

Project Management

Overview

- How to manage a project?
- What is software configuration management?
- Version control systems
- Issue tracking systems

What is Project Management?

- Effective project management focuses on the 4 P's:
 - People: the most important element
 - recruiting, training, performance management
 - Product: the software to build
 - Project objectives, scope, alternative solutions
 - Process: define activities and tasks involved
 - Milestones, work products, QA points
 - Project: progress control
 - Planning, monitoring, controlling

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The "First Law"

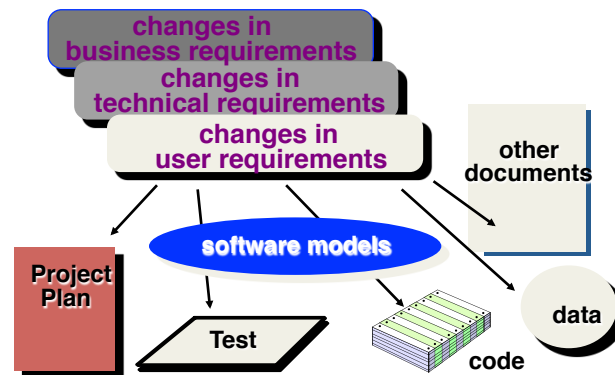
- No matter where you are in the system life cycle, the system will change, and the desire to change it will persist throughout the life cycle.

Bersoff, et al, 1980

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What Are These Changes?



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Software Configuration Management (SCM)

- Definition
 - The task of tracking and controlling changes in software
- SCM repository
 - tools that allow developers to effectively manage changes
 - Version control system
 - Issue tracking system

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Version Control System

What Is Version Control System?

- VCS, also known as Revision Control System
- To manage changes to documents, programs, large websites, and other collections of information
 - CVS, SVN, Mercurial, GIT

What Do We Mean by "Manage Changes" ?

- What changes have been made?
- Why are the changes made?
- Who makes the changes?
- Can we redo/undo some changes?
- Can we branch the project?



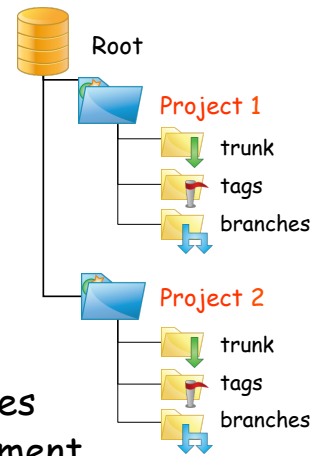
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Subversion Version Control System (SVN)

Subversion Repository Layout

- One SVN server can hold many repositories
- One repository can hold many projects
- One project contains
 - Trunk: Main line of development
 - Tags: Markers to highlight notable revisions—major releases
 - Branches: Side lines of development

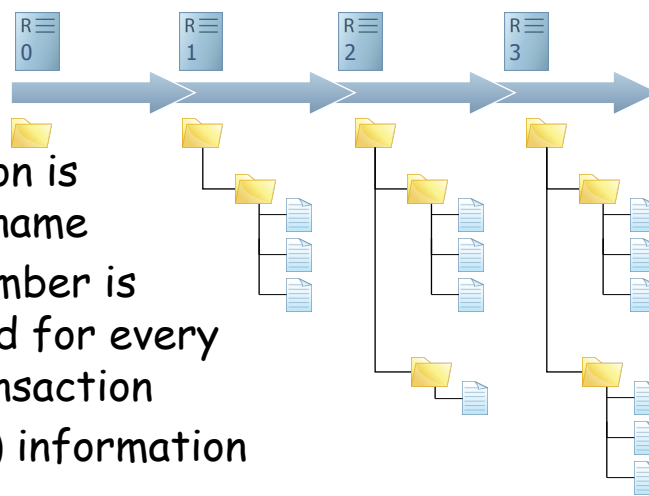


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Each project has multiple revisions

- Each revision is assigned a name
- Revision number is incremented for every commit transaction
- Delta (diff) information is recorded



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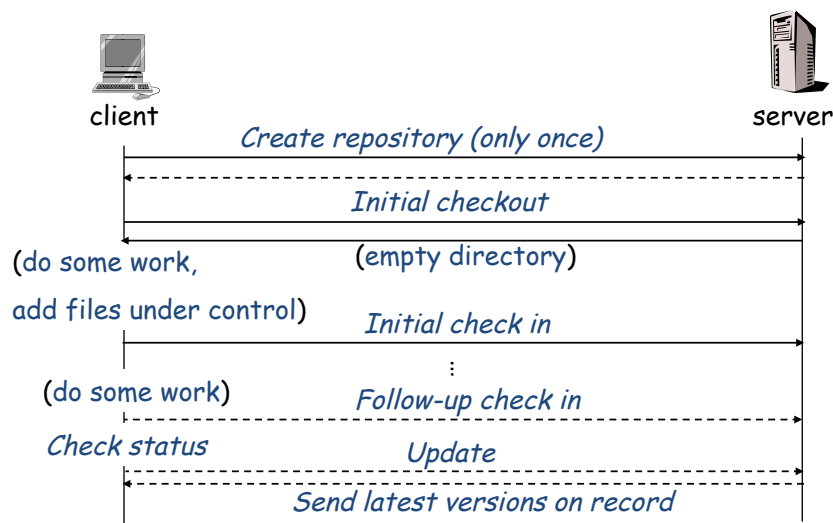
Basic Features of a Repository

- Keep the history of all changes to files and directories
 - You can add in new versions
 - You can recover any previous version
- Access control
 - Read/write permission for users
- Logging
 - Author, date, and reason for a change

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Typical Workflow



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Additional Features

- Diff
- Branch
- Merge

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Diff

- To display the differences between two revisions
 - **What has been changed?**
 - Add or delete a line of text
 - No update, or move

```
Version 1:          Version 2:
x = 0;              x = 1;
y = 1;              y = 1;
Diff:
- x = 0;
+ x = 1;
```

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Changes Detected by Diff

- Addition/Deletion of directories
- Addition/Deletion of files
- A renamed file is reported as a separate addition and a separate deletion
- Addition/Deletion of lines

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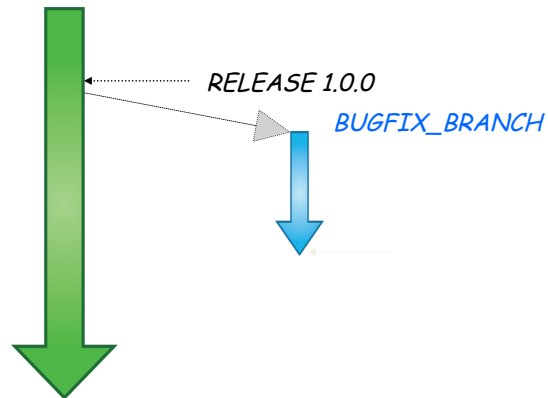
Branch

- Scenario
 - You deliver a great product to your customers: REL-1.0.0
 - Your development team continue adding new features on the **trunk**
 - Customers report a major bug in the product and ask for a fix
 - What do you do?

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Branch and patch separately!



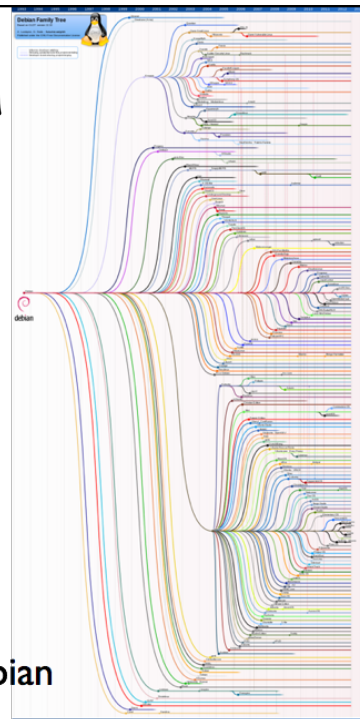
- svn copy path/to/trunk path/to/branch

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Other reasons to branch

- Separate branches for
 - Tentative new features
 - Different products
 - Different teams
 - Different releases
- Where to put the major development, branch, trunk, both?



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Pros and Cons of Branch

- Pros
 - Separation of concerns among teams and developers
 - Parallel version history without interference between branches
- Cons
 - Branches may diverge a lot
 - Hard to propagate changes across branches

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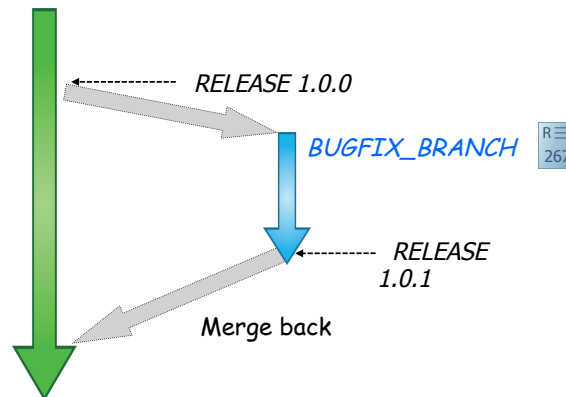
Merge

- Scenario
 - After fixing the major bug on a branch, you have to apply the same/similar changes to the trunk
 - What do you do?

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Merge back the patch!



- `svn merge -reintegrate path/to/branch`

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What can happen when merging?

- Conflict
 - Two people edit the same file

```
void f(int i) {
<<<<<<<< .mine
int j = 3;
=====
int j = 4;
>>>>>>> .r13
```

- Resolve the conflict manually and checked in again

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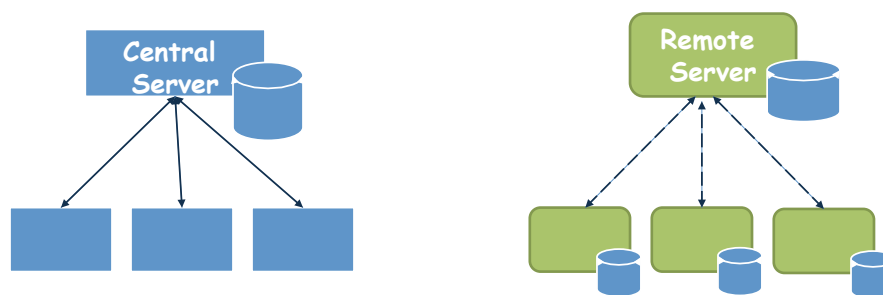
Distributed Version Control: GIT

- Everyone has their own local version control repository
 - Like a local branch of the project
 - Remote updates and commits are like branch merge
 - Local commits used to backup projects
 - Github allows developers to contribute by working on branches

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Centralized VC vs. Distributed VC[1]



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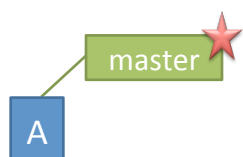
Git Initialization [1]

```
C:\> mkdir CoolProject
C:\> cd CoolProject
C:\CoolProject > git init
Initialized empty Git repository in C:/
CoolProject/.git
C:\CoolProject > notepad README.txt
C:\CoolProject > git add .
C:\CoolProject > git commit -m 'my first commit'
[master (root-commit) 7106a52] my first commit
 1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
 create mode 100644 README.txt
C:\CoolProject > git remote add origin remote
repository URL
# Sets the new remote
C:\CoolProject > git push origin master
# Pushes the changes in your local repository to
the remote repository
```

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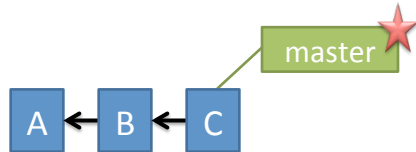
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Git Branch & Merge [1]



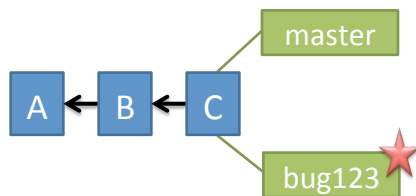
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> git commit -m 'my first commit'
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Branches Illustrated [1]



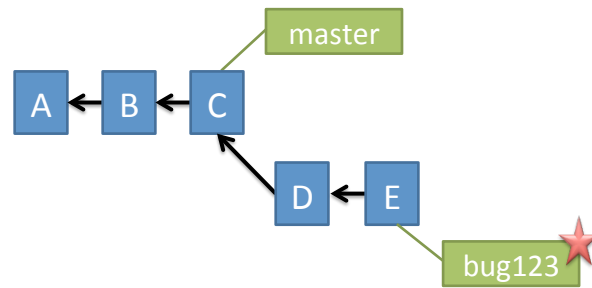
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> git commit (x2)
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Branches Illustrated [1]



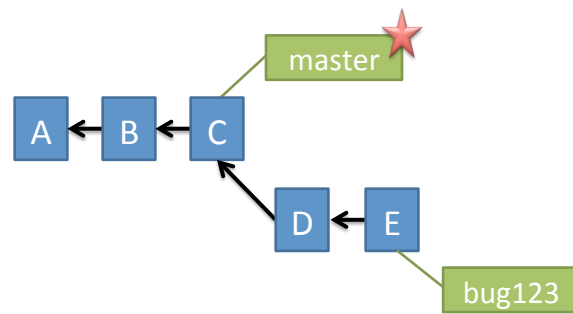
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> git checkout -b bug123
```


Branches Illustrated



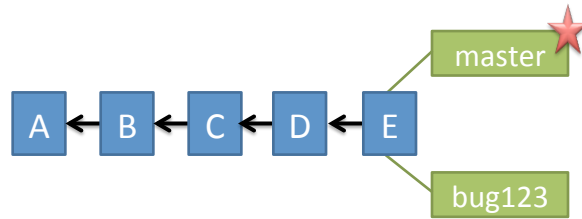
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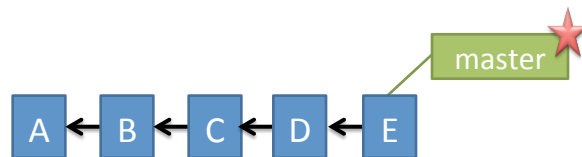
```
> git checkout master
```

Branches Illustrated



```
> git merge bug123
```

Branches Illustrated



Tips for Version Control

- **Small commits**
 - Check in logically relevant changes as a commit
- **Write meaningful commit messages**
 - Facilitate change understanding, applying, and reverting
- **Avoid commit noise**
 - Commit compliable or even deliverable code

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Issue Tracking System

What Is Issue Tracking System?

- ITS, also known as trouble ticket system, support ticket, request management, or incident ticket system
- Manages and maintains lists of issues, as needed by an organization
 - To create, update, and resolve reported issues by customers or developers
 - Bugzilla, JIRA

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What Do We Mean by "Issues"?

- A unit of work to accomplish an improvement in a system
- It could be
 - a bug
 - a requested feature
 - a patch
 - missing documentation, ...

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Why Do We Need Issue Tracking?

- Developers need communication while making changes
 - Mailing List
 - Hard to manage, come with all other mails
 - Not well organized
 - Forum
 - Categorized by topic
 - Notify people when a reply is posted
 - No track to code and issue status

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What Is Included in An Issue?

Agile Board
Export

Details

Type: Documentation

Status: OPEN

Priority: Minor

Resolution: Unresolved

Affects Version/s: 0.11.0

Fix Version/s: None

Component/s: Mahout spark shell

Labels: None

People

Assignee: Unassigned

Reporter: Sergey Tryuber

Votes: 0 [Vote for this issue](#)

Watchers: 2 [Start watching this issue](#)

Description

There is a bug in [documentation](#) (2.3.5 Collecting to HDFS).
Instead of:

Dates

Created:

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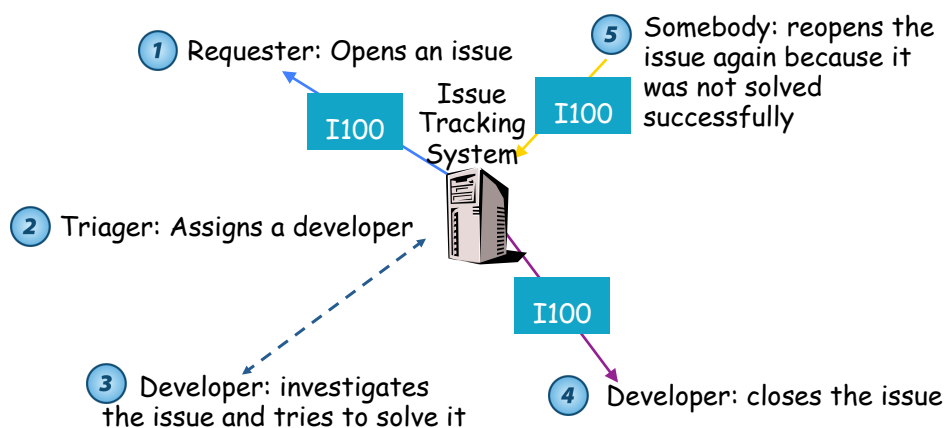
Basic Features

- Structurally describe issues
 - Solving status, severity levels
- Track status of the issue
- Assign a unique ID to each issue
 - Some system automates connection between commit and issue via issue ID

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Typical Workflow



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Resolution of An Issue

- Fixed
 - A bug is fixed, a feature is added, a patch is applied
- Invalid
 - Bug cannot be reproduced, features do not make sense, patch is not correct
- Duplicate
 - It is a duplicate of an existing issue
 - Get merged with the other issue

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Resolution of An Issue

- Won't fix
 - The developers decide not to fix the bug or accommodate the new feature
 - Limited human resource, lack of essential information to reproduce a bug, lack of expertise

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Issue Tracking & Version Control

- Many project hosting websites include issue tracking systems
 - Google Code
 - Github
 - BitBucket
 - Sourceforge

Reference

[1] Mark Groves, Introducing Git version control into your system, PPT