

Hydroinformatik II – V1/Ü1 Software-Grundlagen - Git, Qt Lars Bilke, Environmental Informatics



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Overview

- Version control system
 - Git by example
 - Exercise: Online tutorial
 - Hosting services
 - Exercise: Get example files from GitHub
- Exercise / HW: Qt Creator installation





VERSION CONTROL SYSTEMS

git-scm.org



Version control systems: What

- "Database" which takes snapshots (version) of files
- Tracks time, changes, authors
- Some content and images from <u>www.git-tower.com/learn</u>



Version control systems: What

- Independent of project / technology / tools
- Best suited for all kinds of plain text files
 - LaTeX, Markdown, TXT, CSV, Python scripts, source code, ...
- Can handle binary files too, e.g. images



Version control systems: Why

- Collaboration
- Storing versions
- Restoring previous versions / undo
- Understanding history of a project
- Backup



Version control systems: Collaboration

- "Classic" collaboration via shared folders or emailing files back and forth is error prone
 - Manually (shouting through the office) "lock" files
 - Merging changes from several emails
 - Where is the latest version?
 - You will lose / overwrite changes!
- With VCS anybody can work on any file at any time
 - Merge changes into a common version
 - Latest version is in a common central place



Version control systems: Versions

- "Classic" approach:
 - How do you handle versions? By file name postfix?
 - What has changed between paper_v56.doc and paper_v61.doc?
 - What if you want to have variants of a document?
- VCS:
 - Just gives you one state of a project
 - Handles versions for you
 - You can to go to any previous version
 - Parallel variants are handles too ("branches")

Version control systems: Restoring

- Restoring a file or whole project
 - You can't mess something up!
- Undo changes



Version control systems: History

- VCS requires a short description on changes
 - High-level overview
- Detailed changes for the entire history



Version control systems: Backup

- VCS server component acts as a backup
- Collaborators act as backups too



Version control systems: Definitions

Repository

- "Database" stores all files, its versions and metadata
- Working directory
 - Set of files of your project on your PC
- Commit
 - Set of changes to files



Version control systems

- Centralized
 - Subversion <u>subversion.apache.org</u>
 - UFZ provides server
 - Perfoce (\$) <u>www.perforce.com</u>



- Distributed
 - Git <u>git-scm.com</u>
 - Mercurial <u>www.mercurial-scm.org</u>





Images from www.atlassian.com/git





Version control system





Version control systems: Git

- Distributed is better than centralized
 - No server necessarily needed / works offline / faster
 - Multiple backups
- Widely used / lots of tools / software
- Many hosting provider (free / \$)
- Powerful / flexbile / does not impose a specific workflow
 - But also harder to learn / more concepts



Git: Getting started

- Git is a command line tool, no GUI!
 - Maybe harder to learn but you get what you type
- Installer: <u>git-scm.com/download/win</u>
 - Git Bash, Git Gui



Git: Graphical tools

- GitHub Desktop (free) <u>desktop.github.com</u>
- Win / Mac
- Clean and simple interface

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Commit to color-changes

Git: Graphical tools

- SourceTree (free) <u>www.sourcetreeapp.com</u>
- Win / Mac
- Full featured

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Git: Getting started (git init)

- Tell git who you are
 - Start Git Bash
 - Type git config --global user.name <name>
 - git config --global user.email <email>
- Create a repository (start a new project)
 - Create a directory, cd to it, git init
 - Repo is hidden inside .git-folder
- Create a file, write something ...
- File status

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- Untracked: not under version control, git does not watch
- Tracked: under version control, git watches for changes



Git: Getting started (git add)

- Commit changes
 - Tell git which changed files should be included:
 - git add file.txt
 - Does two things:
 - Sets file.txt to be *tracked*
 - Adds file.txt to the *staging area*
- Tracked
 - Git is managing (versioning) this file
- Staging area
 - Kind of a buffer between working directory and the repository

Git: Getting started

Staging area

Working Copy Your Project's Files



Git watches tracked files for new local modifications...

Tracked (and modified)



If a file was modified since it was last committed, you can stage & commit these changes



Changes that are **not staged** will not be committed & remain as local changes until you stage & commit or discard them

Untracked



If a file was modified since it was last committed, you can stage & commit these changes

Staging Area Your Project's Files

Local Repository Your Project's Files



Changes that were added to the Staging Area will be included in the next commit



All changes contained in a commit are saved in the local repository as a new revision

Git: Getting started (git commit)

- With git commit all files / changes in the staging area make up a version
- A commit should be described shortly
 - git commit -m "Added a simple text file."
- Commit
 - Set of changes
 - Author
 - Timestamp
 - Hash (unique identifier)
 - Parent commit

commit 215f52ccd4b7f1a449e15f3996a0f2fcdccb16cd
Author: Lars Bilke <lars.bilke@ufz.de>
Date: Thu Oct 22 12:46:53 2015 +0200

Added a simple text file.

diff --git a/file.txt b/file.txt
new file mode 100644
index 0000000..b72e979
--- /dev/null
+++ b/file.txt
@@ -0,0 +1 @@
+A simple text file.

Git: Getting started (git diff)

- Now make more changes, review & commit them
 - Edit file
 - Show changes with git diff

@@ -1 +1,2 @@
-A simple text file.
+A simple text file to demonstrate
+how to get started with git.



Git: Getting started (git status)

- Check current status
 - git status



- git add file.txt
- git status





stage & commit these changes

Staging Area Your Project's Files Local Repository Your Project's Files

Changes that were added to the Staging Area will be included in the next commit All changes contained in a commit are saved in the local repository as a new revision

Git: Getting started (git log)

Show history with git log

commit bcf61872cf9063297cdf389f06e4e58b36237e8a
Author: Lars Bilke <lars.bilke@ufz.de>
Date: Thu Oct 22 12:57:50 2015 +0200

More precise file description.

commit 215f52ccd4b7f1a449e15f3996a0f2fcdccb16cd
Author: Lars Bilke <lars.bilke@ufz.de>
Date: Thu Oct 22 12:46:53 2015 +0200

Added a simple text file.

git log --oneline

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Git: Getting started (exercise)

- https://www.katacoda.com/courses/git
- Do scenarios 1 and 2

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Task						
As this is a new project, a new repository needs to be created. Use the git init + command to create a repository.						
ProTip						
After initialising a repository, a new hidden subdirectory called <i>.git</i> is created. This subdirectory contains the metadata that Git uses to store it's information. If you're interested in the details then use the command line to explore the contents.						
SHOW SOLUTION CONTINUE						

Git: Syncing

- Local repository
 - Hidden .git-folder in working directory
 - The one you interacted with
- Remote repository
 - Typically on a server on the internet
 - Has no working directory, just contents of .git
 - People use remote repos to share and exchange data



Git: Syncing



Git: Syncing (git remote add)

- Connect to remote repo
 - git remote add origin https://someserver.com/some-repo.git
- Remote has a name (origin) and url
 - Arbitrary name but origin is a convention



Git: Syncing (git push)

- Sync current state to remote with
 - git push origin master
 - Pushes the current branch master to branch master on remote origin
- Branches (ignore for now)
 - Independent line of work

New Design #

- Fork at some point

Git: Syncing (git pull)

- Download and merge changes from remote repo
 - git pull origin
- Shortcut for two steps:
 - Fetches changes from remote repo named origin
 - git fetch origin
 - Merges the remote branch master into the local branch
 - git merge origin/master
- Homework: Continue exercise on Katakoda with scenario 3



Git: Branching



- Branching happens all the time
 - Local master branch
 - Remote master branch
 - Collaborators local master branch
- On push / pull branches get merged



Big Feature

Git: Branching (git branch)

On default branch master



Creating a branch with git branch <name>



Nothing happened...



Git: Branching (git checkout)

- git checkout <branchname>
- "Activates" a branch as the current
 - Updates local files to match the state of the branch
 - All future commits now go into this branch





Git: Branching (git merge)



- Change back to master and erge commits from another into the current (*master*) branch:
 - git checkout master
 - git merge <branchname>



Git: Branching (git merge)



- New merge commit is created
- Merged branch can be deleted:
 - git branch -d <branchname>
- Homework: Continue exercise on Katakoda until scenario 6



Git: Conclusion

- Important commands
 - git init <directory> /git clone <url>
 - git add <file>
 - git status
 - git commit -m "..."
 - git push <remote> <branch>
 - git pull <remote>
- Tutorials
 - <u>rogerdudler.github.io/git-guide</u>
 - <u>git-scm.com/book</u>
 - www.git-tower.com/learn/git/ebook/en/command-line

Git: Conclusion

- Git enables you to
 - collaborate with arbitrary number of people
 - never lose something
 - have the whole history available
- on any text-based project, e.g.:
 - Paper / reports / books
 - Computer scripts (R, Matlab, ...)
 - Plain text data sets (CSV, GeoJSON, XML-formats, ...)
 - HTML web sites



Git: Hosting services

- Setup own server
- GitHub <u>github.com</u>
- GitLab gitlab.com
- Bitbucket <u>bitbucket.org</u>

free, max. 3 people free free, max. 5 people



Git: Hosting services

- Host repositories (download, backup)
- Graphical interface for git
 - Create, modify, delete files
 - History views
 - Diff views
 - Blame views

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Git: Hosting services

- Issue tracker (TODOs, discussions)
- Code reviews (Pull requests)
 - Set of commits author wants to integrate in remote repo
 - View changes / comment on them
 - Collaborators review, author reiterates
 - Pull request gets merged
- Project management
 - Milestones (with deadlines, responsible people, issues)



Exercise: Get example files from GitHub

- https://github.com/envinf/Hydroinformatik-II
- Per Git:

git clone https://github.com/envinf/Hydroinformatik-II

Or as ZIP

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Manage topics

Exercise / HW: Qt Creator installation

- Download: <u>https://www.qt.io/offline-installers</u>
- (OR USB Stick)
- Installation
 - Skip login
 - Qt 5.12.2 (Windows / macOS / Linux)
 - Qt Creator 4.8.2
- Open exercise in Qt Creator
 - Open project -> BHYWI-08-01-E.pro -> Click configure
 - Build executable by clicking green arrow button



Exercise / HW: Qt Creator installation

