The Git Stage/Commit/Push workflow

Childhood Cancer Data Lab

The "stage/commit/push" flow

1. Make code changes



- 2. Stage the changes you want to be part of the next commit
 - a. Best practice to stage one changed file at a time to avoid problems
 - b. Note: you may also hear this step referred to as "add"
- 3. **Commit** your code changes with an informative message
- 4. **Push** your local commit(s) to the **remote repository** you cloned on GitHub.com



How much should you stage for a commit?

- Smaller units of work are generally better for you!
- Imagine you are looking in your code history. Which commit message is more helpful?
 - \circ $\,$ All the work I did on Tuesday $\,$
 - Modified notebook to change plot size
- Which scenario is easier to look through?
 - 1-3 changed files in a commit
 - 25 changed files in a commit

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We'll see how to do this from the command line soon!

Not all files are meant to live under version control

- Sometimes we have files inside the repository directory that we very much *do not want* to be part of version control
 - Large files; GitHub cannot generally handle files >= 100 MB
 - Unreleased/private data files, including PII/PHI data even in a private repository, don't do it!
 - Other sneaky culprits like .DS_Store files on MacOS

• It's pretty easy to mess up and accidentally stage/commit these files, and Git loves to complain about unstaged files

Using **.gitignore** files

- .gitignore files are hidden files that tell git to ignore certain files
 - .gitignore will make Git stop telling you about untracked changes
 - .gitignore will prevent you from staging/committing these files by accident
 - Word to the wise: All Include files ASAP in your .gitignore before you accidentally commit them! (Trust us, we speak from experience....)
- You can have many .gitignore files in a repo (in different directories) and/or a single .gitignore at the top of your repo that all subdirectories "inherit"
 - You can also have a *global* file in ~/.gitignore that will apply to all repos on your computer (Requires a little more setup, though)!
 - But caution: Your collaborators probably don't have that file.

github.com has some useful templates

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Create a new repository

A repository contains all project files, including the revision history. Already have a project repository elsewhere? Import a repository.

Repository template

Start your repository with a template repository's contents.

No template -

Owner *

Repository name * 🗿 sjspielman 🗸 potential-umbrella

Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about potential-umbrella?

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Description (optional)

O 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.

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Choose a license

A license tells others what they can and can't do with your code. Learn more.

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(i) You are creating a public repository in your personal account.

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