

# Lecture 2: Data Management and Version Control, Git/GitHub

LING 1340/2340: Data Science for Linguists

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# Objectives

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## ► Tools:

- ◆ Git and GitHub

## ► To-do #1

- ◆ How was Git?

**You should be  
taking NOTES!**



# First thing to do every class

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1. Open up a Terminal/Git Bash window ("shell" window).
2. Move into your Data\_Science directory.

`cd Documents/Data_Science` ←

Hit TAB for auto-completion.

3. Make sure you are in the right directory.

`pwd` ← "Print Working Directory"

4. Look at what's inside the directory.

`ls`

or

`ls -la`

`ls` for "list directory".  
`-la` for "long/all". Shows all hidden files in long output.

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narae@X1Yoga MINGW64 ~
$ cd Documents/Data_Science/
narae@X1Yoga MINGW64 ~/Documents/Data_Science
$ pwd
/c/Users/narae/Documents/Data_Science
narae@X1Yoga MINGW64 ~/Documents/Data_Science
$ ls
Class-Exercise-Repo/  languages/
narae@X1Yoga MINGW64 ~/Documents/Data_Science
$ ls -la
total 12
drwxr-xr-x 1 narae 197121 0 Jan 10 14:30 ./
drwxr-xr-x 1 narae 197121 0 Jan  8 18:33 ../
drwxr-xr-x 1 narae 197121 0 Jan 10 14:30 Class-Exercise-Repo/
drwxr-xr-x 1 narae 197121 0 Jan  8 18:34 languages/
```

# Your first local repository: getting started

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## Steps in Tutorial Part 1, [Creating a Repository](#)

1. Create a directory called `languages`
  2. Initiate it as a Git repository:  
`git init`
  3. Create a new text file 'zulu.txt', add lines to it
  4. Add files to staging area:  
`git add zulu.txt`
  5. Commit the change:  
`git commit -m "started zulu"`
  6. Edit the text file again
  7. Add files to be committed:  
`git add zulu.txt`
  8. Commit the change:  
`git commit -m "details on..."`
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- A light blue rectangular callout box with a thin border is positioned to the right of the list. It contains the text "Check status between steps: git status". Three dashed light blue arrows originate from the box: one points to the right side of step 4, one points to the right side of step 5, and one points to the right side of step 8.

# Your first local repository: tracking, history

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Steps in Tutorial Part 1: [Tracking Changes](#), [A Commit Workflow](#), and [Exploring History](#).

- ▶ To view entire version history:  
`git log`
- ▶ To view changes:  
`git diff`  
`git diff HEAD~1 file.txt`  
`git diff --staged`
- ▶ To view what changed in a particular version:  
`git show HEAD~1`
- ▶ To scrap new changes since the last commit:  
`git checkout HEAD file.txt`
- ▶ To restore an earlier version:  
`git checkout VERSION file.txt`  
← commit to make this the new HEAD

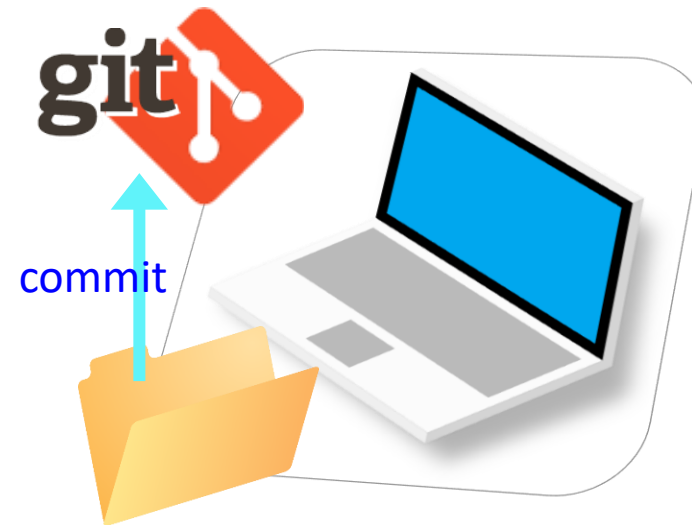
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**HEAD**: the last committed version  
**HEAD~1**: one before that

# To-do #1: Your first local repository

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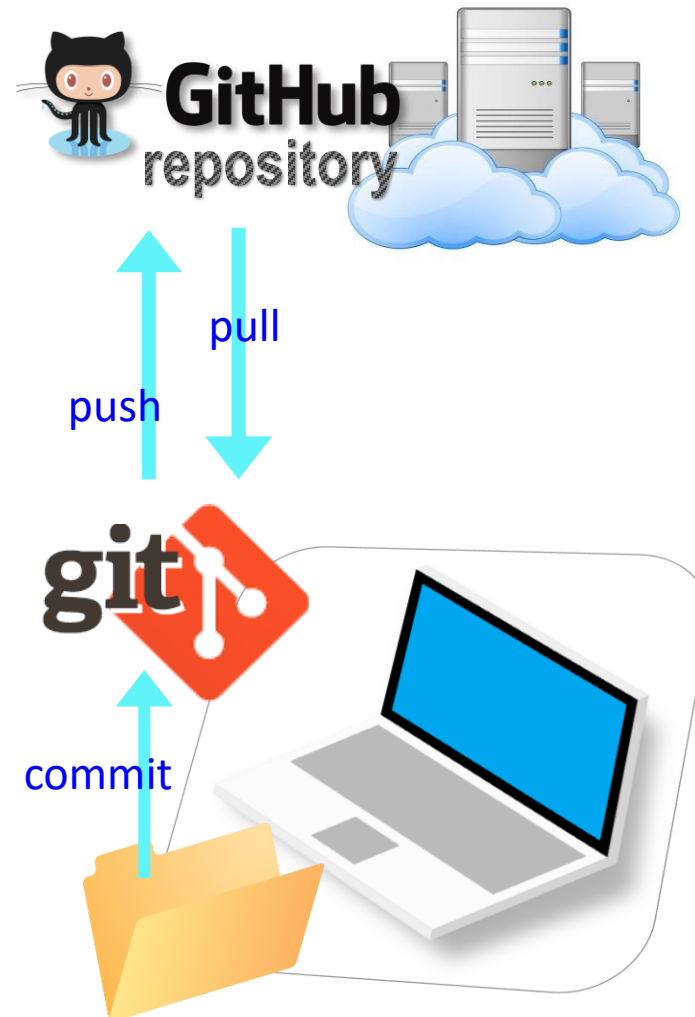
- ▶ Your directory `languages/` was set up with a **Git repository**.
- ▶ `languages/` is now:
  - ◆ tracked by Git
  - ◆ all changes will be documented
  - ◆ able to revert back to earlier version, if needs be
- ▶ But is this all?
  - ◆ How about backup? collaboration? social?



# GitHub: a *remote* repository

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- ▶ This is where **GitHub** comes in.
- ▶ GitHub is a **repository hosting service**.
  - ← A website where you can keep a copy of your Git repository.
  - ← **REMOTE** repository on GitHub, **LOCAL** repository on your laptop.
  - ← Great way to backup, and also showcase your work



# Setting up GitHub

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- ▶ Create a GitHub account at <https://github.com/>
  - ◆ Use your **Pitt email address**.
  - ◆ If you already have an account with a different email, **add your Pitt email** to your account.
  - ◆ GitHub sends you **a verification email. Confirm.**
    - ← The verification email might go to the SPAM folder. You MUST resolve and verify!
  
- ▶ You get your own profile page. This is mine:
  - ◆ <https://github.com/naraehan>
  - ◆ Check your URL!
  - ◆ I also have a secondary "student" account: <https://github.com/narae-student>



# Setting up a remote ("GitHub") repo

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▶ There are TWO main methods of setting up a remote GitHub repo.

**Scenario 1:** Your laptop already has an **existing LOCAL Git repo**. You configure it to link it up to a new, empty repo on GitHub, then push up the content.

- ◆ We can set up our languages repo with a GitHub repo this way.
- ◆ My LSA tutorial Part 2 [Linking Git with GitHub](#) goes this route.

**Scenario 2:** Start from remote. Create a **new repository on GitHub**, and then **clone it onto your laptop** as a brand-new local repository.

← Let's try this!


# Your first GitHub repo


- ▶ On GitHub, create a new repository called "practice-repo".
  - ◆ Provide a short description.
  - ◆ Keep it public.
  - ◆ Initialize it with a README.

Owner \*  / Repository name \*  ✓

Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about [sturdy-oct](#)

Description (optional)

 **Public** Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit.


 **Private** You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

Initialize this repository with:  
Skip this step if you're importing an existing repository.

**Add a README file**  
This is where you can write a long description for your project. [Learn more.](#)

**Add .gitignore**  
Choose which files not to track from a list of templates. [Learn more.](#)

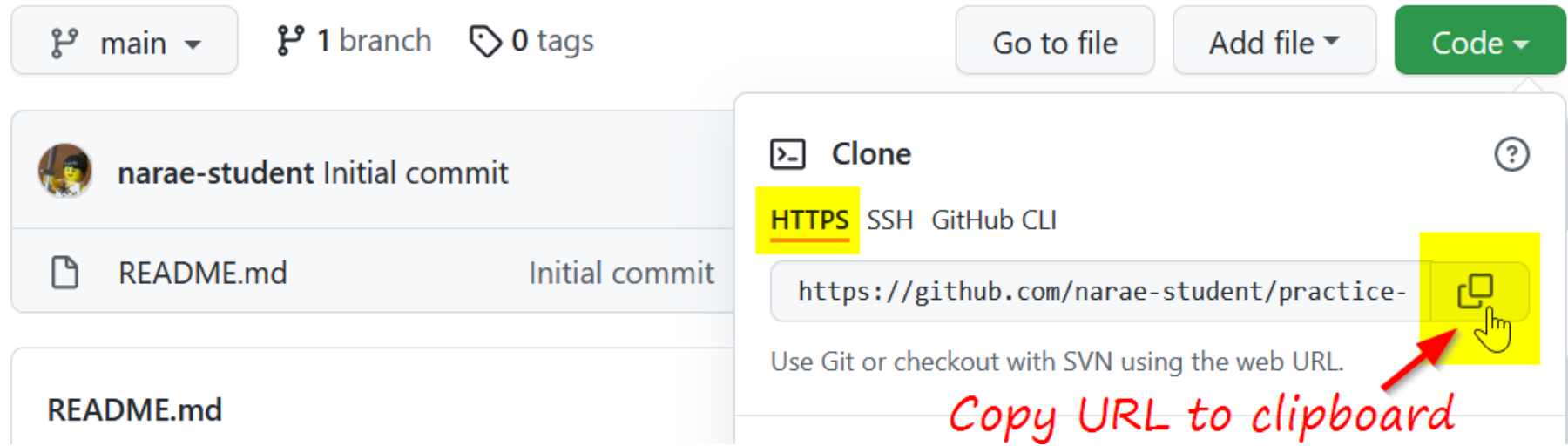
**Choose a license**  
A license tells others what they can and can't do with your code. [Learn more.](#)

This will set  `main` as the default branch. Change the default name in your [settings](#).

[Create repository](#)

# Cloning first GitHub repo

- ▶ GitHub shows a URL to use in cloning. Copy to clipboard.



- ▶ In Terminal/Git Bash, move into your Data\_Science/ directory (use `cd` command,) then execute (paste copied URL):

```
git clone https://github.com/yourid/practice-repo.git
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Sign in with your browser

← A "Sign in" window will pop up. Choose "Sign in with your browser" and continue.

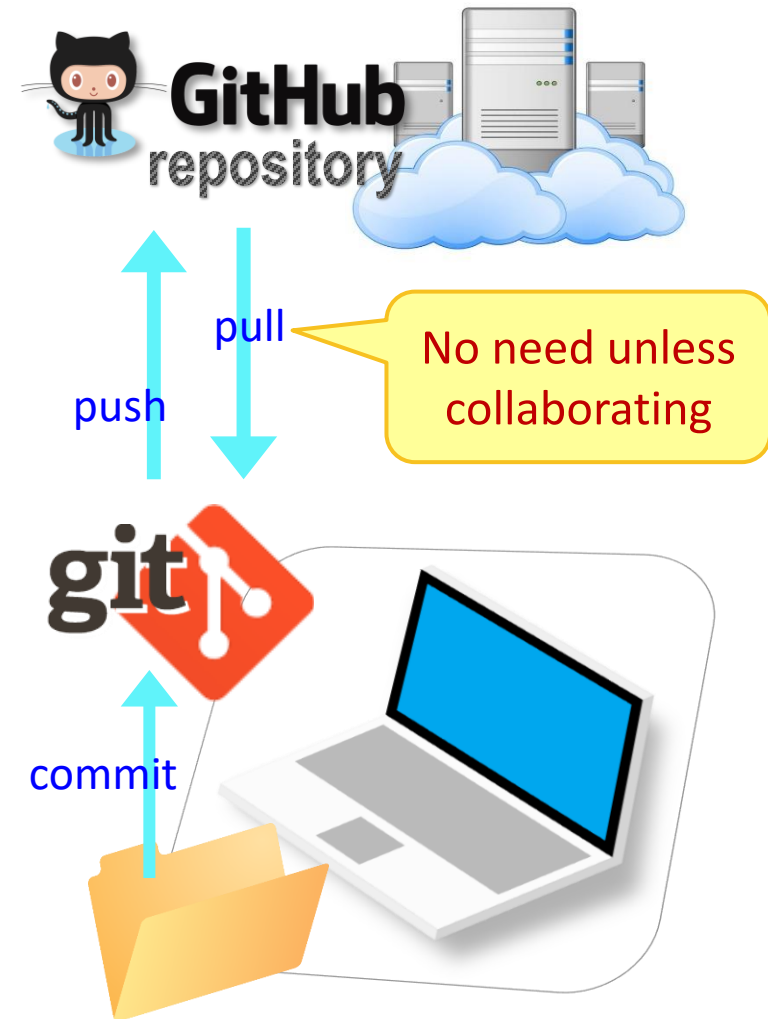
← practice-repo directory is cloned as a **local** repository.

# Local repository ↔ remote repository

► After committing, you now need to *push* to remote repo.

1. Create a new text file 'notes.txt'
2. Add files to be committed:  
`git add notes.txt`
3. Commit:  
`git commit -m "first commit"`
4. Push change to GitHub: **git push**
5. Edit the text file
6. Add files to be committed:  
`git add notes.txt`
7. Commit:  
`git commit -m "changed x, y, z"`
8. Push change to GitHub: **git push**

Check frequently:  
`git status`  
`git diff`  
`git log`



# Try it out: Your first git/GitHub repo

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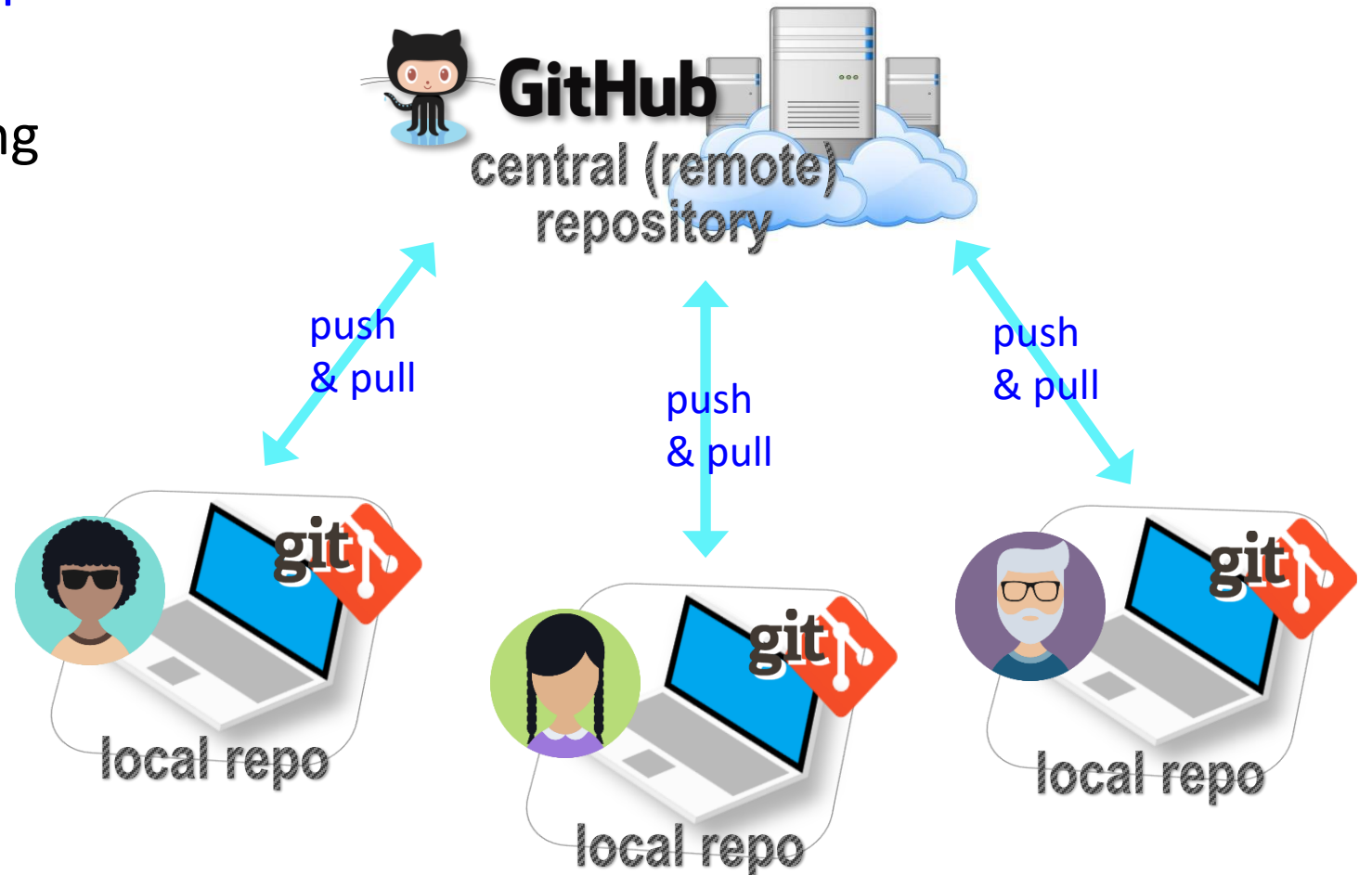
5 minutes



- ▶ Create "Practice-Repo" on GitHub
- ▶ Clone it to your laptop
- ▶ Make changes to your local repo
- ▶ Local Git operations: git status, git add, git commit
- ▶ Remote (= GitHub) operations: git push

# GitHub: a *social*, remote repository

- ▶ GitHub also works as a **central remote repository** among a group of **collaborators** working on a shared project.
  - ◆ Everyone works on their own *local* copy of the repository, making changes.
  - ◆ Git is able to keep track and merge changes submitted by everyone.



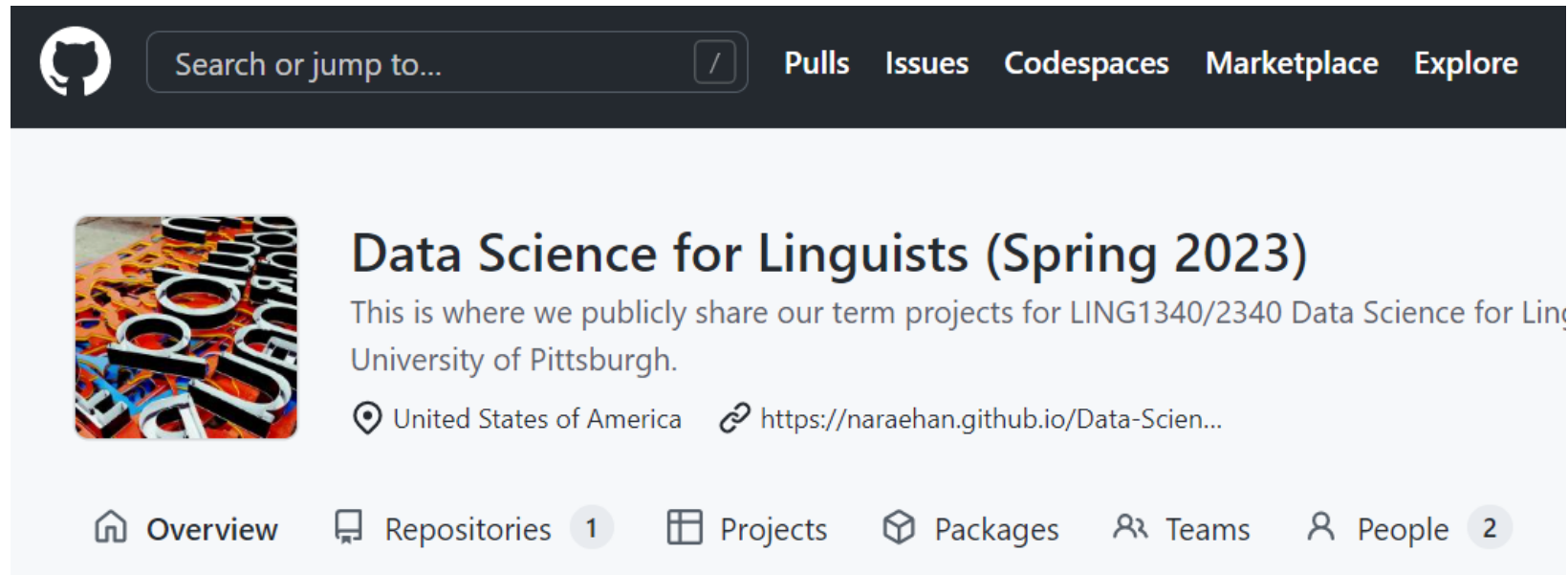
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  - ◆ Everyone is an **equal collaborator** with push (=write) access.



# Introducing... GitHub Class Organization

▶ <https://github.com/Data-Science-for-Linguists-2023>



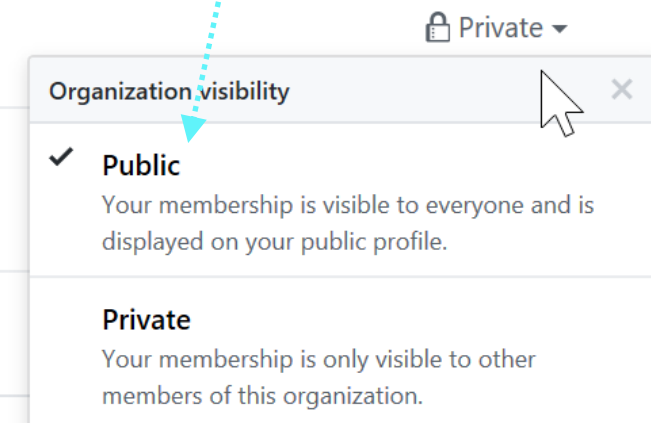
▶ So we can:

- ◆ have everyone in one spot.
- ◆ have all class materials in one spot.
- ◆ have everyone's term project in one spot.
- ◆ share *private* repos as a group.



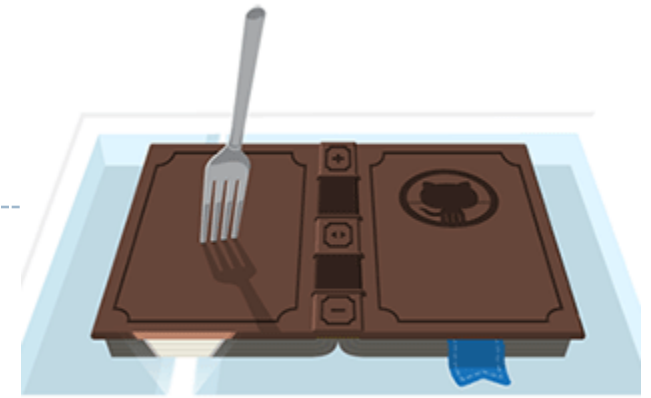
Accept invitation from "notifications" page

Click "People", and make your membership public

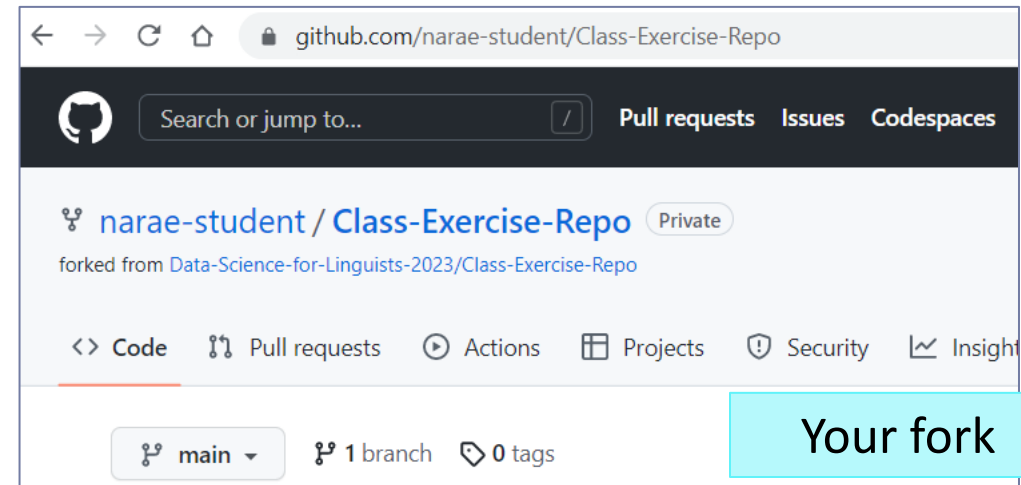
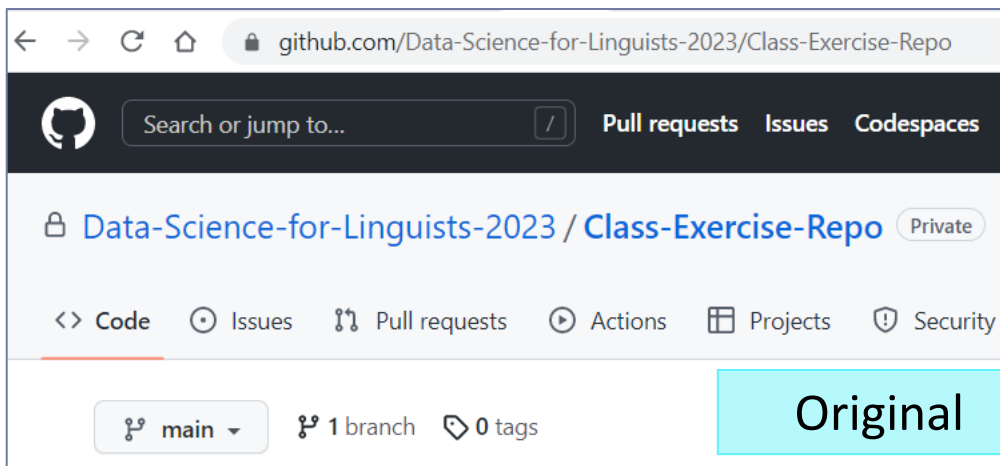




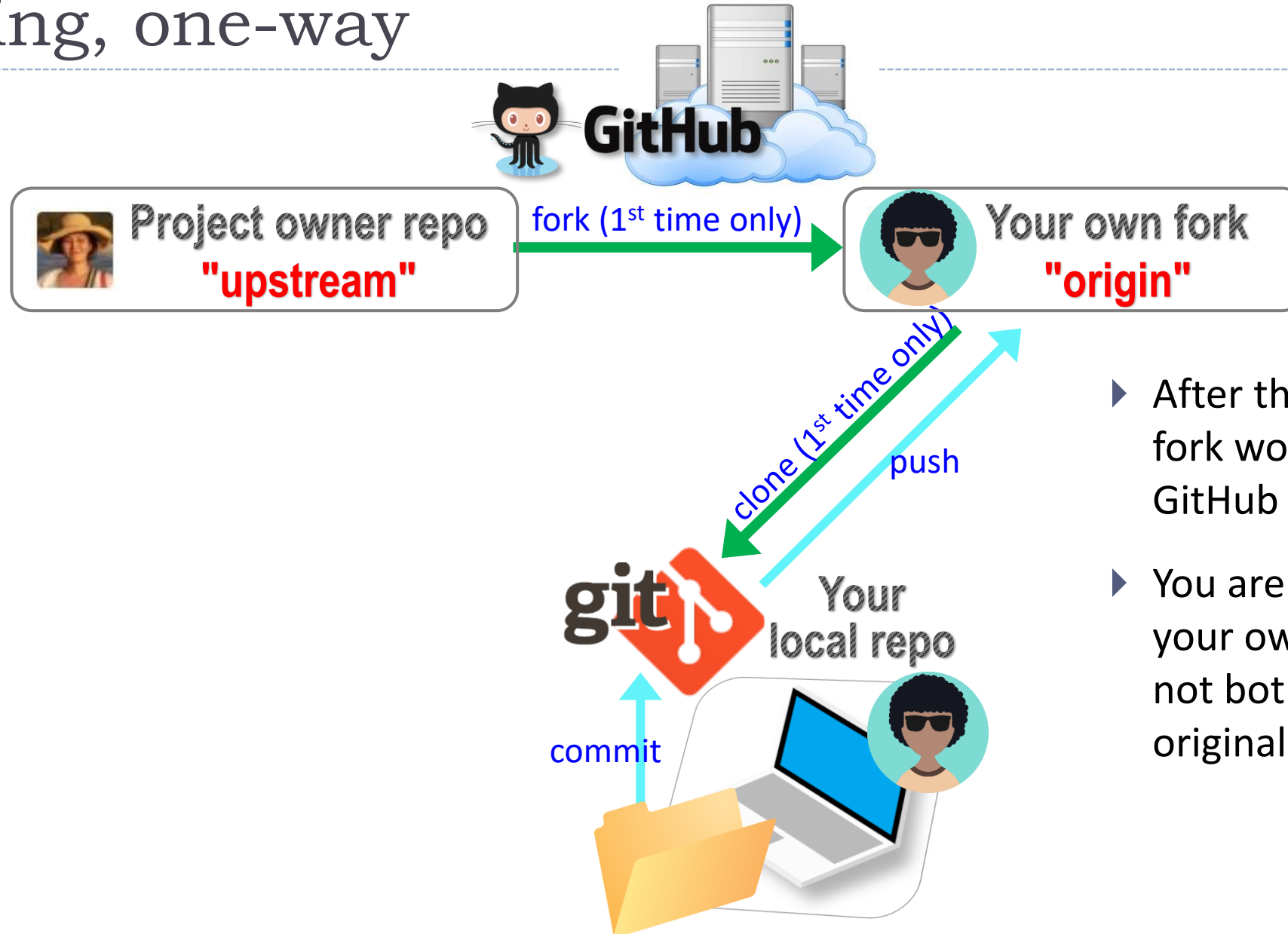
# But first, forking



- ▶ When you **start with someone else's project**.
  - ◆ You are *not* a collaborator in their repo. (No push access)
- ▶ <https://help.github.com/articles/fork-a-repo/>
- ▶ You **fork** the original repo into your own GitHub account, creating your own "fork".
- ▶ You make changes in your own fork. The original repo is not affected!



# Forking, one-way



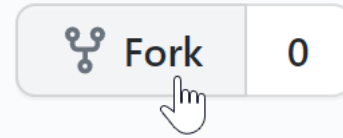
- ▶ After the spin-off, your fork works as if your own GitHub repo.
- ▶ You are content to do your own development, not bothering the original project owner...

# Your first fork

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## ▶ On **GitHub**:

1. Go to class GitHub org.
2. Fork "Class-Exercise-Repo". You will now have the exact same content in your own GitHub account.



## ▶ On your **laptop**:

1. Move into your `Data_Science/` directory. Clone your fork there via [git clone URL](#).
2. In the `activity1/` folder, make a new file `test_yourname.txt` and then add whatever new line you want. Make sure "yourname" is your actual name!
3. Do Git operations: add, commit, and then push to your fork.

## ▶ Back on **GitHub**:

1. Confirm your GitHub fork now has your file.

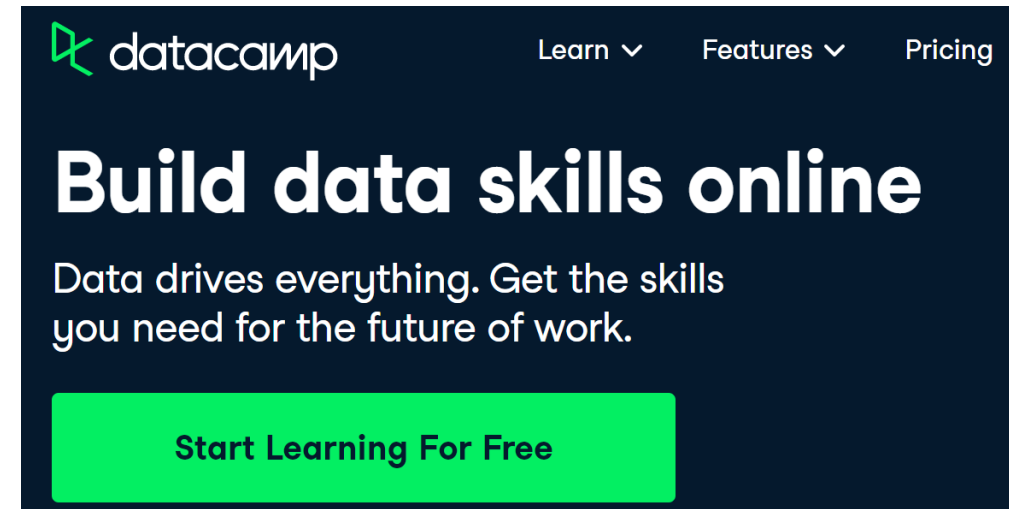
If you are familiar with GitHub, you might be itching to press "pull request". Don't! We learn about it on Friday.



# Wrapping up

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- ▶ To-do #2 out: explore two linguistic datasets.
- ▶ Homework #1 is out (due next Wed): process a linguistic dataset of your choice in Python, using Jupyter Notebook
  - ◆ **Don't be too ambitious!** This HW is about taking stock of what you already know and where to go from there. And also new tools.
- ▶ Office hours
  - ◆ This week's hours are posted on Canvas, MS Teams
  - ◆ Need help with Git and GitHub set up? Come to our office hours
- ▶ I will be sending out DataCamp invitation →

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