GIT (Version Control System)

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Introduction

 Git is a distributed version control system that allow to handle very large projects with efficiency and with minimal knowledge.

Project Information:



- Original author(s) Linus Torvalds
- Developer(s) Junio Hamano, Linus Torvalds
- Stable release 1.7.10 (April 6, 2012)
- Written in C, Bourne Shell, Perl
- License GNU General Public License v2
- Website http://git-scm.com

Why GIT?

Not possible in SVN but possible in GIT:

- Full clones server-independent
- Centralized but decentralized, sub-teams fetches
- Easy branching and merging
 In addition:
- LDAP integration

All this make GIT:

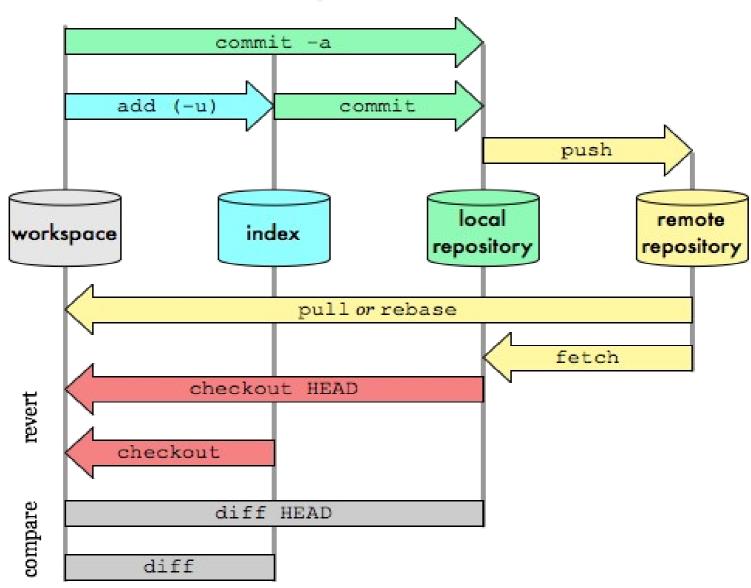
More suitable for future developments



Climate Forecasting Unit

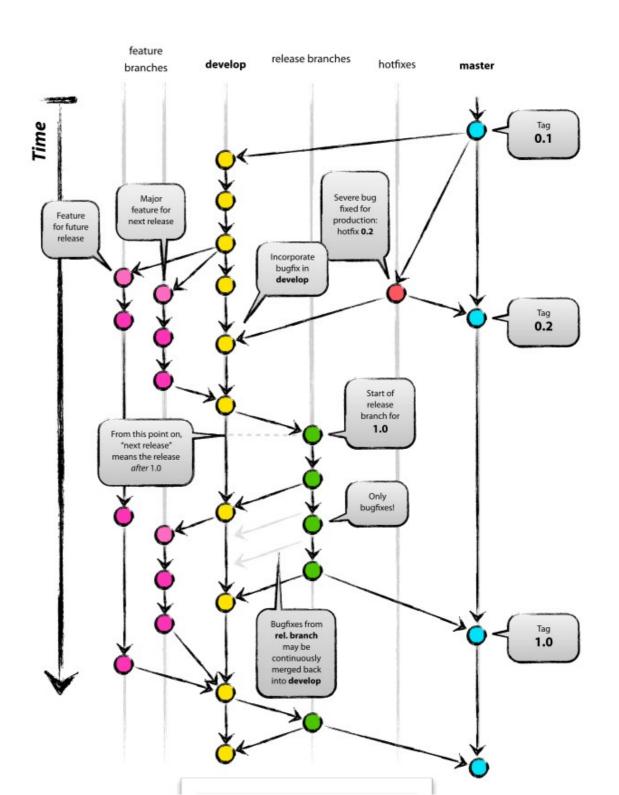
Git Data Transport Commands

http://osteele.com





- "origin/master": production-ready state
- "origin/develop": state with the latest delivered development changes for the next release



Starting with GIT

- git-core, git-doc installed on your machine
- Clone repository folders from the "origin" GIT remote:

git clone https://dev.cfu.local/autosubmit.git <localdir>git clone https://dev.cfu.local/autosubmit3.git <localdir>git clone https://dev.cfu.local/cfutools.git <localdir2>git clone https://dev.cfu.local/cmor-specs.git <localdir2>git clone https://dev.cfu.local/specs2cmor.git <localdir2>

 Clone makes a copy of all the repository branches (e.g. "origin/master", "origin/develop", etc) in <localdir>

Starting with GIT (contd.)

 Before start working with "origin/master": Fetch and merge changes that origin has but that you don't yet have in your repository

git pull origin master

 Start working with the source code, as always, following the documentation instructions.

Making changes

Jump to the development branch "develop":
 git checkout develop

Pull the latest version of "origin/develop":
 git pull origin develop

After working, check the status of "develop":
 git status

Making changes (Contd.)

 Add new files (if new files created) and files we could have changed:

git add <file>...

Commit the changes or contributions that we could do:
 git commit -m "Explain what I changed"

 If you want to distribute your changes: upload the changes to the remote GIT "origin":

git push origin develop

 All changes uploaded to the "origin" generate a report which is sent automatically by e-mail to all users

Branching

- Jump to the branch from what I want to start (develop recommended):
 git checkout develop
- Pull the latest version of "origin":git pull origin develop
- Create a branch e.g. "develop-feature":
 git branch develop-feature
- Switch to new branch:git checkout develop-feature
- Work in the branch (edit files) Caution!: use git mv, git rm

Branching (contd.)

Add new/changed files and commit:

git add <file>...
git commit -m "Explain what I changed"

• (If distribution needed) upload the changes to the remote GIT "origin":

git push origin develop-feature

Merging

Switch to branch "develop" (or the branch to put the changes to):

git checkout develop

Pull the latest version of "origin":

git pull origin develop

Merge:

git merge --no-ff develop-feature

- (if needed) Resolve conflicts and commit
- (Optional) Delete "develop-feature" branch:

git branch -d develop-feature

• Push:

git push origin develop

Merging master

Switch to branch "master":

git checkout master

Pull the latest version of "origin":

git pull origin master

Merge:

git merge --no-ff develop

- Resolve conflicts if needed and commit
- Push:

git push origin master

Usual commands

View the status of the local copy of the repository:

git status

 See revision history, with the changes made by users in the repository:

git log

See more information from origin

git remote show origin

• Info:

man git

Usual commands

- Global config
 git config --global user.name "Your Name"
 git config --global user.email yourmail@yourdomain.org
- See file changes w.r.t. previous commit
 git log --stat
- See revision history (pretty mode):
 git log --graph --decorate --pretty=oneline --abbrev-commit -all
- Amend latest commit:git commit --amend

Usual commands

- Discard changes from local copy of a file (not committed)
 git checkout -- <file>...
- Restore previous version of a file (committed):
 git reset HEAD <file>...
- Get a file from a specific revision
 git reset HEAD~4 <file>...
- See a file form a specific revision
 git show HEAD~4:<file>
- Usual linux commands
 git grep, git diff, git mv, git rm

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