Using Github for research and life

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This document can be found at https://github.com/darwinanddavis

Install git

Mac users

Install git.

Windows users

Install git with Git Bash. Git Bash is a text editor for running git commands.

Once git is on your computer, you can now access its features using either just your local computer for version control or your Github account for version control on the cloud.

Create a Github account

Create your new Github account. Some tips on creating an account:

- Choose a username that you plan to keep. Something that represents your professional acumen, e.g. not "matt loves hiphop86"
- Github is universal and really useful. You can connect to programming, troubleshooting, userX sites, and coding libraries, e.g. CodePen, using your Github account, so plan for longevity.

Feel free to navigate my personal Github page. Everything is publicly available.

www.github.com/darwinanddavis

Some essential elements of your Github page:

- Your repositories. This is where you store your online information.
- Your gits. These are the digital footprints of your changes. We use this for version control.
- Your README.md file. This tells users what your repo contains, instructions for running code, troubleshooting, version control, links to external web sources, and other git specific elements, such as program/package versions.

Here are some screenshots of what you'll see on your own github page.

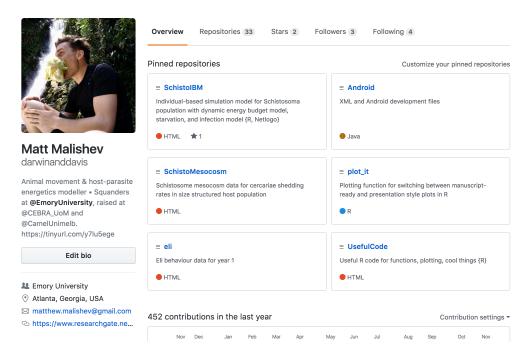
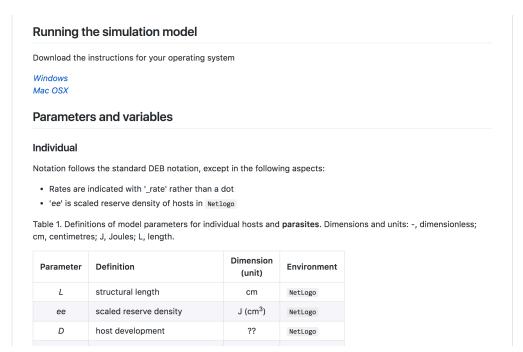


Figure 1: Github loading page



End installation instructions. The following sections contain reference guides for using git and bash commands (talking to git). Familiarise yourself with these beforehand.

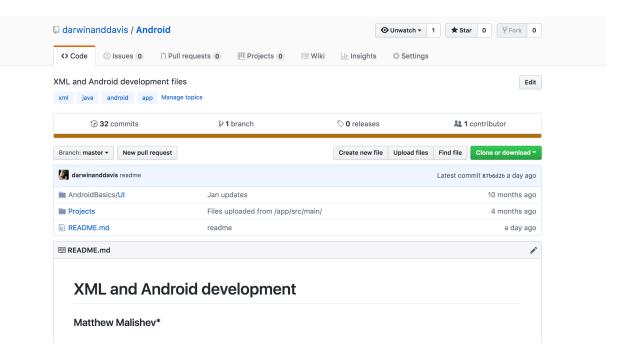


Figure 2: Repository loading page

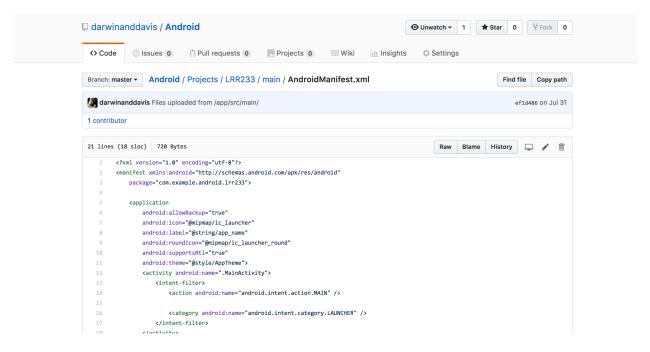


Figure 3: Inside of a file in a repository

Using git and Github

We'll be using the command line to talk with git.

- In Mac, this is found in Applications > Terminal.
- In Windows, open the **Git Bash** application.

Common git syntax

git remote -v # v = verbose

git push github master

to that remote location from your master (local) branch

git remote add github https://github.com/darwinanddavis/newtest.git

Note: commands require spaces between terms.

```
Common git phrases
init = initialise your git
push = push your changes to a remote repository
pull = pull changes made remotely to match local git changes
fetch = re-align git changes from origin (remote) to master (local) branch
Configure your credentials
git config --global user.name "<your name>"
git config --global user.email "<your email>"
initialise a new git (local)
git init
add all files in directory to git (local)
git add .
add individual file (local)
git add abstract.txt
check git activity (local)
git status
add remote origin source to push git (remote)
# two options
get remote set-url origin https://github.com/darwinanddavis/newtest.git
git remote add origin https://github.com/darwinanddavis/newtest.git
push git changes to origin (your remote location) from your master (local) branch
git push origin master
check latest git activity (local)
git log
check what remote locations you have available to push your gits
```

add another remote destination (on github) called 'github' (remote) and push your staged git (file changes)

See these references for a brief intro to using the command line in Mac and Windows.

Useful command line syntax

```
Note: commands require spaces between terms.

cd ~/Documents change working dir to 'Documents'. cd .. move one level up

pwd print current working dir

ls list files in working dir

mkdir newfolder make new working dir

touch text.txt create new file (called text.txt)
```

More useful syntax

Note: commands require spaces between terms.

```
copy files from source to destination. e.g. cp /Users/mydir/README.txt ~/Documents cp source destination
copy all folders, subfolders, and files from source to destination
cp -R source destination
move files or folders from source to destination (no need for -R)
mv source destination
move multiple files with the * wildcard, which copies all .rtf files. The tilde (~) symbol is a shortcut for your Home folder, which contains '/Desktop'.
cp ~/Desktop/*.rtf ~/Documents
rename files
mv ~/Desktop/MyFile.rtf ~/Desktop/MyFile-old.rtf
cp ~/Desktop/MyFile.rtf ~/Documents/MyFile-old.rtf
```

Example of command line workflow

Install 'gitbash' to use Linux/Mac capabilities if not already

Open Terminal/cmd

```
cd ~/Documents/ # change working dir
ls # list dir contents
```

Open Finder/Windows. Make a new project on your local comp.

```
# create new project
### <b>
cd ~/Documents
### </b>
# create new file
### <b>
touch test.txt
open test.txt
### </b>
```

```
# make a new folder
### <b>
mkdir newgit
### </b>
# navigate to that folder
### <b>
cd newgit
ls -a
### </b>
```

Create a new file in the command line

```
# navigate to your new git repo
### <b>
pwd
cd ~/Documents/newgit
### </b>

# move the new file into the git repo
### <b>
mv ~/Documents/test.txt ~/Documents/newgit
ls
### </b>
```

References

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Sign up to Github

Version control with git

Terminal in Mac

Command line in Windows

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