

# Managing your project in the PerkLab

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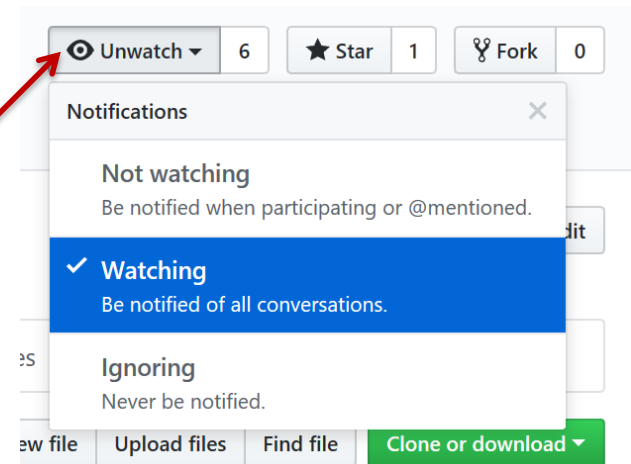
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# Basic mechanisms

- Set up project space
  - Which repository? Ask your mentor.  
Most commonly: <https://github.com/PerkLab> private project.  
Make it public when published.
  - Do not ignore email notifications.  
May set to *Not watching*. Avoid *Ignoring*.
- Create README.md
  - Overall goal, approach, high-level plan.
  - Resources: directory on file server, other repositories, etc.
- Set up project board
- Set up regular (weekly) execution control meeting
  - Review what was done vs. planned, check if help needed  
=> update issues, add notes.
  - Update short-term plan (2 weeks) => update project board.
  - Check if long-term plan is still OK => update plan if needed.



# Documentation

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- Frequently changing, temporary information (short-term planning, administration), not for archival => issue tracker, project board
- Software documentation:
  - User manual, Developer manual => few Markdown (.md) files in root folder.
  - API documentation => in source code. Use *doxygen* style for C++, *Sphinx docstring / restructured text* for Python.
- Key papers, presentations create for the project => Doc subfolder in source code repository, in editable format (Word, PowerPoint); avoid large binary files, frequent updates



# Issue tracking

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- Tracking tasks: issues, feature requests, enhancement ideas
- Entering a bug report: What did you do? What did you expect? What happened instead? Attach logs, screenshot.
- Add comment whenever making progress
- Refer to issues in source code commits to automatically link them
- @mention people in a comment to get input from someone (instead of writing an email)



# GitHub Projects vs. Releases

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- Projects:

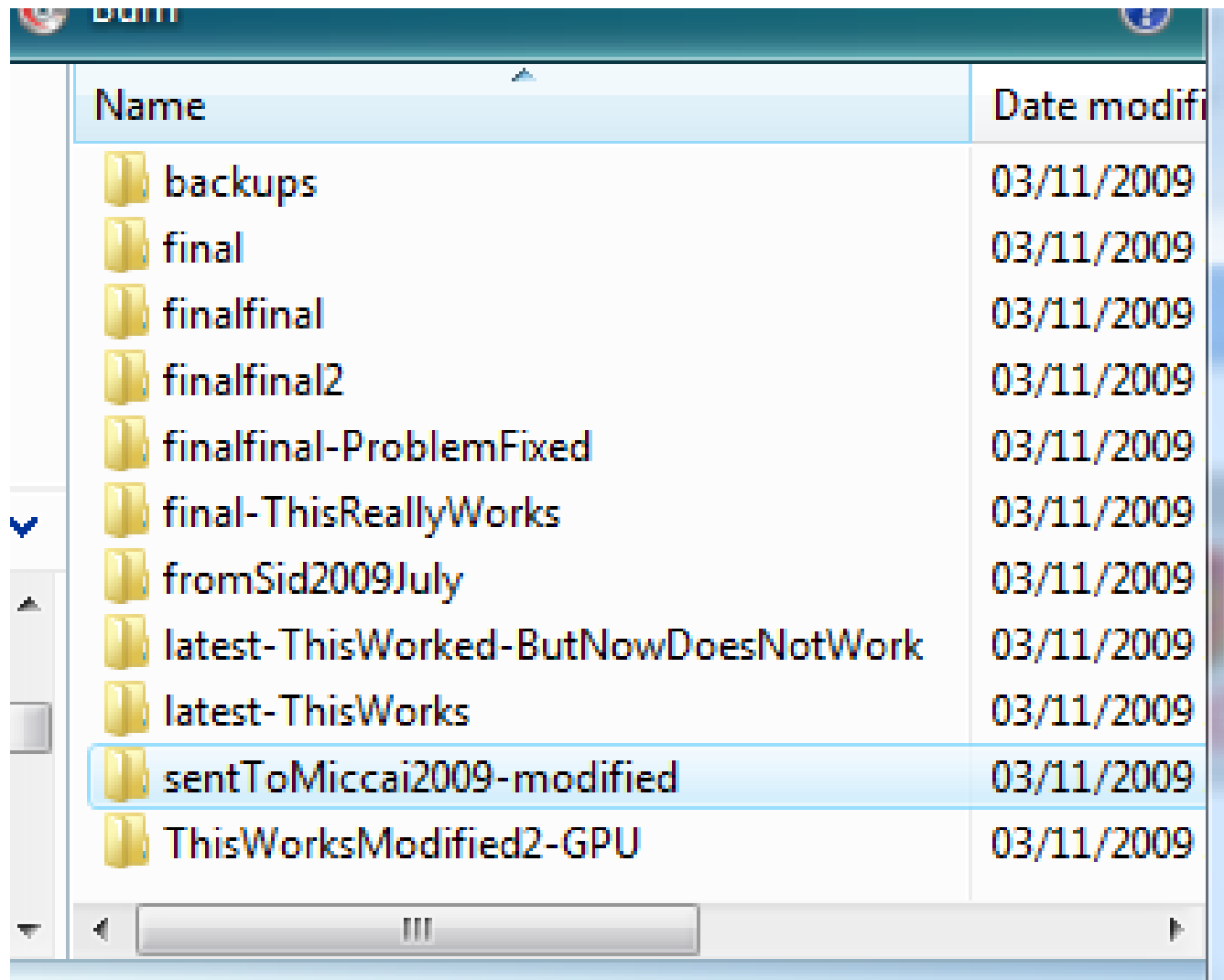
- Supports continuous, organic evolution
  - Works across repositories, easy drag-and-drop
  - Columns on the project board
    - **To do:** when tasks are completed, we choose what to do next from this column.
    - **In progress:** currently somebody working on it; make sure somebody is assigned.
    - **Done:** closed issues, no further action is planned.
- Some other useful columns:
- **To test:** useful for projects where users and developers are different group.
  - **Future:** collection of ideas for the future
- Example: <https://github.com/twbs/bootstrap/projects/13> (we only use in private projects)

- Releases:

- Supports upfront planning and monitoring progress
- The way to define deadlines (no deadlines for individual tickets)
- Files can be attached (e.g., installation package)
- Example: <https://github.com/PlusToolkit/PlusLib/milestone/4>



# Revision control – the naïve way

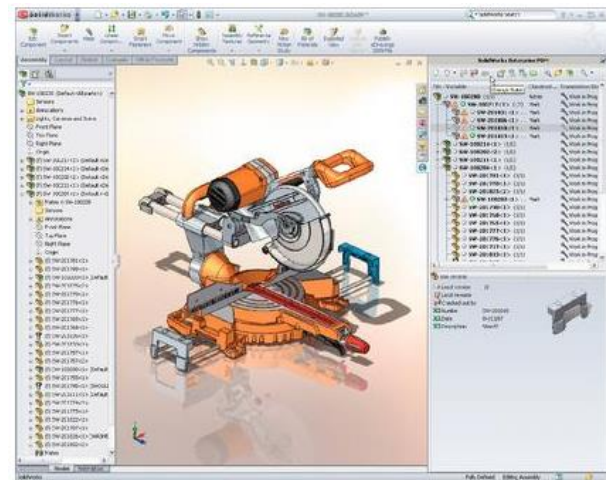


Name	Date modified
backups	03/11/2009
final	03/11/2009
finalfinal	03/11/2009
finalfinal2	03/11/2009
finalfinal-ProblemFixed	03/11/2009
final-ThisReallyWorks	03/11/2009
fromSid2009July	03/11/2009
latest-ThisWorked-ButNowDoesNotWork	03/11/2009
latest-ThisWorks	03/11/2009
sentToMiccai2009-modified	03/11/2009
ThisWorksModified2-GPU	03/11/2009

# What does revision control offer?

- Organized storage of multiple file versions
- Records history of all file changes (who modified, what, when, why)
- Convenient user interface for comparing and merging different file versions
- Allows concurrent modifications by multiple people

```
//-----  
PlusStatus TrackedFrame::GetCustomFrameTransform(const PlusTransformName& frameTransformName, double transform[16])  
{  
    std::string transformName;  
    if ( frameTransformName.GetTransformName(transformName) != PLUS_SUCCESS )  
    {  
        LOG_ERROR("Unable to get custom transform, transform name is wrong!");  
        return PLUS_FAIL;  
    }  
  
    // Append Transform to the end of the transform name  
    if ( !IsTransform(transformName) )  
    {  
        transformName.append(TransformPostfix);  
    }  
  
    const char* frameTransformStr = GetCustomFrameField(transformName.c_str());  
    if (frameTransformStr == NULL )  
    {  
        LOG_ERROR("Unable to get custom transform from name: " << transformName);  
        return PLUS_FAIL;  
    }  
  
    // Find default frame transform  
    std::list<string> transformFieldValue(GetCustomFrameField(transformName.c_str()));  
    double item;  
    int i = 0;  
    while ( transformFieldValue[i] <> "" && i<16 )  
    {  
        transform[i++] = item;  
    }  
    return PLUS_SUCCESS;  
}
```







# Alternative #1

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*“I can do the same by saving a copy of my complete source code directory, whenever I have a new version”*



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# Revision control – Myth #2

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*“I just use Dropbox”*







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# Revision control – Myth #2

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*“It is necessary only when there are multiple developers”*

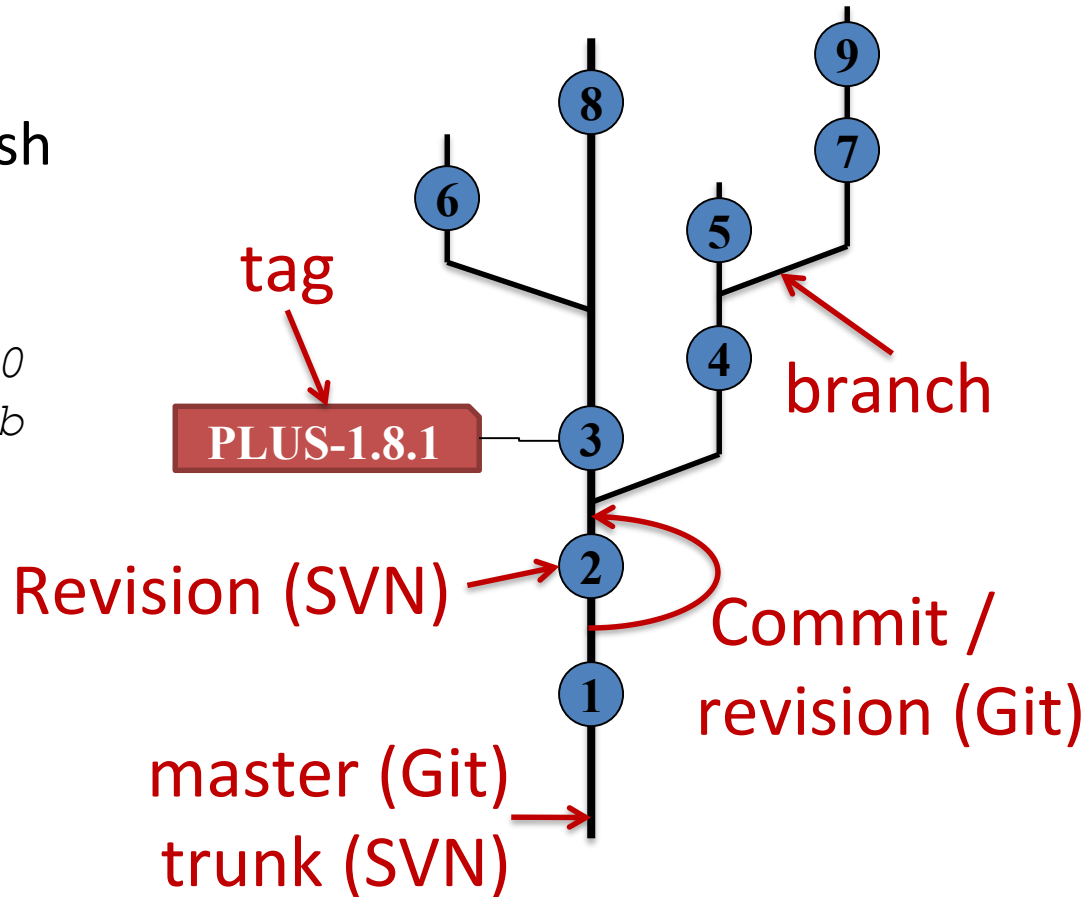


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# Organized storage of multiple file versions

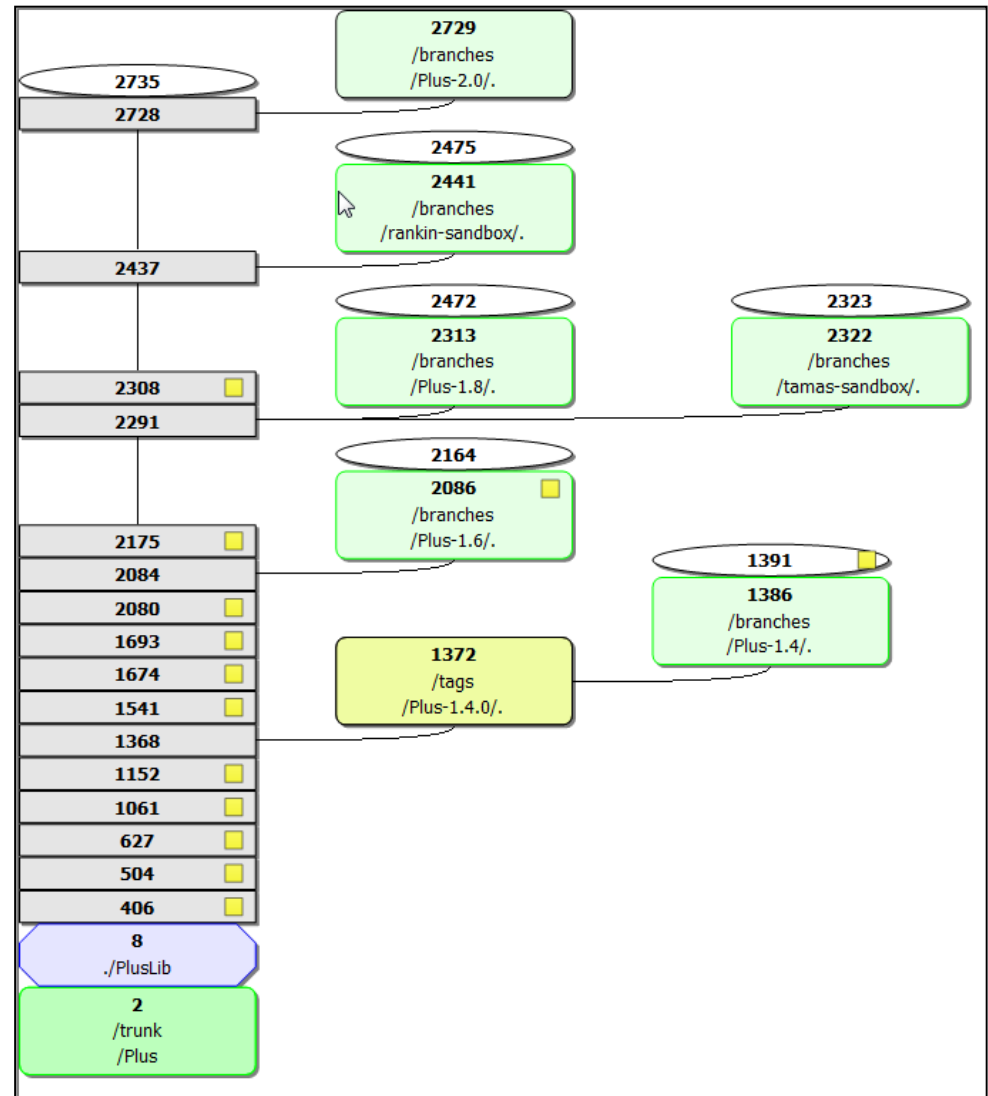
- Numbered revisions/commits:
  - Git: cryptographic hash (SHA-1, 160 bit, 40 character hex string)  
*ca8fbe9085c4f67be170528b53b8ac3f64dd5acb*
  - SVN: monotonously increasing integers  
*1, 2, 3, ...*

- Tags
- Tree structure



# Organized storage of multiple file versions

*Revision graph*  
(version tree)

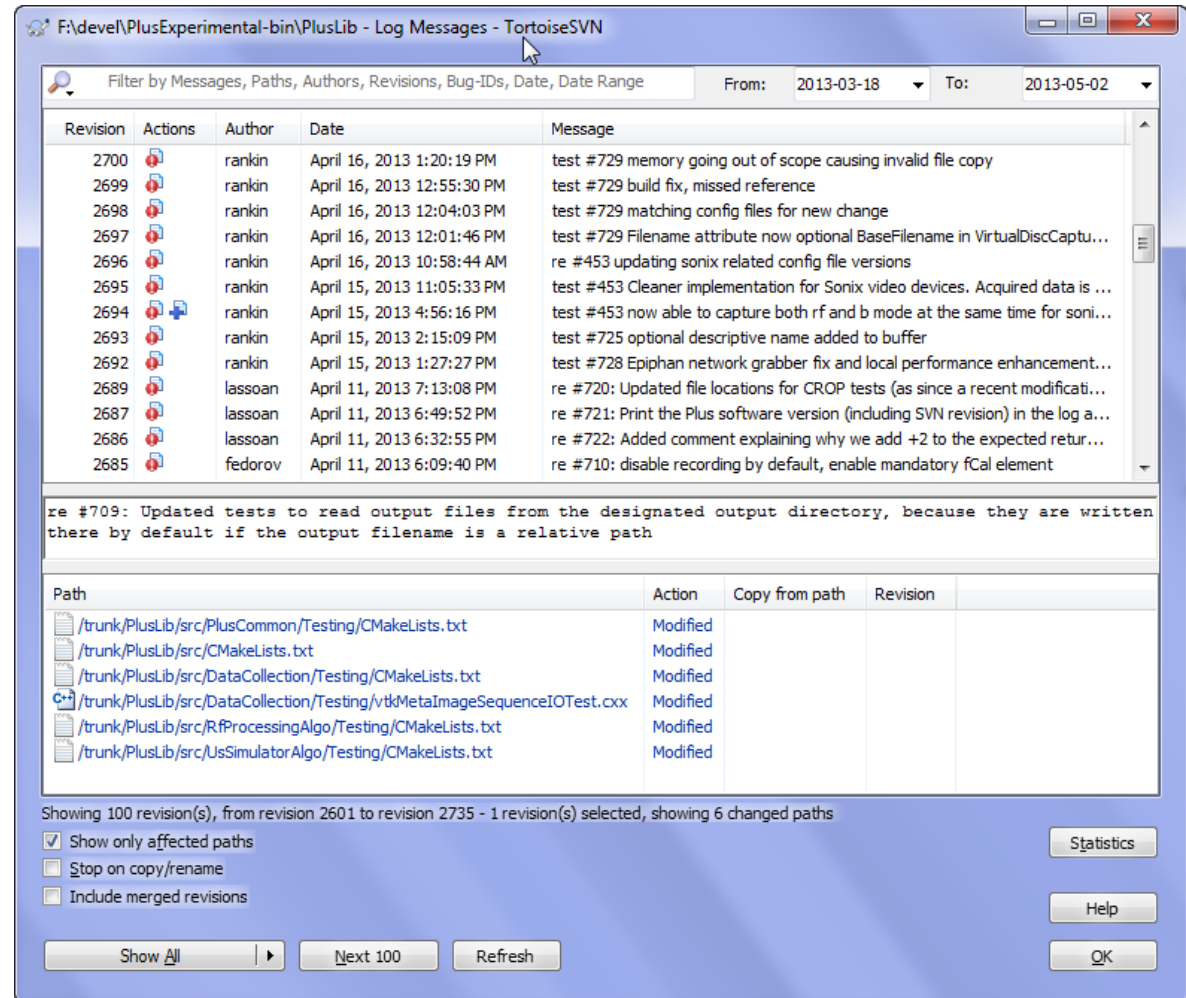


# Records history of all file changes

Recorded for each modification:

- What?
  - When?
  - Who?
  - Why?
- } auto

*Show log*



The screenshot shows the 'Log Messages - TortoiseSVN' window for the path 'F:\devel\PlusExperimental-bin\PlusLib'. The window displays a list of revisions from 2685 to 2700, with columns for Revision, Actions, Author, Date, and Message. The messages describe various test updates and fixes. Below the list, there is a section for 'Path' showing files that were modified, such as 'CMakeLists.txt' and 'vtdMetaImageSequenceIOTest.cxx'. The window also includes filters, date ranges, and buttons for 'Show All', 'Next 100', 'Refresh', 'Statistics', 'Help', and 'OK'.

Revision	Actions	Author	Date	Message
2700		rankin	April 16, 2013 1:20:19 PM	test #729 memory going out of scope causing invalid file copy
2699		rankin	April 16, 2013 12:55:30 PM	test #729 build fix, missed reference
2698		rankin	April 16, 2013 12:04:03 PM	test #729 matching config files for new change
2697		rankin	April 16, 2013 12:01:46 PM	test #729 Filename attribute now optional BaseFilename in VirtualDiscCaptu...
2696		rankin	April 16, 2013 10:58:44 AM	re #453 updating sonix related config file versions
2695		rankin	April 15, 2013 11:05:33 PM	test #453 Cleaner implementation for Sonix video devices. Acquired data is ...
2694		rankin	April 15, 2013 4:56:16 PM	test #453 now able to capture both rf and b mode at the same time for soni...
2693		rankin	April 15, 2013 2:15:09 PM	test #725 optional descriptive name added to buffer
2692		rankin	April 15, 2013 1:27:27 PM	test #728 Epiphan network grabber fix and local performance enhancement...
2689		lassoan	April 11, 2013 7:13:08 PM	re #720: Updated file locations for CROP tests (as since a recent modificati...
2687		lassoan	April 11, 2013 6:49:52 PM	re #721: Print the Plus software version (including SVN revision) in the log a...
2686		lassoan	April 11, 2013 6:32:55 PM	re #722: Added comment explaining why we add +2 to the expected retur...
2685		fedorov	April 11, 2013 6:09:40 PM	re #710: disable recording by default, enable mandatory fCal element

Path	Action	Copy from path	Revision
/trunk/PlusLib/src/PlusCommon/Testing/CMakeLists.txt	Modified		
/trunk/PlusLib/src/CMakeLists.txt	Modified		
/trunk/PlusLib/src/DataCollection/Testing/CMakeLists.txt	Modified		
/trunk/PlusLib/src/DataCollection/Testing/vtdMetaImageSequenceIOTest.cxx	Modified		
/trunk/PlusLib/src/RfProcessingAlgo/Testing/CMakeLists.txt	Modified		
/trunk/PlusLib/src/UsSimulatorAlgo/Testing/CMakeLists.txt	Modified		

Showing 100 revision(s), from revision 2601 to revision 2735 - 1 revision(s) selected, showing 6 changed paths

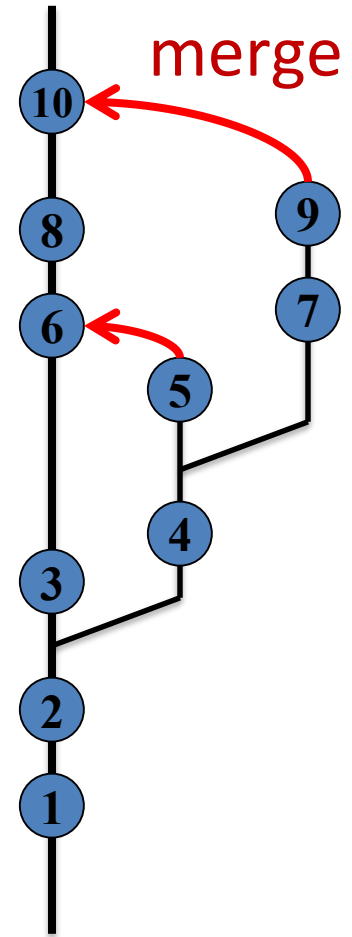
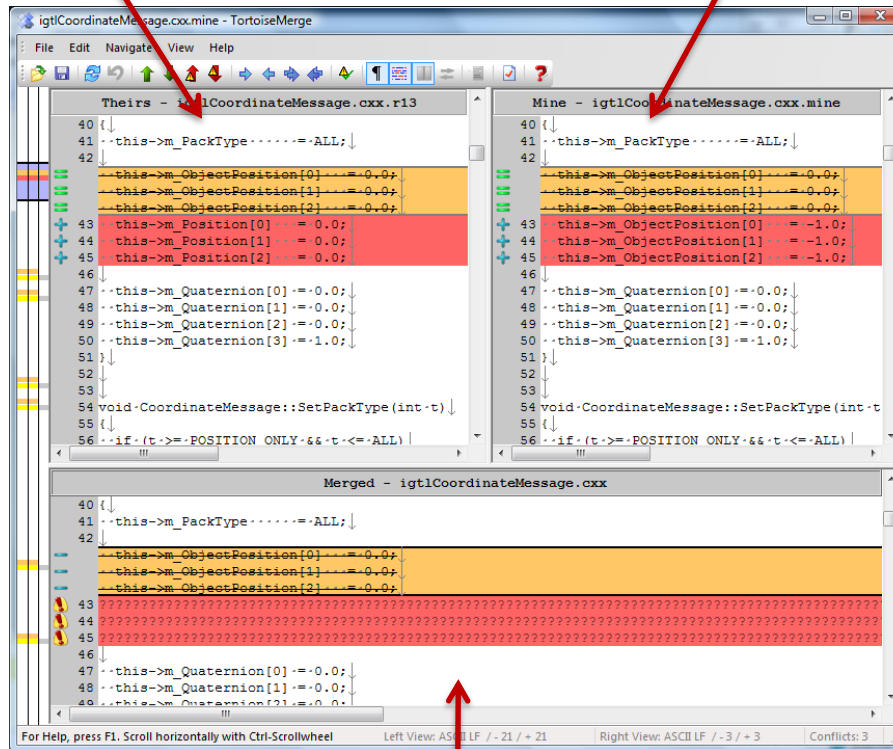
☒ Show only affected paths  
☐ Stop on copy/rename  
☐ Include merged revisions

Buttons: Show All, Next 100, Refresh, Statistics, Help, OK

# User interface for compare and merge

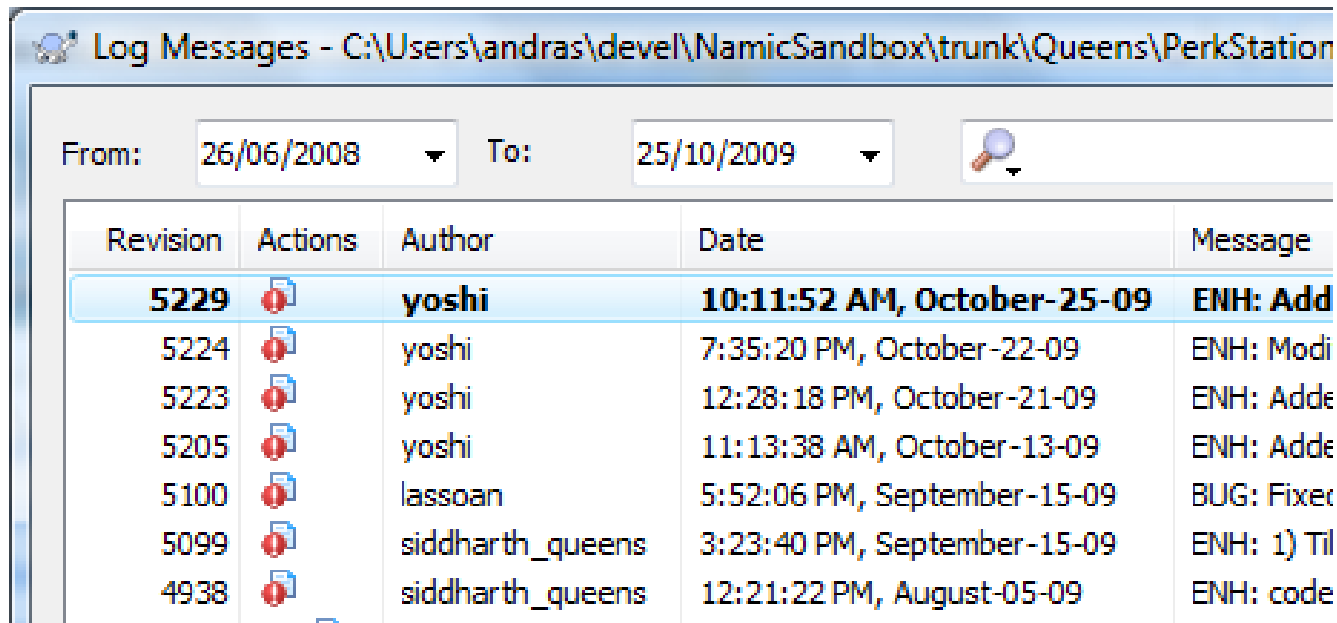
Their modifications

My modifications










# Concurrent modifications by multiple people

- One common server stores all versions
- Automatic merge of trivial changes (if a line is not modified by multiple people)



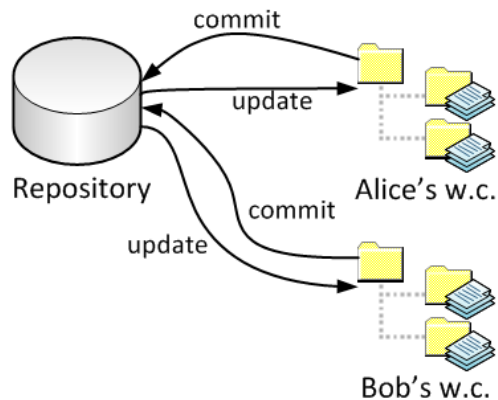
Log Messages - C:\Users\andras\devel\NamicSandbox\trunk\Queens\PerkStation

From: 26/06/2008 To: 25/10/2009

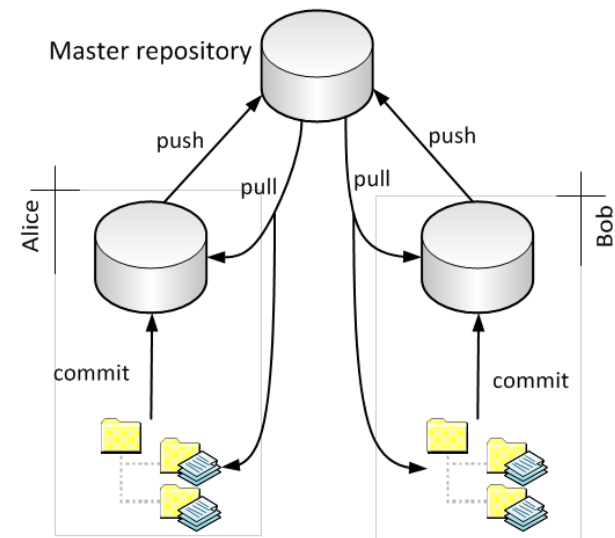
Revision	Actions	Author	Date	Message
<b>5229</b>		<b>yoshi</b>	<b>10:11:52 AM, October-25-09</b>	<b>ENH: Add</b>
5224		yoshi	7:35:20 PM, October-22-09	ENH: Modi
5223		yoshi	12:28:18 PM, October-21-09	ENH: Adde
5205		yoshi	11:13:38 AM, October-13-09	ENH: Adde
5100		lassoan	5:52:06 PM, September-15-09	BUG: Fixe
5099		siddharth_queens	3:23:40 PM, September-15-09	ENH: 1) Til
4938		siddharth_queens	12:21:22 PM, August-05-09	ENH: code

# Which one to use? – *git* has won

- Commercial: very good, but expensive (ClearCase, Perforce, Team Foundation Server, etc.)
- Non-commercial: good enough, free



Centralized: **Subversion (SVN)**  
=> simpler to use



Distributed: **Git**, Mercurial  
=> more flexible, for very distributed projects



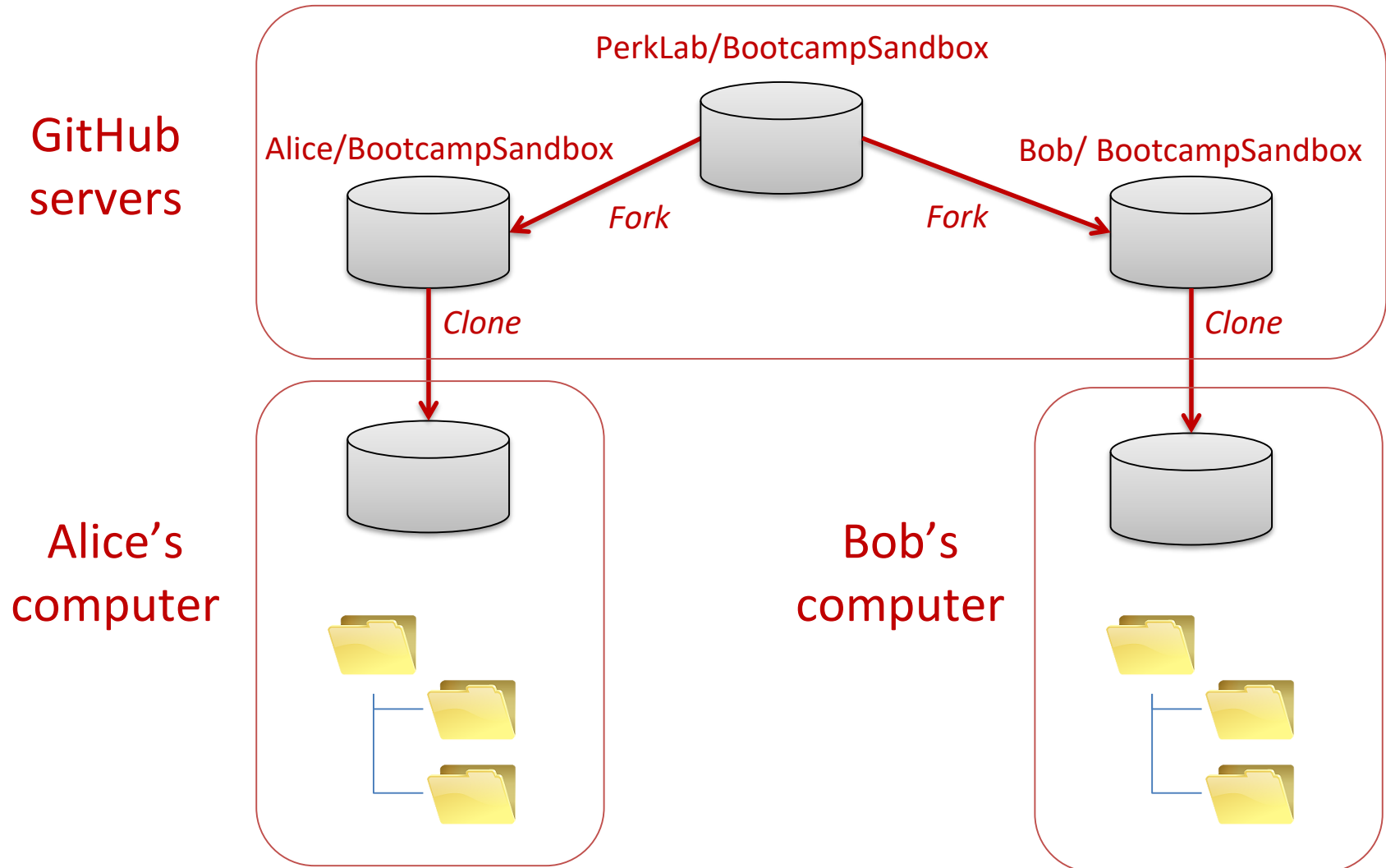
# Setup Git

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- Install Git (command-line tool):  
<https://git-scm.com/download/win>
- Install TortoiseGit (GUI client):  
<http://tortoisesvn.net/downloads>
- Optional: for private repositories with SSH authentication, install putty:  
<http://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/latest.html>

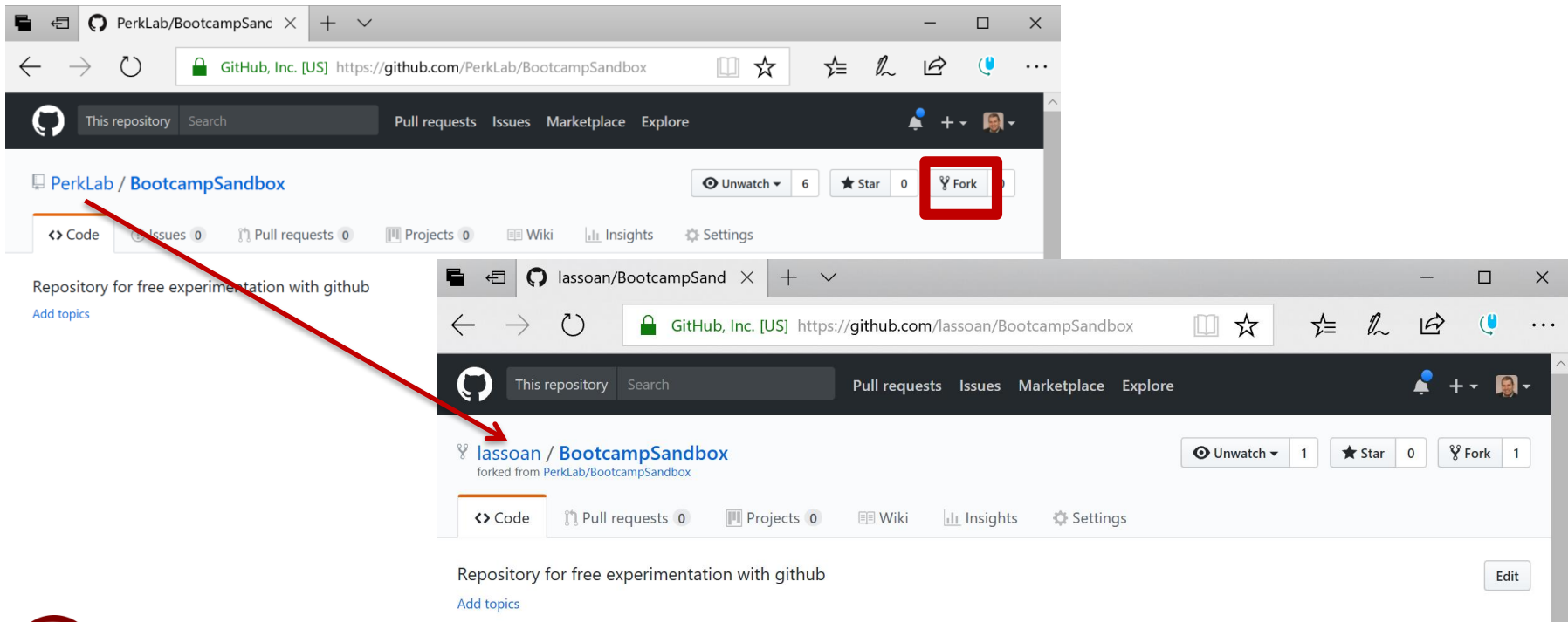


# Create a modifiable local copy of a repository



# Fork: create copy of official repository

- Open repository webpage:  
<https://github.com/PerkLab/BootcampSandbox>
- *Fork* the repository: clone the repository so that you can make changes freely

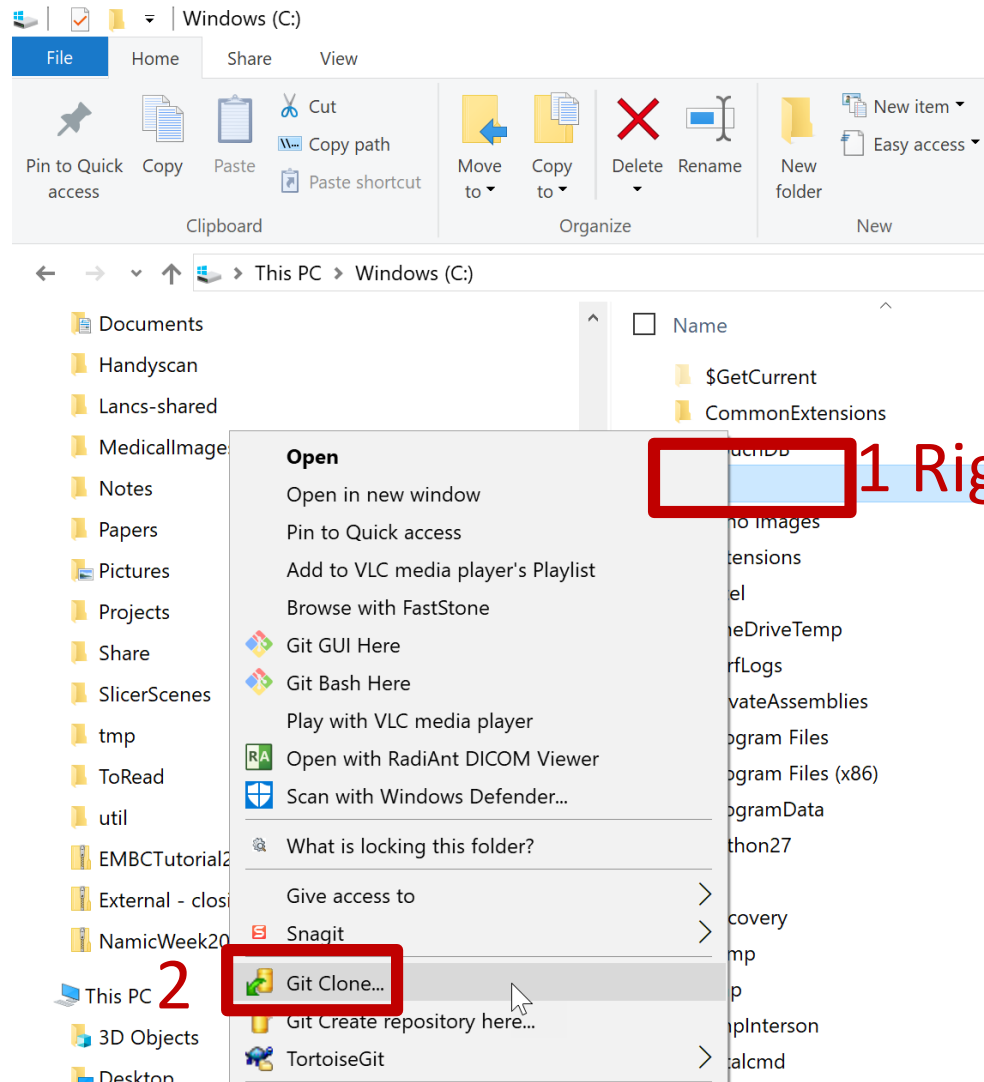


# Clone: create a local copy of your repository

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository 'lassoan / BootcampSandbox'. The repository is a fork of 'PerkLab / BootcampSandbox'. The page includes navigation tabs for 'Code', 'Pull requests', 'Projects', 'Wiki', 'Insights', and 'Settings'. The 'Code' tab is active, showing the repository's commit history (1 commit), branches (1 branch), releases (0 releases), and contributors (1 contributor). A red box highlights the 'Clone or download' button, with a red number '1' next to it. A dropdown menu is open, showing options to 'Clone with HTTPS' (selected), 'Use SSH', 'Open in Desktop', and 'Download ZIP'. A red box highlights the 'Clone with HTTPS' option, with a red number '2' next to it. The URL 'https://github.com/lassoan/BootcampSandbox' is visible in the address bar.



# Clone: create a local copy of your repository



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The image shows the 'Git clone - TortoiseGit' dialog box. The 'Clone Existing Repository' section is active. The URL is `https://github.com/lassoan/BootcampSandbox.git` and the directory is `C:\D\BootcampSandbox`. The 'OK' button is highlighted with a red box and the number '1'. Below the dialog box, the output window shows the cloning process: 'Cloning into 'C:\D\BootcampSandbox'...', 'POST git-upload-pack (175 bytes)', 'remote: Counting objects: 3, done.', 'remote: Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.', 'remote: Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0', and 'Success (2344 ms @ 4/28/2018 8:08:35 PM)'. The 'Close' button in the output window is highlighted with a red box and the number '2'.

Git clone - TortoiseGit

Clone Existing Repository

URL: `https://github.com/lassoan/BootcampSandbox.git` Browse...

Directory: `C:\D\BootcampSandbox` Browse...

☐ Depth `1` ☐ Recursive ☐ Clone into Bare Repo ☐ No Checkout

☐ Branch ☐ Origin Name ☐ LFS

☐ Load Putty Key `s.queensu.ca.keys\lassoan-spinesurgerynavigation.ppk` ...

From SVN Repository

☐ From SVN Repository

☐ Trunk: `trunk` ☐ Tags: `tags` ☐ Branch: `branches`

☐ From: `0` ☐ Username:

1 OK Cancel Help

Cloning into 'C:\D\BootcampSandbox'...  
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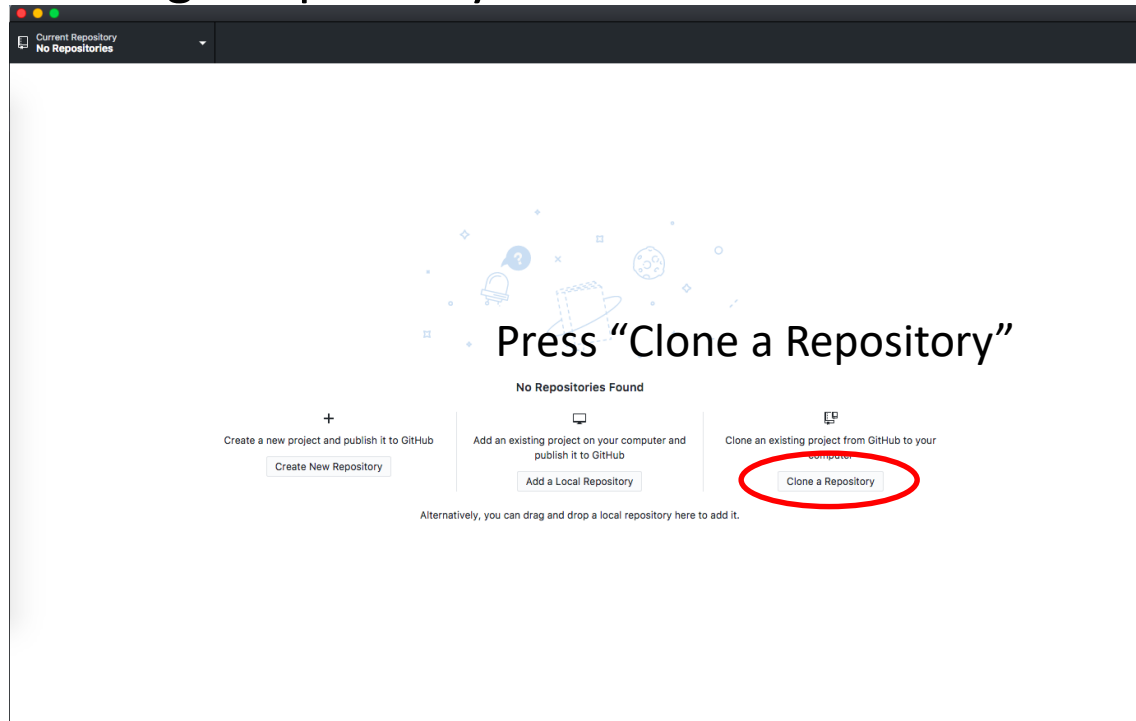
Show log

2 Close Abort



# git clone (GitHub Desktop)

- a.k.a. downloading a repository



- Or, you can use File->Clone Repository

# git clone (GitHub Desktop)

Clone a Repository

GitHub.com Enterprise URL

Repository URL or GitHub username and repository  
( hubot/cool-repo )

https://github.com/PerkLab/PerkLabBootcamp.git

Local Path

/Users/mark/Documents/PerkLabBootcamp Choose...

Cancel Clone

Input URL to clone  
from



Choose where on your  
PC to clone it to





# git clone (terminal)

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- Use “cd” (change directory) to navigate to where you’d like to clone the repository
- Run the command (changing the url for a different repository):

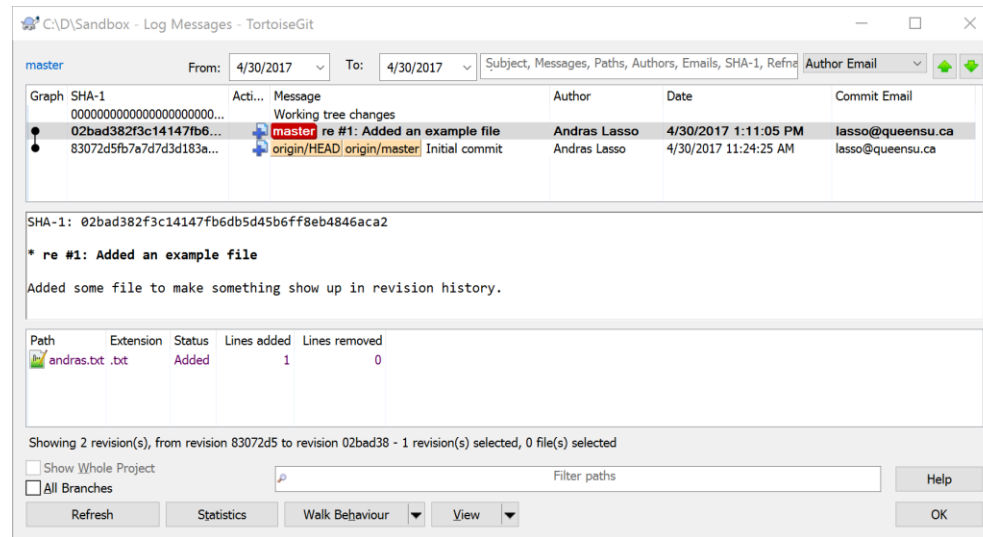
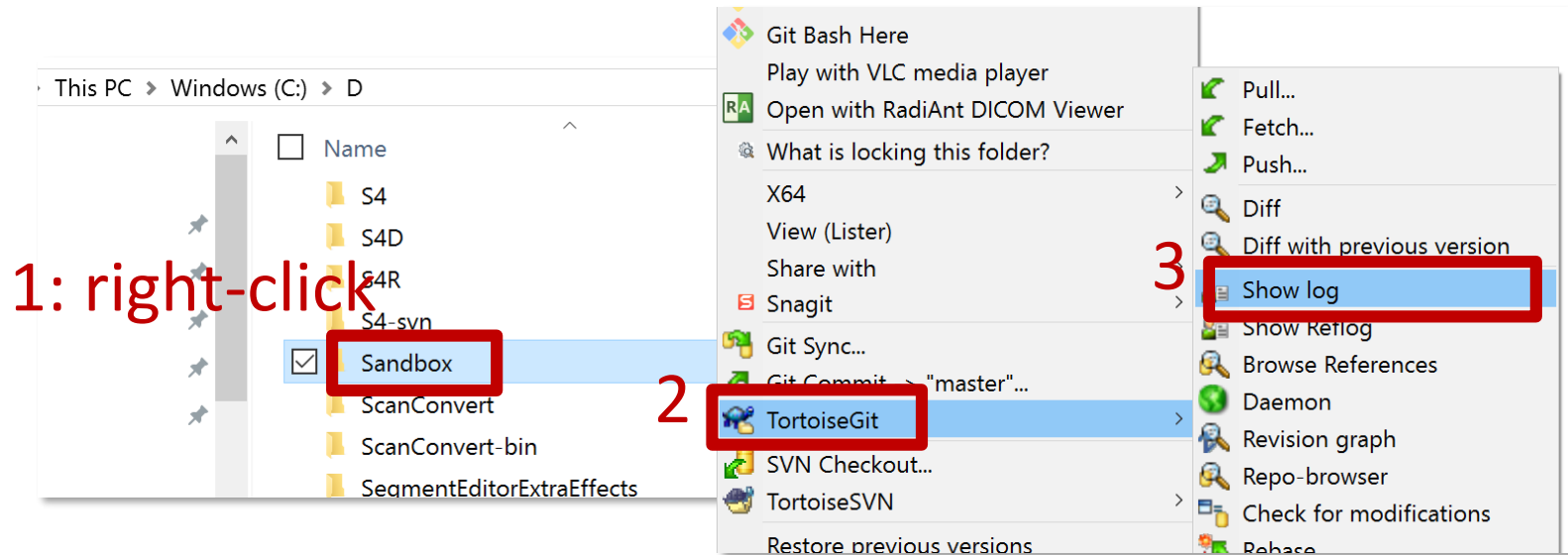
```
git clone <url> <destination>
```

```
git clone https://github.com/PerkLab/PerkLabBootcamp .
```

(“.” on Unix means current directory)



# Review change history



# git commit (GitHub Desktop)

- a.k.a “saving” your work

Changed files, click to see changes.

To commit, type a commit message where it says summary, and optionally add a description.  
Press “Commit to master”



# git commit (terminal)

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- First we need to see our changes - use:

```
git diff
```

- Now we want to stage our changes to be committed. To add everything use:

```
git add -A
```

- Or, to add only specific files, use:

```
git add <filename>
```

- Lastly, we do our commit

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git commit -m "<commit message here>"
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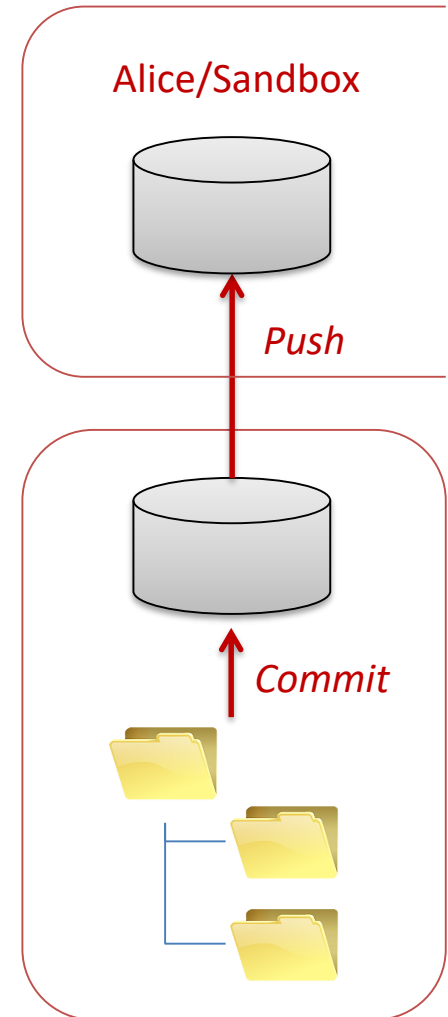


# Pull request: get your changes merged into the official repository

- Add/modify/delete files
- Test your modifications (compilation is OK, no crash, etc.)
- Right-click on the revision controlled directory
- Click *Git Commit* -> “master”
- Review your changes
- Enter a *commit message*
  - One-line summary: re #123
  - describe **why** was modified
  - include the issue/ticket number to make the commit show up in the ticket comment list
- Click *Push* to upload changes to GitHub servers to make it available to your collaborators

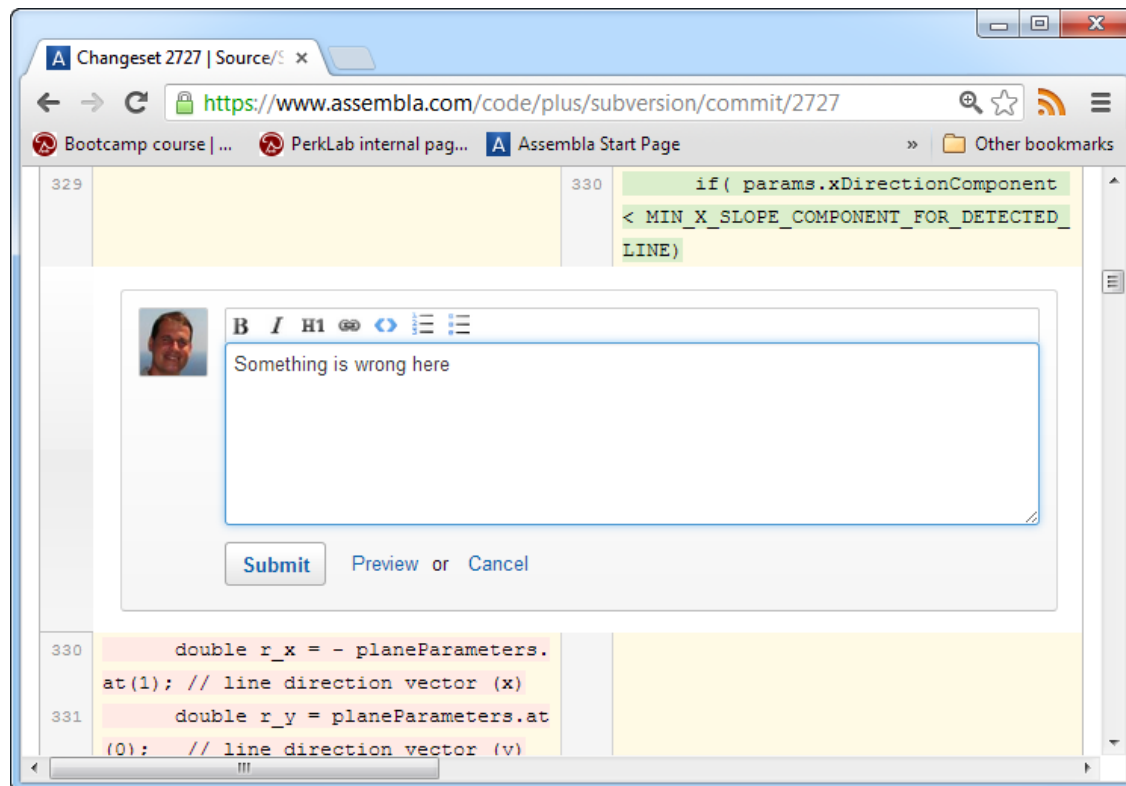
GitHub  
servers

Alice's  
computer



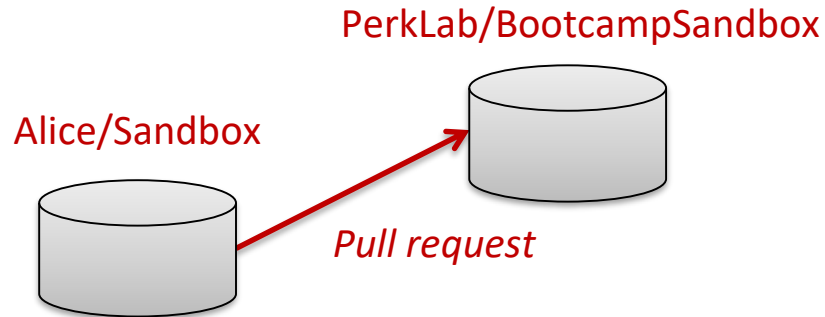
# Code review

- Go to the list of commits in Assembla
- Click on the green [+] icon in the source code
- The author will be notified

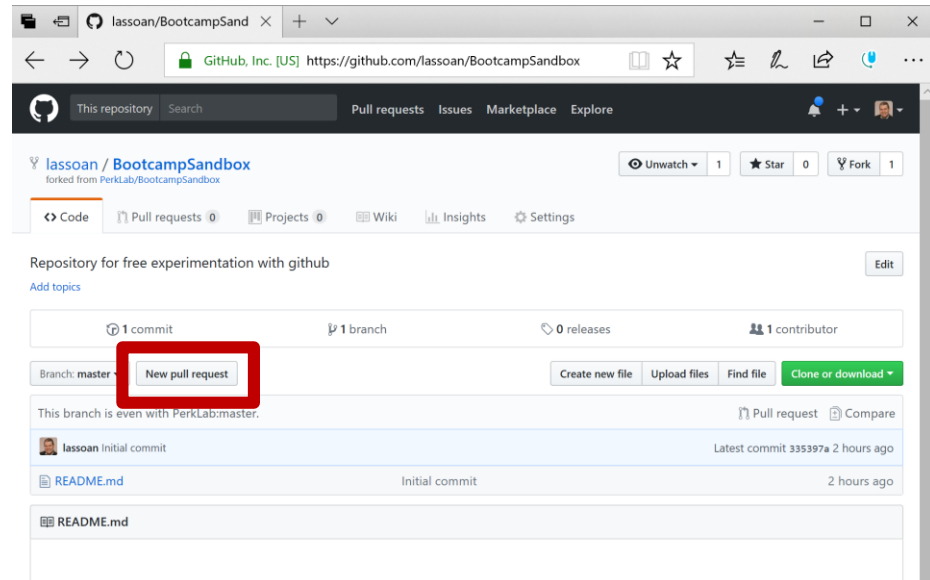


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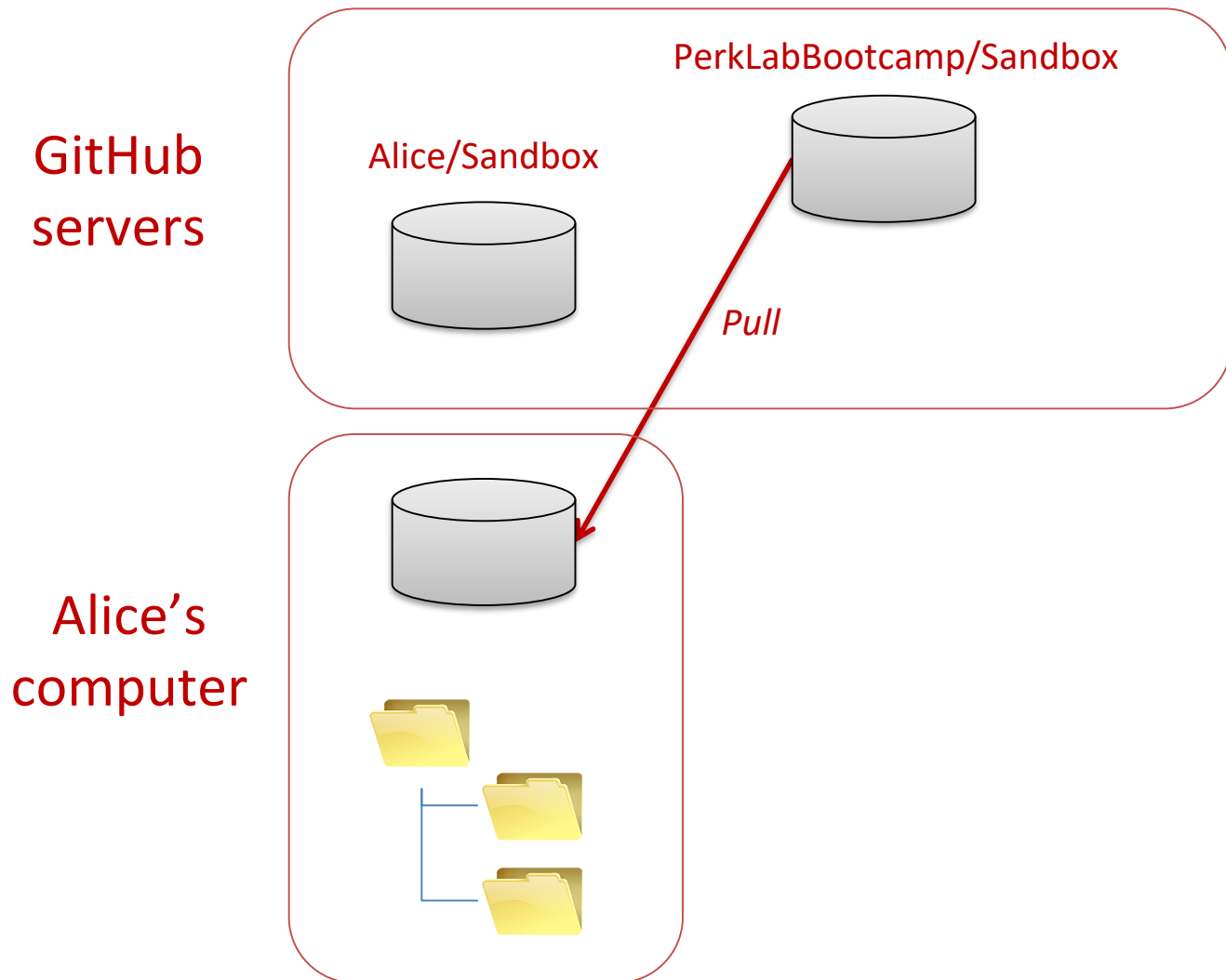


- Open your repository page on GitHub
- Click *New pull request*
- Accept all default parameters
- Provide description
- Click *Create pull request*
- Wait for the official repository maintainer to merge your changes



# Pull: get latest changes from the official repository

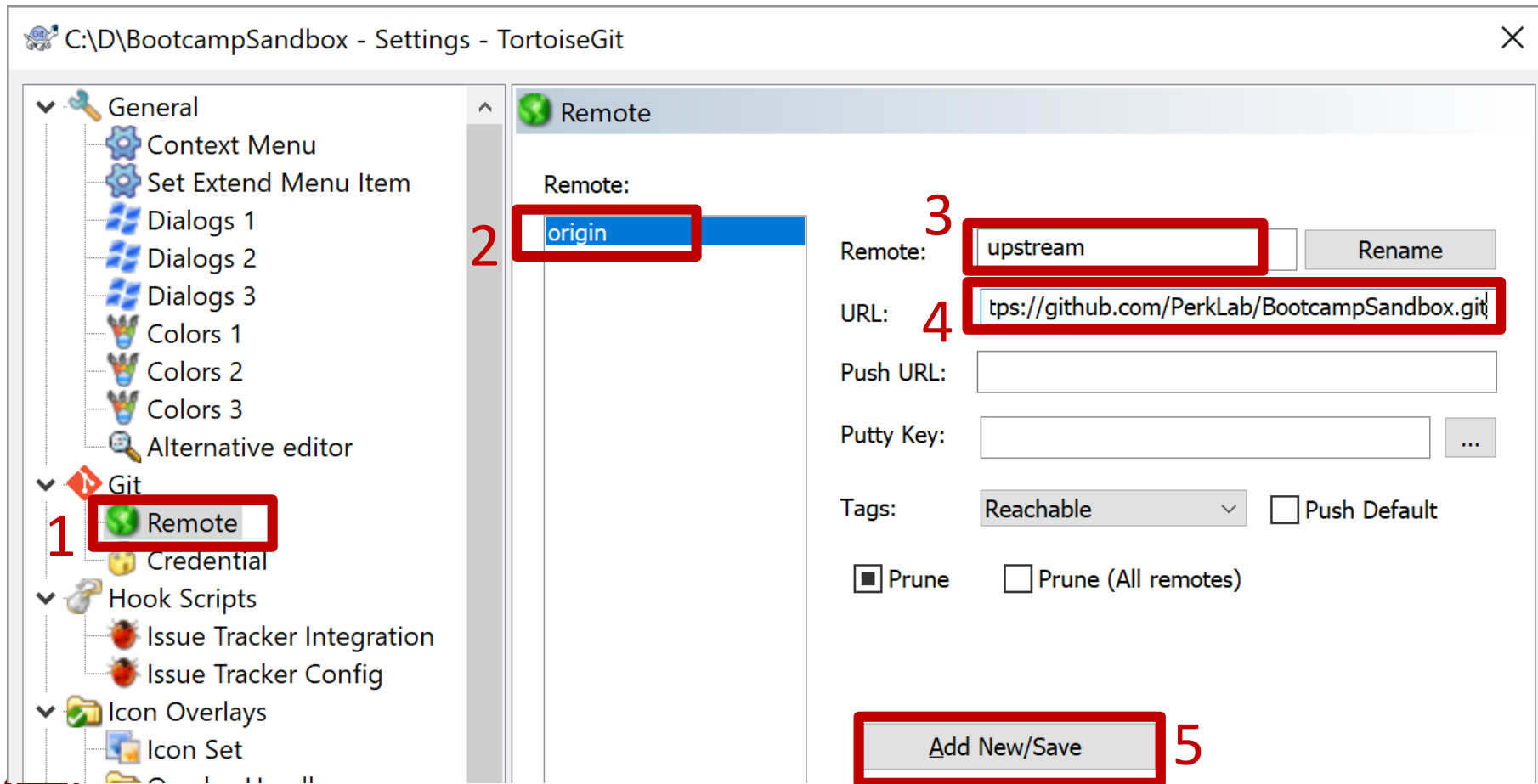
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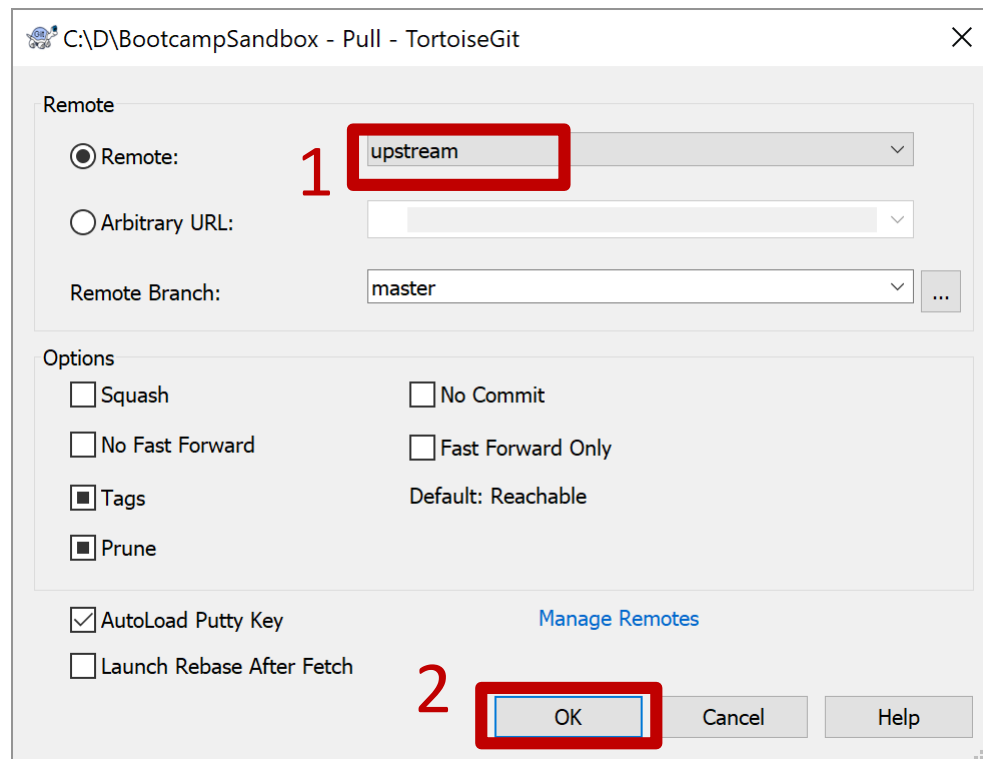
# Pull: get latest changes from the official repository

- Right-click on the revision controlled directory
- Click *TortoiseGit*, click *Settings...*



# Pull: get latest changes from the official repository

- *Pull: Fetch and Merge* changes
- Right-click on the revision controlled directory
- Click *TortoiseGit*, click *Pull...*



# Recommendations

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- **Before committing** any code changes build all and run the automatic tests to make sure there are no regressions
- **Commit:**
  - One fix/enhancement at a time (and not multiple independent developments in one single commit) whenever it's possible
  - Commit comments: **Include the related issue number** (this will automatically link the changeset to the ticket) and describe what did you change (in past tense) and why.  
Example: e.g., in the format:  
`re #123: Added MyClass:MyObject method to allow doing something`
- **After committing** code changes have a look at the dashboard about half an hour later to make sure that all the automatic builds still pass. You can get an automatic notification from CDash about any errors that you introduced if you register yourself on the dashboard.
- Read all notification emails about ticket updates!
  - If you feel that you get too many emails then set project to “Not watching” – then you only get notified about @mentions and events that directly affect you. **Never just blindly ignore/delete any notification emails without reading it.**



# Summary

