GIT & GITHUB

Version Control as a tool for Data Management

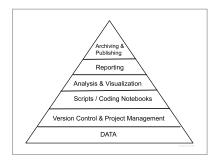
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VERSION CONTROL

• Manage how computers files change over time



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GIT

- Git is one of the most popular. There are other version control systems.
- Free open-source application
- Scalable works with any size project
 - Linux is a world-wide project, spanning time-zones and languages
- Git is a file repository, or repo repositories exist for many reasons
- Git and GitHub are not the same thing. Symbiotic cousins

TRACK PROJECT DIRECTORIES

- Tell the story of your project
- Who, What, and When files change. (and Why, How)

JARGON

Commit - ascribe the WWWWH values to the storyline

- In this way we
 - Can tell the story of our project
 - Time-travel rolling-back to an earlier state of the entire project

See Also: Push; Pull; Pull-Request; Remote; Branch; et. al.

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FILE TYPES

- Any computer file
- In practice: text documents and scripts work best
 - HTML, CSS, Markdown, SVG files, CSV files,
- Voluminous files
 - Can be managed with adjacent processes (databases, or other)
 - Administrative overhead is always a concern: KISS
- Final documents, posters etc
 - Although, reproducible best practice implies deriving reports from code.

EXPERIMENG

- Through a feature called a branch
- Make replica copies of the git repo
- Alter and experiment
- Merge (or delete) the branch
- dev/prod

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PROFILE AND SHARE

- Remotes are shared/distributed via Hubs (GitHub, GitLab, BitBucket)
 - Distribution, Collaboration, Project Management, Pull-Request, etc.
- Other hubs already mentioned
 - but also Duke's instance: gitlab.oit.duke.edu



GITHUB

- A place to store and host git repositories
- More than a repo host
 - VMs
 - Project management
 - Access control, task lists, bug tracking, wiki documentation, Kanban planning

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GITHUB - MINI CASE STUDY

- Clone my repo (or Fork) [difference? permissions!]
- My repo is public
- Code collaboration via Pull-Requests
- Repo editor resolves PRs
- Via version (or releases). Can synchronize **file repo** with **archival repo** for milestones such as an accepted article

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