



# VERSION CONTROL

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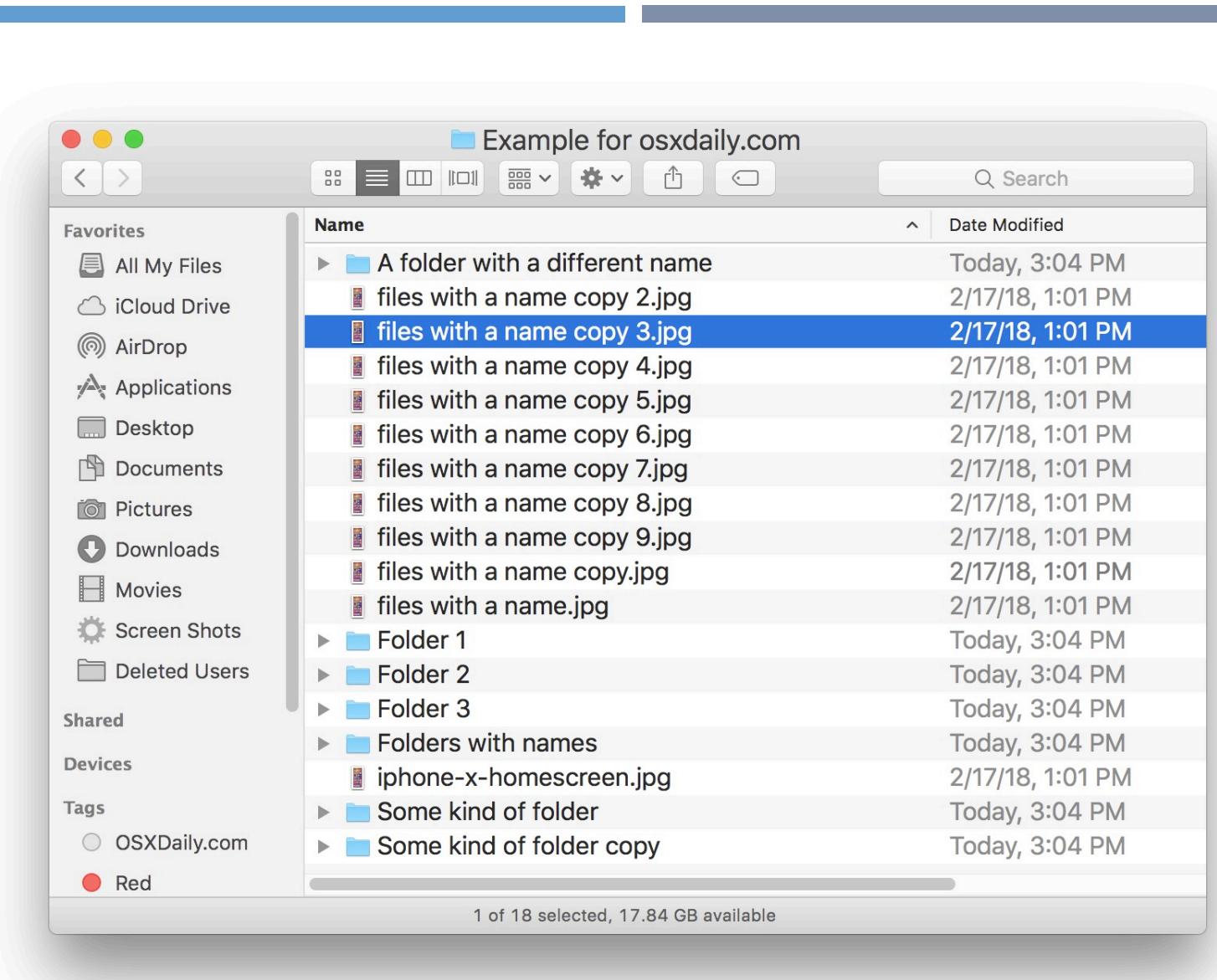


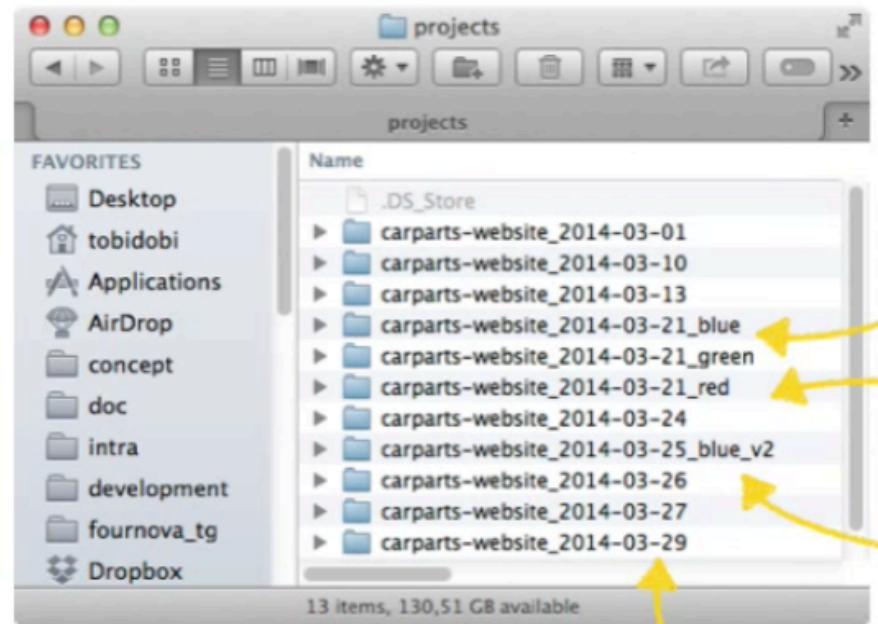
# SCENARIO

- You are a developer writing and testing programs
- Your programs are part of a larger application development project
- Other developers are working on this application too

Where do I store my code?

# EXAMPLE





What exactly was changed in each version?

...and what do these changes mean?  
Did anyone document / comment them?

Why do we store the **whole project**,  
instead of just the modifications?!

How do you keep variants of the  
project in sync while it moves on?

## EXAMPLE

# USING A SIMPLE FILE SYSTEM TO TRACK OUR CODE

## Problems:

- Losing History
- Someone else can overlay my code
- What if I get YOUR bugs in my code
- My code was working. Now it's broken. What happened?
- I fixed that last week. What happened to my change?
- What if two of us change the same file at the same time?

BUT – I need a private workspace to be productive, and I'd like a private copy of the entire repo

# I WANT A REPOSITORY

Coordinates across multiple developers on a team

Keeps History

Allows me to revert back to a prior version of my code.

Allows me and others to work on the same module at the same time.

Tracks WHO is working on WHAT

Prevents us from clobbering each others' updates.

Describes each version of each module.

Allows “check out”, “check in”

Allows merge management

Can track changes and compare one version to another

Provides a log of all changes

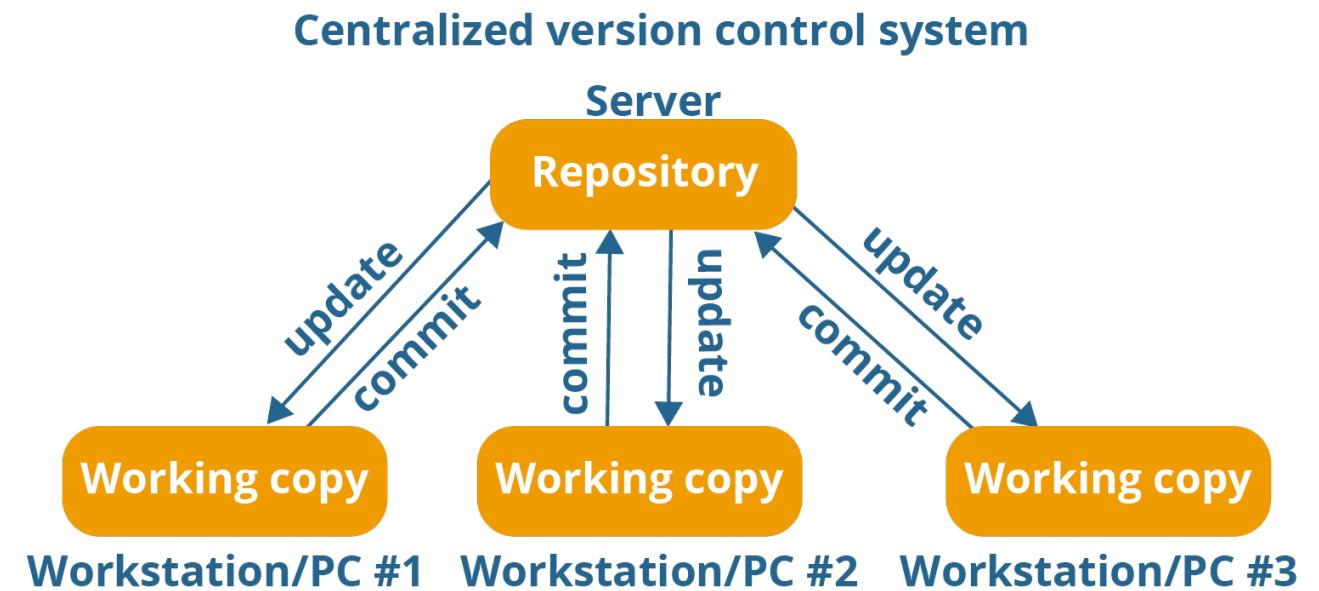
Allows me to add, delete, change, rename code

## TWO DESIGNS FOR VERSION CONTROL SYSTEMS

**CENTRAL  
REPOSITORY  
“VCS”**

**DISTRIBUTED  
REPOSITORY  
“DVCS”**

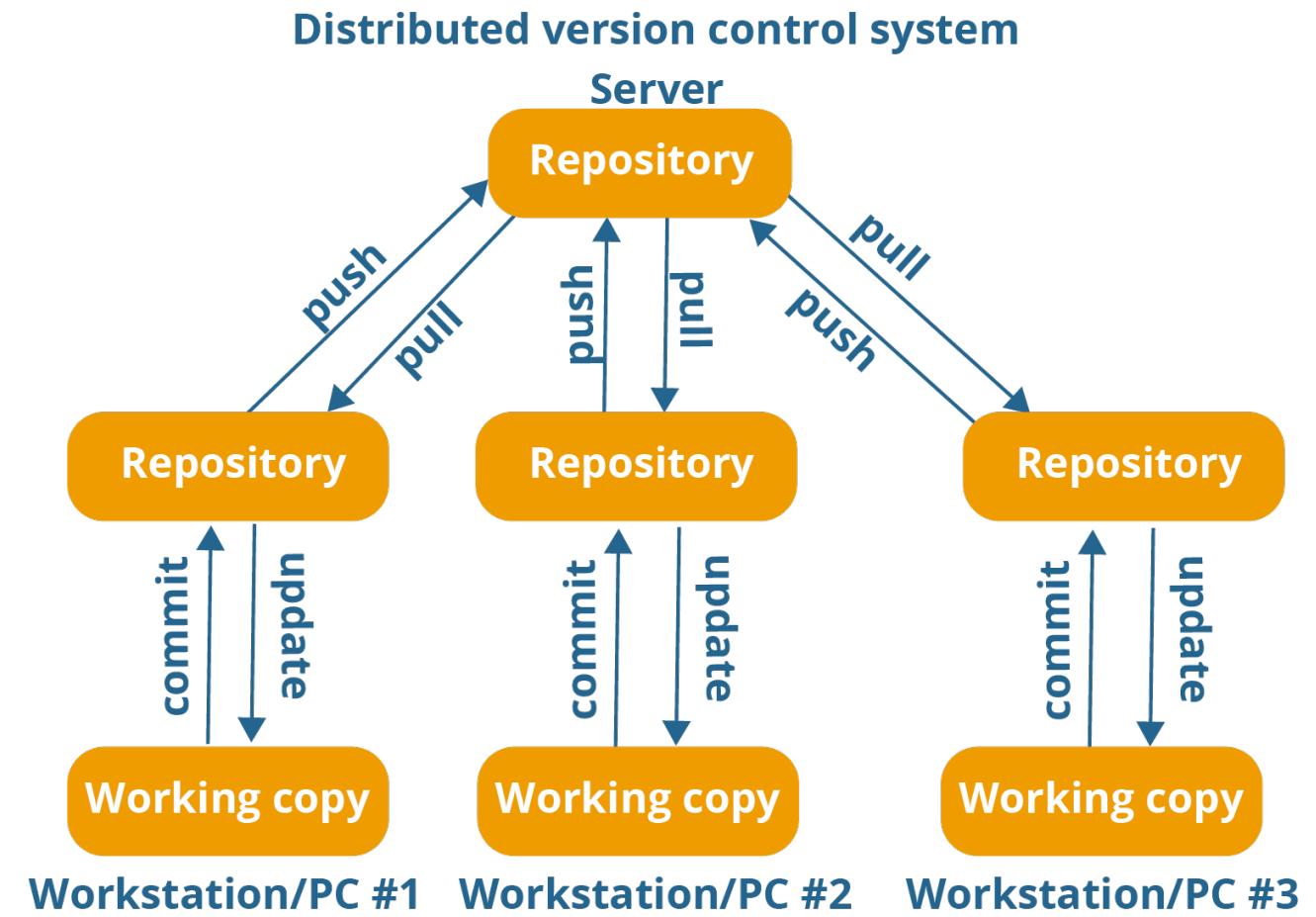
# CENTRAL REPOSITORY “VCS”



# POPULAR OPEN SOURCE VCS TOOLS: (CENTRAL REPO)

- Concurrent Versions System (CVS)
- CVSNT
- OpenCVS
- Subversion
  - <https://subversion.apache.org/features.html>

## DISTRIBUTED REPOSITORY “VCS”



## WHY DVCS?

Cheap, fast local branches (offline)

But, Full local branches, with history

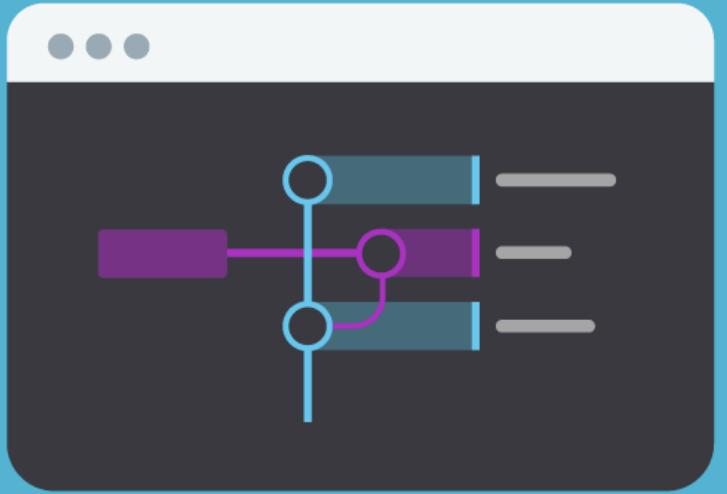
History of changes, pulls, pushes, commits, merges

Offline commits

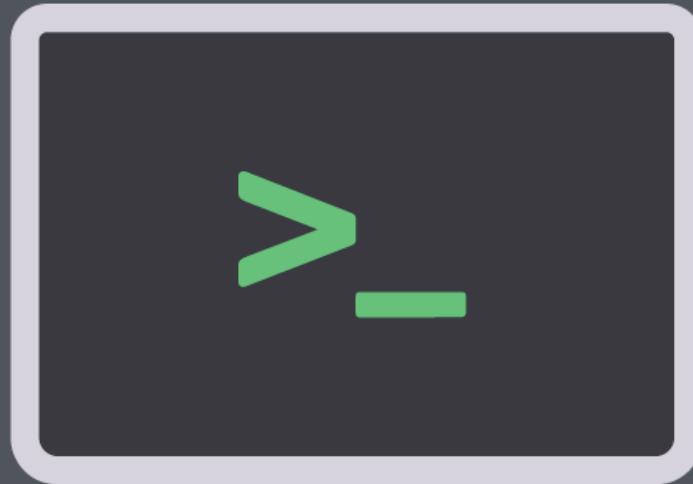
Each working copy is a full backup of the repo

# POPULAR OPEN SOURCE DVCS TOOLS: (DISTRIBUTED REPO)

- ArX
- Bazaar
- BitKeeper — was used in Linux kernel development (2002 – April 2005) until it was abandoned due to being proprietary. It was open-sourced in 2016 in an attempt to broaden its appeal again.
- Codeville
- Darcs
- DCVS – decentralized and CVS-based
- Fossil
- Git — written in a collection of Perl, C, and various shell scripts, designed by Linus Torvalds based on the needs of the Linux kernel project; decentralized, and aims to be fast, flexible, and robust
- GNU arch
- Mercurial an Open Source replacement to Bitkeeper
- Monotone
- SVK
- Veracity



VS



OPTIONS → GUI VS COMMAND LINE

## POPULAR FREE GUI TOOLS (FOR GIT)

- <https://git-scm.com/download/gui/linux>

## THREE GENERATIONS OF VERSION CONTROL

Generation	Networking	Operations	Concurrency	Examples
First	None	One file at a time	Locks	RCS, SCCS
Second	Centralized	Multi-file	Merge before commit	CVS, SourceSafe, Subversion, Team Foundation Server
Third	Distributed	Changesets	Commit before merge	Bazaar, Git, Mercurial

# TERMINOLOGY

 **Repository:** Version controlled collection of files/code

 **Commit:** Write/Save changes to local repository

 **Revision:** A specific version of repo/file

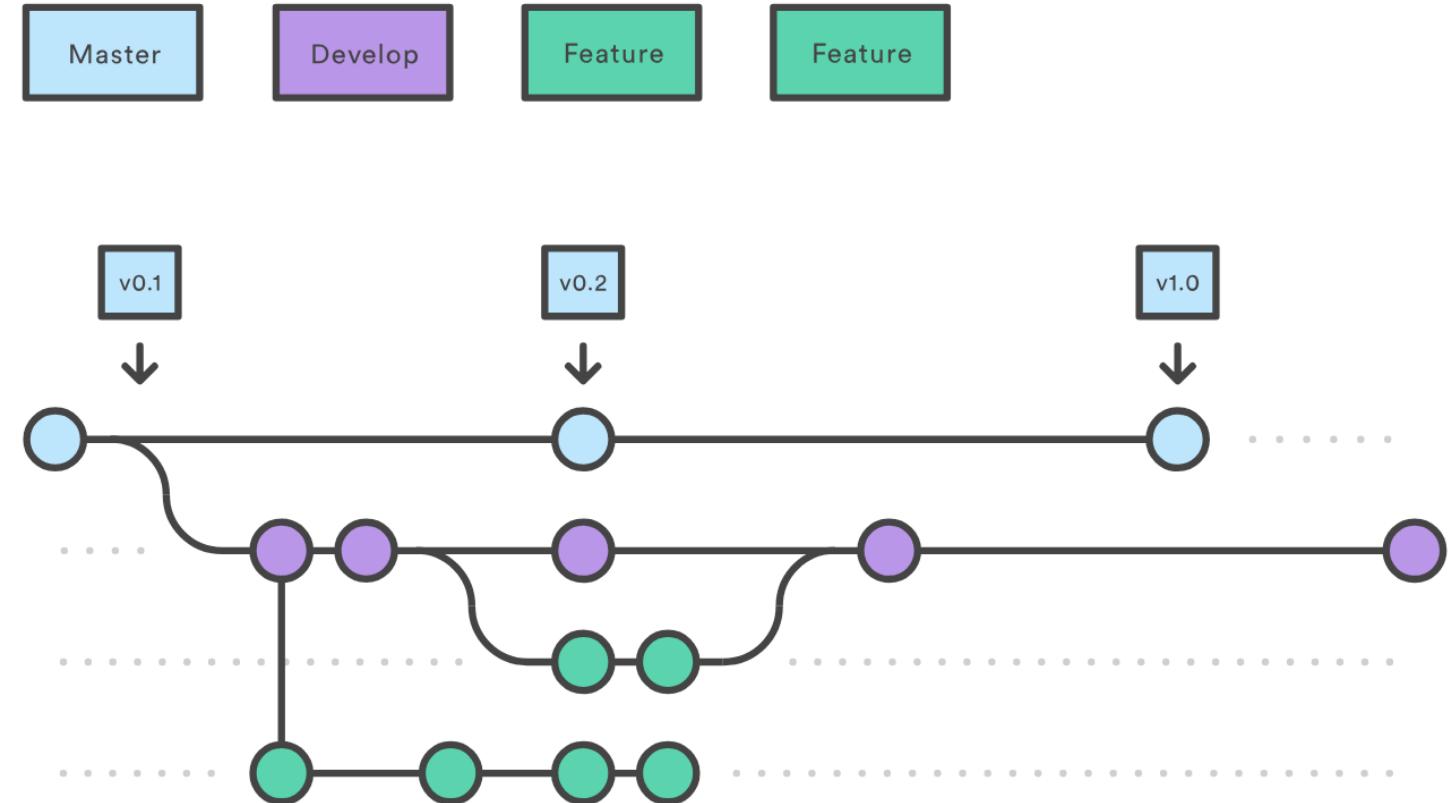
 **Tag:** A logically named/labeled version

 **Branch:** A linear subset of changes within a repo

 **Merge:** To combine discrete branches

 **Diff:** The set of changes between two revisions

# VERSION CONTROL – HISTORY TREE



# BEST PRACTICES



## DO

Commit Early, Commit Often

Use clear commit messages

Communicate when resolving merge conflicts

Only commit related changes in one commit

One topic per branch

Only commit source code



## DON'T

Commit compiled files

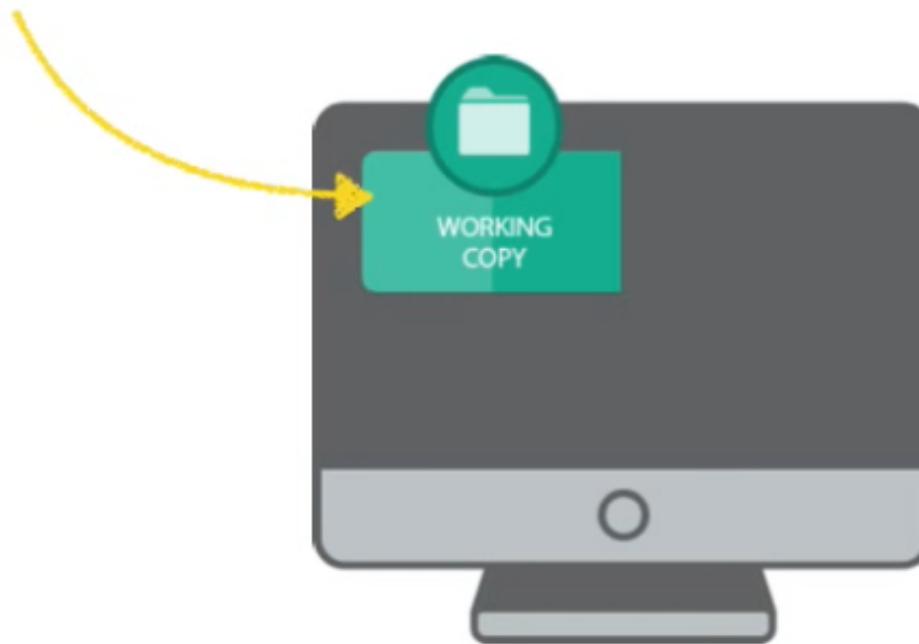
Commit secure info (eg: credentials, passwords)

Merge broke code (don't break the master branch)

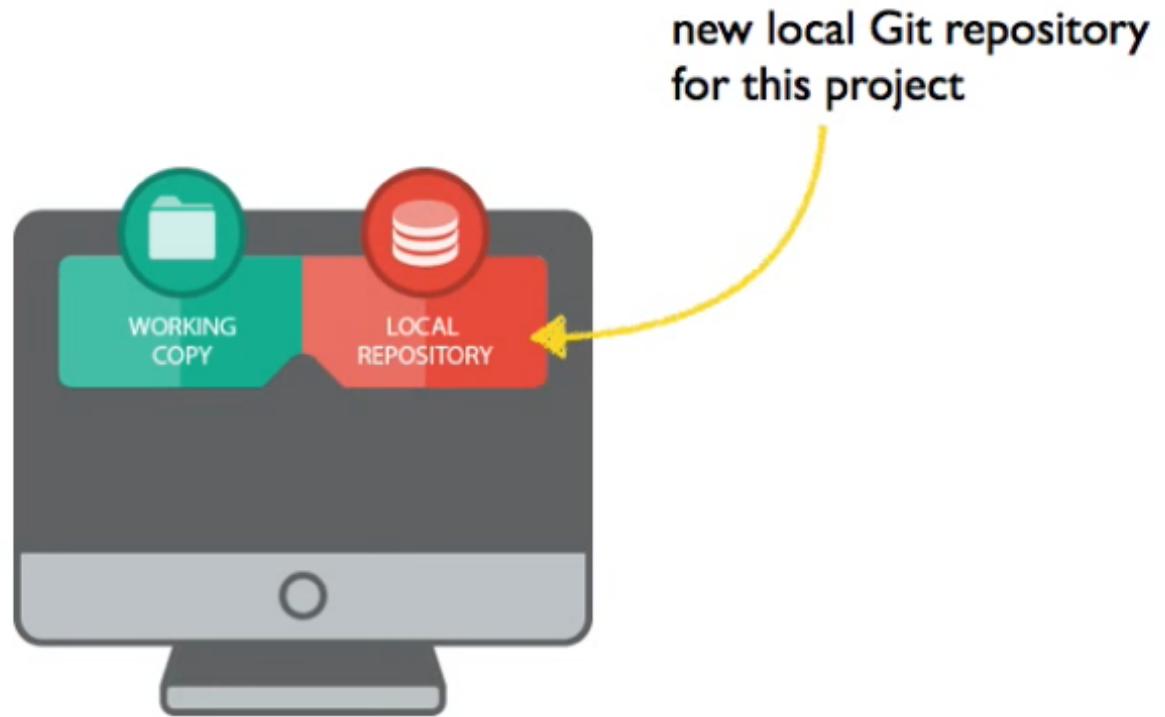
Combine multiple topics per commit/branch

GIT

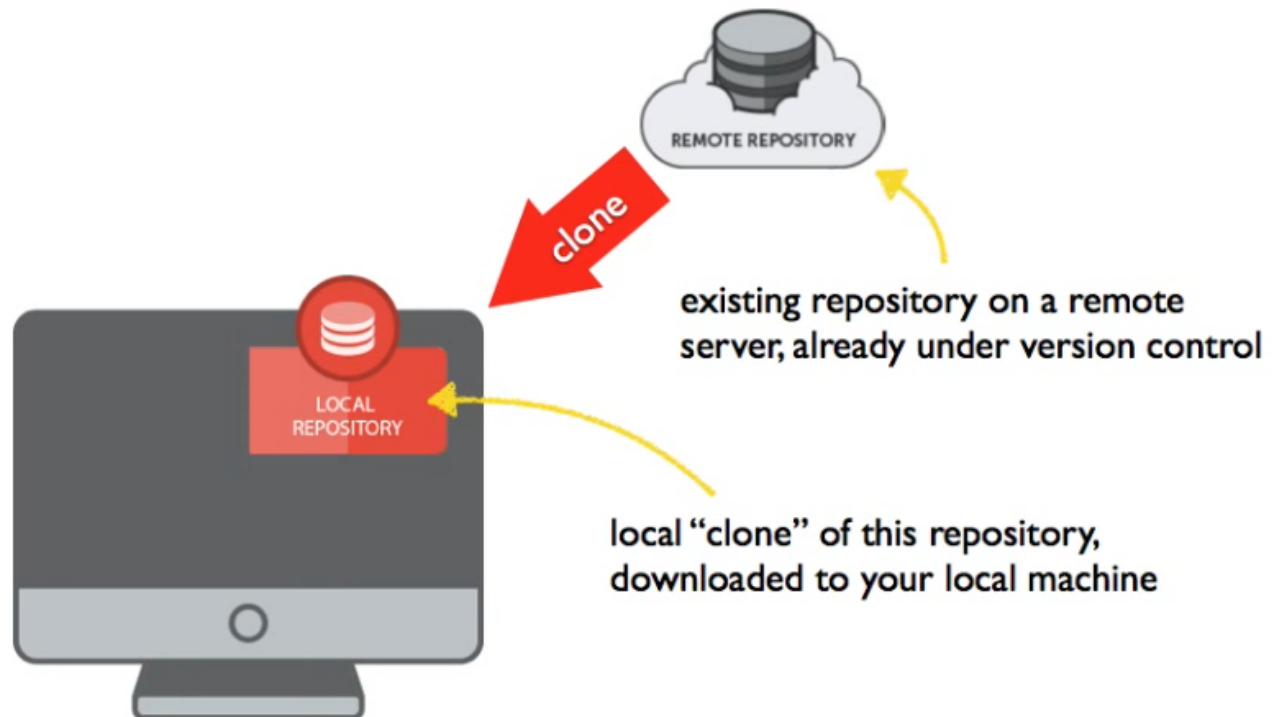
local project...  
that is **not** under version control, yet



# GIT

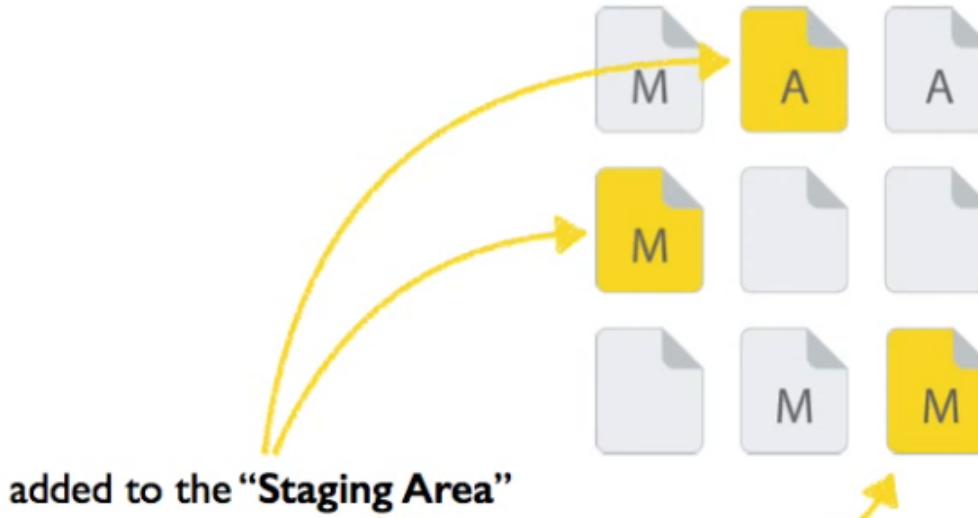


# GIT



GIT

Which changes shall be part  
of the **next commit?**



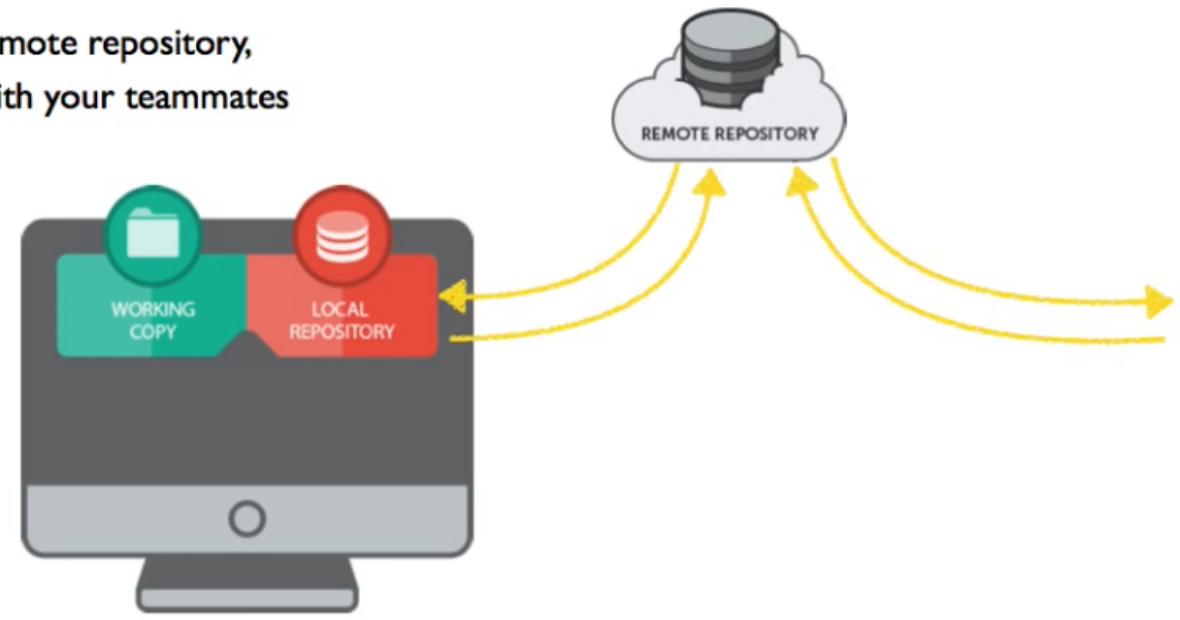
# GIT

Only **staged changes** are saved in the local repository as a new **commit**



# GIT

[Optional] Through a remote repository,  
data can be exchanged with your teammates



# GIT DIFF

- **Compares two versions of a file**
  - Modified versus last commit
  - “chunks”
  - Lines added, lines removed

Compared Files a/b

File Metadata

Markers for a/b

Chunk Header

Changes (1)

Chunk Header

Changes (2)

Chunk Header

Changes (3)

```
diff --git a/activesupport/test/test_cases.rb b/activesupport/test/test_cases.rb
index bbeb710..9b62295 100644
--- a/activesupport/test/constantize_test_cases.rb
+++ b/activesupport/test/constantize_test_cases.rb
@@ -34,6 +34,8 @@ module ConstantizeTestCases
  assert_equal Case::Dice, yield("Object::Case::Dice")
  assert_equal ConstantizeTestCases, yield("ConstantizeTestCases")
  assert_equal ConstantizeTestCases, yield("::ConstantizeTestCases")
+ assert_equal Object, yield("")
+ assert_equal Object, yield(":")
 assert_raises(NameError) { yield("UnknownClass") }
 assert_raises(NameError) { yield("UnknownClass::Ace") }
 assert_raises(NameError) { yield("UnknownClass::Ace::Base") }
@@ -43,8 +45,6 @@ module ConstantizeTestCases
  assert_raises(NameError) { yield("Ace::Base::ConstantizeTestCases") }
  assert_raises(NameError) { yield("Ace::Gas::Base") }
  assert_raises(NameError) { yield("Ace::Gas::ConstantizeTestCases") }
- assert_raises(NameError) { yield("") }
- assert_raises(NameError) { yield(":") }
end

def run_safe_constantize_tests_on
@@ -58,8 +58,8 @@ module ConstantizeTestCases
  assert_equal Case::Dice, yield("Object::Case::Dice")
  assert_equal ConstantizeTestCases, yield("ConstantizeTestCases")
  assert_equal ConstantizeTestCases, yield("::ConstantizeTestCases")
- assert_nil yield("")
- assert_nil yield(":")
+ assert_equal Object, yield("")
+ assert_equal Object, yield(":")
  assert_nil yield("UnknownClass")
  assert_nil yield("UnknownClass::Ace")
  assert_nil yield("UnknownClass::Ace::Base")
```

**Chunk**

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```
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:CSCI3308-GitSample sreeshanath$ git diff  
diff --git a/index.html b/index.html  
index 02ee7de..bea125e 100644  
--- a/index.html  
+++ b/index.html  
@@ -3,7 +3,7 @@  
 </head>  
 <body>  
     <p>  
-        This is some sample text  
+        I modified this text now  
    </p>  
 </body>  
 </html>  
\ No newline at end of file
```

## UPDATE CONFLICTS



Conflicts happen when developers edit the same code and it cannot be automatically merged



In practice, can be reduced by adequate communication and coding strategy



Requires manual intervention

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION



Merge tools (text-based or GUI based) Often the same tool as Diff



Line-by-line comparison; allows user to choose which lines to keep



Once complete, “mark resolve” and commit

## STARTING A NEW GIT REPOSITORY

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Assume you have a file system  
containing your project's code modules

---

Navigate to that directory

---

**git init** creates your local repo

```
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:github sreeshanath$ mkdir CSCI3308-GitSample
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:github sreeshanath$ cd CSCI3308-GitSample
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:CSCI3308-GitSample sreeshanath$ ls -la
total 0
drwxr-xr-x  2 sreeshanath  staff   64 Sep 17 15:27 .
drwxr-xr-x  6 sreeshanath  staff  192 Sep 17 15:27 ..
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:CSCI3308-GitSample sreeshanath$ git init
Initialized empty Git repository in /Users/sreeshanath/Documents/GitHub/CSCI3308
-GitSample/.git/
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:CSCI3308-GitSample sreeshanath$ ls -la
total 0
drwxr-xr-x  3 sreeshanath  staff   96 Sep 17 15:28 .
drwxr-xr-x  6 sreeshanath  staff  192 Sep 17 15:27 ..
drwxr-xr-x  9 sreeshanath  staff  288 Sep 17 15:28 .git
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:CSCI3308-GitSample sreeshanath$ ls -la
total 24
drwxr-xr-x  5 sreeshanath  staff  160 Sep 17 15:29 .
drwxr-xr-x  6 sreeshanath  staff  192 Sep 17 15:29 ..
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sreeshanath  staff  6148 Sep 17 15:30 .DS_Store
drwxr-xr-x  9 sreeshanath  staff  288 Sep 17 15:28 .git
-rw-r--r--@ 1 sreeshanath  staff    44 Sep 17 15:29 index.html
```

## Working Copy

Your Project's Files



tracked

...modified



tracked

...unmodified



untracked



## Staging Area

Changes for Next Commit

```
[enrgr2-0-158-dhcp:csci3308-gitsample sreeshanath$ git status
```

```
On branch newbranch
```

```
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/newbranch'.
```

```
Untracked files:
```

```
(use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
```

```
.DS_Store
```

```
sampletextfile.txt
```

## Local Repo

".git" Folder

## Working Copy

Your Project's Files



tracked

...modified



tracked

...unmodified



untracked

?

## Staging Area

Changes for Next Commit

```
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:csci3308-gitsample sreeshanath$ git status
On branch newbranch
Your branch is ahead of 'origin/newbranch' by 1 commit.
  (use "git push" to publish your local commits)

Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
    (use "git checkout -- <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)

          modified:   sampletextfile.txt
```

## Local Repo

".git" Folder

## Working Copy

Your Project's Files



tracked

...modified



tracked

...unmodified



untracked

## Staging Area

Changes for Next Commit



staged

## Local Repo

".git" Folder



committed

```
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:csci3308-gitsample sreeshanath]$ git add .
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:csci3308-gitsample sreeshanath]$ git status
On branch newbranch
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/newbranch'.
```

Changes to be committed:

(use "git reset HEAD <file>..." to unstage)

new file: .DS\_Store

new file: sampletextfile.txt

## Working Copy

Your Project's Files



tracked

...modified



tracked

...unmodified



untracked

## Staging Area

Changes for Next Commit



staged

## Local Repo

".git" Folder



committed

```
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:csci3308-gitsample sreeshanath$ git commit -m "Adding a new file"
[newbranch c403197] Adding a new file
 2 files changed, 1 insertion(+)
  create mode 100644 .DS_Store
  create mode 100644 sampletextfile.txt
```

```
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:CSCI3308-GitSample sreeshanath$ git remote add origin https://github.com/SreeshaNath/CSCI3308-GitSample.git
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:CSCI3308-GitSample sreeshanath$ git push -u origin master
    ]
  Enumerating objects: 3, done.
  Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
  Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 242 bytes | 242.00 KiB/s, done.
  Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
  To https://github.com/SreeshaNath/CSCI3308-GitSample.git
    * [new branch]      master -> master
  Branch 'master' set up to track remote branch 'master' from 'origin'.
```

```
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:CSCI3308-GitSample sreeshanath$ git branch newBranch1
[engr2-0-158-dhcp:CSCI3308-GitSample sreeshanath$ git branch
  *
* master
  newBranch1
```

## LINKS TO ONLINE VIDEO TRAINING

- <https://try.github.io> (start here)
- <https://www.git-tower.com/learn/git/videos> (11 free videos)

# GIT RECAP

- `git help`
- `git init` – prepares your local git
- `git clone` – copies central repo to local copy (once)
- `git add` – stages for commit
- `git commit` – copies staged work to repo
- `git branch` – shows all branches
- `git checkout` – switches branches
- `git merge` – merges with master
- `git diff` – shows changes
- `git fetch` – moves updated code from remote repo to local
- `git pull` – fetch + merge to local (integrates into local)