## Lecture 03 version control with git



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## Lecture 03 outline

Last time: modify filesystem

This time: version control

#### git basics

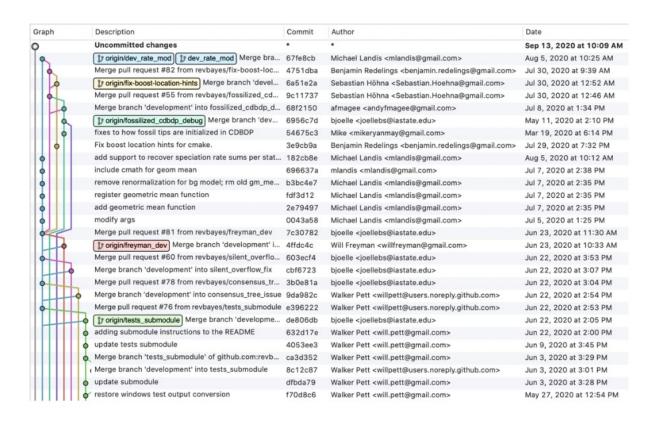
- repository anatomy
- stage (add) and commit
- branch and merge
- local and remote

## Version control by filename

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Viburnum Biogeography - MD - Sep 4 2019.docx
Viburnum Biogeography - MJD - Aug 21 2019.docx
Viburnum Biogeography - MJD - PWS.docx
Viburnum Biogeography - MJD new.docx
Viburnum Biogeography - MJL - Aug 24 2019.docx
Viburnum Biogeography - MJL - Oct 17 2019.docx
Viburnum Biogeography - MJL - Oct 9 2019.docx
Viburnum Biogeography - MJL - Sep 25 2019.docx
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Viburnum phylogeny supplement 200310 MJL.docx
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Word contributions from 5 co-authors

## Version control by software (git)



code contributions from 40+ developers

## Version control by software (git)

description for each edit

edit identifier

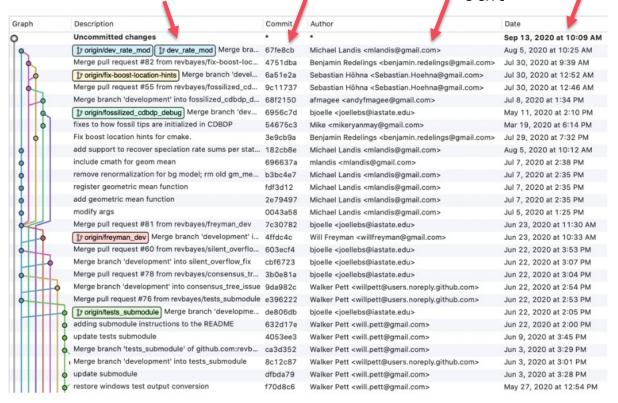
who made edit

when?

newer

edits

history of all edits



older edits

code contributions from 40+ developers

## Basics of git

git allows you to manage alternate histories and futures for a filesystem

- add files to monitor
- commit changed files to history
- **branch** to create alternate history
- merge to re-unify branched histories
- **checkout** commits/branches to recover past/alternate changes
- **push** histories to trusted collaborators
- pull histories from trusted collaborators



# 99% of git usage is saving local changes to your history

- 1. modify files in working directory
- 2. add modified files to staging area
- 3. commit staged files to repository history
- 4. 1% of the time, do something else
- 5. repeat

#### **Local repository**

(e.g. on your VM)

#### **Working directory**

monitored files that you edit



git add

#### **Staging area**

where files can be committed to history



git commit

#### Repository

maintains commit history

## Visualizing git spaces

- working directory
- staging area
- repository

Controls which files are saved, and how

### git add

## moves file(s) from working directory into staging area

```
$ # status shows output.txt is untracked
$ git status
On branch master
Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working
directory)
       modified: output.txt
no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
$ # instruct git to track output.txt
$ git add output.txt
$ # status shows data.txt ready to be committed
$ git status
On branch master
Changes to be committed:
  (use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
       modified: output.txt
$
```

### git commit

## saves file(s) in staging area to the local repository

```
$ # status shows data.txt is staged to be committed
$ git status
On branch master
Changes to be committed:
  (use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
       modified: output.txt
$ # commit changes to repo with message (-m)
$ git commit -m 'edit output.txt' ◀
 [master 93c32e8] edit output.txt
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(-)
$ # status shows all edits have been committed to repo
$ git status
On branch master
nothing to commit, working tree clean
```

# Visualizing commit history as a graph



commit: be726a1
initial commit

commit: 1014cca
add first file

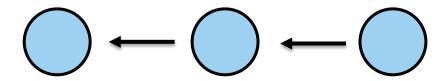
commit: 032af31
add second file

commit: d091a77
edit first file

each *node* represents filesystem changes that have been committed to history

each **arrow** points toward the previous moment in history for that commit

#### before commit

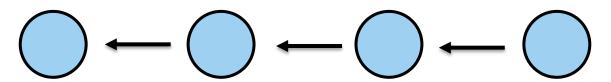


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## after commit



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## git show

provides detailed info about commit/file (targets current commit, by default)

```
$ git show
commit 93c32e804c4ba667d61561ac8de49e6f19b6fcab (HEAD -> master)
Author: Michael Landis <mlandis@gmail.com>
Date: Sat Sep 12 17:09:27 2020 -0500
    edit output.txt

diff --git a/output.txt b/output.txt
index af5626b..df5290f 100644
--- a/output.txt
+++ b/output.txt
@@ -1 +1 @@
-Hello, world!
+Jello, warld!
```

shows differences in committed files

### git status

provides general info about commit and staged status for all files in repo

```
$ git status
On branch master
Changes to be committed:
    (use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
        new file: run.sh
Changes not staged for commit:
    (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
    (use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working
directory)
        modified: output.txt
Untracked files:
    (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
data.txt
```

run.sh is in staging area, ready to be committed

add tracked file output.txt to staging area for commit add untracked file data.txt to monitor changes

# 1% of git usage is managing and sharing commits

- *clone* repo from online server
- checkout other committed versions
- **revert** an unwanted commit
- pull commits from another repo
- push commits to another repo
- make a new **branch** of commits
- merge commits between two branches

## git clone

#### copies remote repo to local directory

```
~/labs$ ls
lab-01a-mlandis lab-01b-mlandis
# clone lab-02a-mlandis from github.com
~/labs$ git clone https://github.com/WUSTL-Biol4220/lab-02a-mlandis.git
Cloning into 'lab-02a-mlandis'...
Username for 'https://github.com': mlandis
Password for 'https://mlandis@github.com':
remote: Enumerating objects: 47, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (47/47), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (27/27), done.
remote: Total 47 (delta 13), reused 32 (delta 9), pack-reused 0
Unpacking objects: 100% (47/47), 4.20 KiB | 148.00 kB/s, done.
~/labs$ ls
lab-01a-mlandis lab-01b-mlandis lab-02a-mlandis
# lab-02a-mlandis contains files from github.com repo
~/labs$ ls lab-02a-mlandis/
data README.md
```

### git checkout

replace filesystem with files from previous or alternative histories; extremely versatile

```
# edit README.md
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ nano README.md
# add new version to staging area for commit
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git add README.md
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git commit -m 'fix typo'
[master 71cfa39] fix typo
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git add README.md; git commit -m 'fix another'
[master a2c2c16] fix another typo
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git checkout 71cfa39
Note: switching to '71cfa39'.
You are in 'detached HEAD' state. You can look around, make experimental
changes and commit them, and you can discard any commits you make in
this state without impacting any branches by switching back to a branch.
(lengthy warning message)
```

#### before checkout



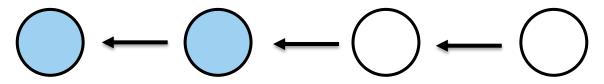
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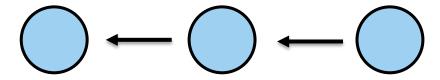
commit: d091a77
edit first file

## git revert

adds commit to history that undoes edits from previous commit

```
# intentionally add a typo to README.md
$ nano README.md
# commit the typo to history
$ git commit -am 'make typo'
[master 8bedaa9] make typo
1 file changed, 2 insertions(+)
# undo the commit containing the typo by #
adding a 'revert' commit to the history
$ git revert 8bedaa9
[master 26abd8e] Revert "make typo"
1 file changed, 2 deletions(-)
```

#### before revert

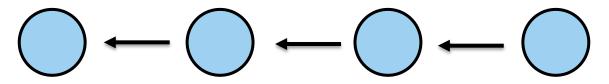


commit: be726a1
initial commit

commit: 1014cca
add first file

commit: 032af31
add second file

### after revert



commit: be726a1
initial commit

commit: 1014cca
add first file

commit: 032af31
add second file

commit: d091a77
revert 1014cca
add first file

## git pull

retrieves committed changes from another repo (e.g. from GitHub)

```
# retrieve changes from github.com
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git pull
Username for 'https://github.com': mlandis
Password for 'https://mlandis@github.com':
remote: Enumerating objects: 5, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (5/5), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (3/3), done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
Unpacking objects: 100% (3/3), 681 bytes | 681.00 KiB/s, done.
From https://github.com/WUSTL-Biol4220/lab-02a-mlandis
   b34d17b..0245064 master -> origin/master
Merge made by the 'recursive' strategy.
 README.md | 1 +
 1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
```

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where files can be committed to history



git commit

#### Repository

maintains commit history

pull commits from remote repository

git pull Remote repository

(e.g. on GitHub)

Repository

maintains commit history

## git push

sends local committed changes to another repo (e.g. to GitHub)

```
# send local commits to github.com
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git push
Username for 'https://github.com': mlandis
Password for 'https://mlandis@github.com':
Enumerating objects: 13, done.
Counting objects: 100% (13/13), done.
Delta compression using up to 2 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (9/9), done.
Writing objects: 100% (9/9), 1.08 KiB | 551.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 9 (delta 3), reused 0 (delta 0)
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (3/3), completed with 1 local
object.
To https://github.com/WUSTL-Biol4220/lab-02a-mlandis.git
   0245064..6105673 master -> master
```

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push commits to remote repository

git push

#### Remote repository

(e.g. on GitHub)

#### Repository

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## git branch

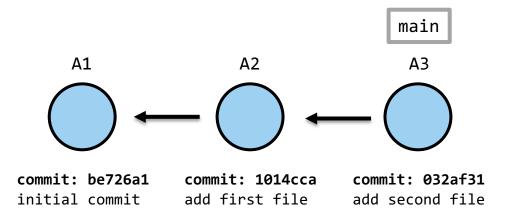
create a new branch of commit histories; ... or switch between branches

```
# we are on the 'master' branch
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git branch
* master
# split off a new branch from 'master', called 'fix'
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git branch fix
# switch to the new 'fix' branch
mlandis@biol4220-mlandis:~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git checkout
fix
Switched to branch 'fix'
# we are now on the 'fix branch'
mlandis@biol4220-mlandis:~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git branch
* fix
master
```

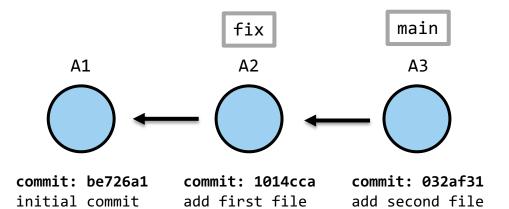
## git merge

## merge another branch into your current branch

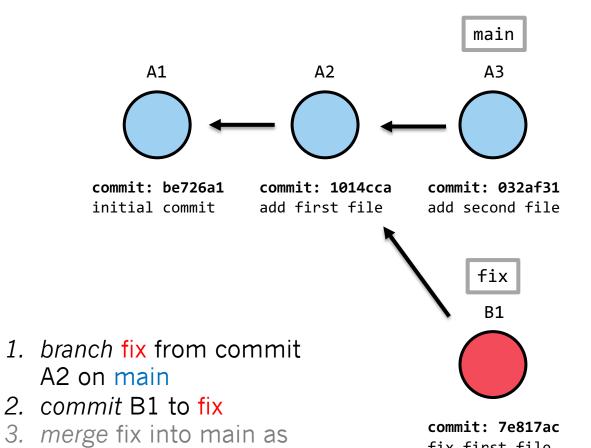
```
# start on the 'fix' branch
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ touch file.txt
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git add file.txt
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git commit -m 'new file'
[fix 377c248] new file
1 file changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
create mode 100644 file.txt
# switch back to 'master' branch
mlandis@biol4220-mlandis:~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git checkout master
Switched to branch 'master'
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/master'.
# merge the 'fix' branch into 'master'
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ git merge fix
Updating 6105673...377c248
Fast-forward
file.txt | 0
1 file changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
create mode 100644 file.txt
~/labs/lab-02a-mlandis$ ls
file.txt
```



- 1. branch fix from commit A2 on main
- 2. commit B1 to fix
- 3. merge fix into main as commit A4

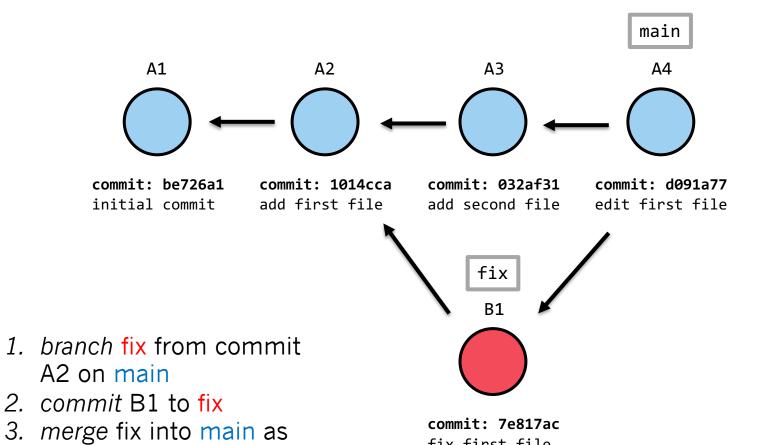


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commit A4

fix first file

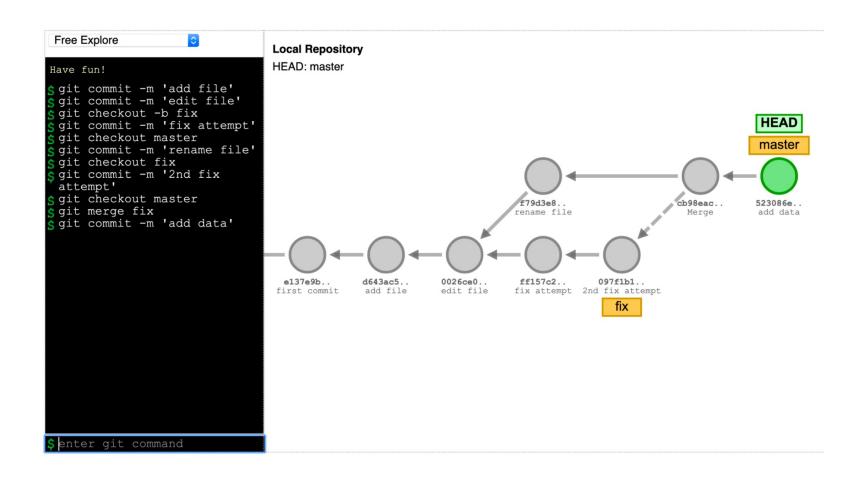


commit A4

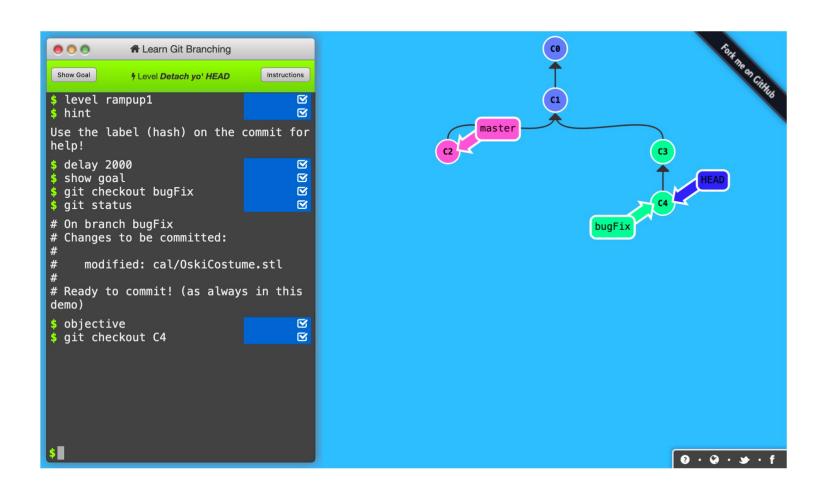
fix first file

More tools to visualize relationships between commands, graphs, and filesystems

#### https://git-school.github.io/visualizing-git

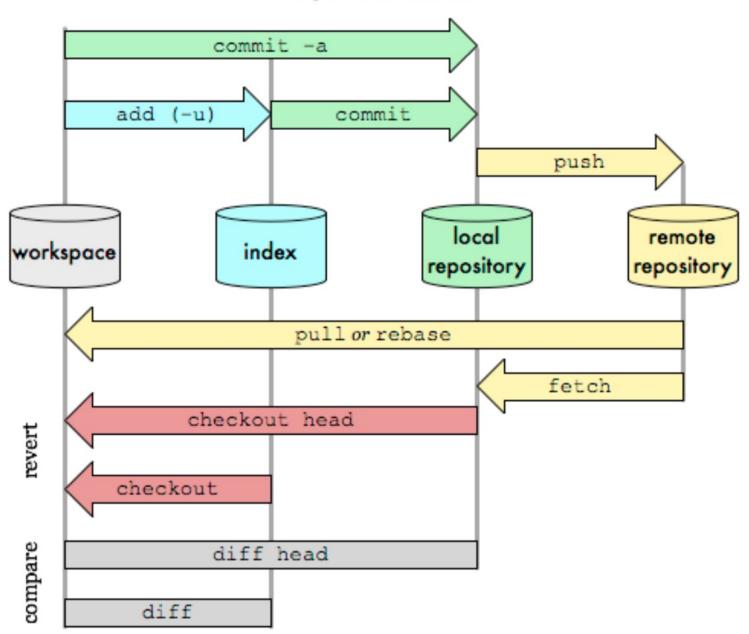


#### https://learngitbranching.js.org



#### Git Data Transport Commands

http://osteele.com



## Overview for Lab 03