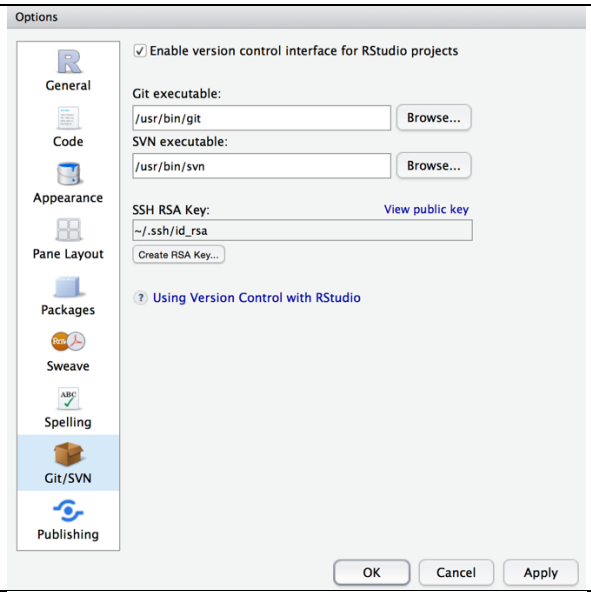
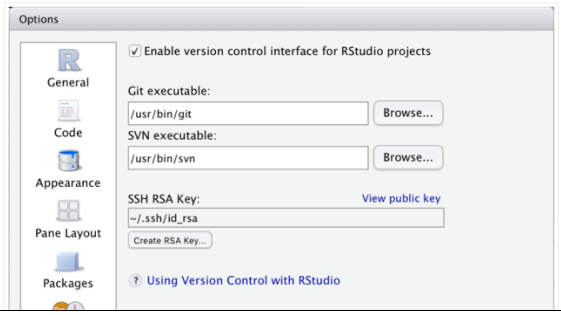
Github – R studio Cheat Sheet

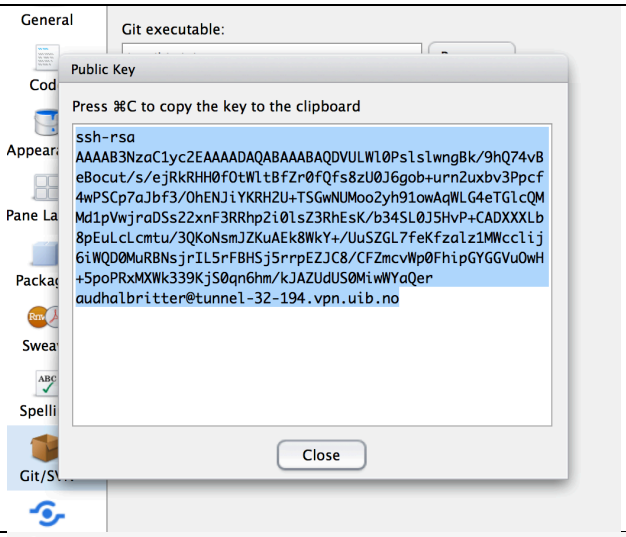
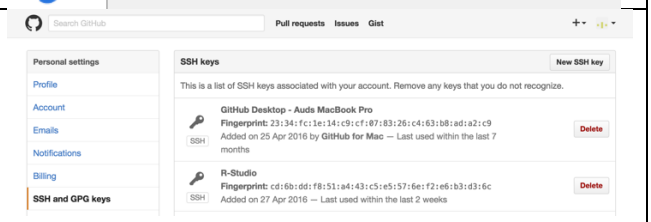
Why use version control?

- Easy to share code
- Work on the same code at the same time
- Keeping track of changes in the code

Preparation:

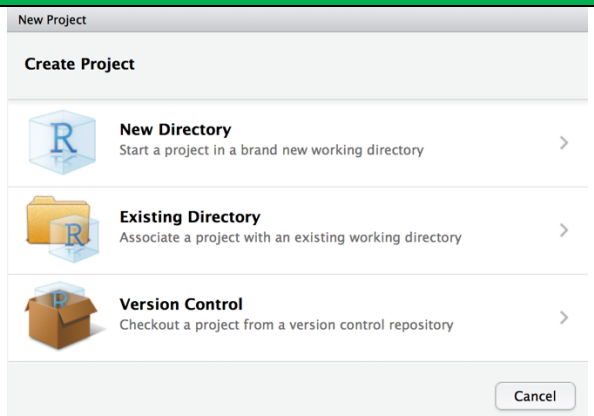
1. Download Git or similar: https://git-scm.com/
   For UiB users git is on the Software Centre.
2. Get a github account: https://github.com/
3. Connect RStudio with Github

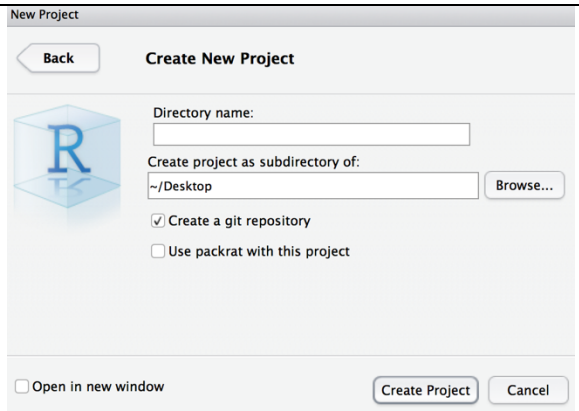
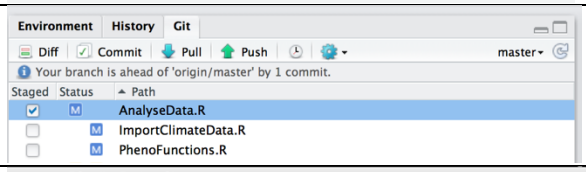
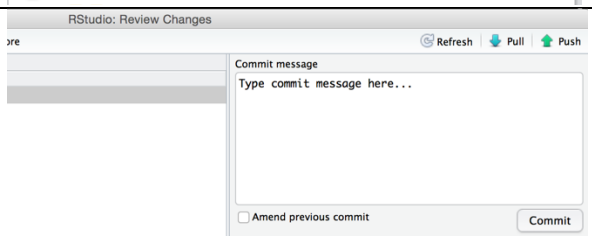
CONNECT RSTUDIO WITH GITHUB	
In RStudio click *Tools > Version Control,* select Git	
In RStudio, *Tools > Global Options*, select Git/SVN tab. Ensure the path to the *Git executable* is correct. This is particularly important in Windows where it may not default correctly (e.g. C:/Program Files (x86)/Git/bin/git.exe).	
Click *Create RSA Key* > Click *Create* And close this window.	

Click, *View public key,* and copy the displayed public key.	
Go to Git, click in the upper right corner and open your account *Settings*. Click the *SSH keys* tab. Click *New SSH key*. Paste in the public key you have copied from RStudio. Title: RStudio	
Now connect RStudio and git. In RStudio, click *Tools > Shell*. Type each line separately and click *Return:* git config --global user.email "EnterYourEmailAddress" git config --global user.name "EnterYourUsername"	

OPTIONS:

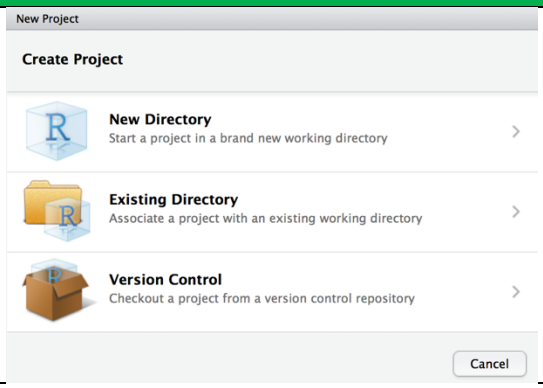
1. **Create a new RStudio Project and push it to Github**: You are starting a new RStudio project from scratch and want to connect it to Github.
2. **Clone an existing Github Repository to an RStudio Project**: You already have a Github repository and want to create an RStudio project or you want to collaborating with somebody's Github repository.
3. **Push an existing RStudio Project to a new Github Repository**: You have an existing RStudio project, which you have worked on for a while and now you want to create an Github repository to keep track on the changes you make.

1. CREATE A NEW R POJECT AND PUSH IT TO GITHUB	
In RStudio click *File > New Project > New Directory*	

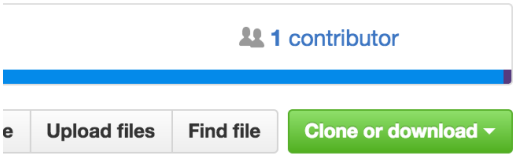
Name the project. Click *Create a git rpository* Create new script which you will add to your repository.	
After saving your new script, it should appear in the *Git* tab on the *Environment / History panel*. Click the file you wish to add.	
Now click *Commit* and enter an identifying message in *Commit message.* You have now committed the current version of this file to your repository on your computer/server. Now you want to *push* the contents of this commit to GitHub, so it is also backed-up off site and available to collaborators.	
Go to Github. Create a git *New repository*, and name it.	
In RStudio, again click *Tools > Shell.* Type each line separately and click *Return:* git remote add origin https://github.com/ YourGitUserName/YourGitProject.git git config remote.origin.url git@github.com: YourGitUserName/ YourGitProject.git git pull -u origin master git push -u origin master	
You have now pushed your commit to GitHub, and should be able to see your files in your GitHub account. The *Pull Push* buttons in RStudio will now also work. Remember, after each *Commit*, you have to *Push* to GitHub, this doesn't happen automatically	

2. CLONE EXISTING GITHUB REPOSITORY TO NEW RSTUDIO PROJCET

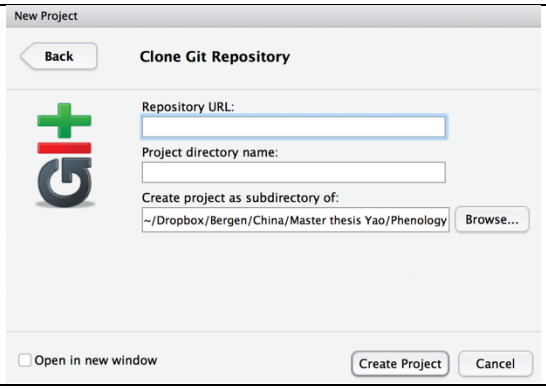
In RStudio click *File > New Project > Version Control > Git*



Go to the Git Resporitory and click on *Clone Git Respository* and entre it in *Respository URL*.

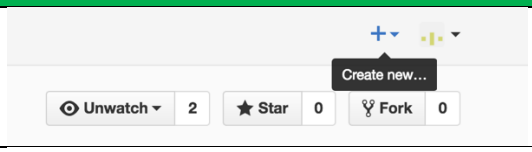
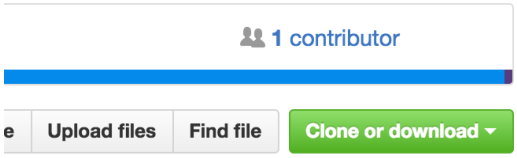
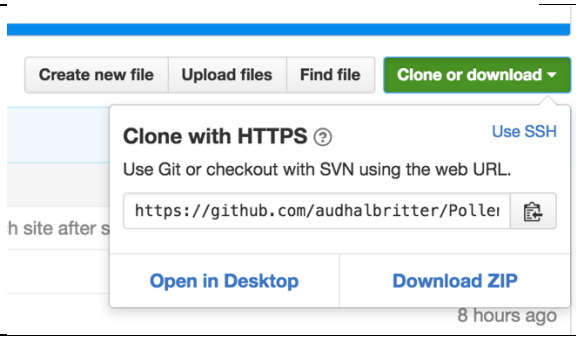


Entre *Project directory name*.
Click *Create Project*



In RStudio, again click *Tools -> Shell*
Enter and click *Return*

git config remote.origin.url git@github.com:EnterYourGitUserName/EnterYourGitProject.git

3. PUSH EXISTING RSTUDIO PROJECT TO GIT	
Go to Github. Create a git *New repository*, and name it.	
Click on *Clone Git Respository*	
Click the copy button	
Open your R project	

In RStudio, again click *Tools -> Shell*
Type each line separately and click *Return:*
Copy the git url in line 5

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echo "# test" >> README.md
git init
git add README.md
git commit -m "first commit"
git remote add origin https://github.com/EnterUserName/EnterGitProject.git
git push -u origin master
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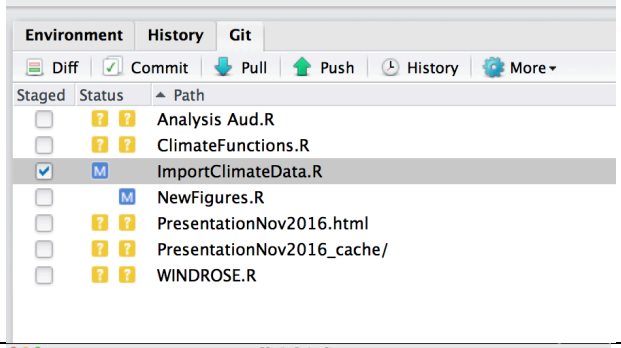
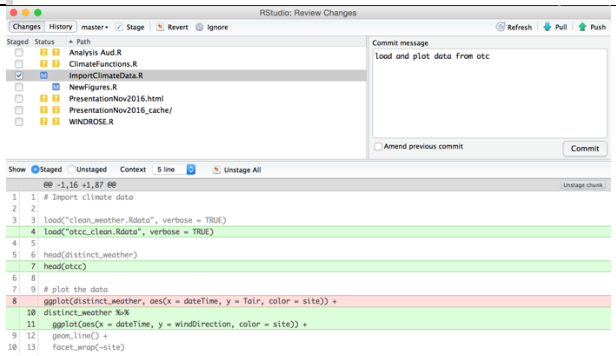
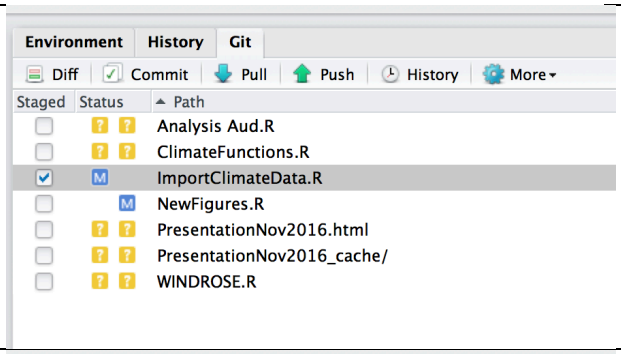
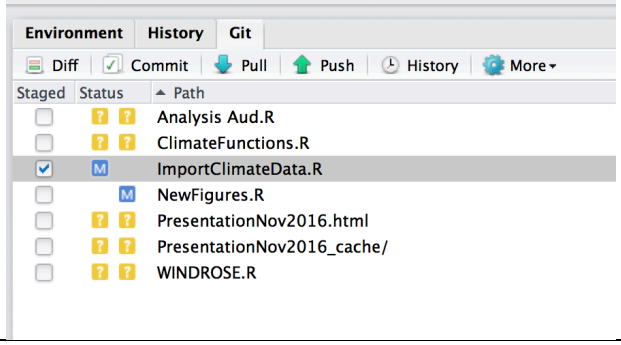
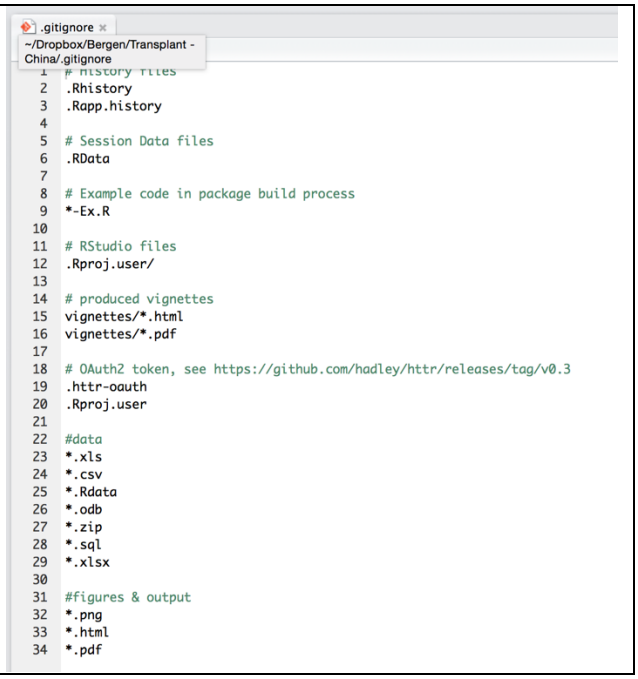
UserName and GitProject: if it is your repository enter your name, otherwise enter the username of the project owner.

GITHUB WORKFLOW	
Create/edit/modify a file inside your repository. The modified file will turn up in the git panel, labeled with a M. Tick the box.	
Clickthe commit button and a new window will open. Stage the changes you made to the commit message (top right). Click **commit** to commit these changes which creates a permanent snapshot of the file in the Git directory along with a message that indicates what you did to the file. All the changes in the file will be shown in green and red color. Green: code you have added Red: code you have deleted	
Commits are cheap. Commit often and provide useful messages so you can keep track of what you are doing. Don't do this: (From xkcd)	
At this stage, everything is still on your hard drive. To upload your modifications (i.e., your commits) to GitHub you need to **push** (green arrow) to it.	
If you are working with other people that are also committing your shared repository on GitHub, you will need to **pull** (blue arrow) to bring their modifications into your local copy of the repository.	

Some rules:

- Commit code and plain text
- Don't upload large files (e.g. data files)
- Don't upload output files (figures)
- You can create a **gitignore** file where you can define, which rules can be uploaded to git.



Useful commands in shell
List email and user name: git config --global --l
Change email and user name: git config --global user.email "EnterYourGitEmail.com" git config --global user.name "EnterYourGitUsername"
Information on repository: local git config --local --l
Make RStudio remember the username and password: git config remote.origin.url git@github.com:EnterYourGitUsername/EnterYourGitProject.git Example: git config remote.origin.url git@github.com:your audhalbritter/Phenology.git

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