Git Bash & GitHub Guide

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Clone Our Repository

Abstract: This command is used once to place a copy of our repository onto our local machines

Command: git clone https://github.com/fyet/CS-467-S2018.git

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MINGW64:/c/Users/Timothy/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/Toss

Timothy@Tim MINGW64 ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/Toss
$ git clone https://github.com/fyet/CS-467-S2018.git

After hitting enter:

Cloning into 'CS-467-S2018'...
remote: Counting objects: 241, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (182/182), done.
remote: Total 241 (delta 52), reused 232 (delta 46), pack-reused 0
Receiving objects: 100% (241/241), 58.57 KiB | 624.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (52/52), done.

Timothy@Tim MINGW64 ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/Toss
```

Navigate to Folder

Abstract: This is pretty trivial, but I will add it anyway just for the sake of being thorough. After the repository is cloned, we will need to step inside of the directory to work in it

Command: cd CS-467-S2018

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MINGW64:/c/Users/Timothy/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/Toss/CS-467-S2018 — X

Timothy@Tim MINGW64 ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/Toss
$ ls
CS-467-S2018/

Timothy@Tim MINGW64 ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/Toss
$ cd CS-467-S2018

Timothy@Tim MINGW64 ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/Toss/CS-467-S2018 (master)
$ ls
CS467_AwardHub/ 'guides & manuals'/ README.md
'database (.sql)'/ public_html/
```

(alternatively: simply open the "CS-467-S2018" folder in file explorer, right click, and select the "Git Bash Here" option)

Pull Changes to Local Repo

Abstract: This command should be used to pull down any changes made to the GitHub repo by another group member. Though you can use this command as much as you like, it is not that imperative. You will be warned if the repo is not up to date when you try to send a push command. Since we are all working on different files, I don't need to go into the specifics of what happens when two people are working on the same file at one time. If it happens just post a message to the group discussion board.

Command: git pull origin [branch]

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♦ MINGW64:/c/Users/Timothy/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 — 

Timothy@Tim MINGW64 ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 (master)

$ git pull origin master
```

After hitting enter:

1. If changes

2. If no changes:

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From https://github.com/fyet/CS-467-S2018

* branch master -> FETCH_HEAD

Already up to date.
```

Apply Changes to Local Git Repo

Abstract: There are two commands that need to be used to successfully apply changes to your local git repo. They are "add" and "commit". The "status" command helps us track where in this process we are if we lose track. An example is below

1. Before making any changes, I checked the status. I can see my Git repo is up to date

Command: git status

2. I used a text editor to create a new file called "branch.txt". I saved the file in the "CS-467-S2018" directory. The "status" command now shows I have made untracked changes.

3. Git doesn't know which of the untracked changes we want to commit to the branch, which is why we need to use the "add" command to tell it which ones we want to move forward with. For our purposes, we can just add all the files to the stating area by using the dot operator.

Command: git add .

(We can now see we have added our changes to the staging area after running the "status" command)

4. Now we need to commit our changes. This "finalizes/records" the changes to the local repo.

Command: git commit -m "[Description of commits here]"

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MINGW64:/c/Users/Timothy/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 — X

Timothy@Tim MINGW64 ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 (master)

$ git commit -m "Added branch file"
[master 90b87dc] Added branch file

1 file changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
create mode 100644 branch.txt

Timothy@Tim MINGW64 ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 (master)

$ git status
On branch master
Your branch is ahead of 'origin/master' by 1 commit.
  (use "git push" to publish your local commits)

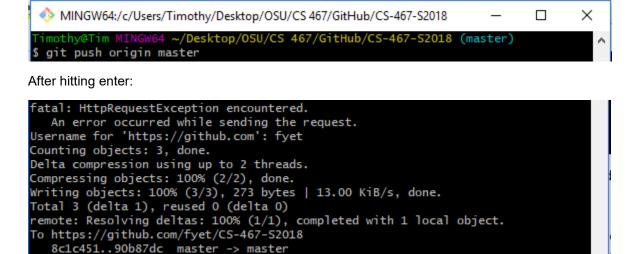
nothing to commit, working tree clean
```

(Running the "status" command show us that our local repo is once again up to date)

Push Local Changes to GitHub Repo

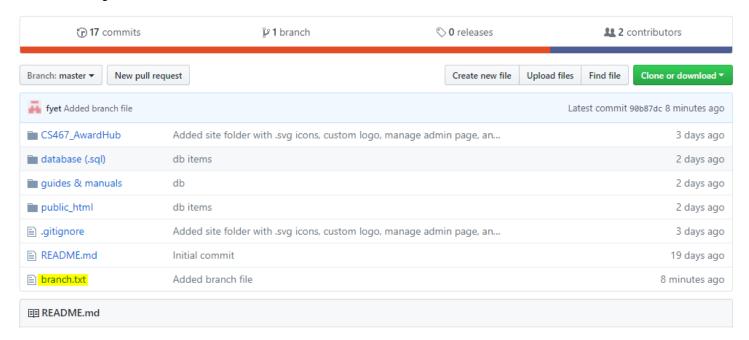
Abstract: Now that everything is committed to our local Git repo, we can update the public GitHub repo with the "push" command. We will not be able to do this if the steps in the previous section were not followed. Once code is pushed, other group members can then use the aforementioned "pull" command to copy changes to their local repos.

Command: git push origin [branch]



(Note: I received a "fatal" error because I needed to authenticate. Simply plug in your username if this occurs and a popup for your password will present itself.)

After refreshing GitHub:

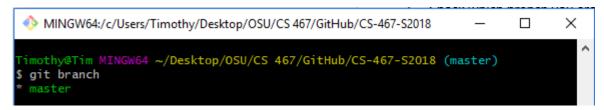


Branch Creation and Navigation

Abstract: I personally recommend we use branches sparingly and simply push all working code to master. We don't want to over complicate things too much for us. The reasons we would want to create a branch are:

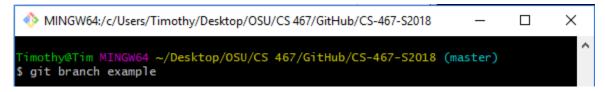
- If you are working on two different versions of your code and are not sure which one you want to use
- If you have code that is not working and would like to push it to the repo for the group's help, but pushing this particular code to master would break other finished components of our program this are currently working in master.
- Other preferences the group specify during group chat
- 1. Check which branch you are currently in / view lists of available branches

Command: git branch



2. Create a new branch

Command: git branch [branch name]



3. Navigate to a new branch

Command: git checkout [name of branch you would like to go to]

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MINGW64:/c/Users/Timothy/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 — X

Timothy@Tim MINGW64 ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 (master)

$ git branch example

* master

Timothy@Tim MINGW64 ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 (master)

$ git checkout example

Switched to branch 'example'

Timothy@Tim MINGW64 ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 (example)

$ git branch

* example master
```

Branch Visualization in Local Directory

Abstract: You don't get a new, separate local directory for your branches. When you switch branches, the same directory you are working out of will change behind the scenes. File contents will change from one version to the other. This can be tricky if you lose track of which git branch your directory is pointing to while working through text editors in file explorer. You could end up writing over code you wanted to keep. Here is one trick to help visualize where you are:

1. I previously created a "branch.txt" document to show how to apply files to a local git and push to GitHub. I can see that I am currently in master (below).

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MINGW64:/c/Users/Timothy/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 — X

Timothy@Tim MINGW64 ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 (master)

$ git branch example 
* master
```

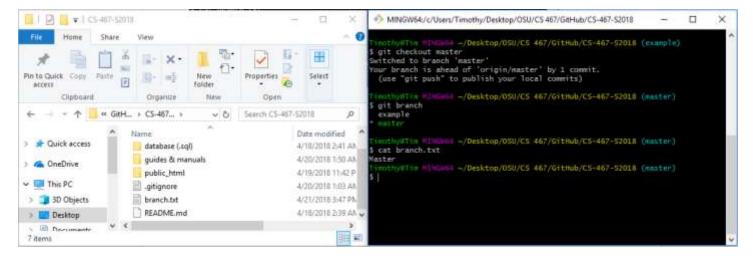
- I edited this document via text editor (you could also just use vim from git bash command line) and entered the contents "Master" in it. I made changes, so I need to run my "add" and "commit" commands.
- 3. I then switched branch and jump over to "Example"

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MINGW64:/c/Users/Timothy/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 — X

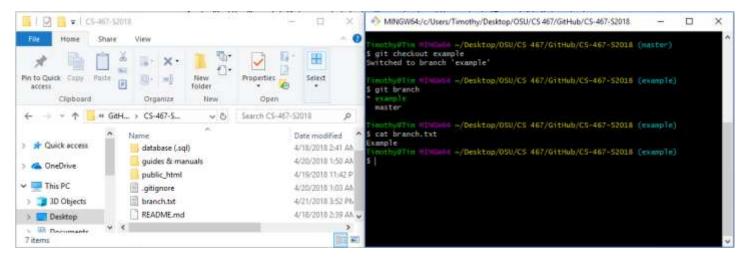
Timothy@Tim MINGW64 ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 (master)

$ git checkout example
Switched to branch 'example'
```

- 4. I edited the "branch.txt" document via text editor and entered the contents "Example" in it. I made changes, so once again I need to run my "add" and "commit" commands.
- 5. Below I have my local directory and a git bash shell up side by side. As you can see, I am on the master branch. When I cat the "branch.txt" (or open it in a text editor from file explorer), it will show "Master" as the file contents.



6. When I switch over to the "example" branch however, I can open the same "branch.txt" file in the same directory from file explorer. The contents now show "Example" instead of "Master". I have use the cat command to display the different in contents via the command line.



Basically it always good to double check which branch you are manipulating in git bash when working out of file explorer, especially before pushing any changes to the public GitHub repo. It can be easy to accidentally start manipulating unintended versions of files.

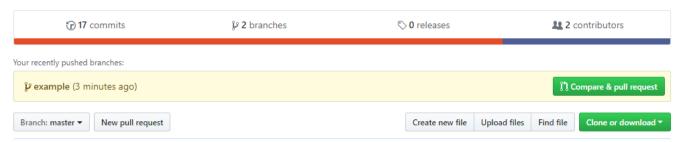
Pull vs. Pull Request and Merge

Abstract: A previous section showed how the "pull" command through git bash retrieved code updates from the public GitHub repo. But how do we merge a branch to master? For that we use a pull request, but through GitHub instead of through git bash. I will show an example using the branch I created previously.

1. Start out by pushing my new branch to the GitHub repo (after entering "add" and "commit" to apply any changes I made to local code within the branch).

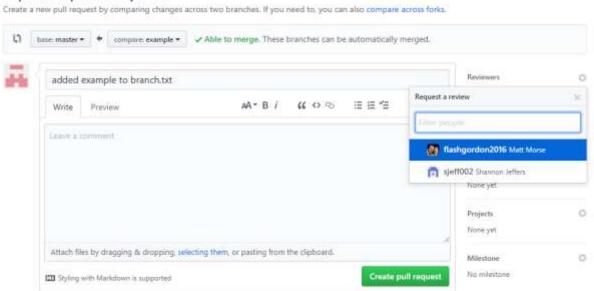
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MINGW64:/c/Users/Timothy/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018
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                    ~/Desktop/OSU/CS 467/GitHub/CS-467-S2018 (example)
$ git push origin example
fatal: HttpRequestException encountered.
   An error occurred while sending the request.
Username for 'https://github.com': fyet
Counting objects: 3, done.
Delta compression using up to 2 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 270 bytes | 135.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0)
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), completed with 1 local object.
To https://github.com/fyet/CS-467-S2018
   [new branch]
                     example -> example
```

I can now go to GitHub and see the following. Click on the "Compare & pull request"



3. Click on the gear aside "Reviewers" and add a group member or two. Then hit "Create pull request".

Open a pull request



4. The group members can merge these together (I recommend having someone else review and perform the merge just for good measure).