

Git Workshop

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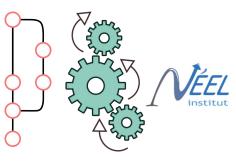
Those slides can also be seen at https://wiki.estaca.net, then click on "Git Workshop"

Layout



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- Git basics: the three trees
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- Conflict solving
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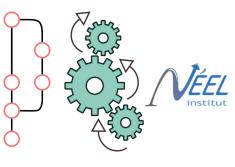
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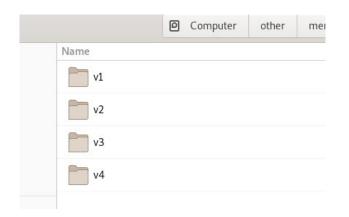


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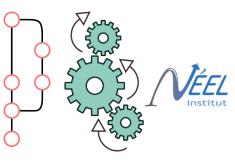


What you want is usually to:

- have the most recent state of your project only
- 2. While keeping the possibility to access the history if needed, and/or go back in time, change stuffs, etc.

Git does that, and much more: it is used to do collaborative work, when many persons are modifying the same folder

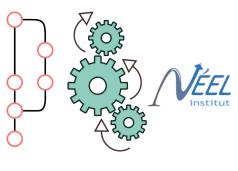
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- 90% of software development teams use a VCS
- 70% of the teams use Git
- They spend in average 5 hours per day using a VCS
- Git is open source, free and included natively in linux. It is available on all platforms otherwise: https://git-scm.com/download/

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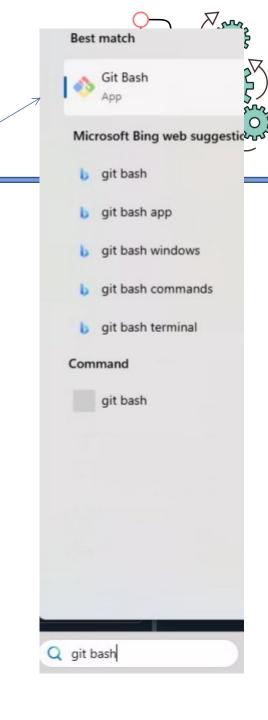




- On linux, you can install it with your package manager (example for Debian/Ubuntu/Mint...: sudo apt install git in a terminal)
- On MacOS, install homebrew if not already there (execute in a terminal the command in the website **brew.sh**), then execute **brew install git** in a terminal
- On Windows, install the git-scm software: https://git-scm.com/install/windows

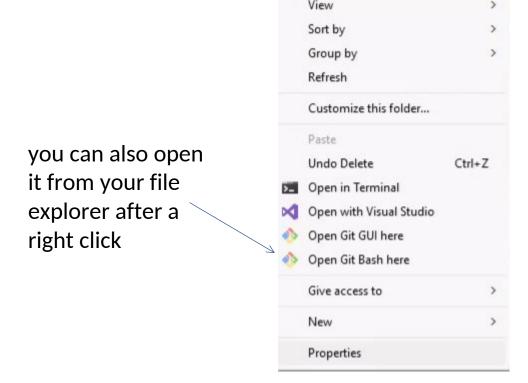
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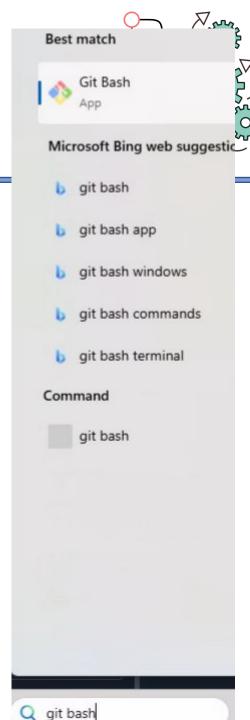
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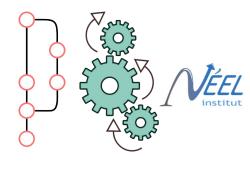


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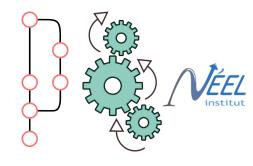
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~/Documents/Git\$ cd test1/

~/Documents/Git/test1\$ nano myfile.txt

~/Documents/Git/test1\$ git init

hint: Using 'master' as the name for the initial branch. This default branch name

hint: is subject to change. To configure the initial branch name to use in all

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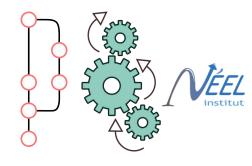
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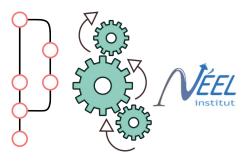
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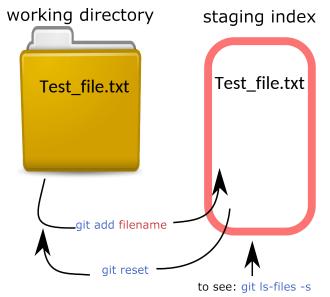
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Here I made some changes with a text editor called "nano", but you can use any text editor you want





 Now let's put this change in the second tree



~/Documents/Git/test1\$ git add myfile.txt

~/Documents/Git/test1\$ git status

On branch master

No commits yet

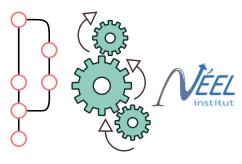
Changes to be committed:

~/Documents/Git/test1\$ git Is-files -s 100644 ce013625030ba8dba906f756967f9e9ca394464a 0

myfile.txt

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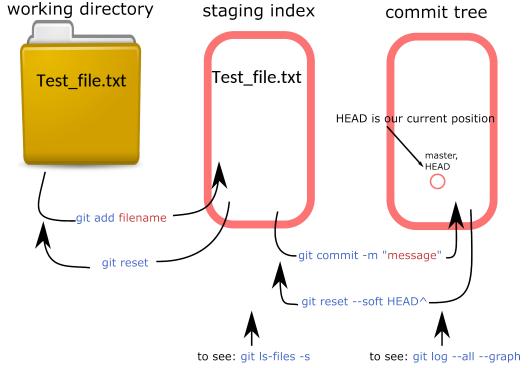
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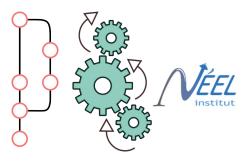
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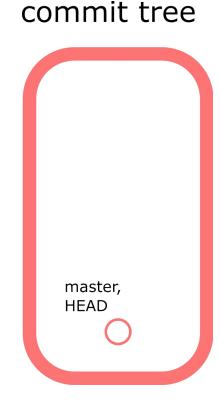
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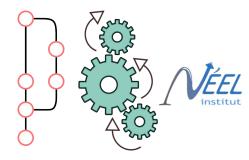
~/Documents/Git/test1$ git commit -m "added a function.py with a method to compute a square"
[master 10018df] added a function.py with a method to compute a square
1 file changed, 2 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 function.py

~/Documents/Git/test1$ git log --all --graph
* commit 10018dfba8c6bef8e37c9600b88ac41cca43c0ca (HEAD -> master)
| Author:
| Date: Thu Nov 6 08:37:41 2025 +0100

* added a function.py with a method to compute a square

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~/Documents/Git/test1\$ nano function.py

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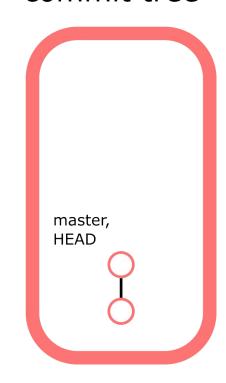
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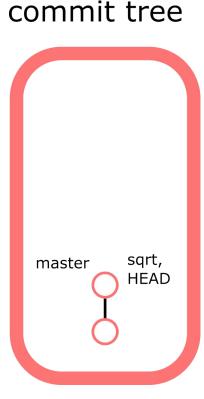
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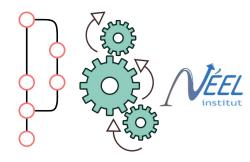
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• Now we want to modify the function to return both the square and the square root. Let's make a branch called sqrt:

```
~/Documents/Git/test1$ git branch sqrt <
                                                                              Creates a branch named "sqrt"
~/Documents/Git/test1$ git log --all --graph
* commit 10018dfba8c6bef8e37c9600b88ac41cca43c0ca (HEAD -> master, sqrt)
Author:
Date: Thu Nov 6 08:37:41 2025 +0100
   added a function.py with a method to compute a square
* commit 1715f206ef9ba2cb14ba35e3ae97c9f84e1c56ae
                                                                       Changes the current branch to "sqrt"
 Author<sup>-</sup>
 Date: Thu Nov 6 08:31:41 2025 +0100
   initial commit
~/Documents/Git/test1$ git checkout sqrt
Switched to branch 'sqrt'
~/Documents/Git/test1$ git log --all --graph
* commit 10018dfba8c6bef8e37c9600b88ac41cca43c0ca (HEAD -> sgrt, master)
Author:
Date: Thu Nov 6 08:37:41 2025 +0100
   added a function.py with a method to compute a square
* commit 1715f206ef9ba2cb14ba35e3ae97c9f84e1c56ae
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• Let us make our modification to it:

```
~/Documents/Git/test1$ git add .
~/Documents/Git/test1$ git commit -m "added the sqrt modification"
[sqrt 261a8ed] added the sqrt modification
1 file changed, 3 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)
~/Documents/Git/test1$ git log --all --graph
* commit 261a8ed07e3df94311a230510823d74f5cc74ead (HEAD -> sqrt)
| Author:
Date: Thu Nov 6 09:02:29 2025 +0100
   added the sgrt modification
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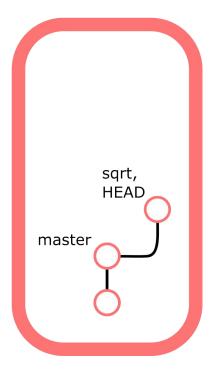
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def square(x):
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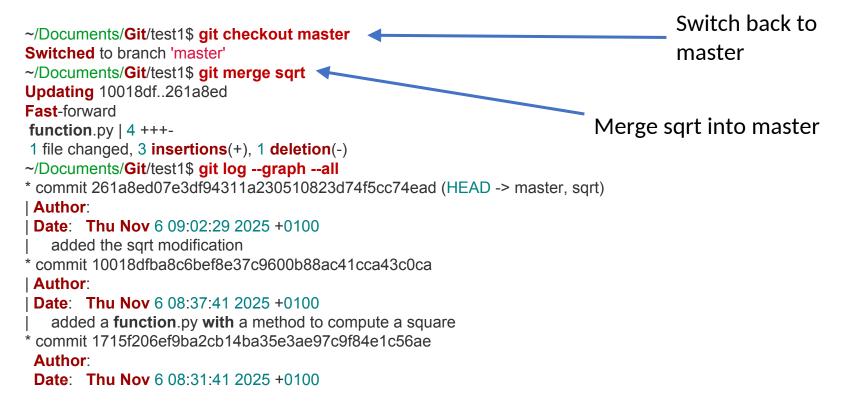
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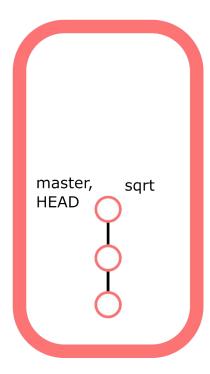


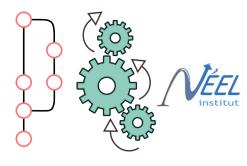


Now we are happy with this feature, let us include it in the master



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• So far, the job was easy: we did not change master while the editing of sqrt happen.

• Let us start from here instead:

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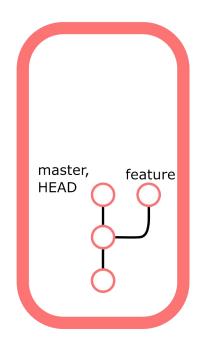
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def multiply(x,y):
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File functions.py

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def divide(x,y): File functionbis.py return x/y

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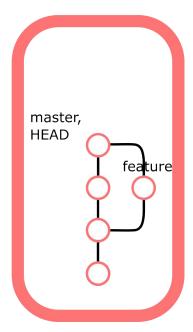
 This one was also an easy one: we modified different files in the two branches

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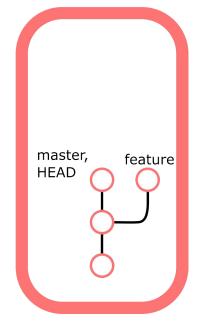


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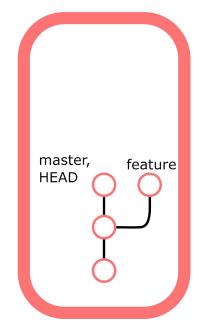
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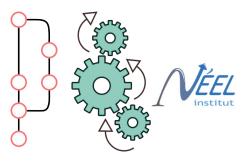
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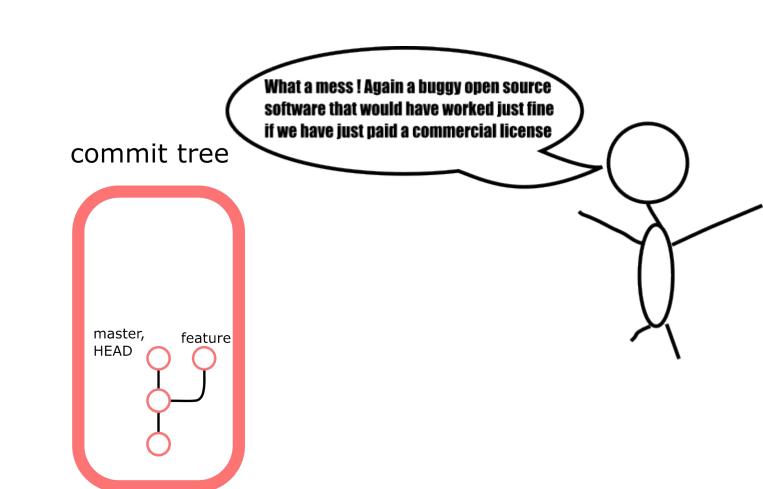
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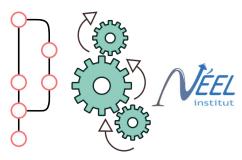
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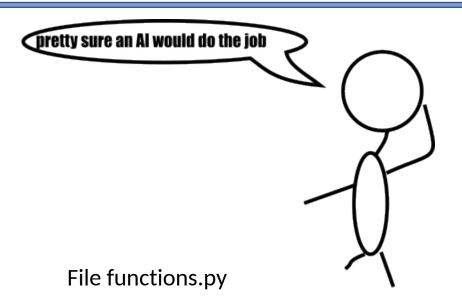
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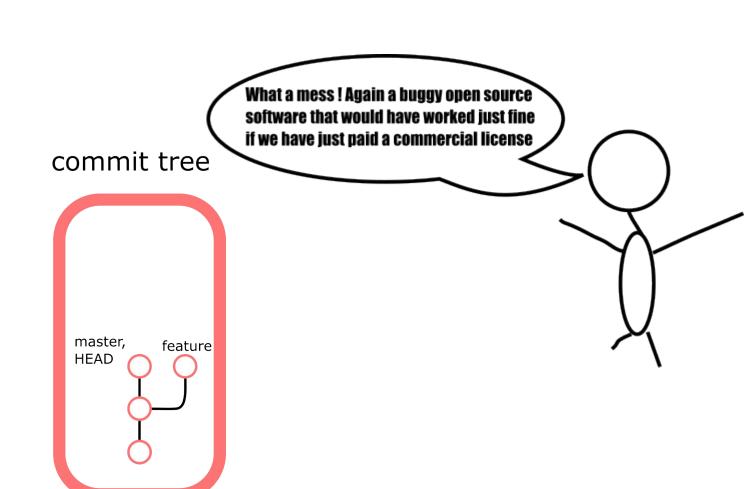


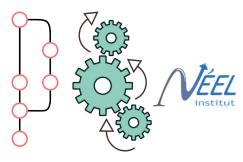
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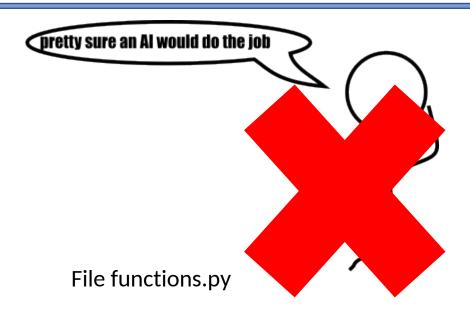




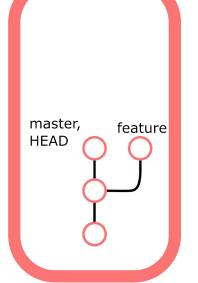






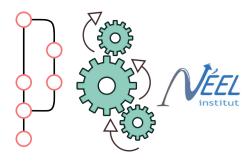


What a mess! Again a bus software that would have wif we have just paid a commercommit tree



Nope: there is no magical solution: humans should meet and choose what do they want to keep





• Git modifies your files to represent a conflict like this:

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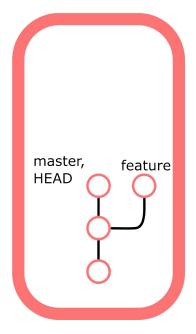
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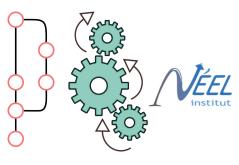
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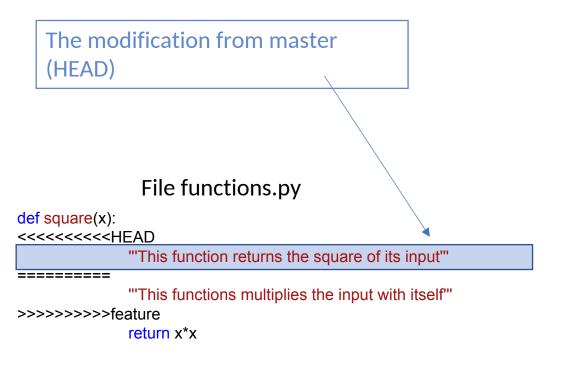
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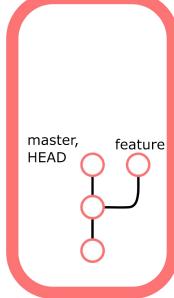




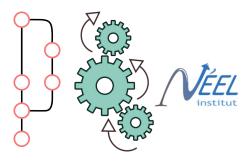
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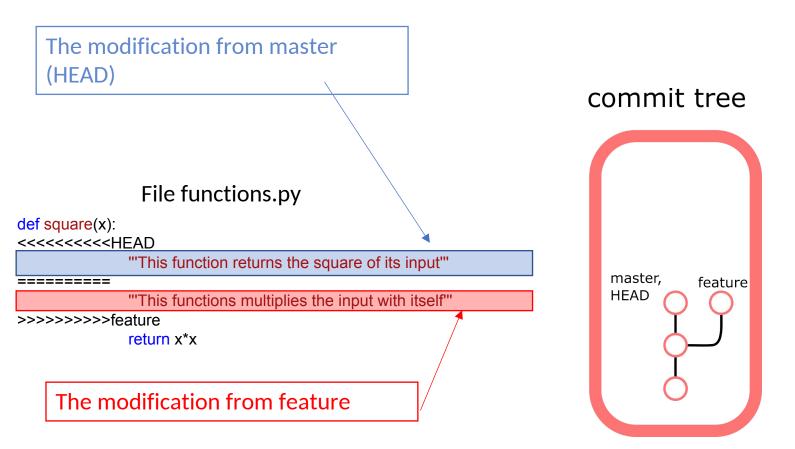
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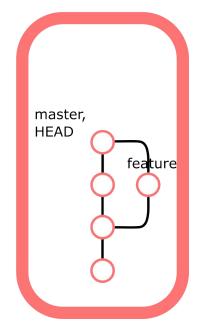
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- ~/Documents/Git/git-workshop\$ git status

On branch master nothing to commit, working tree clean

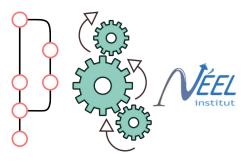
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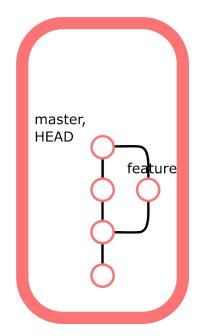
After merging a branch, we usually delete the old branch, here called feature:

git branch -D feature

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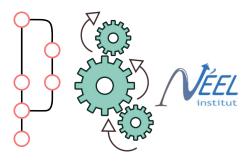
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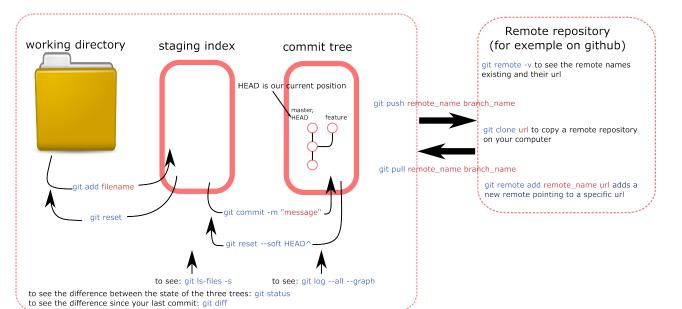
• The task is:

- 1. Create a new git repository locally
- 2. Add a file, and make a commit
- 3. Create two branches, each of them modifying the file
- 4. Merge both branches to master, to obtain a conflict
- 5. Solve it

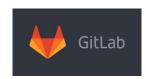
Remote repositories



- Git is most often used with a remote repository, your local one being one local copy of it.
- It can be stored anywhere, it can be even physically local.



- And there are popular interfaces to host and manage them:
- The most popular is Github GitHub
- But there are other:

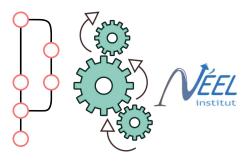




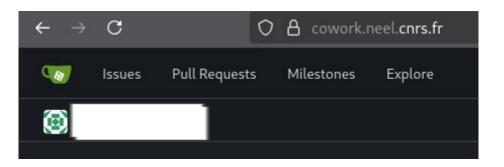


Try for example the NEEL institute git server at cowork.neel.cnrs.fr with your mail credentials

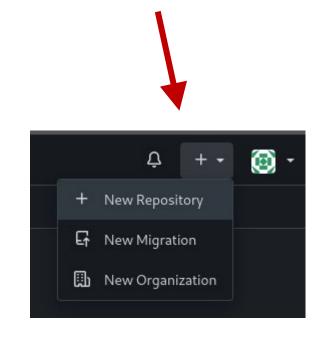
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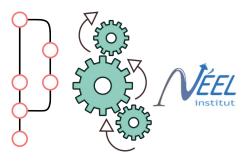
Example with NEEL git server



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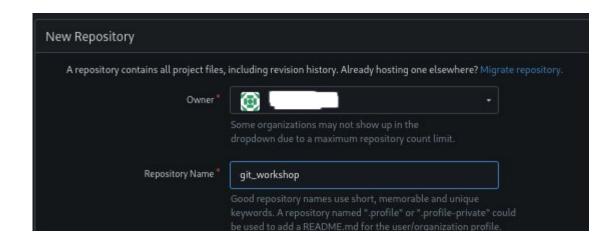


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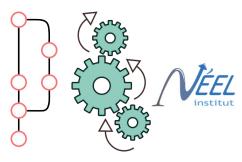


Example with NEEL git server

The only required field is the name

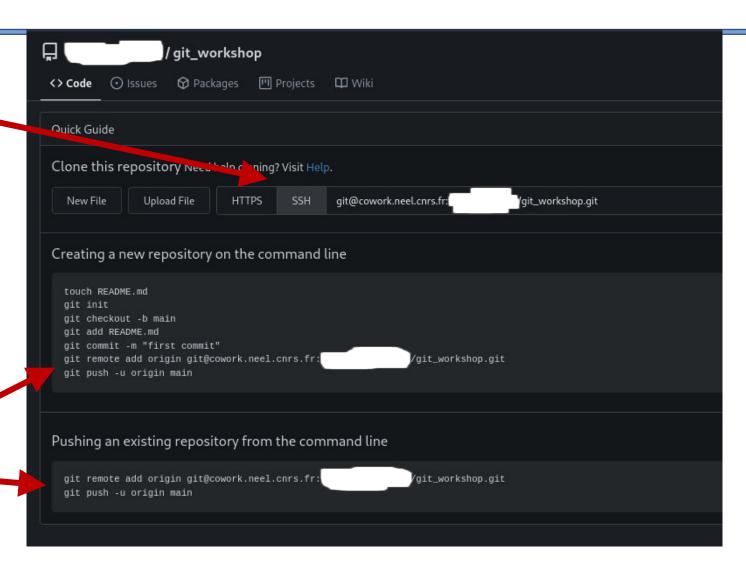


Remote repositories



1) choose SSH (you will need to setup ssh keys for this) or HTTPS (a bit less secure but easier to setup)

2) depending on the situation, execute in a shell command close to this

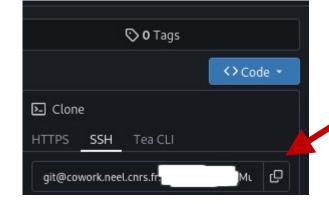


Already existing remote repository



• If the repository already exists, you can make your local copy with the command "git clone PATH" where PATH can be found here, after

clicking on <code>:



(!) the PATH depends on the authentification method (SSH or HTTPS)

SSH authentification parenthesis



- We need to set up SSH (there are other way to do the authentification, but this one is the most universal)
- SSH means Secure SHell, it is a protocol to open a shell to talk from a client (in this case, your computer) with a username (in this case, you) to a server (in this case, the Git server cowork.neel.cnrs.fr) with a server username (in this case, a user called "git")
- We need to set up RSA keys and if we want a passphrase to do the authentification
- You have an ssh client natively on Linux and Mac. On Windows, we actually installed one when we installed git bash.

Creating RSA keys



ssh-keygen -t rsa

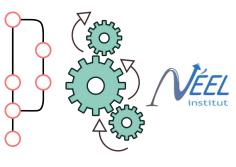


The command to execute

It is not mandatory, but it is a good idea to use a strong passphrase when asked about it

You will see where are located your private key and your public key

Giving the public key to the server

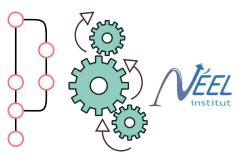


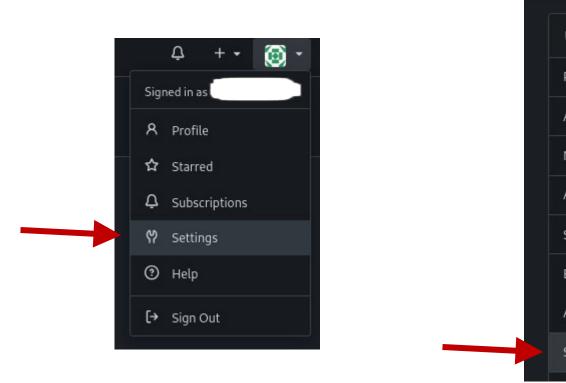
cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub

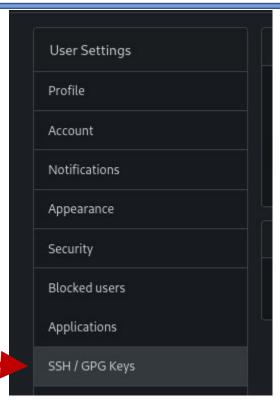
The command to execute to see what is inside your public key

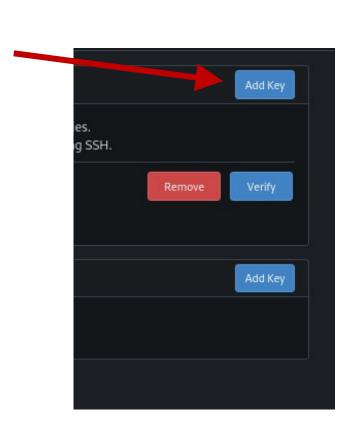
note: you can also open it with a text editor of your choice

Giving the public key to the server

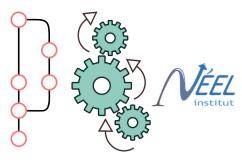








Giving the public key to the server



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Add Key Cancel				

Give a key name and then paste your PUBLIC key here, then click on "Add Key" you can then test if you can use this key by typing:

ssh -T git@cowork.neel.cnrs.fr

Note for Github



- For using SSH on Github: same procedure basically
- For using HTTPS on Github: you need to generate a Personal Access
 Token and use it as your password. This can be done via
 Settings/Developper Settings/Personnel Access Tokens/Tokens(classic)

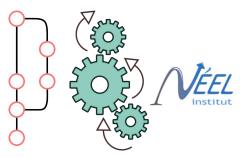
Pushing the repo

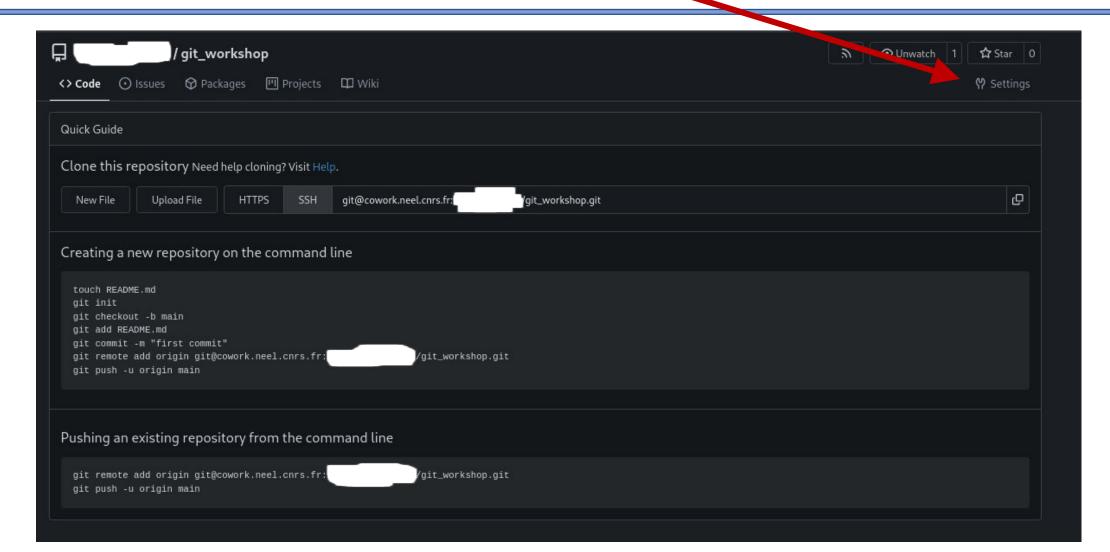


git push origin master

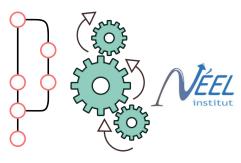
the command to use to push the branch "master" to the remote "origin"



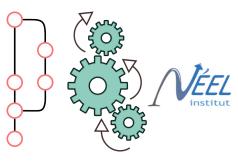




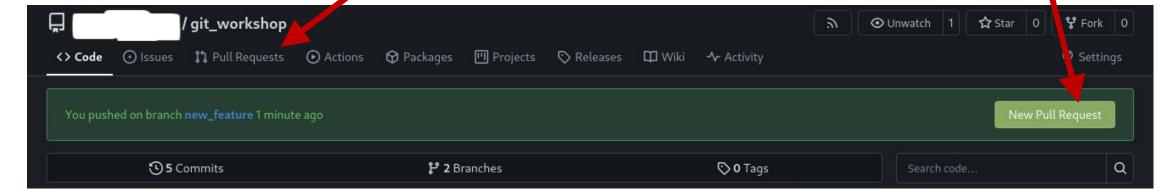
Add contributors



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- The cleanest way to merge content collaboratively is called a "pull request":
 - 1. You make some changes in a branch, for example called "new_feature"
 - 2. You push this branch to the remote: "git push origin new_feature"
 - 3. You log in the remote server (in your browser: https://cowork.neel.cnrs.fr)
 - 4. You click on "Pull Requests", then "New Pull Request", or directly on "New Pull Request"

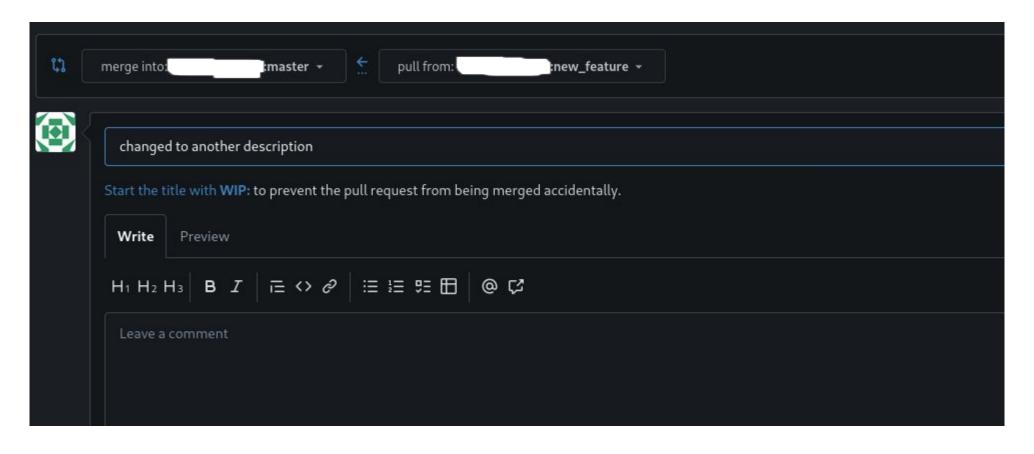


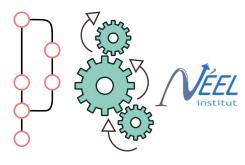


 You select the origin and the destination of the changes pull from. merge into: :new_feature * :master 🕶 New Pull Request

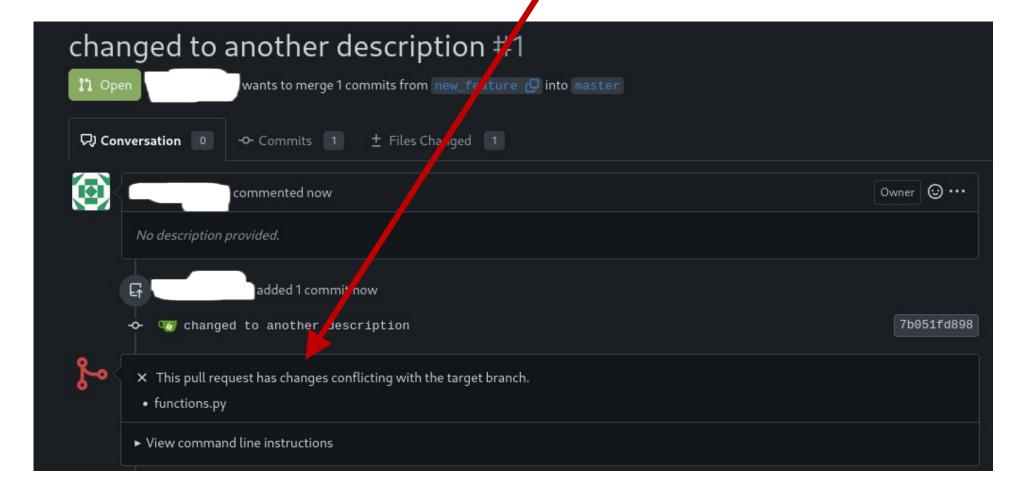


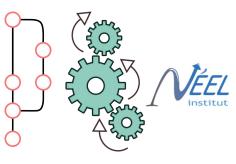
Put some description of what you want to do, to help your collaborators



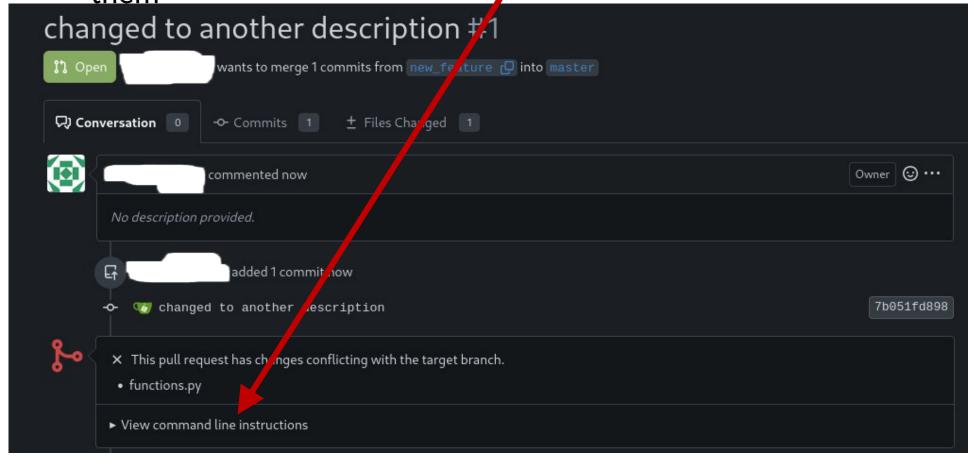


• The GUI will check if your merge will create conflicts

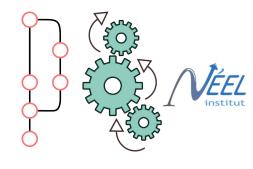




• The GUI will offer you graphical tools or give you the commands to solve them



Exercice 2



- Team up two by two: one will be the owner of the remote, the other a contributor
- Create a remote, link it to your local and push something to it
- Add the contributor
- The contributor should « clone » the repo (git clone repo address)
- Both the contributor and the owner will create a branch and propose a conflicting modification, then push it
- You should then merge all those changes in the remote (you can also do everything locally and push the merge results)

Thank you for your attention



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