

SOURCE CONTROL

Joel on Software

The Joel Test: 12 Steps to Better Code

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Have you ever heard of [SEMA](#)? It's a fairly esoteric system for measuring how good a software team is. No, *wait! Don't follow that link!* It will take you about six years just to *understand* that stuff. So I've come up with my own, highly irresponsible, sloppy test to rate the quality of a software team. The great part about it is that it takes about 3 minutes. With all the time you save, you can go to medical school.

The Joel Test

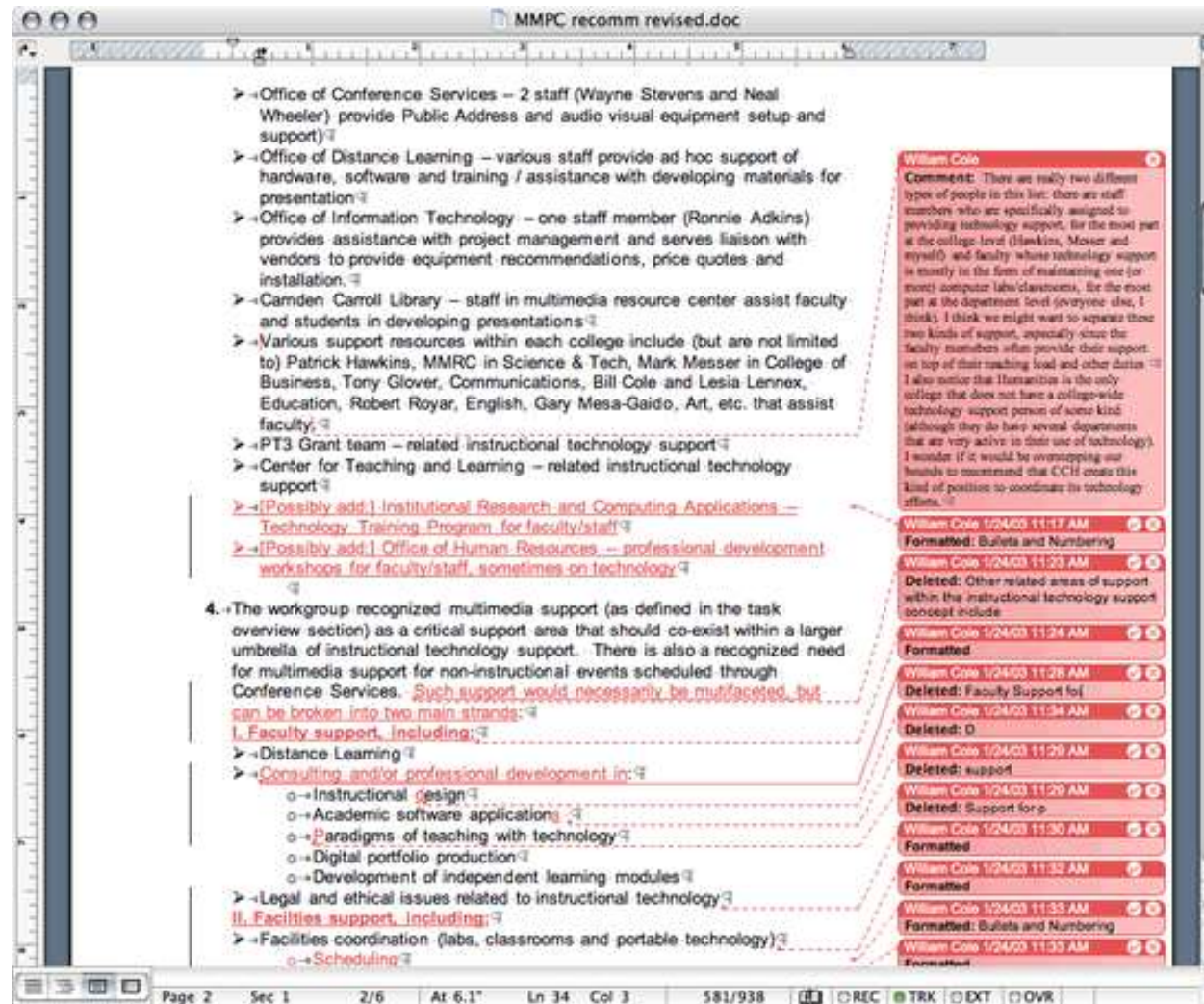
1. Do you use source control?
2. Can you make a build in one step?
3. Do you make daily builds?
4. Do you have a bug database?
5. Do you fix bugs before writing new code?
6. Do you have an up-to-date schedule?
7. Do you have a spec?
8. Do programmers have quiet working conditions?
9. Do you use the best tools money can buy?
10. Do you have testers?
11. Do new candidates write code during their interview?
12. Do you do hallway usability testing?

15 years ago... blog of the guy who would go onto co-found Stack Overflow

1. Do you use source control?

...if you don't have source control, you're going to stress out trying to get programmers to work together. Programmers have no way to know what other people did.

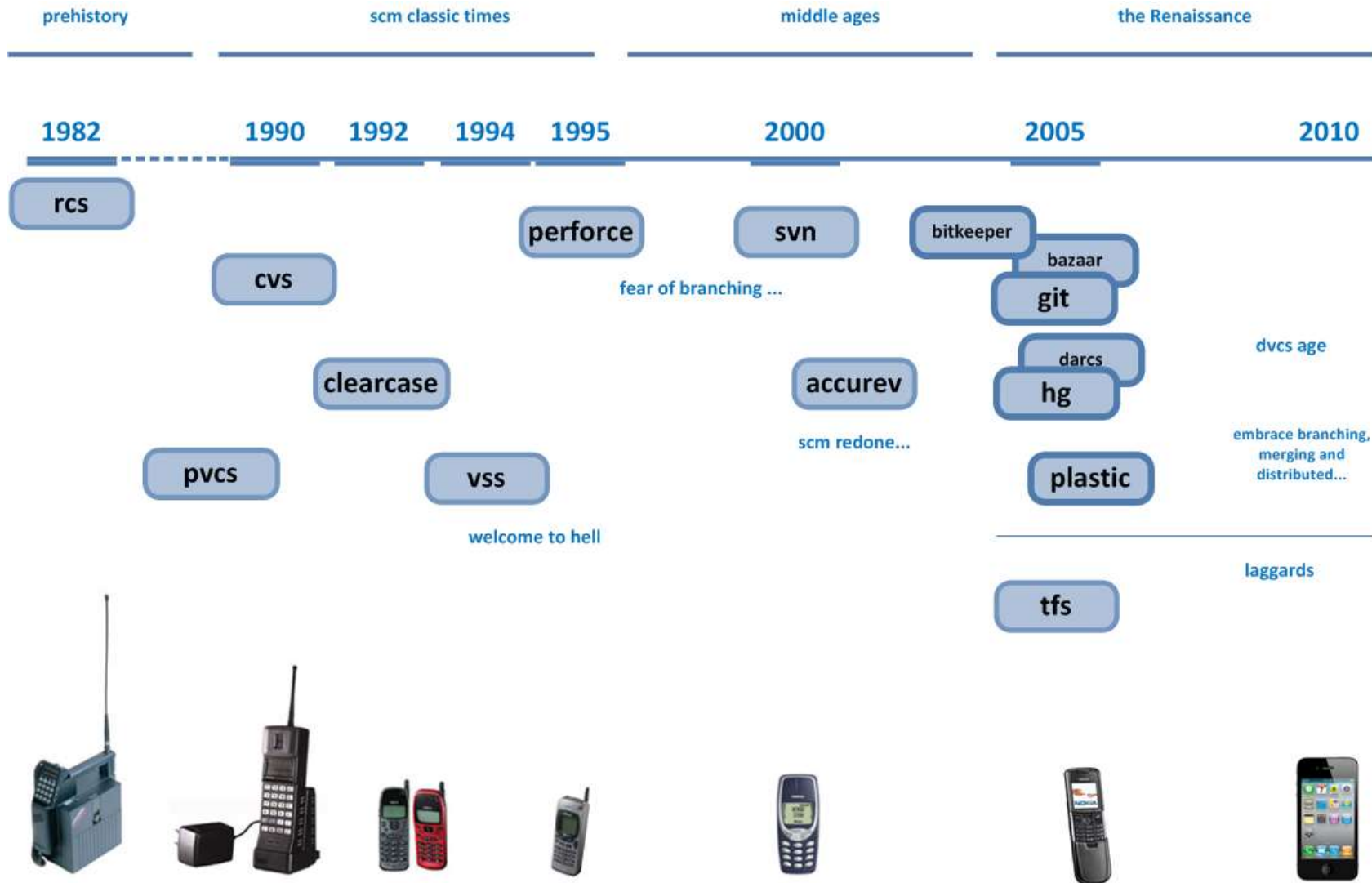
Mistakes can't be rolled back easily. The other neat thing about source control systems is that the source code itself is checked out on every programmer's hard drive -- I've never heard of a project using source control that lost a lot of code.



Many people's first introduction to the concept:

MS Word, Track changes - 2004

A history of source control







This repository Search

Explore Gist Blog Help



davmlaw



git / git

Watch

936

Star

8,474

Fork

4,830

Initial revision of "git", the information manager from hell

[Browse files](#)

master v2.3.4 v0.99



Linus Torvalds authored on 8 Apr 2005

0 parents commit e83c5163316f89bfbde7d9ab23ca2e25604af290

Showing 11 changed files with 1,244 additions and 0 deletions.

Unified

Split

40 Makefile

```
...  ...  @@ -0,0 +1,40 @@
1  +CFLAGS=-g
2  +CC=gcc
3  +
4  +PROG=update-cache show-diff init-db write-tree read-tree commit-tree cat-file
5  +
6  +all: $(PROG)
7  +
8  +install: $(PROG)
9  +    install $(PROG) $(HOME)/bin/
10 +
11 +LIBS= -lssl
12 +
13 +init-db: init-db.o
14 +
15 +update-cache: update-cache.o read-cache.o
16 +    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o update-cache update-cache.o read-cache.o $(LIBS)
17 +
18 +show-diff: show-diff.o read-cache.o
19 +    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o show-diff show-diff.o read-cache.o $(LIBS)
20 +
```

Summary

- |Source Control / Revision Control / Version Control – tools used to help manage and track changes in text files (ie source code)
- |Git – a source control tool, written by Linus Torvalds that we will be learning today
- |Github - A website, which makes it easy to work collaboratively on git repositories. Bitbucket is similar

Recap

- Use source control
- It has been “best practices” for 15+ years
- Use source control
- Even if it's just you, use source control



3 things to help you understand Git

- | Hashing

- | Diffs

- | Directed Acyclic Graphs

Hashes

- Convert any-length strings into (shorter) fixed sized strings.

- Useful for hash tables, cryptography, data transmission and many other uses.

```
$ echo "Hello world" | md5sum
```

```
f0ef7081e1539ac00ef5b761b4fb01b3 -
```

Try:

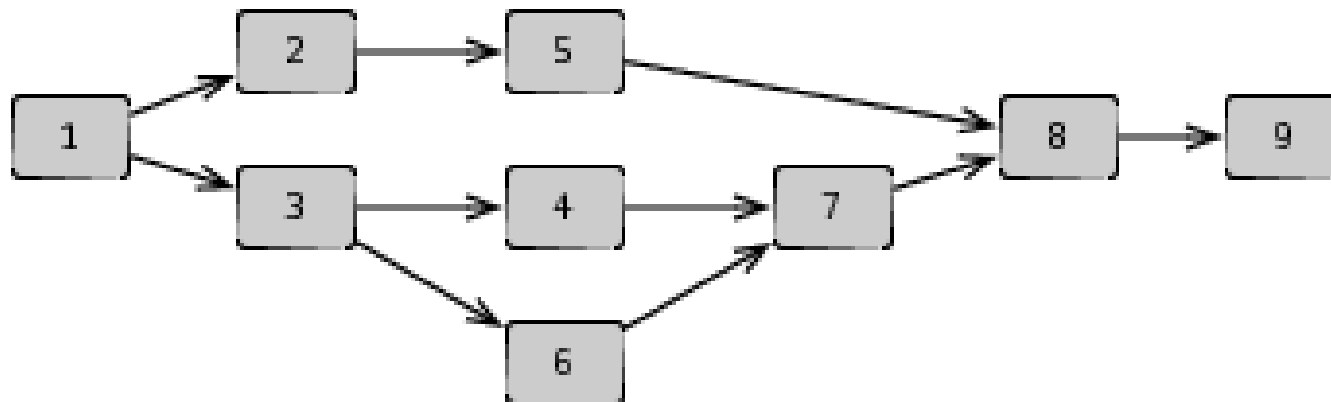
- | Copying files, hashing them.
- | Creating files that are identical (not via copying), hashing them
- | Modify files, hash them. Modify back.
- | See how it works?

Diff

- | Create a file with lots of lines
- | Make a copy
- | Modify a line $\frac{1}{2}$ way through
- | Run `diff file1.txt file2.txt`

Directed Acyclic Graph

- Directed (ie the link is always the same direction, ie between parent->child)
- Acyclic – no loops
- Graph – has nodes & edges



Install first...

- Linux:
- `sudo apt-get install -y git meld`
-

Git Hello World

```
git help
```

```
mkdir -p ~/localwork/git_tutorial
```

```
cd ~/localwork/git_tutorial
```

```
git init
```

```
(ls -l .git)
```

```
echo "Hello world" > hello.txt
```

```
git add hello.txt
```

```
git commit -m "initial commit"
```


Git Hello World

git log

Commit contains - Hash, date, message,
person/email.

(Modify hello.txt)

git add hello.txt

git diff # Shows what changed

git commit -m "modified"

git log

rm hello.txt

git diff

git checkout hello.txt # revert

cat hello.txt

Moving through time...

```
git log
```

```
git checkout 851ae # Copy your 1st commit hash
```

```
cat hello.txt
```

```
git checkout master
```

```
cat hello.txt
```

Branches (easy fast forward)

git branch feature

git checkout feature

(modify hello.txt)

git commit -a -m "modified in feature branch"

git log # has commit in feature branch

git checkout master

git log # doesn't have commit

git merge feature # Merge FROM feature into current (master)

Updating 219ddc3..70d4bfa

Fast-forward

hello.txt | 2 +-
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(-)

git branch

git branch -d feature # Delete feature

git log --graph

Branches (with auto merge)

(make hello.txt have lots of lines, and commit)

git branch feature

git checkout feature

(modify hello.txt on top lines)

git commit -a -m "modified in feature branch"

git checkout master

(Modify hello.txt on bottom lines)

git commit -a -m "modified in master"

git merge feature # auto-merges

git log --graph

Blame

Who did this??!

```
git blame hello.txt
```


Branches (with manual merge)

```
git branch my_branch
```

```
git checkout my_branch
```

```
(modify hello.txt)
```

```
git commit -a -m "modified in my_branch"
```

```
git checkout master
```

```
(Modify hello.txt on SAME lines)
```

```
git commit -a -m "modified in master"
```

```
git merge my_branch # can't do it
```

```
cat hello.txt
```

```
git mergetool # Visual tool to do it
```

```
git log --graph
```

Remote repositories

- |Clone

- |Pull

- |Push

- |If a remote won't accept my push, 99% of the time pull, merge, commit, push will fix it.

Git ecosystem

- |Github

- |Bitbucket

- |SmartGit (GUI)