

SLS Lecture 5a : Version Control and GIT: Part I"

UC-SLS: (re)Version Control Part I

Slides for UC:SL Lecture 5

<https://git-scm.com/>

- “Pro Git book”, written by Scott Chacon and Ben Straub
 - Much of the material and images for this lecture are based on or from this book
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- Reference Manual (man pages) <https://git-scm.com/docs>

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Programmers toolbox so far

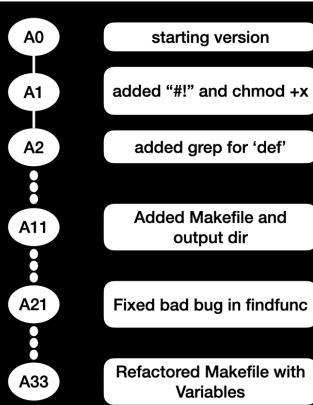
- Shell - Powerful programmable user interface
- Editor - Write and manipulate ASCII files
- Make - Automate the processing of files (transforming/building)
- Now:
 - VCS - capture and work with the “versions” of a collection of files



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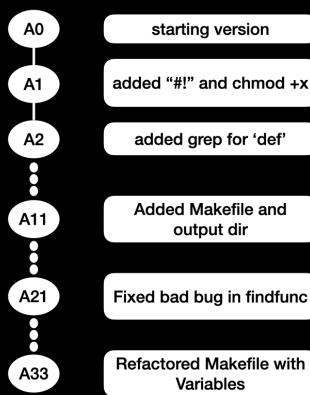


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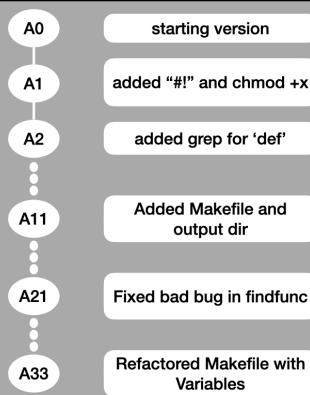


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- To do this we create a Database that contains all the version information — We call this **The Repository** for a project

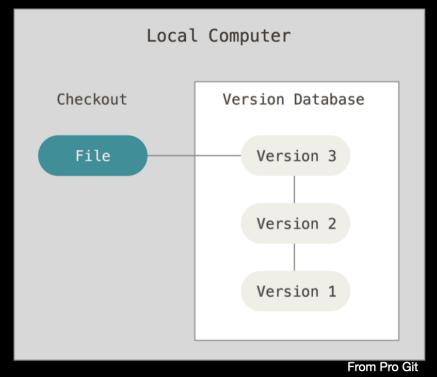
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A new tool and skill for a developer

Manage your own daily work efficiently with a version control system

- added version points that keep track of what you are doing with comments that help you know what you have done and what you have to do next
- revert selected files back to a previous state
- revert the entire project back to a previous state
- compare changes over time
- create alternative branches to organize your explorations without disturbing "stable/good" versions

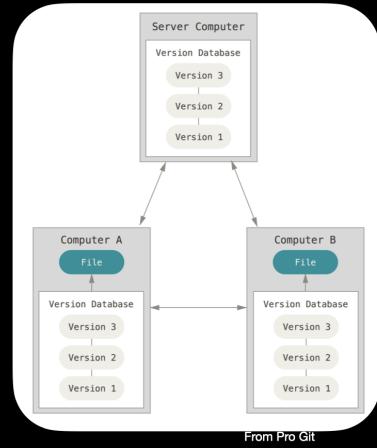


"Using a VCS also generally means that if you screw things up or lose files, you can easily recover."

VCS: The foundation for programming as a group endeavour

Distributed Version Control

- Use version control databases as a way of publishing your projects
- Allow developers to
 - Clone copies so that they can contribute directly
 - Fork copies so that they can evolve or contribute
- An infrastructure for community based software development and sharing
- Make it easy for community to review and accept contributions



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GIT Overview and Concepts

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GIT(1) Git Manual **GIT(1)**

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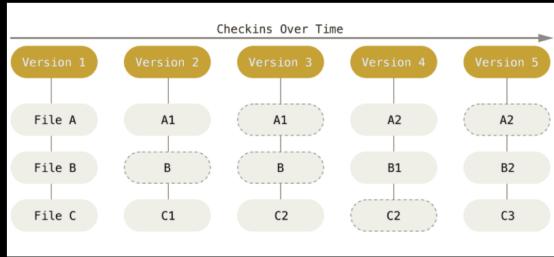
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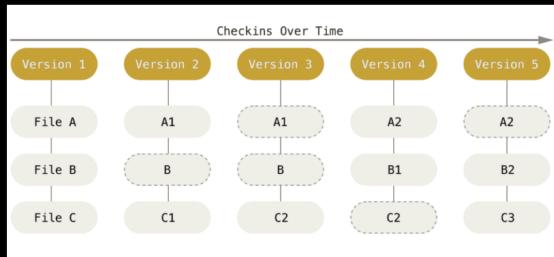


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- With Git you work locally without having to talk to another computer (no need for internet connection)
- You have the whole data base of version on your computer (the version database)
- GIT uses checksums to track contents of files:

32 digit hash numbers

A SHA-1 hash looks something like this:
24b9da6552252987aa493b52f8696cd6d
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Git states of a file

3 States in git ecosystem

Three states a file can be in

A File



1. Modified → edit + save

2. Staged → marking it "a modified file"

3. Committed → up load

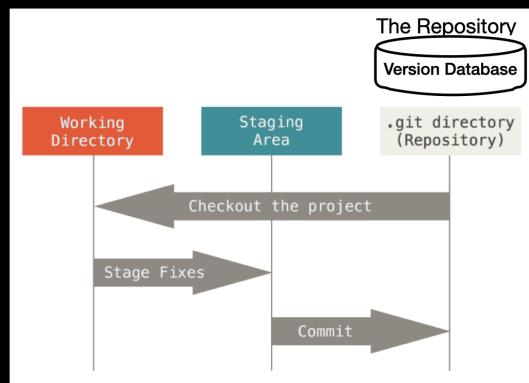
- **Modified** - means that you have changed the file but have not committed it to your database yet.
- **Staged** - means that you have marked a modified file in its current version to go into your next commit snapshot.
- **Committed** - means that the data is safely stored in your local database.

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Two new “areas”

- Working Directory (tree): A directory full of our projects subdirectories and files
 - It is a single version that is “checked out” from the database
- Staging Area: A file that we mark what we want to go into our next commit
- .git directory : the database (all of the git stuff). This is what is copied when we “clone” a repository from another computer.



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The basic Git workflow

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Modify your projects files and directories

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Selectively stage your changes you want to be part of your next commit (adding on those to the index)

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Commit takes what you have staged and stores that as a new snapshot in your database

1. Edit/Modify

2. Stage

3. Commit

A version of a file in the database is “committed”

A modified file that was added to the index is “staged”

A file changed from the last checkout but not staged is “modified”

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You don't need to commit Every single time

Remember

- Git is first and foremost a command line tool. It was designed to be used within a terminal from the shell.
 - An extra tool to make your life as a developer more productive and safer
 - Making the lifetime of your project's files and directories as versions that you can manage (and publish)
 - So get comfortable knowing what to do with git as a command line tool

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Git Basics - The core stuff

- First time setup
- Manuals and help
- Getting a Git Repo
- Recording Changes
- Viewing history of commits
- Undoing things
- Working with Remotes



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First Time setup (Pro Git 1.6)

- Git has some settings that you need to configure: `git config`
 - User specific values stored in `~/.gitconfig/*`
 - `git config --global`
 - Repository specific values
 - `git config --local`
 - Show settings
 - `git config --list --show-origin`

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First Time setup (Pro Git 1.6)

- Values we care about:
 - Identity:
`$ git config --global user.name "John Doe"
$ git config --global user.email johndoe@example.com`
 - So our commits and messages are properly identified
 - Editor:
`$ git config --global core.editor emacs`
 - So that when git needs us to write a messages it will open the right editor

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Git help and Manuals (Pro Git 1.7)

```
$ git help <verb>  
$ git <verb> --help  
$ man git-<verb>
```

git status → status of git

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Getting a Repo (Pro Git 2.1)

Two ways:

1. Create a new repo from a directory not under version control
2. Clone an exiting repository from somewhere else

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Getting a Repo (Pro Git 2.1)

Create a new repo from a local directory that is not under VC

```
$ cd /home/user/my_project
$ ls -la
$ git init
$ ls -la # notice something new?

$ git status
$ git add <files>
$ git status
$ git commit -m 'Initial project version'
$ git status
```

git log → Commit 한 줄 만들 수 있음

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Getting a Repo (Pro Git 2.1)

Clone an existing repository from somewhere else

Like a Git base site on the internet the “hosts” repositories Eg.

Github or Gitlab (we will talk more about these later)

<https://github.com/kornia/kornia>

```
$ git clone <url>

# http (generally not encouraged on public services like github)
$ git clone https://github.com/kornia/kornia.git

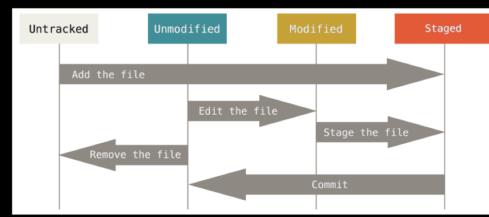
# ssh (secure but requires you to generate and register a ssh key)
$ git clone git@github.com:kornia/kornia.git
```

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Git Recording Changes (Pro Git 2.2)

The lifecycle of the status of your files

- Your friend:
`$ git status`
- Lets follow the life cycle of a file
- Birth:
`$ echo 'My Project' > README`
`$ git status`
- Tracking (get putting in git's control)
`$ git add README`
`$ git status`

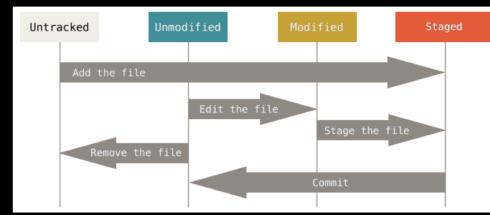


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- Modify an existing tracked file
 - Lets add a new target to the Makefile
`$ git status`
 - Stage it too:
`$ git add Makefile`
`$ git status`
 - Modify it again
`$ git status`

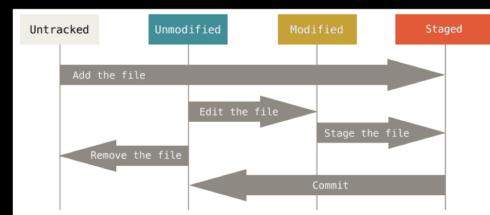


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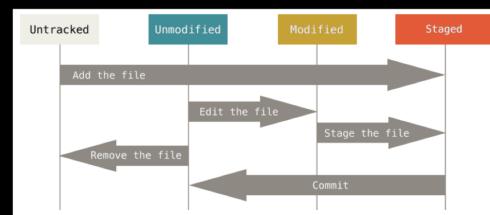
- ???
- Adding a file is adding an exact version if you want to update the stage you have to add again

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The lifecycle of the status of your files

- Git ignore
 - Very useful
`$ git status`
`$ echo "*~" > .gitignore`
`$ git status`
 - Lets add the outputs so we don't accidentally put them in the repo



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Git Recording Changes (Pro Git 2.2)

The lifecycle of the status of your files

- See what's changed

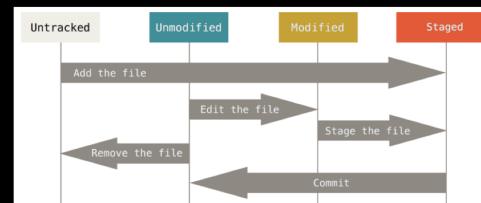
```
$ git status
$ git diff
$ git diff --staged
```

- Let's get commit

```
$ git status
$ git commit # start editor
$ git commit -m "message" # avoid editor
```

- Skip staging

```
$ git status
$ git commit -a -m "message" # stage and commit all changes
```



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Git Recording Changes (Pro Git 2.2)

The lifecycle of the status of your files

- Removing files

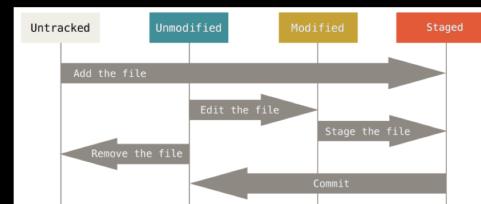
- Removing from git

```
$ rm <file>
$ git status
$ git rm <file>
$ git status
$ git commit
$ git status
```

- Removing from git but not working directory (eg you forgot to add to .gitignore)

```
$ git rm --cached <file>
```

patterns can be used to remove matching files



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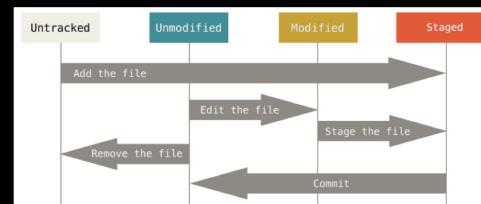
- Renaming/Moving files

- Removing from git

```
$ git mv <file_from> <file_to>
$ git status
$ git commit
```

- equivalent to:

```
$ mv <file_from> <file_to>
$ git rm <file_from>
$ git add <file_to>
```



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Git Viewing history of commits (Pro Git 2.3)

```
$ git log
```

- Git log is a very powerful command with many options here are some useful examples:

```
$ git log --n
$ git log -p
$ git log --oneliner
$ git log --stat
$ git log --relative-date
$ git log --oneliner --shortstat
$ git log --oneliner --graph
$ git log --since=2.weeks
$ git log --grep "Fix" # regex matching commit message
$ git log --oneline -p -S "open" # -S string added or removed in code
```

Lots and lots of options... view by author, until, before, range, etc...

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Git: Undoing Things (Pro Git 2.4)

Be careful some undoes are permanent

- Ammending: `git commit --amend`

```
$ git commit -m 'Initial commit'
$ git add forgotten_file
$ git commit --amend
```

- Unstaging:

```
$ git restore --staged <file>
```

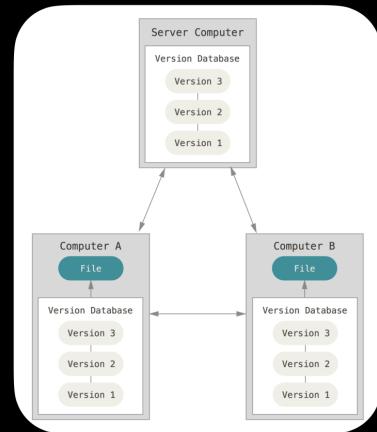
- Unmodifying — revert changes in working directory (CAREFULL!)

```
$ git restore <file>
```

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Git Remotes (Pro Git 2.5)

- Remote repositories are version of your that are hosted on other computers on the internet or other networks
- There can be many copies
- Collaborating with others (and yourself) means managing these remote repositories
 - Push and Pull data to and from them to share work



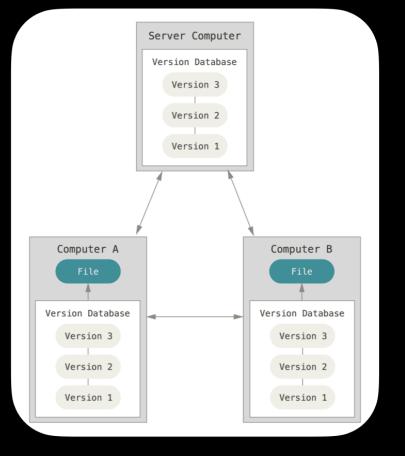
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Git Remotes (Pro Git 2.5)

```
$ git remote
$ git remote -v
```

Git clone automatically adds the remote origin
but we can explicitly add remotes as follows

```
$ git remote add cs400 https://
cs400-gitlab.bu.edu/jappavoo/
kornia.git
```



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Git Remotes (Pro Git 2.5)

Fetching and Pulling

```
$ git fetch <remote>
```

Gets all the data from that remote you can now inspect it, merge it, modify it, etc.

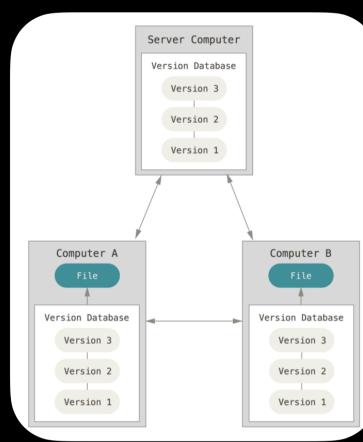
Default is to get data from origin if you cloned repo

Fetch only down loads it does not try and merge data into your local version

If your branch is tracking a remote branch then you can download and merge with one step. Note cloning repos sets this up automatically

```
$ git pull
```

This will make more sense when talk about branches



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Git Remotes (Pro Git 2.5)

Pushing, inspecting, renaming, removing

To share your work with a remote you “push” your work to the remote

```
$ git push <remote> <branch>
```

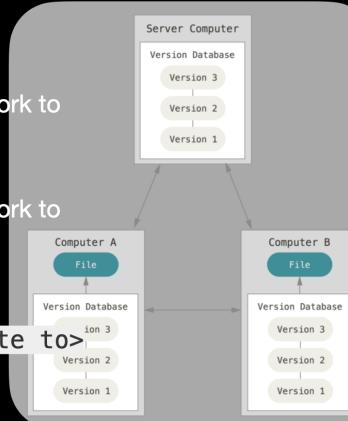
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```
$ git remote show <remote>
```

renaming and removing

```
$ git remote rename <remote from> <remote to>
```

```
$ git remote remove <remote>
```



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Things we skipped from Pro Git Chapter 2

- Tagging (Pro Git 2.6)
- Git Aliases (Pro Git 2.&)

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