Basic git. Interactive.

Emanuele Olivetti¹ Rike-Benjamin Schuppner²

¹NeuroInformatics Laboratory (NILab)
Bruno Kessler Foundation (FBK), Trento, Italy
Center for Mind and Brain Sciences (CIMeC), University of Trento, Italy
http://nilab.fbk.eu
olivetti@fbk.eu

²HU-Berlin / BCCN Berlin, Germany http://debilski.de rikebs@debilski.de

2010 Autumn School "Advanced Scientific Programming in Python"

Outline

- Version Control: git.
- Scenario 1: single developer, local repository.
 - Demo single+local
- Scenario 2: Team of developers, central remote repository. Minimalistic.
 - Demo multi+remote
- Extras: git branch, how to set up central repo.

Version Control: Naming & Meaning

Wikipedia

"Revision control, also known as version control, source control or software configuration management (SCM), is the management of changes to documents, programs, and other information stored as computer files."

Popular Acronyms:

- VC
- SCM

Misnaming:

Versioning

Q: have you ever used VC? (Yes: raise your hand)

Distributed Version Control

Wikipedia: Distributed revision control (or Distributed Version Control (Systems) (DVCS), or Decentralized Version Control)

"A fairly recent innovation in software revision control. [...] The line between distributed and centralized systems is blurring in some regards, especially since DVCSs can be used in a centralized mode."

- There may be many central repositories.
- Codes from disparate repositories are merged.
- Lieutenants dynamically decide which branches to merge.
- Network is not involved in most operations.
- sync operations are available for committing or receiving changes with remote repositories.

Why git?

From: 2010 Python Bootcamp, Day 3 (Peter Williams).

Why We Like Git

- Fundamental reason: extremely well-engineered, underlying theory is solid. (Turns out Linus knows what he's doing.)
- Rock-solid reliability
- Very, very fast
- Open-source and Free software
- Ergonomic
- Extremely powerful suite of tools
- Decentralized code-sharing model
- Active, committed developer community
- Secure

Survey: git

- Q1: Have you heard about git?
- Q2: Do you use git?
- Q3: Why the "git" name? (from git FAQ)
 - Random three-letter combination that is pronounceable.
 - Acronym (global information tracker).
 - Irony.

git? Why "git"?

Linus Torvalds: "I name all my projects after myself. First Linux, now git."



http://www.merriam-webster. com/dictionary/git

00, 000
¹git
Definition of GIT British: a foolish or worthless person
Examples of GIT
* That git of a brother of yours has ruined everything!
 <oh, a="" be="" course="" don't="" git,="" mates="" of="" silly="" such="" want<br="" your="">you around></oh,>
Origin of GIT
variant of <i>get,</i> term of abuse, from ² <i>get</i>
First Known Use: 1929
Related to GIT
Synonyms: berk [<i>British</i>], booby, charlie (<i>also</i> charley) [<i>British</i>], cuckoo, ding-a-ling, dingbat, ding-dong, dipstick, doofus [<i>slang</i>], featherhead, fool [<i>British</i>], goose, half-wit, jackass, lunatic, mooncalf, nincompoop, ninny,

ninnyhammer, nit [chiefly British], nitwit, nut, nutcase, simp, 7/45

git

usage: git [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]

The most commonly used git commands are:

add Add file contents to the index commit Record changes to the repository

diff Show changes between commits, commit

. . .

git help <command>

git status

git

Introduce yourself to git:

git config --global user.name "Emanuele Olivetti"

git config --global user.email
 "olivetti@fbk.eu"

git. Single developer + local repository.

Scenario 1: single developer + local repository.

Single+Local git. Motivations.

- Q: do you use VC for local repo?
- Why VC for single developer + local repository?
 - First step towards a shared project.
 - Backup.
 - Keep memory of your work.

Single+Local git. Init.

git init

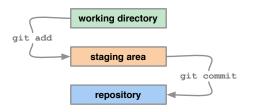
- Creates an empty git repository.
- Creates the git directory: .git/

working directory staging area

local repo

Single+Local git. The tracking process.

git add <filename>



git commit -m "Let us begin."

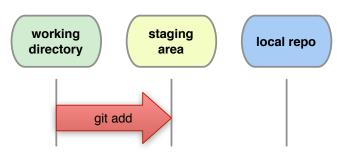
Wikipedia

"A staging area is a location where organisms, people, vehicles, equipment or material are assembled before use".

Single+Local **git**. Add.

git add file1 [file2 ...]

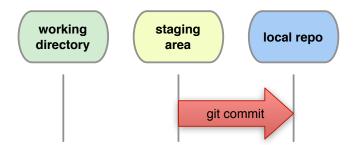
- Adds new files for next commit.
- Adds content from working dir to the staging area (index) for next commit.
- DOES NOT add info on file permissions other than exec/noexec (755 / 644).
- DOES not add directories per se.



Single+Local git. Commit.

git commit [-m "Commit message."]

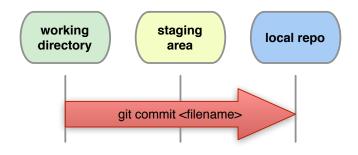
Records changes from the staging area to the repository.



Single+Local git. Commit.

git commit file1 file2

Records all changes of file1, file2 from working dir and staging area to the repository.



git commit -a

Records all changes in working dir and staging area. Be Careful!

Single+Local git. Commit names. OPTIONAL

- Every commit is a git-object.
- The history of a project is a graph of objects referenced by a 40-digit git-name: SHA1(object).
- SHA1(object) = 160-bit Secure Hash Algorithm. NSA Secure!
- Examples:

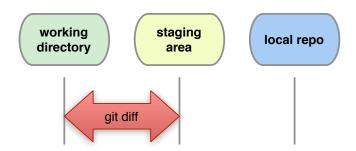
```
$ git commit README -m "Added README."
[master dbb4929] Added README.
1 files changed, 1 insertions(+), ...

or
$ git log
commit dbb49293790b84f0bdcd74fd9fa5cab0...
Author: Emanuele Olivetti <olivetti@fbk.eu>
Date: Wed Sep 15 00:08:46 2010 +0200
...
```

Single+Local git. Diff.

git diff

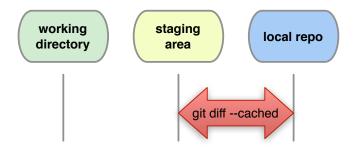
Shows what changes between *working directory* and *staging area* (*index*).



Single+Local git. Diff. OPTIONAL

Q: "git add" then "git diff". What output?

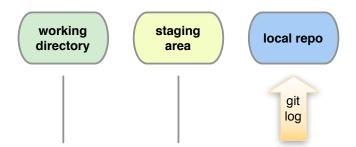
git diff --cached shows differences between index and last commit (HEAD).



Single+Local git. Logs.

git log

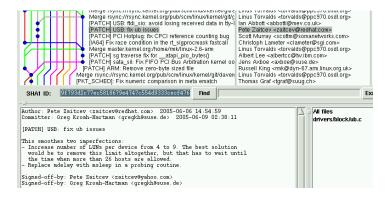
Shows details of the commits.



Single+Local git. Logs.

gitk

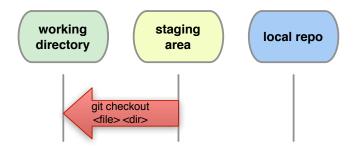
GUI to browse the git repository.



Single+Local git. "How to clean this mess??" OPT.

git checkout <filename>

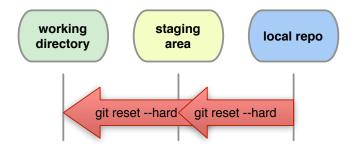
Get rid of what changed in <filename> (between working dir and staging area).



Single+Local git. "How to clean this mess??". OPT.

git reset --hard HEAD

Restore all files as in the last commit.



Single+Local git. (Re)move. OPTIONAL

Warning: whenever you want to *remove*, *move* or *rename* a tracked file use git:

git rm <filename>

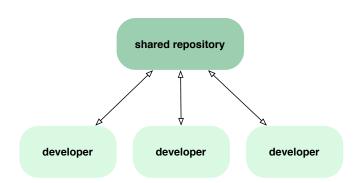
git mv <oldname> <newname>

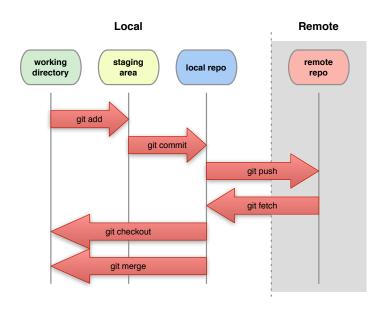
Remember to commit these changes!

Single+Local git. Demo.

Demo: demo_git_single_local.txt

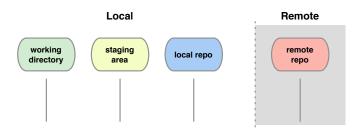
Scenario 2: multiple developers + remote central repository.





git clone <URL>

Creates a local copy of the whole remote repository.



Available transport protocols:

```
• ssh://, git://, http://, https://, file://
```

Ex.: git clone git://github.com/hanke/PyMVPA

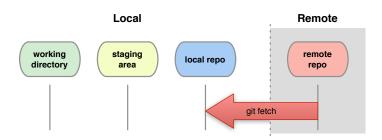
git remote -v

Shows name and URL of the remote repository.

multi+remote/shared git. Fetch.

git fetch

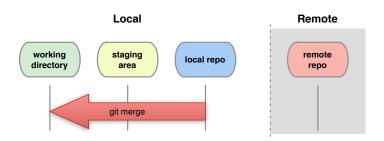
- Downloads updates from remote to local repository.
- The working directory does not change.



multi+remote/shared git. Merge.

git merge

- Joins development histories together.
- Warning: merge only when all changes are committed!
- Warning: can generate conflicts!



git fetch + git merge = git pull

multi+remote/shared git. Conflicts.

Conflict!

```
...
<<<<<< yours:sample.txt
Conflict resolution is hard;
let's go shopping.
======
Git makes conflict resolution easy.
>>>>>> theirs:sample.txt
...
```

How to resolve conflicts.

See where conflicts are:

```
git diff
```

- Edit conflicting lines.
- Add changes to the staging area:

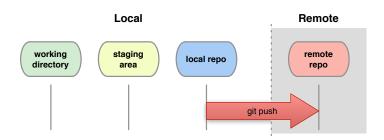
```
git add file1 [...]
```

Commit changes:

```
git commit -m "Conflicts solved."
```

git push

- Updates remote repository.
- Requires fetch+merge first.



Demo: demo_git_multi_remote.txt.

Other related files:

- create_remote_repo_sn.sh
- ocllaborator1.sh
- collaborator2.sh
- collaborator2.sh

Extras. OPTIONAL

- Local branching + demo.
- Setting up a remote shared repository + demo.

Local branching. **OPTIONAL**

git branch

Shows names of local branches.

git branch new_feature

Creates a new branch named new_feature.

git checkout new_feature

Switches to branch **new_feature**.

git checkout master

Switches back to the master branch.

git merge new_feature

Merge new_feature changes into master.

Local branching. **OPTIONAL**

Demo: demo_git_branching_local.txt.

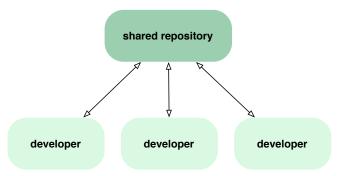
Setting up a remote+shared repository. OPTIONAL

GOAL: I want to share my local repository so others can **push**.

"Why can't I just extend permissions in my local repo?"

- Yes you can...
- ...but your colleagues will not push (read-only).

To have it read-write: set up a remote shared repository.



Setting up a remote+shared repository. OPTIONAL

You have a local repository and want to share it (ssh) from a remote server.

On remote server create bare+shared repository:

- mkdir newproject
- Set up proper group permissions: chmod g+rws newproject
- cd newproject
- git --bare init --shared=group

On *local* machine push your repository to remote:

- git remote add origin
 ssh://remote.com/path/newproject
- git push origin master

Everybody clones the shared repository:

```
git clone ssh://remote.com/path/newproject
```



Setting up a remote+shared repository. OPTIONAL

Demo: demo_git_setup_remote.txt.

Repositories available for you

git clone ...

PacMan!

ssh://<name>@escher.fuw.edu.pl/git/autumnschool/pacman

Your personal git repository:

<name>@escher.fuw.edu.pl:personal.git

Q1: Why "<repo>.git"?

Just a reminder about the repository being bare.

Q2: Why "ssh://<URL>/" vs. "<URL>:" ?

absolute vs. relative (to home) path.

Credits

- Zbigniew Jędrzejewski-Szmek
- Tiziano Zito
- Bastian Ventur
- http://progit.com
- apcmag.com
- lwn.net
- http://www.markus-gattol.name/ws/scm.html

I want to know more about git!

Understanding how git works:

• git foundations, by Matthew Brett:

```
https://cirl.berkeley.edu/mb312/gitwash/gitwash/foundation.html
http://matthew-brett.github.com/
pydagogue-doc/v0.1/foundation.html
```

Excellent guides:

- Progit: http://progit.org/
- git magic: http://www-cs-students.stanford. edu/~blynn/gitmagic/
- git community book: http://book.git-scm.com/

Cool Stuff: Code Swarm on NumPy, SciPy, ...

http://il.youtube.com/watch?v=
wnaF24aVWTE&feature=related