

COMP20050 - Software Engineering Project II

Version Control

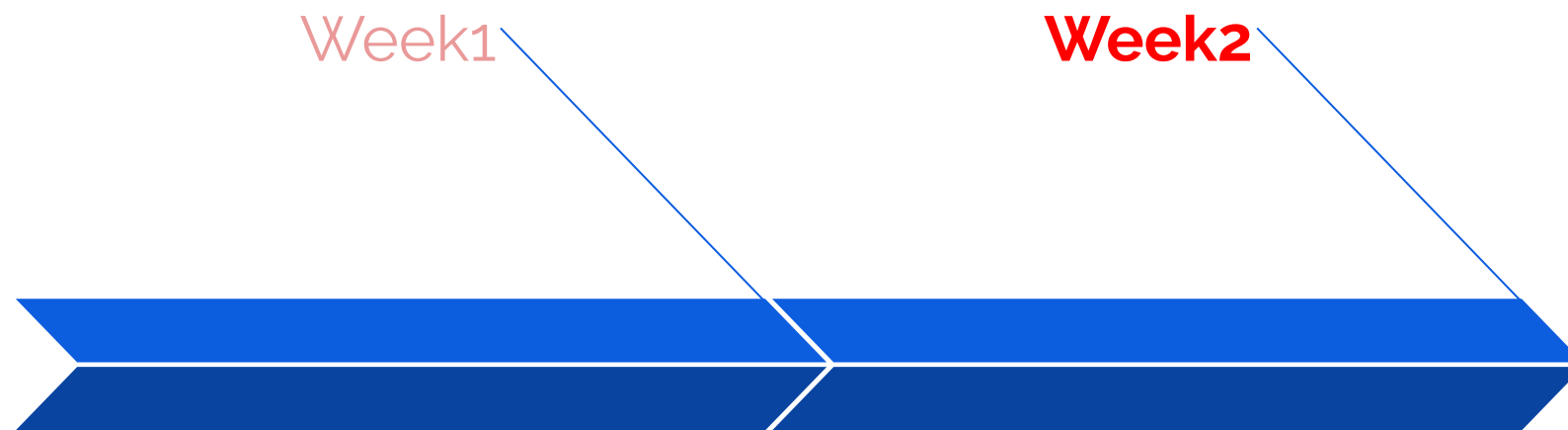
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Module Introduction

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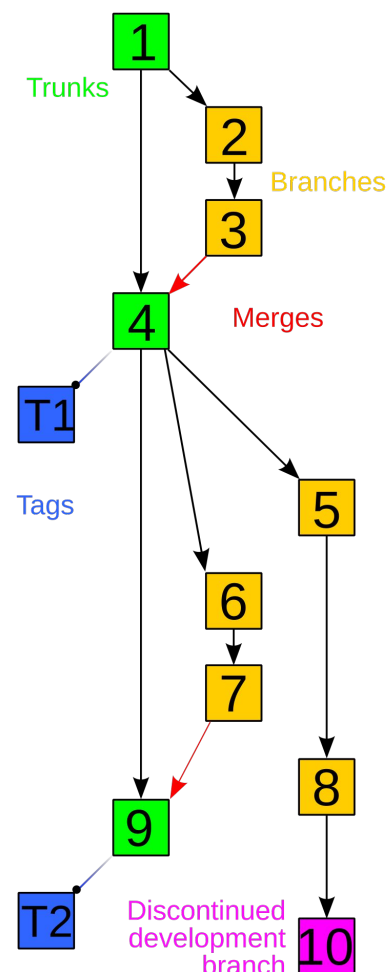
Outline (Learning Objectives)

- Understand what is Version Control.
- Compare and contrast the types of Version Control Systems.
- Understand the basics of Git version control.
- Become familiar with GitHub.



What is Version Control?

- **Version control** is a system that records changes to a file or set of files over time so that you can recall specific versions later.
- Files that are version controlled can nearly be any type of file on a computer (not just source code).

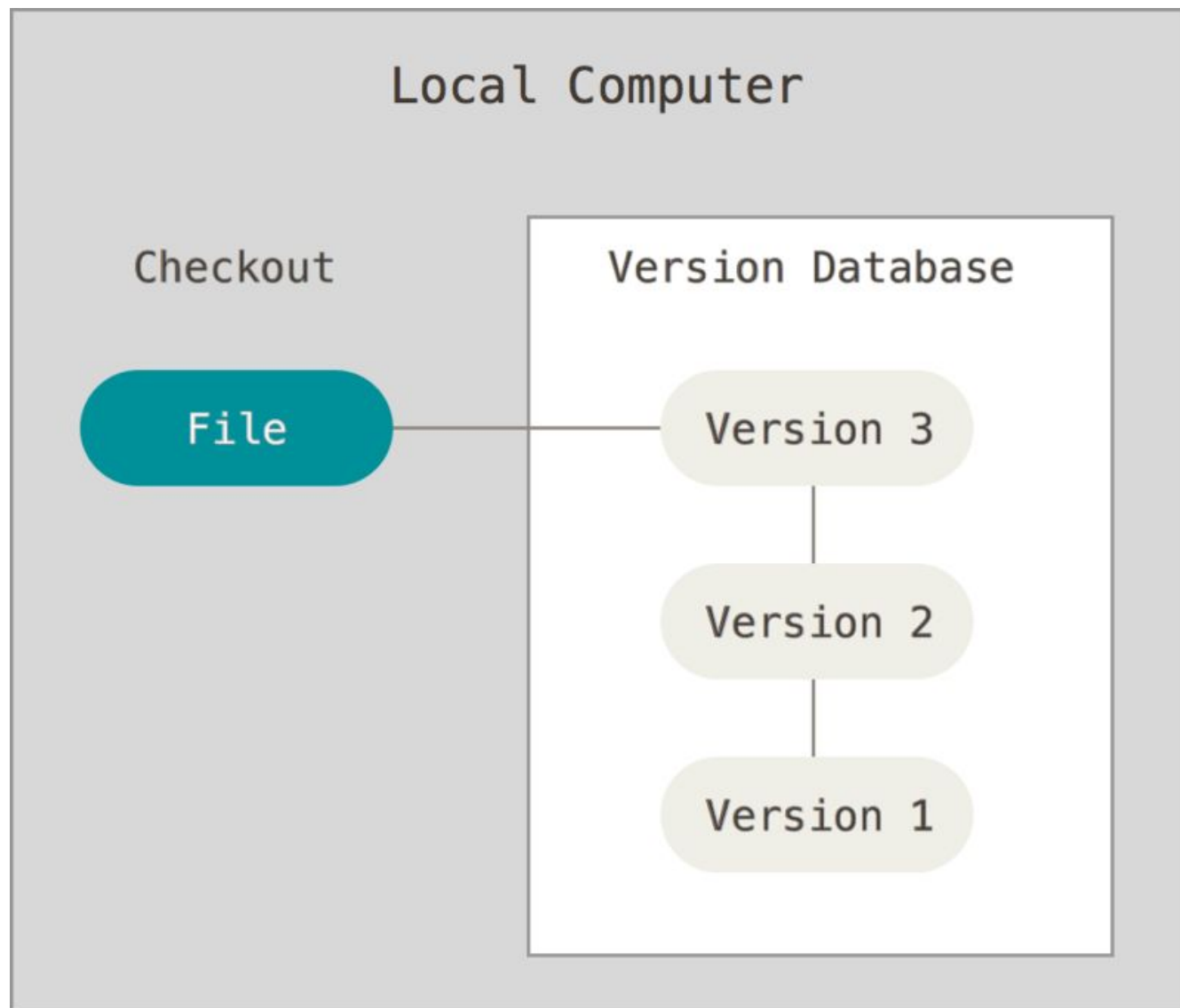


Version Control System

- A **Version Control System (VCS)** allows you to
 - Revert selected files back to a previous state.
 - Revert the entire project back to a previous state.
 - Compare changes over time.
 - See who last modified something that might be causing a problem.
 - Who introduced an issue and when.
 - And more.
- All of the above with little overhead.



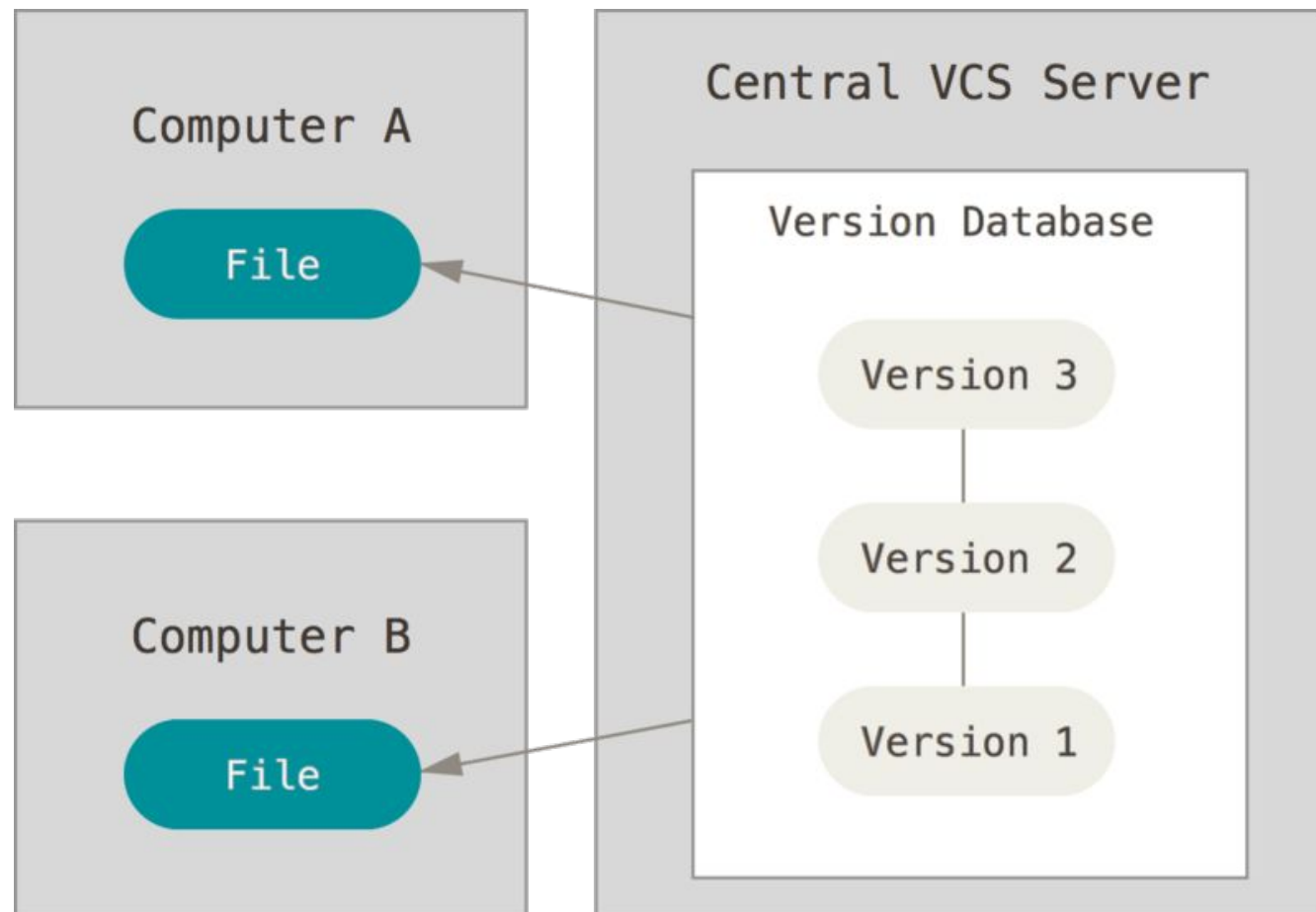
Types of VCS: Local VCS



- A **local VCS** has a simple database locally that keeps all the changes to files under revision control.
- A popular local VCS is GNU Revision Control System (RCS).
<https://www.gnu.org/software/rcs/>
- RCS works by keeping **patch sets** (the differences between files) in a special format on disk.
- It can recreate what any file looked like at any point in time by adding up all the patches.



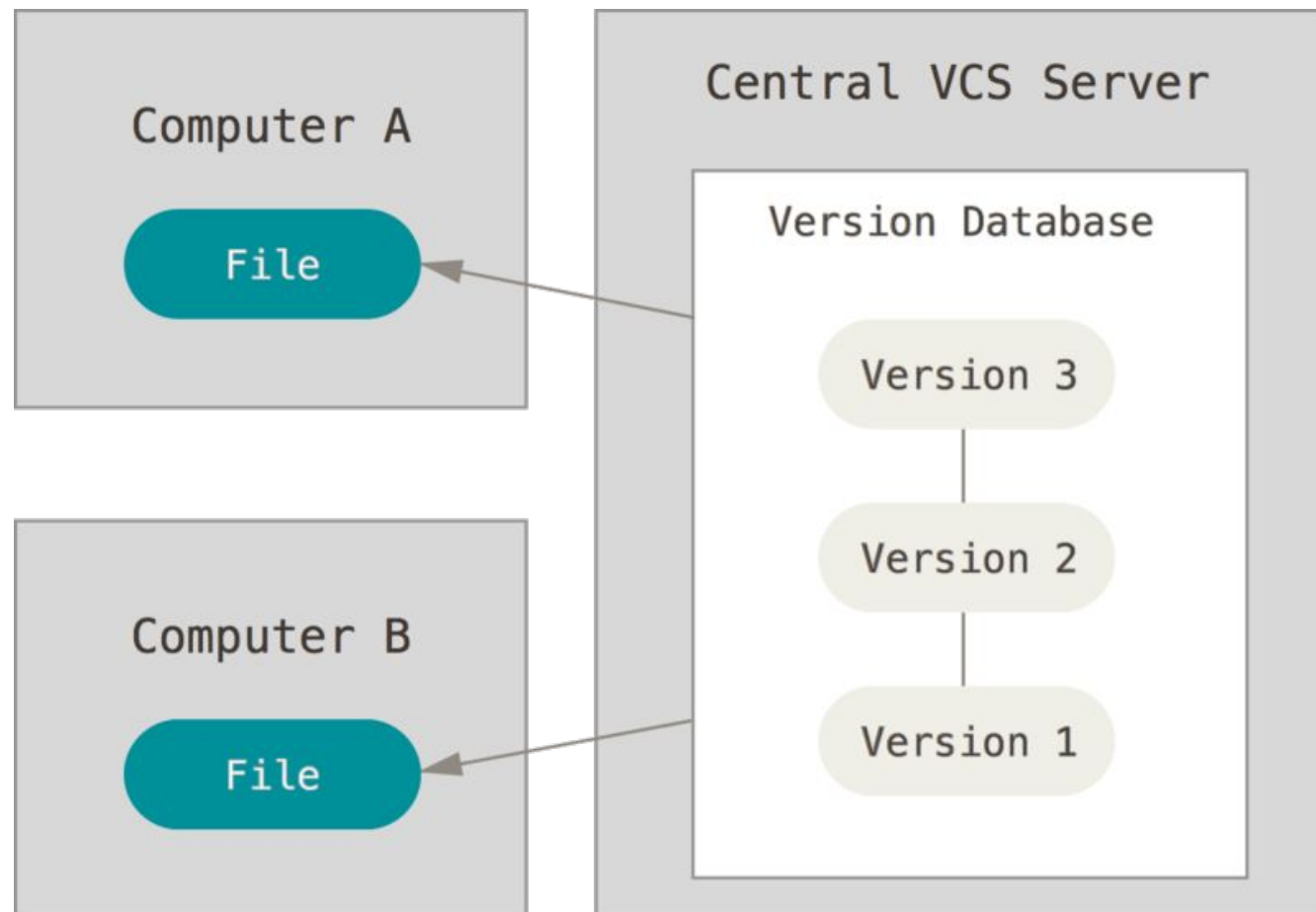
Centralized VCS (1/2)



- Problem with **local VCSs** is they have no facility for developers to collaborate.
- **Centralized VCSs** have a single server that contains all the versioned files.
 - **CVS**
 - **Subversion**
 - **Perforce**
- Clients check out files from the server.

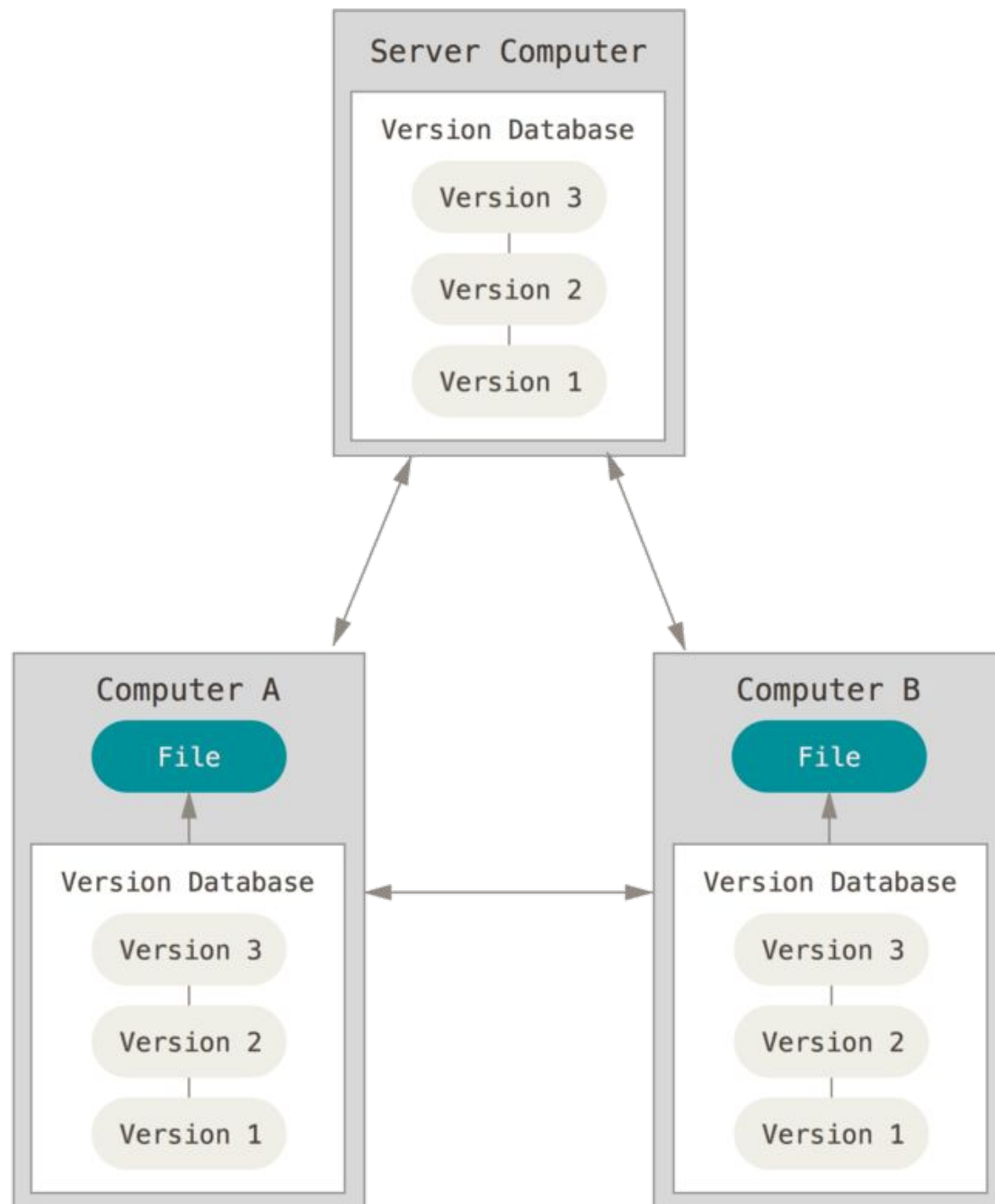


Centralized VCS (2/2)



- The most obvious downside is that the **centralized server represents single point of failure**.
- Server failure halts software development.
- All work is lost if server's database has no backups.

Distributed VCS



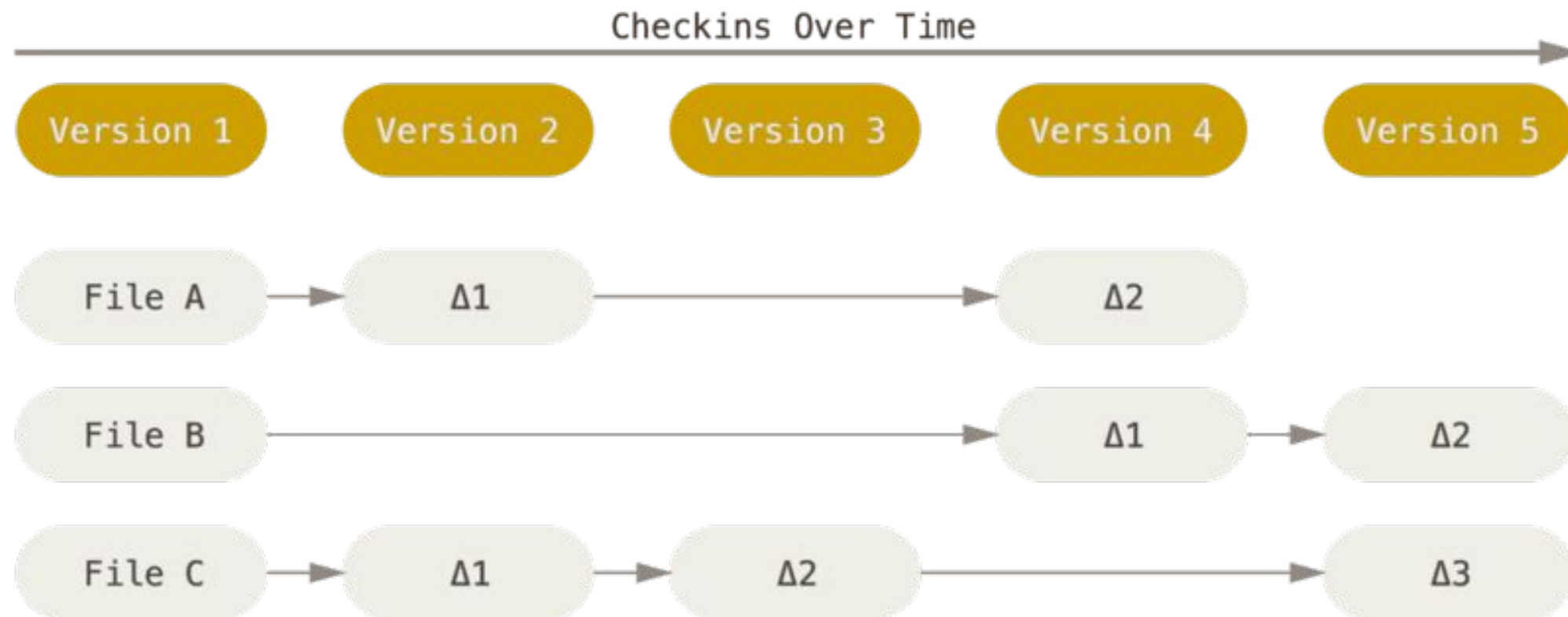
- In **distributed VCS**, clients fully mirror the repository, including its full history, unlike a snapshot in centralized VCS
- Therefore, every clone is a full backup of the server's data. Server can be restored from any of the clones.
- Examples:
 - **Git**
 - **Mercurial**
 - **Darcs**



Git Basics



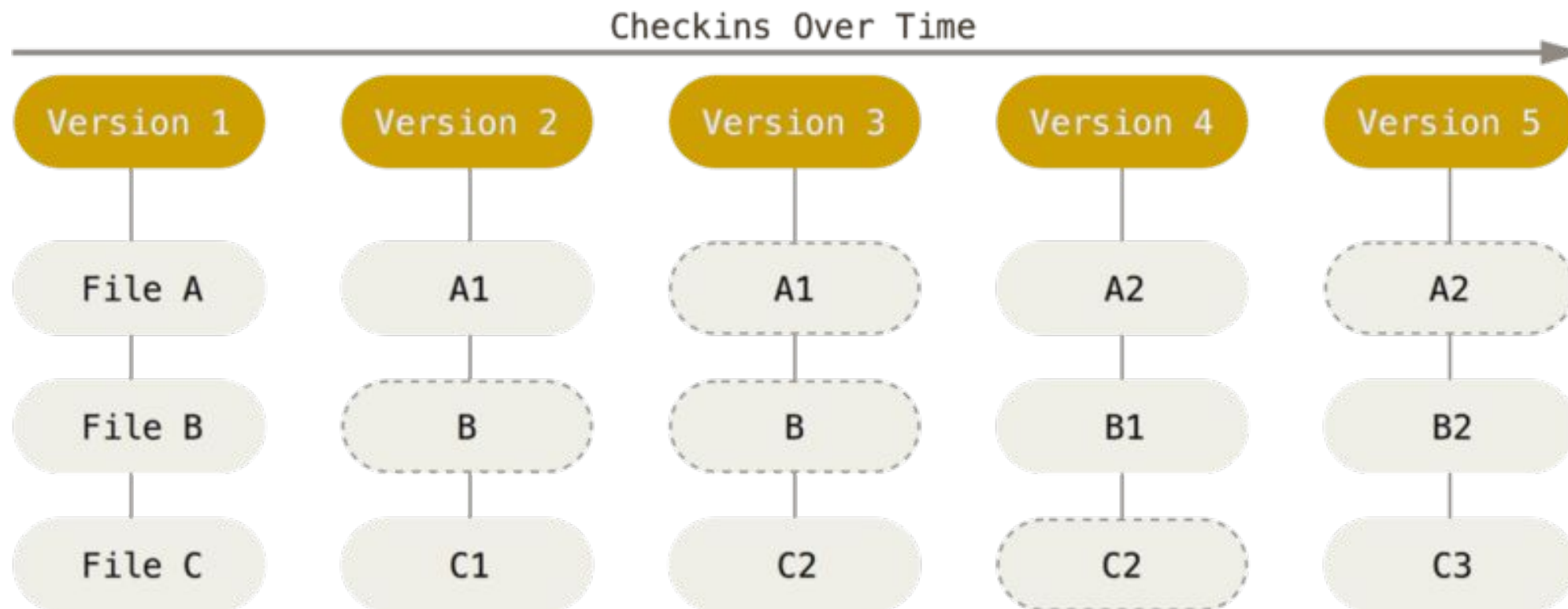
What is Git?



- The major difference between Git and any other VCS is that most other systems store information as a list of file-based changes (called **delta-based version control**).



Git Snapshots



- **Git** thinks of its data more like a series of snapshots of a miniature filesystem.
- Every time you save the state of your project, **Git** basically stores a reference to that snapshot.

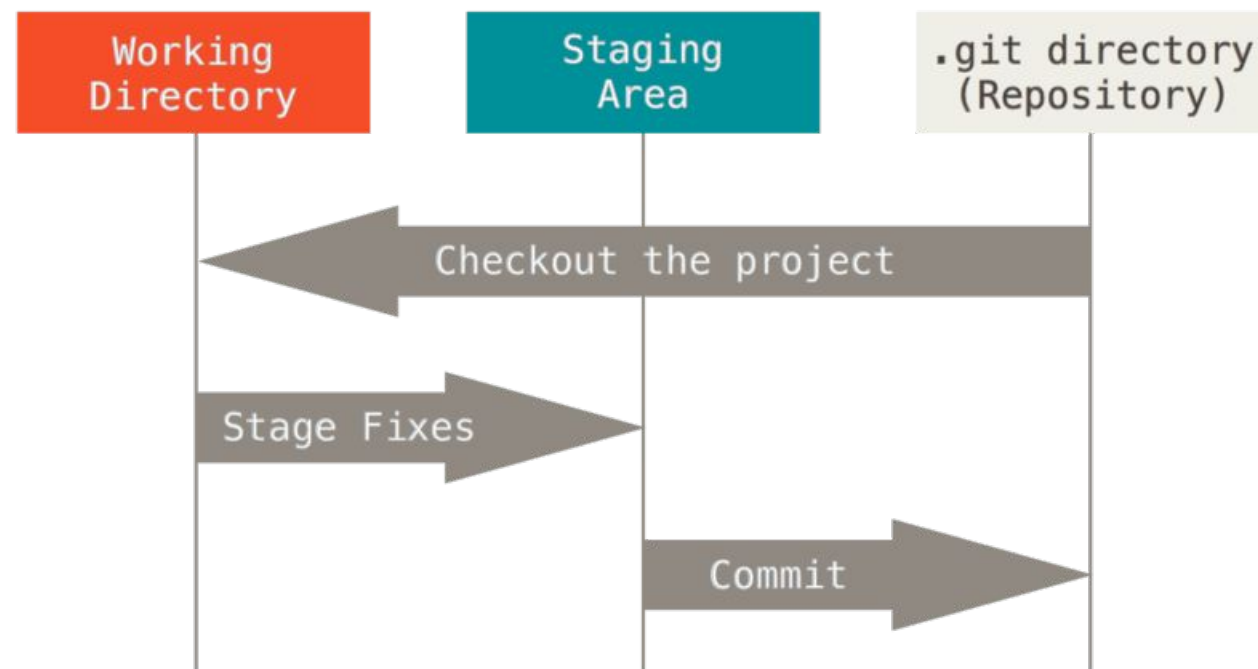


Nearly Every Git Operation is Local

- Most **Git** operations seem almost instantaneous because you have the entire history of the project on your local disk.
- If you're offline or on a airplane with no network connection, you can continue to do work (in your local copy) until you get to a network connection to upload.



The Three States



- Files in **Git** are in three main states: **modified**, **staged**, and **committed**.
- **Modified** means that you have changed the file but have not committed it to your database yet.
- **Staged** means that you have marked a modified file in its current version to go into your next commit snapshot.
- **Committed** means that the data is safely stored in your local database.



Working tree, Staging area, and Git directory

- The **working tree** is a single checkout of one version of the project.
- The **staging area** is a file, generally contained in your **Git directory**, that stores information about what will go into your next commit.
- The **Git directory** (**.git/**) is where Git stores the metadata and object database for your project.



Basic Git Workflow

- You modify files in your **working tree**.
- You selectively stage just those changes you want to be part of your next commit, which adds only those changes to the **staging area**.
- You do a commit, which takes the files as they are in the staging area and stores that snapshot permanently to your **Git directory**.
- **However, these are just changes saved to your local repository.**



Getting a Git Repository

- Take a local directory that is currently not under version control, and turn it into a Git repository.

OR

- **Clone an existing Git repository.**
- **You will clone from GitHub in the current module.**



Cloning from GitHub

```
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories$ git clone git@github.com:ravimanumachu/hclmpifft.git
Cloning into 'hclmpifft'...
The authenticity of host 'github.com (140.82.121.3)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:+DiY3wvvV6TuJJhbpZisF/zLDA0zPMSvHdkr4UvC0qU.
This key is not known by any other names
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'github.com' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
remote: Enumerating objects: 224, done.
remote: Total 224 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 224
Receiving objects: 100% (224/224), 12.41 MiB | 1.64 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (101/101), done.
```

- Clone a repository using the command:
git clone <url>
- For example, I cloned my **hclmpifft** repo from GitHub as follows:
git clone git@github.com:ravimanumachu/hclmpifft.git
- To give a different name for your local repository,
git clone git@github.com:ravimanumachu/hclmpifft.git mympifft



Recording Changes to the Git Repository

```
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ git status
On branch master
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/master'.

nothing to commit, working tree clean
```

- The main tool to determine the state of the files:

git status

- This tool guides you at every stage of the version control process.
- Output above means none of your tracked files are modified.



Tracking New Files (1/2)

```
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ echo "New File" > README2
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ git status
On branch master
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/master'.

Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
      README2

nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
```

- I have added a new file to the project, **README2**.
- **git status** shows the untracked file.
- **Git won't include README2 in your commit snapshots until you explicitly tell it to do so.**



Tracking New Files (2/2)

```
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ git add README2
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ git status
On branch master
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/master'.

Changes to be committed:
  (use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
    new file:   README2
```

- To stage README2, run the following command.

git add

- **git add** is a multipurpose command used to track new files, stage files, and marking merge-conflicted files as resolved.



Committing Your Changes

- You can commit your changes using one of the following commands:

git commit

git commit -m "<commit message>"

- Any files you have created or modified after **git add** will not go into this commit.
- You must execute **git add** again followed by **git commit**.



Committing Your Changes

```
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ git commit -m "Showcasing git commit usage."  
[master 6358f0b] Showcasing git commit usage.  
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)  
create mode 100644 README2
```

- **git commit** gives following output:
 - Which branch you committed to (**master**).
 - What SHA-1 checksum the commit has (**6358f0b**), which becomes the commit identifier.
 - How many files were changed, and
 - Statistics about lines added and removed in the commit.



Working with Remotes

```
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ git remote -v  
origin https://github.com/ravimanumachu/hclmpifft.git (fetch)  
origin https://github.com/ravimanumachu/hclmpifft.git (push)
```

- Collaborating with your group members involves managing the GitHub remote repository.
- To see which remote servers you have configured, you can run the **git remote** command.
- **origin** is the default name Git gives to the server you cloned from.



Fetching and Pulling from Your Remotes

```
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ git fetch origin  
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$
```

- To get data from your remote projects, you can run:

git fetch <remote>

- **git fetch origin** fetches any new work that has been pushed to that server since you cloned (or last fetched from) it.
- The **git fetch** command only downloads the data to your local repository .
- It doesn't automatically merge it with any of your work or modify what you're currently working on.



Merging from Your Remotes

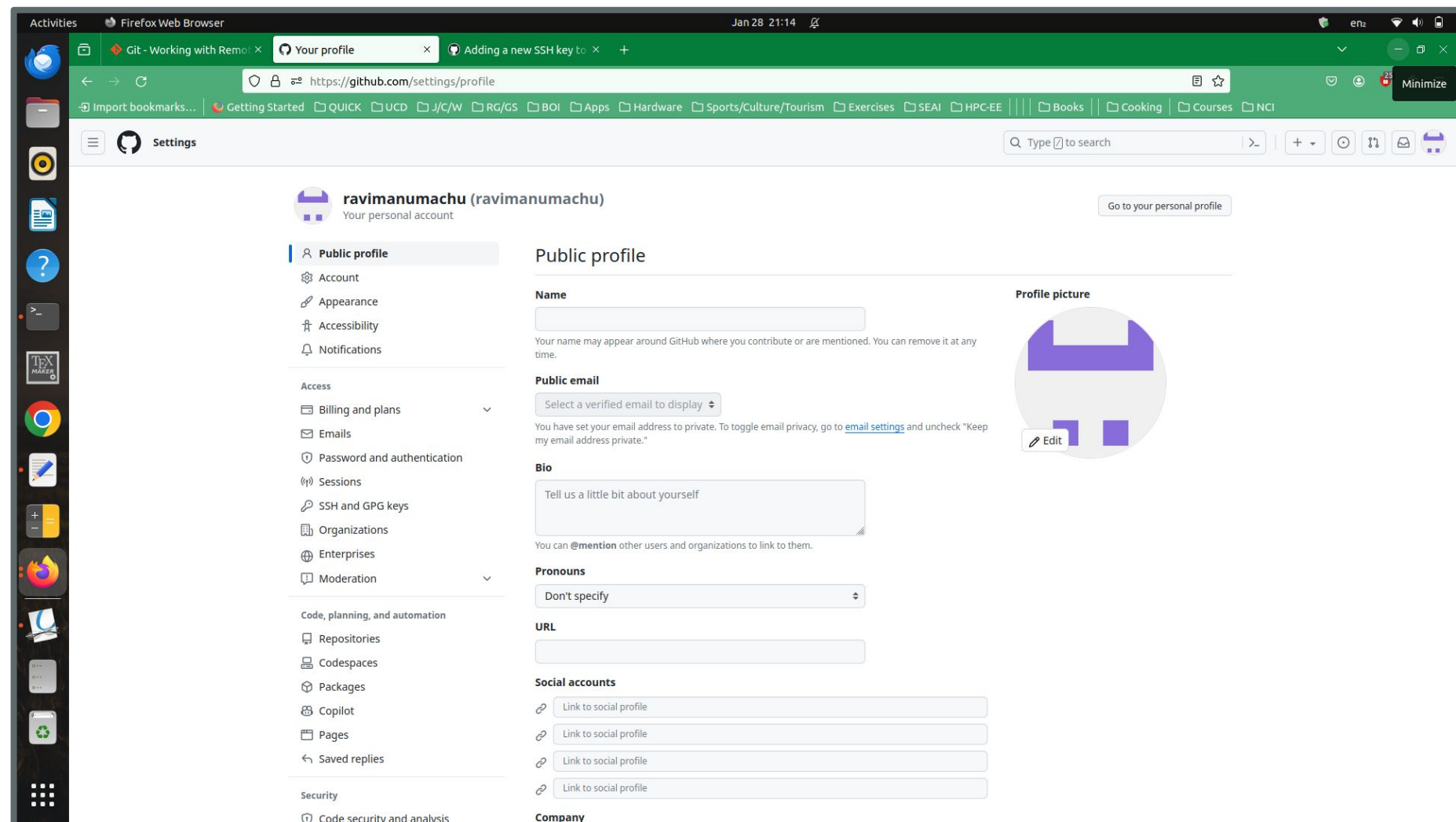
```
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ git pull  
Already up to date.
```

- **git pull** generally fetches data from the server you originally cloned from.
- And automatically tries to merge it into the code you're currently working on.
- **Already up to date** means that all the changes from the remote branch have already been merged in your local branch.



Pushing to Your Remotes: Add SSH Key

- Before you push your changes to the remote repository, you must set up your SSH key in GitHub.
- Go to: <https://github.com/settings/profile>



Generate SSH Key

```
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -C "ravi.manumachu@ucd.ie"
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (/home/manumachu/.ssh/id_rsa): /home/manumachu/.ssh/id_rsa_comp20050
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in /home/manumachu/.ssh/id_rsa_comp20050
Your public key has been saved in /home/manumachu/.ssh/id_rsa_comp20050.pub
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:mFn5AK3AJzI1I320sBlp1R9f20zQnH2YArycBP0Wc8Q ravi.manumachu@ucd.ie
The key's randomart image is:
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|_|
+---[SHA256]-----+
```

- Generate SSH key in a terminal using the command below (use your personal email address):

ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -C "ravi.manumachu@ucd.ie"



Copy SSH Key

```
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ cat /home/manumachu/.ssh/id_rsa_comp20050.pub
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAADAQABAAQCAQCKxl7dp8H0HvEvHgc7cXKueiR0KxnVs4MIvuF9g3HsnI6YX0ecaZXkxQYyzsK2w40KwYt3BP1eGP054RL6F+b1xqPLClryUbx5zHAJs
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/6WNW7GlfswK9QKXw== ravi.manumachu@ucd.ie
```

- Copy the SSH key and add it in GitHub.



Add SSH Key to GitHub

The screenshot shows the GitHub 'Add new SSH Key' page for the user 'ravimanumachu'. The browser window has a green title bar with tabs for 'Git - Working with Remo...', 'Add new SSH key', and 'Adding a new SSH key to...'. The address bar shows the URL 'https://github.com/settings/ssh/new'. The left sidebar contains a 'Settings' menu with options like 'Public profile', 'Account', 'Appearance', 'Accessibility', 'Notifications', 'Access', 'Billing and plans', 'Emails', 'Password and authentication', 'Sessions', 'SSH and GPG keys' (selected), 'Organizations', 'Enterprises', 'Moderation', 'Code, planning, and automation', and 'Security'. The main content area is titled 'Add new SSH Key' and includes a 'Title' field with 'GitHubSSHKey', a 'Key type' dropdown set to 'Authentication Key', and a 'Key' text area containing a long SSH key. A green 'Add SSH key' button is at the bottom.

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Add SSH key



SSH Key Added

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https://github.com/settings/keys

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Settings

You have successfully added the key 'GitHubSSHKey'.

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SSH keys

New SSH key

This is a list of SSH keys associated with your account. Remove any keys that you do not recognize.

Authentication keys

	GitHubSSHKey SHA256 : hyFchcTDM48BuURb1+RhWDSyeswxVpmy1DnIngMEpbg Added on Jan 28, 2024 Never used — Read/write	Delete
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Check out our guide to [connecting to GitHub using SSH keys](#) or troubleshoot [common SSH problems](#).

GPG keys

New GPG key

There are no GPG keys associated with your account.

Learn how to [generate a GPG key and add it to your account](#).

Vigilant mode

☐ **Flag unsigned commits as unverified**
This will include any commit attributed to your account but not signed with your GPG or S/MIME key.
Note that this will include your existing unsigned commits.
[Learn about vigilant mode](#).



Pushing to Your Remotes

```
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ git push origin master
Enumerating objects: 4, done.
Counting objects: 100% (4/4), done.
Delta compression using up to 16 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 301 bytes | 301.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), completed with 1 local object.
To github.com:ravimanumachu/hclmpifft.git
   f979183..340a680  master -> master
```

- Now push your changes to the remote repository using the command below:

git push <remote> <branch>

- If you want to push your **master branch** to your **origin server**, then you can run the following command to push any commits:

git push origin master



Git Tagging



Tagging

- Git allows **tagging** specific points in a repository's history as being important.
- Developers use this functionality to mark release points.
- **You will use this option to tag sprint releases and the final project release.**
 - **5 tags (4 sprint submissions, 1 final submission).**



Create Tags

```
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ git tag -a tsprint1 -m "Sprint 1 Submission"
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ git show tsprint1
tag tsprint1
Tagger: Ravi Reddy Manumachu <ravi.manumachu@ucd.ie>
Date:   Mon Jan 29 09:57:59 2024 +0000

Sprint 1 Submission

commit 340a6806183ca67238834c5c14912cbf5b2111c6 (HEAD -> master, tag: tsprint1, origin/master, origin/HEAD)
Author: Ravi Reddy Manumachu <ravi.manumachu@ucd.ie>
Date:   Mon Jan 29 09:40:16 2024 +0000

    Showcasing git commit usage.

diff --git a/README2 b/README2
new file mode 100644
index 0000000..bc8660a
--- /dev/null
+++ b/README2
@@ -0,0 +1 @@
+New File
```

- Create an annotated tag using the command **git tag** as follows:
git tag -a tsprint1 -m "Sprint 1 Submission"

- You can see the tag data using the **git show** command.
git show tsprint1



Sharing Tags

```
manumachu@system76-pc:~/comp20050/GitRepositories/hclmpifft$ git push origin tsprint1
Enumerating objects: 1, done.
Counting objects: 100% (1/1), done.
Writing objects: 100% (1/1), 177 bytes | 177.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 1 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
To github.com:ravimanumachu/hclmpifft.git
* [new tag]          tsprint1 -> tsprint1
```

- By default, the **git push** command doesn't transfer tags to remote servers.
- You must explicitly push tags to GitHub repository using the command:

git push origin <tagname>

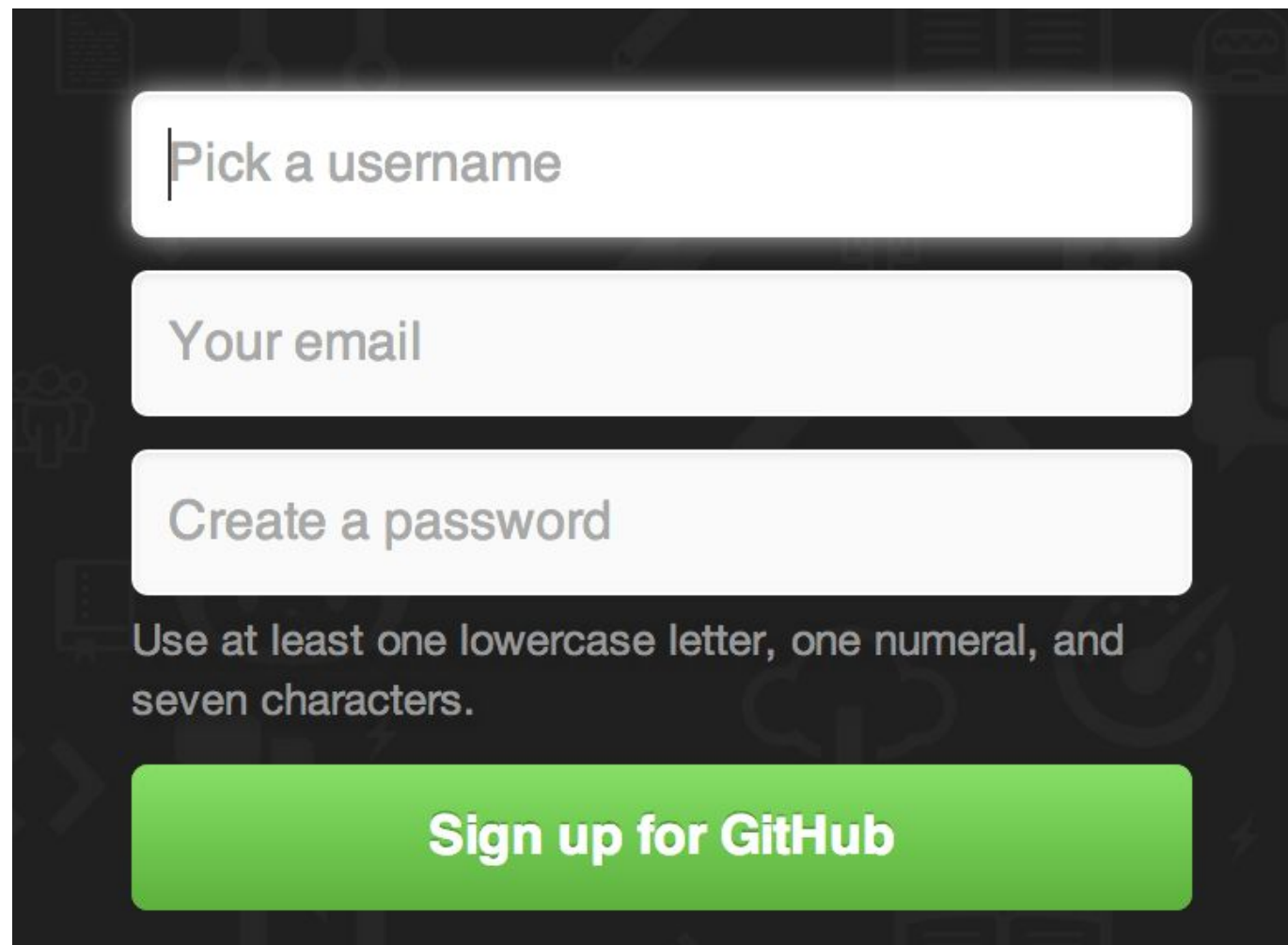


GitHub



GitHub

- GitHub and GitLab are hosts for thousands of Git repositories.
- We will use **GitHub** in this module.
- First, setup your account on GitHub.

A screenshot of the GitHub sign-up form. It features three white input fields on a dark background. The first field is labeled 'Pick a username', the second 'Your email', and the third 'Create a password'. Below the password field, there is a text requirement: 'Use at least one lowercase letter, one numeral, and seven characters.' At the bottom of the form is a large green button with the text 'Sign up for GitHub' in white.

Pick a username

Your email

Create a password

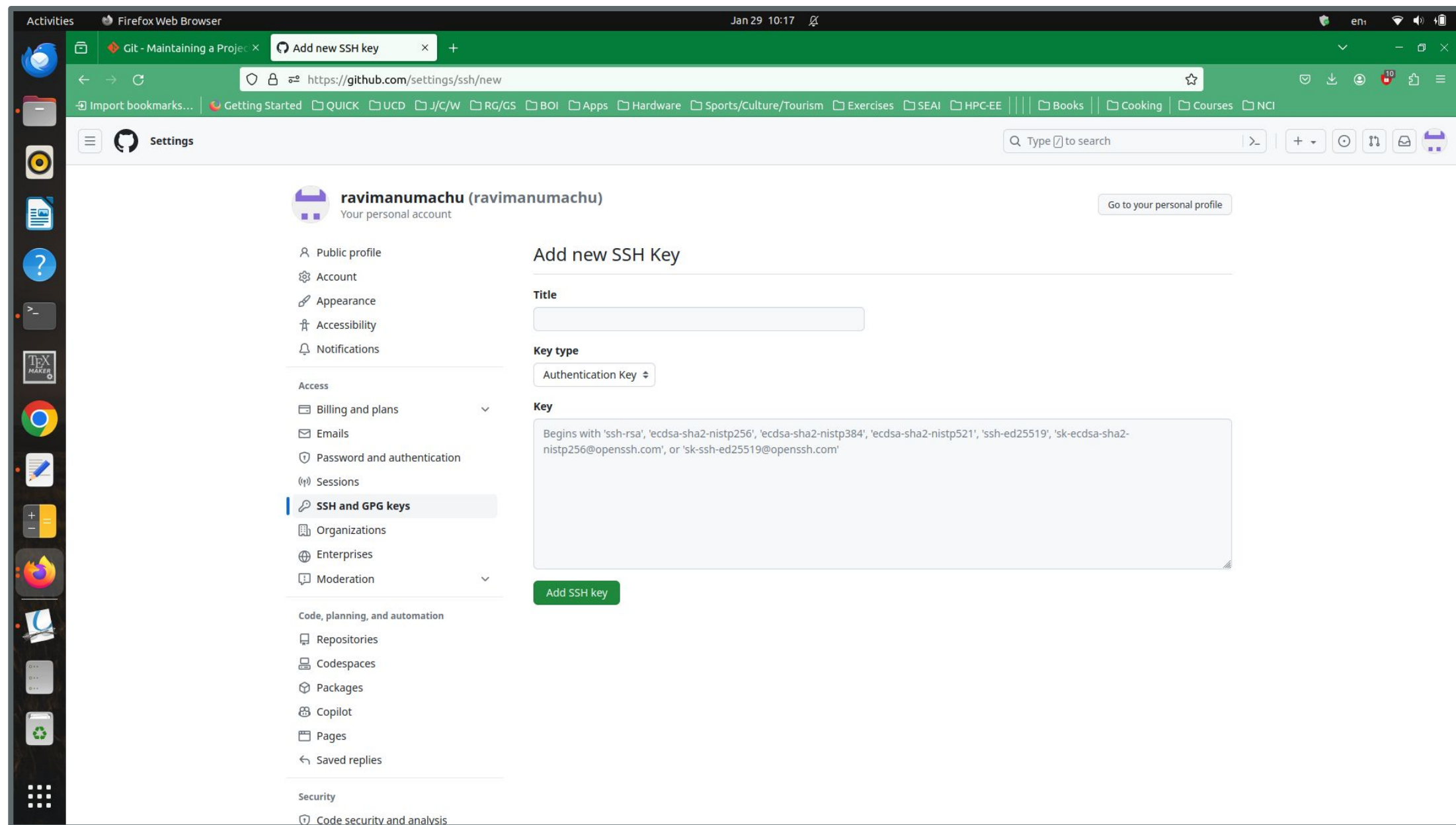
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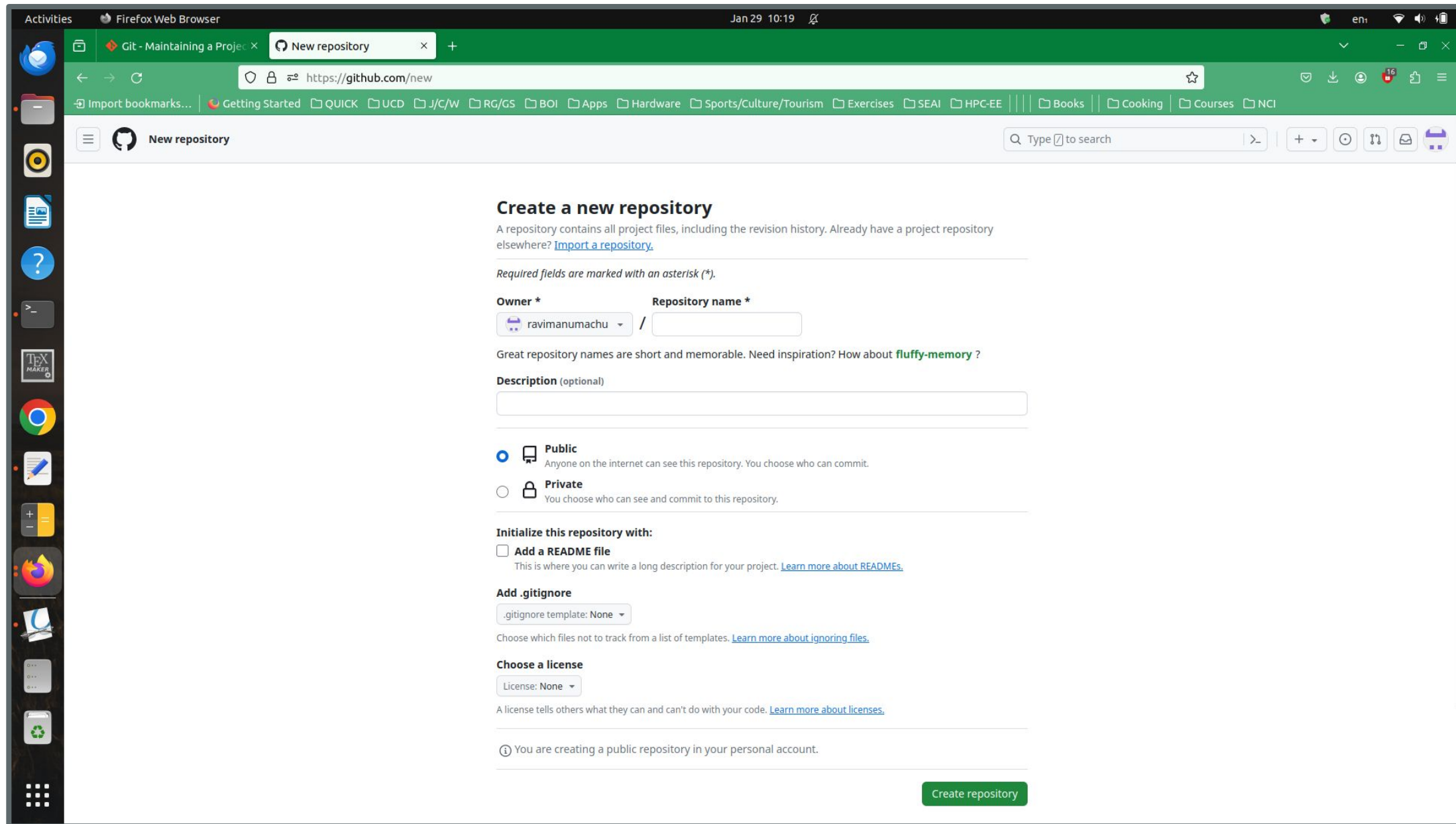
SSH Access

- Add your SSH key. Covered in previous slides.



Create a New Repository

- Create a new repository to share our project code (<https://github.com/new>).



The screenshot shows the GitHub 'Create a new repository' page. The browser's address bar displays 'https://github.com/new'. The page title is 'New repository'. The main heading is 'Create a new repository', followed by a subtext: 'A repository contains all project files, including the revision history. Already have a project repository elsewhere? [Import a repository.](#)'

Below this, a note states: 'Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).' The form includes two required fields: 'Owner *' (a dropdown menu showing 'ravimanumachu') and 'Repository name *' (an empty text input field). A hint text says: 'Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about [fluffy-memory](#) ?'

The 'Description (optional)' field is an empty text input. Below it, there are two radio button options for visibility: 'Public' (selected) and 'Private'. The 'Public' option is described as 'Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit.' The 'Private' option is described as 'You choose who can see and commit to this repository.'

Under the heading 'Initialize this repository with:', there is a checkbox for 'Add a README file' (unchecked). A note below it says: 'This is where you can write a long description for your project. [Learn more about READMEs.](#)'

Next is the 'Add .gitignore' section, with a dropdown menu set to '.gitignore template: None'. A note below it says: 'Choose which files not to track from a list of templates. [Learn more about ignoring files.](#)'

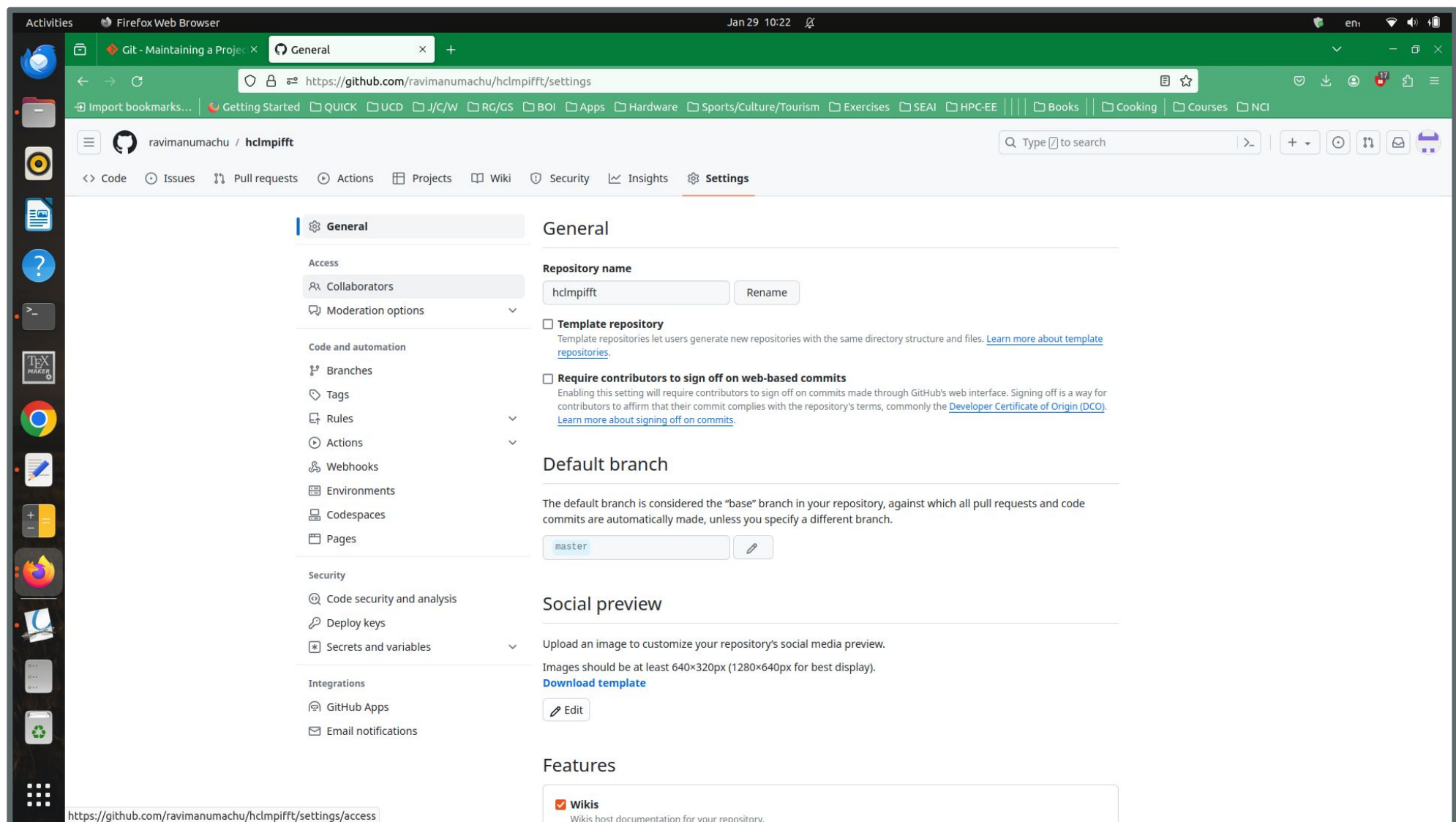
The 'Choose a license' section has a dropdown menu set to 'License: None'. A note below it says: 'A license tells others what they can and can't do with your code. [Learn more about licenses.](#)'

At the bottom, a status message with an information icon says: 'You are creating a public repository in your personal account.' A green 'Create repository' button is located at the bottom right of the form.



Add Collaborators

- Add your group members to the repository using the **Collaborators** option on the left menu.
- **Collaborators** will have push access, which means they have both read and write access to the Git repository.



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