

An Introduction To The Unix Shell, Interactive Python And Git Repositories

Day 1 - Shell, Git and Jupyter

Advanced Scientific Programming with Python

The Unix Shell

- Provides a command line interface (CLI) to the operating system
- Large variety of shells: bash, tcsh, csh, ksh, zsh
- We'll focus on bash, the default on most systems
- Documentation can be found by typing man <command>, e.g.
 man bash.

```
Last login: Wed Apr 12 11:35:19 on console icm-39-33:~ filipe$ []
```

A shell on Mac OS X, a Unix system

What shell do you normally use?



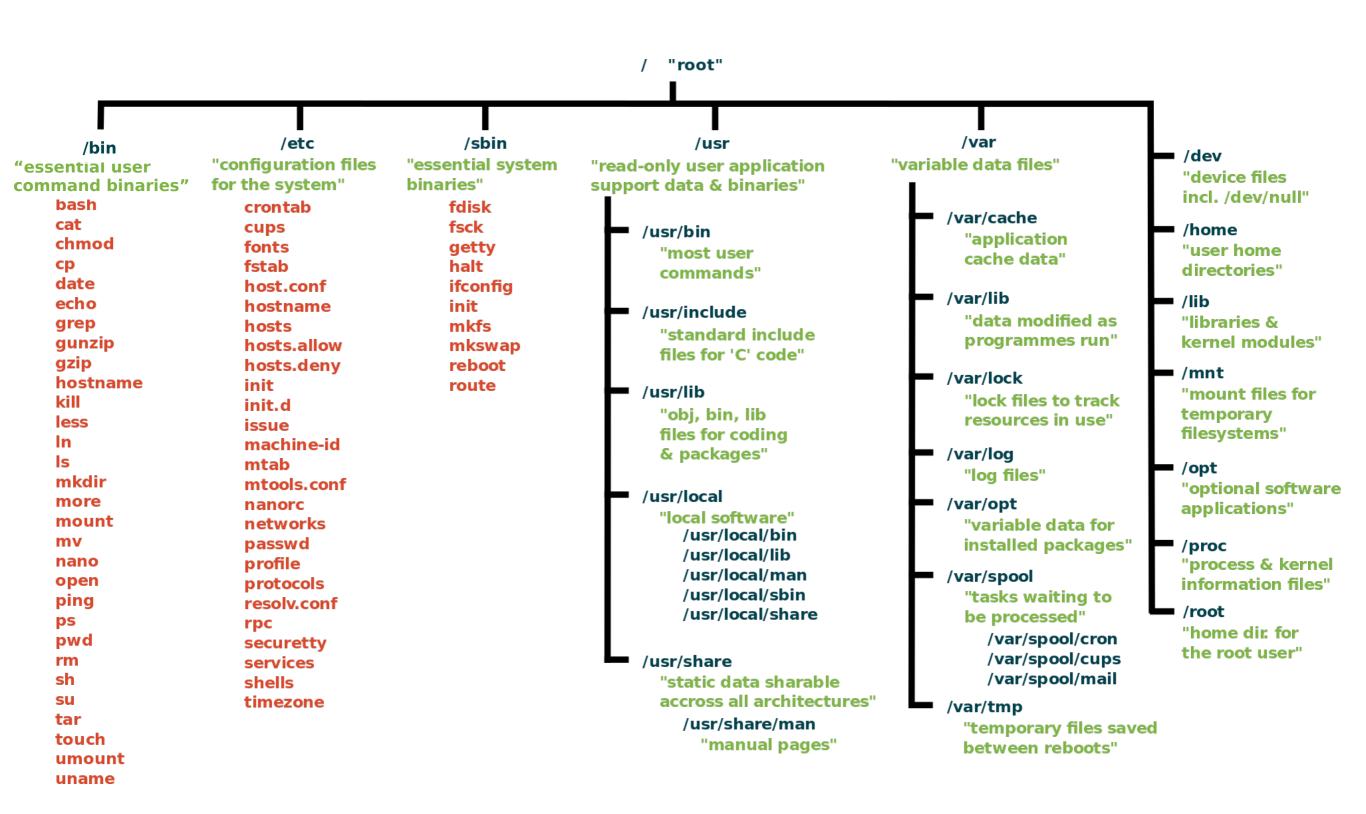
The Unix Shell

On login the system executes:

```
/etc/profile
~/.bashrc ~/.bash_profile
(for login shells) (for non-login shells)
```

- To avoid complications it's recommended to have your
 -/.bash_profile as a symlink to -/.bashrc.
- The shell checks the first line of every program and if it finds
 #!<interpreter> it uses the the given interpreter to evaluate the file
 (e.g. #!/usr/bin/env python)
- bash is a very powerful shell that can be used for input redirection (<, >, &, etc...), job control (fg, bg, jobs), file globbing (*, [0-9], ...).
- Check the man page for more!

Standard Unix Filesystem

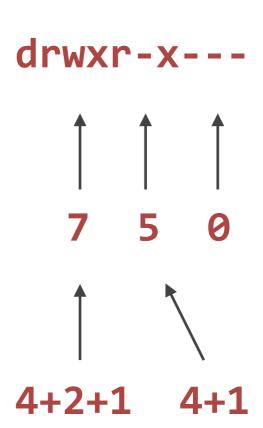


Basic Unix Utilities

- ls list directory contents. Example: ls -ltr ~
- cd change working directory. Example: cd ...
- cp copy files. Example: cp -a ~/data/*.h5 /mnt/backup/data
- mv move files. Example: mv * package/
- rm remove files. Example: rm -rf ~/.*
- mkdir create directories. Example: mkdir -p ~/data/run1/001/
- In create links. Example: In -s /long_path_to_data/ data
- grep text filter. Example: grep Result ~/data/log.txt
- more display file contents. Example: more ~/data/log.txt

File Permissions

- In Unix systems most things are represented by files.
- All files have owner, group and other permissions.
- The basic 3 permissions are read (4), write(2) and execute(1).
- Permissions can be changed with chmod
- Owners can be changed with chown and chgrp
- Permissions of newly created files are determined by the users' umask



Examples:

```
$ chmod 760 my_file
$ chown filipe my_file
$ chgrp xray my_file
```

File Permissions

• If a file has permissions '-rw-r--r' and you're neither the owner or part of the group that owns the file, can you execute the file?



- Could you instead copy the file?
- Can you move the file?
- What about creating another file in the same directory?

File Globbing

Wildcards can specify sets of files. For example:

```
$ 1s molecules
cubane.pdb ethane.pdb methane.pdb
cubane.txt ethane.txt methane.txt
 rm molecules/*.txt
$ 1s
cubane.pdb ethane.pdb methane.pdb
* matches 0 or more characters
? matches exactly 1 character
[abc] matches 1 character in the set
[a-z] matches 1 character in the range
For more details check man 7 glob
```

Demo: Files And Permissions

Pipes And Filters

You can use > to redirect the output of a command to a file, e.g.:

```
$ wc -1 *.pdb
12 cubane.pdb
   ethane.pdb
20
  methane.pdb
41
    total
$ wc -1 *.pdb > lengths.txt
$ cat lengths.txt
12 cubane.pdb
   ethane.pdb
20
   methane.pdb
   total
41
```

 >> works similarly, but the output is appended to the file instead of replacing it.

Pipes And Filters

 You can use (called a pipe) to make the output of a command the input of the next, e.g.:

```
$ sort -n lengths.txt
9 methane.pdb
12 cubane.pdb
20 ethane.pdb
41 total

$ wc -1 *.pdb | sort -n
9 methane.pdb
12 cubane.pdb
12 cubane.pdb
20 ethane.pdb
41 total
```

Pipes And Filters

You can use < to make the content of a file the input of a command,
 e.g.:

```
$ wc -1 methane.pdb
9 methane.pdb
```

is the same as:

```
$ wc -1 < methane.pdb
9 methane.pdb</pre>
```

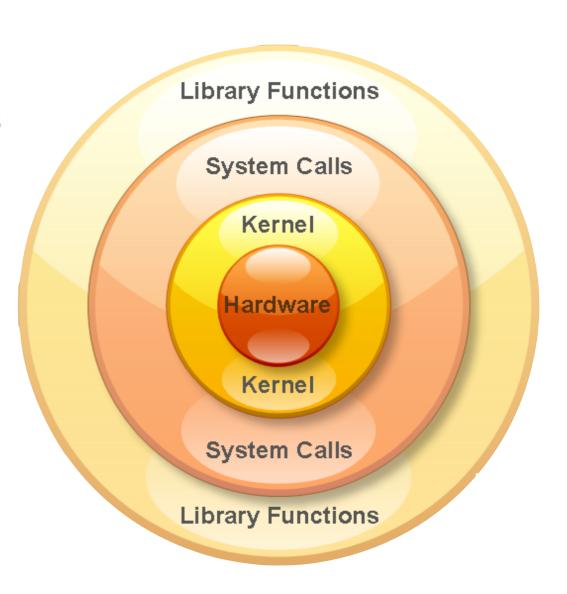
 Most commands that read from standard input also accept files as arguments so this is not as useful.

Standard File Descriptors

- Every process opens 3 numbered standard file descriptors, stdin (0), stdout (1), stderr (2).
- They correspond to the input (stdin), output (stdout) and error messages (stderr).
- You redirect the streams independently, e.g.:
 \$ ls /bin/foo /bin/ls > /dev/null
 ls: /bin/foo: No such file or directory
 \$ ls /bin/foo /bin/ls 2> /dev/null
 /bin/ls
- You can combine streams, e.g.:
 \$ 1s /bin/foo /bin/1s > /dev/null 2>&1
 \$ 1s /bin/1s /bin/foo 2>&1 |wc -1
 2

Unix Processes

- A process is a running program and has a unique pid (process id).
- Each process has a parent. It inherits its environment from the parent.
- You can use pstree to check the process tree.
- Each process has its own memory address.
- Processes can have one or more threads.
- All threads in a process share the same memory space.



Process Environment

- Each process has a parent process from which it inherits the environment.
- PATH is an environment variables used to search for executables. You
 can display it with echo \$PATH.
- You can change variables using export, e.g. export PATH=/bin.
- You can use which to find out the full path of an executable (e.g. which cp returns /bin/cp).
- LD_LIBRARY_PATH is another, which lets the program know where to find dynamic libraries.
- You can use **ldd** to print out the libraries found by the system:

```
[root@login ~]# ldd /bin/cat
linux-vdso.so.1 => (0x00007ffc4b73c000)
libc.so.6 => /lib64/libc.so.6 (0x00007f8e0a978000)
/lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2 (0x00007f8e0ad28000)
```

As usual, man 7 environ for more information.

Job Control

- Signals can be used to control a process.
- Ctrl+C (SIGINT) asks the process to terminate.
- Ctrl+Z (SIGSTP) suspends the process. You can use fg to continue the process.
- You can also use the kill command to send signals.
- kill 9 <pid>sends the SIGKILL signal to the process causing it to terminate immediately.
- Certain processes (stuck inside kernel calls) cannot be killed.
- You can also use nice to control the priority of execution of the process.
- Check man 7 signal for more information.

Demo: Pipes And Job Control

If you need to refresh your knowledge check: https://swcarpentry.github.io/shell-novice/

Some More Useful Programs

SSH Tips And Tricks

You can use ssh to login to a remote system:

```
ssh filipe@davinci.icm.uu.se
username host domain
```

You can edit your ~/.ssh/config to save you some typing:
 Host login

```
Hostname davinci.icm.uu.se
User filipe
```

```
Host *
ForwardAgent yes
ForwardX11 yes
UseKeychain yes
```

- Using ssh keys one does not need to retype your password
 \$ ssh-keygen (this creates the key pair. Use a password!)
- This will create a ~/.ssh/id_rsa (this is the secret!) and
 ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub (the public key).
- You can copy your public key to remote systems using ssh-copy-id to be able to login without using a password. It will copy it to ~/.ssh/authorized_keys

Remote File Copy

- You can use scp to copy files:
 scp -r my_dir davinci:
- For larger transfers you can use rsync.
- It can be used to continue transfers and to synchronise two directories.

```
rsync -av my_images davinci:data
copies my_images inside the data directory
```

```
rsync -av my_images/ davinci:data copies the files inside my_images inside the data directory
```

- Be careful with it as it can easily delete files in your own computer!
 Test with -n first!
- For very large transfers it's best to use Globus Online (globus.org).

Working Remotely

 screen allows you to maintain a remote session even without a permanent connection. Example:

```
localhost$ ssh big_machine
big_machine$ screen
screen_session$ ./my_slow_script.py
```

Now you can detach from the session (usually with Ctrl+A+D)

```
[detached]
big_machine$ exit
localhost$
```

To return to your session just login to big_machine again and do:

```
big_machine$ screen -r
screen_session$ ./my_slow_script.py
Result: 42
screen_session$ exit
[screen is terminating]
big_machine$
```

For more info check man screen
Also do create your own .screenrc

SSH

• Is it safe to give someone you don't know your id_rsa.pub file?



What about your id_rsa file?

An Introduction To Git

THIS IS GIT. IT TRACKS COLLABORATIVE WORK ON PROJECTS THROUGH A BEAUTIFUL DISTRIBUTED GRAPH THEORY TREE MODEL.

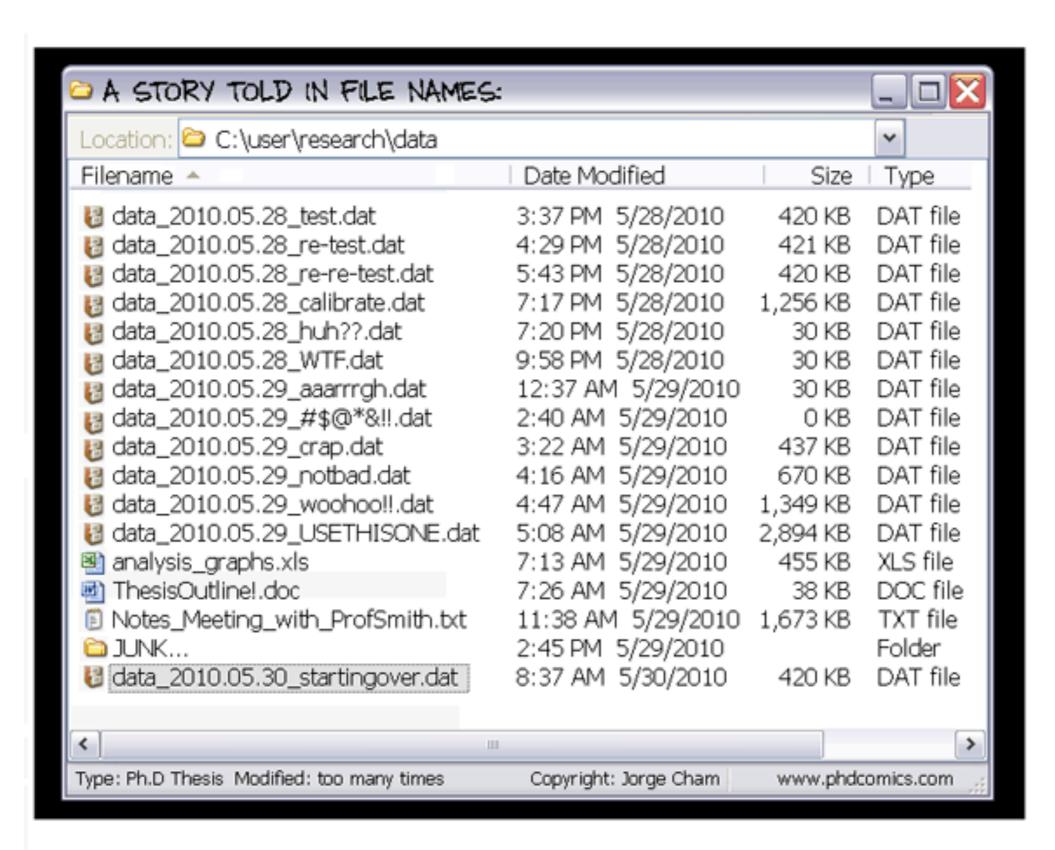
COOL. HOU DO WE USE IT?

NO IDEA. JUST MEMORIZE THESE SHELL COMMANDS AND TYPE THEM TO SYNC UP. IF YOU GET ERRORS, SAVE YOUR WORK ELSEWHERE, DELETE THE PROJECT, AND DOWNLOAD A FRESH COPY.





Why Do I Need Version Control?



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Why Do I Need Version Control?

- Your files are better organised
- You keep a history of all previous versions
- Your research is faster, more efficient and more reproducible
- Version control benefits collaborative work
- You always have a backup

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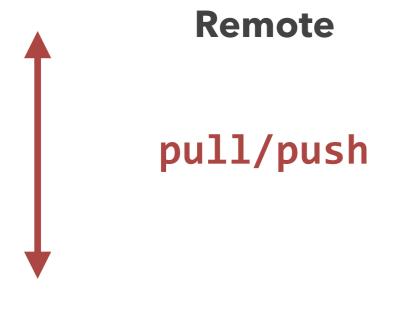
How Do I Use Git?





http://github.com

http://bitbucket.org





Collaborator A Local



Collaborator B Local

```
Creating a new project $ git init
```

Cloning an existing project \$ git clone https://github.com/.../project.git

Adding new files to be committed \$ git add README.md

Commit all new files \$ git commit -m "Useful message"

Updating the local copy ("pulling")
\$ git pull

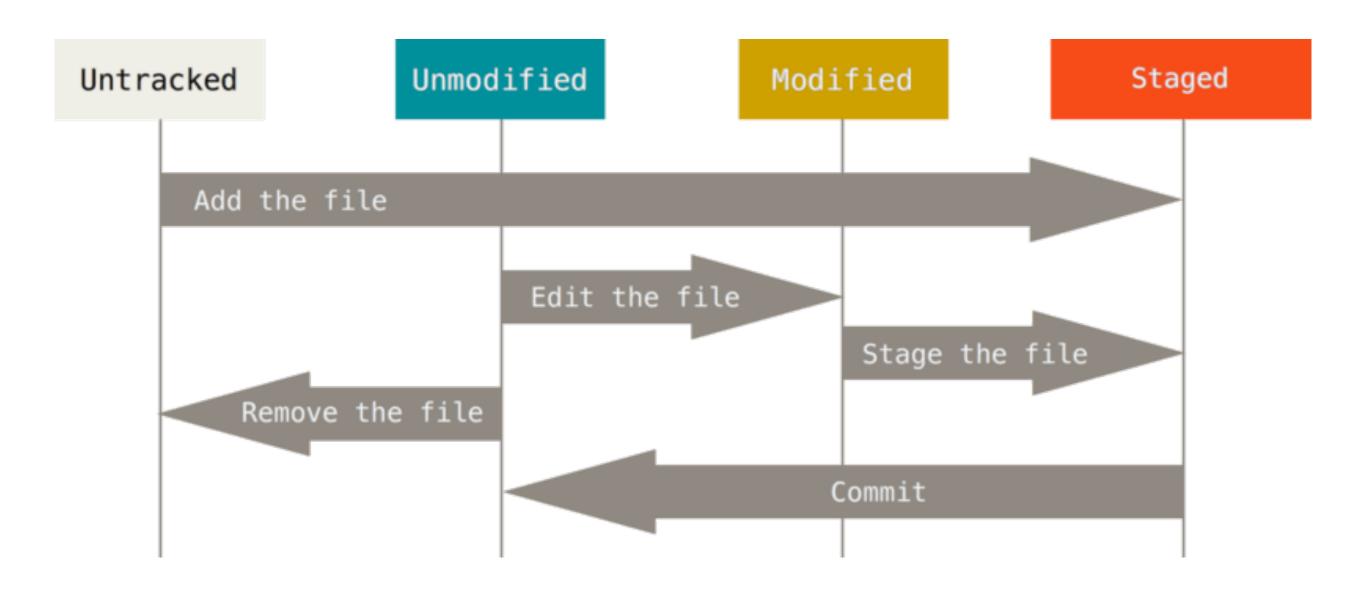
Updating the remote ("pushing") \$ git push

Current status of all files of repository

\$ git status

Show the history (commit log) \$ git log

The Lifecycle Of The Status Of Your Files



Pro Git Boot, by Scott Chacon: http://git-scm.com/book

Setting Up Git

- Local configurations (only the current repository is affected)
 \$ git config [options]
- Global configurations (only the user's configuration is modified)
 \$ git config --global [options]
- System configurations (all users are affected)
 \$ git config --system [options]
- Change your identity
 \$ git config --global user.name "Benedikt J. Daurer"
 \$ git config --global user.email "benedikt.daurer@icm.uu.se"
- Set your favourite editor (e.g. emacs or vim)
 \$ git config --global core.editor emacs
- Check your current settings\$ git config --list

Demo: Basic Git Commands

Getting Familiar With Basic Commands

- 1. Create a local copy (clone) of the following project: https://github.com/uu-python/participants \$ git clone https://github.com/uu-python/participants.git
- 2. Create a new file YOURNAME.md \$ \$EDITOR filipe.md
- 3. Write something about yourself and add your file to the files tracked by git
- 4. Commit your changes and give a meaningful log message\$ git add filipe.md\$ git commit -m "Create new file"
- 5. Update your local repository by pulling from the remote \$ git pull
- 6. Update the remote repository by pushing your local changes **\$ git push**

Deleting, Moving, Cancelling, Resetting

- Deleting a tracked file\$ git rm FILE
- Deleting a tracked file (but keeping an untracked copy)
 \$ git rm --cached FILE
- Moving a file (renaming)\$ git mv FILE TARGET
- Unstaging a file\$ git reset HEAD FILE
- Undo modifications of unstaged files
 \$ git checkout -- FILE1 FILE2
- Checkout a previous version\$ git checkout HASH

Branching And Merging

Check the history of the branch

benedikt@icm-241-135:~/particpants\$ git log

commit 776e7c4f19493d88a85832dcef44ff2e569586bb

Author: Benedikt Daurer <benedikt.daurer@icm.uu.se>

Date: Mon Nov 21 15:59:00 2016 +0100

Fixed typo

commit 6acb9e49d9de91a8aa1536a659f3003f477e9c7d

Author: Benedikt Daurer <benedikt.daurer@icm.uu.se>

Date: Mon Nov 21 15:57:53 2016 +0100

Fixed link

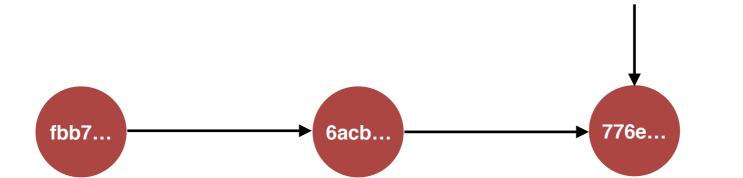
commit fbb7ef51497d8aa77304280419c7cc4c67511626

Author: Benedikt Daurer

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Date: Mon Nov 21 15:56:53 2016 +0100

Initial commit

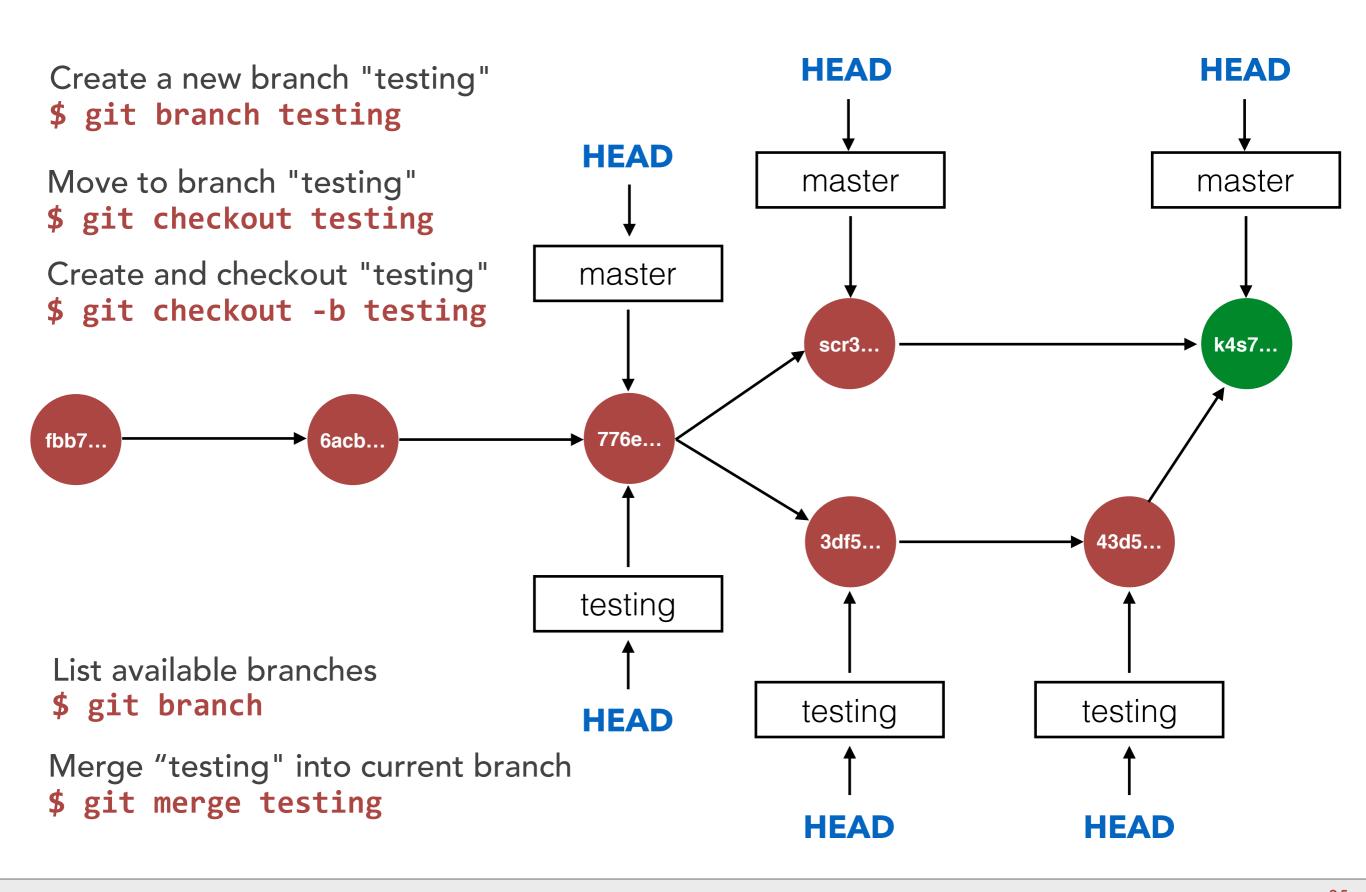


Check on the status of the branch

benedikt@icm-241-135:~/particpants\$ git status
On branch master
Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.
nothing to commit, working directory clean

master

Branching And Merging



Demo: Branching And Merging

Contribute To A Collaborative Project

1. Create a local copy (clone) of the following project: https://github.com/uu-python/particpants \$ git clone https://github.com/uu-python/participants 2. Create a new branch "yourname" \$ git checkout -b filipe 3. Edit the file of your neighbour or someone else (e.g. describe the person, write a message, ...) 4. Commit your changes and give a meaningful log message \$ git commit -m "Edited benedikt's file." 5. Push your local to remote branch with the same name \$ git push --set-upstream origin filipe 6. Switch to the master branch and merge the branch "yourname" into master git checkout master \$ git merge filipe 7. Update local master branch (pull) \$ git pull 8. Update remote master branch (push)

\$ git push

Take Home Messages

- Version control using git helps you better organize your work
 (e.g. code, documentation, manuscripts, thesis, webpages, ...)
- git (together with github or bitbucket) enables collaborative coding/writing
- You always have a backup and you can easily go back to previous versions

Further Reading And Playing

- The Pro Git Book (https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2)
- Githug a game for learning git (https://github.com/Gazler/githug)

Interactive Python

Standard Python Interpreter

- The standard Python interpreter is **python**.
- For example, to run a script my-program.py:
 \$ python my-program.py
- We can also start the interpreter by simply typing python at the command line, and interactively type Python code into the interpreter.

```
icm-39-33:~ filipe$ python3
Python 3.5.1 (default, Dec 26 2015, 18:08:53)
[GCC 4.2.1 Compatible Apple LLVM 7.0.2 (clang-700.1.81)] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>>> [
```

 The standard Python interpreter is not very convenient due to a number of limitations.

IPython

- IPython addresses the limitation of the standard python interpreter
- A work-horse for scientific use of python. It provides an interactive prompt to the python interpreter with a greatly improved user-friendliness.

```
icm-39-33:~ filipe$ ipython3
Python 3.5.1 (default, Dec 26 2015, 18:08:53)
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

IPython 5.3.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.
? -> Introduction and overview of IPython's features.

%quickref -> Quick reference.
help -> Python's own help system.
object? -> Details about 'object', use 'object??' for extra details.

In [1]: []
```

It includes:

Command history, using the up and down arrows.

Tab auto-completion.

In-line editing of code.

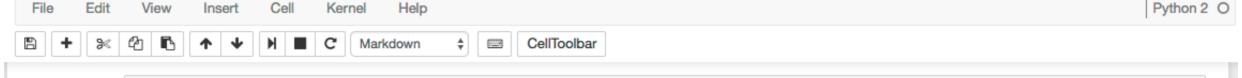
Object introspection, and docstring extraction.

Good interaction with operating system shell.

Jupyter Notebook

- Open-source web application
- Allows you to create and share documents that contain live code, equations, visualisations and explanatory text
- Based on the IPython shell, but provides a cell-based environment with great interactivity
- Similar interface capabilities to Matlab.
- Calculations can be organised and documented in a structured way.
- Jupyter notebooks are usually run locally, from the same computer that run the browser.
- To start a new Jupiter notebook session, run the following command:
 jupyter-notebook





```
In [7]: output = mesolve(H, psi0, tlist, c_ops, [a.dag() * a, sm.dag() * sm])
```

Visualize the results

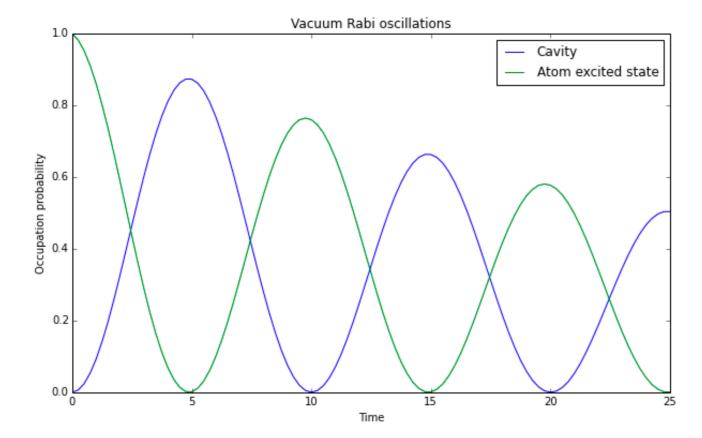
Here we plot the excitation probabilities of the cavity and the atom (these expectation values were calculated by the mesolve above). We can clearly see how energy is being coherently transferred back and forth between the cavity and the atom.

```
In [8]: n_c = output.expect[0]
    n_a = output.expect[1]

fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(10,6))

axes.plot(tlist, n_c, label="Cavity")
    axes.plot(tlist, n_a, label="Atom excited state")
    axes.legend(loc=0)
    axes.set_xlabel('Time')
    axes.set_ylabel('Occupation probability')
    axes.set_title('Vacuum Rabi oscillations')
```

Out[8]: <matplotlib.text.Text at 0x7f8f0b8c3908>



Demo: Jupyter Notebook