Advanced Git for Beginners

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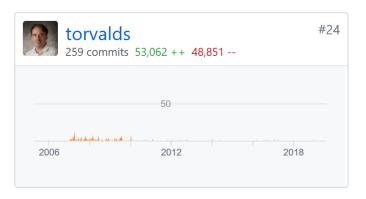
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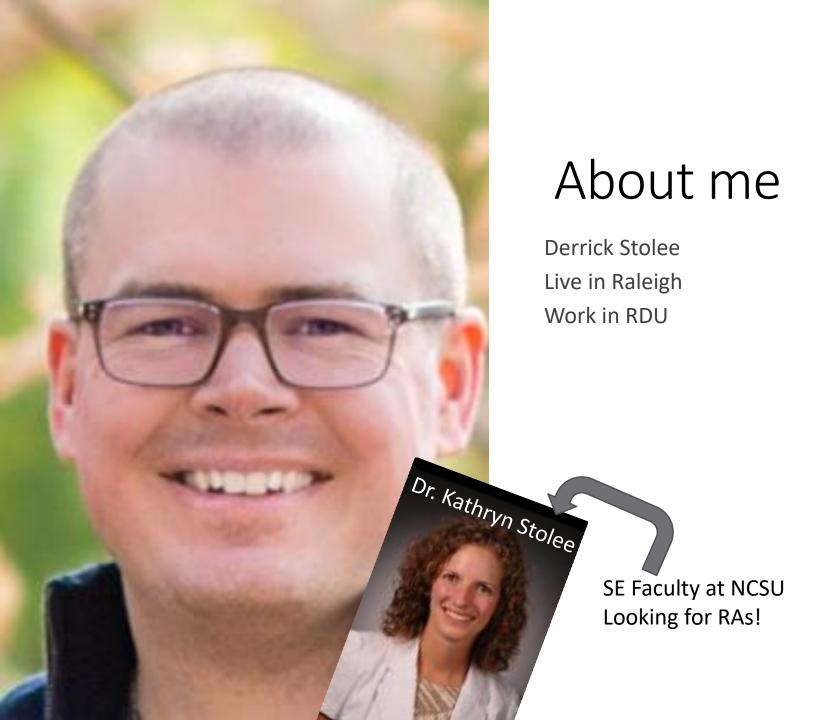
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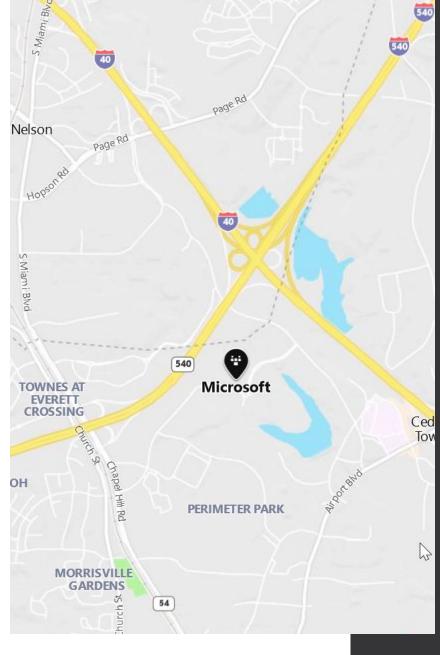
Git Git for Windows VFS for Git





https://github.com/git/git/graphs/contributors





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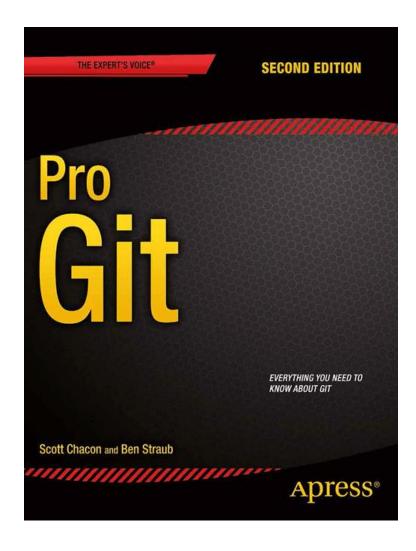
How to Learn Git?

- Play with it!
- · Read about it.
- Use it with other people!

Free e-book:

https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2

- **10.2 Git Internals Git Objects**
- 2.3 Git Basics Viewing the Commit History
- 2.2 Git Basics Recording Changes to the Repository



Where to Get Git?

- Linux: sudo apt-get install git
- Windows: https://github.com/git-for-windows/git/releases
- Mac: brew install git

https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2/Getting-Started-Installing-Git

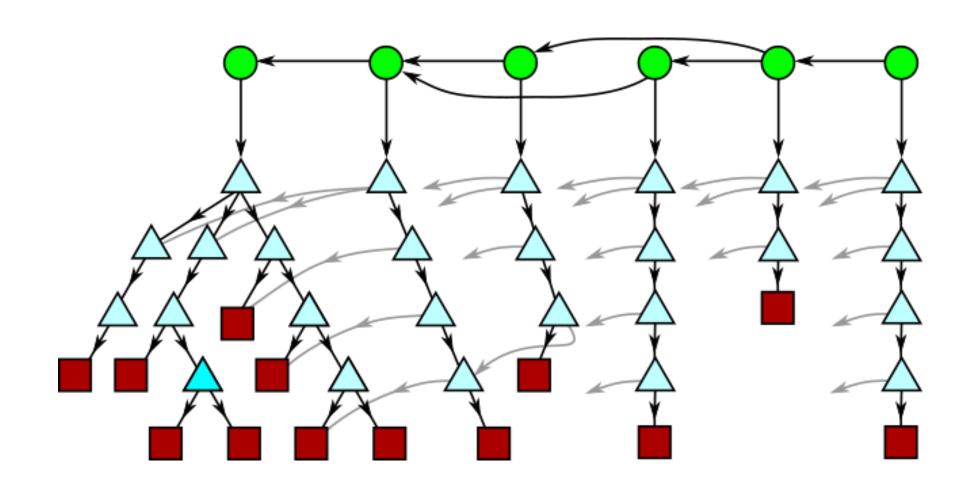
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Object Model



Object Model: Content-Addressable Data Store

- Every object has a SHA-1 hash: 40 hex characters.
- Given 40 hex characters, we can find the **unique** object with that hash.

```
dstolee@stolee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (master)
 git log -1 --abbrev=40
commit 5fa0f5238b0cd46cfe7f6fa76c3f526ea98148d9 (HEAD -> master, tag: v2.23.0)
Author: Junio C Hamano <gitster@pobox.com>
        Fri Aug 16 10:28:23 2019 -0700
    Git 2.23
    Signed-off-by: Junio C Hamano <gitster@pobox.com>
dstolee@stolee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (master)
$ git cat-file -p 5fa0f5238b0cd46cfe7f6fa76c3f526ea98148d9
tree e3accb9beed5c4c1b5a05c99db71ab2841f0ed04
parent 8e0fa0e056f3ba423a711ef5ffb0dedc5917132c
author Junio C Hamano <gitster@pobox.com> 1565976503 -0700
committer Junio C Hamano <gitster@pobox.com> 1565976503 -0700
Git 2.23
Signed-off-by: Junio C Hamano <gitster@pobox.com>
```

Object Model: Content-Addressable Data Store

```
dstolee@stolee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (master)
$ git log -1 --oneline
5fa0f5238b (HEAD -> master, tag: v2.23.0) Git 2.23
dstolee@stolee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (master)
$ git cat-file -p 5fa0
error: short SHA1 5fa0 is ambiguous
hint: The candidat
                   commit 2007-12-01 - Merge branch 'jc/branch-contain commit 2012-04-27 - find_containing_dir(): use strb
        5fa00a4dc1
hint:
        5fa0441844
hint:
his function
        5fa0f5238k commit 2019-08-16 - Git 2.23
5fa01e75a tree
hint:
hint:
        5fa02bff4e
                   tree
hint:
        5fa073a885
                    blob
hint:
        5fa07a3691 blob
fatal: Not a valid object hame 5fa0
dstolee@stolee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (master)
 git cat-file -p 5fa0f5
tree e3accb9beed5c4c1b5a05c99db71ab2841f0ed04
parent 8e0fa0e056f3ba423a711ef5ffb0dedc5917132c
author Junio C Hamano <gitster@pobox.com> 1565976503 -0700
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Object Model: Blob (Block)

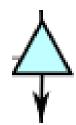


A blob contains file contents.

```
dstolee@stolee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (master)
$ git cat-file -p 5fa073a885
To: git@vger.kernel.org
Bcc: lwn@lwn.net
Subject: What's cooking in git.git (Mar 2014, #01; Tue, 4)
X-master-at: 2de34784dfcbb4fe0febe9ab98e0b99138040109
x-next-at: d464cb7a99e56a69dc347cdeb1620023efc8669a
What's cooking in git.git (Mar 2014, #01; Tue, 4)
Here are the topics that have been cooking. Commits prefixed with '-' are only in 'pu' (proposed updates) while commits prefixed with '+' are in 'next'.
A handful of "GSoC warm-up microprojects" have been queued on 'pu'.
Thanks for reviewing them.
You can find the changes described here in the integration branches
of the repositories listed at
     http://git-blame.blogspot.com/p/git-public-repositories.html
[Graduated to "master"]
```

Note: the file *name* is not part of the object!

Object Model: Tree (Triangle) 🔔



A tree contains folder contents.

```
pactalee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (master)
             le -p 5fa01e75a3
             11727f3e1ed7f6d51e334734c19e9eafbf034783
100644
       blob
             96bd9533b448e56176a335a41e32f9bb2dd24d03
100644
       blob
             5078ce5eccfaf17620c21e0a7f7133b3badef3d3
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       blob
             b85a2fa9561f48657bc976a063560ddf7e00d449
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             68307262be04955993590e32daecc08fcf7eda60
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             7f662fef7bcb408045eb1536afed058a607ae97b
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       blob
             71843d7eefafcea2ddf71b9fbff519790f661481
100644
       blob
040000
100644
       blob
100644
       blob
040000
       tree
       blob
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       blob
       blob
100644
```

```
apple-common-crypto.h
basename.c
bswap.h
cygwin.c
cygwin.h
fopen.c
gmtime.c
hstrerror.c
inet_ntop.c
inet_pton.c
memmem.c
mingw.c
mingw.h
mkdir.c
mkdtemp.c
mmap.c
msvc.c
msvc.h
nedmalloc
obstack.c
obstack.h
poll
pread.c
precompose_utf8.c
precompose_utf8.h
```

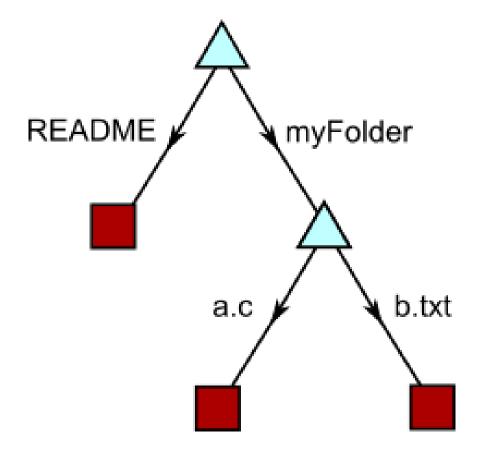
Contains names of files and folders inside

Contains blobs (files) and trees (folders)

Includes file mode (Unix file permissions)

Object Model: Tree (Triangle)

• A tree contains folder contents.



Object Model: Commit (Circle)

- A commit contains many things:
 - A root tree.
 - A list of parent commits.
 - A commit message
 - An author name, email, time.
 - A committer name, email, time.

```
git config -global user.name "My Name"
git config --global user.email me@place.com
```

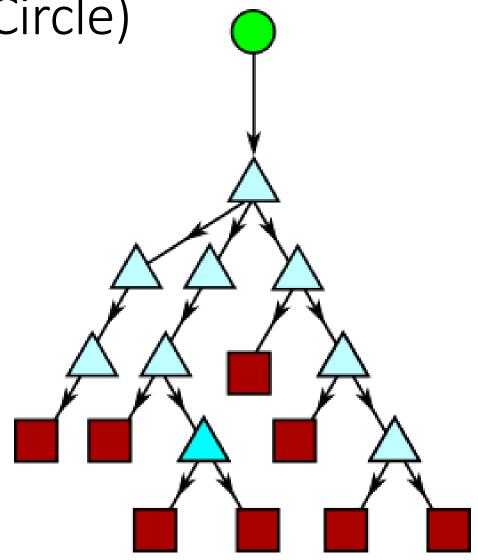
```
dstolee@stolee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (master)
$ git cat-file -p 5fa00a4dcf
tree 366a867165f16aec0c35c4c61ffaa775f5be2f79
parent c4d48ab5afc34b59582593622ef04da2543573d4
parent 3f7dfe77b71ff0ae78923518ab5ca28b0cf4d786
author Junio C Hamano <gitster@pobox.com> 1196546334 -0800
committer Junio C Hamano <gitster@pobox.com> 1196546334 -0800

Merge branch 'jc/branch-contains'

* jc/branch-contains:
    git-branch --contains: doc and test
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```

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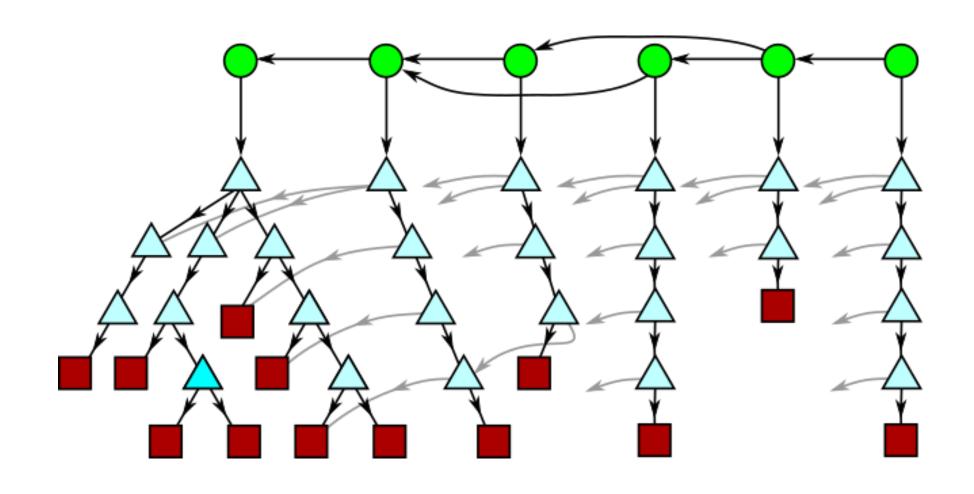


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 git log --graph --oneline
 5fa0f5238b (HEAD -> master, tag: v2.23.0) Git 2.23
   8e0fa0e056 Merge tag '110n-2.23.0-rnd2' of git://github.com/git-110n/git-po
   a6cd2cc485 | 110n: zh_CN: for git v2.23.0 | 110n round 1~2
 * 1f5ab2d1ae 110n: de.po: Update German translation
     5900439e88 Merge branch 'master' of https://github.com/vnwildman/git
     8a4adfdd2d 110n: vi(4674t): Updated translation for Vietnamese ba82e37314 Merge branch 'update-italian-translation' of github.com:Alessandro
        ad1d0a52dd 110n: it.po: update the Italian localization for v2.23.0 round 2
        6c1a7dd97c Merge branch 'next' of https://github.com/ChrisADR/git-po
        3f3e3f9209 110n: es: 2.23.0 round 2
     ec688f776c 110n: fr v2.23.0 round 2
   466c88fa0e 110n: git.pot: v2.23.0 round 2 (4 new, 6 removed)
     d6d5cbfe87 Merge tag 'v2.23.0-rc2' of git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/git/git
     5532a55b34 110n: bg.po: Updated Bulgarian translation (4674t)
50106db740 110n: vi.po (4676t): Updated Vietnamese translation
78a9b45970 Merge branch 'master' of https://github.com/Softcatala/git-po
```

Object Model: Merkle Tree



IMPORTANT: Commits are NOT diffs!

```
dstolee@stolee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (master)
$ git diff --raw v2.22.0 v2.23.0
:100644 100644 41d4cd23fd c592dda681 M
                                         .clang-format
                                                                   File renames are
:100644 100644 9fa72ad450 b08a1416d8 M
                                         .gitattributes
                                                                   Detected dynamically!
:100644 100644 2374f77a1a 521d8f4fb4 M
                                         .gitignore
:100644 100644 82cd0569d5 9a5ff04753 M
                                         .mailmap
:100644 100644 ffb1bc46f2 fc5730b085 M
                                         .travis.yml
:100644 100644 32210a4386 f45db5b727 M
                                        Documentation/CodingGuidelines
:100644 100644 dbf5a0f276 76f2ecfc1b M
                                        Documentation/Makefile
:000000 100644 0000000000 f8670379c0 A
                                        Documentation/MyFirstContribution.txt
:000000 100644 0000000000 432762f270 A
                                        Documentation/RelNotes/2.22.1.txt
                                        Documentation/RelNotes/2.23.0.txt
:000000 100644 000000000 e3c4e78265 A
:100644 100644 dc41957afa 5d122db6e9 M
                                        Documentation/blame-options.txt
:100644 100644 7e2a6f61f5 e3f5bc3396 M
                                        Documentation/config.txt
:100644 100644 ec4f6ae658 6aaa360202 M
                                        Documentation/config/advice.txt
                                        Documentation/config/alias.txt
:100644 100644 0b14178314 f1ca739d57 M
:100644 100644 67b5c1d1e0 9468e8599c M
                                        Documentation/config/blame.txt
:100644 100644 8f4b3faadd a592d522a7 M
                                        Documentation/config/branch.txt
:100644 100644 c4118fa196 6b646813ab M
                                        Documentation/config/checkout.txt
:100644 100644 8375596c44 d5daacb13a M
                                        Documentation/config/color.txt
:100644 100644 2c4c9ba27a 5afb5a2cbc M
                                        Documentation/config/diff.txt
:100644 100644 cbfad6cdbb ba890b5884 M
                                        Documentation/config/fetch.txt
                                        Documentation/config/format.txt
:100644 100644 dc77941c48 414a5a8a9d M
:100644 100644 f999f8ea49 cce2c89245 M
                                        Documentation/config/gpg.txt
                                        Documentation/config/interactive.txt
:100644 100644 ad846dd7c9 a2d3c7ec44 M
```

HEAD Branches: Pointers to commits shipped topic master

git is DISTRIBUTED version control! **HEAD** shipped topic master

git switch: move between branches

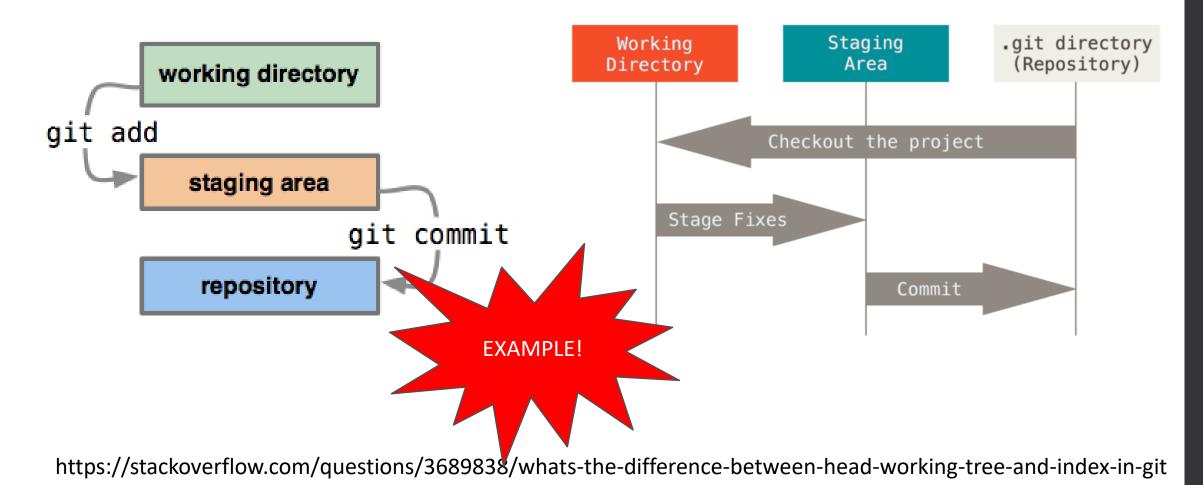
- (New in v2.23.0, replaces half of "git checkout")
- Change HEAD to point to new branch
- Updates working directory to match commit's tree

```
dstolee@stolee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (master)
$ git switch maint
Switched to branch 'maint'
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/maint'.
```

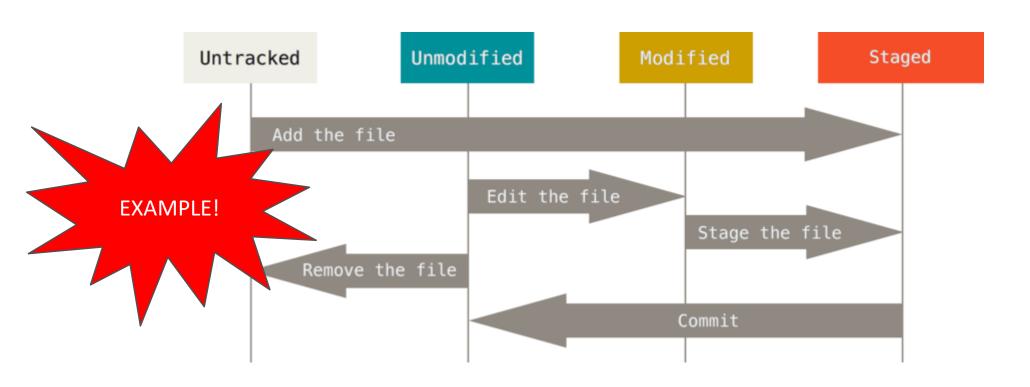
```
dstolee@stolee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (master)
$ git switch -c topic
Switched to a new branch 'topic'

dstolee@stolee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (topic)
$ |
```

Working Directory, Staging, Committed



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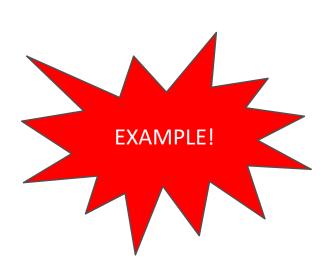


https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2/Git-Basics-Recording-Changes-to-the-Repository

Advanced! Working Directory, Staging, Committed

Interactive add: git add -p

Presents the patch-diff in parts that you can add in pieces, or even modify in-place!





git commit -a

git add -p

https://git-scm.com/docs/git-add#Documentation/git-add.txt-patch

git status is your friend

```
dstolee@stolee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (topic)
$ git status
On branch topic
Your branch is ahead of 'fork/topic' by 1 commit.
  (use "git push" to publish your local commits)
Changes to be committed:
  (use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
       modified: commit-reach.c
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: commit-reach.c
```

Working with Remotes

- If you clone, you create special remote 'origin'.
- You can have a LOT of remotes!

```
dstolee@stolee-book MINGW64 /c/_git/git (topic)
$ git remote -∨
         https://dev.azure.com/mseng/AzureDevOps/_git/GitForWindows (fetch)
azd
azd
         https://dev.azure.com/mseng/AzureDevOps/_git/GitForWindows (push)
         https://github.com/derrickstolee/git (fetch)
fork
        https://github.com/derrickstolee/git (push)
https://github.com/microsoft/git (fetch)
fork
a4avfs
         https://github.com/microsoft/git (push)
g4gvfs
         https://github.com/git-for-windows/git (fetch)
g4w
g4w https://github.com/git-for-windows/git (push)
gitster https://github.com/gitster/git (fetch)
gitster https://github.com/gitster/git (push)
         https://github.com/microsoft/git (fetch)
ms
         https://github.com/microsoft/git (push)
origin https://github.com/git/git (fetch) origin https://github.com/git/git (push)
```

Working with Remotes

Get new data: git fetch <remote> [branch]

Upload your data: git push <remote> <branch>

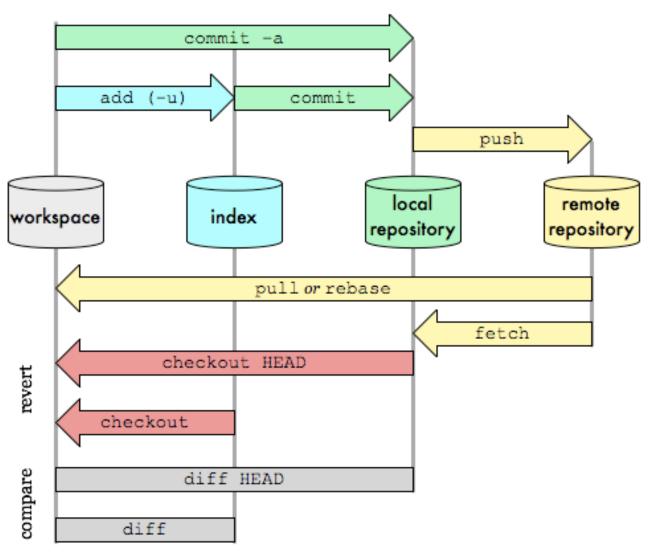
Hot Take: Don't use git pull! This does the following:

- 1. git fetch
- 2. git merge

This can have unexpected results! Instead, do your merges yourself!

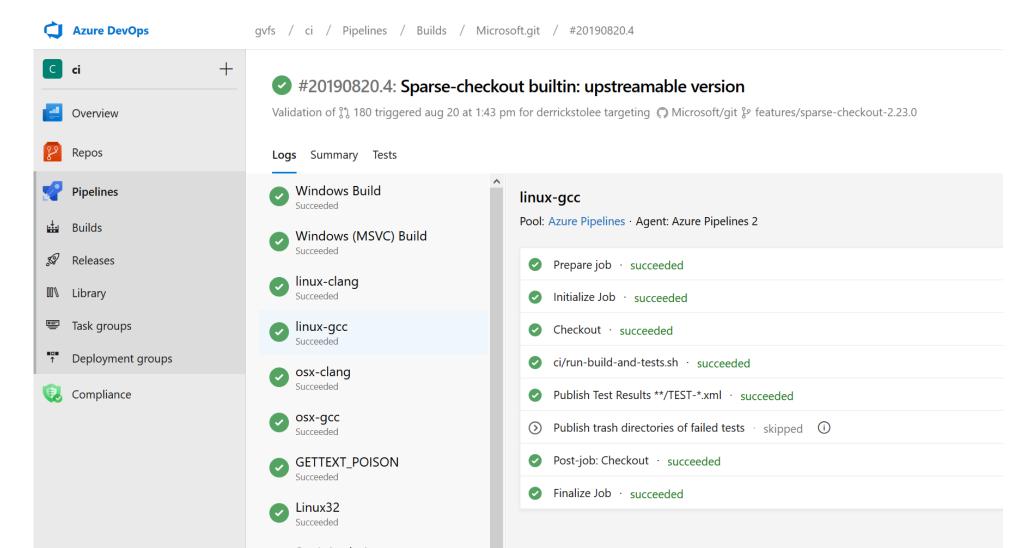
Git Data Transport Commands

http://osteele.com



https://stackoverflow.com/questions/3689838/whats-the-difference-between-head-working-tree-and-index-in-git

Stop! Collaborate! Listen!



Git Commands to Look Up

git config git checkout

git log git switch

git rebase git restore

git merge git diff

git fetch git remote

git push

git add

git status

git reset

Reading List

- These slides: https://stolee.dev/docs/git.pptx
- https://git-scm.com/doc
- https://ohshitgit.com/
- http://stevelosh.com/blog/2013/04/git-koans/
- File History Simplification
- What's the difference between HEAD, working tree and index?
- Write Yourself a Git

- Supercharging the Git Commit Graph
 - Part I
 - Part II
 - Part III
 - Part IV
- Exploring new frontiers for Git push performance

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