Using Git & GitHub

/* an introduction */

What Are They?

- Version Control Systems

- **Git** is a software development tool that tracks development of code and uses repositories

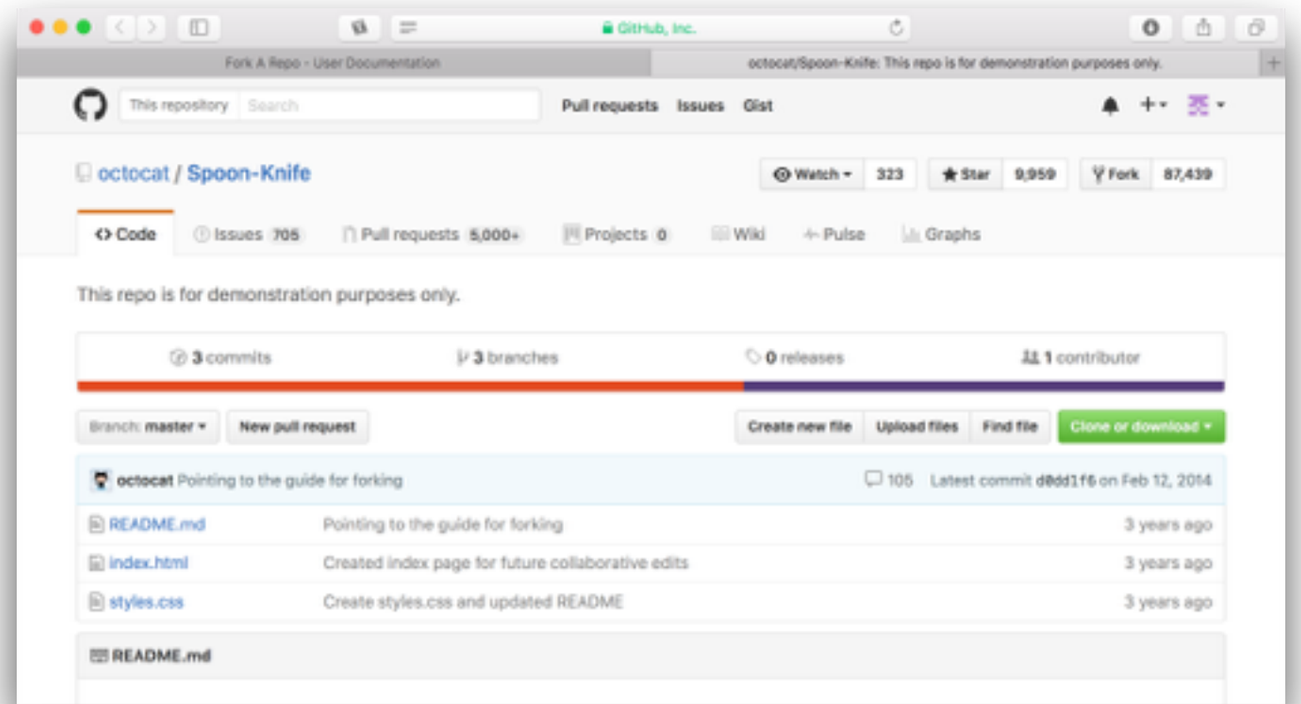
- **GitHub** is an online repository platform that allows you to store your code on their servers

- 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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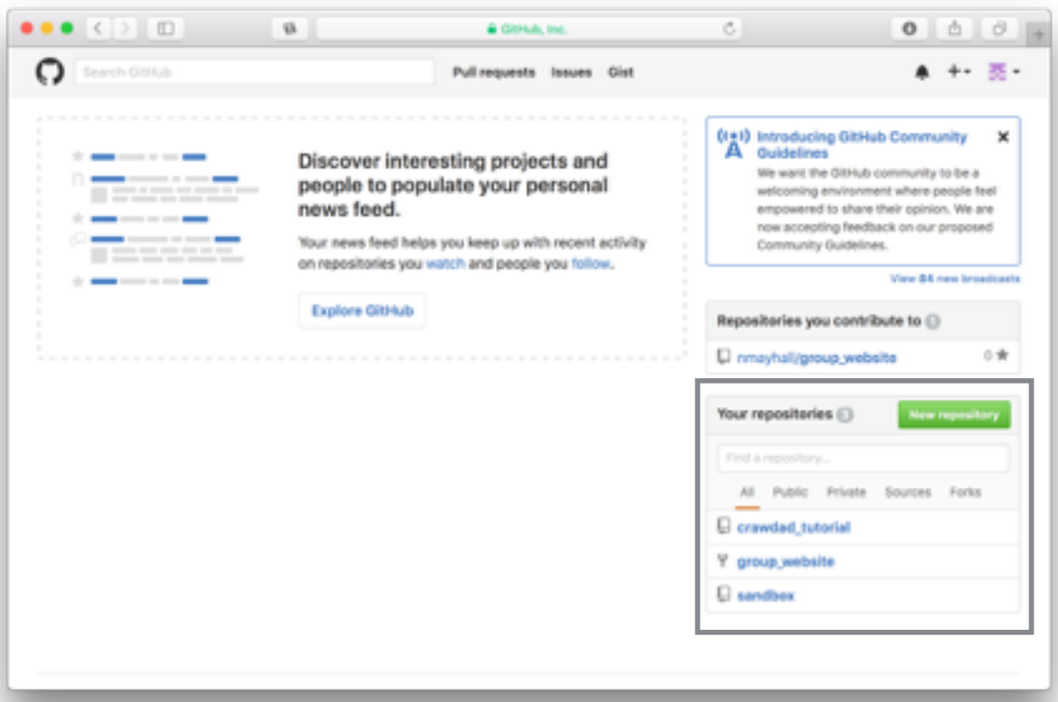
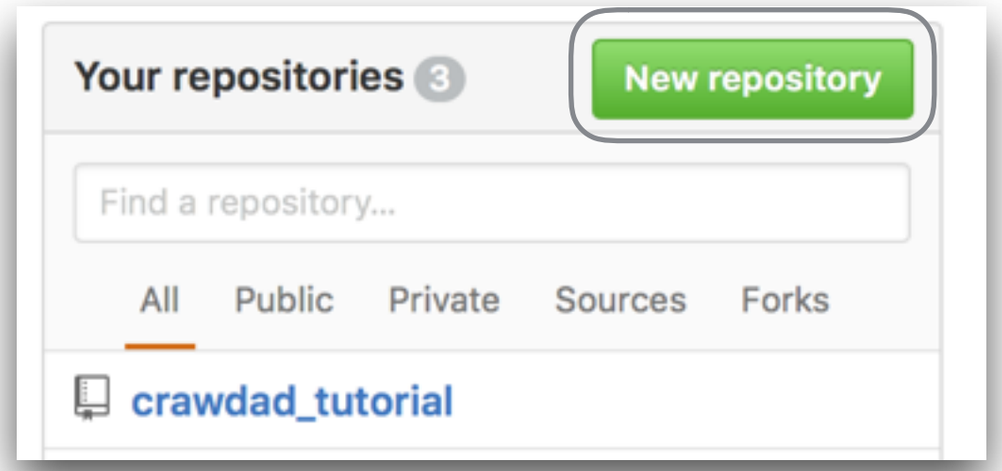
$ git init [directory path]
```

- Using the GitHub website:





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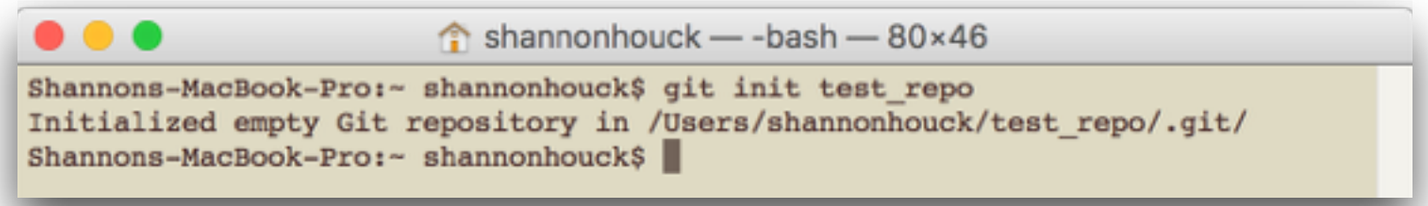

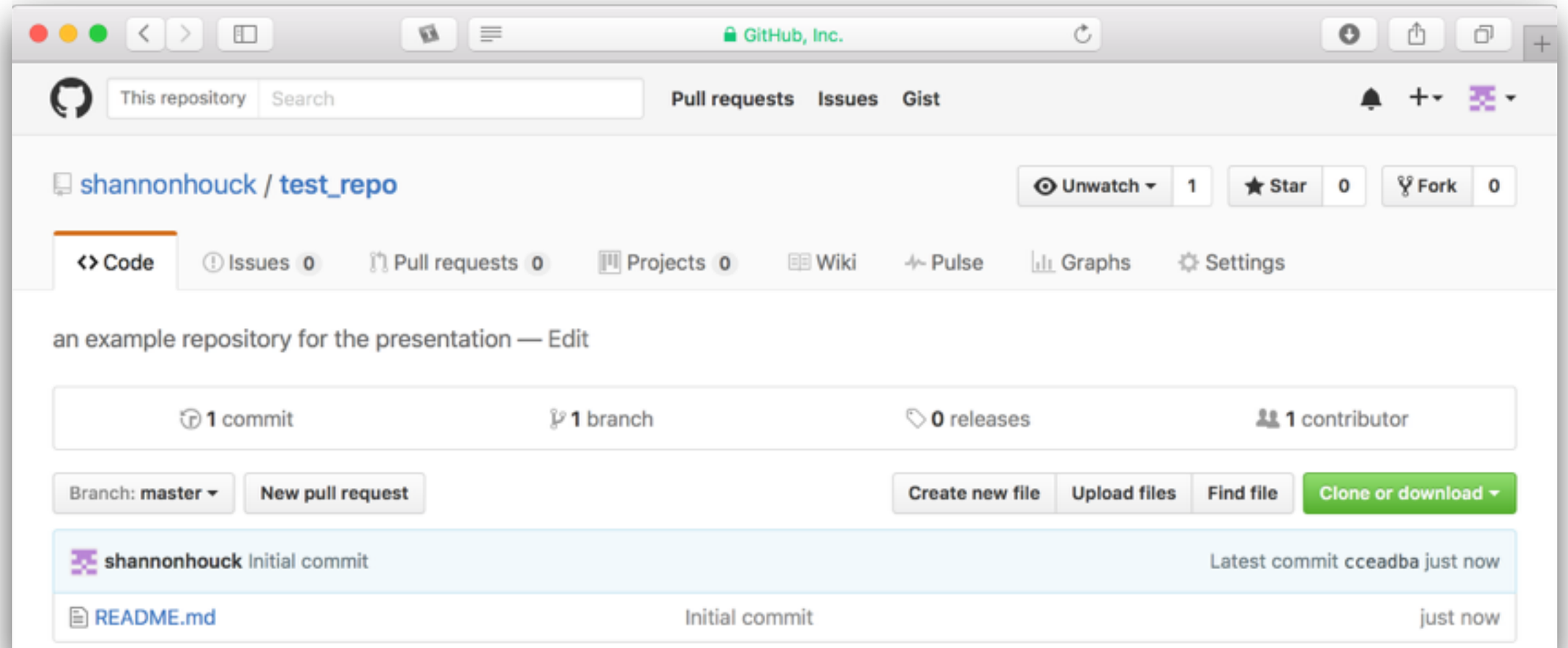

Adding

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

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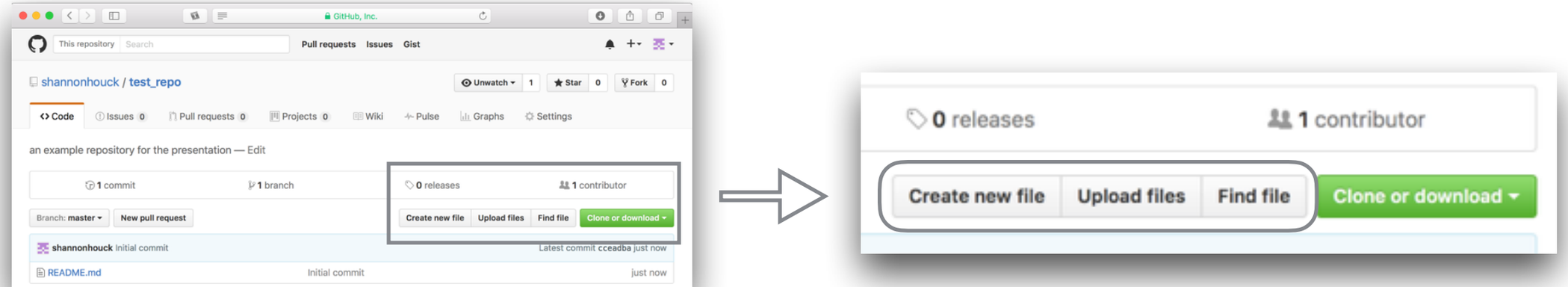

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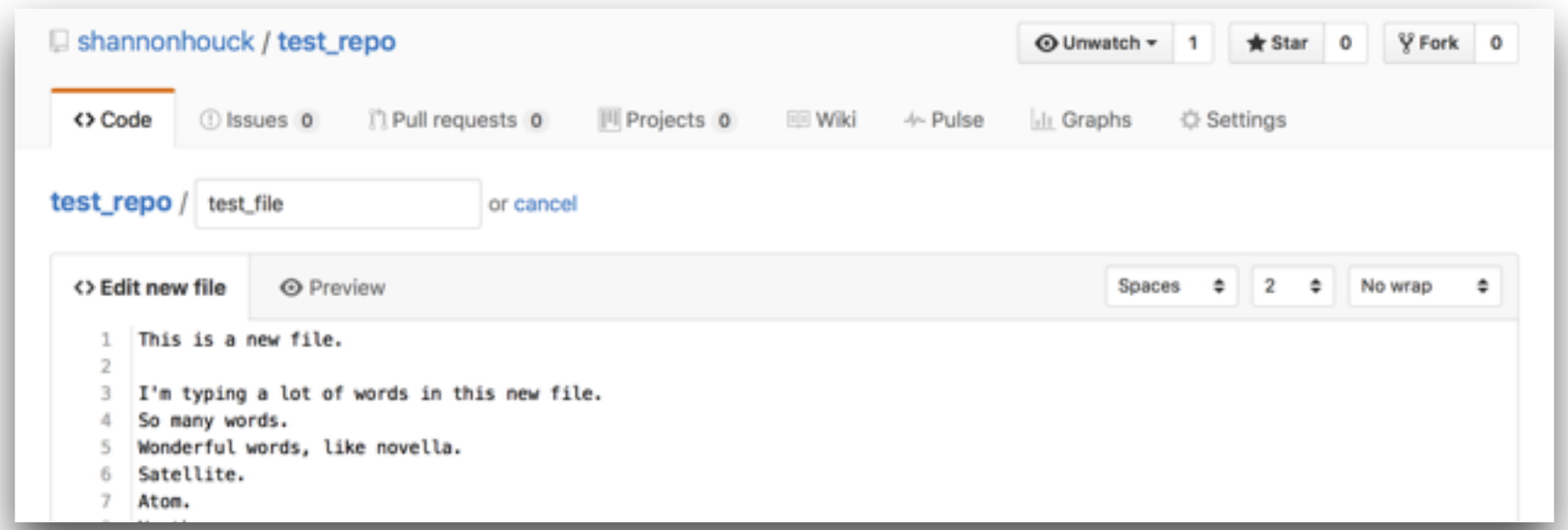
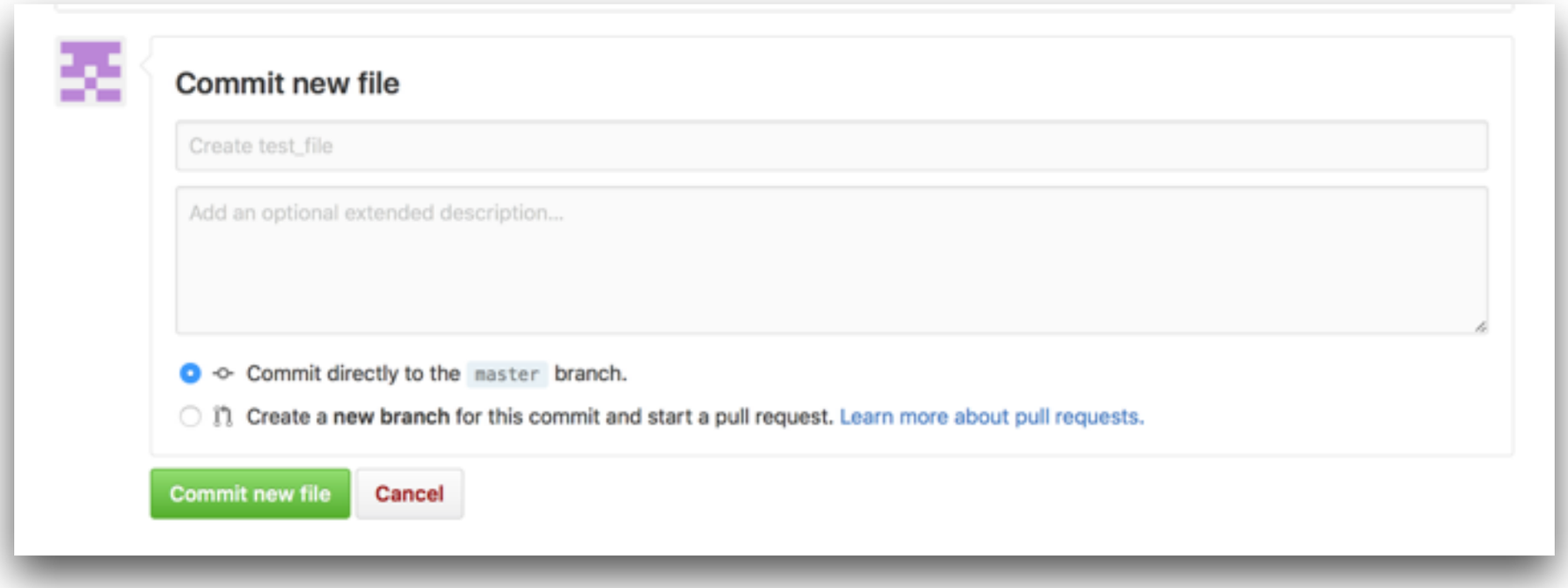


Committing

- 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.



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

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$ git clone [GitHub URL]
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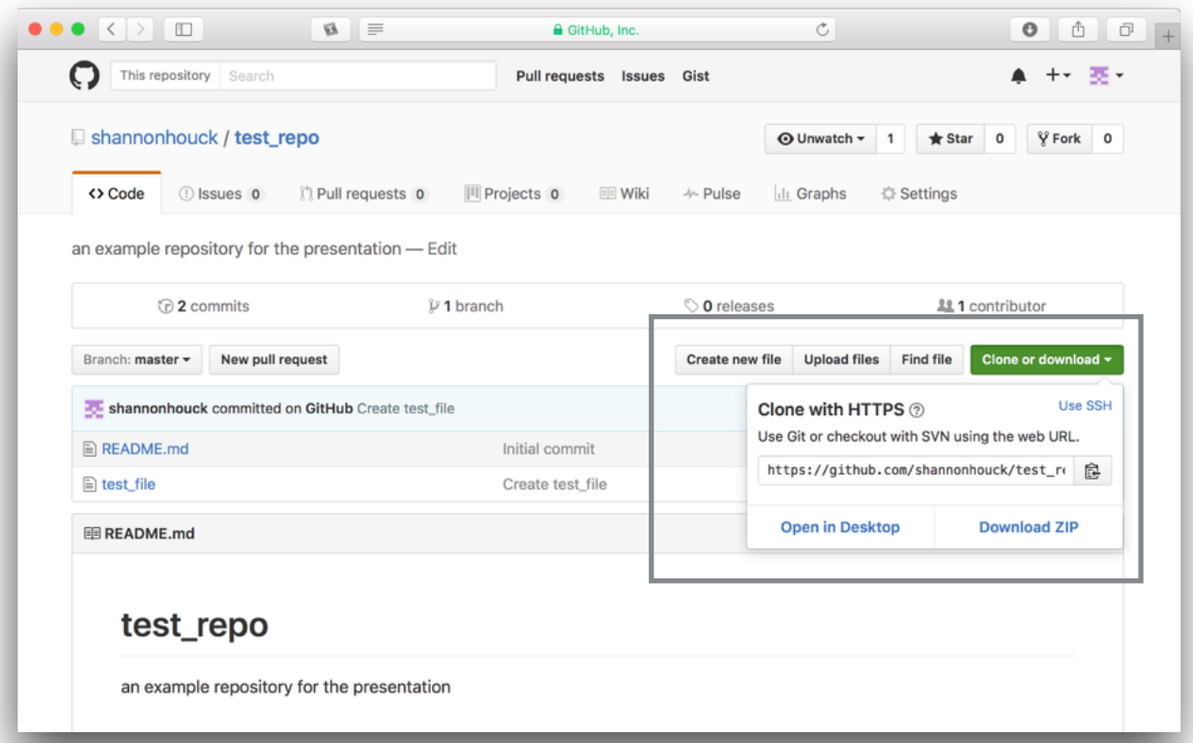

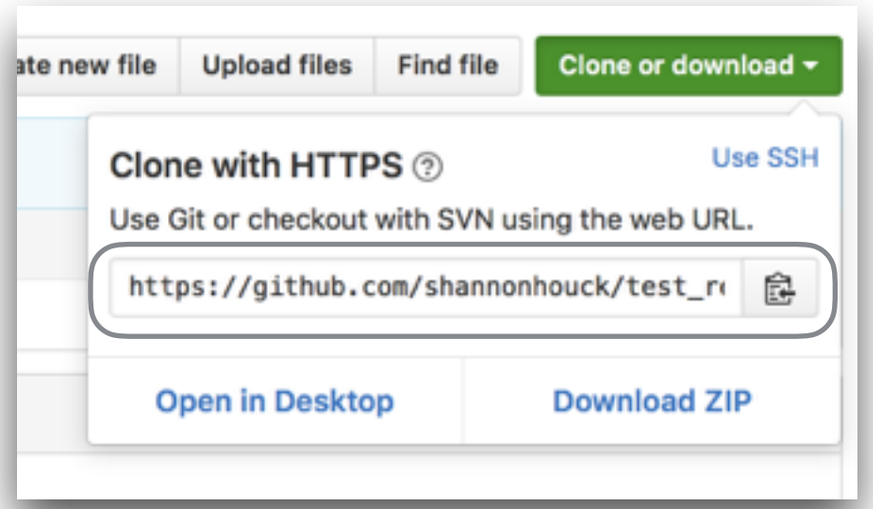

Cloning

- 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)

```
test_repo — -bash — 76×12
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
Shannons-MacBook-Pro:intro shannonhouck$ git push
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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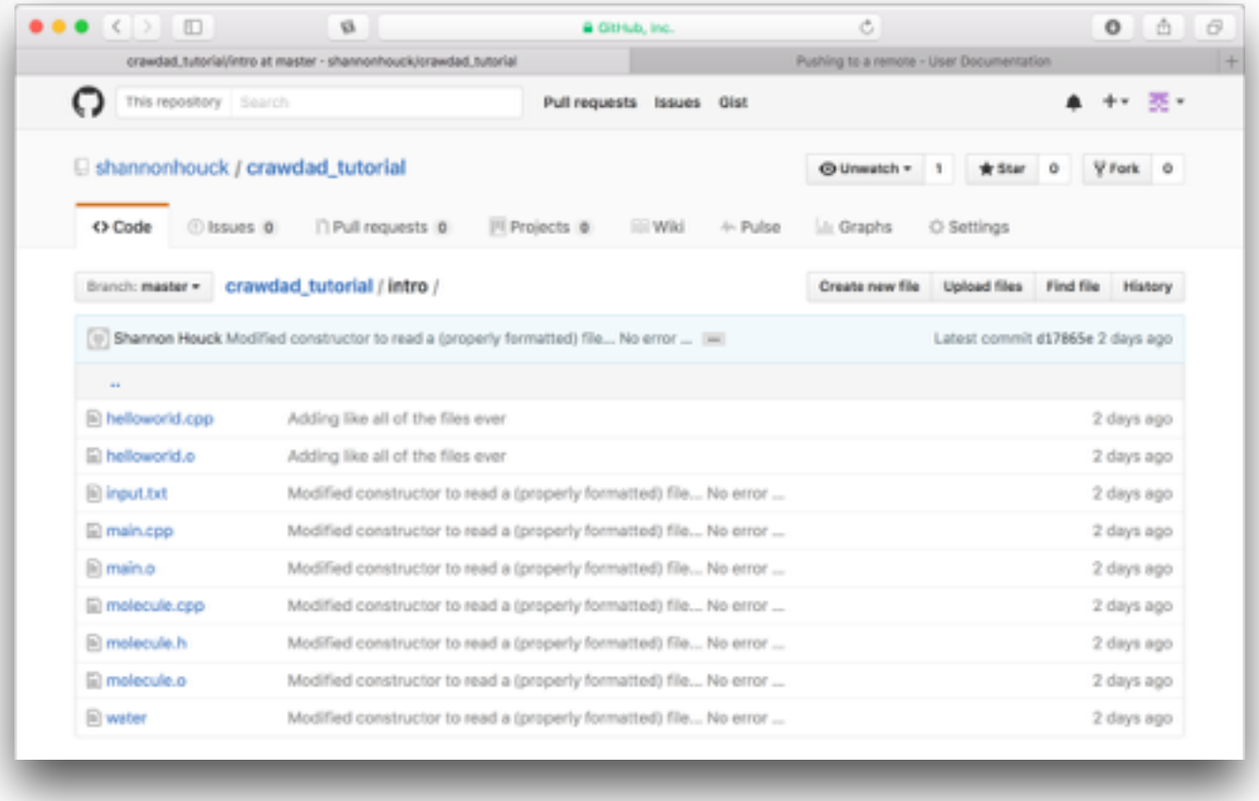
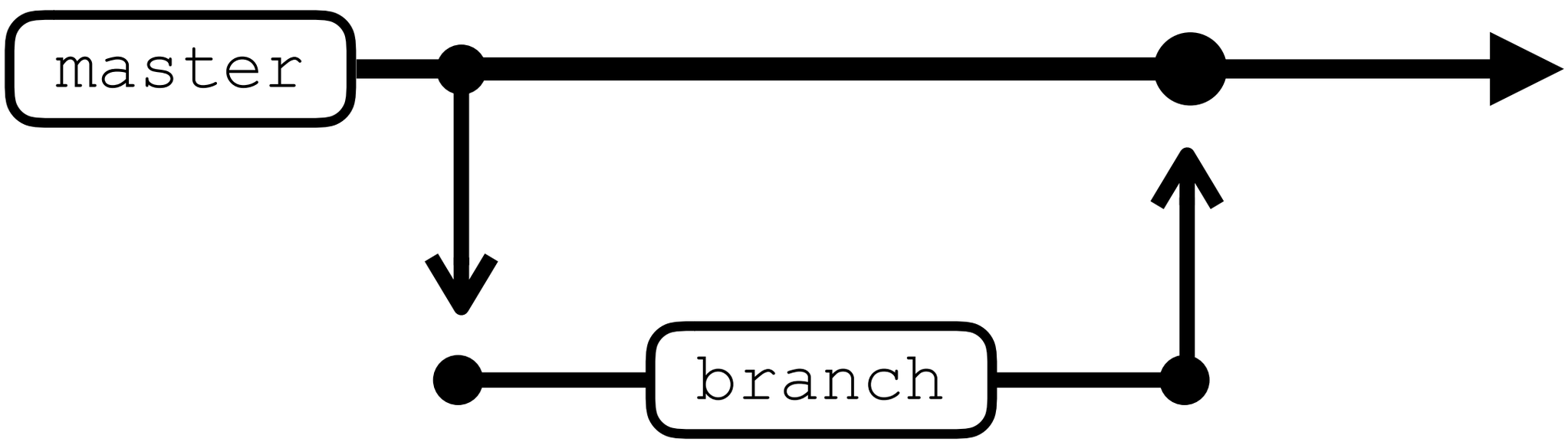


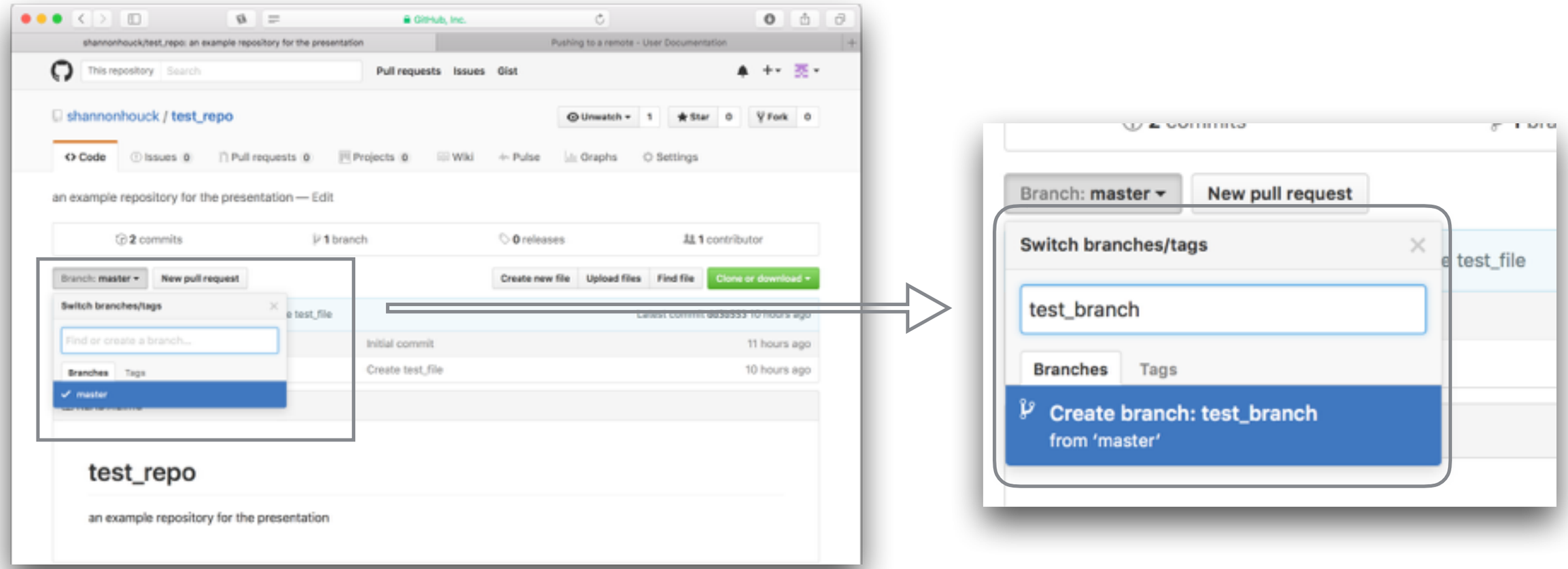
Branching

- **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:

```
$ git branch -d [branch name]
```

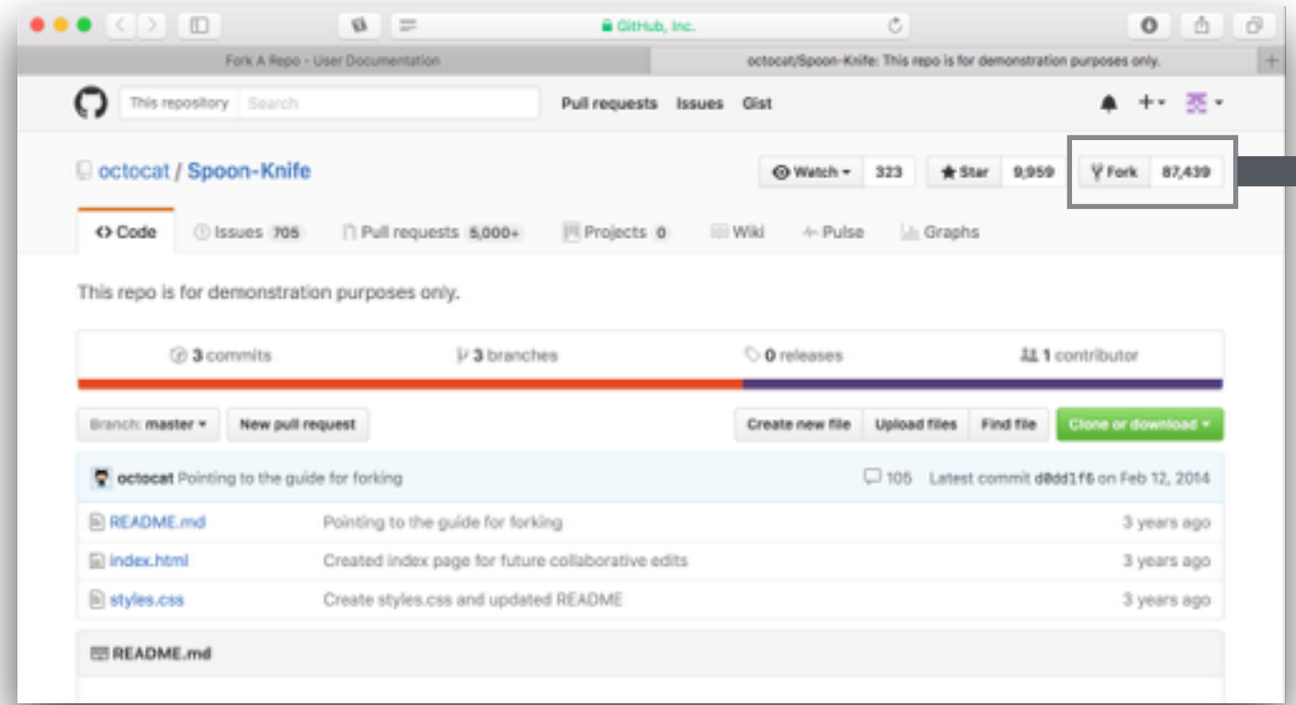
Forking

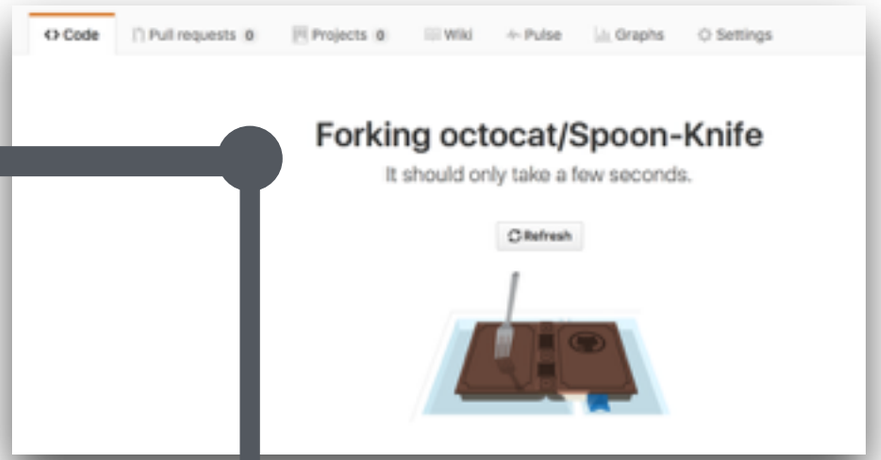
- **Forking** is similar to branching in that you create a copy based on another project, but in this case the original repo belongs to someone besides you

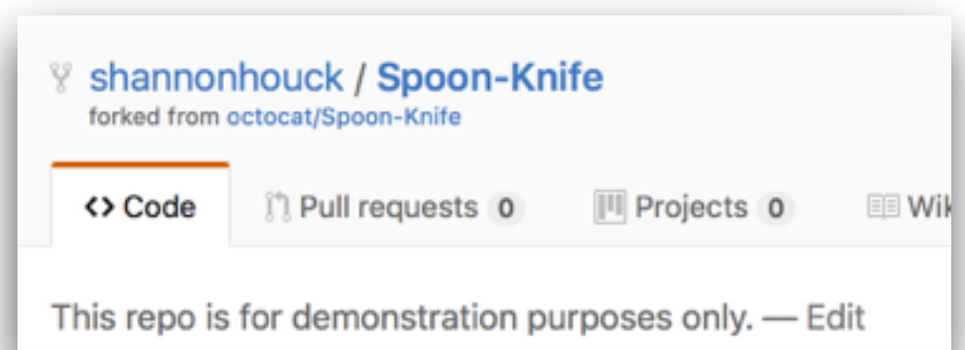
- Like branching, it lets you mess with code without worrying about ruining the original project

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

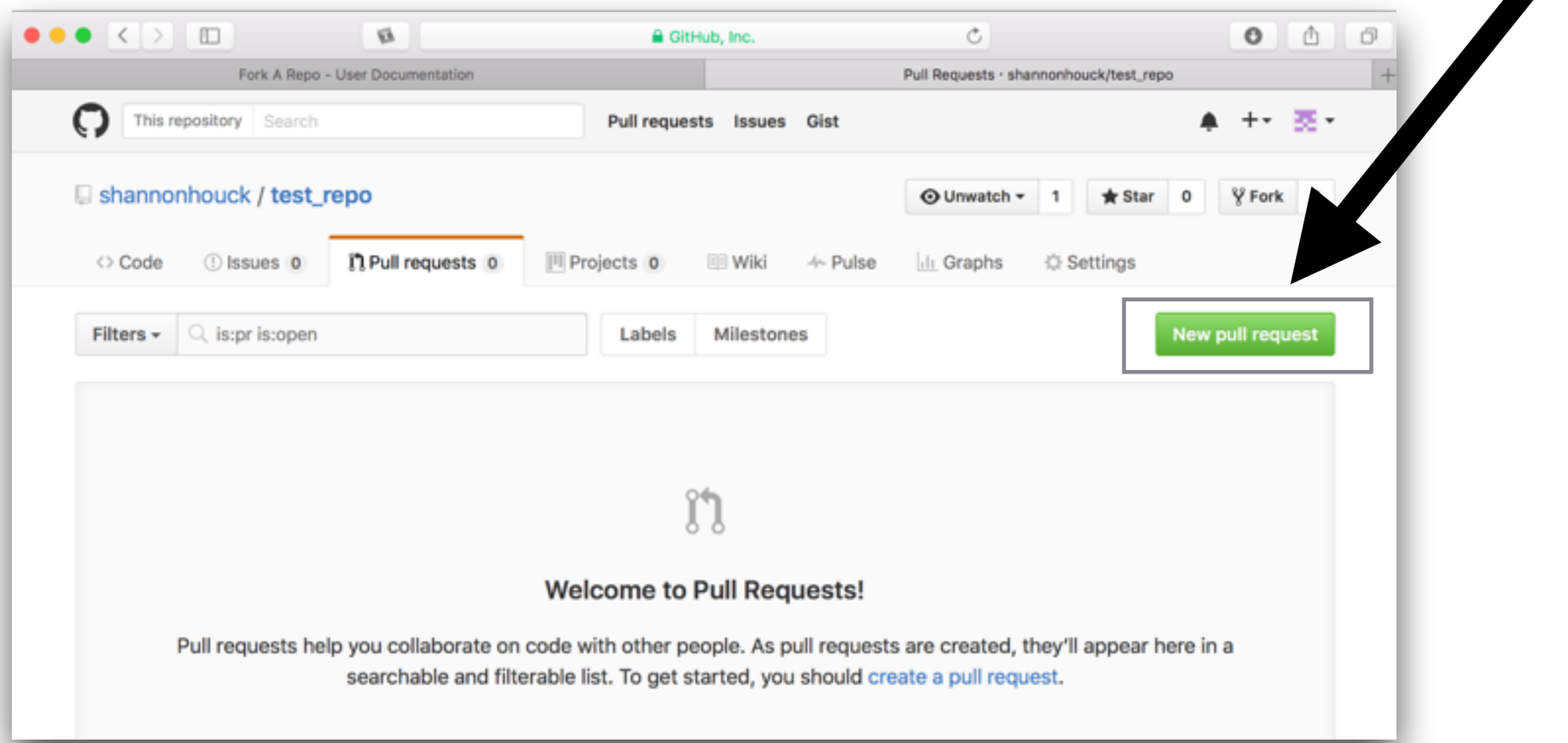
- How to merge the fork back into the original repository…?

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



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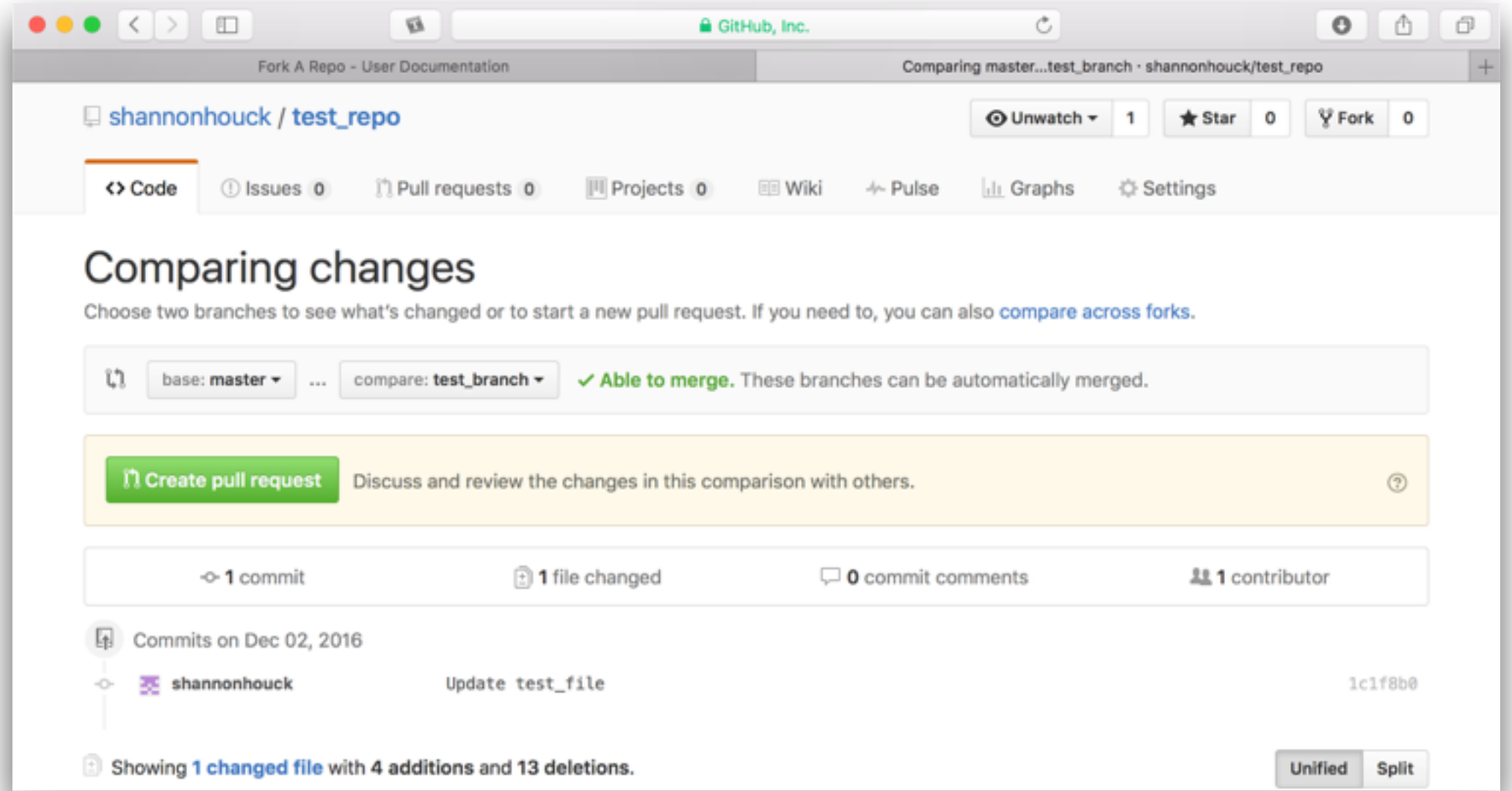
- This opens a new pull request. Select branches.



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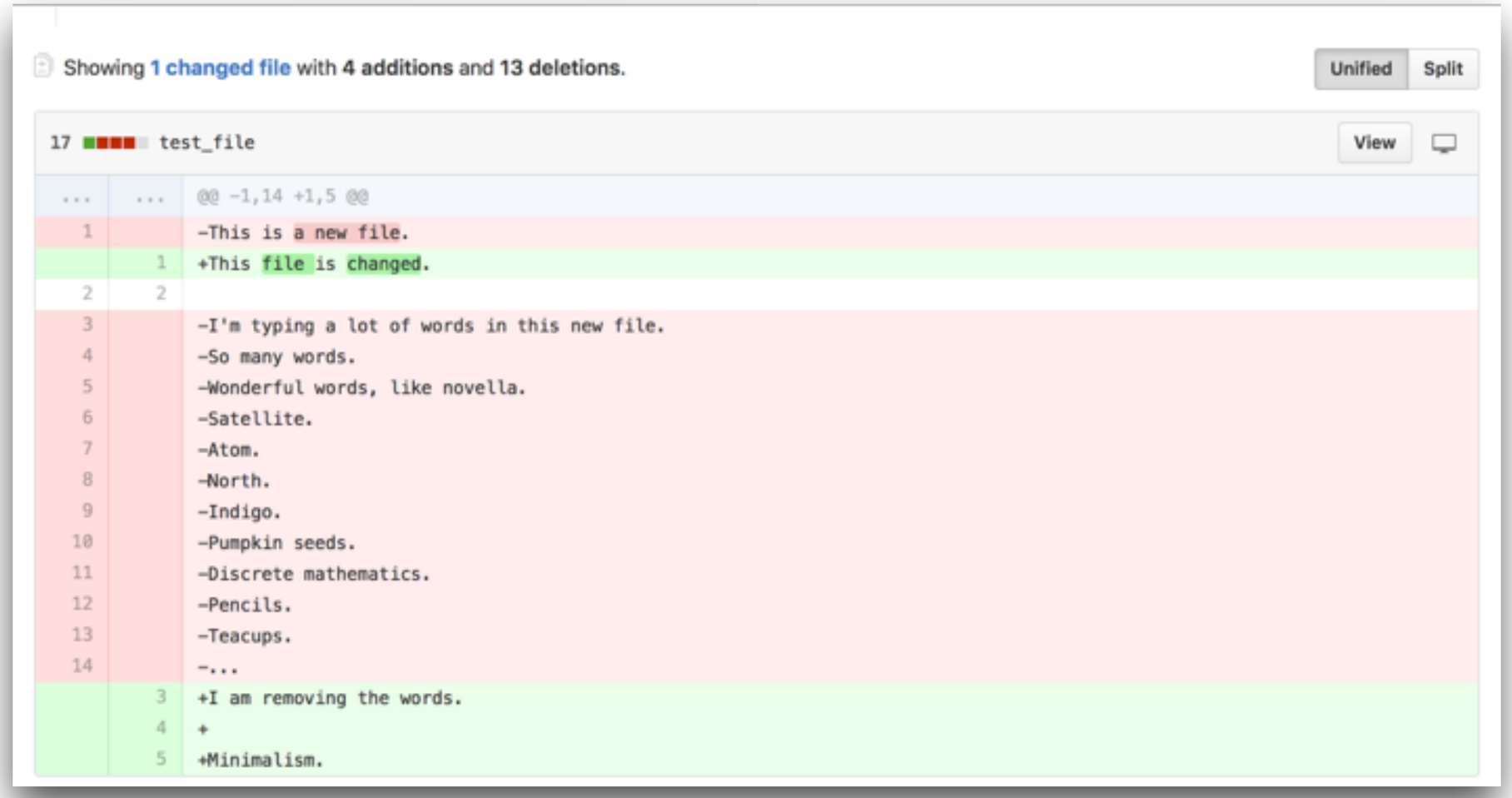
- Examine the changes before submitting it



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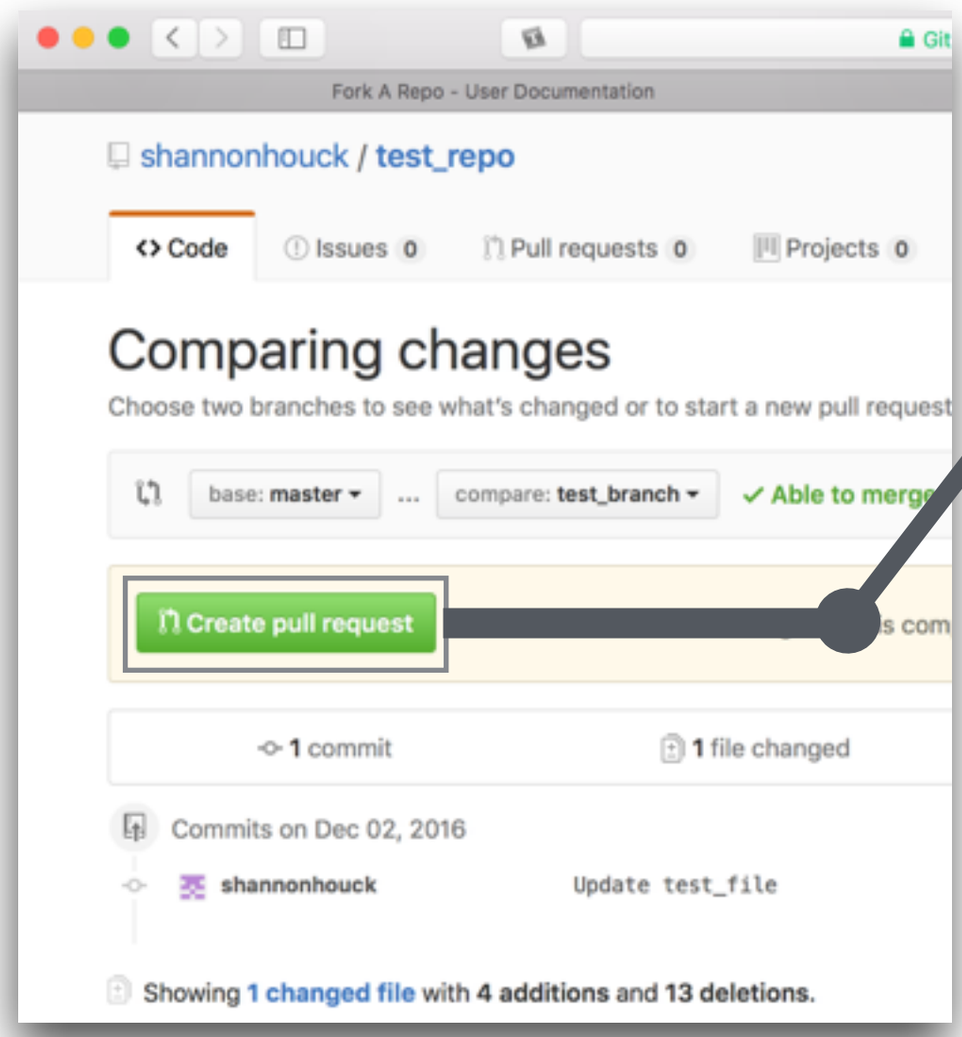
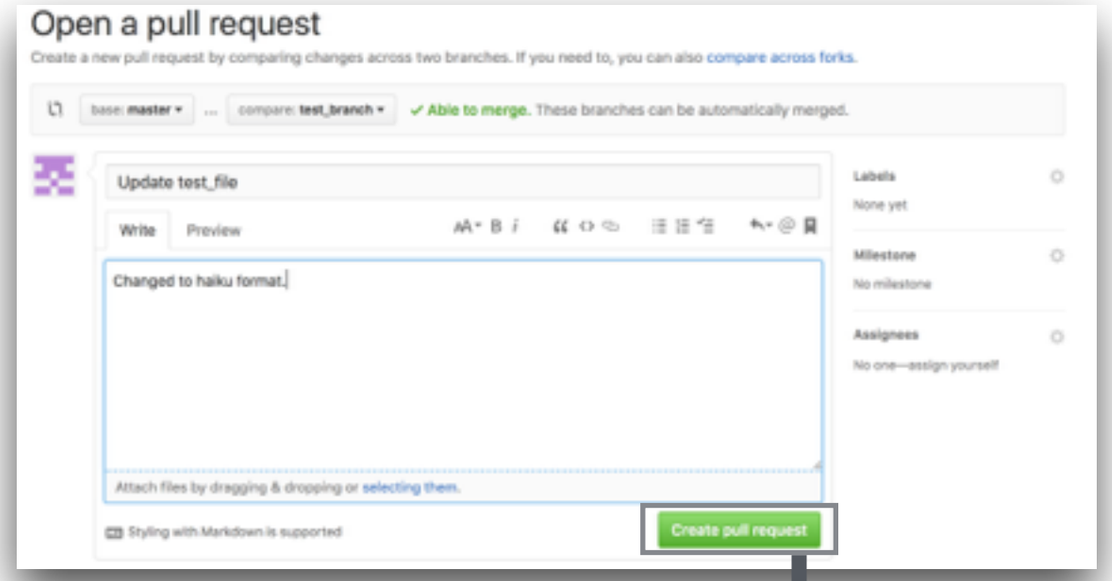
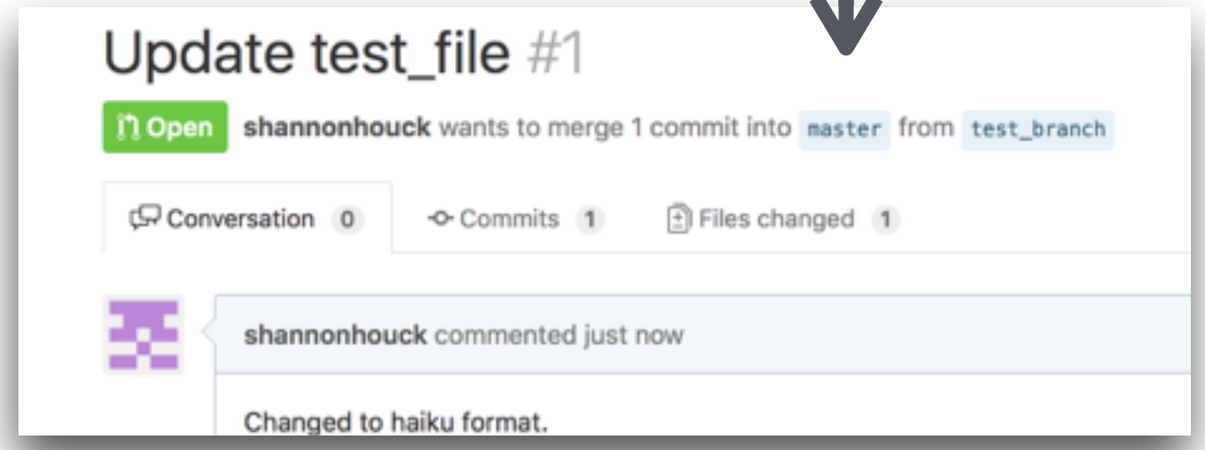
- Now, submit the request for review!







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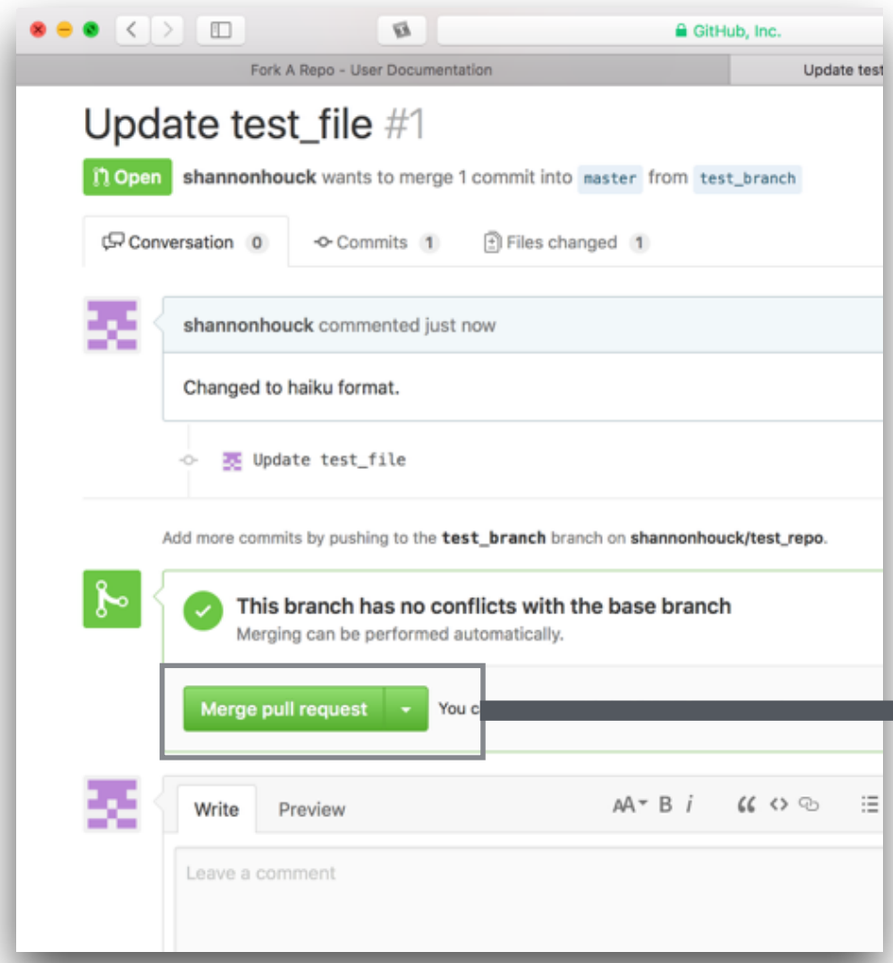
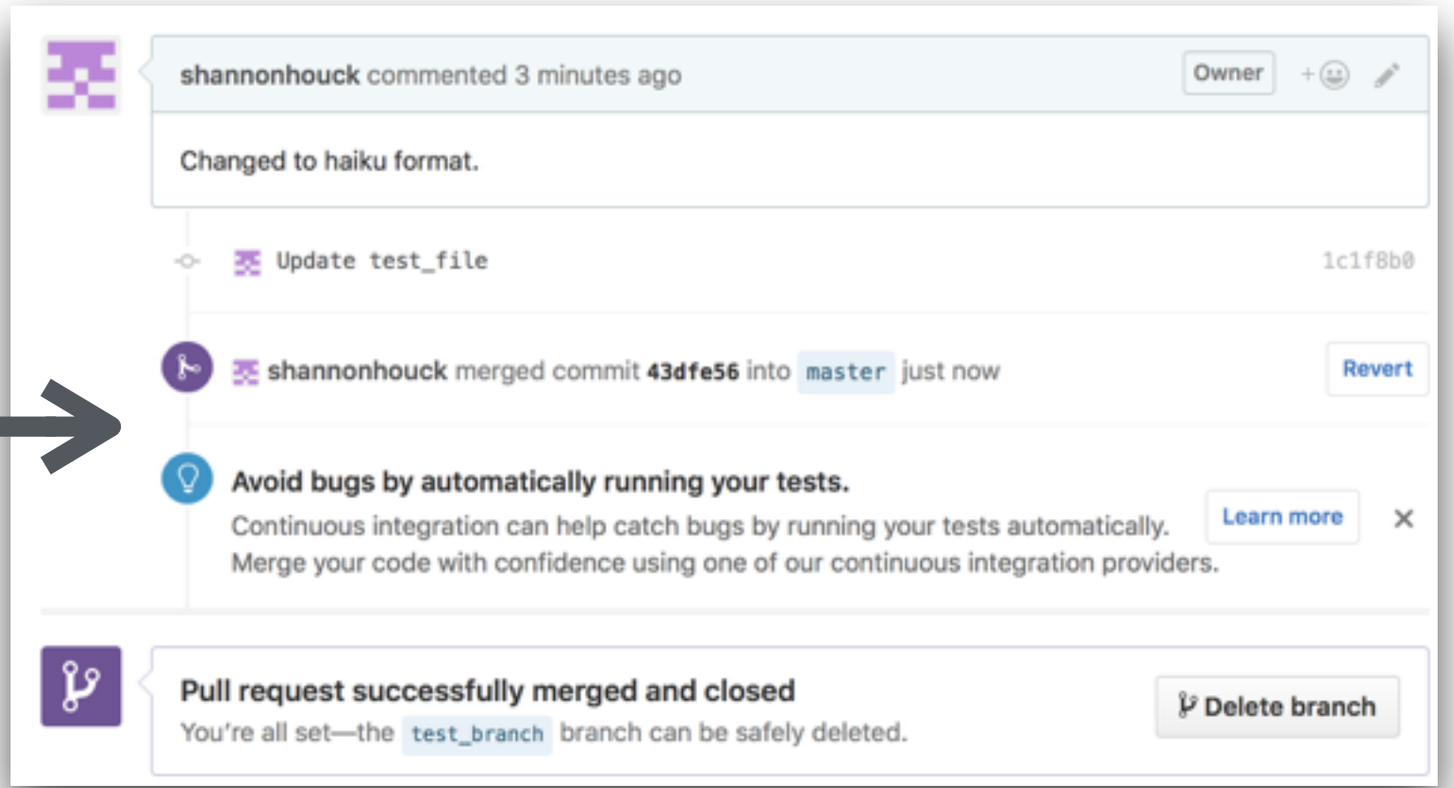
- Now that you've made a pull request, merge it!





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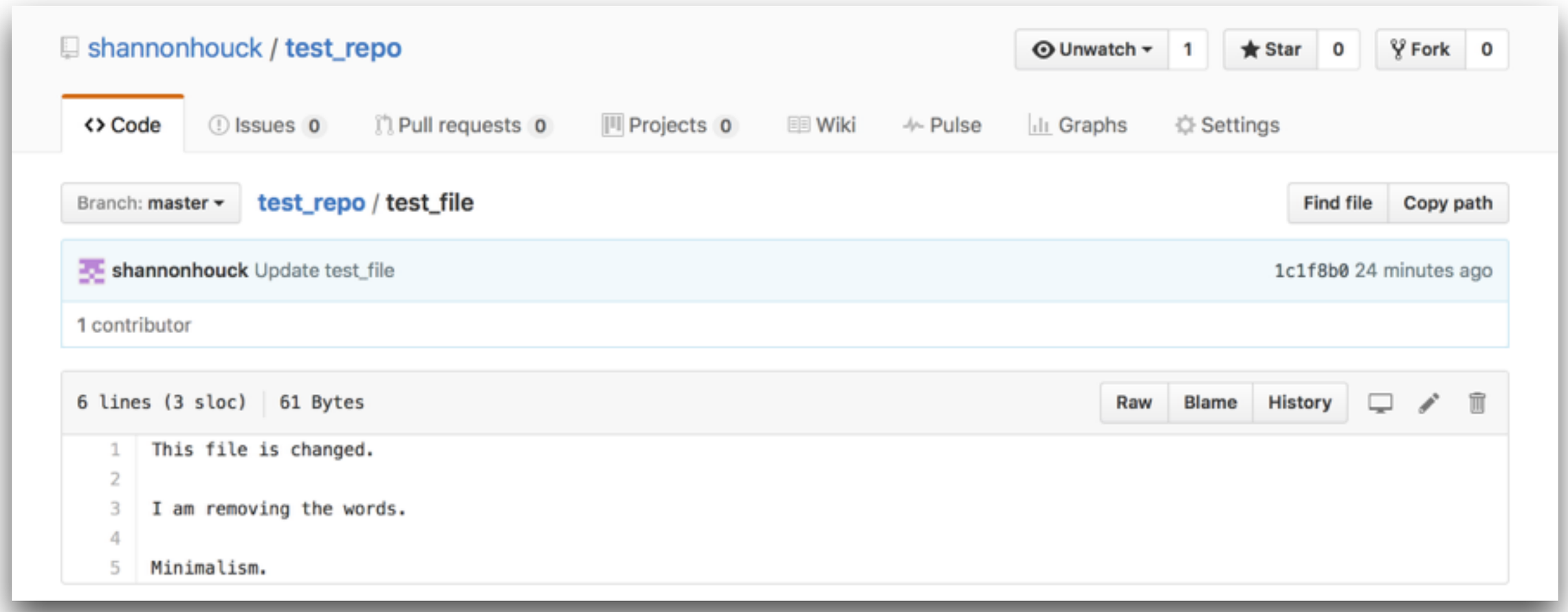
- Now, looking at the original repository, the file has been updated to match test_branch.



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?

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/* thank you */
```