Introduction to Java ...

...and Methods of Software Engineering

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Overview

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What we will cover this week

- Unix and the Unix shell
 (History, Linux, free software, piping, input and output, important tools...)
- Java
 (History, basic structures, object orientation, standard library...)
- Software Correctness and Debugging (debugging, assertions, invariants, pre- & post-conditions, unit testing)
- Version control (basics of version control, systems, revisions, branching&merging, conflicts, github, distributed vcs's)

Unix

Overview

- Basics of computers and operating systems
- · Files, file systems and related commands
- Unix programming model (input&output)
- Redirections and pipes
- · Important commands and combinations
- Shell scripts
- · Stuff that didn't fit: etc, apt, free software, networking,

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Basics of operating systems 2

· More to come on Unix/Linux here ...

The file system 1

- · Data is stored in files
- files are stored in directories also called folders
- files can contain text, binary data, programs, but also directory data, links, and other strange stuff (devices, pipes, ...)

The file system 2

- · Commands for working with files:
 - Listing ls list all files ls -la
 - Showing cat with paging more, less
 - · Removing rm, rm -rf
 - Moving mv
 - Editing gedit, nedit, emacs, vim, also: LibreOffice, IDEs, etc.

The file system 3

- · Commands for working with directories:
 - Creating: mkdir (make directory)
 - Removing: rmdir (remove, must be empty)
 - Moving mv (same as with files)
 - Show current: pwd (pwd, print working dir)
 - Changing: cd foobar (change to dir foobar)
 cd change to last directory
 cd change to home directory
- · Special directory names:
 - · The current directory: .
 - · The directory one leve higher: ..
 - \cdot The home directory: \sim

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- · Input \rightarrow Program 1 \rightarrow Program 2 \rightarrow Output
- E.g. cat results.txt | cut -c 5- | sort

Redirections and pipes 1

- · Need to connect different programs
- · Idea: make ones programs output another programs input
- The pipe symbol | (connect programs)
- The "greater than" symbol > (write to file)
- The "less than" symbol < (read from file)

Redirections and pipes 2

- · Some extras:
- The **tee** command: write to file *and* output
- "Greater than" with number 2 > (redirect stderr)
- · Standard file descriptors (stdin 0, stdout 1, stderr 2)

Important other commands and combinations 1

- Text commands
 - · Output/show a file cat
 - · Sort a file sort
 - · Cut stuff from file cut
 - · Reverse lines rev
 - · Show only first/last lines: head, tail
- · Search commands
 - · Find a files find
 - Find string in file(s) grep

Important other commands and combinations 2

- Some important/interesting combinations
 - Cut the last 3 characterscat readme.txt | rev | cut -c4- | rev
 - Find the unique lines in a file
 cat names.txt | sort | uniq

Shell scripts 1

- Put often used commands into shell scripts
- · Shebang: #!/usr/bin/bash
- · Arguments **\$1**, **\$2**, ...
- · Make executable: chmod a+x filename
- Also loops or conditions available e.g.for i in *; do cp \$i \$i.bak; done

```
if grep -q doobidoo readme.txt; then
  echo Found it; else
  echo Not found;
fi
```

Shell scripts 2

```
Example (put in mkbackup):
#!/usr/bin/bash
if ! -r $HOME/backup; then
mkdir $HOME/backup;
fi;
cp -r $1 $HOME/backup/
Then chmod a+x mkbackup
Call ./mkbackup src
```

Miscellaneous 1

- · Multiple users, file access rights, scheduling, networking,
- · System load top, ps, kill, renice, lsof,
- · Ownership and rights management chmod, chown
- Environment variables (\$HOME, \$PS1, \$LANG, ..., set, export)
- Getting help (man, info, internet)
- standard file system: /bin, /etc, /usr/bin, /dev, /home

- · Preparation:
 - · Fire up your browser
 - Go to: https://github.com/ezander/sglib
 - Download zip file (Click green button "Clone or download", then "Download ZIP")
 - · Open terminal and go to download folder (cd Downloads)
 - Unzip the downloaded file: unzip sglib-master.zip

- Go to **sglib-master** folder
- list files
- go to util folder
- · list all files starting with fun,
- · go up one folder

- Go to sglib-master folder cd sglib-master
- list filesls
- go to util foldercd util
- list all files starting with fun,ls fun*
- · go up one folder cd ..

- · Make directory abcde
- Remove the directory abcde
- Make directory myfuncs
- Change into directory myfuncs
- Copy sglib README file into current directory

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 cd myfuncs
- Copy sglib README file into current directorycp ../README .

- · Search for the string "since" in the README
- · Remove the README file
- Copy all the m-files (extension .m) from mathutil into current directory
- · Search in all files for the string "rosen"

- Search for the string "since" in the README grep since README
- Remove the README file
 rm RFADMF
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```
cp ../mathutil/*.m .
```

Search in all files for the string "rosen" grep rosen -r.

- Show the contents of the file "unittest_binfun.m"
- · Use a pager to show file
- · List all the files sorted
- List all the files sorted reversely (use man sort)
- · List all the files reversing each name
- List all the unittest cutting the unittest_ prefix

- Show the contents of the file "unittest_binfun.m"cat unittest_binfun.m
- Use a pager to show filecat unittest_binfun.m | less
- List all the files sortedls | sort
- List all the files sorted reversely (use man sort)ls | sort -r
- List all the files reversing each name
 ls | rev
- List all the unittest cutting the unittest_ prefix
 ls unittest_* | cut -c10-

Miscellaneous 21

- Some important keys or key combinations
 - · Ctrl-C stop job
 - · Ctrl-Z interrupt job
 - · Ctrl-L clear terminal
 - · Ctrl-R search in history
 - · Tab completion (programs, file names, options, ...)
- · Job management
 - Start job in background (append an ampersand &)E.g.: find / | sort | uniq > uniq_files.txt &
 - Continue job in foreground fg
 - Continue job in background bg

Java - Basics

Overview

- · Some bits of history...
- · Developed by Sun Microsystems (James Gosling et al.)
- · Intent: Interactive television
- Then: Interactive web content (Java applets)
- · Now: desktop and server applications, Android apps, ...
- Dominant features: platform independent (WORA), security model
- Inheritance: C, C++, SmallTalk

Principles

There were five primary goals in the creation of the Java language:

- · It must be "simple, object-oriented, and familiar".
- · It must be "robust and secure".
- It must be "architecture-neutral and portable".
- · It must execute with "high performance".
- It must be "interpreted, threaded, and dynamic".

(from Wikipedia)

```
public class HelloWorld {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println("Hello World!"); //
       Prints the string to the console.
  }
}
```

Colors: blue =Java keywords, red = Strings, green = Comments, black = Identifiers and operators

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```

Datatypes: String, "void" String literal between quotes [] indicates array

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```

Object orientation: class, static Special identifiers: main, System.out.println

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  }
}
```

Code blocks between { and }
End statements with semicolons ;

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        Prints the string to the console.
  }
}
```

Compile with javac HelloWorld.java Creates HelloWorld.class
Run with java HelloWorld

Variables and Datatypes

Variables must be **declared** before use! The most important datatypes:

```
int i = 3;
double d = 6.3;
boolean isItTrue = false;
String name = "Farin Urlaub";
char initial = 'F';
```

New datatypes can be created via classes.

```
int[] nums = {1, 3, 6, 10};
double[] float_nums = new double[10];
System.out.println(nums.length);
```

- · Initialize with array literal or allocate with new.
- Get length of array with .length.
- No 2d arrays, no vectorised operations.
- Access elements with [], e.g. nums[2]
- Indexing is 0-based

Operators

The usual!

```
Arithmetic +, -, *, / (no power)
Boolean &&, ||, !
Comparison ==, !=, >, >=, <, <= (Important: .equals())</li>
Other stuff: ., [],
```

```
10+4
true && (i>5)
i*5==j/10
s.equals("abcde")
```

Strings

- Special overload for the + operator
- Behaves like array ([] and length)
- Compare with equals()
- · Non modifiable

```
String s = "abcde";
s[0] == 'a';
String s2 = s + 3; // s2 is now abcde3
```

String conversion

```
To string: "" + var
Objects: .toString() method
Read double number: double d = Double.parseDouble("1.234")
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
  double d = Double.parseDouble(args[1]);
}
```

Structured programming

- Branching/conditional constructs: if, else, switch, case, default
- · Looping constructs: while, for, do
- · Related: break, continue
- Objects and methods

Conditionals: if

- Structure: if(condition){ code block }
 or: if(condition){ code block } else {code block }
 2}
- or: if(condition){ code block } else if
 (condition2) {code block 2} else {code block 3}

```
double d = Double.parseDouble(args[1]);
if( d>0 )
   System.out.println("It's positive");
else if( d<0 ) {
   System.out.println("It's negative");
}
else
   System.out.println("It's zero");</pre>
```

While loops

- Structure: while(condition){ code block }
- · Loop runs while condition is fulfilled

```
double d = 1;
while( Math.abs(d*d-2)>1e-10){
  d = 0.5 * (d + 2/d);
}
```

For loops

- Structure:
 for(initialisation; condition; increment){code
 block}
- · initialisation runs before execution of the loop
- · condition must be fulfilled for loop to run/continue
- increment executed after each iteration
- · Equivalent to

```
initialisation;
while(condition) {
  code block;
  increment;
}
```

For loops 2

Examples:

```
for( int i=0; i<10; i++){
   System.out.println(i);
}
for( double d=2; d<1e10; d*=1.5){
   System.out.println(d);
}</pre>
```

Exercise 1

Write a HelloWorld program

```
public class HelloWorld {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println("Hello World!"); //
        Prints the string to the console.
  }
}
```

- Write/copy the program above with your favorite editor (e.g. gedit) and save into HelloWorld.java
- · Compile the program with javac HelloWorld.java
- · Check on the command line that there is a HelloWorld.class
- · Run the program with java HelloWorld

Exercise 2

Write a HelloWorld program

```
public class Hello {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    // Yours to fill in
  }
}
```

- Modify the last program so that it takes your name and print "Hello WhatEverYourNameIs"
- Compile the program and run it with java Hello WhatEverYourNameIs

Exercise 3

Write a program/programs that

- reads two numbers from the command line and outputs the numbers, their sum, and their difference (Remember: Double.parseDouble, System.out.println())
- reads one numbers and adds up all numbers from 1 up to the given number, e.g. java SumIt 4 should print 10
- that outputs all arguments given to it via the command line, e.g. java SumIt 4 foo 3.3 should output "Argument 1 is 4",
 "Argument 2 is foo" and "Argument 3 is 3.3"
- that reads a number from the command line and outputs whether it is odd or even

Java - Advanced

Classes

What is a class?

- A template for creating objects
- · Objects are created from it (instances of the class)
- Creation using a constructor
- Can contain fields (data members, instance variables, attributes, properties...)
- Can also contain methods (implementations)

A simple class

A very primitive class (but we'll improve it)

```
public class Point {
  public double x;
  public double v;
// somewhere else in your code
Point p = new Point();
```

Constructors 1

Let's make fields private and add a constructor

```
public class Point {
  private double x;
  private double y;
  public Point(double x0, double y0) {
    x = x0:
    y = y0;
// somewhere else in your code
Point p = new Point(2, 4);
```

Constructors 2

Let's add a second constructor

```
public Point(double x0, double y0) {
    x = x0; y = y0;
  public Point() {
    x = 0; y = 0;
// somewhere else in your code
Point p = new Point(2, 4);
Point p2 = new Point();
```

Note: now you can call Point() again (initialize to origin)

Field access 1

How to set a coordinate now?

- · Either: create a setter method
- Or: make class immutable (don't allow setting coordinates)

```
public double getX() {
    return x;
  public void setX(double x) {
    this.x = x; // what does "this.x" mean?
// somewhere else in your code
Point p = new Point();
p.setX(3); // Now p is at (3,0)
```

Immutable classes 1

Second version

```
public double getX() {
    return x;
  public Point setX(double x) {
    return new Point(x, this.y);
// somewhere else in your code
Point p = new Point();
Point p2 = p.setX(3); // Now p2 is at (3,0), p
   still at (0.0)
Point p3 = new Point(p2.x, 5); // Now p3 is at
   (3,5)
```

Immutable classes 2

You will find some immutable classes in the Java Standard Library

- · String
- · Numeric classes: Double, Boolean, Byte, Integer, ...

Advantages

- · Can be used as keys in Maps
- Thread-safety

Static vs. Non-static fields

Static fields don't need an instance of the class

```
public class Point;
  double x, y;
  static double numPoints;
  public Point(double x, double y) {
    this.x = x; this.y = y;
    numPoints = numPoints + 1;
// somewhere else in your code
Point p = new Point(1,2);
Point p2 = new Point(3,4);
System.out.println(Point.numPoints);
```

Extending a class

```
public class Person {
   String firstname, surname;
}

public class Employee extends Person {
   String role;
   double wage;
}
```

Employees have also a name (like any Person), but also some additional information

```
public class Person {
 String toString() {
    return surname + ", " + firstname;
public class Employee extends Person {
 String toString() {
    return super.toString() + "(" + role + ", "
       + wage + ")";
```

- The class that was extend is called the super class
- · Can be referenced by **super**, to disambiguate

```
Employee emp = new Employee("Washington",
    "George", "President", 1000);
Person p = emp;
p.toString(); // calls the Employee's toString
    method
// i.e. it returns "Washington, George
    (President, 1000)"
```

- The variable is of type Person but actually references an Employee object (polymorphism)
- Could reference anything derived from Person, directly or indirectly

```
Person[] persons = new Persons[4];
persons[0] = new Employee(...);
persons[1] = new Person(...);
persons[2] = new BusDriver(...);
persons[3] = new Rockstar(...);
for(int i=0; i<persons.length; i++) {</pre>
  System.out.println(persons[i]);
```

- The class that was extended is called the super class
- Can be referenced by super, to disambiguate

Static vs. Non-static methods

Static methods don't need an instance of the class

```
class Point {
 public double distance(Point other) {
    double dx = x - other.x;
    double dy = y - other.y;
    return Math.sqrt( dx*dx + dy*dy );
  public static double distance(Point p1, Point
     p2) {
    double dx = p1.x - p2.x;
    double dy = p1.y - p2.y;
 ^^Ireturn Math.sqrt( dx*dx + dy*dy );
```

Static vs. Non-static methods

If both (static and non-static) are good to have, implement one in terms of the other

```
public double distance(Point other) {
  return Point.distance(this, other);
}
public static double distance(Point p1, Point
    p2) {/*implementation here*/}
```

...or ...

```
public double distance(Point other) {...}
public static double distance(Point p1, Point
    p2) {
    return p1.distance(p2);
}
```

Packages 1

- · A way to group related classes
- Relationship to directory organisation (directory names must match package names, similar to class and file names)
- · Classes in directory "./foo" would be in package "foo"
- · Classes in directory "./foo/bar" would be in package "foo.bar"
- · Class "Baz" in directory "./foo/bar" would be "foo.bar.Baz"

Packages 2

How to use packages (importing and exporting)

```
// In file foo/bar/Baz.java
package foo.bar;
class Baz {
   ...
}
```

```
// In file ./Main.java
import foo.bar.Baz;
import foo.bar.*; // import all from foo.bar
Baz b = new Baz();
```

Packages 3

Standard packages

- java.lang all the basic classes (automatically imported)
- · java.util data structures (maps, stacks, vectors, calendar, ...)
- java.io File reading, input and output streams, Scanner, see also java.nio
- java.math pretty small, only big integers and decimals (standard functions in java.lang.Math) for more checkout e.g. Apache Commons Math
- java.net networking facilities

Generics 1

- · Generics are "parametrized" Classes
- The parameter is another type (or class)
- Example: A vector class that can grow the number of elements
- Do not want to implement that for all possible types
- Type becomes a parameter

```
public class Vector<T> {
 T[] elements;
  int num;
  void add(T t){
    T[num++] = t; // very crude impl.
  }};
// Somewhere else in your code
Vector<Person> persons = new Vector<>();
```

Generics 3

Used a lot in the java collections classes, e.g.:

- · List<T>
- · ArrayList<T>
- · Vector<E>
- · Map<K,V>
- HashMap<K,V> (needs Hashable)
- TreeMap<K,V> (needs Comparable)

What we did not cover

- · Abstract classes
- Interfaces
- · Lambda functions
- (Anonymous inner classes)
- Static imports
- Boxing and unboxing

- Today we'll be working with an IDE (integrated development environment),
 the one we'll be using is called NetBeans
- · Go to the command line and type netbeans
- Create a new project (of type Java Application), give it some name and click finish
- In the main class add some println statement to the main method and click "Run" (the green triangle)
- Now, go on with the following exercises adding more classes and methods to your project ...

- Implement the Point class
- Implement a constructor a toString method and a main method in Point, so that you can a) run it b) an object on the command line
- Add a distance function
- Print the distance between Point(1,1) and Point(4,5)
 (should be 5, right?)
- Create both versions (static and non-static of the distance function)
- Optional: add methods to move the point some distance, mirror it at the origin, mirror it at some axis

- Implement the Person and Employee classes
- Add toString methods to them
- Create a bunch of objects, put them into an array, and write a loop that outputs all of those objects
- Instead of the standard array try to use a Vector or ArrayList from java.util
- Put your object into a TreeMap<String, Person> that get's indexed by the person's last name
- then try to find a person by last name in that map (read the API documentation on how to do that)

Software testing and Debugging

Software bugs

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- · ...always ...

Software bugs

Sad truth about programming:

- There will be bugs ...
- · ...always ...
- · What can we do about it?

Remedies for software bugs

Making "sure" code is bug free

- · Design by contract (preconditions, postconditions, invariants)
- · Correctness proofs
- Assertions
- Testing (unstructured vs. structured)
 unit tests, integration tests, acceptance tests, etc.

Finding bugs

- Command line and visual debuggers
- Advanced techniques (e.g. stochastic methods)

- · assert = "make sure, that"
- · Java keyword assert
- · Make sure "expression" is true: assert expression;
- Issue some error message otherwise: assert expression:"some text";
- Can stay in code (also in production code)
- Can be enabled/disabled via runtime switch (-ea,-enableassertions)

Example 1 (check returned from other functions)

```
Point p = polygon.getLastPoint();
  assert p!=null : "Last point must exist";
  p.move(2, 3);
...
```

Example 2 (check input parameters)

```
int factorial(int n) {
   assert n>=0 : "n must be non-negative";
   // implementation
  }
...
```

Example 3 (check your own assumptions)

```
int doStuffMod3(int n) {
  if(n \ 3 == 0) {
    System.out.println("n is a multiple of
        3"):
  else if( n \ 3 == 1 ) {
    System.out.println("n mod 3 is 1");
  else \{ // \text{ now n } \ \% \ 3 \text{ must be 2} 
    System.out.println("n mod 3 is 2");
```

Example 3 (check your own assumptions)

```
int doStuffMod3(int n) {
  if( n \ 3 == 0 ) {
  else { // make comment explicit
  ^1 assert n 3 == 2 : n \mod 3 must be
     2, I think";
    System.out.println("n mod 3 is 2");
doStuff(-4);
```

- Design by Contract idea from Eiffel language (originally from formal verification, correctness proofs, Hoare logic ...)
- · Idea: relationship between some supplier and a client
- Client has to fulfill their obligations (e.g. pay fee, specifiy exactly what is to be produced)
- · Then supplier has to fulfill their obligations, too
- Specification in a contract

- · In software, caller is the client, method is the supplier
- · Preconditions have to be fulfilled before a methods runs
- Postconditions have to fulfilled by the method if the preconditions were fulfilled
- In derived classes: preconditions can only be weakened postconditions can only be strengthened

- · Example:
- Square root function sqrt(d)
- Precondition: d>=0
- Postcondition: s*s=d with s=sqrt(d)
- Possible ways to change the contract: no precondition, but specify what has to be done if d is negative (exception, return zero, ...)

- · Not directly implemented in Java
- · Can be "simulated" with asserts (but not perfectly)
- In Java: use assert at start of method and before every return

- · How do you test your software?
- · Most typical:

```
public static int factorial(int n) { ... }
public static void main(String[] args){
    System.out.println(factorial(3));
}
```

Does it print 6?

- · Previous approach does not scale.
- What if you modify your function? (For efficiency, more input parameters, different runtime environment...)
- Solution: automated test i.e.
 let the computer do what you just did,
- In this example: compare result of factorial(3) to 6 but put that into code
- · Do this for small testable units: unit test

- For Java different testing frameworks exist
- · Most well-known: JUnit
- · Originator Kent Beck (test driven development)

Example:

```
import org.junit.Test;
import static org.junit.Assert.*;
public class MathUtilTest {
    aTest
    public void testFactorial() {
        int actualRes = MathUtil.factorial(4);
        int expectedRes = 24;
        assertEquals(expectedRes, actualRes);
    }}
```

(Rest shown in the IDE)

Debugging 1

So, you use assertions, unit tests, but still have bugs. How you find it?

- · Debuggers, build into many IDEs directly (most comfortable)
- · Also command line (jdb, ddd, gdb, ...)
- · Much quicker than "printf debugging"

Debugging 2

Tools:

- · Breakpoints (unconditional and conditional)
- Variable inspections
- · Stepping (in, over, out)
- Call stack

Exercise Assertions 1

- · Create a new project with NetBeans
- In the main class create a function int sum(int n) that computes the sum $1 + 2 + \cdots + n$

Exercise UnitTesting 1

- · Create a new project with NetBeans
- In the main class create a function int sum(int n) that computes the sum $1 + 2 + \cdots + n$
- Create a preliminary test using System.out from the main function to see that your function works
- Now, in NetBeans in the project pane to the left, right-click the application class (JavaApplication123 or whatever its name is)
- In the context menu go to "Tools" (second from bottom), then in the submenu to "Create/Update tests" (last entry on the bottom)
- In the dialog box, deselect everything that contains "Initializer" or "Finalizer" (we don't need that), then click "Ok"

Exercise UnitTesting 2

- In the project pane you will find now a category "Test Packages" (below "Source Packages") and there a Java file "JavaApplication123Test.java". Open that Java file.
- Inspect the generated code and imagine what it does (and read the generated comments).
- Remove the test code for the main method (we won't test it) and all the calls to the fail method.
- Now insert a sensible test into the "testSum" method (think about a valid argument for n what the method is supposed to return for that n)
- From the "Run" menu choose "Test project (Alt+F6)"
- On the bottom you should see a green line saying something like "Tests passed" (or red and "Tests failed" if you had an error)

Exercise UnitTesting 3

 Introduce a bug into the sum function (e.g. let it return -16 always) and rerun the tests (click the double green triangles left to the green line)

Version control

Why version control

- · Why version control?
- Tracking changes (when did the code break, when was this feature introduced, ...)
- Merging modifications (teams, development on different machines, ...)
- · Trying out things (rollback, branching&merging)

Where can version control be used

- · Source code (Java, Matlab, C, ...)
- Text files (txt, markdown, LaTeX, ...)
- · Configuration files, makefiles, ...
- · Works not so well on: binary files, word files (doc, docx, xsl, ...)

Version control systems - A bit of history

- · Started in 1972: SCCS (Source Code Control System)
- RCS (Revision Control System)
- · CVS (Concurrent Versions System, 1989)
- · SVN (Subversion, 2000)
- git (means nothing, 2005, Linus Torvalds et al.)
- · mercurial (2005)
- · Plus lots of other systems

General steps with a version control system 1

Basic things

- · Initialise the repository
- · Add local files to the repository
- Commit a set of changed files to the repository (creates a new version)
- · Push changes to a central repository
- · Update/pull files from a central repository

General steps with a version control system 2

More advanced things to do

- · Look at the version history of your repository or of a single file
- · Check out an old version
- · Compare different versions
- · Create a branch (e.g. for testing new features)
- Merge different branches

First steps with git

- · Initialise a repository
- · Goto "root" directory (for the new repo)
- · Type git init
- Add files git add (adds only to the stage set/index)
- · Commit with git commit or git commit -m "message"
- · Note: per default git asks to enter the message in vim
- Set editor with git config --global core.editor "gedit"

(BTW: set prompt to something sensible: e.g. export PS1="\w>")

Looking at history

- · Use git log
- · Contains: author, date, commit message
- · Furthermore: commit number, parent commits
- Many options to configure: --oneline, --reverse, --shortstat,...
- Easier: graphical interfaces (e.g. gitk)

Working with remote repos

- · Cloning (i.e. download to local file system) git clone URL
- Pushing commit git push (fetch and merge)
- Just fetching git fetch
- Pulling remote changes git pull

Branching and merging

- · Create a new branch git branch testbranch
- · Checkout the new branch git checkout testbranch
- · See on which branch you are git status
- · Switch back to master branch git checkout master
- · See difference to branch git diff master testbranch
- Merge into master branch git merge testbranch master

Viewing differences

- · Use git diff
- Diff to prev version git diff HEAD
- Diff to second prev version git diff HEAD^^
- · Get some commit number (SHA1 hash) from log
- Diff to second prev version
 git diff
 d0902c2e7cfa6448d61e66f87e3541b5cafe024b
- Checkout versiongit checkoutd0902c2e7cfa6448d61e66f87e3541b5cafe024b
- · Checkout master git checkout master

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More history with git log

- · Try git log --oneline
- Try git log --shortstat
- Try git log --reverse
- · Combine the options above
- Try git log --author="Name" to find all commit by "Daniel"

There are many more options. These are here only to show you the possibilities. For more type git help log

Investigating a repository with a GUI

- · Start gitk in the MPAndroidChart directory
- · Look at the history of commits and the branch lines
- · Scroll down to the bottom to see the first commits
- Click some of the first commits to see which files have been changed
- Click some of the changed files to see what changed exactly in those files

Creating your own repository

- · Create a new directory and cd into it
- Type git init to initialize the new repo
- Type **git status** to see the status of the repo
- Type git log (you will see an error message because there aren't any commits yet)
- Now create a readme.txt file e.g. with gedit.
 (Note: the readme file does not have to contain any sensible text.)
- Add the readme to your repository using by first staging it, (i.e. git add readme.txt)
- and then committing with git commit -m "My first commit")

Creating your own repository (2)

- Look again at the history of your repo (do that after every commit)
- Change the readme file, then add and commit again, and revisit the history
- Look at the changes you made with gitk
- Add the java files you have created the days before to your repository