Version control & git An indroduction

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What is version control?

• Manage versions of files projects etc...

What can be versioned?

- source code
- images
- music
- etc...
- $\rightarrow \, \mathsf{anything}$

Why version control?

- Traceability
- "Jump" between different versions
- Team work and collaboration

Changes are saved with:

- Author
- Date and time
- Change note

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Configure git

```
$ git config (--global) user.name "Felix Nonnengiesser"
```

\$ git config (--global) user.email s8819853@stud.uni-frankfurt.de

Initialize a repository

Create a project folder:

\$ mkdir website-with-git

\$ cd website-with-git

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```
$ ls -l .git
```

```
total 7
-rw-r--r-- 1 Felix 197121 130 Aug 27 12:02 config
-rw-r--r-- 1 Felix 197121 73 Aug 27 12:02 description
-rw-r--r-- 1 Felix 197121 23 Aug 27 12:02 HEAD
drwxr-xr-x 1 Felix 197121 0 Aug 27 12:02 hooks/
drwxr-xr-x 1 Felix 197121 0 Aug 27 12:02 info/
drwxr-xr-x 1 Felix 197121 0 Aug 27 12:02 objects/
drwxr-xr-x 1 Felix 197121 0 Aug 27 12:02 refs/
```

git status

\$ git status

On branch master
No commits yet
nothing to commit (create/copy files and use "git add" to track)

Preparations for our little project

add link to project files. Or clone git repo?

Download template from http://template.zip

For Linux users:

\$ wget http://template.zip

git status

update outputs with new project files

```
$ git status
On branch master
Untracked files:
(use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
```

myprofile.html

nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)

git add

```
$ git add myprofile.html
```

```
$ git status
On branch master
Changes to be committed:
(use "git reset HEAD <file>..." to unstage)
```

new file: myprofile.html

git commit

\$ git commit -m "added profile page"
[master c18ea18] added profile page
1 file changed, 36 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 myprofile.html

git status

update outputs with new project files

\$ git status

On branch master nothing to commit, working tree clean

git log

```
$ git log
```

Author: Felix <nonni1997@hotmail.de>
Date: Tue Aug 27 16:04:27 2019 +0200

added profile page

Change content

- Open the myprofile.html file with a text editor of your choice. e.g. notepad++
- Fill in the gaps



This is the profile of Felix:

Full name: Felix Nonnengiesser
Date of birth: 05.08.1997
Favourite animal: flying bison

About me:

Hi I am Felix and I like ice cream!

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git add & git commit

- \$ git add myprofile.html
- \$ git commit -m "updated profile information"
 [master 7de6662] updated profile information
 1 file changed, 5 insertions(+), 5 deletions(-)

```
$ git log
```

commit 7de6662d0efd82b3e469594be85d38561c3fc536 (HEAD -> master)

Author: Felix <nonni1997@hotmail.de>
Date: Tue Aug 27 16:44:47 2019 +0200

updated profile information

commit c18ea185996a38679a0f3a623a9c10459045dccc

Author: Felix <nonni1997@hotmail.de>
Date: Tue Aug 27 16:04:27 2019 +0200

added profile page



Change content

git status

git diff

Branching



Figure: Git logo

Why branching

- stable
- development
- newAwesomeFeature
- featureXY

Add a new Feature

Let's add an image of ourselves to the profile page!

- we want to add a new feature
- we don't want to have unfinished features in our main/master branch
- we want to tinker around without breaking the master
- \rightarrow We create a new branch!

Show existing branches

- \$ git branch
- * master

Create a new branch

\$ git branch picture

- \$ git branch
- * master picture

Change branch

- \$ git checkout picture
 Switched to branch 'picture'
- \$ git branch
 master
- * picture

Implement our new feature

tidy up

- open th remove add lir
 - XX
- replace

<img src='

Commit changes

```
$ git add myprofile.html
```

```
$ git commit -m "add picture to profile page"
add outputs?
```

Change branches

- Let's go back to the master branch
 - \$ git checkout master
- When loading our profile page, our picture is gone
- ightarrow master branch is not affected by changes in other branches. We will find out later how to add these changes to the master branch.

Another feature

Our page looks a bit boring. Let's beautify it!

add output

- ullet New feature o new branch
 - \$ git branch style
- Change to new branch
 - \$ git checkout style

Adding a new file to our repository

- We add a "stylesheet" to our website to make it look better.
- Let's add the stylesheet to our git repository

```
$ git add styles.css
```

```
add output
```

- Link the stylesheet to your html page:
 - open the html file in the editor
 - remove the comment tags <!-- and --> in line

```
add line number
```

XX

Have a look at the new version of the profile page!

change title of page in this branch to provoke merge conflict later

add commit...



The updated page

THIS IS THE PROFILE OF FELIX:

Full name:	Felix Nonnengiesser
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ABOUT ME:

I like ice cream

Our current status

- We do have three different versions of our website
- None of them contains all the features we want
- But we want our master branch combining all these features!

Merge branches

add output

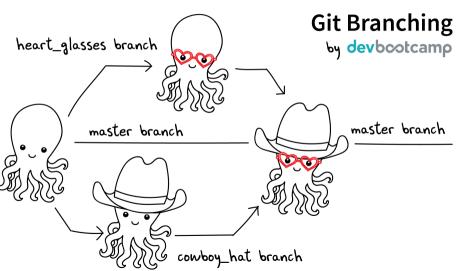
- to merge changes into the master branch we have to be inside the master branch
 - \$ git checkout master
- Merge the picture branch into the master:
 - \$ git merge picture
- Merge the style branch into the master:
 - \$ git merge style

handle merge conflict

Recap: What did we do?

add tikz graph with version history

Recap: What did we do?



Working together



Working together

- Git repos can be hosted on a server
- ullet ightarrow other people can access the repo and collaborate

Services providing such hosting:

- GitHub
- GitLab ← what we use in our lab
- Bitbucket
- ..



Remote repositories

git clone, git push, git pull

\$ git clone

Clones a remote repository to your local computer

\$ git push

Pushes your committed changes to the remote repository

\$ git pull

Fetch and merge changes on the remote repository into your local repo

GitLab

- create and modify repositories online
- admins can manage repos, give access to users...

GitLab

mini gitlab tut here?

git and LISCO

How can we use git in the LISCO lab?

- work together on experiments
- distribute experiments on testing computers
- share experiments with others
- ...

Change branches

Change branches