git versions & collaborations

basics

Learning Objectives

- Understand what `git` is and where it is used
- Setup new repo on github account
- Practice local and remote version management

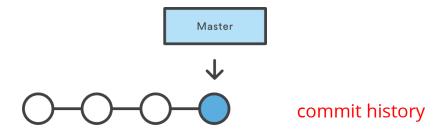
what is git?

version control

- avoids 'indexv1.html, indexv2.html, indexv3FINAL.html' problem
- saves a record of all committed versions of code through its history

collaboration

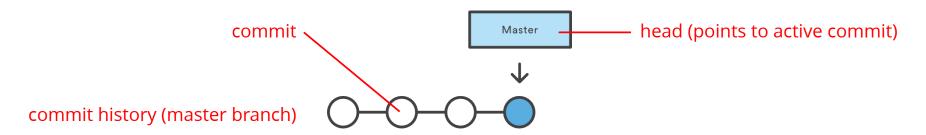
- allows multiple versions for multiple developers working together
- allows developers to work together worldwide without stepping on each other's toes



what is git?

save vs commit

- save -- overwrites new content onto old content (old content lost)
- commit -- saves current version into database file
- database file maintains record of all commits (all versions)
- commit labels -- identify what work was done and captured by commit



why learn git?

workflow

- enables changing code and reverting to previous versions as needed
- allows "temporary" or "experimental" changes without disturbing main code base

sharing via github

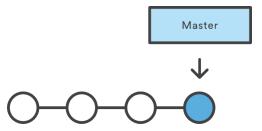
- code files can be shared with collaborators and general public
- website projects can be hosted for regular web access

github

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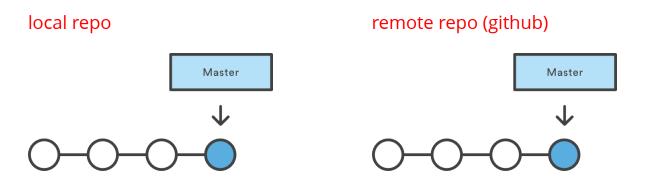
local repository ("repo")



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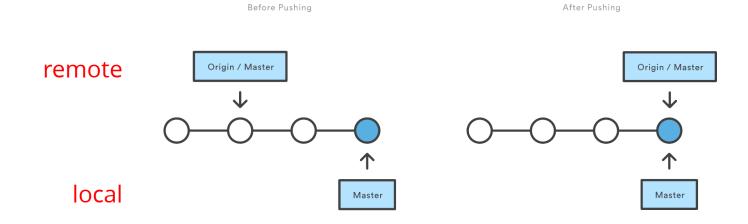
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github

syncing git commits with github



configuring git

```
$ git config --global user.name
$ git config --global user.email
$ git config --global user.name "Tom Beach"
$ git config --global user.name "Tom Beach"
$ git config --global user.email "teb@gmail.com"
$ enter your email
$ enter your user name
```

- git config lets you configure your repository from the command line
- defines the author to be used for all commits in the current repository

first git project

set up new project

- Finder -- duplicate starters folder
- Finder -- move to EXERCISES and rename folder to git_project1
- Terminal -- navigate to git_project1
- run the git init command to initialize git

```
$ git init
```

- run git init only once at the start of every new project
- run git status to make sure repo was initialized

```
$ git status
```

first git project

staging files

• run the git add command to select files for staging (prepared for commit)

```
$ git add <filename>
```

• use a period to add ALL files for commit

```
$ git add .
```

first git project

commiting files

run the git commit command

```
$ git commit -m "first commit"
```

- the first commit should always be labeled "first commit"
- commits should ALWAYS be labeled to indicate what was done before committing
- git commit takes a "snapshot" of the current state of all staged files and saves state to database
- commit message (label) should be concise and descriptive

```
$ git commit -m "added new items to menubar"
$ git commit -m "Added 'about' to the navigation bar and a page for it."
$ git commit -m "Closes #15 by adding a blue background on hover."
```

first git project

git status command

- you can run git status "for free" any time to check repository state
- see which files have been changed since the last commit
- check that git is initialized for this project
- check what files are staged

first git project

git log command

- provides a list of all commits in project
- allows reverting to previous commits by identifying commit ids

```
$ git log

commit 4038fb143edfc068264479cce855619730d6edca
Author. Zach Feldman <zach@nycda.com>
Date: Tue Nov 25 17:05:28 2014 -0500

GA tracking stuff.

commit 74ee59894ef22fd714bf3ffb06f2ef4cf43be0bc
Merge: de4b141 0c991aa
Author: Zach Feldman <zachfeldman@gmail.com>
Date: Tue Nov 25 13:01:54 2014 -0500

Merge pull request #201 from nycda/classes-page-cust
```

first git project

make some changes!

commit your changes

```
$ git status
$ git add .
$ git status
$ git commit -m "what I did"
```

convention: always commit immediately after a "YES!" moment

Resources

- Code Academy: https://www.codecademy.com/en/courses/learn-git
- TeamTreeHouse: https://teamtreehouse.com/library/git-basics
- Roger Dudler: http://rogerdudler.github.io/git-guide/