

# Git version control

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Git is a tool to manage sourcecode

*Never lose your coding progress again*

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## An empty folder

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### Windows

Go to your programs overview and start Git Bash

### Everywhere else

Open a terminal window

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working dir.



cd into the directory where you save your python projects

Type `mkdir test` to create a new empty folder called test

Type `cd test` to go to the new folder

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working dir.



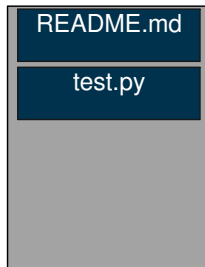
Open your text editor and create the files `README.md` and `test.py` with some dummy content like hello world or test

Save the files to the folder you created on the previous slide

Type `ls` in the terminal to verify that you saved the files correctly

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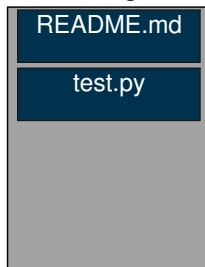
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The folder in which you saved the files is called the *working directory*  
we now want to manage this directory using git

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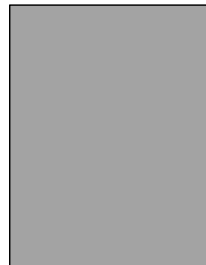
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staging area



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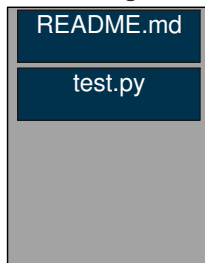
To make the current directory a git repository type `git init` on the terminal  
`git init` creates a hidden `.git` folder in the working directory to store all its data

Type `ls -a` to see the hidden `.git` directory

Type `ls .git` to see the content of the `.git` directory

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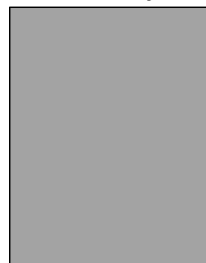
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history



We want git to keep track of our `README.md` and `test.py` files

Git does not perform any automatic synchronizations in the background like e.g. Dropbox does

Instead we have to manually inform git about changes we made to the files in the working directory

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$ git status
On branch master
Initial commit

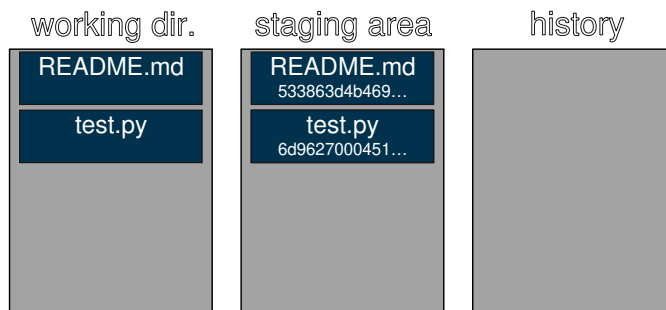
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)

  README.md
  test.py

nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
```

Use the `git status` command to find the files in the working directory that git does not yet track

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On the previous slide git told us to use `git add` to start tracking README.md and test.py

Type `git add README.md test.py` on the terminal

`git add` creates copies of the files and saves them under the `.git` directory

It also calculates hash values that uniquely identify the contents of the files

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## Commits

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```
$ git status
On branch master

Initial commit

Changes to be committed:
  (use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)

    new file:   README.md
    new file:   test.py
```

If we now rerun `git status` it will tell us, that README.md and test.py are "to be committed"

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## Commits

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A commit in git is a snapshot of the whole project at a given time

As long as you do not actively break your git repository you can always go back to *every previous commit* in your git history

E.g. when you accidentally delete one of your source-files you will only lose the work you did since the last commit

Or when your project stops working you can always go back to a previous version that is known to work and find the breaking change

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## Commits

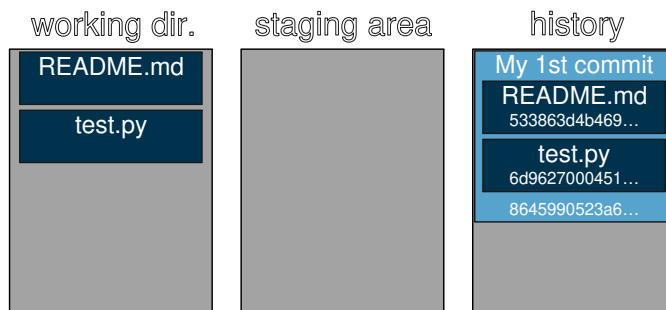
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In order to create a new commit you:

- `git add` every file that you want to be part of the commit
- use `git status` to check if you included all your changes
- Type `git commit -m "Your description here"`

You should replace "Your description here" by a description of the changes you did since the last commit

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In the example we are now about to commit the changes to `README.md` and `test.py`  
 Type `git commit -m "My 1st commit"` as this is our first commit in this repository  
 You can now use `git log` to see the history of this repository

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## Commit #2

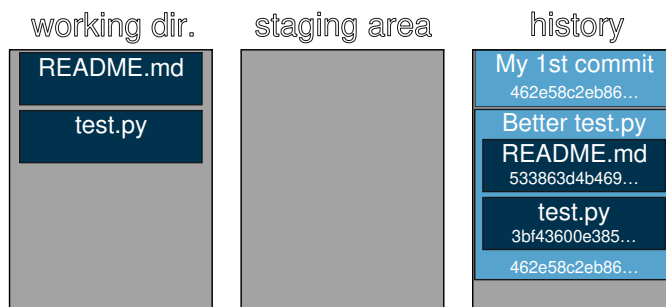
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For the next commit we want `test.py` to output "Hello World!" when it is executed  
 Replace the text you put into `test.py` with the following program:

```
1 | print('Hello World!')
```

Create a commit that includes the new `test.py`  
 Make sure to give it a good description of the changes

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The second commit stores:

- A reference to the previous commit
- A description "Better test.py"
- References to the old `README.md` and the new `test.py`

Use `git log` to look at the history of the project

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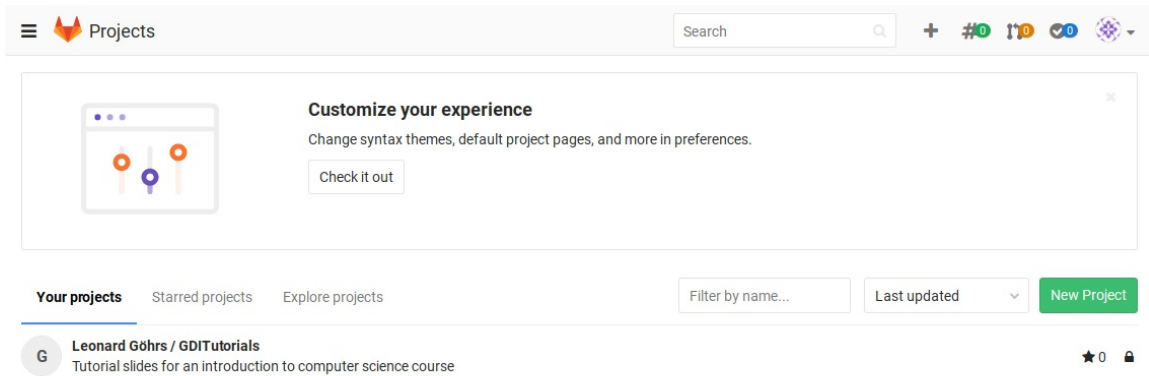
## Syncing

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Although not losing any local work is already a great feature git can do even more  
 One of the other mayor features is being able to synchronize repositories with a server  
 This allows you to simultaneously collaborate on software over the internet

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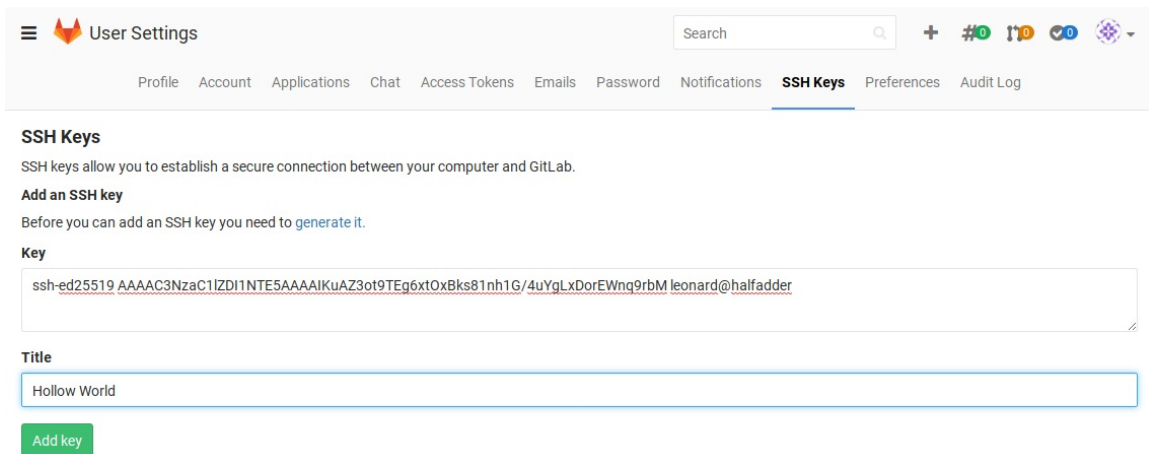
# Syncing



Sign into/create an account on a codesharing site that supports git like Gitlab, Bitbucket or Github

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# Syncing



In order to use a git-based codesharing site you have to generate a ssh public key once and configure the site to associate it with your account

[Click here](#) for a tutorial on how to generate a public key

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# Syncing

The screenshot shows the 'New project' form in GitLab. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the GitLab logo and 'Projects' text. Below that, a search bar and several utility icons are visible. The main form area is titled 'New project' and includes the instruction 'Create or Import your project from popular Git services'. There are two input fields: 'Project path' (empty) and 'Project name' (containing 'testproject'). A link 'Want to house several dependent projects under the same namespace? Create a group' is present. Under 'Import project from', there are buttons for GitHub, Bitbucket, GitLab.com, Google Code, Fogbugz, and 'git Repo by URL'. A 'Project description (optional)' text area contains 'My semi-awesome test project'. The 'Visibility Level' section has three radio buttons: 'Private' (selected), 'Internal', and 'Public'. At the bottom, there are 'Create project' and 'Cancel' buttons.

After configuring your public key you can create a new project ...

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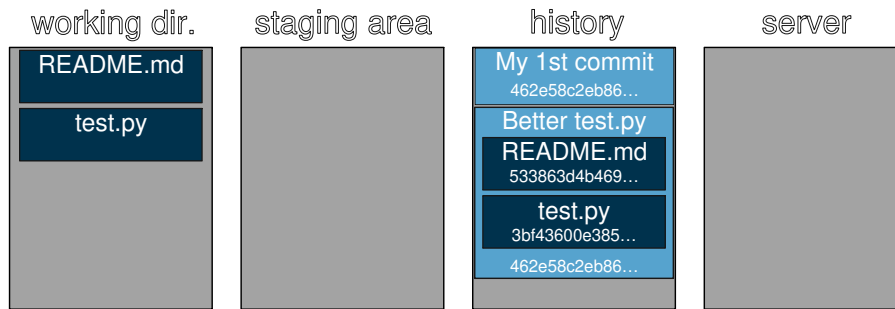
The screenshot shows the GitLab project page for 'testproject'. The top navigation bar shows the user 'Leonard Göhrs / testproject' and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Project', 'Issues 0', 'Merge Requests 0', 'Wiki', and 'Settings'. Under the 'Project' tab, there are sub-tabs for 'Home', 'Activity', and 'Cycle Analytics'. A blue banner at the top of the main content area says 'Project 'testproject' was successfully created.'. Below the banner, there's a profile picture placeholder with the letter 'T', the project name 'testproject', and the description 'My semi-awesome test project'. At the bottom, there's a star button (0 stars), an SSH button with the URL 'git@someserver:lgohrs/testproj', and a 'Global' button.

... copy the address of the new project ...

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# Syncing

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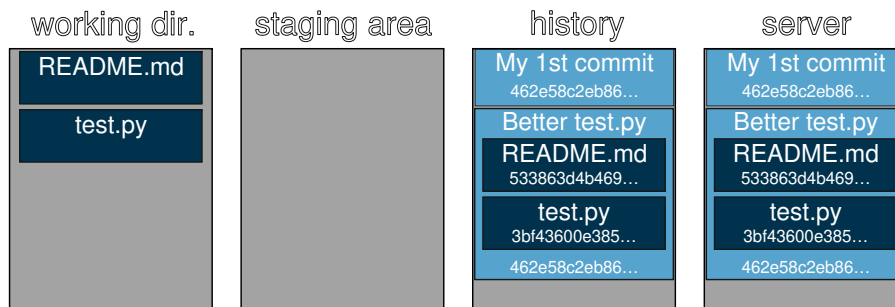
... and add it to your git repository as a remote using the command:

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git remote add origin [address of the project]
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# Syncing

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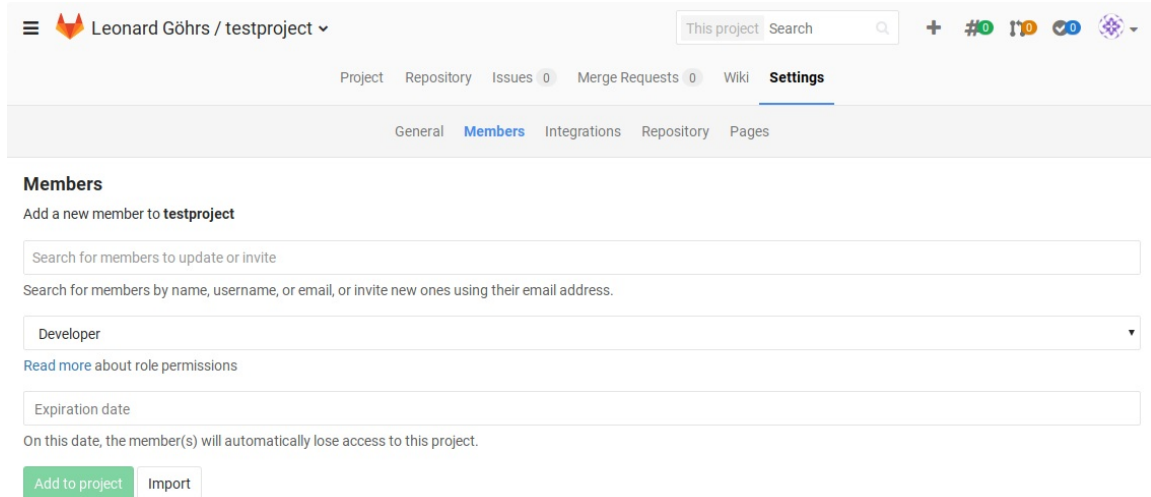


Once again git does not perform any automatic synchronizations.

In order to publish your changes to the server you have to use the `git push` command  
To setup this remote as a default type `git push --set-upstream origin master` to push your changes to the server

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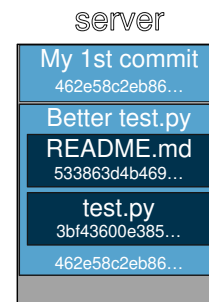
# Collaborating



In order to collaborate on a project you have to add another user as a developer to the project

Add a partner to your project

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To get a copy of an already existing repository you can use the `git clone` command  
Ask your partner for the address she/he used in the `git remote add [address]` command

Type `cd ..` to go one directory up

Type `git clone [address] partner` to get a copy of your partners code into a new partner folder

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## Outlook

Git has a lot more feature than we covered here

We have not covered:

- What to do if you and your partner made changes to the code at the same time
- How to retrieve old commits
- What branches are
- Merging, rebasing, stashing

But as long as you stick to the commands that were demonstrated in this tutorial you will not lose progress because of accidentally overwritten/deleted files

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# CheatSheet - Commands

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- `git init` - Initialize a repository in the current directory
- `git remote add` - Tell git that you want to use a server
- `git clone` - Clone a remote repository
- `git status` - Run this command whenever you need advise
- `git add` - Tell git about the newest version of a file
- `git commit` - Create a snapshot of the current state and give it a name
- `git pull` - Get the latest commits from a server
- `git push` - Send the latest commits to a server

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## Git kaputt

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```
$ git push
To remote
 ! [rejected]        master -> master (fetch first)
error: failed to push some refs to 'remote'
hint: Updates were rejected because the remote contains work that you do
hint: not have locally. This is usually caused by another repository pushing
hint: to the same ref. You may want to first integrate the remote changes
hint: (e.g., 'git pull ...') before pushing again.
hint: See the 'Note about fast-forwards' in 'git push --help' for details.
```

*Problem:* `git push` gets rejected when there are changes on the server you do not have locally

*Workaround:* `git pull` the changes first

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## Git kaputt

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```
$ git pull
remote: Counting objects: 3, done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
Unpacking objects: 100% (3/3), done.
From remote
 bcd8ca8..0a78d9b  master    -> origin/master
Updating bcd8ca8..0a78d9b
error: Your local changes to the following files would be overwritten by merge:
  README.md
Please commit your changes or stash them before you merge.
Aborting
```

*Problem:* `git pull` complains about uncommitted files

*Workaround:* `git add` and `git commit` your local changes and `git pull` again

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## Git kaputt

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```
$ git pull
Auto-merging README.md
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in README.md
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then commit the result.
```

*Problem:* `git pull` complains because you and someone else edited the same file

*Workaround:* Go through every file git complains about, search for any occurrence of <<<<<<<< and decide which version you want to keep. `git add` and `git commit` the new version.

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# Git kaputt

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*Problem:* Everything is broken, nothing works, my computer is on fire

*Workaround:* Clone the repository from the server, forget about your old repository and get a fire extinguisher