



## git workshop

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- non-linear development
- distributed development
- striking community
- scalability + speed
- cryptographic authentication of history
- protocol support: git, ssh, rsync, http, ftp



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three parents: BK, cache, Monotone

timeline:

April 2005: officially used to track Linux

June 2005: Linux 2.6.12 release managed by git

December 2005: git 1.0 release

February 2007: git 1.5 release

September 2007: git 1.5.3 release

“And then realize that nothing is perfect.  
Git is just *\*closer\** to perfect than any  
other SCM out there.” -linus



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- linux-2.6
- xorg
- wine
- olpc
- alioth
- ...



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data structure: index + blob object

**index:** the mutable index caches information about the working directory and the next revision to be committed

**blob:** append-only blob object of each file-revision  
each object is identified by a SHA-1 hash of its content  
a blob object is combined into packs to save space using delta compression



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git user manual

git tutorial

git wiki

everyday git with 20 commands or so

git help

git Wikipedia



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Either extract your favourite project

```
$ tar xzf project.tar.gz
$ cd project
$ git init
Initialized empty Git repository in .git
```

or start with a blank dir

```
$ mkdir ~/src/project
$ cd ~/src/project
$ git init
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```





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Tell git to track any file below the current directory

```
$ git add .
```

Finally commit the current state with interactive commit message

```
$ git commit -a
```

maybe directly with commit message

```
$ git commit -a -m "Initial commit of <project>"
```



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## global configuration / .gitconfig

```
$ git config --global user.name "maximilian attems"  
$ git config --global user.email maks@debian.org
```

## set email per repository

```
$ git config user.email maks@debian.org
```

## list config variables

```
$ git config --list
```



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check if anything changed

```
$ git status
```

really no diff!?

```
$ git diff
```

hmm ok we are lazy, show latest commit

```
$ git show
```



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## create file

```
$ cat > hello.c << EOF
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    printf("hello world\\n");
return 0;
}
EOF
```

## tell git which files you want to commit

```
$ git add test1.c
$ git commit test1.c
```



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on the example of initramfs-tools

```
$ git clone \  
git://git.debian.org/git/kernel/initramfs-tools.git
```

developer access for pushing

```
$ git clone \  
git+ssh://maks@git.debian.org/git/kernel/initramfs-tools.git
```



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At any point you can checkout the history of changes

```
$ git log
```

Show the diff of each step too

```
$ git log -p
```

summary overview

```
$ git log --stat --summary
```



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see the great grandparent of HEAD

```
$ git show HEAD~4
```

see a specific commit

```
$ git show <object>  
$ git show b71721f02b6b46fddfc624888f61aafbc2399129
```

use short notation of the object

```
$ git show b71721f02b6
```

(first few chars are enough to uniquely define that commit)



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list current available branches  
(the asterisk marks the branch you are on):

```
$ git branch
```

switch to specific branch

```
$ git checkout <branchname>  
$ git checkout david
```

merge specific branch

```
$ git merge <branchname>
```

create new branch from current state on

```
$ git checkout -b <branchname>
```





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see log between two versions

```
$ git log 0.86..0.87
```

list commit that where made on the david branch but not on maks branch

```
$ git log maks..david
```

see what changed in the boot scripts the last six weeks

```
$ git log --since="6 weeks ago" scripts
```

crazy search

```
$ git log --since="June 5, 2005" \  
    --grep="regex" --author="guy@domain.org" \  
    --pretty=oneline some-branch -- path
```



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## reset the last commit

```
$ git reset  
$ git reset HEAD~1
```

## reset the last commit and disregard any change

```
$ git reset --hard
```

## revert changes to a file

```
$ git checkout file
```



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## define remote repository

```
$ git remote add bob /home/bob/myrepo
```

## fetching remote repository

```
$ git fetch bob
```

after some checks ;) merging this repository into master

```
$ git merge bob/master
```



# Mail Patches

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prepare patches for e-mail submission, creates patches in \$PWD

```
$ git format-patch -M -s master
```

inspect them, vi 00\*  
fire them off

```
$ git send-email --to upstream-maint@project.org
```



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interactive patch shuffling: allows to merge, pick and reorder commits

```
$ git rebase -i HEAD~10
```