High Performance Computing

Autumn, 2018

Lecture 2

Announcements

- Lecture recordings at https://imperial.cloud.panopto.eu
 Will be available by end of day (search for 'M3C')
- Webpage: imperialm3c.bitbucket.io
- Python:
 - Work through material covered in 1st two video lectures (on webpage now) before Thursday's lecture
 - Work through 3rd and 4th lectures by next Tuesday
 - Videos, slides, and exercises provided

Main topics today

- Version control with git and bitbucket
 - Background on version control
 - Working locally on your computer
 - Moving material back and forth from the cloud

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- Useful for:
 - Collaboratively developing software
 - Keeping track of changes to code
 - Managing different versions of code in an organized manner
- The more complicated the problem, the more important it is to use version control!

Local version control

SVN

- Was standard tool 5-10 years ago, now losing popularity
- Uses client-server model
- Master version and history stored centrally on server
- What happens if server is down?

Git

- Rapidly gaining popularity
- Uses distributed model
- Software history stored locally in .git subdirectory

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Git helps with 2. and 3.

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git status tells you at which stage files are placed

'Archived' version(s) →

Repository

git commit -m "notes"

Example: Creating a local git repository

Initialize

1st step: make directory and initialize as a repo:

```
$ mkdir git_example
$ cd git_example
$ git init
Initialized empty Git repository in /Users/prasun/Documents/
repos/git_example/.git/
$ ls -a
. . . .git
```

History of changes will be stored in hidden directory .git

- 1. Open text editor and make file, scientists.txt
- 2. Check status

```
$ cat scientists.txt
Issac Newton
Albert Einstein
$ git status
On branch master
Initial commit
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
   scientists.txt
nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git
add" to track)
```

Note: git tells you what to do next

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3. Add file to index

```
$ git add scientists.txt
$ git status
On branch master

Initial commit
Changes to be committed:
   (use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)
   new file: scientists.txt
```

4. Commit file to repository

```
$ git commit -m "initial commit, scientists.txt added to repo"
scientists.txt
[master (root-commit) 6e74cfc] initial commit, scientists.txt
added to repo
  Committer: Prasun Ray

1 file changed, 2 insertions(+)
  create mode 100644 scientists.txt
```

Now try *git status:*

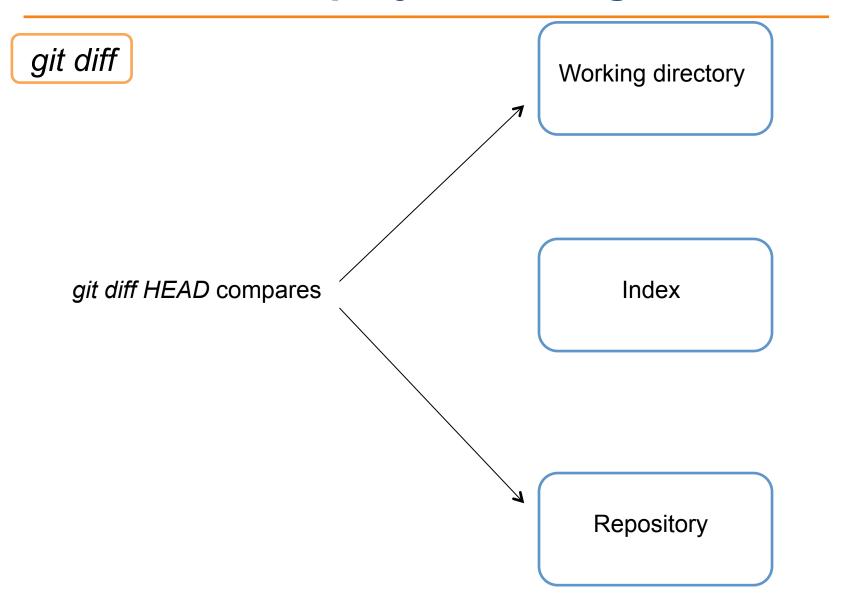
```
$ git status
On branch master
nothing to commit, working directory clean
```

git diff

Working directory

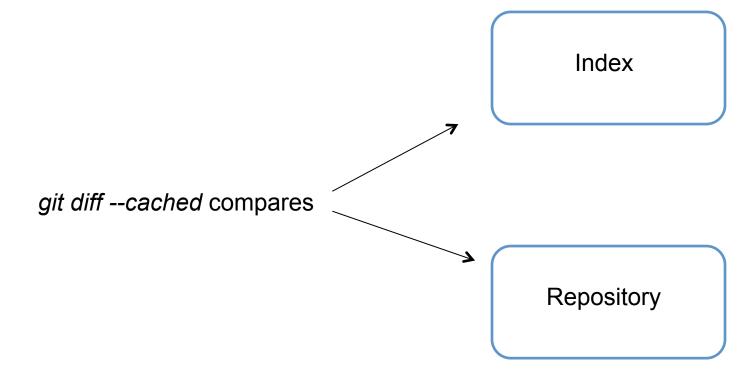
git diff compares

Index



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Working directory



diff example

Make change to scientists.txt and compare to "official" version

```
$ cat scientists.txt
Issac Newton
Albert Einstein
Galileo Galilei
$
$ git diff HEAD
diff --git a/scientists.txt b/scientists.txt
index 9079fe8..efc1584 100644
--- a/scientists.txt
+++ b/scientists.txt
00 - 1, 2 + 1, 3
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+Galileo Galilei
```

Visiting previous versions

git log provides project history

```
$ git log
commit aa47da5b74ab89a7929100d62679c2c5b81b2674
Author: Prasun Ray <p.ray@imperial.ac.uk>
Date: Sun Oct 7 14:49:13 2018 +0100

added Galileo

commit 6e74cfc8cf12191558751e610d80b76cb321a58c
Author: Prasun Ray prasun@Prasuns-Air.home>
Date: Sun Oct 7 14:34:22 2018 +0100

initial commit, scientists.txt added to repo
```

git diff 6e74cfc8 will list changes made since commit with specified id

Visiting previous versions

- git log provides project history
- git checkout lets you examine previous versions
- git checkout master returns to current version

```
$ git checkout 6e74cfc8c
Note: checking out '6e74cfc8c'.
```

You are in 'detached HEAD' state. You can look around, make experimental changes and commit them, and you can discard any commits you make in this state without impacting any branches by performing another checkout.

If you want to create a new branch to retain commits you create, you may do so (now or later) by using -b with the checkout command again. Example:

```
git checkout -b new_branch_name
```

HEAD is now at 6e74cfc... initial commit, scientists.txt added to repo

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git rm –cached will remove files from index

But be careful, *git rm* will remove files from index *and* working directory

Laptop → cloud

- 1. Create online repo in bitbucket:

 Create → Create repository
- 2. After creation, bitbucket takes you to "Repository setup"
- 3. Choose either "I'm starting from scratch" or "I have an existing project" and follow instructions.

Copying & pasting instructions for preexisting project...

Your online copy of interesting project Your *local* copy of interesting project

Laptop → cloud

```
$ git remote add origin https://ImperialHPSC@bitbucket.org/
ImperialHPSC/git-example.git
$ git push -u origin --all # pushes up the repo and its refs for
the first time
Counting objects: 6, done.
Delta compression using up to 4 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100\% (6/6), 531 bytes | 0 bytes/s, done.
Total 6 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
To https://ImperialHPSC@bitbucket.org/ImperialHPSC/git-
example.git
* [new branch] master -> master
Branch master set up to track remote branch master from origin.
$ git push -u origin --tags # pushes up any tags
Everything up-to-date
```

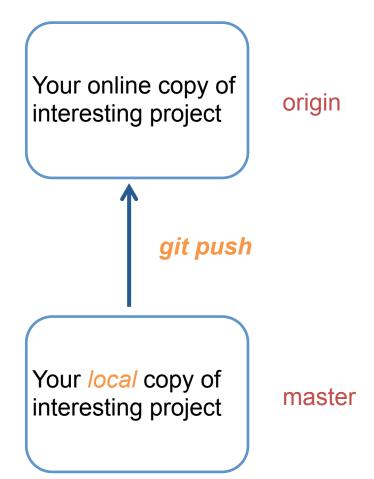
Online repo is named *origin* and the local repo is *pushed* to *origin*

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Laptop → cloud

Push your local repo online for:

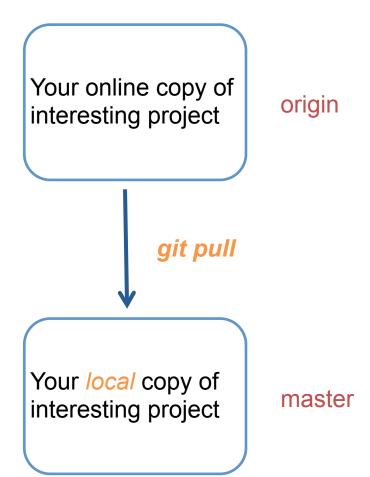
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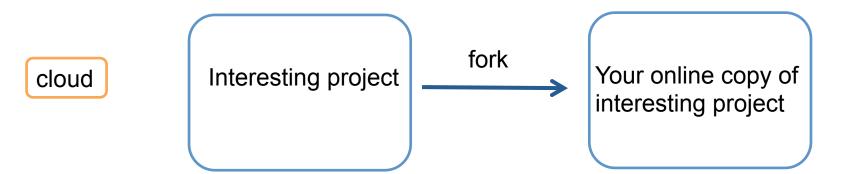
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- If online repo gets updated, pull update into your local repo



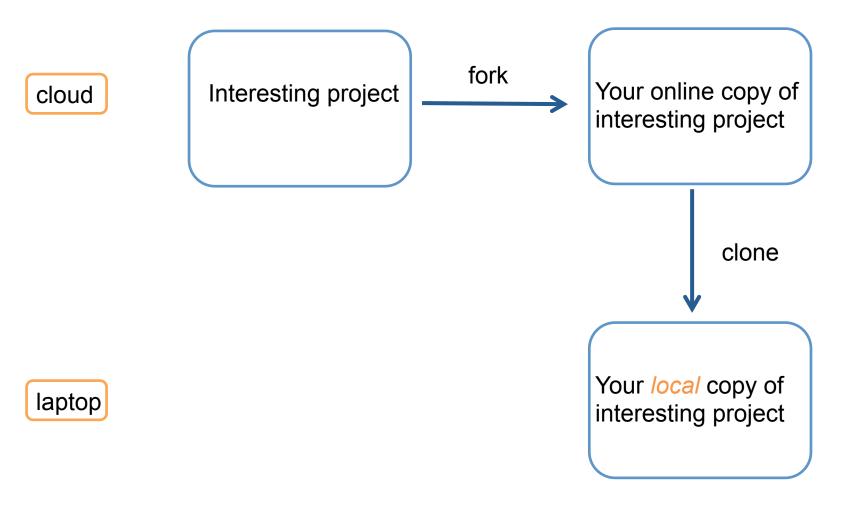
Online projects

- We've seen how to make local projects and push them online
- But how do we work on projects that are already online?
 - Will need to fork and then clone the project

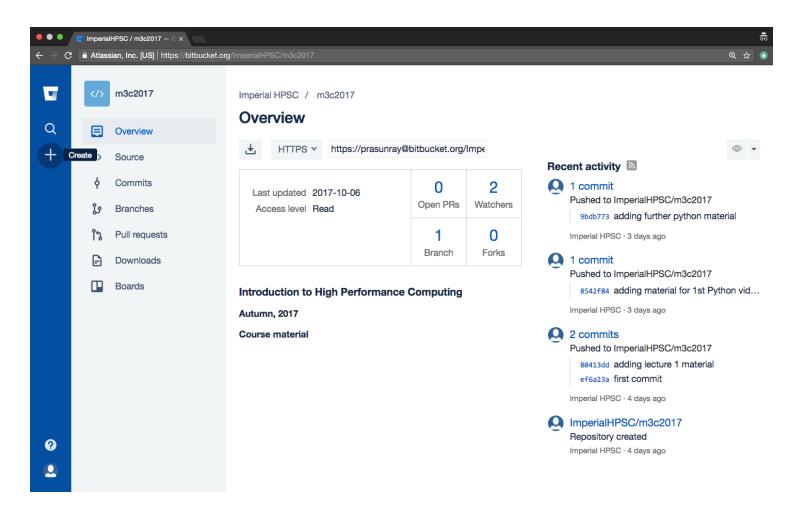
Online project



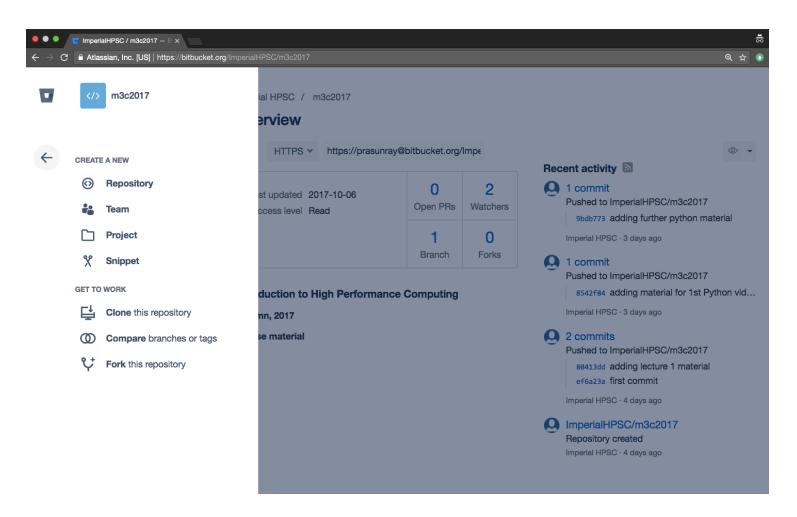
Cloud → laptop



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2. Use git clone to make local copy of your fork:

```
$ git clone https://username@bitbucket.org/username/git-
example-2.git
Cloning into 'git-example-2'...
remote: Counting objects: 3, done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
Unpacking objects: 100% (3/3), done.
Checking connectivity... done.

$ cd git-example-2/
$ ls
mathematicians.txt
```

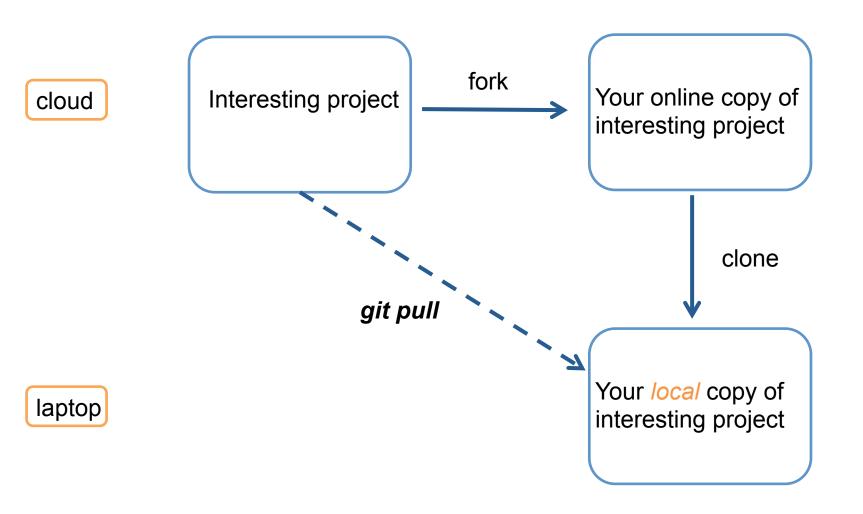
Now you have your own copy to play with!

Note: If the original repo is updated, bitbucket will tell you and give you the option of syncing your fork

or, you can directly pull the updated original repo to your local repo...

Notes:

- 1. You should clone *your fork*, not the original repo!
- 2. You should push/pull to/from your fork, not the original repo
- 3. Use *git remote* –*v* to check that you are pushing/pulling with the right repo



Procedure: pull from online repo to local branch 1st, specify online repo:

git remote add im3c https://username@bitbucket.org/imperialm3c/git-example-2.git

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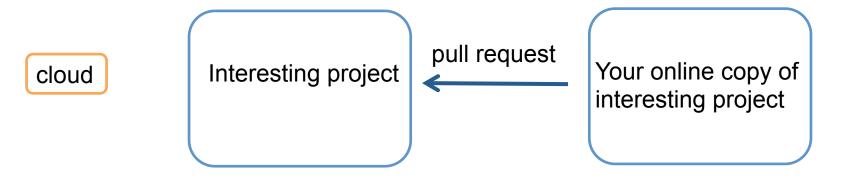
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For example,
git pull im3c master
will pull from the im3c online repo to your local master branch

Finally, push your local repo to your fork:
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Pull requests



Can 'suggest' improvements to original project with pull requests on bitbucket

Essential for collaborative work

If you accidentally push an update to my repo instead of yours, I (and everyone else) will see a pull request

- Lab 1 this week
 - Further practice with Unix
 - Guide to syncing with the class bitbucket repo
 - If you have time, create a personal account on bitbucket in advance