



# Introduction to Git

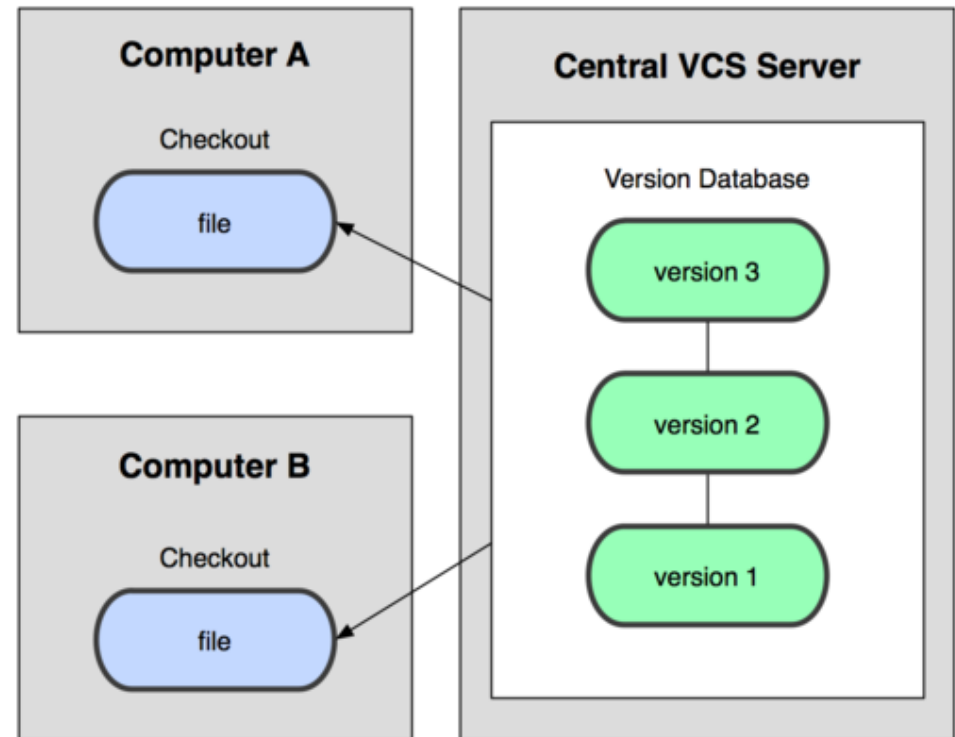


# Version Control System

- **Version Control System (VCS)**
  - System that keeps track of changes made to files
- Also known as SCM (Source Code Management)
- Whatever you call it – you got to have one!

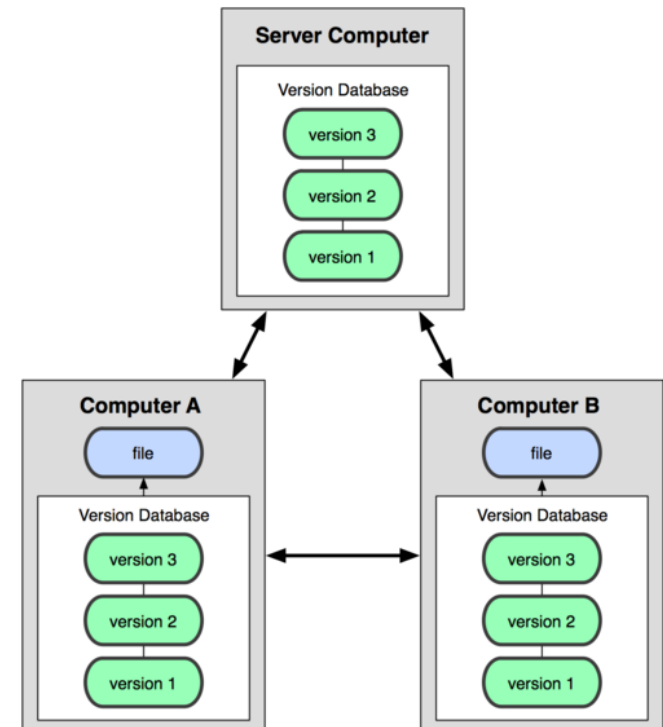
# Centralized VCS

- CVS, Subversion
  - Repo resides on some central server
  - Client only has one version of trunk or branch



# Distributed VCS

- Git, Mercurial
  - The full repo resides locally
  - Contains full history
  - Server is (almost) not involved
    - Commit often and offline
    - Work on the beach / train
    - Classified environments?
  - Can push and pull between repos
  - Back ups - trivial and readily available



# Git - Brief History

- Developed in 2005 by Linus Torvalds, creator of Linux
- (Prior to Git, Linux was using BitKeeper)
- Developed with the following goals in mind
  - Speed and efficiency
  - Strong support for non-linear development (thousands of parallel branches)
  - Fully distributed



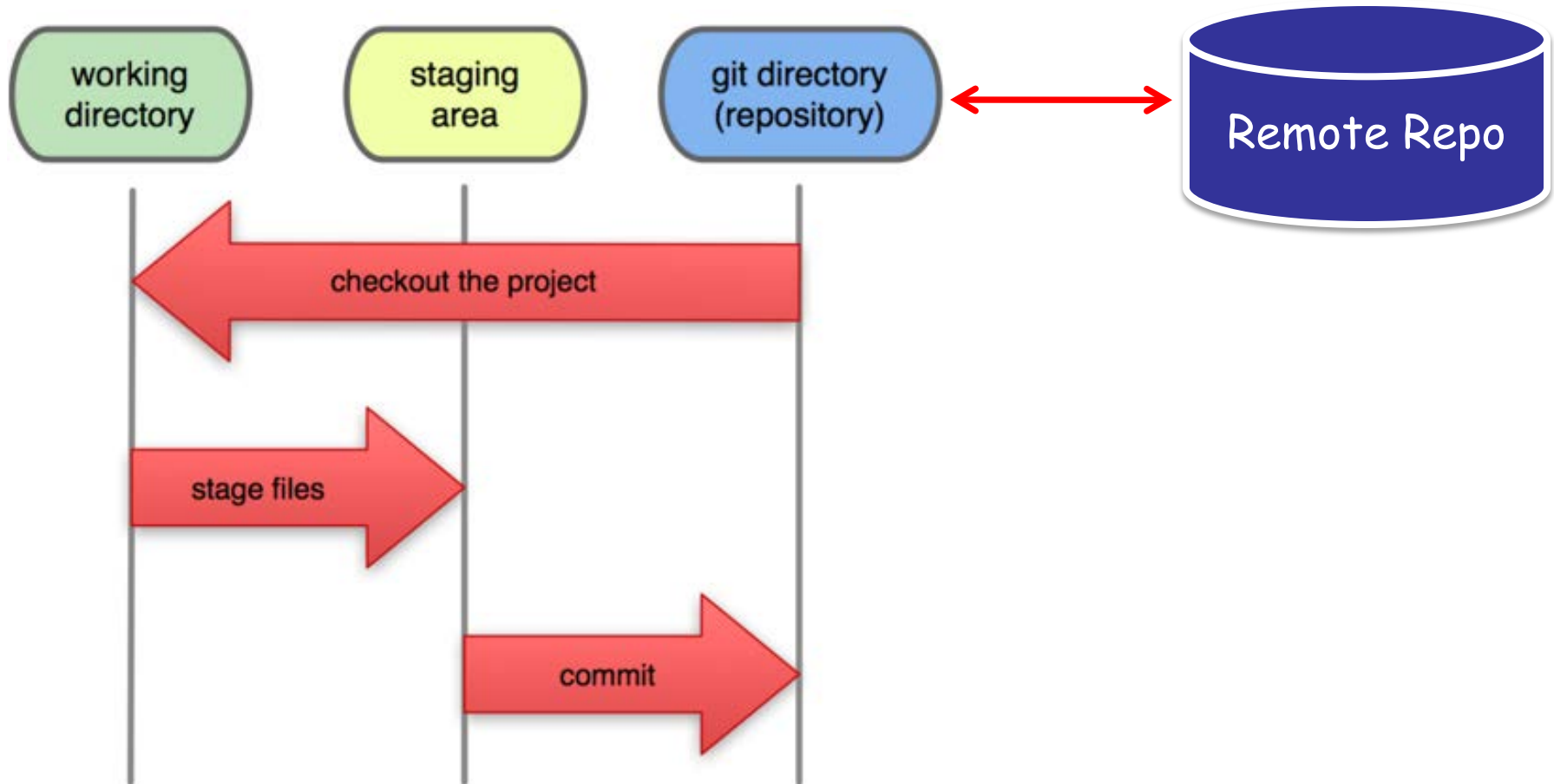
# Git Basics

- Nearly every operation is local (FAST!)
- Data managed with integrity
  - 40 character SHA-1 hash (also used in cryptography) computed and assigned to every commit, branch and tag
  - Makes Git aware of hacking attempts or repo corruption

# Git Basics (Continued)

- Generally only adds data
  - Hard to lose committed data
- Unlike other VCSs, Git thinks of data as snapshots - not deltas between files and directories
- Only one `.git` directory at the top level (not sprinkled throughout directory structure like SVN)

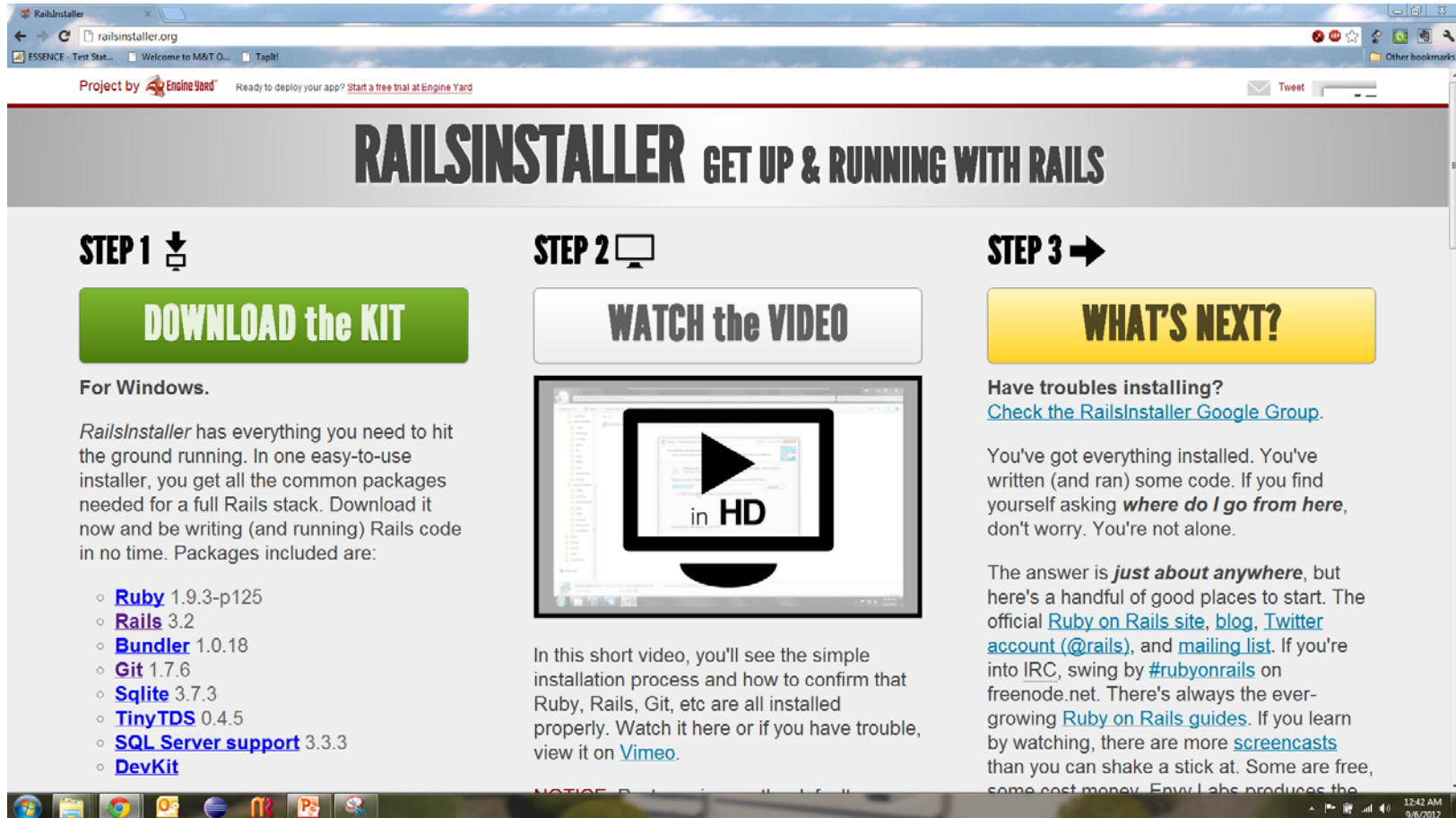
# General Workflow





# Installing Git

- Go to `railsinstaller.org`



The screenshot shows the RailsInstaller website with a navigation bar at the top. The main heading is "RAILSINSTALLER GET UP & RUNNING WITH RAILS". Below this, there are three columns representing the installation steps:

- STEP 1** (with a download icon): A green button labeled "DOWNLOAD the KIT". Below it, text says "For Windows." and "RailsInstaller has everything you need to hit the ground running. In one easy-to-use installer, you get all the common packages needed for a full Rails stack. Download it now and be writing (and running) Rails code in no time. Packages included are:" followed by a list: Ruby 1.9.3-p125, Rails 3.2, Bundler 1.0.18, Git 1.7.6, Sqlite 3.7.3, TinyTDS 0.4.5, SQL Server support 3.3.3, and DevKit.
- STEP 2** (with a monitor icon): A white button labeled "WATCH the VIDEO". Below it is a video player showing a play button and "in HD". Text below the video says: "In this short video, you'll see the simple installation process and how to confirm that Ruby, Rails, Git, etc are all installed properly. Watch it here or if you have trouble, view it on Vimeo."
- STEP 3** (with a right arrow icon): A yellow button labeled "WHAT'S NEXT?". Below it, text says: "Have troubles installing? Check the RailsInstaller Google Group." followed by: "You've got everything installed. You've written (and ran) some code. If you find yourself asking *where do I go from here*, don't worry. You're not alone." and "The answer is *just about anywhere*, but here's a handful of good places to start. The official Ruby on Rails site, blog, Twitter account (@rails), and mailing list. If you're into IRC, swing by #rubyonrails on freenode.net. There's always the ever-growing Ruby on Rails guides. If you learn by watching, there are more screencasts than you can shake a stick at. Some are free, some cost money. Envoy Labs produces the

# Git's official site

<http://git-scm.com>

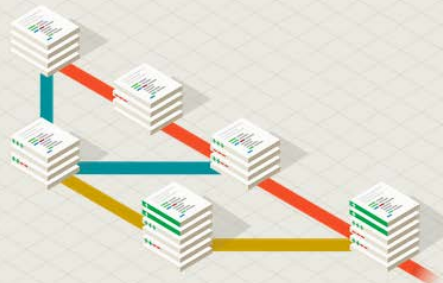


Git is a **free and open source** distributed version control system designed to handle everything from small to very large projects with speed and efficiency.

Git is **easy to learn** and has a **tiny footprint with lightning fast performance**. It outclasses SCM tools like Subversion, CVS, Perforce, and ClearCase with features like **cheap local branching**, convenient staging areas, and **multiple workflows**.



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## About

The advantages of Git compared to other source control systems.



## Documentation

Command reference pages, Pro Git book content, videos and other material.



## Downloads

GUI clients and binary releases for all major platforms.



## Community

Get involved! Mailing list, chat, development and more.



Windows GUIs



Tarballs



Mac Build



Source Code



**Pro Git** by Scott Chacon is available to [read online for free](#). Dead tree versions are available on [Amazon.com](#).

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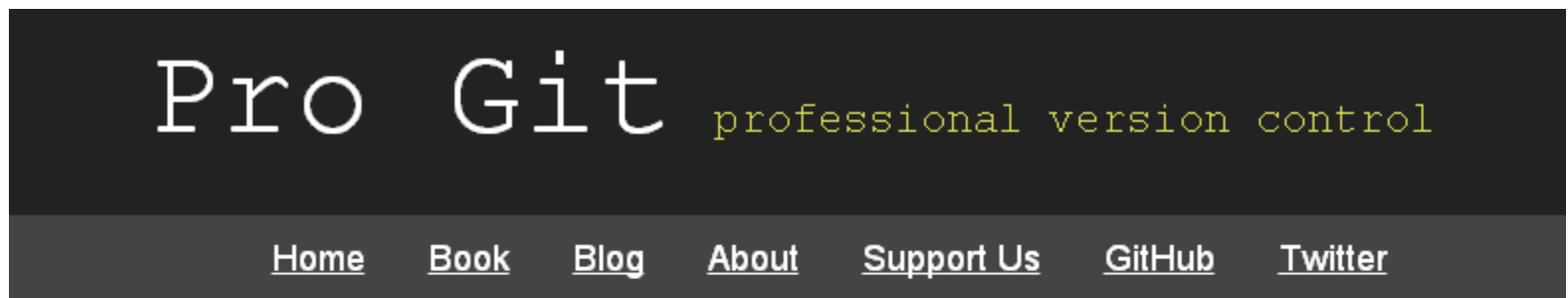
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PostgreSQL

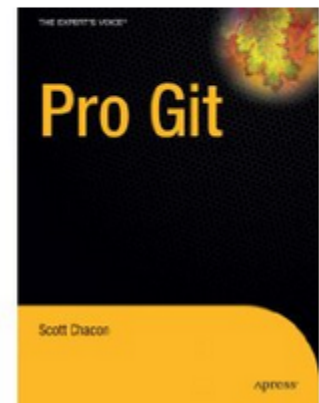


# Pro Git - **Free** Git book (<http://progit.org/book/>)



## 1. Getting Started

- 1.1 - About Version Control
- 1.2 - A Short History of Git
- 1.3 - Git Basics
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- 1.5 - First-Time Git Setup
- 1.6 - Getting Help
- 1.7 - Summary



# A nice Git reference - <http://gitref.org/>

## Git Reference

Reference About § Site Source

### Getting and Creating Projects

- `init`
- `clone`

### Basic Snapshotting

- `add`
- `status`
- `diff`
- `commit`
- `reset`
- `rm, mv`

### Branching and Merging

- `branch`
- `checkout`
- `merge`
- `log`
- `tag`

### Sharing and Updating Projects

- `fetch, pull`
- `push`
- `remote`

#### GETTING AND CREATING PROJECTS

In order to do anything in Git, you have to have a Git repository. This is where Git stores the data.

There are two main ways to get a Git repository. One way is to simply initialize a new one from scratch, or to clone one from a public Git repository, as you would do if you wanted a copy or wanted to work with someone else's code.

**git init** initializes a directory as a Git repository

To create a repository from an existing directory of files, you can simply run `git init` in that directory.

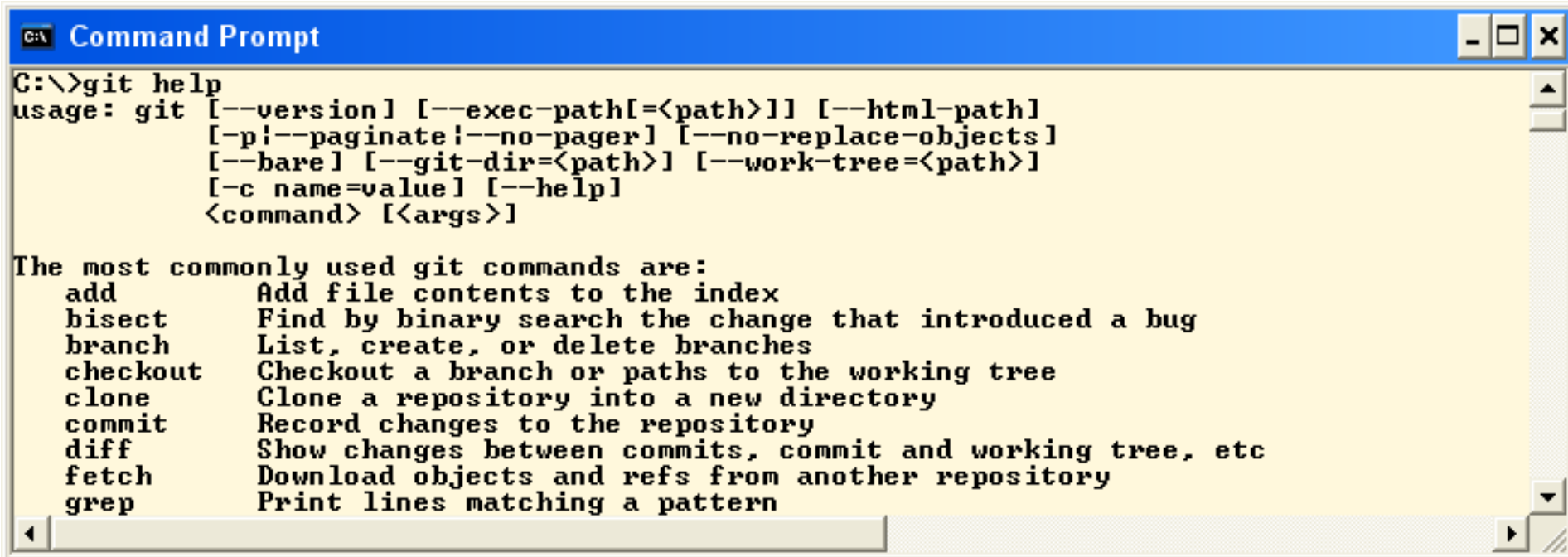
```
$ cd konichiwa
$ ls
README  hello.rb
```

This is a project where we are writing examples of the "Hello World" program in every language. To get started, simply run `git init`.

```
$ git init
Initialized empty Git repository in /opt/konichiwa/.git/
```

# Before Installing Git (Optional)

- Git has color support and it's hard to see dark colors on a dark background - consider dark foreground and light background? instead?



```
C:\>git help
usage: git [--version] [--exec-path[=<path>]] [--html-path]
        [-p|--paginate|--no-pager] [--no-replace-objects]
        [--bare] [--git-dir=<path>] [--work-tree=<path>]
        [-c name=value] [--help]
        <command> [<args>]

The most commonly used git commands are:
  add          Add file contents to the index
  bisect       Find by binary search the change that introduced a bug
  branch       List, create, or delete branches
  checkout     Checkout a branch or paths to the working tree
  clone        Clone a repository into a new directory
  commit       Record changes to the repository
  diff         Show changes between commits, commit and working tree, etc
  fetch        Download objects and refs from another repository
  grep        Print lines matching a pattern
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