# CAB302 Software Development Lecture 7 — Source Control

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# Aims of the Week 7 lecture and practical session

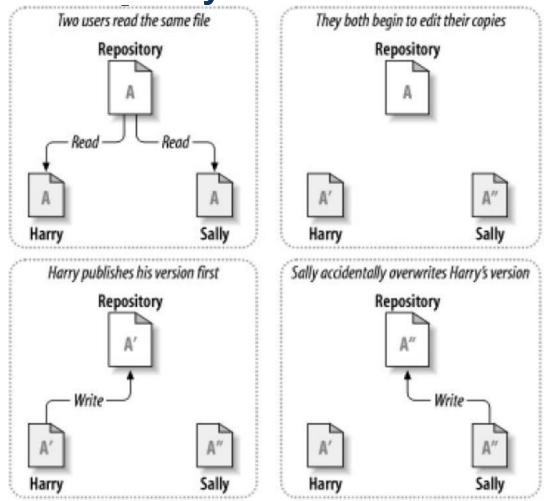
- To understand the history and different approaches to source control and version management
- To understand the most important concepts common to source control systems – especially commits, staging, file differences and patches, repositories and repository snapshots.
- To understand the consequences of poor version management and the conflicts that may arise
- To get practical experience of the use of an industry standard distributed source control system

#### **Agenda**

- Why source control matters
- Some history and some earlier approaches
  - The centralised diff and patch model
- Understanding the basics of Source Control via SVN
- The move to distributed source control
- Working with Git
- And working with Git



**Why it Matters** 



http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0098635/ Source: SVN Help



#### Why we need revision control

- Configuration management and source control are essential for any professional developer
- Even on small, single developer projects you should get into the habit of checking your code into a version control system
- It forces you to back up your work
- You have a fortress of working code to which you can retreat when the next changes make a mess of your system
  - This is incredibly important
  - Maintain both a development version and a stable version
- You can recreate any version of the system
  - Crucial for support of released products



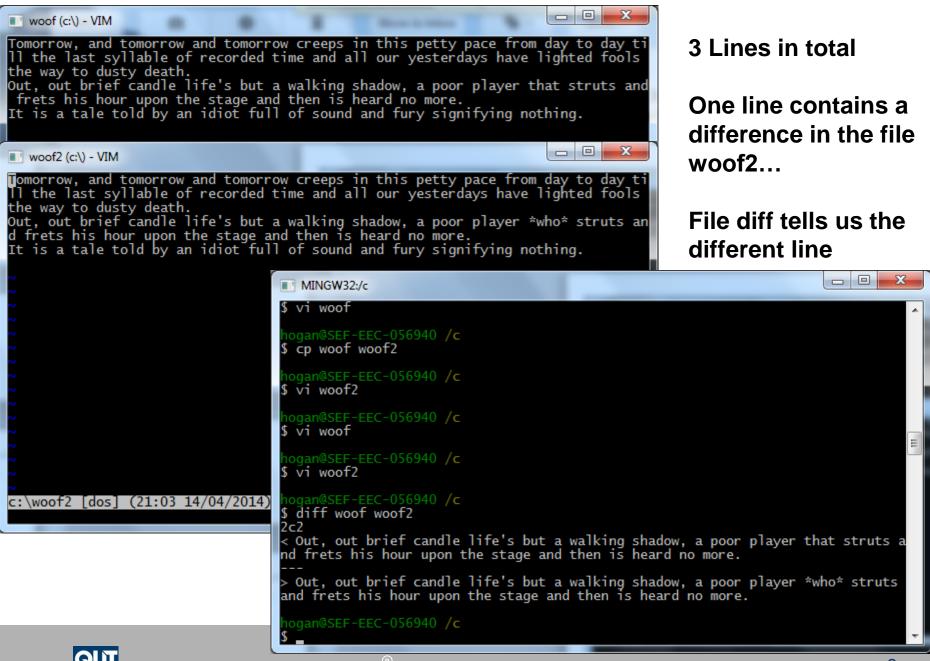
#### Version control principles

- Source Control System cardinal rule #1:
  - It is okay to have a local source control system on your machine,
     but you really must have a repository or copy elsewhere
  - It doesn't help much if your code is complete and beautifully versioned if your hard drive crashes
- Source Control System cardinal rule #2:
  - It is better to have too much stuff under version control than to have too little
  - Test source must be part of the version control story
  - Documentation, planning documents, etc, can all go into the mix as long as the structure is sensible

#### **Some History**

- Revision control systems arrived early, but still surprisingly late
- Quick history may be found here:
  - https://code.google.com/p/pysync/wiki/VCSHistory
  - We will play acronym guessing games in the lecture
  - Or you can look them up as you go
- We begin with SCCS (Bell Labs, 1972; IBM 370)
- RCS (early versions of unix, mid 1970s)
- Both of these offered revision control on a local system
- Maintain a careful database of revisions or patches
  - Keep the files, but also store the file diffs
  - Recreate any version at all by 'adding up the diffs'



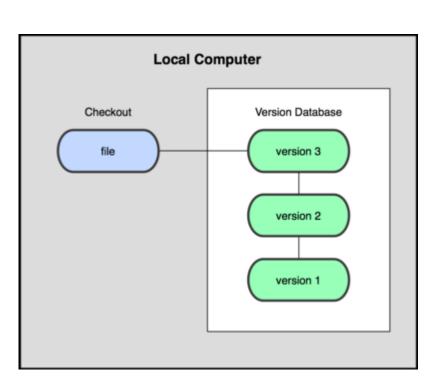


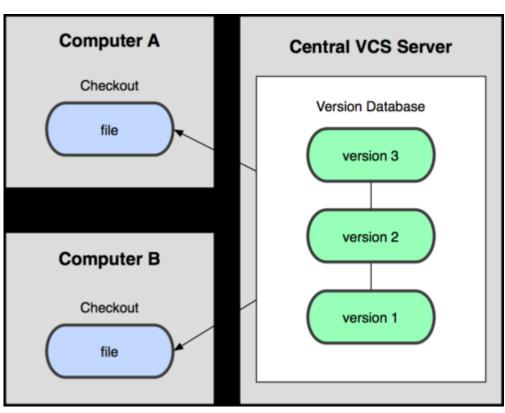
# Some History (2)

- But locality has its limitations we need to cater for a team
- CVS (successor to RCS, and a major system for many years)
  - First true central repo system in wide use
  - The first one we really taught in SE classes
  - Clearly legacy, but still in use through inertia
  - http://www.nongnu.org/cvs/
- Succeeded by SVN (Subversion) <a href="http://subversion.apache.org/">http://subversion.apache.org/</a>
  - Still in very wide use (see a little later for details)
  - Great documentation: <a href="http://svnbook.red-bean.com/">http://svnbook.red-bean.com/</a>
  - Lots of tool support (Tortoise; plugins)
  - [Stack Overflow question was here, but now dead…]



#### **Local vs Central Repositories**





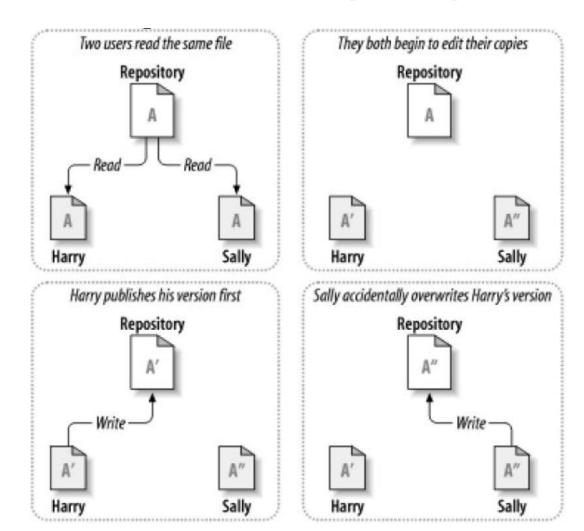
See chapter 1 of *The Git Book*: http://git-scm.com/book



#### The Story So far

- We have moved from local to central repositories
- But we have mainly kept faith with the patch model
- When we moved to the centralised model, we introduced the idea of a checkout – making a local copy of some code
- Hmmm, let's think about this:
  - Any team member can check out any file from the repo
  - So multiple versions of the same file
  - Edited by different people?
  - At different times?
  - At the same time?

#### **Version control principles**





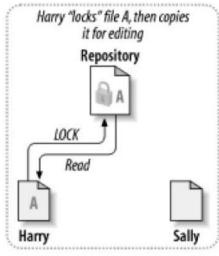
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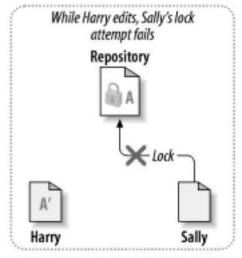
## **Version Control and Sanity**

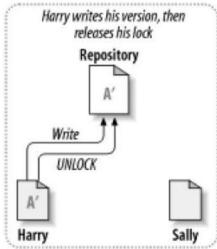
- This may not end well, even for Harry and Sally
- We can: Harmonise the changes somehow by making some sort of decision on which line wins and which one loses
  - [This involves a merge of the code]
  - Inevitably difficult to negotiate
- Or: Avoid the problem in the first place by ensuring that only one person can deal with each file at a time
  - [This involves the use of a lock]
  - Needs to have software support

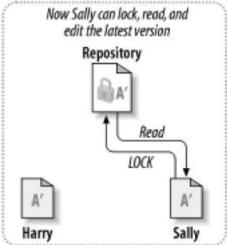


#### **Solution 2: The Lock**







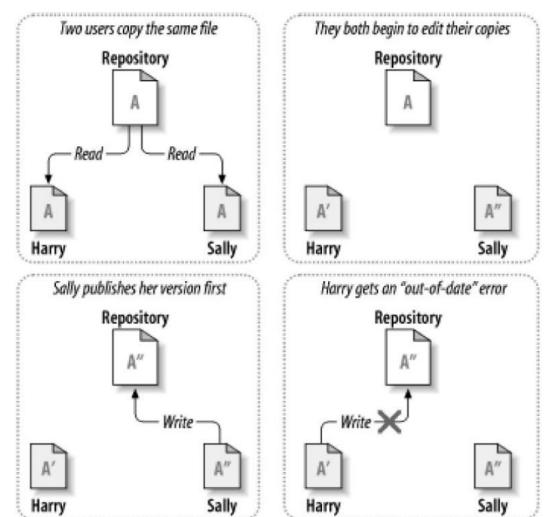


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#### The Lock

- In Summary: lock-modify-unlock
  - Ensure that only one developer is allowed to modify a particular class at a given time
  - Disadvantages:
    - Unnecessary serialisation of development steps
    - Programmers who forget to release their lock!
    - Doesn't consider dependencies between classes that may both be out to different people at the same time
- [Note for later: this lock is directly analogous to the lock mechanism in threads – here the developer has the lock ]

# **Solution 1: The Merge (1)**



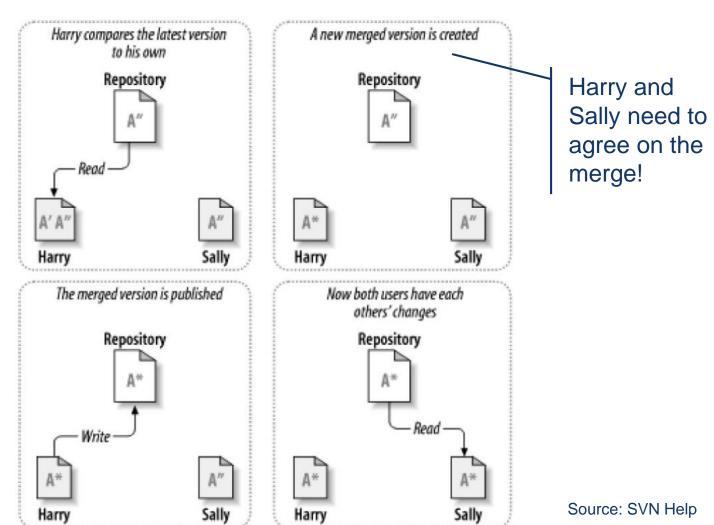


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#### **Solution 1: The Merge**

- In summary: copy-modify-merge
  - Each developer has unrestricted check-out access
  - Each developer edits the source and commits their changes asynchronously to the repository
  - The version control system performs diff operations on the versions committed to the repository and identifies conflicts
- Conflict resolution still requires human intervention
  - Sorry, but this doesn't mean you can stop talking to your colleagues communication remains key
  - "Conflict resolution" may thus be understood in a number of senses ©

# **Solution 1: The Merge (2)**





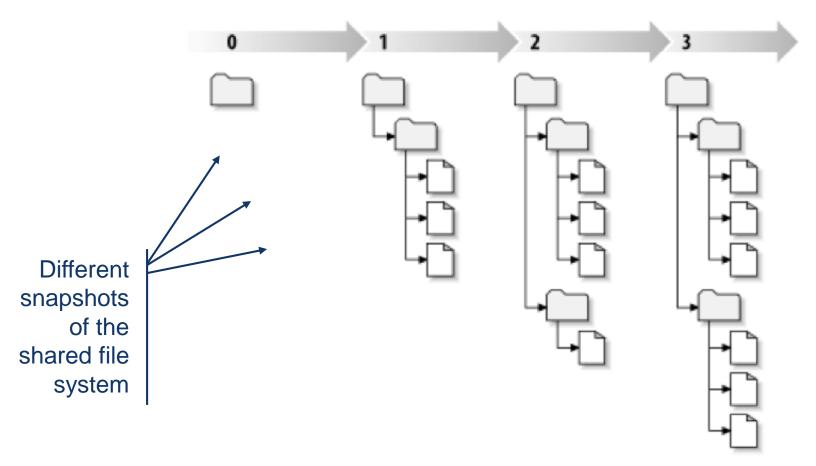


#### **Version control with SVN**

- Subversion (SVN) is one of many version control systems available
- SVN is the dominant centralised open source SCM system
  - CVS was for a long time the major player, but it's ugly and awkward
  - Like make, CVS will wither and die in time
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- Other systems include:
  - Microsoft Team Foundation Server (TFVC or git)
  - (IBM) Rational Clear Case
  - Git and Mercurial (very different; see more later)

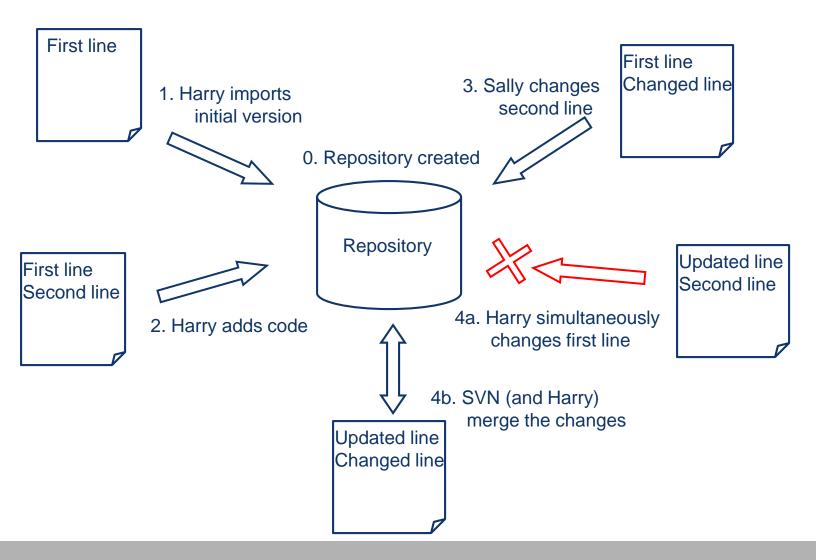


# The repository



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#### Subversion 'demo'



#### Subversion (command line) demo

```
subversion-demo.txt
$ synadmin create repository
$ mkdir project
$ emacs project/program.txt # Add "First line of code" to file
$ svn import project file://.../repository/project -m "Initial version"
Addina
               project/program.txt
Committed revision 1.
$ svn checkout file://.../repository/project workarea
    workarea/program.txt
Checked out revision 1.
$ ls
project
               repository
                                workarea
$ emacs workarea/program.txt # Append "Second line of code" to file
$ svn status workarea
        workarea/program.txt
$ svn commit workarea -m "Added second line of code"
Sending
               workarea/program.txt
Transmitting file data .
Committed revision 2.
$ svn checkout file://.../repository/project workarea
Checked out revision 2.
$ svn checkout file://.../repository/project workarea2
    workarea2/proaram.txt
Checked out revision 2.
$ emacs workarea2/program.txt # Change "Second" to "Changed"
$ svn commit workarea2 -m "Changed second line of code"
               workarea2/program.txt
Sendina
Transmitting file data .
Committed revision 3.
$ emacs workarea/program.txt # Change "First" to "Updated"
```



#### Subversion (command line) demo

```
subversion-demo.txt
$ svn commit workarea -m "Simultaneously updated first line of code"
         workarea/program.txt
Sendina
svn: Commit failed (details follow):
syn: File '/project/program.txt' is out of date
$ svn update workarea
G workarea/program.txt
Updated to revision 3.
$ more workarea/program.txt
Updated line of code
Changed line of code
$ svn commit workarea -m "Merged with change to first line"
            workarea/program.txt
Transmitting file data .
Committed revision 4.
$ syn checkout file://.../repository/project workarea
Checked out revision 4.
$ svn log workarea
r4 | fidgec | 2010-04-29 13:06:50 +1000 (Thu, 29 Apr 2010) | 1 line
Merged with change to first line
r3 | fidgec | 2010-04-29 13:01:52 +1000 (Thu, 29 Apr 2010) | 1 line
Changed second line of code
r2 | fidgec | 2010-04-29 12:55:14 +1000 (Thu, 29 Apr 2010) | 1 line
Added second line of code
r1 | fidgec | 2010-04-29 12:53:27 +1000 (Thu, 29 Apr 2010) | 1 line
Initial version
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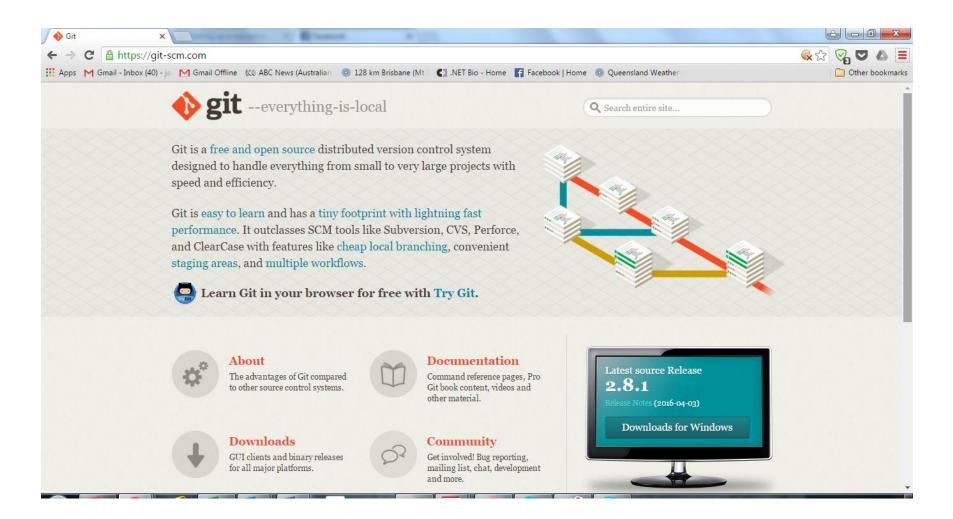


## The Story so Far (Continued)

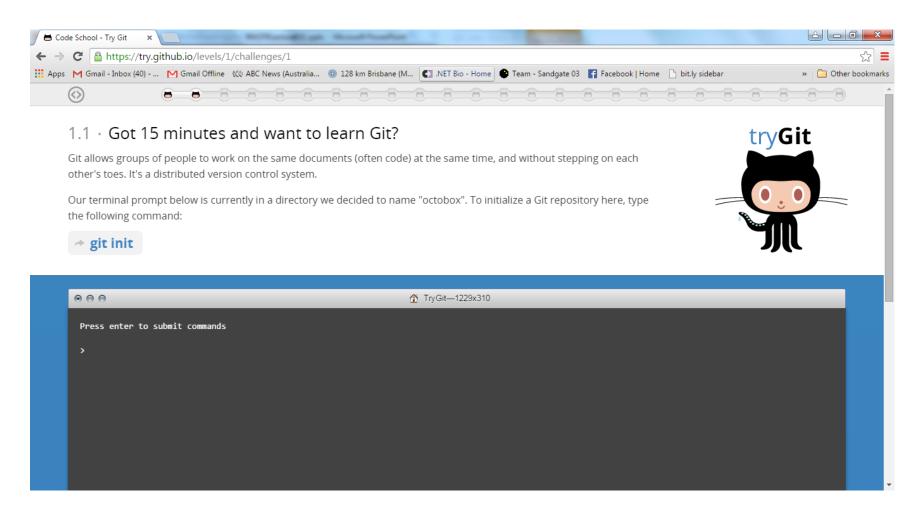
- We have now introduced a history of traditional version control with some focus on the issues that arise with a central repo
- SVN is the best example for modern centralised source control
- But the world is moving toward a distributed model.
- Centralised servers have some disadvantages:
  - Central point of failure
  - Latency if remote
  - Inaccessibility if off-line, making team work unnecessarily sequential rather than parallel, introducing conflicts
  - (Same for local repos of course)
- Distributed version control means multiple copies...



#### **GIT**



# http://try.github.com/



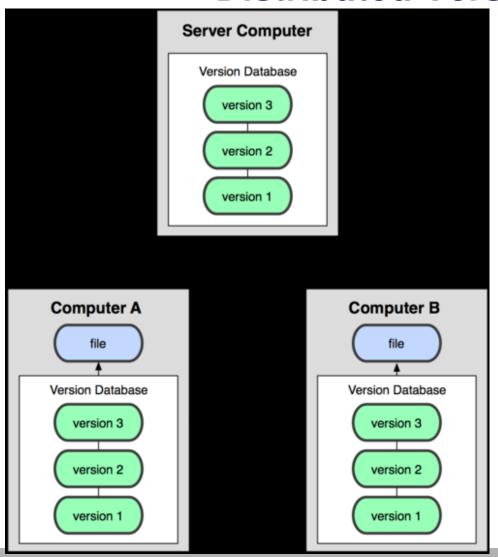


#### **Version Control with Git**



- With Git, everything is local
- SVN et al rely on a defined central repository
- With Git, everyone has a copy of the whole repository, and a history of how it got to be that way.
- So, updates are much faster as there is less network use
- Greater flexibility in merging and branching
- Main danger with Git is trap of having only one repository,
  - A danger not restricted to Git
- Use a local one on your machine, and then get one from Bitbucket or Github or set one up on another server.

#### **Distributed Version Control**



Note the difference – we don't just check out the current version of the file we are working on, we are maintaining a copy of the entire repo

This means that we have very low latency for file inspection, copy and comparisons.

The idea of a file lock is essentially meaningless

But we still have the file merge to consider.

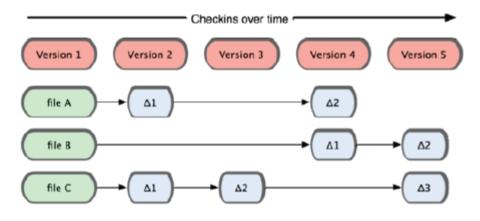
#### **DVCS History**

- Bitkeeper (early 2000s) used in the Linux project via a free license
- As with Harry and Sally's commits, this didn't end well
- Linus Torvalds led development of a new DVCS with goals:
  - Speed
  - Simple design
  - Strong support for non-linear development (thousands of parallel branches)
  - Fully distributed
  - Able to handle the Linux project scale (D'Oh!)
- Fundamentally different view of the project data
  - Earlier: series of diffs from original version
  - Git: series of whole snapshots

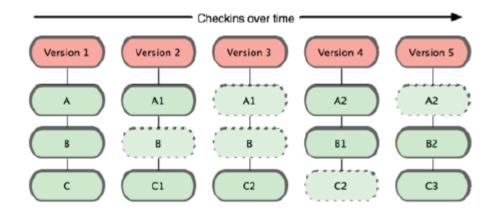


## **Repo Vision**

# RCS, CVS, SVN view



#### Git view



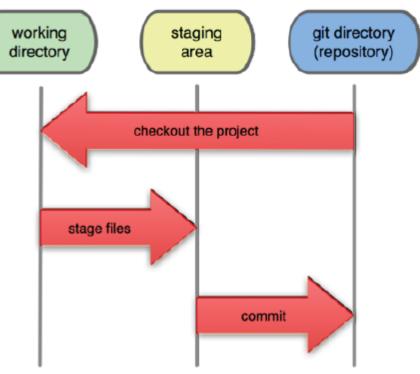
#### The Git Worldview

Git directory – repo and project metadata

Working directory – checkout of the latest version of the project. May contain files you have modified, but not staged or committed.

Staging area – file indicating the modified files in the working directory to be included in the next commit.

# Local Operations



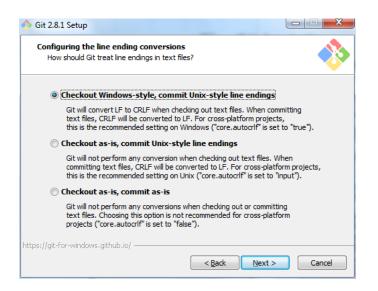


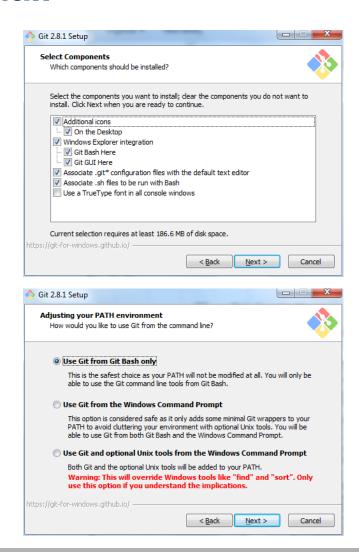
# **Working with Git**

- For the remainder of the lecture we will work with some very basic local and remote Git operations.
- These are crucial to understanding the idea of Source Control and working with a repository in practice
- Mostly our work is drawn from Chapter 2 of the Git Book we make here only limited reference to branching. While this is crucial, we leave it to the prac as there is enough to deal with here.
- We begin with Git as a local installation and focus on a local repository.
- Over time, we will create another repository by cloning one from Bitbucket

#### The Git Install

- Install options matter
  - Explorer integration
  - Command line tools
  - CR/LF handling







## **Getting Started**

```
MINGW32:/c/Data/Assign1Release
$ mkdir Assign1Release
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data
$ cd Ass*
nogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release
$ git config --global user.name "James M. Hogan"
nogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release
$ git config --global user.email "j.hogan@gut.edu.au"
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release
$ git init
Initialized empty Git repository in c:/Data/Assign1Release/.git/
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
$ git status
On branch master
Initial commit
nothing to commit (create/copy files and use "git add" to track)
nogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
```

Assign1Release is an empty directory
I have set up my name and email, and initialised the empty repo
Status tells us that no files are yet available for commit



## **Getting Started**

```
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MINGW32:/c/Data/Assign1Release
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
On branch master
Initial commit
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
```

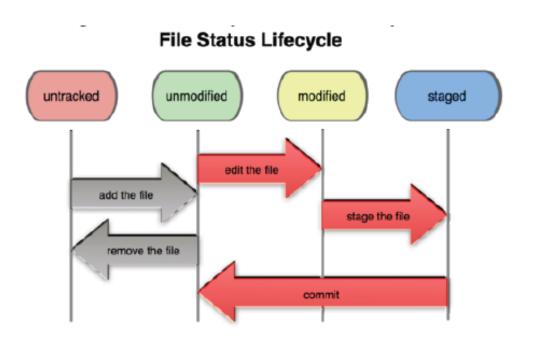
I have copied into the file system under Assign1Release the src and doc directories, and a dummy README file.

Git status tells us we have untracked files – files in the working directory unknown to Git

We make them available by using Git add – this is called staging



#### The Git Lifecycle



Note how *git commit* restores the status to unmodified

The working directory is a mix of files: most unchanged from the repo, some modified, some not tracked

Git uses checksums to tell whether the files have changed.

git add is overloaded

- Tells git to track files
- Tells git to stage tracked files that have been modified.
- (this applies recursively to directories of course)

git commit commits staged files



# **Getting Started**

```
- 0
MINGW32:/c/Data/Assign1Release
The file will have its original line endings in your working directory.
warning: LF will be replaced by CRLF in doc/index-files/index-8.html.
The file will have its original line endings in your working directory. warning: LF will be replaced by CRLF in doc/index-files/index-9.html.
The file will have its original line endings in your working directory.
hogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
$ git status
On branch master
Initial commit
Changes to be committed:
  (use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)
                     doc/allclasses-frame.html
        new file: doc/allclasses-noframe.html
        new file: doc/asgn1Collection/Collection.html
        new file: doc/asgn1Collection/Listing.html
                   doc/asgn1Collection/ListingException.html
                   doc/asgn1Collection/MovieCollection.html
                    doc/asgn1Collection/MovieListing.html
                    doc/asgn1Collection/class-use/Collection.html
                     doc/asgn1Collection/class-use/Listing.html
                     doc/asgn1Collection/class-use/ListingException.html
```

A git add src doc adds the directories recursively, and generates lots of warnings about line feeds.

The status shows the large number of files now in the staging area.



# **Changing Your Mind**

```
MINGW32:/c/Data/Assign1Release
                    src/asgn1Collection/MovieCollection.java
                    src/asgn1Collection/Snippet.java
                    src/asgn1Index/AbstractRecord.java
                    src/asgn1Index/AbstractRecordCollection.java
                    src/asgn1Index/Index.java
                    src/asgn1Index/IndexException.java
                    src/asgn1Query/Constants.java
                    src/asgn1Query/Log.java
                    src/asgn1Query/QueryComponents.java
                    src/asgn1Query/QueryException.java
                   src/asgn1Tests/IndexTests.java
                    src/asgn1Tests/MovieCollectionTests.java
                    src/asgn1Tests/Snippet.java
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
```

Add is recursive; remove is not. The syntax is careful. You either keep the file (--cached) or you don't (-f). Command to unstage doc: git rm --cached -r doc [Note that doc is now untracked again]. We can also checkout over the top of files in the workspace.



#### **Initial commit**

```
MINGW32:/c/Data/Assign1Release/.git
 create mode 100644 src/asgn1Query/QueryException.java
 create mode 100644 src/asgn1Tests/IndexTests.java create mode 100644 src/asgn1Tests/MovieCollectionTests.java
 create mode 100644 src/asgn1Tests/Snippet.java
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
$ 1s
README.txt doc src
hogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
$ 1s -a
  .. .git README.txt doc src
hogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
$ cd .git
hogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release/.git (GIT_DIR!)
$ 1s
COMMIT_EDITMSG config
                               hooks info objects
                 description index logs refs
HEAD
hogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release/.git (GIT_DIR!)
```

Commands here: git add. [stages everything] and then commit—m "Initial commit" Note the creation of files in the actual repository (top of screen). And then the file storage in .git which maintains the repository and all the associated metadata. Use git to manage this. DON'T edit



#### Some updates

```
MINGW32:/c/Data/Assign1Release
   an@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
On branch master
Changes to be committed:
  (use "git reset HEAD <file>..." to unstage)
                     src/asgn1Index/AbstractRecord.java
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)
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
 git commit -m "old README"
[master e025356] old README
2 files changed, 3 insertions(+), 3 deletions(-)
ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
```

I have now gone and edited the README and a Java file from the src. The git status command tells me that these changes haven't been staged, so we add. Crucial point: I now make a change to the README file and then commit. Do a status after the commit ©



# **Tracking commits**

```
- - X
  MINGW32:/c/Data/Assign1Release
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
On branch master
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)
no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
$ git log
   mmit e025356c0f964cb2ca46633b27571fb01440ed20
Author: James M. Hogan <j.hogan@qut.edu.au>
Date: Sun Apr 12 15:14:06 2015 +1000
     old README
commit abfde256671918e7338c5cfe1b1cb0d80f14c7f6
Author: James M. Hogan <j.hogan@qut.edu.au>
Date: Sun Apr 12 15:02:39 2015 +1000
```

The status shows the file is inconsistent
The *git log* command gives a basic summary of the commits that
have been made.

On the next slide, we will clean this up.



### **Clobbering modifications**

```
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  MINGW32:/c/Data/Assign1Release
        F-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
   f --git a/README.txt b/README.txt
index 69adfa9..eae4da5 100644
    a/README.txt
 ++ b/README.txt
hogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
$ git checkout -- README.txt
hogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
$ git diff
nogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
$ git status
On branch master
nothing to commit, working directory clean
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/Assign1Release (master)
```

Simple. The diff shows that we have an issue with an additional line in the modified file. We clobber this modified file by checkout from the repo and the working directory is clean.

USE THIS WITH \*CAUTION\* - there is no way back...



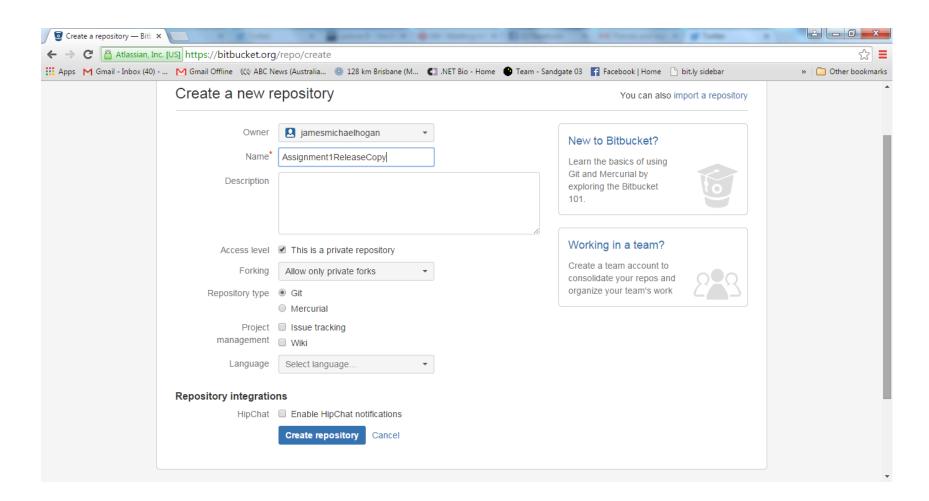
### Cloning a remote repository

```
- -
MINGW32:/c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release
           EC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1
$ git clone https://jamesmichaelhogan@bitbucket.org/cab302/assignment1release.g
Cloning into 'assignment1release'...
remote: Counting objects: 493, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (373/373), done.
emote: Total 493 (delta 239), reused 273 (delta 78)
Receiving objects: 100% (493/493), 7.13 MiB | 224.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (239/239), done.
Checking connectivity... done.
ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1
$ 1s
assignment1release
hogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1
$ cd ass*
nogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
$ git remote
origin
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
```

A fresh copy of the assignment 1 release. Cloned and sent to my local machine using https. Note the remote shortname 'origin'. [Bitbucket is pretty strict on use of secure channels]



#### Create a repo



#### Remote and local branches

```
MINGW32:/c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
 git branch
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
$ git branch -r
              -> origin/master
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
 git fetch origin master
From https://bitbucket.org/cab302/assignment1release
                                -> FETCH_HEAD
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
$ git pull origin master
From https://bitbucket.org/cab302/assignment1release
                     master
                                -> FETCH_HEAD
Already up-to-date.
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
```

Here, branch shows the only local branch (master) and then with the option (-r) it shows the remote and the local cache of the remote. FETCH\_HEAD is a temp pointer to what we have just fetched. Note that git pull does the fetch and the merge.



#### **Another remote**

```
MINGW32:/c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
$ git remote add asgn1Copy https://bitbucket.org/jamesmichaelhogan/assignment1r
eleasecopy
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
 git remote
asgn1Copy
origin
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
$ ait remote -v
                https://bitbucket.org/jamesmichaelhogan/assignment1releasecopy
asgn1Copy
fetch)
                https://bitbucket.org/jamesmichaelhogan/assignment1releasecopy
asgn1Copy
push)
origin https://jamesmichaelhogan@bitbucket.org/cab302/assignment1release.git (f
origin https://jamesmichaelhogan@bitbucket.org/cab302/assignment1release.git (p
นรh์วิ
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
```

Here, I add a new remote with the shortname asgn1Copy. Note that the remote URLs can be viewed by using the –v option.



### **Updated local repo**

```
MINGW32:/c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release
  (use "git reset HEAD <file>..." to unstage)
        modified: FilmFinder/src/asqn1Index/Index.java
        modified: FilmFinder/src/asgn1Index/IndexException.java
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
$ git commit -m "asgn1Index update"
[master d57232f] asgn1Index update
4 files changed, 6 insertions(+), 6 deletions(-)
nogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
$ git status
On branch master
Your branch is ahead of 'origin/master' by 1 commit.
  (use "git push" to publish your local commits)
nothing to commit, working directory clean
nogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
```

Here, I have updated four java files and then committed them. We are now ahead of the origin by one commit.



#### Push to the remote

```
MINGW32:/c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release
 ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
$ git push asgn1Copy master
Username for 'https://bitbucket.org': jamesmichaelhogan
Password for 'https://jamesmichaelhogan@bitbucket.org':
Counting objects: 502, done.
Delta compression using up to 4 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (221/221), done.
Writing objects: 100% (502/502), 7.13 MiB | 40.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 502 (delta 244), reused 491 (delta 239)
To https://bitbucket.org/jamesmichaelhogan/assignment1releasecopy
 * [new branch]
                                 master -> master
  ogan@SEF-EEC-056940 /c/Data/FreshAssign1/assignment1release (master)
```

Here, I push to the remote and it works – at least after I use the correct password.

# Working with Git in a project

- Git integrates neatly with eclipse using the egit plugin.
- Installation follows the usual path (See prac)
- We can then operate by right clicking on the project menu
- Bring the source under Git control
- Usual operations are then available
- External hosting is usually via one of two players:
- https://github.com/
- https://bitbucket.org/
- I am more familiar with bitbucket, so this is my preference, but this is not mandated... But see:
- https://confluence.atlassian.com/display/BITBUCKET/Bitbucket+101

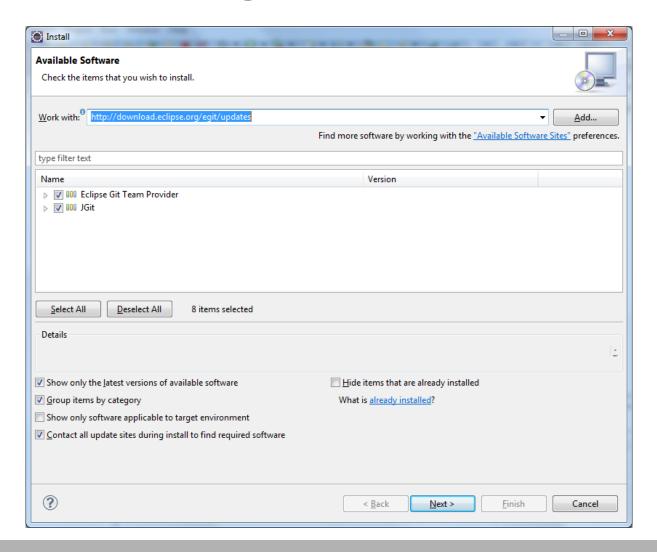


#### **GIT Tool Support**

- You probably want to work with egit as it is the eclipse interface
- Alternatively you may use:
  - http://git-scm.com/downloads/guis includes std git tools, tortoise and others
- Egit is now part of the standard eclipse release
- For older releases use the help>install new software menu (see screenshot on the next slide). You will need to use:
  - http://download.eclipse.org/egit/updates
- Egit's default instructions are geared for GitHub. To work with Atlassian Bitbucket, please see:
  - http://wangpidong.blogspot.com.es/2012/05/how-to-usebitbucket-with-egit-in.html

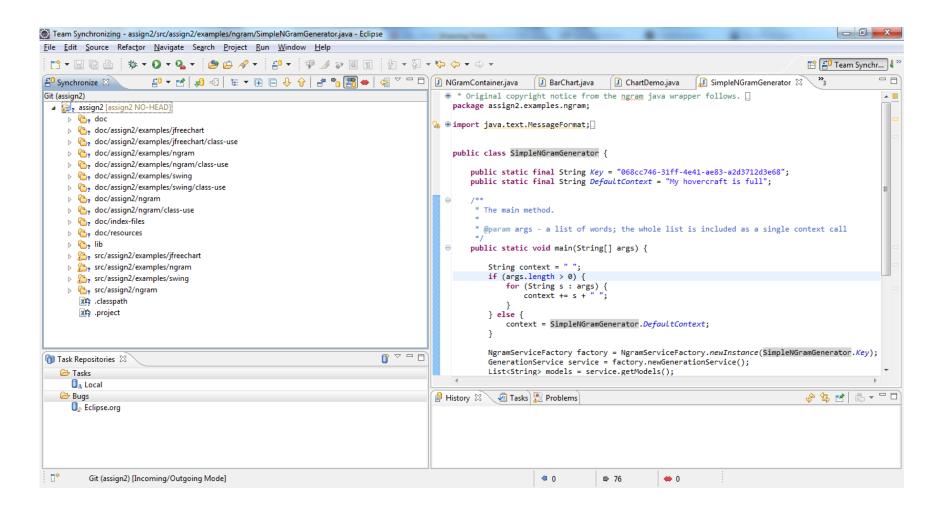


# **Egit installation**





### egit





# **Aside: The World has Changed**

- We had previously worked in this unit with SVN, as when we started out it was the modern alternative to the by then ancient CVS
- SVN and other 'canonical' repo source control systems have largely made way in the developer community for distributed approaches
- We have spent a good deal of time on Git
- But you should also be aware of Mercurial:
  - http://mercurial.selenic.com/

#### **Both will continue**

- SVN and its equivalents have certainly lost ground, but there remains some debate over the best choices
- Some religious wars, but mainly horses for courses
  - http://stackoverflow.com/questions/871/why-is-git-better-than-subversion
  - http://stackoverflow.com/questions/161541/should-i-use-svn-or-git
  - http://blog.marcomonteiro.net/post/30382607875/git-vs-svn-is-it-really-a-battle
- As noted, we have largely decided to move to Git, but we teach elements of both
- Don't be too prescriptive or obnoxious in your views of other people's source control choices
- It depends on context and project inertia



### **Version control summary**

- The Version Control System helps us to monitor the state of the repository, to determine what changes have been made, and to manage concurrent changes
- As the system evolves, these changes can be automatically detected, and used as part of a fully integrated test and deployment environment
  - A common approach is to use Ant or Maven to specify how to build something
  - And then to use CruiseControl or Hudson to control when to perform builds

#### **Tutorials**

