# Git

# What is Git

**Version Control**

Software that keeps track of changes, esp text changes.

You make changes, move, etc. Git lets you look at versions, go back and forth, etc.

Git is a Version Control System.

Git is also A Source Code Manager

Examples of version control:

* Word track changes
* Undo CmdZ

**Git History**

SCSS – Source Code Control System. Bundled with Unix, very popular

* Keeps original version, and saved snapshot of set of changes.

RCS – Revision Control system

* Cross platform and open source
* Stored changed document, and worked with set of changes in result (faster)

Both only let you work with one version at a time

CVS – Concurrent version sustems

* Multiple files, entire project
* Put on remote server, let you have multi-version repos

CVS impvoed by Apache Subversion (SVN)

* Tracked text and images…
* Tracked changes to directory as a collective.
* Snapshot bigger than indiivudal files, it had entire sets of hanges at one time.

BitKeeper SCM

* Closed source and proprietary
  + Community version was free, used for source code management for lix kernel from 2002-205, controversial about being owned by company.
* Distributed version control
* Git was born bc of this

Git is deeply connected to linux

* Created by Linus Torvalds
* Distributed version control
* Open-source and free
* Open source project
* Faster than SCMs
* Better safeguards against data corruption

**Distributed Version Control**

* Git is distributed version control
* Different users maintain their own repos
* Changes are stored as change sets
  + Track changes, not versions
* Change sets can be exchanged between repos
  + You might say you merge in change sets, or apply patches
* Imagine changes to doc as sets ABCDEF

Repo 1: AbCDEF

REPO 2: ABCD -> just doesn’t have all change sets

Repo 3: Sets ABCE

Repo 4: ABEF

No repo is master repo, no one is out of sync, all repos are different

We often do make a repo a master repo, but this is convention, we can really do whatever

Bc distributed, no need to communicate w central server, no network access required, no single point of failure

Encourages participation and forking of projects – devs can work indepdnetly, make changes, submit changes for either inclusion or rejection. You can fork version of open source project and take it in your own direction. Well srted in teams.

All repos are considered equal

# Configuring Git

* Git stores configuration at system level, default configs
* Or user configurations
* In your home directory ~/.gitconfig
* Can also store in project by project basis
* Probably gonna want in all of your projects
* Git config –-system – system
* Git config –-global – user
* Git config – project

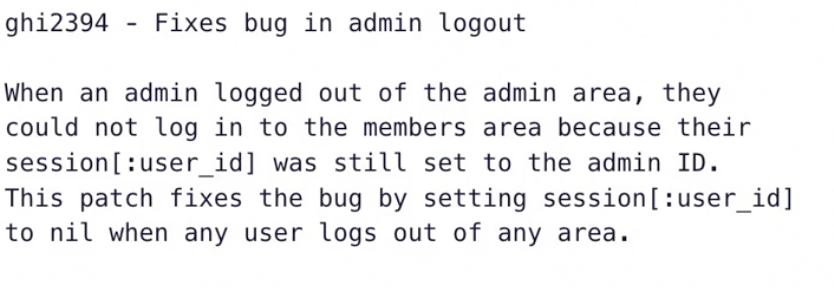
Autocomplete should be added to get rest of command

Git help is very useful

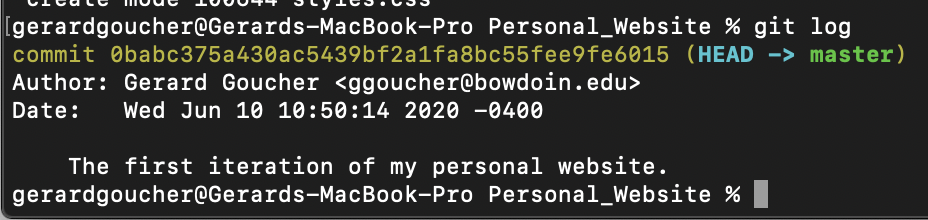
Where git files are stored – git uses many files to track changes, file tracking, etc.

Git tracks by making changes, git add . (. Shorthand for current directory) not tracking yet, we need to commit

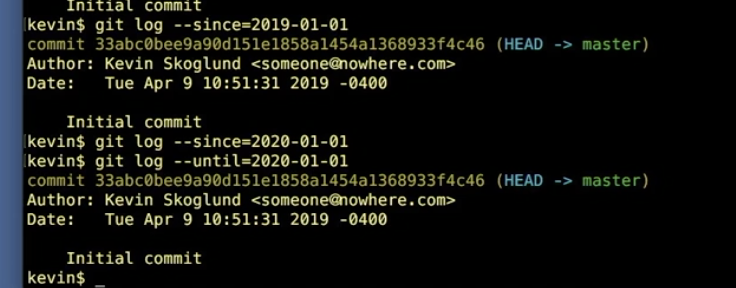
**Commit messages best practices**

* Write short, single line summary
* Optionally follow by a blank line and more complete description
* Keep each line <72 chars. Write in present tense, not past tense
* Clear and descriptive
* Good example

**Viewing commit log**



Author, date, unique commit id, message.

Git log -n 5 limits the number of commits you can see., or you can do commits since dates

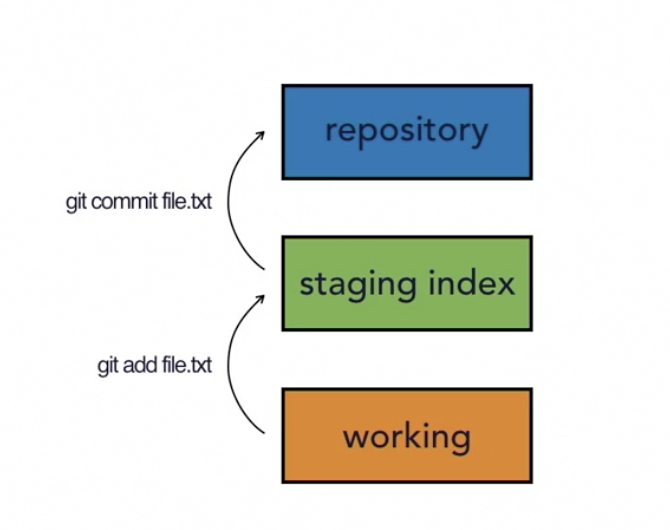
Can also do authors, too

--grep will show any string item when going through your work

**Three tree architecture**

* Repository – Has set of files working between it
* Working copy – same thing too

When we want to move files from repo to working, we checkout copies, when we finish changes, we commit to repo

* Git also has a staging index, you add to the staging index, and from there, you commit to the repo.
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* Lets us add what we want first, then commit, so we can choose selectively what we update

**Git Workflow**

Commits are snapshots of hchanges to our projects

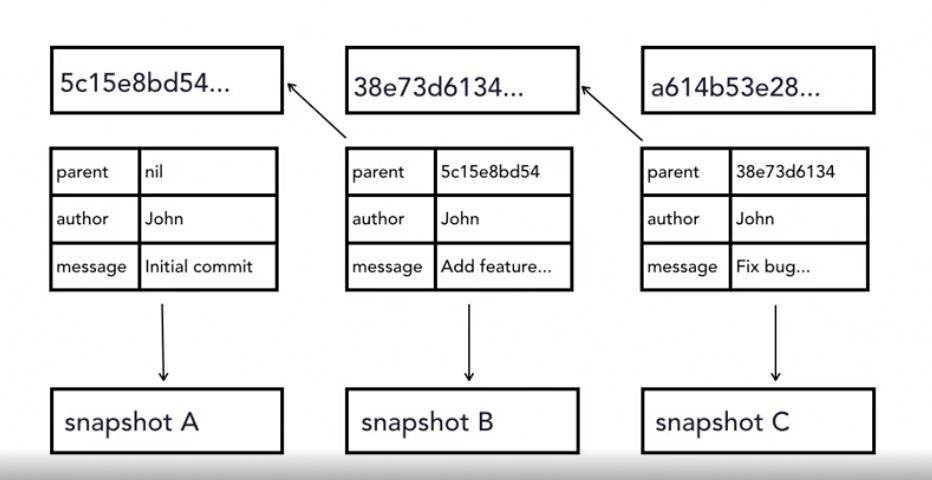
Git generates a checksum for each change set (hash value)

Checksum algos convert data into simple number

Same data has same checksum (checks to see if the same, checks data integrity)

SHA-1 hash algorithm creates checksums (SHA value)

40 char hexadecimal string (0-9, a-f)

It uses metadata as well (so also considers hash value for author and message) too, things are linked

**Head**

Pointer to tip of current branch in repo, points at current branch, last state of repo. Points where we’ve left off.