Version Control in SAS Enterprise Guide 7.1



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Introduction

Main Objectives

- Provide a brief review of version control and tracking for code development
- Showcase the version control capabilities available in SAS Enterprise Guide (EG) 7.12

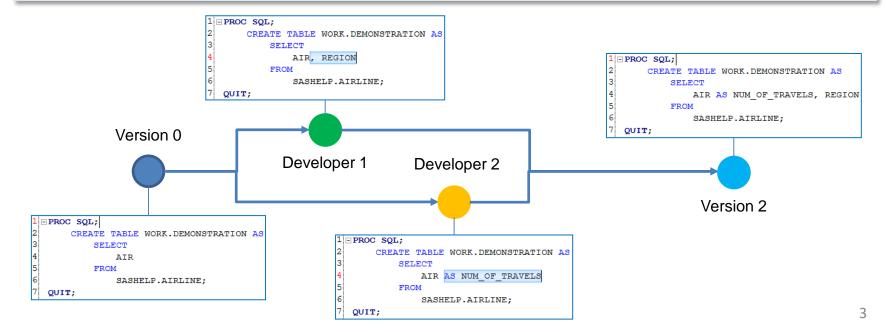
Background

- BMO is upgrading EG to version 7.12
- The version control functionality is a new feature in release
 7.12

Background

Version Control

- Allows efficient and organized tracking of code changes throughout the development process
- Facilitates collaboration between multiple developers working on the same project



Version Control System in SAS EG

Git in SAS EG 7.12

- SAS EG includes a simplified derivative of the version control system 'Git'
- The version control options are available when editing a program

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Demo 
Program Log

Save 
Run 
Stop | Selected Server: SASApp (Connected) 
Analyze Program | Export 
Send To 
Create | Changes Commit History | Properties 
Angle FROM
SASHELP.AIRLINE;
QUIT;
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Committing Code Changes

- In order to start keeping track of changes to programs in SAS EG, first save all programs in the project
- Make the initial commit by clicking on 'Commit'
- Every time the code is committed to the repository, a snapshot of the changes (if any) is saved
- This allows for maintaining a history of all changes to the programs in EG



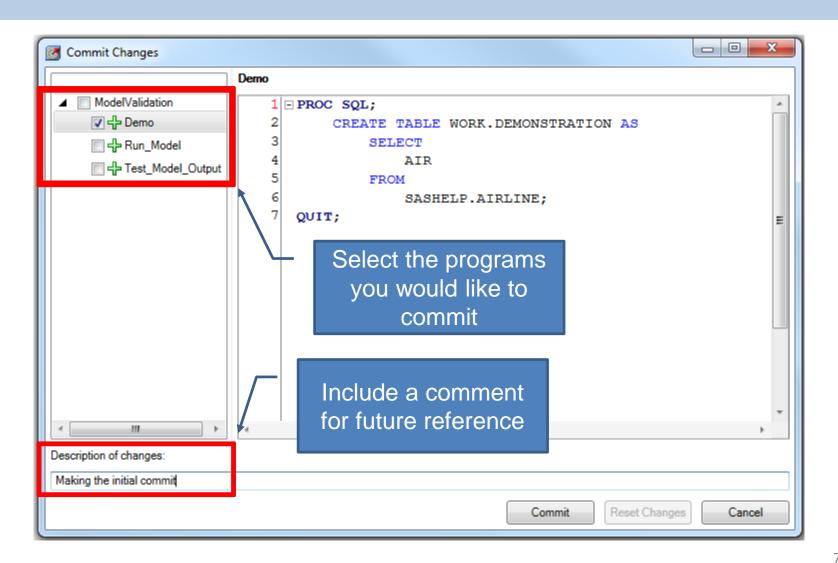
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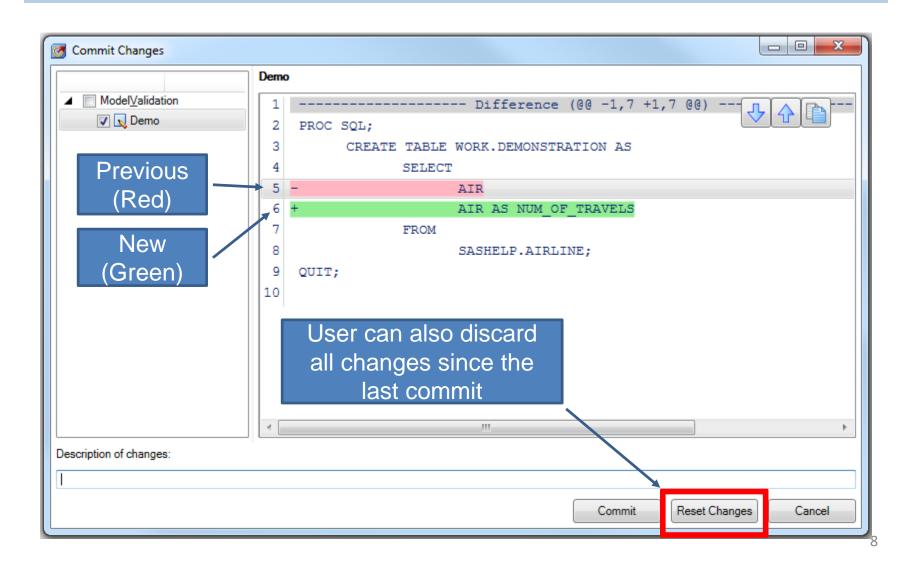
- Once the user invokes the 'Commit' option, a new window appears
- This window allows the user to choose which programs to commit to the repository at this stage, and to include a description of changes for future reference
- If the current commit is not the first one, then Git will display a snapshot of changes that are about to be committed



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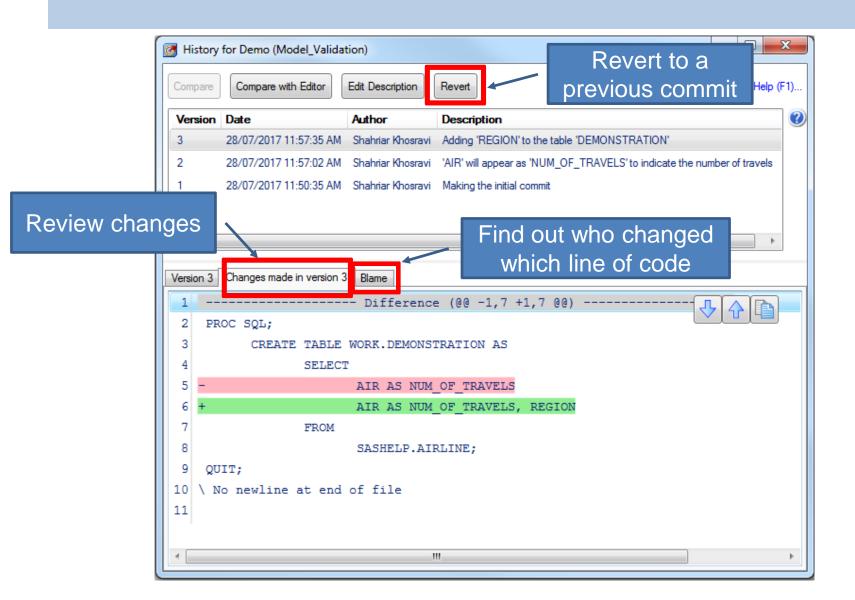
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Reviewing History

- When the user selects 'History', a new window appears
- This window allows the user to see a history of changes made to the current program, compare different versions, find who made changes to which line of the code through the 'Blame' option, and 'Revert' back to a previous commit



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Summary

- Version control is an essential process in any code development process, especially ones that involve multiple developers
- SAS EG 7.12 provides a simple and intuitive tool for version control of programs contained within an EG project
- The simplified Git version control system allows users to
 - Maintain a history of changes made to programs
 - Discard changes since the last commit
 - Revert back to a previous commit
 - Collaborate with other developers in an organized and efficient way

Extracting the Git Repository from a SAS Enterprise Guide 7.1 Project



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Question from SAS Support

 Is it possible to extract the Git repository from a SAS EG project?

SAS Response



Edmund,

Currently there is not a way to extract the embedded program history in SAS Enterprise Guide. The SAS Enterprise Guide R&D manager believes this is a good suggestion and I will be opening a formal suggestion for this feature to be added to a future release of SAS Enterprise Guide.

Sorry to report that this is not possible currently.

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- Demonstrate how to extract the Git repository from an EG project
- Show how to view the Git history of externally versioncontrolled SAS scripts in Enterprise Guide (EG) 7.12

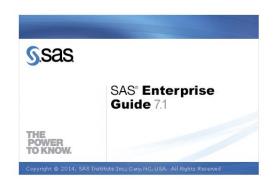
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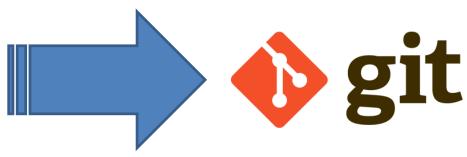
- SAS EG's version control capabilities are limited
- In some cases, it may be necessary to extract the Git repository from SAS EG and continue the version tracking outside of EG while preserving the existing history

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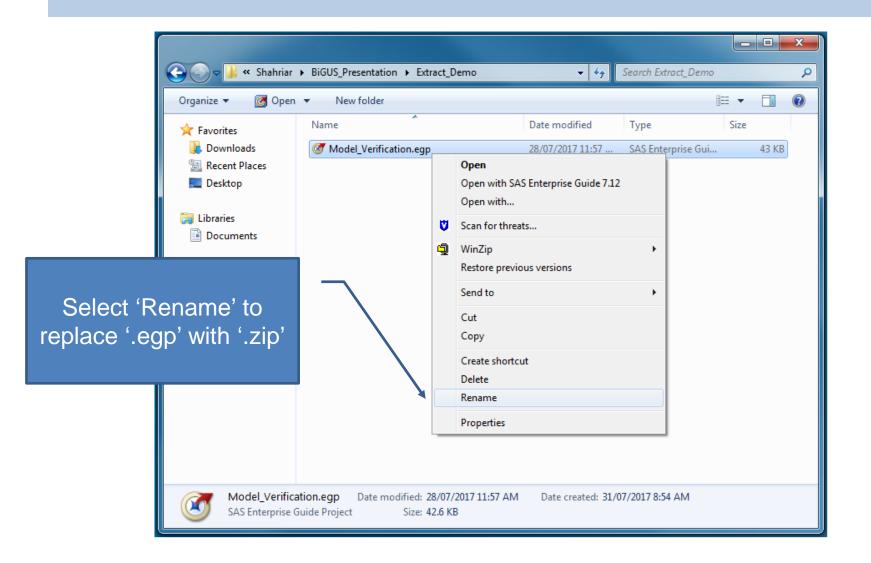
Limitations of Version Control in SAS EG

- Multiple developers cannot contribute concurrently to the same project
- Not possible to create and maintain a 'central repository' that multiple developers could interact with simultaneously
- No functionality for working on separate 'branches' within the same project

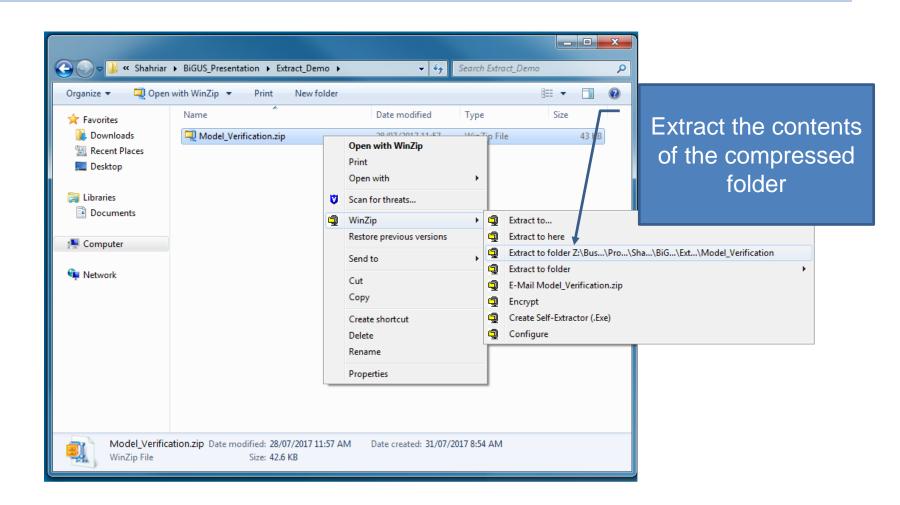




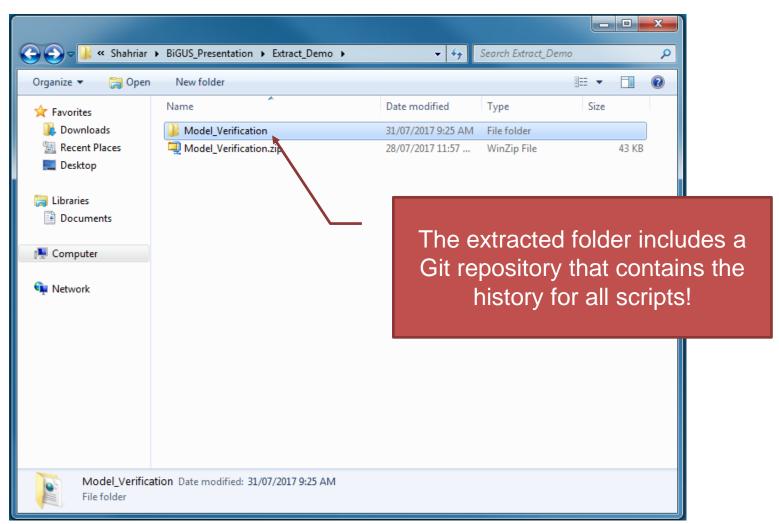
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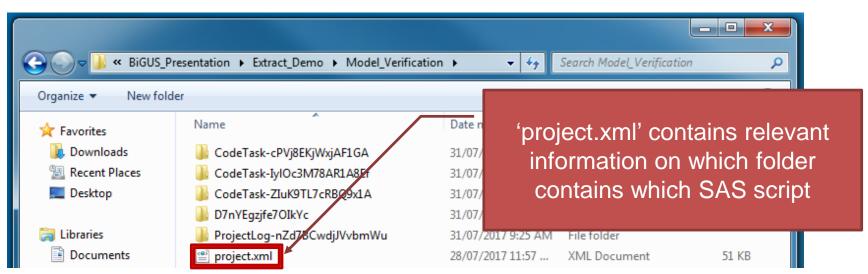
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The Project Folder

A Look Inside

- Every script (or code) and its history is contained within a separate folder whose name starts with 'CodeTask-'
- The XML file 'project.xml' holds the mapping information for all scripts



The Project Folder

project.xml

 User can identify the folders based on the information inside the 'project.xml' file

project.xml

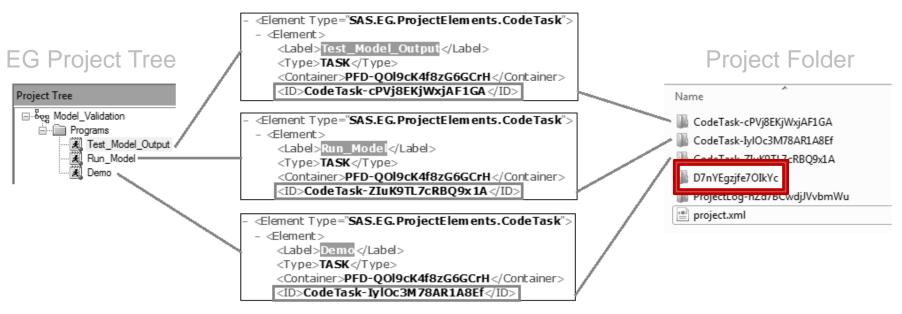


Identifying the Git Folder

The Git Folder

The remaining folder is the one that contains the Git repository

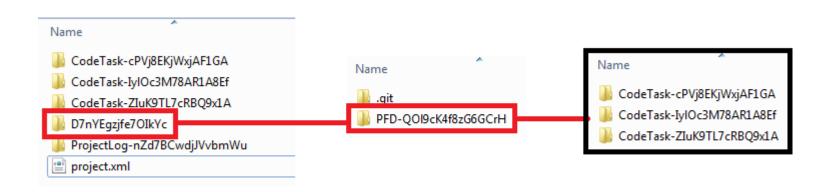
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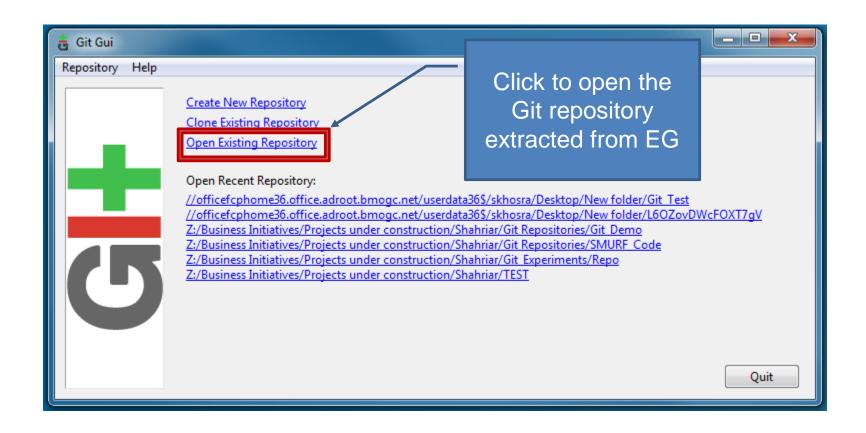
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Git Folder Contents

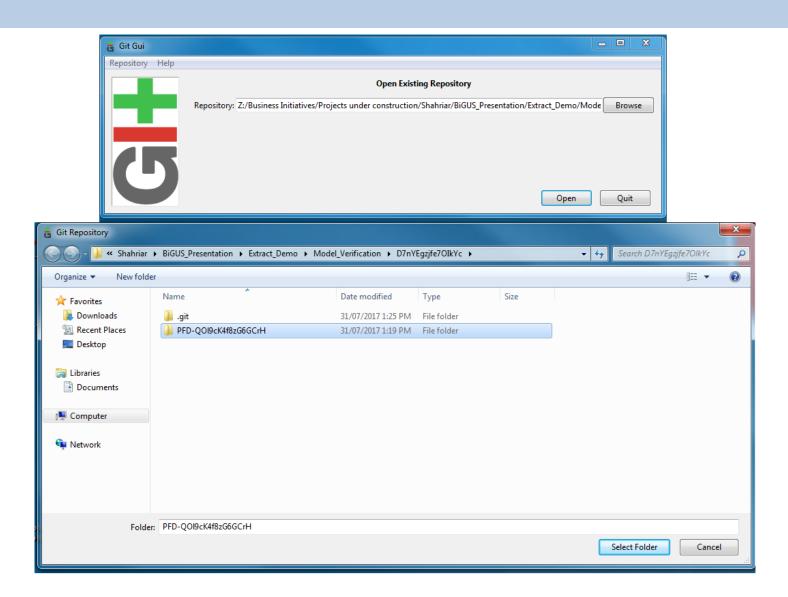
- User can rename the Git folder and its contents for ease of use and understanding
- This can be done in the Git version control system in order to keep the original histories, and the process can be automated



Renaming the Git Folders (Using Git GUI)



Renaming the Git Folders



Renaming the Git Folders (Using Git GUI)

Using 'git mv' Command

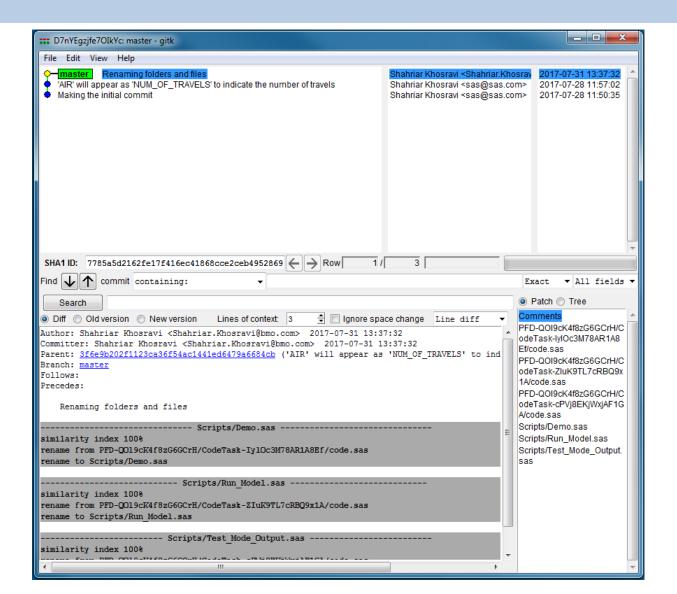
 When the renaming is done through Git, it becomes part of the existing history

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MINGW64:/z/Business Initiatives/Projects under construction/Shahriar/BiGUS_Presentation/Extract_Demo/Model_V...

Renaming folders and files|
# Please enter the commit message for your changes. Lines starting
# with '#' will be ignored, and an empty message aborts the commit.

# On branch master
# Changes to be committed:
# renamed: ../PFD-Q019cK4f8zG6GCrH/CodeTask-Iy10c3M78AR1A8Ef/code.sas -> Demo.sas
# renamed: ../PFD-Q019cK4f8zG6GCrH/CodeTask-Z1uK9TL7cR8Q9x1A/code.sas -> Run_Model.sas
# renamed: ../PFD-Q019cK4f8zG6GCrH/CodeTask-CPVj8EKjWxjAF1GA/code.sas -> Test_Mode_Output.sas
# committed:
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# committed:
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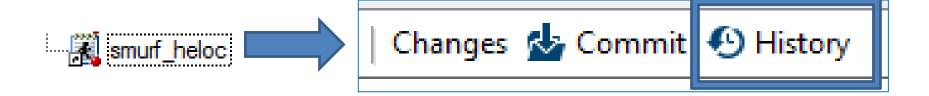
Viewing the Extracted Git History



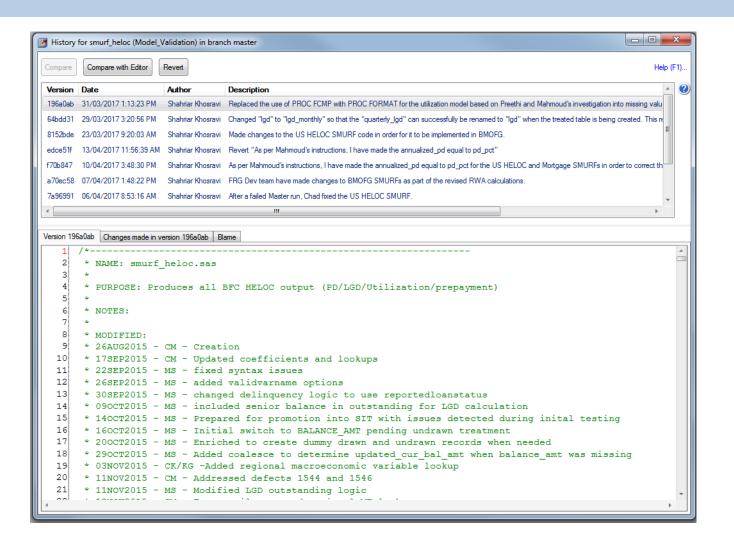
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Externally-Controlled Files and EG

- It is possible to view the Git history of an externally managed script within SAS EG
 - drag and drop the external script file into the SAS EG
 - Click 'History' from the top bar menu

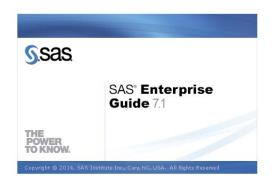


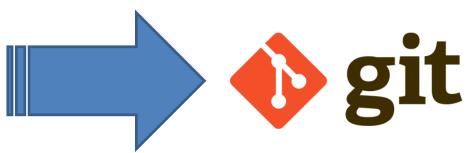
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Summary

- It is possible to extract the Git repository from a SAS EG project
- Some parts of the process can be automated using bash scripting
- It is also possible to view the existing history of an externallycontrolled file inside SAS EG





Questions

Thank You