Git and GitHub problem set

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In this problem set you will practice:

- Using Git locally
- Creating a remote GitHub repository and uploading to it
- Submitting a "pull request" to a remote repository owned by others

These are likely to be unfamiliar behaviors so the goal is to get a feel for how these things are done.

Working locally

Problem: Create a local git repository called "GitPractice".

Solution:

```
[~]$ mkdir GitPractice
[~]$ cd GitPractice/
[GitPractice]$ git init
Initialized empty Git repository in /home/kbg/GitPractice/.git/
```

Problem: Make a file called AUTHORS which contains your name, then add and commit it to the repository created in the previous step.

Solution:

```
[GitPractice]$ code AUTHORS
# Or whatever text editor you like.
[GitPractice]$ git add AUTHORS
[GitPractice]$ git commit -m "Added my name to AUTHORS"
[master (root-commit) 3c3aec5] Added my name to AUTHORS
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
create mode 100644 AUTHORS
```

Problem: Add the name of the person sitting to your left or right to AUTHORS, and update the Git repository as before.

```
[GitPractice]$ code AUTHORS
```

```
# Or whatever text editor you like.
[GitPractice]$ git add AUTHORS
[GitPractice]$ git commit -m "Added Hussein's name to AUTHORS"
[master 703ab42] Added Hussein's name to AUTHORS
Date: Mon Feb 18 15:41:47 2019 -0500
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
```

Problem: Now, remove the AUTHORS file from the repository.

```
[GitPractice] $ git rm AUTHORS rm 'AUTHORS' [GitPractice] $ git commit -m "Removed the AUTHORS file" [master 07061bc] Removed the AUTHORS file 1 file changed, 2 deletions(-) delete mode 100644 AUTHORS
```

Working remotely

To prepare for this component, remove the GitPractice directory like so:

```
[GitPractice]$ cd ..
[~]$ rm -rf GitPractice
```

Problem: Create a remote repository on GitHub and make a local clone.

Solution:

- 1. Go to https://github.com/ and log in if necessary.
- 2. Click on the green "New" button.
- 3. Fill in the "Repository name" field with the name GitPractice then click on the green "Create repository" button.
- 4. Instructions will pop up for setting up the repository under the heading "...or create a new repository on the command line", which will give you a command for setting your local repository to track the "remote" on GitHub. Assuming you are currently inside the GitPractice directory on the command line:

```
[~]$ mkdir GitPractice
[~]$ cd GitPractice
[GitPractice]$ git init
Initialized empty Git repository in /home/kbg/GitPractice/.git/
# This next command will vary depending on your GitHub username and on
```

```
# the name you give the repository. I copied this directory from the
# GitHub "...or create a new repository on the command line"
# instructions.
[GitPractice]$ git remote \
    https://github.com/kylebgorman/GitPractice.git
```

Problem: Create a Python script called hello.py which simply prints out hello, world, and add it to your local repository. Then, push the changes to the remote repository.

```
[GitPractice] $ code hello.py
# Or whatever you like. The script reads:
# print("hello, world")
[GitPractice] $ git add hello.py
[GitPractice] $ git commit -m "Adds hello-world script"
[master (root-commit) b2a3a25] Adds hello-world script
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
create mode 100644 hello.py
[GitPractice]$ git push origin master
Username for 'https://github.com': kylebgorman
Password for 'https://kylebgorman@github.com':
Counting objects: 3, done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 247 bytes | 0 bytes/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
To https://github.com/kylebgorman/GitPractice.git
* [new branch]
                     master -> master
```

Problem: Kyle has created a public GitHub repository called PracticumAttendance, located at:

https://github.com/methods-in-computational-linguistics-2/PracticumAttendance

When you copy a public repository on GitHub, you "fork" it. Fork it, and clone it.

Solution:

- 1. Visit the above URL.
- 2. Click on the "Fork" button on the top right.
- 3. Once this is complete you will be taken to your remote fork's page. Click on the green "Clone or download" button on the right, and copy the text.
- 4. Then clone your fork:

Note the URL here is copied from step 3; it will vary depending on your GitHub username.

```
[~]$ git clone https://github.com/kylebgorman/PracticumAttendance.git Cloning into 'PracticumAttendance'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 4, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (4/4), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
remote: Total 4 (delta 0), reused 4 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
Unpacking objects: 100% (4/4), done.
Checking connectivity... done.
```

Problem: In your local fork of PracticumAttendance, create a new branch called name. In this branch, add your name to attendance.txt and push it to the remote fork.

Solution:

```
[~] $ cd PracticumAttendance
[PracticumAttendance] $ git checkout -b name
Switched to a new branch 'name'
[PracticumAttendance] $ code attendance.txt
# Or whatever.
[PracticumAttendance] $ git add attendance.txt
[PracticumAttendance] $ git commit -m "Added my name"
[name e9330f2] Added my name
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
# Note that here we use `origin name` instead of `origin master` since
# we're sending the `name` branch.
[PracticumAttendance] $ git push origin name
Username for 'https://github.com': kylebgorman
Password for 'https://kylebgorman@github.com':
Counting objects: 3, done.
Delta compression using up to 4 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 297 bytes | 0 bytes/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
remote:
remote: Create a pull request for 'name' on GitHub by visiting:
https://github.com/kylebgorman/PracticumAttendance/pull/new/name
remote:
To https://github.com/kylebgorman/PracticumAttendance.git
* [new branch]
                     name -> name
```

Problem: File a pull request for your name branch.

Solution:

- 1. In the printout above, Git prints out a suggestion for how to file a pull request for this branch; visit that URL.
- 2. Type a description of your pull request ("added my name" would suffice) where it says "Leave a comment", then press the green button labeled "Create Pull Request".

This is the standard method used when you are submitting "patches" or "fixes" to open-source projects hosted on GitHub.