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Introduction to Git

How to share code and collaborate with others!

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Goals

- Understanding git and its usages
- How to
  - Start a local repository
  - Manage and Commit updates
  - Sync between local and remote
  - Manage branches and merge conflicts
- Be able to use git enough for the next project

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  - Everything relied on a lot of communication and manual work.

Solution: Git

- Git is a **distributed version control system** (**VCS**)
- Initially developed for the Linux kernel
- Bundles set of changes into named updates, called **commits**
- People can create their own updates, **branching** out
- Allows for huge collaboration
  - Linux has over 1400 contributors! [1]

Figure: Git Logo [2]

Git is not GitHub

Figure: GitHub Logo [3]

- Git is a program for versioning
- GitHub is a website that hosts Git projects
- Git is not made by GitHub
- Analogy: E-Mail
  - Outlook (the program) is an Email-Client
  - Google Mail is a Email hoster
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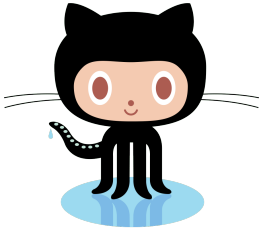

Figure: GitHub Mascot: Octocat [4]

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- Use GitHub/Gitlab as an portfolio

How does Git work?

- Git projects are called **repositories** or **repos**
- There are 2 ways to create a Git repository
  - **Initialize** a new folder (Create)
  - **Clone** an existing repo (Download)
- This means that it is **local** on your device
  - Just a normal folder you can work in with any tools!
- Once you finished something, you can bundle it into an update
  - A so-called **commit**

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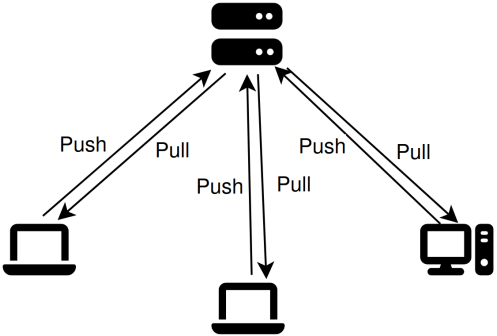

Figure: Every computer has a local version.

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diff --git a/example.md b/example.md
index 02e444f..75a137d 100644
--- a/example.md
+++ b/example.md
@@ -1,10 +1,10 @@
 This is an example document

 This line was not touched
-This line was deleted
 Another unchanged line
-THIS line WAS changed
+This line was changed
+This line was added
 ```
 def addition(a,b):
-   return a-b # Wrong!
+   return a+b # Correct!
 ```
```

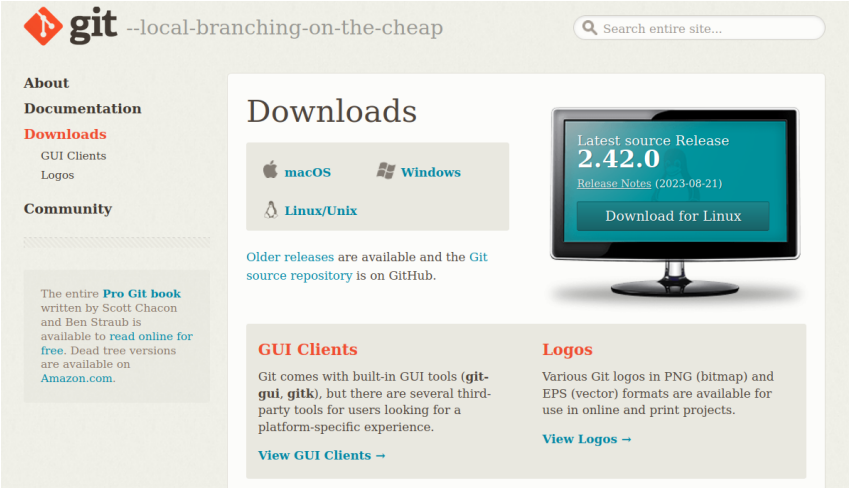
Figure: Red is deleted, green is added

About Commits (cont.)

When should you commit

- If you can describe what you have done.
  - Think of an experiment log.
  - "I am currently filling the 41st ml into this flask!"
- Why do we commit:
  - Better understanding for others
  - Better understanding for our future self

Installing Git

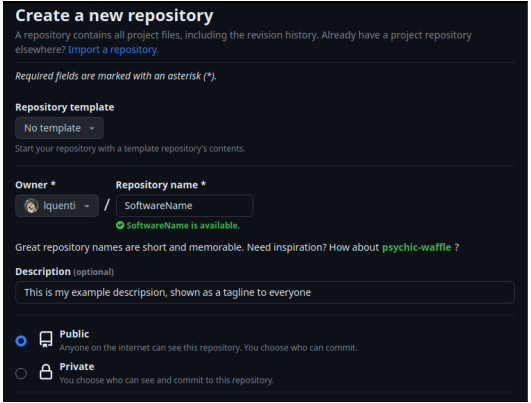


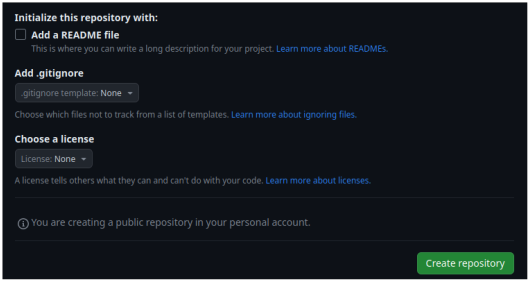
Initial configuration

Before starting, we have to do the following:

- Check whether it is installed
- Set an author and Email adress
- Configure an SSH key (CLI only)

Create Repository (GitHub)





Link: `https://github.com/new`

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Unpacking objects: 100% (3/3), 696 bytes | 696.00 KiB/s, done.
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   ed02d32..72c5177  main       -> origin/main
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--- a/fs/read_write.c
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@@ -563,6 +563,9 @@ EXPORT_SYMBOL(kernel_write);

 ssize_t vfs_write(struct file *file, const char __user *buf, size_t count, loff_t *pos)
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+  /* This is the write function.
+   * I have nothing to add here tbh
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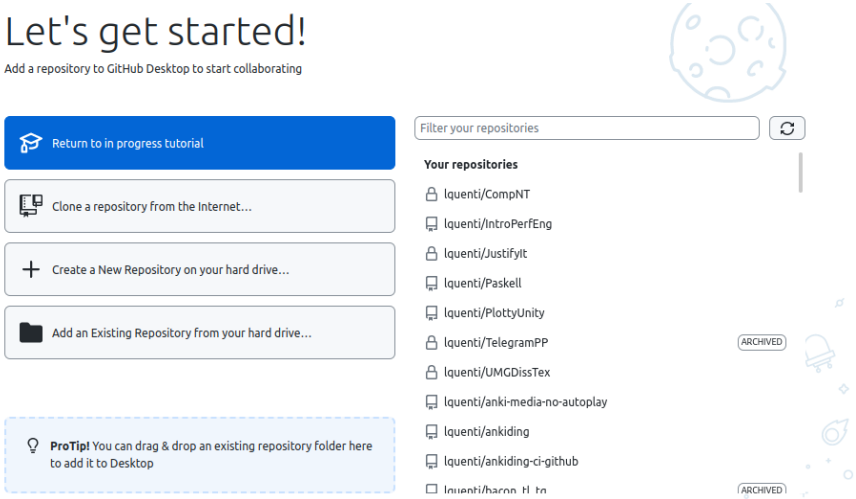
GitHub GUI

- Supports many git features
- Only good “multiplatform” standalone GUI client
  - Linux community-maintained
- Supports Non-Git GitHub features
  - Including CI/CD
- Syntax Highlighted Diffs
- Git Branch visualization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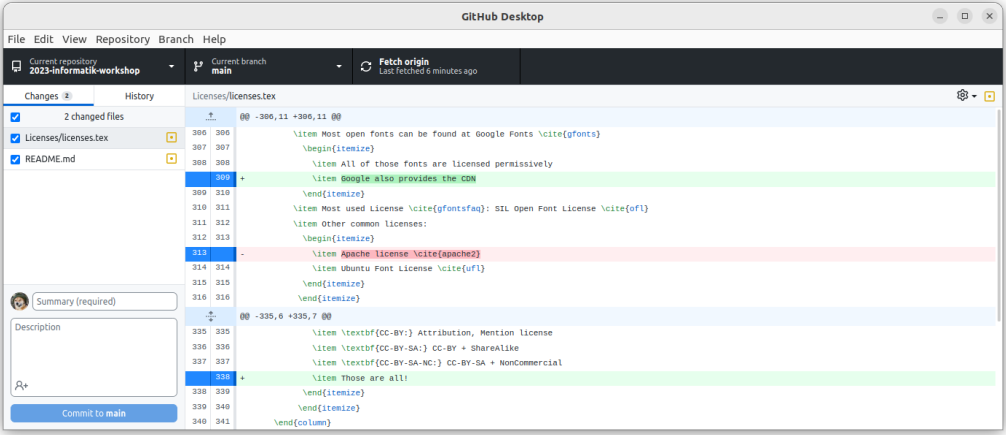

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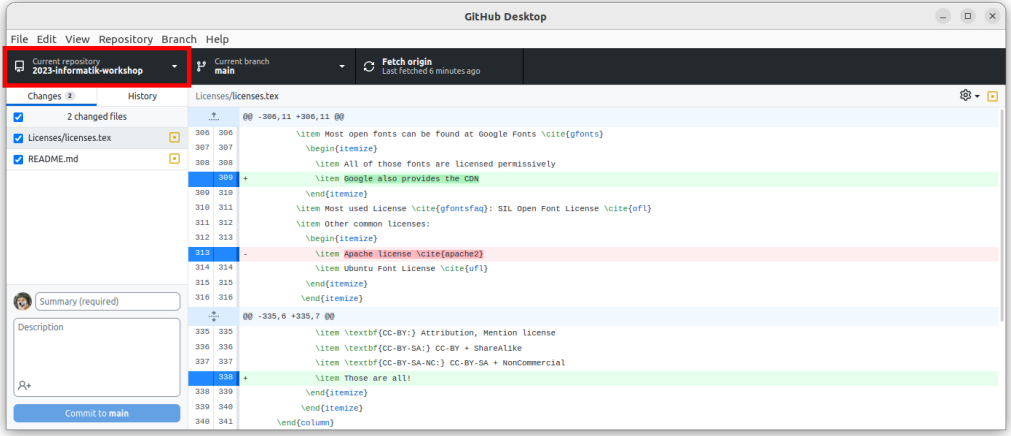

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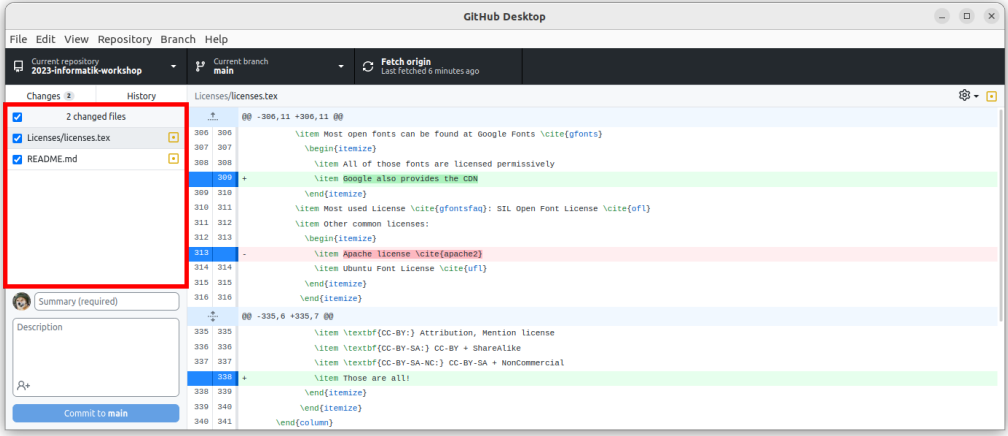

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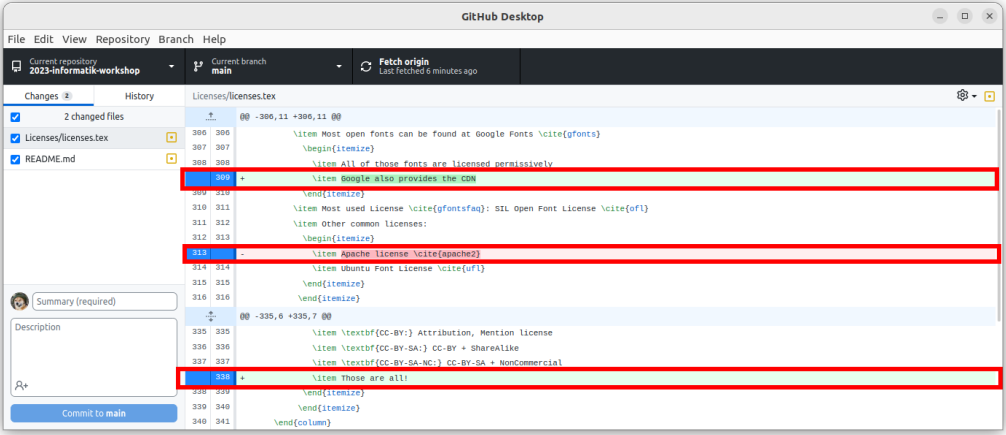

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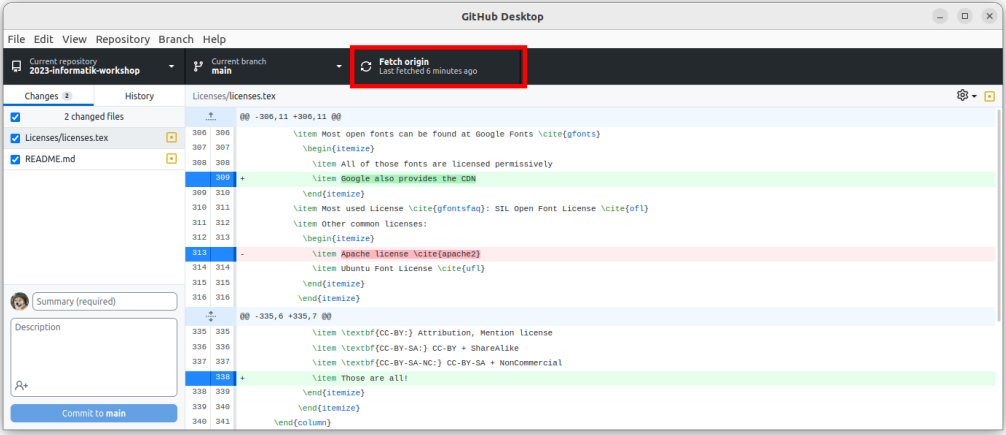

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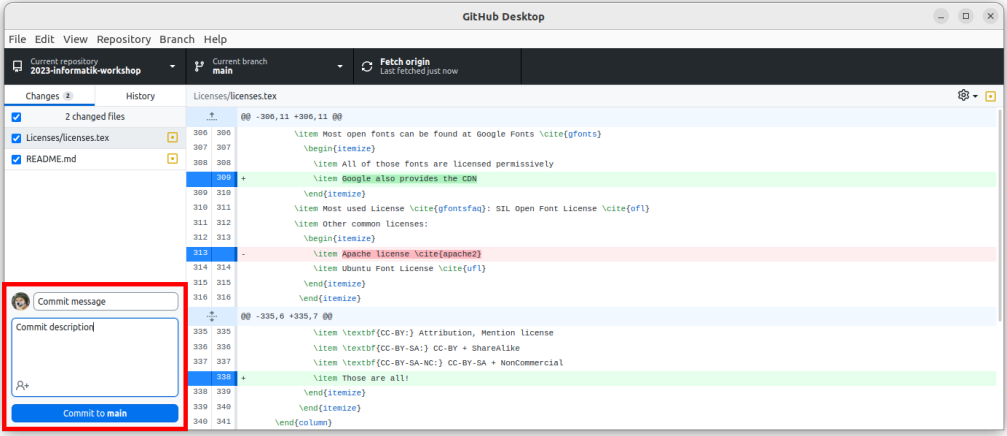
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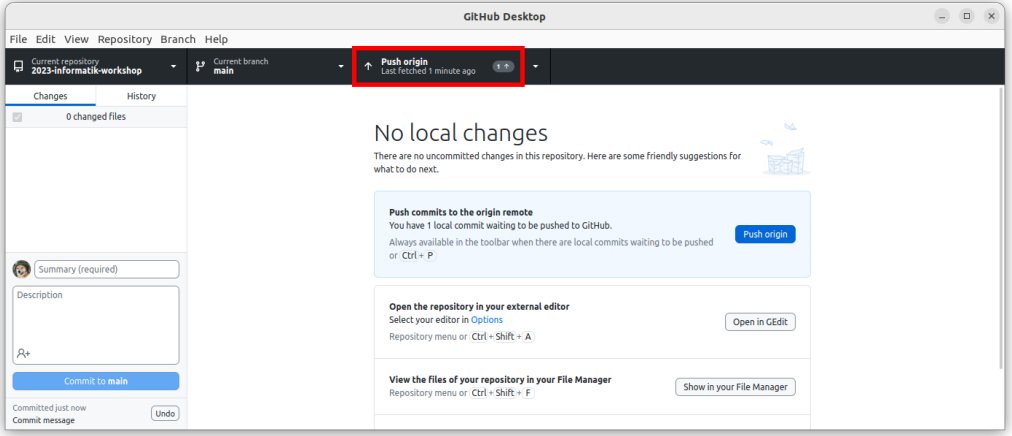

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git blame

- Found a bug? Find out who did it.
- Maps each line to
  - The commit it was added
  - The author
- Support for most text editors!

Advanced Features: `git bisect`

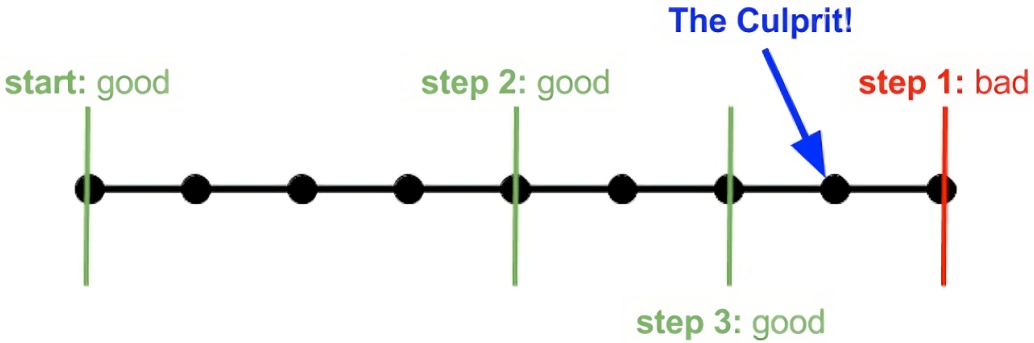

Figure: An example `bisect` [5]

Conclusion

Summary

- Git is a useful tool for code
- Starting a repo: `init` and `clone`
- Creating an update: `add`, `rm`, `commit`
- Updates: `push` and `pull`
- Branches and merges for collaboration

For many common problems:

`https://ohshitgit.com/`

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