

Version Control I

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Agenda

1. Confirm sign-in to GitHub, send with UW Net ID and student number to instructors
2. Version Control, Git, and GitHub
3. Hands on practice with Git & GitHub for individuals
4. **On separate video capture:** Turning in homework



Why use version control?

Compare writing software with writing a manuscript.

Use undo to revert to a previous state

Use track changes when sharing document with advisor

Still, word processors can still be frustrating.

Intelligently combine changes made concurrently

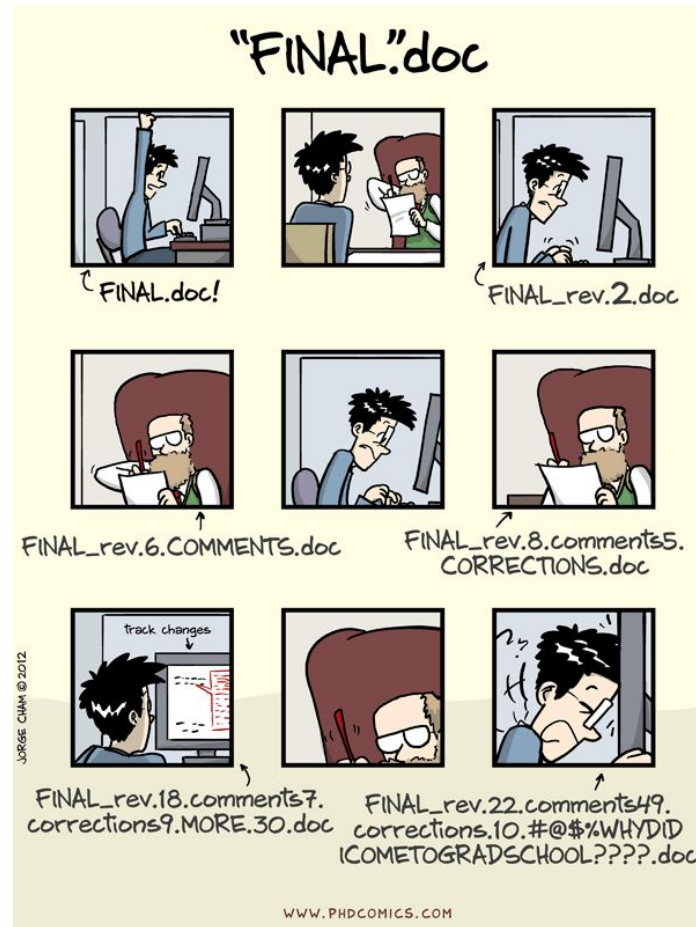
Record reasoning (why? for code, what?) for changes

Efficient use of file storage

Modern version control systems can address all of these.



Tracking versions and efficient storage



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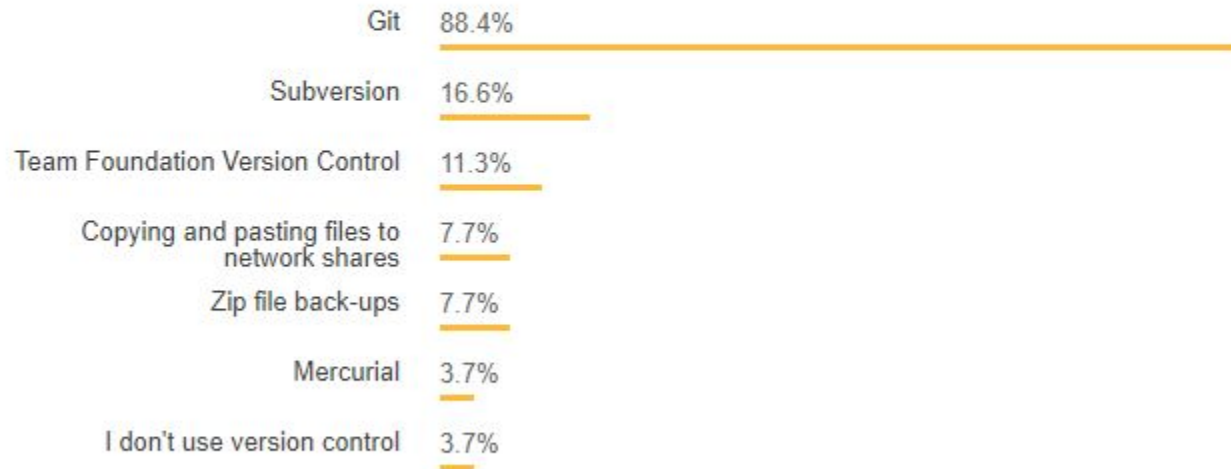


Stack Overflow Developer Survey 2018

Version Control

All Respondents

Professional Developers



69,808 responses; select all that apply



Git is a de facto standard for VCS

Benefits (+++++)

Performance: operations in Git are optimized and fast

Flexibility: doesn't require use of a particular workflow

Security: protection against untraceable changes

Popularity: employment, available on many platforms

Distributed: can be used offline, no need for server

Downsides (-)

Distributed: not ideal for large files, merging changes



Version control in the cloud, GitHub

A working copy of your repository stored on GitHub's servers connected and accessible via the internet

Others can download and use your code

Online repository is suitable as central repository

Social features, i.e. issue tracker, comments, notifications

Alternatives: Atlassian's BitBucket, GitLab, SourceForge



Hands on Git / GitHub I



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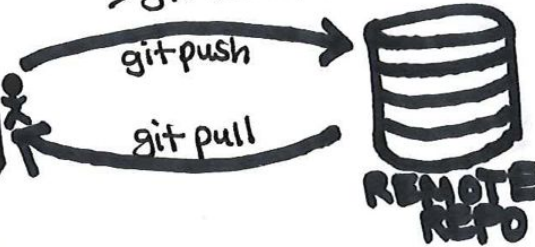


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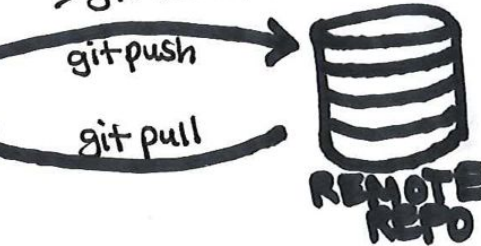
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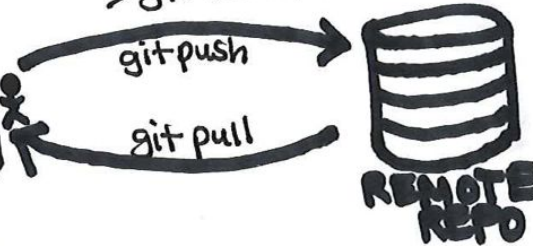
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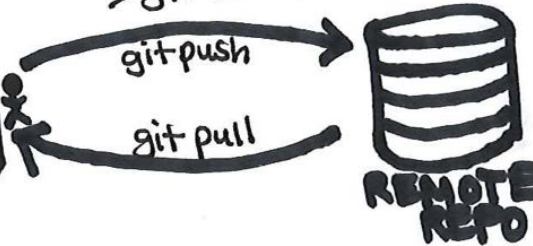
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BONUS: Conflicts
TIP: pull before commit to minimize conflicts!
> git merge

Questions on version control?

(Note that some topics will be covered in later VCS sessions)



Submitting homework via Github Classroom

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We'll need your GitHub login.

(Our TA, Sam, will send around a survey to collect these later.)



<https://classroom.github.com>

