

# GIT (Revision Control)

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*Git (/ɡɪt/) <sup>1)</sup> is a distributed version-control system for tracking changes in [source code](#) during software development.<sup>2)</sup> It is designed for coordinating work among programmers, but it can be used to track changes in any set of files. Its goals include speed,<sup>3)</sup> data integrity,<sup>4)</sup> and support for distributed, non-linear workflows.<sup>5)</sup>*

*Git was created by Linus Torvalds in 2005 for development of the Linux kernel, with other kernel developers contributing to its initial development.<sup>6)</sup> Its maintainer since 2005 is and continues to be Junio Hamano.*

*As with most other distributed version-control systems, and unlike most [client-server](#) systems, every Git directory on every computer is a full-fledged repository with complete history and full version-tracking abilities, independent of network access or a central [server](#).<sup>7)</sup>*

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Table 1: Data Sheet for GIT

| Characteristic     | Value                                                                                                 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Original author(s) | Linus Torvalds <sup>8)</sup>                                                                          |
| Developer(s)       | Junio Hamano and others <sup>9)</sup>                                                                 |
| Initial release    | 7 April 2005                                                                                          |
| Stable release     | 2.21.0 / 24 February 2019 <sup>10)</sup>                                                              |
| Repository         | <a href="https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/git/git.git/">https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/git/git.git/</a> |
| Written in         | C, Shell, Perl, Tcl, Python <sup>11)</sup>                                                            |
| Operating system   | POSIX: Linux, Windows, macOS                                                                          |
| Available in       | English                                                                                               |
| Type               | Version control                                                                                       |
| License            |                                                                                                       |
| Website            | <a href="https://git-scm.com/">https://git-scm.com/</a>                                               |

<sup>1)</sup>

"Tech Talk: Linus Torvalds on git (at 00:01:30)". YouTube. Archived from the original on 20 December 2015. Retrieved 20 July 2014.

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"Git Source Code Mirror". Archived from the original on 8 February 2017. Retrieved 1 January 2017.

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