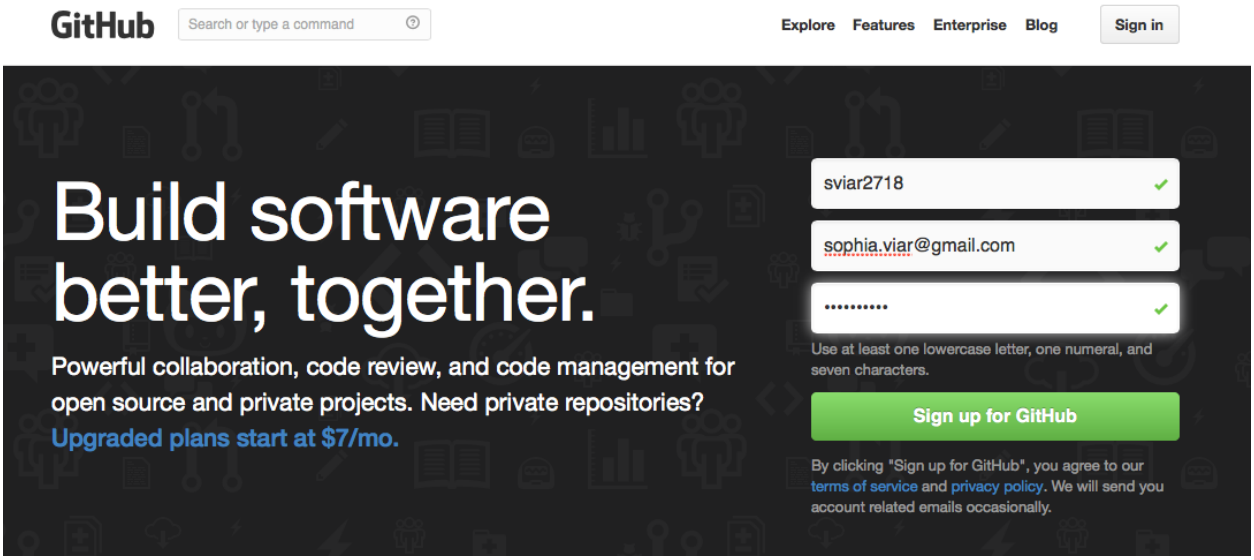
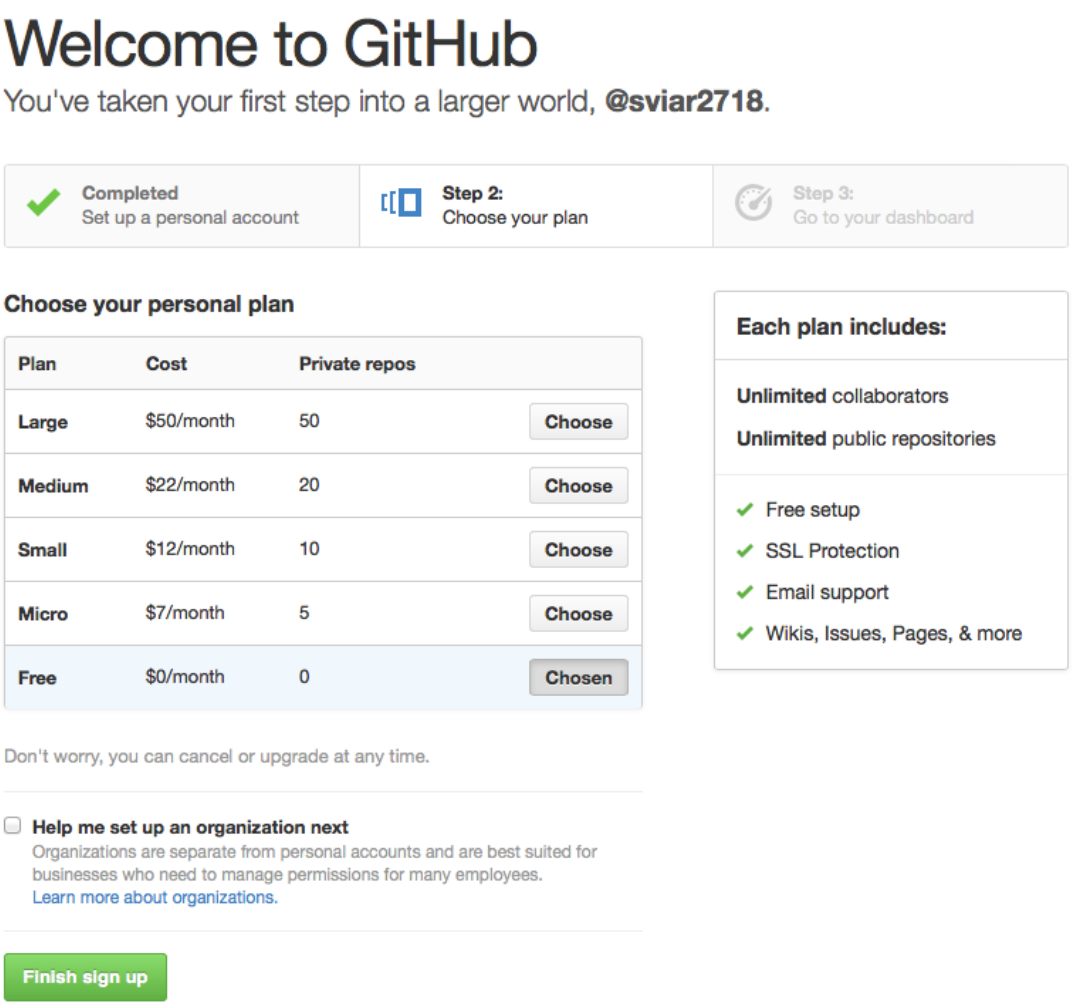
Step 1: First get an email account or use your parents email account.
Step 2: Open a browser and navigate to https://github.com
Step 3: Pick a username and password on GitHub to get started:

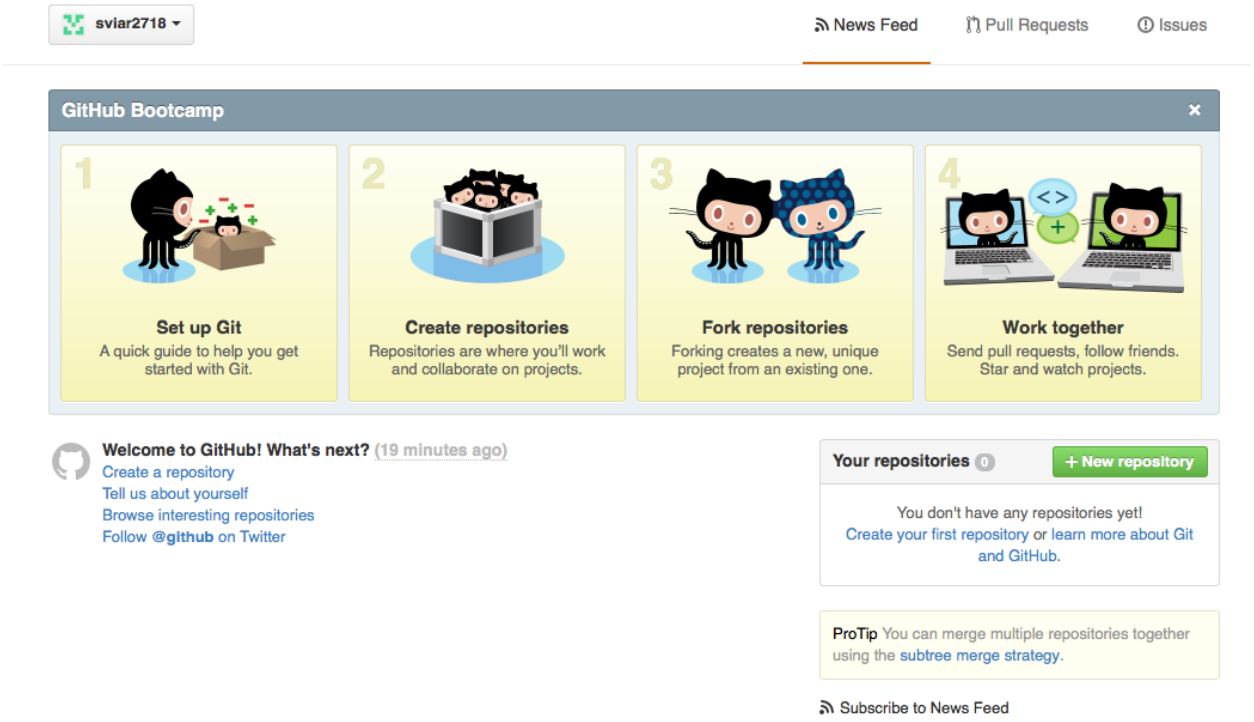


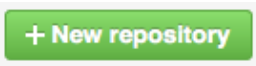
Click on the “Sign up for GitHub”. Now you should see:



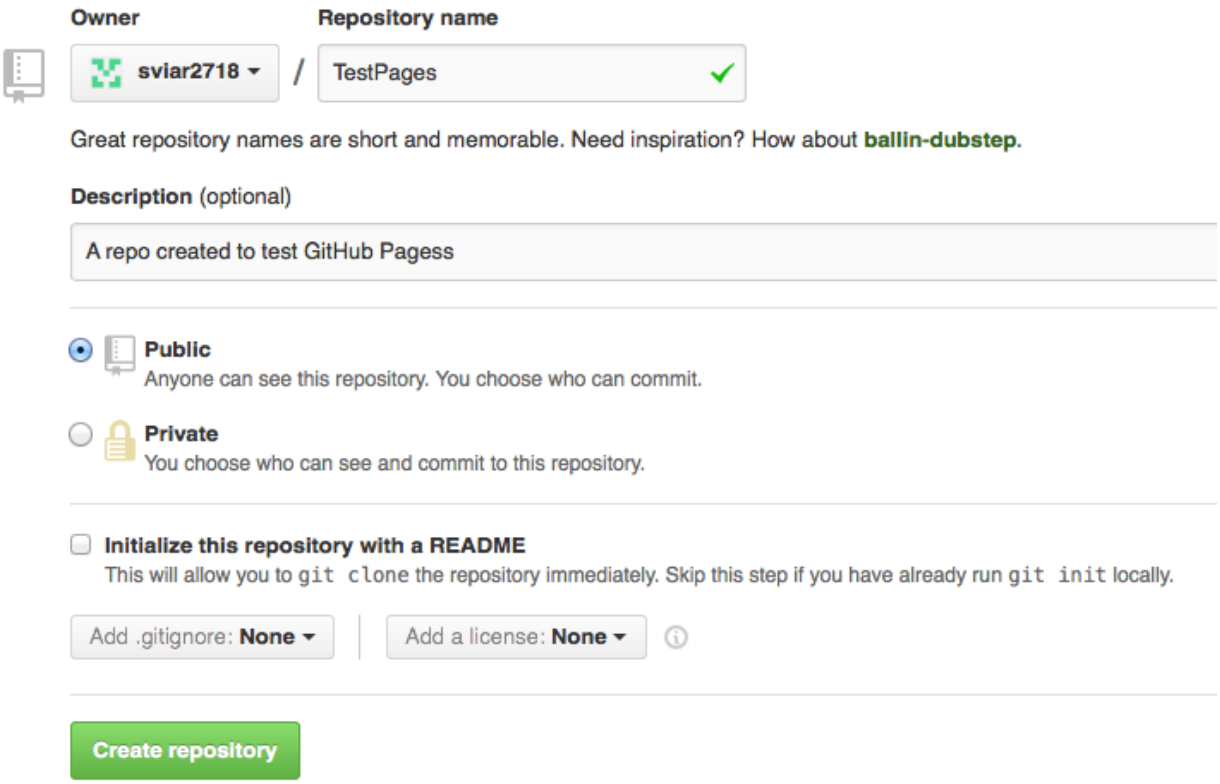
You will want to select “Free” and click on “Finish sign Up” 

Now you should see the following screen:

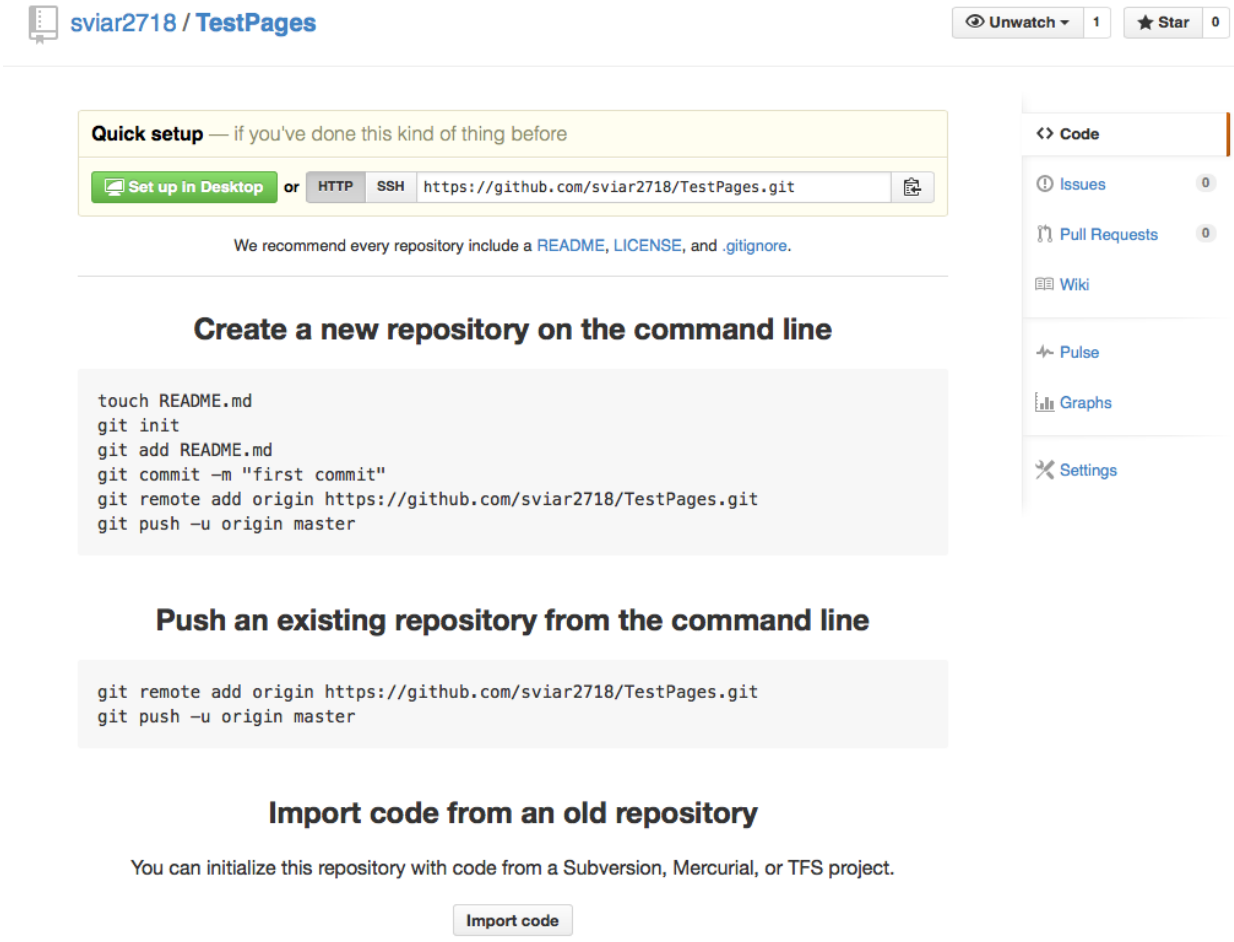


Click on 

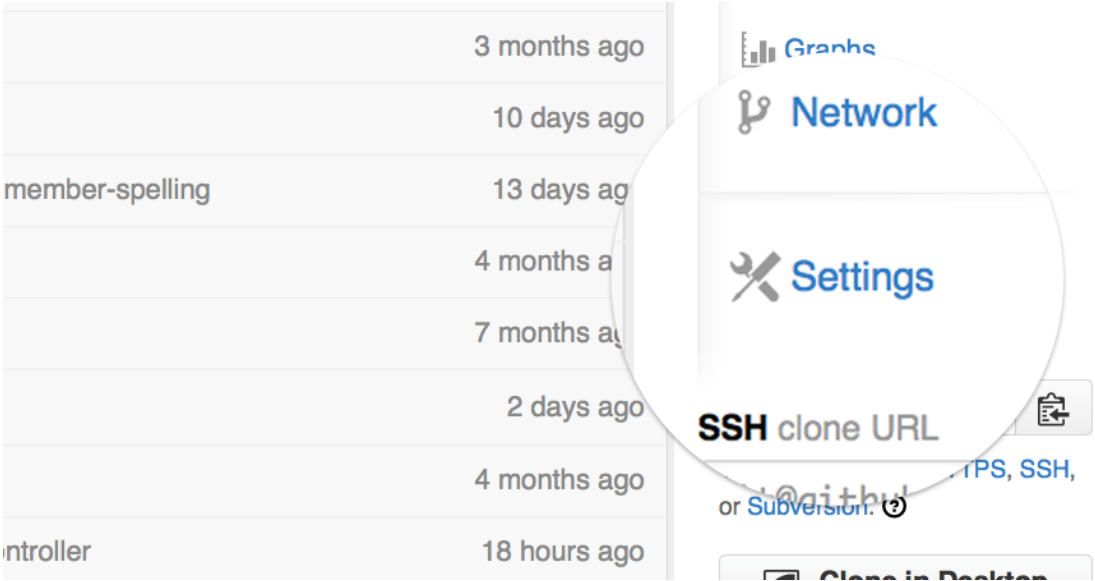
Now give your repository a name like “TestPages” and a description like “A repo created to test GitHub Pages”. You’ll need to keep it “public” since you have a free account. You should see the following:



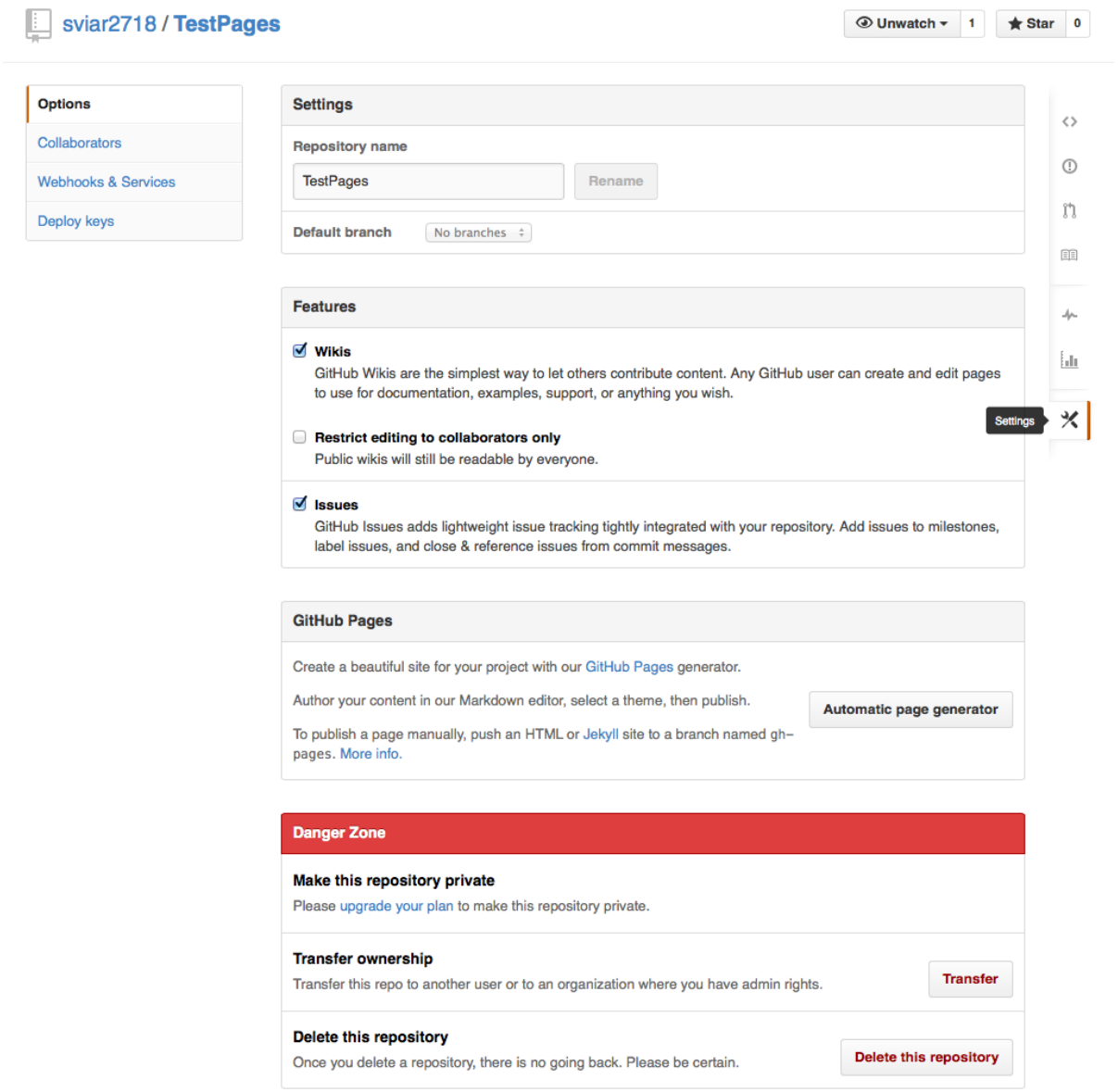
Now click on “Create repository”. You should see:



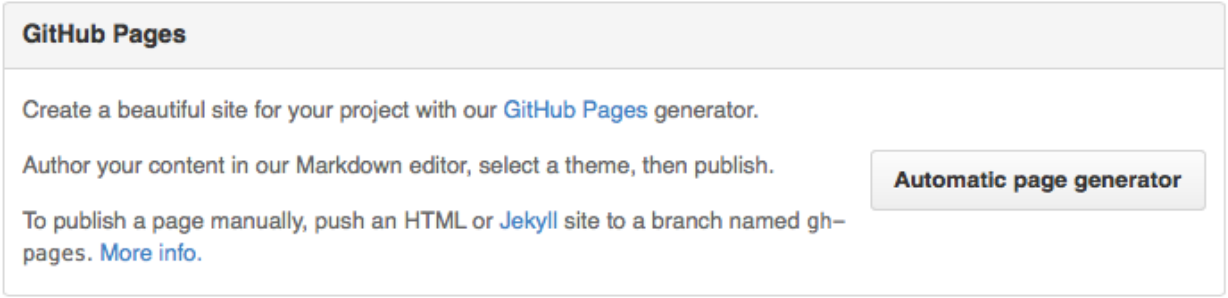
On the right hand side,
click on Settings.



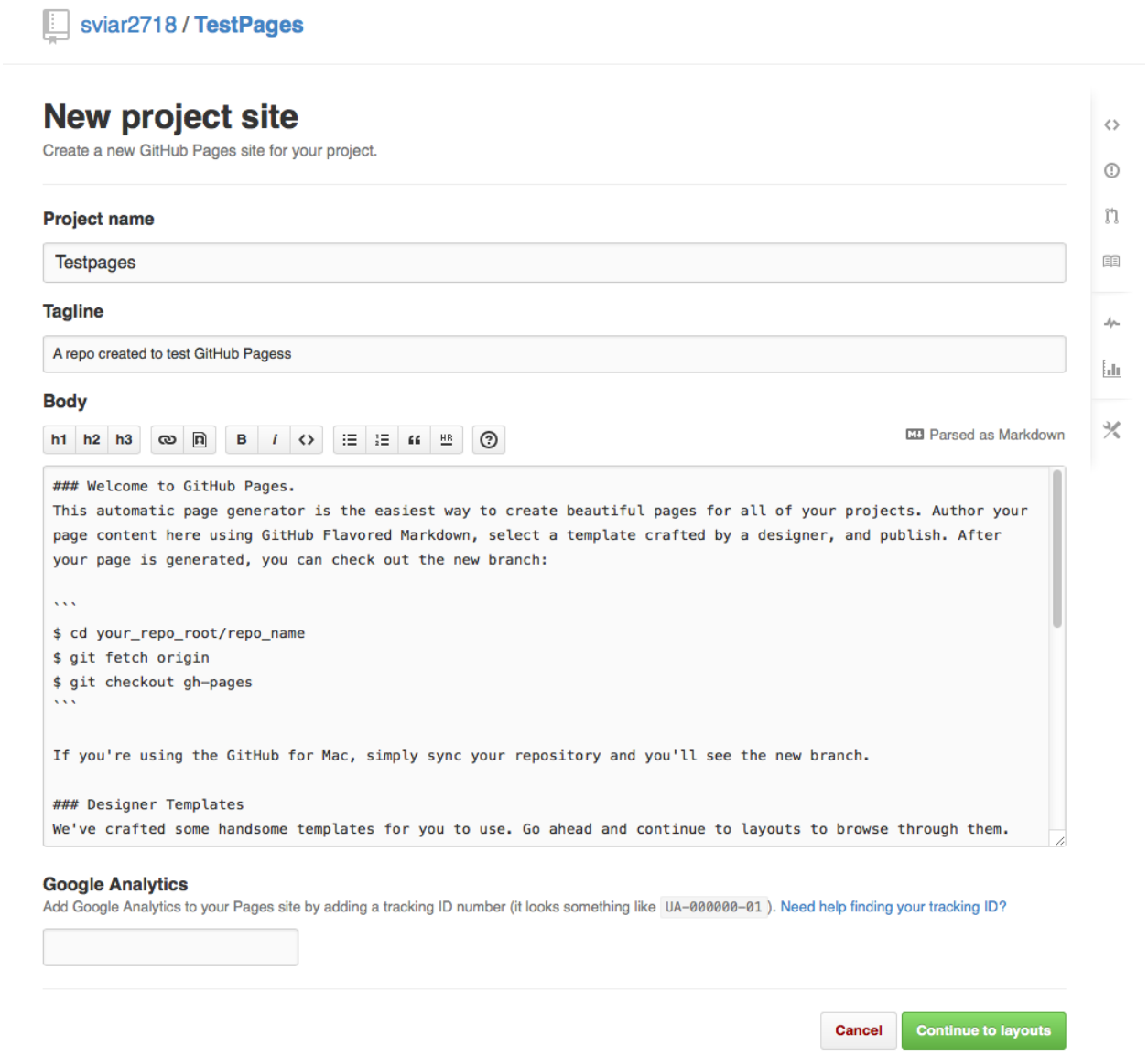
You should see:



Click on the “Automatic page generator”:



You will see:

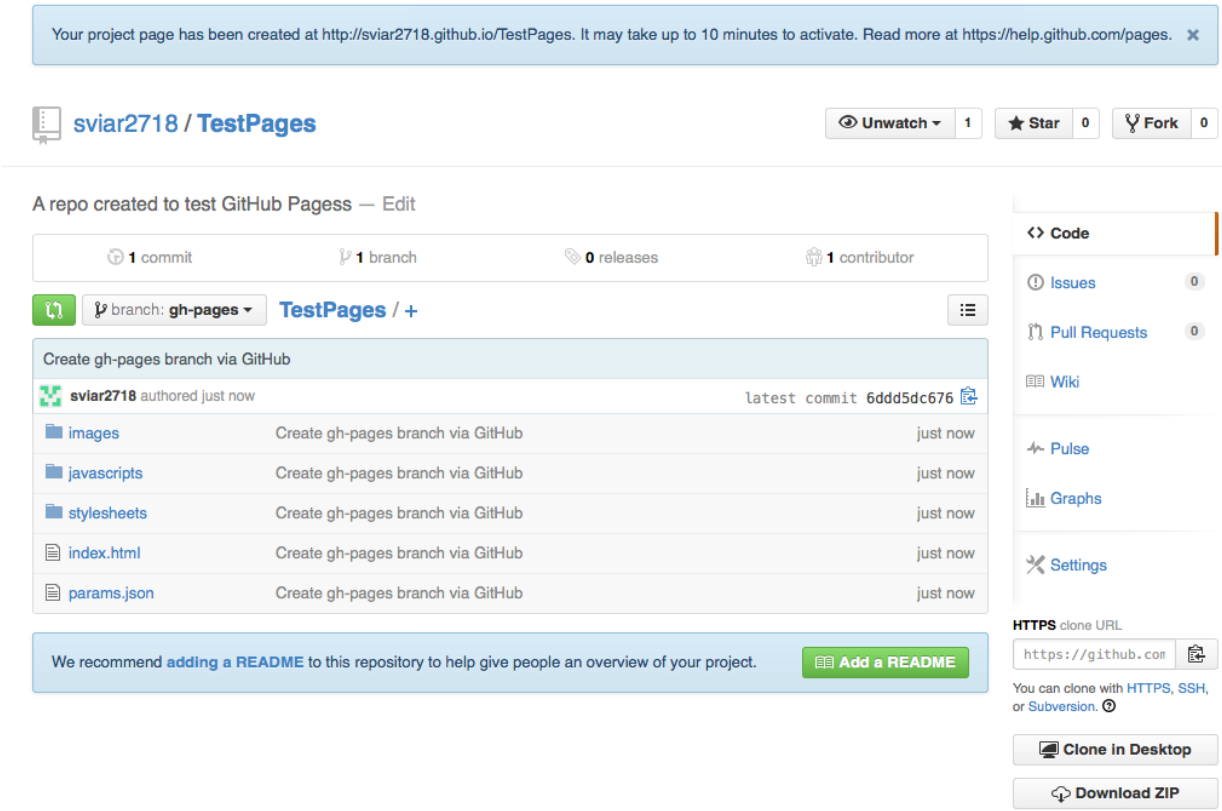


Now click on “Continue to layouts”:

You need to pick a “theme” from one of the ones you see above. You can use the right arrow to go all the way to the right. If you want to do what I did to match “DanWeb”, you should choose “Dinky”:

Now click on “Publish page”

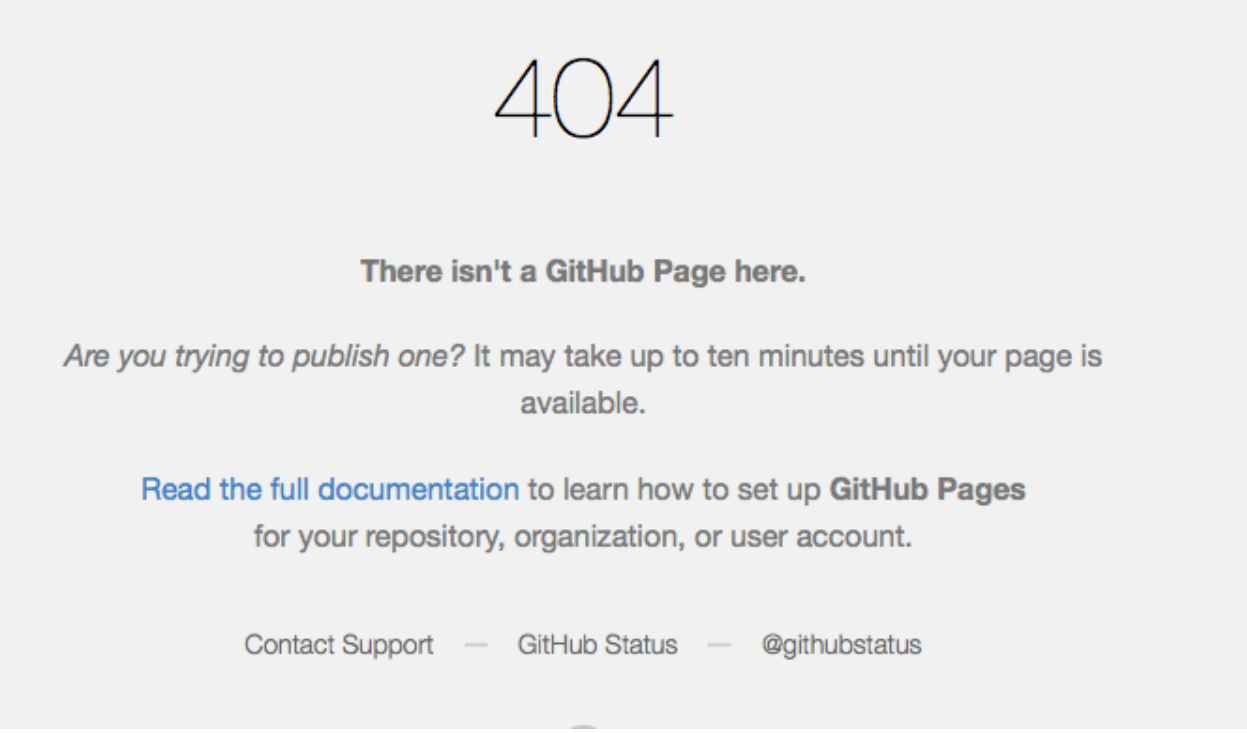
Now you will see:



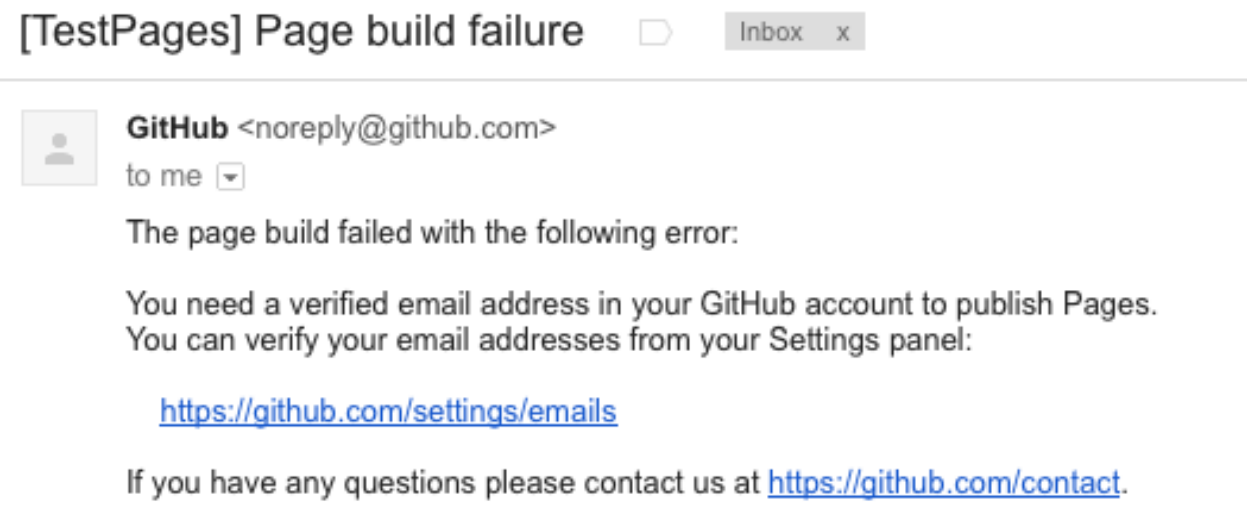
Notice that it says
“Your project page has been created at http://sviar2718.github.io/TestPages. It may take up to 10 minutes to activate. Read more at https://help.github.com/pages.”
at the top.

You can copy this to another tab in your browser to see what you’re website looks like.

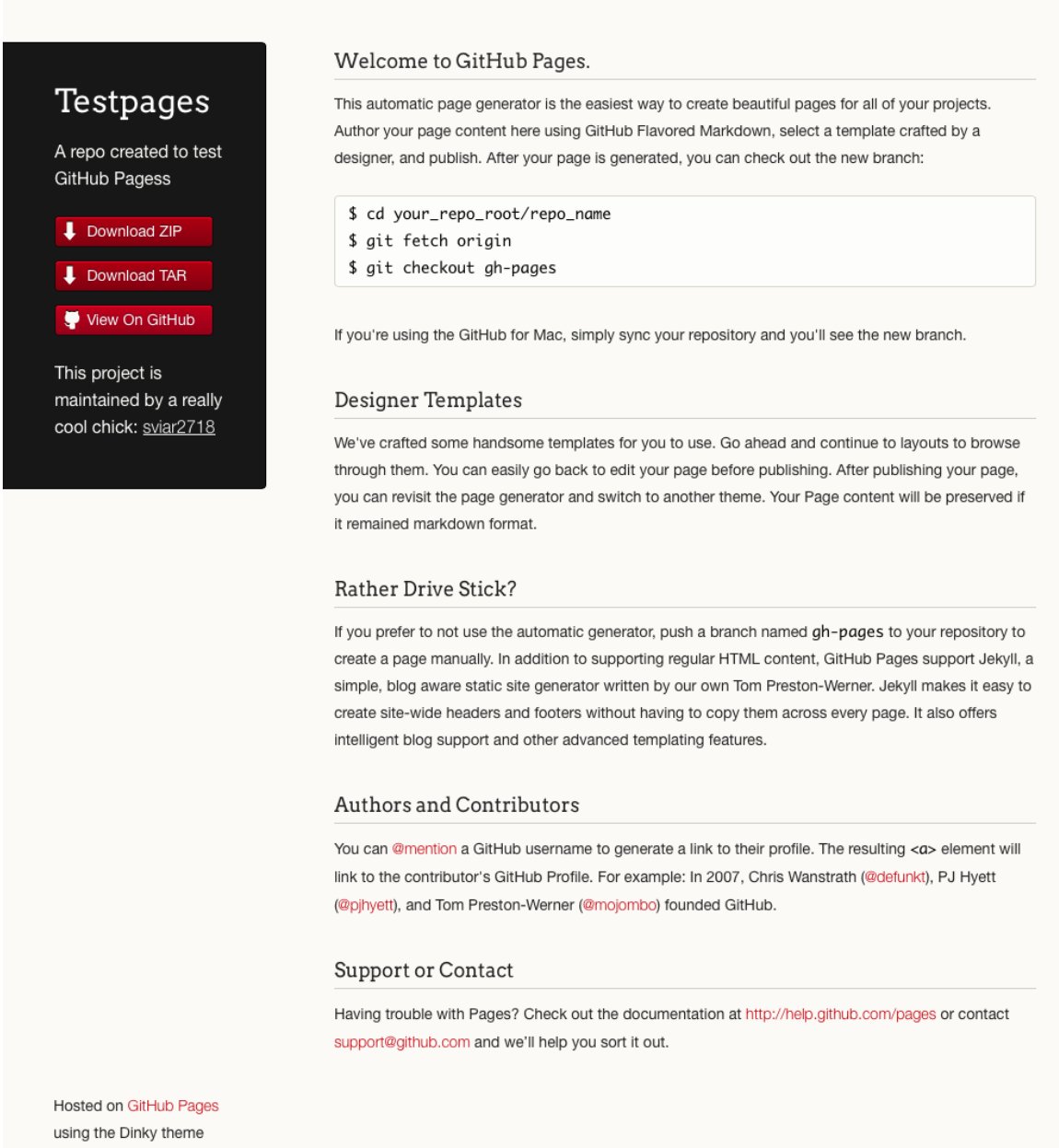
It can take up to 10 minutes. While you wait, you may see the following at the url:



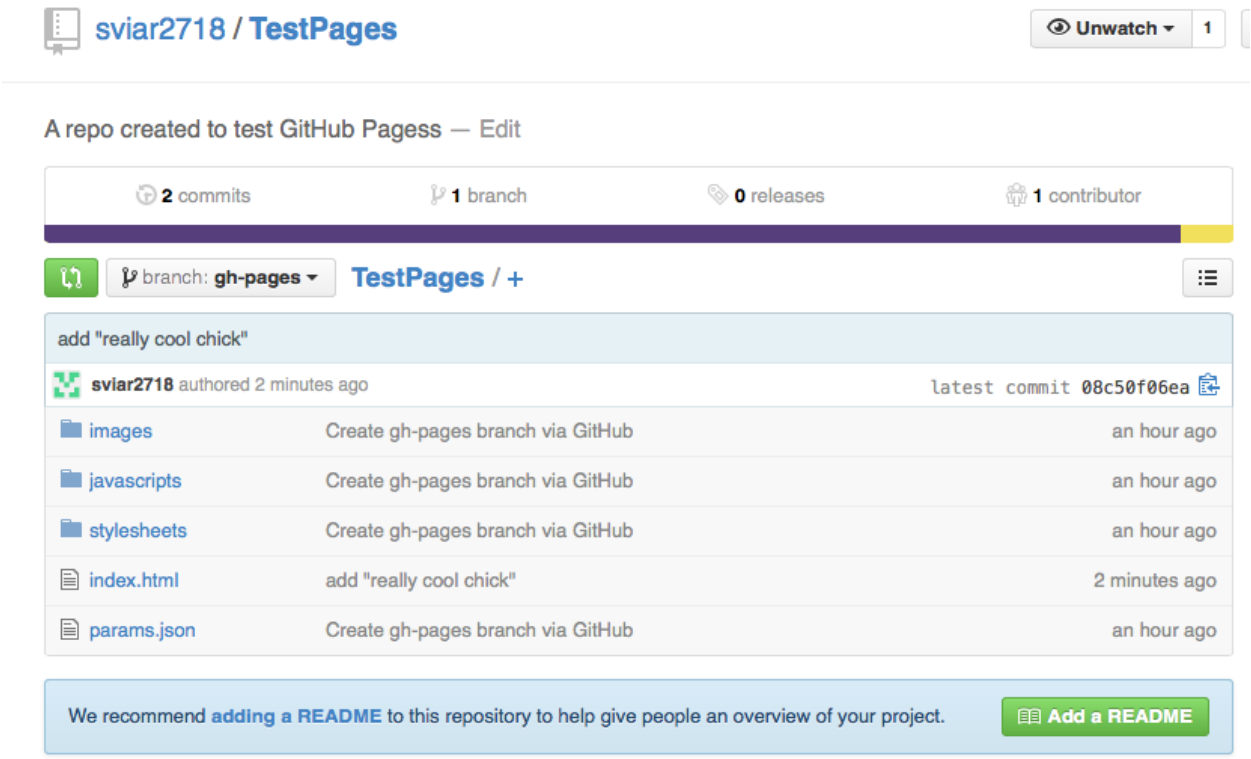
IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need to have a verified email address for this to work. If you see that this is taking a long time to work, then check your email address to see if you have an email like the following:



Eventually, you should see a screen like the following:



Let's go back to the GitHub website and edit some content:



Click on the little “+” next to the name of your repo: 

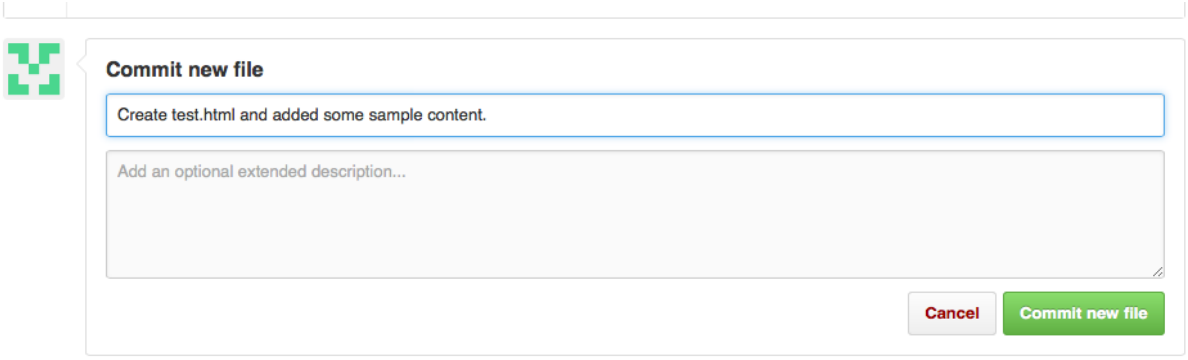
This will allow you to create a new file. Call the new file “test.html”. Now navigate to the following url (in another tab): http://www.w3schools.com/html/tryit.asp?filename=tryhtml_intro

You should see the following code:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h1>My First Heading</h1>

<p>My first paragraph.</p>

</body>
</html>
```

Copy and paste this into your new file. Your document should look like the following:

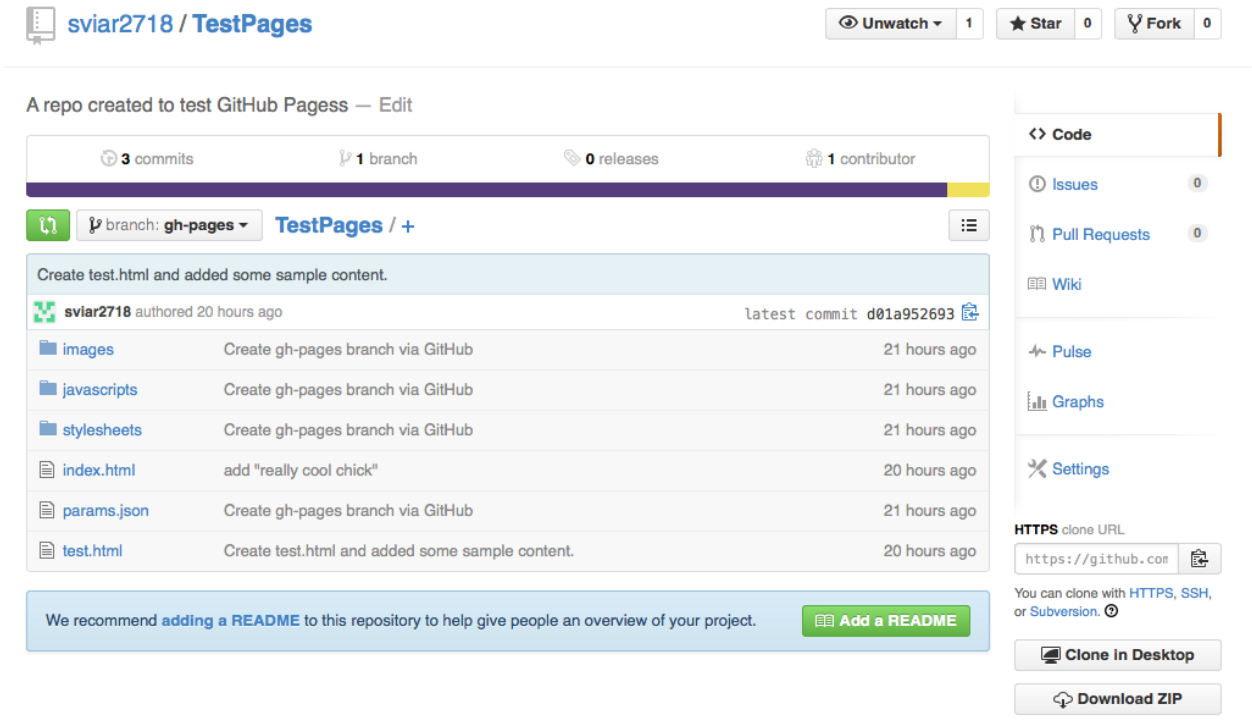
Now add a comment for your new file and commit:



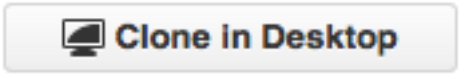
Give it a little time and try to navigate to your test file:

Congrats! You just edited your first webpage! Note that this is available to the entire internet! Now you can continue to edit your repo online, but an easier way is to clone your repo to your local computer, make changes, commit your changes and then push your changes back to GitHub. Let's do an example (this will only work if you have a PC or Mac, if you have Linux, you will need to use the command line).

On the GitHub page for your repo:



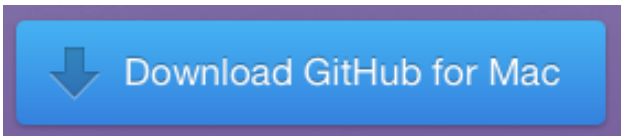
Click on “Clone in Desktop”:



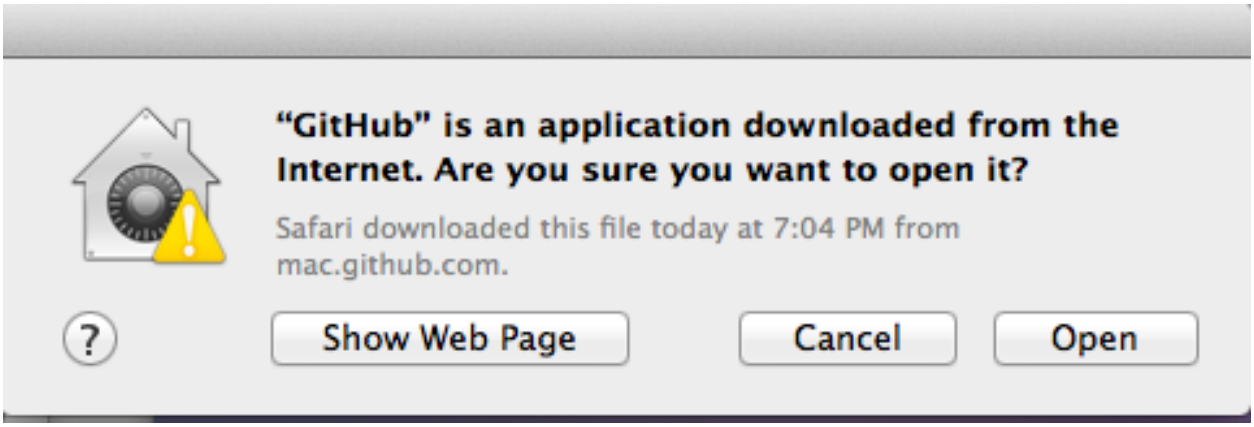
If you haven’t installed the GitHub client you should see:

(Windows users should see something similar)

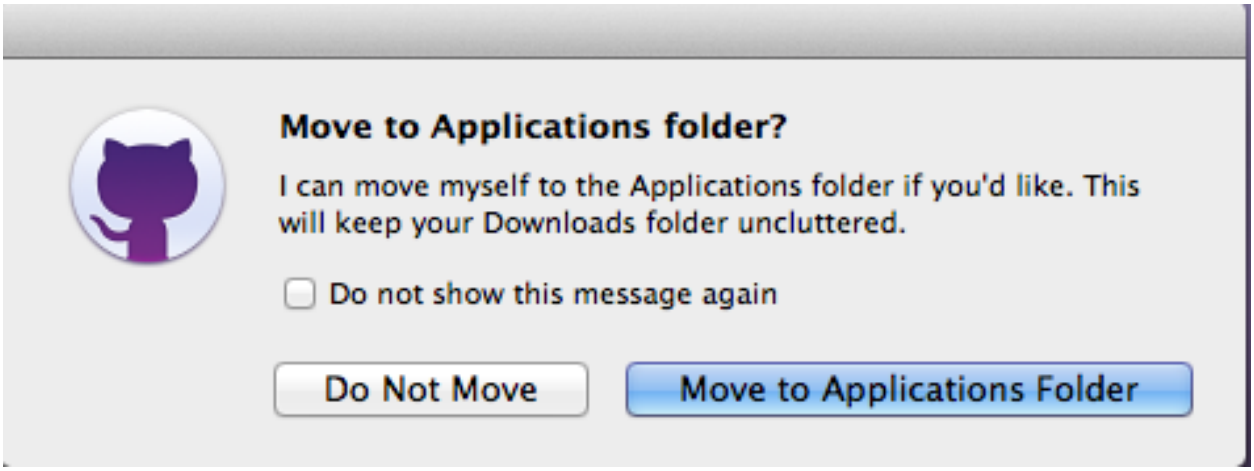
Now click on the big blue button and install the GitHub client for Mac.



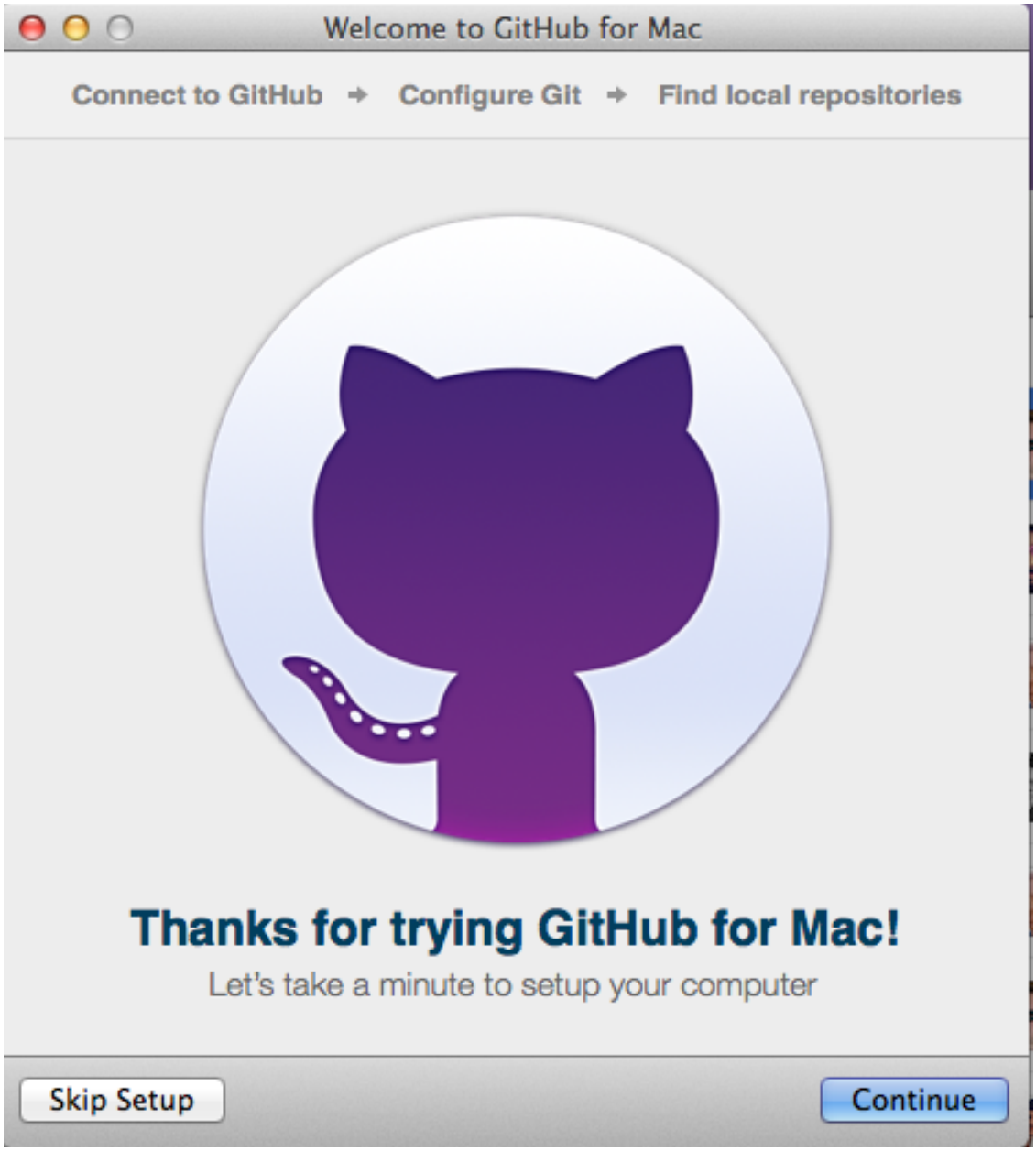
On a Mac, you will see:



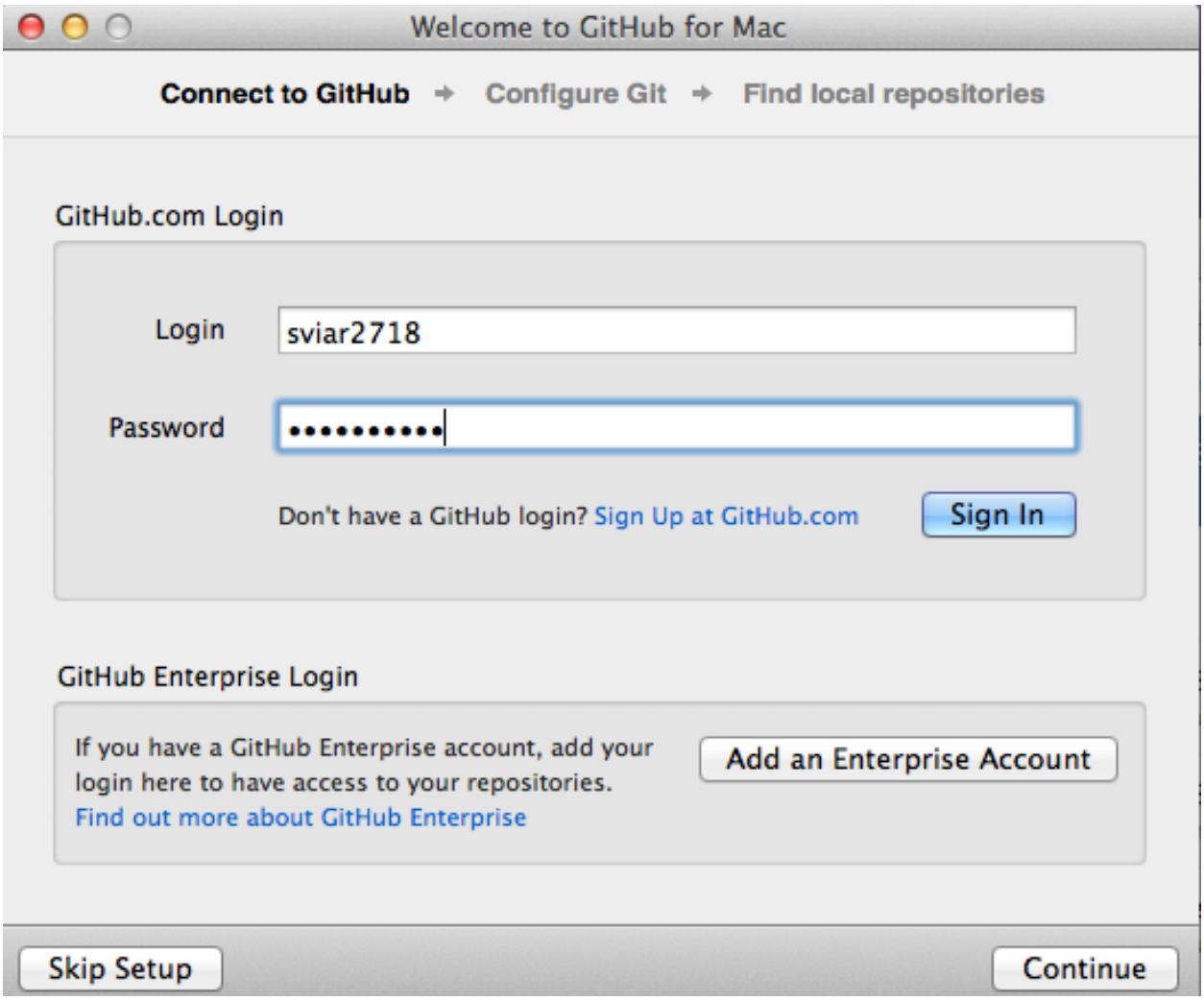
Click on “Open”



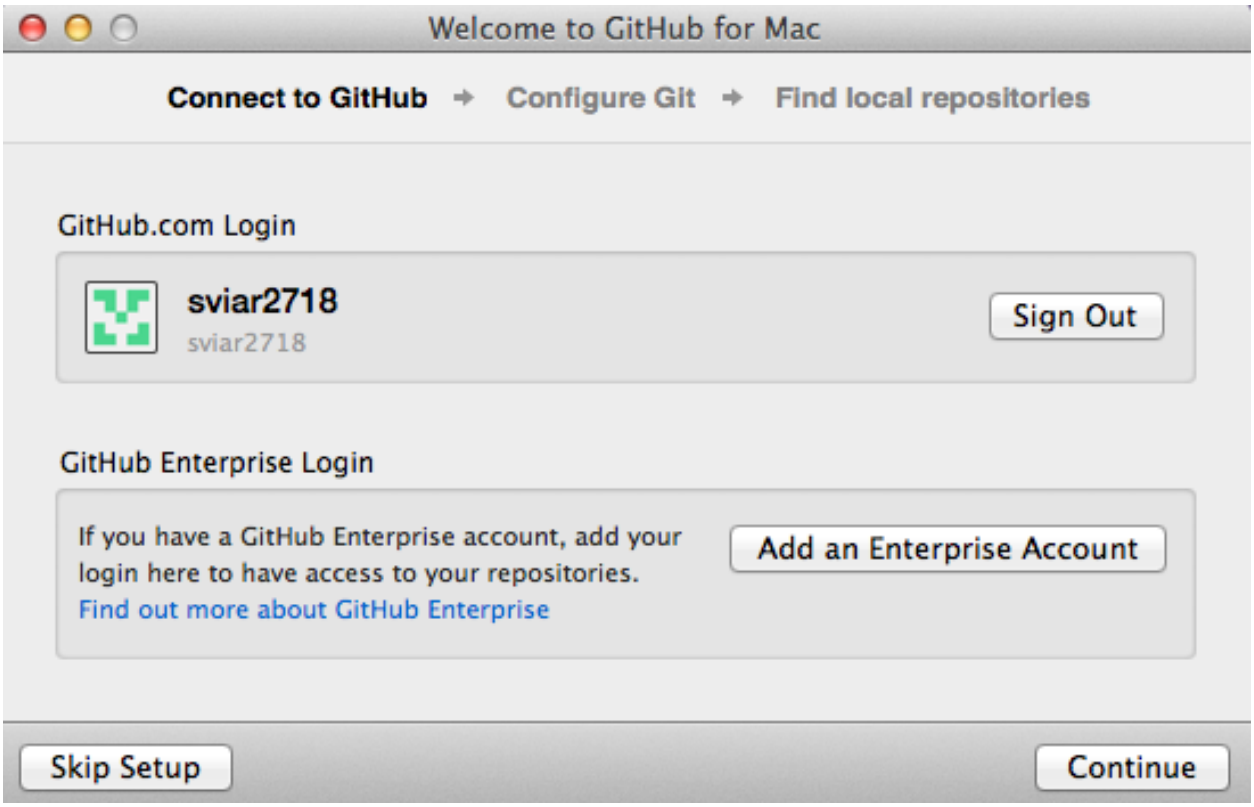
Now click on “Move to Applications Folder”



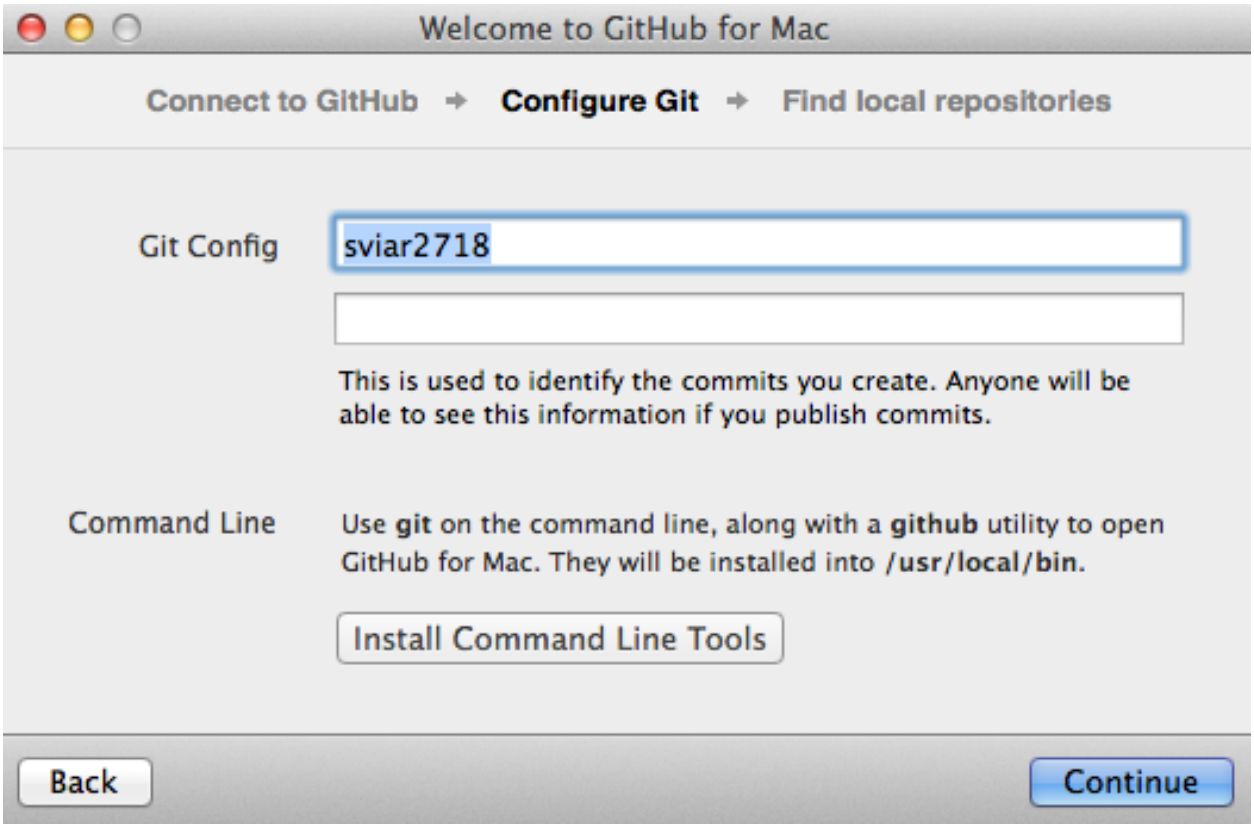
Now click on “Continue” and sign in with your user name and password:

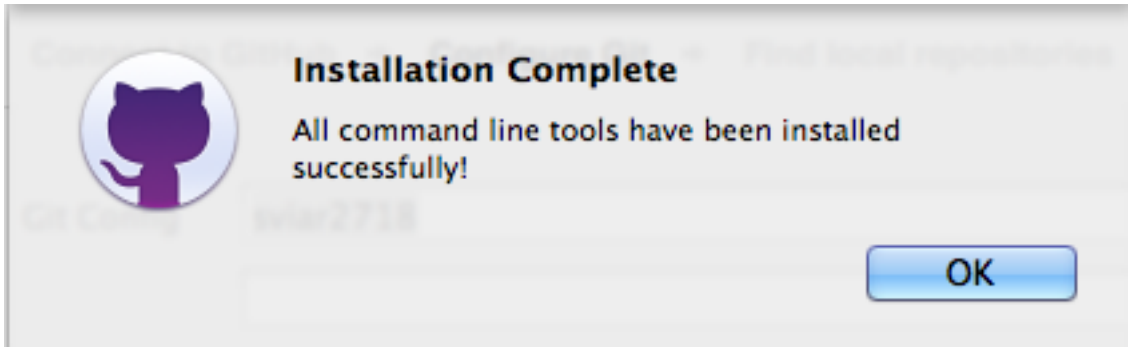


Click on “Continue”

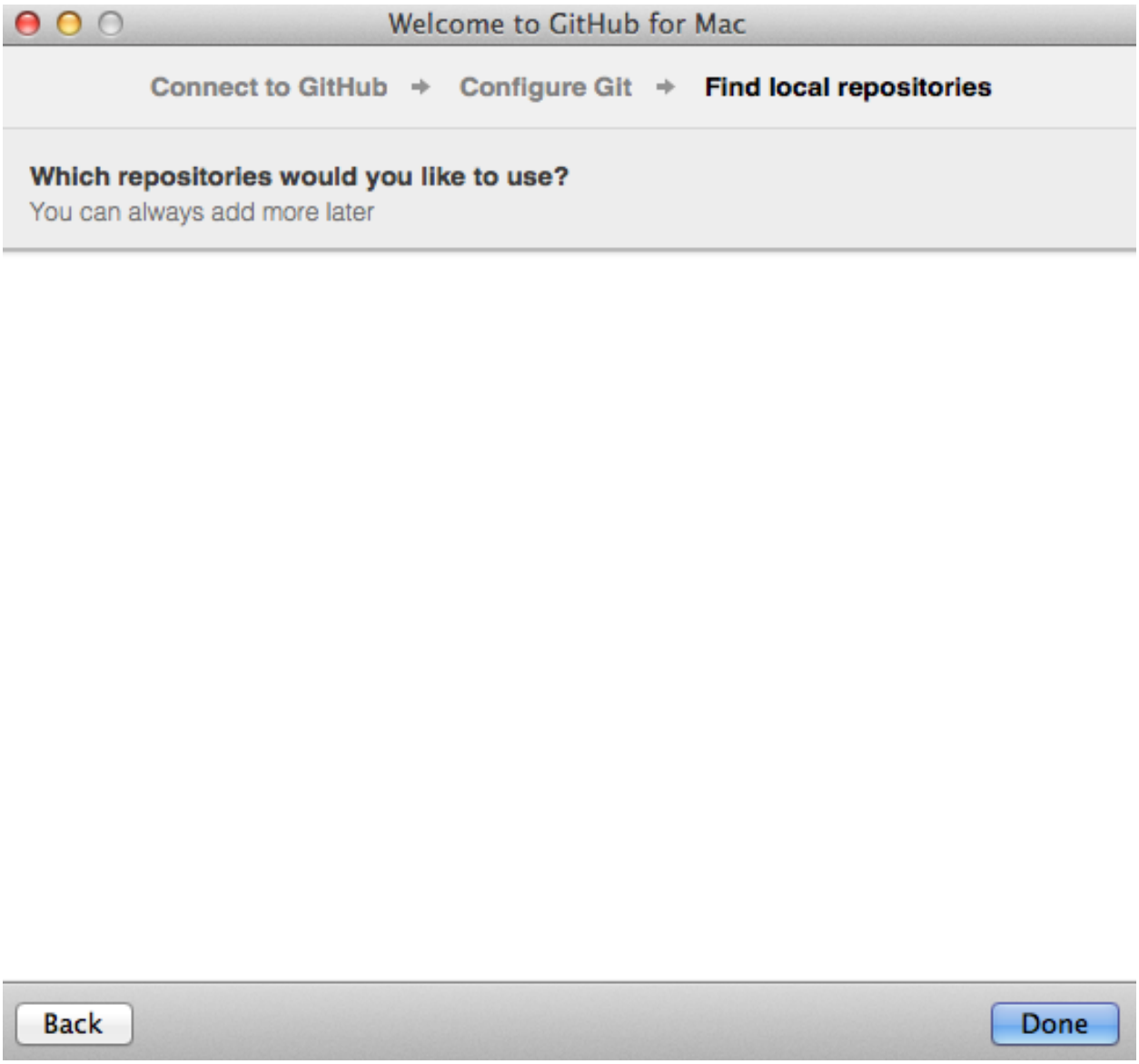


Given the option, you should install the command line tools (click the button).

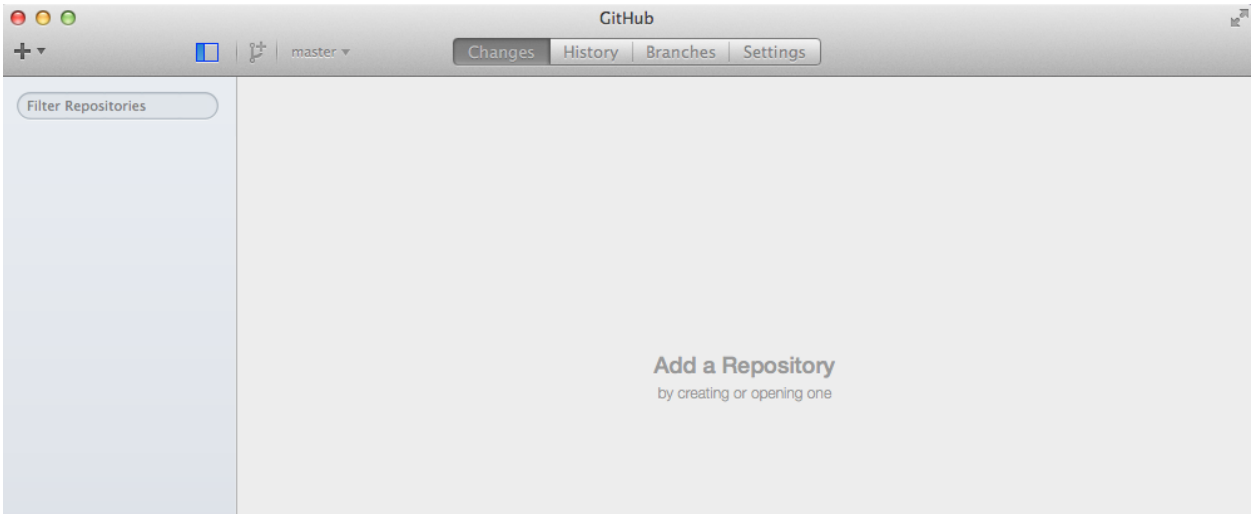




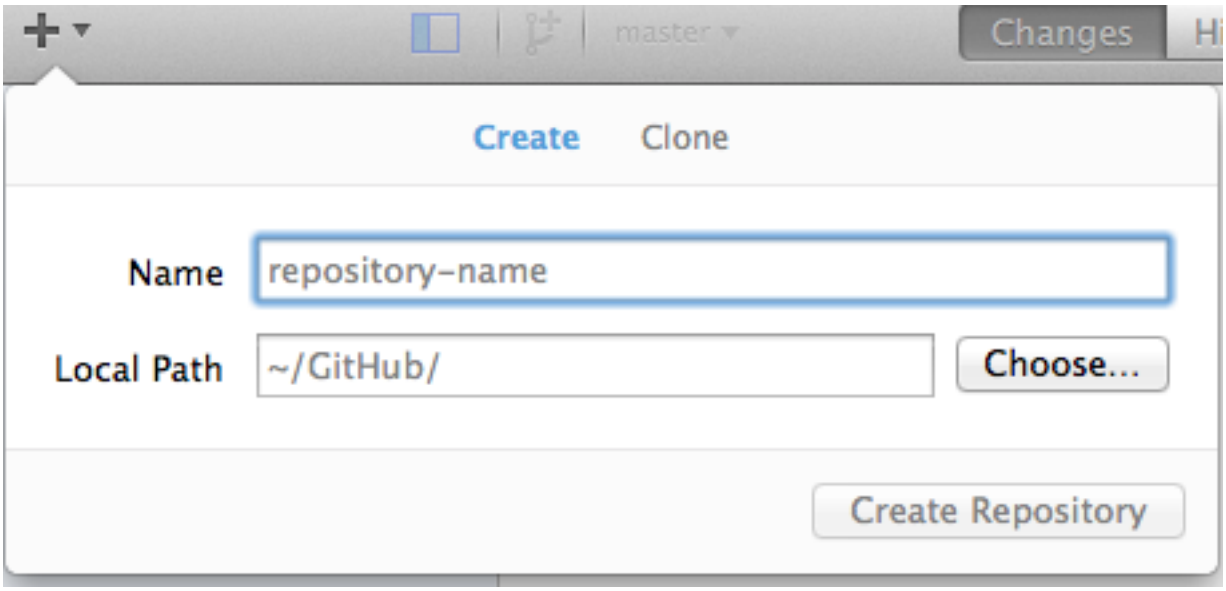
Continue to click “Continue” and then “Done”



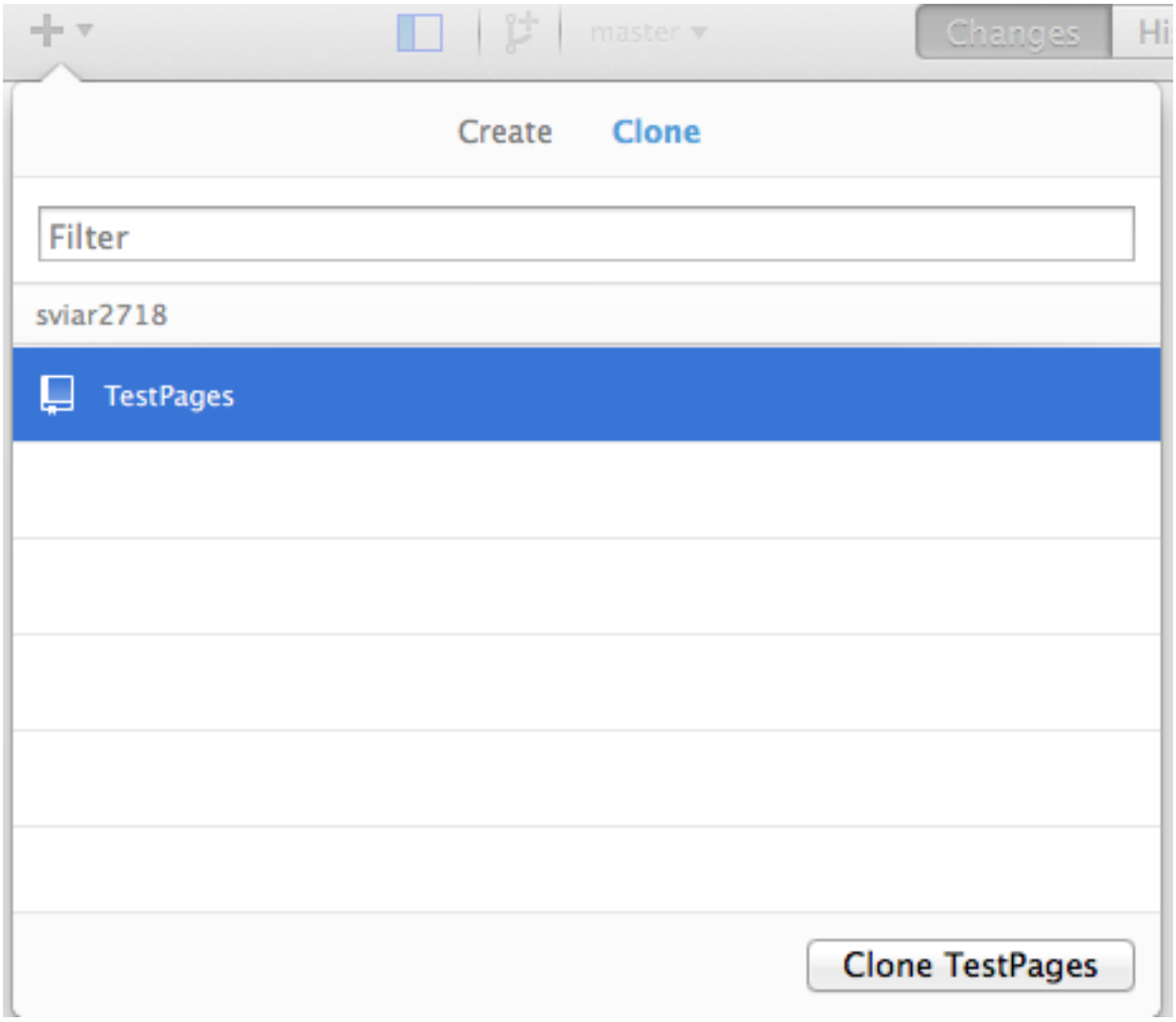
Now you should see something like:



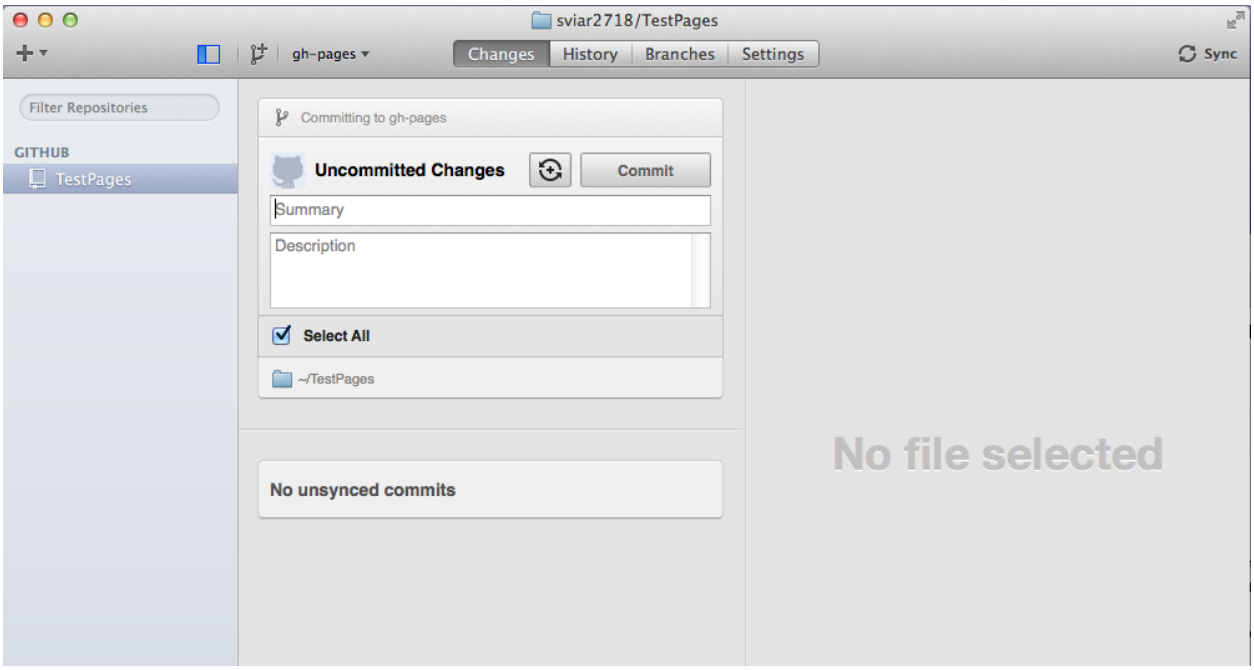
We want to add the repository that we created earlier. To do this, click on the "+"



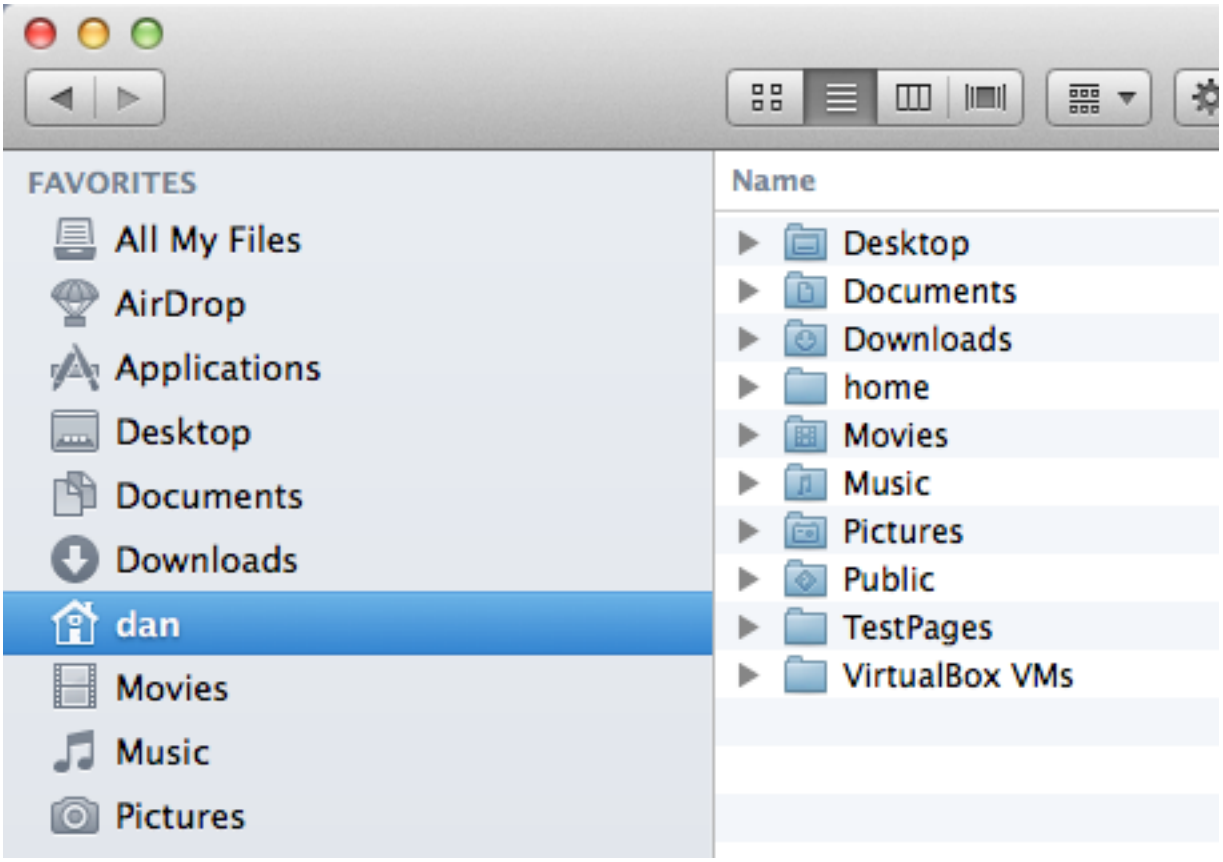
And then click on "Clone" to see the repo that you created earlier. Click on it and then then select "Clone"



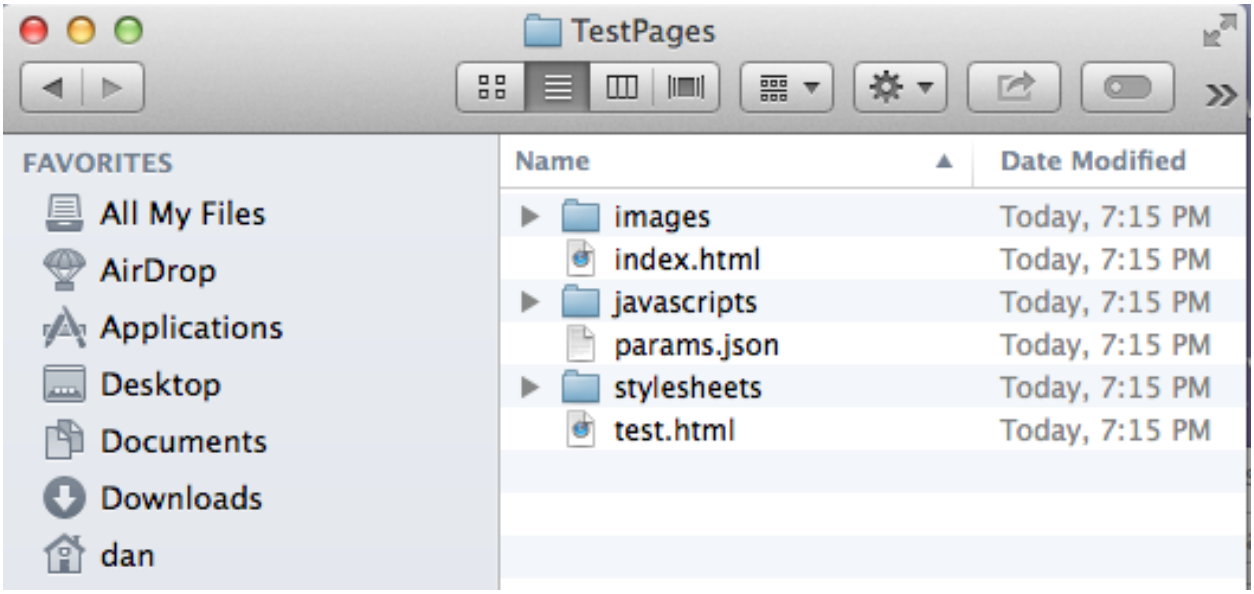
You should see something like this:



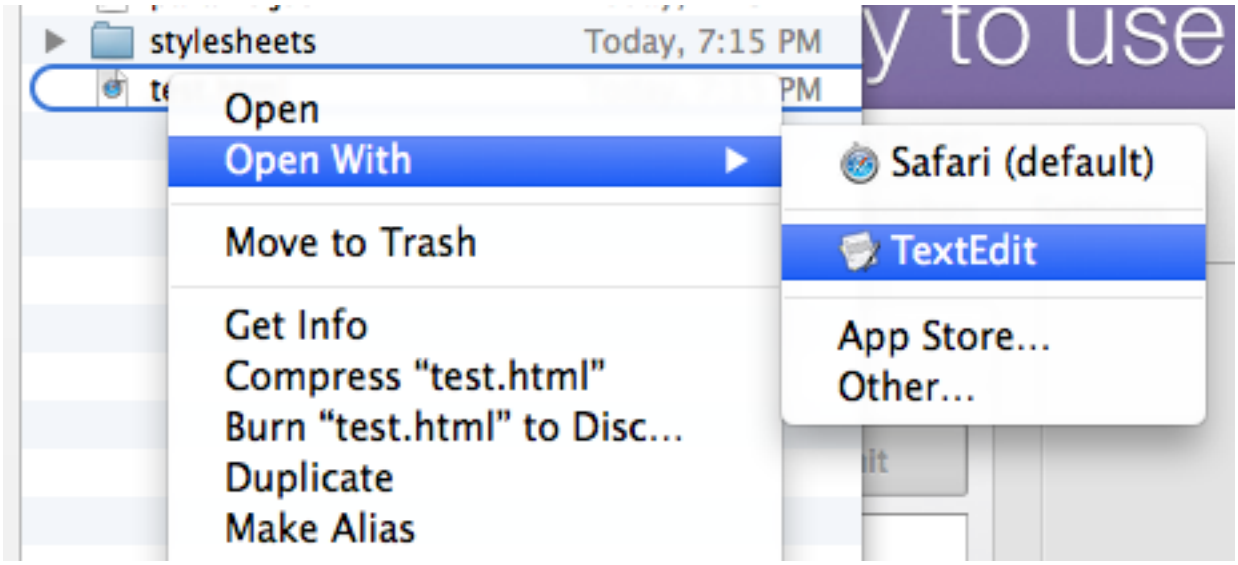
Now you need to find the folder that GitHub downloaded your repo to. On my Mac that was dan/TestPages:



Let's go into that folder:



Using any text editor on your system, let's make a change to test.html:



NOTE: On a Mac, if you want to use TextEdit, you may have to change preferences for TextEdit (see for example http://support.apple.com/kb/TA20406?viewlocale=en_US&locale=en_US)

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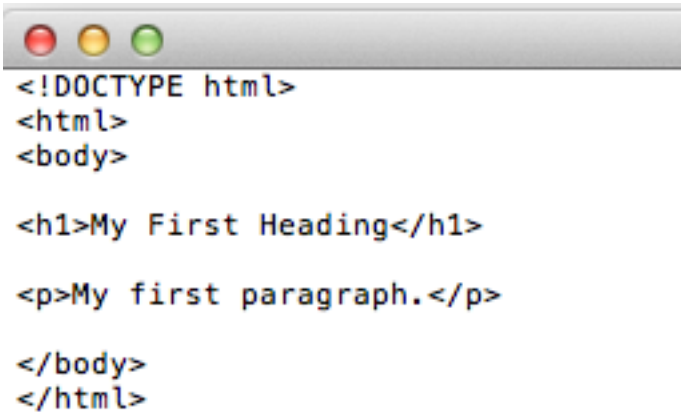

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<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h1>My First Heading</h1>

<p>My first paragraph.</p>

</body>
</html>
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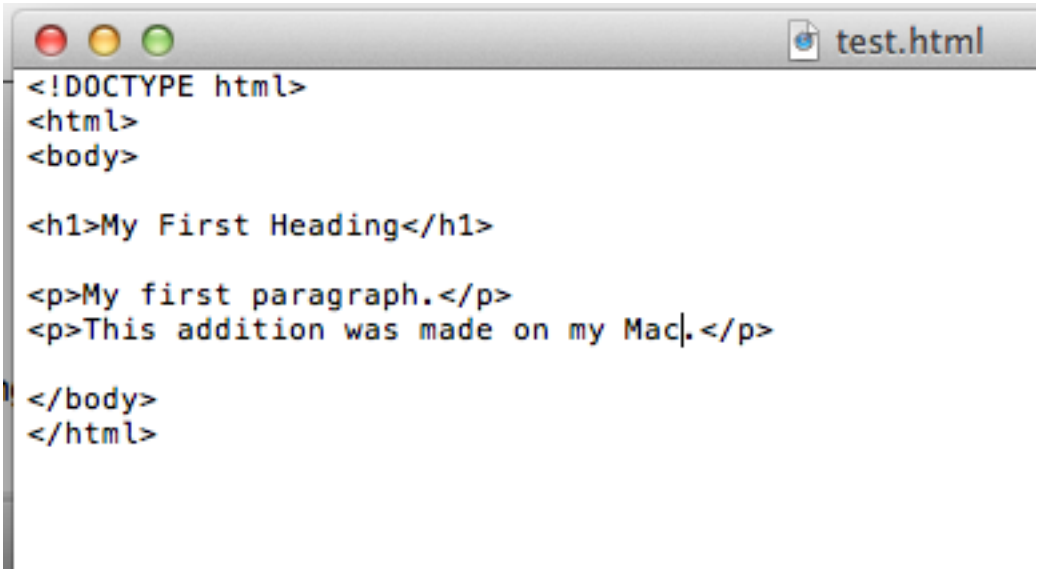
Now make some changes and save the file

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<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h1>My First Heading</h1>

<p>My first paragraph.</p>
<p>This addition was made on my Mac.</p>

</body>
</html>
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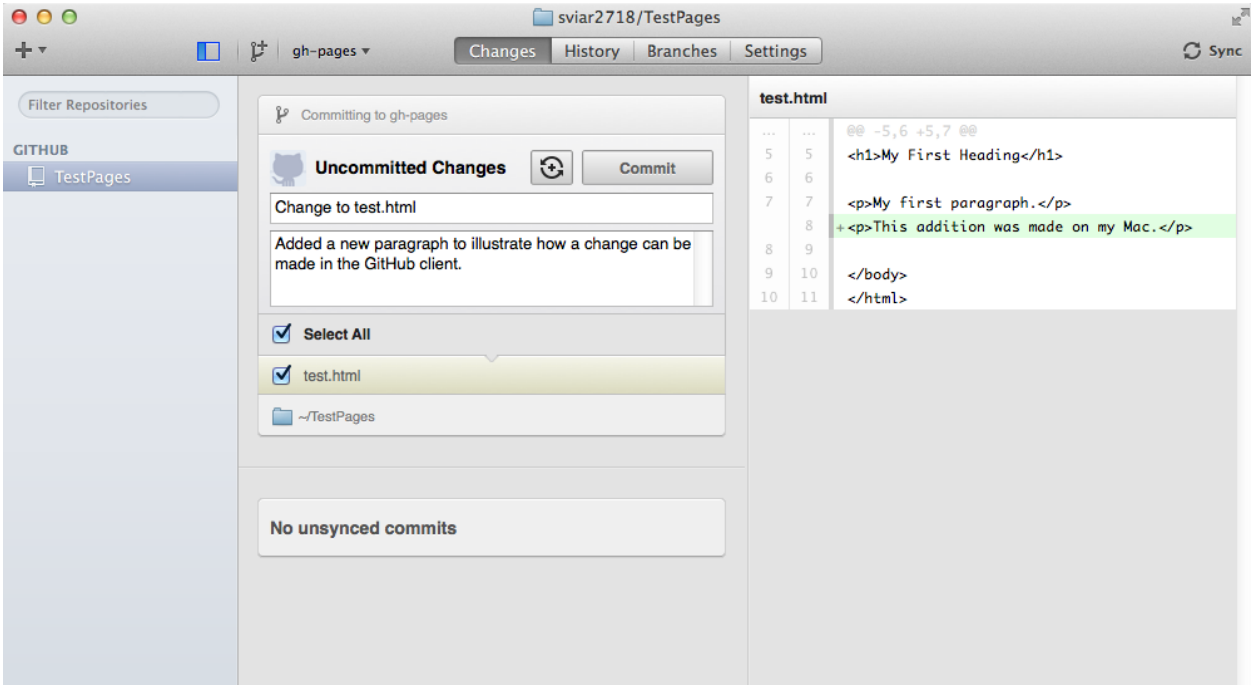
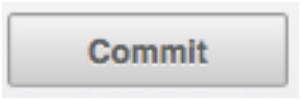
Close the file and go back to the GitHub client:

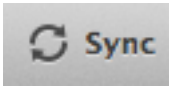


Notice that it will highlight the change that was made. If you added something it will be highlighted in green. Anything you deleted will be highlighted in red. You should a comment to your commit and an (optional) description.

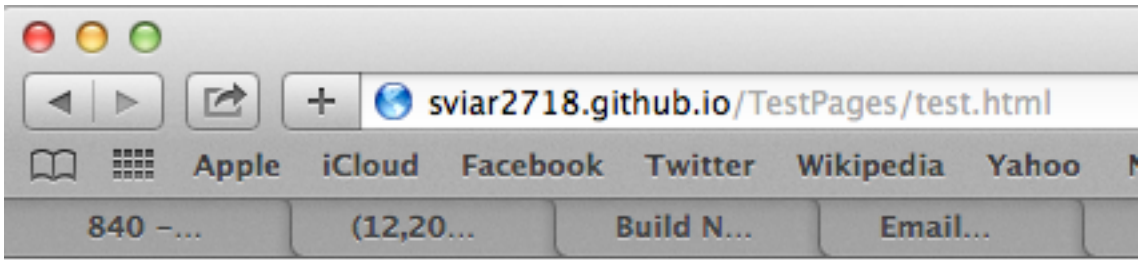
Click the Commit button



Now click the Sync button



Now go back to your webpage to see if you see your changes:



Next Steps:

If you would like to start learning HTML to be able to change your website, any Google search can find dozens of online tutorials. Here's a sample:

http://www.w3schools.com/html/
http://www.codecademy.com/tracks/web
http://www.austincc.edu/hr/profdev/eworkshops/docs/HTML_Basics.pdf

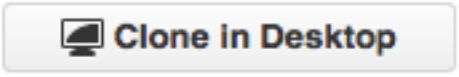
Take a look at Mr. Viar's GitHub site:

http://dviar2718.github.io/DanWeb/

If you would like make a site like this, the easiest way to get started would be to go to the GitHub repository for the site:

https://github.com/dviar2718/DanWeb

Click on



Once you have the entire repo on your home computer, you can copy all of the folder contents into your repo and make the changes that you want. Once you've done that you can commit the changes to your repo and then sync back. NOTE: If you do this, you will replace everything that you've done, so be careful!