Software Project Management - Laboratory

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Version Control

A version control system records changes to a file or set of files over time so that you can recall specific versions.

How to do it?

Manually



Local Version Control Systems



Centralized Version Control Systems



Distributed Version Control Systems



Figure 3. Distributed version control

Distributed Version Control System

Distributed means that there is no main server and all of the full history of the project is available once you cloned the project.



Last slides from the previous lectures

Unstaging & Unmodifying



Ignoring Things

Often, you'll have a class of files that you don't want Git to automatically add or even show you as being untracked. These are generally automatically generated files such as log files or files produced by your build system. In such cases, you can create a file listing patterns to match them named .gitignore.

```
# ignore all .a files
*.a
```

but do track lib.a, even though you're #ignoring .a files above !lib.a

only ignore the TODO file in the current # directory, not subdir/TODO /TODO # ignore all .a files *.a

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Example of .gitignore <u>https://github.com/github/gitignore</u>

Ignoring Things



Tabriziounicam:Local user\$ cat .gitignore
ignore all .a files
*.a
but do track lib.a, even though you're ignoring .a files above
!lib.a
[fabriziounicam:Local user\$ git status
On branch master
Untracked files:
 (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
 lib.a
nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
[fabriziounicam:Local user\$ ls
FifthFile.txt FirstFile.txt SecondFile.txt SixthFile.txt ThirdFile.txt lib.a

Today's Lecture

Set up a Repository

1. Create a new folder and open a terminal in that folder. \$ cd pathToTheFolder/FolderName

- 2. Initialize a repository\$ git init
- 3. Create one file and commit,
- 4. Create a second file and commit,
- 5. Create a third file and commit

Commits

Commits can be seen as a list where each commit points to his parent.

```
Try:
git log -p -2
git log --stat
git log --pretty=oneline
git log --pretty=format:"%h - %an, %ar : %s"
```



Branching

Branching is one of the major characteristics of Git.

A git branch can be seen as a pointer that can point to any of the available commits.

The default branch name in Git is *master*.



Branching

6. Run git log --oneline --decorate

(base) fabriziounicam:MySecondRepo user\$ git log --oneline --decorate bbaf42a (HEAD -> master) Added a Third File bf95483 Added a Second File 4a757df Added a First File



Creating a New Branch

- 1. Run git branch testing
- 2. Run git status

3.



The git branch command only created a new branch — it didn't switch to that.

Creating a New Branch

1. Run git log --oneline --decorate



Switching to a New Branch

2. Run git checkout testing



Commit to a New Branch

- 3. Create a new file (or do some changes to the already available files)
- 4. Commit those changes
- 5. Run git log --oneline --decorate --graph --all





Back to master branch

7.

- (base) fabriziounicam:MySecondRepo user\$ git log --oneline --decorate --graph --all 6. Switch back to the master branch * f1a819b (testing) Added a Fourth File * bbaf42a (HEAD -> master) Added a Third File Run git log --oneline --decorate --graph --all dded a Second File Added a First File 4a757df
 - HEAD pointer is back to point to the master branch. \bullet
 - Files in your working directory are back to the snapshot that master points to.



Commit to master branch

- 8. Make some changes to a file, or create a new one, or remove one.
- 9. Commit those changes
- 10. Run git log --oneline --decorate --graph --all



Let's go through a simple example of branching and merging with a workflow that you might use in the real world. You'll follow these steps:

- 1. Do some work on a website.
- 2. Create a branch for a new user story you're working on.
- 3. Do some work in that branch.

At this stage, you'll receive a call that another issue is critical and you need a hotfix. You'll do the following:

- 1. Switch to your production branch.
- 2. Create a branch to add the hotfix.
- 3. After it's tested, merge the hotfix branch, and push to production.
- 4. Switch back to your original user story and continue working.

Let's say you're working on your project and have a couple of commits already on the master branch.

Now you decide to focus on a specific issue; imagine it as a user story that you want to add or something you want to fix.

1. Run git checkout -b *IssueNumber*

A short way for: git branch *IssueNumber* git checkout *IssueNumber*

fabriziounicam:Local user\$ git checkout -b iss22 Switched to a new branch 'iss22'



You do some changes and you commit

fabriziounicam:Local user\$ vi index.html fabriziounicam:Local user\$ git commit –a –m 'Create new footer [issue 22]' [iss22 a44da98] Create new footer [issue 22] 1 file changed, 1 insertion(+), 1 deletion(–)

Now you get the call that there is an issue with the website, and you need to fix it immediately.

What do you do?

You do some changes and you commit



Now you get the call that there is an issue with the website, and you need to fix it immediately.

- 1. Run git checkout master
- 2. You have a hotfix to make. Let's create a hotfix branch on which to work until it's completed.
- 3. Run git checkout -b hotfix
- 4. Modify index.html file and commit the changes



You can run your tests, make sure the hotfix is what you want, and finally merge the hotfix branch back into your master branch to deploy to production.

- 1. Run git checkout master
- 2. Run git merge hotfix

"Fast-forward" - when you try to merge one commit with a commit that can be reached by following the first commit's history, Git simplifies things by moving the pointer forward because there is no divergent work to merge together fabriziounicam:Local user\$ git checkout master Switched to branch 'master' [fabriziounicam:Local user\$ git merge hotfix Updating 2f45ef3..237308f Fast-forward index.html | 1 + index.txt | 1 + 2 files changed, 2 insertions(+) create mode 100644 index.html create mode 100644 index.txt Up to now we have seen how to use git to do local versioning.

However we said during the last lesson that git is a distributed version control system and it is useful when collaborating with others.

How do you collaborate with others? By means of the Internet

Remotes in Git

A remote repository is a repository stored somewhere else.

Most programmers use hosting services like:

- GitHub,
- BitBucket,
- GitLab



Bitbucket





The first thing you need to do is set up a free user account.

Visit <u>https://github.com</u>, choose a username that isn't already taken, provide an email address and a password, and click the big green "Sign up for GitHub" button.

Create a new repository to share our code.

1. Click "New repository" button on the left side of the dashboard, or from the + button in the top toolbar next to your profile image as seen in the "New repository" dropdown.





- 1. Write the name of the repository
- 2. Add a description (optional)
- 3. Choose whether to create a Public or Private repository
- 4. Create the repository

Create a new repository

A repository contains all project files, including the revision history. Already have a project repository elsewhere? Import a repository.



Description (optional)

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Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit.



Private

You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

Initialize this repository with:

Skip this step if you're importing an existing repository.

Add a README file

This is where you can write a long description for your project. Learn more.

Add .gitignore

Choose which files not to track from a list of templates. Learn more.

Choose a license

A license tells others what they can and can't do with your code. Learn more.



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As soon as the repository is created, GitHub displays a page with a URL and some information on how to configure your local repository.

Quick setup — if you've done this kind of thing before

Set up in Desktop or HTTPS SSH

https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020.git

Get started by creating a new file or uploading an existing file. We recommend every repository include a README, LICENSE, and .gitignore.

... or create a new repository on the command line

echo "# spm2020" >> README.md
git init
git add README.md
git commit -m "first commit"
git branch -M main
git remote add origin https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020.git
git push -u origin main

... or push an existing repository from the command line

git remote add origin https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020.git
git branch -M main
git push -u origin main

... or import code from another repository

You can initialize this repository with code from a Subversion, Mercurial, or TFS project.

Import code

What happened on the Server?

\$ mkdir spm2020 \$ cd spm2020 \$ git init

But the repository now it is empty

We have to link our local repository to the remote repository.

1. Access your local repository with a terminal (command line)

2. Run git remote add origin https://github.com/YourUserName/YourRepositoryName.git

git remote add origin https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020.git

We can check that the command has worked by running git remote -v

(base) fabriziounicam:MySecondRepo user\$ git remote -v origin https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020.git (fetch) origin https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020.git (push)

The name origin is a local nickname for your remote repository. We could use something else if we wanted to, but origin is by far the most common.

Once the nickname origin is set up, we push the changes from our local repository to the repository on GitHub

3. Run git push origin master

```
(base) fabriziounicam:MySecondRepo user$ git push origin master
Enumerating objects: 15, done.
Counting objects: 100% (15/15), done.
Delta compression using up to 4 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (9/9), done.
Writing objects: 100% (15/15), 1.17 KiB | 399.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 15 (delta 3), reused 0 (delta 0)
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (3/3), done.
To https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020.git
* [new branch] master -> master
```

Once the nickname origin is set up, we push the changes from our local repository to the repository on GitHub

- 3. Run git push origin master
- 4. Refresh your github webpage

| 8 | FabrizioFornari Modified Fifth File | | 458b | 369 1 hour ago | 🕑 5 commits |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------|----------------|-------------|
| D | FifthFile.txt | Modified Fifth File | | | 1 hour ago |
| ٥ | FirstFile.txt | Added a First File | | | 2 hours ago |
| D | SecondFile.txt | Added a Second File | | | 2 hours ago |
| ۵ | ThirdFile.txt | Added a Third File | | | 2 hours ago |
Remote Repository

If you have more branches in your local repository and you want to keep track of all of them

5. Run git push origin --all

[(base) fabriziounicam:MySecondRepo user\$ git push origin --all Enumerating objects: 7, done. Counting objects: 100% (7/7), done. Delta compression using up to 4 threads. Compressing objects: 100% (4/4), done. Writing objects: 100% (5/5), 581 bytes | 290.00 KiB/s, done. Total 5 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0) remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), completed with 1 local object. To https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020.git * [new branch] hotfix -> hotfix * [new branch] iss22 -> iss22 * [new branch] testing -> testing

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| 우 master → 우 4 branches ⓒ 0 ta | gs | Go to file Add file - | 👱 Code 🕇 |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| Switch branches/tags × | | 458b369 1 hour ago | 5 Commits |
| | Modified Fifth File | | 1 hour ago |
| Branches Tags | Added a First File | | 2 hours ago |
| hotfix | Added a Second File | | 2 hours ago |
| iss22 | Added a Third File | | 2 hours ago |
| testing | | | |
| View all branches | lerstand your project by adding a README. | (| Add a README |

Commit vs Push

When we commit we update our local repository.

When we push we interact with the remote repository to update it with the changes we have made locally. In this way, who has access to the repository can see the changes.

How can your collaborators download the changes you have made and pushed to the remote repository?

Git Pull

We can pull changes from the remote repository to the local one

1. Run git pull origin master

The command goes out to that remote project and pulls down all the data from that remote project that you don't have yet.

I added a README file by means of the GitHub User Interface which allowed me to add the file and to perform a commit to store the changes

| ۲ | FabrizioFornari Create README.md | | a097dac now 🕚 |) 6 commits |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Ľ | FifthFile.txt | Modified Fifth File | | 1 hour ago |
| D | FirstFile.txt | Added a First File | : | 2 hours ago |
| D | README.md | Create README.md | | now |
| ß | SecondFile.txt | Added a Second File | : | 2 hours ago |
| D | ThirdFile.txt | Added a Third File | : | 2 hours ago |
| | | | | |
| | spm2020 | | | Ø |

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The command goes out to that remote project and pulls down all the data from that remote project that you don't have yet.

```
(base) fabriziounicam:MySecondRepo user$ git pull origin master
remote: Enumerating objects: 4, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (4/4), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (3/3), done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
Unpacking objects: 100% (3/3), done.
From https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020
* branch master -> FETCH_HEAD
7cc6357..965fc6e master -> origin/master
Updating 7cc6357..965fc6e
Fast-forward
README.md | 4 ++++
1 file changed, 4 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 README.md
```

One person will be the "Owner" and the others will be the "Collaborators".

The Owner needs to give the Collaborators access.

The Collaborators will receive an email and/or they can check notifications on https://github.com/notifications

| FabrizioFornari / spm202 | 20 | ⊙ Unwatch → 1 | |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| <> Code (!) Issues II P | ull requests (•) Actions [11] Projects | 🕮 Wiki 🕕 Security 🗠 Insights 😵 Settings | |
| Options | Who has access | | |
| Manage access | PUBLIC REPOSITORY | DIRECT ACCESS 83 | |
| Security & analysis | This repository is public and visible | 0 collaborators have access to this | |
| Branches | to anyone. | repository. Only you can contribute to this repository. | |
| Webhooks | Manage | | |
| Notifications | | | |
| Integrations | Manage access | | |
| Deploy keys | | | |
| Secrets | (Change) | | |
| Actions | | | |
| Moderation settings | You haven't invited any collaborators yet | | |
| Interaction limits | Invite a collaborator | | |

A collaborators can download a copy of the Owner's repository to their machine. This action is referred as "cloning a repository".

To clone a Git project hosted on GitHub:

1. Run git clone <address of the project>.git <pathToAFolderInYourMachine>

You can run git clone https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020.git

[(base) fabriziounicam:SPM user\$ git clone https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020.git GitHubRepo/ Cloning into 'GitHubRepo'... remote: Enumerating objects: 31, done. remote: Counting objects: 100% (31/31), done. remote: Compressing objects: 100% (20/20), done. remote: Total 31 (delta 11), reused 18 (delta 4), pack-reused 0 Unpacking objects: 100% (31/31), done.

The collaborator can now make a change to the copy of the repository he/she has.

```
(base) fabriziounicam:GitHubRepo user$ git commit -m "Added a Eight File"
[master fe23e6d] Added a Eight File
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
create mode 100644 EightFile.txt
[(base) fabriziounicam:GitHubRepo user$ git push
Enumerating objects: 4, done.
Counting objects: 100% (4/4), done.
Delta compression using up to 4 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 297 bytes | 297.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 1), reused 0 (delta 0)
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (1/1), completed with 1 local object.
To https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020.git
965fc6e..fe23e6d master -> master
```

Note: here I am using the same account but the effect would be the same by using the account of a collaborator

To update the Owner's version, the Owner runs:

1. git pull origin master

[(base) fabriziounicam:MySecondRepo user\$ git pull origin master From https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020 * branch master -> FETCH_HEAD Updating 965fc6e..fe23e6d Fast_forward EigthFile.txt | 1 + 1 file changed, 1 insertion(+) create mode 100644 EigthFile.txt

Collaborative Workflow

It is good to be sure that you have an updated version of the repository you are collaborating on, so you should git pull before making our changes.

The basic collaborative workflow would be the following.

- Run git pull origin master to update your local repo with changes stored on the server
- Make changes and stage them by running git add
- Commit your changes by running git commit -m
- Upload the changes to GitHub by running git push origin master

Better to make many commits with small changes rather than of one single commit with massive changes: *small commits are easier to read and to review*. Pay attention to this for the final evaluation.

Git Fetch

On the command line, the Collaborator can run git fetch origin master to get the remote changes into the local repository, but without merging them.

Then by running git diff master origin/master the Collaborator will see the changes output in the terminal.

\$ git fetch origin/master\$ git diff master origin/master\$ git merge origin/master

The Dark Side of Collaboration



When you are collaborating on a shared repository you may end up changing the same files other collaborators are working on. Version control helps us to manage these conflicts by giving us tools to resolve overlapping changes.

Note: this can also happen if you are the only one working on a repo but, for instance, on different devices (a laptop and a pc)

The Dark Side of Collaboration

As collaborators try to modify the same file (e.g. add a different line of text/code).



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Git rejects the push because it detects that the remote repository has new updates that have not been incorporated into the local branch.

What we have to do is pull the changes from GitHub, merge them into the copy we're currently working in, and then push that.

```
(base) fabriziounicam:GitHubRepo user$ git pull origin master
remote: Enumerating objects: 5, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (5/5), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 1), reused 3 (delta 1), pack-reused 0
Unpacking objects: 100% (3/3), done.
From https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020
* branch master -> FETCH_HEAD
fe23e6d..49a3087 master -> origin/master
CONFLICT (modify/delete): EigthFile.txt deleted in HEAD and modified in 49a3087ebf5f079c13fa28427a83b4a353ed1043.
Version 49a3087ebf5f079c13fa28427a83b4a353ed1043 of EigthFile.txt left in tree.
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then commit the result.
```

Run git status

Anything that has merge conflicts and hasn't been resolved is listed as unmerged. Git adds standard conflict-resolution markers to the files that have conflicts, so you can open them manually and resolve those conflicts.

I decided to merge the content of the files by copy paste. I did so by using my text editor open -a TextEdit File.txt

I Run git status

| EightFile.txt EigthFile.txt FifthFile.txt FirstFile.txt README.md | SecondFile.txt | ThirdFile. |
|--|----------------|------------|
| (base) fabriziounicam:GitHubRepo user\$ open -a TextEdit EightFile.txt | | |
| (base) fabriziounicam:GitHubRepo user\$ open _a TextEdit EigthFile.txt | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| (base) fabriziounicam:GitHubRepo user\$ git status | | |
| On branch master | | |
| Your branch and 'origin/master' have diverged, | | |
| and have 1 and 1 different commits each, respectively. | | |
| (use "git pull" to merge the remote branch into yours) | | |
| You have unmerged paths. | | |
| (fix conflicts and run "git commit") | | |
| (use "git mergeabort" to abort the merge) | | |
| Unmerged paths: | | |
| (use "git add/rm <file>" as appropriate to mark resolution)</file> | | |
| deleted by us: EigthFile.txt | | |
| Changes not staged for commit: | | |
| (use "git add <file>" to update what will be committed)</file> | | |
| (use "git checkout <file>" to discard changes in working directory)</file> | | |
| modified: EightFile.txt | | |
| | | |
| no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit –a") | | |

I removed EigthFile.txt

I run git status

I added the changes to EightFile.txt

I committed the changes

I pushed the changes

```
(base) fabriziounicam:GitHubRepo user$ git rm EigthFile.txt
EigthFile.txt: needs merge
rm 'EigthFile.txt'
(base) fabriziounicam:GitHubRepo user$ git status
On branch master
Your branch and 'origin/master' have diverged,
and have 1 and 1 different commits each, respectively.
  (use "git pull" to merge the remote branch into yours)
All conflicts fixed but you are still merging.
  (use "git commit" to conclude merge)
Chanaes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git checkout -- <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
(base) fabriziounicam:GitHubRepo user$ git add EightFile.txt
(base) fabriziounicam:GitHubRepo user$ git commit _m "merged EightFile with EigthFile which has been removed"
[master 3697611] merged EightFile with EigthFile which has been removed
(base) fabriziounicam:GitHubRepo user$ git push origin master
Enumerating objects: 9, done.
Counting objects: 100% (8/8), done.
Delta compression using up to 4 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (5/5), done.
Writing objects: 100% (5/5), 588 bytes | 588.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 5 (delta 2), reused 0 (delta 0)
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (2/2), completed with 1 local object.
To https://github.com/FabrizioFornari/spm2020.git
  d2d1482..3697611 master -> master
```

| រូវ mas | ter - spm2020 / EightFile.txt |
|----------|--|
| 💄 Fat | orizioFornari merged EightFile with EigthFile which has been removed |
| At 1 cor | itributor |
| 3 lines | (3 sloc) 101 Bytes |
| 1 E | ightFile |
| 2 I | am collaborator B and I added this line |
| 3 І | am collaborator A and I am modifying this line |

Good Practice

- Pull from upstream more frequently, especially before starting new work
- Use topic branches to segregate work, merging to master when complete
- Make small commits
- Break large files into smaller ones so to reduce the possibility of conflicts

About Conflicts:

- Clarify who is responsible for what areas with your collaborators
- Discuss the order of tasks with your collaborators so that tasks expected to change the same lines won't be worked on simultaneously
- If the conflicts are stylistic churn (e.g. tabs vs. spaces), establish a project convention that is governing and use code style tools (e.g. htmltidy, perltidy, rubocop, etc.) to enforce, if necessary

Remember the Workflow



git push origin master

Additional Materials

Pro Git https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2 by Scott Chacon and Ben Straub



In case of...

