Versioning Using Git

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Working with code

One might use classic cloud services for code sharing & backups (e.g. Dropbox), **BUT:**



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328 files changed

Your collaborator changed hundreds of files again. But which ones? And what exactly changed? Good luck finding out!

Or worse: simultaneous edits leading to conflicted copies





But still useful when working on your own



Not-so-hypothetical situation

- Updating your scripts one late evening
- Next day, something broke

Questions:

- What broke where? Reset all progress from last night to get working version again?
- Which lines changed exactly?
- \rightarrow Git to the rescue!



How to share code & models afterwards?

Dropbox-like cloud storage?

BUT: What if full, or after quitting academia?

Upload to own website?

BUT: Lot of work, and less discoverability

What if want to discuss with downloaders & easily release new versions?

Create a Git repository!

Getting visual overview on your repository: SourceTree

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Use a **nice GUI** (e.g. SourceTree) for getting **an easy overview** to your repository

https://www.sourcetreeapp.com/

(Command line is also often used, but less accessible for beginners)

Git Terminology The layout of a Git Project

Repository

Your code for one project lives in a **repository**

Repository: my-super-awesome-project

Committing your changes

Every time you "save" your code, you create a new commit

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Commit 1 Initial commit

Committing your changes

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A lineage of commits is called a **branch**, which refers to the latest commit For example the **main branch**



You have a **main branch** (or **master**) and you can add other named branches for creating variations of your code



You can commit on this new branch without affecting the main branch other collaborators might simultaneously be working on





Merging branches

And when the code is ready, you can put it back on master with a merge commit



Push your changes to remote server, and pull for latest



GUI provides easy access to all these concepts

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Who can host your repositories?

KU Leuven servers: gitlab.kuleuven.be

Third party service: <u>github.com</u>, <u>gitlab.com</u>, ... (if project NDA allows)

Interface

sourcetreeapp.com

Further tutorials

try.github.io/

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