Tip of the Week

Tuesday, October 7th, 2014

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Source Code Revision Control

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- See http://semver.org/

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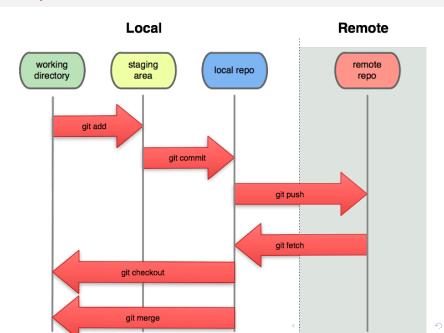
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- ▶ **Pull** or **Update**: bring changes from the remote repository into your local working copy

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- ► Getting started takes ~5 commands

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> git clone https://github.com/try-git/try_git.git
Cloning into 'try_git'...
warning: You appear to have cloned an empty repository.
Checking connectivity... done.
> cd try_git/
```

Add

- > echo "some work" > my_file.txt
- > git add my_file.txt

Status

```
> git status
On branch master

Initial commit
Changes to be committed:
   (use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)
   new file: my_file.txt
```

Commit

```
> git commit -m "I did some work. Wow!"
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
create mode 100644 my_file.txt
```

> git log

 $\verb|commit| 9e0e514d7b54e45d2d8667472376d125939a780a| \\$

Author: Chris Holden <ceholden@gmail.com>

Date: Sun Oct 5 19:23:53 2014 -0400

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Push

> git push origin master

${\sf Git} \,\, {\sf on} \,\, {\sf SCC/GEO}$

HTTPS

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- ► Full details: https://help.github.com/categories/ssh/

Resources:

Accounts

Github for education (free private repos for students): https://education.github.com/

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