Git Workshop

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Background: What is Git?

Figure: Git Logo — CC BY 3.0

- broadly; *a tool used to track changes to files and folders.*
- facilitates collaboration on software projects
- captures 'snapshots' of a project
- maintains metadata
  - what was changed
  - who was it changed by
  - when was it changed
  - messages associated with changes

Background: What is `Git` used for?

Group Applications (Industry, co-op)

- large software projects
- resolve conflicts when multiple people are editing the same things
- who wrote this!?

Personal Applications

- "I swear this worked 10 minutes ago. . ."
- find what broke something and when
- separate tasks; work on bug fixing is isolated from work on new feature
- can use for class work!

Background: Big Idea of `Git`

QUESTION: Intuition

based on this description of what `Git` does, can you imagine how you would go about this manually?

what are some ideas for how taking a 'snapshot' of some project would work?

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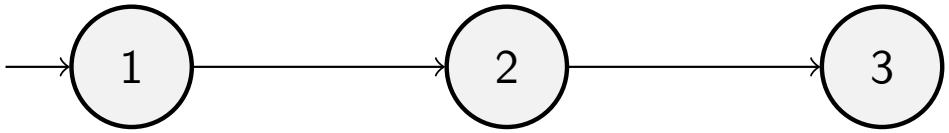

Figure: Linear History

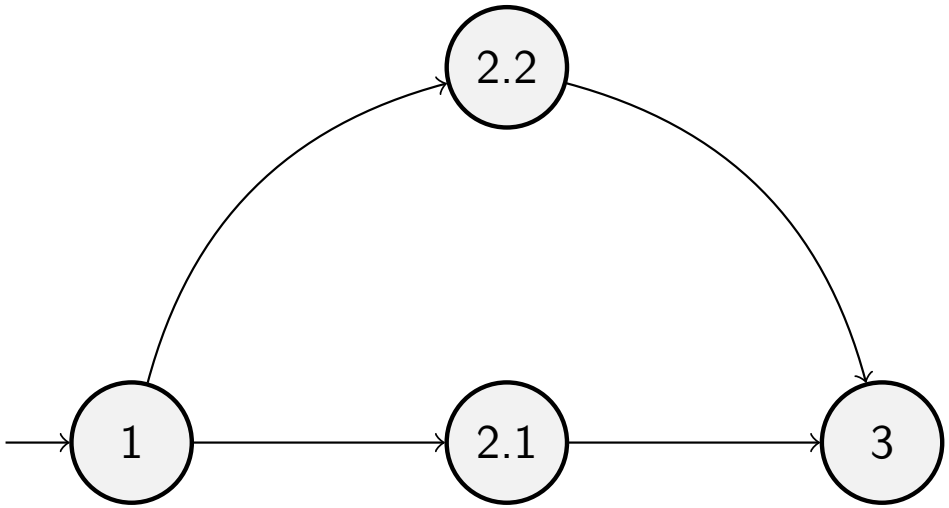

Figure: Branched History

Example: Managing Local Files

EXAMPLE: Homework Files

1. *Init*: make some files, 'save' them
2. *Update*: changes, save those as well
3. *Restore*: whoops, deleted something, restore it
4. *Branch*: new feature, make a new branch
5. *Merge*: done, merge back

See Also

- `https://wyag.thb.lt/` – implement git from scratch in Python