Git for researchers

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Reproducible Research Toolkit

- 1. Computing basics
- 2. Reproducible reports
- 3. Version control

Version control is the lab notebook of the digital world

Software Carpentry swcarpentry.github.io/git-novice/

- 1. Who
- 2. What
- 3. Why
- 4. How

1. Who is version control for?

- Software developers
- Analysts
- Designers
- Researchers
- NY Times
- Novelists
- Taco lovers



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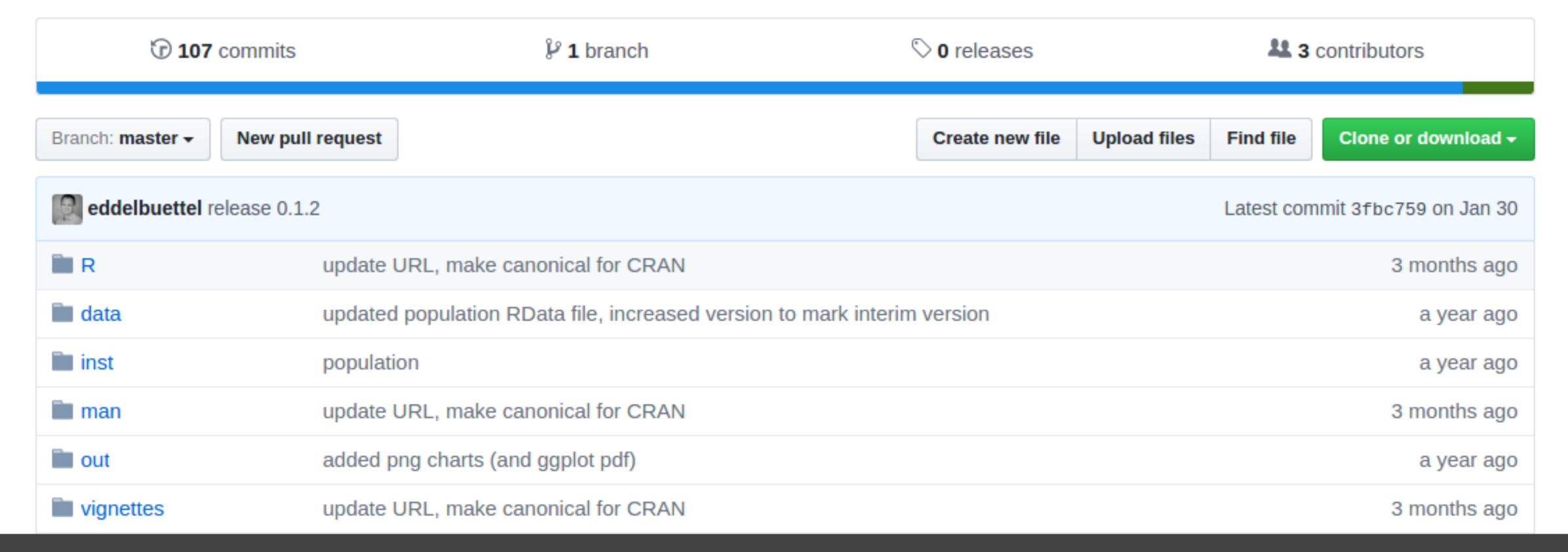
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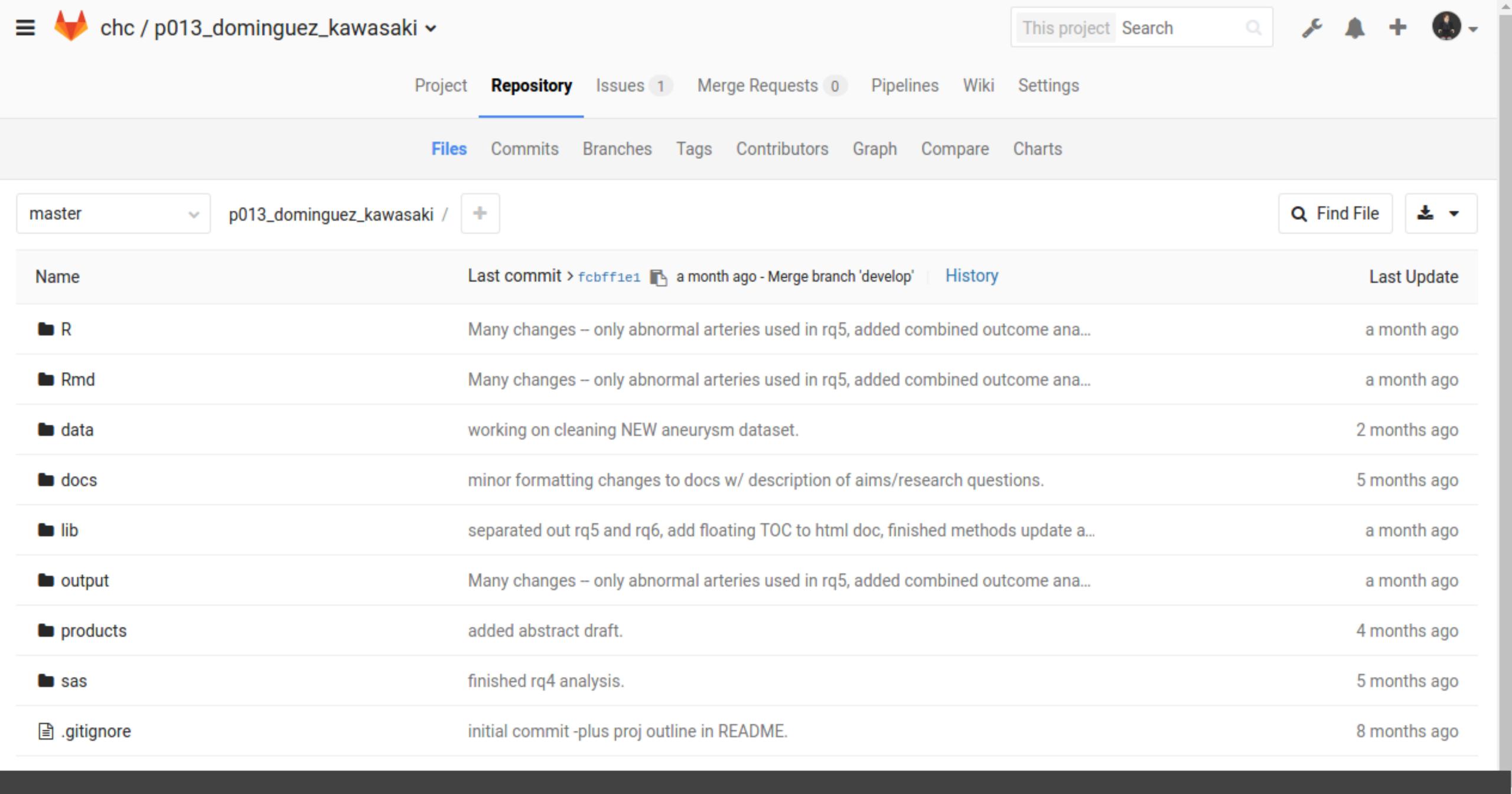
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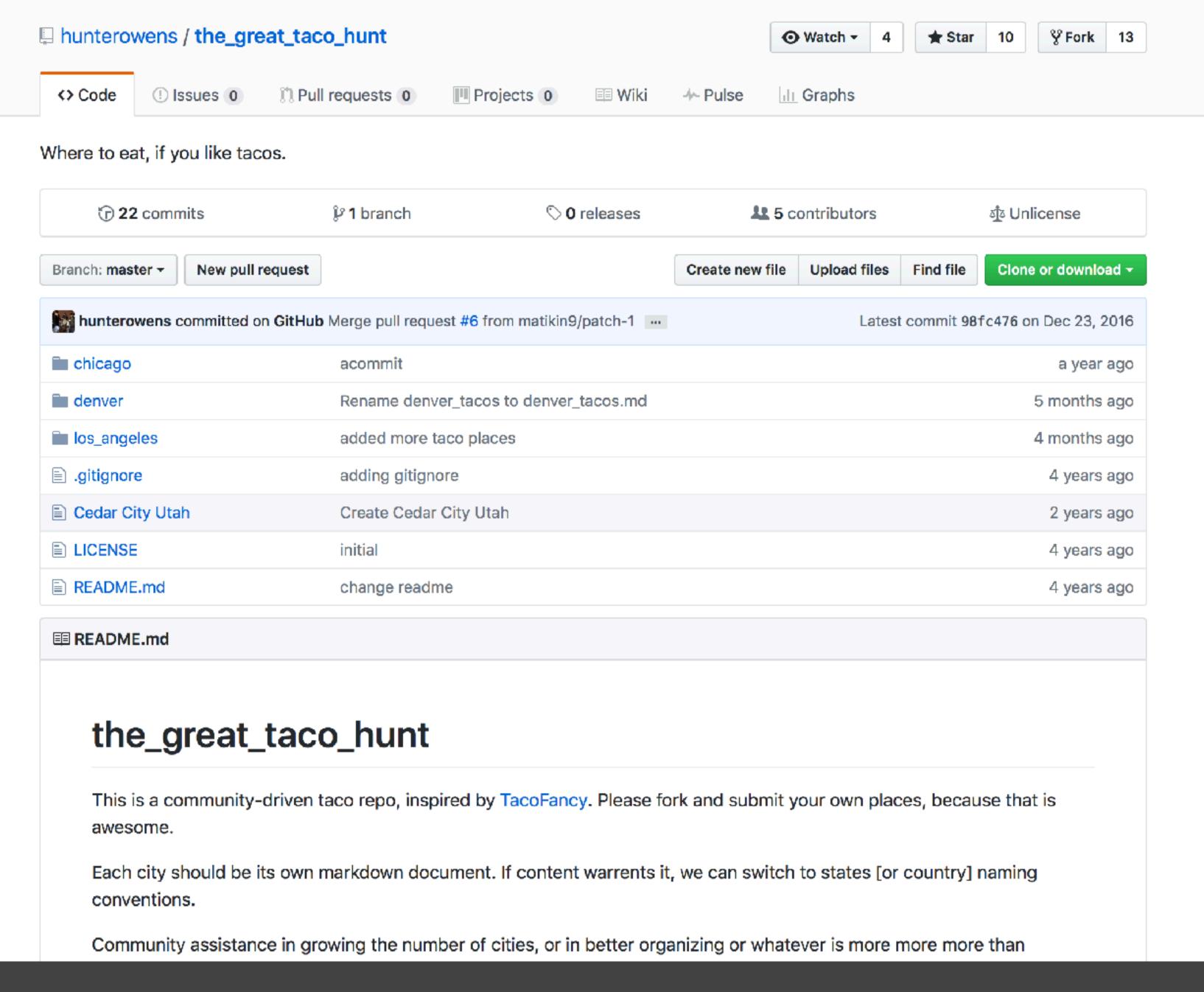


Pull requests 0 ! Issues 0 Projects 0 Code → Pulse

Statistical analysis of monthly background checks of gun purchases http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/20...

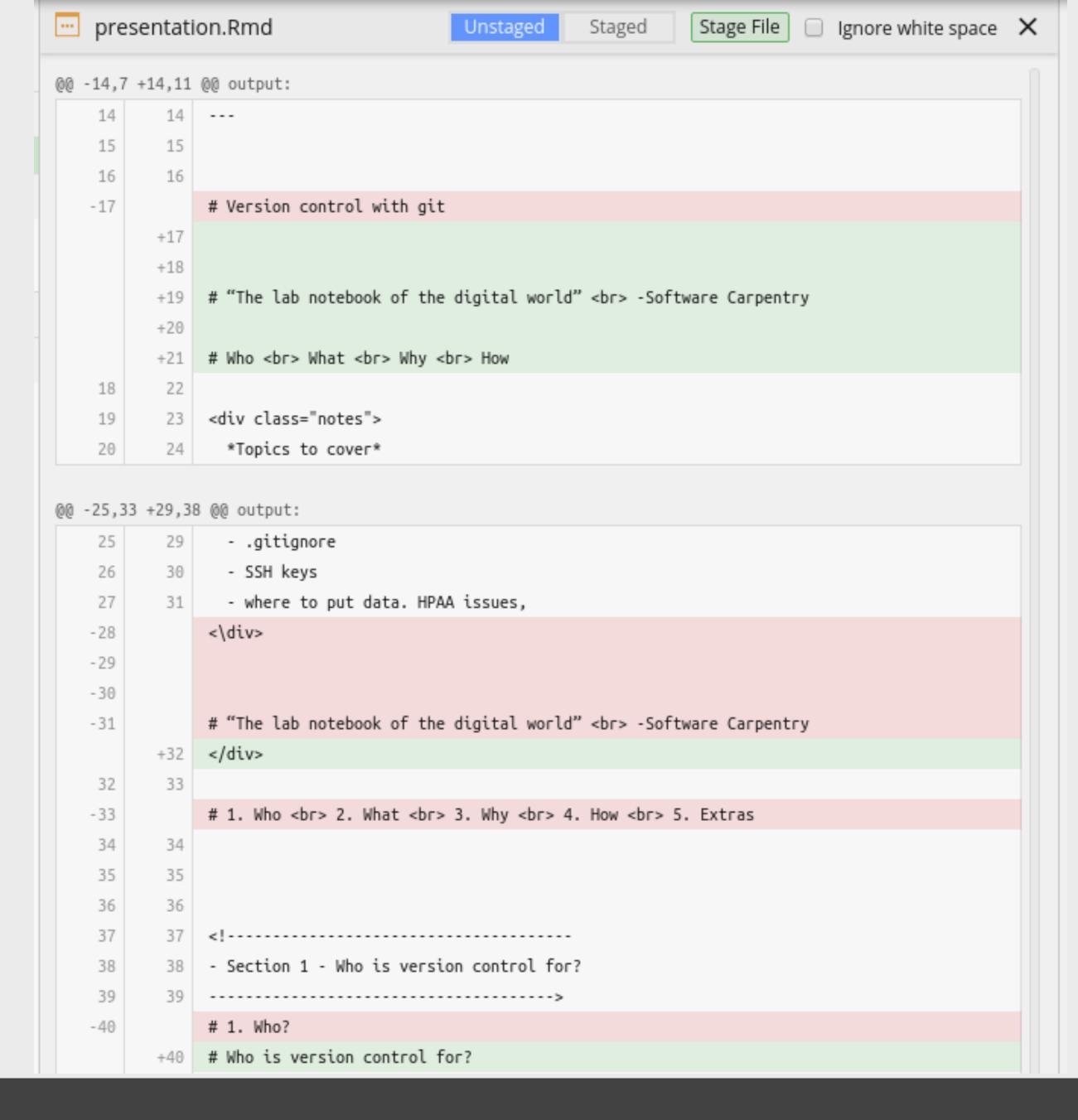






2. What is version control?

Version control is an application that documents and tracks changes to files



git

- Ubiquitous (as far as version control systems go)
- Created in 2005 by Linus Torvalds
- · Distributed, lightweight, free
- Ideal for collaboration, but you always have one collaborator — your future self.

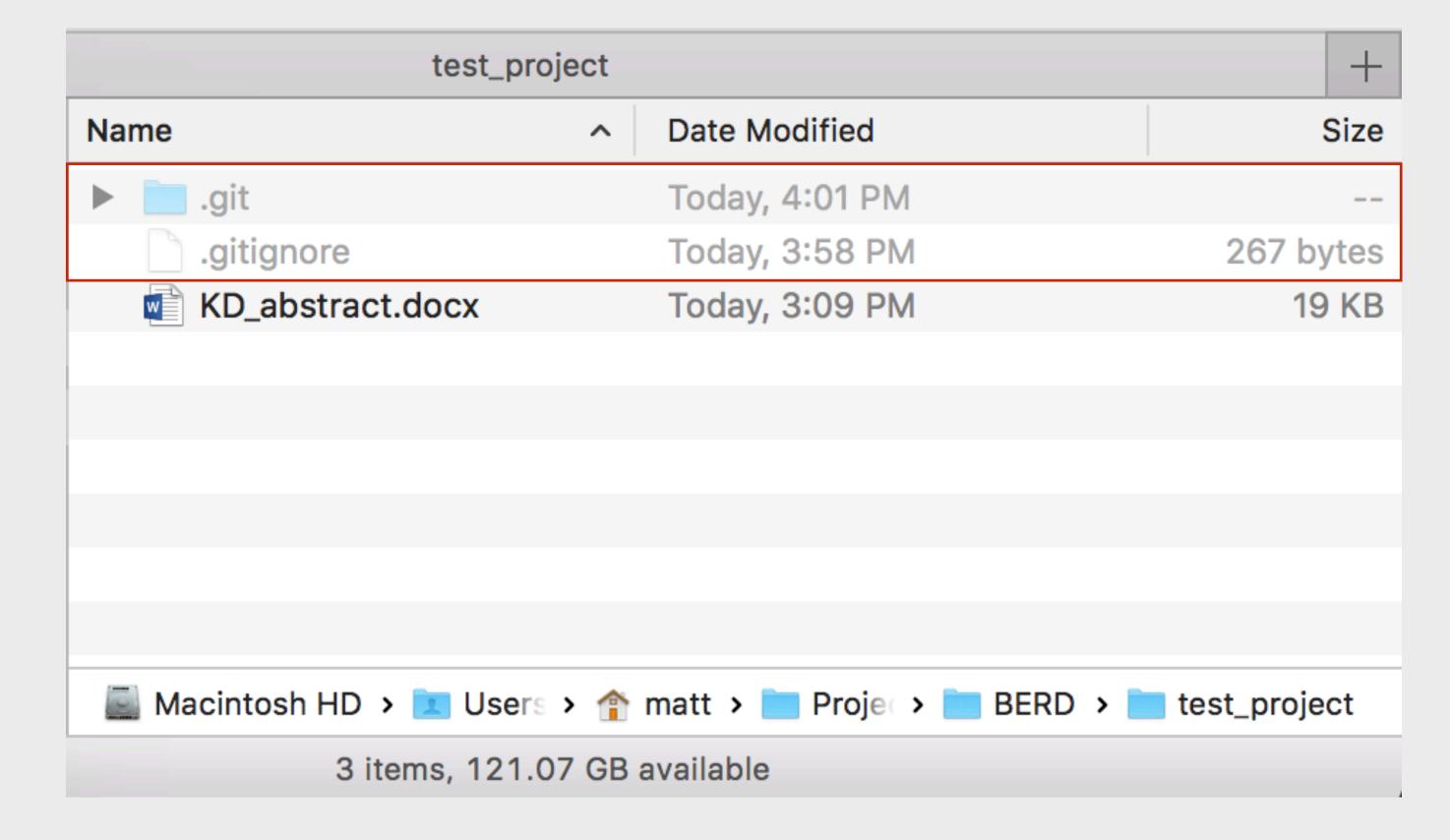
git is powerful, and powerful software can be complicated.

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62738a0 - Mon, 12 Sep 2016 01:23:23 -0600 (8 months ago) (origin/develop)
          switched the %>% import to dplyr from magrittr - Matt Mulvahill (peregrine)
858b91d - Mon, 12 Sep 2016 01:22:21 -0600 (8 months ago)
          added packages to import and load %>% from magritter for use w/in package. - Matt Mulvahill (peregrine)
* 741364c - Sun, 11 Sep 2016 23:31:58 -0600 (8 months ago) (origin/revision-pulse_spec)
            started writing an 'update.pulse_spec' function, but am abandoning it. Also am abandoning moving priors to fit
3531ddd - Sun, 11 Sep 2016 19:21:23 -0600 (8 months ago)
          changed package name to biompulsatile - Matt Mulvahill (peregrine)
610644a - Sun, 11 Sep 2016 03:18:35 -0600 (8 months ago)
          added function to create pdf of plots from data. - Matt Mulvahill (peregrine)
777f5d2 - Sun, 11 Sep 2016 01:14:25 -0600 (8 months ago)
          switched variable separater to _ from . in simulate.R and added simulate_many_pulsets function. - Matt Mulvahill
ebd0c0c - Sat, 10 Sep 2016 17:49:25 -0600 (8 months ago)
          started filling out DESCRIPTION file. - Matt Mulvahill (peregrine)
100d131 - Sat, 10 Sep 2016 17:49:09 -0600 (8 months ago)
          added simulation function. - Matt Mulvahill (peregrine)
 2b53bbb - Fri, 2 Sep 2016 22:41:31 -0600 (8 months ago) (HEAD -> master, tag: v0.0.1.0, origin/master, origin/HEAD)
            Reproducible, working function. Merge branch 'develop' - Matt Mulvahill (peregrine)
  df96dfb - Wed, 31 Aug 2016 13:35:47 -0600 (8 months ago)
            removed test text from readme. - Matt Mulvahill (annapurna)
  6f30dc7 - Wed, 31 Aug 2016 12:25:52 -0600 (8 months ago)
            testing gitkraken's conflict resolution - Matt Mulvahill
  * 65d89b3 - Tue, 6 Sep 2016 14:24:02 -0600 (8 months ago) (origin/vectors)
              started pseudo-coding the new pulse object. - Matt Mulvahill (peregrine)
 10bee77 - Fri, 2 Sep 2016 22:40:55 -0600 (8 months ago)
            removed no longer applicable comment. - Matt Mulvahill (peregrine)
    1b00457 - Mon, 22 Aug 2016 19:07:22 -0600 (8 months ago)
             Merging repeatability fix -- got rid of global vars for counters. - Matt Mulvahill (MtEvans)
  * 95bcdea - Mon, 22 Aug 2016 18:28:39 -0600 (8 months ago) (origin/fix-repeatibility)
              Removed extraneous Get/PutRNGstate() calls and old Rprintf() debugging calls. - Matt Mulvahill (MtEvans)
  * 2403558 - Mon, 22 Aug 2016 18:17:21 -0600 (8 months ago)
              FIXED: issue was the global variables for counting accept ratio in MH algos. Switched to pointers passed to
  * fdf20ae - Sun, 21 Aug 2016 20:08:56 -0600 (8 months ago)
              added get/put around more RNGs that used the rnorm/runif call -- also switched to Rf_r*** format. - Matt Mulv
      cd4d9d8 - Sun, 21 Aug 2016 18:44:58 -0600 (8 months ago)
                For travis.yml - Merge branch 'master' into fix-repeatibility - Matt Mulvahill (MtEvans)
    526504f - Sun, 21 Aug 2016 18:19:04 -0600 (8 months ago)
              added travis.yml for testing builds. - Matt Mulvahill (MtEvans)
      a32cbba - Sat, 20 Aug 2016 14:59:39 -0600 (8 months ago)
               Closes #1 - Merge branch 'develop' - Matt Mulvahill (MtEvans)
    * 63774ac - Sun, 21 Aug 2016 18:34:16 -0600 (8 months ago)
                put Get/PutRNGstate() before/after all rng calls. - Matt Mulvahill (peregrine)
  * e9d119c - Sun, 21 Aug 2016 20:14:20 -0600 (8 months ago)
              Added Rf_ to runif and rnorm calls. - Matt Mulvahill (MtEvans)
 * 35d87cf - Sat, 20 Aug 2016 14:58:49 -0600 (8 months ago)
            mcmc is working - closes #1; results reproducible on OSX MBP, but not MtEvans linux Mint. - Matt Mulvahill (MtE
* 368ad68 - Sat, 20 Aug 2016 11:16:14 -0600 (8 months ago)
            clean up testing file. - Matt Mulvahill (MtEvans)
* dldb450 - Sat, 20 Aug 2016 00:06:57 -0600 (8 months ago)
            Chain mixing looks good; locations match w/ visual id of pulses! - Matt Mulvahill (MtEvans)
   6924ca8 - Fri, 19 Aug 2016 23:48:30 -0600 (8 months ago)
             Alpha v1.1 -- working! Merge branch 'labeled-output' into develop - Matt Mulvahill (MtEvans)
  * 535a8cc - Fri, 19 Aug 2016 23:48:00 -0600 (8 months ago) (origin/labeled-output)
              checked pulse and common chains --- look good! - Matt Mulvahill (MtEvans)
     ce2c6dd - Fri, 19 Aug 2016 23:44:54 -0600 (8 months ago)
                Took renamed propsd (formerly propvar) and pulse_chains (formerly parm1 and parm); - Matt Mulvahill (MtEvan
| * | 6b03cba - Fri, 19 Aug 2016 23:28:37 -0600 (8 months ago)
                Fixed colnames for pulse-specific chain; ***Fixed output of chains to R**** - Matt Mulvahill (MtEvans)
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But the basics are simple.

Key Concepts Repository A folder that is monitored by git A record of file changes, accompanied by a unique ID (hash), description of the changes, date they were Commit recorded and name of the person who recorded them An external location (server) where your repository is backed-up (GitHub). A project's primary remote is Remote typically named 'origin.'

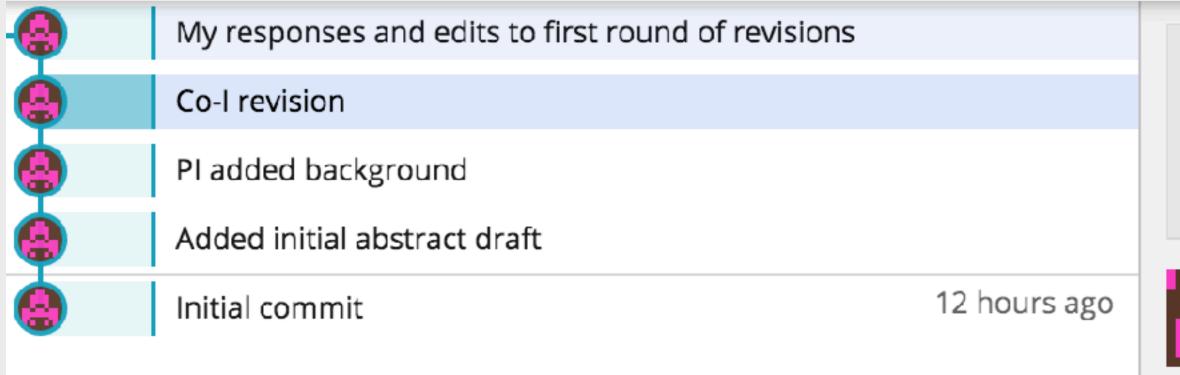
Repositories are folders, with some extra stuff.



A commit is a record of a change

Name

KD_abstract.docx



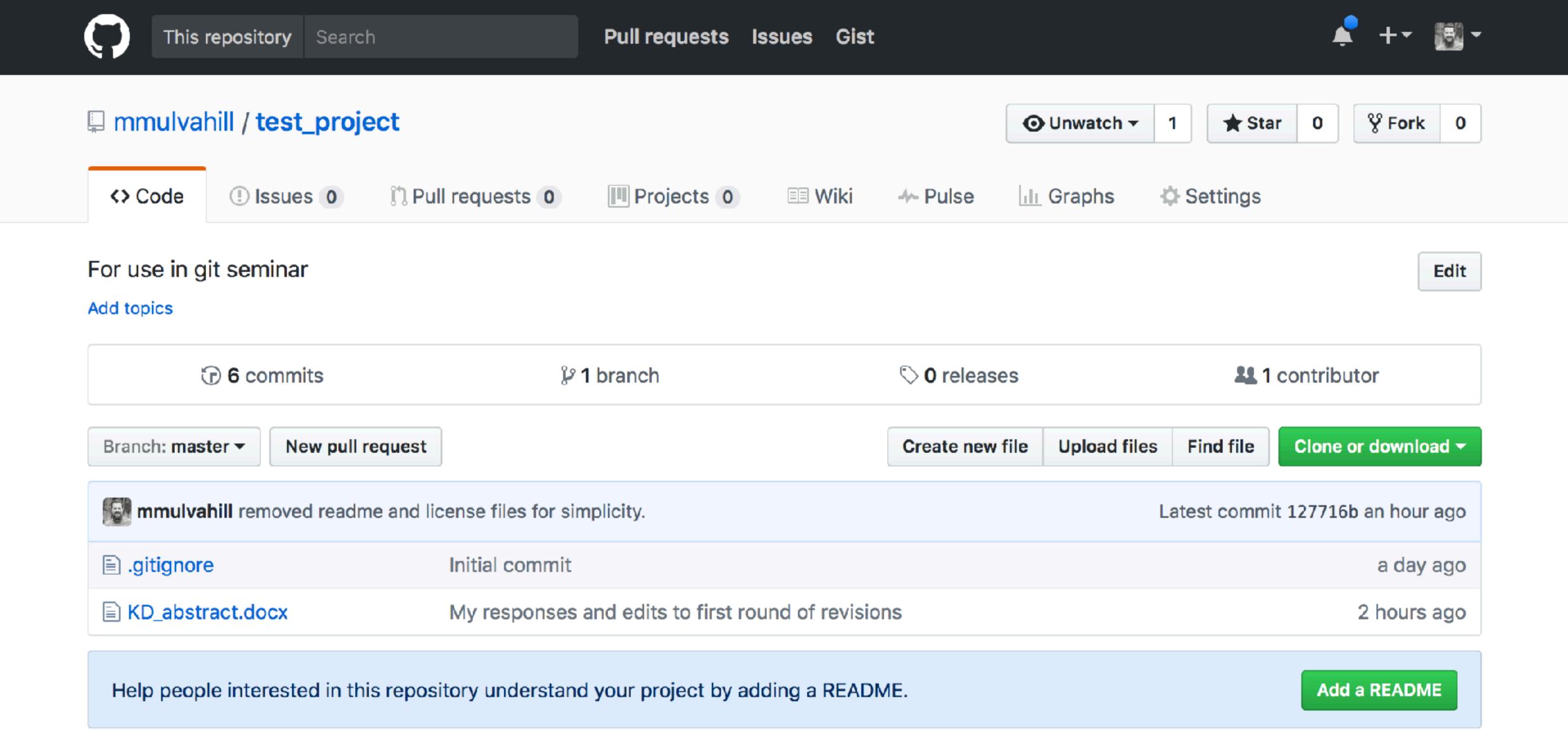
Co-l revision

Co-investigator revised some text in background section. Adde d comments and questions to results.



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parent: 7670c9



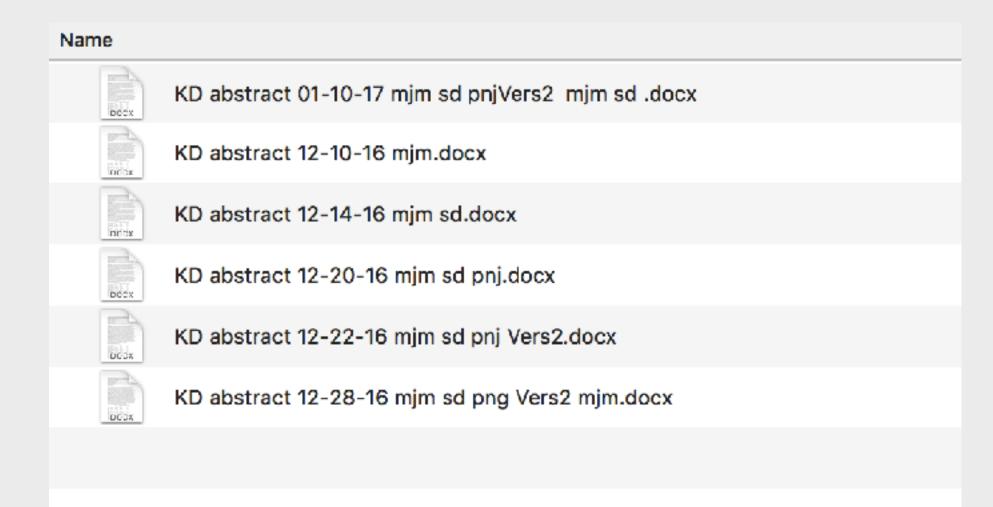
And a remote is an external backup (with some fancy features)

3. Why?

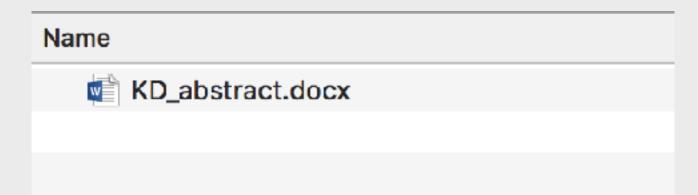
Reasons abound. Have you ever:

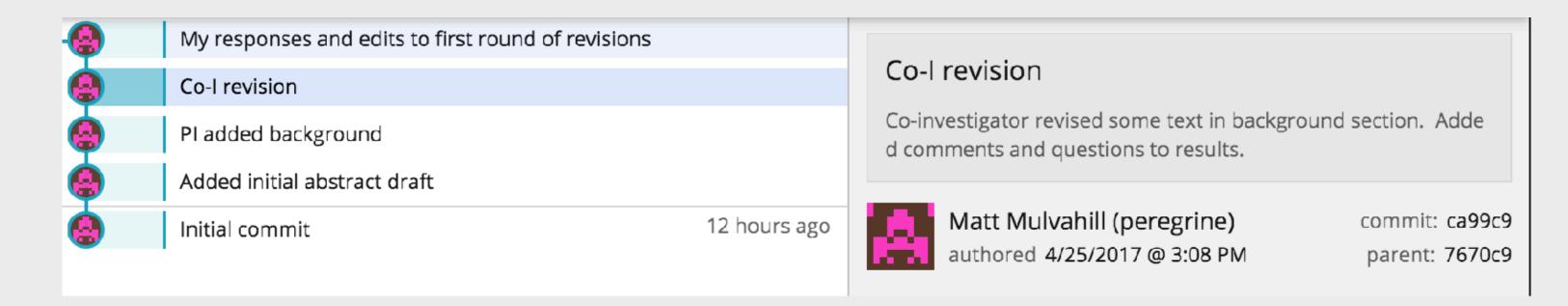
- Made a change to code, realized it was a mistake and wanted to revert back?
- Lost code or had a backup that was too old?
- Had to maintain multiple versions of an analysis?
- Wanted to see the difference between two (or more) versions of your code?
- Wanted to prove that a particular change broke or fixed a piece of code?
- Wanted to review the history of some code?
- Wanted to submit a change to someone else's code?
- Wanted to share your code, or let other people work on your code?
- Wanted to see how much work is being done, and where, when and by whom?
- Wanted to experiment with a new analysis approach without interfering with working code?

But mostly, to keep yourself organized.



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3. How?

3. How? — git locally

Prerequisites

- Install git (option 1)
- Install a git client (GitKraken)
- · Introduce yourself to git

- git init
- · git status
- git add
- git commit

- git log
- · git show
- git diff
- · git checkout (cli)

.gitignore

Tells git what files it should not track

- · .DS_Store
- -\$my_word_file.docx
- · .Rhistory
- data files containing PHI

3. How? — git remotely

Prerequisites

- An account with a remote
- Connect to remote (SSH or HTTPS)

- git remote add origin
- · git push
- git pull

Always pull at the start of the day "push "end "" "

Implementation issues in research

- PHI where to put data?
- medium to big data
- learning curve + collaboration
- standards + collaboration
- binary files (output, docs)

Git for class!

- · Bios 6623 organization and webpage
- · Resources:
 - Happy Git with R by Jenny Bryan
 - · stat545.com
 - GitHub for Education

Git for methods development and dissemination!

- KechrisLab <u>organization</u>
- · Resources:
 - GitHub for Education
 - Travis Cl and AppVeyor
 - CodeCov
 - Depsy

References and Resources

- Happy Git with R by Jenny Bryan
- Git for Humans by Alice Bartlett
- Line endings in git (for cross-platform teams/users)
- Advance git cheatsheet
- What is Version Control? by Atlassian (BitBucket)
- Large file storage with Git