



Learning from Industry Standards in Collaborative Software Development

OVERVIEW

Topics

- Using your Git correctly
- Documentation 101
- How to turn good code into great code
- To UnitTest or not to UnitTest, that is the question
- Simulating for Success
- Bringing it all together: Continuous Integration



How to Git



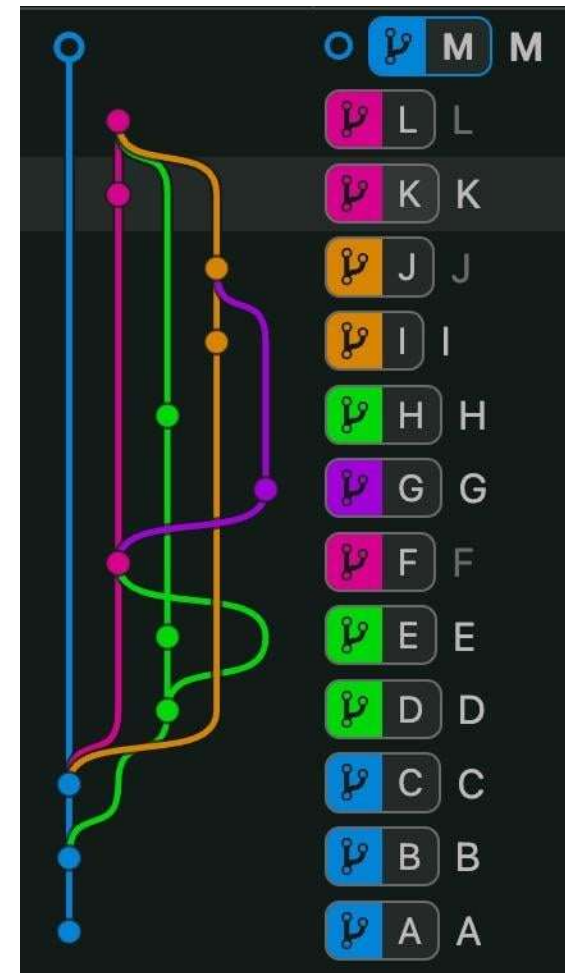
© FSG Mosch

Why a VCS (and why Git)?

- A **VCS** enables you to **work on multiple versions**
 - Allows **snapshotting** and **working on multiple features**
 - **Mark versions as important** or as less important
 - **Find regression bugs quickly** by checking the history
- Git is, by far, the most popular VCS
 - **Distributed, Decentralized, Fast**
 - Incredibly versatile, running your own server takes less than 2 minutes to set up
 - Easy to learn, hard to master



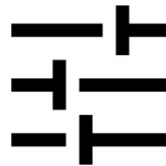
git



Why Git, specifically?



Incredibly Fast



Customizable



Lightweight

Features you (probably) didn't know

- **Hooks**

- Git enables you to write custom hooks
- Demo: Only allow commits when compile successful
Demo: How to override the commit hook (using --no-verify)

- **Bisect**

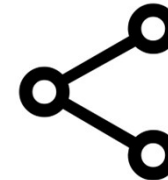
- Useful to catch where regressions come from

- **Merging unrelated histories**

- You got multiple git projects on accident? Git can still bring them together if told so!

- **Filter Trees**

- Download partial project
- Useful if the project got too large or big files got pushed on accident



A simple Git Hook

- Inside the .git folder git stores its own data
 - Inside the hooks folder there's your hooks
- Hooks are just scripts that can be executed!
 - That means they are super easy to edit and to adapt to your needs.

What your Merges shouldn't look like

21st of January 2014 @ Linux Kernel Mailing List

```
> If you're OK with octopus merges for things like this I'll definitely  
> take another look at using them, the enormous stack of merge commits  
> always looks noisy to me in the logs and pull requests and for things  
> like driver updates there's unlikely to be much doubt about which branch  
> it was if there's a problem.
```

Christ. When you start doing octopus merges, you don't do it by half measures, do you? I just pulled the sound updates from Takashi, and as a result got your merge commit 2cde51fbd0f3.

That one has 66 parents.

[...]

It's pulled, and it's fine, but **there's clearly a balance between**

"octopus merges are fine" and

"Christ, that's not an octopus, that's a Cthulhu merge".

--- *Linus Torvalds*

	ALSA: hda - Don't create duplicated cifs for loopback paths	Takashi Iwai <tiwai@suse.de>	2014-01-07 18:11:44
	ALSA: hda - Correct AD1986A 3stack pin config	Takashi Iwai <tiwai@suse.de>	2014-01-07 17:48:11
	ALSA: hda - Add consistent tag names for firmware patch	Takashi Iwai <tiwai@suse.de>	2014-01-07 15:28:51
	ALSA: hda - firmware patch code cleanup	Takashi Iwai <tiwai@suse.de>	2014-01-07 15:23:44
	ALSA: hda - Increment default stream numbers for AMD HDMI controllers	Takashi Iwai <tiwai@suse.de>	2013-12-09 10:18:09
	ALSA: hda - Minor code optimization for patch_realtek.c	Takashi Iwai <tiwai@suse.de>	2014-01-07 18:22:49
	ALSA: compress: add num_sample_rates in snd_codec_desc	Vinod Koul <vinod.koul@intel.com>	2014-01-07 17:25:42
	ALSA: compress: update struct snd_codec_desc for sample rate	Vinod Koul <vinod.koul@intel.com>	2014-01-04 12:29:13
	ALSA: compress: update comment for sample rate in snd_codec	Vinod Koul <vinod.koul@intel.com>	2014-01-04 12:29:12
	ALSA: compress: remove the sample rate check	Vinod Koul <vinod.koul@intel.com>	2014-01-04 12:29:12
	ALSA: rme9652: fix a missing comma in channel_map_9636_dsp[]	Takashi Iwai <tiwai@suse.de>	2013-12-26 23:13:08
	ALSA: cs5535audio: use named constants for pci_power_t values	Julia Lawall <Julia.Lawall@lip6.fr>	2014-01-03 00:40:30
	ALSA: hda - Disable Front HP jack detection on Gigabyte Z87X-UD3H	David Henningsson <david.henningsson@canonical.com>	2014-01-01 14:01:34
	Merge tag 'asoc-v3.14-1' of git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/broonie/sound into for	Takashi Iwai <tiwai@suse.de>	2014-01-05 11:19:46
	Merge remote-tracking branches 'asoc/topic/ad1836', 'asoc/topic/ad193x', 'asoc/topic/asoc	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2014-01-02 14:01:55
	ASoC: Rename mid-x86 directory to intel	Jarkko Nikula <jarkko.nikula@linux.intel.com>	2013-11-21 12:32:24
	ASoC: wm9081: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-21 15:48:32
	ASoC: wm8995: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-21 15:48:31
	ASoC: wm8994: Move DCS done IRQ request later	wangbiao <biao.wang@intel.com>	2013-11-22 03:44:30
	ASoC: wm8991: Verify device ID during probe()	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-11-22 14:34:48
	ASoC: wm8991: Move base initialisation to i2c level probe	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-11-22 14:32:36
	ASoC: wm8991: Convert to direct regmap API usage	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-11-22 14:28:55
	ASoC: wm8991: Convert to table based control and widget init	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-11-22 13:28:06
	ASoC: wm8991: Use a supply to manage input power	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-11-22 12:16:18
	ASoC: wm8990: Convert to direct regmap API usage	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-11-22 15:36:23
	ASoC: wm8990: Use supplies to manage input power	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-11-22 15:25:04
	ASoC: wm8990: Convert to table based control and DAPM init	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-11-22 14:44:56
	ASoC: wm8990: Convert to module_i2c_driver()	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-11-22 14:42:51
	ASoC: wm8988: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-21 15:38:53
	ASoC: wm8985: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-21 15:38:52
	ASoC: wm8974: Convert to direct regmap API usage	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-11-08 15:01:39
	ASoC: wm8962: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-20 18:37:41
	ASoC: wm8940: Convert to direct regmap API usage	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-11-08 18:22:23
	ASoC: wm8940: Convert to table based control and DAPM init	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-11-08 18:19:55
	ASoC: wm9081: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-21 15:48:32
	ASoC: wm8900: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-21 15:38:50
	ASoC: wm8804: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-21 15:38:48
	ASoC: wm8776: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-21 15:38:46
	ASoC: wm8753: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-21 15:38:45
	ASoC: wm8750: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-21 15:38:43
	ASoC: wm8741: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-21 15:38:43
	ASoC: wm8731: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-20 18:37:47
	ASoC: wm8726: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-20 18:37:48
	ASoC: wm8711: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-20 18:37:49
	ASoC: wm8580: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-20 18:37:50
	ASoC: wm8523: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-20 18:37:51
	ASoC: wm8510: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-12-24 13:24:28
	ALSA: Add params_width() helpers	Fabio Estevam <fabio.estevam@freescale.com>	2013-11-20 18:37:52
	ASoC: uda1380: Use IS_ENABLED() macro	Lars-Peter Clausen <lars@metafoo.de>	2013-12-20 14:20:23
	ASoC: tws9: Don't set unused struct snd_pcm_hardware fields	Peter Ujfalusi <peter.ujfalusi@ti.com>	2013-11-29 15:03:47
	ASoC: tw6040: Remove self managed local reg_cache support	Peter Ujfalusi <peter.ujfalusi@ti.com>	2013-11-29 15:03:46
	ASoC: tw6040: Remove register restore functionality	Peter Ujfalusi <peter.ujfalusi@ti.com>	2013-11-29 15:03:44
	ASoC: tw6040: Custom caching for sensitive D1/L2 path registers	Peter Ujfalusi <peter.ujfalusi@ti.com>	2013-11-29 15:03:43
	ASoC: tw6040: Rename tw6040_is_path_unmuted -> tw6040_can_write_to_chip	Mark Brown <broonie@linaro.org>	2013-12-19 19:28:09
	Merge tag 'fb-asoc-3.14-1' of git://git.linaro.org/people/jones/mfd into asoc:tw6040	Peter Ujfalusi <peter.ujfalusi@ti.com>	2013-11-29 15:03:45
	mfd: tw6040: reg_defaults support for regmap	Jan Wietzel <j.wietzel@phytec.de>	2013-12-05 09:54:02
	ASoC: tw320aic3x: no mono controls 3007 model		

Documentation 101



© FSG Mosch



29/03/25

What to document

- **Document ideas, not execution**
 - It is nice to have the execution explained, but this is rarely useful
 - If you have to explain your execution, you wrote bad code.
- **Document your intended behaviour**
 - Tell what it does, not how it does
- **Document (maybe) unexpected behaviour**
 - Example: Is the return value of -1 a bug or a feature? What does it mean?
- **Document known bugs**
 - You'll save others and yourself a lot of headaches.

What (not) to document

- **Don't explain your execution**
 - If you have to explain your execution, you wrote bad code
- **Documentation != Comments**
 - Documentation describes how your code is used, not what it does!
- **Comments don't get updated (usually)**
 - Outdated comments will persist into future versions
 - The compiler does not check comments for their correctness!
- **The more comments, the more confusion**
 - In most circumstances you don't even need comments

How to document

- **Choose one** approach to documentation and **stick to it**
 - More resources => More likely to get outdated
 - **Example:**
 - Documentation for high level overview
 - Recommendation: Create a „Concepts“ page and explain how your design works on a high level
 - Ideal onboarding resource for your new members
 - Comment known bugs and unexpected behaviour inline in your code
 - Use Git Issues for otherwise discovered bugs and project planning
- **Pick one flavor**
 - **Example:**
 - Use Doxygen syntax
 - Document how your code is used in a dedicated README.md
 - Comment what a class/function does above it



Example for good docs:
TigerBeetle



Improve your Code, One Line at a Time



© FSG Mosch

What you can do

- **Pick conventions**

- Stronger conventions = more consistency = easier to move across the code
 - BUT this isn't free: Stronger conventions = more time to get used to = slower initial output
 - Our experience: Slow to get used to, provide a lot of momentum once used to them
- Migrate your old code to your new conventions!
 - Use tools like SonarQube (Open Source) to check these conventions

- **Understand your code**

- If you see something weird, there's probably a reason for it
 - But is that reason still applicable? Challenge your assumptions!

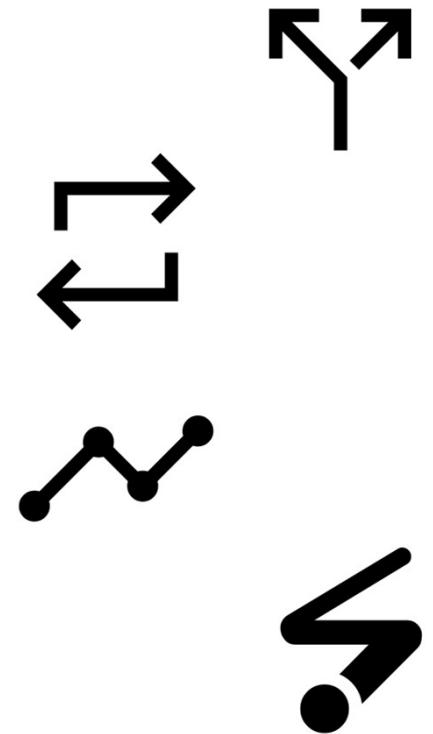
- **Optimize what is needed, when it is needed**

- "The real problem is that programmers have spent far too much time worrying about efficiency in the wrong places and at the wrong times; premature optimization is the root of all evil [...]"
 - Donald Knuth, "The Art of Computer Programming"



Our Recommendations

- **Split complex functions into reusable chunks**
 - Makes your code much more maintainable and readable
- **Don't Repeat Yourself**
 - You won't remember to fix the same bug everywhere
- **Avoid Recursion, Jump Labels, Try / Catch and Unbounded Loops**
 - Turn recursion and jumps into loops
 - Instead of Try/Catch, pass an error object with your returned value
 - Set an upper boundary to all loops
- **Pointers may not point to pointers**
 - Only allow direct dereferences



Futher Resources



NASA's „Power of Ten“



Tigerbeetle's „Tigerstyle“

Testing, testing,
1... 2... 3!



© FSG Mosch



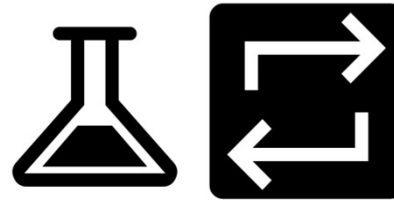
29/03/25

Why Unit Test?



- **Check the DOs and DONTs**
 - Validate well-defined interfaces
 - Validate expected control flows
 - Check for accidental regression
 - Check for discovered bugs for future reference
- **Problem: Unit Tests require strict definition**
 - But we don't always know what we're looking for!
 - Exhaustive validation is expensive
 - Checking your entire model is almost impossible

Why FuzzTest?



- **FuzzTests expect the unexpected**

- Run your function against random inputs and see how it behaves
- Goal: Identify scenarios that shouldn't occur

- **Fuzz Testing is fast and easy to setup**

- Run your function against a random input and compare it with expected output
- Usually a function can be expressed in multiple ways
 - Example: An optimized version of a function vs its old definition

- **Fuzz Testing can be used to benchmark**

- Catch performance regressions easily before something happens

Simulating for Success



© FSG Mosch

Why simulate?

- **Best representation of the real deal**
 - Fuzzing and Unit Testing only gets you so far
 - Allows you to see the entire stack in action
- **Get feedback on next-to-real data**
 - Turn your merges into more than just snapshots in time
- **Feed the data back to the development process**
 - Automatic evaluation enables identifying potentials early
 - Speed up the development cycle
 - Catch issues as early as possible





Integrate, Deploy, Monitor



© FSG Mosch

Bringing it all together

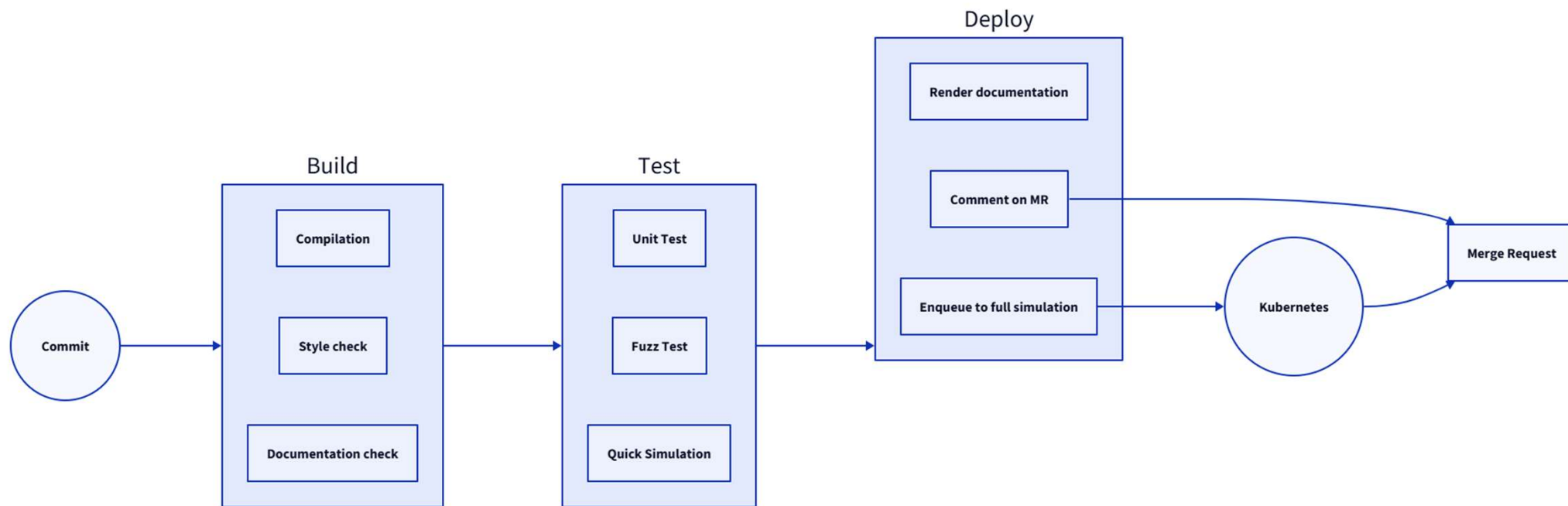
- **Use your VCS correctly**
 - Perform automatic linting, check if code compiles before push
- **Write good documentation and code**
 - Make it easy to follow your ideas
 - Easy to maintain = Easy to debug
- **Test for the expected AND unexpected**
 - Helps keep the codebase healthy
- **Simulate & Integrate**
 - Get some extra time for free
- **Be the most performant you can be.**

How can I do all that easily?

How can I do all that easily?

Continuous Integration

Example Integration



More about CI/CD

We hosted a presentation
dedicated only to CI/CD last year!

If you're interested you can find it here:

