What the Git?

The Old World

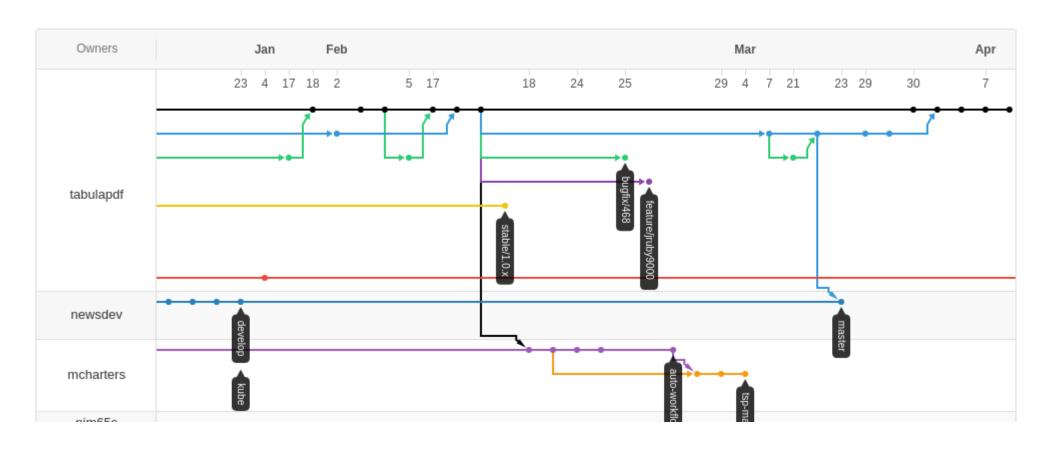
- Have you ever had to collaborate on a project by
 - Shuttling a USB drive back and forth
 - Using Dropbox
 - E-mailing your document around

 Have you ever accidentally deleted someone else's changes because you both saved the same file?

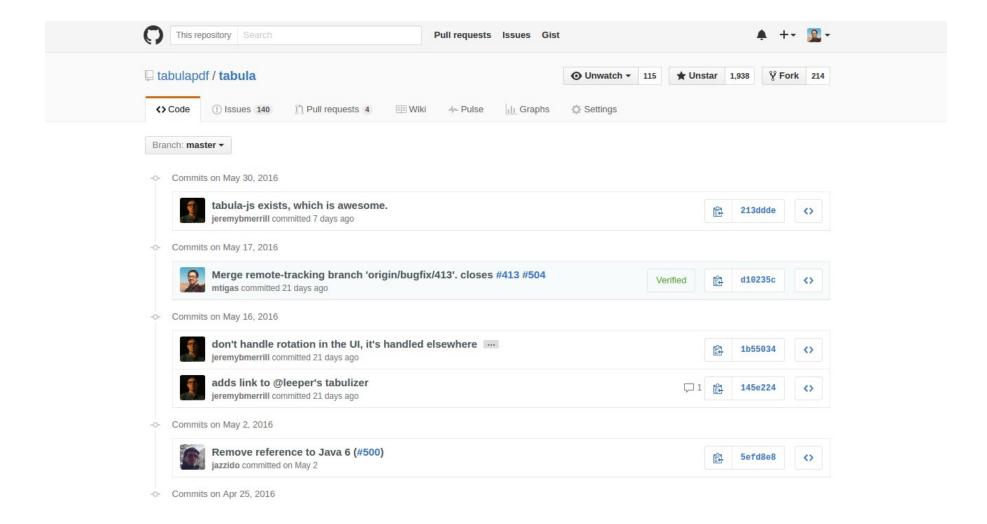
Git

- Saves your work
- Helps you back it up online
- Lets you go back to any saved version of any file
 - "Data diary, but for code"

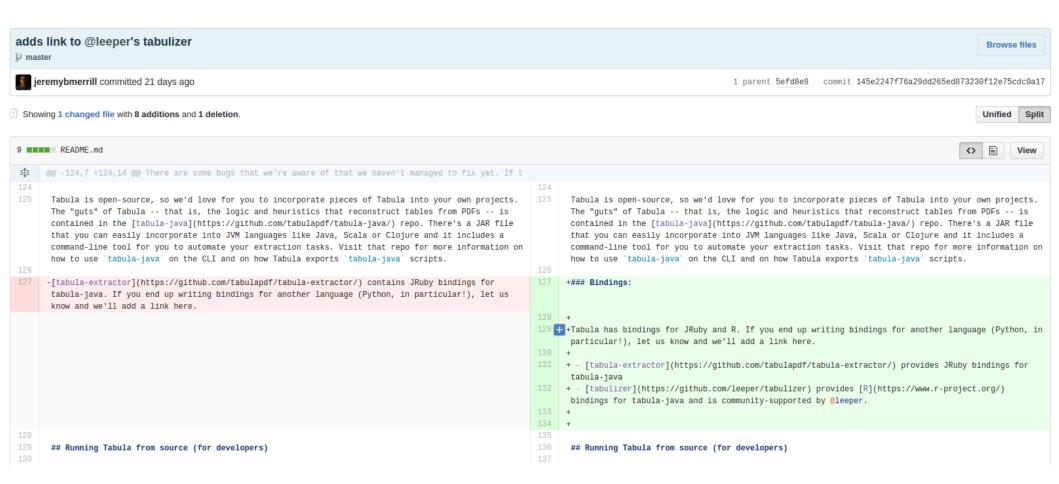
 Helps you collaborate with other people – even if you're editing the same files in a project



https://github.com/tabulapdf/tabula/network



https://github.com/tabulapdf/tabula/commits/master



https://github.com/tabulapdf/tabula/commit/145e2247f76a29dd265ed873230f12e75cdc0a17

Jargon

- Repository (n)
- Commit (n, v)
- Branch (n)

- Clone (v) / Fork (n, v) / Remote (n)
- Push (v) / Pull (v)
- Check out (v)
- Merge (v)

Repository

"repo" for short

noun: A "project" in git.

- Contains a folder and everything inside it*.
 - And the entire history of changes to that folder.

(* you can make some exceptions, for things like super large data files)

Commit

- noun: a particular version or "snapshot" of your repository.
 - "look at my most recent commit"
- verb: to create

Branch

 noun: a version of a repository that can be worked on in parallel to other branches

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Clone

verb: to download a copy of a repository to your computer

Fork

- verb: to create your own copy of a repository
- This is like making a copy of a shared document in Google Docs so you can make your own edits

Remote

- noun: a copy of a repository that's somewhere other than your computer.
- A remote can be:
 - Your copy in GitHub (or another web service)
 - Someone else's fork of the same repository on GitHub (or etc.)
 - Other crazy things
 - Folders on your computer (you can stash your repository in Dropbox, etc)

Push

verb: to upload your commits to the website

Pull

verb: to get new commits from the website

Check out

verb: to switch to a different branch

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 When merging commits, the computer knows how to combine the changes as long as they're not ambiguous – like two people editing the same line.

Merge Conflict

- This happens if:
 - You edited the <h1> tag at the top of an HTML file and committed it
 - But someone else already made a different change to the same tag
 of the same file and committed it and pushed it.
 - And you're trying to merge what they've done

 Don't worry! Git will warn you, and show you both versions before it continues merging.

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Wait: all your work is only stored on your computer!

- The workflow is like packing things into boxes when moving.
- When you commit (packed & labeled a box), the contents haven't gone anywhere just yet.
 - But you can always unpack a specific box if you need something!
- Push sends the boxes elsewhere.
- Pull receives boxes from elsewhere.

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Tips: Always Be Committing

 As long as you make a commit, you will always be able to recover that state of the repository – even if files are later merged or deleted.

Tips: Branches & forks help keep things in order.

We usually work directly on the main branch when doing little
after-the-fact updates, but inside individual forks or branches
when we're building things out and actively making lots of commits

Branches:

- "master" branch, "mike" branch, "lena" branch, "sisi" branch
- Forks:
 - "propublica/master", "mtigas/master", "ashaw/master"