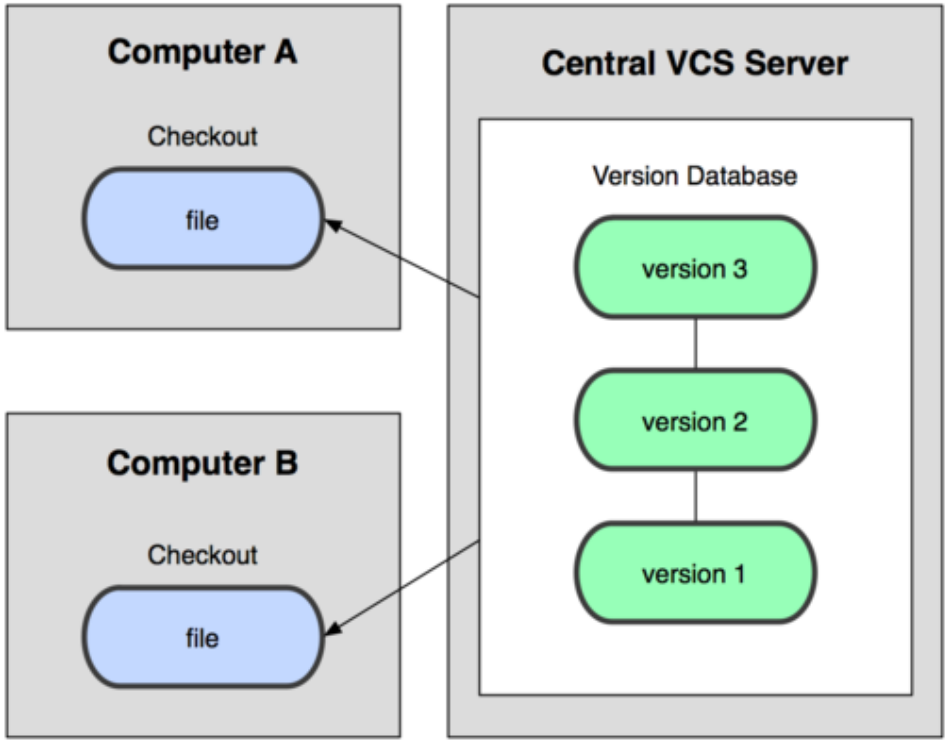
Introduction to Git

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!

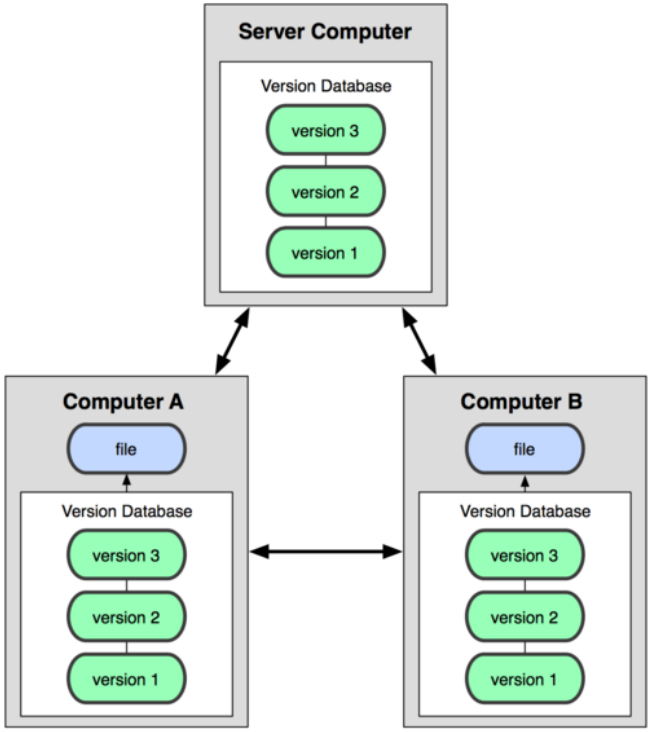
Centralized VCS

- 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

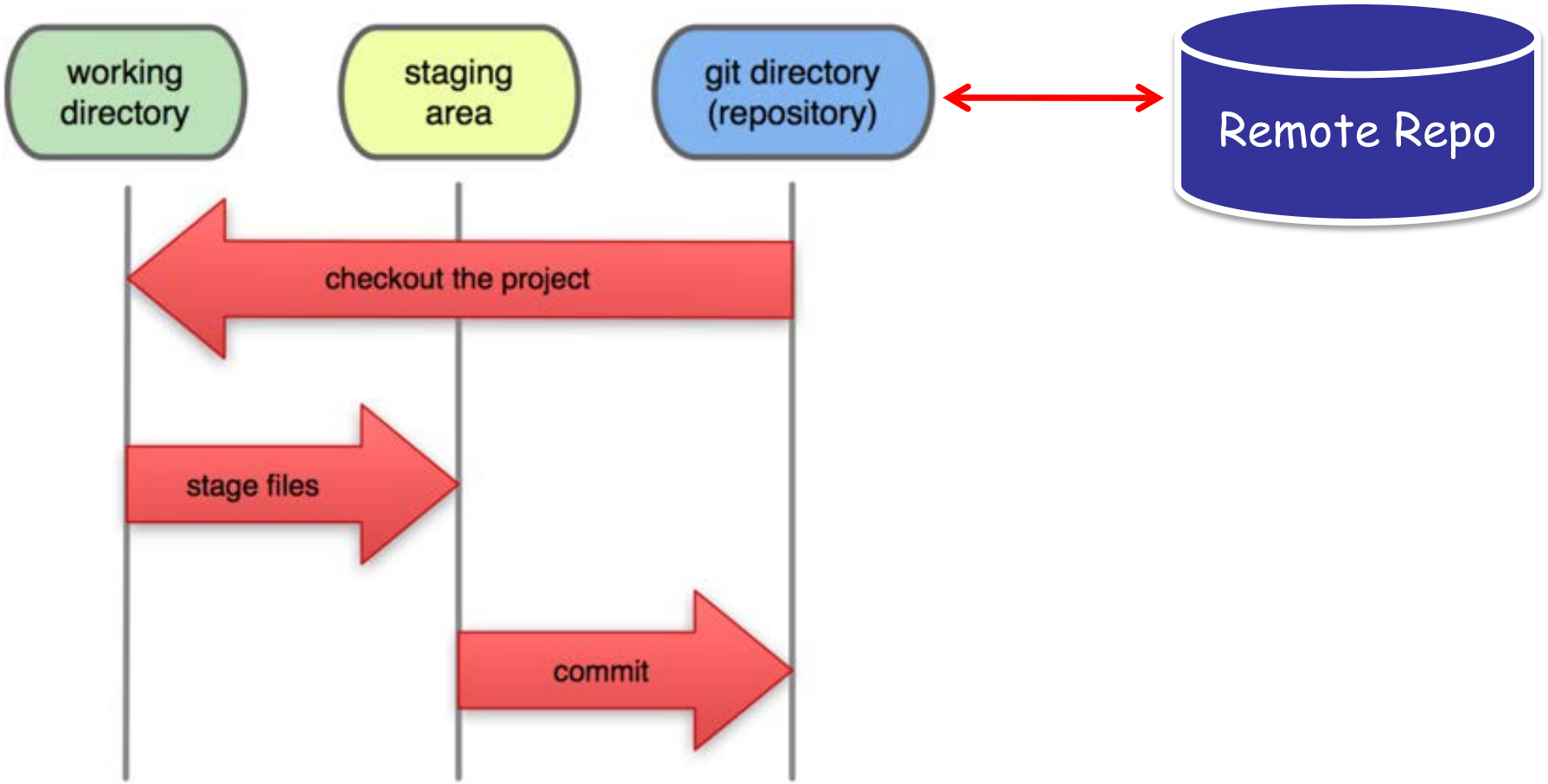
Git Basics

- 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)

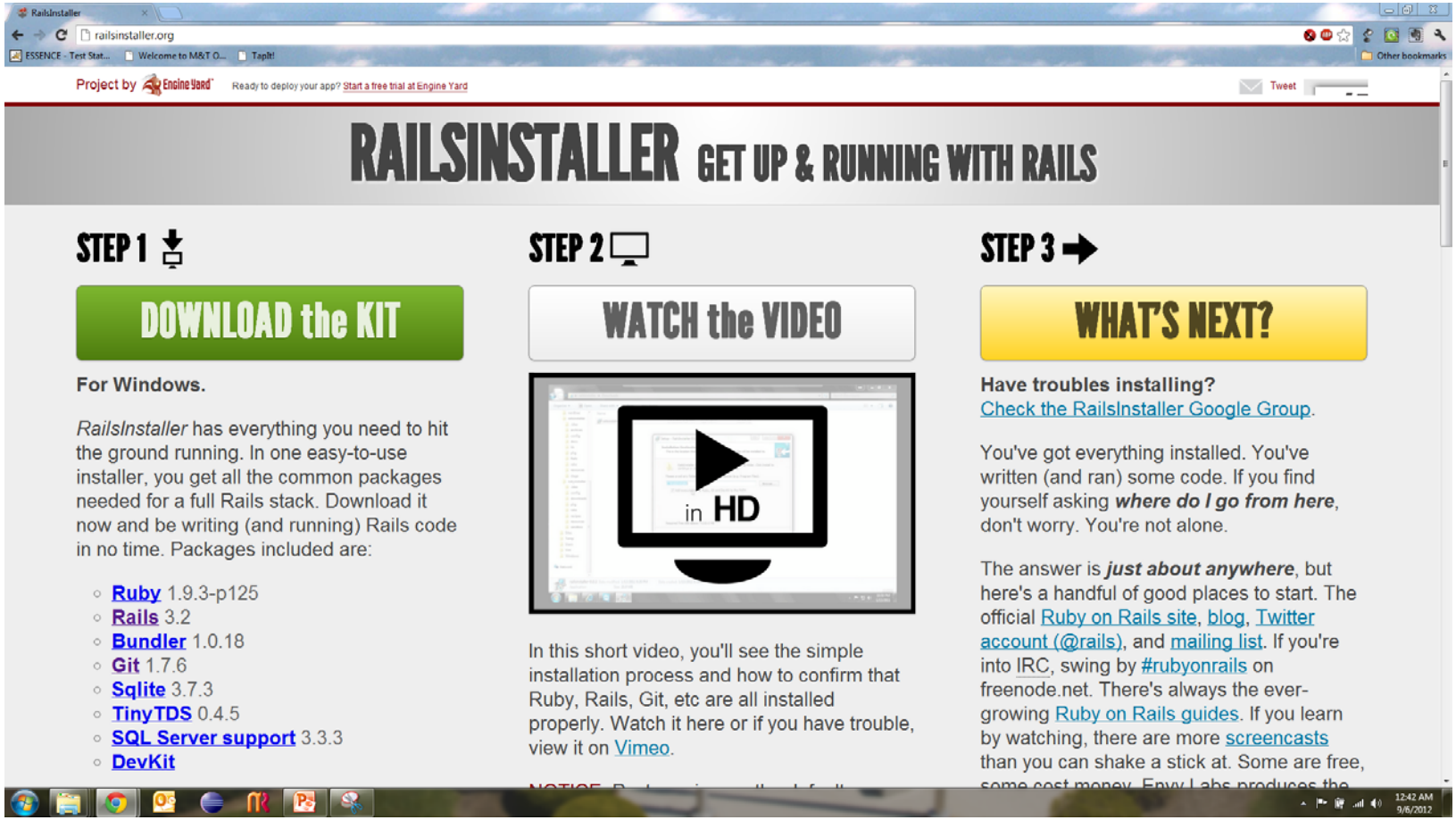
- Generally only adds data
  - Hard to lose committed data
- Unlike other VCSs, Git thinks of data as snapshots - not deltas between files and directories
- Only one `.git` directory at the top level (not sprinkled throughout directory structure like SVN)

General Workflow



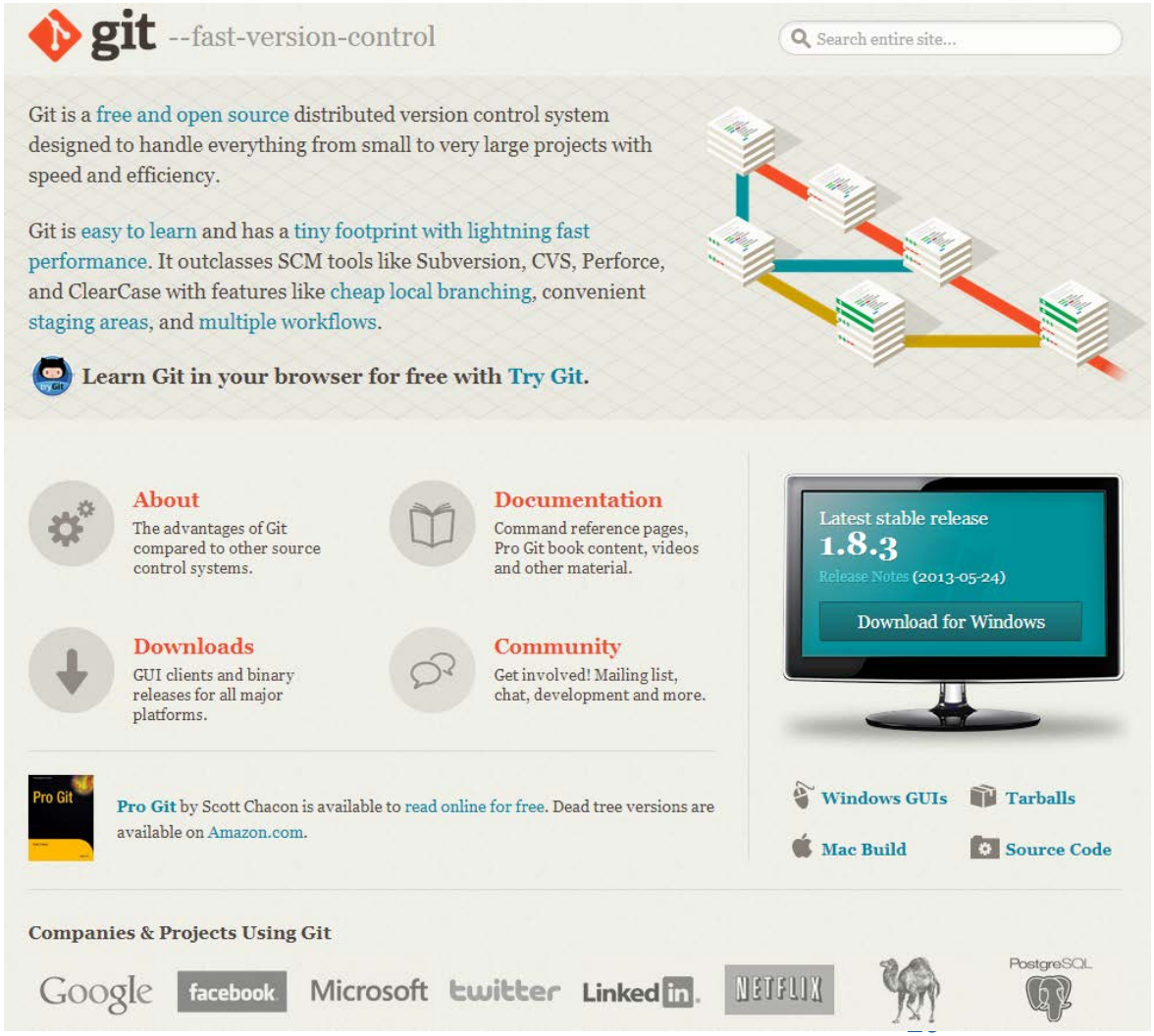
Installing Git

- Go to `railsinstaller.org`



Git's official site

http://git-scm.com



Pro Git - Free Git book (http://progit.org/book/)

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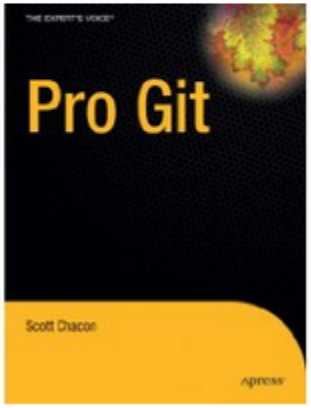

A nice Git reference - http://gitref.org/

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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 dat

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

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

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

This is a project where we are writing examples of the "Hello World" program in every language. 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?