

# Extremely Important: Code backup & version control

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# Why back up your code?

- **Computer dies**, and sometimes **at the most inconvenient times** (e.g., right before deadline)
- Replacing computer is easy, **recreating lost work and data is not**.
- Polo highly recommends **github.gatech.edu** (i.e., git repository)
- Git is the most popular version control system in software development. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Git>

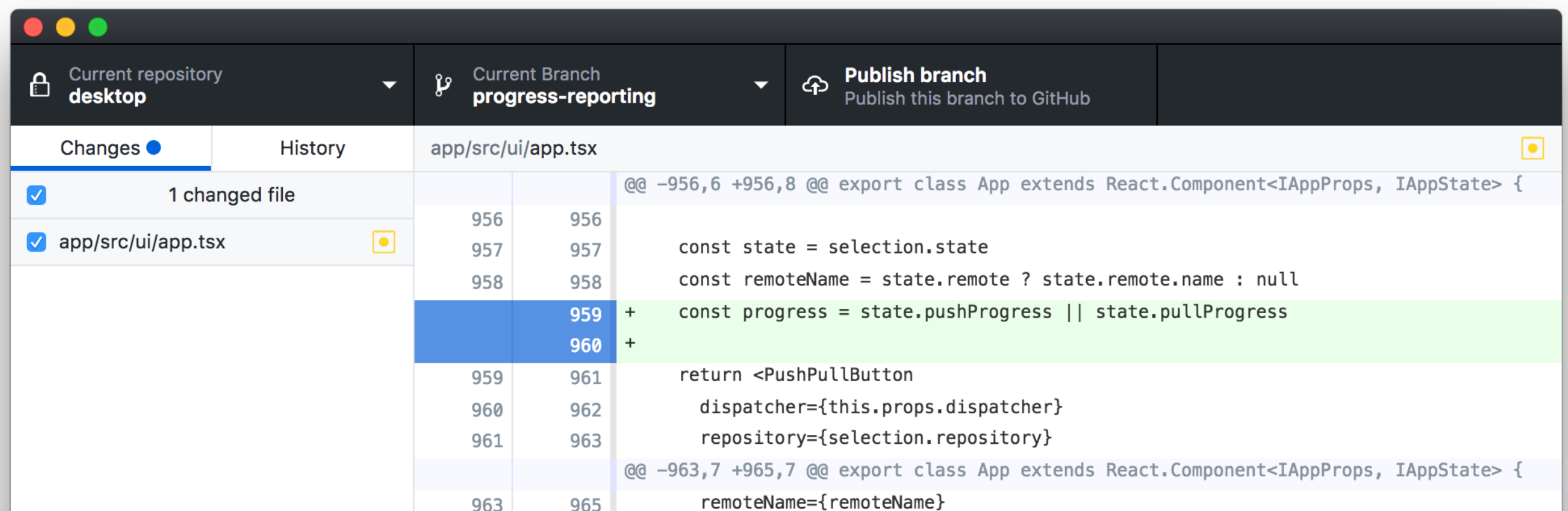
# github.gatech.edu

1. **Backs up** code
2. Provides **version control**
  - You can **revert to older versions** when needed
3. Supports code **branching** and **collaboration**
  - Easy to collaboratively develop new features  
be integrating them into "main" code base
4. Encourages you to write a **README file**  
(readme.md), shown on your repo's landing page

# Github desktop client

Github provides easy-to-use **FREE desktop** clients for Mac and Windows (<https://desktop.github.com>)

- If you're new to Git/Github
- Or if you like GUI
- Or if you don't like typing commands



# GitHub Pages as free websites

- One click to enable for your GitHub repo.
- This course's website is a GitHub Page.
- Can host interactive tools (e.g., [Diffusion Explainer](#), [Transformer Explainer](#))
- Whenever you commit a change, your site is updated.

## GitHub Pages examples

Fine examples of projects using [GitHub Pages](#).

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# WARNING

Set you repo to private.

**Unless you are 100% sure you want it  
to be public.**

**And you must keep your homework  
code private!**



## Security

# Dev put AWS keys on Github. Then BAD THINGS happened

## Fertile fields for Bitcoin yields - with a nasty financial sting

6 Jan 2015 at 13:02, [Darren Pauli](#)



Bots are crawling all over GitHub seeking secret keys, a developer served with a \$2,375 Bitcoin mining bill found.

DevFactor founder Andrew Hoffman said he used [Figaro](#) to secure Rails apps which published his Amazon S3 keys to his GitHub account.

He noticed the blunder and pulled the keys within five minutes, but that was enough for a bot to pounce and spin up instances for Bitcoin mining.

"When I woke up the next morning, I had four emails and a missed phone call from Amazon AWS - something about 140 servers running on my AWS account," Hoffman [said](#).

"I only had S3 keys on my GitHub and they were gone within five minutes!"

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