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Motivation

Job perspective in the field of ADAS & AD

- Tense market situation (job market)
- This makes it more important to fulfill the requirement profiles

- Requirements:
  - Programming (Python, C, C++, MATLAB, …)
  - Libraries/Tools (Numpy, Pandas, PyTorch, Scikit, …)
  - Sensor knowledge (Camera, RADAR, LiDAR, Fieldbus, …)
  - Machine Learning (Mathematics)
  - Visualization (Tableau, plotly, matplotlib, …)
  - Agile processes
  - Docker
  - Often Linux knowledge

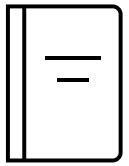
Agenda

Theory

1. Programming – Python3
2. Software versioning

Practical demo

1. Getting ready
2. Git & Python basics
3. Real world example



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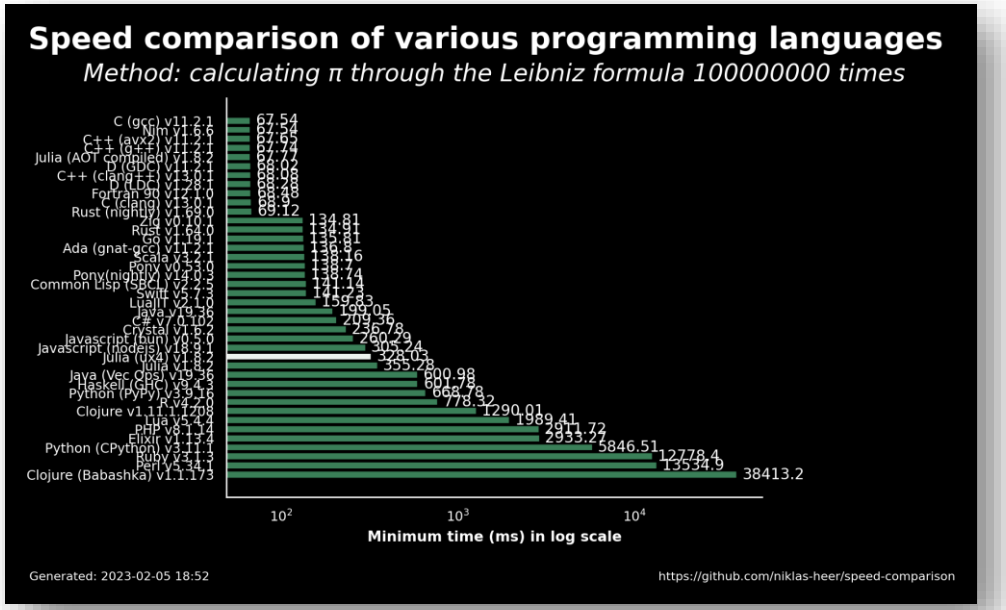
1. Programming – Python3

- Developed 1991 by Guido van Rossum
- Easy to learn high-level programming language
- Good readable due to indentation
- High impact in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence
- Open Source which is predominant in AI-research
- Large number of standard libraries available (Pandas, NumPy, PyTorch, …)
- Large community
- Object-orientated
- GUI programming possible
- Runs on any platform (Linux, Windows, Mac, …)
- Several IDEs available

1. Programming – Python3

- Python is an interpreted language
- Python has no variable declaration
- Python is - relatively - slow in terms of computational speed
- Compared to other interpreted languages, there is no JIT-optimizer
- Optimized versions available (PyPy):
  - PyPy translates Python code into machine code while the program is running
  - PyPy tracks which parts of the code are used often (called hot loops) and compiles them into fast machine code
  - It also optimizes memory usage and performs smart object allocation to reduce overhead
  - PyPy has a more modern garbage collector, which often leads to better performance in memory-intensive programs
- However, Python is very well suited for rapid development!



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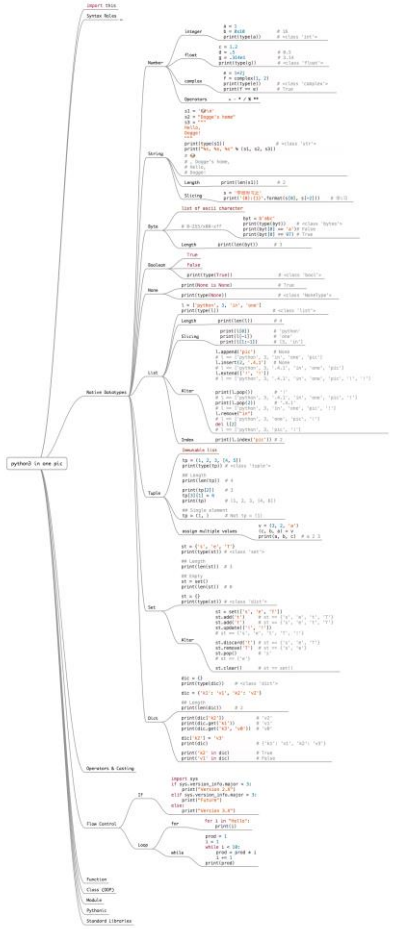
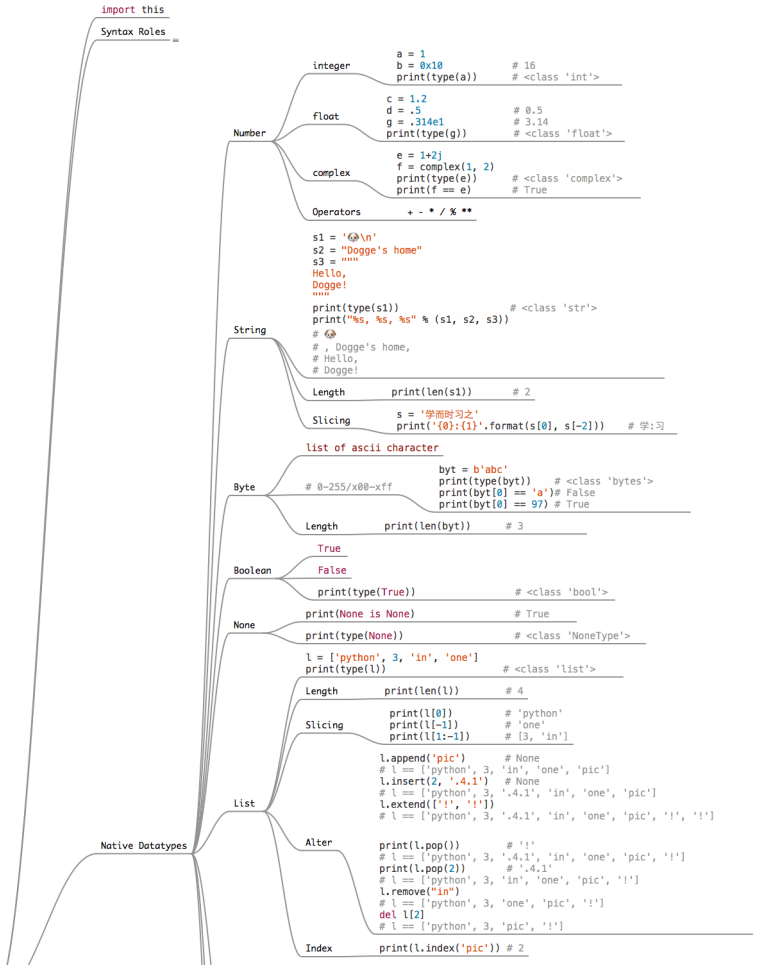
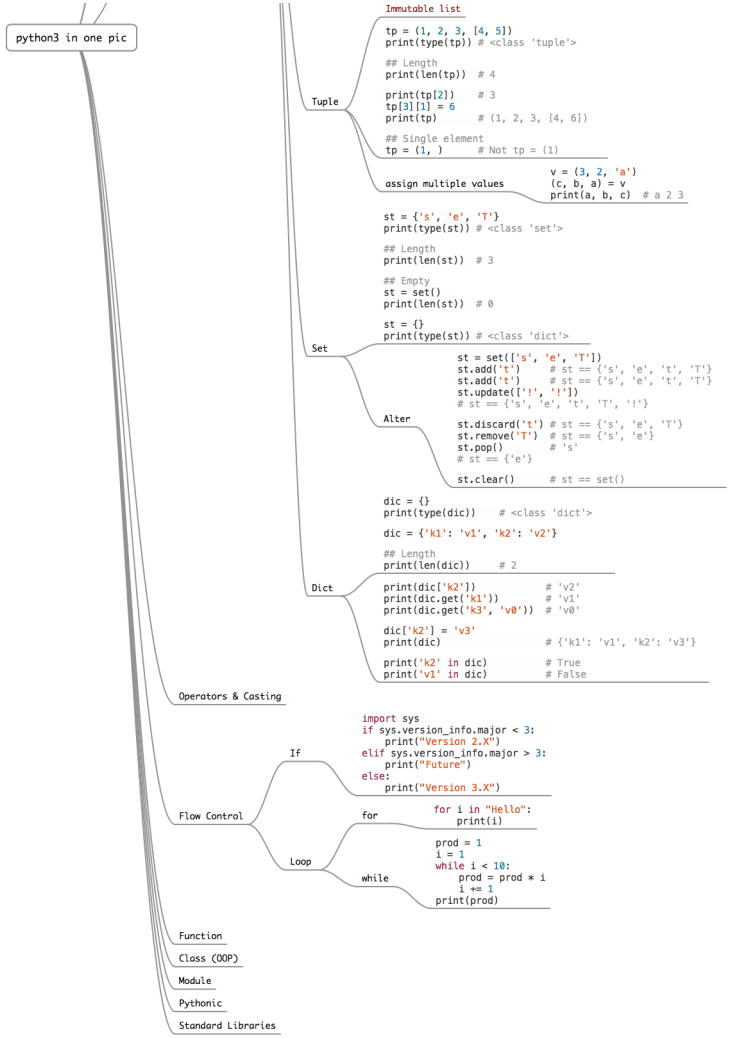
- Python in one graph







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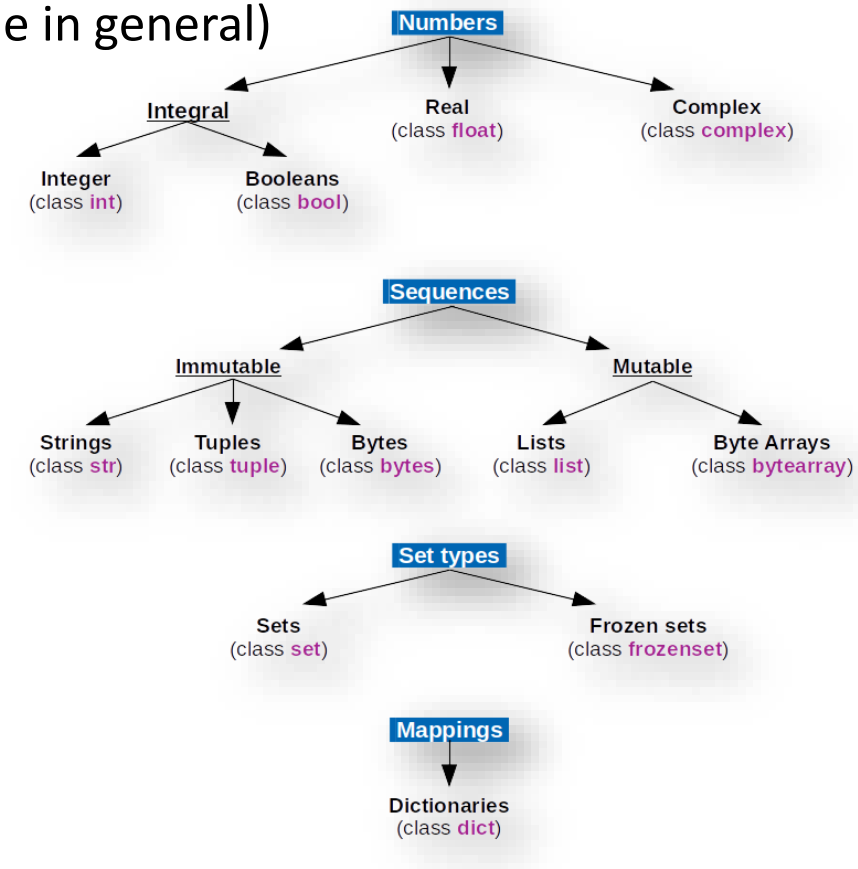
- Use variables without declaring them
- Associativity: Left to right
- Call by “object reference” (neither call by reference, nor call by value in general)
- Do not have to deal with dereference etc. (compare to C/C++)

- Data types can be classified into:
  - Numbers
  - Sequences
  - Sets
  - Mappings

- Classes



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Sequences

- Stores multiple numbers within one data sequence ($\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$)
  - Time series data for instance
  - time = [0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5]

- Tuple: tup = (1, 2, 3)
- List: lis = [1, 2, 3]

- Various in-build methods available
  - append, pop, remove, del, index, …

- Lists of list also possible ($\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$)
  - Greyscale image
  - img = [[1, 2, 3], [1, 2, 3], [1, 2, 3]]

```
## Lists
l = [1, '2', str(3), 4+1j, 55e-10] # pos: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4

# Length of a list (elements)
len(l)

# Slicing (access areas)
l[0] # first element, compare to position
l[-1] # last element (- operator equals to "from end")
l[1:4] # slice over an area within l

# Appending elements to list
l.append('sixth')
# Appending list to list
l.extend([7,8])

# Remove values
l.pop() # Pops last element
l.pop(2) # Pops third element (from start)
l.remove('sixth') # Remove element by specific key
del l[0]

# Get index (position) of specific value
l.index(55e-10)
```

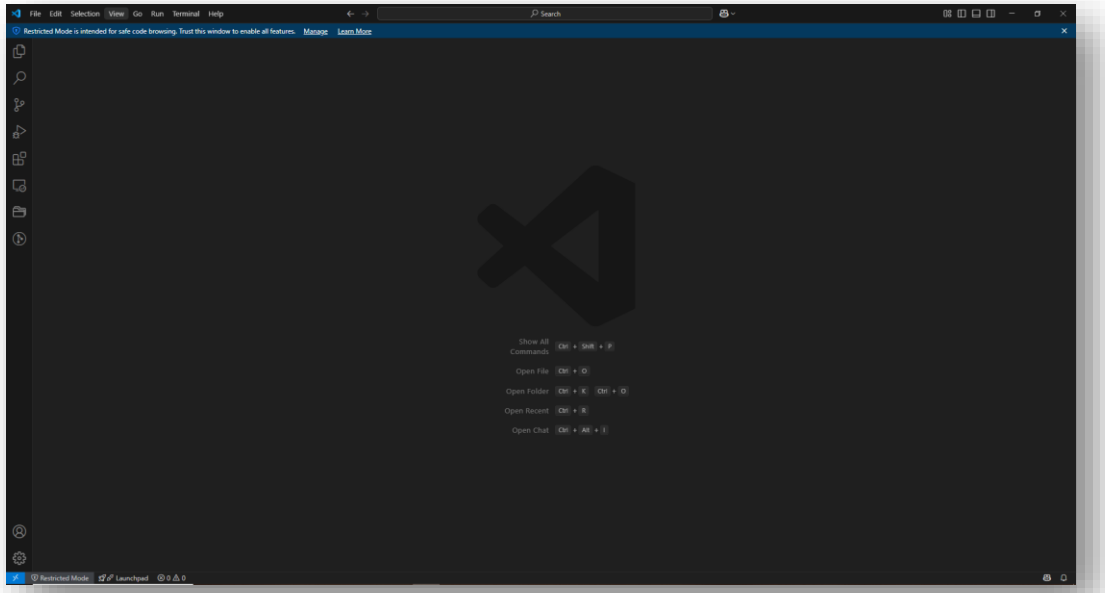
1. Programming – Python3

What to do with Python code?

- Python 3.10 sufficient for the course
- PIP is the package installer for Python
- Virtual environments (venv) are often used to handle dependencies in different projects

Where to code?

- Microsoft Visual Studio code (Click)
- PyCharm (free, pro-version for students available)
- Jupyter Notebook / Anaconda



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PEP - Python Enhancement Proposals

- PEPs are design documents providing information and guidelines for Python's development and community.
- They propose new features, clarify design issues, and serve as reference points for Python's evolution.

PEP 8 - Style Guide for Python Code

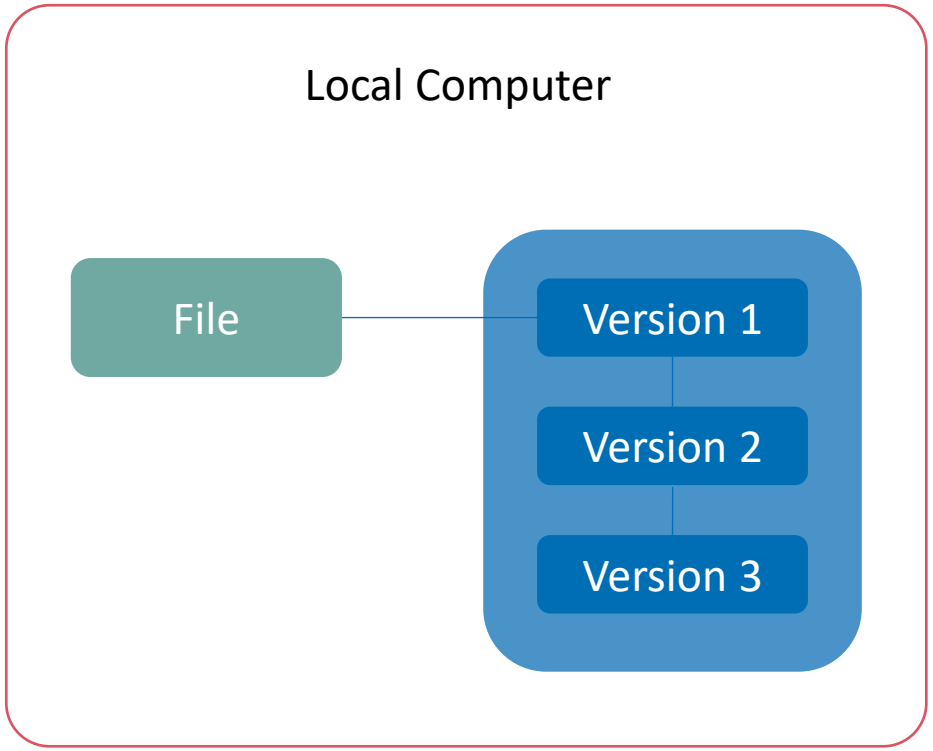
- Sets conventions for writing clear, consistent, and readable Python code
- Promotes collaboration by making code easier to share and maintain
- Covers naming conventions, indentation, spacing, comments, and more
- Following PEP 8 ensures code quality and minimizes errors in collaborative environments.

2. Software versioning

- To have control over existing software versions, a Version Control System (VCS) is required
- VCS track changes and differentiate between multiple stages/versions
- Control different branches of your software project
- Tagging of „final“ (release) versions
- GitHub, GitLab, Gitea, Bitbucket, SVN, …

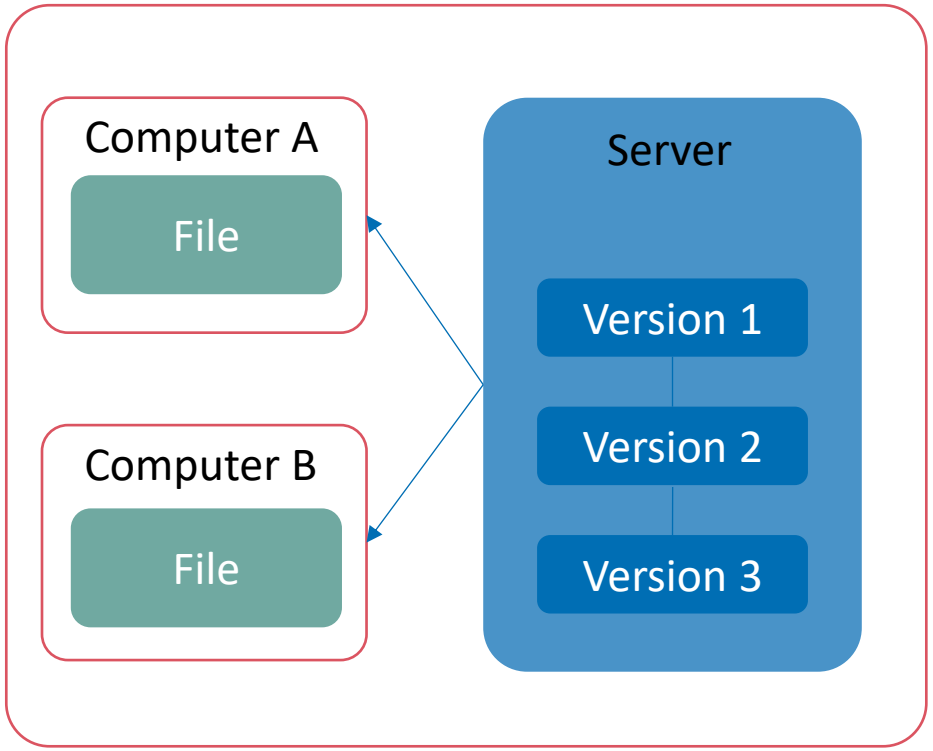
Local VCS

- RCS (Revision Control System) is an early version control tool still available on many systems
- It stores differences (patch sets) between file versions rather than full copies
- Files can be reconstructed at any point by applying the stored patches in sequence



Centralized VCS

- Centralized Version Control Systems (CVCS) use a single central server to manage versioned files, with clients checking files out from that server
- Enables team collaboration, visibility into others' work, and centralized access control for administrators
- Single point of failure: if the server goes down or is corrupted, no one can collaborate or save changes
- Without proper backups, the entire project history can be lost, similar to local VCS systems



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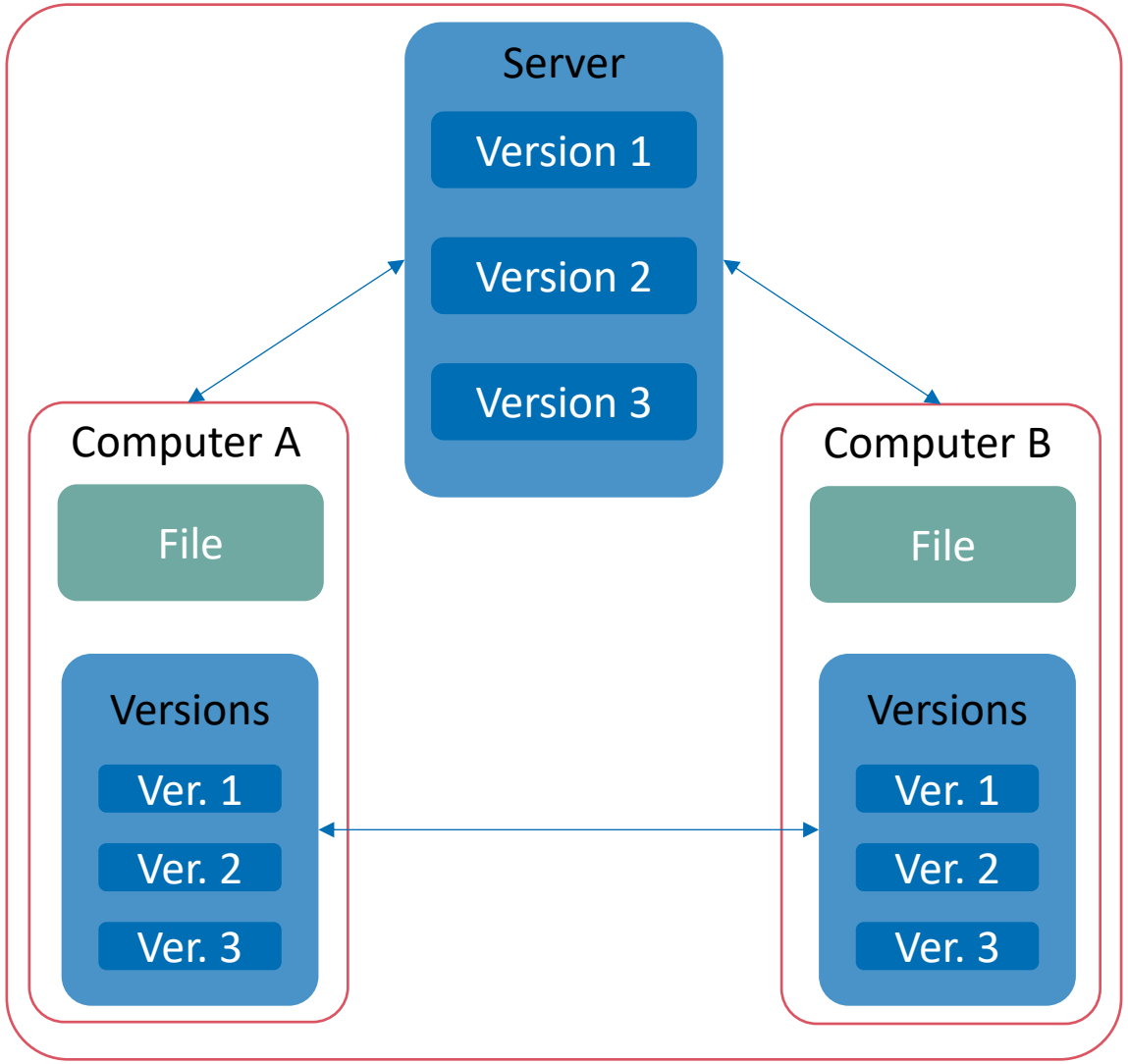
Distributed VCS

- Distributed Version Control Systems (DVCS) like Git mirror the entire repository to each client
- Every clone is a full backup, so if a server fails, it can be restored from any client
- Supports multiple remote repositories, enabling flexible and simultaneous collaboration
- Allows advanced workflows (e.g., hierarchical models) not possible with centralized systems



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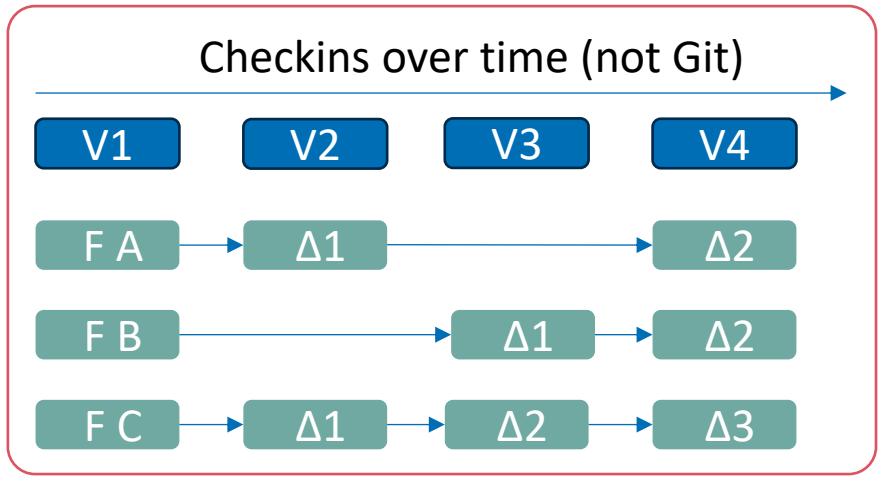
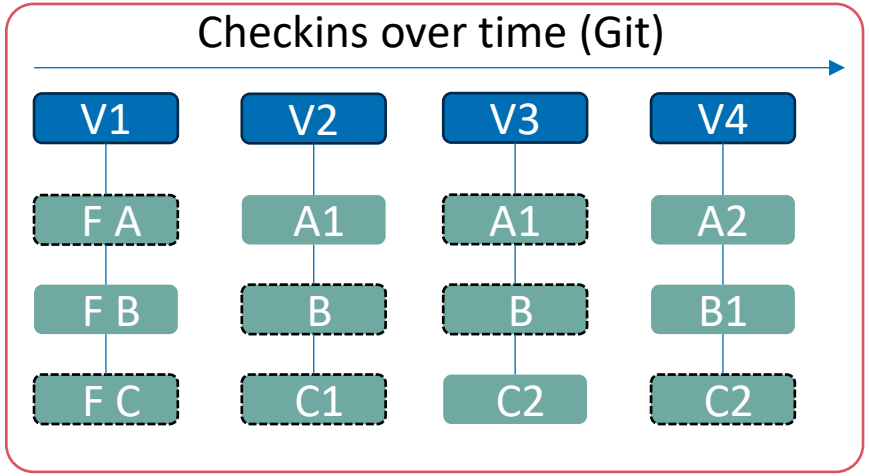
Git

- Developed in 2005 by Linus Torvalds
- Very performant, widely used
- Supports decentralized collaboration



- Most VCS tools (like Subversion, CVS, Perforce) store data as a series of file-based changes over time
- Git stores data as snapshots of the entire project at each commit - like a miniature filesystem
- If a file hasn't changed, Git simply links to the previous version instead of storing it again
- Git treats project history as a stream of snapshots, not a sequence of diffs



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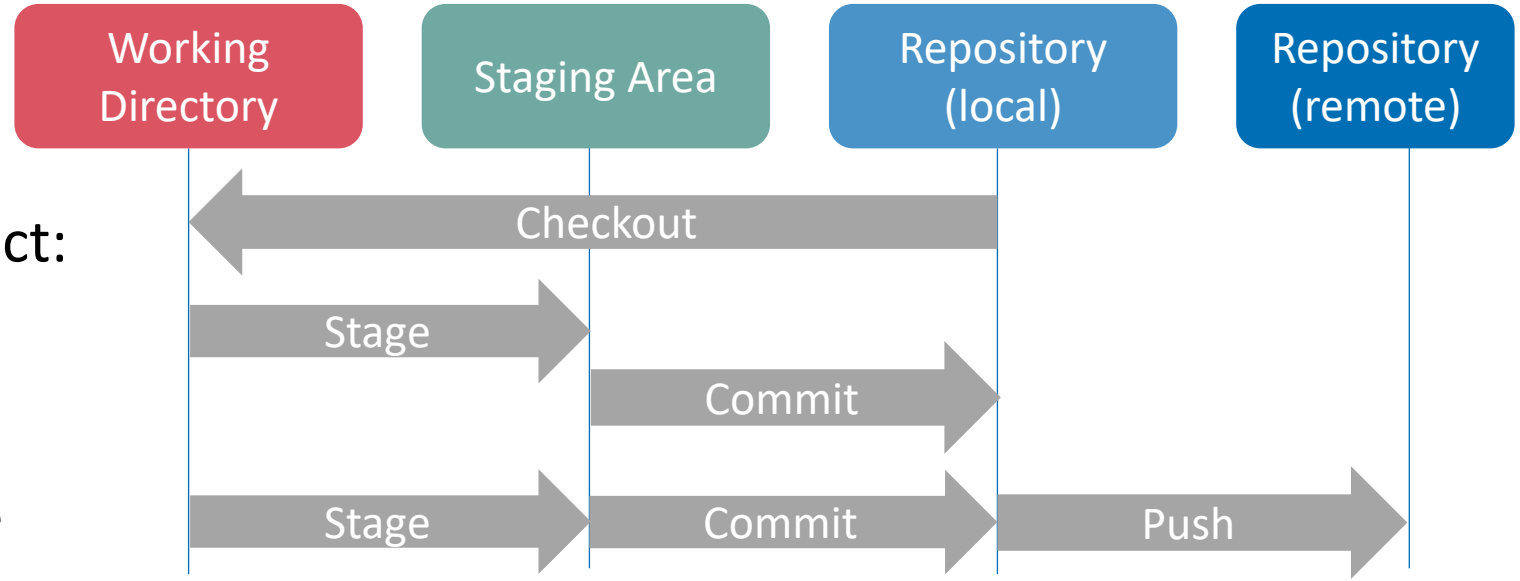
Git workflow – Three steps to maintain:

1. Modify files (working directory)
2. Stage changes (`git add`)
3. Commit snapshot (`git commit`)



Three main sections of a Git project:

1. Git directory – stores all metadata & objects
2. Working directory – files, pulled from the Git directory
3. Staging area (index) – snapshot of what will be committed next

Working with Git

1. Once a repository is initialized or pulled, git status shows the status of the files

```
Daniel.Schneider@IFMNB47 MINGW64 ~/Documents/ADAS
$ git clone https://github.com/schneider-daniel/SEM25-python
Cloning into 'SEM25-python'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 20, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (20/20), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (16/16), done.
remote: Total 20 (delta 4), reused 15 (delta 3), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
Receiving objects: 100% (20/20), 804.80 KiB | 5.92 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (4/4), done.
```

Status of the files

Actual branch

```
$ git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.

nothing to commit, working tree clean
```

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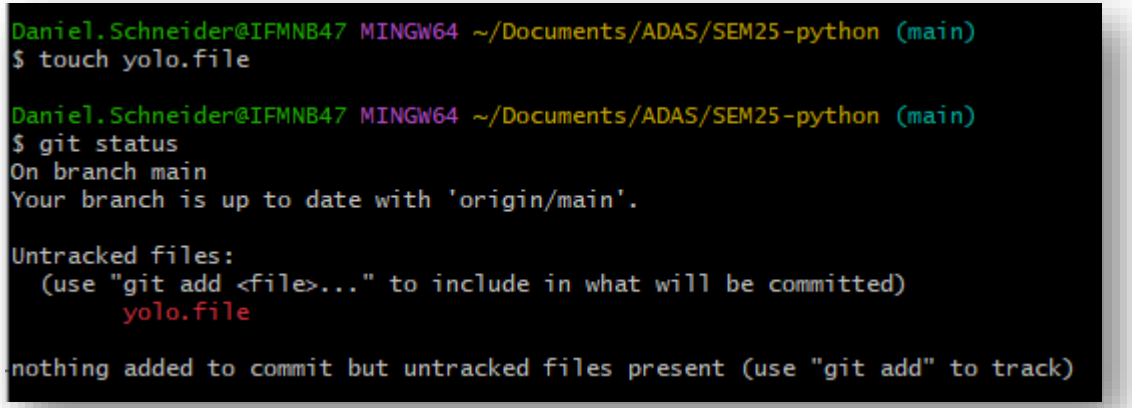
Working with Git

1. Once a repository is initialized or pulled, git status shows the status of the files
2. Adding a new file changes the status
    1. `touch yolo.file`
    2. `git status`
3. The added file is untracked, Git sees it as a new file that wasn't in the last commit (snapshot)
4. Git won't include untracked files in commits unless you explicitly add them
5. This prevents accidentally committing things like build artifacts or temporary files.
6. To start tracking a file write
    1. `git add yolo.file`



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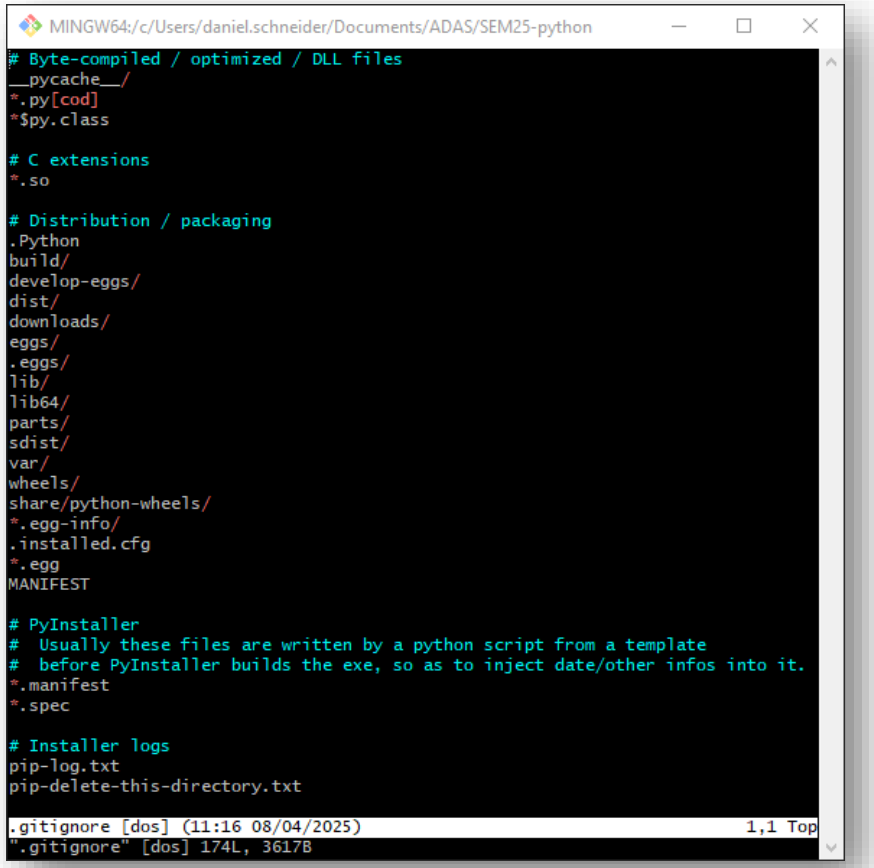
Working with Git

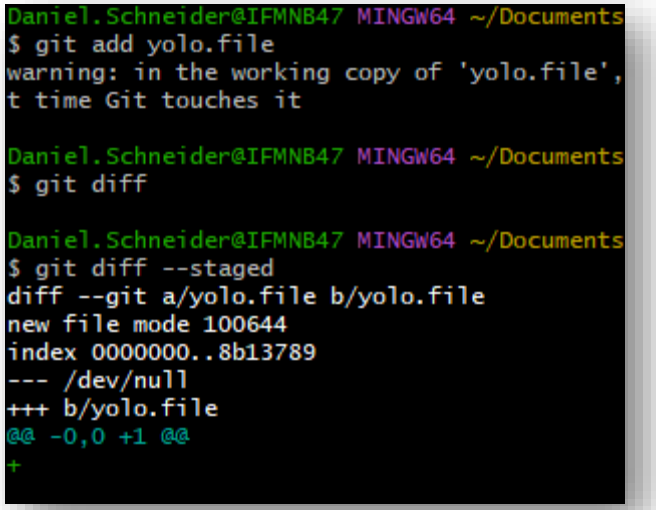
1. Ignoring files and directories can be done via .gitignore file
2. Either generic extensions, files, or directories can be ignored for the staging

```
# a comment - this is ignored
*.a # no .a files
!lib.a # but do track lib.a, even though you're ignoring .a files above
/TODO # only ignore the root TODO file, not subdir/TODO
build/ # ignore all files in the build/ directory
doc/*.txt # ignore doc/notes.txt, but not doc/server/arch
```



Working with Git

1. `git status` shows which files have been modified or staged, but not what exactly changed.
2. To see detailed changes:
3. Use `git diff` to view unstaged changes (what you've modified but not yet staged).
4. Use `git diff --staged` (or `--cached`) to view staged changes (what will be committed).



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1. Git commit stages files (added via git add) in a commit.
2. Unstaged changes remain on disk and will not be committed.
3. To commit staged changes:

```
git commit –m “commit message”
```

```
Daniel.Schneider@IFMNB47 MINGW64 ~/Documents/ADAS/SEM25-python (main)
$ git commit -m "added yolo.file"
[main ca4edec] added yolo.file
 1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
 create mode 100644 yolo.file
```

Working with Git

- To remove a file from Git, you must remove it from your tracked files (more accurately, remove it from your staging area) and then commit
- To do so, use:

```
git rm yolo.file

git commit –m „removed yolo.file“
```

- If a file is already staged (added) and you want to remove it, you must force removal:

```
git rm -f <filename>
```

- This protects against accidentally removing uncommitted work
- To stop tracking a file but keep it on disk, use:

```
git rm --cached <filename>
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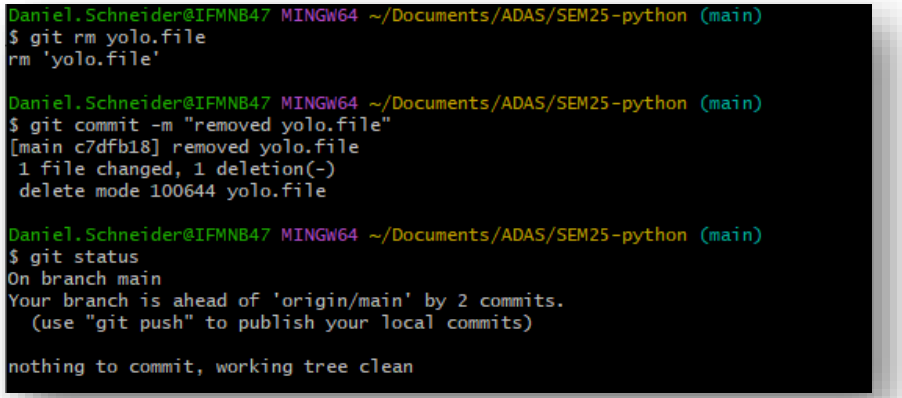


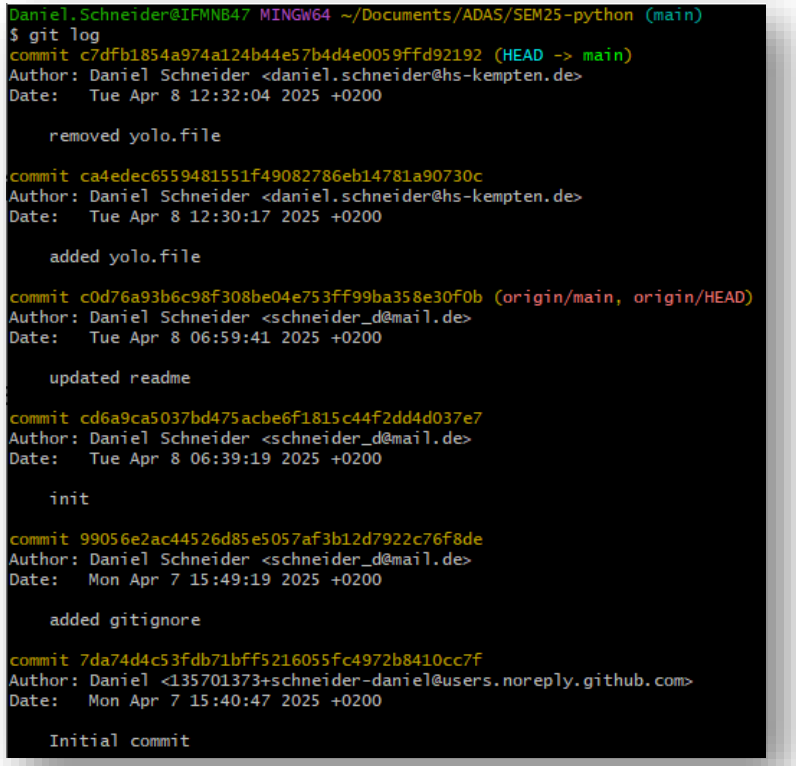
Working with Git

- Git does not track renames explicitly—it detects them by comparing file content between commits
- The `git mv` command is a convenience tool that:
  - Renames the file on disk
  - Stages the deletion of the old file and addition of the new one in one step

Working with Git

- After making commits or cloning a repo, use git log to view the project's history `git log` shows:
  - Commit ID (SHA)
  - Author
  - Date
  - Commit message

- Useful for reviewing who changed what, and when



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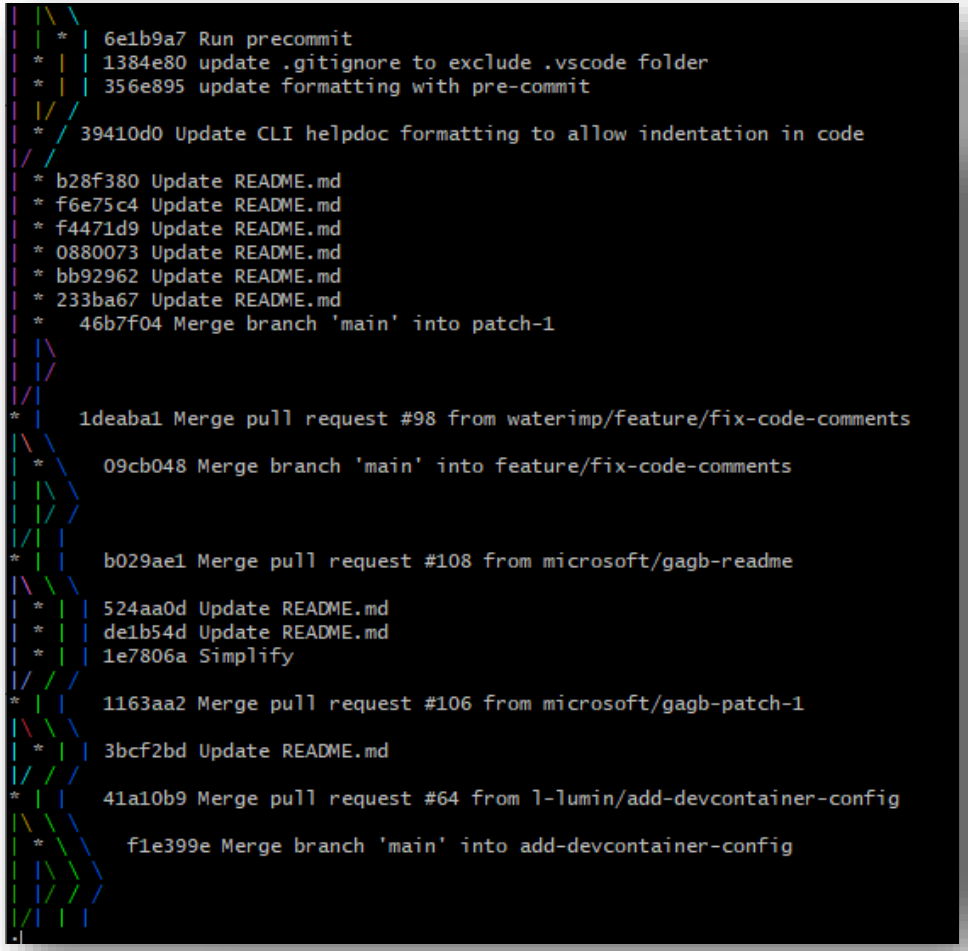

Working with Git

- Undoing the last commit with `--amend`
- If you committed too early or made a mistake in your message or files, use:

```
git commit --amend
```

- This lets you:
  - Edit the commit message
  - Add new staged changes to the last commit
- It replaces the previous commit with a new one — the old commit is discarded

- If you accidentally staged multiple files and want to commit them separately, you can unstage specific files

```
git restore --staged <filename>
```

- This removes the file from the staging area but keeps your changes in the working directory

Working with Git

- If you've modified a file but don't want to keep the changes, you can revert it to the last committed version.

- Use this command to discard unstaged changes:

```
git checkout -- <filename>  # or
git restore <filename>  # in newer versions
```

- This resets the file to match the last commit
- Changes will be lost, so use with caution!

Working with Git remotely

- If you've cloned a repository from a remote branch, you can check its addresses easily using `git remote -v`

```
Daniel.Schneider@IFMNB47 MINGW64 ~/Documents/ADAS/SEM25-python (main)
$ git remote -v
origin  https://github.com/schneider-daniel/SEM25-python (fetch)
origin  https://github.com/schneider-daniel/SEM25-python (push)
```

- If there are multiple contributors, different remotes are existing:

```
$ git remote -v
bakkdoor  https://github.com/bakkdoor/grit (fetch)
bakkdoor  https://github.com/bakkdoor/grit (push)
cho45     https://github.com/cho45/grit (fetch)
cho45     https://github.com/cho45/grit (push)
defunkt   https://github.com/defunkt/grit (fetch)
defunkt   https://github.com/defunkt/grit (push)
koke      git://github.com/koke/grit.git (fetch)
koke      git://github.com/koke/grit.git (push)
origin    git@github.com:mojombo/grit.git (fetch)
origin    git@github.com:mojombo/grit.git (push)
```

Working with Git remotely

- Using `git fetch <remote>` downloads new data (commits) from the remote
- Does not update your current branch or files!
- Safe way to review changes before integrating

Use `git fetch` when:

- You want to see what changed before merging.
- You're working in a review-before-merge workflow

- Using `git pull <remote>` is equivalent to: `git fetch` + `git merge`
- Downloads changes from the remote and merges them into your current branch
- Useful when your branch is set to track a remote branch
- The remote is automatically named origin
- Your local master branch is set to track the remote one

Use `git pull` when

- You're ready to sync your local branch with the latest remote updates

Working with Git remotely

- Using `git push <remote-name> <branch-name>` sends your commits from the local branch to the corresponding remote branch
- Common default:
  - origin = the remote repo you cloned from
  - master (or main) = the default branch
- You must have write-access to the remote
- If someone else has pushed before you:
  - Your push will be rejected
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Working with Git remotely

- Tags mark important points in your project's history. Typically used to mark release versions (e.g., v1.0, v2.1.3)
- Two main types of tags:
  - Lightweight tags – like a bookmark. It's just a name pointing to a commit
  - Annotated tags – stored as full Git objects with metadata (tagger name, date, message)
- Create a lightweight tag:

```
git tag v1.0
```

- Create an annotated tag:

```
git tag -a v1.0 -m "Version 1.0 release“
```

- List tags of the remote repository

```
git tag
```

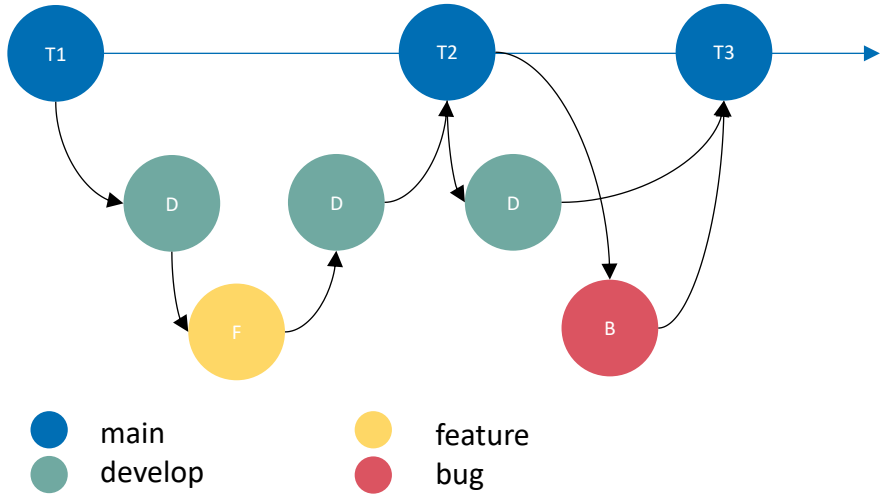
- Push tags to remote:

```
git push origin <tagname>
```

```
git push origin --tags
```

Branching in Git

- Branching = working on different features or ideas without affecting the main codebase
- In many VCSs, branching is slow and resource-heavy (creates full copies of the project)
- Git's branching is:
  - Lightweight – branches are just pointers to commits
  - Fast – creating or switching branches is nearly instant
- Git makes frequent branching and merging easy, even multiple times per day
- This encourages flexible, experimental workflows:
  - Feature development
  - Bug fixing
  - Testing alternative ideas



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Branching in Git

- Create a new branch with

  `git branch <branch-name>`

- Example:

  `git branch testing`

```
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$ git branch testing

Daniel.Schneider@IFMNB47 MINGW64 ~/Documents/ADAS/SEM25-python (main)
$ git log --oneline --decorate
c7dfb18 (HEAD -> main, testing) removed yolo.file
ca4edec added yolo.file
c0d76a9 (origin/main, origin/HEAD) updated readme
cd6a9ca init
99056e2 added gitignore
7da74d4 Initial commit
```

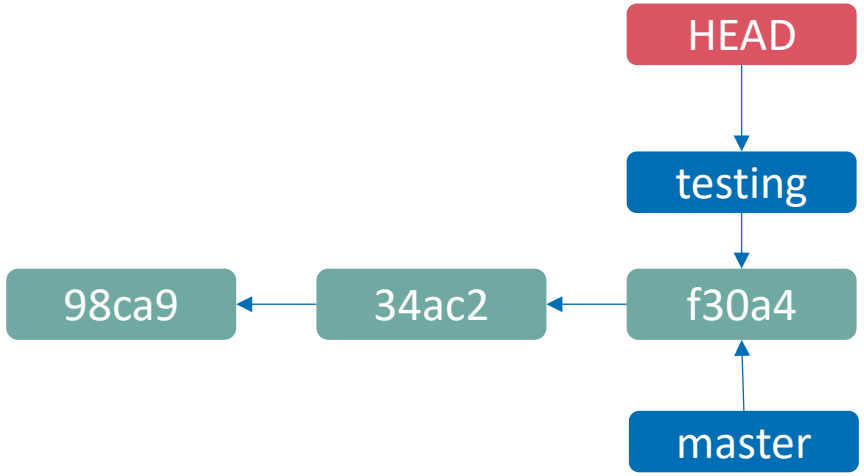
- This creates a pointer to the current commit but does not switch to it
- Git tracks your current branch using a special pointer called HEAD
- To see where branches point:

  `git log --oneline --decorate`

- It shows testing and master pointing to the same commit
- To switch to the new branch:

  `git checkout testing`

  `git switch testing`



Branching in Git

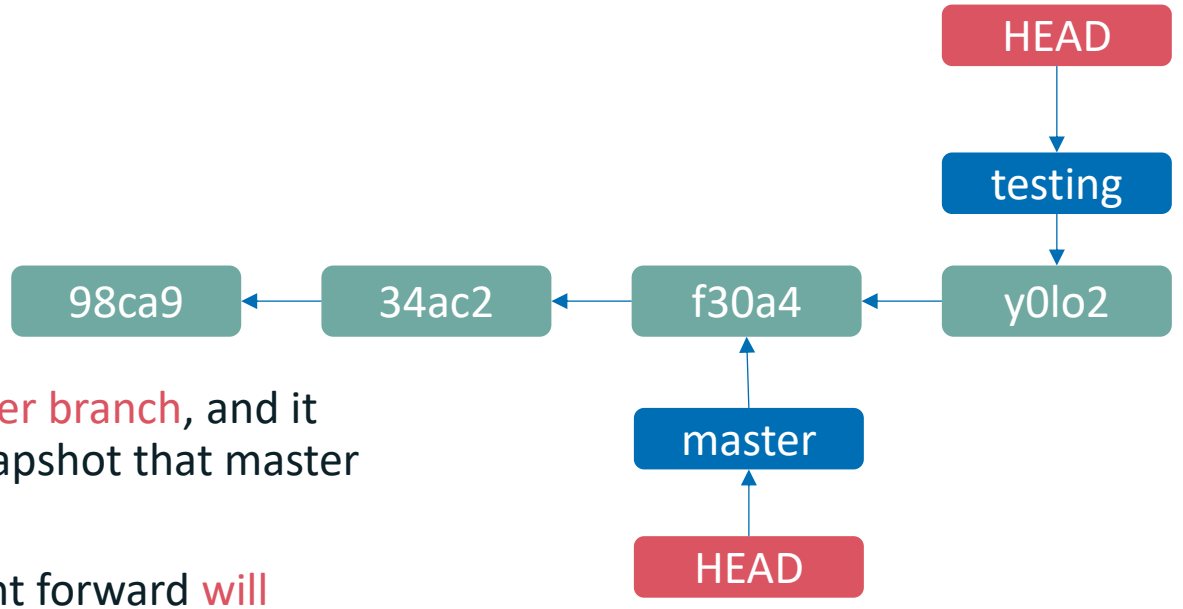
- Adding a test case in the testing branch and staging it

```
git add test.file
git commit –m „added test.file“
```

- The master branch points still to f30a4!

```
git switch master
```

SWITCHING BRANCHES CHANGES FILES IN YOUR WORKING DIRECTORY!



- It moved the HEAD pointer back to point to the master branch, and it reverted the files in your working directory to the snapshot that master points to
- This also means the changes you make from this point forward will diverge from an older version of the project. It essentially rewinds the work you've done in your testing branch

Branching in Git – A real world example

Situation:

- Working as a software developer on the field of AD
- Do work on a perception program and create a new branch for the feature-development (`feature_optical_flow (FO)`)
- During this, an issue came up and requires a hotfix immediately

Approach:

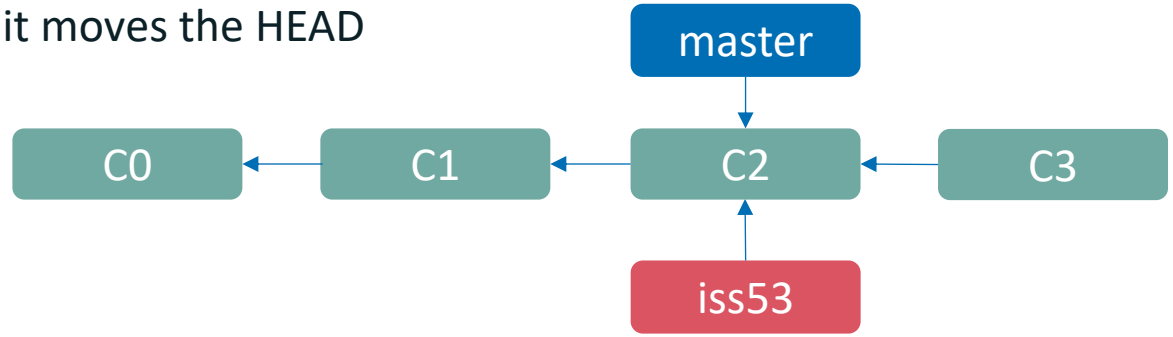
- Switch to your production branch (`master`)
- Create a hotfix-branch
- After fixing and testing merge hotfix and push to production (Fridays at 15:59)
- Switch back to your feature development

Branching in Git – A real world example

- Create a issue-branch → issue53

```
git checkout –b issue53  # or
git branch issue53
git checkout issue53
```

- Working on the bugfix and committing it moves the HEAD



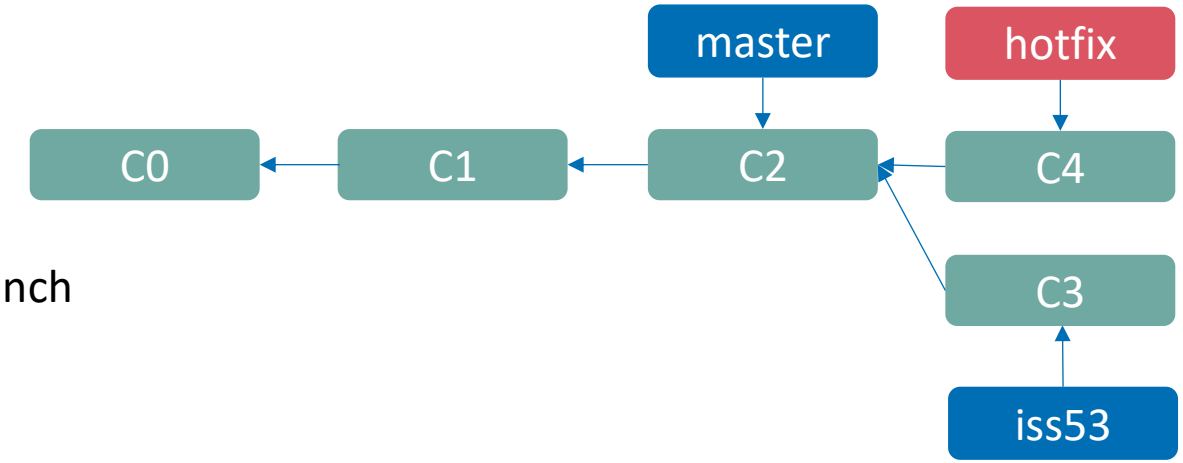
Branching in Git – A real world example

- During fixing the issue, another urged issue occurred
- There is no need to deploy the fix along with the iss53 changes you've made, and you don't have to put a lot of effort into reverting those changes before you can work on applying your fix to what is in production
- All you must do is switch back to your master branch
- To avoid loss of data, stage everything in iss53

```
git add changedfile
git checkout master
```

- From the master branch, you branch out a hotfix branch

```
git checkout –b hotfix
```



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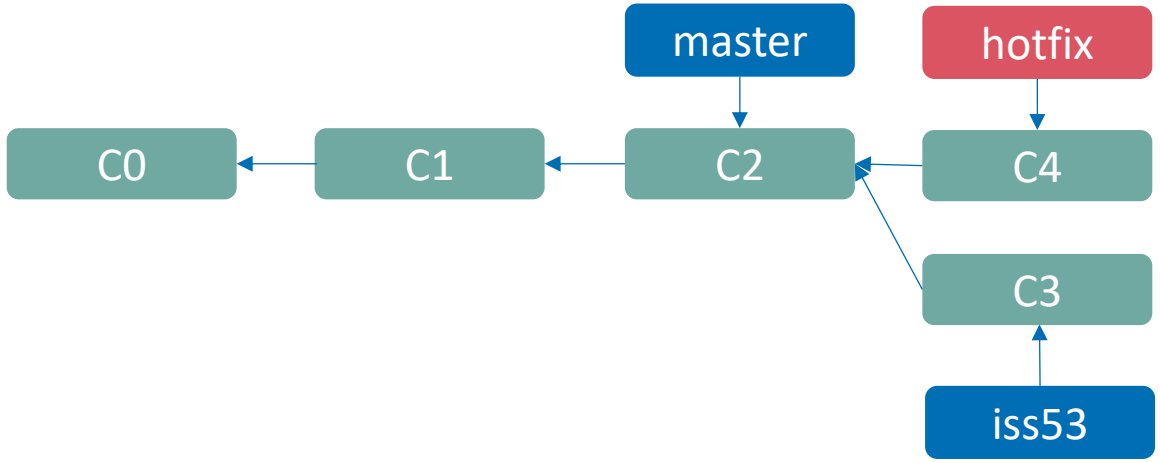
- First, stage and commit the changes

```
git commit -a -m 'fixed steering issue'
```

- Switch back to master and merge the hotfix into it

```
git checkout master
git merge hotfix
```



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>> Fast-forward
```
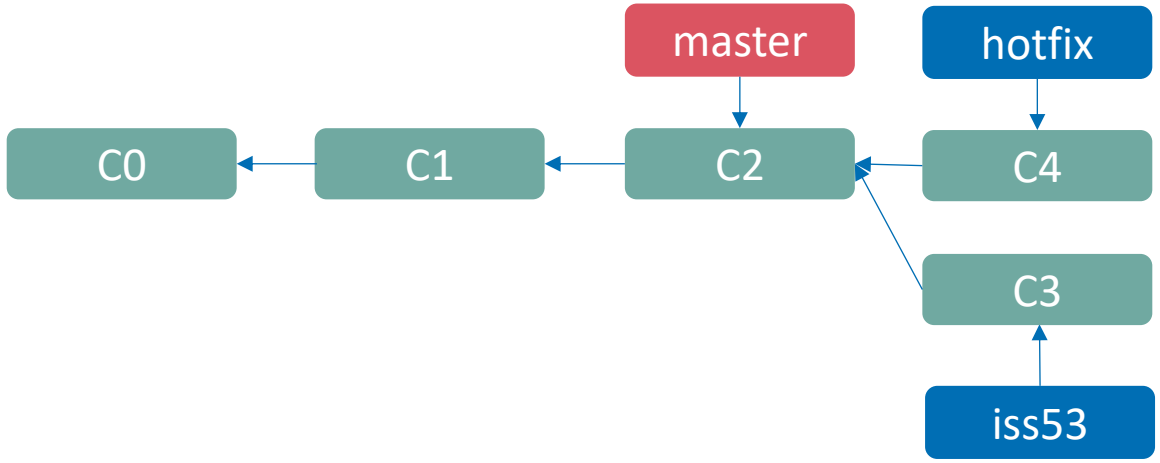
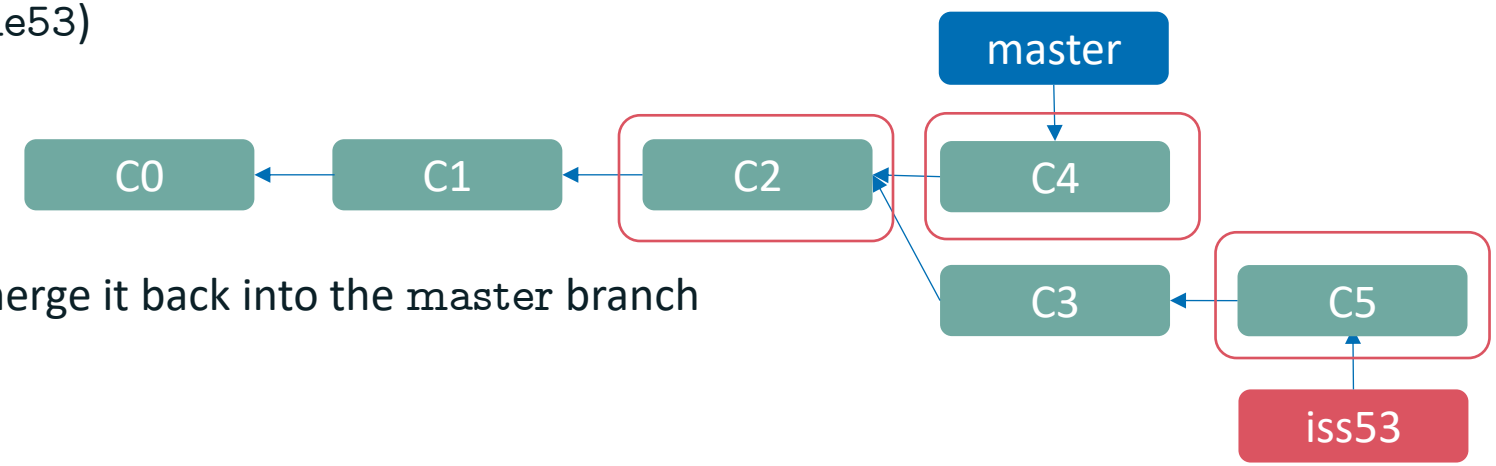



Branching in Git – A real world example

- Working back again on the original issue (issue53)

```
git checkout issue53
git add changes
git commit –m “fixed issue53”
```



- Once the issue is there also solved, you can merge it back into the master branch

```
git checkout master
git merge issue53
>> Merge made by the `recursive`strategy
```

- This looks a bit different than the hotfix merge you did earlier, since the development history has diverged from some older point. Because the commit on the branch you’re on isn’t a direct ancestor of the branch you’re merging in, Git has to do some work
- In this case, Git does a simple three-way merge, using the two snapshots pointed to by the branch tips and the common ancestor of the two

Branching in Git – A real world example

- Merge conflicts occur regularly
- It is highlighted in the file directly

```
<<<<<<< HEAD:index.html
<div id="footer">contact : email.support@github.com</div>
=======
<div id="footer">
 please contact us at support@github.com
</div>
>>>>>>>iss53:index.html
```

- This means the version in `HEAD` (your master branch, because that was what you had checked out when you ran your merge command) is the top part of that block (everything above the `=======`), while the version in your iss53
- branch looks like everything in the bottom part. To resolve the conflict, you must either choose one side or the other or merge the contents yourself
- You can use a tool for it, called difftool

```
git difftool
```

Git on platforms such as GitLab or GitHub

- To merge a branch, typically a so-called pull request (PR) is created

- Workflow:
  - Developer creates a new branch and makes changes
  - Developer pushes the branch to the remote repository
  - Opens a Pull Request to request merging their branch into the target branch

- Team members can:
  - Review code
  - Discuss changes
  - Request modifications
  - Approve and merge

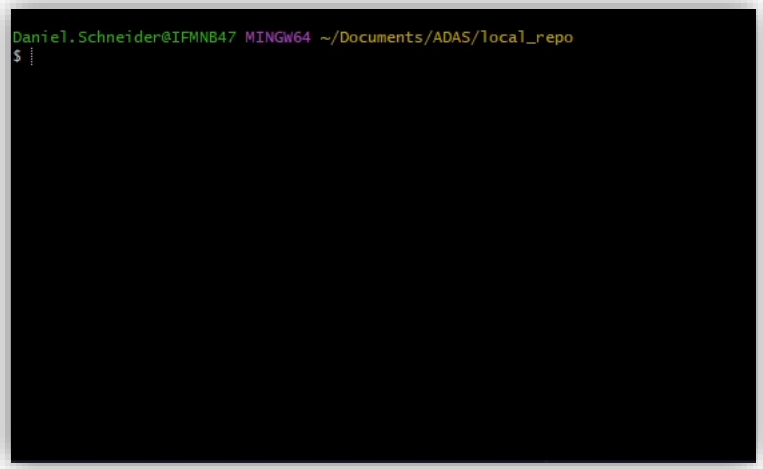
Break

Pracital demo | Getting ready

- Install Visual Studio code on your system
  - https://code.visualstudio.com/download
  - Alternative google colab
- Install Git on your system
  - https://git-scm.com/downloads
- Using VScode extensions to install
  - Python 3.1X
  - Gitlens
  - Projectmanager

Pracital demo | Git & Python basics

- Create a local VCS
  - `git init my-demo-repo`
- Create content
  - `echo "Hello, world!" > hello.txt`
- Add file to version control
  - `git add hello.txt`
- Commit the changes
  - `git commit -m "Initial commit“`
- Change content of the file
  - `echo "This is a change." >> hello.txt`
- Diff the changes
  - `git diff`



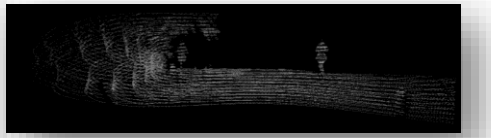
Pracital demo | Git & Python basics

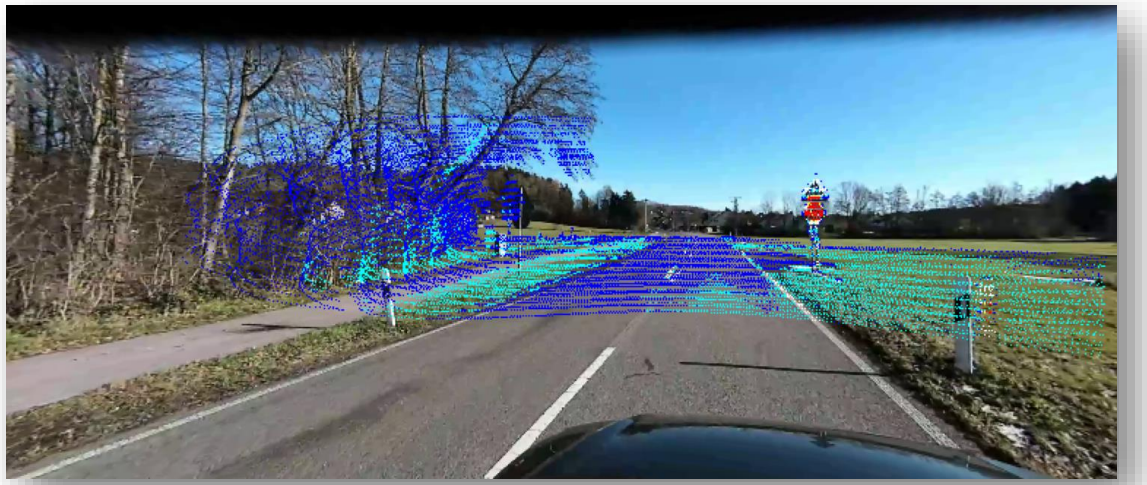
- Clone repository from: https://github.com/schneider-daniel/SEM25-python
- Set up VScode and create a virtual environment (we will do this together)
- Run:
  - 0_notebook_basics.ipynb
  - 1_data_types.ipynb
  - 2_libraries.ipynb

Pracital demo | Real world example

- Find 2-3 groups
  - One group keeps an eye on importing the provided image
  - Second group implements a function to import a point cloud
- Implement the following functions:
  - read_image()
  - read_pcd()
- Use software versioning and branches
- Create pull requests

- Code skeleton is given





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