



Using Git & GitHub

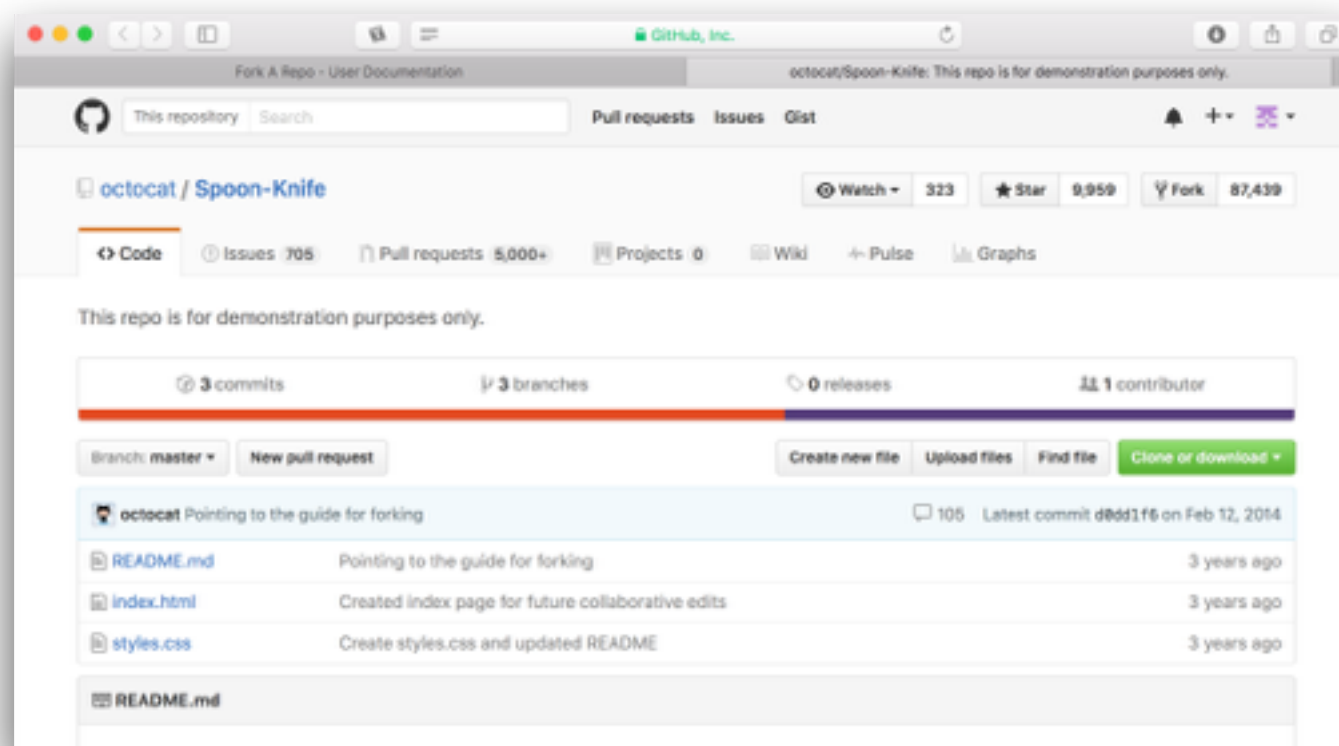
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What Are They?

- Version Control Systems
- **Git** is a software development tool that tracks development of code and uses repositories
- **GitHub** is an online repository platform that allows you to store your code on their servers
- Provides a good framework for...
 - sharing your code
 - collaborating with others on code
 - updating or editing code

About Repositories

- **Repositories** (“repos”) are where you store your code and files related to it.
- This can include programs, documentation, directories, and even pictures!

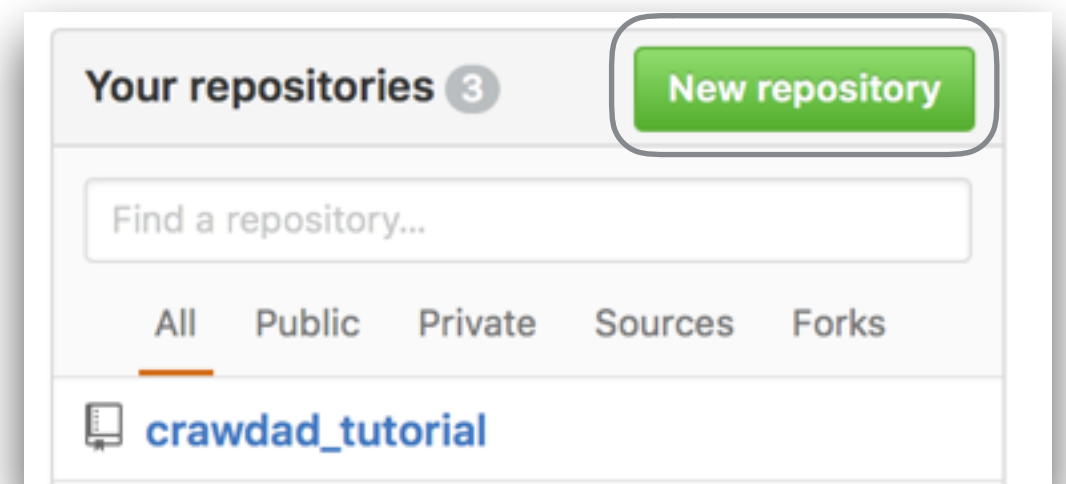
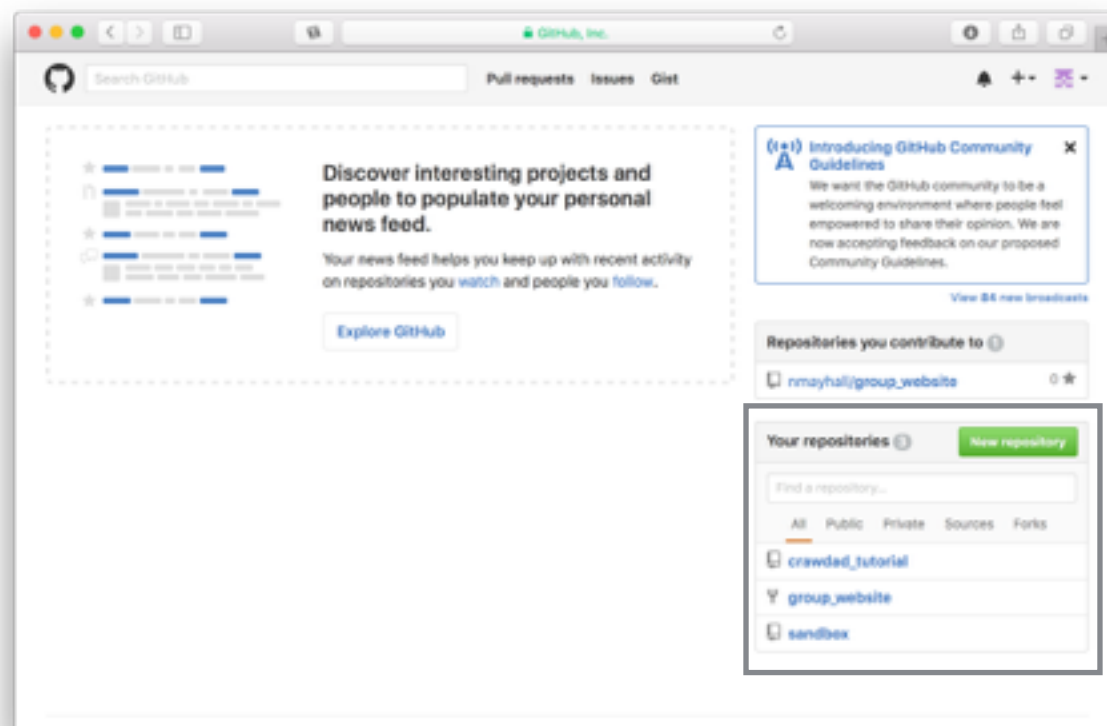


Creating Repositories

- Using Git (command line):

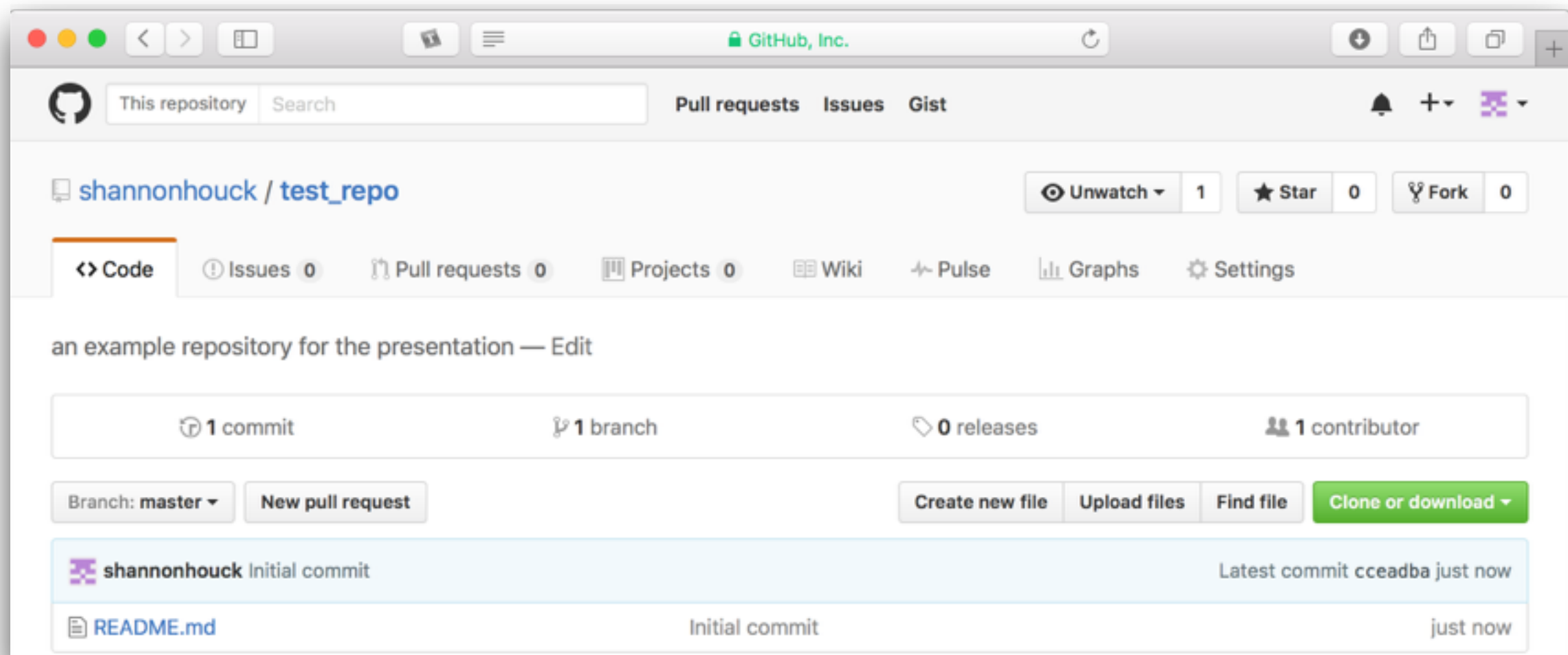
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$ git init [directory path]
```

- Using the GitHub website:



Repository (Results)

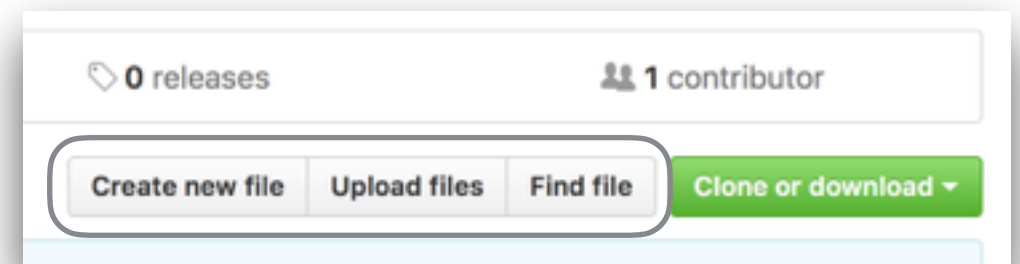
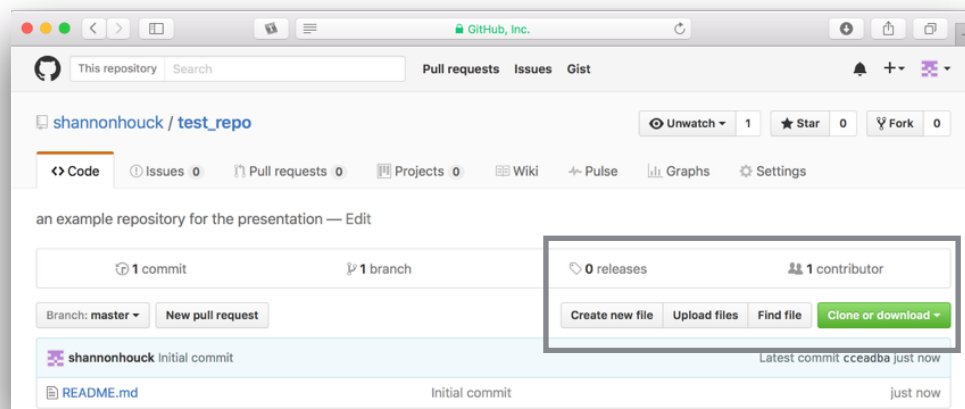
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shannonhouck — -bash — 80x46
Shannons-MacBook-Pro:~ shannonhouck$ git init test_repo
Initialized empty Git repository in /Users/shannonhouck/test_repo/.git/
Shannons-MacBook-Pro:~ shannonhouck$
```



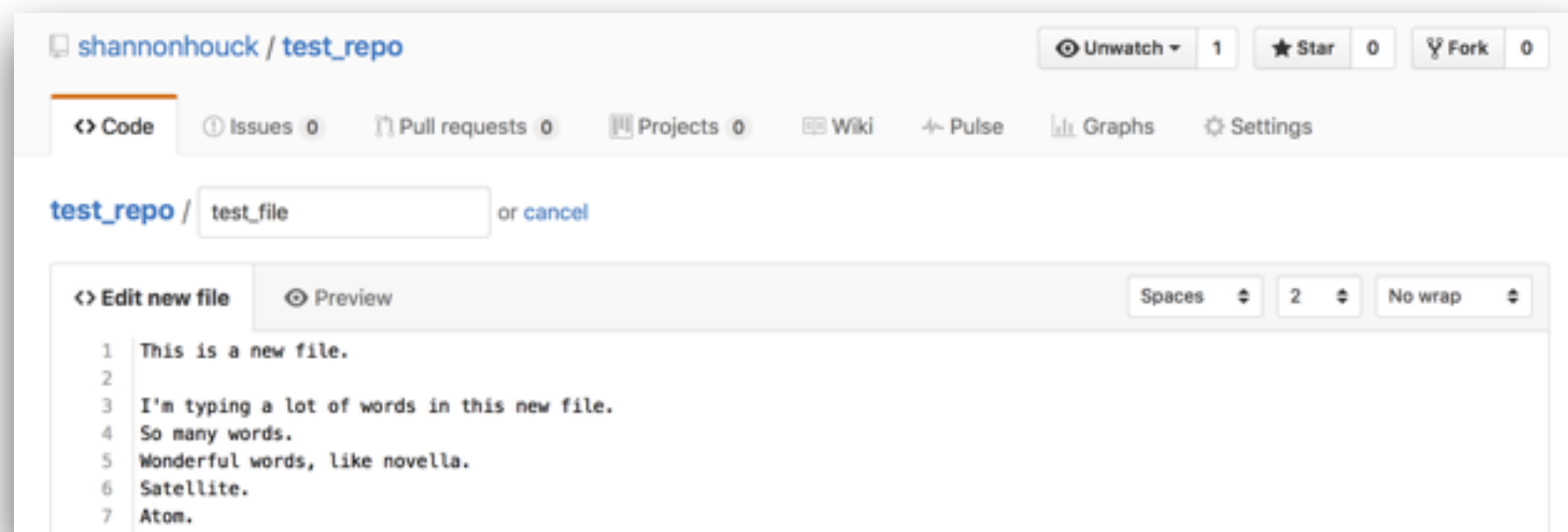
Adding

- On GitHub, it's fairly easy. Make a file...

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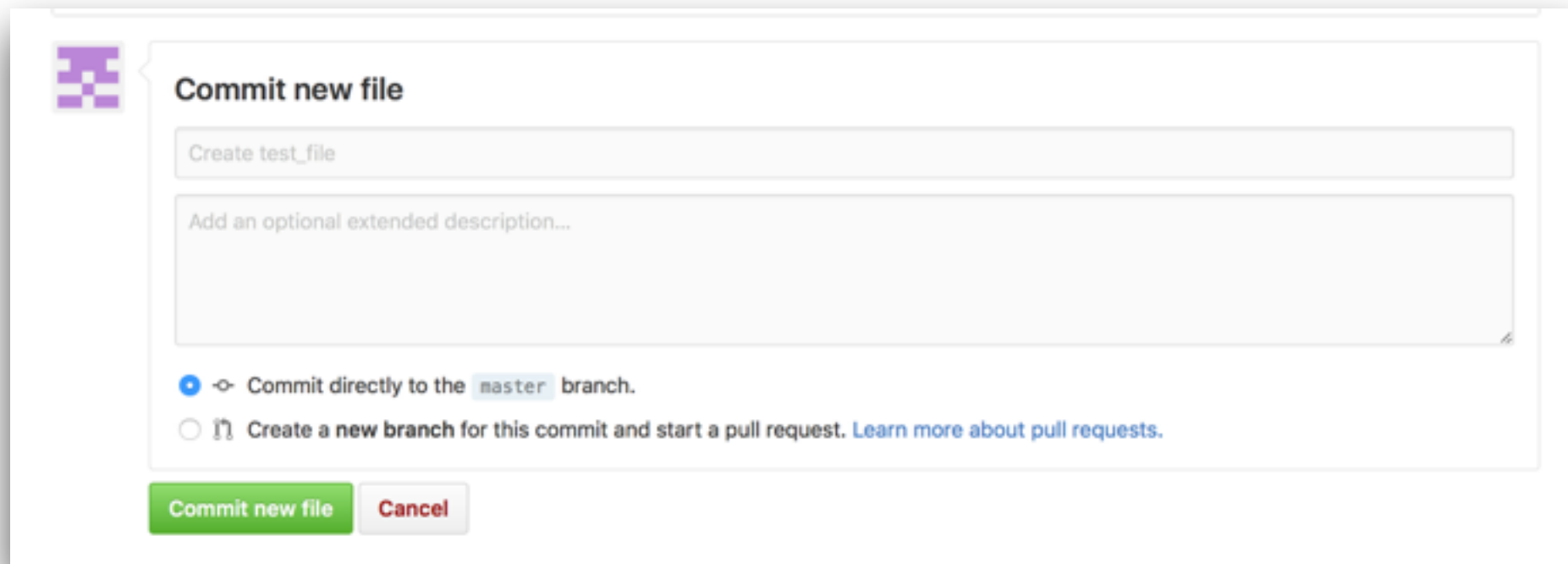


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Committing

- After editing, commit the changes!
- A **commit** finalizes the changes that you've made to your document; before the commit, the previous document (if there is one) is still the “official” version.



The screenshot shows the 'Commit new file' dialog in GitHub. It features a purple GitHub logo in the top left corner. The main title is 'Commit new file'. Below the title, there is a text input field containing 'Create test_file'. Underneath that is a larger text area with the placeholder text 'Add an optional extended description...'. At the bottom, there are two radio button options: the first is selected and labeled 'Commit directly to the master branch.', and the second is labeled 'Create a new branch for this commit and start a pull request. Learn more about pull requests.' At the very bottom, there are two buttons: a green 'Commit new file' button and a grey 'Cancel' button.

Add With Git

- In Git, you can create a new file in the repository the same way you would in any other directory:

```
$ touch [filename]
```

- Problem: New files aren't part of the repository until you tell Git to pay attention to them!
- Solution: `$ git add [filename]`
- This only needs to be done once!

Commit With Git

- You can edit a tracked file with vim, as usual:

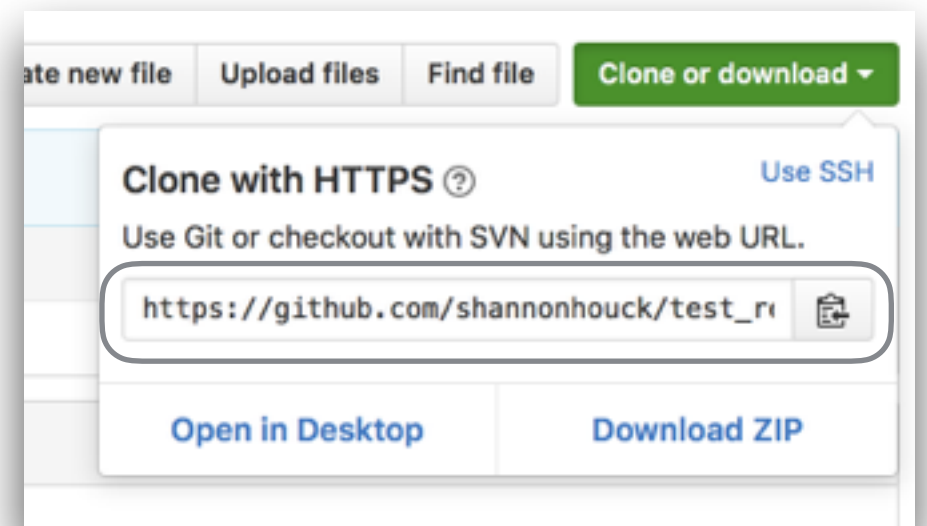
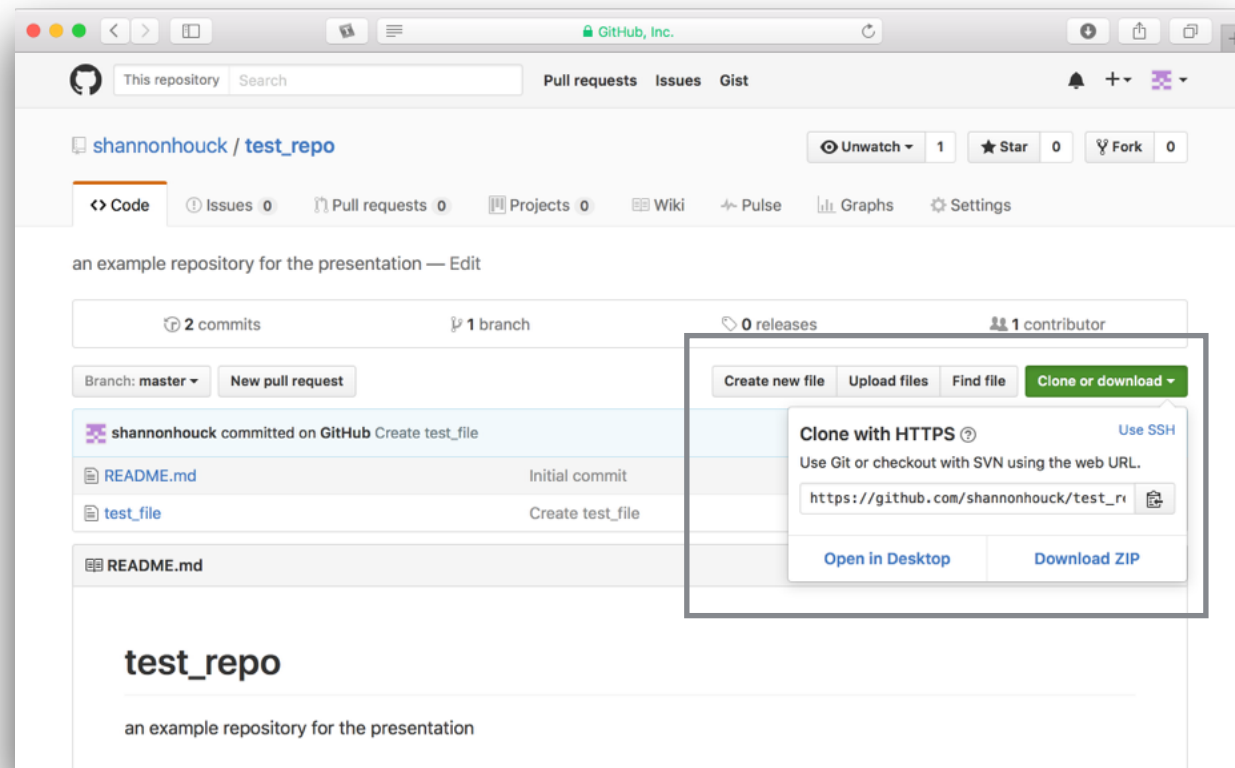
```
$ vim filename
```

- Problem: Changes aren't committed by default!
- Solution: \$ git commit *filename*
- You can add the -a flag to commit all tracked files at once, or use a wildcard to commit a subset.

Cloning

- **Cloning** a repository allows you to download a copy to your local machine

```
$ git clone [GitHub URL]
```



Cloning

- You can edit the clone on your own machine just like you would a normal repository- add files, commit changes, and so on.
- When you commit changes, though, they only change the repo on your local machine...
- Solution? Pushing!

Pushing

- **Pushing** lets you “push” all of your committed local changes to the remote repository

```
$ git push [repo name] [branch]
```

- If the two fields are left blank, it defaults to “origin” and the branch you cloned from. (It won’t push if you’re not authorized to change a repository!)

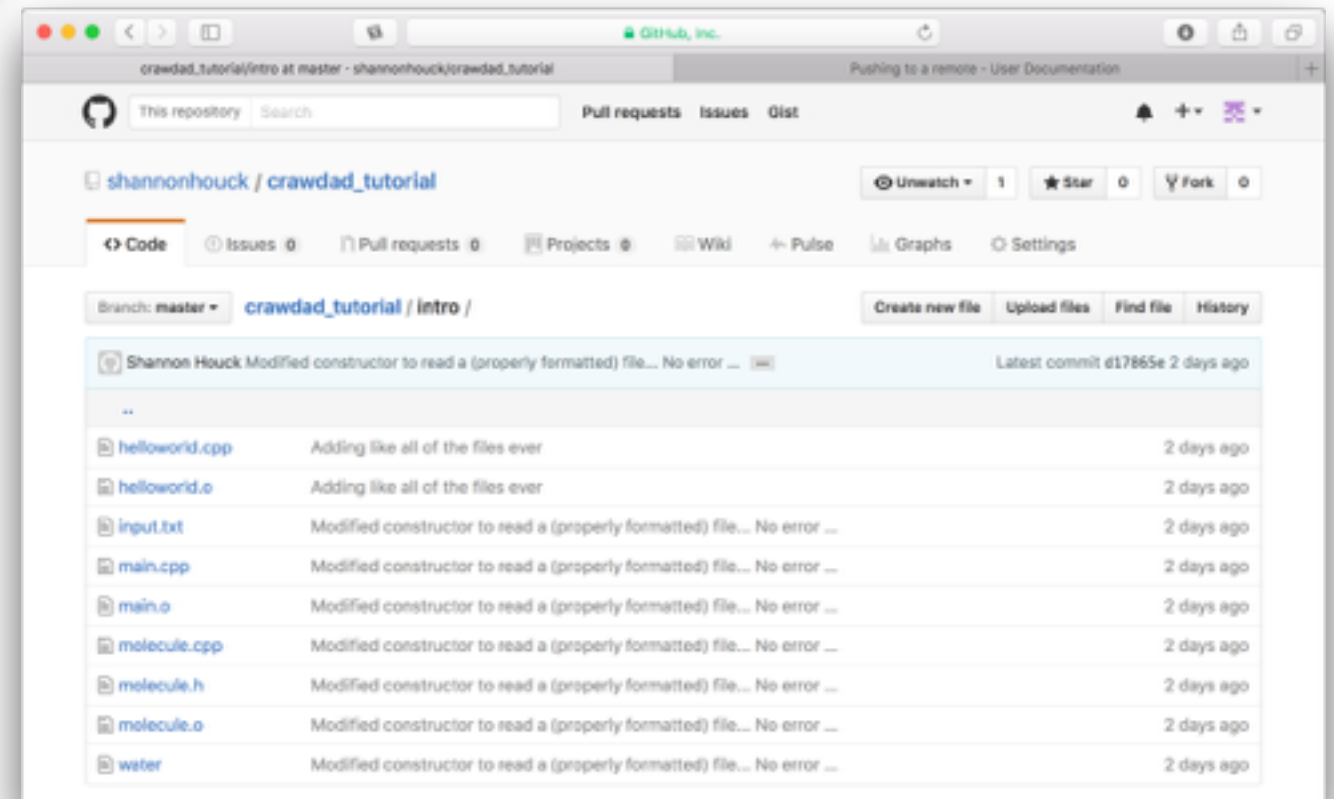
Pushing (Results)

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test_repo — -bash — 76x12

On branch master
Your branch is ahead of 'origin/master' by 1 commit.
  (use "git push" to publish your local commits)
nothing to commit, working tree clean

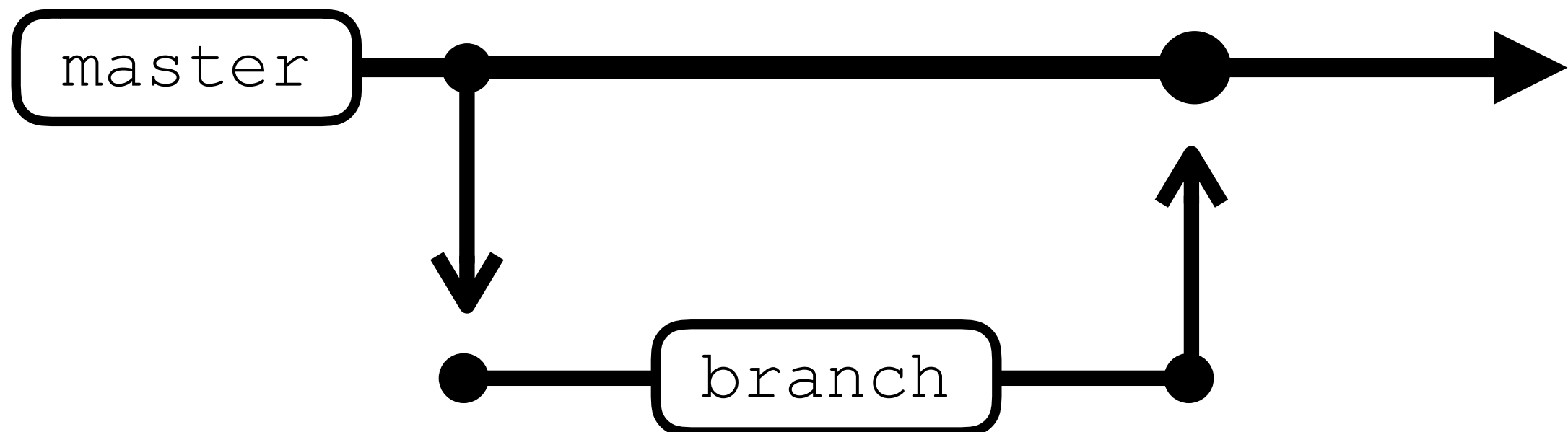
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Total 0 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
To https://github.com/shannonhouck/crawdad_tutorial.git
   dfdfbdc..d17865e  master -> master

Shannons-MacBook-Pro:intro shannonhouck$ git status
On branch master
Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.
nothing to commit, working tree clean
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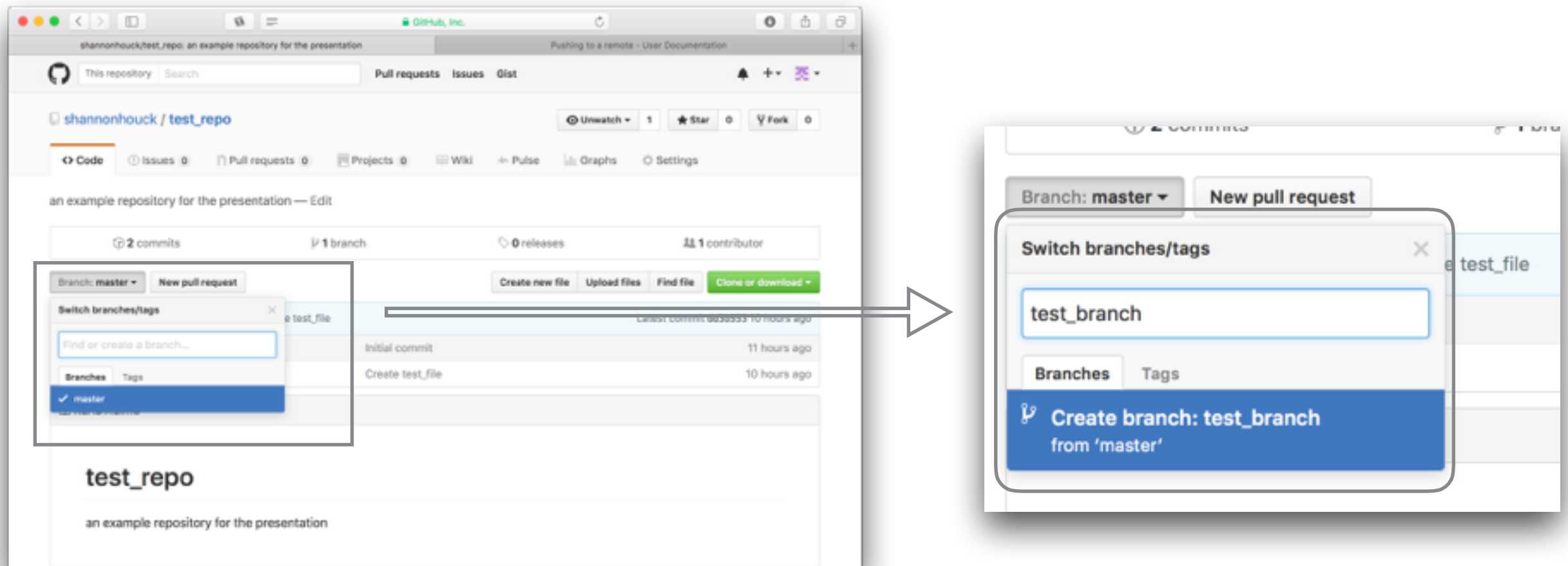
Branching

- **Branching** lets you edit code (and make commits) without messing up the original code. You make a branch, edit it, and **merge** it back into the master branch at the end!



Branching (GitHub)

- As usual, the GUI makes things easy to find...



Branching (Git)

- Creating a new branch from the command line

```
$ git branch [branch name]
```

- To change from your current branch to a different branch, use the checkout command

```
$ git checkout [branch name]
```


Merging

- After you're satisfied with your changes, you can **merge** a branch back in. Change to the branch you want to merge the changed branch to, and...

```
$ git merge [branch to merge]
```

- Now, all of your commits in the given branch have been merged with the branch you're on!
- After merging, you can delete the branch:

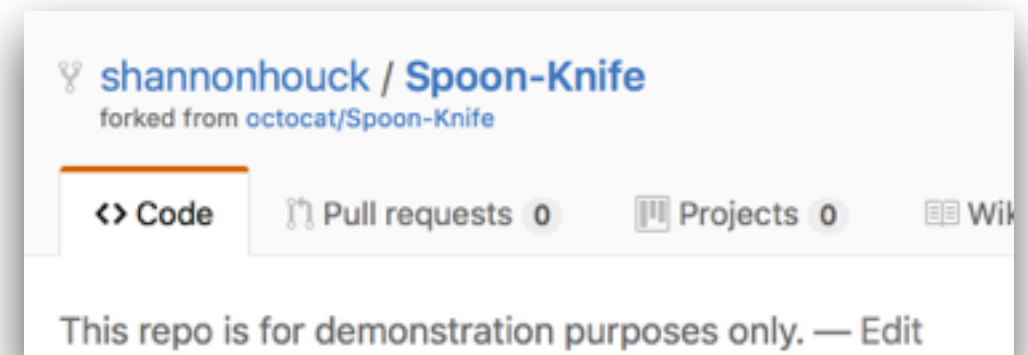
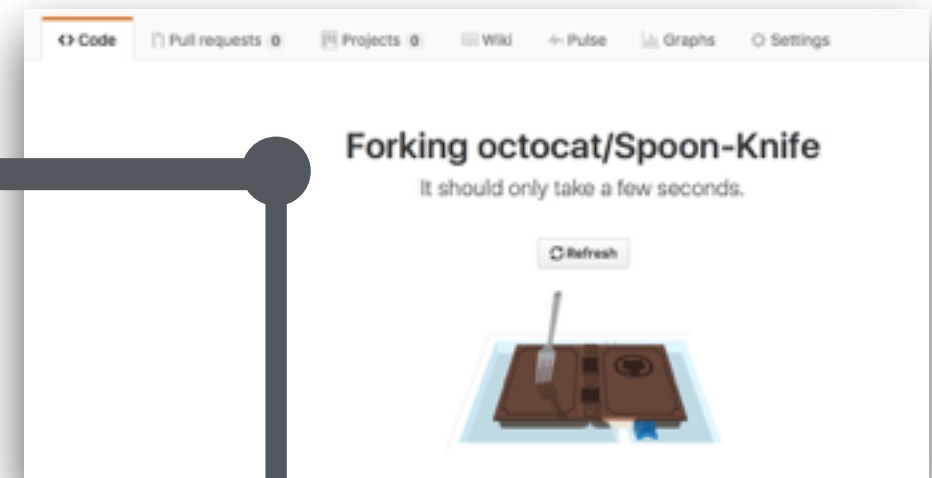
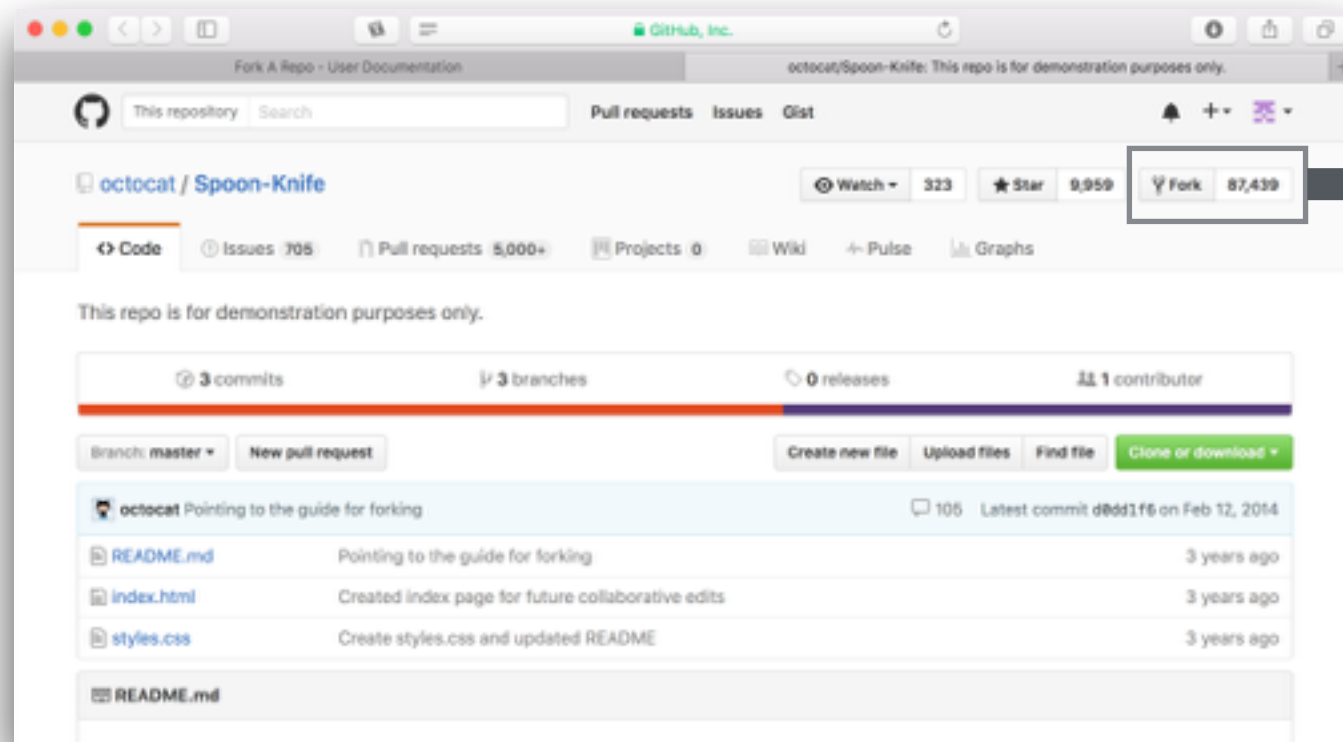
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$ git branch -d [branch name]
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Forking

- **Forking** is similar to branching in that you create a copy based on another project, but in this case the original repo belongs to someone besides you
- Like branching, it lets you mess with code without worrying about ruining the original project

Forking

- To create the original fork, use GitHub...



Forking

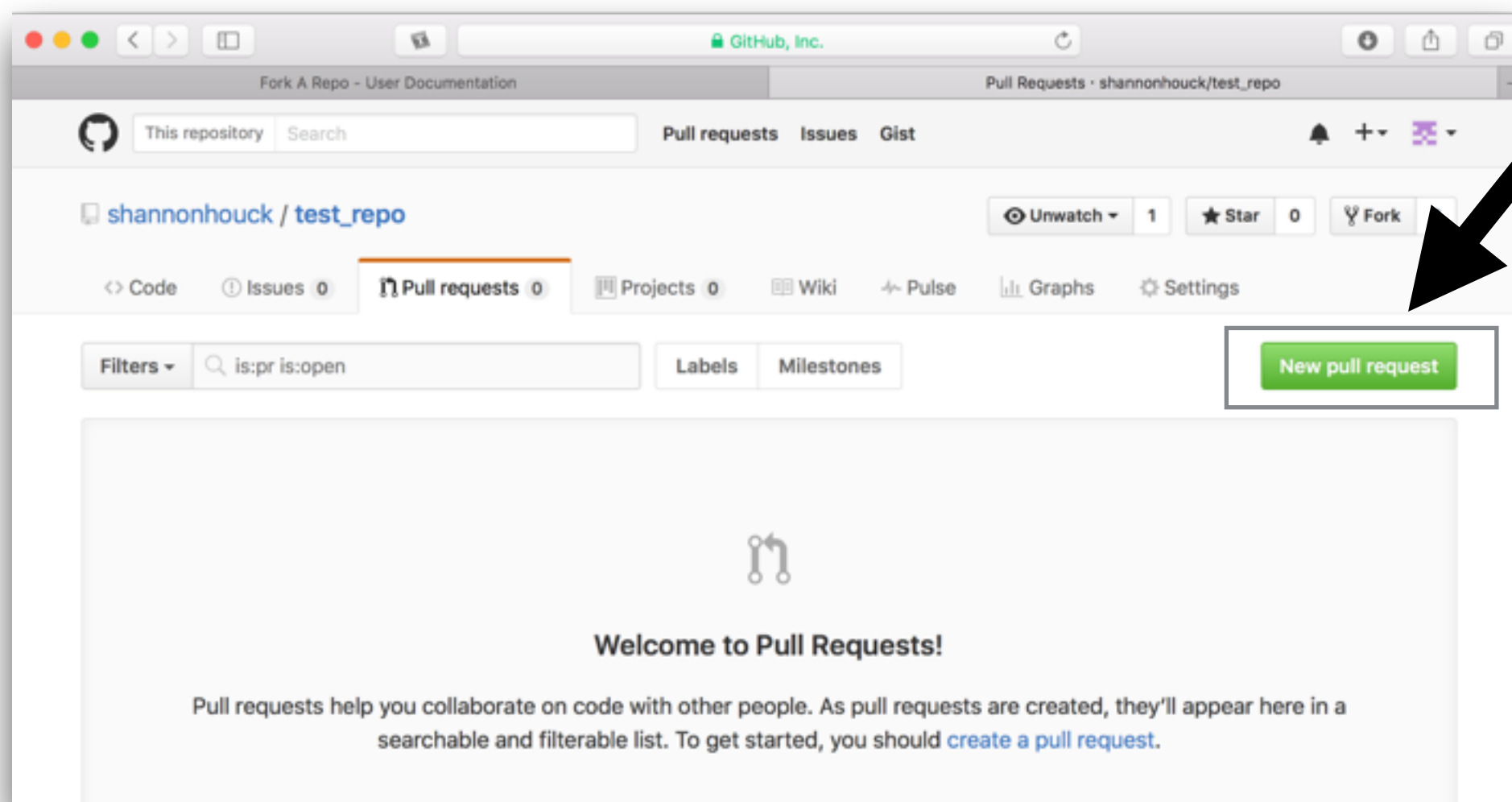
- Now, you have two options:
 1. Clone forked repo to your workstation
 2. Edit forked repo directly on GitHub
- You can use the same techniques introduced earlier to make commits, push changes, branch, and so on, just like with a normal repository
- How to merge the fork back into the original repository...?

Pull Requests

- A **pull request** asks that the master version of the repo be updated with the commits you've made to a different version (branch, fork, etc.)
- You need a pull request to merge changes from a forked branch back into the original repo
- You also need it to merge branches on GitHub
- You do *not* need to make a pull request if you're just working on the command line!

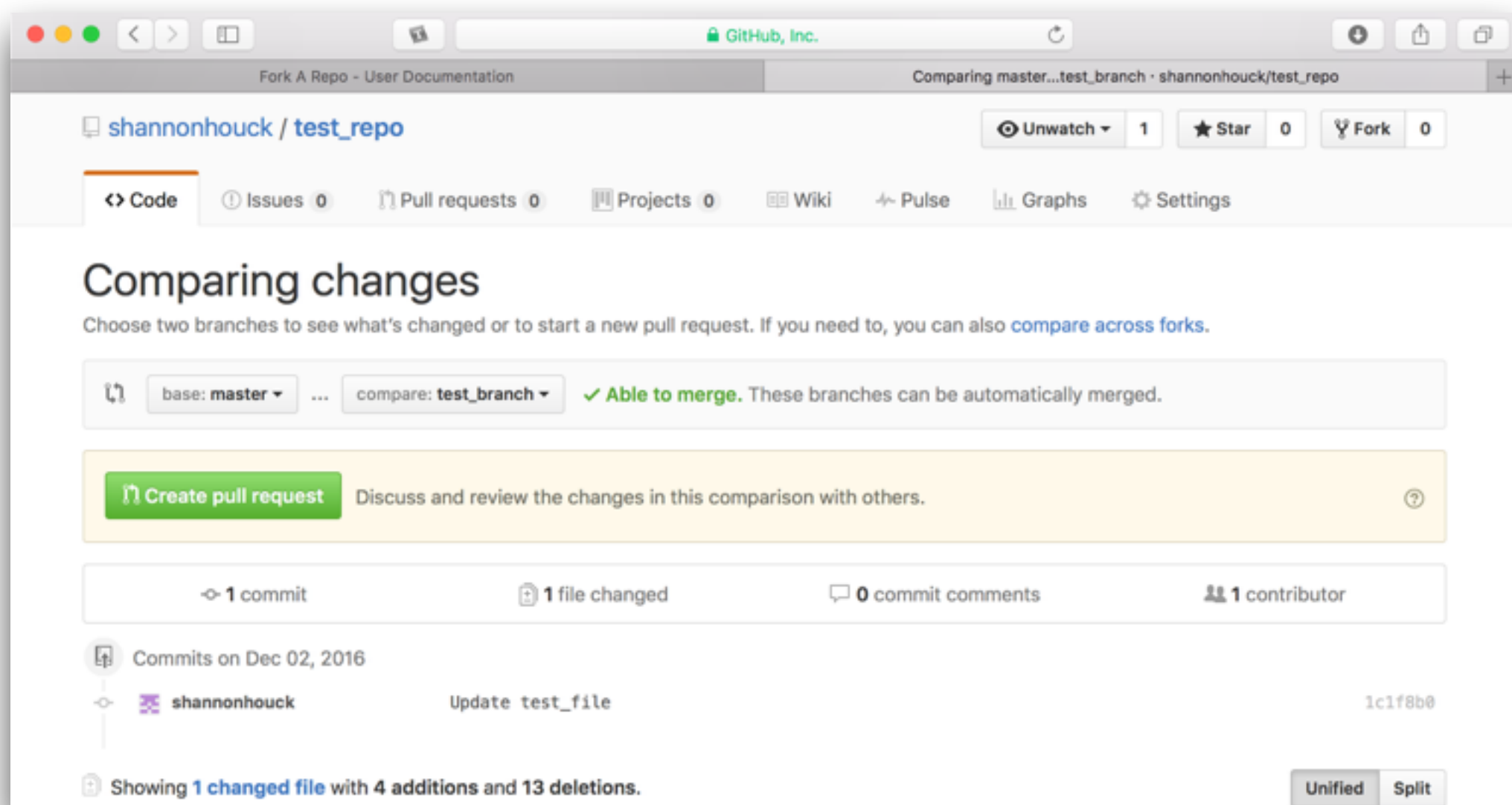
Pull Requests

- From your repository, go to Pull Requests and click the “New pull request” button



Pull Requests

- This opens a new pull request. Select branches.



Pull Requests

- Examine the changes before submitting it

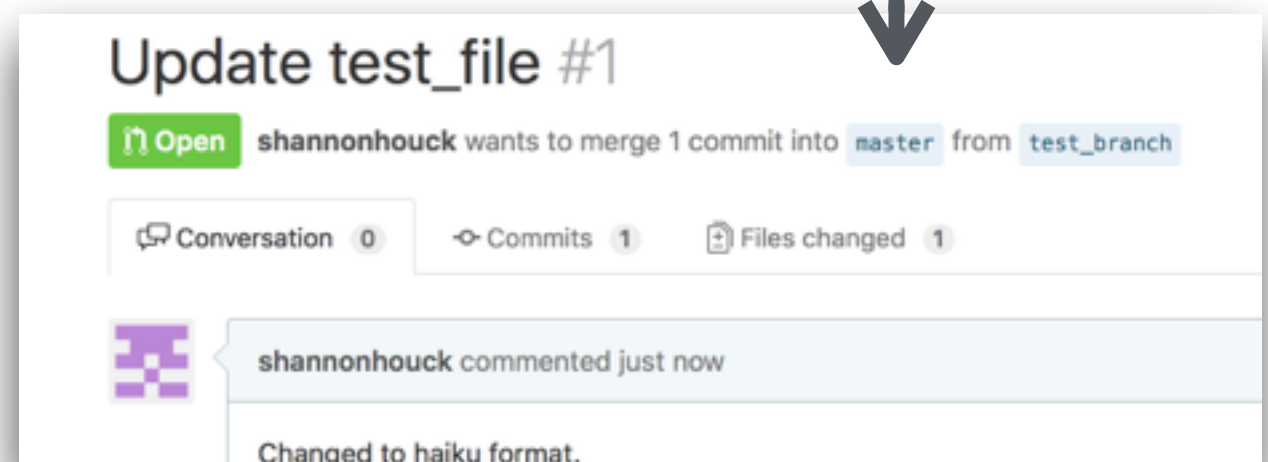
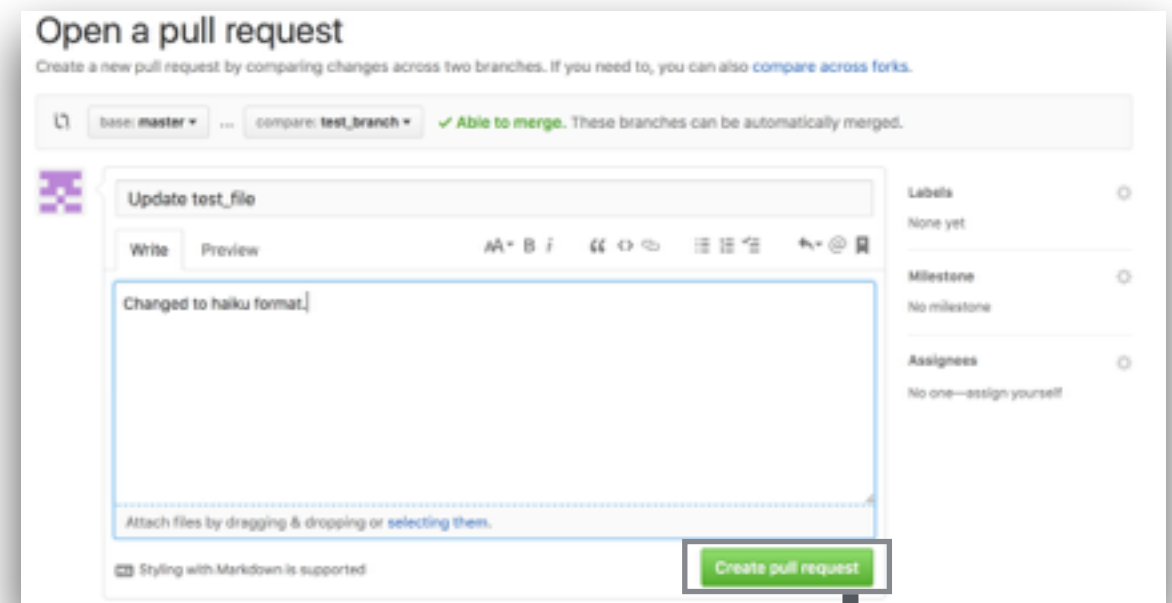
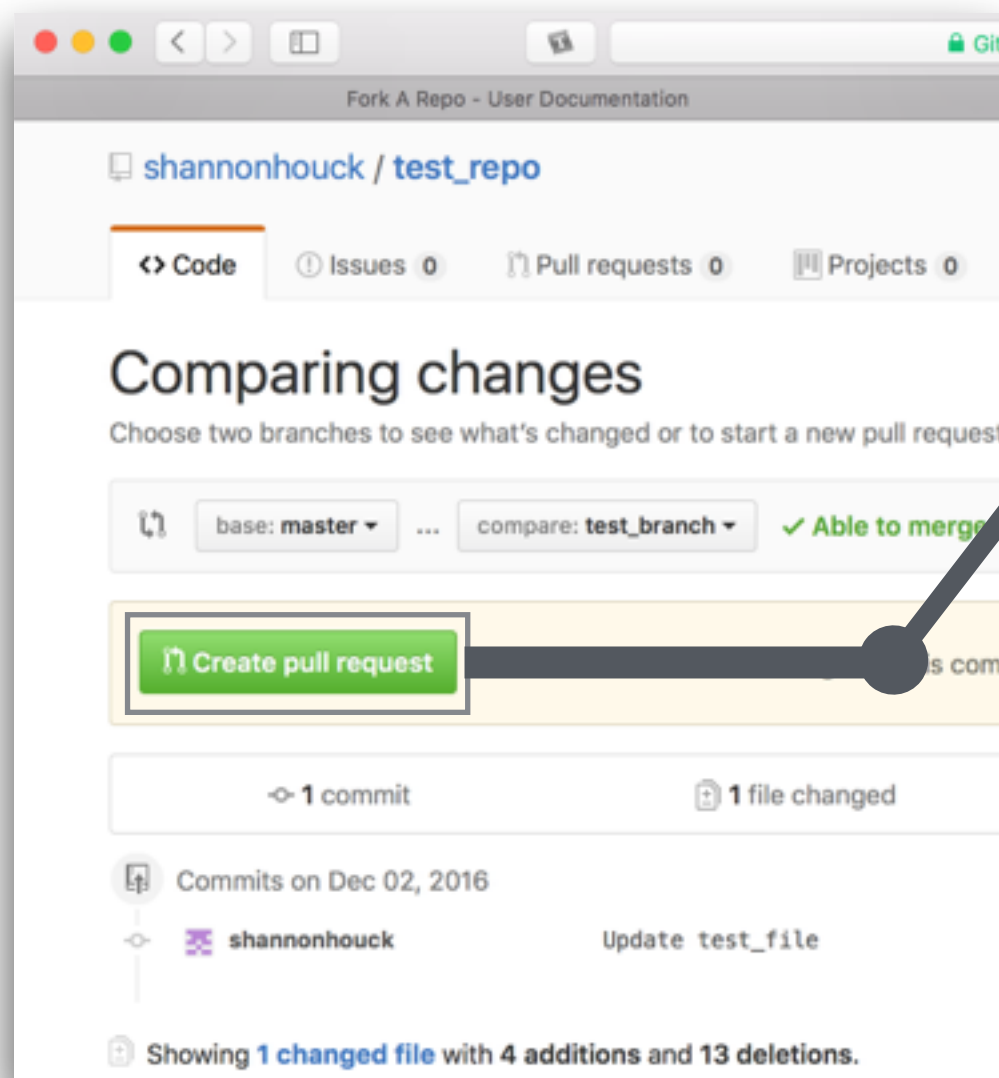


The screenshot shows a diff viewer interface. At the top, it says "Showing 1 changed file with 4 additions and 13 deletions." There are tabs for "Unified" and "Split", and a "View" button with a comment icon. The file name "test_file" is shown with a progress bar. The diff content is as follows:

...	...	@@ -1,14 +1,5 @@
1		-This is a new file.
	1	+This file is changed.
2	2	
3		-I'm typing a lot of words in this new file.
4		-So many words.
5		-Wonderful words, like novella.
6		-Satellite.
7		-Atom.
8		-North.
9		-Indigo.
10		-Pumpkin seeds.
11		-Discrete mathematics.
12		-Pencils.
13		-Teacups.
14		-...
	3	+I am removing the words.
	4	+
	5	+Minimalism.

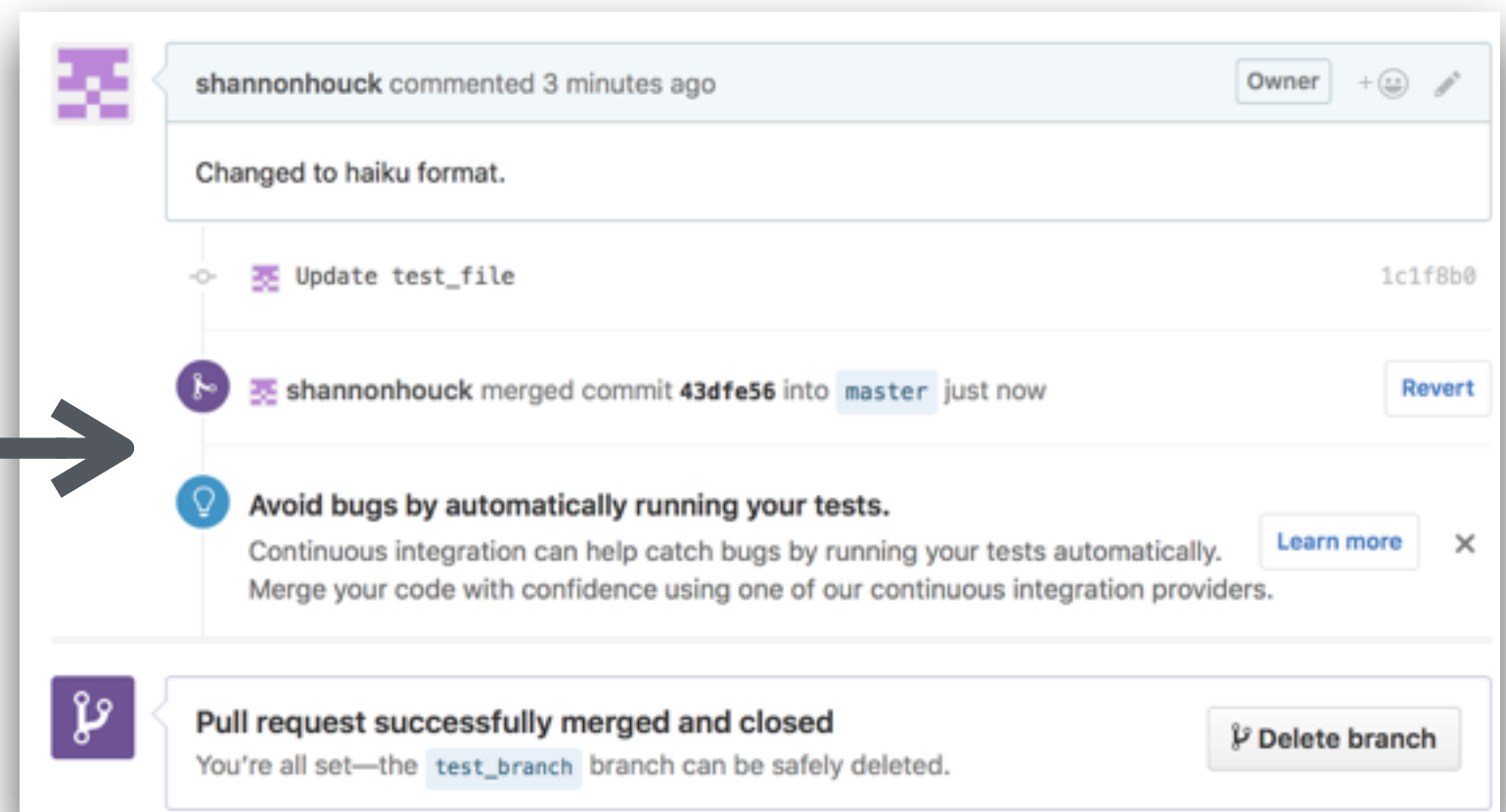
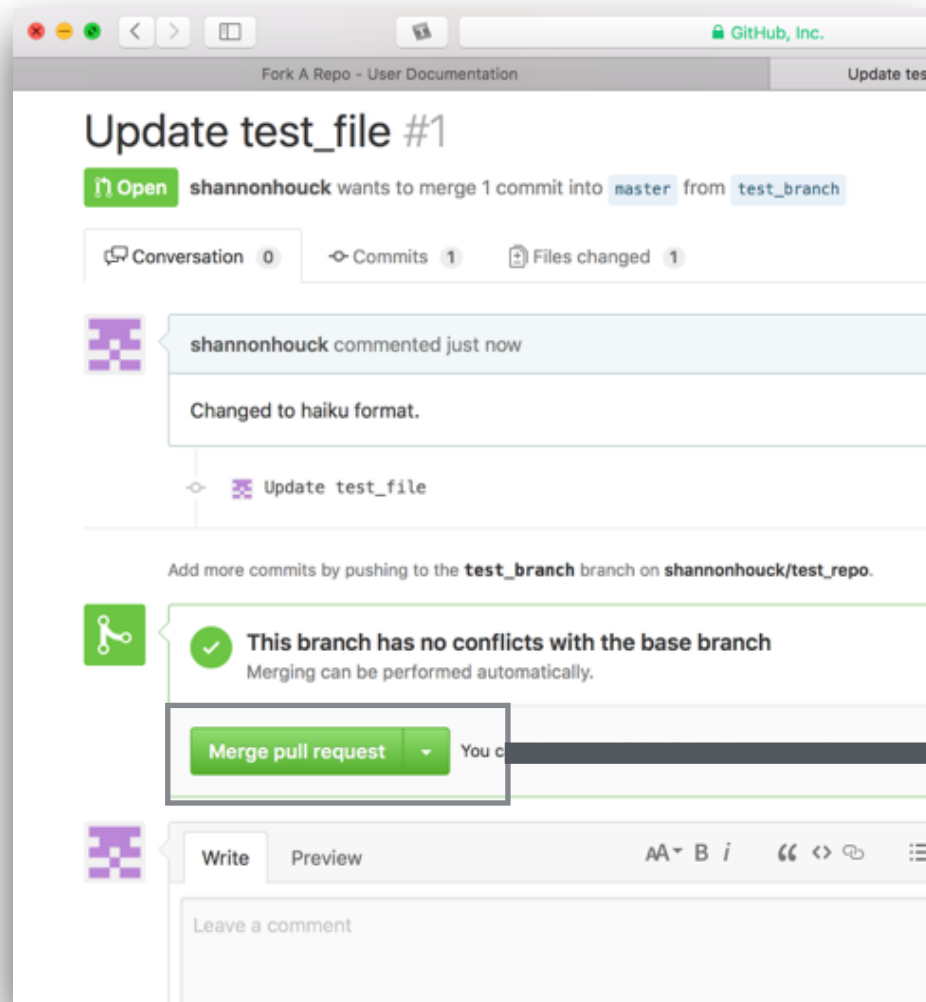
Pull Requests

- Now, submit the request for review!



Pull Requests

- Now that you've made a pull request, merge it!



Pull Requests

- Now, looking at the original repository, the file has been updated to match test_branch.

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository 'shannonhouck / test_repo'. The 'Code' tab is selected. The file 'test_repo / test_file' is viewed on the 'master' branch. A pull request by 'shannonhouck' to 'Update test_file' is shown, with commit hash '1c1f8b0' and a timestamp of '24 minutes ago'. Below the pull request, the file content is displayed, showing 6 lines (3 sloc) and 61 Bytes. The file content is:

```
1 This file is changed.  
2  
3 I am removing the words.  
4  
5 Minimalism.
```

Navigation links at the top include 'Unwatch' (1), 'Star' (0), and 'Fork' (0). The file view includes links for 'Find file', 'Copy path', 'Raw', 'Blame', 'History', and icons for opening in a new window, editing, and deleting.

Other Useful Commands

- `$ git status`
Prints the current branch and how many commits you have on the current branch that haven't been pushed yet
- `$ git reset HEAD --hard`
Restores last commit (i.e. changes all tracked files back to where they were at the last commit)

Any Questions?

```
/* thank you */
```