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All righty! This will be journaling exercise 1, better known as “How to waste time with Git.”

What’s in the first five chapters of our textbook? I’d be better able to answer if our textbook were available. I can’t seem to find it any longer. Pearson has a message up saying that they’re experiencing technical difficulties.

Now if Pearson were using Git, it could just ROLL BACK to a prior version of the textbook, and life would be easy. But no!

To be fair, the issue probably isn’t with the textbook itself but with the integration. Git wouldn’t help with that.

I am absolutely not going to make a video journal without being forced into it. I hate videos. I will not watch any video I make, and I don’t like to watch videos other people make either. I don’t even own a TV set. I hate video. It is the most inaccessible format I know. With a book, you can open it and scan and quickly find your desired location, or you can use the index or table of contents. A video? You have to wade slowly through the whole miserable thing, which runs no faster than a person can talk, with suitable pauses for pretty pictures to be inserted. I loathe video.

To be a little bit more on point here: I don’t see the point in memorizing more than, say, 10 Git commands. The only Git commands I want to memorize are the ones that I’ll use frequently. I probably won’t even use THOSE frequently, because I usually work through a GUI and point-and-click my way to storing files in GitHub or Bitbucket or wherever. The sad fact is that I’ll use the CLI or other code-based mechanism to access Github about once every two years, which means that I’ll probably forget the Git commands before the next time I use them. Or, worse yet, they may get modified in some way and so everything I memorized will be deprecated and pointless. It’s not ideal to look up every command, of course, but the fact is that I’m not going to be running much from a CLI or CommandPrompt. My workplace pays for a third-party tool for version control and expects me to use it – they’d be annoyed if I did NOT use it. So that’s just how things are.