In this chapter, we will see how to create a remote Git repository; from now on, we will refer to it as Git Server. We need a Git server to allow team collaboration.

Create New User

# add new group

[root@CentOS ~]# groupadd dev

# add new user

[root@CentOS ~]# useradd -G devs -d /home/gituser -m -s /bin/bash gituser

# change password

[root@CentOS ~]# passwd gituser

The above command will produce the following result.

Changing password for user gituser.

New password:

Retype new password:

passwd: all authentication token updated successfully.

Create a Bare Repository

Let us initialize a new repository by using **init** command followed by **--bare** option. It initializes the repository without a working directory. By convention, the bare repository must be named as **.git**.

[gituser@CentOS ~]$ pwd

/home/gituser

[gituser@CentOS ~]$ mkdir project.git

[gituser@CentOS ~]$ cd project.git/

[gituser@CentOS project.git]$ ls

[gituser@CentOS project.git]$ git --bare init

Initialized empty Git repository in /home/gituser-m/project.git/

[gituser@CentOS project.git]$ ls

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Generate Public/Private RSA Key Pair

Let us walk through the process of configuring a Git server, **ssh-keygen** utility generates public/private RSA key pair, that we will use for user authentication.

Open a terminal and enter the following command and just press enter for each input. After successful completion, it will create a **.ssh** directory inside the home directory.

tom@CentOS ~]$ pwd

/home/tom

[tom@CentOS ~]$ ssh-keygen

The above command will produce the following result.

Generating public/private rsa key pair.

Enter file in which to save the key (/home/tom/.ssh/id\_rsa): **Press Enter Only**

Created directory '/home/tom/.ssh'.

Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase): **---------------> Press Enter Only**

Enter same passphrase again: **------------------------------> Press Enter Only**

Your identification has been saved in /home/tom/.ssh/id\_rsa.

Your public key has been saved in /home/tom/.ssh/id\_rsa.pub.

The key fingerprint is:

df:93:8c:a1:b8:b7:67:69:3a:1f:65:e8:0e:e9:25:a1 tom@CentOS

The key's randomart image is:

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**ssh-keygen** has generated two keys, first one is private (i.e., id\_rsa) and the second one is public (i.e., id\_rsa.pub).

**Note:** Never share your PRIVATE KEY with others.

Adding Keys to authorized\_keys

Suppose there are two developers working on a project, namely Tom and Jerry. Both users have generated public keys. Let us see how to use these keys for authentication.

Tom added his public key to the server by using **ssh-copy-id** command as given below −

[tom@CentOS ~]$ pwd

/home/tom

[tom@CentOS ~]$ ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id\_rsa.pub gituser@git.server.com

The above command will produce the following result.

gituser@git.server.com's password:

Now try logging into the machine, with "ssh 'gituser@git.server.com'", and check in:

.ssh/authorized\_keys

to make sure we haven't added extra keys that you weren't expecting.

Similarly, Jerry added his public key to the server by using ssh-copy-id command.

[jerry@CentOS ~]$ pwd

/home/jerry

[jerry@CentOS ~]$ ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id\_rsa gituser@git.server.com

The above command will produce the following result.

gituser@git.server.com's password:

Now try logging into the machine, with "ssh 'gituser@git.server.com'", and check in:

.ssh/authorized\_keys

to make sure we haven't added extra keys that you weren't expecting.

Push Changes to the Repository

We have created a bare repository on the server and allowed access for two users. From now on, Tom and Jerry can push their changes to the repository by adding it as a remote.

Git init command creates **.git** directory to store metadata about the repository every time it reads the configuration from the **.git/config** file.

Tom creates a new directory, adds README file, and commits his change as initial commit. After commit, he verifies the commit message by running the **git log** command.

[tom@CentOS ~]$ pwd

/home/tom

[tom@CentOS ~]$ mkdir tom\_repo

[tom@CentOS ~]$ cd tom\_repo/

[tom@CentOS tom\_repo]$ git init

Initialized empty Git repository in /home/tom/tom\_repo/.git/

[tom@CentOS tom\_repo]$ echo 'TODO: Add contents for README' > README

[tom@CentOS tom\_repo]$ git status -s

?? README

[tom@CentOS tom\_repo]$ git add .

[tom@CentOS tom\_repo]$ git status -s

A README

[tom@CentOS tom\_repo]$ git commit -m 'Initial commit'

The above command will produce the following result.

[master (root-commit) 19ae206] Initial commit

1 files changed, 1 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)

create mode 100644 README

Tom checks the log message by executing the git log command.

[tom@CentOS tom\_repo]$ git log

The above command will produce the following result.

commit 19ae20683fc460db7d127cf201a1429523b0e319

Author: Tom Cat <tom@tutorialspoint.com>

Date: Wed Sep 11 07:32:56 2013 +0530

Initial commit

Tom committed his changes to the local repository. Now, it’s time to push the changes to the remote repository. But before that, we have to add the repository as a remote, this is a one-time operation. After this, he can safely push the changes to the remote repository.

**Note** − By default, Git pushes only to matching branches: For every branch that exists on the local side, the remote side is updated if a branch with the same name already exists there. In our tutorials, every time we push changes to the **origin master** branch, use appropriate branch name according to your requirement.

[tom@CentOS tom\_repo]$ git remote add origin gituser@git.server.com:project.git

[tom@CentOS tom\_repo]$ git push origin master

The above command will produce the following result.

Counting objects: 3, done.

Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 242 bytes, done.

Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)

To gituser@git.server.com:project.git

\* [new branch]

master −> master

Now, the changes are successfully committed to the remote repository.

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