



INTRODUCTION TO VERSION CONTROL

Time travel for beginners

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Part I: Why should I care about versions?

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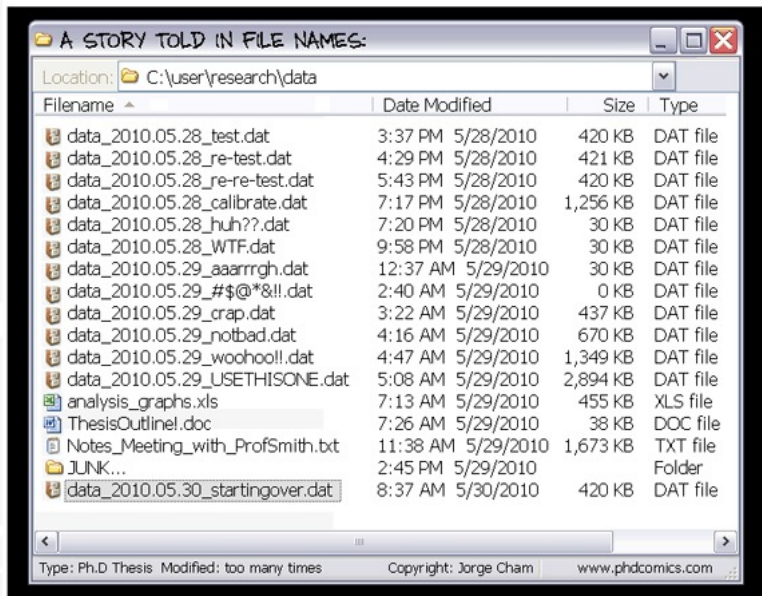


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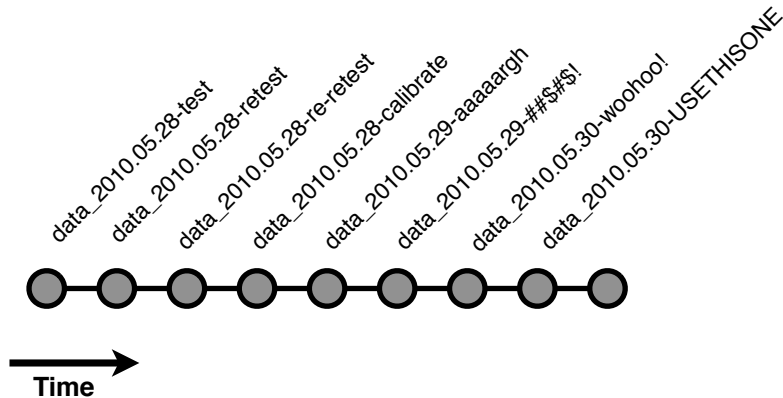
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The history of a project can be
viewed as a series of changes

Changes

- A unique identifier
- What changed?
- When did it change?
- Who changed it?
- Why did it change?



Part II: Version Control Systems

DIFFERENT VERSION CONTROL SYSTEMS



GIT

distributed system



Mercurial

distributed system



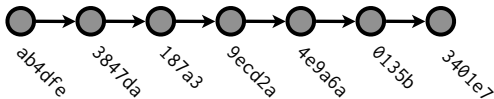
SVN

centralized system

GIT

- only selected version present on disc
- history stored in hidden .git folder
- smart version handling for text based files by using file differences
- user generated commit messages provide reason for and small summary of change

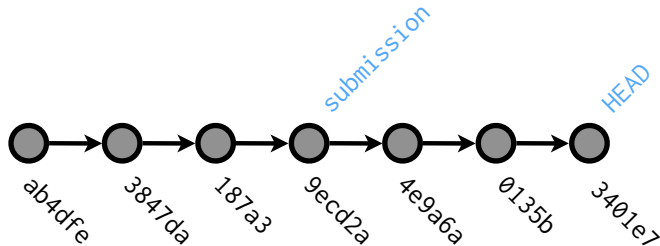
With git, each change (**commit**) is given a unique identifier, called a **sha**



The sha is a key into a database that provides the author, date, and a description

GIT

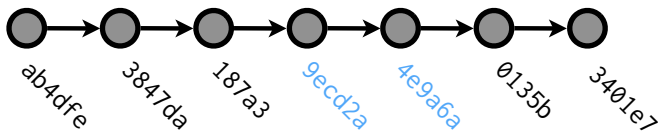
You can also name individual commits



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git tag submission 9ecd2a
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GIT

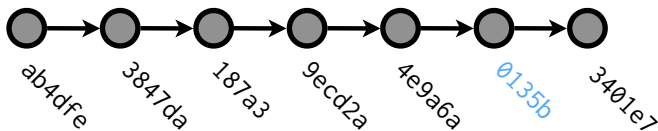
Then see exactly what's changed



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git diff 9ecd2a..4e9a6a
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GIT

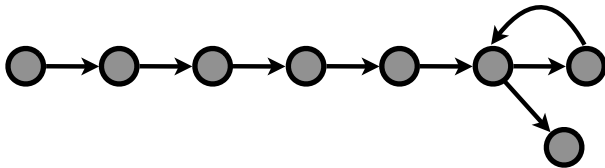
You can revert to a previous change with git checkout



git checkout 0135b

GIT

That allows you to undo mistakes



GIT INTERFACES



Git Cheat Sheet

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Create a Repository

From scratch -- Create a new local repository
`$ git init [project name]`
Download from an existing repository
`$ git clone my_url`

Observe your Repository

List new or modified files not yet committed
`$ git status`
Show the changes to files not yet staged
`$ git diff`
Show the changes to staged files
`$ git diff --cached`
Show all staged and unstaged file changes
`$ git diff HEAD`
Show the changes between two commit ids
`$ git diff commit1 commit2`
List the change dates and authors for a file
`$ git blame [file]`
Show the file changes for a commit id and/or file
`$ git show [commit]:[file]`
Show full change history
`$ git log`
Show change history for file/directory including diffs
`$ git log -p [file/directory]`

Working with Branches

List all local branches
`$ git branch`
List all branches, local and remote
`$ git branch -av`
Switch to a branch, my_branch, and update working directory
`$ git checkout my_branch`
Create a new branch called new_branch
`$ git branch new_branch`
Delete the branch called my_branch
`$ git branch -d my_branch`
Merge branch_a into branch_b
`$ git checkout branch_b`
`$ git merge branch_a`
Tag the current commit
`$ git tag my_tag`

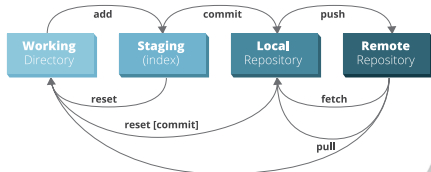
Make a change

Stages the file, ready for commit
`$ git add [file]`
Stage all changed files, ready for commit
`$ git add .`
Commit all staged files to versioned history
`$ git commit -m "commit message"`
Commit all your tracked files to versioned history
`$ git commit -am "commit message"`
Unstages file, keeping the file changes
`$ git reset [file]`
Revert everything to the last commit
`$ git reset --hard`

Synchronize

Get the latest changes from origin (no merge)
`$ git fetch`
Fetch the latest changes from origin and merge
`$ git pull`
Fetch the latest changes from origin and rebase
`$ git pull --rebase`
Push local changes to the origin
`$ git push`
Finally!
When in doubt, use git help
`$ git command --help`


Or visit <https://training.github.com/> for official GitHub training.



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http://files.zereturnaround.com/pdf/zt_git_cheat_sheet.pdf

GIT INTERFACES

 --distributed-even-if-your-workflow-isnt

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The entire **Pro Git** book written by Scott Chacon and Ben Straub is available to read online for free. Dead tree versions are available on Amazon.com.

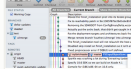
GUI Clients

Git comes with built-in GUI tools for committing (`git-gui`) and browsing (`gitk`), but there are several third-party tools for users looking for platform-specific experience.

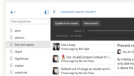
If you want to add another GUI tool to this list, just [follow the instructions](#).

[All](#) [Windows](#) [Mac](#) [Linux](#) [Android](#) [iOS](#)

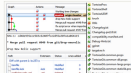
19 Windows GUIs are shown below ↓



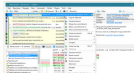
SourceTree
Platform: Mac, Windows
Price: Free
License: Proprietary




GitHub Desktop
Platform: Mac, Windows
Price: Free
License: MIT



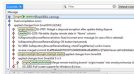
TortoiseGit
Platform: Windows
Price: Free
License: GNU GPL



Git Extensions
Platform: Linux, Mac, Windows
Price: Free
License: GNU GPL



GitKraken
Platform: Linux, Mac, Windows
Price: Free for non-commercial use
License: Proprietary



SmartGit
Platform: Linux, Mac, Windows
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<https://git-scm.com/download/gui>

GIT INTERFACES

The screenshot shows a web-based Git interface for a repository named `phd_meeting` located at `~/presentations/2018-07-02_INM-Retreat`. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Left sidebar:** Contains navigation links for "All commits", "Branches", "Remotes", and "Tags". The "master" branch is currently selected under "Branches".
- Commit history:** A list of commits on the master branch. The most recent commit is titled "finished introduction" by Julia Sprenger, pushed 29 minutes ago. The commit message lists several tasks: "add basic repo description", "update gitignore not to include source files", "add compiled pdf version", "add first set of graphics", and "Add first tex version and ignore intermediate latex files".
- Commit details:** Below the commit list, the details for the selected commit are shown, including the author's name (Julia Sprenger), email (`julia.sprenger@rwth-aachen.de`), and the commit hash (`01ae34ff225b5b55ac12d3dfb626d4f9bb3fc13`).
- Diff view:** The "Expand all" button is visible. The diff shows changes to `introduction_version_control.pdf` and `introduction_version_control.tex`. The `introduction_version_control.tex` file shows a diff between a previous version (lines 10-13) and the current version (lines 14-15). The changes include adding LaTeX packages like `\usepackage{babel}`, `\usepackage{utf8}{inputenc}`, `\usepackage{hyperref}`, `\usepackage{labelfont=bf}{caption}`, `\usepackage{colorlinks=true, urlcolor=blue}{hyperref}`, and `\usepackage{pdfpages}`. The title and subtitle are also updated.

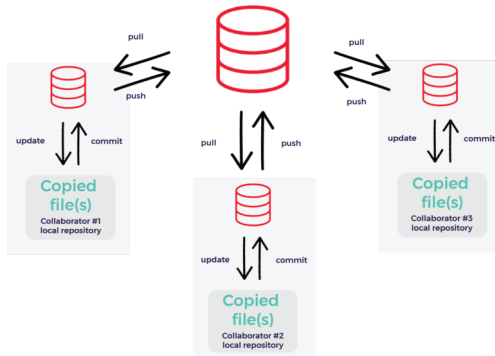


Part III: Collective Version Control

COLLABORATIVE CHAOS CONTROL

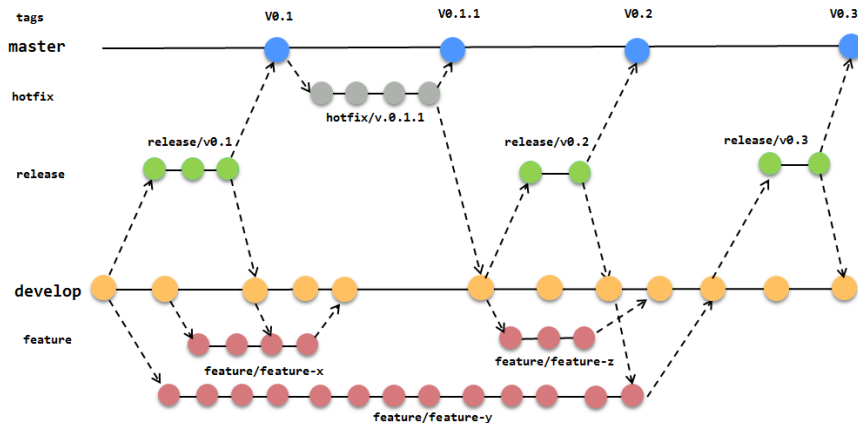
Distributed Version Control

Main Server Repository

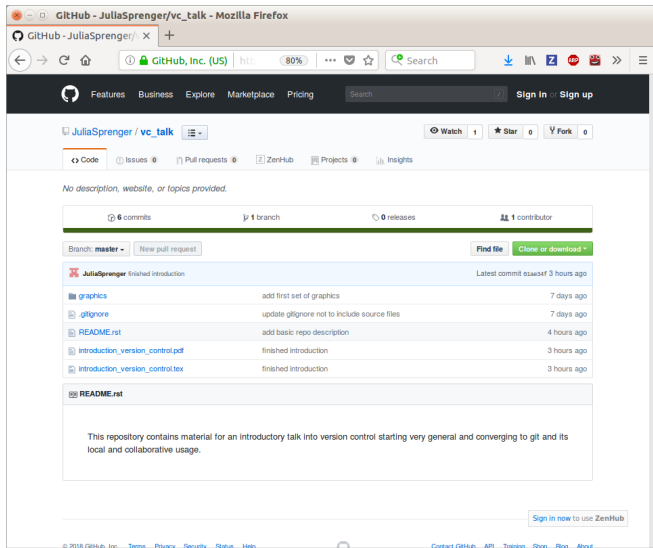


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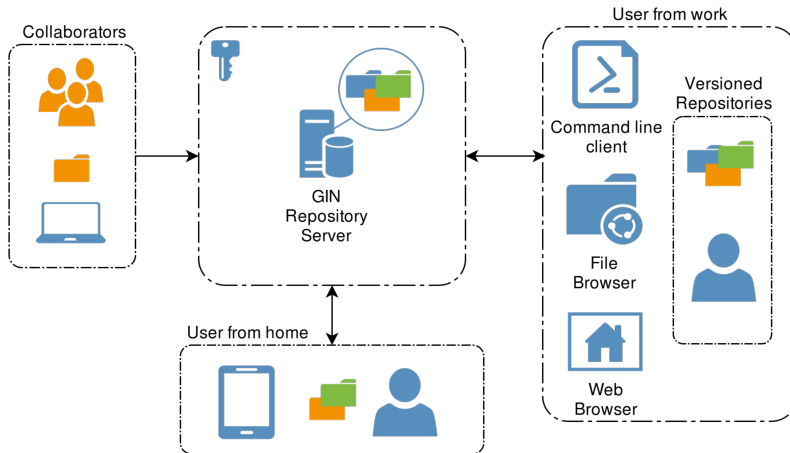
COLLABORATIVE CHAOS CONTROL



<https://fpy.cz/pub/slides/git-workshop>



- visualization of repository content and changes
- issue collection & discussion
- pull requests
- statistics
- **public** & private repositories





Part IV: Version Control for 'big data'

GIT-ANNEX & GIN



GIT-ANNEX

<https://git-annex.branchable.com>

- better suited for large and binary files
- large files are only copied when necessary
- large files are only downloaded by request

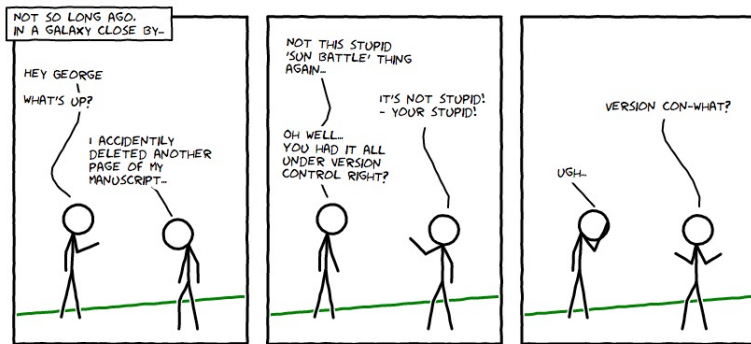


<https://web.gin.g-node.org>

- data management service based on git and git-annex
- public & private repositories
- DOI service
- version controlled
- open source
- developed and hosted by German Neuroinformatics Node

SUMMARY

- Version control can help manage your files for
 - local projects
 - collaborative projects via GitHub
- GIT is a distributed version control system ideal for text based files
- GIT-ANNEX extends GIT functionality to also cover large, binary files
- GIN is a data management platform using GIT and GIT-ANNEX



<http://smutch.github.io/VersionControlTutorial>

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For new time travel fans: Hands-on GIT session in a future PhD Meeting



<https://www.newscientist.com/article/dn28374-back-to-the-future-does-physics-of-martys-time-travel-add-up/>

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READS

This presentation is available at https://github.com/JuliaSprenger/vc_talk

Inspiration for this presentation comes from

- Version Control Tutorial & GIT

<https://github.com/rstudio/webinars/tree/master/06-Collaboration-and-time-travel-version-control>

More interesting references

- GIT cheat sheet

<https://services.github.com/on-demand/downloads/github-git-cheat-sheet.pdf>

- Interactive GIT cheat sheet <http://ndpsoftware.com/git-cheatsheet.html>

- GitHub <https://github.com>

- GIN data management platform <https://web.gin.g-node.org>