

'Git'-ing better: Collaborating on your research with version control and GitHub

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Welcome back!

Purpose:

To review Git in more detail, give you more practice exercises that mimic what you may do in your day-to-day research activities, and show you how GitHub can be used for collaboration.

Notes and help during this workshop

Go to this website:

<https://etherpad.mozilla.org/camWorkshops>

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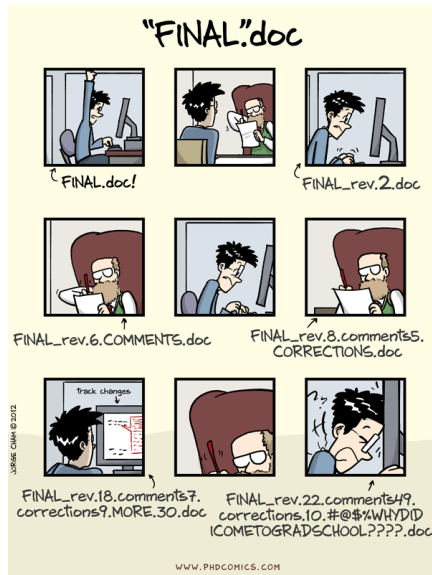


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Importance of VC!

- Future of journals and retractions
- Transparency, scientific rigor
- Protect against accusations of fraud

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Visualization of VC²

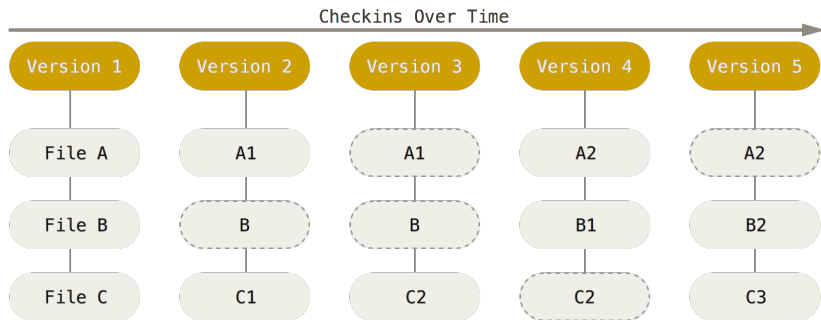


Figure 2:

²Taken from the Git site ([click here](#))

Using Git

Before we start... The command line is **not** something to be afraid of!! Open up the terminal (Mac/Linux) or Git Bash (Windows).

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How GitHub works

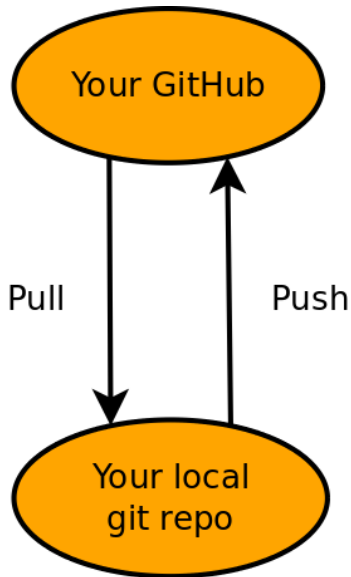


Figure 3:

How GitHub Forking (collaboration) works

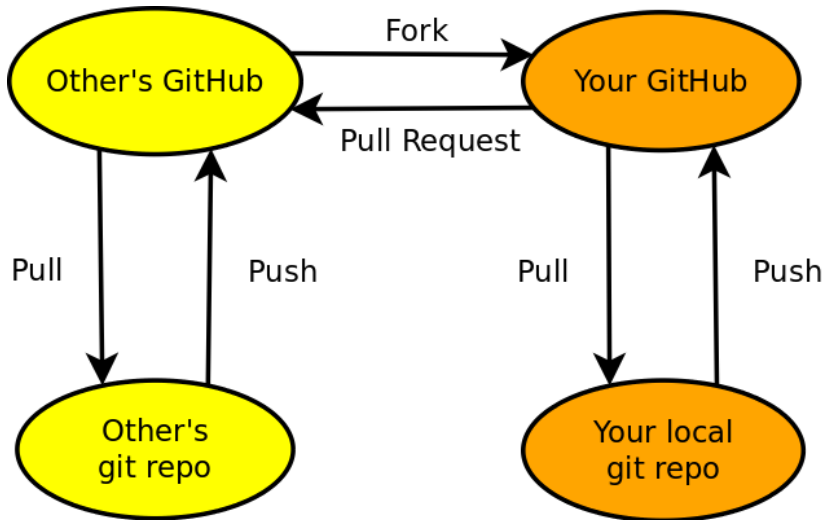


Figure 4:

Live coding – Create git repo from scratch and push to GitHub

Tip: Most of the time you don't really need to remember the code, just google search it! Or use our cheatsheet!! :D

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- ① Create a git repository in a new folder or your own research folder
- ② Create a SAS (or R) file to practice in or add your own files
- ③ Run basic stats (means) or change a file in your own folder
- ④ Add and commit your changes to Git
- ⑤ Create a GitHub repo and push your changes to it*
- ⑥ Fork a friend's repo on GitHub (or someone fork yours) and clone onto your computer
- ⑦ Change a friend's files
- ⑧ Push the changes and make a pull request
- ⑨ Check out your own pull requests!