

# CSE 403

Software Engineering

Spring 2023

## **#8: Version control and Git**

# Logistics

## WEEK 3

04/10 L: SCRUM

04/11 T: DUE: [PR!!!](#)

04/12 L: Version Control [GitHub Project Setup \(GPS\)](#)

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04/14 LX: GIT

# Today

- Version control: why, who, how?
- Git: concepts and terminology

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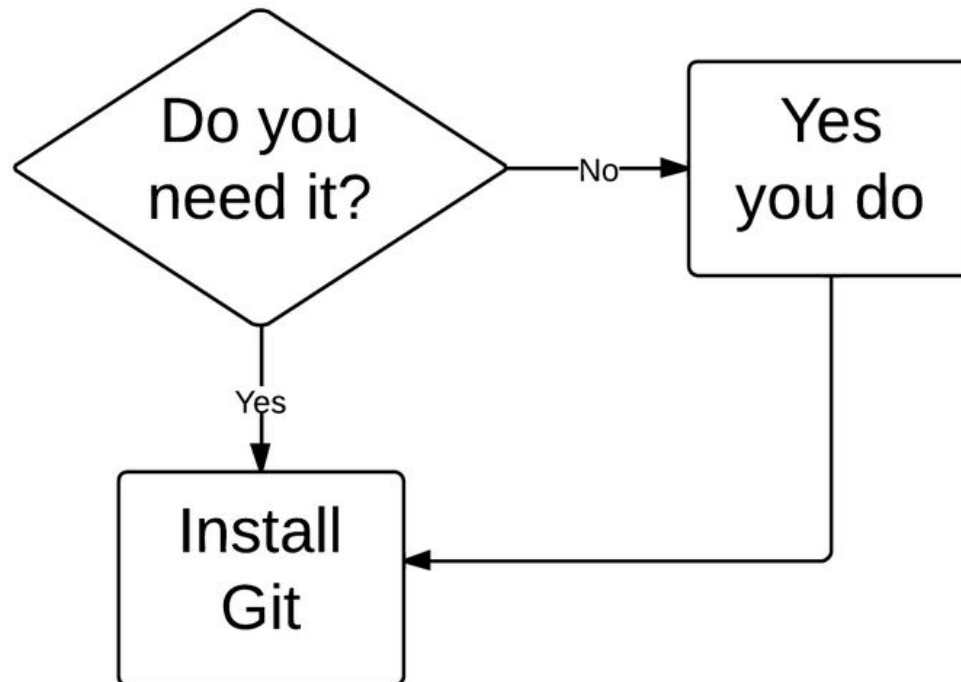
Who is going to make sense of this mess?

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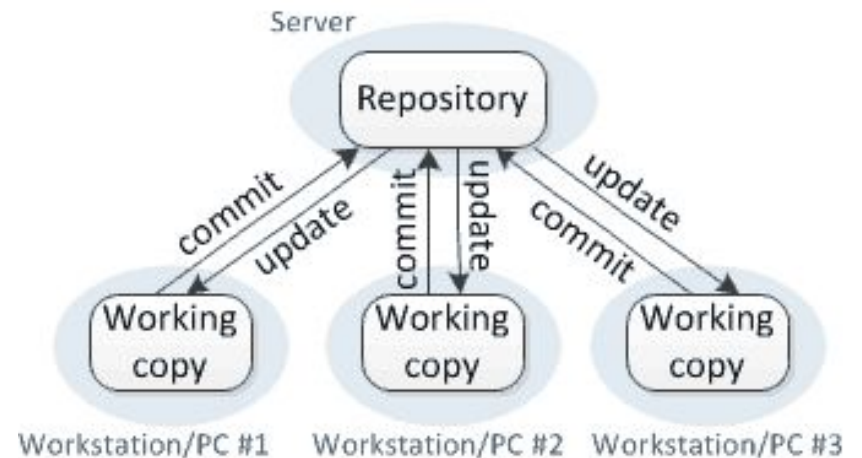
## **Example application domains**

- Software development
- Research (infrastructure and data)
- Applications (e.g., (cloud-based) word processors)

# Centralized version control

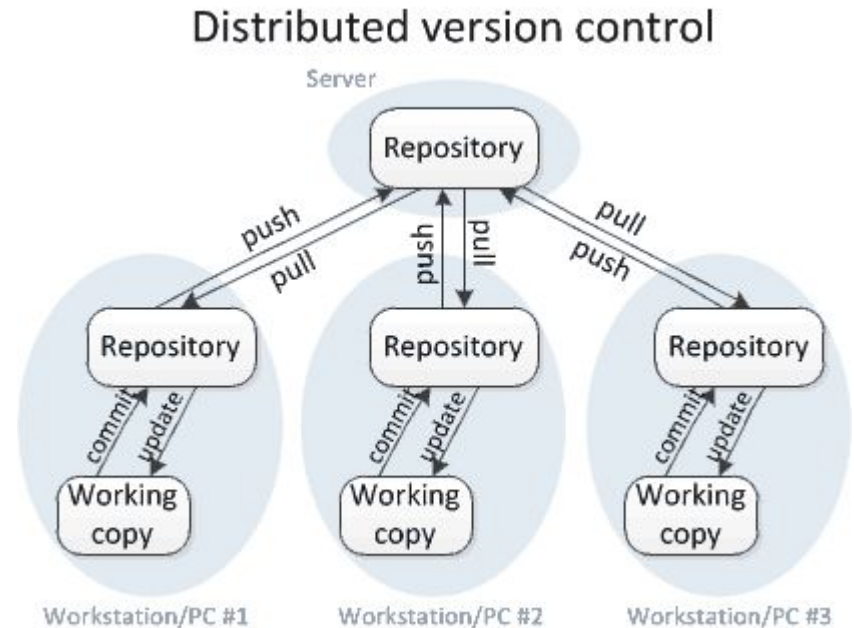
- **One central repository.**
- All users **commit** their changes to a **central repository**.
- Each user has a working copy. As soon as they commit, the repository gets updated.
- Examples: SVN (Subversion), CVS.

## Centralized version control



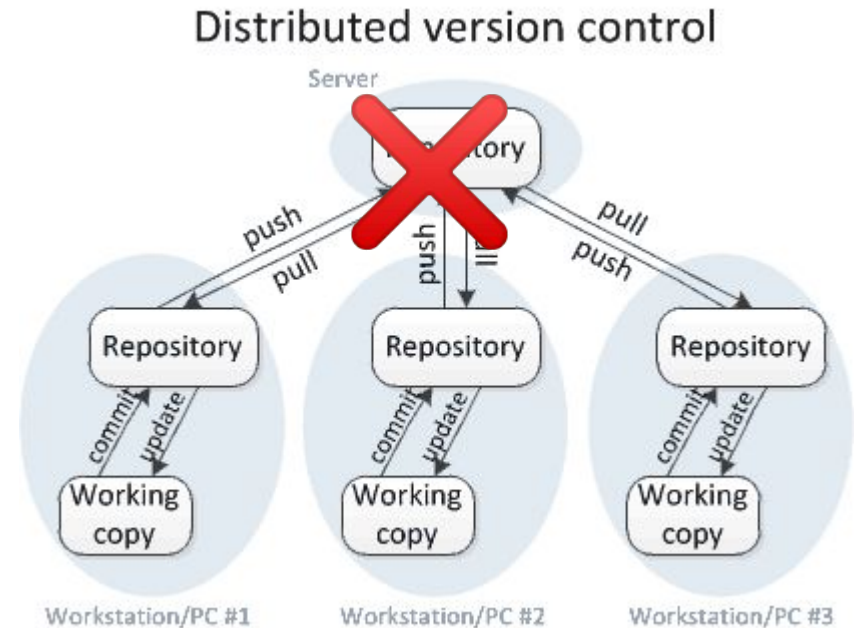
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# Version control with Git

(aka the best thing since sliced bread)

- “I see Subversion as being the most pointless project ever started”
- ” ‘what would CVS never ever do’-kind of approach”



# A little quiz #1

## CS403-L8-Git1

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Which of these are true?

- Git requires a server repository
- A merge conflict in Git arises as soon as two users change the same file
- After editing some files, only some of the edits may end up in a git commit

# A little quiz #1

## CS403-L8-Git2

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Which of the following is NOT a git command?

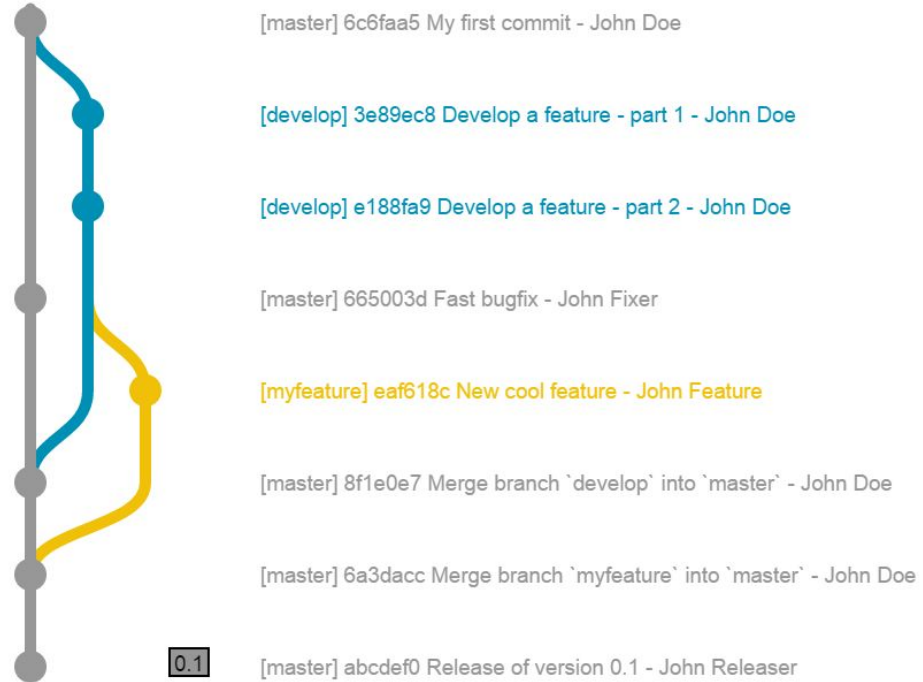
- git clone
- git fork
- git branch
- git cherry-pick
- git fetch
- git pull

# **Branch vs. Clone vs. Fork**



# Branches

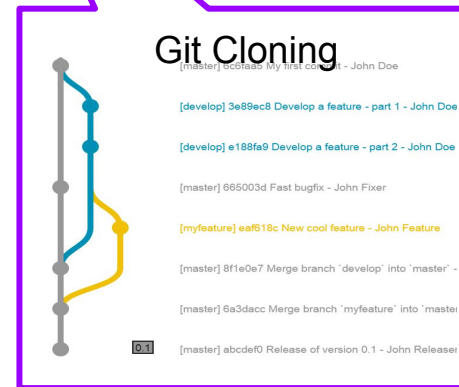
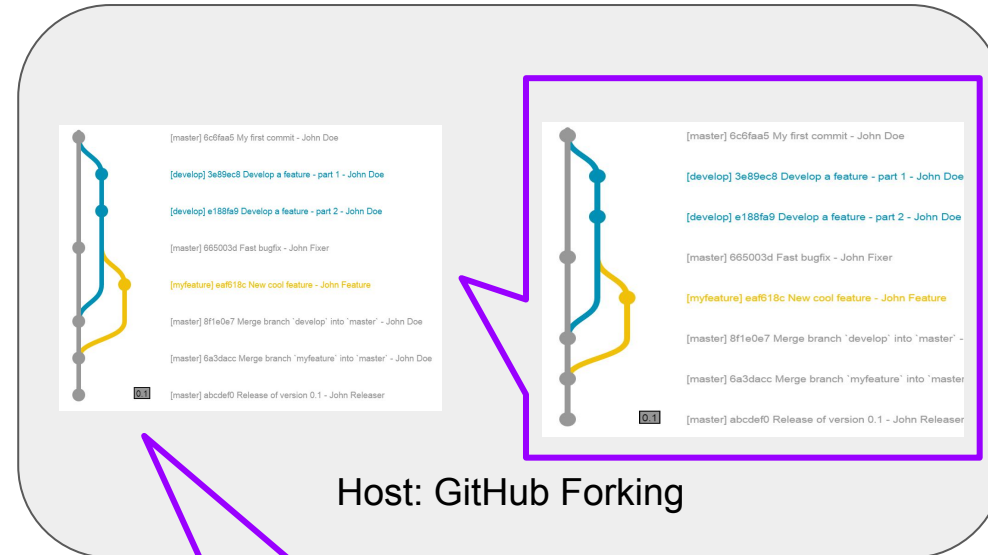
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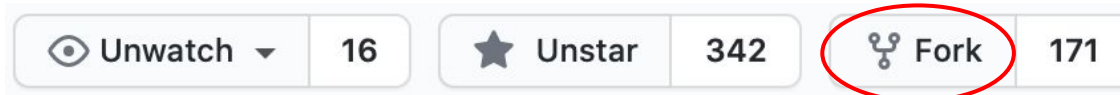


# Forking

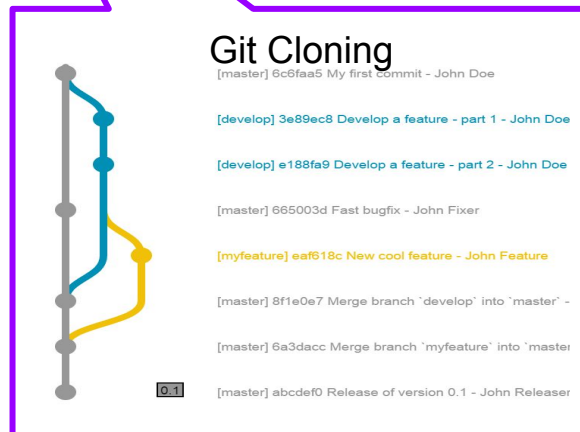
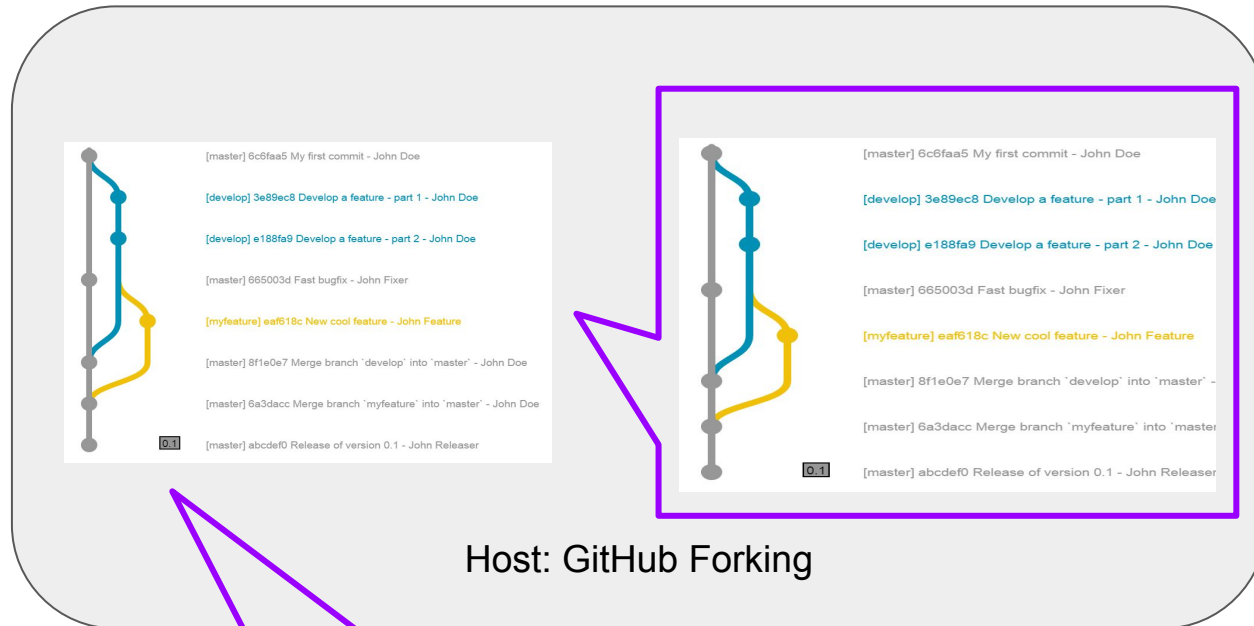
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- **Heavyweight** branching (**clone**).
  - **Forking** (clone at remote host).



Branch and clone are common version control commands; forking is a concept used by GitHub and other hosts.

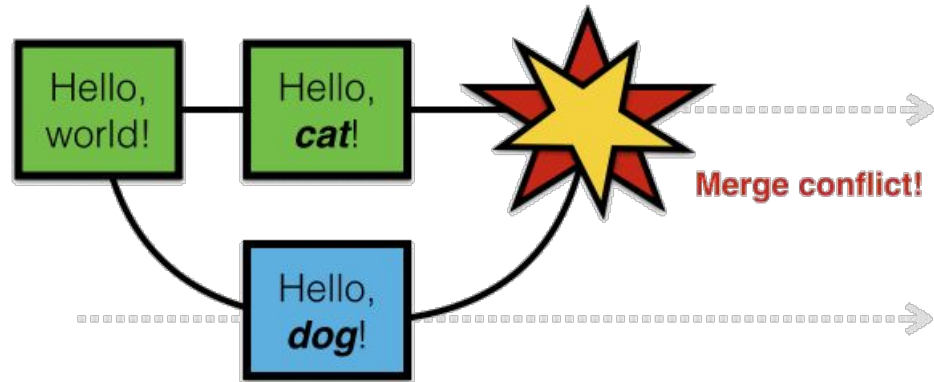


# Branching vs Cloning vs Forking: WHY?



# Conflicts

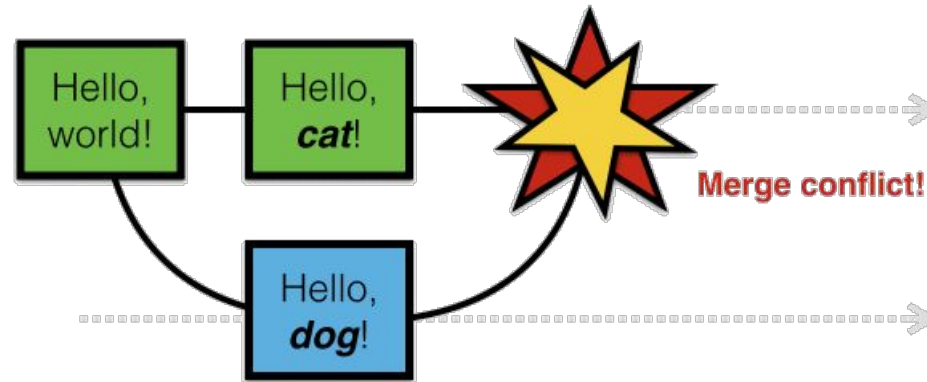
# Conflicts



- **Conflicts** arise when two users **change the same line** of a file.
- When a conflict arises, the last committer needs to resolve it.

How to avoid merge conflicts?

# Conflicts



## How to avoid merge conflicts?

- Not doing any work 🤔
- Clear separation of responsibilities ☐
- Frequent code synchronization (pull and push) 😎
- Good code componentization 😍
- Atomic commits 🎉

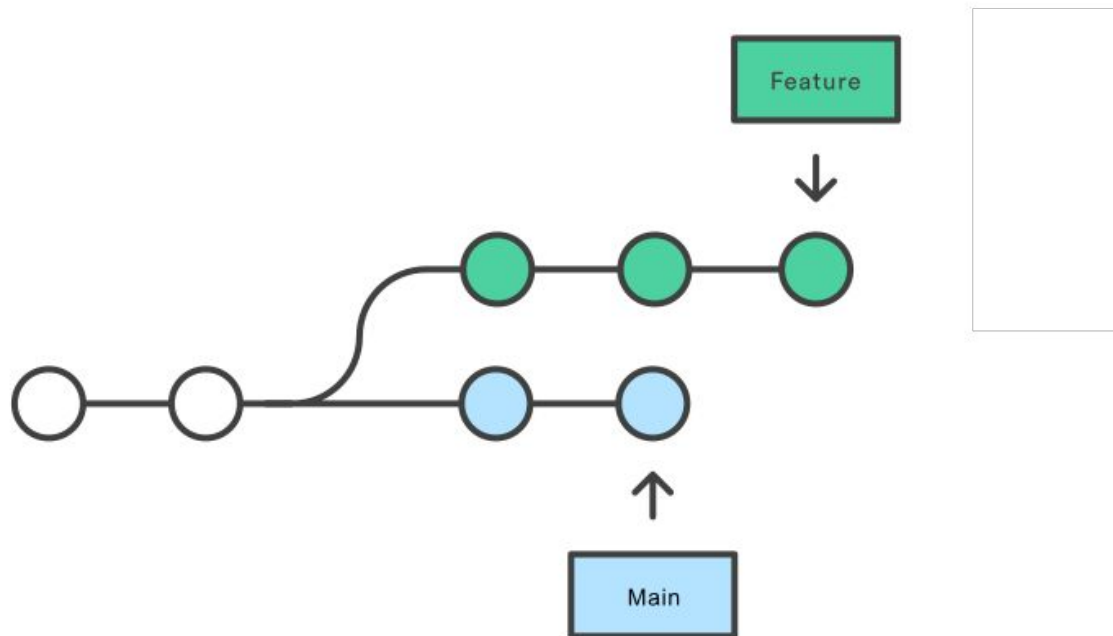
# **Merge vs. Rebase**

## **(vs. Interactive Rebase)**



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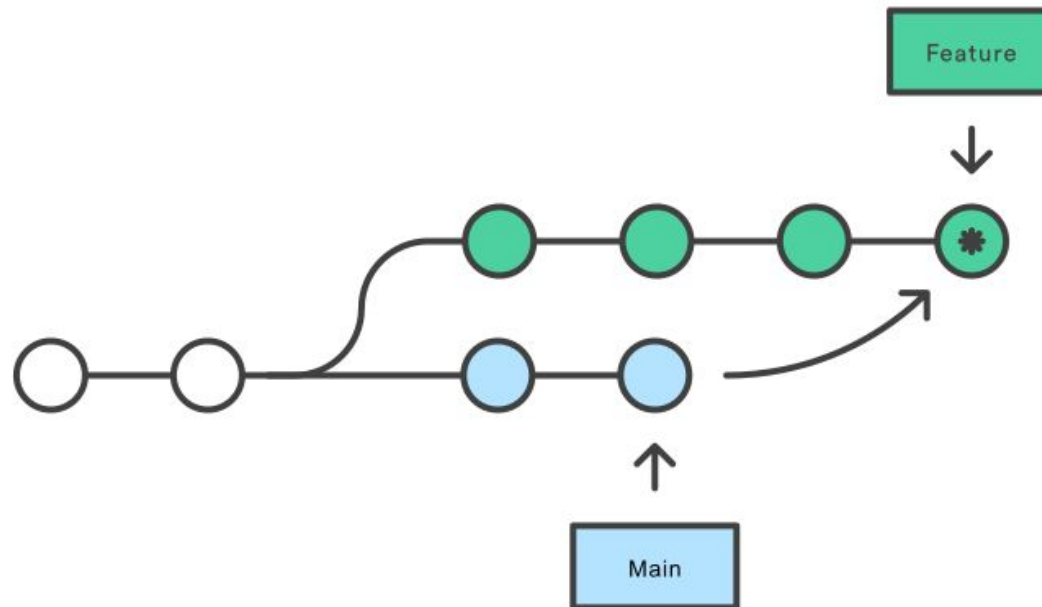
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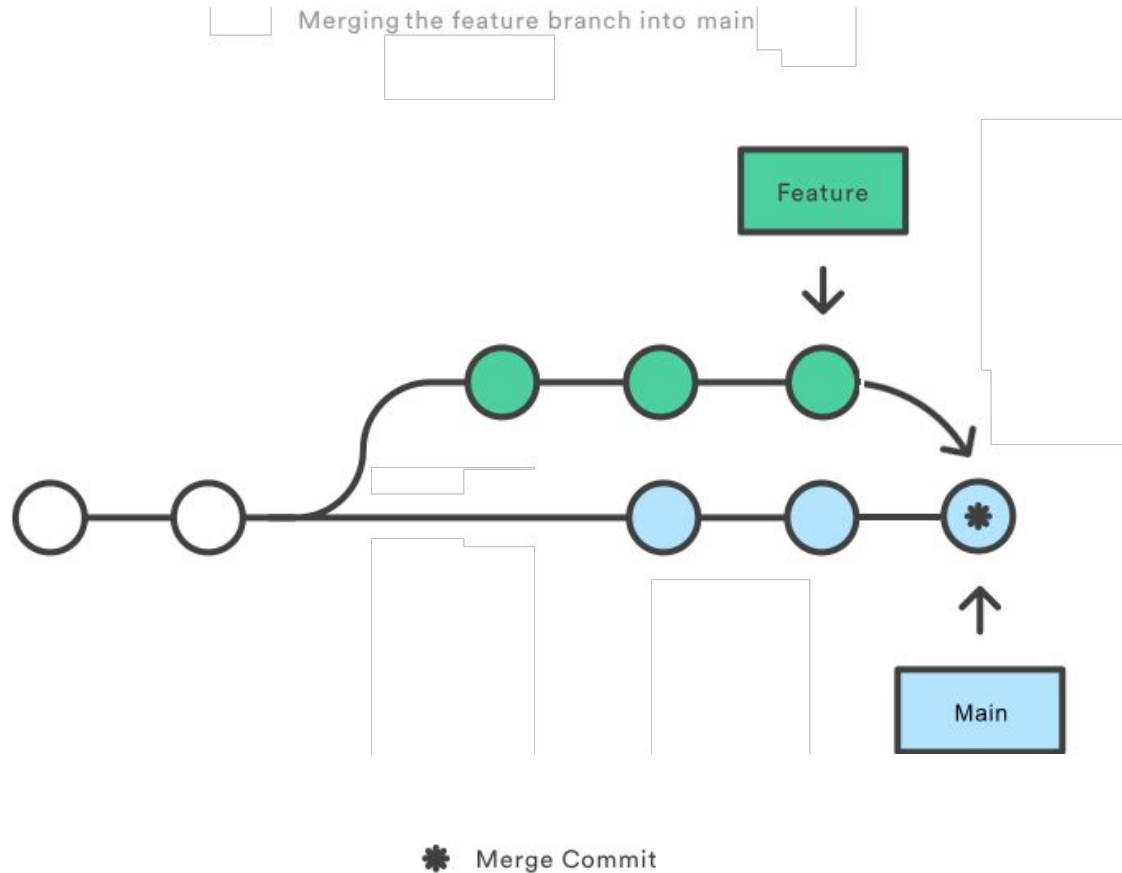
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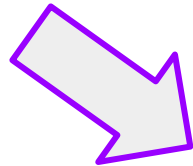
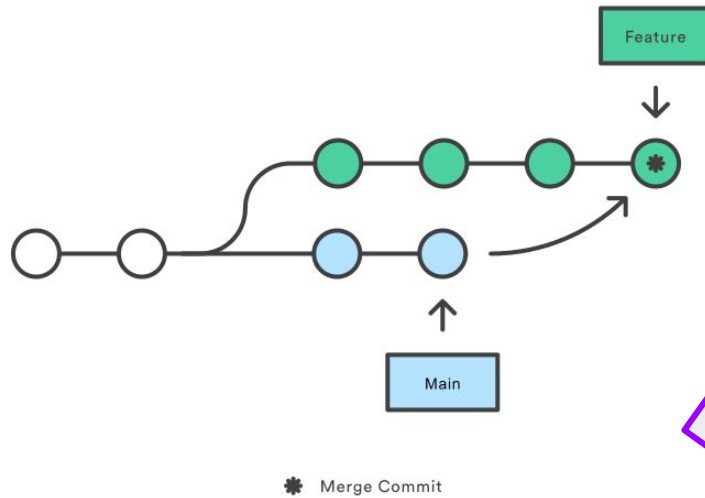
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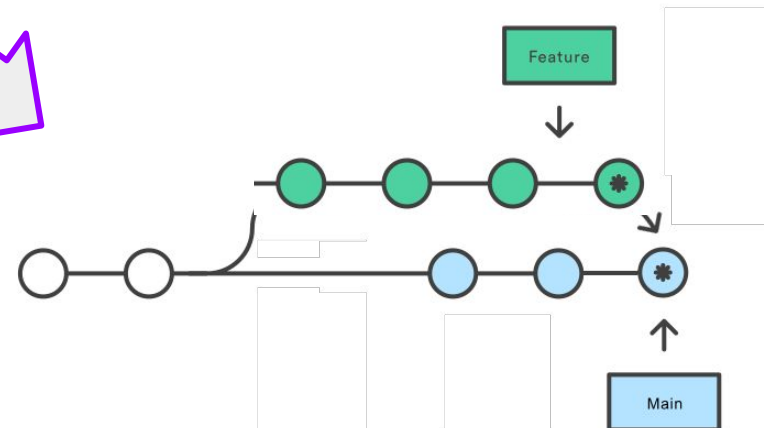
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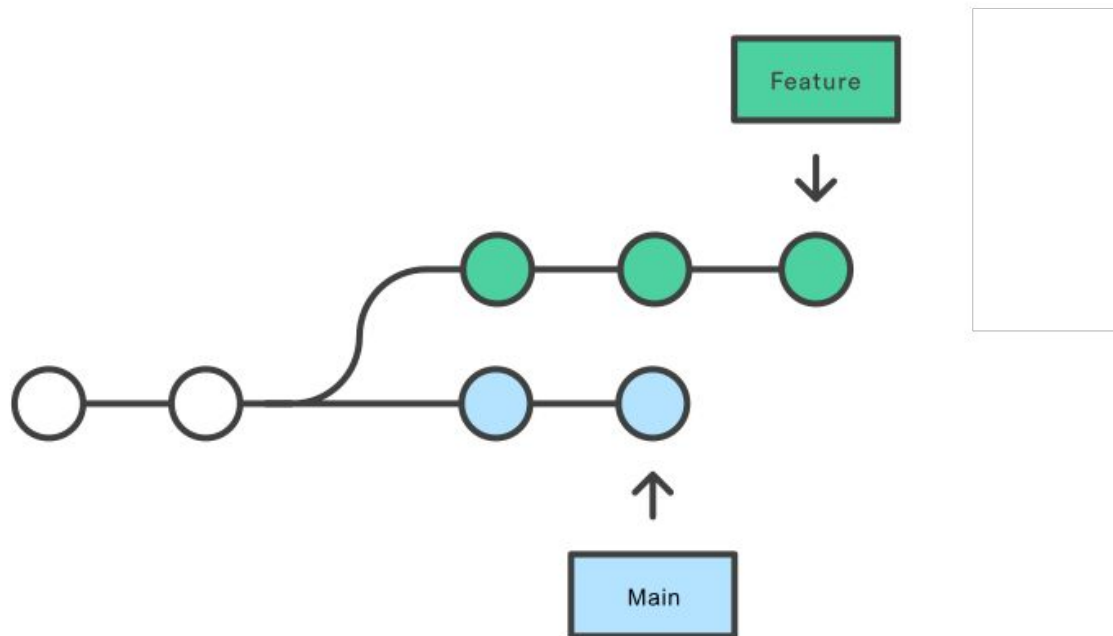
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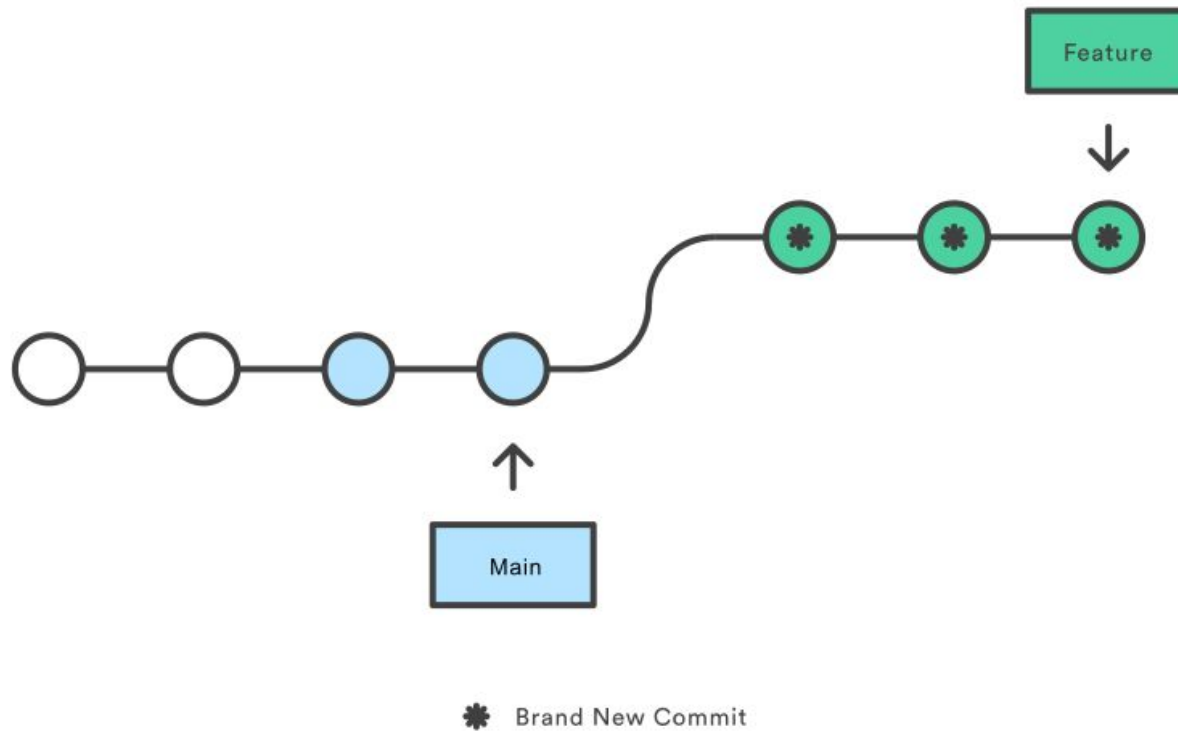
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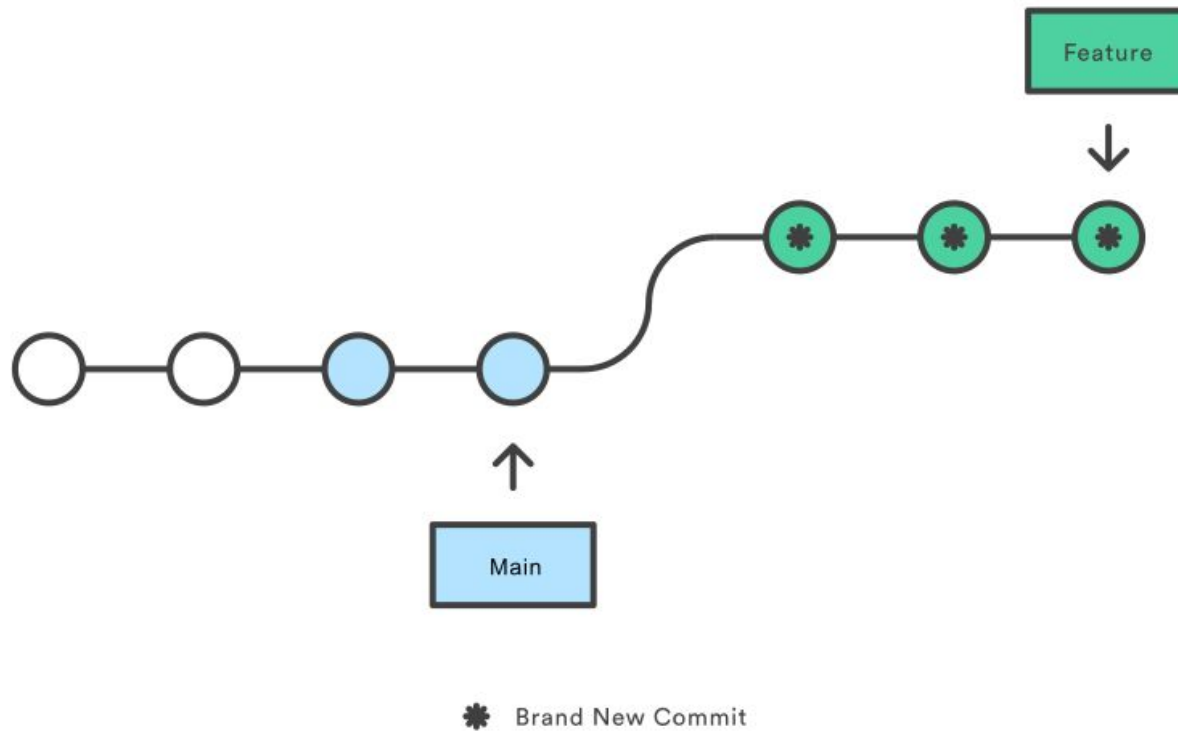
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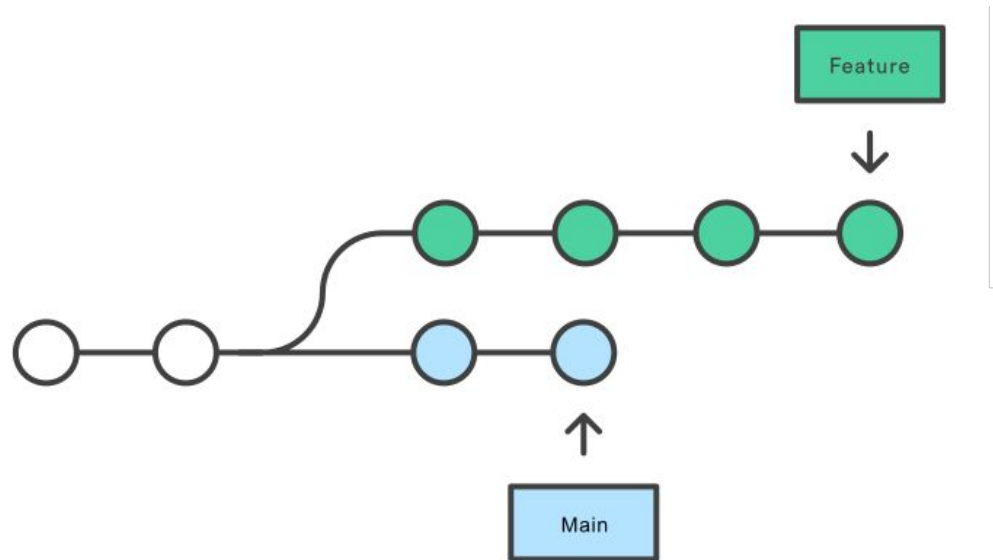
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There is a risk!

# Interactive Rebase

Developing a feature in a dedicated branch

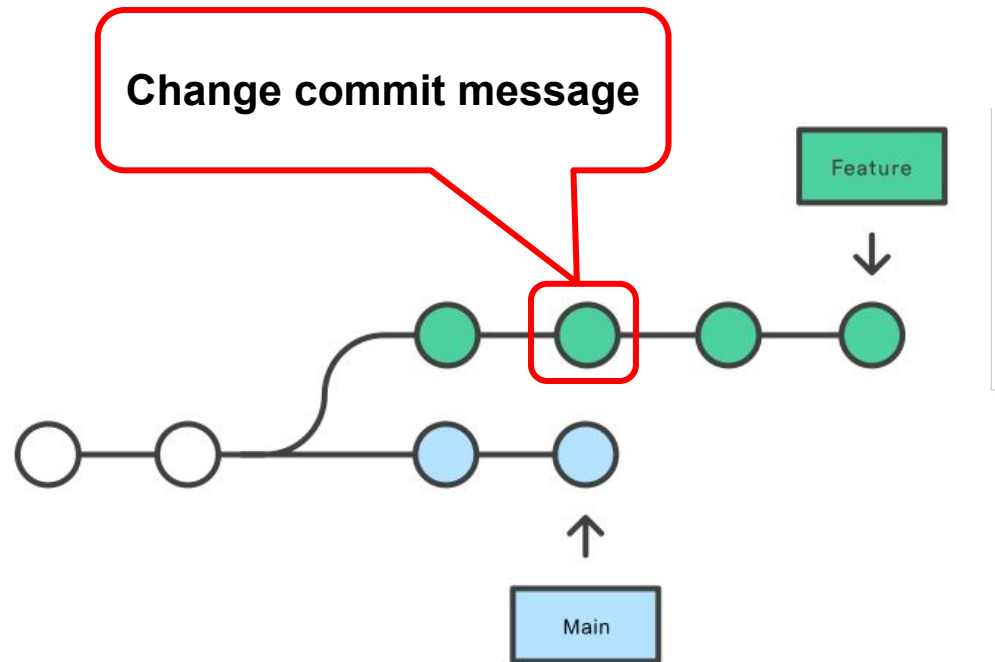


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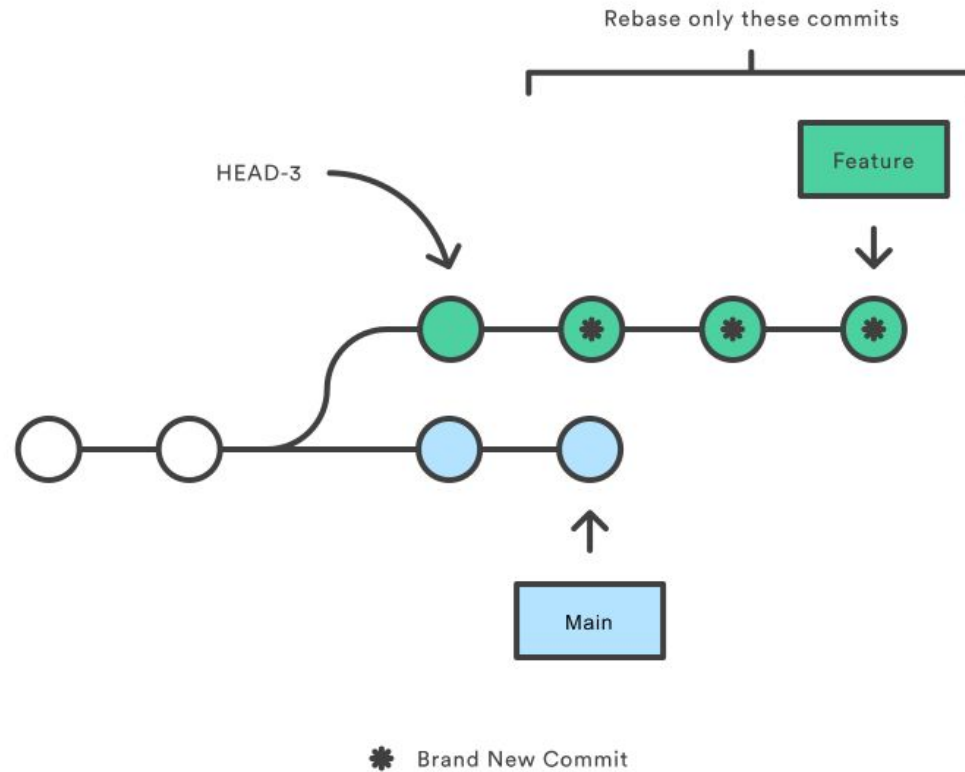
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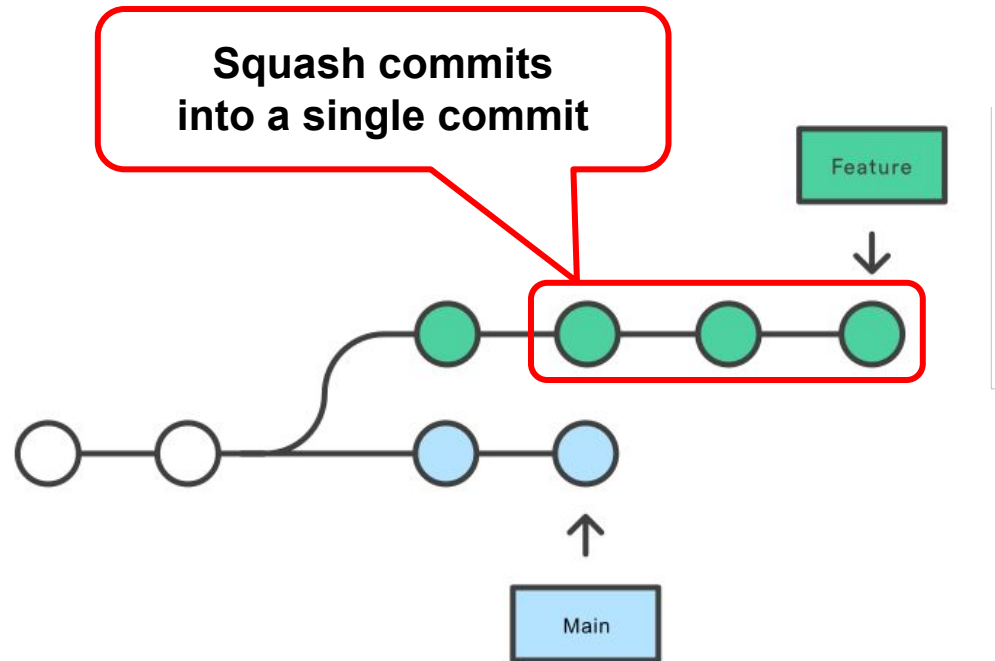
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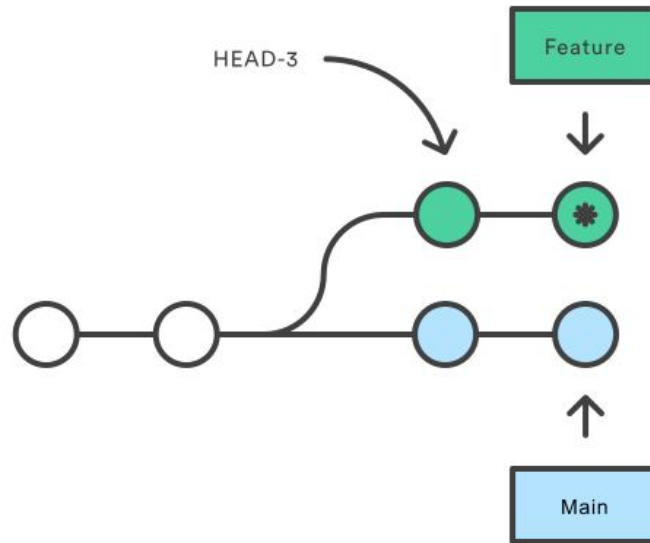
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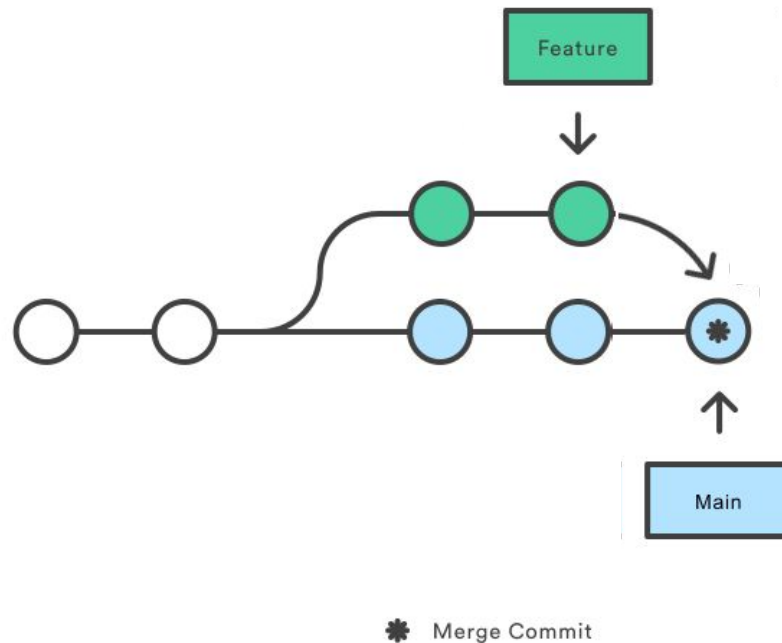
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# Interactive Rebase (squash & merge)



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# Squash & merge on GitHub

## **Create a merge commit**

All commits from this branch will be added to the base branch via a merge commit.

## ✓ **Squash and merge**

The 14 commits from this branch will be combined into one commit in the base branch.

## **Rebase and merge**

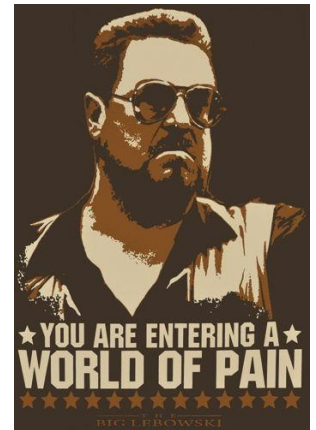
The 14 commits from this branch will be rebased and added to the base branch.

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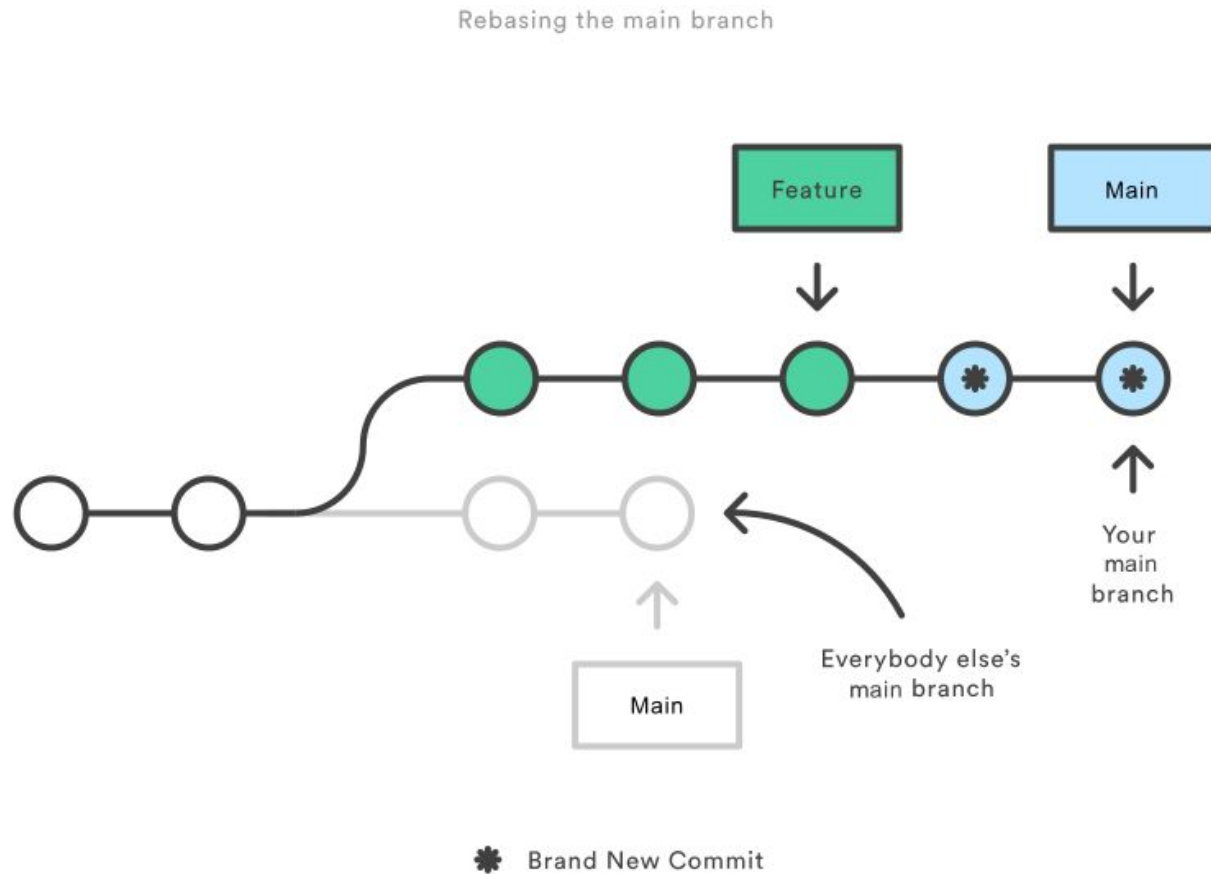
- Results in a sequential commit history.
- Interactive rebasing often used to squash commits.
- **Changes the commit history!**



**Do not rebase public branches  
with a force-push!**



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# **Git concepts and terminology**

# Motivating Example: What is this Git command?

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git-\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ file contents to the index

## SYNOPSIS

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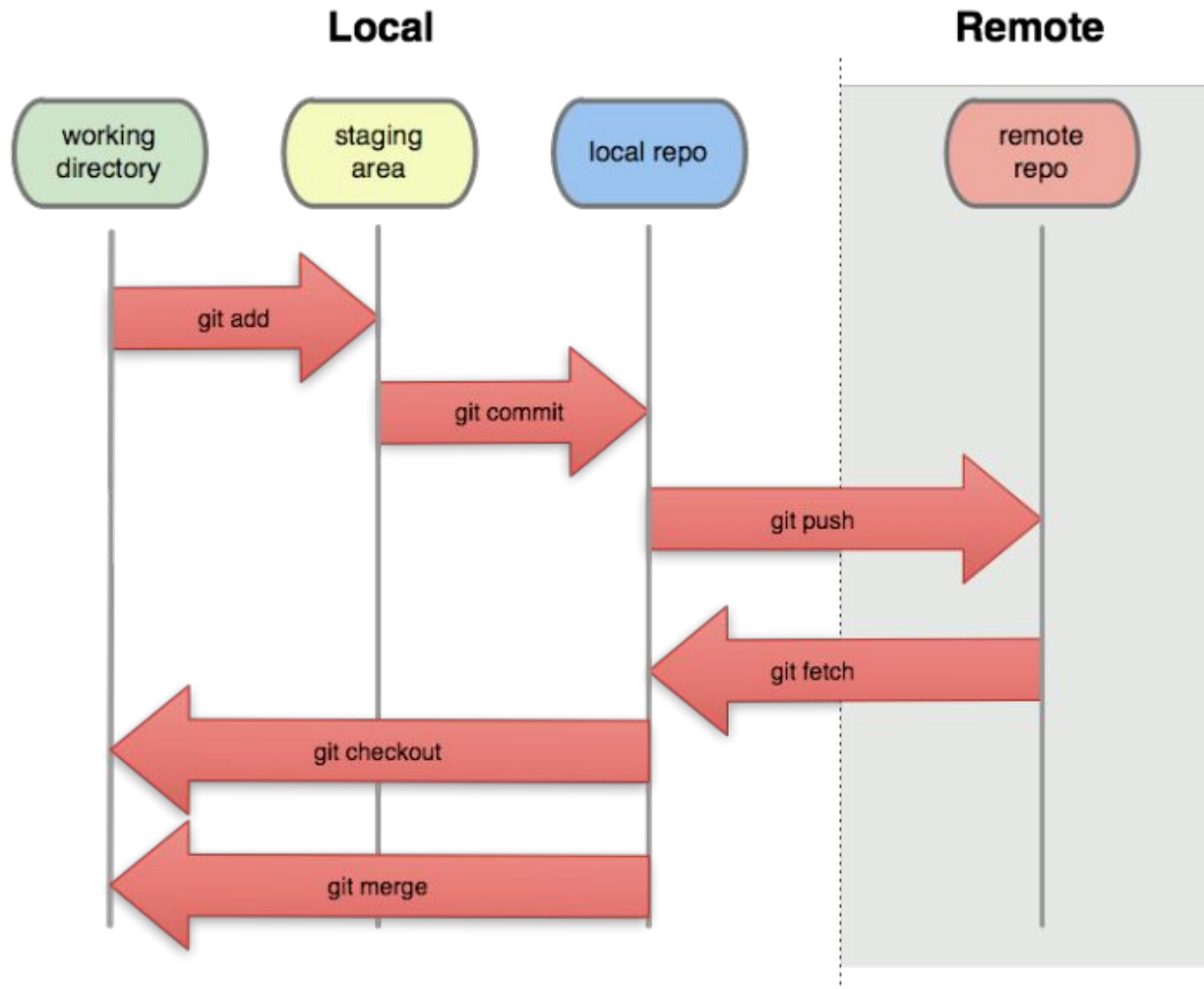
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# Git: vocabulary

- **index**: staging area (located `.git/index`)
- **content**: git tracks **a collection of file content, not the file itself**
- **tree**: git's representation of a file system
- **working tree**: tree representing the local working copy
- **staged**: ready to be committed
- **commit**: a snapshot of the working tree (a database entry)
- **ref**: pointer to a commit object
- **branch**: just a (special) ref; semantically: represents a line of dev
- **HEAD**: a ref pointing to the working tree

# Git: concepts and terminology



# What's next?

## WEEK 3

04/10 L: SCRUM

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## WEEK 4

04/17 L: Data modeling

04/18 T:

04/19 L: Architecture

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04/21 L: Design

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