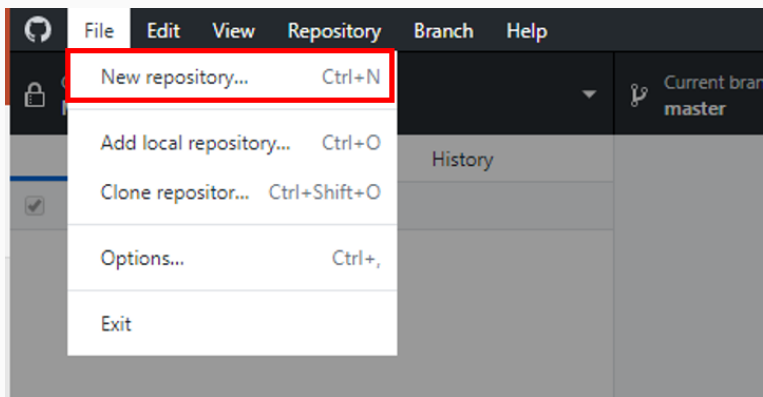


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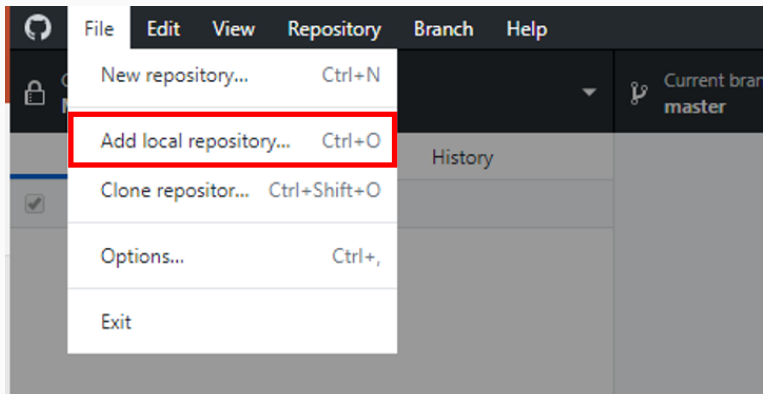
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This makes a totally new repository (with no '.git' folder)



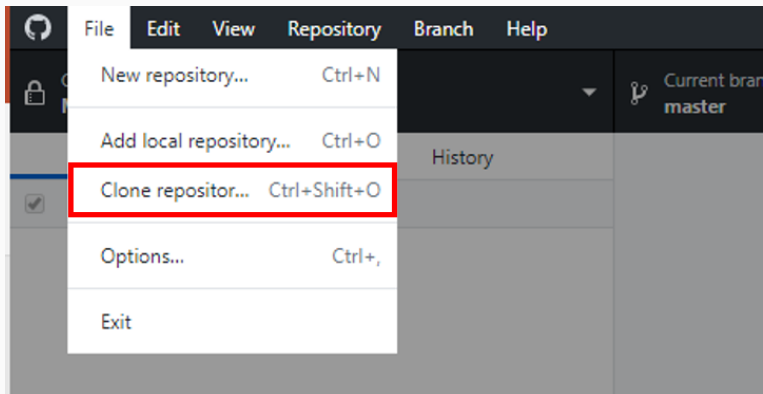
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adds an existing repository (with a '.git' folder)



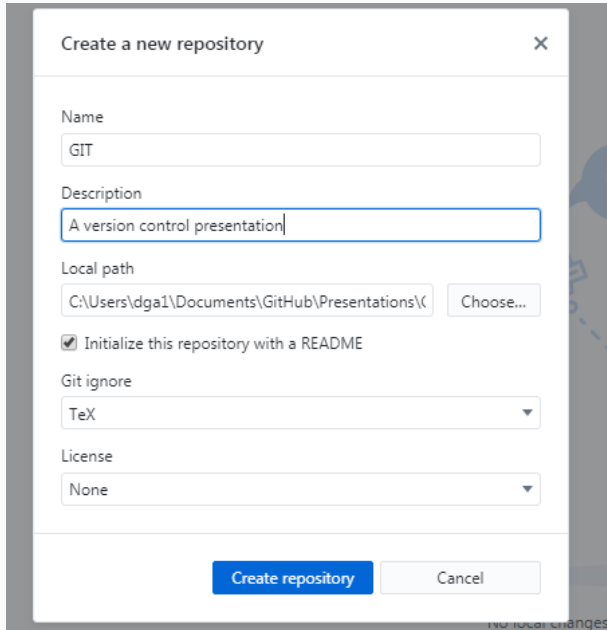
Adding a new repository

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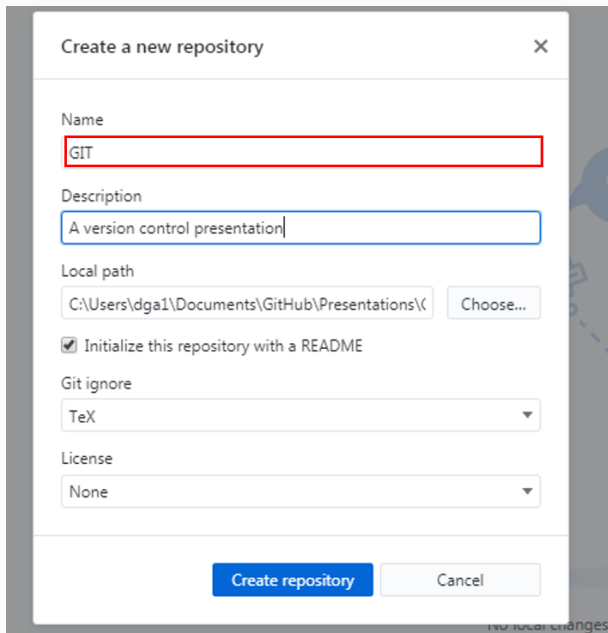
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menu



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- Initialize this repository with a README:** A checked checkbox.
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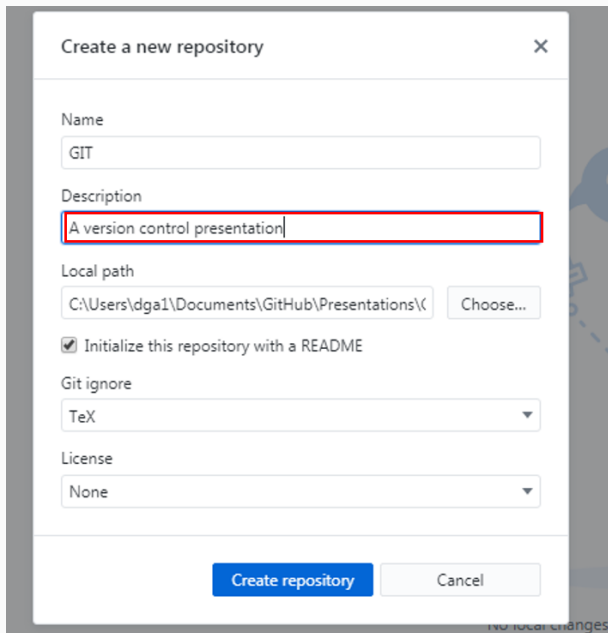
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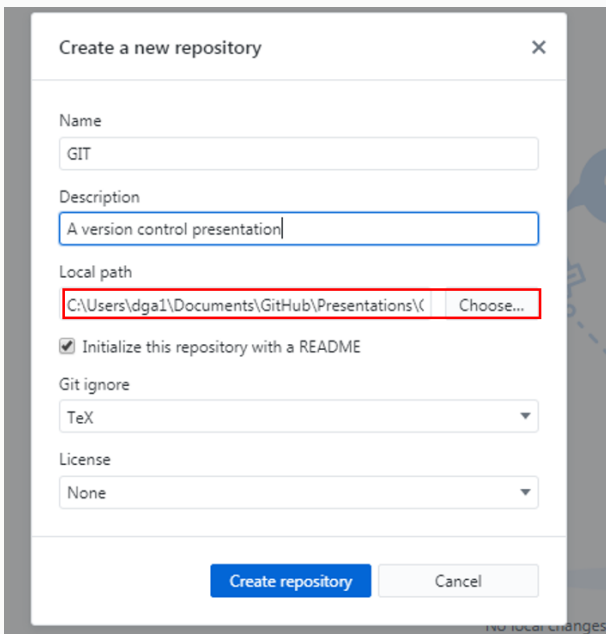


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Adding a new repository

The folder **in which** to store the git repository folder.



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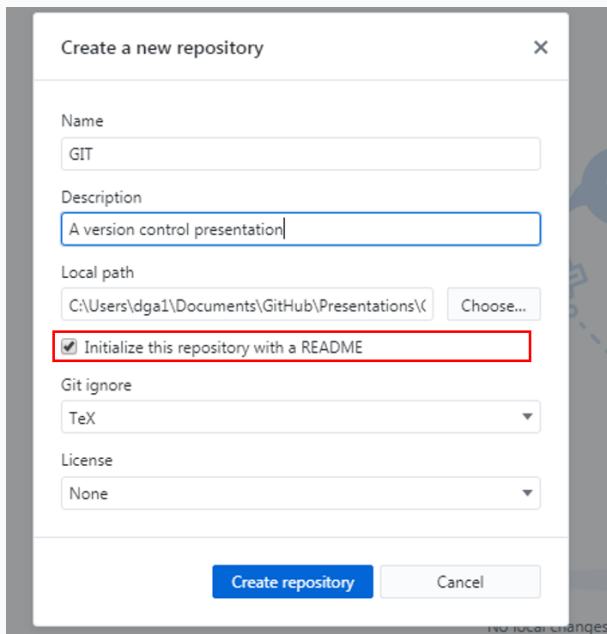
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This will initialise the repository with a readme containing the description.



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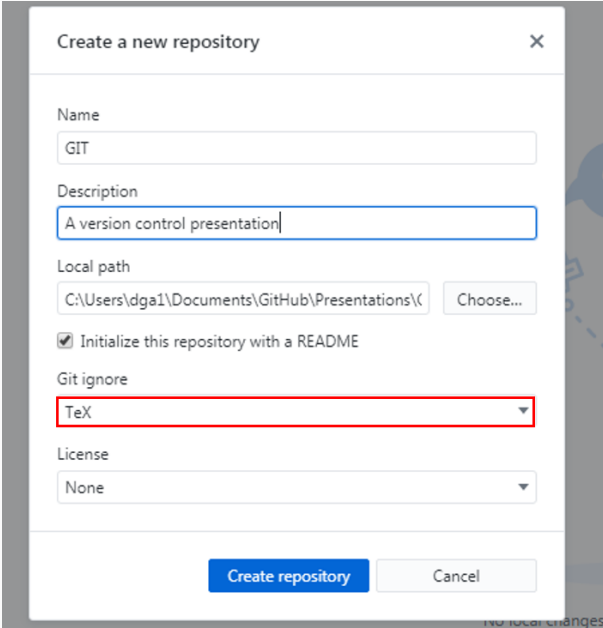
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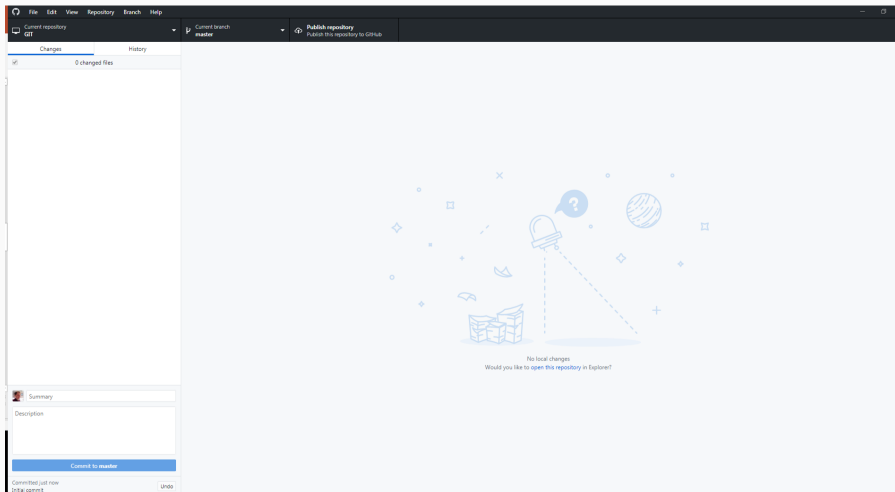
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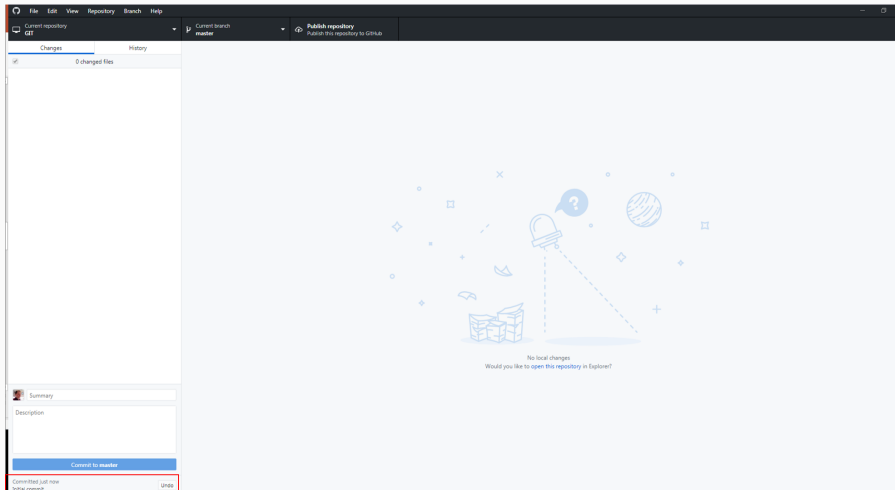
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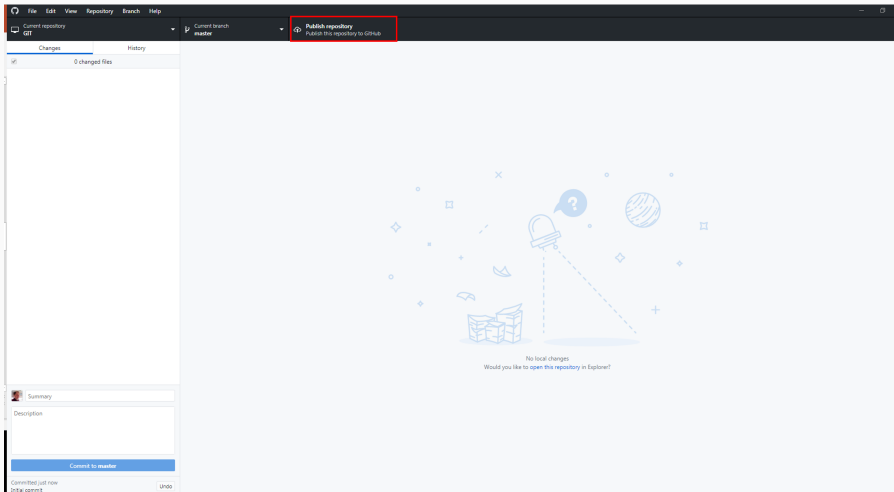
Using the repository

Now we have an initial commit of the readme done



Using the repository

We can carry on making local commits or publish the repository to GitHub



Using the repository

We can publish to GitHub

Publish repository

GitHub.com

Enterprise

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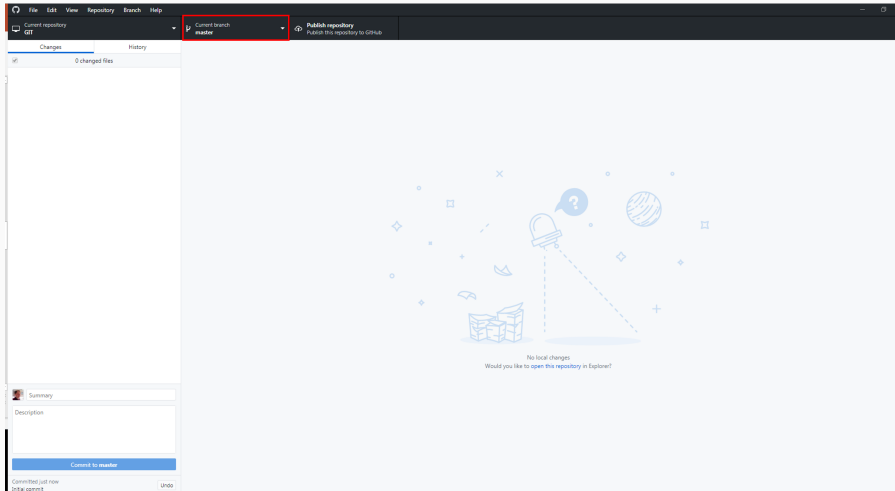
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Publish repository

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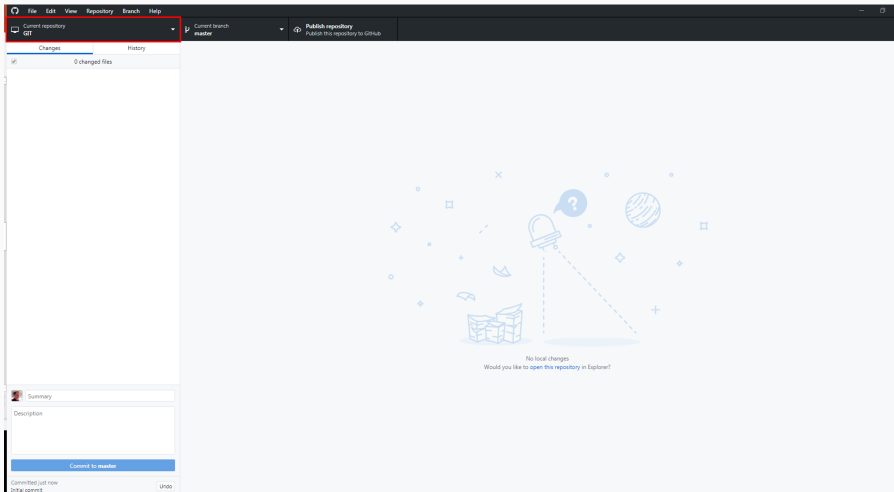
Using the repository

Make branches



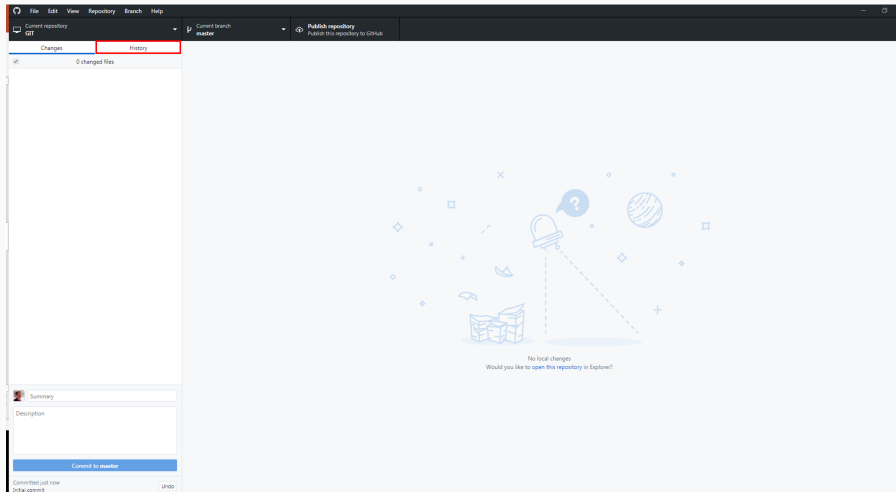
Using the repository

Switch to another repository



Using the repository

Look at the history of this repository



Using the repository

Look at the history of this repository

The screenshot displays the GitHub web interface for a repository. The top navigation bar includes the repository name, current branch (master), and a 'Push origin' button. Below this, the 'History' tab is selected, showing a list of commits. The most recent commit is highlighted in blue, indicating it is the current state of the branch. The commit message is 'A figure for committing changes on GHD' by Danny George Awty-Carroll. The commit details show a single file change: 'Figs\GHD\outline_08.png'. The file diff view on the right shows the changes made in this commit, with a green '+' icon indicating a new file or a change that adds content. The diff view also shows the file path 'Figs\GHD\outline_08.png' and a green '+' icon next to it.

Current repository: GIT

Current branch: master

Push origin: Last fetched 2 minutes ago

Changes | History

A figure for committing changes on GHD

Danny George Awty-Carroll [dga1] committed just now

figures for Git Hub Desktop

Danny George Awty-Carroll [dga1] committed 8 minutes ago

Initial commit

Danny George Awty-Carroll [dga1] committed 19 minutes ago

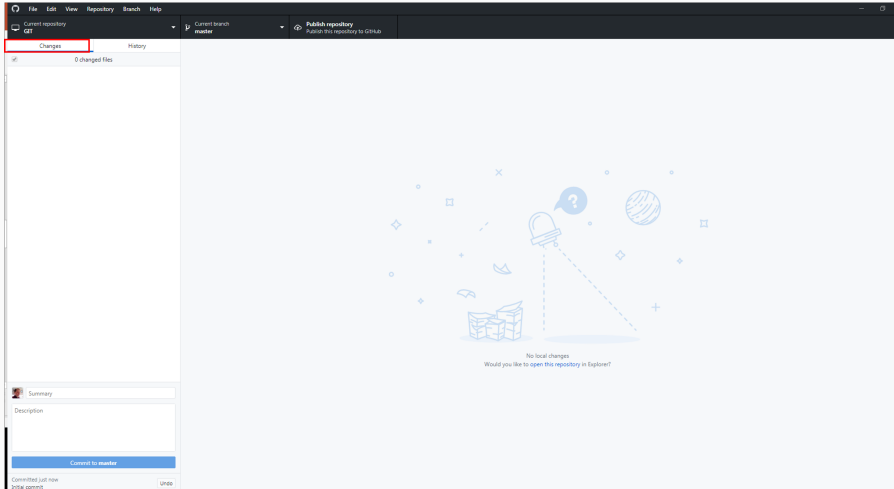
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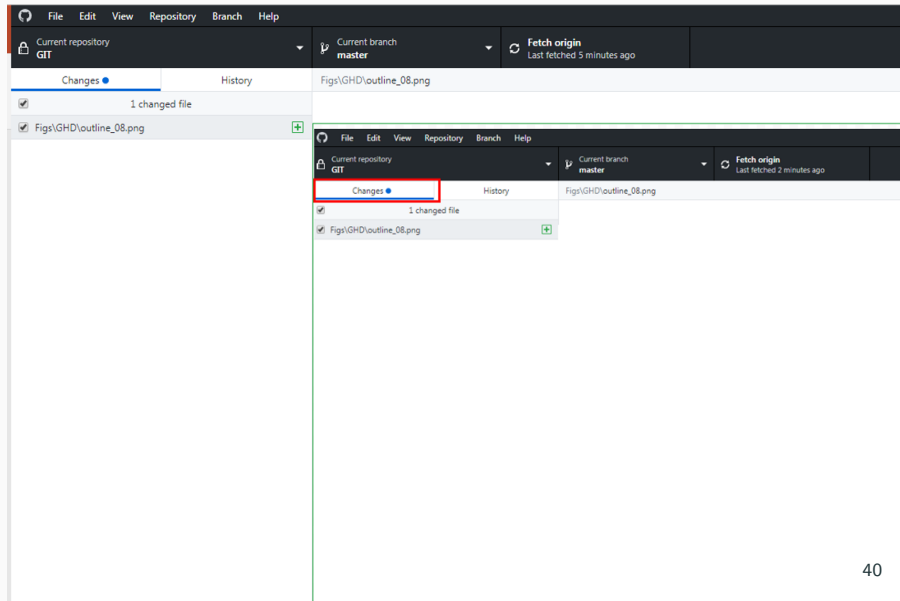
Using the repository

Or look at how the files have changed from the records (same as *git status*)



Using the repository

When there are changes you can make a new commit



Using the repository

An example of some small changes to this presentation

Current repository
GIT

Current branch
master

Fetch origin
Last fetched a minute ago

Changes

History

2 changed files

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Danny_AC_git.tex

An example of some small changes to this presentation

Could add a longer description

Add co-authors

Commit to master

Danny_AC_git.tex

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Questions & Demo

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○	ENABLED CONFIG FILE PARSING	9 HOURS AGO
○	MISC BUGFIXES	5 HOURS AGO
○	CODE ADDITIONS/EDITS	4 HOURS AGO
○	MORE CODE	4 HOURS AGO
○	HERE HAVE CODE	4 HOURS AGO
○	AAAAA	3 HOURS AGO
○	ADKFJSLKDFJSDKLFJ	3 HOURS AGO
○	MY HANDS ARE TYPING WORDS	2 HOURS AGO
○	HAAAAAAAAAANDS	2 HOURS AGO

AS A PROJECT DRAGS ON, MY GIT COMMIT MESSAGES GET LESS AND LESS INFORMATIVE.