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Revision Control

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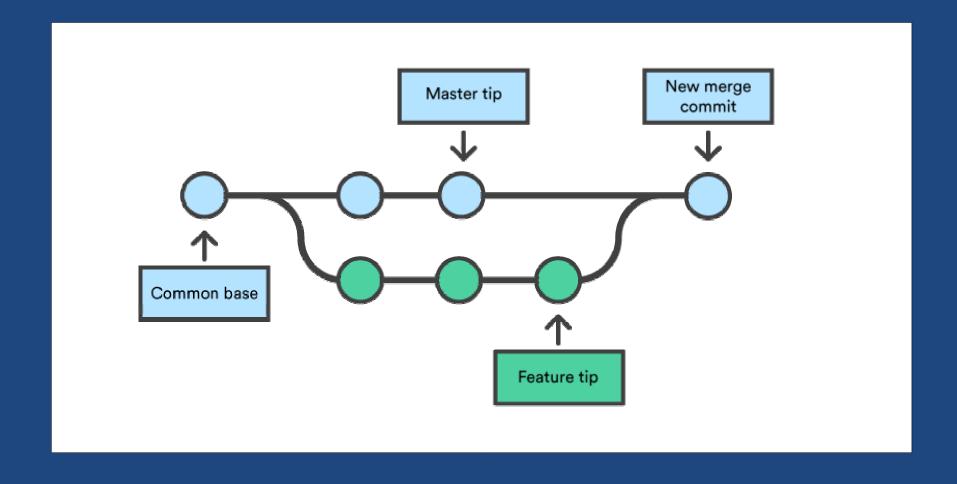
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Also called version control, source control, software configuration management.

Motivation:

- Need to coordinate changes made by multiple developers.
- Need a reliable system to ensure changes are ..

Git Graph / Log / History



Overview of what we'll learn in this and later lessons on Git

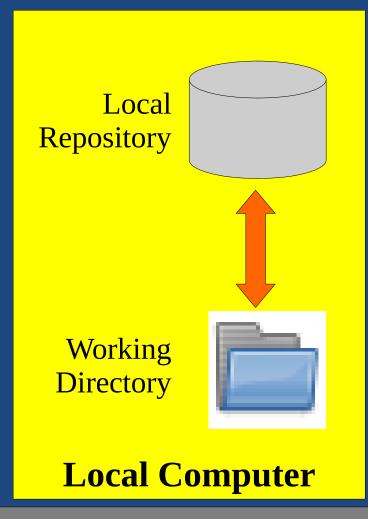
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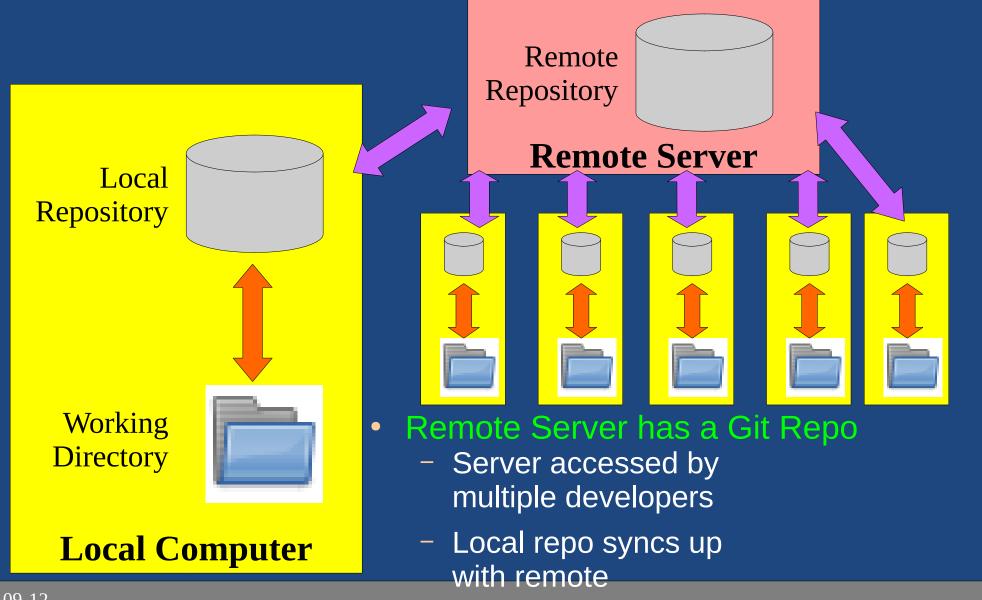


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- The latest code in the repo can be checked-out into the working directory.
 - Head: the latest version of the code.

Remote Topology Simplified



Distributed

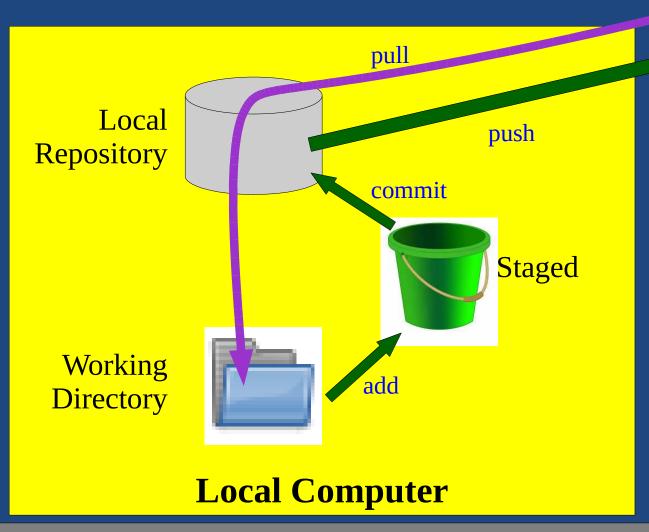
Distributed Version Control

- Git has..
 each "local repo" is a full and complete repo.
- Can work off-line (on a plane) and still commit to the local repo. Later sync up with the remote repo.

Git Servers

- Often the remote repo is a dedicated Git server such as GitHub or GitLab.
- These systems add extra team collaboration and discussion tools (more later).

Git Command Diagram



Remote Repository

Remote Server

Work Flow 1: Setup

- Associate your local repo to a remote repo by either:
 - Create an empty repo in GitLab (gitlab.cs.sfu.ca) and push some existing code to it; or
 - an existing repo to your local PC.

Work Flow 2: Changes

- Do some work in working directory
 - create new files, change files, delete files, etc.
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- Stages the changes as being ready to commit.
- Also used for adding files to Git (tracking them)
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- Commit all staged changes to local repo.
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- Send committed changes to remote repo.
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- View the state of local file changes

Work Flow 3: Other's Changes

 Other team members will push some changes to the repo which you then want

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- Get changes from remote repo and apply them to local repo and working directory (move to head).
- If there are any conflicting changes, may need to do a *merge* (more later).

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 At any time, can view the changes people have made.

Git Tools

Command Line

- Git is very often accessed via its command-line tools
- Git commands look like:
 git clone git@csil-git1.cs.surrey.sfu.ca:myTeam/daProject.git
 git commit
- GUI Integrated Tools
 - ..
 but low-level understanding is required!
 - Can be inside IDE: Android Studio
 - Can be integrated into file system: TortoiseGit
 - Lecture: command line to understand the tool;
 Assignments: IDE for convenience (likely).

Command-line Demo

- git pull

 Git Command Demo [create repo on csil-git1.cs.surrey.sfu.ca] - git clone <git@csil-git1.cs...> [now edit file hello.txt] - git status - git add hello.txt - git commit - git push - git log

Git Details

1. Git Basics(Good for ~1 person)

2. Merging Conflicts (Needed for 2+ people)



3. Using GitLab (Managing a team)

SSH Key

- GitLab verifies you via an SSH key (no passwords)
 - Generate the key on each machine you use (all CSIL machines will share your SSH key)
 - In Linux, open terminal and run:
 \$ ssh-keygen -t ed25519
 In Windows, follow guide for Git for Windows
 - View key; highlight and copy:
 \$ cat ~/.ssh/id_ed25519.pub
- On GitLab (gitlab.cs.sfu.ca)
 click avatar (top right) --> Settings --> SSH keys
 paste SSH key; give title "CSIL"; and add it.
- Now GitLab will allow you access!
 \$ ssh -T git@csil-git1.cs.surrey.sfu.ca

Basic Git Sequence for Editing Code

- Have a working directory with no changes
- 1. ...
- will "fast-forward" without any conflicting changes
- 2. ..
- cannot pull with some uncommitted changes
- 3. ...
- 4. ..
- automatically merges files without conflicting changes
- manually merge conflicts when required
- 5. ..
 - cannot push if others have pushed code:
 "current branch is behind master", "unable to fast-forward"

Try it yourself (after lecture) :)

- 1) Create *empty* repo on gitlab.cs.sfu.ca
- 2) Create project in Android Studio; add a Readme.txt
- 3) Commit to local repo (this adds and commits)
- 4) Push to remote repo
 Set origin to git@csil-git1.cs.surrey.sfu.ca.___.git
 (get ____ from GitLab repo's "clone" button)

If you mistakenly created a non-empty repo, it's easiest to create a new empty repo (no readme even!) and push to it.

5) Make another change, commit, push

Merge Conflict Demo

- Show demo of conflicting changes being made by two team members at once
 - Pulling with uncommitted conflicts fails
 - Pushing before merging fails
 - Commit my changes
 - Pull to trigger merge
 - When merge done then add/commit/push
- Android Studio has VCS --> Update Project
 - Which works with uncommitted conflicts
 - It automatically stash changes to get around having to do extra commit

.gitignore / delete / add / rename

- .gitignore File
 - Lists file types to exclude from Git:
 - Example: Exclude .bak, build products, some IDE files
- Delete / Add / Rename Files
 - Just delete / create the files in working directory
 - Then execute Git commands:
 - "add" changed files
 - "commit"
 - "push"

Commit Messages

- A good commit message is required!
 - Line 1: .. (<70 characters)
 Capitalize your statement
 Use imperative: "Fix bug..." vs "fixed" or "fixes"
 - Line 2: ..
 - Line 3+: .. ; wrap your text ~70 characters

Example: Make game state persist between launches and rotation.

Use SharedPreferences to store Game's state. Serialize using Gson library and Bundle for rotation.

- 276 Pair Programming
 - If pair programming, add pair's user ID at start:
 "[pair: bfraser] Make game state persist"

Reverting Changes

- 'git checkout' to revert files
 - ..
 - Overwrite file in working directory with one from local repo.
- Revert with Caution
 - Will lose all uncommitted changes in the file.
 - Normally Git does not let you lose changes.
 - If in doubt, grab a backup copy (ZIP your folder) then revert.
 - Just make sure you don't commit the backup!

Revision Control Generalities

Merge vs Lock

- 2 Competing ways revision control protects files:
- Checkout-Edit-Merge
 - Merge support allows concurrent access to a file so multiple developers can work on same code at once
 - But can lead to...
- Lock-Edit-Unlock
 - Locking prevents merge conflicts by...
 - "I can't make any changes until Bob finish!"
 - Adds pressure to make changes quickly..
 "I need that file now!"

Revision Control Features

Atomic operations

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- Change is applied all at once:
 no other changes applied while you're checking in.
- Tag
 - Mark certain versions of certain files as a group.
 Ex: "Files for Version 1.0 of product".
 - Able to easily..
 of the files later to fix bugs etc.
 - "Get all files exactly as the were in Version 1.0 (three year ago)".

Team Work

Minimum requirement to committing code:

- When you check in, the full system must compile and run.
- Only under exceptional circumstances should you ever check in something which breaks the build.

Committing Frequency

Expected Commit Frequency

- Commit little changes to local repo very often
- Once some work is more stable, push all the changes at once to remote repo..

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- Committing / pushing this frequently gives visibility to your contributions; helps for marking discussions!
- In a 'professional' project, you would tailor your commits/pushes to the work you are doing, and squash small commits together into bigger more meaningful ones.

Coding with Source Control

// Removed Jan 2002 for V1.01 // cout << "Dave; I wouldn't do that, Dave.\n"; Put meaningful comments into checkins! #if 0 // Unneeded, but left 'cuz someone may want it... #endif // Written by Dr. Evil

Summary

- Revision control a critical tool for development.
 - Git is a distributed revision control system.
- Operations:
 - clone, add, commit, push, pull, merge (later)
- Git Details
 - Merge conflicting changes as needed.
 - gitignore, revert (git's checkout)
- Basic Features
 - Atomic operations, tags/Label
- Rules to Code By
 - Commit often, don't break the build