github vs. Trac+SVN For SNO+ RAT

A walkthrough of user and developer workflow with git and github

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git(hub) vs. SVN Introduction

git is a distributed version control system. github is an online service that provides repository hosting and a suite of source code management tools for projects that use git.

No version control:

- X Revision tracking: Arcane folder numbering schemes
- X Code sharing: Email, scp, snail mail printout
- **X** Collaborative development tools: Email/Gchat
- X Bug tracking: Email, sticky notes
- X Repository backup: None, probably

SVN version control:

- ✓ Revision tracking: Snapshots of code numbered sequentially
 - X Code sharing: Email, scp, ...
 - X Collaborative development tools: email/Gchat
 - ✓ Bug tracking: Trac tickets
 - X Repository backup: Do it yourself

git version control with github:

- Revision tracking: changesets numbered, can be exchanged between repositories, picked and chosen individually
- ✓ Code sharing: git push/pull (pull requests)
- ✓ Collaborative development tools: github code commenting system
- ✓ Bug tracking: github Issues
- Repository backup: automatic with github

In SVN, there is one repository and users have "working copies" between which there is no way to share patches. With git, everything is a repository and code is easily shared between peers. Individual commits can be pushed and pulled from one repository to another.



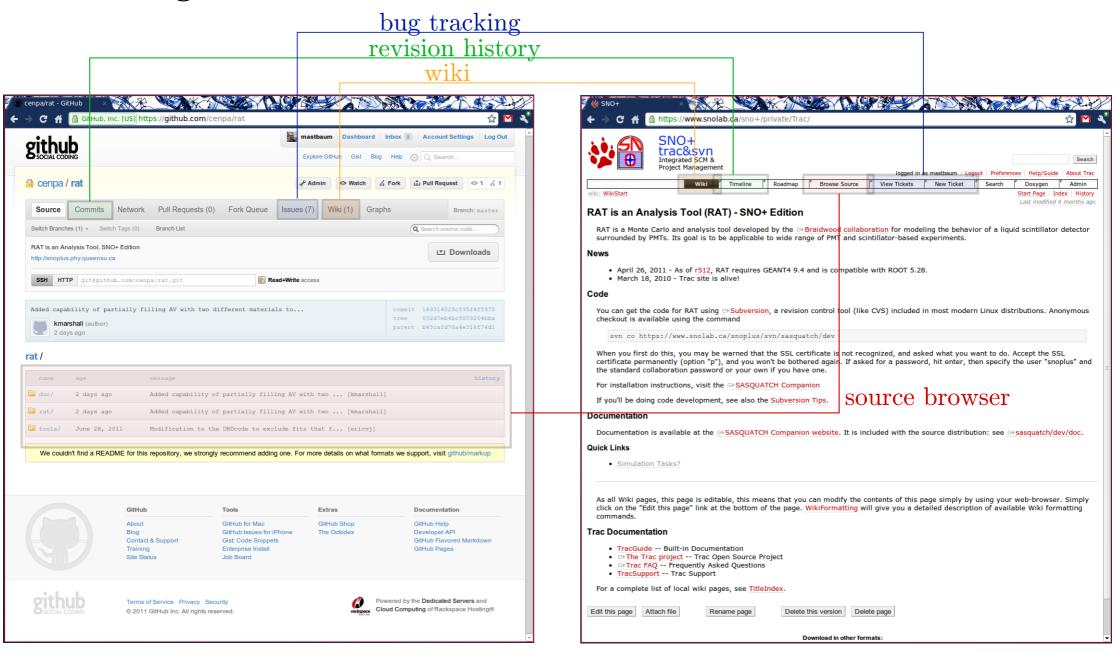
git Quick Reference

ies	SVN	git
Remote Repositories	svn checkout [url]	git clone [url]
	svn update	git pull
	svn info (remote repository location)	git remote -v
Committing	svn checkout [url]	git clone [url]
	svn update	git pull
	svn diff (-r[rev] [path])	git diff ([rev] [path])
	svn status	git status
	svn revert [path]	git checkout [path]
	svn rm svn add svn mv	git rm git add git mv
	svn commit	git commit -a git push
Browsing	svn log	git log
	svn blame	git blame
Branches	<pre>svn copy [server]/trunk \ [server]/branches/branch</pre>	git branch [branch]
	<pre>svn switch \ [server]/branches/branch</pre>	git checkout [branch]
	svn merge -c [rev] [url]	git cherry-pick [rev]
Tags	<pre>svn copy [server]/trunk \ [server]/tags/name</pre>	git tag -a name

For a more complete guide and explanations, see http://git.or.cz/course/svn.html See also http://help.github.com/git-cheat-sheets/

github vs. Trac

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If you just want to use RAT

(not change it)...

0. Clone the RAT repository

```
$ git clone git@github.com:cenpa/rat.git
remote: Counting objects: 7363, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (2742/2742 (delta 4790)
remote: Total 7563 (delta 4790), reused 7563 (delta 4790)
Receiving objects: 100% (7564/7563), 611.27 MiB | 1.75 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (4790/4790), done.
$ cd rat
$ ls
doc rat tools
```

That's it! Build RAT with scons as always.

Tip: you are cloning the entire repository with history, so the initial checkout will take longer than with SVN.

To update your copy of RAT,

```
$ cd rat
$ git pull
```

If you find a bug:

To submit a bug report or request a feature, go to https://github.com/cenpa/rat/issues

Once you've ensured that your report/request isn't already there, click "New Issue" to add it to the list.

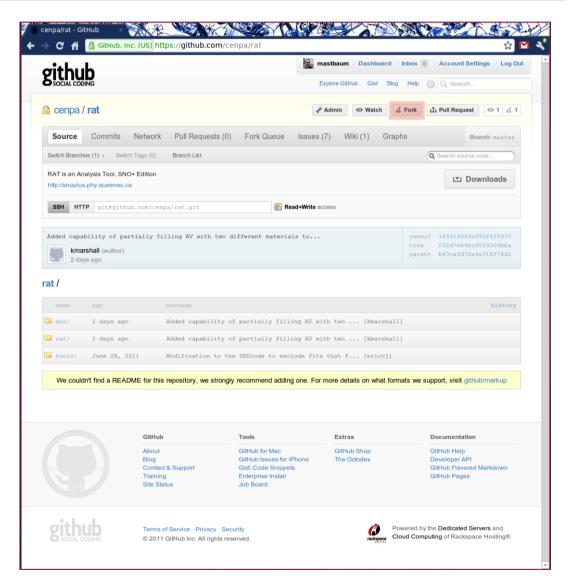
If your bug/feature is already reported, make a note of your failure mode/use case in the comments!



If you are contributing code to RAT....

1. Fork the main RAT repository







For more information about forks, see http://help.github.com/fork-a-repo/



You now have your own clone of RAT:



2. Clone your fork locally

```
$ git clone git@github.com:[YOUR USERNAME HERE]/rat.git
remote: Counting objects: 7363, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (2742/2742 (delta 4790)
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3. Make changes to the code

```
HACK HACK HACK
```

See a summary of your changes:

```
$ git status
# On branch master
# Changed but not updated:
# (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
# (use "git checkout -- <file>..." to discard changes in the working directory)
# modified: rat/rat.cc
#
no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
```

Look at the diff:

```
$ git diff
diff --git a/rat/rat.cc b/rat/rat.cc
index fd4bf25..7025af9 100644
--- a/rat/rat.cc
+++ b/rat/rat.cc
@@ -67,7 +67,7 @@ int main (int argc, char** argv)

parse_command_line(argc, argv);

- info << "This is SNO+ RAT, version " << RATVERSIONSTR << "." << RATREVISIONSTR <<newline;
+ info << "This is SNOT RAT, version " << RATVERSIONSTR << "." << RATREVISIONSTR <<newline;
//Hostname and machine probing.
struct utsname nameinfo;</pre>
```

Tip: git is far more powerful than SVN. For more information on the many git features and subcommands, see http://help.github.com/git-cheat-sheets/



3. Commit your changes to the local repository

```
$ git commit -a -m "reimplemented joke"
[master 189bd92] reimplemented joke
1 files changed, 1 insertions(+), 1 deletions(-)
```

- At this point, your change is only committed to the local repository on your computer (unlike SVN,
- where there was no local repository).

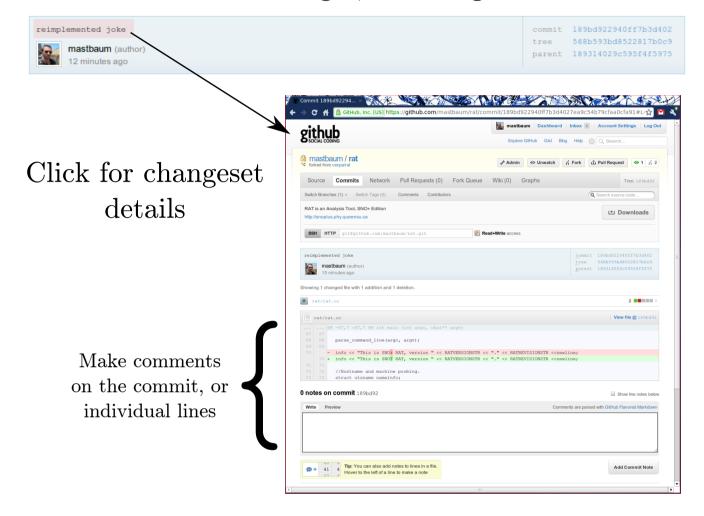
Tip: you can commit lots of changes locally (say you're on a plane), and they will be queued and applied individually when you synchronize later

4. Synchronize with the remote repository

This pushes all changes committed to the local repository on to your repository on github (your fork of RAT)



The changes, now on github:



Remember that your fork is a perfectly legitimate RAT repository. This means that:

- 1. Others can fork your fork for collaborative development
- 2. You can pull changes in from other repositories (share patches)
- 3. You can submit a "pull request" to have your changes merged into another repository
- 3. You can create your own issue tickets, milestones, etc.



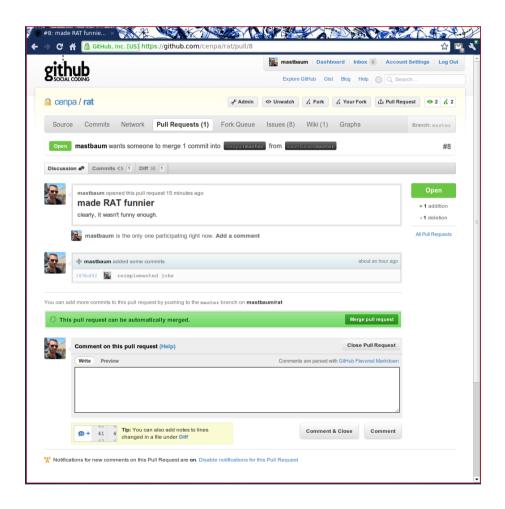
5. Submit a pull request to have your changes merged into the main RAT



See http://help.github.com/send-pull-requests/ for more information on pull requests



The CIC will review changes and merge code into the main RAT repository



If a pull request is rejected, the reviewer will provide comments on the reasons and make suggestions for improvement.

Commits and comments can then be added, creating a dialogue between the developer and reviewer.



Synchronizing your fork with the main RAT repository

Note: If you are not using a fork, or just want to synchronize your local repository with your fork, just use "git pull."

Situation: While you are developing a feature on your fork, code that you want has been committed to the main RAT repository (or someone else's fork). You wish to bring your repository up to date with those changes.

- 1 Browse to your fork on github (http://github.com/username/rat)
- 2 Click on "Fork Queue" to see all commits that are in other forks but not yours.
- 3 Select the commits you would like to pull into your fork. To bring up to date with the main RAT repo, just "Select All" the commits under cenpa/rat.
- 4 Under the "Actions" drop-down, choose "Apply"

To see these changes in your local copy, you will need to pull them from github:

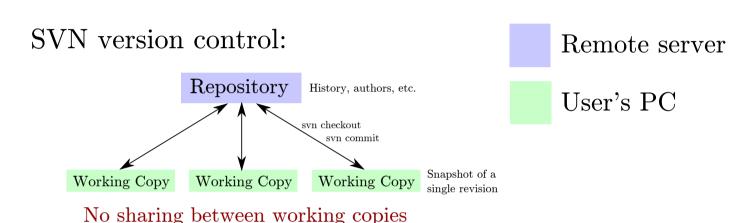
\$ cd rat
\$ git pull

? Additional resources

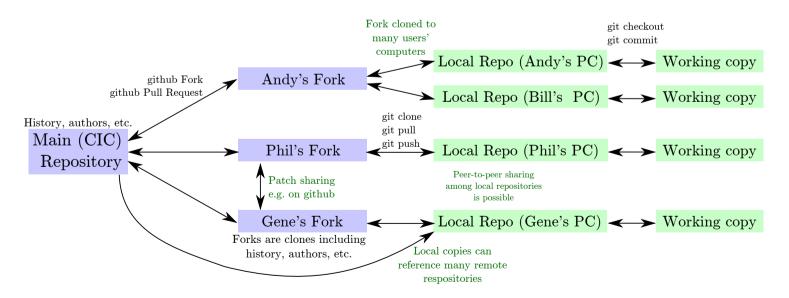
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github Introduction:
    http://help.github.com/
git Cheat Sheets:
    http://help.github.com/git-cheat-sheets/
Complete git command reference:
    http://gitref.org/
git/SVN Command Reference
http://git.or.cz/course/svn.html
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git(hub) vs. SVN Repository Structure

No version control:



github version control (example):



Everything is a repository, allowing patch-sharing and source code management impossible in SVN. git and github's tools make the actual workflow very simple, as shown in this walkthrough.