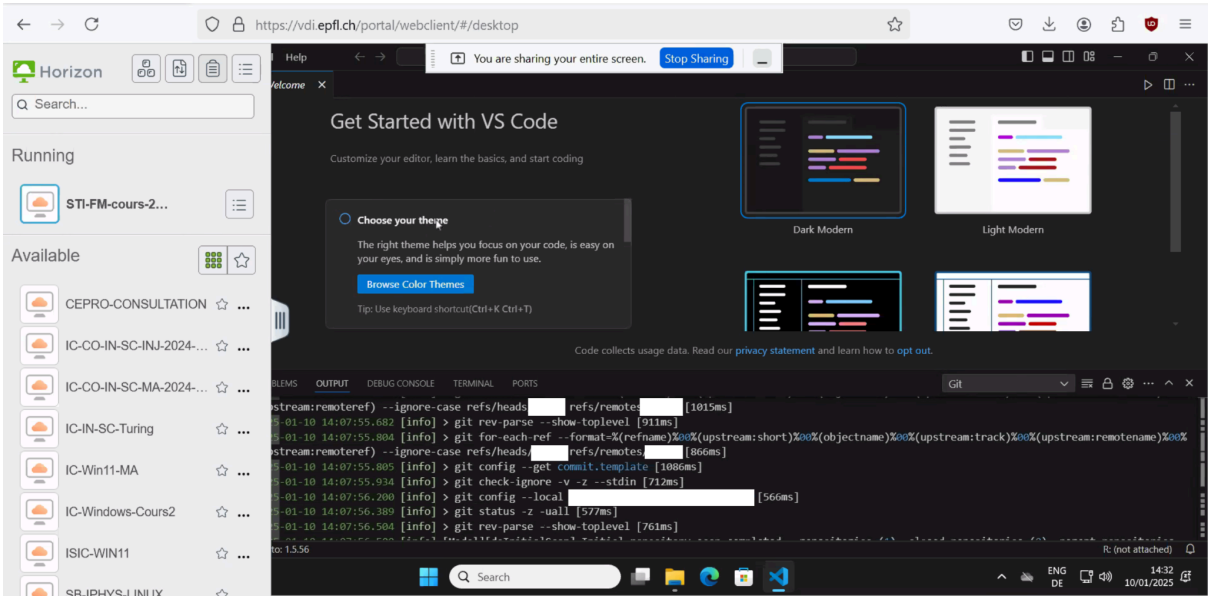
From GASPAR password to personal access token

https://go.epfl.ch/gitlab-regained

Scenario: you are logged in to the STI-FM-cours-2024 VM pool, and accessing your work using Visual Studio Code.



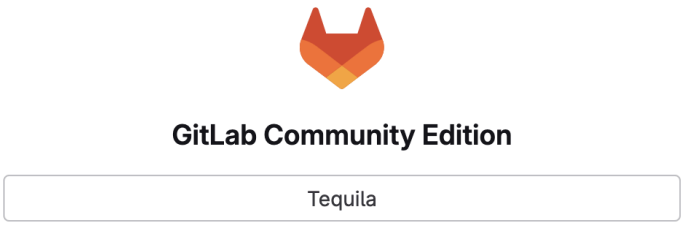
Problem: the password you set up in GitLab at the beginning of the school year (either your GASPAR password, or another one that you picked for this purpose) no longer seems to work.

Solution: read on.

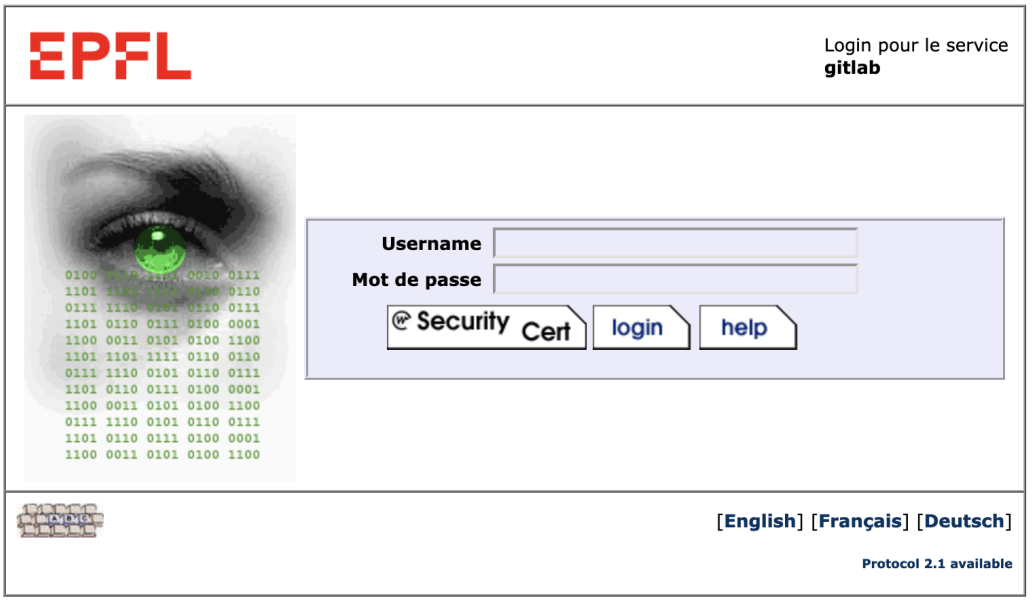
Step 1: create a personal access token

Source: https://gitlab.epfl.ch/help/user/profile/personal_access_tokens.md

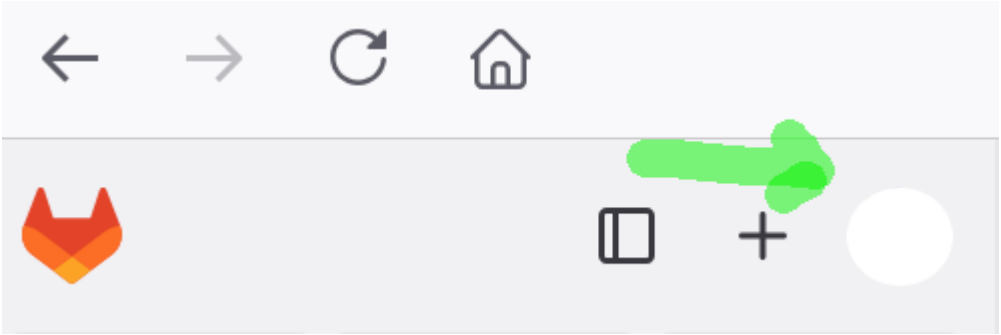
1. Navigate to https://gitlab.epfl.ch/ and log in using your GASPAR credentials, if asked.



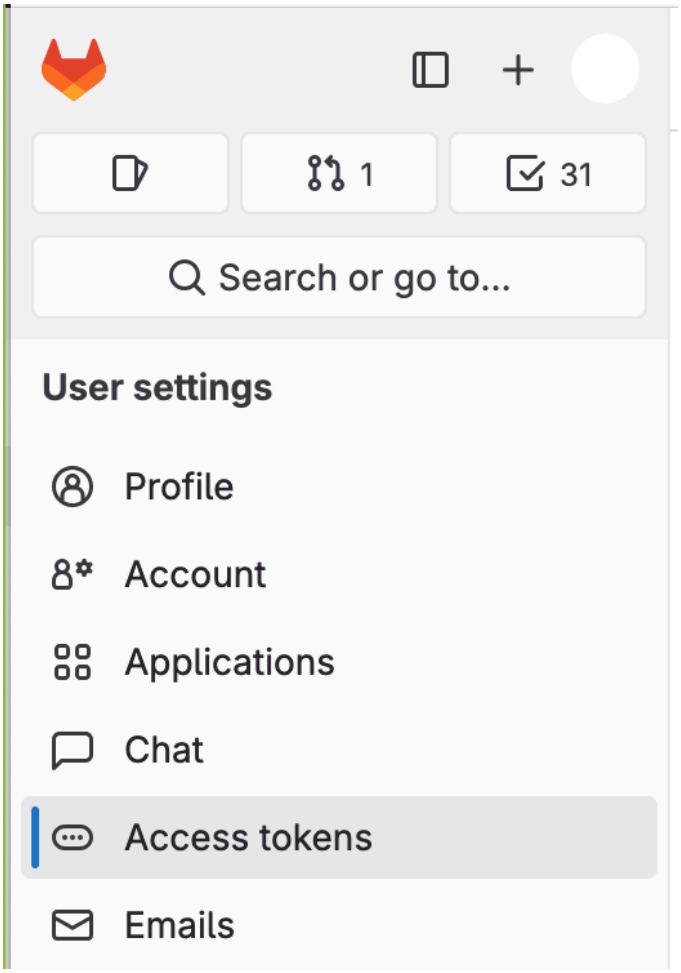
click the Tequila button, if necessary.



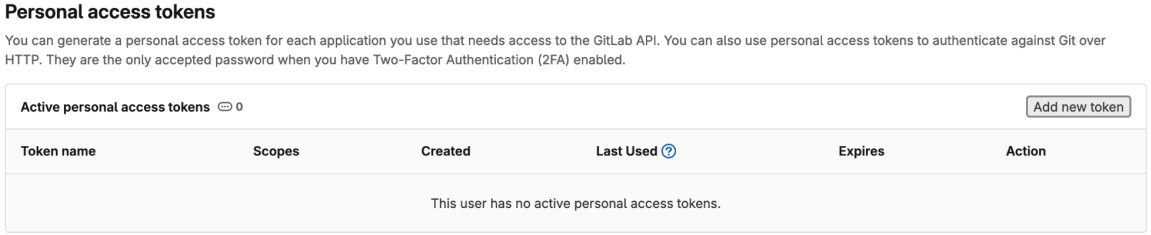
Fill out the form using your usual (so-called “GASPAR”) credentials.



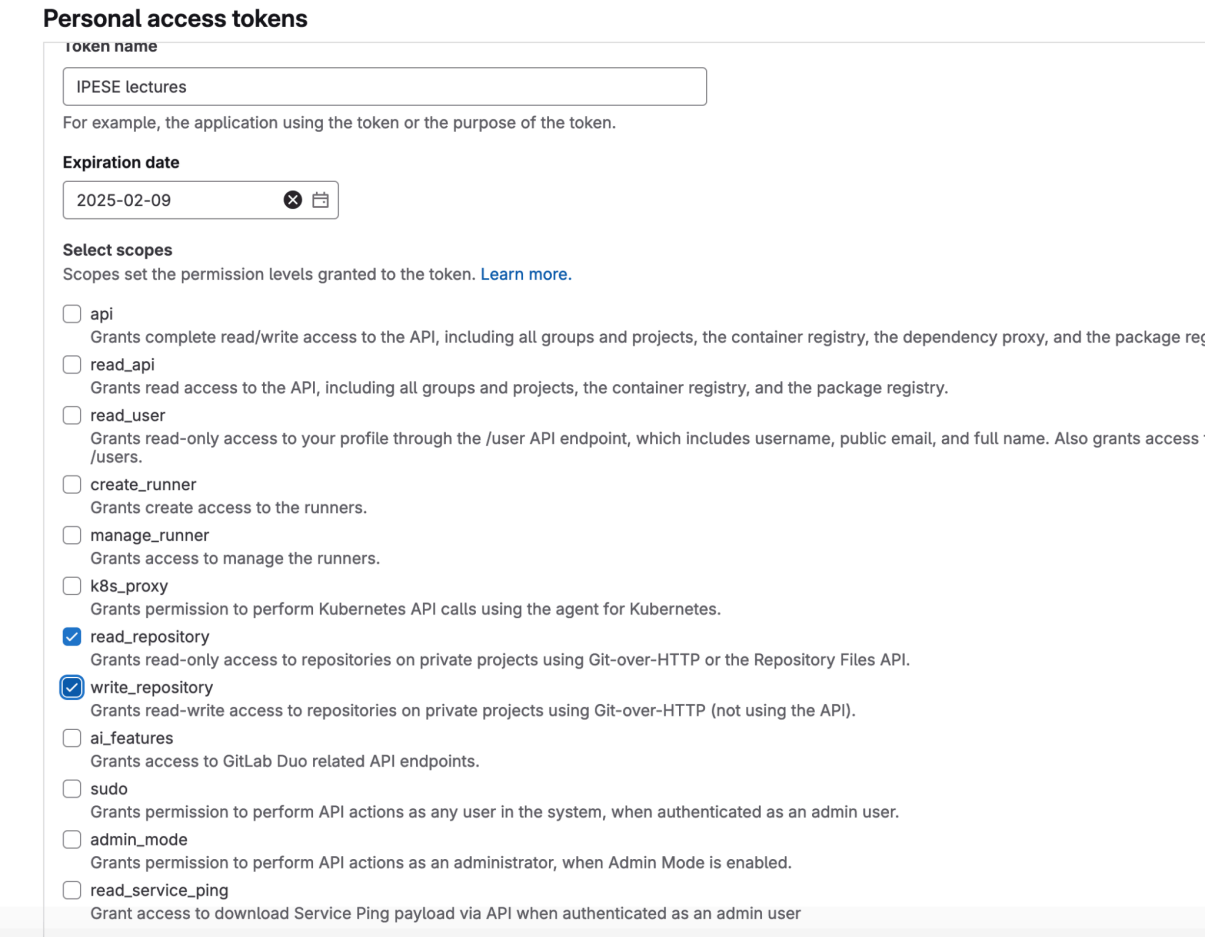
2. Click on your avatar (round picture of you or abstract art) in the upper left corner as shown on the image above; then click Edit Profile



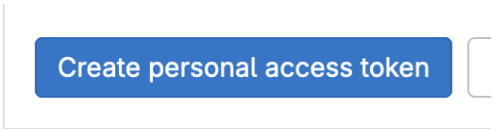
Click Access tokens in the left-hand menu



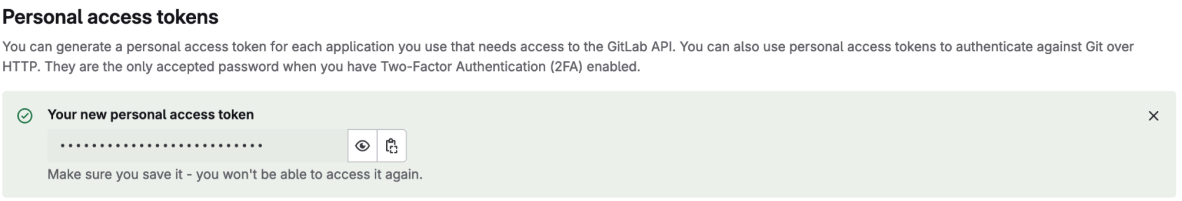
Click Add new token



Set up a suitable name, expiration date and permissions as shown (“read_repository” and “write_repository” should suffice for permissions)



click Create personal access token. Your token becomes available at the top of the screen:



3. Keep note of the token value, as instructed.

Step 2 : use the personal access token as a GitLab password from now on

💡 **You need to keep using your GASPAR login name** — Contrary to what the software on board the VM would have you believe, that field is **not** optional.