**Exercise: Create a Private GitHub Repo and Share It with the Instructor**

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Creating and sharing a github repo is very simple. As seen in Figure 1, creating repos can be done from the website.

Figure 1.

A screenshot of a computer program

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My github username is p-s-dev ( <https://github.com/p-s-dev> ).

The repo I will use for this class is: <https://github.com/p-s-dev/MSAI-631-B01_Artificial-Intelligence-for-Human-Computer-Interaction>

I added the professor as a collaborator. As seen in Figure 2, repo collaborators can be search and added by username.

Figure 2.

A screenshot of a phone

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Linus Torvalds created Git in 2005 to support the coordination of globally distributed developers contributing to the Linux kernel. GitHub later emerged as a central platform built on top of Git, facilitating collaboration, code sharing, and participation in open-source communities. As Conti et al. (2025) note, GitHub "describes itself as the place ‘where the world builds software’" (para. 4). GitHub’s influence continued to expand as it became a foundational infrastructure for software development, and in 2018 it was acquired by Microsoft, reflecting the platform’s strategic significance in the broader technology ecosystem.

Evidence suggests that participation in open-source communities on GitHub is correlated with meaningful startup outcomes. Specifically, "engaging with OSCs on GitHub is associated with an increase in the likelihood of receiving funding by at least 36%" (Conti et al., 2025, para. 7). In this context, OSC refers to open-source communities, where developers contribute, share, and reuse publicly available code and knowledge. This relationship underscores the role of open-source engagement in accelerating innovation and improving early-stage firm performance, reinforcing GitHub’s importance in the modern software development landscape.

# Conclusion

Github is easy to use. Thankfully Linus gave us not only Linux, but Git also.

# References

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