Introduction to Bioinformatics

Git for Bioinformatics Analysis, Project Management and Collaboration

Introduction

- When performing bioinformatic analysis and starting a bioinformatics project you’re expected to write codes
- Not only that, sometimes you also have to track the results of your experimentation for the analysis
- Let’s start with a story

First Scenario

Day 1

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Imagine you're writing codes in R for your analysis, the code works perfectly and returned the expected results

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The next day you realize that you didn’t need some lines of code, so you remove it

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Well for a shorter code like something above its easier, we know that we removed ann450k and target variable

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Turns out when you're doing bioinformatics project things can really get complicated

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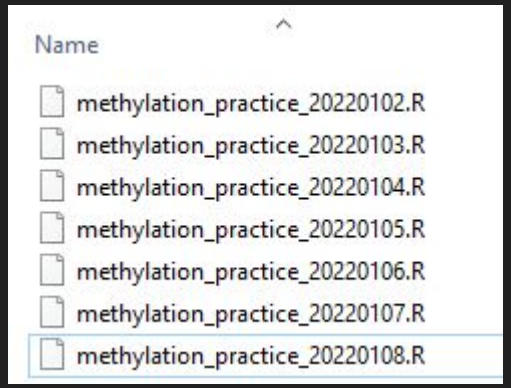
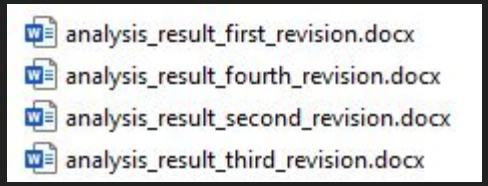
It will be hard to track the changes you made and to go back to that point if you're not using any version control system (VCS)

Well we have the conventional way of doing that





We can create multiple files and put a date suffix at the end of it’s name right?

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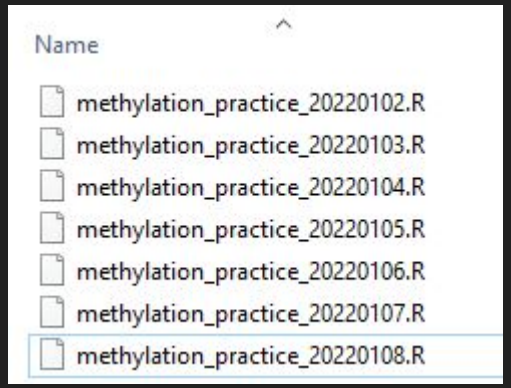

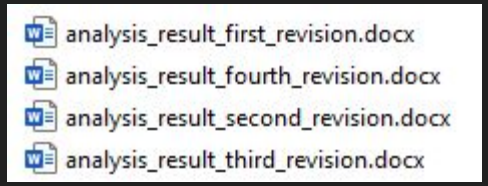

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Not only codes but all of the things that are related to the project, like report writing etc

Version Control System solves this problem

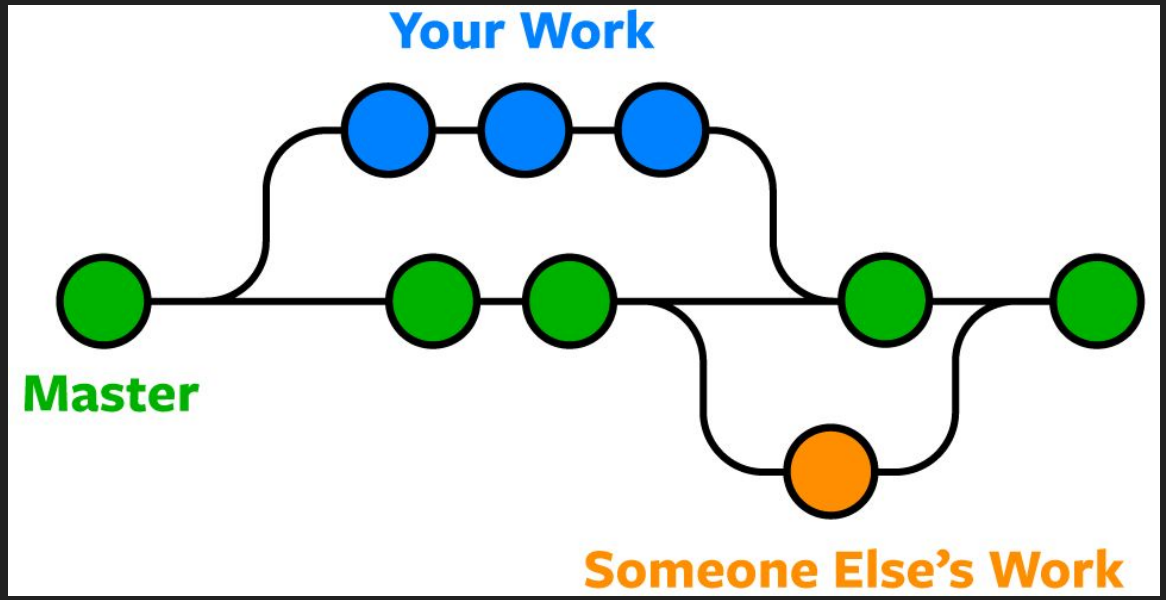


Image credit https://www.nobledesktop.com/learn/git/what-is-git

So how do we overcome such problems and doing the best practice instead of the traditional way?

Yes we have this thing called Git

What is Git

- Git is a Version Control System
  - Helps handling changes and maintaining history of our projects
  - Not only that it also has more features like **branch** and **merge**
- Git helps us revert back to the older version of our work in case something didn’t go well
- Git provides easier access for collaboration
- Git has been widely used by bioinformaticians, software developers and etc.

Installation

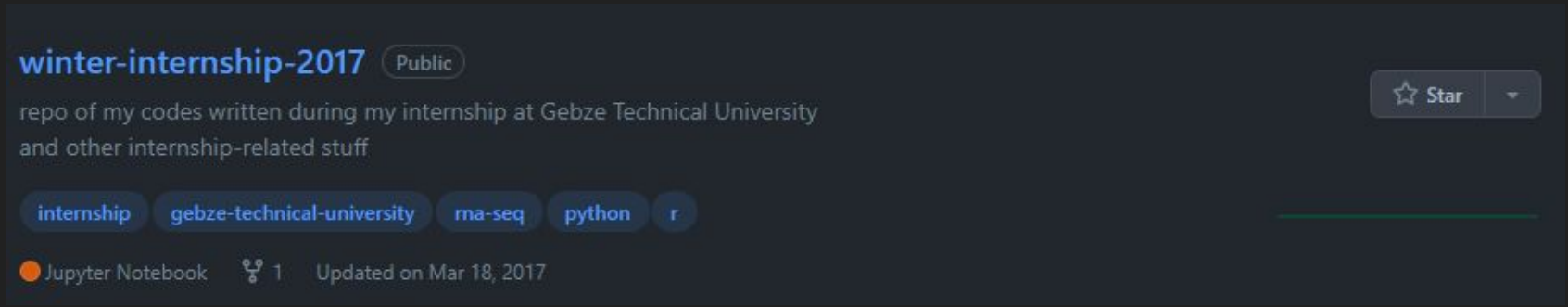
- There are multiple ways on how to install git
- The easier way when we're working with Windows computer is to download it from https://git-scm.com/downloads
- If you're using UNIX based system you should follow this instruction https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2/Getting-Started-Installing-Git

GitHub account

- For this session we will be using GitHub to store our codes and analysis results
- To create an account go to github.com and register it with your email
- There are other providers for Git cloud but for now we will focus on using Github, they use the same command to so no worries with the commands

Repository

- A folder, usually used to organize a single project
- Repositories can contain folders and files, images, videos, spreadsheets, and data sets -- anything your project needs.
- Often, repositories include a README file, a file with information about your project. GitHub makes it easy to add one at the same time you create your new repository.



Let’s start experimenting with Git!