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Git

- Git is an open-source software revision control system that allows developers to coordinate on projects and end users to stay up to date with the latest revisions
- GitHub is a browser-based staging area for git-managed software (referred to as repositories in git). Using git, repositories can be cloned to your local computer.
- Command line git comes installed on Linux and macOS but needs to be installed on Windows (downloads available at https://git-scm.com/)
- When using git, software is easily kept up to date using the “pull” command.
- If git cannot be installed or used for any reason, the software repository can be downloaded (rather than cloned) from GitHub with all code (open source) or as a bundled package release with an executable file and environment.

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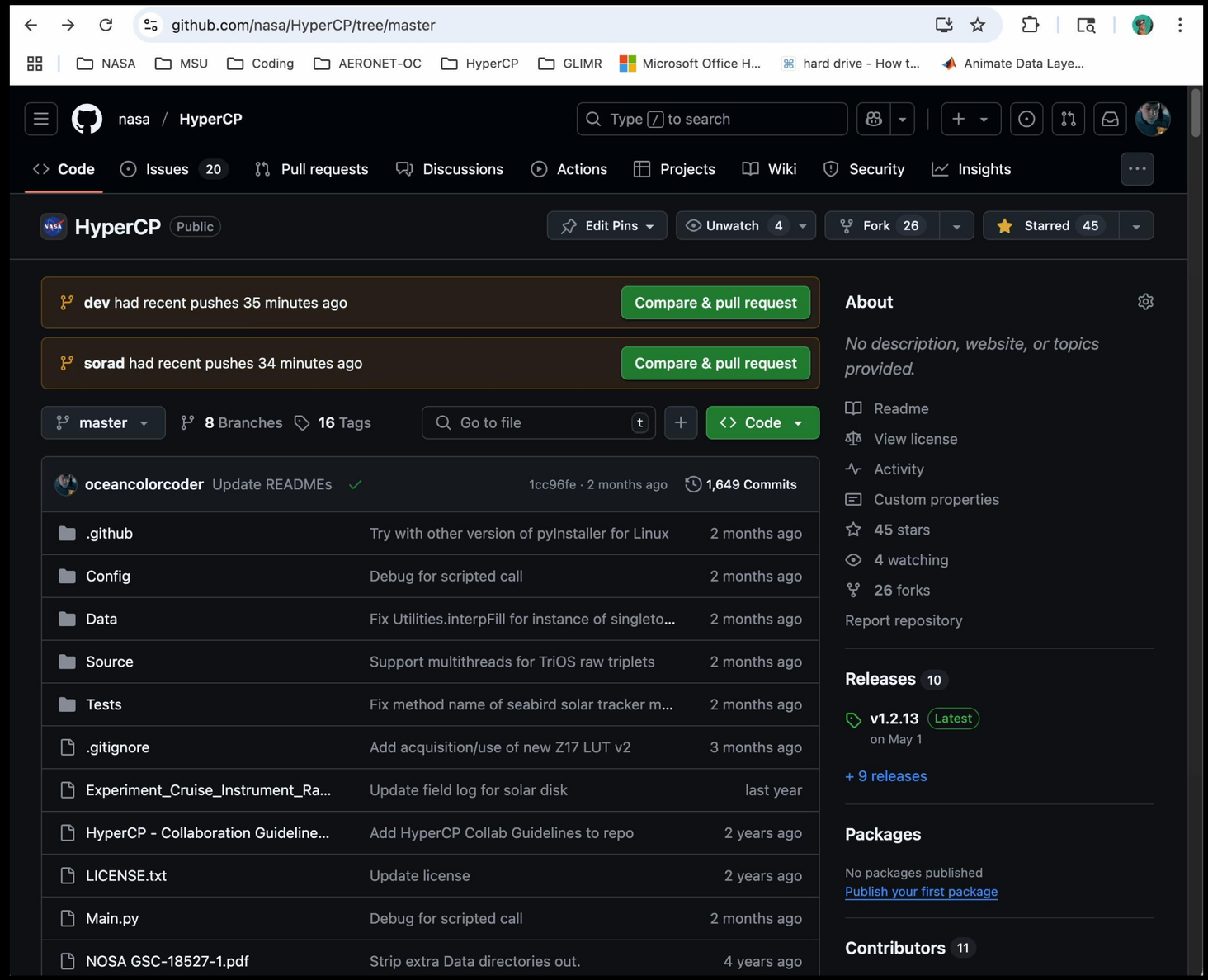
Python and Conda

- Python is an open-source programming language that has rapidly grown in popularity in recent years thanks to its clarity, accessibility, and flexibility. It supports object-oriented computing (HyperCP is object-oriented)

- HyperCP is written in Python so you will need it installed. Linux and macOS come with Python installed by default, but Windows will require you install it.

- There are many ways to install Python but we recommend using a package manager. Anaconda (https://www.anaconda.com/) is now license-based, but conda-forge (https://conda-forge.org/download/) is not.
  - Configuring your Python environment to run HyperCP will be difficult without a conda. The bundled

Cloning, download, or package release



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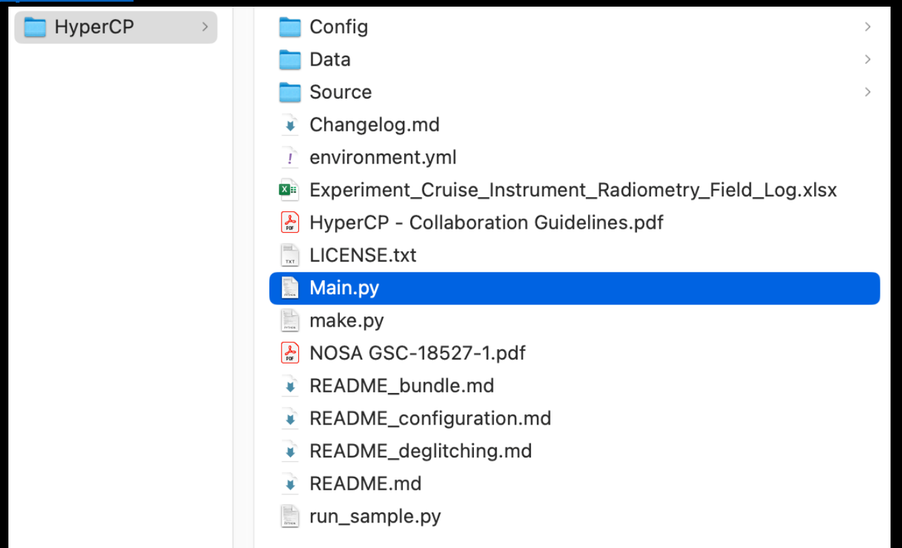
- Once you have git and Python set up, you are ready to clone HyperCP and initialize a dedicated environment in which to run it

- From a directory where you want HyperCP installed (it will create a subdirectory of that name) type:
  - *git clone --depth 1 https://github.com/nasa/HyperCP.git*
  - the remote repository is thereby established and named “origin” by default (see *git remote –v* for details)
  - Without git, you can download a Zip file from https://github.com/nasa/HyperCP under the Code button
  - Without git or conda, the bundled release will work.

- HyperCP will now consist of a directory structure:



Git Remotes and Branches

- Remotes are repositories on servers (in contrast to local repos on your machine) such as GitHub or GitLab. Each remote has a name and address.

- Branches are copies of the repository used to aid in development. The most stable recent branch is typically called “master” or “main”. Branches such as “dev” are used in development.

- By default, your new local repository should have a remote (“origin”) and and one branch (“master”)

- To make your life easier when pulling updates from the NASA repository on GitHub, you can assign the default remote and branch to use with *pull* and *push* commands:
  - *git push --set-upstream [remote_name] [branch_name]*
  - …after which you can simply type *“git pull”* to get updates before using HyperCP each time

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- To initialize a conda environment for HyperCP (a place where all necessary software dependencies are sourced), from the terminal type:
  - *conda env create -f environment.yml*
  - Follow the prompts. This could take several minutes.

- This will automatically activate the new environment, but you will need to activate it again later when opening a new terminal before launching HyperCP. Type:
  - *conda activate hypercp*

- To update HyperCP with the latest version in the master branch (recommended before each use), type:
  - *git pull*

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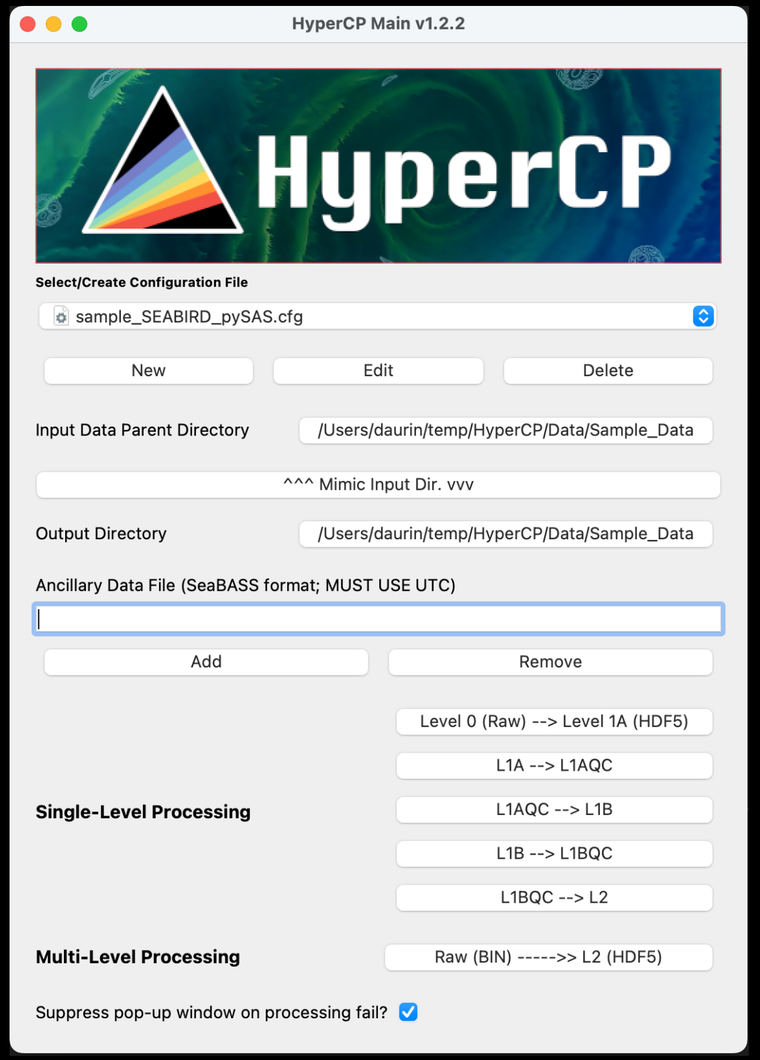
- The final step to initialize HyperCP after installation is the download of additional databases and look-up-tables (LUTs) totally ~3.2 GB. (If these are provided to you locally, you can copy them to the HyperCP/Data directory. Otherwise, the first time HyperCP is launched, they will download automatically.)

- To launch HyperCP, navigate to the HyperCP directory and type:
  - *python Main.py*



End HyperCP Setup

These instructions are available for later reference in the README.md at https://github.com/nasa/HyperCP

For support, please reach out on GitHub in the Discussions tab, or, for bugs, the Issues tab.