Git version control

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"This must be Thursday. I never could get the hang of Thursdays" (Arthur Dent, a few minutes before the Earth gets destroyed)

Motivation

What is Version Control?

- System that keeps tracks of different versions of a code (several file), tracking its entire history of creation.
- Accessible from a central repository, that stores all the versions, and allow communication between developers.
- Can revert to a previous version to **reproduce** exactly the behaviour at a certain time (bug hunting)



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Linus Torvalds: "Subversion used to say CVS done right: with that slogan there is nowhere you can go. There is no way to do cvs right."





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Configuration

Important files to be present

- a .gitignore
- a README.md or any other markup language

The git.config file should contain at minima:

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[user]
  name = First Last
```

email = first.last@somewhere.com



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Unstage a file for commit

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Make some changes, commit, try to see the history

