



5-Days Workshop on Git and GitHub

Day 1 - Introduction to Git

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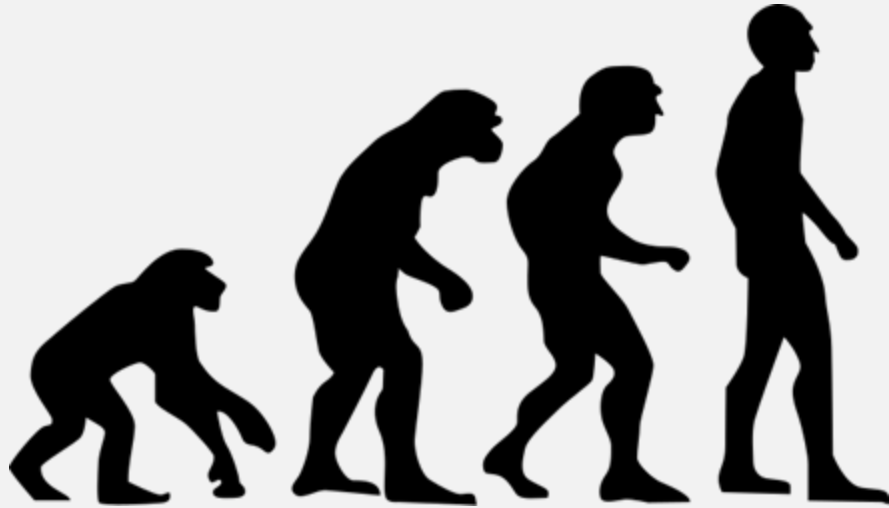


About Me ...

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- an open source admirer,
- and I love Open-Sans font.

What will we do today?

- Introduction to VCS,
- Introduction to Git,
- Basic Git commands,
- Git tags,
- Undoing changes,
- Rollbacks,
- **Lab:** Playing with Git in local

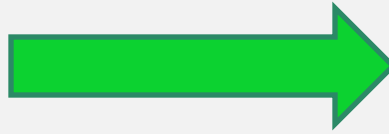


**What is Version
& VCS ?**

Let's visualize VERSIONING



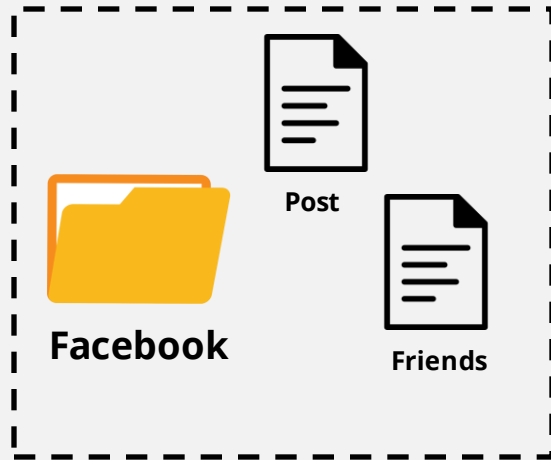
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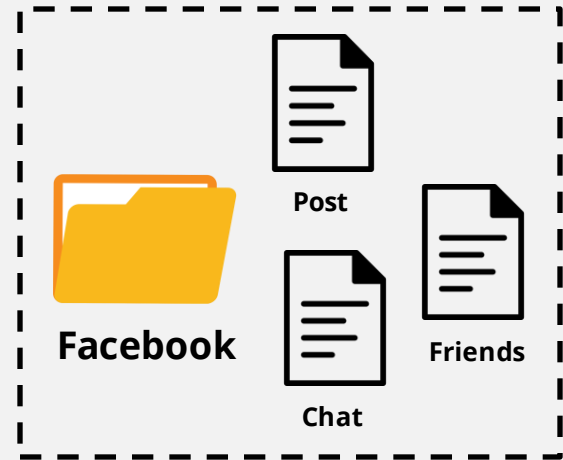
Version 2 (Final Version)

About VERSION

- Version is defined as **the state of project** you are working on.
- To be noted that slight change in a project changes the version of the entire project.



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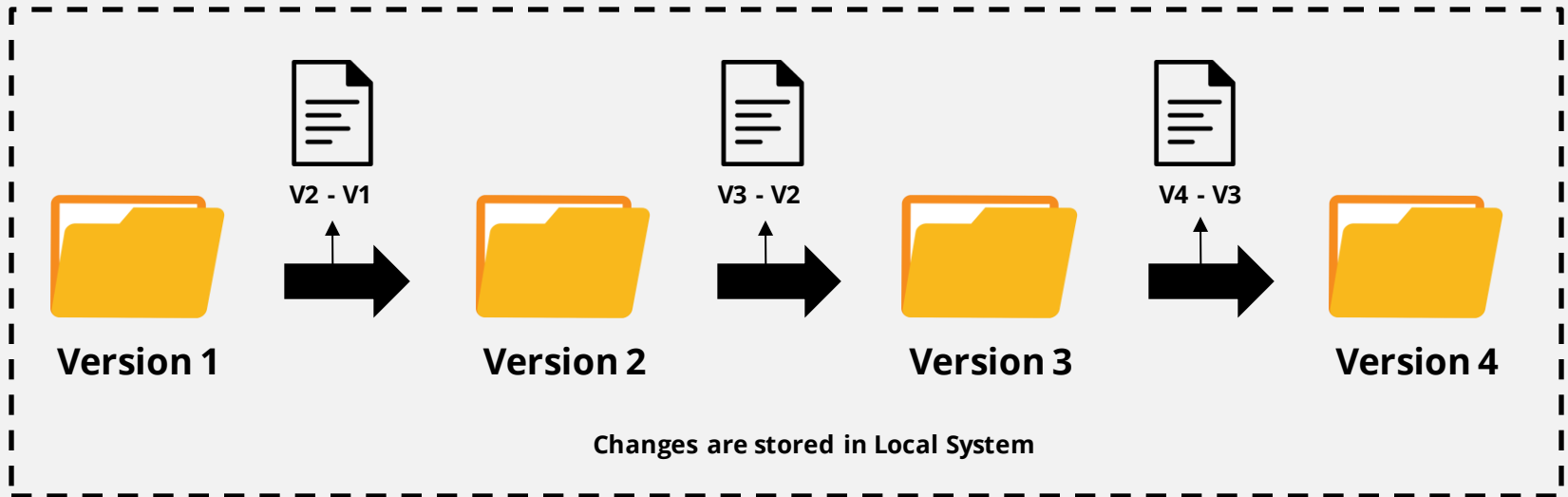
Version2

What is VCS ?

- VCS or **Version Control System** manages the entire process of version and **keeps the track of the changes made**.
- We need VCS to;
 - **track** the changes made,
 - **revert** back to any versions when needed,
 - storage **efficient** and keeps project clean,
 - **compare** the changes made between any two versions,
 - to know **information** like who, when, why made the changes,
 - to get all these benefits with **minimal effort**.

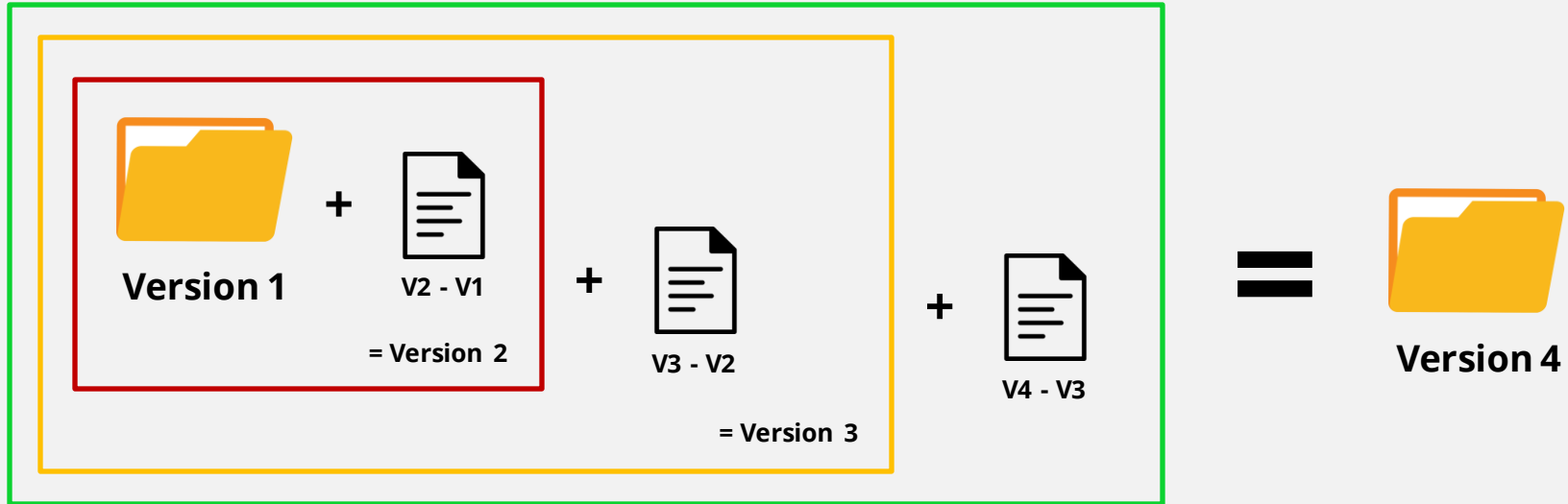
Types of VCS

- **Localized VCS;**
 - Changes are stored in Local database,
 - It can use the changes history to recreate any version.



Types of VCS

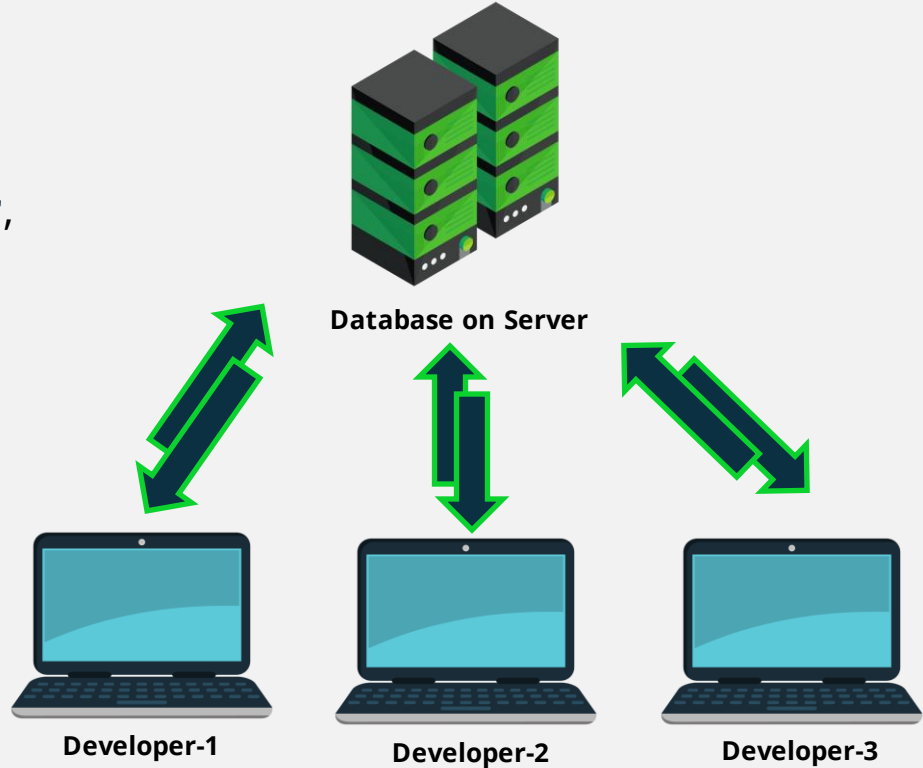
- So, to **re-create Version4** what we do is;



This is an example of **Delta-Based VCS** while there are many other methods of implementing VCS but it is very simple to understand and implement.

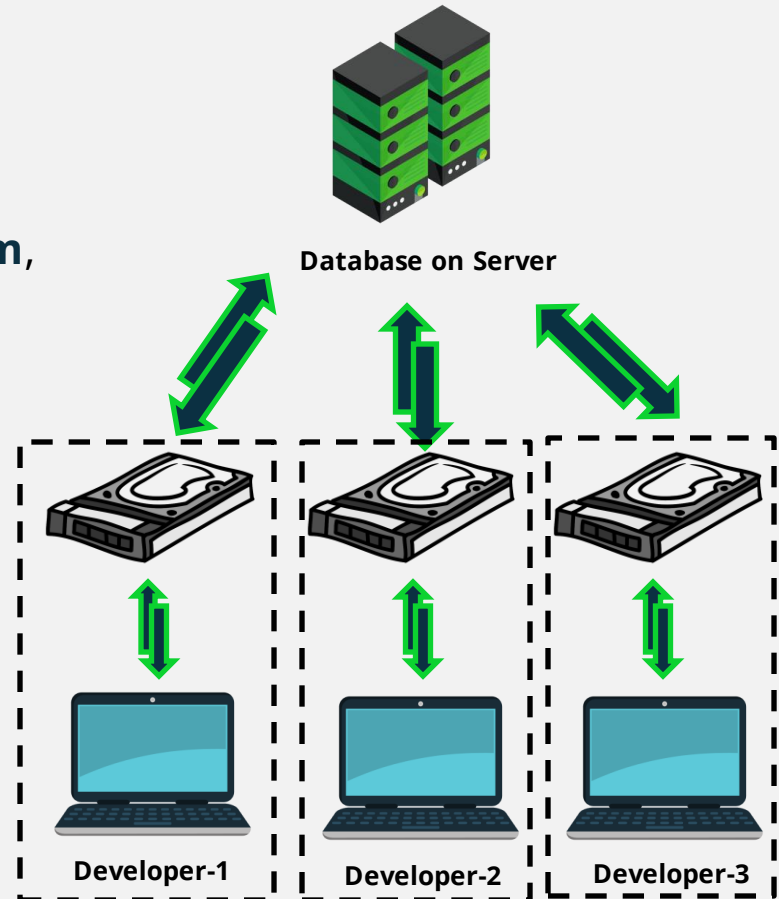
Types of VCS

- Centralized VCS;
 - Changes are **stored in a server**,
 - Collaboration becomes easier,
 - Depends on network latency,
 - **Single point of failure.**



Types of VCS

- Distributed VCS;
- Changes are **stored also in local system**,
- All benefits of Centralized VCS,
- Doesn't depend on network latency,
- Better bug prevention,
- **Easy to restore.**



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Proceed to the link,
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"AwesomeGit"



**Let's talk about
Git**

Introduction to Git

- Git is a Distributed VCS,
- It was developed by **Linus Torvalds** (main developer of Linux Kernel) in 2005 A.D.
- Git holds 70% of share in VCS market,
- It is the most powerful and widely used VCS,
- It is open-source, fast, versatile, and highly scalable.
- **Note that:** Git & GitHub are not same. Git is a VCS but GitHub is a repository hosting platform that uses git in its core.

Short History of Git

- Linus was using **BitKeeper** as VCS for Linux Kernel,
- BitKeeper was **proprietary software**, but free for Linux Developers,
- But, things didn't went right and it was made completely proprietary for everyone.
- Linux Kernel had thousands of developer,
- So, Linus developed his own VCS called Git.

Short History of Git

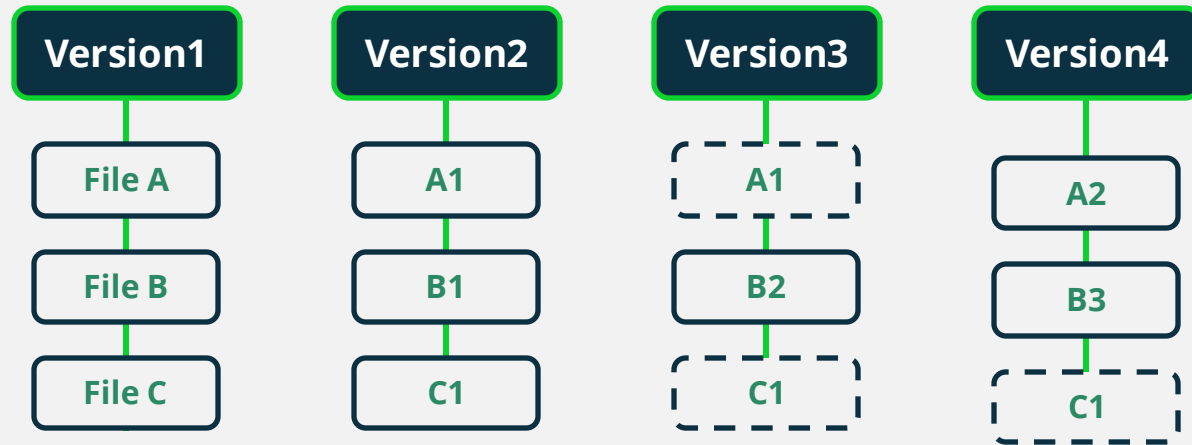
- The main objectives of Git were;
 - Maintaining changes should take **less than 3 seconds**,
 - Should support **distributed workflow**,
 - Should maintain **integrity** of code,
 - Should support parallel **branches**,
 - Should be able to handle **large codebases** without compromisation.
- He often used the term "**Stupid Content Tracker**" for Git.



Why only Git?

Use of Snapshots

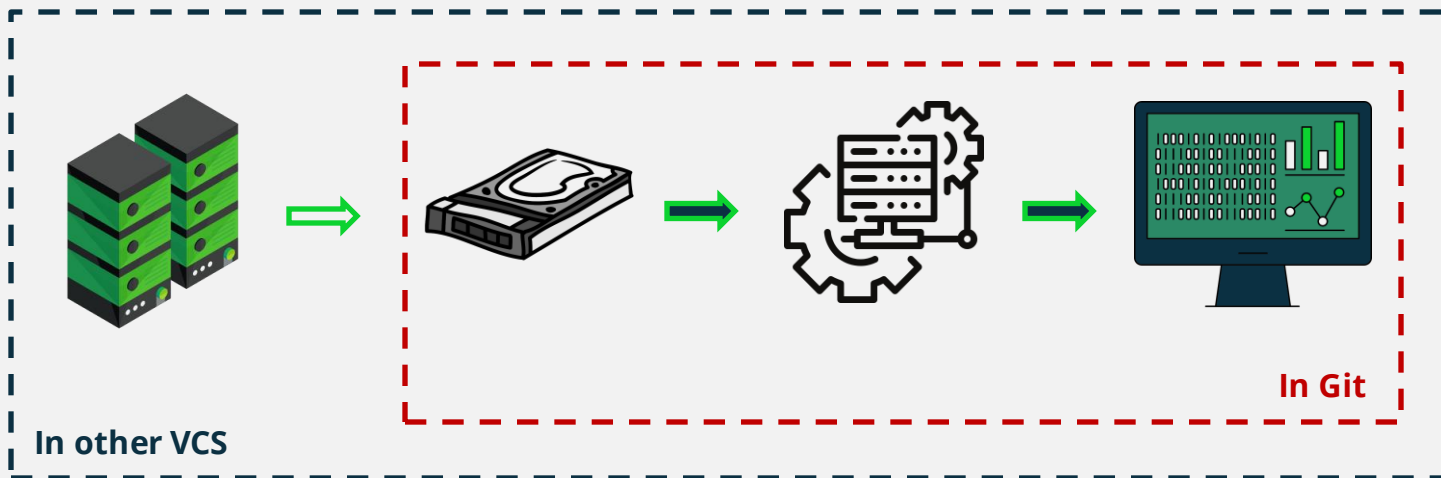
- Git doesn't store the changes as done by Delta-based VCS.
- When you commit, Git takes a **snapshot** of what all our file looks like and stores a reference to the snapshot.



This is how snapshots works

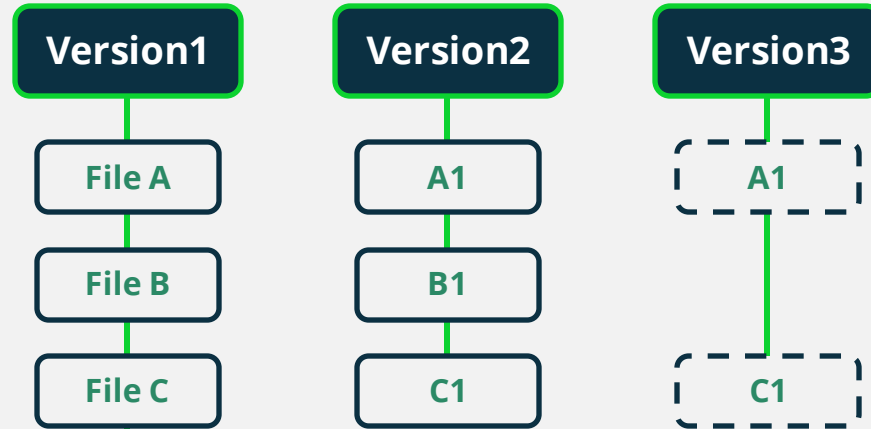
Every Operation is Local

- Every operation in Git is done within your system. So,
 - Operation is instantaneous.



Git Only Adds Data

- It makes most of the process recoverable.



This is how deletion works in Git

Git Has Integrity

- Everything in Git is checksummed before stored.
- So, it is impossible to change data without Git knowing about it.
- File corruption chances reduces.
- It uses SHA1-hash mechanism for checksumming which generates a 40 Hexadecimals character.

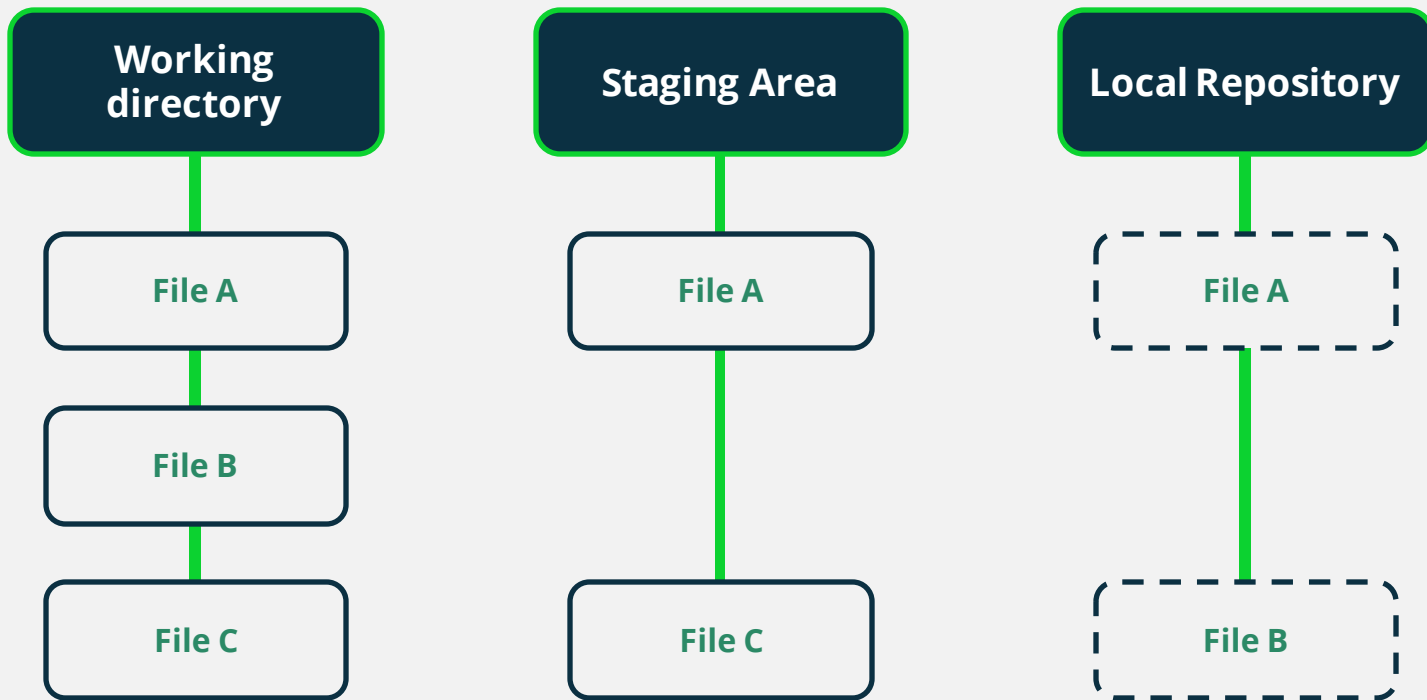


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Let's Recall

- Version is the state of project,
- VCS is used to track the changes,
- There are 3 types of VCS; local, centralized and distributed,
- Git is distributed VCS,
- Benefits of Git over other VCS are;
 - Uses snapshots,
 - Every operation is local,
 - Git generally only adds data,
 - Git has integrity.

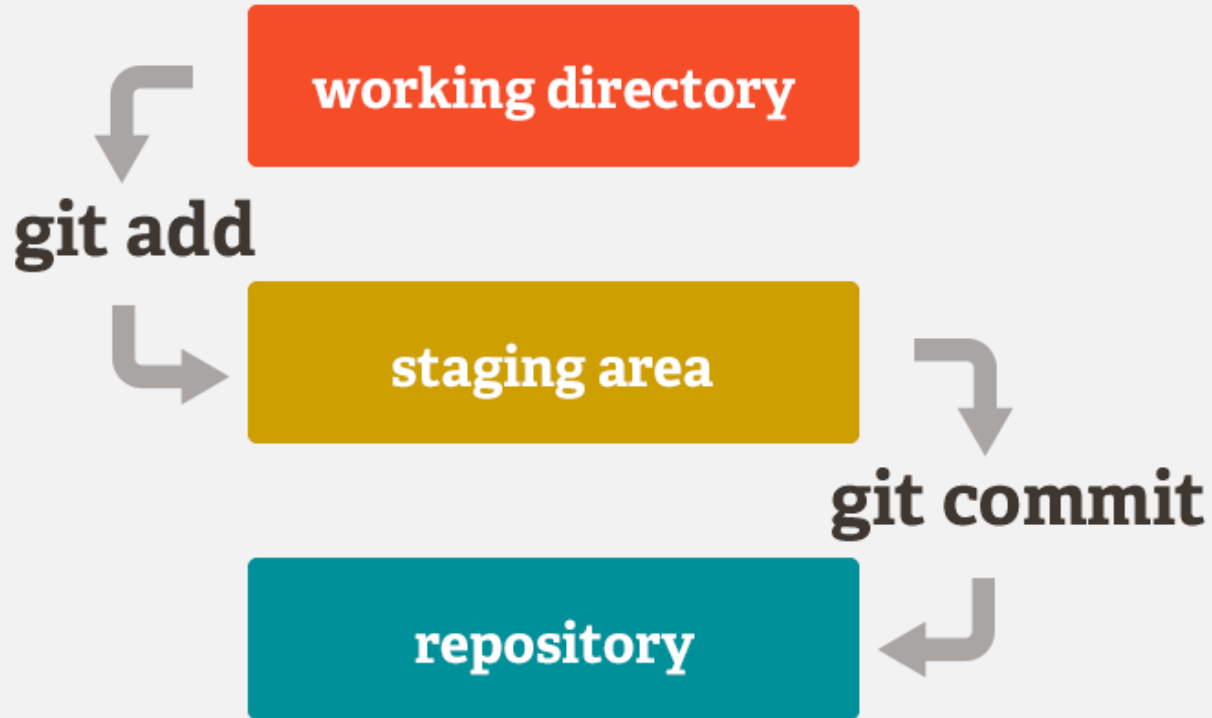
The Three Git Sections



The Three Git Sections

- Working directory:
 - This is the place where you work.
- Staging area (index):
 - A place where you can stage or prepare what files should appear in next commit.
- Local repository:
 - A place where all Git Objects are stored.
 - It is .git folder inside Git repository.

Git Workflow Explained





**Theory Part
Ends Here**

**It's time to have
some fun !!**

Be ready to

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Creating Your Identity

- Let's see what levels are in Git;
 - **--global:** The configuration you made is for every repository you create in your system by the user.
 - **--local :** The configuration you made is for only the repository you are working on.
 - **--system:** The configuration you made is for every repository you create in your system.

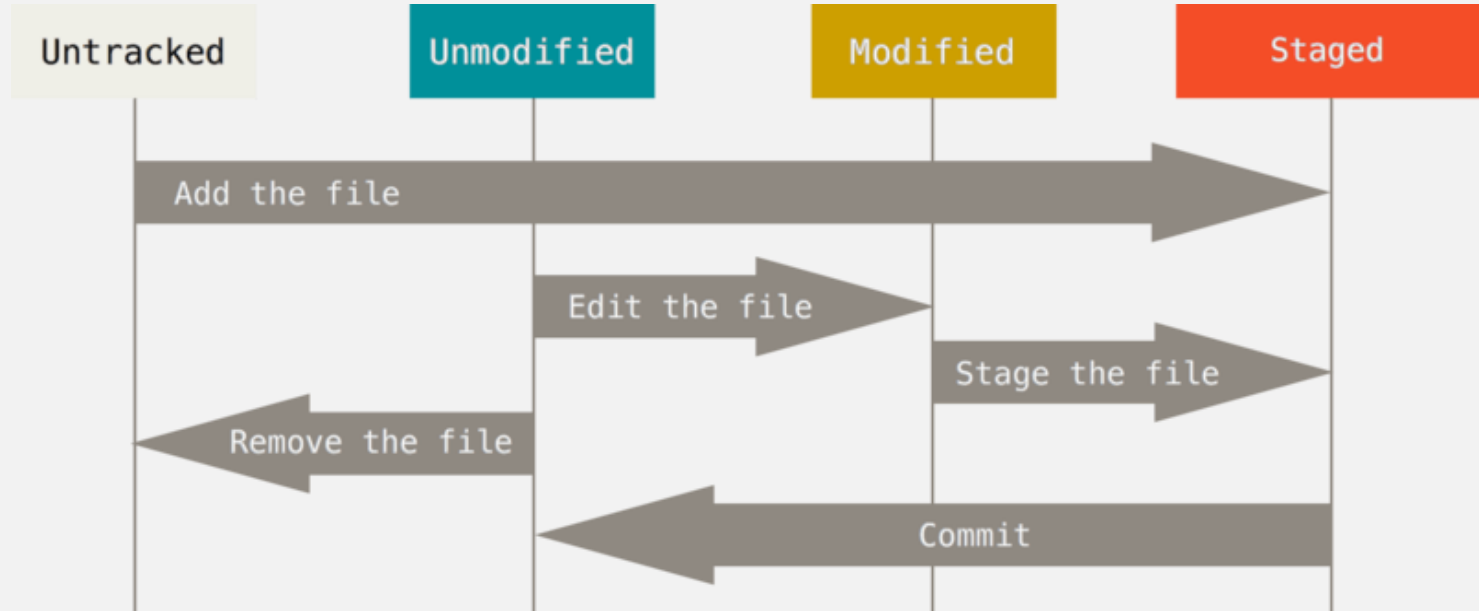
Basic Git Commands

- **git init** :- It initializes the filesystem as an empty git repository.
 - It creates a folder **.git/** which holds subdirectories for Git objects.
 - It creates a branch named **master** and a **HEAD** file on that branch.
- **git status** :- It displays the state of working tree and staging area.
 - It lets you to know what is being tracked and what is not.
 - It helps to predict the structure of next snapshot.
- **git add** :- It is the command that tells Git to start to track a file.
 - It is used to stage the changes to prepare for next commit.
- **git log** :- It is used to see the commit history of a repo.

State of Files in a Git Repo

- **Untracked files (U):** These files are not being tracked by Git.
 - To track a untracked file we use command ***git add <filename>***.
- **Tracked files (A):** These files are being monitored by Git.
 - Staged files: These files have been staged and will appear in next commit.
 - Modified files (M): These files have been modified since last snapshot.
 - Committed files: These files have not been modified since last snapshot.

State of Files in a Git Repo





Any Questions?

Creating Your Identity

- **Your name and e-mail**

- `git config <level> user.name "<your user name here>"`
- `git config <level> user.email "<your email here>"`

- **Your default text-editor**

- `git config <level> core.editor "<your editor>"`

- **Your default branch name**

- `git config <level> init.defaultBranch "<default branch name here>"`

- **Checking your Git configs**

- `git config <level> --list`

Tips for the Pros

- We have a command **git status -s** to view status of Git repo in short.
- You can track and stage all files at one with help of command **git add .**
- Files except mentioned in .gitignore is staged.
- You can skip staging file before committing by command
git commit -a -m "your commit message here"
- Git does not consider a empty directory in any commit so we use **.gitkeep** or **.keep** file inside any empty directory.

Ignoring Files (*.gitignore*)



```
1  # .gitignore file is used to ignore some files in a repo
2  # such files always remain untracked
3  # the use of such file is done as follows
4
5  # any line starting with # is a comment
6  # ignoring file named password
7  password
8  # ignoring all files ending with .exe
9  *.exe
10 # but not ignoring final.exe
11 !final.exe
12 # ignoring all files inside build folder
13 build/
14 # ignoring file TODO not inside any subdirectory
15 /TODO
```

Tips for the Pros

- You can use `git log --oneline` to view the commit history in short,
- You can use `git log --graph` to view the commit history in graphs,
- You can use `git log --patch` to view the changes or patches made in each commit,
- You can use `git log --stat` to view the short statistics of the changes made,
- You can view last nth commits by `git log -n` E.g. `git log -2` shows last two commits made,
- More on the Git cheatsheet about Git logs.

Renaming or Moving a File

- Renaming and Moving a file is same operation in Git.
- It can be done by command **git mv file_from file_to**
- Which renames the *file_from* to *file_to* or moves the file from *file_from* to *file_to*.
- The command is equivalent to;
mv file_from file_to
git rm file_from
git add file_to

Removing a File

- If we delete a file normally on a repo we have to stage the changes again,
- But we can use **git rm <filename>** to delete the file from both working directory and staging area.
- This command is equivalent to;
rm <filename>
git add <filename>

Git Tags

- Git has tags to highlight important point's in a Repo commit history.
- Like 'v1.0', 'stable version' etc.
- Git supports two types of tags: **annotated tags** and **lightweight tags**.
- **Annotated tags:**
 - These are the tags that are stored as objects in Git history,
 - That is along with this we have info about tagger name, email and date, tagging message same as a commit.
 - You can create tags by **git tag -a <tagname> -m "<tag message>"**.
 - You can see the tag data by command **git show <tagname>**.

Git Tags

- **Lightweight tags:**
 - These are more like a temporary tag,
 - It does not holds any further info about the tag,
 - To use lightweight tag simply use **git tag <tagname>**.
- You can list all the tags by command **git tag**.
- You can tag later by command **git tag -a <tagname> <commit hash> -m <tag message>**.
- You can delete a tag by command **git tag -d <tagname>**.

Undoing Changes

- You can use `git commit --amend "<new commit message>"` to change the existing commit message,
- You can use `git commit --amend --no-edit` to amend the new staged changes without a new commit message.
- You can unstage a staged file with the command `git restore --staged <filename>`.
- You can unmodify a modified file with command `git restore <filename>`.
- You can use `git restore --source <version> <filename>` to restore a file of any version.



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