

The work tree and staging area

- As you create or modify files, they will automatically be added to your *work tree*. You can easily add these files to your *staging area*, which is a place to assemble your code before adding it to a *commit*.

Make and commit changes

- ❑ On GitHub, saved changes are called *commits*. Each commit has an associated *commit message*, which is a description explaining why a particular change was made.
- ❑ Commit messages capture the history of your changes, so other contributors can understand what you've done and why. (Or, maybe just for you to remember what you did 6 months ago.)
- ❑ You can always review all commits to see what has been done in the past, and even roll back to any commit at any time if necessary.