

Recap

- ▶ Git: Open source software to manage versions
- ▶ Commit: One specific version that knows its predecessor
- ▶ Branch: Multiple different commits can have the same predecessor, allowing parallel development
- ▶ Merging
 - ▶ Re-integrate parallel development
 - ▶ Mostly automatic, but sometimes not

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- ▶ Pull requests: Coordination mechanism
 - ▶ To the maintainer: “Hey, I've written some code, please pull it into the main project”



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- ▶ No central server required
- ▶ A local git repository stores the entire history, all branches and tags
- ▶ Every clone of the repository has the entire history
 - ▶ Offline working galore!

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 - ▶ E.g., you can merge something from a remote branch into your local branch

Downloading stuff

- ▶ A branch can be set to 'track' a remote branch
 - ▶ Typically, you want the branches to have the same name
- ▶ `git fetch` downloads all tracked branches to your local repository, but keeps your working copy as it is
- ▶ `git pull` fetches the changes from the server *and* merges them into your working copy
 - ▶ Merge conflicts can occur!
- ▶ `git push` pushes your local changes to the tracking branch on the server
 - ▶ If the remote branch moved on, you'll be forced to pull and merge first

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- ▶ All relevant information is given (as far as you know)
- ▶ You use proper terminology (as far as you can)
- ▶ You make it easy for the other person
 - ▶ E.g., by including information the other person might first need to look up
- ▶ The context is still conceivable
 - ▶ I.e., click on reply instead of writing a new mail, keep the old mail text in there
- ▶ References in your text are clear
 - ▶ For instance: “this exercise” is not a clear reference
- ▶ You're concise – long e-mails tend to be put on the read-later-pile (which never happens)

Session 4: Iterable and Iterators

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Section 3

Introduction and Motivation

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- ▶ Iterating is such a central activity that Java offers different ways to do it
- ▶ `for (...)` {...}, `while (...)` {...}, `do {...} while (...)`



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 - ▶ Initial state (`int i = 0`)
 - ▶ Condition to terminate (`i < myArray.length`)
 - ▶ Change in each step (`i++`)

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- ▶ Wasteful: Most file contents will probably never be read
- ▶ Better: After inspecting each file, see if you need to load another

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- ▶ Four methods (only two non-optional):
 - `boolean hasNext()`: Returns `true` if there are more elements in the sequence
 - `E next()`: Returns the next element in the collection
 - `void remove()`: Removes the last element returned (optional)
 - `void forEachRemaining(Consumer<? super E> a)`: Applies action to elements not yet returned

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Benefits

- ▶ We only inspect/load as many elements as needed
- ▶ Object-oriented iteration: The iterator object represents the iteration itself
- ▶ Iterators make iterating easier (and object oriented) – they do not add something what would be impossible otherwise

demo

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- ▶ An object that implements `Iterable`
 - ▶ is iterable, i.e., can be iterated on
 - ▶ can be used in a for-loop like this:

```
1 for (Object o : myIterable) {  
2     o.doSomething();  
3 }
```

demo

Generics

Topic for next week, but:

- ▶ Some classes are written with angle brackets: `Iterator<Student>` / `Iterable<Student>`
- ▶ Angle brackets contain the type that we iterate over
- ▶ This allows us to re-use the same code to iterate over different types!

Next Week: No Class!

Exercise



`https://github.com/idh-cologne-java-2-summer-2023/exercise-04`