Stat Chat Notes

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What's all the excitement about?

- Data analysis is often collaborative.
 - team contributing code to the same project, even same document
 - collaboration may be asynchronous
 - an analyst may decide to continue work left behind by someone else.
 - Each is simplified with VC or "source code management"
- version control records changes to a file or a set of files
 - record the entire history/evolution a project;
 - manage contributions of multiple collaborators;
 - revisit history of the project
 - revert back to a specific version of any file if needed;
 - draft changes without modifying the main file until you feel ready to commit to them.
- Computational reproducibility
 - accuracy of your code & methods
 - allows others the opportunity to make use of your work
 - * replicate
 - * extend and modify for a new purpose.
 - bolster integrity of the work
 - preserve a complete and transparent record of all actions in a project from raw source data through final product.
- Professional calibre workflow

Steps for implementation as a learning objective

- First exposure to Git
- Configure RStudio & Git (trivial with RStudio Cloud)
- Deploying assignment Repos
 - student view
 - instructor view
 - individual & group assignments
- Assessment

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