

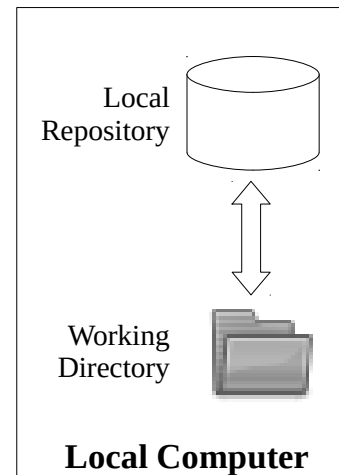
Revision Control

- Revision Control:
 - **system to manage changes to electronic documents**
 - Also called version control, source control, software configuration management.
- Motivation:
 - Need to coordinate changes made by multiple developers.
 - Need a reliable system to ensure changes are
 - .. **not lost or incompatible**

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Local Topology Simplified



- Local Machine has a
 - .. **git repository (repo)**
- .. **checkout**
The latest code in the repo can be checked-out into the working directory.
 - Head: the latest version of the code.
- .. **commit**
Changes to files in the working directory are committed to the local repo

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How can 4
(or 4000)
developers work
on a product
at once?

Revision
Control

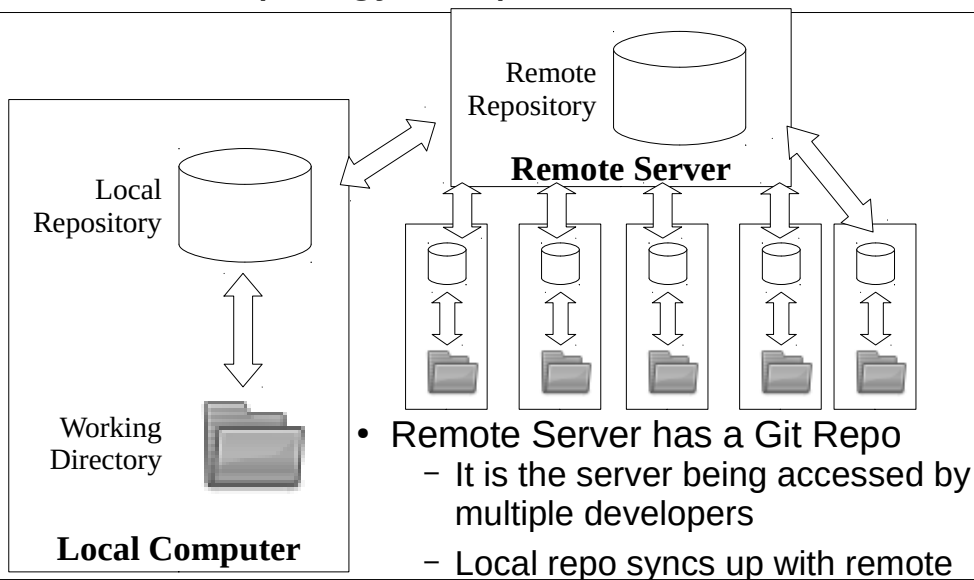
More Info: <https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2/Getting-Started-About-Version-Control>
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Git Basics

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Remote Topology Simplified



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Distributed

- Distributed Version Control
 - Git has.. **no single centralized master repo** each “local repo” is a full and complete repo.
 - Can work off-line (on a plane) and still commit to the local repo. Later sync up with the remote repo.
- Git Servers
 - Often the remote repo is a dedicated Git server such as GitHub or GitLab.
 - These systems add extra team collaboration / discussion tools (more later).

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Work Flow 1: Setup

- Associate your local repo to a remote repo by either:
 - Create a repo in GitLab (gitlab.cs.sfu.ca) and push some existing code to it; or
 - .. **Clone** an existing repo to your local PC.

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Work Flow 2: Changes

- Do some work in working directory
 - create new files, change files, delete files, etc.
- .. **add**
 - Stages the changes as being ready to commit.
 - Also used for adding files to Git (tracking them)
- .. **commit**
 - Commit all staged changes to local repo.
 - Sometimes termed “Check-in”
- .. **push**
 - Transfer locally committed changes to remote repo.
- .. **status**
 - View the state of local file changes

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Work Flow 3: Other's Changes

- Other team members will push some changes to the repo which you then want
 - May be new / changed / deleted files
- .. **pull**
 - Get changes from remote repo and apply them to local repo and working directory (move to head).
 - If there are any conflicting changes, may need to do a merge (more later).
- .. **log**
 - At any time, can view the changes people have made.

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Git Tools

- Command Line
 - Git is very often accessed via its command-line tools
 - Git commands look like:
git commit
git clone git@csil-git1.cs.surrey.sfu.ca:myTeam/daProject.git
- GUI Integrated Tools (**basically git functionality**
 - .. **abstract away some low-level details**
but low-level understanding is sometimes required!
 - Can be inside IDE: Android Studio
 - Can be integrated into file system: TortoiseGit
 - Lecture: command line for understanding the tool;
Assignments: IDE for convenience (likely).

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Command-line Demo

- Git Command Demo
 - [create repo on gitlab.cs.sfu.ca]*
 - **git clone <git@csil-git1.cs....>**
 - [now edit file hello.txt]*
 - **git status**
 - **git add hello.txt**
 - **git commit**
 - **git push**
 - **git log**
 - **git pull**

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Git Details

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Basic Git Sequence for Editing Code

0. Have a working directory with no changes
1. .. **pull**
 - will "fast-forward" without any conflicting changes
2. .. **do your work**
 - cannot pull with some uncommitted changes
3. .. **add and commit**
4. .. **pull**
 - automatically merges files without conflicting changes
 - manually merge conflicts when required
5. .. **push**
 - cannot push if others have pushed code:
"current branch is behind master", "unable to fast-forward"

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Merge Conflict Demo

- Show demo of conflicting changes being made by two team members at once
 - Pulling with uncommitted conflicts fails
 - Pushing before merging fails
 - Commit my changes
 - Pull to trigger merge
 - When merge done then add/commit/push
- Android Studio has VCS --> Update Project
 - Which works with uncommitted conflicts
 - It automatically stash changes to get around having to do extra commit

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.gitignore

- .gitignore File
 - Lists file types to exclude from Git:..
ensures only the right kind of files are added
 - Example:
Exclude .bak, build products, some IDE files
- Tag
 - "Tag" the project's contents at a specific commit
 - Can later check-out that tag to return to the project state at that time
 - Example Uses
 - Track project code going into a release: "V1.51"

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Commit Messages

- A good commit message is required!
 - Line 1: .. **short summary** (<70 characters)
Capitalize your statement
Use imperative: "Fix bug..." vs "fixed" or "fixes"
 - Line 2: .. **blank**
 - Line 3+: .. ; wrap your text ~70 characters

Example: Make game state persist between launches and rotation.

Use SharedPreferences to store Game's state. Serialize using Gson library and Bundle for rotation.

- 276 Pair Programming
 - If pair programming, add pair's user ID: [pair: bfraser]

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Reverting Changes

- 'git checkout' to revert files
 - ..
 - Overwrite file in working directory with one from local repo.
- Revert with Caution
 - Will lose all uncommitted changes in the file.
 - Normally Git does not let you lose changes.
 - If in doubt, grab a backup copy (ZIP your folder) then revert.
 - Just make sure you don't commit the backup!

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Delete, Rename

- Delete
 - Delete file normally via the OS/IDE, ..
Git records it's now deleted.
 - Will be deleted on everyone else's system when they pull your changes.
- Rename
 - Rename file normally via the OS/IDE, then "add" it to Git
 - Git tracks files by their content, not by their name.

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Revision Control Generalities

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Merge vs Lock

2 Competing ways revision control protects files:

- Checkout-Edit-Merge
 - Merge support allows concurrent access to a file so multiple developers can work on same code at once
 - But can lead to...
- Lock-Edit-Unlock
 - Locking prevents merge conflicts by..
 - "I can't make any changes until Bob finish!"
 - Adds pressure to make changes quickly..
 - "I NEED THAT FILE! CHECK IN NOW!"

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Revision Control Features

- Atomic operations **you commit all or nothing**
 - **git commit is atomic**
system left in consistent state even if operation interrupted
 - Change is applied all at once:
no other changes applied while you're checking in.
- Tag
 - Mark certain versions of certain files as a group.
Ex: "Files for Version 1.0 of product".
 - Able to easily..
of the files later to fix bugs etc.
 - "Get all files exactly as the were in Version 1.0
(three year ago)".

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Team Work

- Minimum requirement to committing code:
don't break the build
 - When you check in, the full system must compile and run.
 - Only under exceptional circumstances should you ever check in something which breaks the build.

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Committing Frequency

- Expected Commit Frequency
 - Commit little changes to local repo very often
.. **every hour**
 - Once some work is more stable, push all the changes at once to remote repo.. **each day**

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Coding with Source Control

- // Removed Jan 2002 for V1.01
 // cout << "Dave; I wouldn't do that, Dave.\n";
 - Put meaningful comments into checkins!
- #if 0
 // Unneeded, but left 'cuz someone may want it...

 #endif
- // Written by Dr. Evil

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Summary

- Revision control a critical tool for development.
 - Git is a distributed revision control system.
- Operations:
 - clone, add, commit, push, pull, merge (later)
- Git Details
 - Merge conflicting changes as needed.
 - .gitignore, revert (git's checkout)
- Basic Features
 - Atomic operations, tags/Label
- Rules to Code By
 - Commit often, don't break the build