

Open code: Git, GitHub and others

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Bitbucket.com

The diagram consists of three arrows originating from the first three points of the list. The first arrow is solid blue and points from '1. Always have access to all your code' to the 'Bitbucket.com' box. The second arrow is solid blue and points from '2. Write code in collaboration' to the same box. The third arrow is dashed blue and points from '3. Share/publish your code' to the same box. The box itself is a light blue rectangle with a darker blue border and contains the text 'Bitbucket.com' in a blue sans-serif font.

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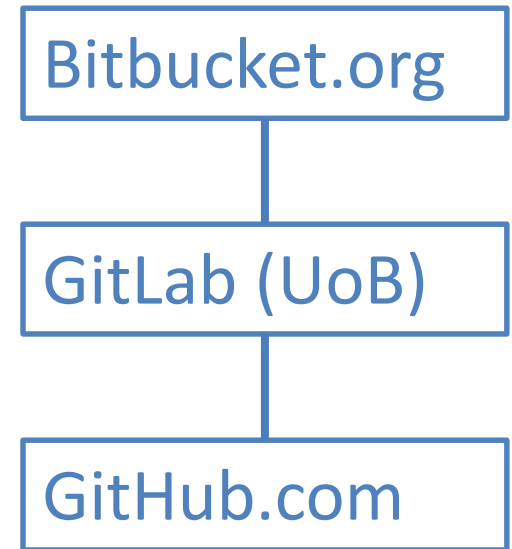
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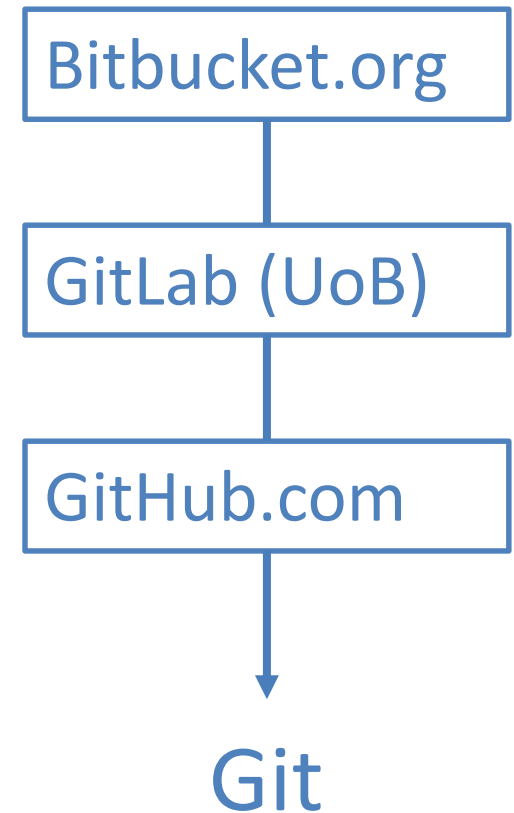
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What is Git and why use it?

Version control:

- Git is software that keeps track of files.
- Open source & super fast.

The power of git:

- Storing snapshots
 Message:
 'bug fixed in getSpectra'
- Branching
- Merging

Git & GitHub?

GitHub = Git **'web-server'**

Option 1: Use Git on your own machine

- Version control

Option 2: Upload directly to GitHub

- Collaboration
- Sharing

Option 3: Use Git on your own machine & sync with GitHub

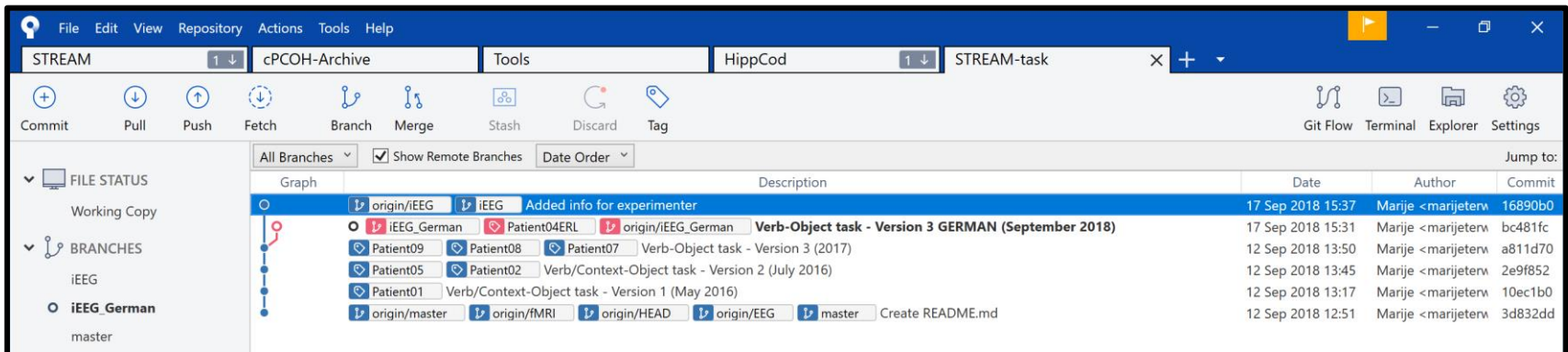
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GETTING STARTED

STEP 0: 2 GUI or not 2 GUI

- Git is a **command line** program:
 - Terminal on Linux or Mac
 - Powershell on Windows
- There are many good **GUIs** out there
 - Buttons instead of memorized commands
 - Visualizations of your work history

Have a look at: <https://www.git-scm.com/downloads/guis>



STEP I: Setting up a (free) Github account

- Go to <https://www.github.com>
- **Sign up** to create a free account
 - Only public repositories

OPTIONAL:

- Go to the Education page: <https://education.github.com>
- Apply for a free student/researcher account
 - Unlimited public & private repositories

STEP 2: Setting up Git on your computer

- Download **Git** from git-scm.org

OR

- Download a **Git GUI** – these usually also install Git
 - Most GUIs can integrate with your Github account – it'll ask you to log in

STEP 3: Setting up a repo

- **Make or look up** a remote repo
- **'Clone'** the remote repo to a **local repo**:
 - Click the green [Clone or download] button
 - Copy the URL
 - Create a folder on your pc for your clone
 - Link up your folder with the remote ...
 - using your GUIs 'Clone' function
OR
 - through the Git command line (git clone)

STEP 4: Adding, changing or deleting files

- Make the **changes** like you usually would:
 - Save files to your local repo folder
 - Modify code using your Matlab editor
- **Stage** the files you changed (or simply all files in the repo):
Using the staging function in the GUI (File status tab)
OR
Using Git add
- Write a commit message and **commit**:
Using the commit button in the GUI
OR
Using Git commit
- **Push** to the central repo:
Using the push button in the GUI
OR
Using Git push

STEP 5: Branching and merging

Branching:

- Online first:
 - Click the 'Branch: [branch-name]' button and type in the name of the new branch
 - Pull your new branch to your local repo
- Local first:
 - Click the branch button in your GUI
OR
Git branch
 - Push to the remote repo

Merging:

- Pick the commit you want to merge into your current branch
- Click the merge button in your GUI
OR
Git merge

OPEN CODE

Open code using GitHub

- **Releases:**
 - E.g.: code for a paper, task code for an experiment
 - Notifications of new releases
- Communication:
 - Documentation & **wiki**
 - Feedback: **issue**/bug reports, suggestions
- Referencing:
 - **Open Science Framework:** link GitHub repo to OSF project
 - **DOI:** log in with GitHub on Zenodo or link to Figshare
- Don't forget to add licence info (MIT, GNU, Creative Commons,...)

Resources

Git: <https://git.scm.com>

- The Git book: <https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2>
- Atlassian tutorial: <https://www.Atlassian.com/git/tutorials>
- Lab wiki: <https://cognition-and-oscillations-lab.bham.ac.uk>

GitHub: <https://www.github.com>

- Getting started: <https://guides.github.com/activities/hello-world/>
- DOIs: <https://guides.github.com/activities/citable-code/>

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UoB:

- Carpentries workshops: <https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/it/teams/infrastructure/research/bear/rsg/The-Carpentries-Courses.aspx>
- GitLab

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