

# Git and GitHub

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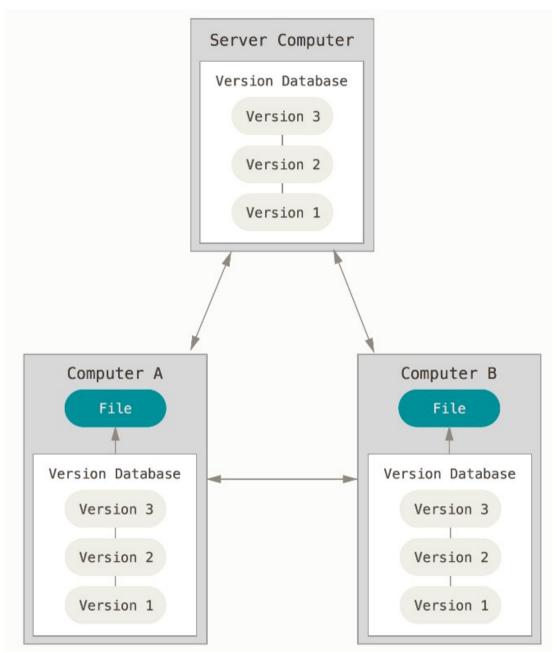
I am not an expert – please shout out if I say something wrong, if you have a question, or if there's a better way to do something



## What is Git?



- Version control software
- DVCS Distributed Version Control System
  - CVS is a Centralised version control system
  - Each copy of the repository has the complete history of the project and fully mirrors everything in the original version
  - No single repository is the 'official' repository
  - Can have multiple remote repositories allows easy collaboration





### What is GitHub?



- Web-based Git repository host •
  - Graphical interface to Git repositories
  - Allows easy bug tracking, documentation and feature requests
  - Introduces a more 'official' version of the repository
  - Allows more centralised control of repositories •
- Used by WCSim and Hyper-K we will follow their work flow system •
- https://github.com/nuPRISM this is the nuPRISM organisation
- You should create an account and 'fork' each repository from the nuPRISM organisation to your personal account **Y** Fork \* Star
- A 'fork' is the GitHub name for the 'git clone' command it creates a copy • of the repository in your account

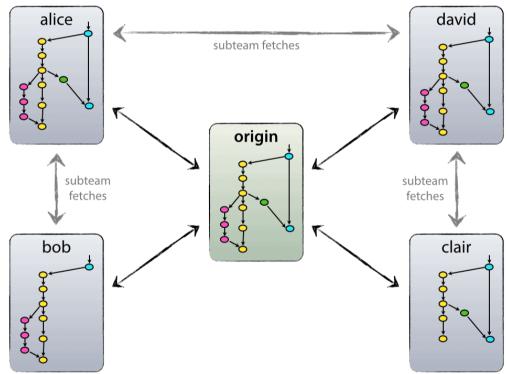
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# Git branches



- In git, when you work on some new code you make a new branch
  - A cheap operation, unlike CVS
  - Lets you work separately on multiple features at once each on a different branch
  - Allows collaborative working
    - You can commit code to your branch that stops the software compiling without affecting anyone else
    - Many people can work on a single branch



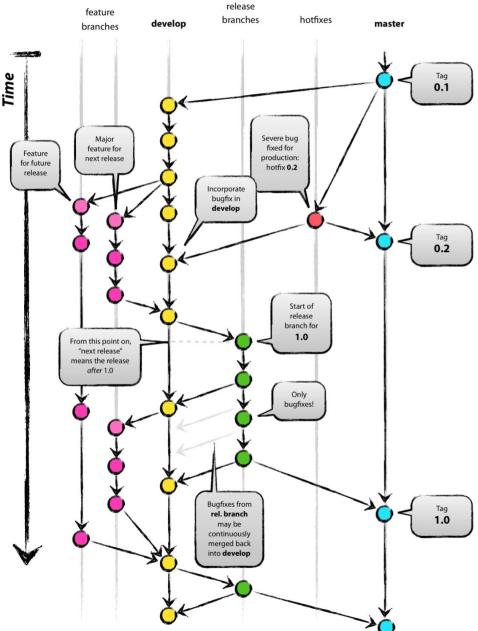
• You should **always** submit new code from a new branch



# Using Git(Hub)



- We are following this branching model
  - Used by WCSim
  - According to the internet it works very well...
- Two main branches:
  - **master** the production branch, should only be modified when we perform a production release
  - master branch should always compile and work!
  - develop the branch which is the basis for any software development
  - develop is not guaranteed to compile or work – similar to the HEAD version in CVS





# Developing a feature



 First, clone your GitHub repository to your local machine (should have been done yesterday by the nuPRISM installation script)

git clone git@github.com:mscott201/WCSim.git

• Next, check which branch you are on

git branch – this lists all the branches in your local repository, and the  $\ast$  indicates which branch you are on

markscott@TRIUMF:~/T2K/nuPRISM\_Software/Analysis\$ git branch \* develop

• Now, create a new branch, called myFeature

git checkout -b feature/myFeature develop

- 'git checkout -b' will switch to a branch, and create a new branch if it doesn't exist
- The next argument is the branch name
- The final argument is the branch you want your new branch to be created from



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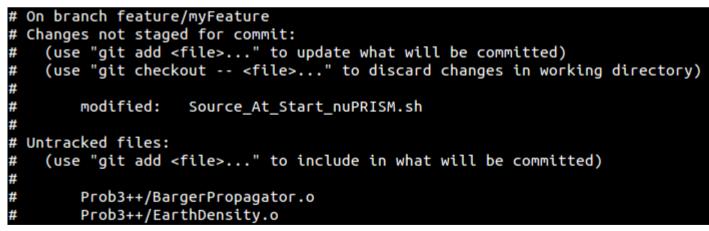


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 Now, make any code changes you want – commit often and with informative commit messages (these are all stored in the repo history)

git commit filename.cxx

- There are other ways of committing things, but this is fairly foolproof
- Try the 'git status' command at some point



 Lists all modified files and files not being tracked by git – use 'git add file.cxx' to add a new file to the repository



#### **Remote repositories**



- We've made the changes we want, and tested that everything works
- Now, need to 'push' these changes to your GitHub repository. First, check which remote repositories you have set up

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git remote -v
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markscott@TRIUMF:~/T2K/nuPRISM\_Software/Analysis\$ git remote -v
origin https://github.com/mscott201/Analysis.git (fetch)
origin https://github.com/mscott201/Analysis.git (push)

- Remote repositories are repositories that you can 'push' updates to or 'pull' updates from
  - One of the good things about git!
- Collaborate with Mark Hartz on something...

git remote add hartz https://github.com/markhartz/Analysis.git

• Adds a repo call 'hartz' that points to Mark's Analysis repository

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• By default, when cloning a repo, a remote repository called origin is added, pointing to the remote repo you cloned from



# Remote repositories - 2



 If we're both working on one thing, if Mark makes a change to his repo I can 'pull' that change over to my local code

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	Unpacking objects: 100% (9/9), done.
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	<pre>* [new branch] develop -&gt; mhartz_repo/develop</pre>
	* [new branch] master -> mhartz_repo/mas <u>t</u> er

- 'git fetch' create a local copy of the remote repository, stored under repo\_name/branch\_name
- Can then merge changes into my current branch
  - git merge mhartz/develop it always merges into your current branch



# Pushing a feature



 Want to 'push' my last changes up to my GitHub repository so that Mark can get them

git status - check everything I want to 'push' has been committed

git push origin feature/myFeature

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markscott@TRIUMF:~/T2K/nuPRISM_Software/Analysis$ git push origin feature/myFeature
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You now have a new branch in your GitHub account called feature/myFeature

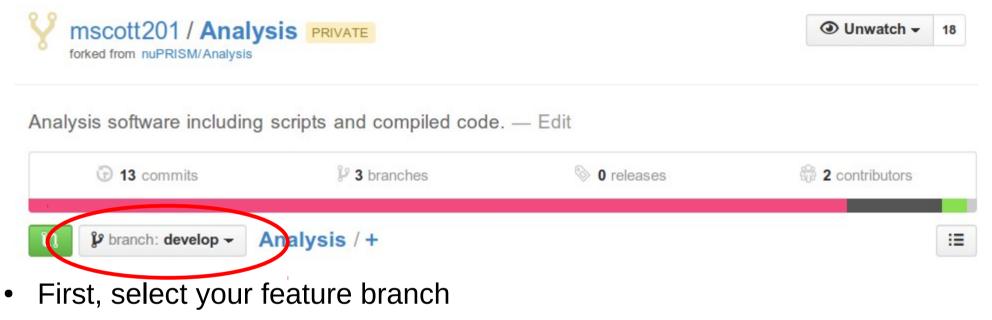


 Carry on committing, pushing and pulling code between people's personal repositories until the myFeature branch is finished and validated





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### Pull requests



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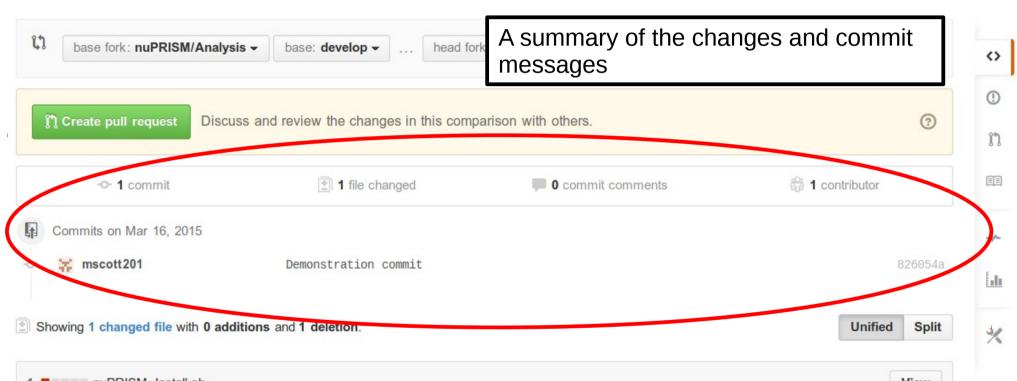
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# Cleaning up



- Your pull request was accepted, and so your change is now in the develop branch of the nuPRISM repo need to do a cleanup
- First, delete the old feature branch on your local machine

git checkout develop - move to the **develop** branch

git branch -d feature/myFeature - delete the old branch

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 Notice the first warning – I had not merged all my changes from that branch onto another, so I can't just delete it by accident

git push origin :feature/myFeature - delete the feature/myFeature branch from the origin repository

markscott@TRIUMF:~/T2K/nuPRISM\_Software/Analysis\$ git push origin :feature/myFeature Username for 'https://github.com': mscott201 Password for 'https://mscott201@github.com': To https://github.com/mscott201/Analysis.git - [deleted] feature/myFeature

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# Updating your repo



- Now want to merge back this new feature into my local and GitHub repo's
- First, add the nuPRISM repo as a remote repository called 'upstream' git remote add upstream https://github.com/nuPRISM/Analysis.git
- Make sure you are on your **develop** branch

git fetch upstream

git merge upstream/develop

- Now your develop branch is level with the nuPRISM develop branch git push origin develop
- Now your GitHub repo matches the nuPRISM develop branch as well
- Make a new branch and start the process over again!

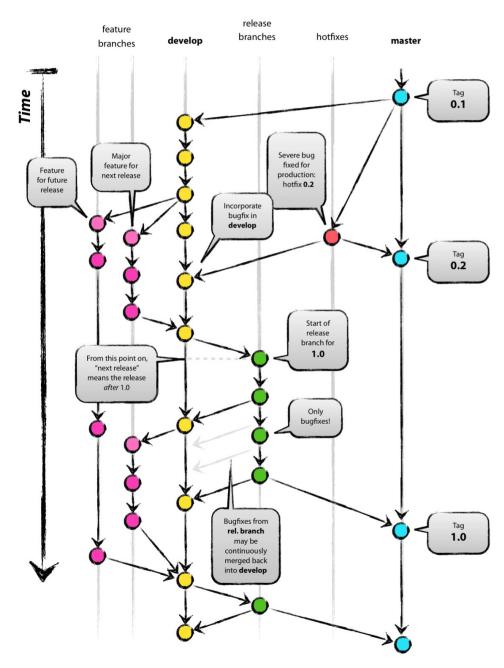


# Our branching model

• Feature branches:

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- Must be branched from the develop branch
- Must merge (pull request) back into the **develop** branch
- **Release** branch is used to release software
  - Branches from develop
  - Merges into **develop** and **master**
- **Hotfix** branch maybe not needed?
  - Branches from master
  - Merges into master and develop
- Any time a change merges into the master branch this is a software release tag a version





### Further reading...



- Just a quick overview to help people get started
- Lots of help available online
- Strongly recommend you read these pages:
  - http://git-scm.com/book/en/v2
  - http://nvie.com/posts/a-successful-git-branching-model/
- Some useful commands:
  - 'git status' shows any changes and what is being tracked by git
  - 'git branch -a' shows all branches available, including remote ones
  - 'git remote -v' gives information on all the remote repos you have
  - 'git checkout' switch between different branches
  - 'git diff file.cxx' shows the difference between your current file and whatever was last committed to git (the local repository)