**Staging Files**

Learn how to stage files in Git.

**Things You Should Know**

* when a file has been modified and saved Git will know the file has been changed
* after a file has been modified and saved it needs to be added to the staging area before it can be committed to the repository
* the Git command *git status* will show you what files have been modified inside the repository
* the Git command to add files to the staging area is *git add .* or *git add all*
* the reason for the staging step is to add a step in which we are thinking about what we are doing before we finalize the commit