

## Experiment No. 2

**Aim:** To understand version control system ,install git and create a Github account.

### Theory:

#### Version control system

Version Control is a system that helps developers track and manage changes to a set of files (usually source code) over time. It allows you to keep a historical record of changes, collaborate with others, and revert to earlier versions of a file or a project when necessary.

There are two primary types of version control systems:

1. **Local Version Control:** This is the simplest form, where you keep track of changes locally on your own machine. It might involve manually saving different versions of a file or using a tool that only stores versions locally (without the ability to share changes across teams). This approach is not commonly used today due to its limitations.
2. **Distributed Version Control (DVCS):** In this system, the version history is stored on every contributor's machine, meaning every developer has a full copy of the project's history. Git is the most widely used distributed version control system today. With DVCS, you can work offline and later synchronize changes with a central server (like GitHub, GitLab, or Bitbucket).

#### Key Benefits of Version Control

1. **History Tracking:** Every change made to files is recorded, with details such as the change description, who made the change, and when the change was made. This allows you to see the evolution of a project over time.
2. **Collaboration:** Multiple developers can work on the same project simultaneously without overriding each other's changes. Version control tools allow developers to merge changes from different contributors.

3. **Branching and Merging:** Developers can create branches to work on different features or bug fixes without affecting the main codebase. Later, the changes can be merged back into the main branch, allowing for parallel development.
4. **Rollback and Recovery:** If something goes wrong, version control allows you to revert to a previous version of a file or the entire project. This makes it easy to undo mistakes or recover from issues caused by new changes.
5. **Conflict Resolution:** In collaborative environments, version control helps to resolve conflicts when multiple people make changes to the same part of a project. The system will notify you when conflicts occur and usually give you the opportunity to fix them manually.
6. **Backup and Safety:** Version control systems (especially when using a remote repository like GitHub or GitLab) offer a form of backup for your code. Even if your local machine crashes, your code is still safe on the remote server.
7. **Improved Code Quality:** With version control systems, code reviews, and pull requests (in systems like GitHub), teams can review and discuss proposed changes before they are integrated into the main project, leading to better code quality.

## Git:

Git is a distributed version control system (VCS) that helps developers track and manage changes to their codebase over time. It's designed to handle everything from small to large projects with speed and efficiency. Git allows you to record the history of your code, revert to previous versions, and collaborate with other developers.

## Key Concepts in Git

To understand how Git works, let's explore its core concepts.

1. **Repository (Repo):** A repository is where your project files are stored, along with the history of all changes. A Git repository can either be local (on your machine) or remote (on a server like GitHub, GitLab, etc.).
2. **Working Directory:** This is the directory on your machine where you make changes to your project. It contains the actual files you are working on (e.g., source code files, images, etc.).
3. **Staging Area (Index):** This is an intermediate area where you can prepare changes before committing them. When you make changes to files, you add them to the

staging area with the `git add` command. The staging area allows you to selectively choose which changes to include in your next commit.

4. **Commit:** A commit is like a snapshot of your project at a particular point in time. Each commit contains a reference to the changes made, the author of the changes, and a message describing the change. Commits are stored locally in your Git repository and provide a historical record of all changes made to the project.
5. **Branch:** Git allows you to create multiple branches to work on different features, bug fixes, or experiments without affecting the main codebase. The default branch is usually called `main` (or `master` in older versions). Branches enable parallel development, allowing teams to work on features independently.
6. **Merge:** When you've made changes in a branch and want to incorporate those changes into another branch, you use the `git merge` command. Git will try to automatically merge the changes. If there are conflicting changes (e.g., two different modifications to the same line of code), Git will flag a conflict that must be resolved manually.
7. **Clone:** To make a local copy of an existing Git repository (usually hosted on a remote server), you use the `git clone` command. This allows you to work on a project locally and push your changes to a remote server later.
8. **Pull and Push:**
  - **git pull:** Fetches and integrates changes from a remote repository into your local repository.
  - **git push:** Sends your local commits to a remote repository, making them available to other developers.
9. **Remote:** A remote is a version of your repository hosted on a server, often on a platform like GitHub, GitLab, or Bitbucket. It's where you store your code so that others can collaborate, view, and contribute. **Git Workflow**

A typical Git workflow involves the following steps:

1. **Clone** a remote repository to your local machine.
2. **Create a new branch** for the feature or bug fix you're working on.
3. **Make changes** to your working directory.

4. **Stage** the changes you want to commit using `git add`.
5. **Commit** the staged changes with a message that describes the change (`git commit -m "message"`).
6. **Push** the commits to the remote repository using `git push`.
7. **Create a Pull Request (PR)** to merge your changes into the main branch. PRs are reviewed and approved by other developers before being merged.

## Github:

GitHub is a cloud-based platform that uses Git to host repositories and provides additional features like issue tracking, code reviews, and collaborative workflows. It's the most popular service for hosting Git repositories and is commonly used in open-source and private software projects.

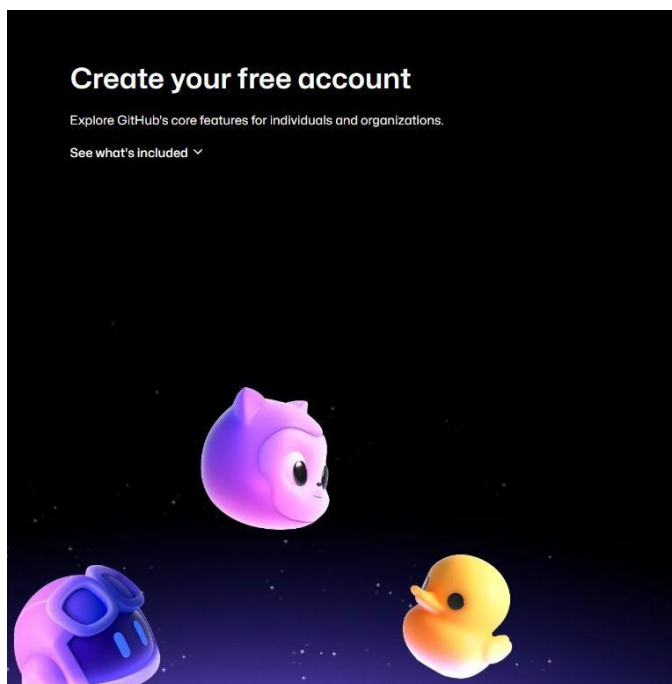
GitHub enables developers to:

- **Host Git repositories:** Store your code in the cloud, accessible from anywhere.
- **Collaborate on projects:** Multiple developers can work on the same project, manage changes, and handle versioning.
- **Track issues:** GitHub provides an issue tracker for bug reports, feature requests, and general tasks.
- **Pull Requests:** GitHub facilitates code review through pull requests, where developers can review, comment on, and approve changes before they are merged.
- **Project Management:** GitHub provides tools for managing projects, such as project boards and milestones.
- **Continuous Integration:** You can automate testing and deployment workflows using GitHub Actions.
- **Social Networking:** GitHub includes social features like followers, stars (to mark favorite repositories), and forks (to copy someone else's repository).

## Key Features of GitHub

1. **Repositories:** Each project on GitHub resides in a repository. A repository can be public (open to everyone) or private (restricted access). Repositories contain the code and all of its version history.

2. **Forks:** A fork is a copy of a repository that allows you to make changes without affecting the original project. Forking is commonly used in open-source development, where contributors can propose changes via pull requests.
3. **Pull Requests (PRs):** A pull request is a way to propose changes to a repository. After creating a pull request, other contributors can review your changes, suggest improvements, and eventually merge them into the main codebase if they are approved.
4. **Issues and Projects:** GitHub provides tools for managing tasks and issues, such as bug reports and feature requests. You can organize issues with labels, milestones, and project boards.
5. **Actions and CI/CD:** GitHub Actions allows you to automate workflows. For example, you can automatically run tests every time you push code, or deploy your application to a cloud provider when changes are merged.
6. **GitHub Pages:** This feature allows you to host static websites directly from a GitHub repository.
7. **Collaborators and Teams:** In a private repository, you can invite collaborators or set up teams within an organization to manage access control.
8. **Wiki:** GitHub repositories can have a built-in wiki where you can document your project, provide guides, or share development notes.



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