GIT and GitHub

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- GIT works without GitHub
- GitHub is only one of the many git servers
- Git servers adds the abilty to share your staff

What are versions?

- Sometimes we edit a file continuously and want to keep its earlier versions

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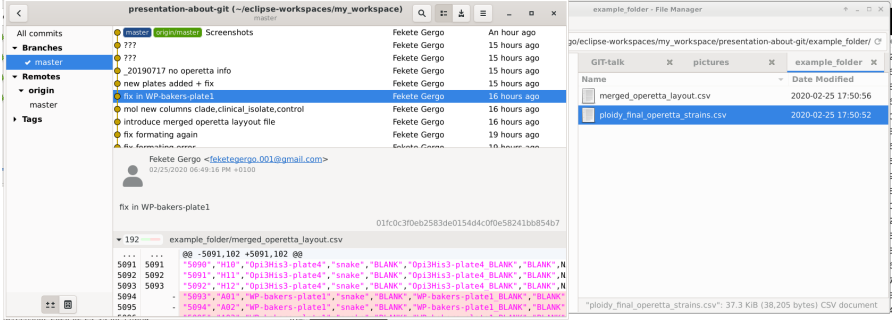

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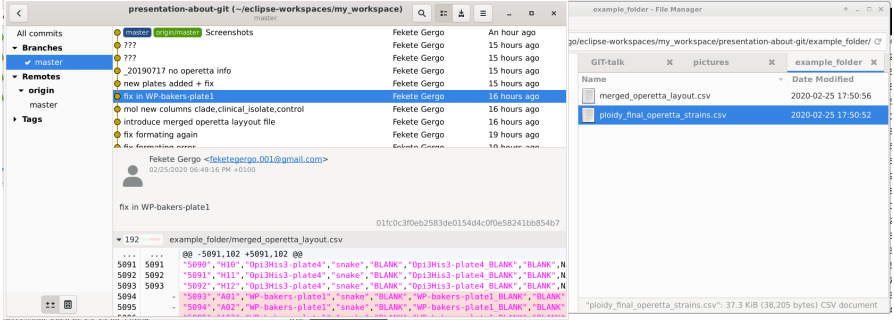

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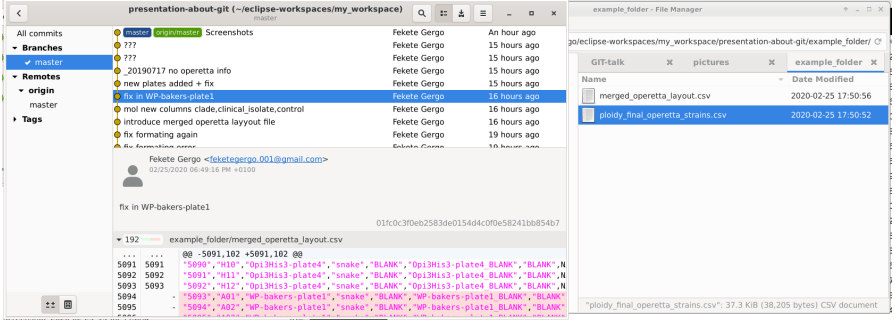

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29 items: 94.3 MiB (98,844,291 bytes), Free space: 14.1 TiB

- working with messy forlders is slower and comfusing
- it causes errors
- It is waste of time and money.

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Belive me! It is a result of 35 years of evoluton and desig.

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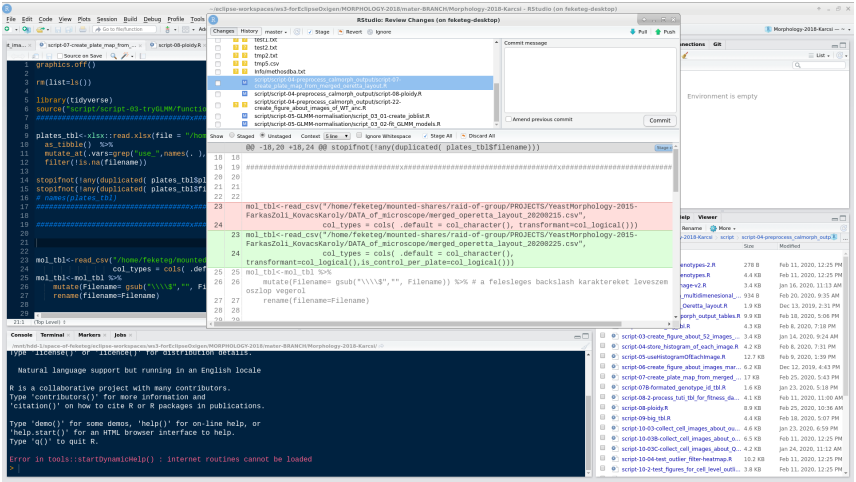

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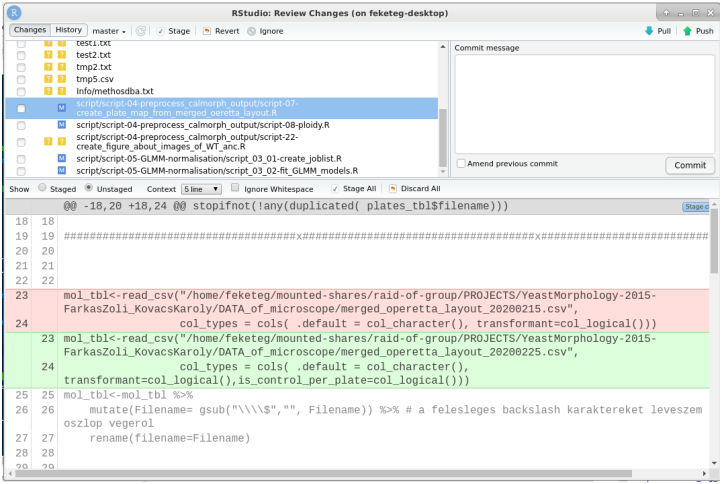

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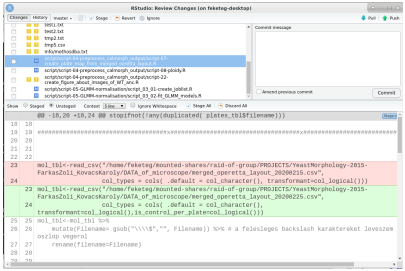

- select files to the stage
- unfullowed/followed files
- diff-s
- commit msg + button
- push/pull button

Terminology

- commit = save it (to the local repository)
- stage = files selected for save
- push = upload to the server
- pull = download from the server

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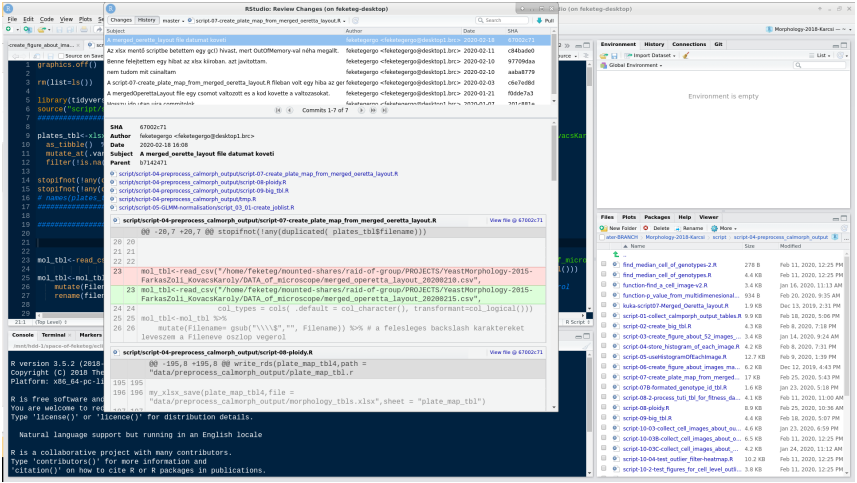

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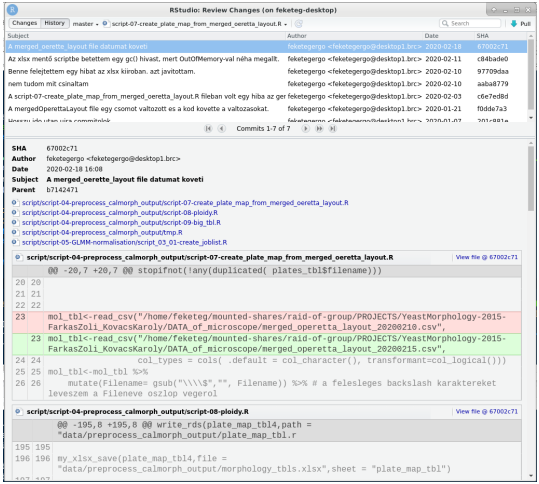

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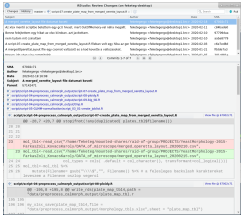

- each row is a commit with
  - date
  - author
  - comment
  - commit ID
- list of files modified in the selected commit
- diffs : for each file it shows what is modified

Principles

- If you want to roll back
  - You have to commit first
  - git will replace the actual files with the old ones
  - You can not rollback only one file.
- You can go back to an old version and then return to the latest version
- If you want to go somewhere you have to tell the ID of the version
- the last commit called **HEAD**
- the 'go to' command is **checkout**

Example

```
git checkout 67002c71
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git checkout HEAD
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bad news

sometimes you need to type commands

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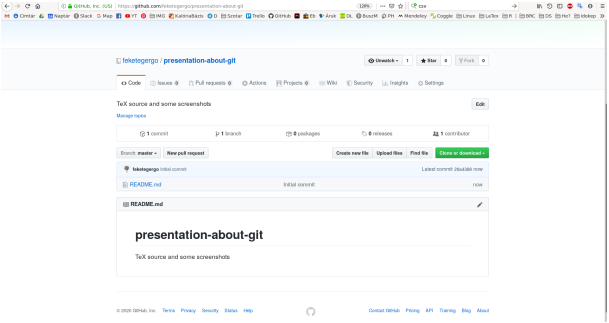
- basic git servers just stores the repository
- GitHub provides additional Web interface



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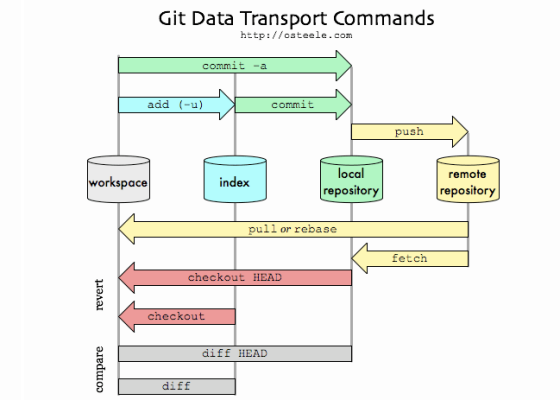
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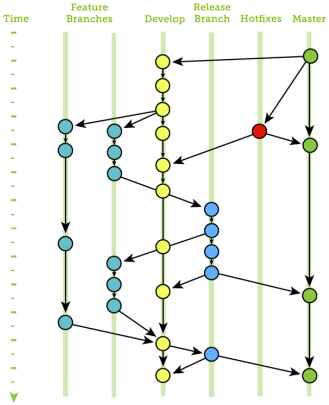
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