Version Control System

**Why use VCS**

* Collaboration
* Storing Versions
* Restoring Previous Versions
* Understanding what happened
* Backup

**Deferent Types of VCS**

* VSS

Microsoft visual SourceSafe is a source control program, oriented toward small software development projects. Now it’s discontinue

* SVN

SVN is the abbreviated form of “Apache Subversion” and is a popular version control system tool it is a centralized version control system

* GIT

GIT is distributed version control system for tracking changes in source code during software development. It is design for coordinating work among programmers, but it can be used to track changes in any set of files.

Another Classification

CVCS – centralized version control system

DVCS – distributed version control system

Installation and Basic Overflow

**Setting up GIT**

Initialize directory 🡪 git init

Check status of files where that are added or not 🡪 git status

Add files to repo 🡪 git add file1.txt file2.txt OR git add .

Commit files with message 🡪 git commit –m “my Message”

Check logs to see commit history 🡪 git log

Befor commit we should run add command

* Git add .
* Git commit –m “updated”

**Commit Past, Present and future**

**Head 🡪** in current branch last commit represent by Head.. e.g. C1 C2 so C2 is head

Previous commit will be count as **head** and future commit will be count as **next.** after commit next will become **head** and **head** will become **past** and a new **next** will be created

**Commit Hash**

Every commit has a unique identifier a 40-character checksum called commit hash

As multiple people can work in parallel, commiting their work offline, without being connected to a shared repository

Therefore, commit hash helps in identifying which user made specific commit

**Unstage Files**

Git reset command will remove file from staging area it will not remove changes only files will come from staging to working area.

Git reset –hard will move files from staging to working area as well as it removes changes to the file.

**Ignoring Files**

In every folder there is .gitignore file where we can specify rules for our project e.g.

Ignore one specific file 🡪 path/to/file.txt

Ignore all files with certain name 🡪 filename.txt

Ignore all files with a certain type 🡪 \*.txt

Ignore all file in a certain folder 🡪 path/to/folder/\*

Branching and Merging

Branches are what need to solve context problem because a branch represents exactly such a context in a project and helps you keep it separate from all other contexts.

When we switch from one to another branch the first branch files will disappear for us.

Show list of branches 🡪 git branch

Show list of branches with some details 🡪 git branch –v

Creates new branch with name ‘new-dev’ 🡪 git branch new-dev

Switch to new-dev branch 🡪 git checkout new-dev

Merge new-dev branch into current active branch 🡪 git merge new-dev

Show commit difference in two branches git log new-dev..master

**Stash**

Commit wraps up changes and saves them permanently in the repository

Stash save changes temporarily.

If you want to switch to another branch without committing changes in current branch, you will need to save you changes somewhere so that you have clean working directory Stash will work in this case.

Later, at any time, you can restore changes from stash in your working copy – and continue working where you left off.

You can create as many stashes as you want.

Save local changes stash clipboard 🡪 git stash

Save local changes in stash clipboard with the name provided in command 🡪 git stash save <name>

Show list of stashes 🡪 git stash list

Apply latest stash and remoive it from clipboard 🡪 git stash pop

Apply specific stash and that stash will remain saved in clipboard 🡪 git stash apply stashname

Short-lived branches are about a single topic or feature and once work done with them they are removed

Long-Running branches that are high level and independent of any feature, remain for longer time. They represent states in your project life cycle – like a “production” , “testing”, or development state

Remote Repositories