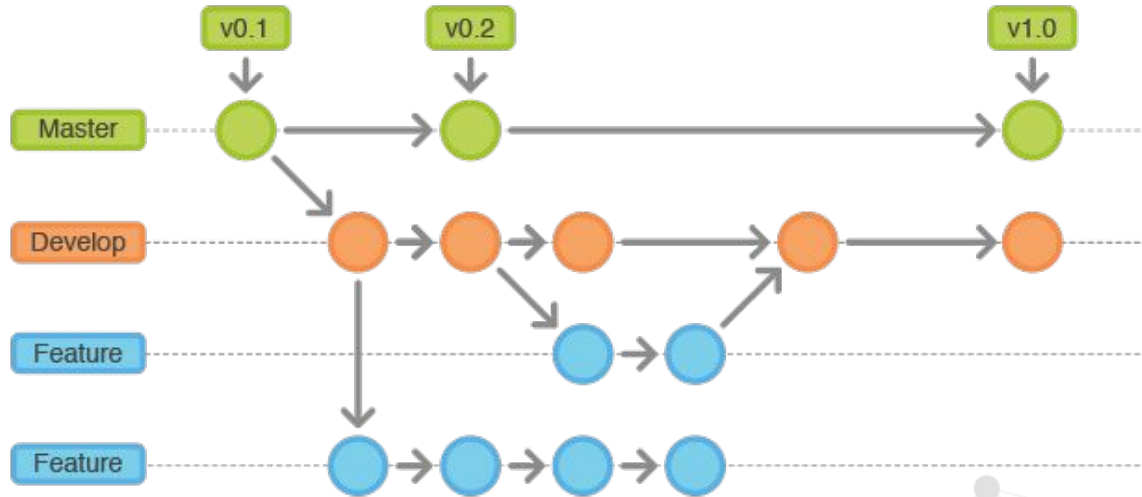




# Learn Version Control the Hard Way

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# We're going to learn ..



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# What is version control?

- Keeps track of your creative output.
- It tracks what is changed.
- It tracks who makes the changes.
- It tracks why changes were made.
- Keeps track that evolution is vital.
- Everyone needs it
  - developers / designers
  - writers / producers
  - artists / composers
- You can use it as part of team or by yourself.
- Keeping track of changes and history is the key to creative success.

Every good journey begins with a story ...



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# Why version control?

- **Peace of mind:** Automatic backups
- **History:** Change-by-change log of your work
- **Friction-free undo:** For both short-term and long-term

# How do teams benefits from control?

- **Synchronisation:** Easy to keep team members always up-to-date
- **Accountability:** Know who made each change and why
- **Conflict detection:** Keep the build clean every time

In fact ...  
you already do version control even if you don't  
use any software!

- *Thesis-Working ~~Thesis-Working~~*
- *Thesis-Shiplt ~~Thesis-Shiplt~~*
- *Thesis-Final ~~Thesis-Final~~*
- *Thesis-FinalFinalWithBugFixes*



# Everything is now automated

- **Backups:** Every version is kept around
- **Change tracking:** Commit messages let you know why things changed
- **Rollback to previous versions:** It's like undo for coding
- **Labelling significant changes:** Tags/labels identify the state of the source that matches each release

# A quick history

- Stand-alone and file-focused
  - **SCCS**  
1972, Unix only
  - **RCS**  
1982, cross-platform, text only

# A quick history

- Centralized
  - **CVS**  
1986, first central repository, file-focused
  - **Perforce**  
1995, still the biggest repository inside Google
  - **Subversion**  
2000, non-text files, track directory structure, transaction unit
  - **Microsoft Team Foundation Server**  
2010, comes with MSDN subscription, tight Visual Studio integration

# A quick history

- Distributed
  - **Git**  
2005, created by Linus Torvalds after BitKeeper went commercial only. Broadly used in conjunction with GitHub, which offers free hosting for open-source projects.
  - **Mercurial**  
2005, also created in response to BitKeeper change

# Essential version control concepts

- **Repository** aka database
  - where your files and their history is stored
- **Working set**
  - the current state of the files as stored on your local machine
- **Add**
  - insert new files from working set into the repository

# Essential version control concepts

- **Check-in / Commit**

- copy changes from working set to repository

- **Check-out / Update**

- copy changes from repository to working set

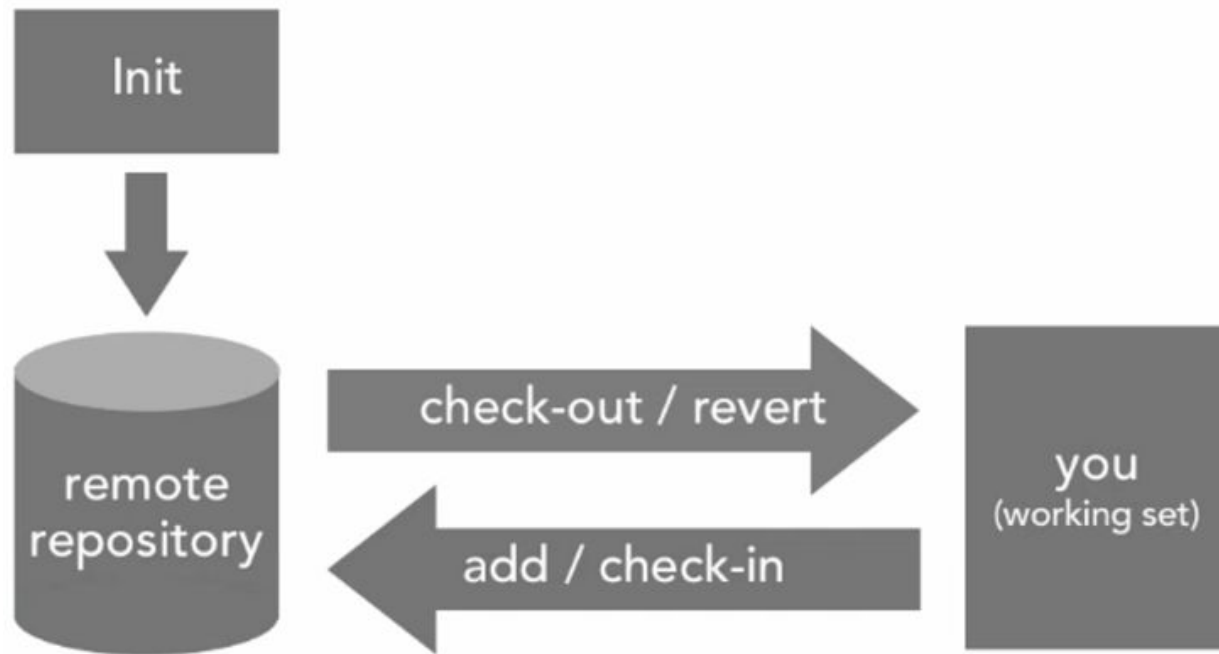
- **Tag / Label**

- mark the current state of the repository for future checkout

# Distributed repository systems only

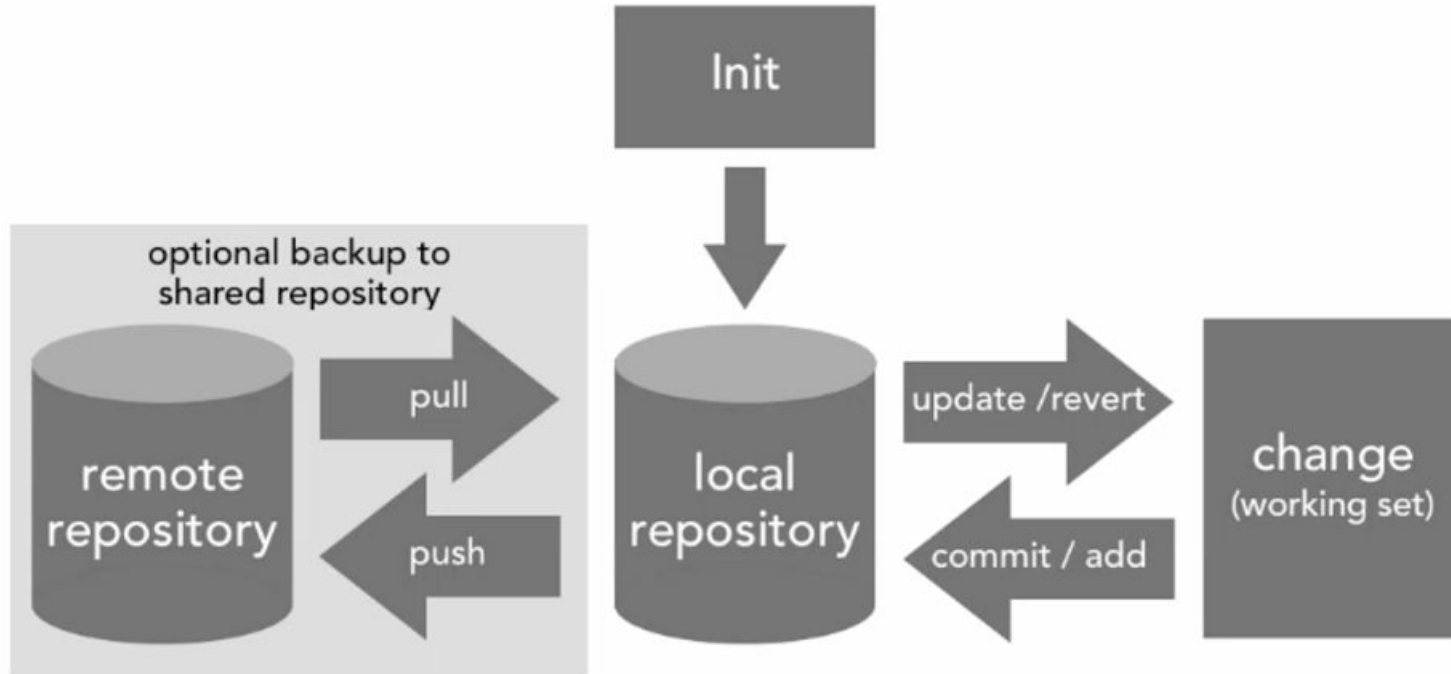
- **push / export**
  - send changes from one repo to another
- **pull / import**
  - update your working set with updates
- **Tag / Label**
  - name a specific state of a repo
- **branch / fork**
  - make a clone of a repo
- **Merge**
  - integrate your branch (clone) back into the original repo

# Centralized vs. Distributed





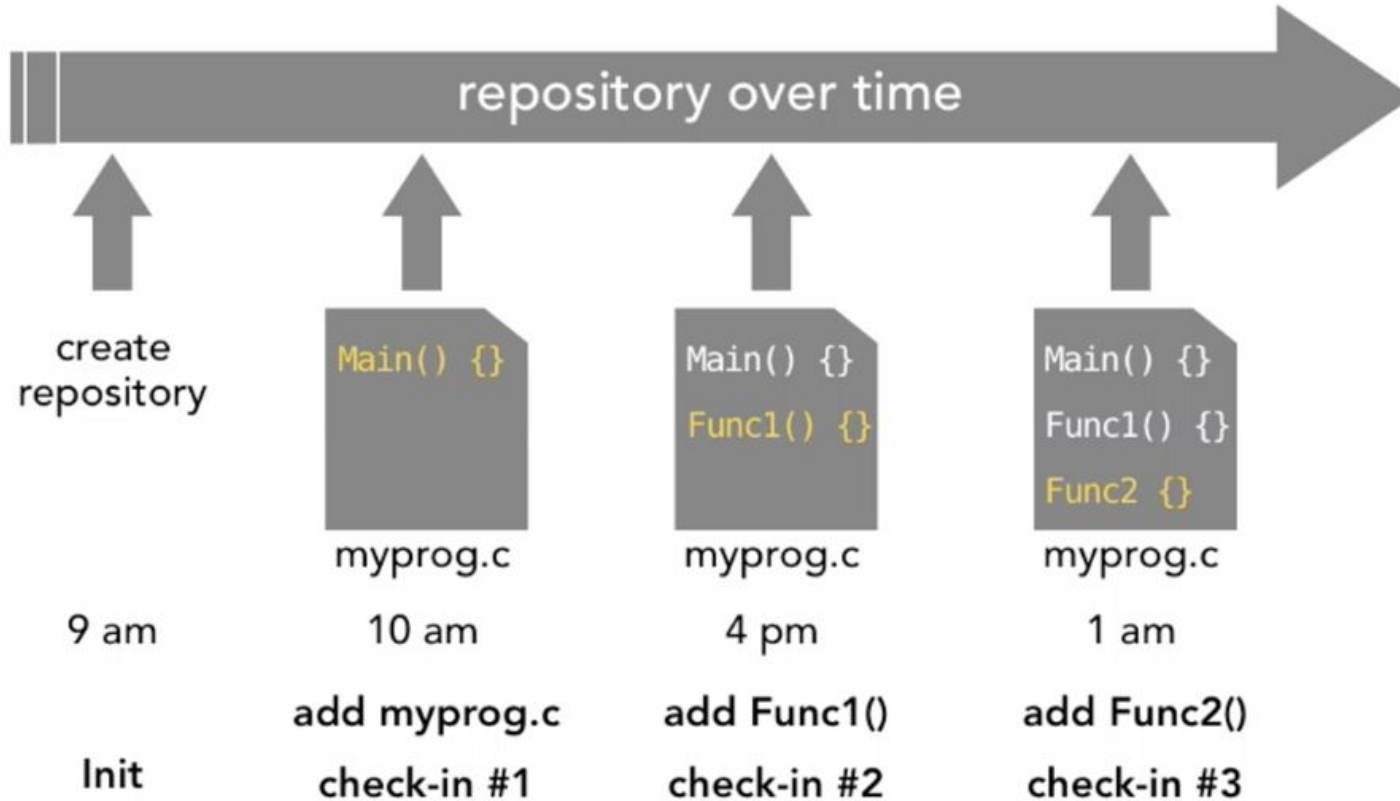
# Centralized vs. Distributed



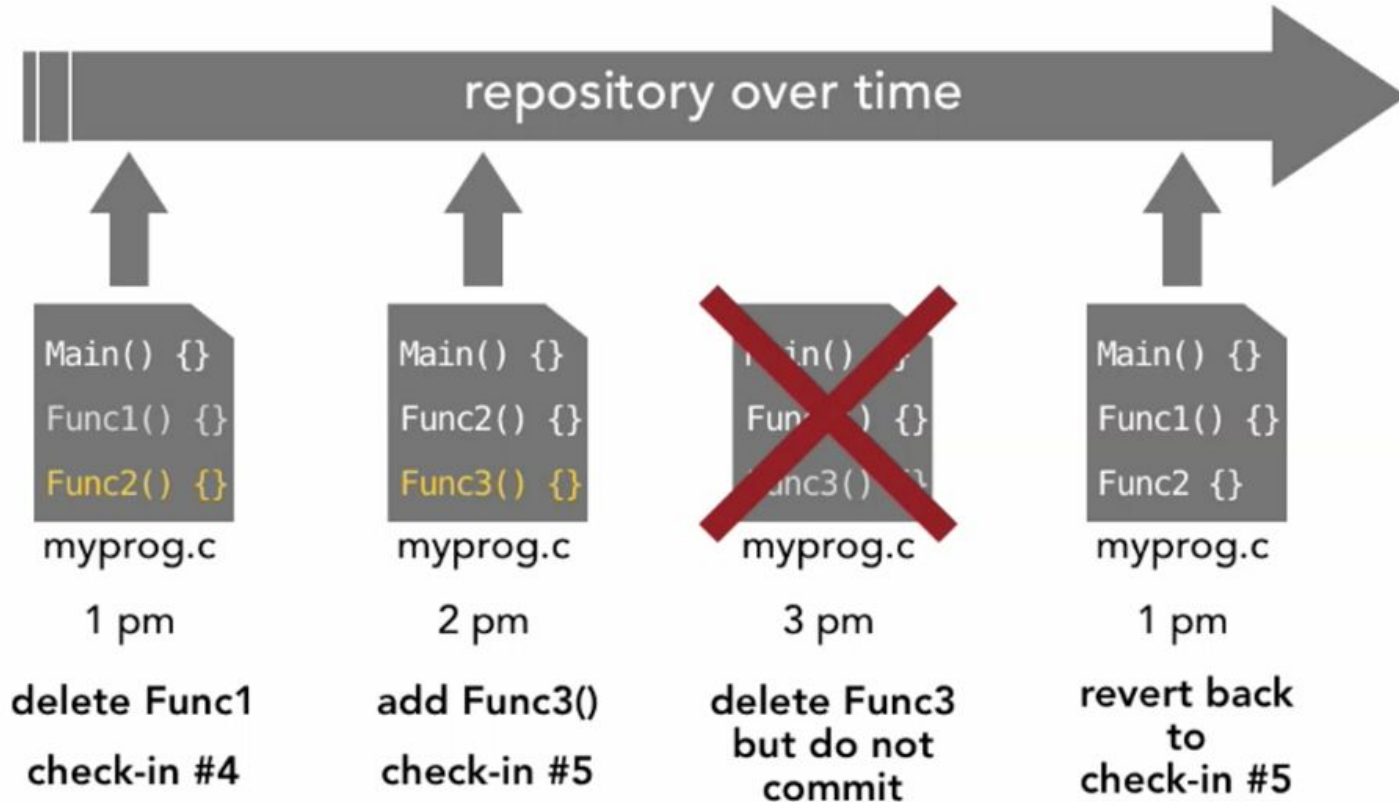
# Git

- Type: Distributed
- Free with commercial hosting options
- Open-source free bits: <http://git-scm.com>
- Free and commercial hosting for open-source and closed source:  
<http://github.com>

# Git in action



# Git in action



# Let's do it together ...

1. `git --version` (make sure Git installed properly)
2. `mkdir fsvc` (create your directory)
3. `cd fsvc` (change the path to your directory)
4. `git init` (setup Git)
5. `dir /a` (check the Git hidden database file)
6. `git status` (make sure it initialised properly)

# Let's do it together ...

7. `notepad myprog.py` (create a file, add `"Main () {}"` and save it)
8. `git add *` (to tell Git to track new files)
9. `git commit -a -m "Add myprog.py"`
10. Error?
  - a. `git config --global user.email "you@example.com"`
  - b. `git config --global user.name "Your Name"`
11. `git commit -a -m "Add myprog.py"`
12. `git status` (to verify your success commit)

# Let's do it together ...

13. `git log -p` (ask Git to tell you the history)
14. `notepad myprog.py` (let's reopen the file, add `"Func1 () {}"` and save it)
15. `git commit -a -m "Add Func1()"`
16. `git log -p` (check the changes you've made)
17. `notepad myprog.py` (one more time, let's reopen the file, add `"Func2 () {}"` and save it)
18. `git commit -a -m "Add Func2()"`
19. `git log -p` (check the changes you've made)

## You're almost there ...

20. `git log --oneline --all` (ask Git for shorter version of your history)
21. `git diff 6a3e577 7555e83` (ask Git to show you the differences, take note that identifiers are different for you Git!)



# Let's make some Oops!

22. `notepad myprog.py` (open the file, delete “Func1 () {}” and save it)
23. `git diff` (check what's in repo and what's in working set)
24. `git commit -a -m “Delete Func1()”`
25. `notepad myprog.py` (let's reopen the file, add “Func3 () {}” and save it)
26. `git commit -a -m “Add Func3()”`
27. `git log --oneline --all`

# Let's make some Oops!

28. `notepad myprog.py` (open the file, delete “Func3 () {}” and save it) (we did it in our working set, didn't commit yet)
29. `type myprog.py` (but we didn't meant to do that!)
30. `git diff HEAD` (check the difference between repo and working set)
31. `git checkout myprog.py` (revert back the mistake we've made)
32. `type myprog.py` (and it's back again!)
33. `git diff HEAD / git diff / git status` (you can see there is no difference)

# You got it all!

<https://desktop.github.com>

The screenshot shows the GitHub Desktop application window. The title bar indicates the current project is 'atom/find-and-replace'. The interface includes a sidebar on the left with a 'Filter Repositories' search bar and a list of repositories: atom, docs, electron, electron.atom.io, find-and-replace (selected), markdown-preview, and unity-ui. The main area is divided into two panes. The top pane shows the commit history for the 'master' branch, with a visual timeline and a 'Sync' button. The bottom pane displays a commit by 'muan' titled 'Default out of range so results won't all get prepended', which occurred 2 hours ago. The commit message is 'lib/project/results-view.coffee'. The diff view shows changes to the file 'lib/project/results-view.coffee', with a highlighted section of code that defines the 'ResultsView' class, extending 'ScrollView' and implementing methods for rendering search results.

atom/find-and-replace

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muan/sort-search-results ▾

No Uncommitted Changes

History

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Filter Repositories

Update from master

View Branch

Sync

master ▾

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- atom
- docs
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Use a loop  
1 hour ago by benogle

Use .localeCompare instead...  
2 hours ago by muan

Default out of range so results w...  
2 hours ago by muan

Remove check if should render...  
2 hours ago by muan

Default out of range so results won't all get prepended  
muan bbb4a18 2 hours ago ⚙ ▾

lib/project/results-view.coffee

```
...  ...  @@ -71,7 +71,7 @@ class ResultsView extends ScrollView
71  71      for filePath in paths[@lastRenderedResultIndex..]
72  72          result = @model.getResult(filePath)
73  73          listItems = @children()
74  74          insertPoint = 0
```

# Thanks!

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