GitHub

A short introduction

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Example

Imagine you work **together with a colleague** on one script. You decide for the following workflow: Your colleague writes some new code in the script and send it via mail to you and you do the same. You do this for a few rounds and after a while you recognise that the code does not work anymore and you are not able to get the current script running again. If you thought about such a scenario before, you might have saved every **version** of this file. In this case you would have to check the changes made in every single file to find the error. If not you need to remeber all the **changes** which have been made.

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- can also be used to backup and document your work

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- directly on https://github.com/
- git bash command line
- with a graphical user interface (GUI) on your computer e.g. https://www.sourcetreeapp.com/

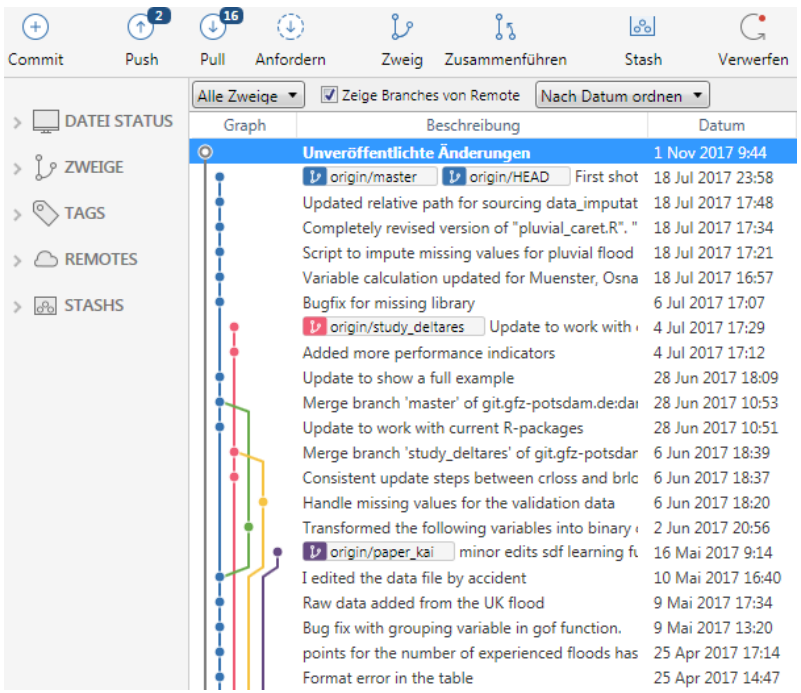

Figure 1: Example of source tree

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Repository

- This is more a less a folder which is (version) controlled by GitHub; can be public or private (requires payment)

Clone

- get a remote repository and your local machine (computer)

Commit

- Commit (and comment) changes made to a file to the repository on your local machine

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Push

- Local commits are getting uploaded to the remote repository

Pull

- Remote commits are getting downloaded loaded to your local machine (computer)

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- push the changes on the remote repository

A few more links

- https://rogerdudler.github.io/git-guide/index.de.html
- https://book.git-scm.com/
- http://marklodato.github.io/visual-git-guide/index-en.html