

Goals for today:

- Use Git/Github to version control your code
- Contribute to group code efforts
- Clone a public code repository and submit your suggested revisions



Why version control?

- Your folders look like this -->
- Add 1 feature, break everything "time machine"
- Informative comments and differences between versions
- Try a new idea out without losing place
- Collaborative coding: I work on section, you work on other
- Reproducible code with a DOI (citations)
- Open code that collaborators can use and improve



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- Software
- Installed locally
- Version control tool

Do I have to use Github to use Git? **No**

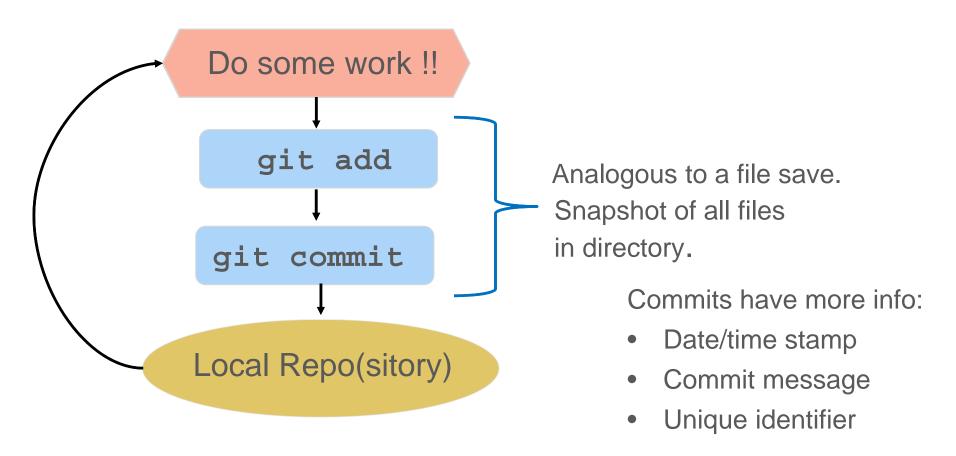
- Service
- Hosted on web
- Online space to hold git repository
- One of many options (bitbucket, gitlab), but by far most common



General Idea

"Git allows groups of people to work on the same documents at the same time, and without stepping on each other's toes."

Typical workflow: Local computer





New terminology

Commit: Snapshot of files at a given time
Records the time, "track changes" from previous commit,
and a unique identifier

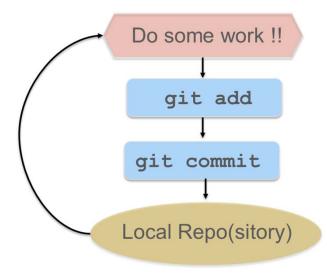
"I just made a new commit" (noun) or

"I committed my code" (verb)

Repository: shortened to "repo"
Collection of all files and history of the files (commits)
Can be on your local machine or remote server (github)

Commits

- Commits are "cheap". Do them often.
- You provide a one-line message stating what you did.



```
git add .
git commit -m "Changed precip matrix to array"
git add .
git commit -m "Fixed precip var name"
```

Commit Messages

- Commit messages are critical for yourself and other people. Make them useful!
- Use them to roll back changes

	COMMENT	DATE
Q	CREATED MAIN LOOP & TIMING CONTROL	14 HOURS AGO
Ι¢	ENABLED CONFIG FILE PARSING	9 HOURS AGO
Ιφ	MISC BUGFIXES	5 HOURS AGO
ф	CODE ADDITIONS/EDITS	4 HOURS AGO
Q.	MORE CODE	4 HOURS AGO
}	HERE HAVE CODE	4 HOURS AGO
0	ARAAAAA	3 HOURS AGO
0	ADKFJ5LKDFJ5DKLFJ	3 HOURS AGO
φ	MY HANDS ARE TYPING WORDS	2 HOURS AGO
\rightarrow	HAAAAAAANDS	2 HOURS AGO

https://xkcd.com/1296/

AS A PROJECT DRAGS ON, MY GIT COMMIT MESSAGES GET LESS AND LESS INFORMATIVE.

Initial Setup

- Define yourself as a user. Only have to do this once.
- You can use different name/email for a specific project by leaving off the --global

```
git version
git config --global user.email "you@example.com"
git config --global user.name "Your git username"
```

Our first repository

- Create a new directory on your computer
- Open cmd line (Windows) or terminal (Linux) and move to folder
- Create a new repository for git to track

```
git init
```

```
G:\Documents\work_folder\projects_research\code\git_completely_new>git version
git version 2.24.0.windows.2
G:\Documents\work_folder\projects_research\code\git_completely_new>git init
Initialized empty Git repository in G:/Documents/work_folder/projects_research/code/git_completely_new/.git/
G:\Documents\work_folder\projects_research\code\git_completely_new>
```

Stage and make the initial commit

- Create a new file: code1.R
- Add some lines of code to this file
- Add and commit this change (with informative message!)

```
git add .
git commit -m "Initial commit"
```

Make another change to your file, add, and commit.

Checking the progress

- git log
- git status

```
G:\Documents\work folder\projects research\code\git completely new>git add .
G:\Documents\work_folder\projects_research\code\git_completely_new>git_commit -m "Initial commit"
On branch master
Initial commit
nothing to commit
G:\Documents\work_folder\projects_research\code\git_completely_new>git add .
warning: CRLF will be replaced by LF in Code.R.
The file will have its original line endings in your working directory
G:\Documents\work_folder\projects_research\code\git_completely_new>git commit -m "Initial commit"
[master (root-commit) 831d8d2] Initial commit
 1 file changed, 7 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 Code.R
G:\Documents\work folder\projects research\code\git completely new>git add .
warning: CRLF will be replaced by LF in Code.R.
The file will have its original line endings in your working directory
G:\Documents\work folder\projects research\code\git completely new>git commit -m "Changed initial x value to 8"
[master 51a15ac] Changed initial x value to 8
 1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(-)
G:\Documents\work folder\projects research\code\git completely new>git log
                               2516ddeb916635db9 (HEAD -> master)
Author: jstagge <jhstagge@gmail.com>
Date: Tue Nov 19 11:55:08 2019 -0500
   Changed initial x value to 8
 ommit 831d8d2f313fa7352de6cdfbaa9b7cb7243bc118
Author: jstagge <jhstagge@gmail.com>
Date: Tue Nov 19 11:54:40 2019 -0500
   Initial commit
G:\Documents\work_folder\projects_research\code\git_completely_new>
```

Reverting back to previous version

 You can revert to a previous version using the reset command:

```
git reset --hard <hash>
```

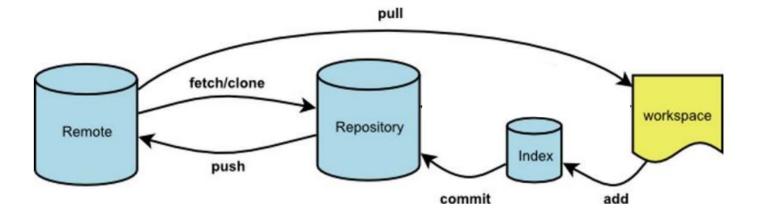
- Careful reset will delete the recent work completely
- There is another command <revert>, which is slightly softer, but more complex. Honestly, it's beyond my ability.



Workflow: incorporating Github

Github website

Your personal computer





New Terminology

Cloning: copying a repository from a remote server

- Pull: download new commits from remote repository (Github)
- Push: adding local changes to the remote repository (Github)
- **Branch:** all commits live on a branch. Could be 1 or 1,000 Main branch is called the master branch.

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Typical personal workflow with Github

Do some work

```
git add .
git commit -m "Message goes here"
```

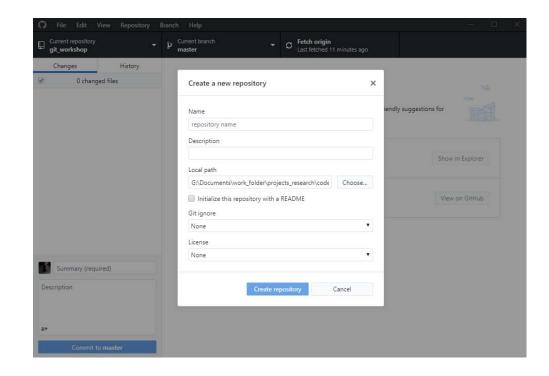
- Repeat regularly and ad infinitum. Like doing a save.
- When you've made significant progress, e.g. Version 1.2
 Push the code to the Github website

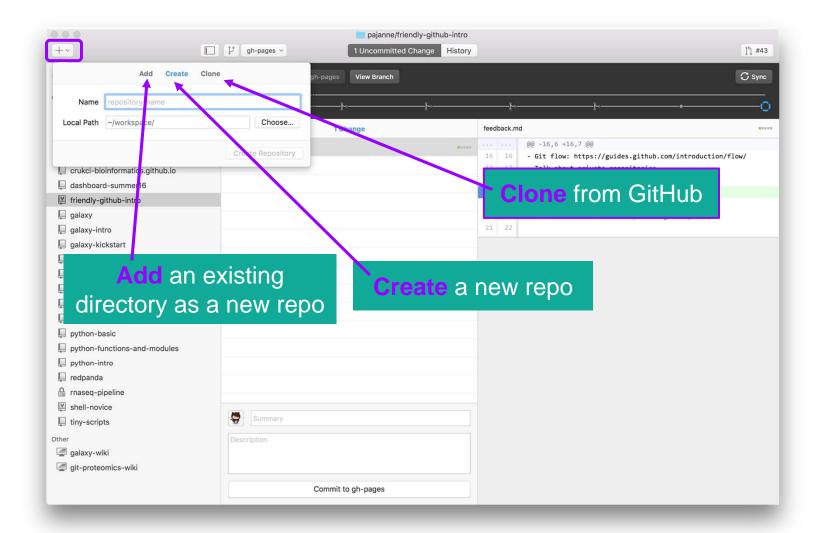
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git push
```

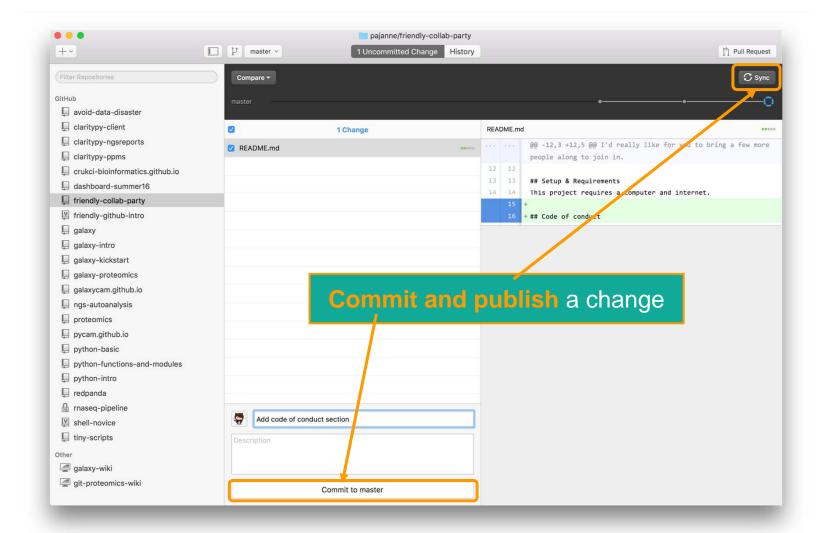
Let's create a repository with Github Desktop

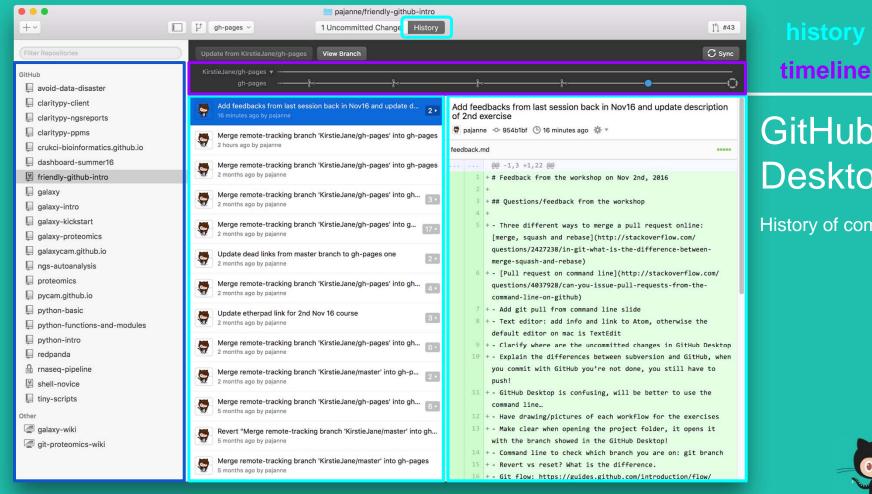
- File -> Create a new repository
- Local path
- README
- Ignore
- License

Publish to Github









GitHub Desktop

History of commits



repositories

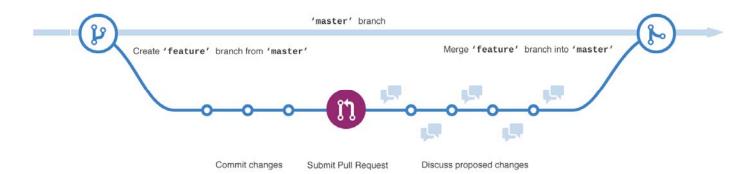
Using the command line

```
> git checkout -b cmd-line-branch
> git command arguments
                                     > git branch
                                     > git push origin cmd-line-branch
> git clone repo
                                     > git checkout master
                                     > git branch
> git status
                                     > git merge cmd-line-branch
                                     > git push
> git add changed_file
> git commit -m "message"
                                     > git log
> git push
                                     > git revert commit_id
                                     > git push
```



Branches

- A branch is a parallel version of the main line of development (master)
- Used to: Develop features
 - Fix bugs
 - Safely experiment with new ideas



Git/GitHub Terms (2)

Branch

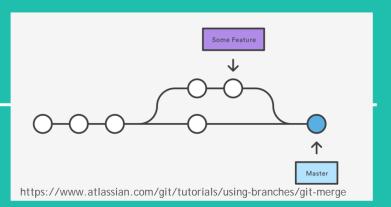
Copy of your project

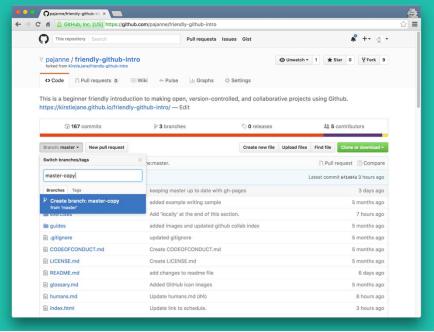
Pull request

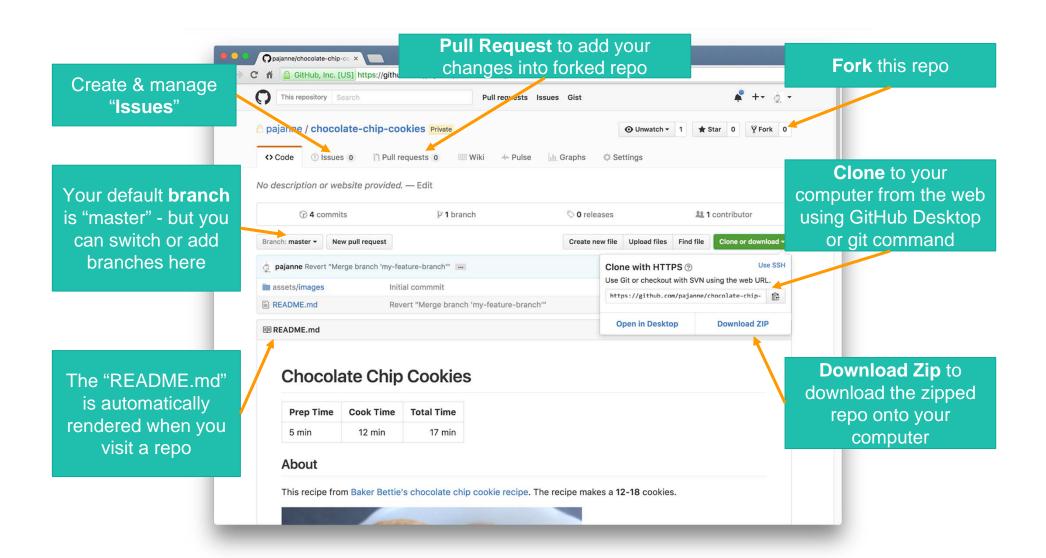
request to add your changes from a branch back into master

Merge

act of incorporating new changes (commits) from one branch to another







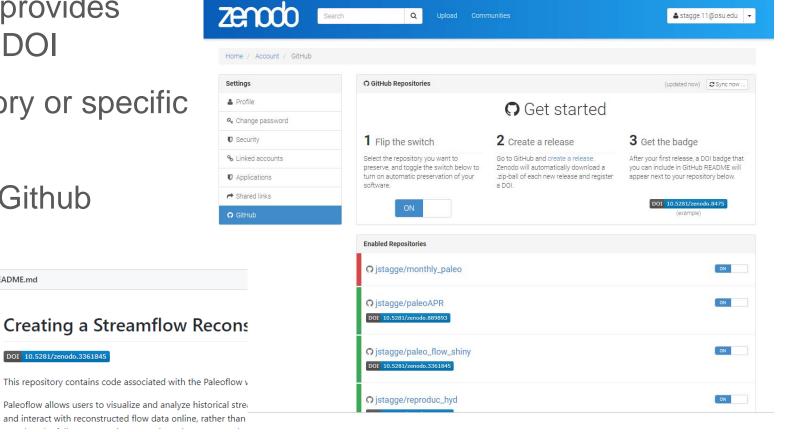
Making your code citable

- Zenodo provides citeable DOI
- Repository or specific version

■■ README.md

DOI 10.5281/zenodo.3361845

Icon for Github



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command	description	
git clone url [dir]	copy a Git repository so you can add to it	
git add <i>file</i>	adds file contents to the staging area	
git commit	records a snapshot of the staging area	
git status	view the status of your files in the working directory and staging area	
git diff	shows diff of what is staged and what is modified but unstaged	
git help [command]	get help info about a particular command	
git pull	fetch from a remote repo and try to merge into the current branch	
git push	push your new branches and data to a remote repository	
others: init, reset, branch, checkout, merge, log, tag		

