

Setup Today

1. Keep www.happygitwithr.com open
2. Go to www.github.com and make a free account
 - Pick a professional, short username; it's hard to change later. More tips at Chapter 4.1 of happygitwithr, <https://happygitwithr.com/github-acct.html#username-advice>
3. Make sure you have a recent version (v1.1 or later) of RStudio <https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/#download>
4. Download these slides via:
<https://bit.ly/2XHXyl1>.

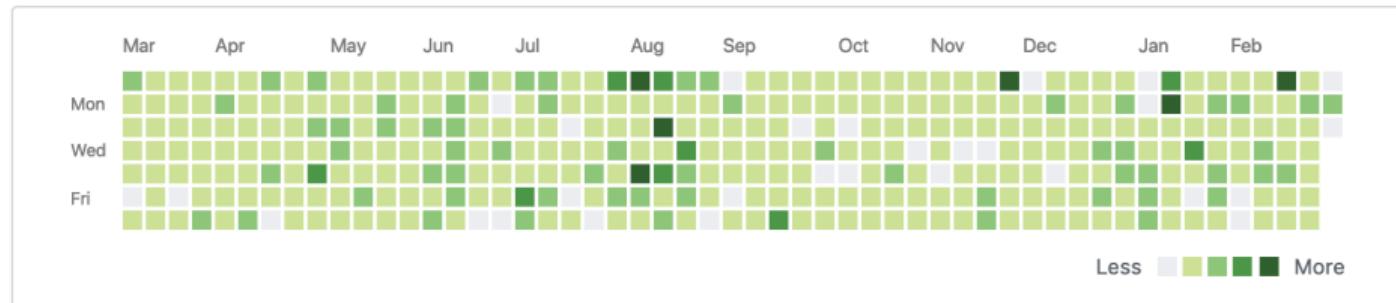
Happy Git and GitHub for the useR

Jenny Bryan, the STAT 545 TAs, Jim Hester

Let's Git started



2,412 contributions in the last year



Git for Students in the Social Sciences*: A Pitch

(* not software developers)

Shiro Kuriwaki

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Top Figure: From <https://github.com/kuriwaki>

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My perspective

Yes! But in moderation and in *lite*.
This deck is a pitch (while acknowledging Git's inconveniences) and introduction, rather than a full workshop or manual.

Setting expectations: Is it worth it?

What do Gentzkow and Shapiro say?

Definitely:

"It will probably take you a couple days to set up a repository and learn how you want to interact with [version control]. You will break even on that time investment within a month or two."[†]

[†] "Code and Data for Social Sciences: A Practitioners Guide." 2014. <https://perma.cc/5J9D-BTD6>. Although learning git in "a couple of days" sounds too optimistic (I certainly couldn't!), I can guarantee reading their guide in its entirety is a time investment you'll break even on immediately.

But takeup is still low,[‡]

and alternatives have attractive features too:

R Studio Community

Version control with Google Drive



Brett-Johnson

2018-01-08

I've experimented using Google Drive and GitHub with my team (a small ecological research team) for version control and collaboration. I've found that both have their uses and I'm keen to share how I've been doing it so that I can hear from others how they are doing things, and whether I'm on the right track.

I initially started off committing everything I worked on to GitHub in different sub folders in the same repo. All of my internal analyses that aren't meant for a public report or peer reviewed paper went into different folders in the same general 'internal' private repo. This worked all right when it was just me using the repo. But when I brought a co-worker into the mix, I  Quoted what a pain it actually is to try to collaborate on GitHub on a day to day basis. We were spending a load of time messing around with merge conflicts and all sorts of other un-intuitive issues.  We felt GitHub was cumbersome for day to day analysis collaboration internally.

So now I would like to move back to simply using Google Drive for internal analyses. Google drive is great for version controlling (especially now that you can 'name versions' in Google Drive similar to a GitHub commit). I sometimes rely on the revision history of Google Drive to actually roll back a script, because it's way more intuitive than doing that in Git not to mention that every time you save your script in, it gets an un-named version in Google Drive, so the chances of not losing your work is actually greater using Google Drive. Google Drive allows you share all the files you and data you need, and using the here() package we shouldn't have to worry about working directories.

[‡] Anecdotally, I can count full Git users in my department in one hand. Much more in a Psych/lab setting.

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 - ~~ No, in fact we (Bryan’s book) recommend putting your **solo work** under version control,
 - then move on to more complicated collaborations.
- (That’s how I’ll organize the rest of these slides)

Version Control with Yourself (and Your Past Selves)

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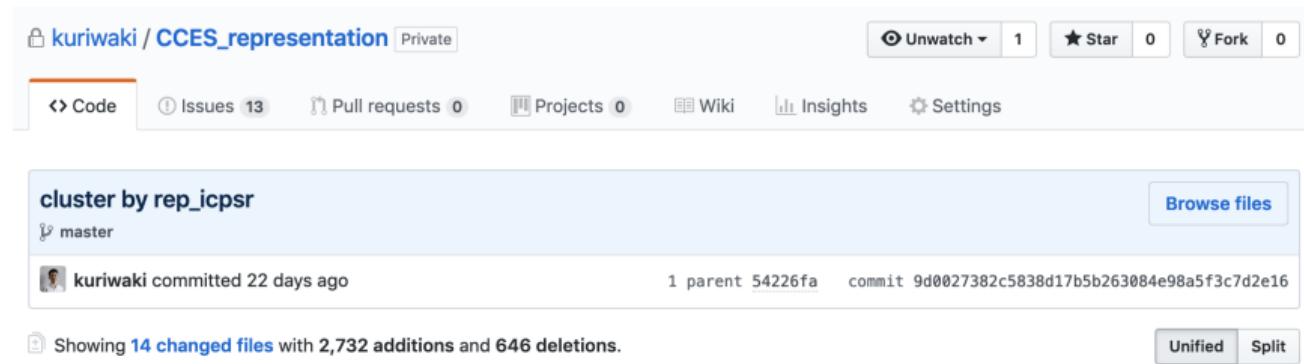


Don't make a repository within a repository!

Benefit 1: Keep track of how your results changed

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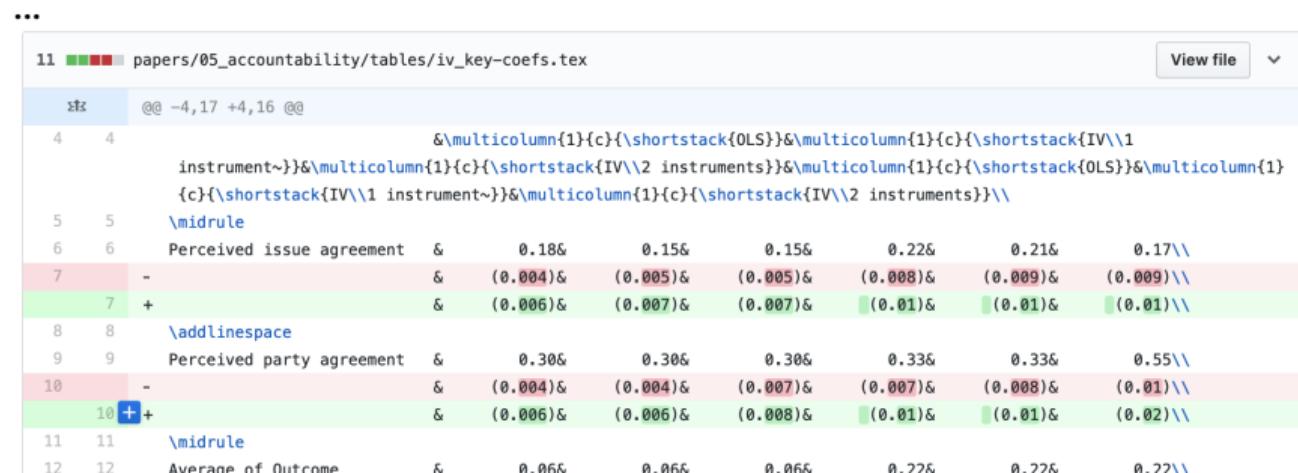


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kuriwaki committed 22 days ago

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Now how did the results change?

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View file

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| 17 | - | Observations | & | 43,466& | 43,427& | 43,427& | 23,619& | 23,603& | 23,603\\ | | |
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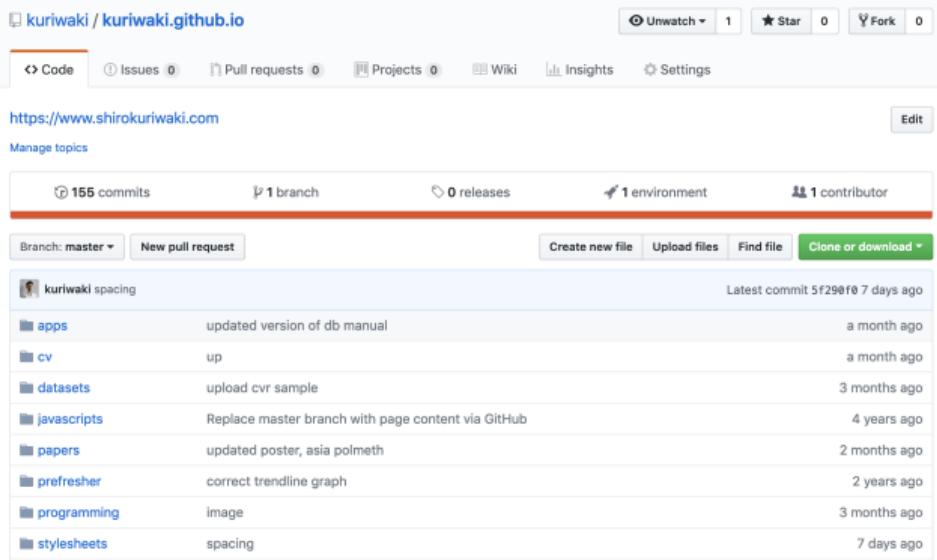
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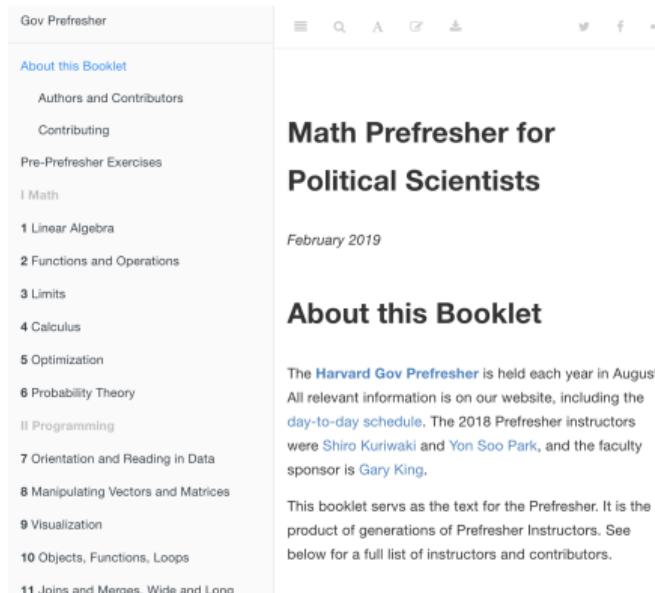


The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for the user 'kuriwaki' at <https://www.shirokuriwaki.com>. The page includes navigation tabs for Code, Issues (0), Pull requests (0), Projects (0), Wiki, Insights, and Settings. It also shows statistics: 155 commits, 1 branch, 0 releases, 1 environment, and 1 contributor. A dropdown menu shows the branch is set to 'master'. Below the stats, there is a 'New pull request' button and links for Create new file, Upload files, Find file, and Clone or download. The main content area displays a list of commits, each with a small icon, the author, a brief description, and the time of the commit. The commits are as follows:

| Author | Commit Message | Time |
|-------------|--|----------------------------------|
| kuriwaki | spacing | Latest commit 5f290f0 7 days ago |
| apps | updated version of db manual | a month ago |
| cv | up | a month ago |
| datasets | upload cvr sample | 3 months ago |
| javascripts | Replace master branch with page content via GitHub | 4 years ago |
| papers | updated poster, asia polmeth | 2 months ago |
| prefresher | correct trendline graph | 2 years ago |
| programming | image | 3 months ago |
| stylesheets | spacing | 7 days ago |

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The screenshot shows a website layout for the "Gov Prefresher". The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items:

- About this Booklet
- Authors and Contributors
- Contributing
- Pre-Prefresher Exercises
- I Math
 - 1 Linear Algebra
 - 2 Functions and Operations
 - 3 Limits
 - 4 Calculus
 - 5 Optimization
 - 6 Probability Theory
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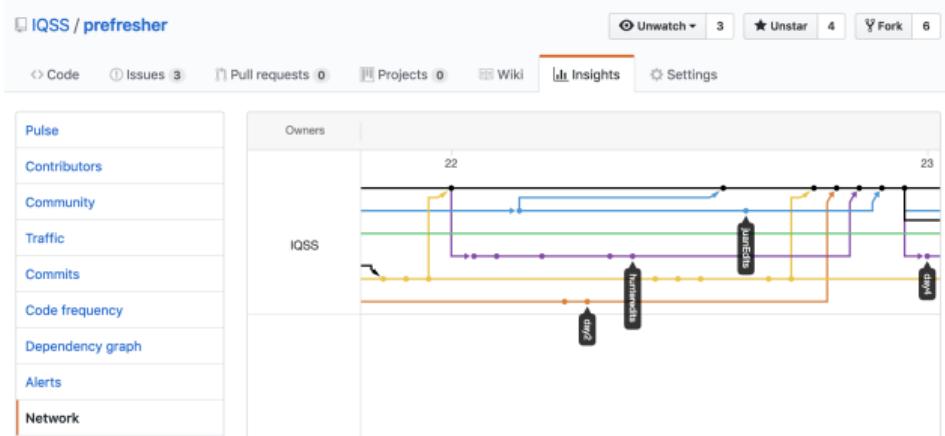
The [Harvard Gov Prefresher](#) is held each year in August. All relevant information is on our website, including the [day-to-day schedule](#). The 2018 Prefresher instructors were [Shiro Kuriwaki](#) and [Yon Soo Park](#), and the faculty sponsor is [Gary King](#).

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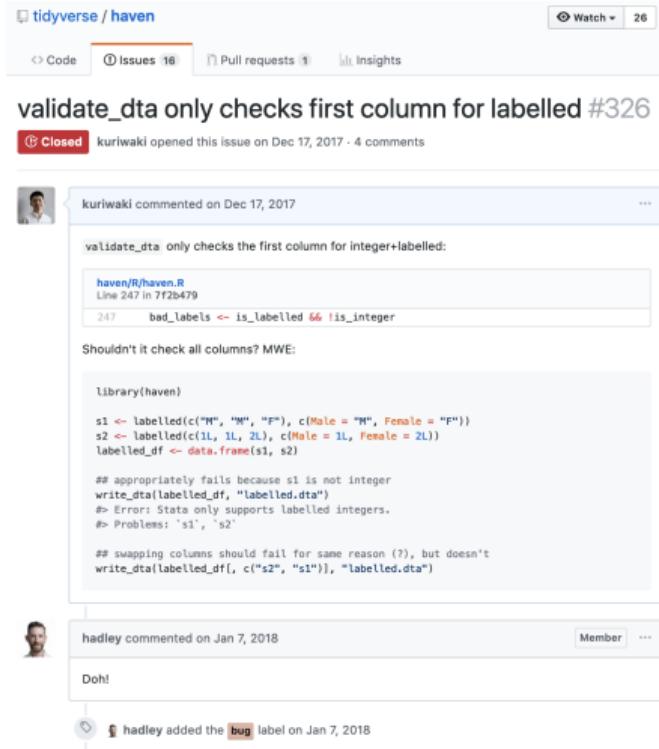


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Contributing to / getting the latest on actual software packages

Github issues is the de facto communication of open-source developers.*

As a researcher or lab group, **creating your own package** for internal use is not far-fetched: common functions and critical workhorse functions that get tweaked should be bundled in a R package and tracked. Try it out!



tidyverse / haven

Code Issues 16 Pull requests 1 Insights Watch 26

validate_dta only checks first column for labelled #326

Closed kuriwaki opened this issue on Dec 17, 2017 · 4 comments

kuriwaki commented on Dec 17, 2017

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```
haven/R/haven.R
Line 247 in 7f72b479
247     bad_labels <- is_labelled && !is_integer
```

Shouldn't it check all columns? MWE:

```
library(haven)

s1 <- labelled(c("M", "M", "F"), c(Male = "M", Female = "F"))
s2 <- labelled(c(1L, 1L, 2L), c(Male = 1L, Female = 2L))
labelled_df <- data.frame(s1, s2)

## appropriately fails because s1 is not integer
write_dta(labelled_df, "labelled.dta")
#> Error: Stata only supports labelled integers.
#> Problems: 's1', 's2'

## swapping columns should fail for same reason (?), but doesn't
write_dta(labelled_df, c("s2", "s1")), "labelled.dta")
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hadley commented on Jan 7, 2018

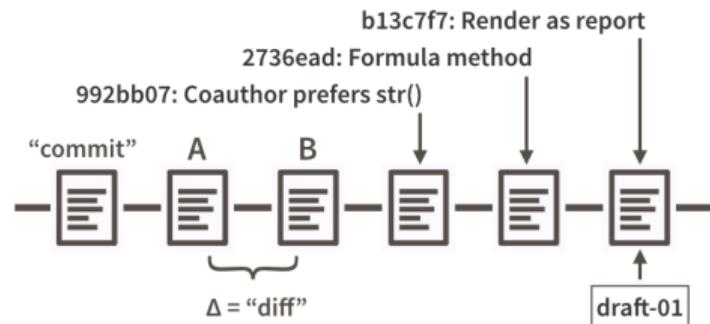
Doh!

hadley added the bug label on Jan 7, 2018

* The usual introduction to GitHub would spend most of the time discussing this topic! Package development in Git: <http://r-pkgs.had.co.nz/git.html>.

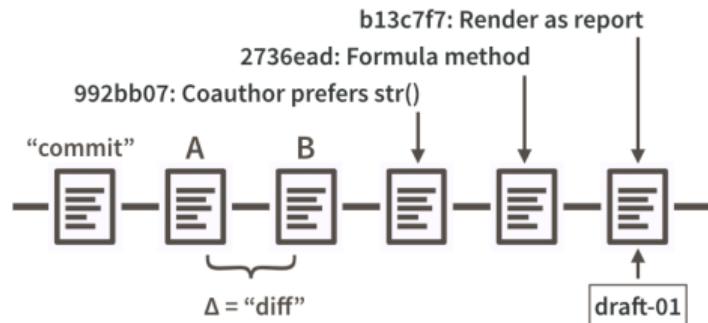
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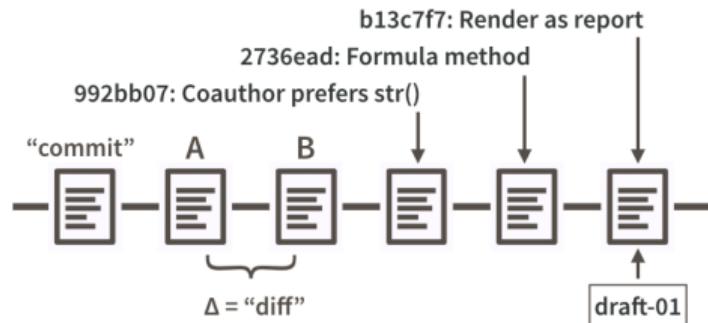
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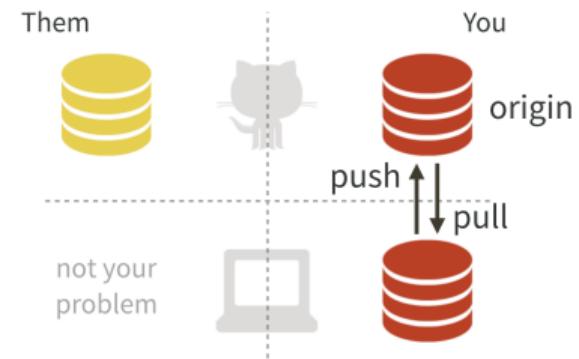
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daily work, your stuff

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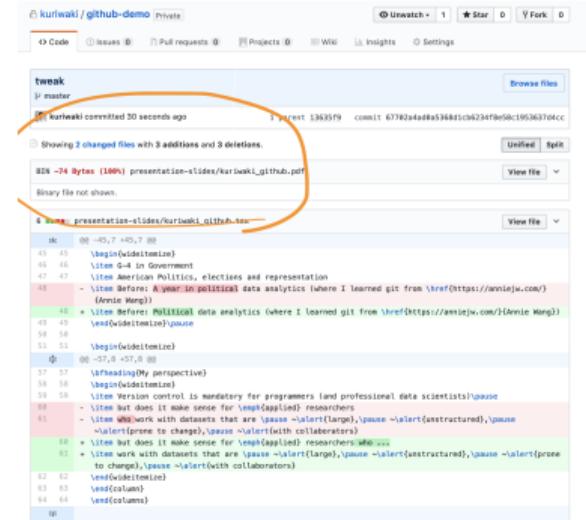
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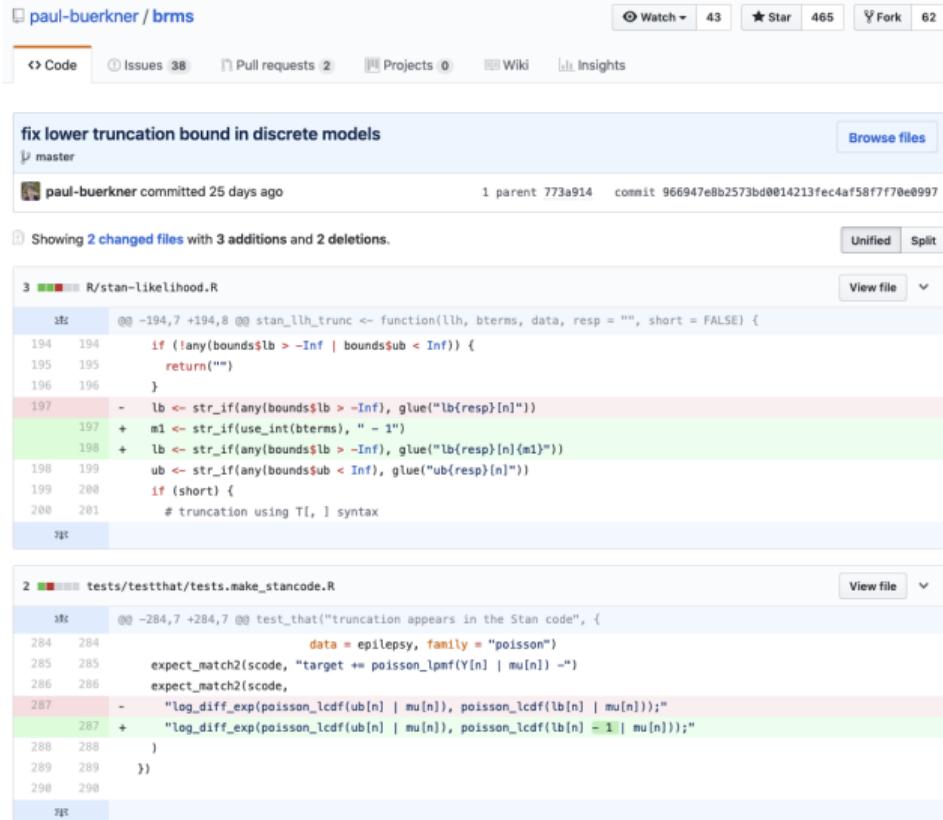


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R/stan-likelihood.R

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3 @@ -194,7 +194,8 @@ stan_llh_trunc <- function(llh, bterms, data, resp = "", short = FALSE) {  
194 194     if (!any(bounds$lb > -Inf | bounds$ub < Inf)) {  
195 195         return("")  
196 196     }  
197 -     lb <- str_if(any(bounds$lb > -Inf), glue("lb{resp}[n]"))  
197 +     m1 <- str_if(use_int(bterms), " - 1")  
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198 199     ub <- str_if(any(bounds$ub < Inf), glue("ub{resp}[n]"))  
199 200     if (short) {  
200 201         # truncation using T[ , ] syntax  
201  
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```

tests/testthat/tests.make_stancode.R

```
2 @@ -284,7 +284,7 @@ test_that("truncation appears in the Stan code", {  
284 284     data = epilepsy, family = "poisson"  
285 285     expect_match2(scode, "target += poisson_lpmf(Y[n] | mu[n]) ~")  
286 286     expect_match2(scode,  
287 -     "log_diff_exp(poisson_lcdf(ub[n] | mu[n]), poisson_lcdf(lb[n] | mu[n]));"  
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The screenshot shows a Google Doc with a long paragraph of text. The text discusses the H.R. 3018 immigration bill, mentioning its goals of spending \$25 billion on border security, eliminating the diversity visa lottery, and providing a path to citizenship for DACA recipients. Below the text is a list of 7 options for a dropdown menu. The sidebar on the right lists tracked changes from August 1 to 14, 2018, with the most recent changes (from August 13 and 14) highlighted in blue.

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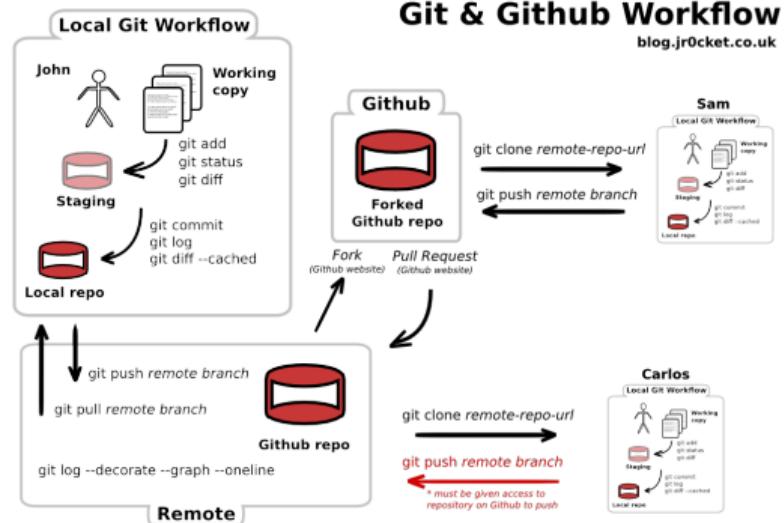
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- ▶ Public repos and Private repos
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Version Control with Others

Demo, in “GitHub first, then git” ordering

1. Someone else's repository

- ▶ Familiarize yourself with <https://github.com/fivethirtyeight/guns-data>.
- ▶ From RStudio, create a New RStudio Project with Version Control > Git > Provide the URL
- ▶ Make a change in Michael Casselman's code.
- ▶ → commit with the Git pane on the top-right.
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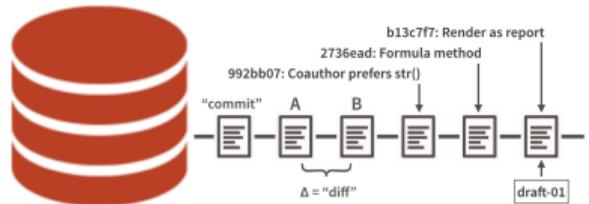
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- ▶ Verify that it leads you to *your* GitHub account. Otherwise the same.
- ▶ Creating another RStudio Project with the new URL.
- ▶ Try the same change in Casselman's code, commit, then push
- ▶ This **will** work, because the remote is yours

3. Your repository

- ▶ We used someone else's repo for beginning users, but usually **you create your own repo from scratch**
- ▶ Create a “new repository” on your GitHub account
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- ▶ Throw in files into your local repo: push, pull, diff!

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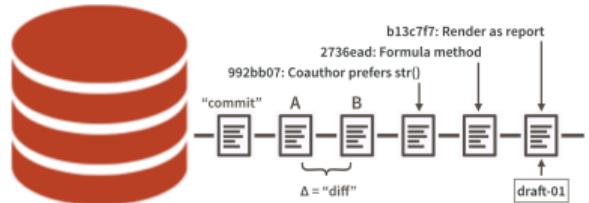
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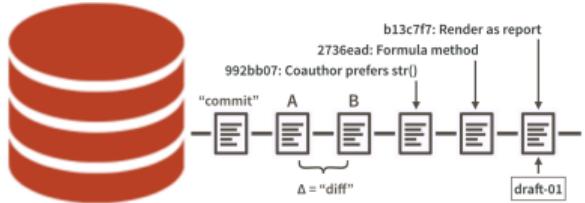
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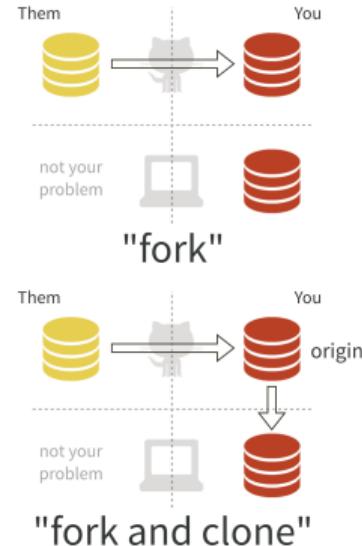
Forks

are linked carbon copies you make of *other people's* repositories.

- ▶ If a repo is a public, you can always fork it without permission
- ▶ Even though your fork is "linked", they are different repos now: To synch, you need to explicitly pull.

Clone

is the general term for copying a remote repo down to your local.



What's Next

Learn by starting small

(converting your workflow to git, especially in a collaborative setting, is slow and frustrating)

1. Create and work with a (private) repo on your own
2. Learn some git with command-line (instead of relying solely on a client) through git tutorials
3. Start sharing and contributing

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