## **Version Control**

What is a version control? Version control basically is a system that allow the user to records all the changes to a file or set of files over time so that you can easily recall back the specific version when you needed. Version control also allow you to revert a certain file to previous version or state as well as comparing the latest version with previous version. You can also see who has been modified something to that file and maybe that person did some mistake to that file, so you can easily retrieve the issues and when it's happened. Other than that, when you accidently screw things up or lose the files, you can easily recover it from the system.

Sometimes, for a same files we have to keep save several latest copies for that file, and it's take a large storage to store those files as well as it is messy. By using a version control system such as Git Hub, you can easily save all the changes of a file, track changes and avoid general chaos. By adding collaborators to your file, many person can work on the same file, and the changes history is recorded and can be track in the future.

## **Branching**

Branching is something that need to create when you want to experiment or commit changes to the repo that could break things elsewhere in your code especially when you want to working on a new feature. Instead of committing this new code directly to the main set of files, you can create something called a branch. A branch allow you to create a copy of the set of files, and you can continue to commit new changes to the branch as you work, while others commit to the main files without the changes affecting each other.

### Merging

After you are done your experimental code and you are satisfied with it, then you will need to make it part of your main files or master file again. So that's when the merging comes in. Since the version control system has recorded every change so far, it knows how each file has been altered. By merging the branch with the main files, your version control tool will attempt to seamlessly merge each file and line of code automatically. Once a branch is merged it then updates the trunk or master with the latest files.

# **Conflicts**

In some special cases, the version control system might not able to figure out which change to apply to the main file while two revisions doing a merge. When your changes are so similar to the changes that did by another team member, so that the version control system can't determine which version of changes should take and replace to the main file. That's is how the conflict is happen. In most of this cases, the version control system will provide a way to view the difference between the conflicting versions and allow you to manual intervention to decide which files or lines of code should remain.

# Check-in, Edit & Check-out

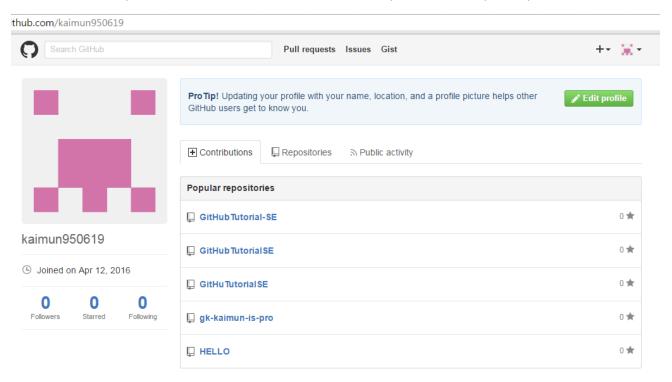
Check in is a process when you upload a file to the repository after you did some changes to a file. The latest file that's uploaded will gets a new revision number so that the other members can easily check out or download the latest version of file. Check out is download or cloning a repository from a host, or by telling the software which of your files you wish to have under version control. Editing is the process between checking-in and checking-out.

## **Revisions and Changesets**

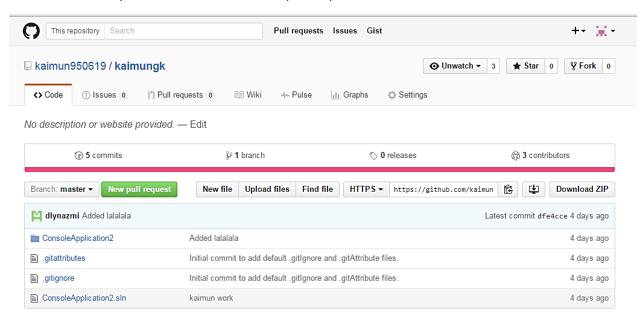
When a commit is made, the changes will recorded as a changesets and a unique revision will be given to the changesets. This revision could be in the form of an incremented number such as v1, v2, v3 or a unique hash. By knowing the revision number of a changesets, you can easilt vew and reference it later. A changesets will include a reference to the person who made the commit, when the change was made, the files or directories affected, ad comment and even the changes that happened within the files.

#### How to use GitHub

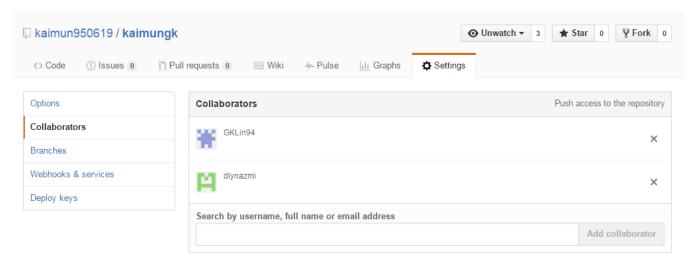
1. First of all, you need to have a GitHub account to allow you to create repository.



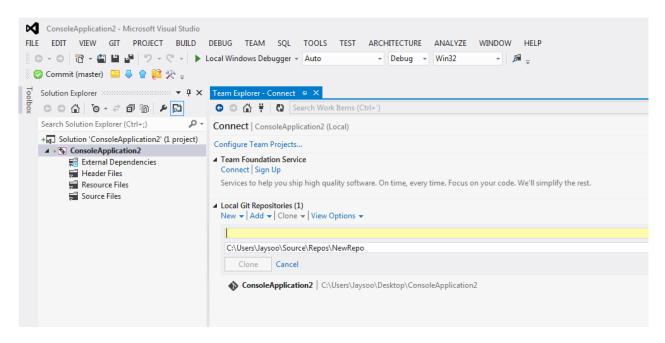
2. After that you need to create a new repository.



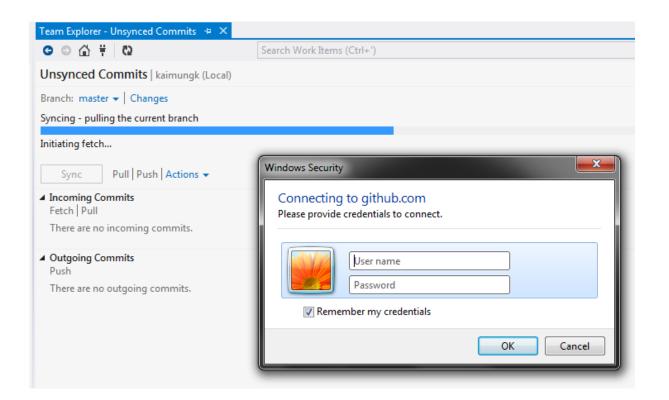
3. Add your team member as collaborators so that they can check-in, edit and check-out for a repository.



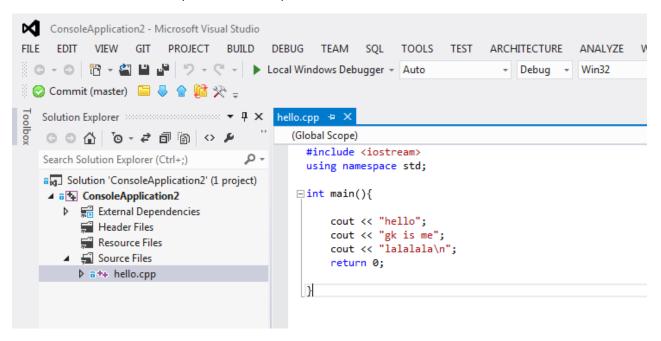
4. Clone your repository to Visual Studio.



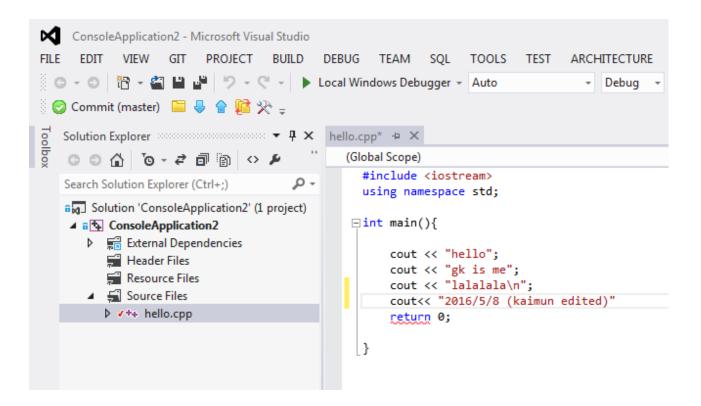
5. Pull and sync to your current project solution. (Login GitHub Account)



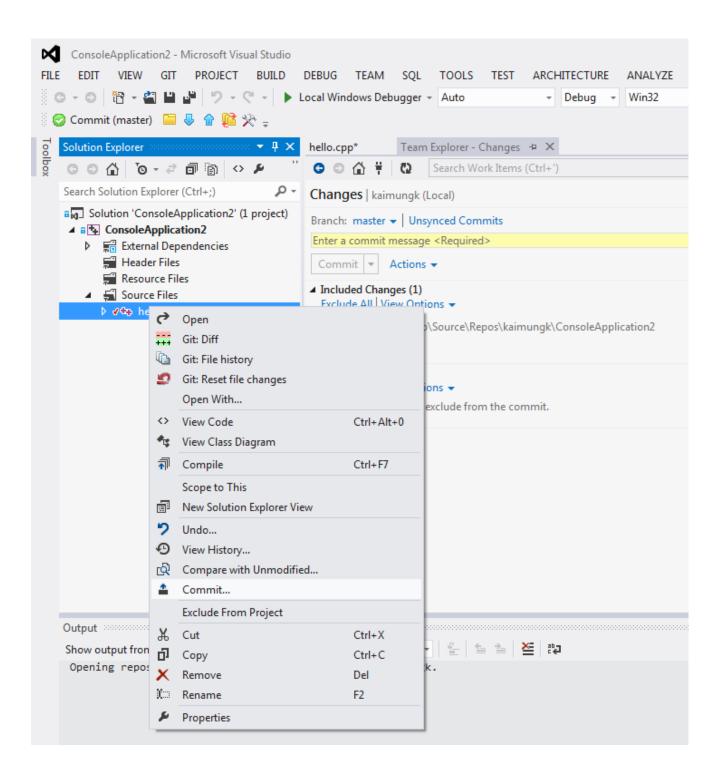
6. You should able to open the file that pull form GitHub.



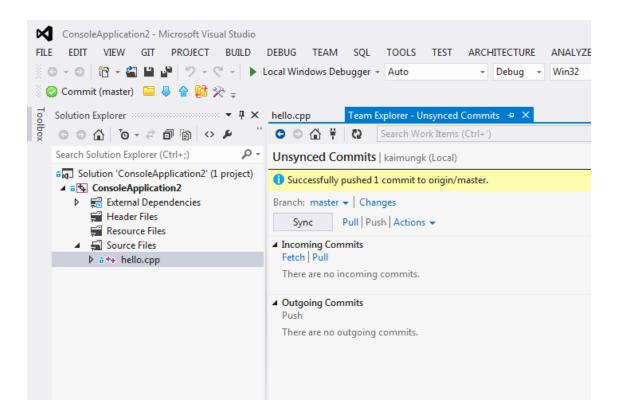
7. You can started editing the file.



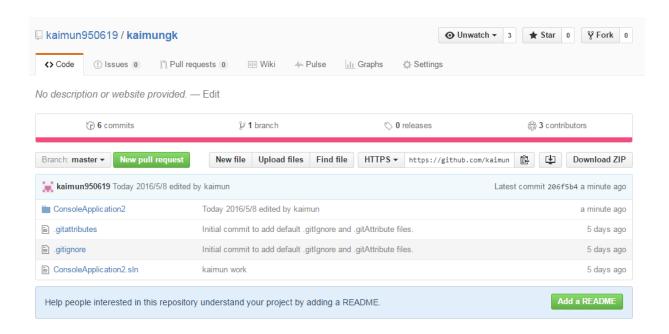
8. You can commit the latest changes.

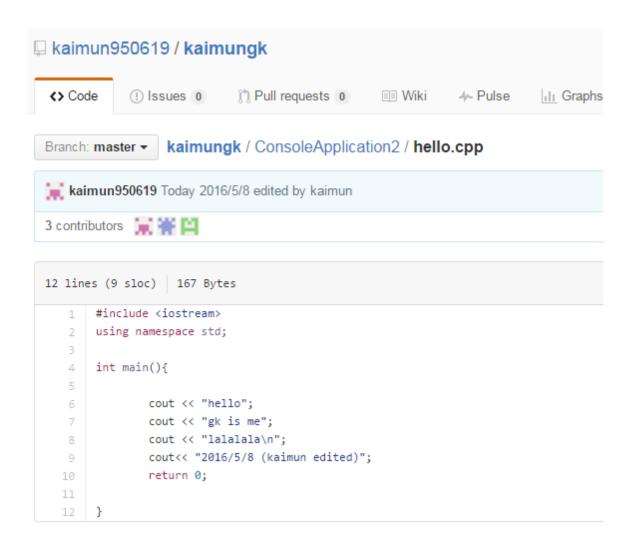


9. You need to push back to GitHub.

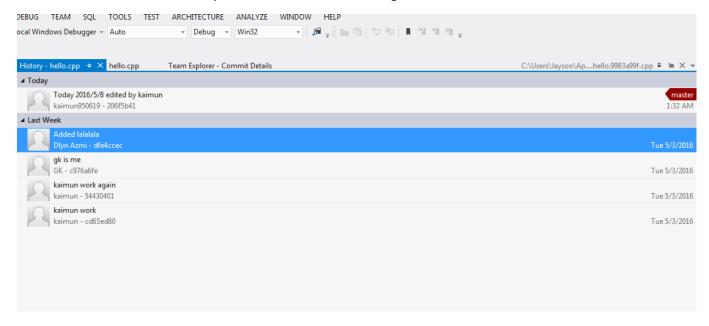


10. Then every team member should able to see the latest changes that made by you.

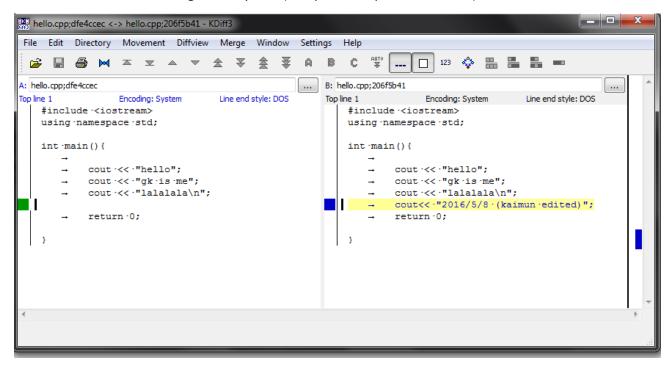




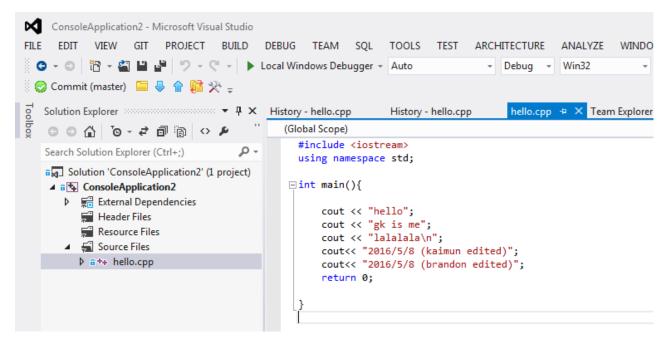
11.0 You can also view the history of who edited or made changes on those file.



12.0 As well as view the changes line by line. (Compare with previous version)



13.0 You can also pull the file from GitHub and sync to your current file which has been made changes by your team member.



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