QuantNet 2.0 @ GitHub

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What is GitHub?

- ► A distributed version control system (Git)
- ► A collaboration platform (Hub)
- Quasi-standard among software developers:
 42.9% of professional software developers use git in some fashion

Why use GitHub?

- Version control
- Distributed development
- Easy branching and merging
- Integration with many IDEs
- ► Issue management

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Create GitHub Account

Go to www.github.com to create an account



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Install GitHub Application

From www.github.com download and install the desktop application:



Overview Release Notes | Help

Simple collaboration from your desktop

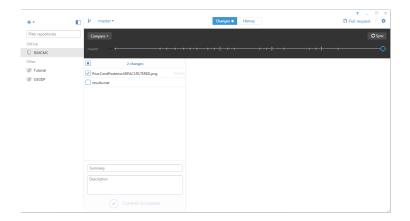
GitHub Desktop is a seamless way to contribute to projects on GitHub and GitHub Enterprise.

Available for Mac and Windows



By clicking the Download button you agree to the End-User License Agreement

GitHub Desktop App



Web Interface



Command Line

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posh~git ~ RJMCMC [master]
Windows PowerShell
Copyright (C) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Users\Danie1\Documents\GitHub> cd D:\Documents\Dropbox\Quantnet\RJMCMC
D:\Documents\Dropbox\Quantnet\RJMCMC [master +2 ~0 -0 +1> git status
On branch master
Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
D:\Documents\Dropbox\Quantnet\RJMCMC [master +2 *0 -0 +1> git add *.png
D:\Documents\Dropbox\Quantnet\RJMCMC [master +1 *0 -0 + +1 *0 -0 +1> git
                                                                    1> git commit
Aborting commit due to empty commit message.
D:\Documents\Dropbox\Quantnet\RJMCMC [master +1 ~0 -0 | +1 ~0 -0 ! 1> qit commit
-m "Screenshot"
[master @b367e6] Screenshot
1 file changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
D:\Documents\Dropbox\Quantnet\RJMCMC [master +1 ~7]
```

Create Repository

- Most basic element of GitHub
- ► A project folder containing *all* project files
- Also contains a revision history for each file
- Contains an issue tracker

Three ways to create a repository:

- 1. Desktop app (recommended)
- **2.** Web interface
- 3. Command line (advanced)

Develop

Develop your project using GitHub features where sensible:

- Manage issues
- Branch/fork code
- Commit changes
- Use pull requests

Keep the style guide in mind!

Manage Issues

Use GitHub issues to record and discuss

- ► Ideas
- Bugs
- Enhancements
- Tasks

You get a searchable history of your discussions!

You can neatly organize any discussion with issue classes

Branch Code

Branching allows you to

- work on a copy of the master branch
- to make changes without affecting the whole of the code base

Commit Changes

A commit

- essentially uploads new versions of files
- is tracked, so you have a history of changes available
- can be rolled back

Issue Pull Request

A pull request

- asks your collaborators to consider your changes for integration into the master branch (merge)
- can be issued at any time, also for example to share screenshots
- can be augmented by a pull request message to ask for help or @mention other contributors in order to induce them to comment
- ▶ initiate a discussion of the changes you made

Merge Branches

A merge

- integrates your code into the master branch
- preserves a history of your changes by keeping the pull requests (searchable)

Finishing up

- Create Metainfo.txt containing information about your Quantlet
- Create readme.md as user guide (good practice)
- Check your code against style guide (somewhat automated for R code)
- ► Inform QuantNet team

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What I did

- 1. Create GitHub repository
- 2. Move code into GitHub repository
- 3. Develop with an eye on style guidelines
- 4. Write readme.md
- 5. Declare running version ready for audit

After the audit is complete, the code is forked to a specific GitHub repository and appears on the QuantNet 2.0 page

What else could one do?

- Collaborate with other scientists around the world using the GitHub workflow
- ► Fork existing Quantlets in order to improve or extend them (ask the original author!!!!)
- Use Pulse and Graphs to track contributions and progress
- Use Milestones to structure a project

Thank you for your attention!