Version control using Git and Plotting Tutorial

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Why you should use version control

 Does this seem familiar? finalx.pdf, finalxFORREAL.pdf, finalxIPromise.pdf finalxyespickme.pdf



Figure: Bad version control¹



¹https://xkcd.com/1459/

What is Git?

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- Git is one of most used version control software in the world
- Git is cross-platform and easy to use ².

What is GitHub?

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- Github is a cloud service for git which lets you store your repository online
- Why would you store your repository online?
 - Working remotely
 - Collaborative work
 - Hard drive failure!

Making a repository

- You can do this online on the Github website ³
- Create a new repository
- Then click clone to get the url, open git on your computer and type: git clone url



Making a repository

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- Go to the folder and right click git with bash
- You are now able to use bash for the rest of the talk!

Basic Git commands

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- There are four 4 important commands you will need for git:
- git pull
- git add *
- git commit -a
- git push

 $^{^1}$ I cheat here and write a bash script which does these in order so I only have to run a single command.

Advanced Git commands

- One of the great things about Git is that you can get by with just the four above commands.
- The git man page is very useful, especially man gittutorial:

Why Python?

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- Python is popular, multi-platform and becoming a standard language⁵
- It is a good high level language to know, it is a very flexible interpreted language.

Python syntax

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 As with every programming language we should figure out how to do Hello, world!

Open python and type:

print 'Hello, world!'

 As Python is an interpreted language you can run command by command in python or use an IDE and then use python to run the program. For plotting it is more useful to write the program out in an IDE first.

Adding your first commit

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- Save your *hello, world!* program.
- Then either run:
- git add *
- git commit -a
- git push

Or use the windows GUI version and commit them to your repository.

Plotting

- Python requires the numpy library⁶ for a lot of basic maths functions (and arrays).
- We are going to use the matplotlib library⁷ for the remainder of this talk.

³http://www.numpy.org/

⁴https:

Example 1, Plotting functions

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- Go to the src folder and open ex1functions.py
- Run all.py and choose 1

Example 1, Plotting functions

120 100 80 60 40

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- It could do with some axis labels.
- go into the program and find the line called plt.ylabel= and plt.xlabel=



Example 2, Complicated functions!

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- In the src folder open ex2compfunctions.py
- Run all.py and choose 2

Example 2, Complicated functions!

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Example 3, Plotting data!

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- once again, in the src folder open ex3data.py
- Run all.py and choose 3

Example 3, Plotting data!

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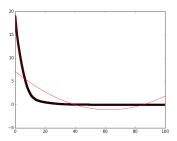


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Example 4, Histograms!

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- once again, in the src folder open ex4hist.py
- Run all.py and choose 4

Example 4, Histograms!

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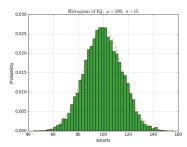


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Example 5, Subplots!

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- In the src folder open ex5subplots.py
- Run all.py and choose 5

Example 5, Subplots!

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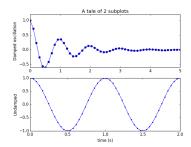


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Example 6, Art!

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- In the src folder open ex6art.py
- Run all.py and choose 6

Example 6, Art!

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Figures!

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Thanks for listening!

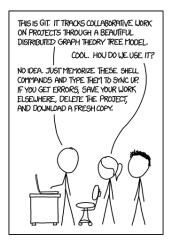


Figure: If it all goes wrong ...⁸



¹https://xkcd.com/1597/