

Source Code Management



Version Control System

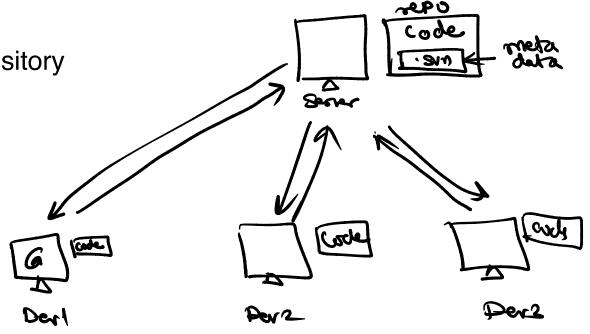


- Also known as revision control or source code control system
- Is the management of documents (source code)
- Logical way to organize and control the revisions of source code
- Tracks and provides control over the changes made in the code
- E.g.
 - CVS
 - SVN
 - Git
 - Bazar





- Only one server maintains shared repository
- Every developer sends the changes to the same repository
- Disadvantages
 - not scalable
 - dependency on the server
- E.g.
 - Open source
 - CVS (Concurrent Version System)
 - SVN (Subversion
 - Proprietary
 - AccuRev
 - Razor
 - TeamCity
 - Vault
 - Visual SourceSafe





- Takes peer-to-peer approach to version control
- Synchronizes repositories by exchanging patches from peer to peer
- There is no single server which maintains the code, rather user has a working copy and full change history
- Disadvantages
 - Allows users to work productively even when not connected to internet
 - Common operations like commit, version history etc. are faster because there is no need to communicate with server
 - Communication with server is necessary only when developer wants to share the changes with others
 - Allows private work, users don't need to publish the changes for early drafts
 - Working copies function effectively as backups
 - Permits centralized control of the release version of code



Git



Overview

- Git is a distributed revision control and source code management system
- Git was initially designed and developed by Linus Torvalds for Linux kernel development
- Git is a free software distributed under the terms of the GNU General Public License version 2



History

- The development of Git began on 3 April 2005
- Torvalds announced the project on 6 April
- It became self-hosting as of 7 April
- The first merge of multiple branches took place on 18 April
- Torvalds achieved his performance goals on 29 April
- On 16 June Git managed the kernel 2.6.12 release
- Torvalds turned over maintenance on 26 July 2005 to Junio Hamano, a major contributor to the project



Characteristics

- Strong support for non-linear development
- Distributed development
- Compatibility with existent systems and protocols
- Efficient handling of large projects
- Cryptographic authentication of history
- Toolkit-based design
- Pluggable merge strategies



Advantages

- Free and open source
- Fast and small
- Implicit backup
- Security
- No need of powerful hardware
- Easier branching



Terminologies

- Repository
 - Directory containing .git folder
- Object
 - Collection of key-value pairs
- Blobs (Binary Large Object)
 - Each version of a file is represented by blob
 - A blob holds the file data but doesn't contain any metadata about the file
 - It is a binary file, and in Git database, it is named as SHA1 hash of that file
 - In Git, files are not addressed by names. Everything is content-addressed
- Clone
 - Clone operation creates the instance of the repository
 - Clone operation not only checks out the working copy, but it also mirrors the complete repository
 - Users can perform many operations with this local repository
 - The only time networking gets involved is when the repository instances are being synchronized



Terminologies

Pull

- Pull operation copies the changes from a remote repository instance to a local
- The pull operation is used for synchronization between two repository instances

Push

- Push operation copies changes from a local repository instance to a remote
- This is used to store the changes permanently into the Git repository

HEAD

- HEAD is a pointer, which always points to the latest commit in the branch
- Whenever you make a commit, HEAD is updated with the latest commit
- The heads of the branches are stored in .git/refs/heads/ directory



Terminologies

Commits

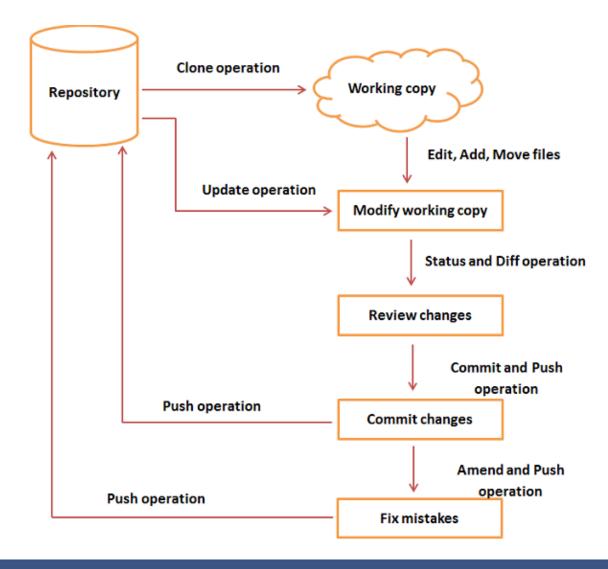
- Commit holds the current state of the repository.
- A commit is also named by SHA1 hash
- A commit object as a node of the linked list
- Every commit object has a pointer to the parent commit object
- From a given commit, you can traverse back by looking at the parent pointer to view the history of the commit

Branches

- Branches are used to create another line of development
- By default, Git has a master branch
- Usually, a branch is created to work on a new feature
- Once the feature is completed, it is merged back with the master branch and we delete the branch
- Every branch is referenced by HEAD, which points to the latest commit in the branch
- Whenever you make a commit, HEAD is updated with the latest commit



Life Cycle





Installation and first time setup

Install git on ubuntu

> sudo apt-get install git

List the global settings

> git config --global --list

Setup global properties

- > git config --global user.name <user name>
- > git config --global user.email <user email>
- > git config --global core.editor <editor>
- > git config –global merge.tool vimdiff



Basic Commands

- Initialize a repository
 - > git init
- Checking status
 - > git status
- Adding files to commit
 - > git add.
- Committing the changes
 - > git commit -m '<log message>'



Basic Commands

- Checking logs
 - > git log
- Checking difference
 - > git diff
- Moving item
 - > git mv <source> <destination>



Basic Commands

- Rename item
- > git mv <old> <new>
- Delete Item
- > git rm <item>
- Remove unwanted changes
 - > git checkout file



Branch

- Allows another line of development
- A way to write code without affecting the rest of your team
- Generally used for feature development
- Once confirmed the feature is working you can merge the branch in the master branch and release the build to customers



Why is it required?

- So that you can work independently
- There will not be any conflicts with main code
- You can keep unstable code separated from stable code
- You can manage different features keeping away the main line code and there wont be any impact of the features on the main code



Branch management commands

- Create a branch
 - > git branch

 branch name>
- Checkout a branch
 - > git checkout
 branch name>
- Merge a branch
 - > git merge

branch name>
- Delete a branch
 - > git branch -d <branch name>



GitHub



Overview

- GitHub is a web-based hosting service for version control using Git
- It provides access control and several collaboration features
 - bug tracking
 - feature requests
 - task management
 - wikis for every project
- Developer uses github for sharing repositories with other developers



Workflow

- Create a project on GitHub
- Clone repository on the local machine
- Add/modify code locally
- Commit the code locally
- Push the code to the GitHub repository
- Allow other developers to get the code by using git pull operations



Workflow commands

- Add remote repository
 - > git remote add <name> <url>
- Clone remote repository
 - > git clone <url>
- Push the changes
 - > git push <name> <branch>
- Pull the changes
 - > git pull



Thank You !!