

VERSION CONTROL

With Git

WHY VERSION CONTROL?

- Software changes (frequently)
- Most software is developed in teams
- · Agile development methods thrive on revision

HISTORICAL METHODS

- Basic Version Control: Archiving, RCS
- Centralized Version Control: CVS, Subversion
- Distributed Version Control: Git, Mercurial, Bazaar

GIT

- Written by Linus Torvalds in 2005 for use with the Linux kernel
- Completely distributed
- Very fast
- Allows for many contributors and parallel work



INSTALLING GIT

Linux

OSX

Install Xcode
 Developer Tools from
 App Store

 Install from package manager:

Fedora / Red Hat

sudo yum install git-core

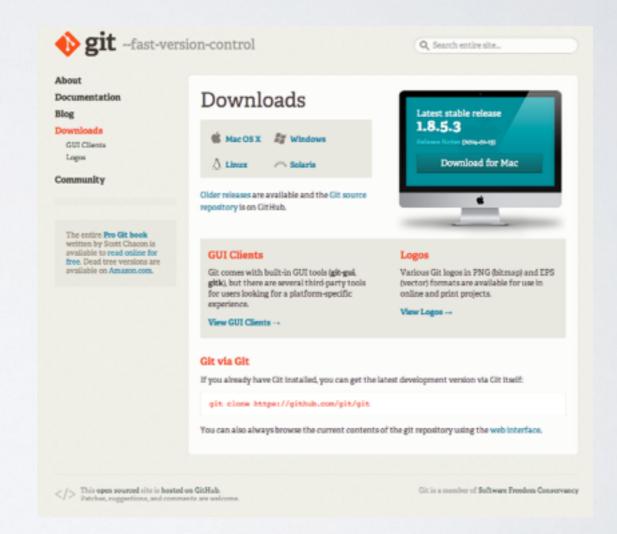
Ubuntu / Debian

sudo apt-get install git

INSTALLING GIT

WINDOWS

Visit the Git website:
 http://git-scm.com/
 downloads



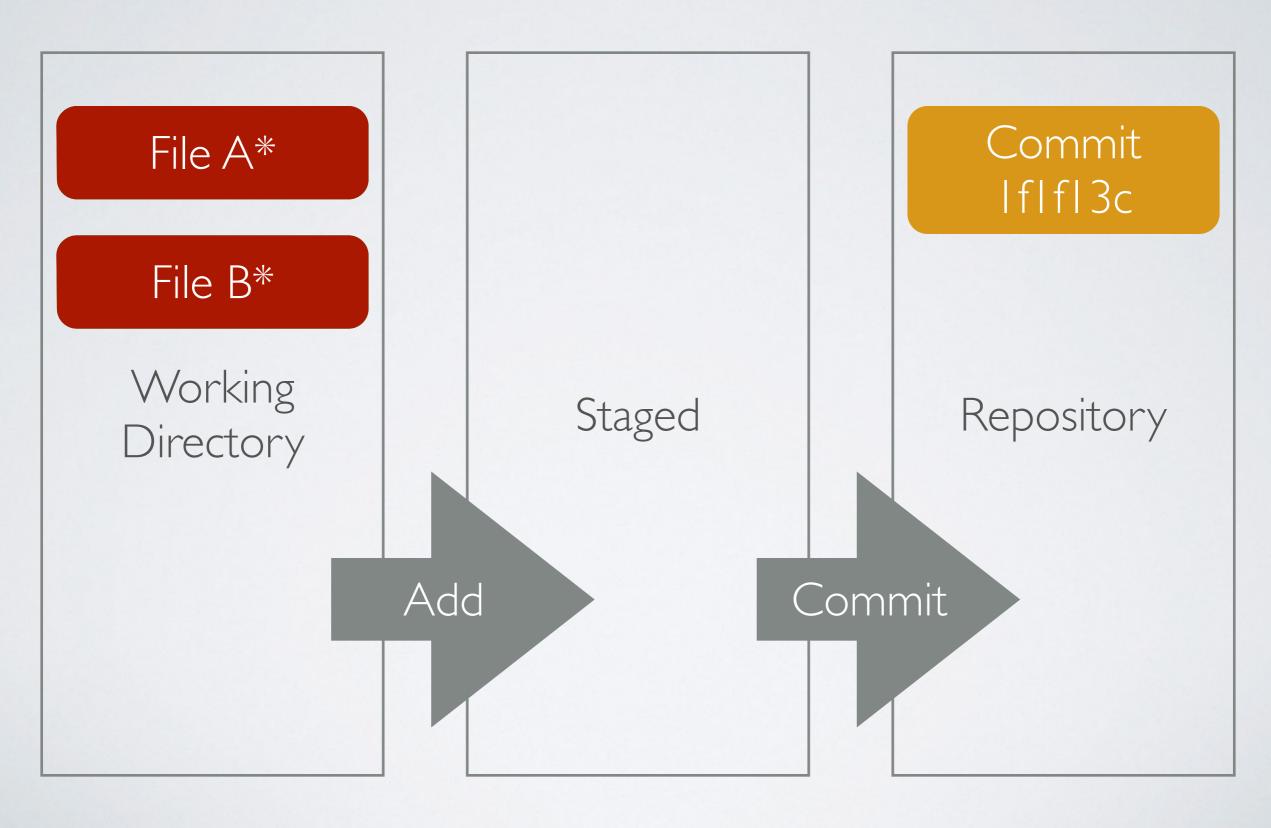
GETTING STARTED

- Initial configuration
- Telling git who we are:
 git config --global user.name "John Doe"
 git config --global user.email jdoe@ryerson.ca
- Extra configuration (optional)
 git config --global core.editor vim
 git config --global merge.tool vimdiff

STARTING A REPO

 Create a folder and initialize Git: mkdir myfirstrepo cd myfirstrepo git init

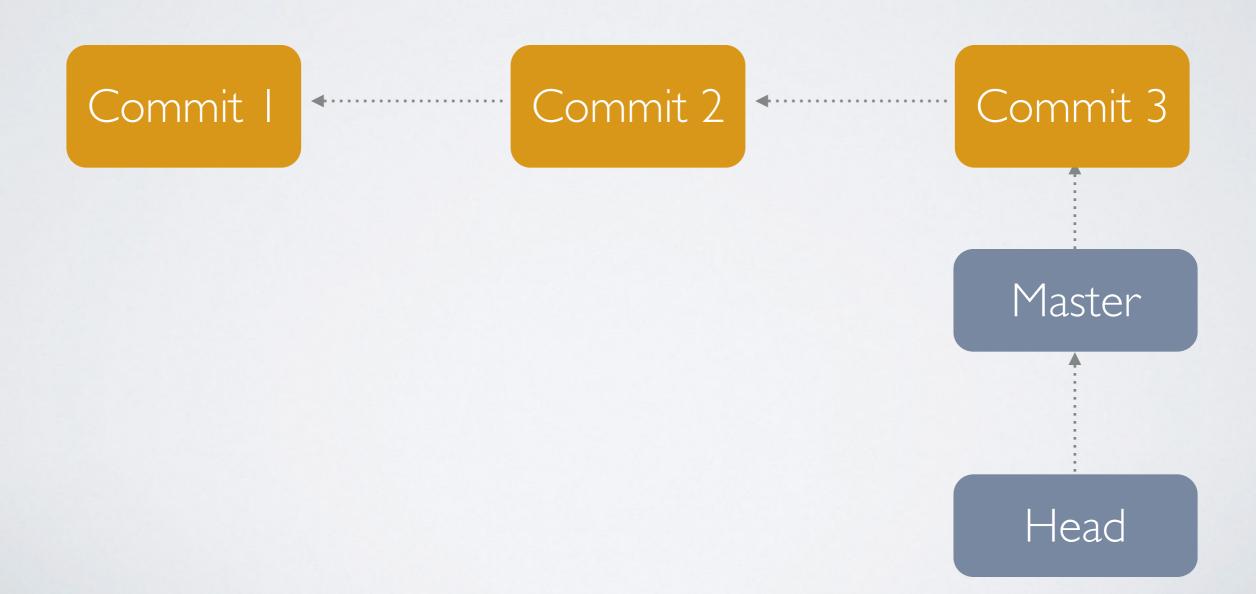
THE GIT MODEL



INITIAL COMMIT

- Create a file:
 echo "Hello World" >> readme.txt
 git status
- Add to staging area:
 git add readme.txt
 git status
- Commit the staging area:
 git commit
 git status

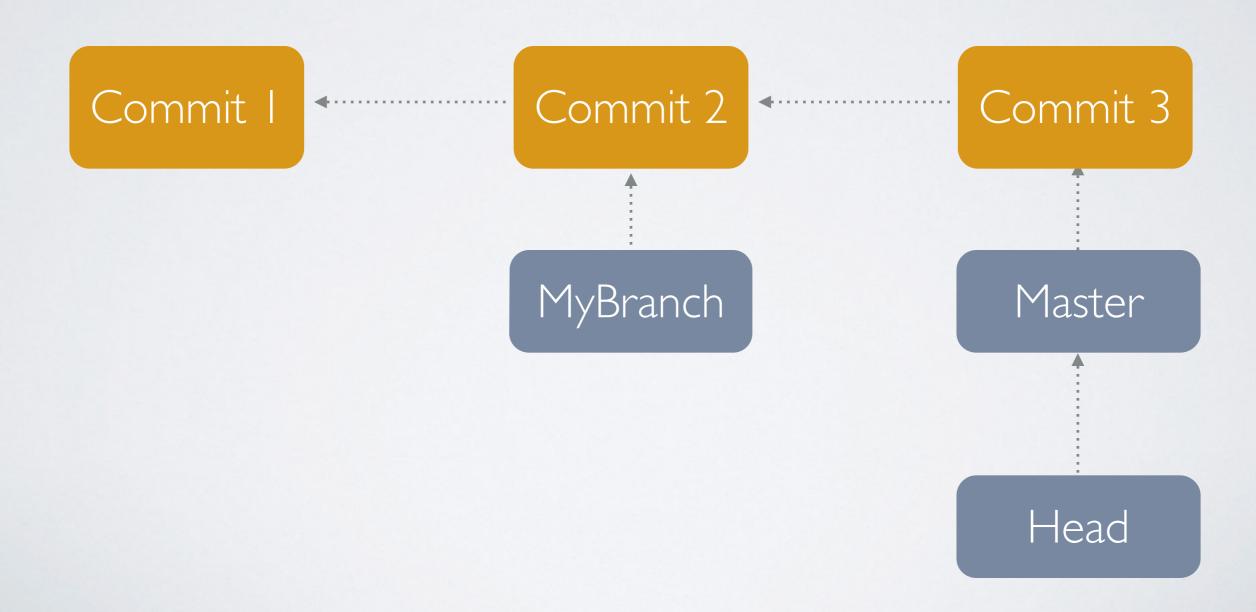
THE HISTORY



BRANCHING

- Git allows us to create alternate paths in our history called branches
- The default branch is called 'master'
- This enables very agile workflows

THE HISTORY REVISED



WORKING WITH BRANCHES

- Creating branches
 git branch [branch-name]
- Switching to a branch git checkout [branch-name]

MERGING

- To merge a branches code into our working branch git merge [branch-name]
- · Git tries to merge the code using a three-way merge
- For anything Git can't automerge, it leaves you to merge the changes and commit the result
- To view the result graphically:
 git log --graph

SHARING CODE

Cloning a repository:
 git clone [path-to-repository]

A simple example repository:
 git clone https://github.com/adpopescu/north-american-octo-sansa.git

Viewing the history:
 git log

REMOTES

- Remotes are non-local repositories associated with your repo
- Git creates a remote called origin when you clone a repository:
 - git remote
- You can add remotes:
 git remote add <name> <url>

PULLING AND PUSHING

- We can update our working branch from a remote by doing:
 git pull [remote-name] [remote-branch]
- We can update a remote branch from our local branch using:
 - git push [remote-name] [remote-branch]

REFERENCES

• Git Website: http://git-scm.com

• Pro Git