A 3D rendered robot with a white and black body, a helmet with a visor, and a microphone. It is pointing its right hand towards a whiteboard. The whiteboard has a question written on it. The robot is standing on a white surface.

How can 4
(or 4000)
developers work
on a product
at once?

Revision
Control

More Info: <https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2/Getting-Started-About-Version-Control>

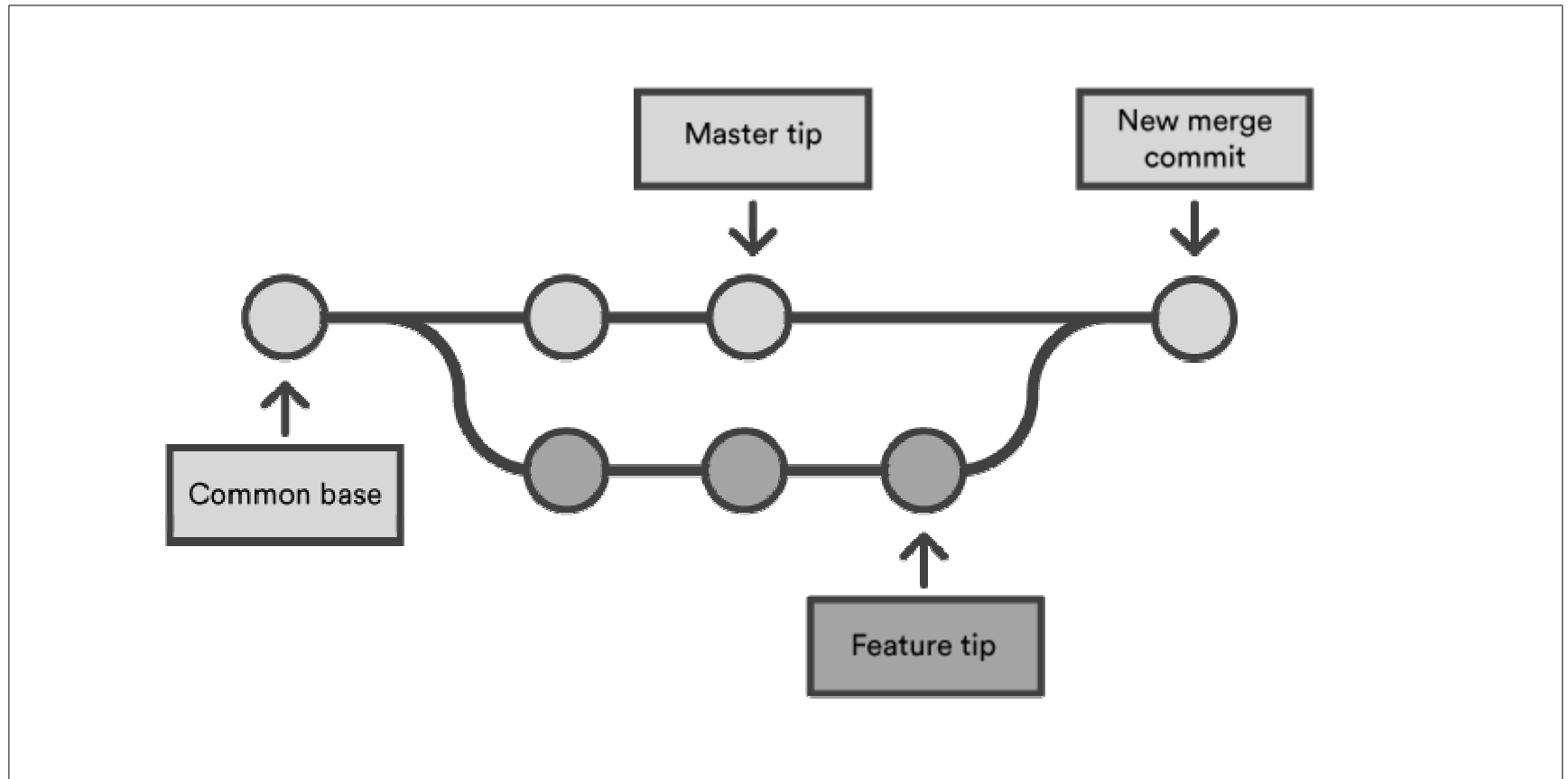
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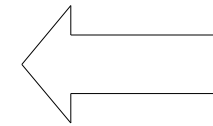
- Revision Control:
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 - Also called version control, source control, software configuration management.
- Motivation:
 - Need to coordinate changes made by multiple developers.
 - Need a reliable system to ensure changes are ..

Git Graph / Log / History



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

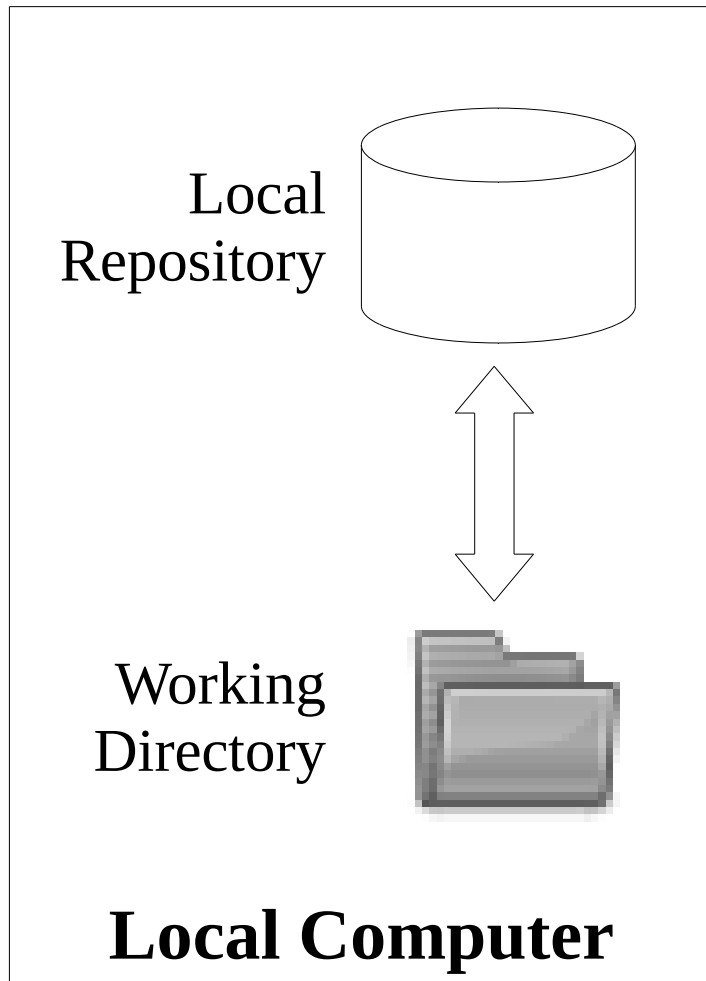
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(Good for ~1 person)



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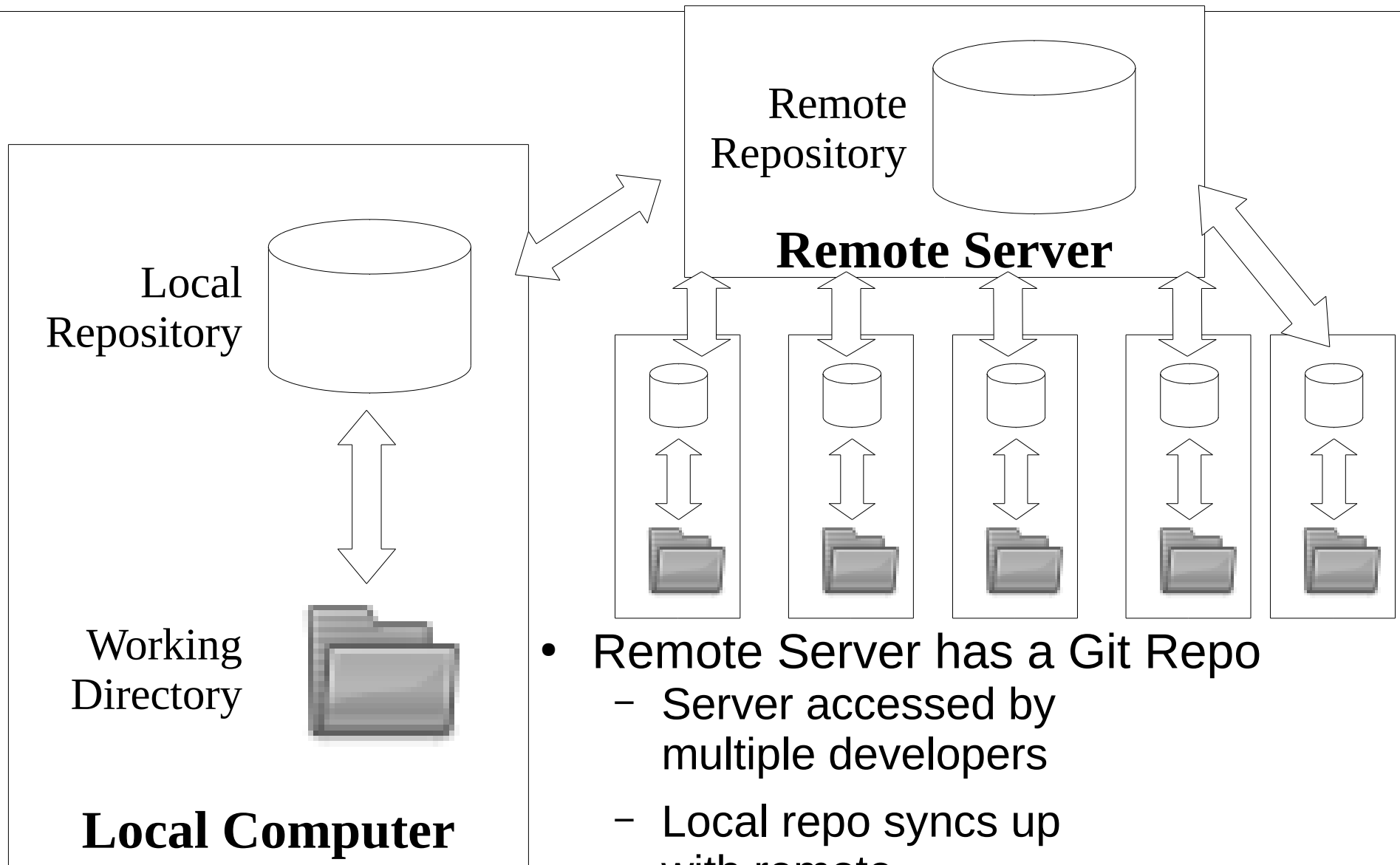
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Local Topology Simplified



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

Remote Topology Simplified

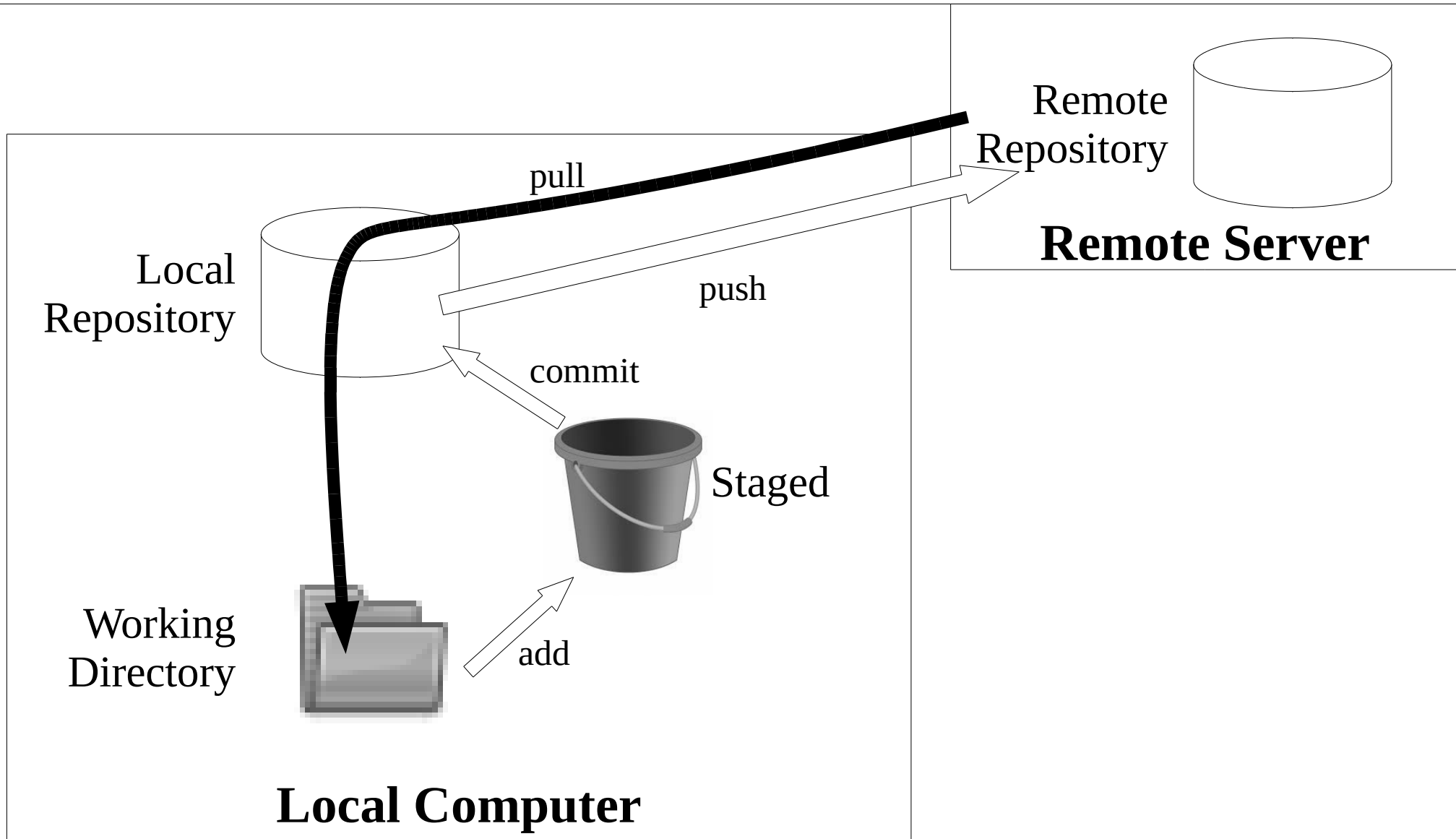


- **Remote Server has a Git Repo**
 - Server accessed by multiple developers
 - Local repo syncs up with remote

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



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.
- ..
 - *Stages* the changes as being ready to commit.
 - Also used for adding files to Git (*tracking* them)
- ..
 - Commit all staged changes to local repo.
- ..
 - Send committed changes to remote repo.
- ..
 - 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
- ..
 - 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).
- ..
 - 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

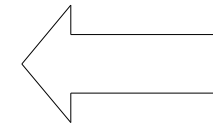
- Git Command Demo
 - [create repo on csil-git1.cs.surrey.sfu.ca]*
 - `git clone <git@csil-git1.cs....>`
 - [now edit file hello.txt]*
 - `git status`
 - `git add hello.txt`
 - `git commit`
 - `git push`
 - `git log`
 - `git pull`

Git Details

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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

0. 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.

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 - 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 they were in
Version 1.0 (three years 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