Using Git and Github

Using our tools especially version control

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Caveat

- I took these screenshots before the semester began on my linux desktop
  - There may be some minor differences between what you see here and what you see on your own screen (I’ve noticed that Windows and Mac sometimes move the buttons to different locations, and linux will sometimes put it in the mac location and sometimes in the windows location)
  - But what you see should be close to my screen shots

The Tools of the Trade

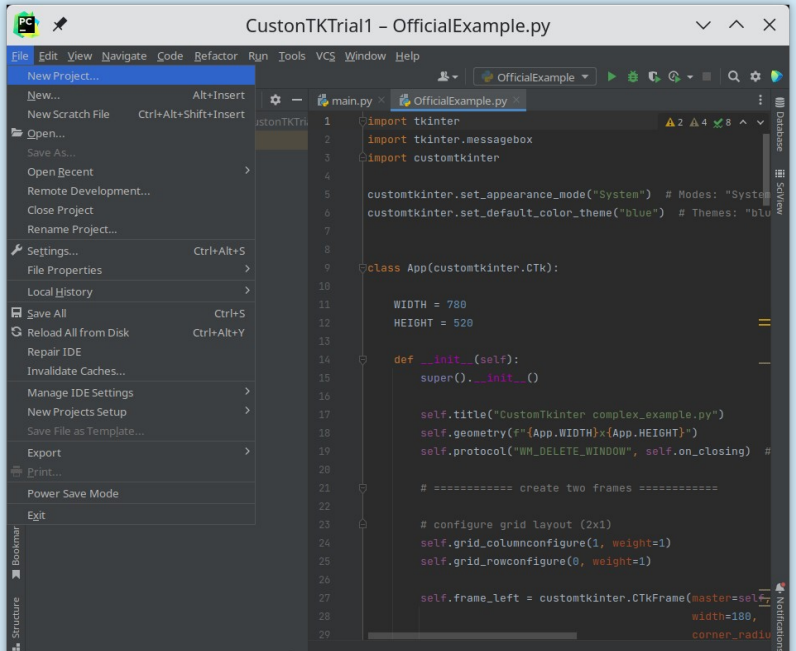
- In this class we will use this “toolchain“
  - Python (to convert the program into something the computer can understand)
  - Pycharm, our IDE to edit our programs and save them
  - Git as our version control
  - Github as our cloud based version control

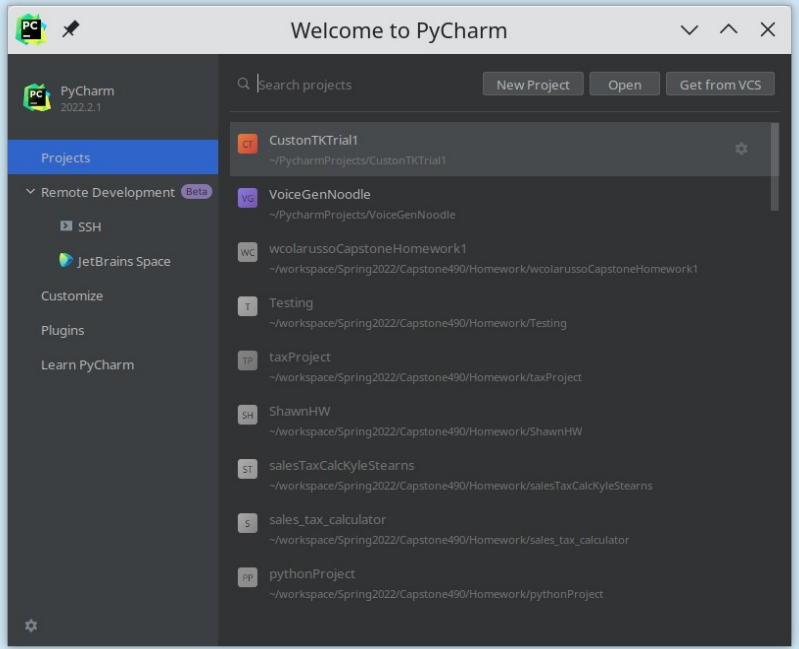
Let’s Start

- We’ll assume that your tools are installed. This set of instructions is how you should create each new lab, and then add it to the version control systems.

Create a new Project

- With prev project open use menu (first hamburger menu) then <file><new project>





Name your new project

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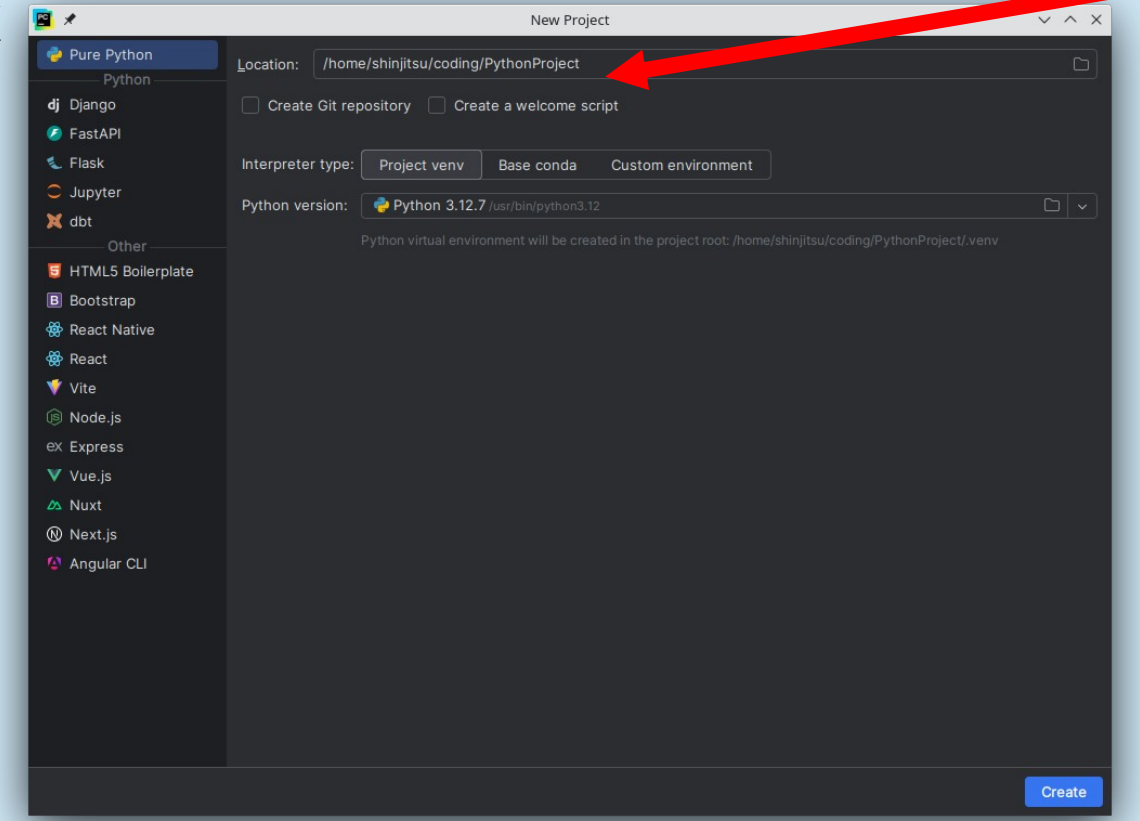
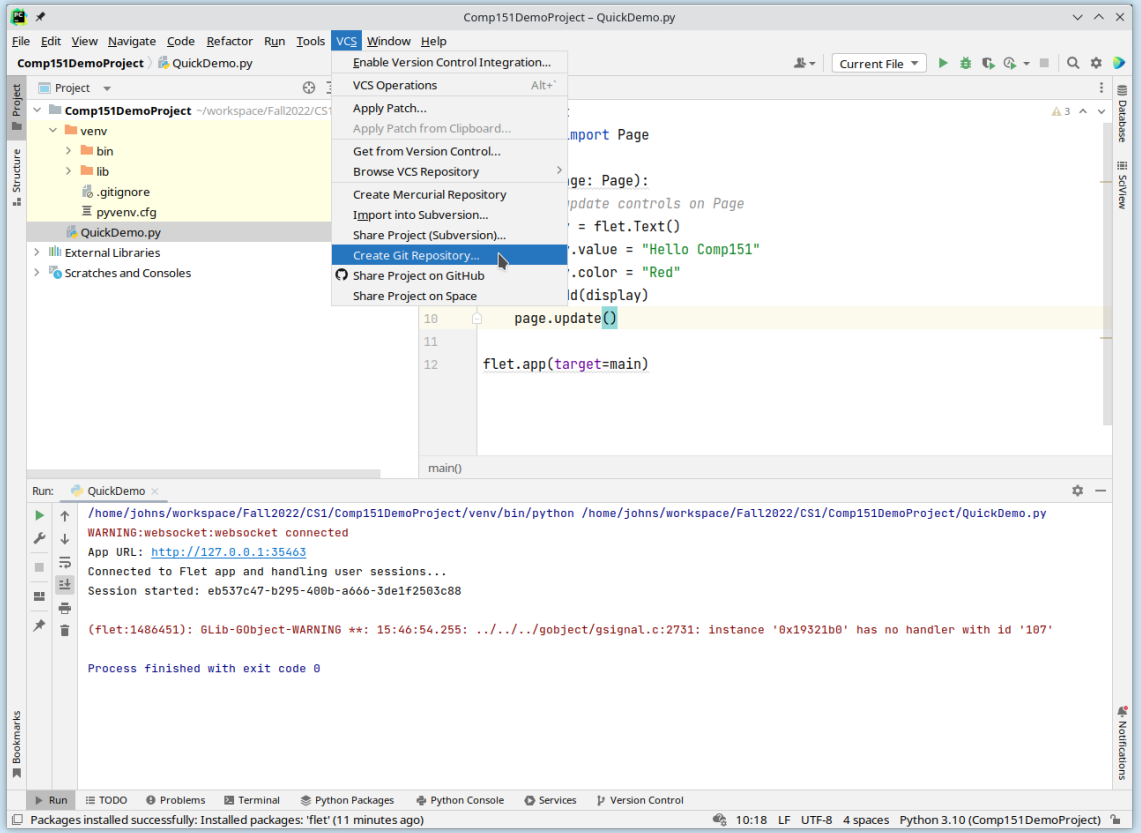


Version control

- Version control software
  - Something all (modern) software development uses
  - Keep track of changes in software
    - Not just ‘last save’ but basically every save (or commit as version control calls it) is saved and available at later dates to look back at.
  - Really valuable
    - I wish I could go back to the way it was an hour ago.
    - (as long as you committed an hour ago.)
- We will use git as version control in this class
  - Like almost every project started in the last 3+ years

Add to version control

- In pycharm select the VCS menu and choose “Create Git Repository“
- It should bring up a file dialog with your project folder selected, choose OK
- At this point your VSC menu turns into a Git menu

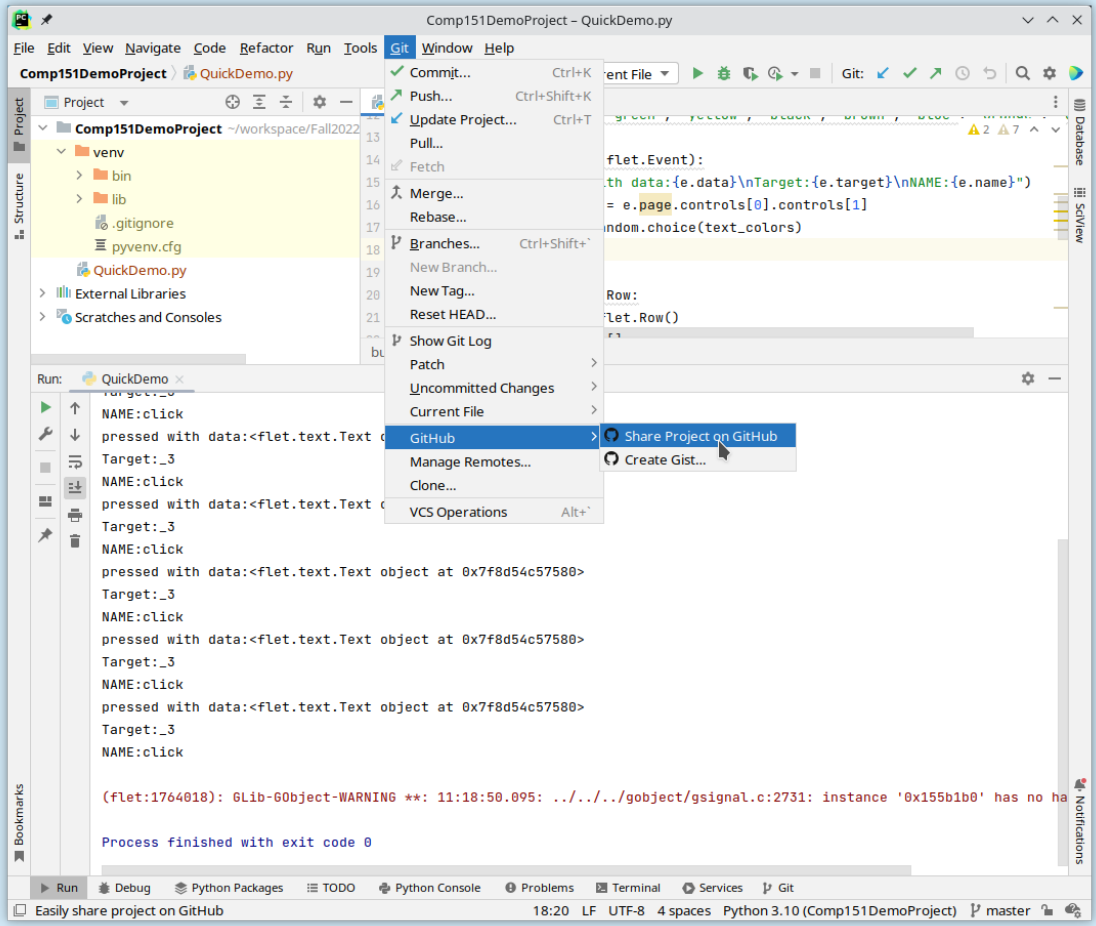


Git vs Github

- Git is the version control software
  - It keeps all of the committed versions of your program so you can go back to them
- Github is a cloud based service that will store git repositories in the cloud
  - Github owned by Microsoft is the biggest and most common, but others exist (gittea, gitlab etc)
  - Github will act as the backup and allow you to keep a copy off of your laptop
  - Also how you will share your code with instructor

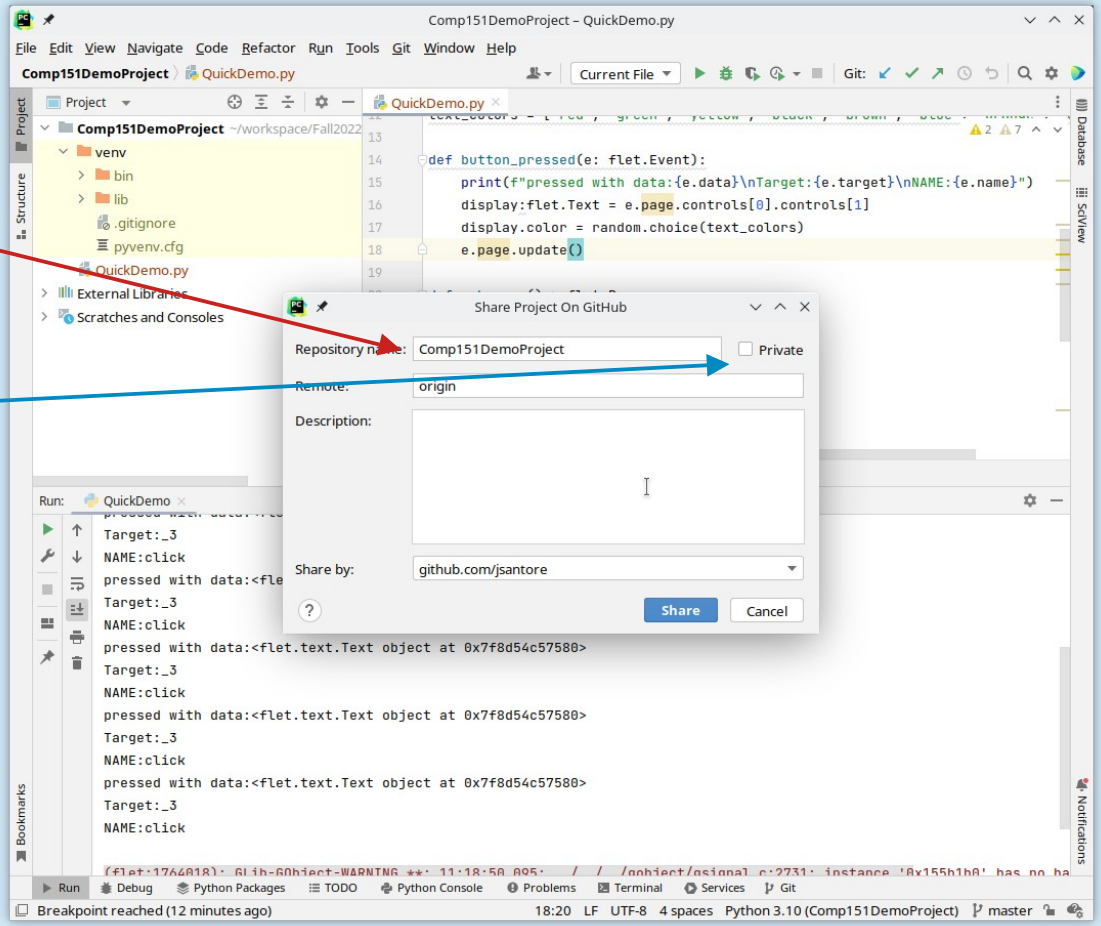
Share Project on github

- From your new git menu
  - Choose <github><share project on Github>
  - This will put the project on github (after naming – see next slide)
  - There may be some setup the first time
    - Will walk though in PAL/class session



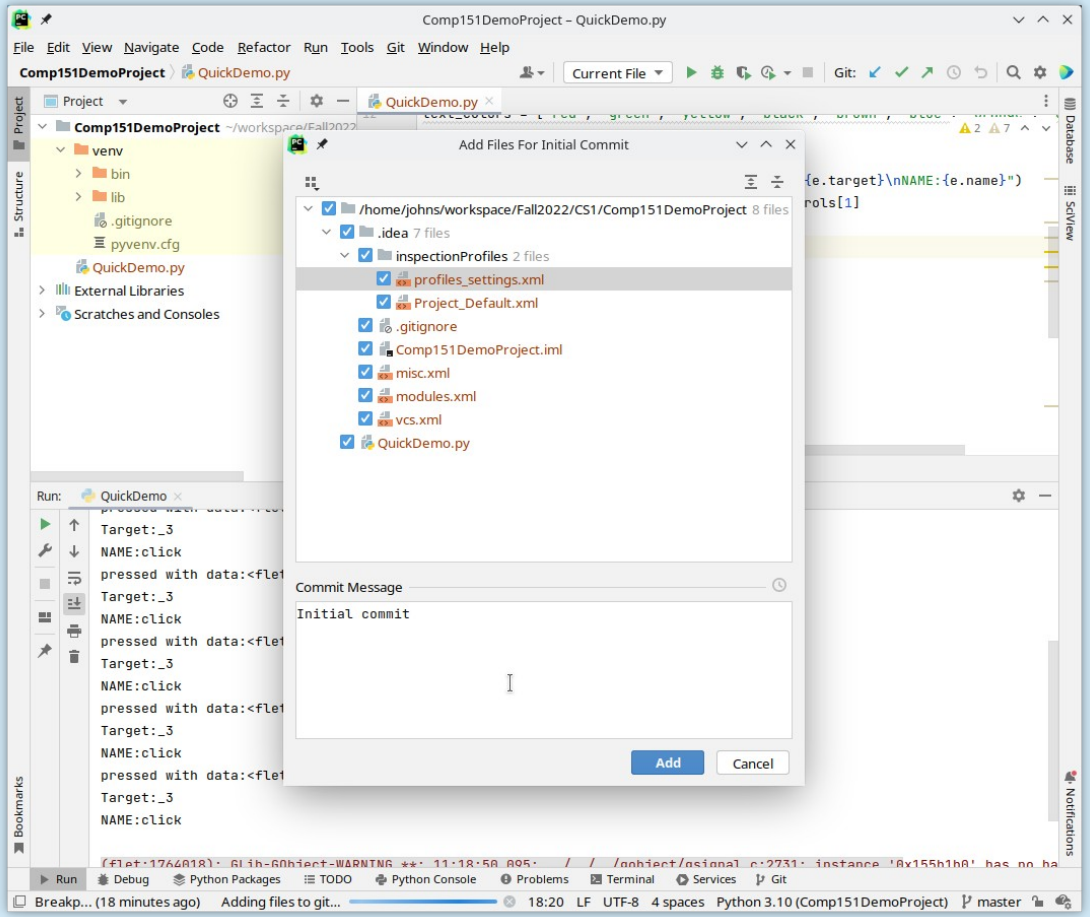
Naming Your project

- When you share on github
- Give project name not yet used on your github
- For your graded projects tick the “private” box till graded
- For non-graded work you choose



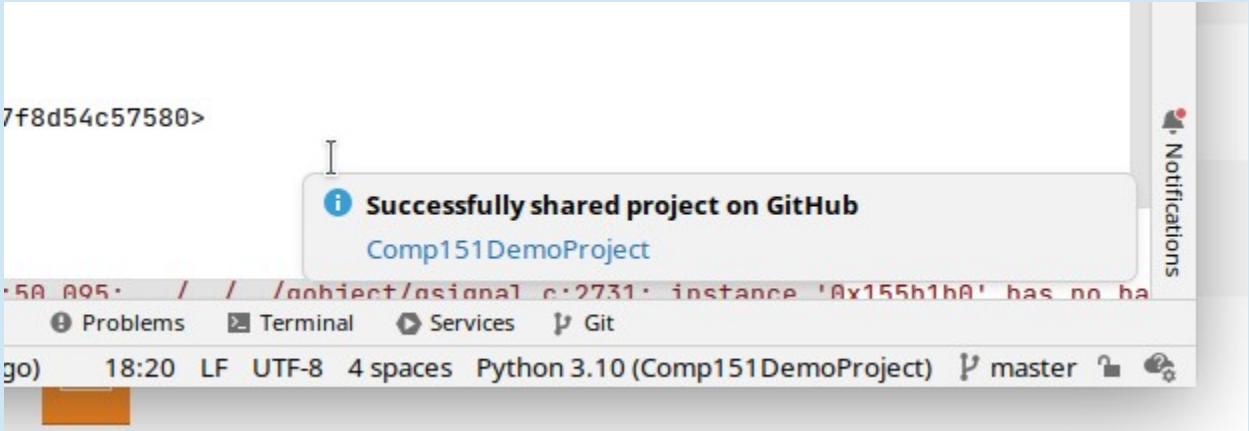
Choose Which files

- Next you much choose which files will be uploaded to github
- And press add
  - It is almost always best to just go with the defaults suggested by pycharm
  - By default files with shouldn't go up to another machine are highlighted in yellow and not suggested for upload



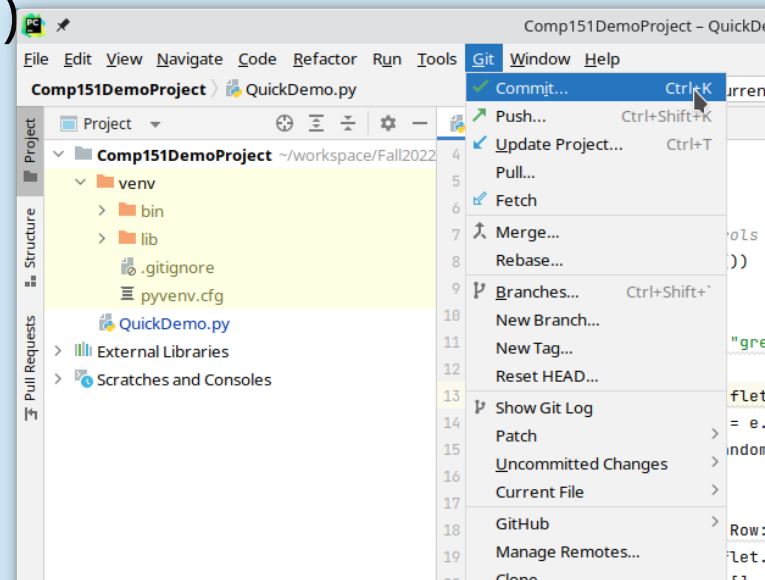
Success!

- If all went well you should see something like this in the lower right corner



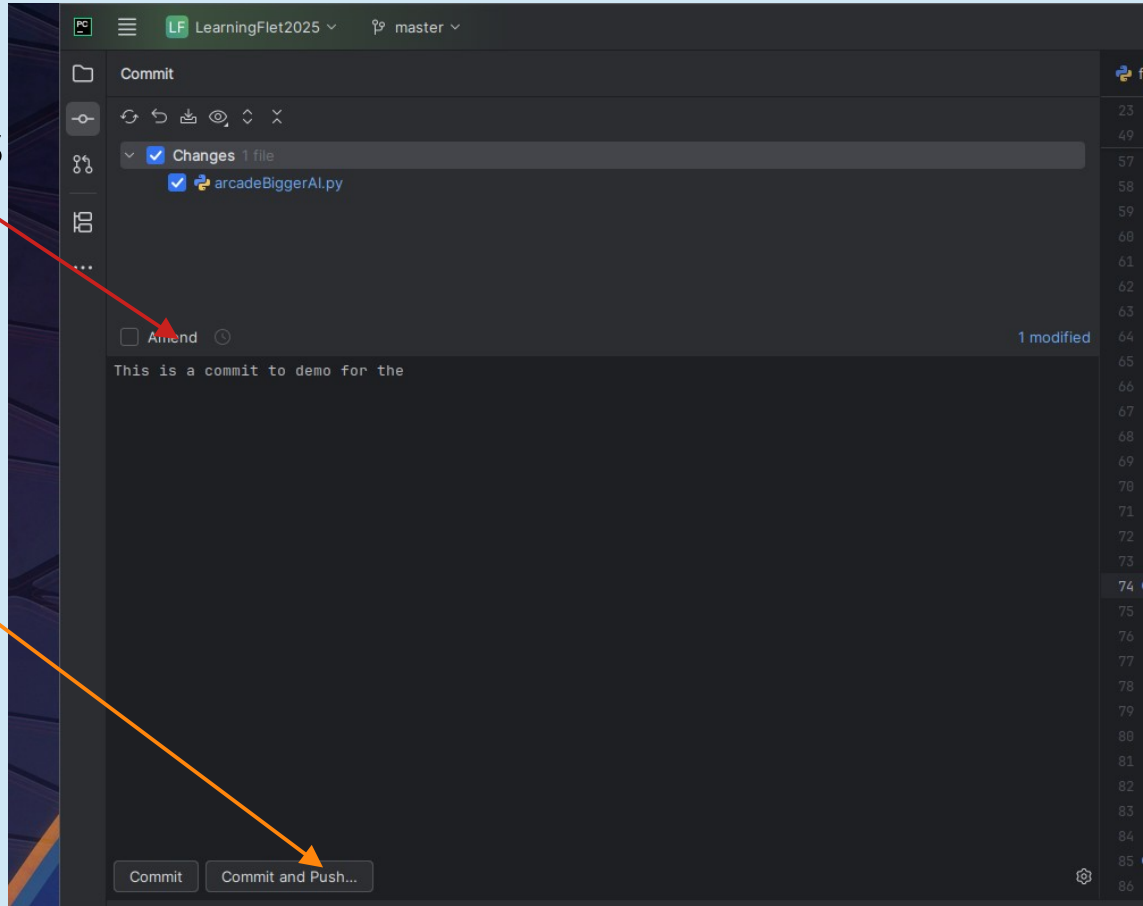
Making changes after you add

- In real software development,
  - you need to keep improving things
  - Often need to make changes after initial share
  - Called a commit (git's analog to saving a file)
  - Choose commit from the git menu
    - Only available after some change in file
  - This will bring up commit screen
    - See next slide



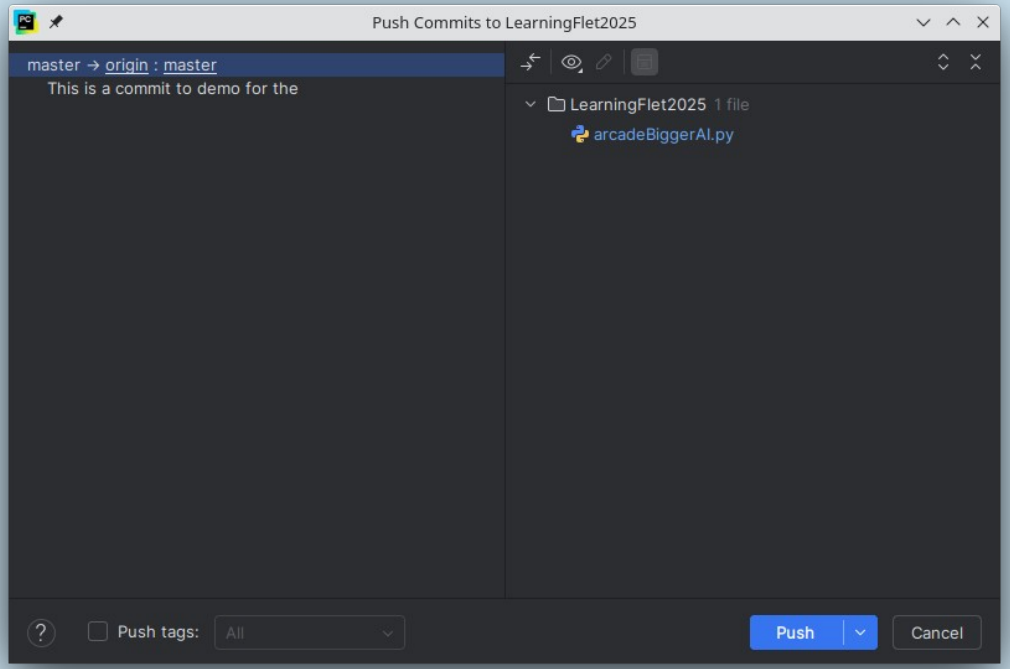
Commit dialog

- Put in a commit message
  - To tell you (and me) what this save was all about
- Then pull the commit menu down and choose “Commit and Push”
  - This will save it both locally and to github
    - Push dialog next slide



Push dialog

- On the push dialog
  - Accept the defaults and press push



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