

# WELCOME TO **FIRST** TECH CHALLENGE!



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# Google Classroom

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# Section 1: Introductions

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# Nathan Tao

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- Junior, Programming Director
  - Computer vision
  - Full-stack projects
- Interested in supporting creative outreach projects
  - Last year: Game Jam, Vlogumentary
  - Open to build websites, edit videos, and help other outreach projects that you guys want to undertake



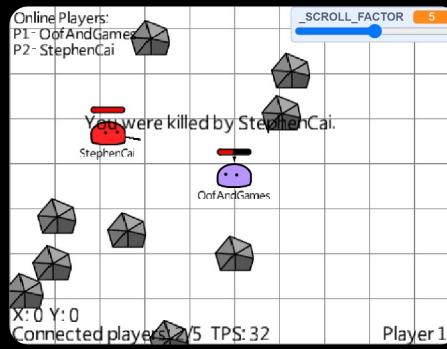
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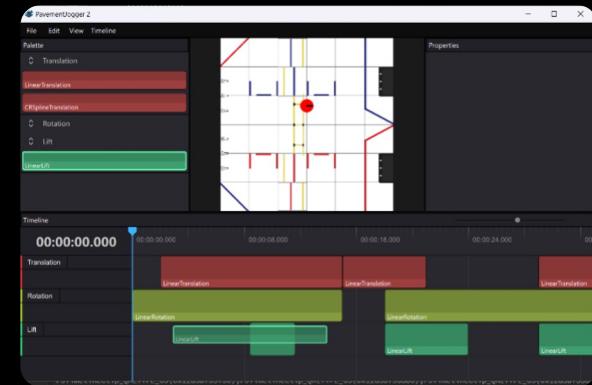
# Stephen Cai

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- Senior programming director
  - My main languages are Scratch & Java
  - Working on a path planning software
- Member for three years
  - Freshman year: engineering
  - Sophomore & Junior year: programming
- Current Hobbies include:
  - Robotics, ofc (specifically control theory)
  - Writing & playing music
  - Minecraft



Multiplayer Shooter Game on Scratch



Path Planning Software  
"PavementJogger"

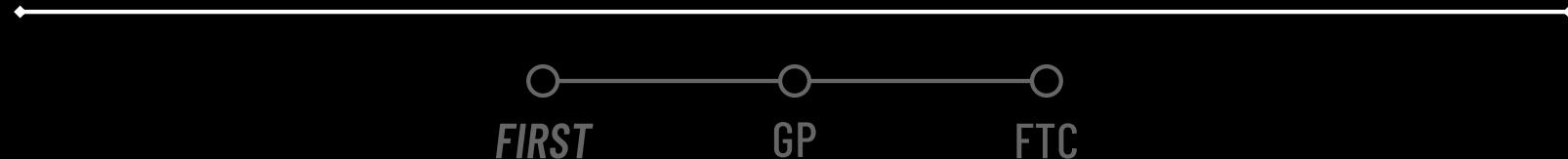
# Your Turn!

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- Let's get to know each other! Please share:
  - Your name and/or preferred name
  - Why you chose to join the Robotics Club
  - What you hope to learn/do in the Programming department
  - A fun fact about yourself

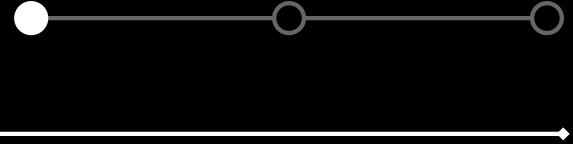


# Section 2: What is *FIRST*/*FTC*?



# What is **FIRST**?

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- For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology
- “**FIRST** is a global **robotics community** preparing young people for the future and the world's leading youth-serving nonprofit **advancing STEM education.**”



★ Excellence in **STEM**

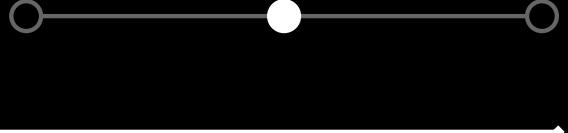
★ Excellence in **Promoting STEM**

Source: <https://www.firstinspires.org/>



# Gracious Professionalism®

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★ “Gracious Professionalism is part of the ethos of **FIRST**...  
“Participants compete intensely while treating each other with **respect** and **empathy**.” ★

- [FIRST Website - Mission Statement](#)



“What Gracious Professionalism Means to Me”

# What is **FTC**?

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- FIRST Tech Challenge
- New challenge every year—this year is “*Into The Deep*”

## INTO THE DEEP<sup>SM</sup>

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# Your Job as an FTC Programmer

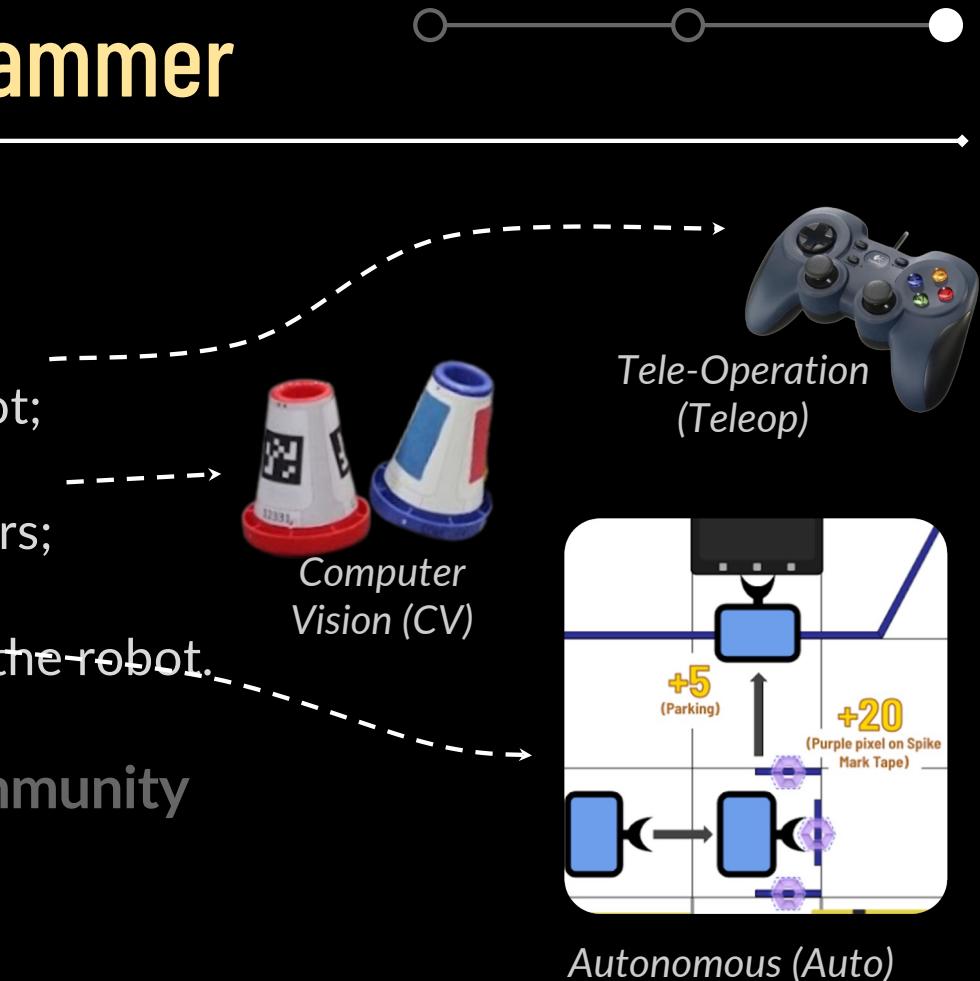


- Develop software
- Proactively contribute to the community

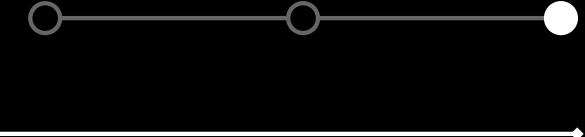
# Your Job as an FTC Programmer

## ➤ Develop software for:

- Efficient manual control of the robot;
  - Reliable detection of fiducial markers;
  - Consistent autonomous control of the robot.
- Proactively contribute to the community



# Your Job as an FTC Programmer



- Develop software

➤ **Proactively contribute to the community by:**

- Volunteering at community events;
- Spreading the word for these events;
- Helping the Outreach Department with fundraisers (e.g. bake sales)



*Library Workshop*



*JCCMW Open House*



# Section 3: Training/Labs Overview

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Schedule   Topics   Overview   Teams

# Generic Club Schedule

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## Regular schedule

- Monday: **3PM - 5PM**
- Wednesday: **3PM - 5PM**
- Friday: **2:05PM - 4PM**

## Busy schedule (before comps)

- Friday: **2:05PM - 5PM**
- Other weekdays: **3PM - 6PM**

★ **IMPORTANT:** This training course will last from **9/9-10/7**.

**You are under \*NO\* obligation  
to attend (all of) every meeting!!!**

*But, it is highly recommended that you attend this  
training course regularly!*

# Lab Topics!!

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- Unit 0 (9/9-13): GitHub & Android Studio Setup ← We are here!
- Unit 1 (9/16-20): Basics of TeleOp
  - Lab: The Floor Is Lava
- Unit 2 (9/23-27): Basics of Autonomous
  - Lab: Parallel Parking
- Unit 3 (9/30-10/7): Basics of Computer Vision
  - Lab: Red-Light-Green-Light Competition

# Lab Overview

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- Teams will be formed and will compete against each other for Pirate Booty (PB) Points.
- Weekly lab schedule:
  - Each lab will be introduced on **Monday**
  - Teams will be allotted **robot time** on a rotating basis
    - *Your team cannot “stash” time if you don’t use it*
  - Lab Trials will happen at the end of **Friday’s** meeting (except Unit 3).
- ★ Team with the most PB Points earns: **a candy bag of their choice OR Pirate’s Booty snacks** (converted from points).

# Lab Teams



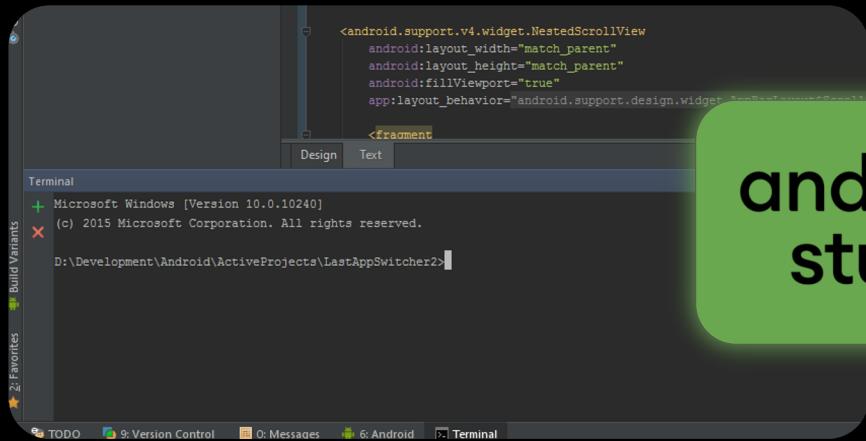
Team #	Members	Total PB Points
Team 1	<b>TA:</b> Aaron He May B, Arjan B, Cici Z, Wesley S, Nicholas M	1
Team 2	<b>TA:</b> Om Sanan Madison W, Ari S, Sam G, Viir S, Jonah S	1
Team 3	<b>TA:</b> Alexander Kempe Ofir S, Luke L, Sky C, Asher C, Emma Y	1

# Section 4: Setup

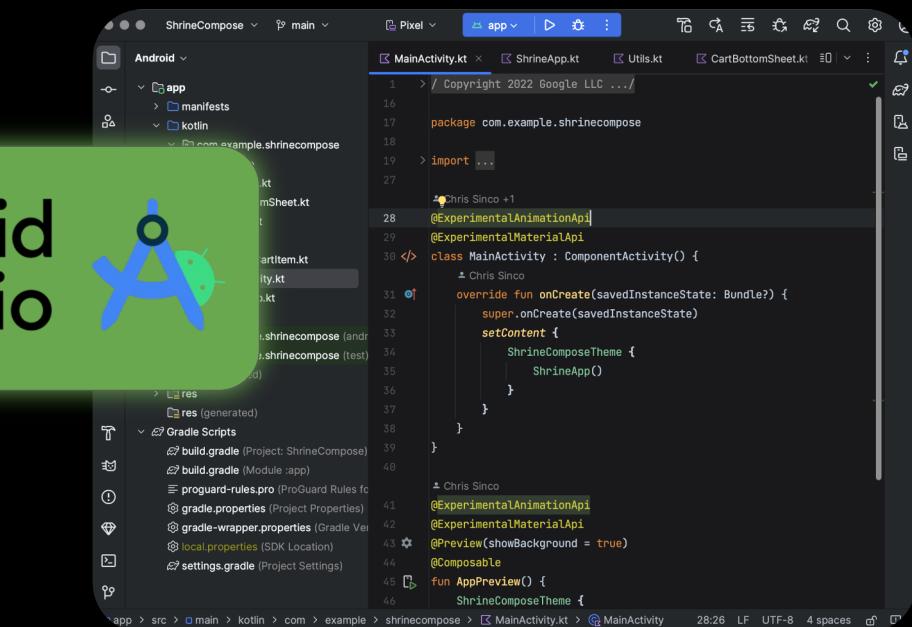


# What is **Android Studio**?

- Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
  - Where you write code: it's basically a fancy text editor

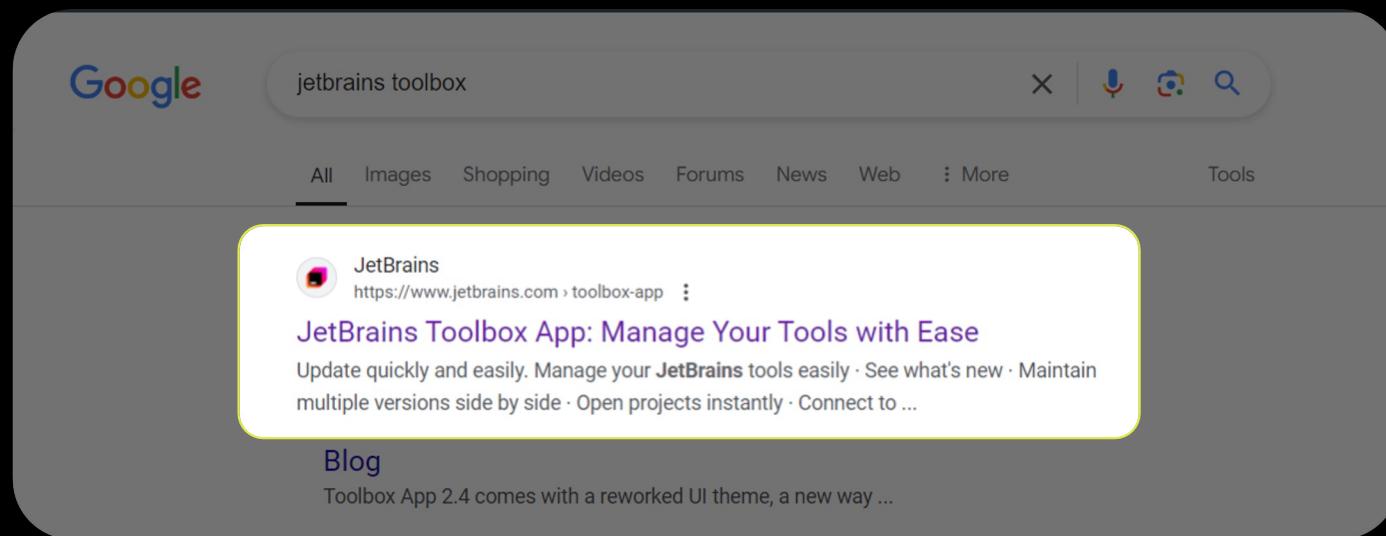


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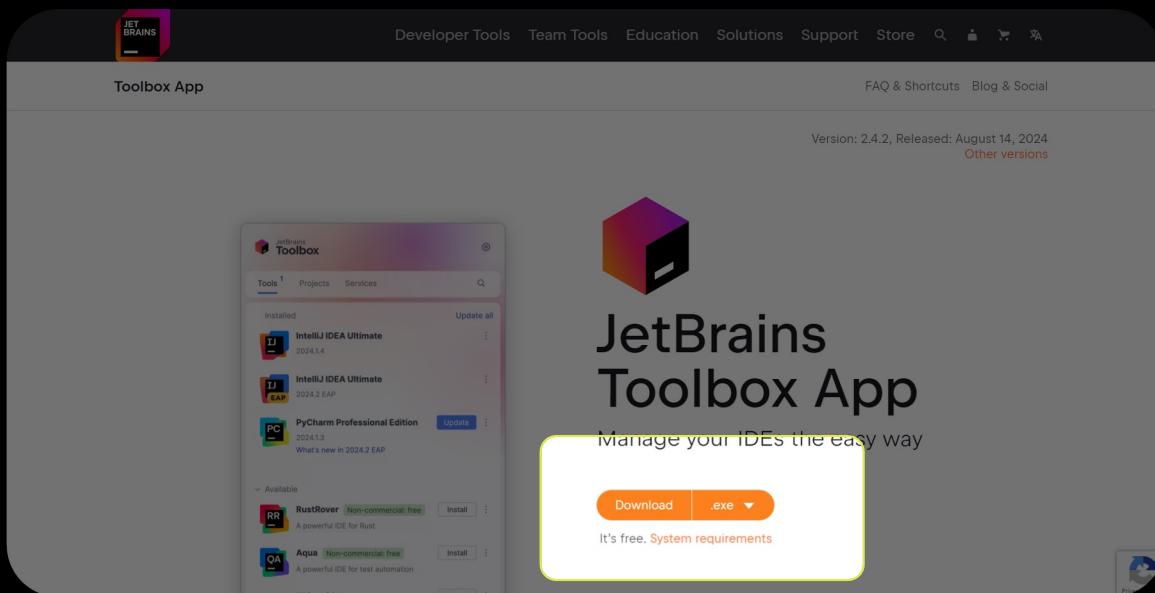
# Installing Android Studio

- Google “jetbrains toolbox” and open the first link ([jetbrains.com](https://www.jetbrains.com/toolbox-app)).



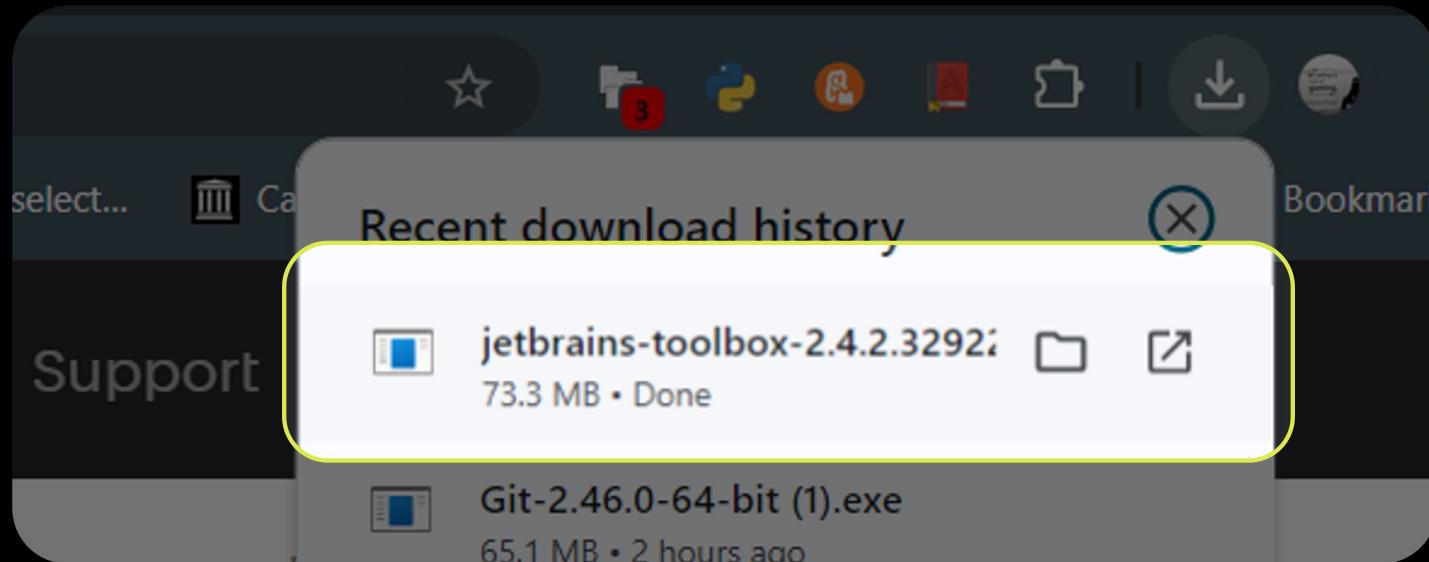
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- Download the installer from the homepage.



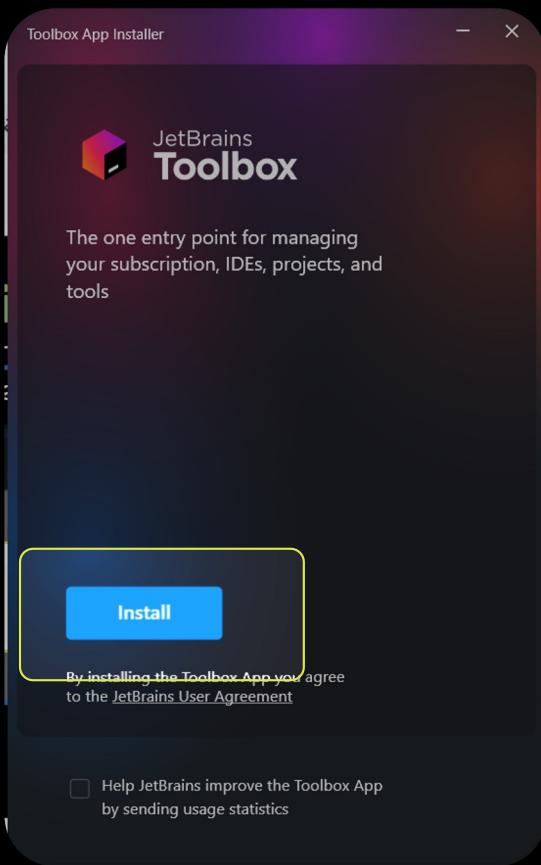
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- Run the executable after it finishes downloading.



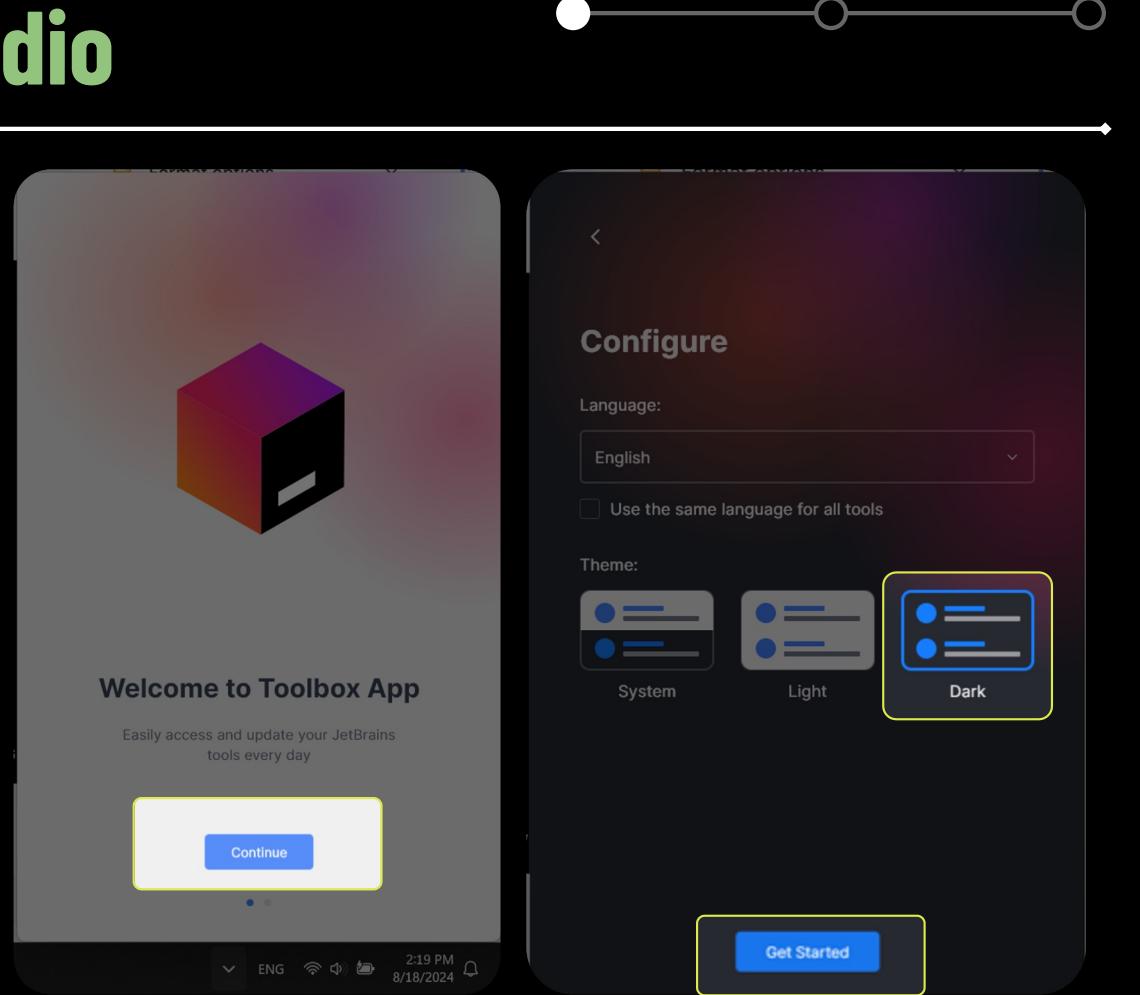
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- Press “Install”.



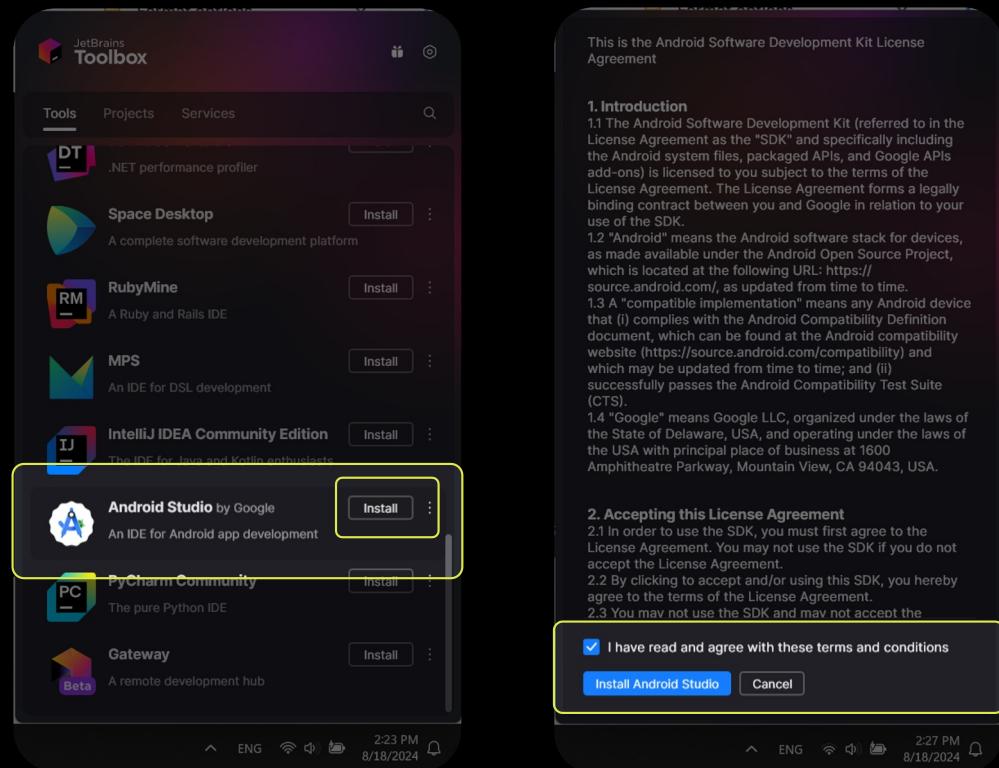
# Installing Android Studio

- Continue through the setup and choose Dark Mode (This is necessary for becoming a programmer)



# Installing Android Studio

- Once you're on the home screen, scroll down to Android Studio and hit "Install".
- Accept the T&C and press "Install Android Studio"
- You're all set!! 



# What is **Git**?

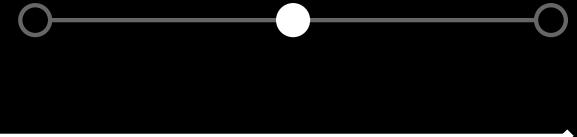
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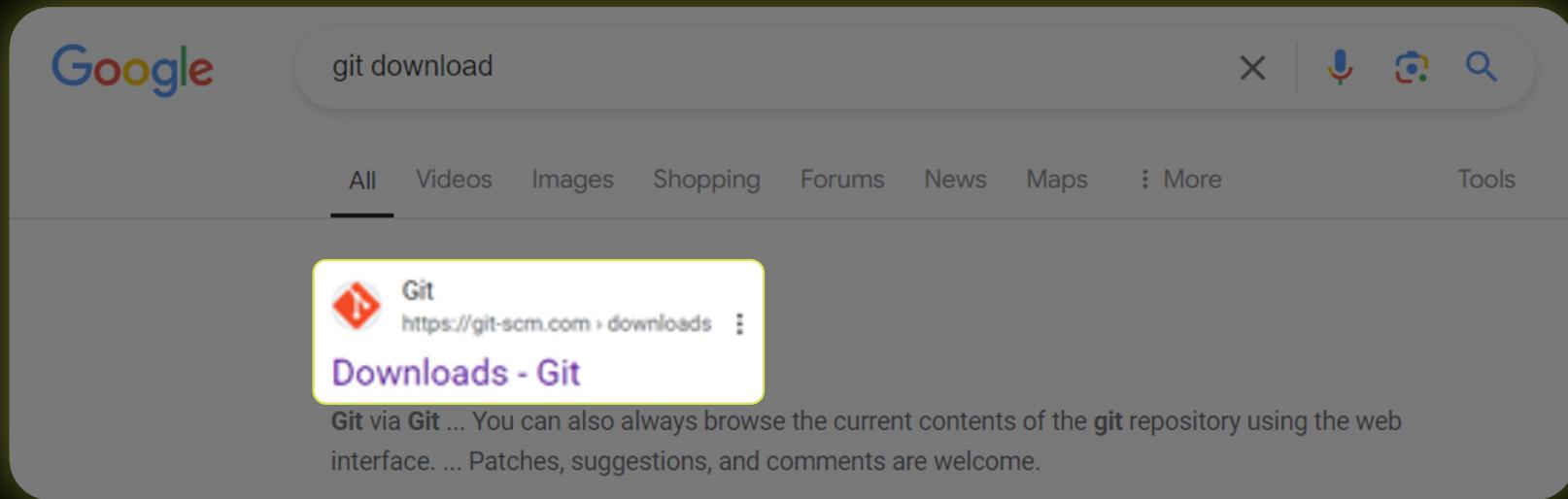
- **Local Version Control:** Keeps track of changes you've made to your code.
  - Important if you want to revert back to an older version!
- Code gets “committed” from Android Studio to Git (analogous to a snapshot).



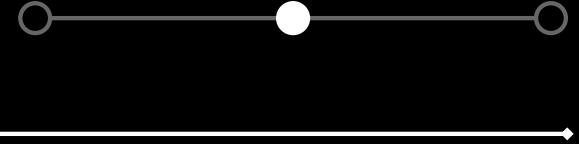
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- Search “git download”; click on the first result ([git-scm.com](https://git-scm.com)).



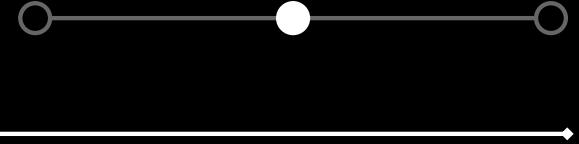
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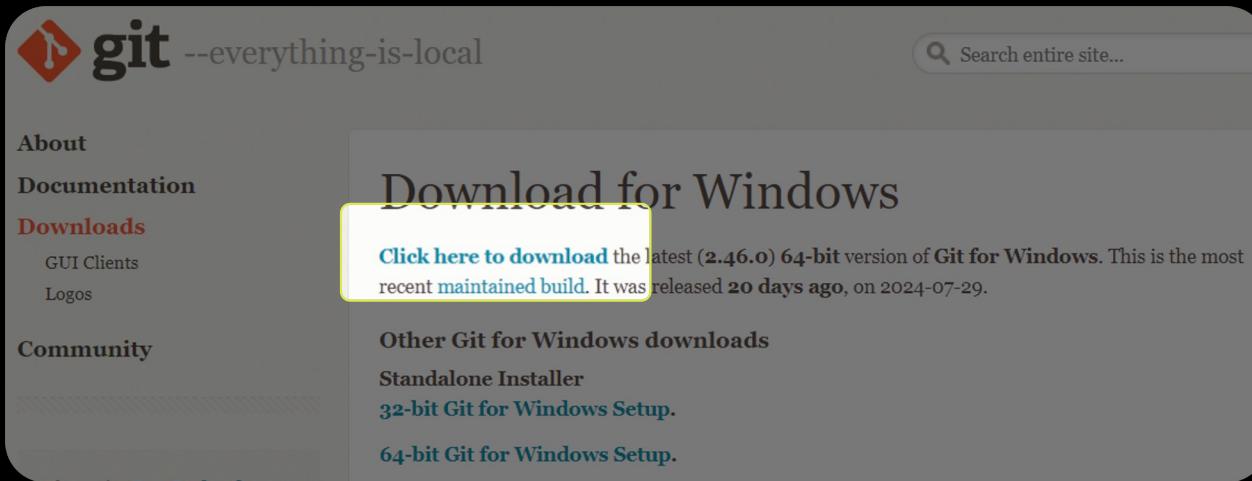
- Find the correct executable for your machine.

The screenshot shows the official Git website ([git-scm.com/](https://git-scm.com/)). The main navigation bar includes links for 'About', 'Documentation', 'Downloads' (which is highlighted in red), and 'Community'. Below the navigation, there's a brief description of the 'Pro Git book' and a link to Amazon. The central focus is the 'Downloads' section, which features three large buttons for 'macOS', 'Windows', and 'Linux/Unix'. To the right, a monitor displays the 'Latest source Release' information, specifically '2.46.0' (Release Notes from 2024-07-29) with a 'Download for Windows' button. Below the monitor, there are sections for 'GUI Clients' and 'Logos'.

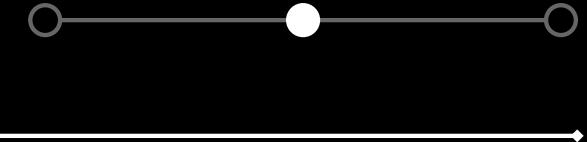
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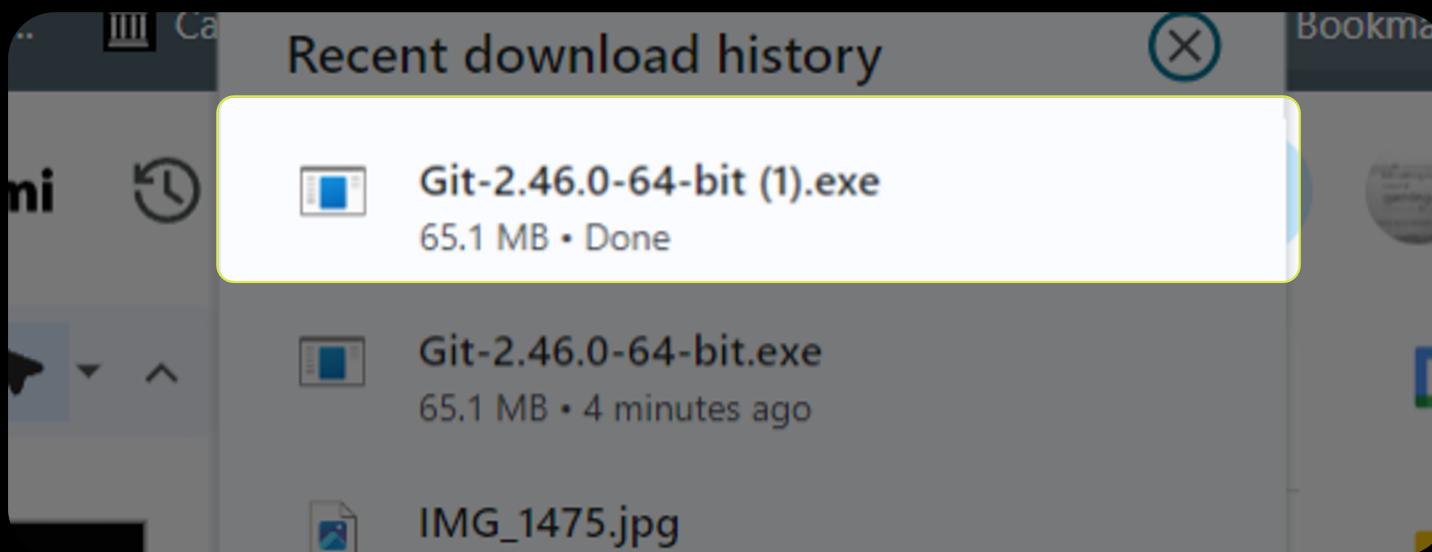
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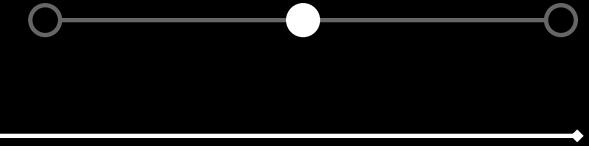
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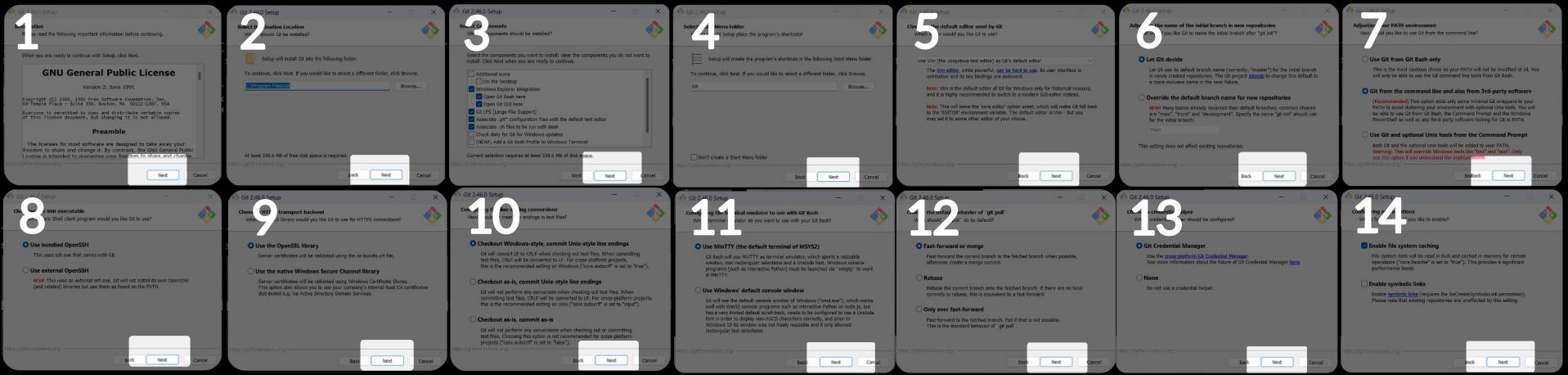
- Run the executable



# Installing Git

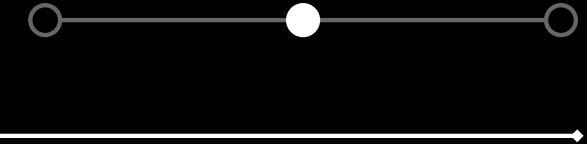


- Run the executable and keep pressing “Next”

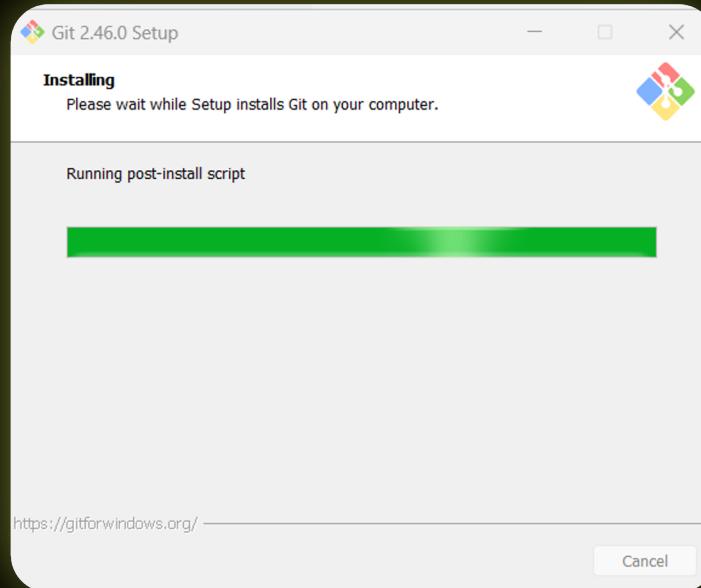


- Finally, press “Install”

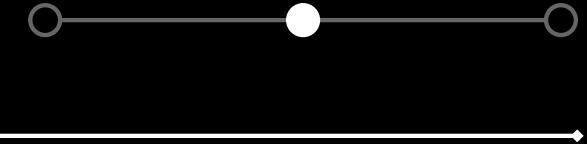
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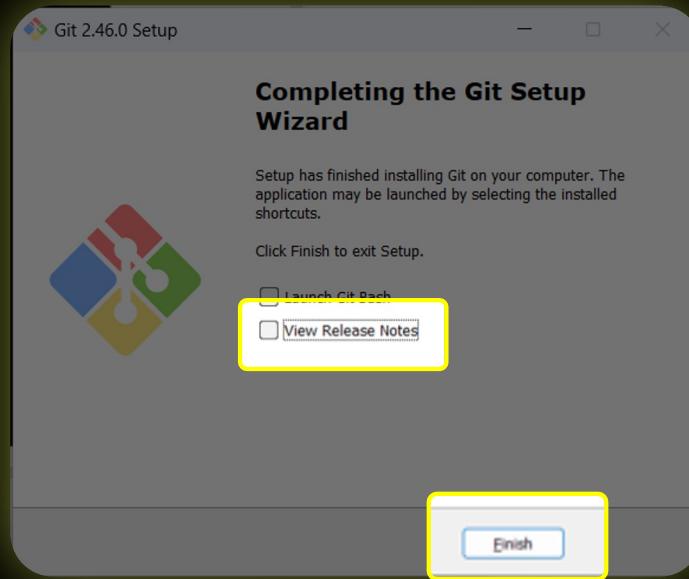
- Wait for it Git to finish installing



# Installing Git



- Untick “View Release Notes” and press Finish



Congratulations,  
you've installed Git!



# What is GitHub?

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- **Remote Version Control:** Essential for keeping code safe and backed-up!!
  - GitHub is where we store ALL of our team's code.
- Commits get “pushed” and “pulled” from Git to Github



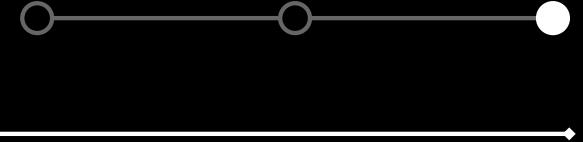
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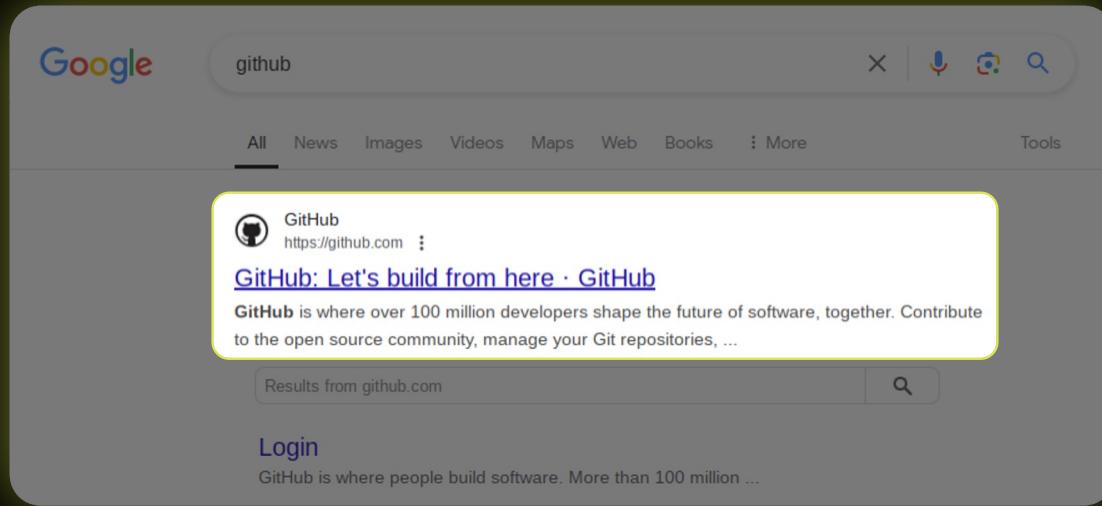
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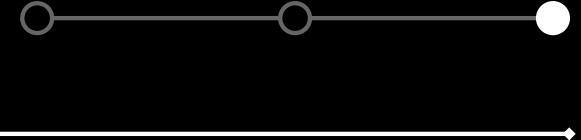
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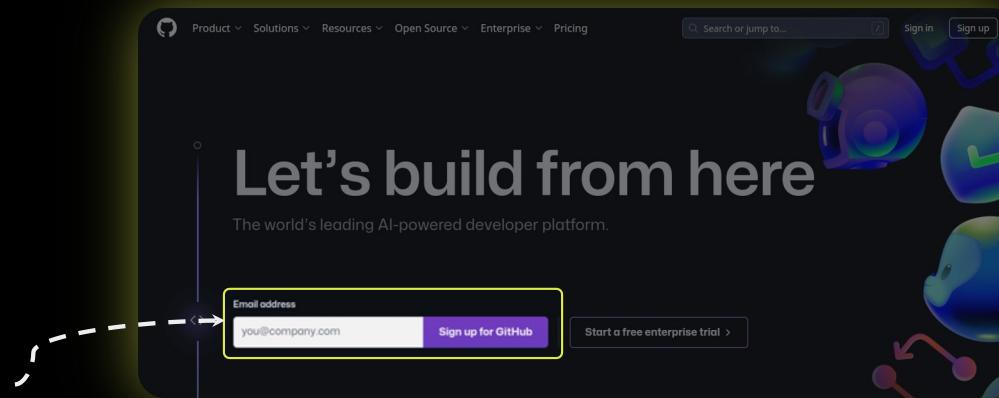
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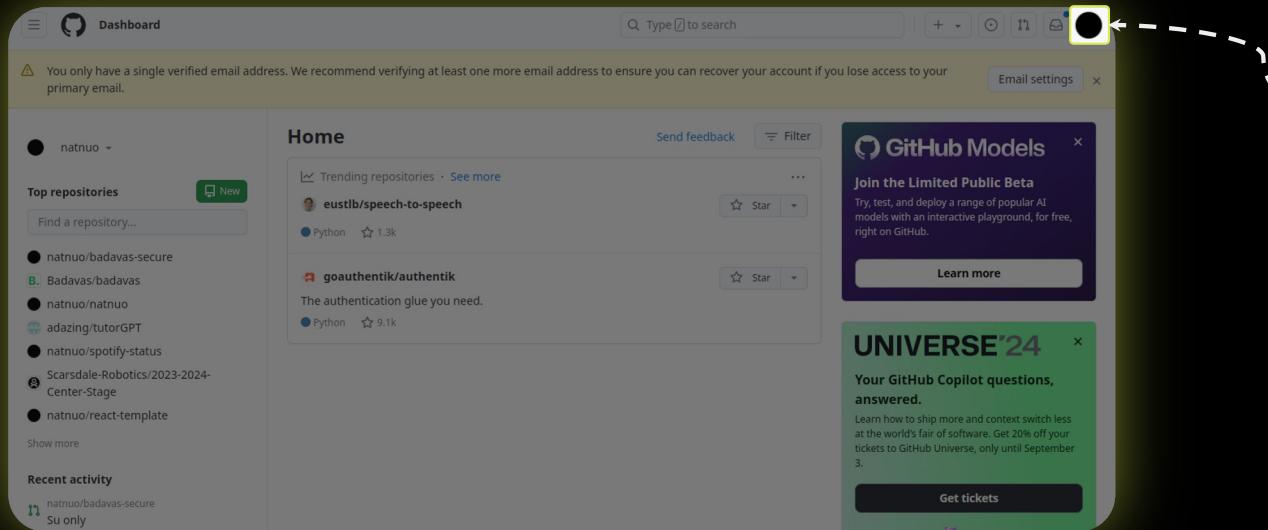


- Sign up (your personal email).
- Let a programming officer know your username. We will invite you to edit our GitHub repository (our code base).



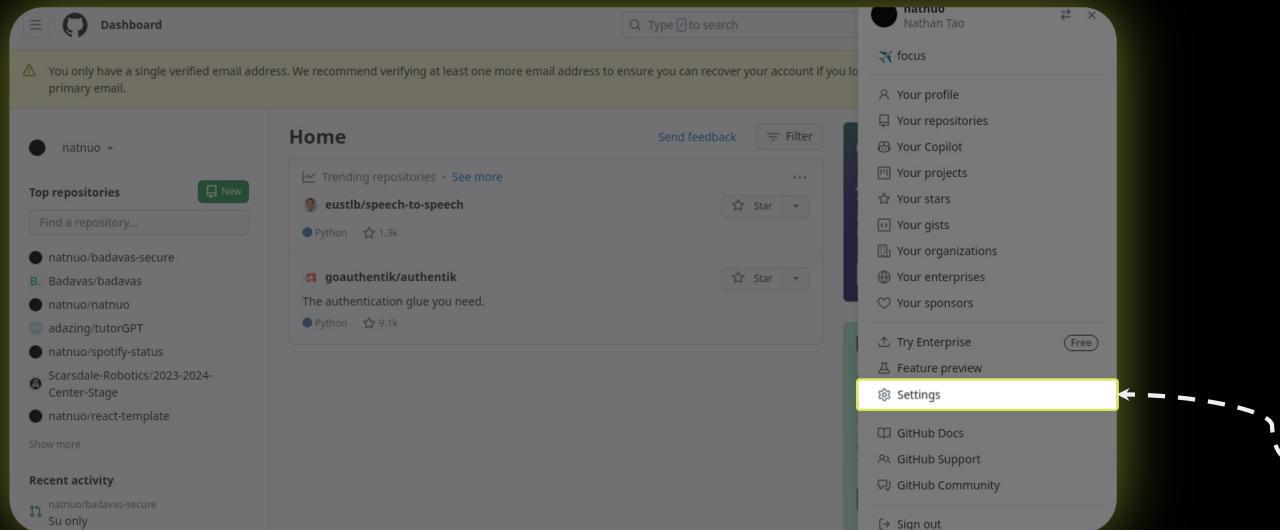
# Configuring Your Access Token

- In GitHub, click on your profile picture.

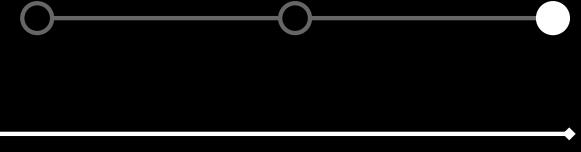


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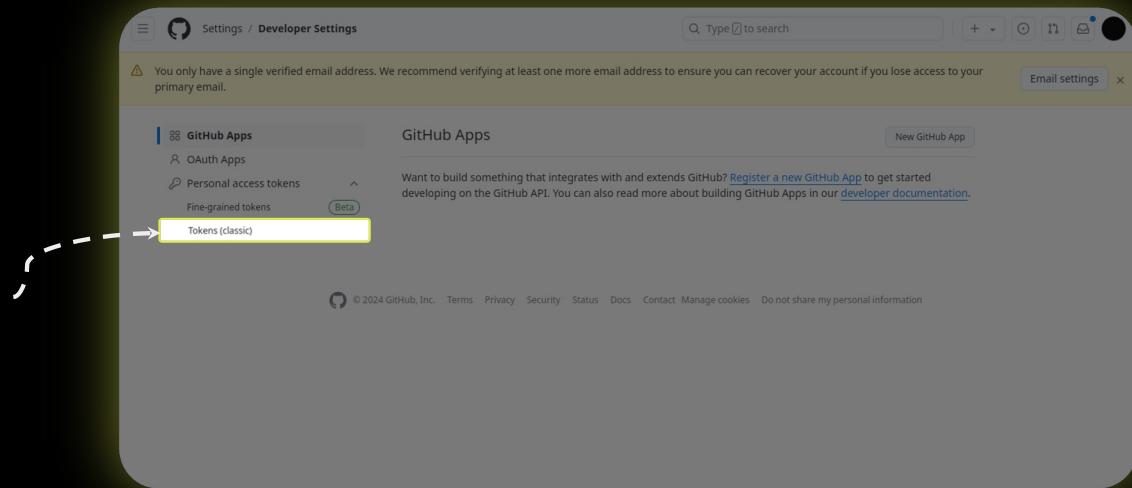
- View your settings.



# Configuring Your Access Token

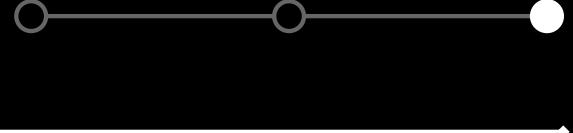


- Scroll down, go to “*developer settings*”, then select “*Personal access tokens*” → “*Tokens (classic)*”.



# Configuring Your **Access Token**

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- Click “Generate new token” → “Generate new token (classic)”.
- Set the expiration to 7 days.
- Set the note to anything you want.
- Check all the items of the “repo” scope.
- Generate the token.
- Copy the resulting token. Save this value. (This value should start with `ghp_`).

Hooray! You’re ready to  
start Gitting!! 



# Section 5: Let's Make Changes!



# How to Make Changes

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- Let's learn how to make a change to our codebase.
  - Overview of steps:
    - **Clone** (or **pull**)
    - **Branch** and **checkout**
    - *Make your changes*
    - **Git add**
    - **Git commit**
    - **Git push**
    - Create a **pull request**
- } ☆ Try to remember these three!

# Cloning the Training Repository



- Cloning makes a local copy of a remote repository (folder containing code).
  - Necessary if you do not have the code locally!
- First, find or create the folder where you want to store your repositories in, and **open a terminal in that directory** (*there are multiple ways to do this*)\*.

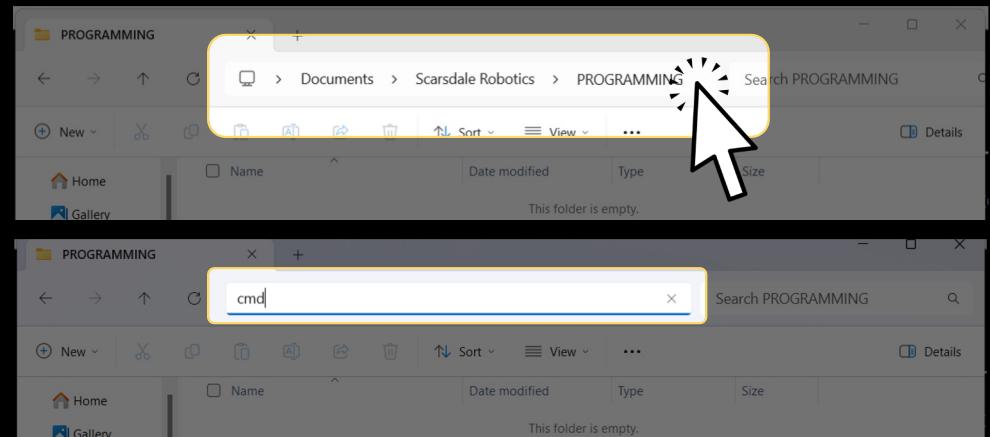
\*cd Method

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Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.4037]
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C:\Users\KK201>cd OneDrive/Documents/Scarsdale Robotics/PROGRAMMING

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\*File Explorer Method (Windows)



Open your folder in , type "cmd," and hit Enter

# Cloning the Training Repository

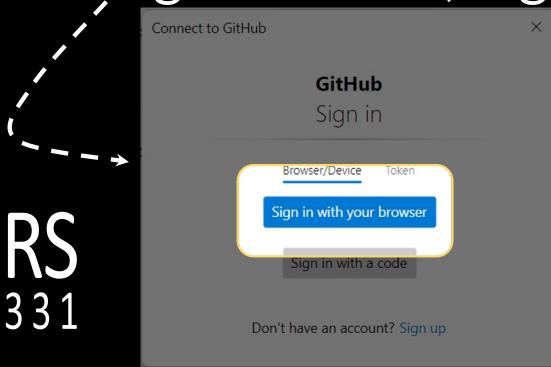


- Then, paste the following and hit Enter\*:

```
git clone https://github.com/Scarsdale-Robotics/2024-2025-Training-Program-U0.git
```

\*You can also get the HTTP link by going to <https://github.com/Scarsdale-Robotics/2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> and clicking `Code` ▾  
on

- If prompted for your username, input your GitHub username.
- If prompted for your password, input the personal access token we just created.
- If prompted with a login window, login using your GitHub account.



# Cloning the Training Repository



- You should see some outputs like this, which means it worked!

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
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(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING>git clone https://github.com/Scarsdale-Robotics/2024-20
25-Training-Program-U0.git
Cloning into '2024-2025-Training-Program-U0'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 619, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (619/619), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (317/317), done.
remote: Total 619 (delta 184), reused 618 (delta 184), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
Receiving objects: 100% (619/619), 25.10 MiB | 5.32 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (184/184), done.
:
C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING>
```

# Cloning the Training Repository

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## What's actually happening?

- On GitHub, all the history of our code is stored—like a revision history in Google Docs. The command “`git clone`” is similar to opening a Google Doc on your computer—you are getting our code. You can then make changes and send a pull request when you’re done (we’ll get to this in a bit...).

# Pulling the Training Repository



- If you already have the repository locally, **cd** into it (`cd 2024-2025-Training-Program-U0`), type `git pull`, and hit Enter.

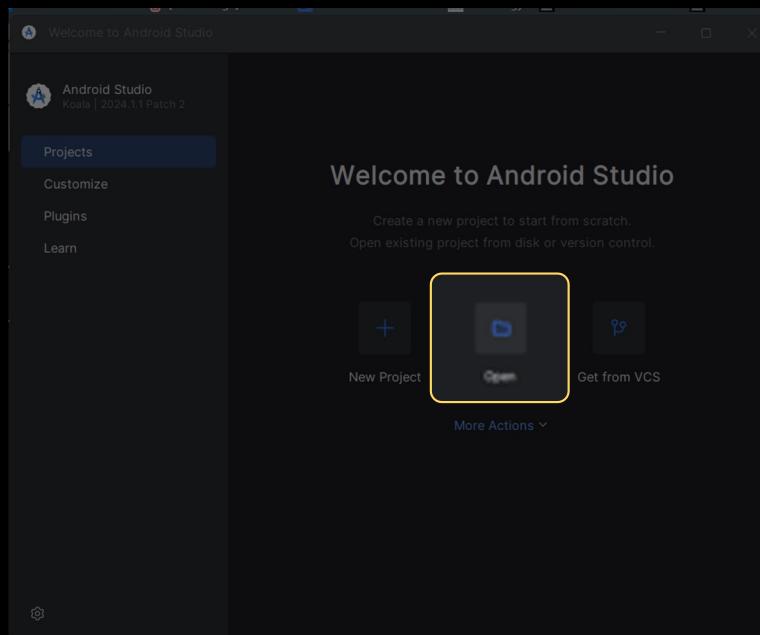
```
C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0>git pull  
Already up to date.
```

*My repo is already up to date!*

# Opening in Android Studio



- Launch the Android Studio application and click “Open”.

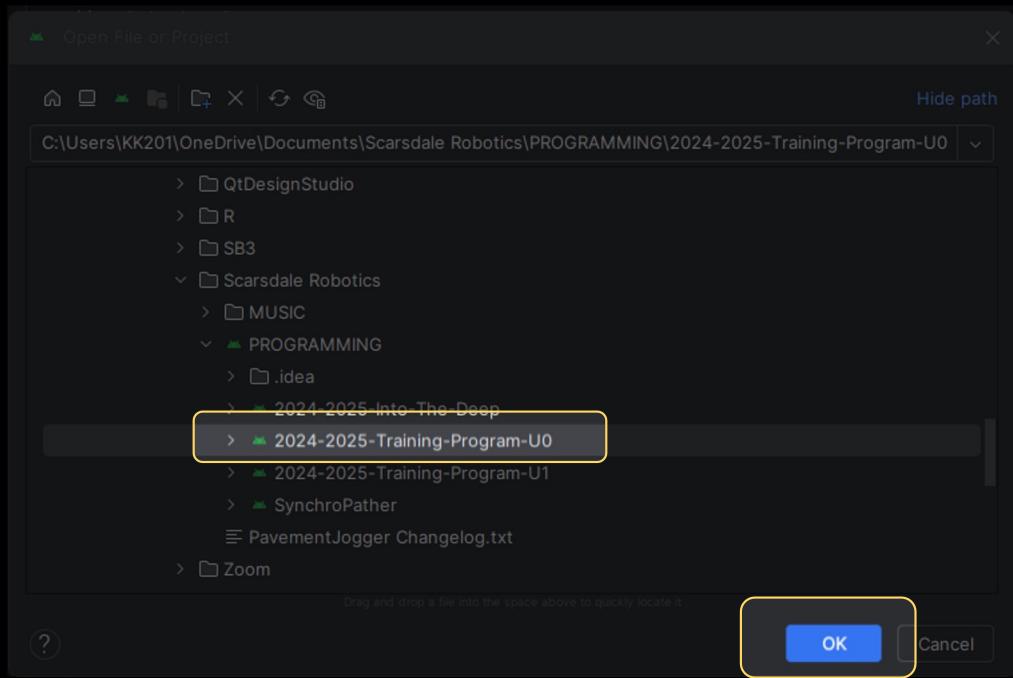


# Opening in Android Studio



- Navigate or paste in the path to the “2024-2025-Training-Program-U0” folder and press “OK”.

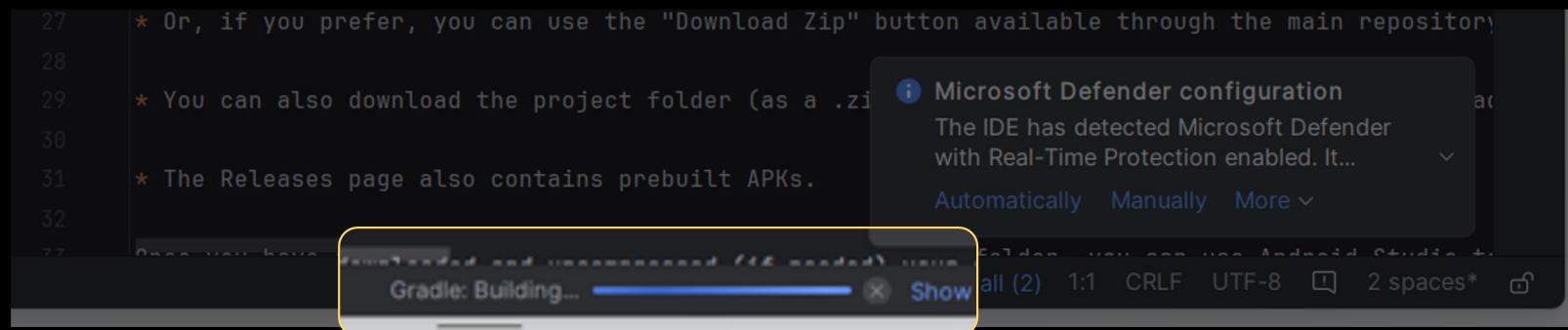
*It should have the  icon!*





# Opening in Android Studio

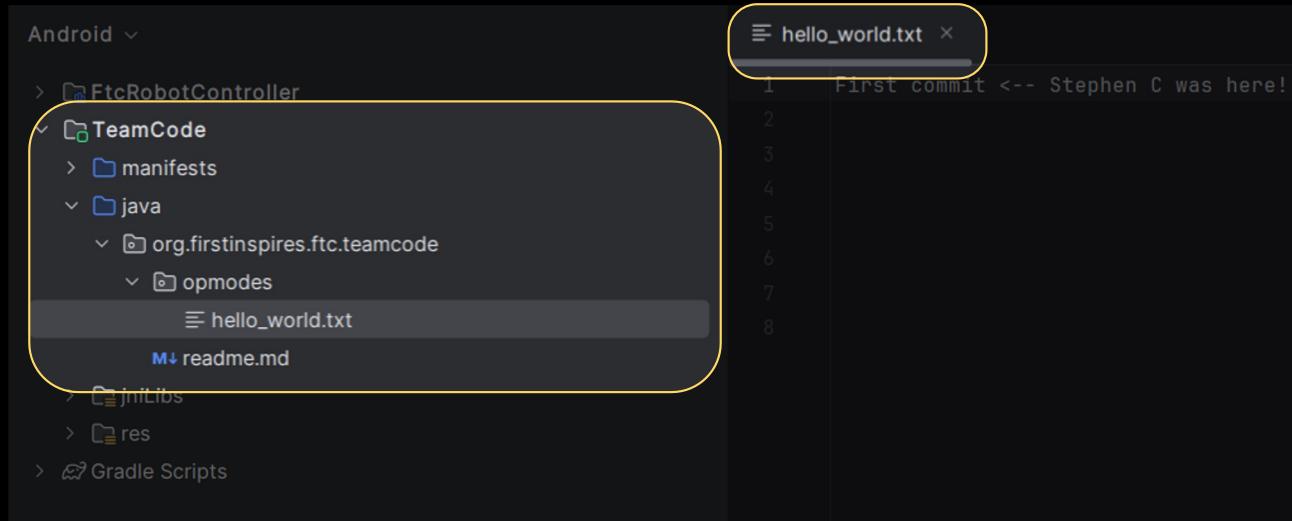
- Wait until Gradle finishes building. This is important because Android Studio has to download online FTC libraries onto our machine.



# Opening in Android Studio



- Open the file tree starting from “TeamCode” until “opmodes”. Double click the file called “hello\_world.txt” to open it!





# Opening in Android Studio

- This file was added in Stephen's initial commit to the repository. Let's do something similar...

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No Devices ▾ TeamCode ▾ ⌂ ⚡ ⋮
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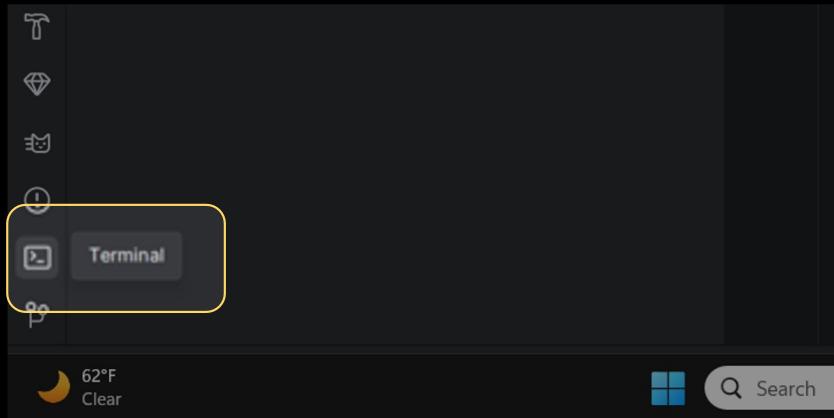
```
hello_world.txt
```

```
1 First commit <-- Stephen C was here!
2
3
4
5
6
```

# Branching Off



- First let's create a new **branch**, where we can privately make changes and later merge them into the main branch.
- Press the Terminal button in the bottom left to open one.



```
Windows PowerShell
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Install the latest PowerShell for new features and improvements! https://aka.ms/PSWindows

PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0>
```

Your terminal window!



# Branching Off

1. Enter in “git branch” to see what branch you’re on; it should say `master` (green means selected).
2. To create a new branch, type “git branch [your name]-dev” and hit enter (“Dev” is short for development branch).

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Terminal Local ×
Windows PowerShell
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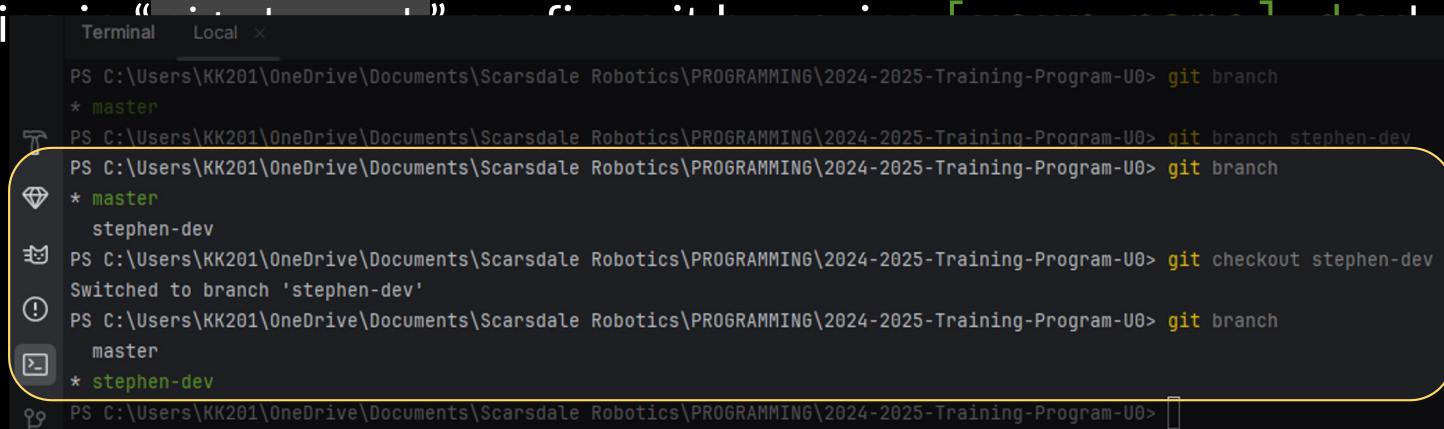
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* master
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> git branch stephen-dev
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0>
```

# Checking Out a Branch



1. Enter in “git branch” again, it should still say `master`. Why isn’t the dev branch selected?
2. We’ve only *created* a branch. Enter in “git checkout [branch name]” to select it.
3. Enteri



```
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> git branch
* master
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* master
stephen-dev
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> git checkout stephen-dev
Switched to branch 'stephen-dev'
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> git branch
  master
* stephen-dev
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0>
```

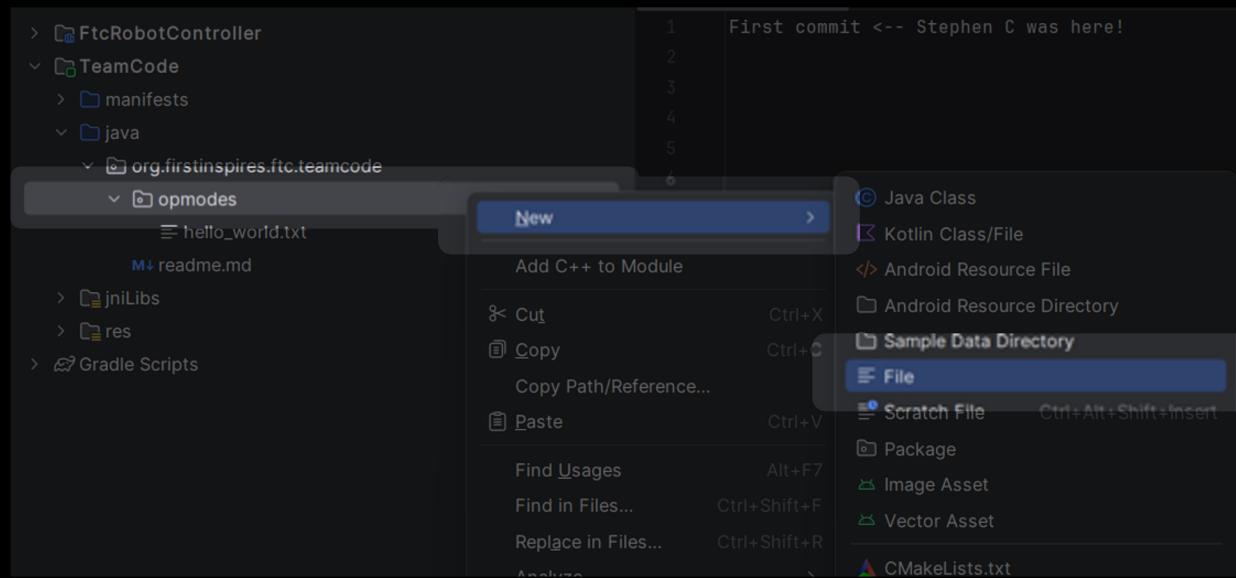


You’re on a private development branch! Let’s make some changes now.

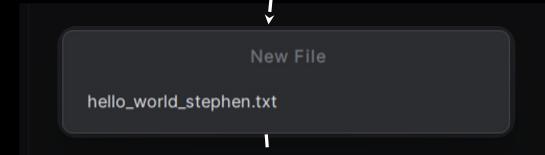


# Make Some Changes

- Right click on the “opmodes” folder and select “New” > “File”; call the new file:



*“hello\_world\_[your  
name].txt”*

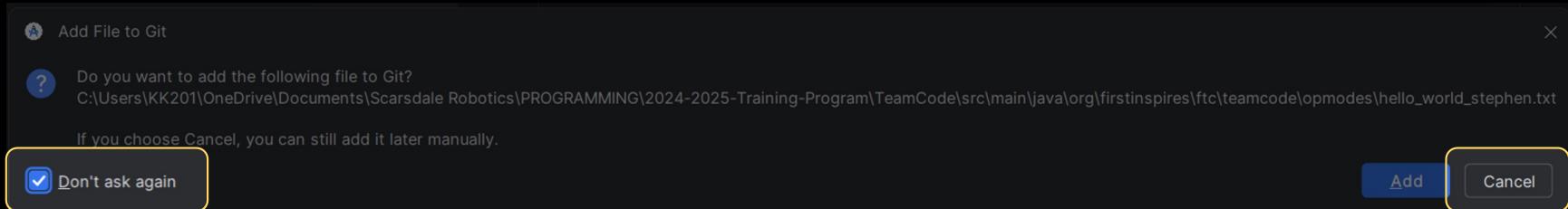


Then hit Enter!

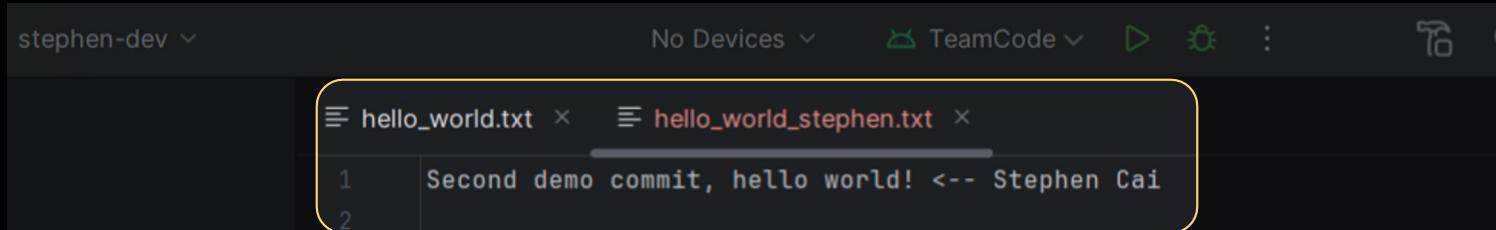


# Make Some Changes

- If you're prompted with an “Add File to Git” dialog, tick the “Don’t ask again” box and press “Cancel”. You can manage your own files in Git!



- Type your name, a greeting, or whatever you want into the file (appropriate pls)



# Git Adding



- Now, we need to *stage our changes* to be committed, which means, we need to tell Git which files we modified.
- The easiest way to do this is by entering “`git add .`” into the terminal, which is basically telling Git: “*Hey, go through all of my files and see which ones are new, changed, or removed*”.

```
Terminal Local ×
* master
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> git branch stephen-dev
T PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> git branch
* master
diamond stephen-dev
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> git checkout stephen-dev
✉️ Switched to branch 'stephen-dev'
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> git branch
⚠️ master
* stephen-dev
? PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> git add .
? PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> 
```

# Git Committing



- Next, we use Git to commit (remember “snapshot”) our code by entering in:  
`git commit -m “[say something here!]”`
- The `-m` just sets the following string within quotes as the commit’s message. This is useful for describing what you added, removed, or fixed in your commit.
- If you are told to run `git config --global ...` twice, do as instructed. Your name should be your GitHub username.

```
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> git branch
  master
* stephen-dev
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> git add .
! [stephen-dev 1fd82ab] funny lil commit message ...
  1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(-)
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0>
```



# Git Pushing

- Finally, we push our commit to the remote repository! Try entering in `git push`. However, you will likely see this exception:

```
[stephen-dev 1fd82ab] funny lil commit message ...
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(-)
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> git push
fatal: The current branch stephen-dev has no upstream branch.
To push the current branch and set the remote as upstream, use

  git push --set-upstream origin stephen-dev

To have this happen automatically for branches without a tracking
upstream, see 'push.autoSetupRemote' in 'git help config'.
```

# Git Pushing



- In that case, simply enter in the suggested command!

```
git push --set-upstream origin [branch name]
```

```
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0> git push --set-upstream origin stephen-dev
Enumerating objects: 23, done.
Counting objects: 100% (23/23), done.
Delta compression using up to 16 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (7/7), done.
Writing objects: 100% (12/12), 844 bytes | 422.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 12 (delta 3), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (3/3), completed with 3 local objects.
remote:
remote: Create a pull request for 'stephen-dev' on GitHub by visiting:
remote:   https://github.com/Scarsdale-Robotics/2024-2025-Training-Program-U0/pull/new/stephen-dev
remote:
To https://github.com/Scarsdale-Robotics/2024-2025-Training-Program-U0.git
 * [new branch]      stephen-dev -> stephen-dev
branch 'stephen-dev' set up to track 'origin/stephen-dev'.
PS C:\Users\KK201\OneDrive\Documents\Scarsdale Robotics\PROGRAMMING\2024-2025-Training-Program-U0>
```

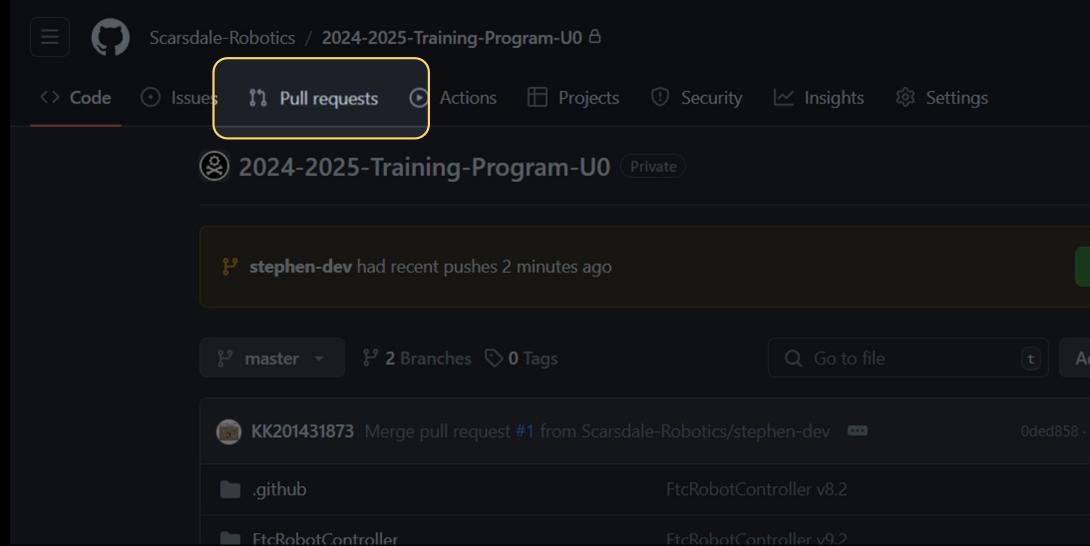


Congrats, you've now learned something that most software devs learn in college!

# Creating a Pull Request



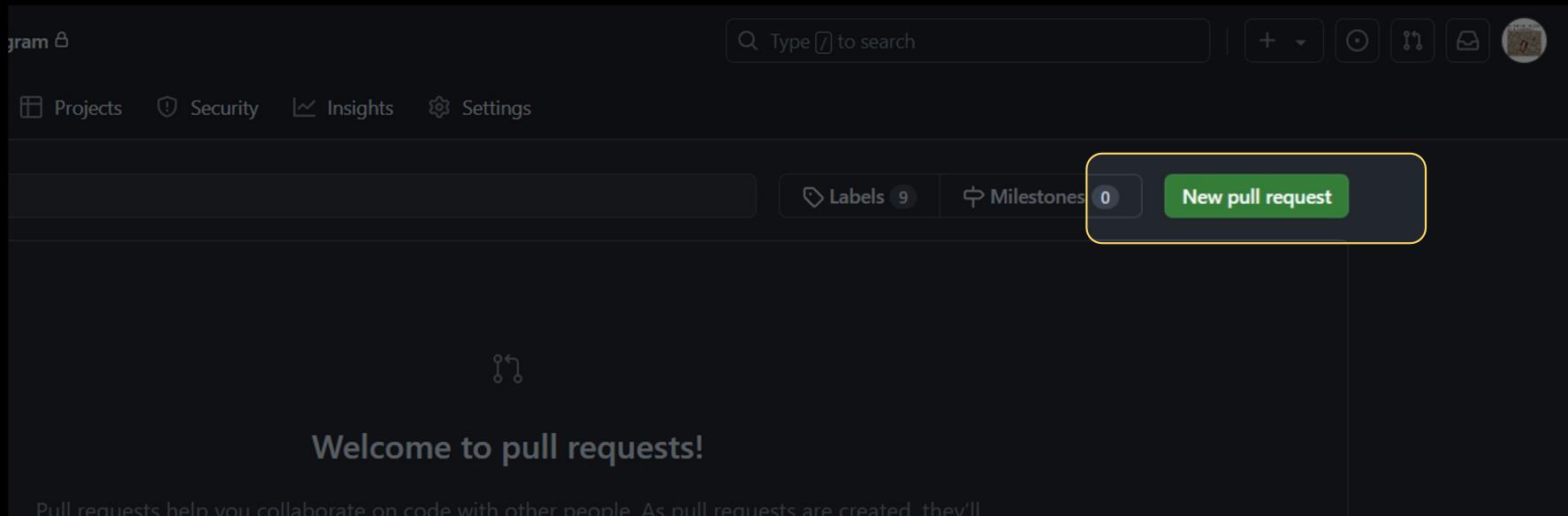
- It's not completely over yet! We've made some wonderful changes, and we want to merge them into the main branch.
- A **pull request** tells the repository collaborators that you want to merge your changes, so let's create one!
- First, go to the online repo: <https://github.com/Scarsdale-Robotics/2024-2025-Training-Program-U0>.
- Next, click on “Pull requests”.



# Creating a Pull Request



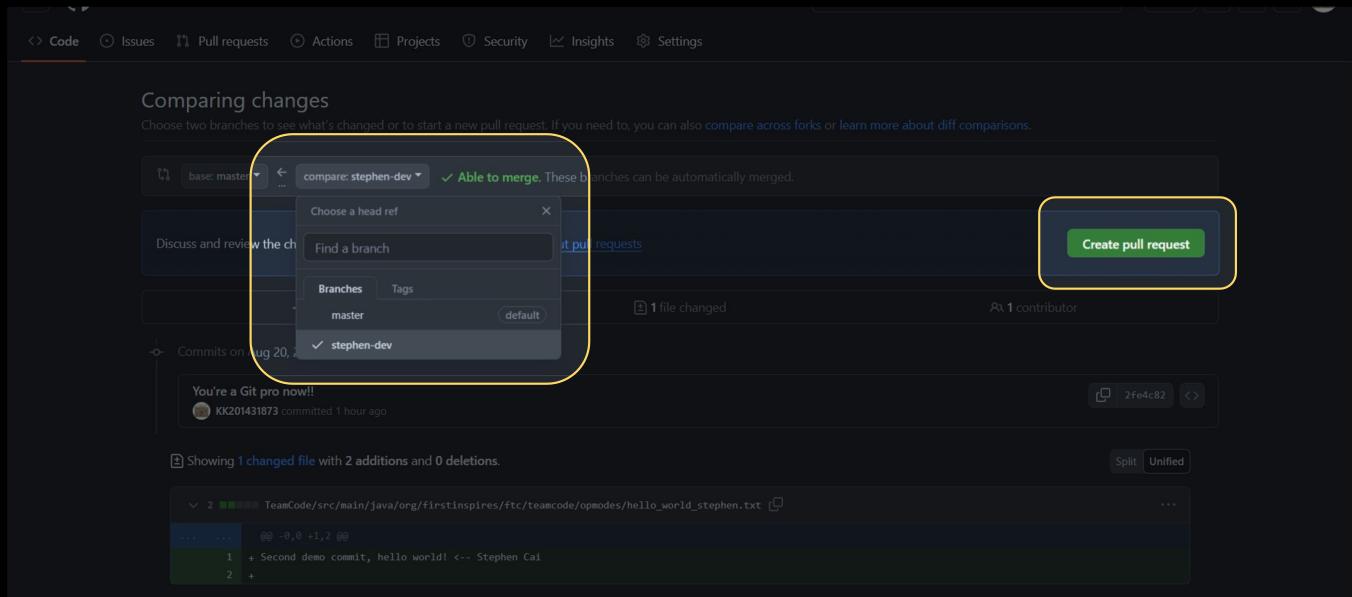
- Then, click “New pull request”.



# Creating a Pull Request



- Choose your branch from the “compare:” dropdown, and then click “Create pull request”.



# Creating a Pull Request



- If you want, you can leave a brief message for the repo collaborators.
- At last, press “Create pull request”.

Sit back and relax! The officers and/or other collaborators will try to merge your request. If you’re interested in learning how this merging process works, you can ask us!

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for creating a pull request. At the top, there are navigation links: Issues, Pull requests (which is the active tab), Actions, Projects, Security, Insights, and Settings. Below this, a section titled 'Open a pull request' asks to 'Create a new pull request by comparing changes across two branches. If you need to, you can also compare across forks. Learn more about diff comparisons.' It shows 'base: master' and 'compare: stephen-dev' with a note that they are 'Able to merge. These branches can be automatically merged.' The main form has fields for 'Add a title' (containing 'You're a Git pro now!!') and 'Add a description' (containing 'Before issuing a pull request, please see the contributing page.'). A note at the bottom says 'Markdown is supported' and 'Paste, drop, or click to add files'. A prominent green 'Create pull request' button is at the bottom right. A yellow callout box highlights the 'Add a description' area.



# Section 6: Bonus Challenge

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*Give it a try if you've finished everything so far!*

# Bonus Challenge ★

# [BROKEN] :<<

- Congrats, you've made it this far already! This challenge will give you a sneak peek at what's to come.
- Objective: code the robot to **move forward**. That's it! Doesn't matter how far or for how long (we will stop the robot if it is about to crash).
- Your only hint is [this link](#).
- Please create a pull request [in this repository](#) with your completed opmode. The officers will merge your request and test it on the robot!
- Each team that successfully completes this challenge will be rewarded +1 Point!