

Using Git and GitHub

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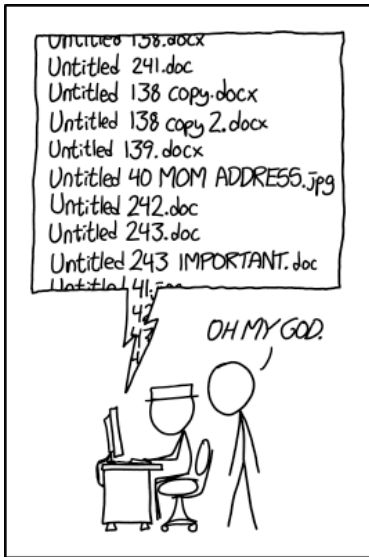
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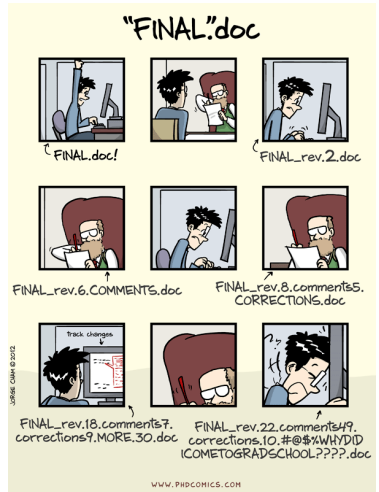
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PRO TIP: NEVER LOOK IN SOMEONE ELSE'S DOCUMENTS FOLDER.

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Version control

Introduction

Version control systems

Version control systems (VCS) keep track of changes to source code. Allows multiple people to edit a project in a predictable manner.

Main open source VCS

- 1982 RCS
- 1990 CVS
- 2000 Subversion
- 2005 Git/Mercurial

There are many proprietary ones but `Git` is now the most popular one by far.
All software should be under a version control system, if not, it ain't software!

Git

What is Git?



Git is an open source distributed version control system,
created by Linus Torvald.
<https://git-scm.com/>
(Interactive tutorial)



Git

Git sites

It is easier to start with free hosting sites instead of maintaining your own server.

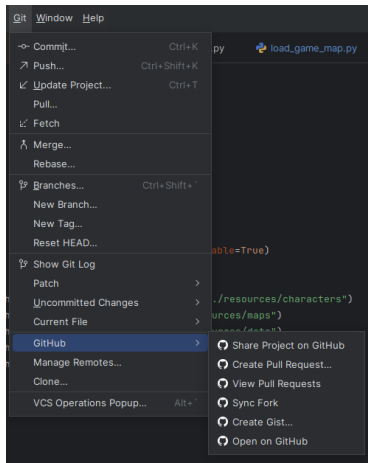
- **GitHub**: public repositories (as many as you want), but private ones are not free (except for academia). It is now part of Microsoft
- **Bitbucket**: allow us to keep private repositories limiting the number of collaborators.
- **GitLab**: both public and private without limitations. It is becoming more popular.
- Others ...

It is typically used as central repository:

- from which everyone pulls other people's changes
- to which everyone pushes changes they have made

Git vs. SVN

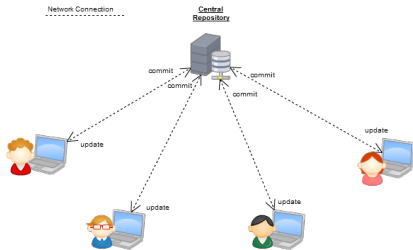
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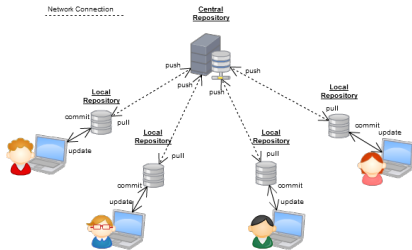
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Git vs. SVN (I)

Centralized (SVN)



Distributed (Git)



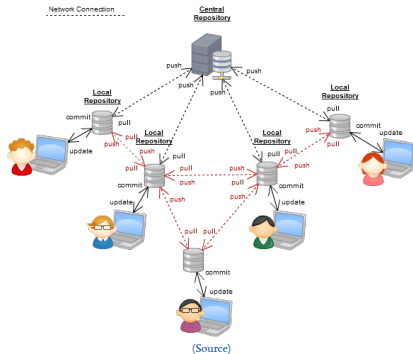
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Disclaimer: Do not pay attention to the labels of these diagrams

Git

Git vs. SVN (II)

Fully distributed (Git)



Key Git concepts to know

- repository (local or not)
- clone
- commit, push
- pull, fetch
- remote, origin
- merge

Using Git

Conflicts

If two people both modify the same file, the first to push wins. The second person will have to pull and merge before pushing.

- Changes in different parts of a file are automatically merged
- Changes in the same part of a file cause conflicts
 - Select either your changes or remote, or a mix of the two

Using Git

Commits

Each commit has ...

- ... an author
- ... a comment: "Fix deprecated py36 black option"
- ... a date
- ... an ID (or hash)

```
commit 44161dde6ea234f8cb997644f8e187123c3cc4af
```

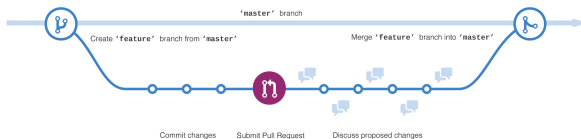
```
Author: David <foo@foo.com>
```

```
Date:   Fri Mar 9 14:57:32 2018 +0100
```

Issue with syntax highlighting solved

Using Git


Branches (I)



Branches are used extensively (e.g. some like feature branches).

- A repository (local and remote) can have explicit branches
- The default branch is called **master**
- A **merge** is a fusion between two branches

Do not use branches in the project!



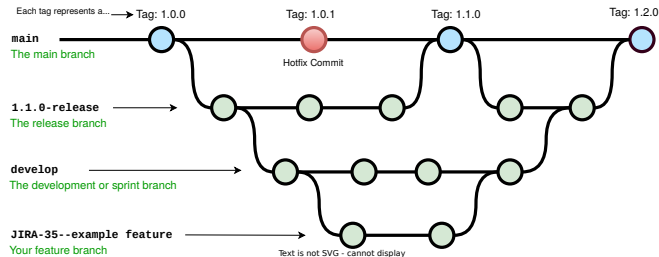
Replace deprecated py36 black option	pushfoo	2/2/23, 4:24
Fix deprecated dash style attribute aliases	pushfoo	2/2/23, 4:05
Merge pull request #65 from DamianWilder/main	Paul V Craven*	27/5/22, 22:16
Merge branch 'main' of https://github.com/DamianWilder/community	Damian Wilder	27/5/22, 22:06
Issue #53 fixed rapid footsteps	Damian Wilder	27/5/22, 22:06
Merge pull request #60 from pushfoo/fix_discussion_link	Paul V Craven*	20/5/22, 18:42
Merge pull request #64 from pushfoo/fix_turtle_inclusion	Paul V Craven*	20/5/22, 18:42
Merge pull request #62 from pushfoo/reformat_controls_section	Paul V Craven*	20/5/22, 18:41
Remove unneeded and broken turtle import	pushfoo	20/5/22, 18:36
Match formatting styles for line errata	pushfoo	20/5/22, 18:15
Improve readability of controls in README.md	pushfoo	20/5/22, 18:12
(Issue #59) Update README discussion links	pushfoo	14/5/22, 9:13
Main Menu View Cleanup	Darren Eberly	7/5/22, 4:32
Fix for left-over menu buttons	Darren Eberly	7/5/22, 4:30
Fix pause menu crash	Darren Eberly	7/5/22, 4:23
Merge pull request #55 from bkiu/random-walking-sprite	Darren Eberly*	7/5/22, 4:12
Merge pull request #57 from MC-open-source-401/main	Darren Eberly*	7/5/22, 4:09
Merge pull request #2 from MC-open-source-401/mike	Connor Boyce*	6/5/22, 5:01
Made the changes to the menu, finished	royce79-creator	6/5/22, 4:58
Update main_menu_view.py	micgreene*	5/5/22, 5:12
Made changes to MainMenuView	royce79-creator	5/5/22, 4:33
Made first change to code base	royce79-creator	4/5/22, 7:18
Adding a sprite that randomly walks around	Brendan Klu	3/5/22, 19:03
Merge pull request #54 from benjamin-kirkbride/main	Darren Eberly*	3/5/22, 18:38
enable noclip	Benjamin Kirkbride	3/5/22, 18:27
Merge pull request #1 from pythonarcade/main	Benjamin Kirkbride*	3/5/22, 17:58
Merge branch 'main' into main	Benjamin Kirkbride*	3/5/22, 17:56
hvdemode works	Benjamin Kirkbride	3/5/22, 17:51

Using Git

Tags

Example diagram for a GiT workflow:

See: <https://nvie.com/posts/a-successful-git-branching-model/>



A tag is a pointer to a specific point in the repository history

- Tags usually have names (e.g. “v1.1”)
- Widely used to keep and publish software releases

Using Git

Good practices

Learn on the job: the best way to learn it is by using it.

Best practices

- Regularly push and pull (at least daily, in general)
- \Rightarrow Test before pushing! \Leftarrow
- Don't push half-baked changes
- Don't pull if you're in the middle of a task
- Never commit temporal/intermediate files
- Keep commit descriptions short and informative
- The master must be a clean and functional version of the project

Remember: Git never overwrites local changes without an explicit order

- .. even with a `git pull`

GitHub

Features

Free Git hosting provider

- Free public repositories

Added value features

- Social network
- Collaborative tools
- Repository browser
- Pull requests
- Issue tracking
- Web hosting
- Markdown integration
- Organizations

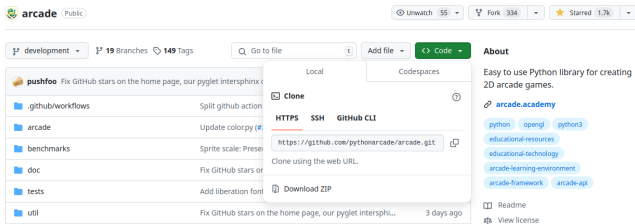


GitHub

Key concepts

Key GitHub concepts to know

- Pull request
- Fork



GitHub

README

Special file: README.md

- Contains information about the project
- Automatically visualized
- md means Markdown

Markdown (I)



Markdown: Trivial markup

- Simple
- Very simple
- Extremely simple
- Did I say it's simple?

VERY powerful

- Several outputs
- Professional quality
- ... and simple!

Markdown (II)

Markdown example

```
# I am a header
```

```
## I am a subheader
```

```
Regular , *italic* and **bold**
```

```
- List item 1
```

```
- List item 2
```

```
[ I am a link ]( http : // foo . com )
```

```
![ I am a pic ]( markdown . png )
```

```
~~~C
```

```
printf( " Hello , world " );
```

```
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```

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