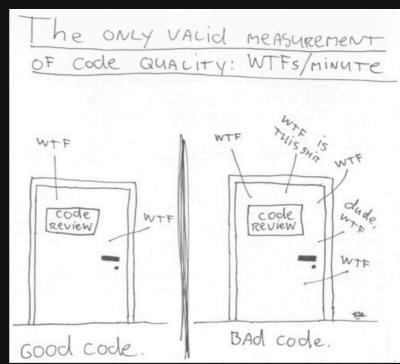
# Agenda for Day 2

- 1. Git in Production
- 2. Clean Code
- 3. Automated Testing

### Disclaimer

- 1. View this workshop is a *starting point* for learning. I'm aiming to give a (somewhat) holistic overview of things to learn.
- 2. All topics of today are actively dicussed among the dev community. I will focus on things that are considered "best practice" among many but some people might still have different opinions and that's okay!
- 3. Don't be discouraged if you feel overwhelmed. I'm trying to have a high content density and move fast. Slides are published for later reference.
- 4. I'm also just a Coxi student with some work experience under my belt. If you find any mistakes throughout this workshop, let me know:)



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# Git in Production

#### Rough agenda:

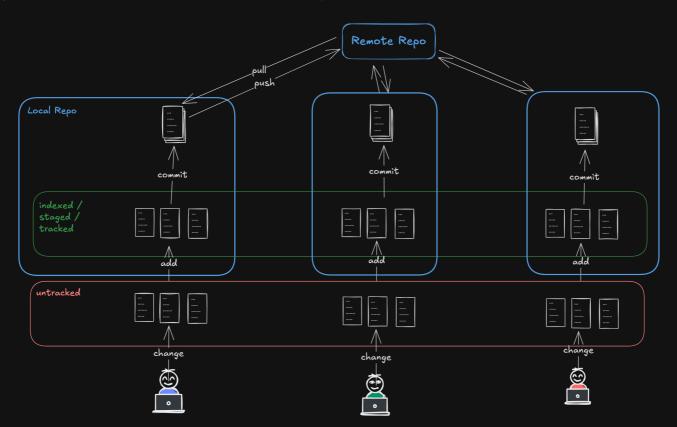
- 1. Requirements
- 2. Basics of git
- 3. Branches
- 4. Merging
- 5. Rewriting History
- 6. Remote(s)
- 7. Code review
- 8. Collaboration

### Requirements

- Have git installed
- Have a github.com account connected to your machine (preferrably via SSH)
- Some basic knowledge of the CLI on your machine (how to move around, create/delete files, etc.)
- That's it

# What is git?

= free and open source distributed version control system (VCS)



## Your first git repo

1. Create a local repo with

```
git init
```

#### 2. Configurate

If the following cmd has no output:

```
git config --get user.name
```

You need to configure your username and email

```
git config --add --local user.name "Louis Kapp"
git config --add --local user.email "l.kapp@4eign.de"
```

You can check your whole configuration using

```
git config --list
```

### The Basics

These simple commands suffice 80% of the time

- git add <path-to-file | pattern> will add zero or more files to the index (staging area)
- git commit -m '<message>' will commit what changes are present in the index.
- git status will describe the state of your git repo which will include tracked, staged, and untracked changes.

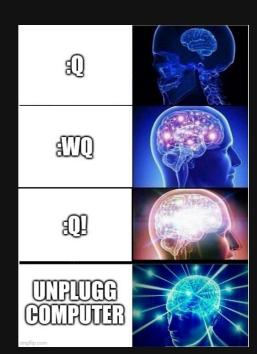
### The vi experience

You're cooked

You may wonder what happens if you just git commit without specifying a --message (-m):

```
# Please enter the commit message for your changes. Lines starting
# with '#' will be ignored, and an empty message aborts the commit.
#
# On branch main
#
# Initial commit
#
# Changes to be committed:
# new file: test.md
#
```

Quit vi using :q! or specify your favorite editor (e.g. VSCode) in your git config to never end up in this situation: git config --global core.editor "code"



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#### Exercise

- ~ 3 minutes
- 1. Create and configure an empty repo
- 2. Create a file
- 3. Check the status of git to see that its untracked.
- 4. Add it to the index
- 5. Check the status of git to see that it is staged.
- 6. Commit it with a nice message
- 7. Check the status of git to see if there is anything left to do
- 8. View all your commits in the repo with a single command (bonus)

### Git behind the curtain

wait, which curtain?

Use git log to view all commits in your repo

```
commit ea7aad16a91e11d339df42c5c726b6761444c96a (HEAD → main)
Author: Louis Kapp <l.kapp@4eign.de>
Date: Wed Jan 22 17:07:48 2025 +0100

test
```

- Each commit has unique ID in form of a SHA
- git log --oneline shows the shorthand version of the SHA which is suffient for unique identification

```
ea7aad1 (HEAD → main) test
```

 Almost all git commands accept a wide range of options. You can explore them using git yourcommand-name --help. Some explanations are not the best though and you might be quicker by asking your LLM of choice.

### Git behind the curtain

wait, which curtain?

git has a command for virtually everything

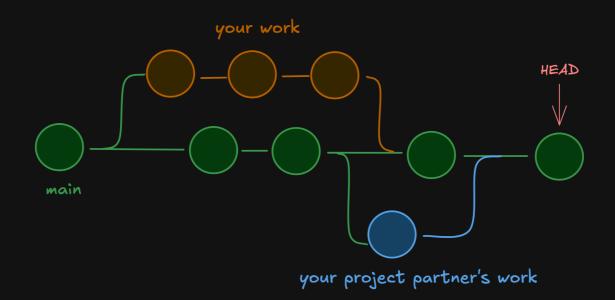
```
git
> zsh: do you wish to see all 142 possibilities (142 lines)?
```

- git has very few restrictions on what you can and can't do (which can sometimes be dangerous)
- you can explore all sorts of git's internal workings by taking a close look inside the hidden .git
   directory of your project and even view the full source code.

### Branches

#### Why?

- Better code organization
- Minimizes friction during collaboration



### Branches

How?

Create a new branch

```
git branch foo
```

You have 2 different options of changing your current branch to the new one

```
git checkout foo
git switch foo
> Switched to branch 'foo'
```

View all your local branches with git branch

```
* foo main
```

The \* marks your current branch

### Branches

What?

Let's create another file and commit it to our new branch

```
touch another.md & git add . & git commit -m "another commit
```

Now, what happened?

```
git log --oneline
> d4ee3ee (HEAD → foo) 2nd commit
> ea7aad1 (main) test
```

If we switch back to *main*, we can't see the new commit:

```
git checkout main
> Switched to branch 'main'
git log --oneline
> ea7aad1 (HEAD → main) test
```

We can make changes to *main* branch as if our change on *foo* never existed!

#### Exercise

- ~ 5 minutes
- 1. Create a new branch and switch to it
- 2. Verify you are on the branch
- 3. Make two commits on the new branch
- 4. Verify that your new branch is two commits ahead of main

Something like this should be the result:

```
62ad496 (HEAD → foo) 3rd commit
de59c28 2nd commit
2326e5e (main) test
```

We can see that HEAD points to our new branch foo while main is two commits behind.

### Merge

Let's say, in the meantime, our colleague worked on a different feature and committed the code to main.

```
git checkout main
touch new.md
git add .
git commit -m "4th commit"
git log --oneline
```

#### This is the *main* branch now:

```
fdadab0 (HEAD → main) 4th commit
2326e5e test
```

How can we get our work from foo to main?

### Merge

How can we get our work from foo to main?

By merging the source branch (foo) into the target (main) branch:

```
git merge foo
```

The branch you're on is the *target* branch and the branch you're specifying in git merge <br/> stanchname> is your *source* branch.

Upon merging, you should choose an informative commit message:

```
0 Feat: This is a great feature
1
2 # Please enter a commit message to explain why this merge is necessary,
3 # especially if it merges an updated upstream into a topic branch.
4 #
5 # Lines starting with '#' will be ignored, and an empty message aborts
6 # the commit.
```

When working in larger codebases, there is usually some naming convention for merge commits (e.g. feat, fix, chore, ...).

### Merge

What happened? Let's check with git log -- graph

```
commit e15bddaf5515a5b89c04a1e9085718e8a81b0b4e (HEAD \rightarrow main)
   Merge: fdadab0 62ad496
        Feat: This is a great feature
 * commit 62ad496a99fd8c6be44cbe28e21747c85b8b54ae (foo)
        3rd commit msg
   commit de59c2813ebe259e7d1fa91ccd83228fbd0e52c5
        2nd commit msg
   commit fdadab02a0a1b9a282a8fd30f97221434a999c5d
        4th commit msg
* commit 2326e5eed074c32710ff3ff7d785b17eee2ee4f1
      1st commit msg
```

A merge is attempting to combine two histories together that have diverged at some point in the past (here: after the first commit).

git then merges the sets of commits onto the common ancestor (merge base) and creates a new commit (merge commit) at the tip of the branch that is being merged on with all the changes combined into one commit.

During this, a merge conflict can occur. More on that later.

# Reflog

Lost your *HEAD* and trying to find it?

Using git reflog you can see where your HEAD has been previously. Each point in time (i.e. a checkout, commit, etc.) has it's own unique SHA.

```
e15bdda (HEAD → main) HEADa{0}: merge foo: Merge made by the 'ort' strategy.

fdadab0 HEADa{1}: merge foo: updating HEAD

fdadab0 HEADa{2}: commit: 4th commit

2326e5e HEADa{3}: checkout: moving from foo to main

62ad496 (foo) HEADa{4}: commit: 3rd commit

...
```

Let's create a new branch, commit something to it and delete the branch:

```
git checkout -b new-to-be-deleted touch new-to-be-deleted.md && git add . && git commit -m "lost commit" git checkout main git branch -D new-to-be-deleted
```

Can we bring back our lost commit?

# Cherry pick

Bringing back our lost commit

Let's check where our HEAD has been with git reflog

```
git reflog
> e15bdda (HEAD → main) HEADa{0}: checkout: moving from new-to-be-deleted to main
> 5f5bcec HEADa{1}: commit: lost commit
> e15bdda (HEAD → main) HEADa{2}: checkout: moving from main to new-to-be-deleted
```

Our lost commit, along with it's SHA is still available! Using git cherry-pick <SHA> we can bring it back to the branch that we are currently on (if history didn't diverge too much):

```
git cherry-pick 5f5bcec
git log --oneline
> d589cc2 (HEAD → main) lost commit
> e15bdda Feat: This is a great feature
> fdadab0 4th commit
> 62ad496 (foo) 3rd commit
```

Great! Our *HEAD* now points to the commit that we've thought to be lost.

Remember: You can learn more about cherry-pick just like with any other command using git cherry-pick --help

#### Reset

Time travel has never been so easy

Using git reset <SHA> you can reset your HEAD to any previous point SHA from log or reflog.

Say, you decide that you don't want to keep the commit that we just recovered. You can just move back to the commit before it!

```
git log --oneline
> d589cc2 (HEAD → main) lost commit
> e15bdda Feat: This is a great feature
...

git reset e15bdda
> HEAD is now at e15bdda Feat: This is a great feature
```

But wait... Why are there uncommited files now?

```
git status
> On branch main
> new file: new-to-be-deleted.md
```

#### Reset

Why are there uncommited files now?

```
git status
> On branch main
> new file: new-to-be-deleted.md
```

This is the exact file which we added via the commit that we just got rid of!

The file is still there, because git reset does a *soft* reset per default (= git reset --soft). This keeps the files from the removed commits in our staging area. It's a safety feature that prevents us from losing our work unintentionally.

However, in this case, we want to remove the commit **along** with all it's changes. We can achieve this with the -- hard flag. Use with caution!

```
git reset --hard e15bdda
git status
> On branch main
> nothing to commit, working tree clean
```

#### Reset

a word of caution

This commands does something that is commonly called rewriting history.

Only rewrite history on your own branches! These include branches that are one of the following:

- Not published yet (= you did not use git push yet)
- Others will definitely not base their work on top of your branch (e.g. a feature-branch that only you are working on)

#### Exercise

- ~ 10 minutes
- 1. Merge foo into main
- 2. Explore the git log and highlight the different branches
- 3. Make some changes to main and commit them
- 4. Delete the commit you've made
- 5. Verify that HEAD now points to your merge commit again
- 6. "Undo" the deletion and bring back the commit
- 7. Verify that HEAD now points to the brought-back commit
- 8. Bonus: Explore different options for the new commands you just learned

#### Remote

Let's start collaborating!

Remote just means that there is a copy of your local git repo accessible somewhere else! Typically, remotes are hosted on GitHub, GitLab, Bitbucket and so on. However, there are plenty of other options and you certainly don't need any of these big players. You can even host your own git server if you like.

For the sake of simplicity, we will use GitHub for this course. If you've followed the requirements, you should already have set it up.

- 1. Create an **empty** repo on GitHub
- 2. Add the remote to your repo as a "source of truth". A common naming convention for such remote repos is *origin*:

```
git remote add origin git@github.com:<YOUR-USER-NAME>/<YOUR-REPO-NAME>.git
```

3. Push your local changes (for once) on main upstream:

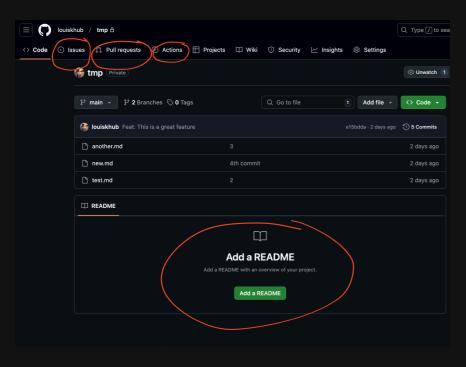
```
git push -u origin main
```

4. Now you should be able to see your files and commits in the browser!

### GitHub

has some neat features

The cool thing about using GitHub (or any other established hosting service) is that it comes with a lot of features in addition to version control.



- We can write issues to track ideas, feedback, tasks, or bugs
- We can create pull requests for our contributions
- We can automate tasks with actions
- Small hints, etc. (e.g. we are immediately reminded to upload a README)

#### Exercise

~ 5 min

Create a new branch along with 3-4 commits.

- 1. In the first commit you add some text to your existing files
- 2. In the second commit, you delete some of the text you just added.
- 3. In the third commit, you add a README.md file with some content (can be any markdown text) In the first commit. In the other commits, you can add/delete more text and files.

After this, push the branch upstream. Hint: you first have to link an upstream branch to your local branch in order to do this:

```
git push --set-upstream origin "<YOUR-BRANCH-NAME>"
```

Now, you should see a notification on GitHub which tells you that there has been a push to your new branch.

bar had recent pushes 9 seconds ago

Compare & pull request

### Rewriting history on a public branch

and how git tries to protect you

Say, after we already pushed our changes upstream (i.e. made our branch public), we decide to remove a commit. As mentioned previously, this can be done via git reset <SHA> but it rewrites history.

Git implements some guardrails that prevent you from accidentally pushing a diverged git history and potentially overwriting someones work:

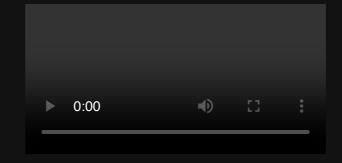
If you're absolutely sure no one will use your public branch until it's merged into *main*, you can force git to push your changes with the --force-with-lease flag:

```
git push -u origin bar --force-with-lease
```

### Exercise: Issue & Pull Request

~ 4 min

- 1. Create a new issue where we specify some arbitrary requirements for a feature
- 2. Create a pull request (PR) from your new branch to *main*
- 3. Link the issue in the PR description



### Code review

Why it is important (with descending priority)

#### 1. Distributing code ownership

The reviewer has to answer the question: "If the person who wrote this code leaves the team, would you be okay with maintaining the code?".

#### 2. Ensure proper documentation and minimal complexity

If the reviewer has a really hard time understanding the code, it's probably too complex and/or required (more) documentation.

#### 3. Test if everything works as expected

Many larger companies have dedicated <u>QA</u> teams and testing is not the reviewer's responsibility. Also, if there is good automated test coverage, manual testing is quick and straightforward. However, both is usually not the case in startups!

#### 4. Find potential vulnerabilities and bugs

It's really hard to catch subtle bugs while trying to keep review-time managable. Hence, this is not the main benefit of review.

#### Code review

How to do it properly

- 1. Get the author to self-review the code before you even look at the PR
- 2. Keep the reasons for code review in mind
- 3. Read the PR description
- 4. Read corresponding issue/ticket and check if basic requirements are met by the PR
- 5. Manually test the feature (if there is no dedicated QA) for bugs
- 6. Step through the commit history to understand the changes on a **high level**
- 7. Check out the code locally and use your editor to deep dive into sections that deserve more attention
- 8. Ask questions and write comments about stuff that matters (no nits)

### The lie of small PRs

and what you can do to cope

Small PRs are much easier to review. Large PRs introduce a kind of *code review fatigue*.

Try to keep PRs small and compact.

Often, this is impossible! In those cases, make sure the PRs changes are within a well-defined **context**!

Additionally, having an atomic commit history helps a lot with review.

### \*Code reviews at a startup

Senior dev be like









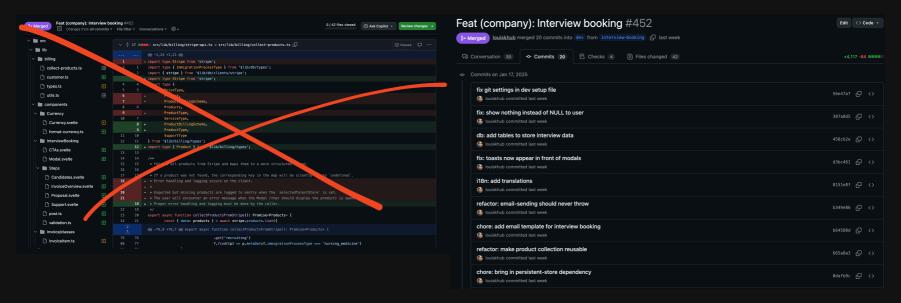
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# Atomic commit history

makes a code review so much easier

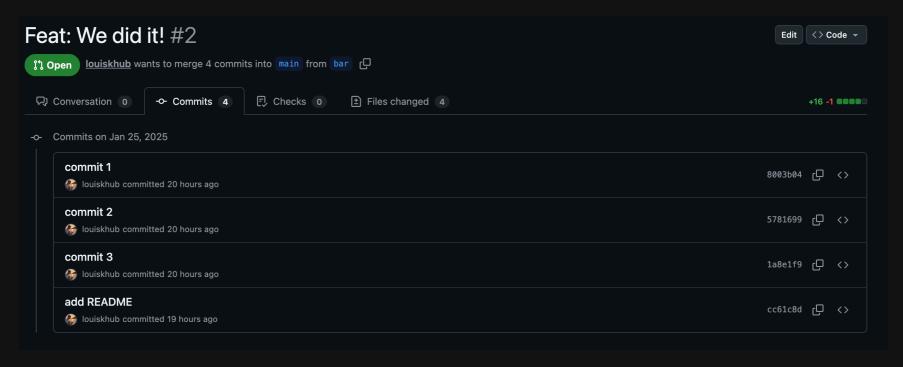
= series of commits where each commit represents a single, complete, and independent change that maintains a working codebase.

This makes it much easier for the reviewer to step through small changes once at a time rather than everything at once!



#### Question

What could we improve about our PRs commits to make them easier to review?

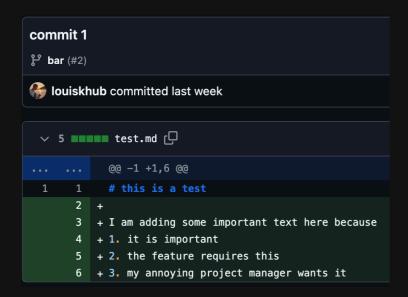


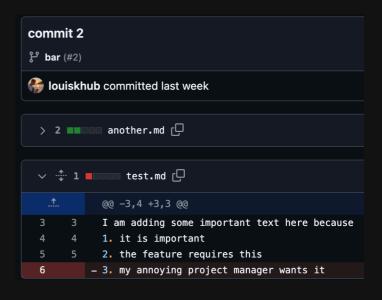
#### Answer

What could we improve about our PRs commits to make them easier to review?

- 1. Use descriptive commit messages (maybe even with a standardized naming convention)
- 2. Don't make changes in some commits that you undo in a later commit!

E.g. in commit 1 we add a line in the test.md file that we remove in commit 2:





# A workflow for getting a nice commit history

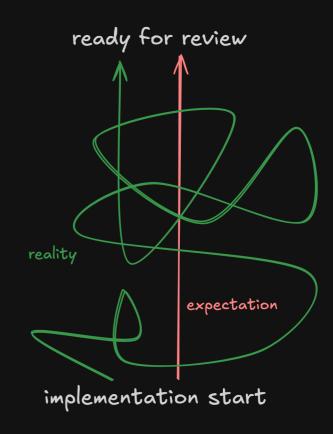
The reviewer expectation differs from reality during implementation

**Problem:** During implementation, it's hard to maintain a nice commit history (especially if there's a lot of *trial* and *error*)

**Solution:** Random commits just to backup your work. No one, except you, needs to understand them. You can also push these to an unused branch of your *remote*.

#### Implementation finished?

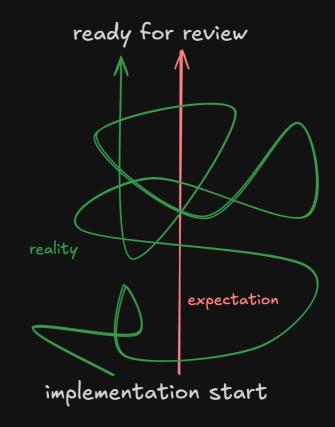
→ Use git reset --soft with the SHA of the last decent commit that you want the reviewer to see (usually the last commit of the branch where you've based your new branch on).



# A workflow for getting a nice commit history

Implementation is finished, now what?

- 1. Use git reset --soft with the SHA of the last decent commit that you want the reviewer to see (usually the last commit of the branch where you've based your new branch on).
- 2. Group your changes into atomic commits.
  - Think about the changes you've made and how to group them into different contexts
  - Combine this with self-review of your code and check for unnecessary complexity
- 3. Use git push -- force-with-lease to rewrite the history on **your** remote branch



### A nice tool for (self)-review

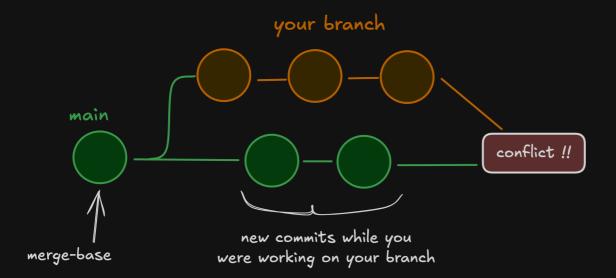
Or how to get a nice diff

Viewing and commit all your changes via the CLI (git diff) can be hard. Your IDE likely has a diff view that makes it easier to compare large amounts of changes. Below is an example from VSCode.

## Resolving conflicts

main changed, now what?

Previously, merge conflicts were briefly mentioned. This happens a lot if you work with multiple devs on one project and it's essential to know how to resolve them.

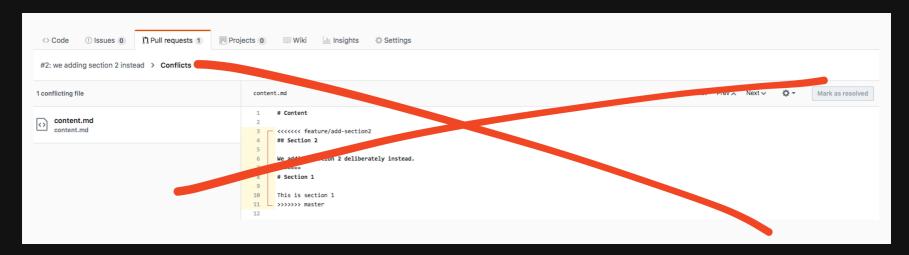


The new commits on *main* included some changes that conflicted with the work you did on your branch.

### Resolving conflicts

Tips and tricks

Some remotes like GitHub enable you to resolve conflicts directly in the browser.



Avoid this! You generally have much less control over what you are doing and it's easier to make mistakes.

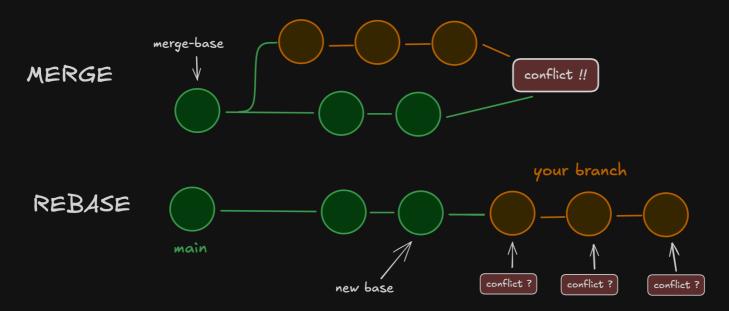
Instead, do it locally. First, we have to fetch all new changes from the remote with git fetch origin.

# Resolving conflicts

Tips and tricks

After we fetched all changes, we can either use git merge <branch> or git rebase <branch>. Here, <branch> is the name of the branch you want to integrate the changes from.

What is the difference between merging and rebasing?



# Rebasing can resolve your PR's conflicts

This creates a *linear* history and may force you to rewrite some commits

When should you prefer rebase over merge?

Rebasing *rewrites history* (if you have a merge conflict that needs to be resolved). As mentioned previously, this should never be done on branches that are used by other devs!

This is also the reason why rebasing is considered "dangerous" and avoided by some devs.

However, on **your own** feature branch, that is about to be merged as a PR, rebasing can be a really nice option because there won't be a merge commit and our nice atomic commit history is preserved!

For large, complex PR's with multiple conflicts, a merge commit can get messy and will be hard to understand in the future. Rebasing forces you to adapt the individual commits that are affected by the conflicts.

This might mean more work for you but could save your mates and future-self a lot of time!

### A nice tool for resolving conflicts

is again (drum roll): Your IDE!

Your IDE likely has some built in tooling to visualize and resolve conflicts much more easily than in the CLI. Below is an example from VSCode.

```
Js target.js! • Js Merging: target.js! •
                                                                                        merge-git-playground > Js target.js > 🗘 printMessage
Incoming $\phi$7b18bdb • theirs
                                                             Current 0 b7bd9b1 - main
         * Prints the welcome message
                                                                     * Prints the welcome message
                                                                     Accept Current | Accept Combination (Current First) | Ignore
                                                                    function printMessage(showUsage, message)
       function printMessage(showUsage, showVersion)
                                                              17
            console.log("Welcome To Line Counter");
                                                                        console.log(message);
            if (showVersion) {
                console.log("Version: 1.0.0");
            if (showUsage) {
                                                                        if (showUsage) {
                console.log("Usage: node base.is <file1>
                                                                             console.log("Usage: node base.is <file1>
Result merge-git-playground\target.js
          * Prints the welcome message
          No Changes Accepted
         function printMessage(showUsage)
   17
             console.log("Welcome To Line Counter");
             if (showUsage) {
                                                                                                     Complete Merge
                  console.log("Usage: node base.js <file1> <file2> ... ");
g main! � № ⊗0∆0 Not Logged In
                                                                       Ln 17, Col 31 Spaces: 4 CRLF {} JavaScript 🙈 🔊
```

### Going full circle

Why Jupyter Notebooks suck for production

They yield gruesome diff 's. Good luck trying to resolve conflicts!

```
$ diff a.ipynb b.ipynb
76,77d75
      "plt.rc('axes', grid=False)\n",
      "plt.rc('axes', facecolor='white')\n",
90c88
        "image/png": "iVBORw0KGgoAAAANSUhEUgAABLkAAAMOCAYAAADLi7dlAAAABHNCSVOICAgIfAhki
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```

To be fair: There are tools (e.g. nbdime) that make *diffing* easier for Jupyter Notebooks. However, these tools also come with their own caveats.

### There is a looooot more to learn about git

But that's enough for today

As with most larger tools, one will hardly ever understand every little detail of git.

That's no problem at all.

Just never stop learning and exploring! This is what makes the best developers.



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