

Introduction to Git

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What are Version Control Systems (VCS)?

- A VCS tracks the history of changes as people and teams collaborate on projects together.
- As the project evolves, teams run tests, fix bugs, and contribute new code
 - with the confidence that any version can be recovered at any time.
- Developers can review project history to find
 - Which changes were made?
 - Who made the changes?
 - When were the changes made?
 - Why were changes needed?

Distributed Version Control Systems (DVCS)

- Git: an example of a DVCS commonly used for open source and commercial software development.
- DVCSs allow full access to
 - Every file, branch, and iteration of a project
 - A history of all changes.
- Git and other VCSs:
 - Help team members stay aligned through a unified and consistent view of the project while working independently.
 - Don't need a constant connection to a central repository: Developers can work anywhere and collaborate asynchronously from any time zone.
- Without version control, team members are subject to:
 - Redundant tasks
 - Slower timeline
 - Multiple copies of a single project.

Git

Many revision control systems: **Why Git?**

- Need a place to store code when team size +1
- Git has over 10M repos
- Github offers free private repos (now for everyone!)
- Allows every developer to work on the same file (and have a local copy)

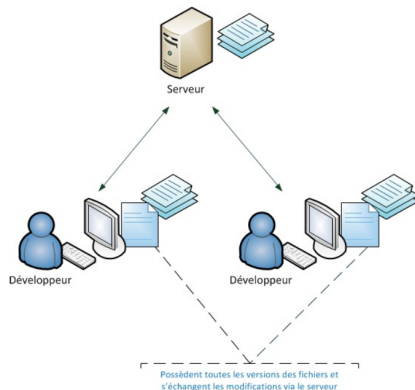


Figure: Git^a

^a www.openclassrooms.com/courses/gerer-son-code-avec-git-et-github

Git

Why Git?



Figure: Avoiding the nightmare

Git

From its creator, Linus Torvalds²:

```
GIT - the stupid content tracker

"git" can mean anything, depending on your mood.

- random three-letter combination that is pronounceable, and not
  actually used by any common UNIX command. The fact that it is a
  mispronunciation of "get" may or may not be relevant.
- stupid. contemptible and despicable. simple. Take your pick from the
  dictionary of slang.
- "global information tracker": you're in a good mood, and it actually
  works for you. Angels sing, and a light suddenly fills the room.
- "goddamn idiotic truckload of sh*t": when it breaks

This is a stupid (but extremely fast) directory content manager. It
doesn't do a whole lot, but what it does do is track directory
contents efficiently.
```

Figure: GIT: *Global information tracker*

²Source: [https:](https://github.com/git/git/blob/e83c5163316f89bfbde7d9ab23ca2e25604af290/README)

[//github.com/git/git/blob/e83c5163316f89bfbde7d9ab23ca2e25604af290/README](https://github.com/git/git/blob/e83c5163316f89bfbde7d9ab23ca2e25604af290/README)

Initialization

We follow steps in the Github guide *Generating a new SSH key and adding it to the ssh-agent*³

- SSH Key

- 1 Generate an SSH key (accept parameters by default, Don't introduce pass code)

```
$ ssh-keygen -t rsa -C "name.surname@ensta-paristech.fr"
```

- 2 Show the generated key

```
$ cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
```

- 3 Paste the generated key in the Github interface, section 'My SSH Keys'.
(one key required per computer you link to your github account)

- One time config

```
$ git config --global user.name "Díaz Natalia"  
$ git config --global user.email "name.surname@ensta-paristech.fr"
```

³<https://help.github.com/en/enterprise/2.16/user/articles/generating-a-new-ssh-key-and-adding-it-to-the-ssh-agent>

Creating a project

- 1 Create a folder in your computer and initialize it

```
$ mkdir project_folder  
$ cd project_folder  
$ git init
```

- 2 Create a new project in Git

- 3 Add a new file

```
$ touch README.md  
$ git add README.md  
$ git commit -m "first commit"
```

- 4 Link your local folder to the Git project

```
$ git remote add origin git@github.com:ndiaz/project.git
```

- 5 Push (*upload*) the README.md over Git⁴.

```
$ git push -u origin master
```

⁴-u/ --set-upstream adds an upstream (tracking) reference so to set origin as the upstream remote in your git config (this way you don't have to manually specify the remote every time you run git push, and so you can run git push without arguments) > < ≡ ≡ ≡

Creating a project

- At this point, the project is created and initialized.
- Each person joining this project must be added as *collaborator* member through the Github interface, and simply should clone the project:

```
$ git clone git@[srv_url]:[user_pseudo]/[project].git  
e.g.: $ git clone git@gitlab:ugo/test.git  
      or  
      $ git clone git@github.com:ndiaz/project.git
```

- Above, prefer the SSH url address against the HTTPS one
- The folder will be created over his PC (same location where it was located when launched command)

Commands

- Add: adds file(s) for the next commit

```
$ git add my_file1 my_file2  
$ git add --all
```

- Commit: Commit (saves) files added previously

```
$ git commit -m 'Comment over the performed changes'
```

- Pull: get the changes others made

```
$ git pull
```

- Push: upload all changes on Git

```
$ git push
```

Example: common situation

Example:

2 bugs to solve:

bug 1: requires modifying file a.py and b.py → bug 1 solved

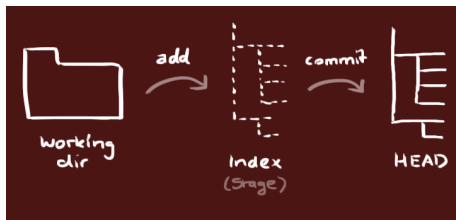
bug 2: requires modifying file c.py → bug 2 solved

```
$ git add a.py b.py
$ git commit -m 'bug 1 solved!'
$ git add c.py
$ git commit -m 'bug 2 solved!'
$ git pull
$ git push
```

Commands

- Status: shows the status of the git local folder (modified/to add/staged files...)

```
$ git status
```



Note: ALWAYS do *pull* before *push*!

Branches

- List branches

```
$ git branch
* master
```

- Create a branch

```
$ git branch my_new_branch
$ git branch
* master
  my_new_branch
```

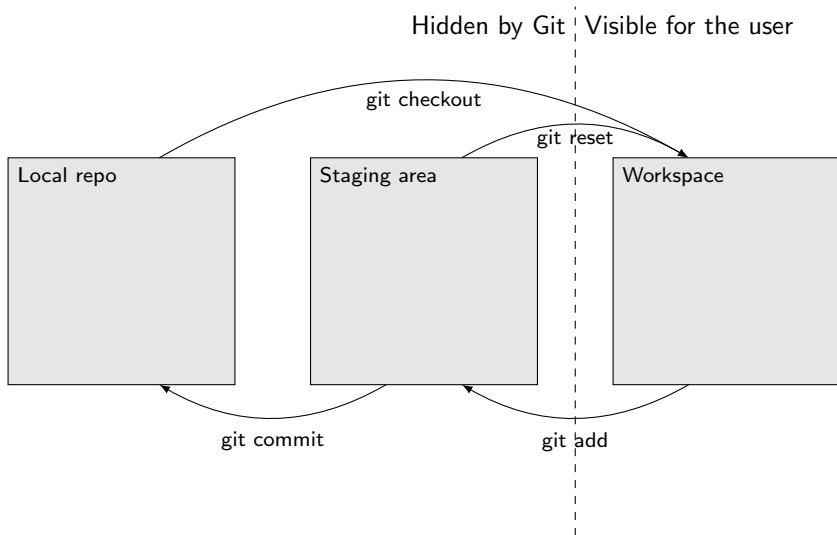
- Place yourself in my_new_branch

```
$ git checkout my_new_branch
```

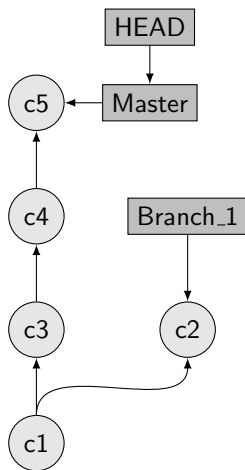
- Fuse the branches: *merges* my new branch into master

```
$ git checkout master
$ git merge my_new_branch
```

Git Workspace



Branches, visually: commits history

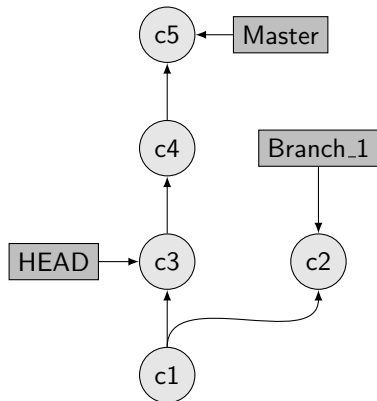


- Rectangle = branch.
- Circle = commit.
- **HEAD**: a ref. to the last commit in the currently check-out branch (think of it as the *current branch*):
When you switch branches with `git checkout`, the HEAD revision changes to point to the tip of the new branch^a.
- **master**: the default branch created when you init a git repo. You can delete the master branch but you can't delete the HEAD pointer.

^aYou can see what HEAD points to by doing:

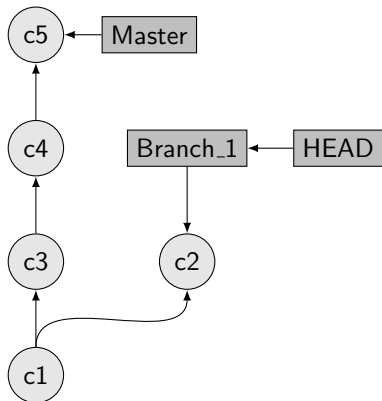
```
cat .git/HEAD
```


Branches, visually: commits history



\$ git checkout c3

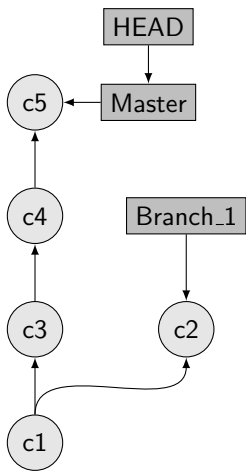
Branches, visually: commits history



```
$ git checkout c3
```

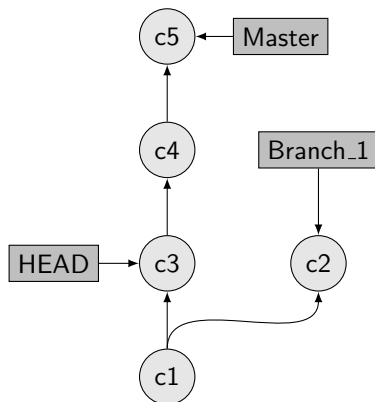
```
$ git checkout Branch_1
```

Branches, visually: commits history



```
$ git checkout c3  
$ git checkout Branch_1  
$ git checkout master
```

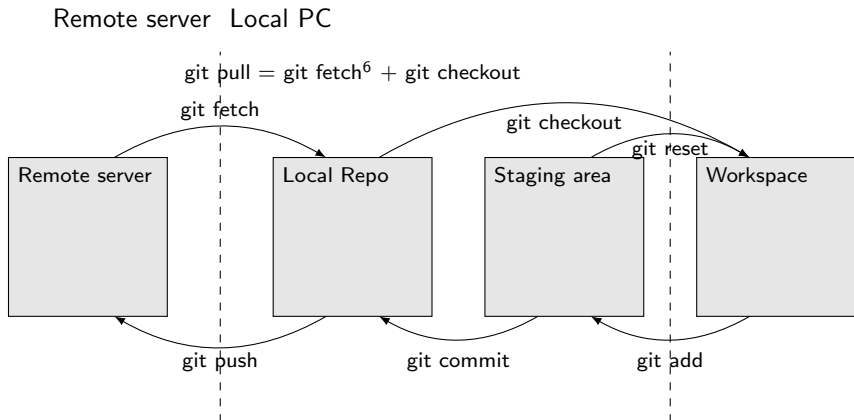
Branches, visually: commits history⁵.



```
$ git checkout c3  
$ git checkout Branch_1  
$ git checkout master  
$ git checkout master~2
```

⁵ `git checkout <tag>~n` means "checkout to the commit in the n-th position behind <tag>"

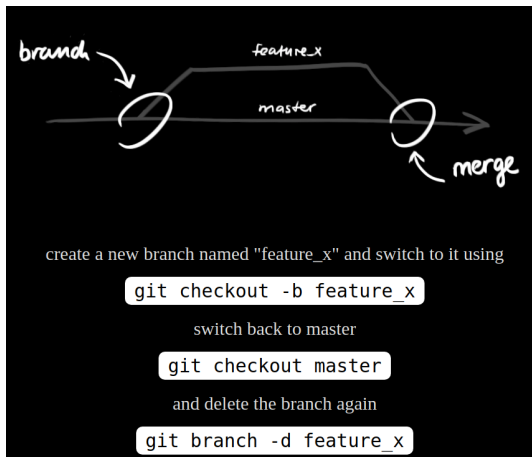
Link with a remote repository



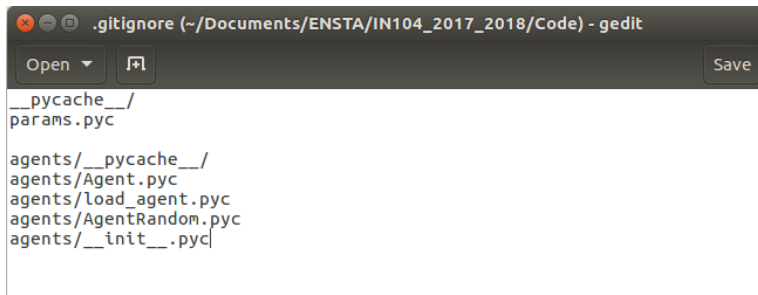
⁶git fetch vs git pull <https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/syncing/git-fetch>

Branches

Creating and deleting branches: **Re-cap:**



Ignore files we don't want uploaded in Git: **.gitignore**

A screenshot of a gedit text editor window titled ".gitignore (~/Documents/ENSTA/IN104_2017_2018/Code) - gedit". The window has a dark theme. At the top, there are window control buttons (close, maximize, zoom) and a toolbar with an "Open" button, a file icon, and a "Save" button. The main text area contains the following content:

```
__pycache__/  
params.pyc  
  
agents/__pycache__/  
agents/Agent.pyc  
agents/load_agent.pyc  
agents/AgentRandom.pyc  
agents/__init__.pyc
```


- Avoids uploading unnecessary compilation/intermediate files to Git.
- List of .gitignore templates for a broad list of languages:
<https://github.com/github/gitignore>
<https://www.gitignore.io/>

Git blame


Who introduced this bug?




Git blame

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Creation du catkin workspace

$ mkdir -p ~/catkin_ws/src
      (ou $ mkdir /catkin_ws/src)
$ cd /catkin_ws/src
$ catkin_init_workspace

```

20f78886  Carton Florence 1er tests avec op...

11 Creation d'un package catkin (tjs dans le dossier src de catkin_ws)

e85d9861  Carton Florence first tests with ...

```

$ catkin_create_pkg ardrone_vision std_msgs roscpp

ardrone_vision : name of the package

```

Merge conflict

```
$ git merge my_branch
Auto-merging test_file.md
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in test_file.md
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then commit the result.
```

file test_file.md

```
<<<<<<< HEAD
# some modifications here created conflicts
=====
# blablabla! breaking some code blabla
>>>>>>> my_branch
```

- **HEAD**: modifications in master branch
- **my_branch**: modif of my_branch (others)

Once the problems are solved:

```
$ git add test_file.md
$ git commit -m 'Solved merge conflict in test_file.md'
$ git push
```

Going back in time: recovering a past version

- Abandon changes done in a particular file

```
$ git checkout — my_file
```

- Cancel the changes done in last commit

```
$ git revert
```

Going back in time: recovering a past version

Panic mode

If you get stuck with a bunch of unintentional merge errors and want to reset your repo:

```
git fetch origin  
git reset --hard origin/master
```

Note that you will lose EVERYTHING unsaved (or maybe even saved) in your repo! Keep a backup copy.

Practical time!

In the lab you will:

- 1 Learn GIT through the excellent GitHub Hello World Guide⁷, GitHub Flow Guide⁸ and GitHub Handbook Guide⁹.
- 2 Create a PRIVATE repository called *IN104_NameA_SurnameA_NameB_SurnameB* (for all team members, max 3 members), add as collaborators your team mate(s) and your Teaching Assistant (TA). Create a folder inside called GIT that contains a sample `hello_world.py` Python program that your mate needs to modify, commit, and you need to retrieve the changes he did.
- 3 Show the program modified by both members and the commits in github by both team partners to your TA
- 4 Send the link to your repository to your TA

⁷<https://guides.github.com/activities/hello-world/>

⁸<https://guides.github.com/introduction/flow>

⁹<https://guides.github.com/introduction/git-handbook/>

Practical time!

- ❶ The same game of GIT commits in your collaborative team project will be evaluated in your final repository
- ❷ If you finish on time, play more advanced GIT in <https://gitexercises.fracz.com> and <https://www.codecademy.com/courses/learn-git/lessons/git-branching/exercises/branching-overview>
- ❸ Q: Should I use Gitlab or Github?
A: We strongly encourage the use of GitHub. If you really really want to use Gitlab, use gitlab.ensta.fr and set up your account and SSH Keys as in here¹⁰

¹⁰<https://gitlab.com/help/ssh/README>

To Conclude

In case of fire



1. `git commit`



2. `git push`



3. leave building

Useful links

- First time user/computer: Generating a new SSH key and adding it to the ssh-agent¹¹
- GIT Cheat Sheets:
<https://education.github.com/git-cheat-sheet-education.pdf>
<https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/atlassian-git-cheatsheet>
In French: <https://github.com/UgoVollhardt/CheatSheetGit/blob/master/CheatSheet.pdf>
- Oh shit git! <http://ohshitgit.com/>
- How to undo (almost) everything in Git <https://blog.github.com/2015-06-08-how-to-undo-almost-everything-with-git/>
- Openclassroom: Manage your source code with Git and Github (in FR): www.openclassrooms.com/courses/gerer-son-code-avec-git-et-github

¹¹<https://help.github.com/en/enterprise/2.16/user/articles/generating-a-new-ssh-key-and-adding-it-to-the-ssh-agent>

Useful links

Interactive tutorials to learn by doing:

- <https://gitexercises.fracz.com>
- <https://www.codecademy.com/courses/learn-git/lessons/git-branching/exercises/branching-overview>
- <https://learngitbranching.js.org/>
- <https://try.github.io/levels/1/challenges/1>

Per-command Atlassian guide (e.g. checkout vs fetch vs pull):

- <https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/syncing/git-fetch>

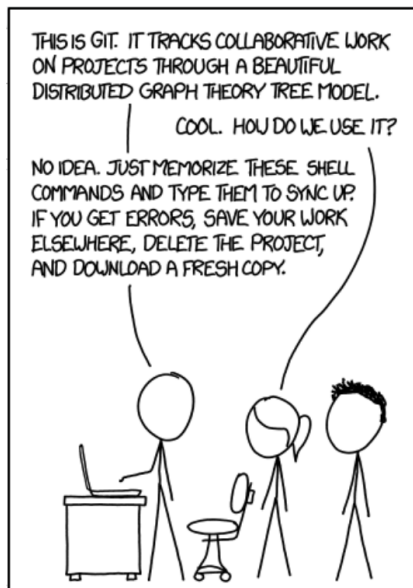
Useful links

- Antonin Raffin tutorials - Intro to Git:
<http://slides.com/antoninraffin/git> and Git intermediate:
<http://slides.com/antoninraffin/git-intermediate>
- <http://users.humboldt.edu/smtuttle/s12cis492/492guide-to-git.pdf>
- <https://services.github.com/on-demand/downloads/github-git-cheat-sheet.pdf>
- <https://github.com/git-tips/tips#everyday-git-in-twenty-commands-or-so>
- <https://tutorialzine.com/2017/11/10-useful-git-tips>

Useful links: Going beyond

- Install Python libraries and Master Python:
http://musicinformationretrieval.com/python_basics.html
- Python Numpy <http://cs231n.github.io/python-numpy-tutorial/>
and IPython tutorials <http://cs231n.github.io/ipython-tutorial/>
- Iterate fast installing Jupyter notebooks <http://jupyter.org/install>
and get good at IPython: http://musicinformationretrieval.com/get_good_at_ipython.html
- The quartet of NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib, and IPython is a popular combination in the Python world. Numpy Basics:
http://musicinformationretrieval.com/numpy_basics.html
- Numpy Tutorial: http://scipy.github.io/old-wiki/pages/Tentative_NumPy_Tutorial

Appendix



FAQ

- Q: git merge error

```
$ Merge branch 'master' of github.com:NataliaDiaz/repo-name
# Please enter a commit message to explain why this merge is necessary,
# especially if it merges an updated upstream into a topic branch.
# Lines starting with '#' will be ignored, and an empty message aborts
# the commit.
```

A: To solve it in linux: Ctrl+X (Exit). In mac:

press "i"

write your merge message

press "esc"

write ":wq"

then press enter

You should see something like:

```
Merge made by the 'recursive' strategy.
YourChangedFile.txt | 57 ++++++
1 file changed, 57 insertions(+)
```

FAQ

Fetch vs Pull?

Fetch:

- Similar to pull, except it won't do any merging.
- Downloads commits, files, and refs from a remote repository into your local repo.
- What you do when you want to see what everybody else has been working on.
- Doesn't force you to actually merge the changes into your repository. Git isolates fetched content from existing local content
- Has absolutely no effect on your local development work.

Checkout:

- If done on a local copy of a remote branch, it creates a local copy of the branch and merges it in the local branch by default.

FAQ

Fetch vs Pull?

Example: Fetch will pull down the *remoteBranch* and create a local copy of a remote branch which you shouldn't manipulate directly; instead create a proper local branch and work on that.

```
$ git checkout localBranch
$ git fetch origin remoteBranch
$ git branch
  master
   * localBranch
   remoteBranch
```

Summary:

- pull = fetch + merge
- pull = fetch + checkout