Software Testing

Version Control Systems

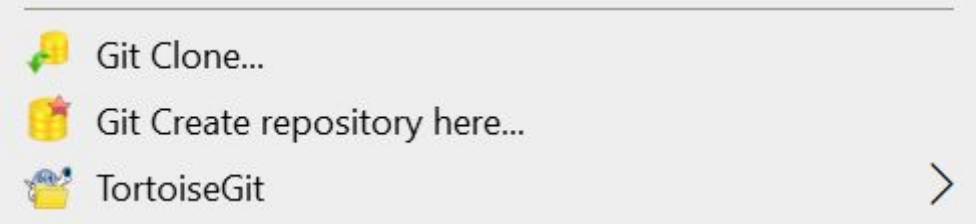
Version Control

- Version control systems are
  - repositories for software that are able to maintain multiple versions of the software.
  - This means it is able to save the previous version as well as the new version.
  - The advantage of this is that if you make a mistake and you need to revert to a previous version, this can easily be done.
- Version control can be run
  - Locally on your computer
  - Remotely on a network server
- Git is one of the most popular version control systems today.
- Seneca runs its own server at:
  - https://github.senecacollege.ca
  - You must use the VPN to access this

Git Clients

- A Git client is a program which communicates with either a local or remote Git repository.
- The Git client is able to
  - creating a clone of the repository,
  - add new files to the repository, and
  - retrieve information about the repository.
- There are many different get clients available.
  - TortoiseGit is integrated into the Windows file browser

TortoiseGit Menus



Non-repository

Repository

Working Copies

- You clone the remote repository to your computer
- This creates a local copy of the repository
- You make changes to the local repository
- You commit the changes to the local repository
- Stage the files you want to be in the next push
- You push the committed changes to the remote repository so others can share your work

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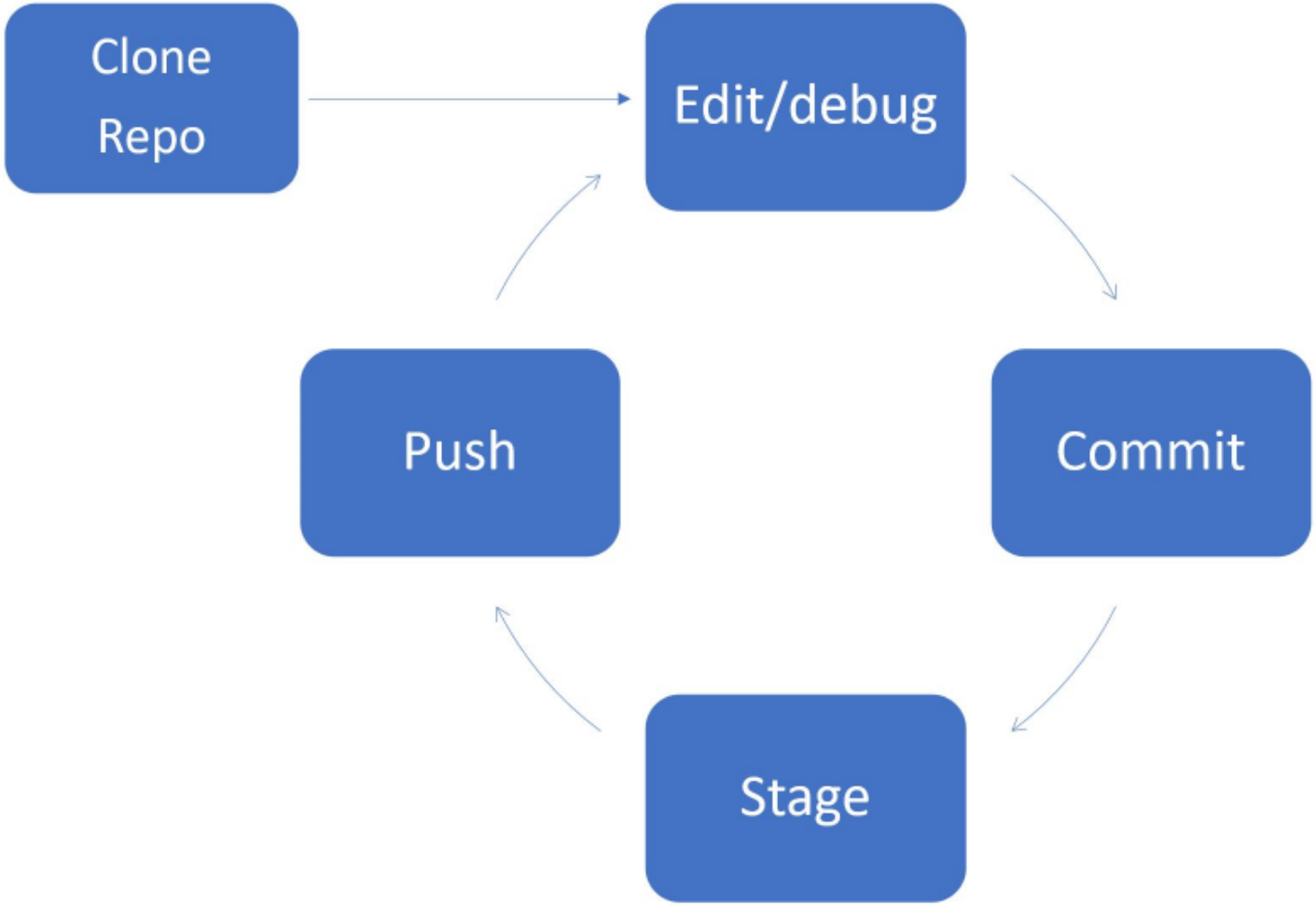

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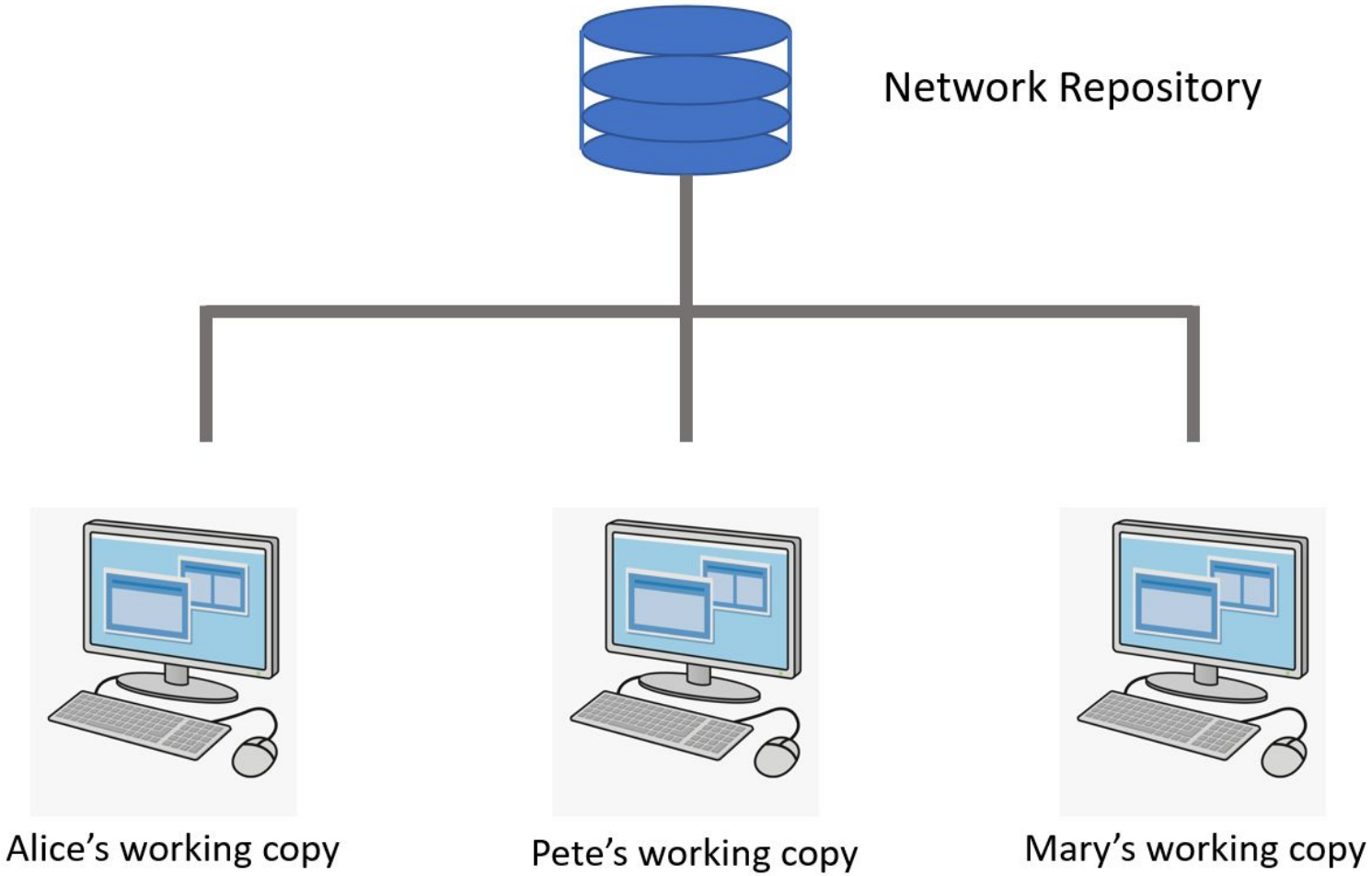
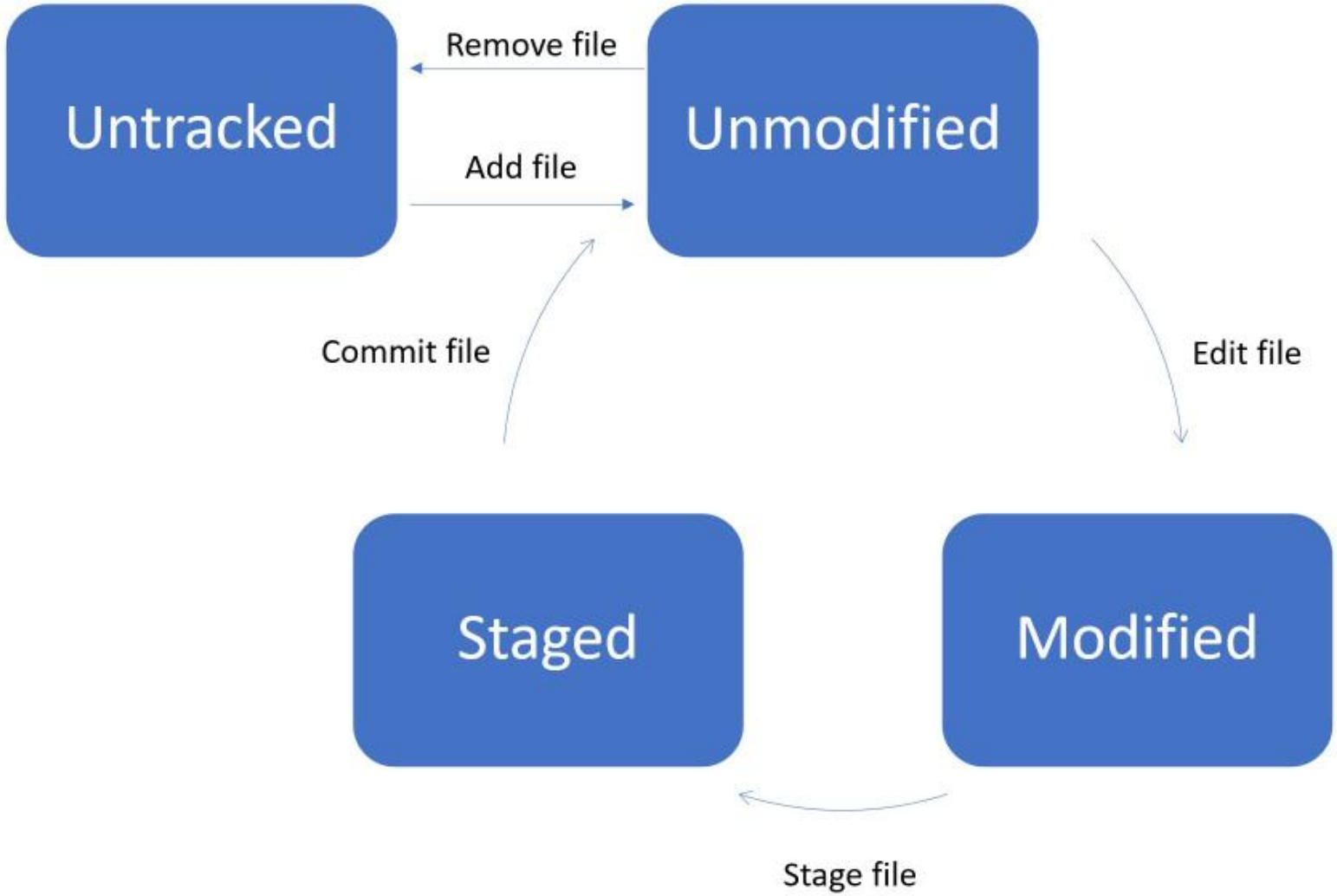


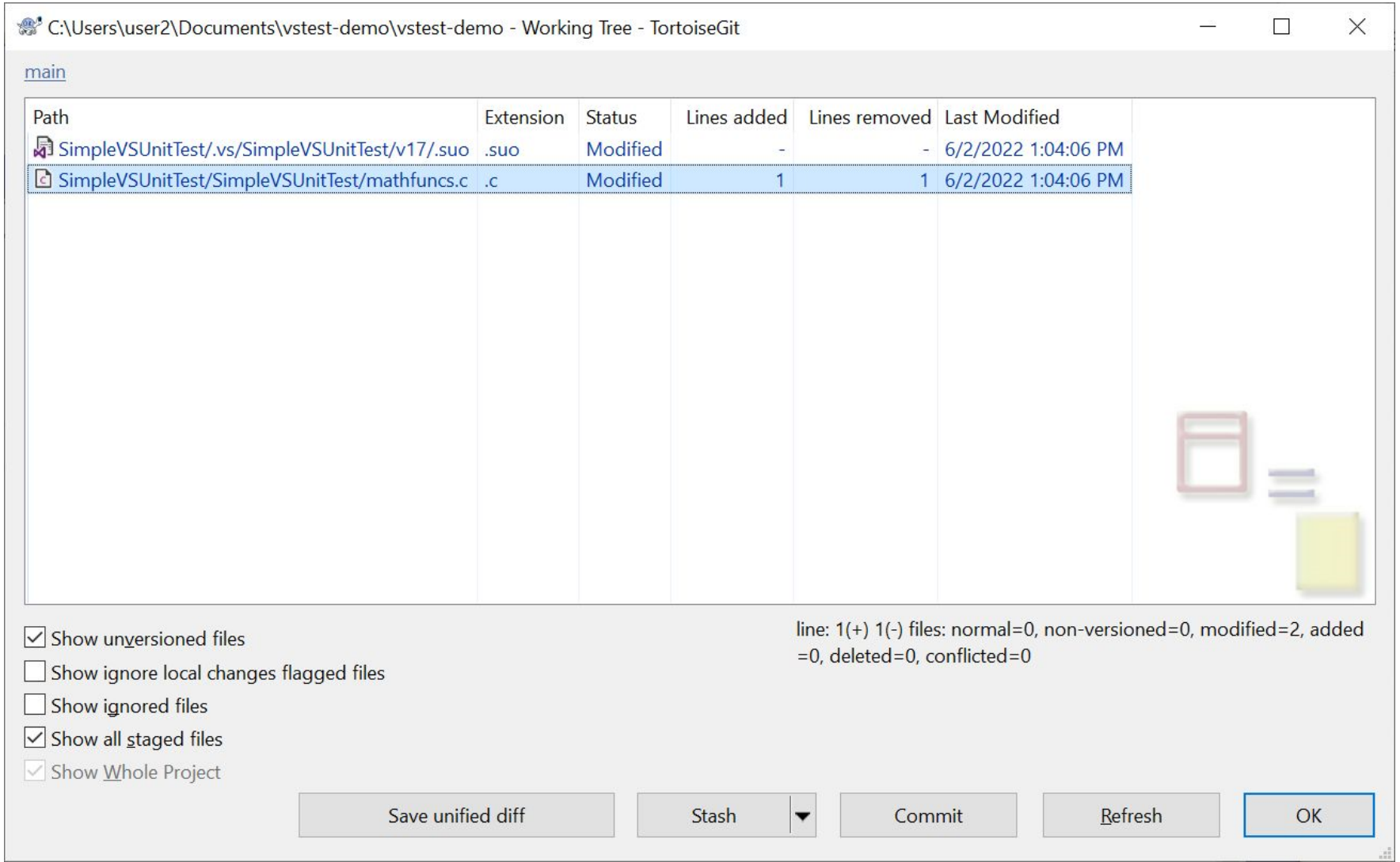
File Status

- Git only versions the files you ask it to
  - Projects have many intermediate file like object and executable files which can be rebuilt
- You must add a file to Git to have it tracked or versioned
- Once tracked, it tells you if the file has been modified
- You can then stage the file and commit it

File Status


Untracked
Remove file
Unmodified
Add file
Commit file
Edit file
Staged
Modified
Stage file

Tortoise: Check for Modifications



Ignoring Files

- You want Git to ignore temporary files
- List patterns for them in a .gitignore file

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*.vsidx
*.lock
*.ipch
*.testlog
*.tlog
*.log
*.VC.db
*.manifest
*.VC.db-shm
*.VC.db-wal
*.VC.db-opendb
```

Communicating with the Remote Repository

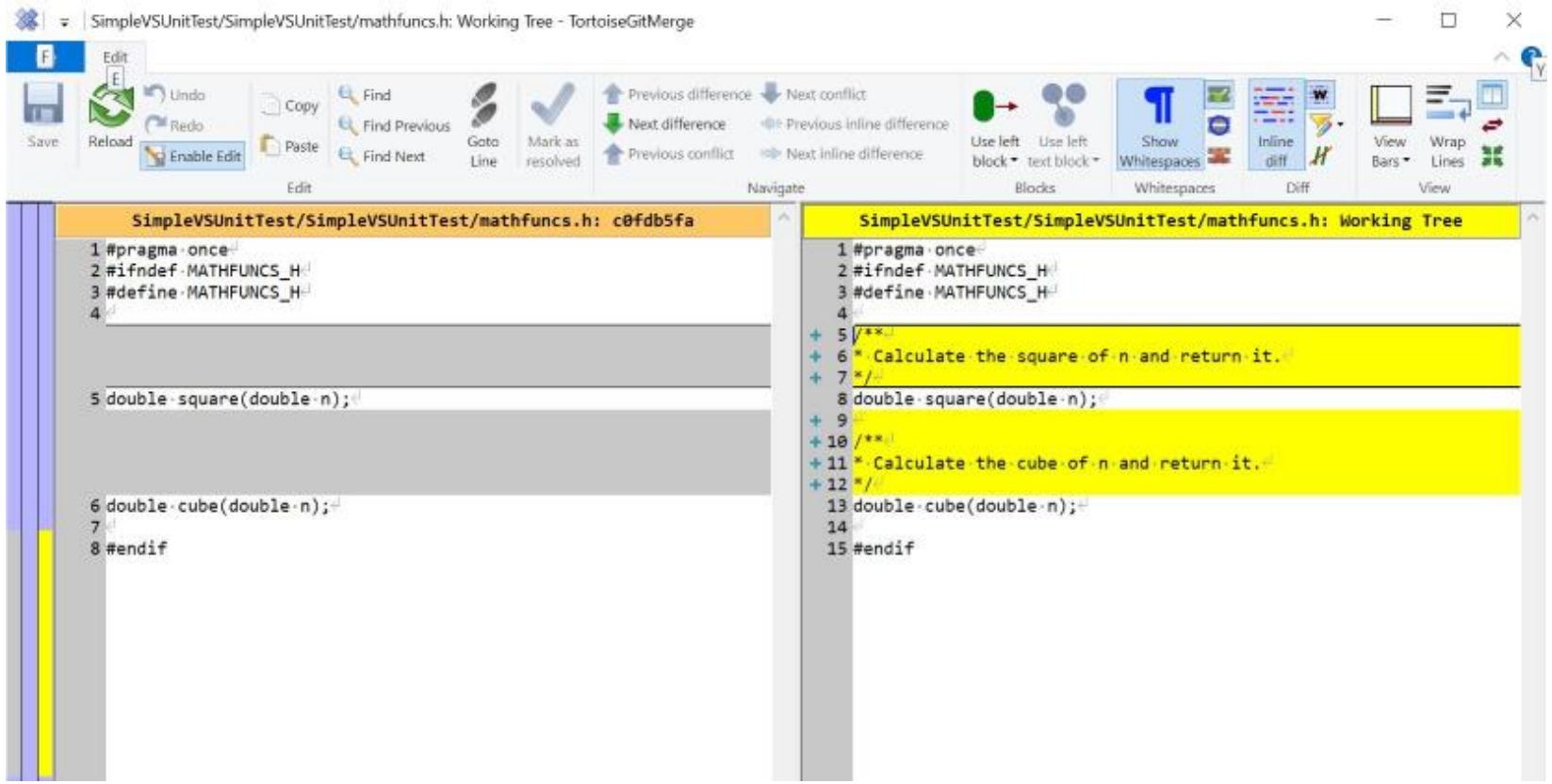
- **Clone** – creates a local copy of the repository
- **Pull** – updates your local copy with changes from the remote
- **Push** – pushes your local changes to the remote

Other Actions

- **Rename** – change the name of a file tracked by Git
- **Delete** – stop a file from being tracked by Git

Viewing Changes

Check for Modifications | Compare with Base



Conflicts – Two developers Change the Same Line