Git Workshop

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Intro: Workshop Structure

Structure:

- Background: how does Git work?
- 2 Example: managing homework
- 3 Hands-on: solve Git 'puzzles' in browser

General:

- Ask questions! (want to know more? something isn't clear?)
- Reach out: neuwireless.slack.com

Intro: Teaching Git

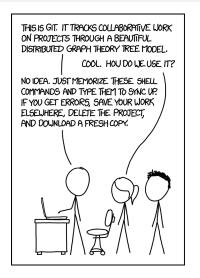


Figure: XKCD 1597 'Git' — CC BY-NC 2.5

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 making these 'snapshots' manually?



Background: Big Idea of Git

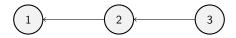


Figure: Linear History

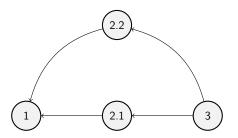


Figure: Branched History

(IEEE, Wireless Club)

Example: Managing Local Files

EXAMPLE: Homework Files

- 1 Init: make a file
- **2** Add/Commit: save file
- 8 Branch/Checkout: two new features
- Merge: combine those new features
- **5** Restore/Checkout: restore save

Background: Git vs. GitHub?

What's the difference between Git and GitHub?

Git

- tool independent of GitHub
- provides interface for services like GitHub

GitHub

- centralized location to store git repositories
- alternatives: GitLab, SourceHut, BitBucket, self hosting, . . .
- additional project management utilities
- CI, CD, hosting, . . .

See Also

General

- MIT Missing Semester Lecture 6: Version Control (Git)
- Tim Pope: A Note About Git Commit Messages
- Implement git from scratch in Python
- How to contribute to code on GitHub

Git Documentation

- Git configuration documentation
- .gitignore documentation



Hands-On With git

https://learngitbranching.js.org/