

Github – Version Control

Version Control and its importance

- A way to track file changes over time
- A way to allow collaboration on a large project / set of files
- Not exclusive to software development, but it is most commonly used in Software Development
- Allows changes to be rolled back, code reviews, sharing and backing up with ease.

Git – Linus Torvalds

- Git is the most popular implementation of a version control system
- Developed by Linus, the same man that created Linux (sees git as his greatest creation)
- The git.exe is used by our dev environment to "commit" our files to github

Github

- Github is one implement of a "repository" for people to run version control.
- Not the same as git, more a file and folder store with some git tools built in, other you need to have locally.
- MS product... sorry
- Most popular versioning repository system

Key terms you will use

- Main – One truth / main / most important code base
- Branch – makes a "copy" of the code allows you to try without affecting main
- Commit – uploads the current set of files to version control as the latest version
- Push – sends the files to the central repository
- Update / Pull – Pulls down the latest version of the project files from the repo
- Conflict – When the files you have locally are conflicting when you are trying to upload to the main branch of code

In industry

- Pull Request – You ask for your code to be checked then denied or committed to the main
- Merge – Used when a branch is merged into the main
- Fix – When code is added that fixes an issue, but doesn't increment the version overall
- Plus many more

Why github

- There are alternatives
- Hub is the most popular, gives you a lot of storage freedom
- Everyone loves the commit graph