Git & GitHub

Git: History

History of Git

- Made in 2005 by Linus Torvalds
- Before that, he made the Linux Kernel
 - Here is a **Ted talk**
 - Here is his GitHub
 - Here is the source code for Git

Why is it called Git?

"I'm an egotistical bastard, and I name all my projects after myself"

- Linus Torvalds

Warning!

- "Git is infuriating" Mandy Brown
- It takes a long time to feel comfortable with it
- Most explanations of it get very technical very quickly
 - Focus on the concepts

What is it?

- A version control system (or VCS)
 - It takes snapshots of our projects
 - Gives us a project-wide undo button!
- A collaboration tool
 - It merges differences in our code for us
- A local development tool
- Supports non-linear development

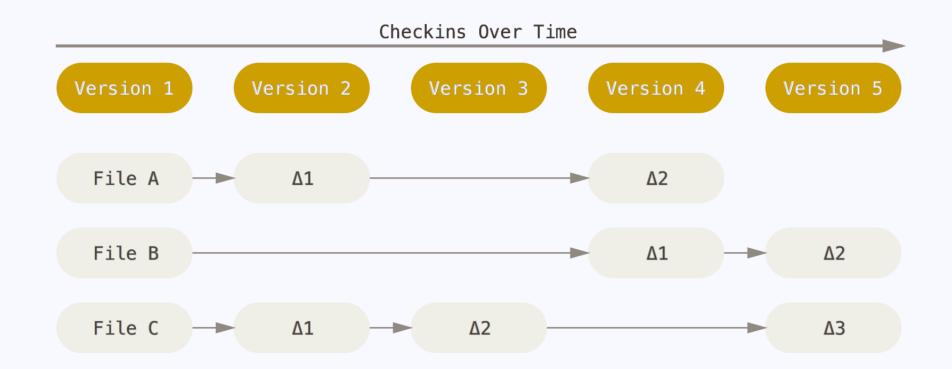
What is it?

It's a tool for modern-day teamwork

For people who are working asynchronously, on a shared body of work

It saves us from moving floppy disks around, or saving lots of copies of the one file.

More people === more likely to use it



Why use it?

- You make a change and realise it was a horrible mistake?
 - Git can undo it
- You want to figure out where everything went wrong?
 - Git will show you
- You want to try out a new innovative feature that will probably destroy everything?
 - Git can protect you
- You want to work with a bunch of people?
 - Git will make that easier

Remember the audience

The ultimate audience of Git is you.

It takes a long time to get used to!

Concepts

Terminology

- Repository
 - A project
- Add
 - Tell Git to pay attention to a file(s)
- Commit
 - Tell Git to take a snapshot of a file(s)
- Origin
 - A place where your code is stored

Terminology

- Push
 - Put all the code up on GitHub
- Branch
 - A version of your project
- Clone
 - When you copy a project from GitHub to your computer

Terminology

- Fork
 - Your copy of someone else's GitHub repository
- Merge Conflict
 - What happens when two pieces of code can't be automatically merged
 - You need to decide what you want
- Pull Request
 - When you request to have a project include your code

How do we use Git?

How do we use Git?

- The Command Line
- Applications
 - GitHub Desktop
 - SourceTree
 - GitKraken
 - Plus more...

From here on...

- If you just installed Ubuntu
 - Run all commands in the Ubuntu terminal
- If you just installed Cygwin
 - Run all commands in the Cygwin terminal
- If you installed iTerm2
 - Run all commands in iTerm2

Git - Linux (Ubuntu)

- sudo apt update
- sudo apt install git
- Restart the terminal
- git --version

Git - OSX

- Install Command Line Tools
 - xcode-select --install
- Install **Brew**
 - Restart the terminal
- Install Git
 - brew install git
- Restart the terminal
 - git --version

Configure Git

- git config --global user.email "YOUR GITHUB EMAIL"
- git config --global user.name "YOUR GITHUB NAME"
- git config --global color.ui "auto"
- git config --global core.editor "code --wait"

git init

Creates a new local repository

git status

Shows what is currently happening with your repository

git add README.md

git add .

Makes Git watch certain files

git commit -m "A commit message"

Takes a snapshot of a file

git log

Shows the previous commits

Exercise

- Make a folder and a few files within it
- Turn it into a Git repository
- Make sure Git is keeping track of all files in the folder!
- Take a snapshot.

Note: it won't keep track of empty folders unless there is a file in there

Resources

- Atlassian: Learn Git
- Official GitHub Git Tutorial
- CodeSchool
- Code Academy
- Git & GitHub for Poets
- Git For Humans

Git! == GitHub

GitHub

What is GitHub?

- It is a website that hosts Git repositories
 - Helps with collaboration
- It is a Graphical User Interface (GUI)
- Helps us perform common tasks
- The Dropbox or Google Drive for code

Why do we use it?

- To share our code with other computers
- For collaboration (Pull Requests, Forks etc.)
- It acts as a portfolio
- To visualise what is going on
- As a project management tool (Projects)
- An error reporting system (Issues)
- Documentation (Wiki)
- Free hosting (GitHub Pages)

What will we be using it for in class?

- The lead instructor(s) will use it to:
 - Share code and slides
 - Share the Homework
- The IA(s) will use it to:
 - Share Warmup Exercises and solutions
 - Give feedback on Homework
- For the students:
 - You upload your homework to GitHub
 - You upload your projects to GitHub
 - It will act as your portfolio

How do we use it?

Once you have a local Git repository...

- Create a repository on GitHub
- We need to tell Git where the code should be stored
 - git remote add origin URL
- We need to push (or upload) all of the code
 - git push origin master

How do we use it?

Once you have a local Git repository...

- We need to **pull** (or download) all of the code
 - git pull origin master
- We can also **clone** a repository
 - git clone URL

A Typical Upload Workflow

```
git init

git add -A

git commit -m "Made changes"

git remote add origin URL

git pull origin master

git push origin master
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Git Remotes

git remote -v

To see what GitHub repos you are connected to

A Typical Clone Workflow

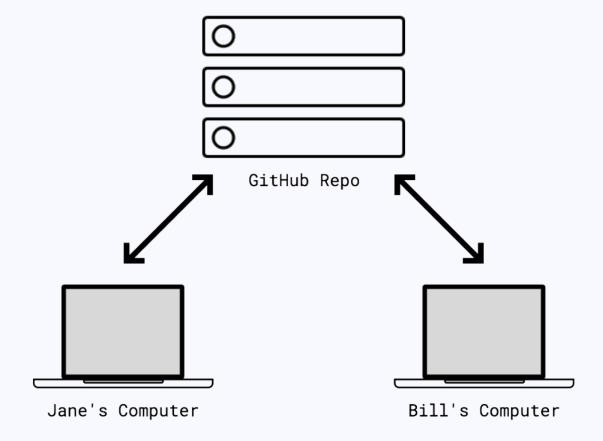
git clone URL

cd SOME_DIRECTORY

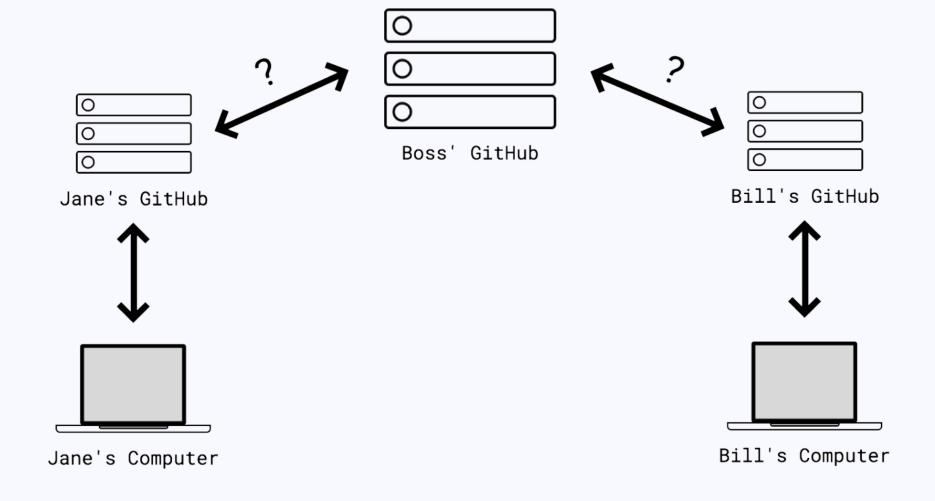
git pull origin master

Collaboration Approaches

Push Access



Fork & Pull Request



Exercise

- Put the Git repository you created earlier on GitHub!
- Once you have it on GitHub:
 - Add a file locally
 - Upload that new file to GitHub