# GIT TO DA REPO! VERSION CONTROL, GITLAB, AND ISU

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#### WHAT IS VERSION CONTROL

(And why should you care?)

- Shared workspace for multiple collaborators
- Tracking history of documents (usually code or config)
- Ability to view and restore any past version of a document
- Compare changes between versions ("diffing")



#### WHAT IS VERSION CONTROL

(And why should you care?)

- Only allow authorized changes
- Who changed what?
- and WHY?
- Ideally note every change for future reference
- Create documentation as you go

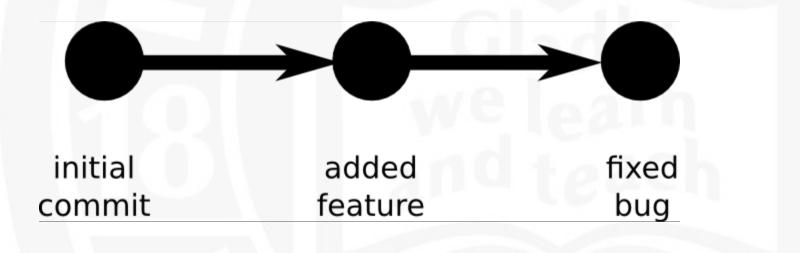


# VERSION CONTROL: BASIC CONCEPTS



#### **COMMITS**

Commits are moments in the history of your documents where you saved.



Each commit has a timestamp, an author, a change description, and file content.

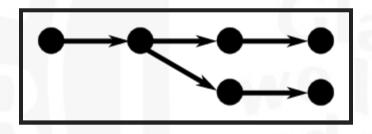
#### WHAT IS "DIFFING?"

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- Compare two or more commits (versions of a document)
- Highlight additions, deletions, changes in a line



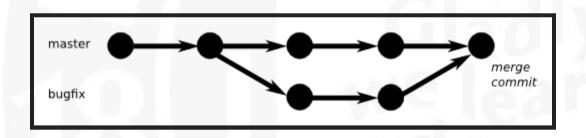
#### WHAT ARE BRANCHES?



A branch is an 'alternate timeline' of versions for a set of files.



### WHAT IS MERGING?



Separate branches of development can be merged back together



# PRIMITIVE FORMS OF VERSION CONTROL

- Manual Zip / storage
- Backups
- Network Shares



#### **ISSUES WITH PRIMITIVE VCS**

- Scalability
- Poor or no tracking of who did what, when
- Cannot conveniently see what changed (diffing)
- Recovery is usually painful
- Collaboration is hard
- What's the "Master" version?"
- How many copies are floating around?



## MODERN VCS AT ISU



### **SHAREPOINT!**

- Allows collaboration
- Track changes (who/what/when)
- Built-in security



# DOWNSIDES OF SHAREPOINT FROM A CODE/CONFIG ANGLE

- Poor Diff support
- Cannot track multiple versions of the same file at once (known as branching)
- Inappropriate for Programming Work



#### **SUBVERSION**

- Designed natively for code and config files
- Easily display the differences between any older versions of the file ("diffing")
- Supports Branching features
- AT has a 12 year history of Subversion for older projects



#### **DOWNSIDES OF SUBVERSION**

- Subversion doesn't have a cool web interface (Only CLI or TortoiseSVN)
- Poor Discoverability of projects (no search, etc)
- Hard for non-developers to use and explore
- As a result, few teams AT have used SVN (mainly web developers & automation people)
- Not set up for access control all or nothing access



### **ENTER GIT**

Story time!

In 2005, Linus Torvalds locked himself in his office one weekend and emerged with git



#### WHY DOES AT USE GIT?

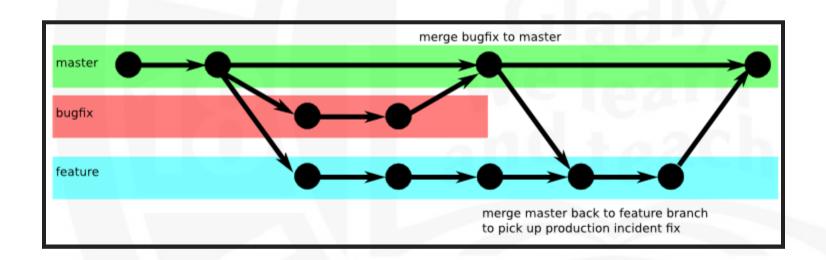
- It's Fast (noticably faster than Subversion)
- Local Branches (track history even if offline)
- Local Repositories (no server needed at all)
- Network Effects (everyone else uses it now)



#### **HOW DOES AT USE GIT?**

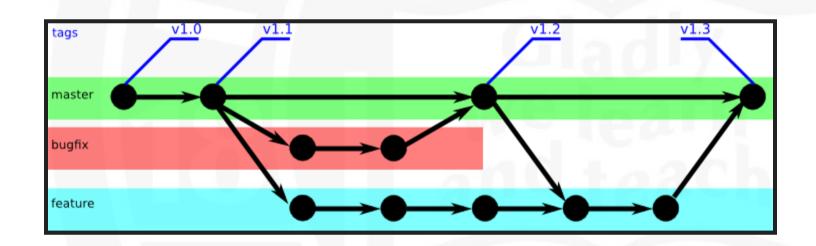
- We use git for all custom software work and some configuration management
- The Java team has adopted standard workflows for branching and merging
- Many servers use etckeeper to manage system configuration file history

# TYPICAL BRANCH & MERGE WORKFLOW IN AT





### **VERSION TAGS**





### WHAT IS GITLAB, THEN?





#### WHAT IS GITLAB?

- Central source code and configuration repository
- Shared through all of AT (& WEB & elsewhere!)
- Secured with overall and per-project access control
- Searchable
- Organized into teams/groups
- Supports personal repositories anyone can create their own or "fork" existing for tinkering



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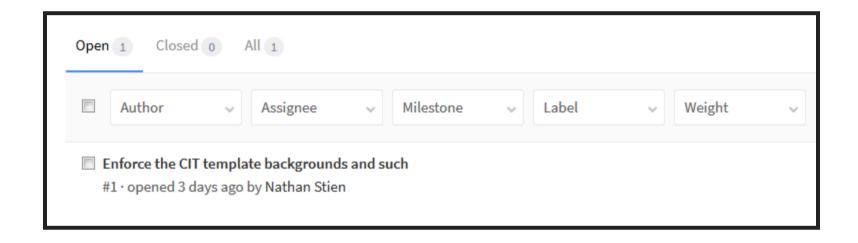


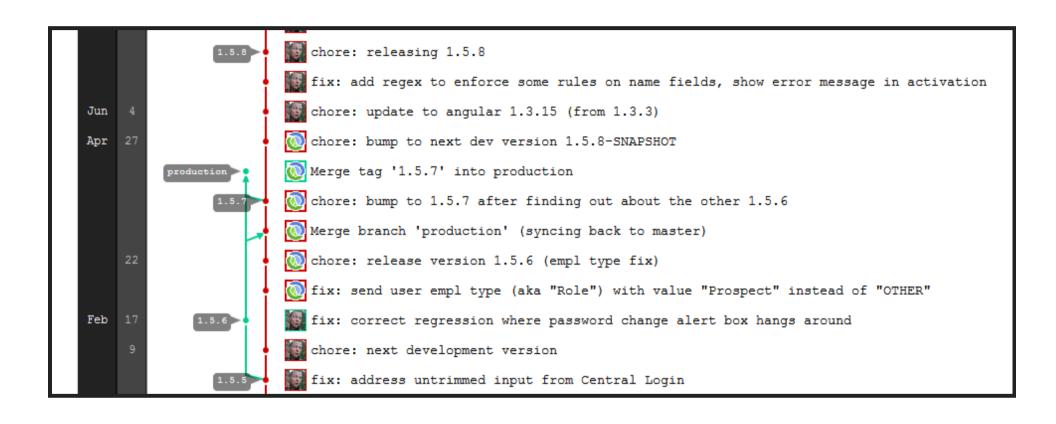
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create_compressed.js.sh	2 years ago	chore: add production urls to create_compressed.js script	
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#### **Account Self Service**

This is the self service interface for account management at ISU. It talks to OIM, and allows people to set passwords, set challenge questions, use challenge questions to recover a password, etc. It also permits new account registration and activation of inactive accounts.

#### **Building**







#### XSL Boilerplate Christie, Ryan authored 2 months ago



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andrew's m2 settings.xml
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#### Test PeopleCode Snippet

🖹 test.java

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1 /** 09/24/2014 Creation. Mike Dargatz. Iscript to create and send the YouPay form to allow for enrollment deposit payments
 2 /** 10/23/2014 Incident 357882. Added code to handle situations where the emplid is not found. in that case, parse the uid from the
    /** PSOPRDEFN.USERALIAS field. If that does not exist, issue a hard error with instructions.
    Function iscript Enroll Deposit();
       /* get user emplid */
 6
       SQLExec("Select EMPLID, EMAILID, USERIDALIAS FROM PSOPRDEFN WHERE OPRID = :1", %UserId, &emplid, &email, &useralias);
7
8
       /* parse name and uid from psoperdefn table **/
9
       &uid = Substring(&useralias, 1, 9);
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       &alias len = Len(&useralias);
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       &pos = Find(";", &useralias);
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       &name len = &alias len - &pos;
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       &alias_first_name = Substring(&useralias, &pos + 1, &name_len);
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#### GITLAB VS. GITHUB

Why did we choose a paid repository product?

- Improved Security
- Local to ISU proprietary code
- Auditing and Logging
- Advanced features
- Integration with other local tools



### INTEGRATIONS, YOU SAY?

- Chatroom monitor of activity custom to AT Devs, other integrations with Jabber and Slack available
- Jenkins & GitLab Continuous Integration (CI) for unit tests and faster deploys
- YouTrack for project level issue tracking and expanded visibility
- Growing the development pipeline across campus



#### PITFALLS AND GOTCHAS

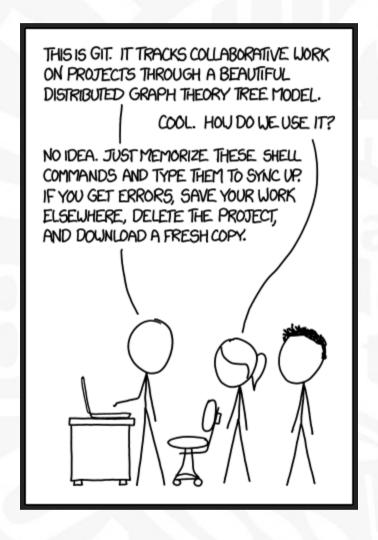




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### **CONTINUOUS DELIVERY(?)**

Future Development will aim at Automation

- Code checked in
- Code reviewed for basic tests with CI
- Code updated in YouTrack for QA review
- Approval of CI and QA will allow code to be merged into master branch
- Merging into master branch will trigger notifications for admins to deploy
- Deploys can be rolled back quickly in case of an issue



#### WHERE CAN YOU LEARN MORE?

Homepage for Git project (This must be downloaded first!)

https://git-scm.com

Full documentation of the entire Git project (long and dry)

https://git-scm.com/book

GitHub training on Git CLI

https://try.github.io

Official Git Tutorial

https://git-scm.com/docs/gittutorial



#### WHERE CAN YOU LEARN MORE?

#### GitLab tutorial

https://about.gitlab.com/2016/03/08/gitlab-tutorial-its-all-connected/

Official Git download site (accept no substitutes!)

https://git-scm.com/downloads

Additional Tools that are useful

Atom - Git-integrated document editor: https://atom.io

Powershell git (posh-git) - https://github.com/dahlbyk/posh-git

GitLab blog - new features and uses: https://about.gitlab.com/blog

#### HOW DO I USE AT'S GITLAB?

AT's instance of GitLab is provided as a Service to the IT community of Illinois State
University. It is covered by a Service Level Expectations that the system will be
updated and running during normal business hours.

Requests for access should go through the Technology Support Center. Support is provided AS-IS; we are not anticipating training.

Access is tied to Active Directory Logins/Email for Security Control.



### QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? TOMATOES?

