Version control using Git

https://github.com/nih-fmrif/git-training

Session 2

Data Science and Sharing Team NIMH

Logistics

One more session:

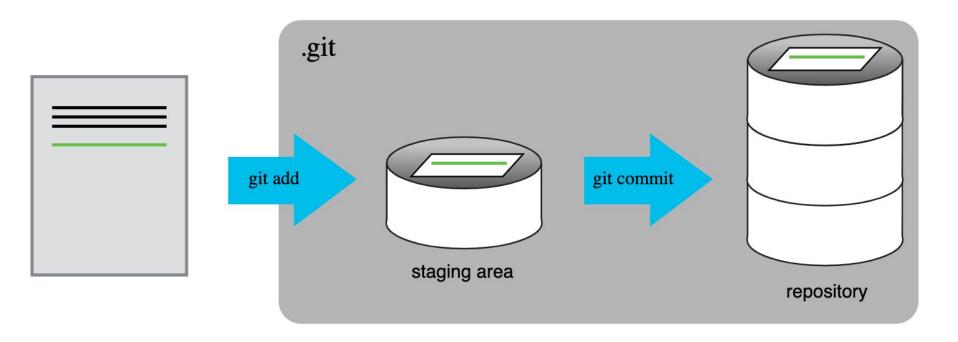
2/19 from 1:30 - 3:30, same room (B1C208)

Today:

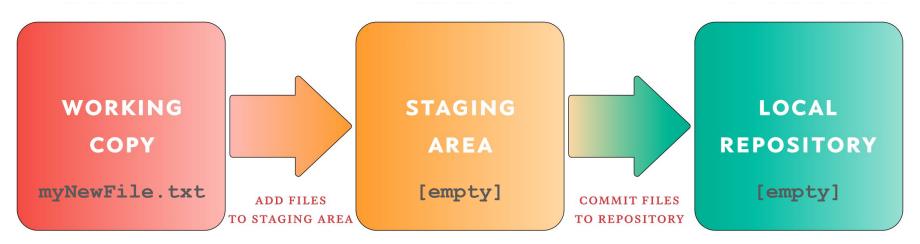
- Lecture Review, going back in time in your local repo
- Walkthrough Going back in time
- Lecture Github, documentation, and remote changes
- Walkthrough Fork, edit, pull
- Exercise

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Review: repositories and .git

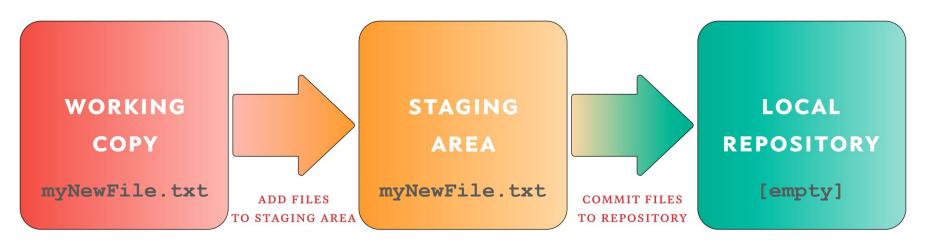


 Change your files (edit or create new)



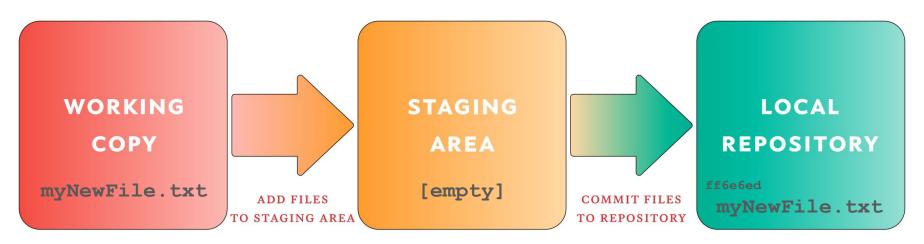
 Add changes to staging area

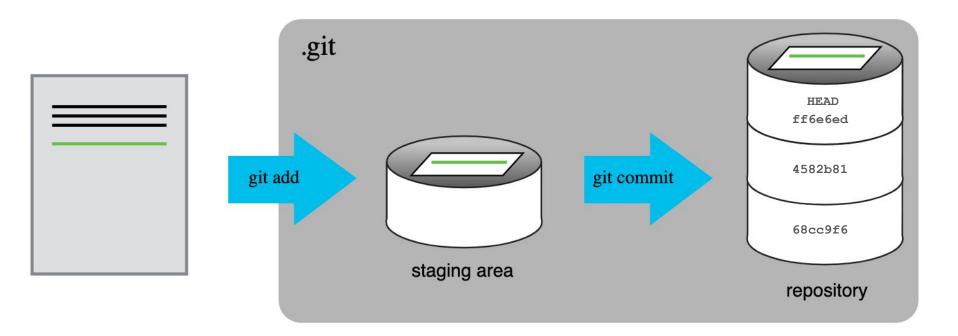
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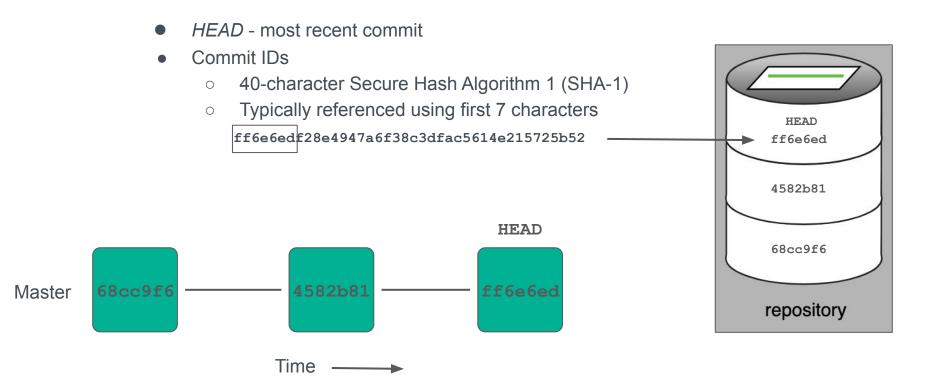
Commit the changes

git commit -m "adding
 myNewFile.txt"





Commit history



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- Files, commits, or branches
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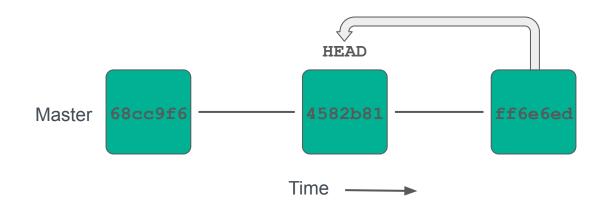
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git checkout <commit>



* You can checkout individual file histories or the entire repository



git checkout 4582b81

Caution!

- checkout is useful for inspecting
- Changing files will put the HEAD in a detached state and you will lose changes if you commit them or change HEAD
- Solution: create a branch (more next week)



Git concept: ignoring files

What about files you do not want to track?

.gitignore

- Hidden text file in the root of the repository that contains filenames to be ignored from versioning
 - Hidden files created by OS
 - Temporary or intermediate files
 - Data
- Accepts wildcards and directories

```
sample/
— .RData
— .Rhistory
— .git
— myNewFile.R
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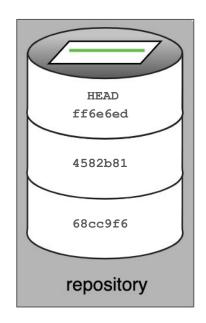
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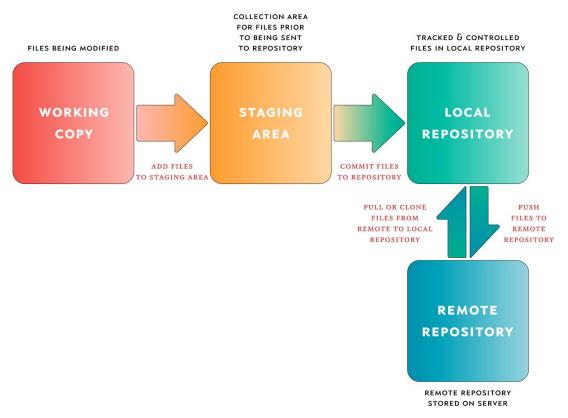
Going back in time and ignoring things

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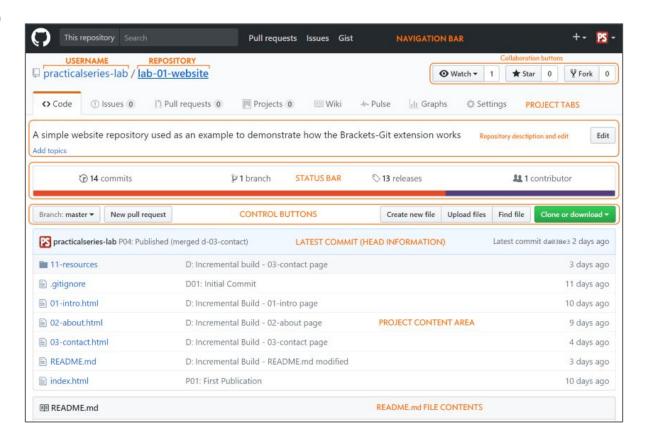
Best practices: commits

- Commit often
- Commit related changes
- Do not commit half done work*
- Use informative commit messages
 - Agree on a workflow
 - Possible message tagging (eg incremental build)
- Test before you commit

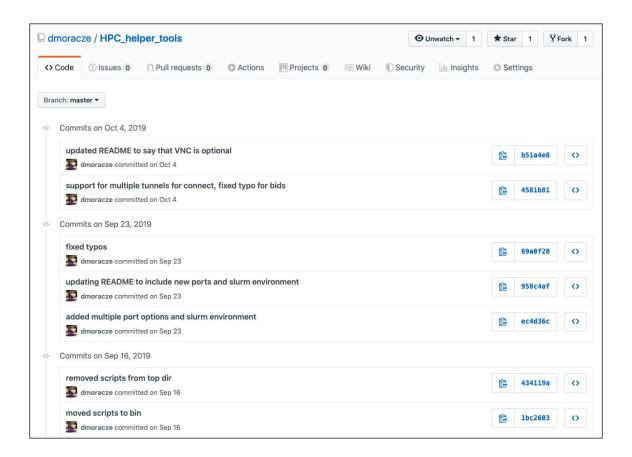




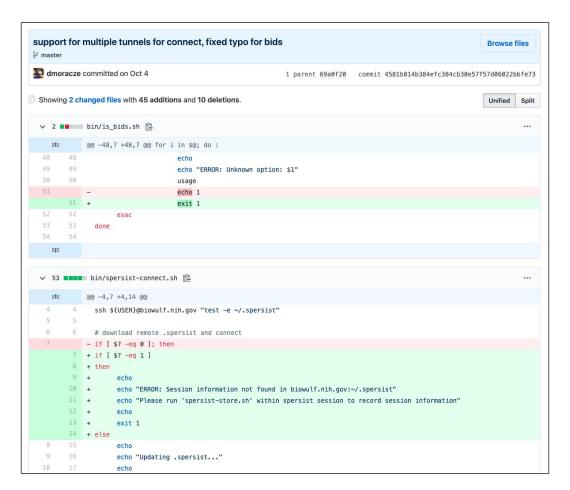
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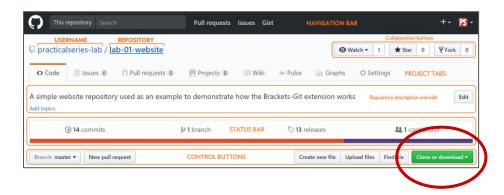
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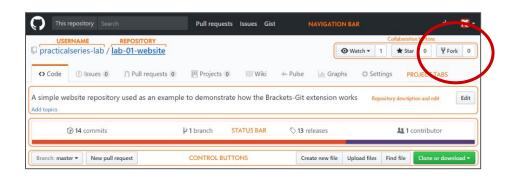
Git commands: clone



Download an existing remote repository to local

- Good practice to clone repo into a directory of the same name
- Changes will be pushed to the origin of the clone
- This should look familiar to last class's exercise

GitHub function: fork



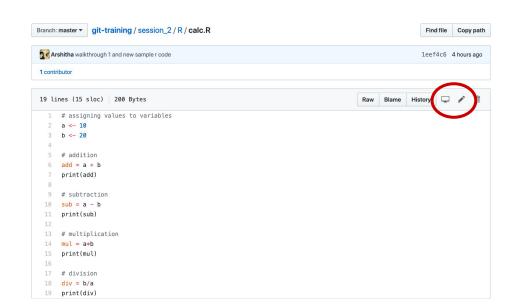
What if you want your own copy?

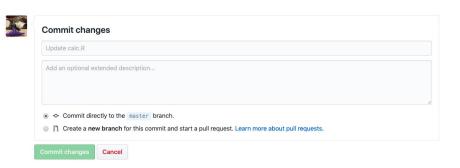
- Forking creates a personal copy of a repo, with a link back to the original
- You can then clone your personal copy to your local computer

Click 'Fork' button (no command line)

Editing files on GitHub

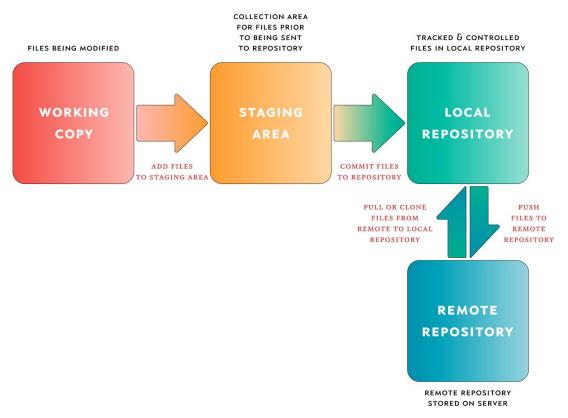
- All text files (eg, code, markdown, etc...) can be edited remotely
- To save changes, you'll need to add a commit
- What do you think happens to a local repo when a remote commit is made?





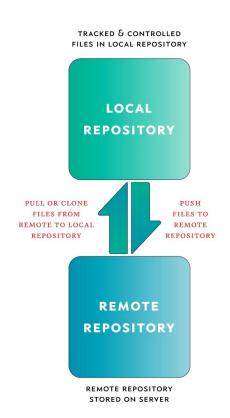
Git commands: pull

- Pull changes from a remote repository to your local copy
- Simplest example, one branch cloned from origin: git pull
- Could create conflicts (more next time)



Best practices: remote

- Use the same same for local and remote repositories
- Update local repository frequently
 - Store local changes (commit)
 - Update local repo (pull)
- Update and resolve conflicts before pushing changes
 - Store local changes (commit)
 - Update local (pull)
 - Update remote (push)



Documentation

3 Levels

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README.md

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Both styles are repository-level documentation

Documentation: README.md

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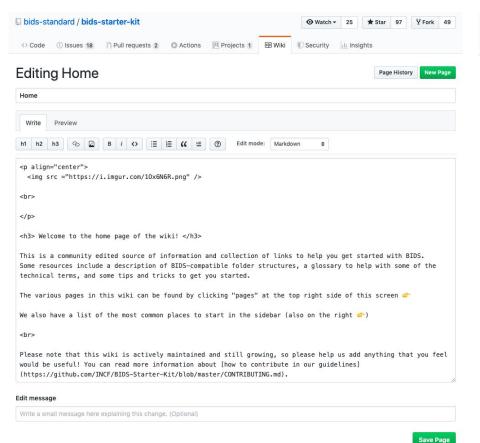
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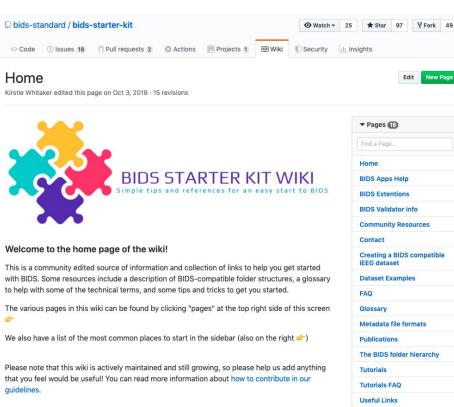
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Documentation: Wiki





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Documentation: Which one?

README.md

- 'Front page' of project
- Markdown syntax
- Files stored in repo
- Editing requires changes to repo

<u>Wiki</u>

- In depth documentation
- Markdown syntax
- Files stored remotely
- Edits can be made freely

Really, it comes down to preference...

Example

Forking, cloning, remote, and local changes

https://github.com/nih-fmrif/git-training/tree/master/session_2#example-2

Exercise

Putting it all together

https://github.com/nih-fmrif/git-training/tree/master/session 2#exercise