

How Not to Lose Your Code, Your Degree, and Your Future Job

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How Not To Lose Your Code

(or: How To Write Good Code, Manage It, Share It, and Be Awesome)

Horror Story I

Bob: Oh no! Someone broke into our apartment and stole my laptop! All of my code is gone...

Alice: I thought you kept a backup of your code on an external hard drive, no?

Bob: They took that too...

Horror Story 2

Bob: dammit, I've made some changes to my code and now it doesn't work anymore

Alice: that's ok Bob. Just revert to a version of the code you know worked.

Bob: ehm... version?

Horror Story 3

Bob: I was collaborating with Rob on a project, and we were emailing each other the latest version of the code. Over spring break we both worked separately, and now we don't know how to merge our work!

Alice: that's ok Bob. Just use Git to compare the two repositories, identify conflicting sections of the code and help you merge them back into one.

Bob: ehm... Git?

Horror Story 4 (true!)

Ex-master student: Hey Justin, I was reading your paper from a few years ago , and I was wondering how exactly you normalize the data in Section 5?

Justin: Oh god... let me find my PhD backup drive...

[finds drive]

Justin: Oh god... let me find the code used for that paper on the drive...

[finds code]

Justin: Oh god... let me figure out which version of the code w when the paper was written...

[after much suffering, figures out which version of the code and how normalization was applied. Fail averted. Luck [kicks himself for not using version control at the tin

Version Control

Software to help keep track of changes made to files:

- Tracks the **history** of your work
- Helps you **collaborate** with others
- Helps keep an **online backup** of your code

Keeping Track of History

- How do you get back to that working version you had yesterday?
- How do you get from "it's not working" to understanding what went wrong?
- How would you repeat the experiments from that paper (or project) you worked on last year?

Collaborating

With yourself:

- Need to run same code on laptop and on CUSP server:
 - How do you get the code onto both?
 - How do **verify** that you have the same code on both?

With others:

- Working on a project with classmates:
 - How do you find out when they changes something?
 - How do you merge your changes without making a mess?
 - How can you find out which of you introduced a bug, and when?

Version Control

A version control system:

- Records you files' **history**
- Shows the **differences** between versions
- Handles sync between copies on different computes and the cloud

How is that Different from Dropbox?

Guarantees consistency:

- Code needs to be **exactly as written** across all files
- Files changed together can be **updated together**
- Changes to a file by different people must be merged correctly

Keeps records:

- Publish and replicate history reliably
- Interrogate past changes and find out what version you are looking at

Version Control Evolution

- Revision Control System (RCS): 1982
 - Each file versioned independently, manual sync 🙁
- Concurrent Versions System (CVS): 1986, 1990
 - Multiple file versioning 😳
 - Can only change latest version, clumsy networking, poor support for binary files
- Subversion (SVN): 2000
 - Similar to CVS but with many improvements \bigcirc
 - Versioning done on server-side: local dev is tricky 🙁
 - Single point of failure (the server)

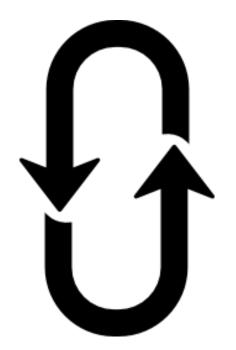




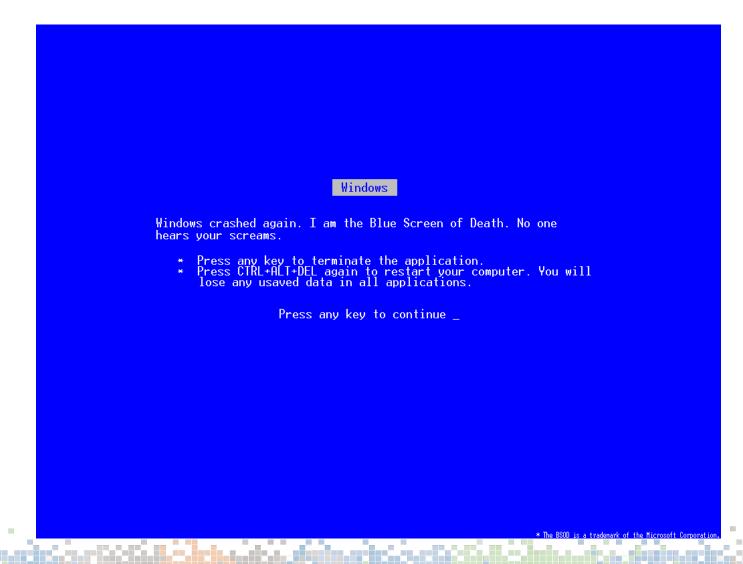
- Features:
 - Distributed version control system (DVCS)
 - Does not require a centralized server
 - But you can still have one, if you want
 - Easy local incremental development
 - No single point of failure
 - Every developer has local copy with full history of the repository
- Drawbacks:
 - A bit of a learning curve...
- Other DVCs
 - Mercurial (hg)
 - Bazaar (bzr)

Using Git: client-server

- 1. git clone Make local copy of the repo
- 2. (edit files)
- 3. git commit Register your changes locally
- 4. git push Share changes upstream
- 5. git pull Get updates from upstream



Demo



Advanced Usage: Tags

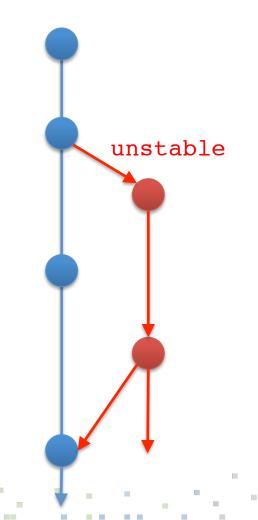
- Some revisions are special:
 - Initial paper submission
 - Camera ready submission
 - Public software releases
- Tagging links semantic versions to revisions
- Example:
 - git tag —a v1.0
 - git push origin --tags

Advanced Usage: Branches

- What if you want to develop new features, but retain version control on a stable codebase?
- Working in a **branch** of the source tree
- Merge back when you're ready
- Especially useful for collaborations

Advanced Usage: Branches

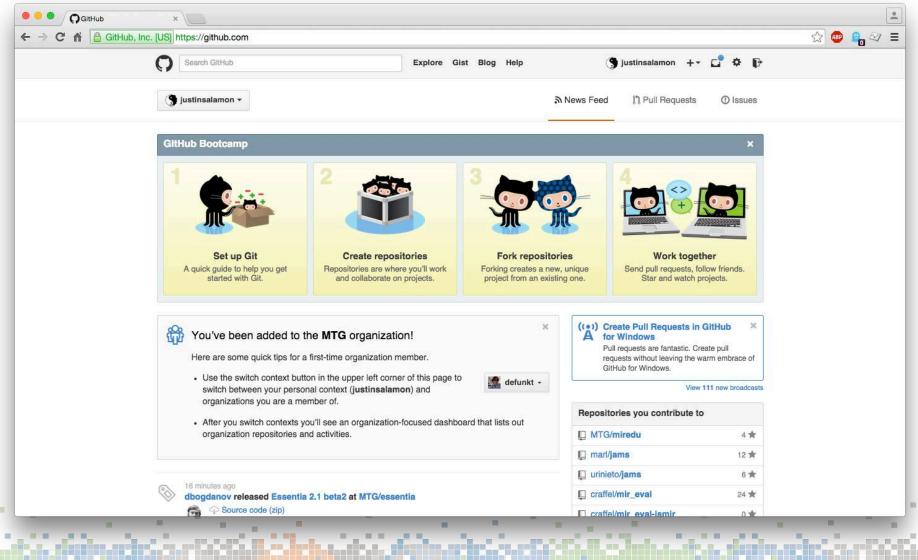
- Example: create a new branch
 - git checkout -b unstable
 - (edits, commits, pushes)
- Switch to master, bug fix, switch back
 - git checkout master
 - (edits, commits, pushes)
 - git checkout unstable
- Merge unstable back into master
 - git checkout master
 - git merge unstable



Advanced Usage: Branches

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		Formatting issue	c7b156b
>		Setting version number to 0.1	7f88b75
		Post manual merge io.load mods	e9ac436
		Merge branch 'master' of https://github.com/craffel/mir_eval	1446977
		Fixed join bass note bug	ae747d3
		Merge branch 'master' of https://github.com/craffel/mir_eval	5cedb94
		Manual merge success.	c5fc21f
		Added newline catch to load_intervals to keep moving past erroneous gaps in the file (occurs in Billboard dataset?)	ed43f65
		Added additional quality support (1, 5, X); fixed bug in minor6 interval definition.	189fee9
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	0	Upping version number	ec64f7b
	0	New docs for 0.1	d9793f9
	-0	Merging	abd4a25
		Solution Using README as long_description	6c7e390
		Using rst	160d0e4
		Switching from md to rst	ca464c6
		Changing to MIT license	f2a1525
		Files for pypi	a5d1391
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		Resolves #93	65cee31
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		Adding ref info	a1d1fdb
		Typo, also making actual code snippet	c58ecf6
		Adding note for anaconda	97d2f34

Hosting Git Online



GitHub

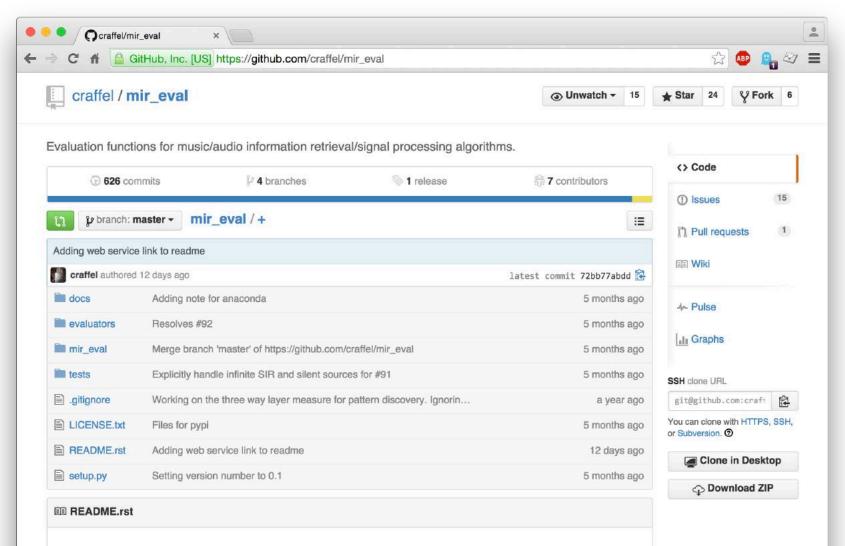
- Free hosting for open source projects
 - Free organization accounts for academics
- Social network integration

• Extra usability tools

- User management
- Pull requests
- Issue tracking, comments, wiki
- Release management
- Webhooks & services!

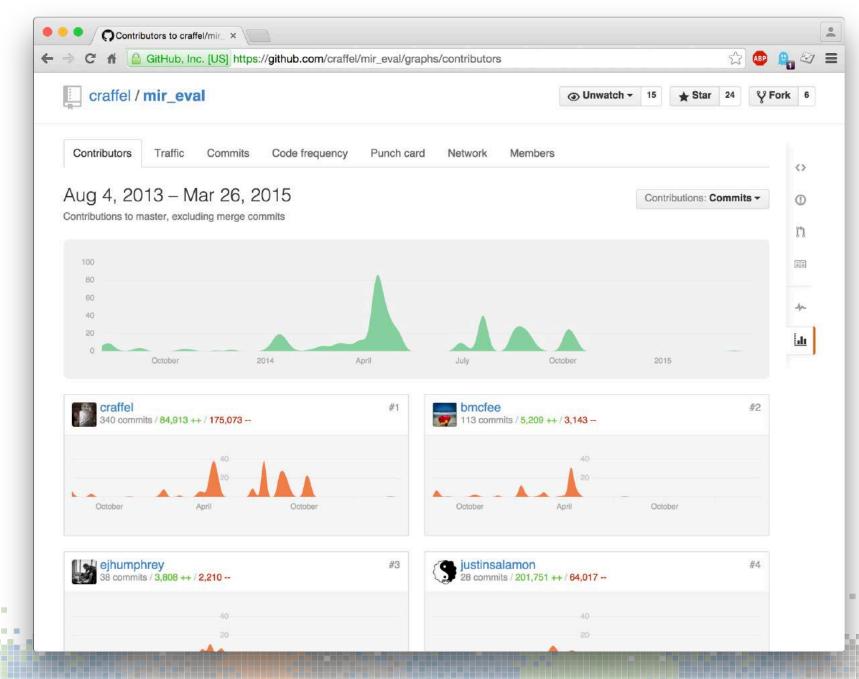
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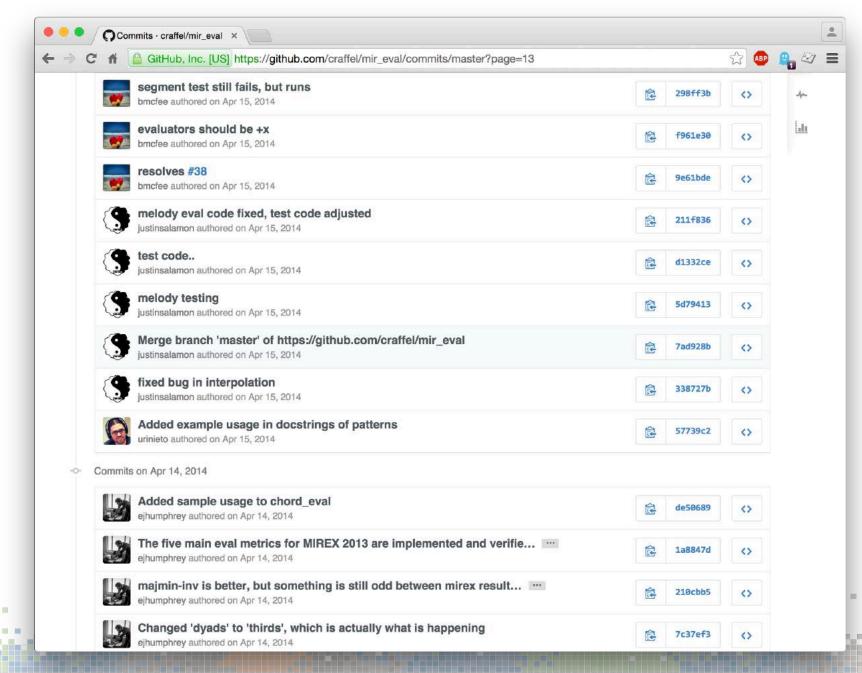
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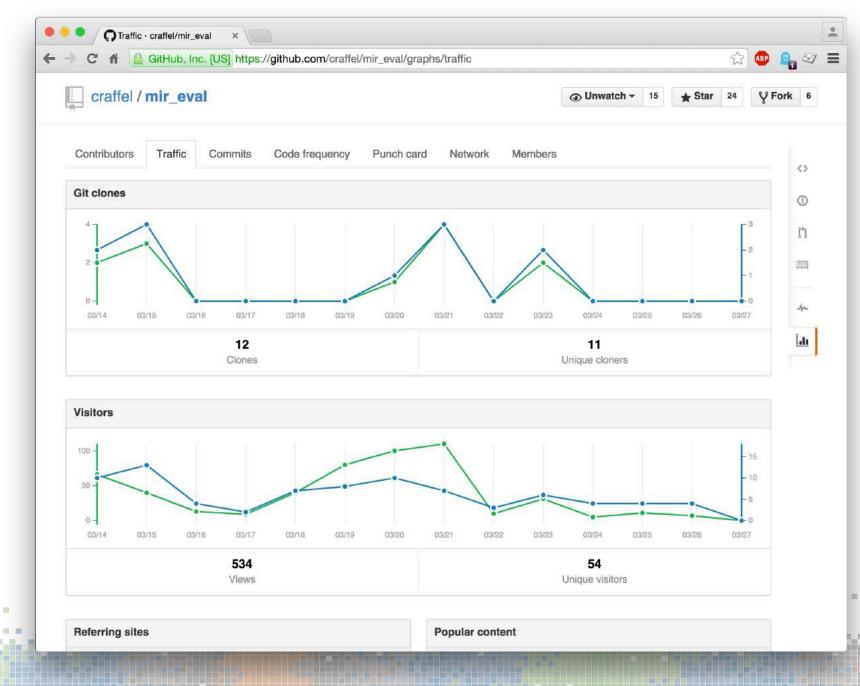
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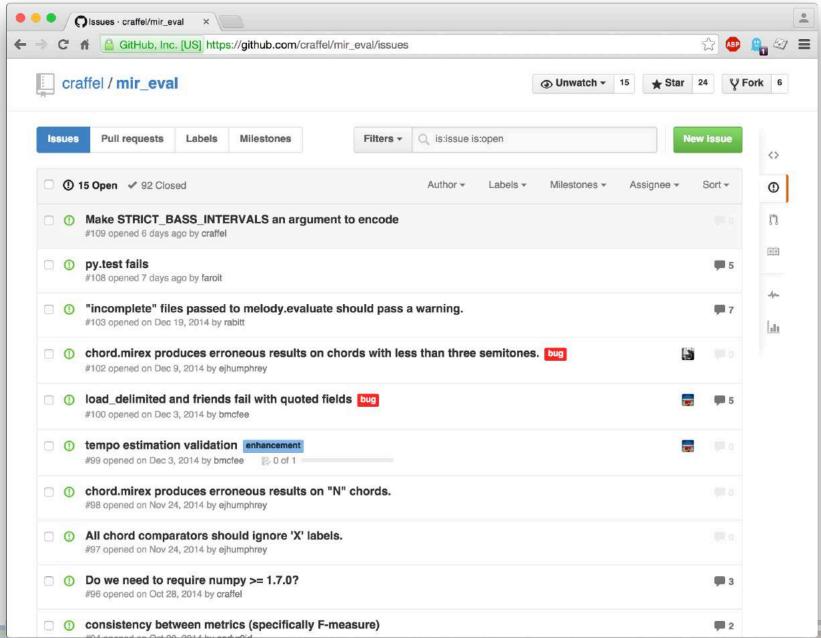
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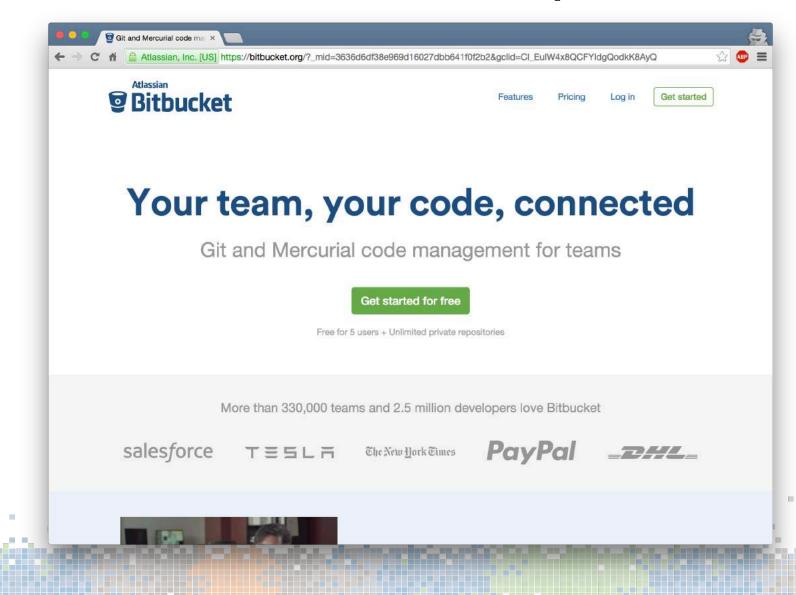
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What About Private Repositories?



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What About Sensitive Code/Data?



CUSP Data Facility can host Git repo's!

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What if I'm not sure?



CUSP Data Facility

How Not To Lose Your Code : Git in practice

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Git In Practice

git demo – bash – 80×24 Justins-MBP:git_demo justin\$ git status On branch master Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'. nothing to commit, working directory clean Justins-MBP:git_demo justin\$ git log commit 3810039ab533ceed897c04cc71252e0d3a208ef1 Author: Justin Salamon <justin.salamon@gmail.com> Date: Thu Mar 26 12:14:25 2015 -0400 back to hello world commit a3ffb19c3197bab289c5186c7867acdc0bdd8804 Author: Justin Salamon <justin.salamon@gmail.com> Date: Thu Mar 26 11:14:22 2015 -0800 changed to hello CUSP commit 154a7d932e577d77cc216cacbfbccdafc8d6c85f Author: Justin Salamon <justin.salamon@gmail.com> Thu Mar 26 11:55:58 2015 -0400 Date: first version of hello world

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How Not To Lose Your Code : Git in practice

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How Not To Lose Your Code : Git in practice

GitHub: Example Workflow

- Pull from GitHub
 - Either develop or master branch, depends...
- Develop locally
 - First on ipython notebook
 - Then on versioned source
 - Run unit tests
 - Commit
 - Keep editing, pulling changes from collaborators
- When it's ready:
 - Push back to GitHub

How Not To Lose Your Code : Typical questions

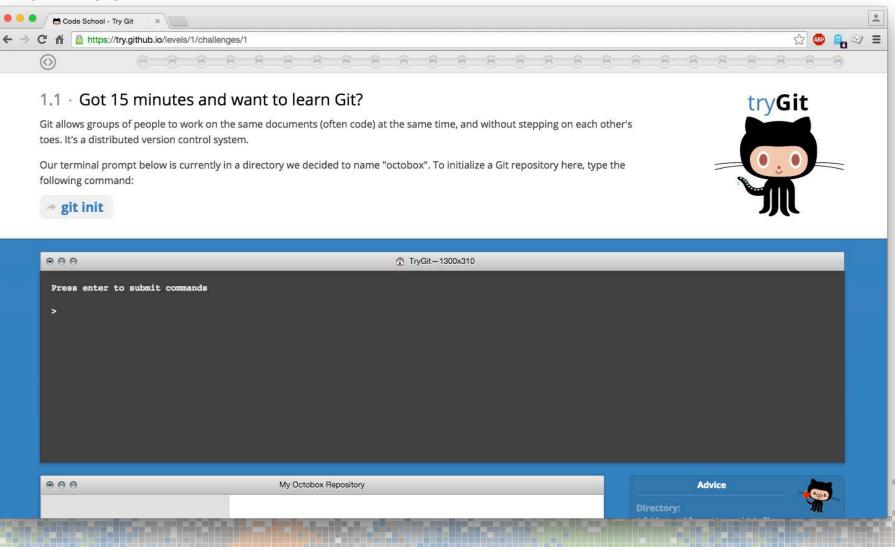
Typical Version Control Questions

- When should I start using version control for my project?
- Which files should I track in the repository?
- How often should I commit?
- How often should I push changes to a shared repo?

How Not To Lose Your Code : Getting started

Gitting Started

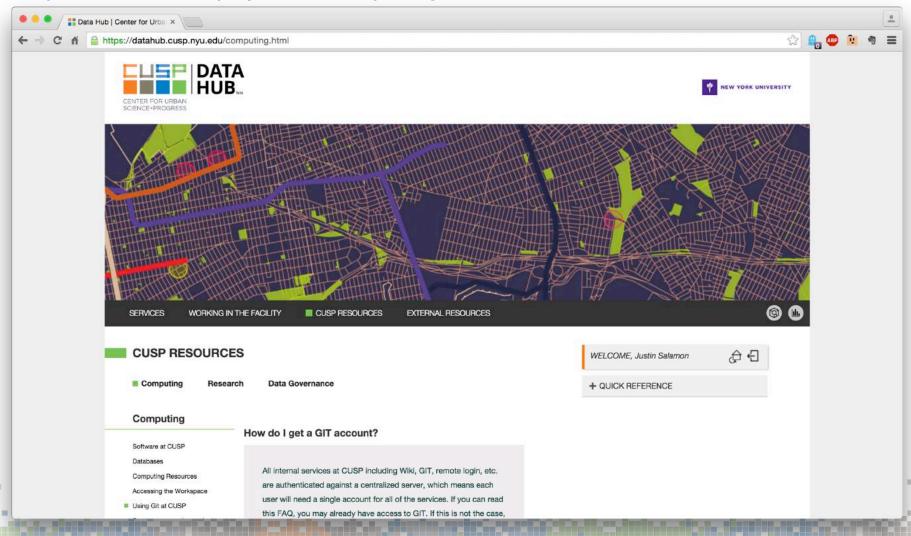
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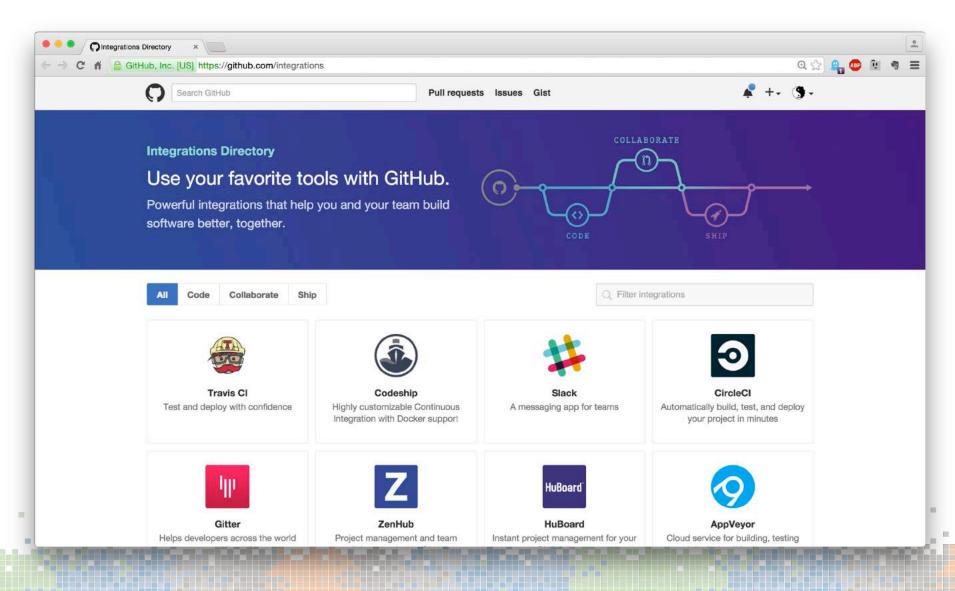


Advanced GitHub

- Webhooks & services allow integration of 3rd party "apps" into your GitHub repo:
 - Travis CI: continuous integration, runs all unit tests on every pull request, for multiple builds (e.g. python 2.7, 3.4, 3.5)
 - ReviewNinja: code review, must get ninja star from someone who's reviewed your code before you can merge PR
 - Coveralls: shows percentage of code covered by unit tests, highlights code not covered by any test.
 - Many more...

How Not To Lose Your Code : GitHub

Advanced GitHub



How Not To Lose Your Code : Publishing code

Publishing Code

- Make sure it has a license!
 - BSD/MIT-style is a good choice for research code
 - GPL for complete applications or code with possible commercial value
 - Ensure license is at least described in a README file
- Make it citable, get a DOI
 - Zenodo.org
 - https://guides.github.com/activities/citable-code/
- Code implementing research?
 - Tell users what they should cite if they use it

How Not To Lose Your Code : Publishing code

3 Things To Do Tomorrow

- I. Get your current research code into a version control repository & push it to a hosting site (can be private)
- 2. Pull it onto another computer, get it to build and run
- 3. Open source? Choose a license!
 - Your code includes someone else's code? Make sure the licenses are compatible!

Unit Testing

Unit testing is awesome. We don't have time to cover it. If you're not familiar with it, look it up.

Unit Testing: What is it?

- A "unit test" is a bit of code that calls one of your functions, gives it some input, and tells you whether it returned the right result
- Write a set of these, and you have a "test suite"
- A "test framework" can help you write them more quickly; there's at least one for every programming language and environment
- Should be set up so you can run all tests in one go

Unit Testing: What is it for?

An automated way of ensuring:

- That your code's API works
- That the individual parts of your code work correctly
- That you don't break your code when changing it
- Also useful when developing a tricky algorithm (test-driven development)

Unit Testing Questions

How do I write tests when I don't know what results to expect?

- Break it down into functions whose behaviour you can predict
- Test individual components, not the whole thing
- Testable code is also more readable code (and so more reviewable code, and...)

Unit testing is about trying to ensure that the code implements the method—not that the method is the right one

Unit Testing Questions

What sort of test data and test cases should I write?

• The simplest possible ones!

But I have big data sets and complex results!

- Don't use real-world data: that's a different kind of test
- Look for the smallest possible input to test a given behaviour

Unit Testing Questions

Example...

How Not To Lose Your Degree

(or: How To Backup Your Data, Share It, and Be Awesome)

A Show of Hands













Horror Story I

Hi, a friend of mine just overwrote two months of her PhD thesis with an older version. I know recovery of overwritten data is possible, but wonder if I'd need special hardware to do it. Does I nank You. 5 October 2005 Linux Forums - http://tinyurl.com/8t7uaop

Horror Story 2

A tiny television sits where a big screen used to, and a Christmas tree stands with little underneath it...

Even worse than the gifts, the crooks stole a MacBook Pro laptop and a LaCie hard drive.

The hard drive had ... her dissertation and nearly sever chars of research for her doctoral degree she was set to finish in a finite weeks.

Osuna had everything backed up on a separate hard drive in a safe, but burglars made off with the too.

"All I could think about is that all that time is some, all that effort, everything is gone," Osuna said.

22 December 2010 KRQE - http://tinyurl.com/9a5j56f

Horror Story 3

...her car was broken into and her chrome Mac book pro was stolen. She has a back-up for all but the last six months of research, but the most important part of the research had happened recently. NBC4 January 06 2011 - http://tinyurl.com/92ji2lr SCHEDULE YOUR BACKUPS

Archiving Your Data

- Project (or course, or degree) is over, now what?
- Archive!
 - Allow follow-on research
 - Allow validation of your results
- Beware!
 - Don't use obscure formats
 - Don't use obscure media
 - BBC Domesday Project [1986] used laserdisc!
 - Don't rely on technology being available
 - Keep original source material

Archiving Your Data

When someone looks at your data, will they understand:

- Why you created it?
- What the data is useful for?
- What column 27 in table 15 actually means?

- What are the UNITS?! (Hertz? Meters? Miles?) ATA?
 How the data was created?
 What the source data was the which this data is based?

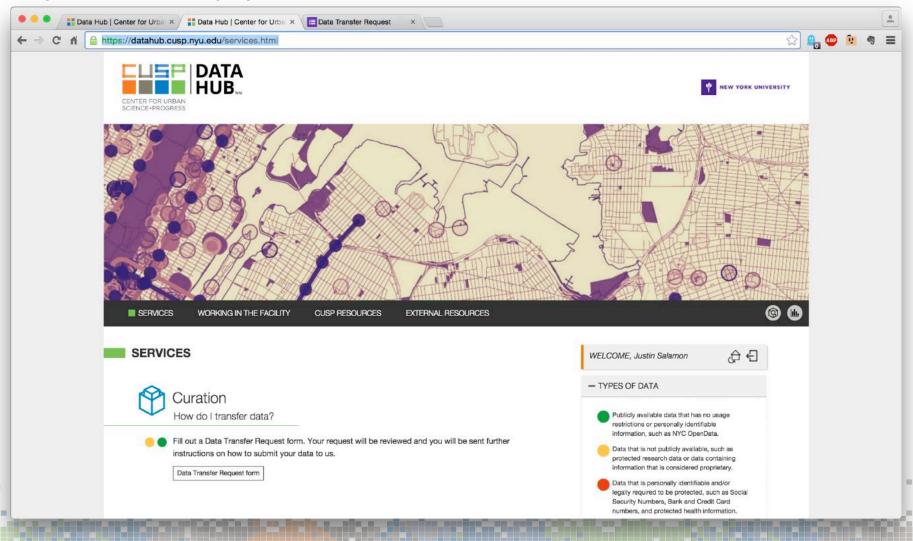
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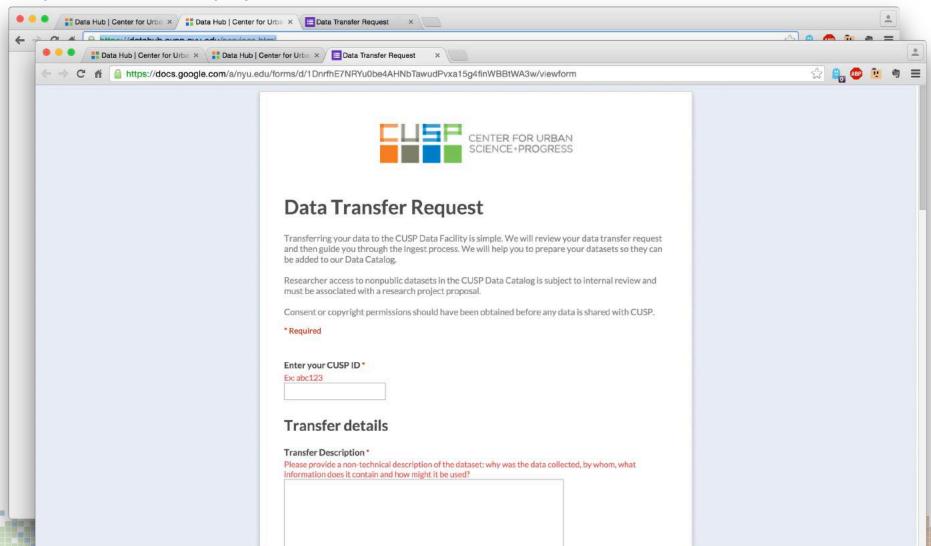
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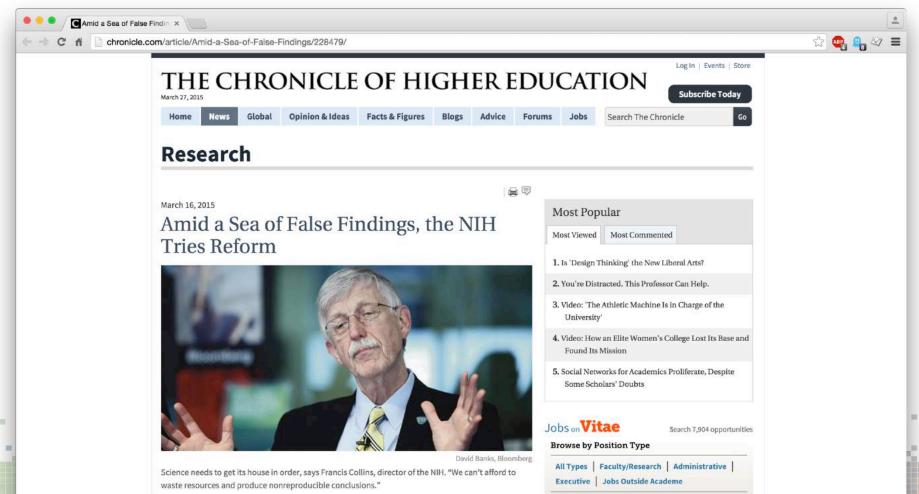


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"Many researchers believe that if scientists set out to reproduce preclinical work published over the past decade, a majority would fail. This, in short, is the reproducibility crisis."



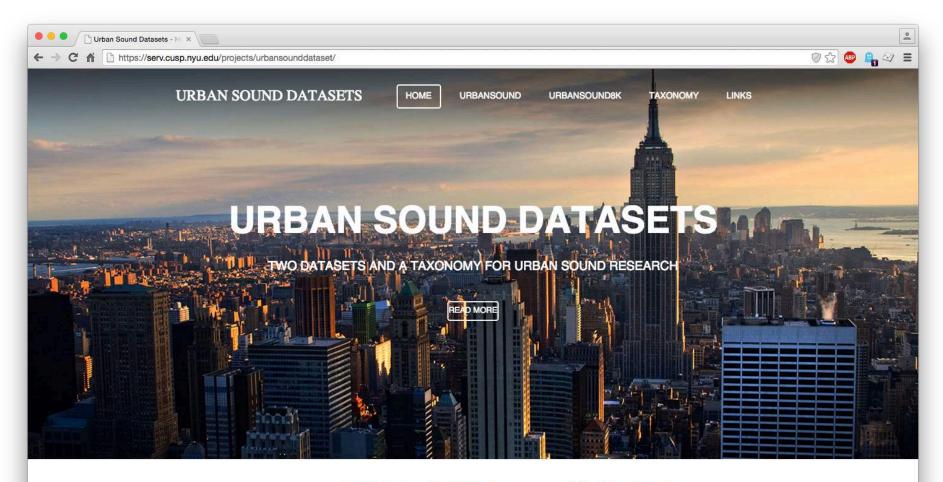
Search by Keyword

Publishing Your Data

Why publish my data?

- Help others to:
 - Validate your research
 - Validate their implementation of your algorithm
 - Advance the state of the art
 - Combine with other datasets
- So what's in it for me?
 - Citations!
 - Impact! (job)

Publishing Your Data



Welcome to the companion site for the UrbanSound and UrbanSound8K datasets and the Urban Sound Taxonomy. Here you will find information and download links for the datasets and taxonomy presented in:

J. Salamon, C. Jacoby and J. P. Bello, "A Dataset and Taxonomy for Urban Sound Research", 22nd ACM International Conference

Publishing Your Data

- Make sure you are allowed to publish!
 - Who owns the data?
 - NYU / Industry partner / Funding body / Creative Commons
 - Adhere to CUSP policies
 - Privacy: are you allowed to publish the data?
 - Publication: are you expected to publish the data?
 - Repositories: where should you publish the data?
 - Licenses: who should be allowed to access the data?
- Make sure it has a license!
 - Example: Creative Commons
 - CC0? CC Attribution Non-Commercial? Something else?

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(or: How To Maximize The Impact Of Your Work and Be Awesome)



Get Found

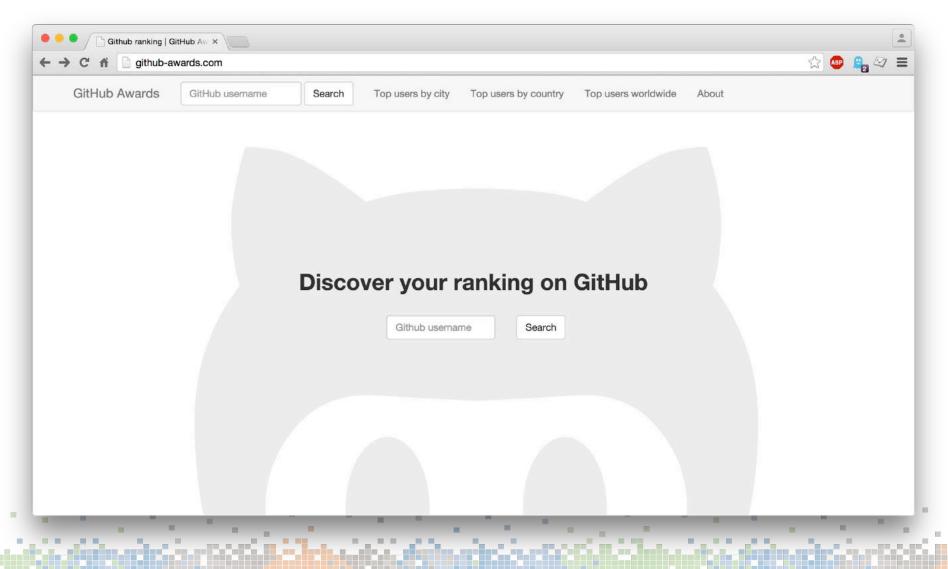




Git Found?

- Employers/recruiters increasingly searching/asking for GitHub profiles
- But wait... there's more...

Git Found?



Git Found?

So is GitHub my new CV?

Git Found?

Why GitHub is not your CV

https://blog.jcoglan.com/2013/11/15/why-github-is-not-your-cv/

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Why GitHub is not your CV ×

by James Coglan

About

So i



Buy my book, JavaScript Testing Recipes Two days ago, Ashe Dryden published an article I've been desperately wishing someone would write for months: <u>The Ethics of Unpaid Labor and the OSS</u> <u>Community</u>. It's a detailed, well-researched take-down of the seemingly quite popular myth that open-source contributions are a useful way to screen candidates for software jobs. She covers the reasons why using OSS as a hiring filter biases your selection process toward white men, and the excuses we use to tell ourselves everything is A-OK. This should be required reading for anyone involved in hiring programmers. If you're after a tl;dr for this article, here it is: <u>go</u> read Ashe Dryden.

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I'm not going to retread the material in that article but I would like to cover the debate I've been having with people over the last day or so. This is more about principles and practicalities, and if you want evidence and stats I refer you to Ashe's article.

So, I've been saying for months that using open-source software contributions in general, and GitHub profiles in particular, as a hiring filter is bad for our industry. This has been in response to the seemingly <u>increasingly popular notion</u> that <u>GitHub is your resume now</u>. I increasingly see companies' job ads asking for GitHub profiles, and have recruiters ask me for mine, or tell me they are contacting me having already seen it. The logic goes that interviewing software engineers is really hard, and anything to make it easier must be great, and looky here there's this one giant website full of code we can read to figure out if people are any good or not. There's even entire new recruitment companies springing

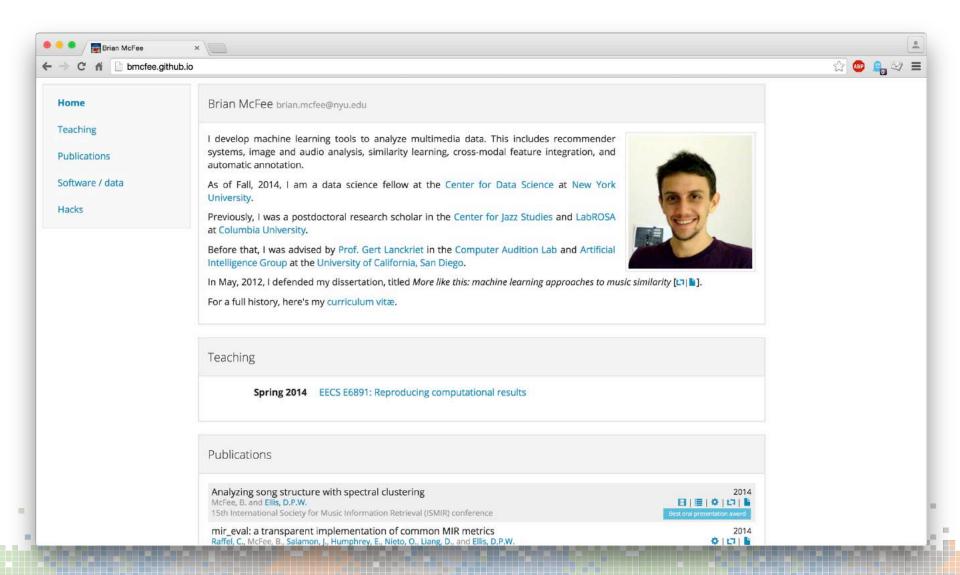
Git Found?

- Even a stellar GitHub account is not a replacement for:
 - Your resume
 - Interview skills
 - Presentation skills
- But... it can help you get the interview in the first place!
- Using Git (not specifically GitHub) is a basic skill every programmer should have nowadays

Take Control of Your Online Presence

- LinkedIn, GitHub, etc.
 - Limited to displaying a specific type of information
- A personal website is where you can really showcase your best!





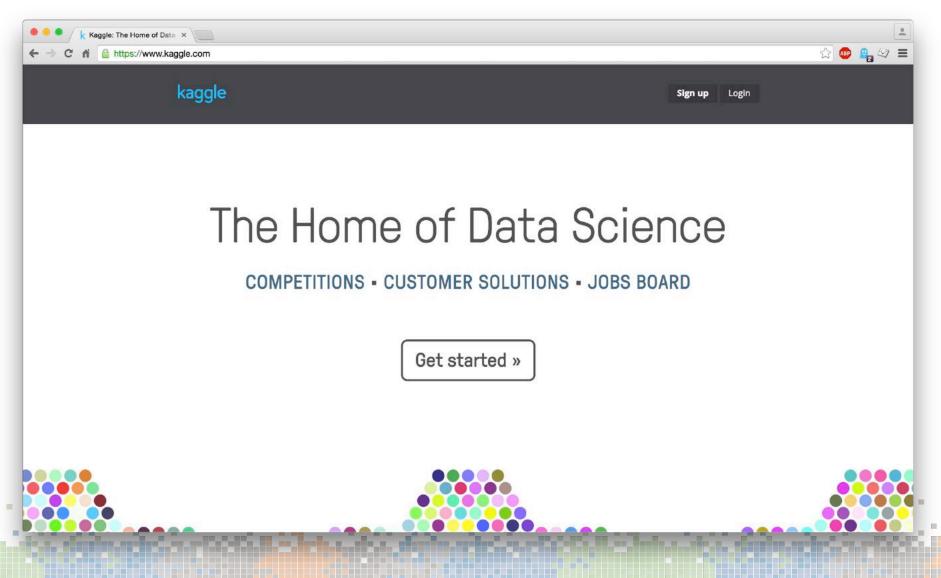
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Personal Website

- Showcase your best
- If an employer searches for you (online), have control over the first thing they see
- An interesting blog-post (or ipython notebook!) can be a great source of traffic to your site!





Kaggle

- Excellent experience...
- But will it land me a job?
 - If you win...

Credits

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Parts of this presentation (version control, GitHub, unit testing, data publishing/archiving and some horror stories) taken from:

 Chris Cannam et. al (Queen Mary, University of London): ISMIR 2012 tutorial on Reusable software and reproducibility in music informatics research

– http://soundsoftware.ac.uk/videos

 Dan Ellis & Brian McFee (Columbia): Version Control & Github:

- http://www.ee.columbia.edu/~dpwe/e6891/outline.html

Recap

RECAP

• Code

- Use version control (probably Git)
- Write unit tests
- Use online hosting (e.g. GitHub / BitBucket)
- Data
 - Back it up!
 - Publish it / archive it
- Online presence
 - Great way to get attention from employers
 - (but not a replacement for the classic skill-set)
 - Be in control of your online presence!

