



Student-produced blog posts using Python + Quarto + GitHub Pages

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Goal: Student project reports in HTML

- Examples: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#)
- Fun & interactive
- Reproducible
- State of the art toolkit
- Good PR for students

Steps to make a blog post (like this one:)

<https://debbieyuster.github.io/ecots24/blog.html>

1. Complete installation & setup steps
2. Copy GitHub template repository (or create a new one)
3. Enable GitHub pages for your repository
4. Clone repository onto computer
5. Modify QMD file (this is where the blog content goes)
6. Use Quarto to render the QMD file to HTML
7. Push repo files to GitHub

1. Complete installation & setup steps

Download and install:

- [Quarto](#)
- Python: for example, the [Anaconda](#) distribution (or, use R or Julia)
 - Install jupyter package (Terminal: `pip install jupyter` or `conda install jupyter`)
- [Git](#)
- [Visual Studio Code](#)
- [Quarto VS Code Extension](#)

Create a [GitHub](#) account

2. Copy GitHub template repository (or create a new one)

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository 'debbieyuster/ecots24'. A red box highlights the URL 'https://github.com/debbieyuster/ecots24' in the browser's address bar. Another red box highlights the 'Use this template' button in the repository header, with a red arrow pointing to it. Below this button, the options 'Create a new repository' and 'Open in a codespace' are visible. The repository details show an initial commit by 'debbieyuster' with files: 'blog_files/libs', '.gitignore', 'README.md', 'blog.html', and 'blog.qmd'. The README content is also visible, including the title 'ecots24' and a link to presentation slides.

debbieyuster / ecots24

ecots24 Public template

Watch 1 Fork 0 Star 0

Use this template
Create a new repository
Open in a codespace

main 1 Branch 0 Tags

Go to file

Add file Code

About

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Releases

No releases published

Packages

No packages published

Languages

HTML 59.6% JavaScript 40.4%

debbieyuster Initial commit 9c08f6f · 5 minutes ago 2 Commits

File	Commit	Time
blog_files/libs	Initial commit	5 minutes ago
.gitignore	Initial commit	19 hours ago
README.md	Initial commit	5 minutes ago
blog.html	Initial commit	5 minutes ago
blog.qmd	Initial commit	5 minutes ago

README

ecots24

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2. Copy GitHub template repository (or create a new one)

https://github.com/new?template_name=ecots24&template_owner=debbieyuster

New repository

Search Type to search

Create a new repository

A repository contains all project files, including the revision history. Already have a project repository elsewhere? [Import a repository](#).

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

Repository template

debbieyuster/ecots24

Start your repository with a template repository's contents.

Include all branches
Copy all branches from debbieyuster/ecots24 and not just the default branch.

Owner *

minniemouse11235

Repository name *

final-project

final-project is available.

Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about [potential-couscous](#) ?

Description (optional)

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.

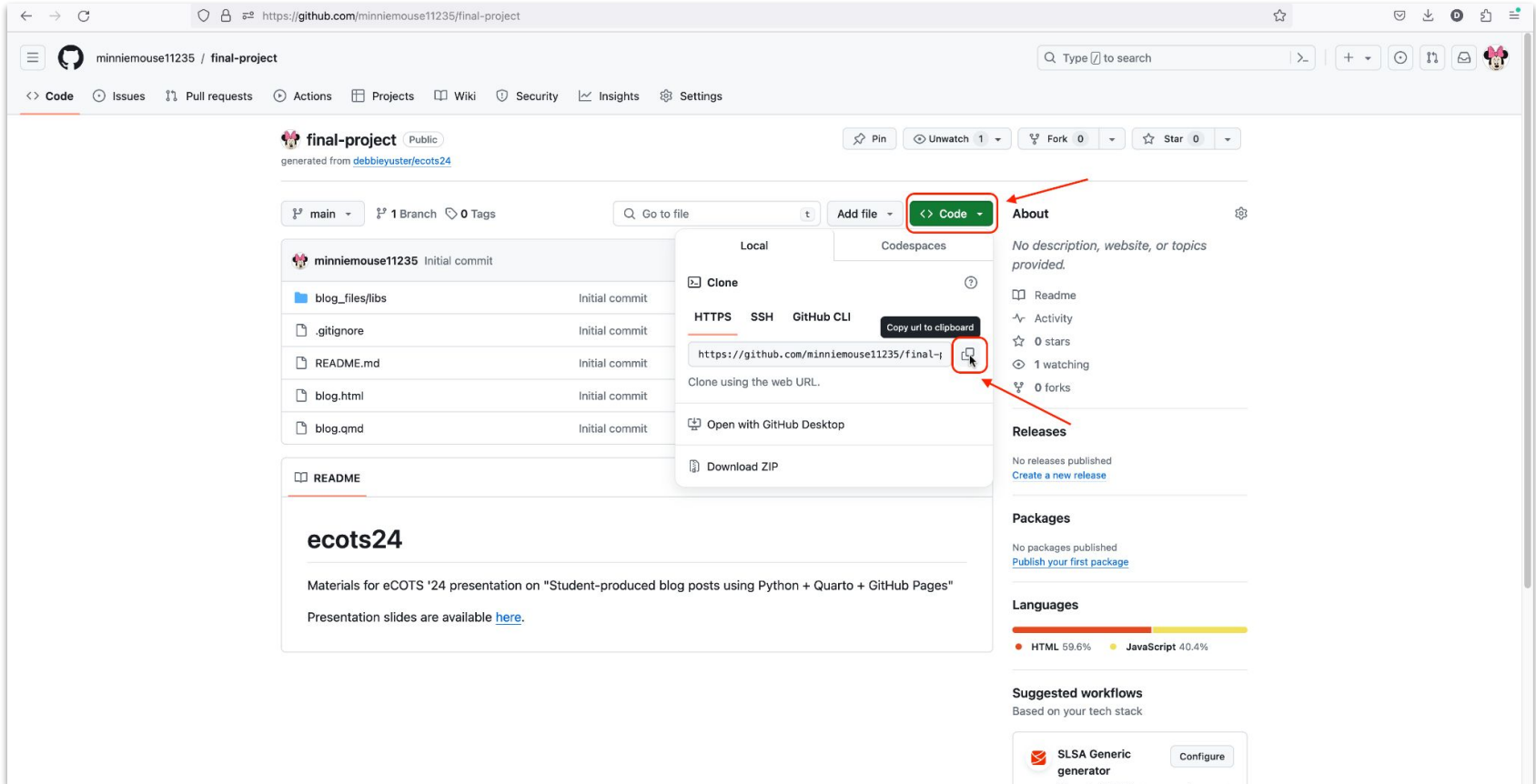
ⓘ You are creating a public repository in your personal account.

Create repository

3. Enable GitHub pages for your repository

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository settings page for 'minniemouse11235 / final-project'. The 'Settings' tab is selected in the top navigation bar. The 'Pages' section is highlighted in the left sidebar. The 'Build and deployment' section shows 'Source' set to 'Deploy from a branch', 'Branch' set to 'main', and 'Root directory' set to '/ (root)'. A 'Save' button is highlighted with a red box and an arrow. The 'Visibility' section is also visible.

4. Clone repository onto computer



The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository 'final-project' by user 'minniemouse11235'. The 'Code' dropdown menu is open, displaying options for cloning the repository. The 'HTTPS' option is selected, and the URL 'https://github.com/minniemouse11235/final-project' is shown with a copy icon. A red box highlights the 'Code' button, and another red box highlights the copy icon. A red arrow points from the 'Code' button to the copy icon. The repository's file list includes 'blog_files/libs', '.gitignore', 'README.md', 'blog.html', and 'blog.qmd'. The README content is visible below the file list.

minniemouse11235 / final-project

generated from [debbieyuster/ecots24](#)

main 1 Branch 0 Tags

Go to file

Add file Code

Clone

Local Codespaces

HTTPS SSH GitHub CLI

Copy url to clipboard

https://github.com/minniemouse11235/final-project

Clone using the web URL.

Open with GitHub Desktop

Download ZIP

minniemouse11235 Initial commit

- blog_files/libs Initial commit
- .gitignore Initial commit
- README.md Initial commit
- blog.html Initial commit
- blog.qmd Initial commit

README

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Releases

No releases published

[Create a new release](#)

Packages

No packages published

[Publish your first package](#)

Languages

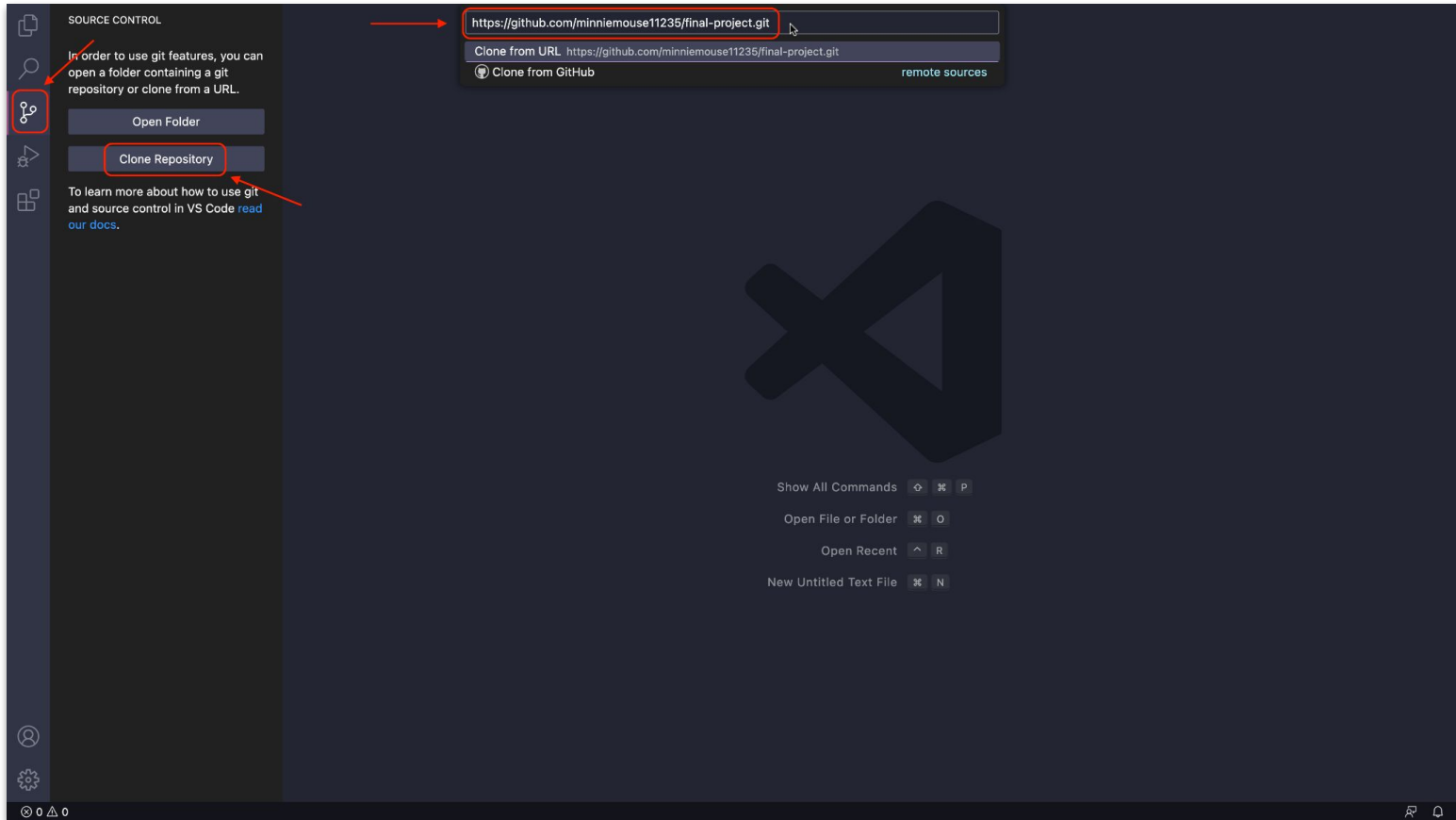
- HTML 59.6%
- JavaScript 40.4%

Suggested workflows

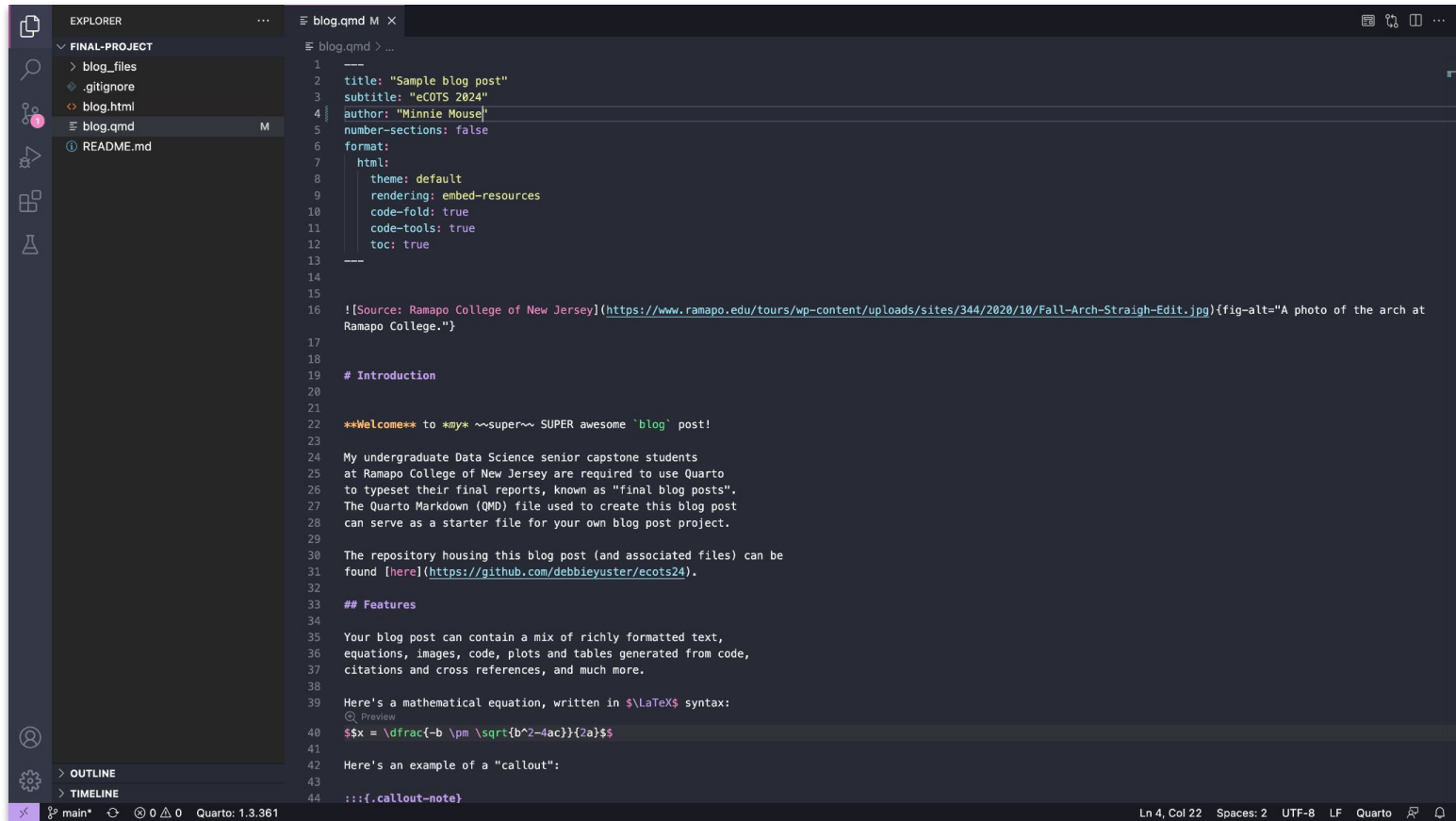
Based on your tech stack

[SLSA Generic generator](#) [Configure](#)

4. Clone repository onto computer



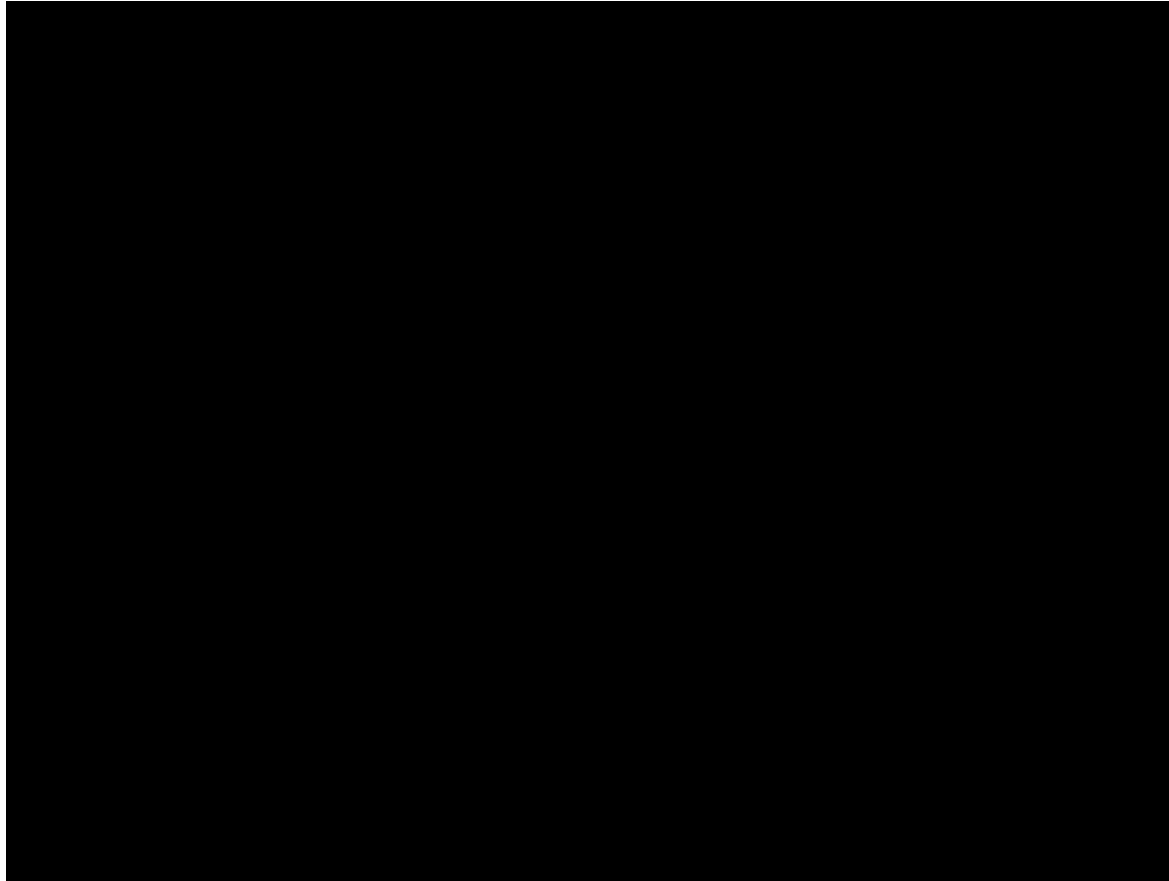
5. Modify QMD file (this is where the blog content goes)



```
1 ---
2 title: "Sample blog post"
3 subtitle: "eCOTS 2024"
4 author: "Minnie Mouse"
5 number-sections: false
6 format:
7   html:
8     theme: default
9     rendering: embed-resources
10    code-fold: true
11    code-tools: true
12    toc: true
13 ---
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16 ![Source: Ramapo College of New Jersey](https://www.ramapo.edu/tours/wp-content/uploads/sites/344/2020/10/Fall-Arch-Straigh-Edit.jpg){fig-alt="A photo of the arch at Ramapo College."}
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19 # Introduction
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22 **Welcome** to *my* ~~super~~ SUPER awesome `blog` post!
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24 My undergraduate Data Science senior capstone students
25 at Ramapo College of New Jersey are required to use Quarto
26 to typeset their final reports, known as "final blog posts".
27 The Quarto Markdown (QMD) file used to create this blog post
28 can serve as a starter file for your own blog post project.
29
30 The repository housing this blog post (and associated files) can be
31 found [here](https://github.com/debbieyuster/ecots24).
32
33 ## Features
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35 Your blog post can contain a mix of richly formatted text,
36 equations, images, code, plots and tables generated from code,
37 citations and cross references, and much more.
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39 Here's a mathematical equation, written in  $\LaTeX$  syntax:
40 
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

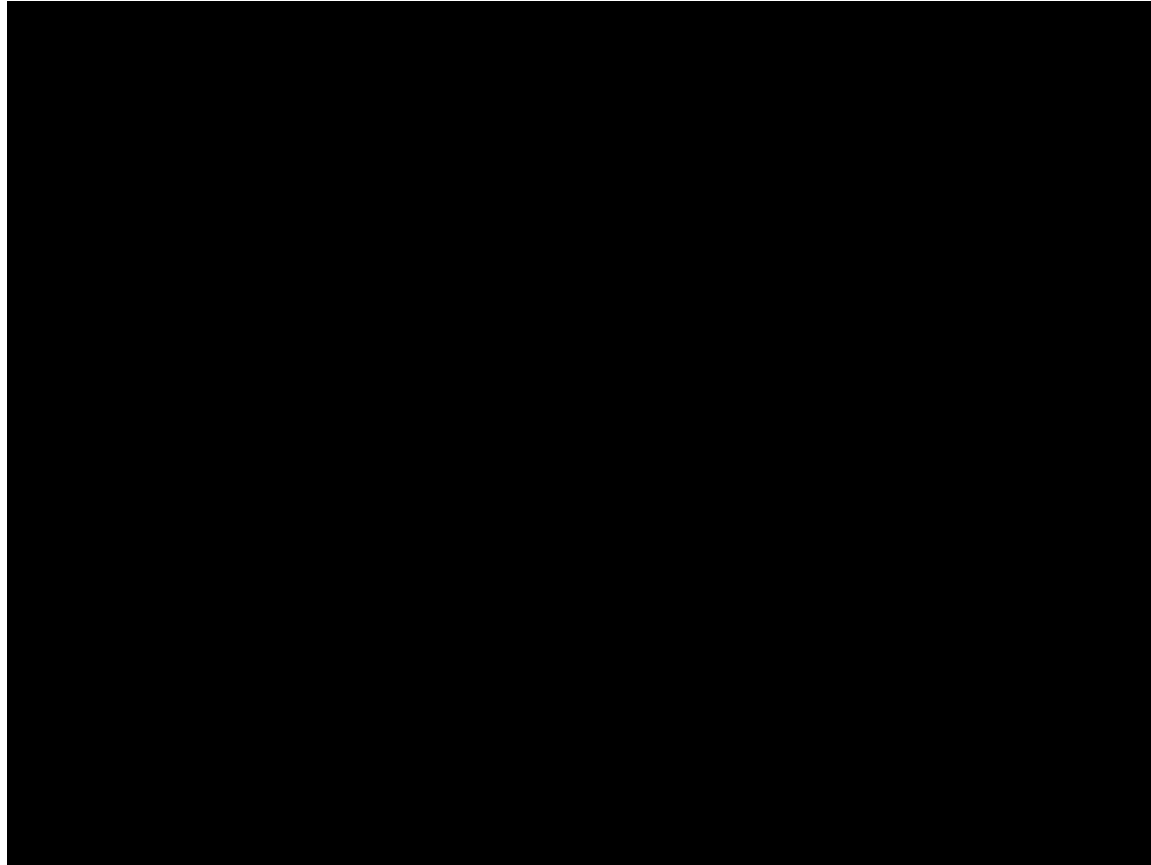
41
42 Here's an example of a "callout":
43
44 :::{.callout-note}
```

6. Use Quarto to render the QMD file to HTML



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7. Push repo files to GitHub



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Finally, check out your very own blog post!

The screenshot shows the GitHub Pages settings page for a repository named 'final-project' under the user 'minniemouse11235'. The page is divided into several sections:

- General:** Includes a description of GitHub Pages and a status box that says "Your site is live at <https://minniemouse11235.github.io/final-project/>". A red box highlights the "Visit site" button next to the URL, with a red arrow pointing to it.
- Build and deployment:** Shows the source as "Deploy from a branch" and the current branch as "main".
- Custom domain:** Includes a text input field for a custom domain and buttons for "Save" and "Remove".
- Enforce HTTPS:** A checkbox is checked, indicating that HTTPS is enforced for the site.
- Visibility:** A section for restricting access to the site, with a "GitHub Enterprise" link.


The left sidebar contains navigation options: Code, Issues, Pull requests, Actions, Projects, Wiki, Security, Insights, and Settings. The "Pages" section is currently selected.

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Sample blog post

eCOTS 2024

AUTHOR
Minnie Mouse



Source: Ramapo College of New Jersey

Introduction

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My undergraduate Data Science senior capstone students at Ramapo College of New Jersey are