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Introduction to Git

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About Me

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About This Workshop

- Beginner level workshop
- No prior knowledge assumed
- Basic and advanced features of Git
- Better manage your code base and collaborate with others

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Required Software

- **git** (<https://git-scm.com/downloads>)
- **VS Code** (<https://code.visualstudio.com/>) or your favorite text editor

Have you ever seen:



Report_draft_1.doc



Report_draft_2.doc



Report_draft.doc



Report_final_1.doc



Report_final_2.doc



Report_final_final_please.doc



Report_final_final.doc



Report_final.doc

What is version control

- Category of software tools that help software team manage checks changes to source code over time
- every modification to code tracked in a special kind of database
- version control software (VCS) essential part of modern software team's professional practices
- Example: <https://github.com/torvalds/linux/commits/master>



What is git?

- Most widely used modern VCS
- Originally developed in 2005 by Linus Torvalds, famous creator of Linux operating system kernel
- Pros: Performance, Security, Flexibility
- Cons: Hard to learn???
- Download it here: <https://git-scm.com/downloads>



```
2. leafgecko@r-31-104-25-172: ~ (zsh)
Last login: Wed Sep  5 13:37:40 on ttys002
➔ ~ git version
git version 2.15.2 (Apple Git-101.1)
➔ ~
```

Setting up git

Set your user name and email. Every git commit uses this information and baked into your commits. --global option so that git will always use that information on that system

```
1 git config --global user.name <your name>
2 git config --global user.email <your email address>
3 git config --global --add color.ui true
```

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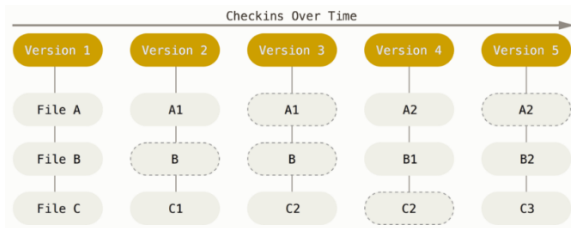
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Git Basics

- git all about snapshots, not deltas
- every time you commit, git takes a photo of what your files look like and stores a reference to that object

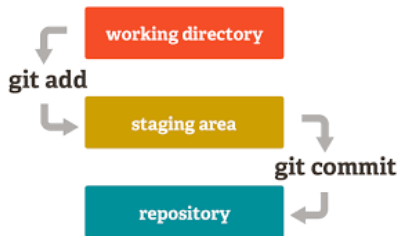
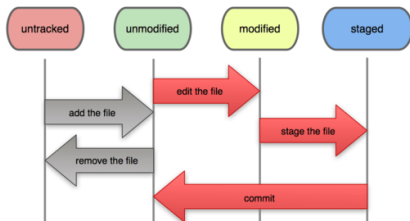


Master the Three States (Elements)

- **commit**: record of what files you have changed since the last commit
- files in your git repository can be in three main states:
 - **untracked**: any files that are not in your last snap shot and not in your staging area
 - **unmodified**: files not modified since last snap shot
 - **committed**: data is stored safely in your local database
 - **modified**: file changed but have not committed to your database yet
 - **staged**: modified file marked in its current version to go into next commit snapshot

git workflow

File Status Lifecycle



Create a local git repo

- When creating a new project on your local machine, you'll first create a new repository
- Enter the following into the terminal

```
1      cd ~/Desktop
2      mkdir my_site
3      cd my_site
4      git init
```


Add a new file to the repo

- We are going to reuse the website created from last week. If you don't have it, get it **here**
- once you've added or modified files, in the repo folder, git will notice changes made in the repo
- use the `git status` to see which files git knows exist

```
1. leafgecko@r-31-104-25-172: ~/Desktop/my_website
→ my_website git:(master) ✗ git status
On branch master

No commits yet

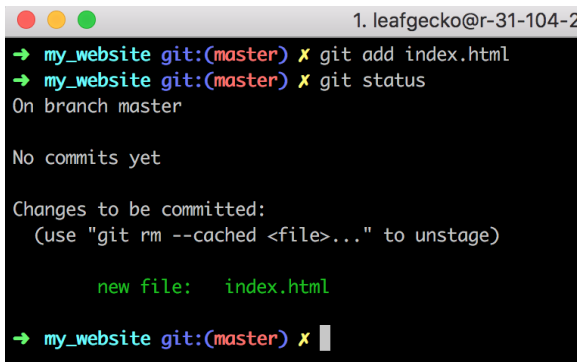
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)

        index.html

nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
```

Add a file to staging environment

- add a file to staging with the `git add <file>` command
- the after `git add`, the file has **not** yet been added to a commit



```
1. leafgecko@r-31-104-2
→ my_website git:(master) ✗ git add index.html
→ my_website git:(master) ✗ git status
On branch master

No commits yet

Changes to be committed:
  (use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)

    new file:   index.html

→ my_website git:(master) ✗
```

Create a commit

- Run the command `git commit -m "Your message to commit"`
- The message should be related to the commit

```
1. leafgecko@r-31-104-25-17:  
→ my_website git:(master) ✗ git commit -m "first commit"  
[master (root-commit) dff4c25] first commit  
1 file changed, 46 insertions(+)  
create mode 100644 index.html  
→ my_website git:(master) █
```



Comparing changes with git diff

- Diffing is a function that takes two input data sets and outputs changes between them
- Add/delete/edit some lines in index.html and run `git diff` to show any uncommitted since last commit
- `git diff` used to show changes between commits, commit and working tree etc. See <https://git-scm.com/docs/git-diff> documentation

```
diff --git a/index.html b/index.html
index f5a08bd..0c98206 100644
--- a/index.html
+++ b/index.html
@@ -2,6 +2,7 @@
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <!-- Required meta tags -->
+  <!-- random comment -->
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1, shrink-to-fit=no">
@@ -19,7 +20,7 @@
  <div class="row">
    <div class="col-4">
      <h2>About me</h2>
-      <p>Proud member of NJS Hackers</p>
+      <p>Proud member of NJS Hackers and Computing</p>
      <p>I love building and hacking stuffs.</p>
      
    </div>
@@ -27,10 +28,12 @@
    <h2>Interests</h2>
    <p>Computer Science</p>
    <p>Mathematics</p>
+    <p>Good Foods</p>
+    <p>Sleeping</p>
  </div>
  <div class="col-4">
    <h2>Favourite Games</h2>
-    <a href="https://acecombat.com/">Ace Combat</a>
+    <a href="https://www.easports.com/fifa/">Fifa</a>
  </div>
</div>
```

.gitignore

- Ignored files are usually build artifacts and machine generated files that can be derived from your repository
- common examples:
 - dependency caches like `/node_modules` or `/packages`
 - compiled code, such as `.o`, `.pyc`, and `.class` files
 - build output directories, such as `/bin`, `/out`, or `/target`
 - files generated at runtime, such as `.log`, `.lock`, or `.tmp`
 - personal config files like `.idea/workspace`

Git ignore patterns

- `**/logs`
- `**/logs/debug.log`
- `*.log`
- `/debug.log`
- `debug.log`
- See the full list [here](#)

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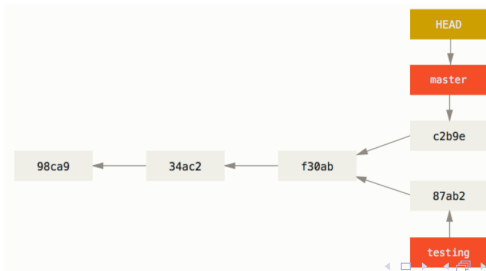
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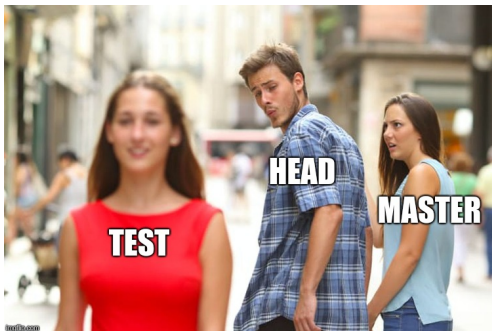
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Branching

- allow you to diverge from the main line of development and continue work without messing with the main line
- killer feature of git as it is incredibly fast and lightweight
- a branch is a lightweight pointer to a commit, default pointer is `master`
- `HEAD`: special pointer to local branch that you are currently on



Git checkout



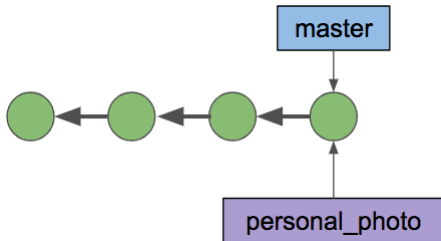
Creating and checking out a branch

- checking out is the act of switching between different versions of a target entity
- entities: files, commits, and branches

```
1 git branch personal_photo  
2 git checkout personal_photo
```

OR:

```
1 git checkout -b personal_photo
```



git fast forwarding

- git does a fast forward when you merge a branch that is ahead of your checked out branch (e.g. merge hotfix into master)
- both branches point the same commit and no new commit is made

```

test@julius-ThinkPad-X220: ~/Desktop/...

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test@julius-ThinkPad-X220:~/Desktop/my_website$ git checkout master
Switched to branch 'master'
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/master'.
test@julius-ThinkPad-X220:~/Desktop/my_website$ git merge hotfix
Updating dff4c25..c09c6be
Fast-forward
 index.html | 3 ++-
 1 file changed, 2 insertions(+), 1 deletion(-)

```


Stashing changes

- stashing is handy if you need to quickly switch context and work on something else
- `git stash` takes your uncommitted changes (both staged and unstaged) and saves them away for later use
- `git stash list` to see which stashes you have stored
- `git stash apply stash@{X}` apply specified stash, else latest

```
1. leafgecko@r-31-104-25-172: ~/Desktop/my_website (zsh)
→ my_website git:(master) X git stash
Saved working directory and index state WIP on master: dff4c25 first commit
→ my_website git:(master) X git status
On branch master
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)

    my_photo.png

nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
→ my_website git:(master) X
```

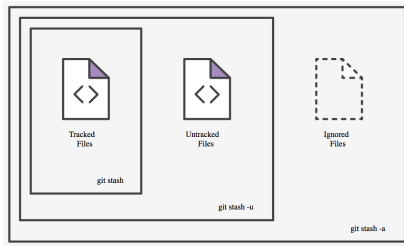
```
test@julius-ThinkPad-X220: ~/Desktop/my_website
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test@julius-ThinkPad-X220:~/Desktop/my_website$ git stash list
stash@{0}: On to rebase: myself paragraph
test@julius-ThinkPad-X220:~/Desktop/my_website$ git stash apply stash@{0}
On branch to rebase
Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git checkout -- <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)

    modified:   index.html

no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
test@julius-ThinkPad-X220:~/Desktop/my_websites
```

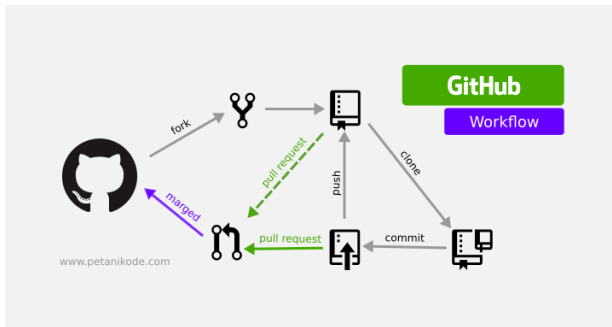
Stashing untracked or ignored files

- By default, `git stash` will not stash new files and files that are ignored(!), add `-u` or `--include-untracked` to stash untracked files
- annotate your stash with a description: `git stash save "message"`



What is Github?

- code hosting platform for version control and collaboration. It lets you and others work together on projects from anywhere
- alternative: bitbucket



Create your github repo

1. Create a github account if you haven't done so already
2. Create a new repository my website or any name you want
3. Push your code to this repo

Create a new repository

A repository contains all the files for your project, including the revision history.

Owner

 raynoldng

Repository name

/ my_website ✓

Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about [crispy-fiesta](#).

Description (optional)

1

2

```
git remote add origin
↩ <url>
git push -u origin
↩ master
```

Working with remotes

- remote repos are versions of your project that are hosted on the Internet (Github) or somewhere
- collaborating with others involves managing these remote repositories and pushing and pulling data between them

```

1. leafgecko@r-31-104-25-172: ~/E
→ my_website git:(master) X git remote -v
origin https://github.com/raynoldng/my_website.git (fetch)
origin https://github.com/raynoldng/my_website.git (push)
→ my_website git:(master) X git push origin master
Username for 'https://github.com': raynoldng
Password for 'https://raynoldng@github.com':
Counting objects: 3, done.
Delta compression using up to 4 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 1.11 KiB | 1.11 MiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
To https://github.com/raynoldng/my_website.git
 * [new branch]      master -> master
→ my_website git:(master) X

```

Fetching, Pushing and Pulling

- `git fetch <remote>`: goes to remote project and pulls down all the data from that remote project that you don't have yet
- `git pull <remote>`: fetch and merge that remote branch into your current branch
- `git push <remote> <branch>`: push branch to remote project, you need write permissions to that remote project

Cloning a repo

- `git clone` target an existing repo and create a clone, or copy of the target repository
- cloning automatically creates a remote connection called `origin` pointing back to the original repository

```
1. leafgecko@r-31-104-25-172: ~/Documents (zsh)
→ Documents git clone https://github.com/raynoldng/raynoldng.github.io.git
Cloning into 'raynoldng.github.io'...
remote: Counting objects: 643, done.
remote: Total 643 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 643
Receiving objects: 100% (643/643), 3.88 MiB | 1.21 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (182/182), done.
→ Documents
```

Forking a repo

- forking produces a personal copy of someone else's project
- acts as the bridge between original repository and your personal copy
- you can submit pull requests to help make other people's project better



Making a Pull Request

- mechanism for a developer to notify team members that they have completed a feature
- once feature is ready, the dev files a pull request via their Github account
- pull request is more than just a notification—it's a dedicated forum for discussing the proposed feature

The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request interface. At the top, the repository name is 'DeveloperLiberationFront / linux.minus.s.sharp'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Code', 'Issues 13', 'Pull requests 0', 'Wiki', 'Pulse', and 'Graphs'. The 'Pull requests' tab is selected. The main heading is 'Add New Features #22'. Below this, it says 'akofink merged 5 commits into master from JustinAMiddleton-NewFeatures 21 minutes ago'. There are buttons for 'Conversation 1', 'Commits 5', and 'Files changed 3'. A green progress bar shows '+188 -2'. A comment by JustinAMiddleton is visible: 'I added a few new features to the project that were proposed in issue #20. Documentation included.' Below the comment, a list of commits is shown: 'Add New Features', 'Create codebase2.txt', 'Update README.md', and 'Update codebase.txt'. On the right side, there are sections for 'Labels' (None yet), 'Milestone' (No milestone), and 'Assignee' (No one assigned). At the bottom right, there are navigation icons for the pull request.

Pair Activity

1. Learn one interesting fact about the person sitting next to you
2. Fork his/her project and create a branch `fun_facts` and add the fun fact under the About Me section
3. Create a pull request
4. Accept your neighbor's pull request

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How merge conflicts occur

- when merging, git tries to figure out how to integrate changes
- sometimes, git needs human help, especially, when two branches touch the same file
- git will mark problematic areas, you will not be able to commit once you resolve them
- you can use dedicated merge tools: e.g. DiffMerge

```
there is some random text
<<<<<< HEAD
insert stuff, there is some random text
insert stuff, there is some random text
insert stuff, there is some random text
insert stuff, there is some random text
=====
there is some random text, with a wise saying
there is some random text, with a wise saying
there is some random text, with a wise saying
there is some random text
>>>>>> test

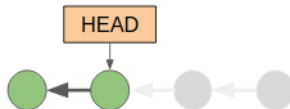
there is some even more random text
there is some even more random text
```

Resetting, Checking out and Reverting

- reset, checkout and revert allow you to undo some change to your repo
- reset: takes a specified commit and resets to match the state of repo at that specific commit
- checkout: moves the HEAD ref pointer to a specific commit
- revert: undo a commit by creating a new commit

Reset a specific commit

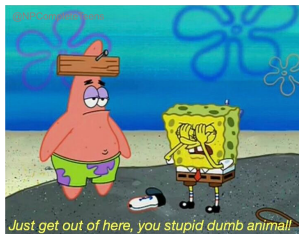
- resetting is a way to move the tip of branch to a different commit
- `git reset` is a simple way to undo changes that haven't been shared by others
- `git reset HEAD~2`
- orphaned commits will be deleted next time git does a garbage collection



reset options

- `--soft`: undo commit and put files back onto stage
- `--mixed`: staged snapshot updated to match specified commit, but working directory not affected (default)
- `--hard`: undo the last commit, unstage files and undo and changes in the working directory

When your code is so fucked up you have to hit it with the `"git reset --hard HEAD"`



Checkout old commits

- `git checkout`: used to update the state of the repository to a specific point in the projects history
- useful for quickly inspecting an old version of your project
- detached HEAD: no branch reference to HEAD, no way to access new commits if you commit them. So always create a new branch before adding commits

Nifty Tricks: bisect

- git bisect does a binary search through your commit history to help you identify the commit that caused the issue

- 1 `git bisect start`
- 2 `git bisect good <commit>`
- 3 `git bisect bad <commit>`

```
test@julius-ThinkPad-X220:~/Desktop/my_website$ git bisect start
test@julius-ThinkPad-X220:~/Desktop/my_website$ git bisect good c56b131f89
test@julius-ThinkPad-X220:~/Desktop/my_website$ git bisect bad bisect
Bisecting: 3 revisions left to test after this (roughly 2 steps)
[37863b51633470bd07e898329d34ec106a5f35a6] add new paragraph
test@julius-ThinkPad-X220:~/Desktop/my_website$ git bisect bad
Bisecting: 1 revision left to test after this (roughly 1 step)
[cd16d5a3b2d296381c766ba46facc5bc7b4d7bde] add new paragraph
test@julius-ThinkPad-X220:~/Desktop/my_website$ git bisect good
Bisecting: 0 revisions left to test after this (roughly 0 steps)
[f2db3895f82c8f745e83fb11e38015d9f2bd70ce] add new paragraph
test@julius-ThinkPad-X220:~/Desktop/my_website$ git bisect bad
f2db3895f82c8f745e83fb11e38015d9f2bd70ce is the first bad commit
commit f2db3895f82c8f745e83fb11e38015d9f2bd70ce
Author: Raynold Ng <raynold.ng24@gmail.com>
Date: Sat Sep 8 09:34:56 2018 +0800
```

add new paragraph

Undoing public commits with revert

- reverting undoes a commit by creating a new commit
- safe way to undo changes as it will not rewrite commit history
- `git revert HEAD~2`



git checkout file

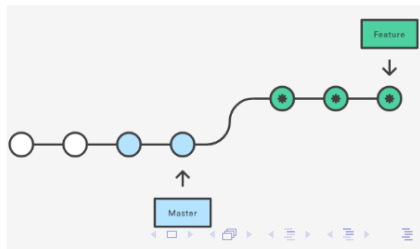
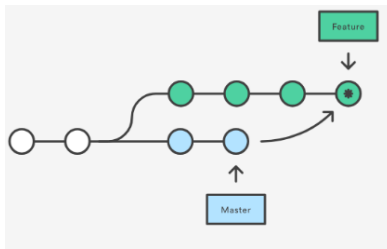
- checking out a file similar to `git reset` with a file path, except it updates working directory instead of the stage
- it does not move the HEAD reference, so you won't switch branches

tl;dr

Command	Scope	Common Use Cases
git reset	commit level	discard commits in a private branch or throw away uncommitted changes
git reset	file level	unstage a file
git checkout	commit level	switch between branches/old snapshots
git revert	commit level	undo commits on public branch

Rebasing

- rebase solves the same problem as git merge, both are designed to integrate changes from one branch to another
- rebasing doesn't have the extraneous merge commit which can pollute your branch history if you are doing a lot of merges
- rebasing moves the entire branch to begin on the tip of master branch, incorporating all the new commits in master



Interactive Rebasing

1 `git checkout feature`

2 `git rebase -i master`

```
test@julius-ThinkPad-X220: ~/Desktop/my_website
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pick 0e43f78 now: interact
pick 0da692e now: done

# Rebase cc20c6a..0da692e onto cc20c6a (2 commands)
#
# Commands:
# p, pick = use commit
# r, reword = use commit, but edit the commit message
# e, edit = use commit, but stop for amending
# s, squash = use commit, but meld into previous commit
# f, fixup = like "squash", but discard this commit's log message
# x, exec = run command (the rest of the line) using shell
# d, drop = remove commit

# These lines can be re-ordered; they are executed from top to bottom.
#
# If you remove a line here THAT COMMIT WILL BE LOST.
#
# However, if you remove everything, the rebase will be aborted.
#
# Note that empty commits are commented out
```

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We have covered:

- setting up a repository
- saving changes
- undoing changes
- inspecting and rewriting history
- collaborating online

What is next?

Some things we didn't cover:

- Cherry picking
- git wrappers: sourcetree, magit, smartgit

Talk to us!

- **Feedback form:** <https://tinyurl.com/hs2018-git>
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 - Git
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 - Introduction to ES6