GIT: FAST VERSION CONTROL



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About version control: VCS

- A system that records changes to a file or set of files over time so that you can recall specific versions later.
- Yep...you can do this yourself: error prone
- Types of VCS:
 - Local VCSs: on local pc keeps all changes to files under revision control.
 - Your pc gone...all gone

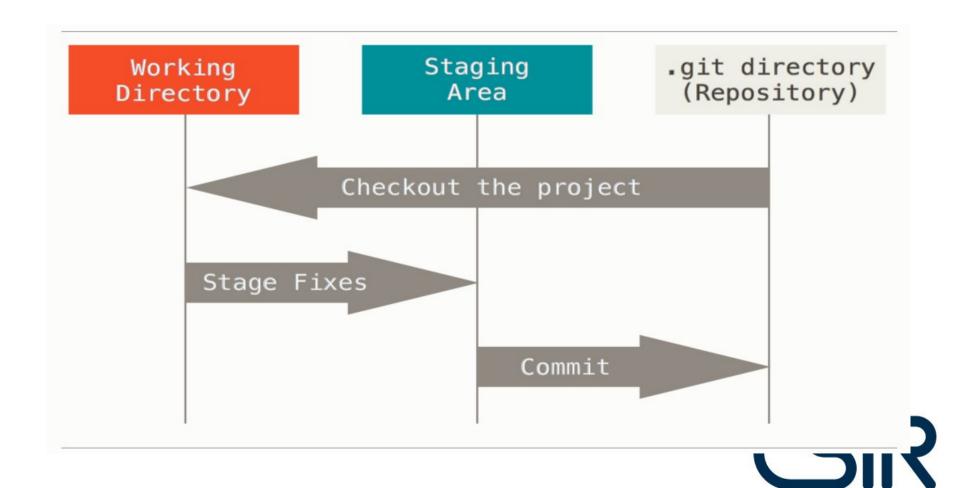


- Centralized VCS CVCSs: collaboration—single server contains all the versioned files, an number of clients check out files from that central place.
 - Server goes down, no collaboration or saving your own versions...if server gets corrupted: everyone loses everything.
- Distributed VCS DVCSs (Git): clients don't just check out latest snapshot of files: they fully mirror the repository. Server dies, any of the client repositories can be copied back to restore it: Every clone is full backup of the data.



Basic Git workflow

Modify → stage → commit:



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Getting started: Installing

- Linux:
 - \$ sudo apt-get install git-all
- Mac: Mavericks (10.9) or above you can do this simply by trying to run git from the Terminal
- Windows: https://git-scm.com/download/win



First-time Git setup

- Set your user name and email address.
 - \$ git config --global user.name "Jane Doe"
 - \$ git config --global user.email janedoe@example.com
- Only once if you pass –global command: this is info git will use for anything you do on the system
- Configure default text editor:
 - \$ git config --global core.editor emacs/scite/



Git basics: Getting a git repo

- Two main approaches:
 - Initializing repo in an existing directory:
 - Navigate to the directory
 - Type: \$ git init
 - Creates a .git directory
 - Excluding files: create .gitignore
 - Add files to be excluded into .gitignore
 - Add files you want to start version-controlling
 - \$ git add *.f90
 - \$ git add *.doc
 - \$ git commit -m 'initial project version'
 - Cloning an existing repository:
 - \$ git clone <path to remote repo>



Start working!

- Check status of your files:
 - \$ git status
- Should have a clean directory, your branch is master
- Create a new file in the directory
 - \$ git status: nothing added to commit
 - \$ git add README
 - \$ git commit
- Removing files you added but decided not to track:
 - Git rm –cached.<>
 - Git add .
 - Git commit -am "Removed ignored Files"



Viewing exact differences

- \$ git diff
- \$ git diff —staged
- Git Diff in an External Tool
- http://www.wiredforcode.com/blog/2011/06/04/git-with-meld-diff-viewer
 -on-ubuntu/
- Viewing diffs between two checkouts
 - Git log –oneline
 - git diff e3c0709 1c58e1e



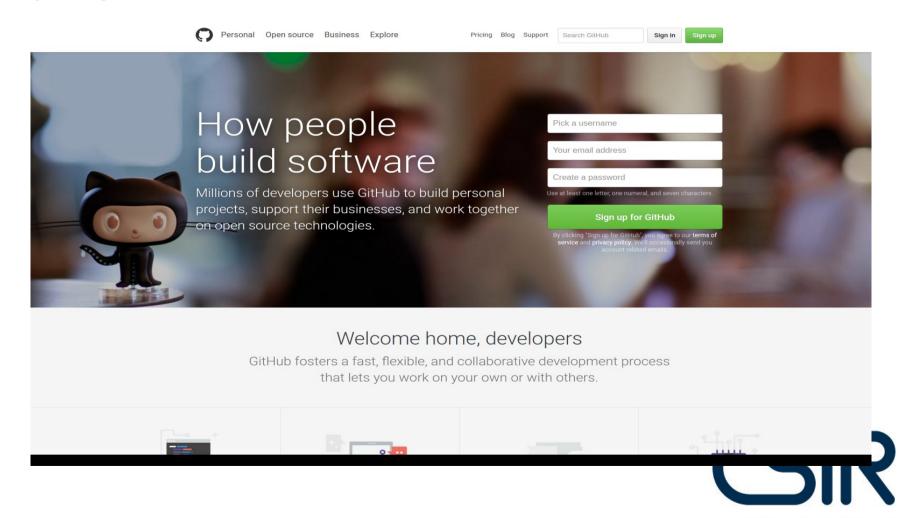
Branches

- Create a branch for something your not yet sure about:
 - \$ git branch <crazy experiment>
 - \$ git branch
 - \$ git checkout crazy experiment
- Start doing wacky stuff
- Commit wacky stuff
- It works? Want to keep it? Let's merge
- Git merges into the current branch:
 - git checkout master
 - git merge --no-ff branch



Using the distributed idea

https://github.com/



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Pushing from local to online repo

- Create new repository
- On Local machine:
 - \$ git remote add origin https://github.com/FineWilms/newrepo.git
- Check it:
 - \$ Git remote -v
- Push your local to the remote site:
 - \$ Git push origin master
- Now we have backup safely on server.
- Work on local machine, commit there, push to remote



Cloning: Recovery or collaboration

- Just shift-delete your thesis??
- Clone it: COMPLETE COPY
 - \$ git clone <path to remote repo>
- Collaboration:
 - \$ git fetch
 - \$ git merge
- Automated back-ups: crontab
- https://help.ubuntu.com/community/CronHowto
- Create shell script



Example of shell script:

- Create empty file run-git-push.sh and paste in working dir
- Contents:

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#!/bin/bash
cd /home/jwilms/test/
git add .
git commit -m "auto update via crontab"
git push https://UserName:password@github.com/FineWilms/test master
#send yourself an email:
mail -s "Git Backup" fine.wilms@gmail.com < /dev/null</pre>
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Example of \$ crontab -e

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GNU nano 2.2.6
                                                                 File: /tmp/crontab
 Edit this file to introduce tasks to be run by cron.
 Each task to run has to be defined through a single line
 indicating with different fields when the task will be run
 and what command to run for the task
 To define the time you can provide concrete values for
 minute (m), hour (h), day of month (dom), month (mon),
 and day of week (dow) or use '*' in these fields (for 'any').#
 Notice that tasks will be started based on the cron's system
 daemon's notion of time and timezones.
 Output of the crontab jobs (including errors) is sent through
 email to the user the crontab file belongs to (unless redirected).
 For example, you can run a backup of all your user accounts
 at 5 a.m every week with:
 0 5 * * 1 tar -zcf /var/backups/home.tgz /home/
 For more information see the manual pages of crontab(5) and cron(8)
 m h dom mon dow
                    command
MAILTO="fine.wilms@gmail.com"
 * * * * /home/jwilms/test/touch.sh > /home/jwilms/test/cron.log 2>&1
 * * * * /home/jwilms/test/git-backup-script.sh > /home/jwilms/test/cron2.log 2>&1
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