Simple Git Version Control Process

This article provides a simple process to use git to version control with an exported workflows XML file as an example. This guideline is for especially for anyone not familiar with git and would help them familiarize with the git basics. Please note this is a basic guide that can be used for any files that need to be version controlled using git. See following content details

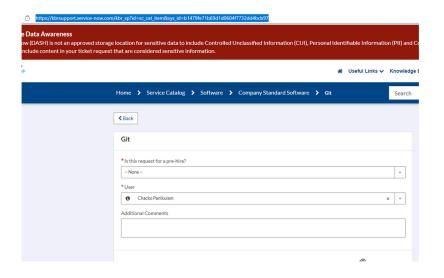
Installation and Pre-requisites
Git
Visual Studio Or any IDE with git integration like VS code
Process
Clone the repo from Azure devops to your local
Setup a feature branch
Add or update changes to feature branch
Commit and push the changes
Review changes
Related links

Installation and Pre-requisites

Ensure to familiarize the general git branching policies.

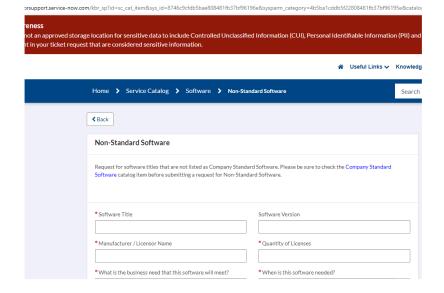
Git

This can be requested under the DASH standard software. See link and screenshot as follow:

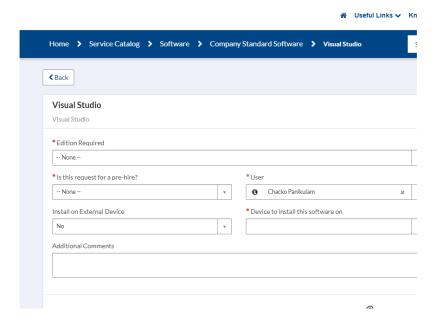


Visual Studio Or any IDE with git integration like VS code

In the below example VS code is used which has good git integration. This can be requested as a non standard software. See link and screenshot:



Generally Visual Studio can be requested under standard software. See link and screenshot as follows:

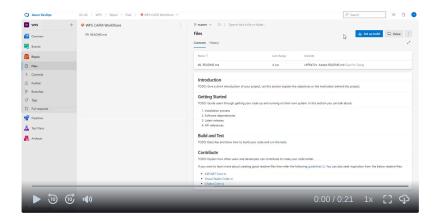


Process

Clone the repo from Azure devops to your local

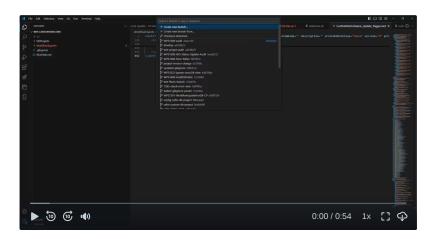
- 1. Under Azure devops, navigate to your repo
- 2. Ensure you are on develop branch
- 3. Then select clone in VS code
- 4. Select the desired folder in your local machine $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($
- 5. After which your repo should be cloned into your local machine $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$

See video



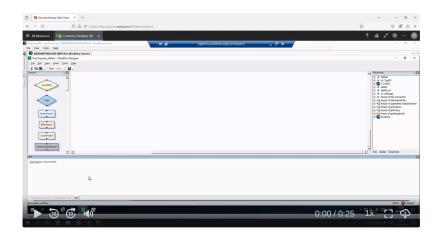
Setup a feature branch

- 1. Ensure you are on develop branch
- 2. Pull latest from origin of develop
- 3. Create the feature branch (Ensure to prefix with ticket number and end with feature summary)
- 4. The feature branch is ready to be published



Add or update changes to feature branch

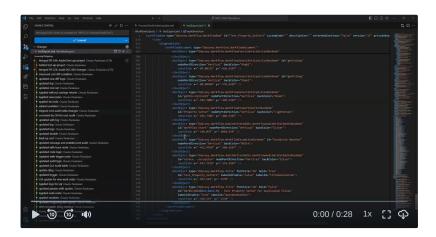
- 1. This can be any file changes, additions, reverts, etc.
- 2. In this case an example workflow XML export is copied over to a file. See video



Commit and push the changes

- 1. Ensure to put a summary and message
- 2. Then commit and push the changes
- 3. Press ok for the prompt, to publish the feature branch to the remote

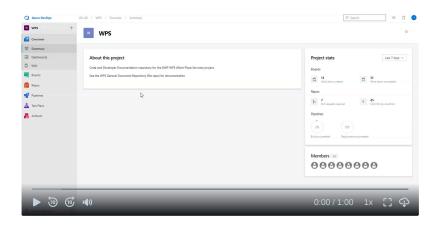
See video:



Review changes

- 1. If its a newly published feature branch under Azure devops, a prompt will appear to create a PR.
- 2. Click create and select the dev branch (See above branching policies for more details)
- 3. After adding necessary details in the PR, it can be reviewed by adding approvers
- 4. If you want to review an older change under the branch, the commit history of the PR can be viewed. The same can be used to revert changes where you could revert to this commit or the older version can be copied over.
- ${\bf 5}.$ Once approved, click the complete button so that the changes goes into the dev branch

See video

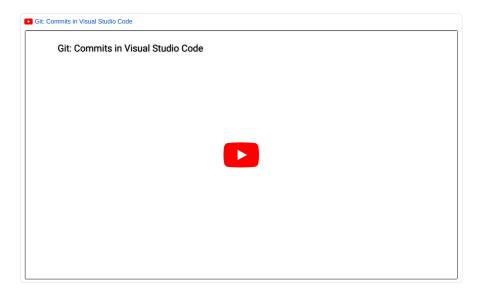


Related links

Git Command line - Git Tutorial (w3schools.com)



Undo last commit:



Other video tutorial to learn git concepts using command line:

