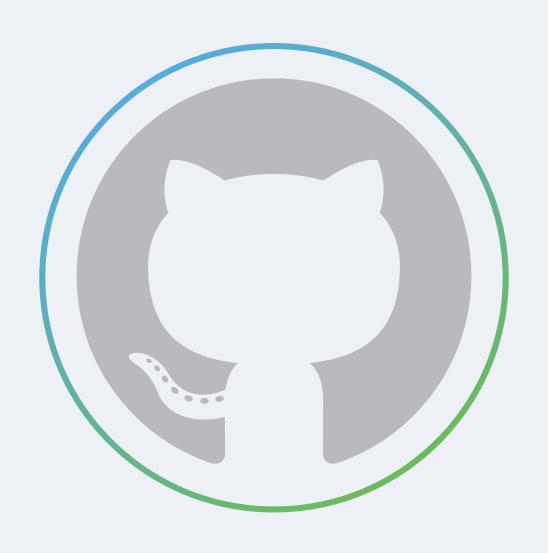
Git and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day



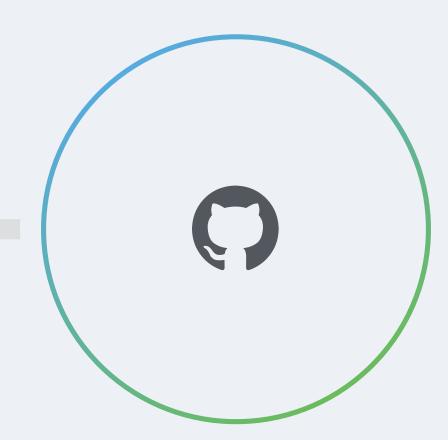
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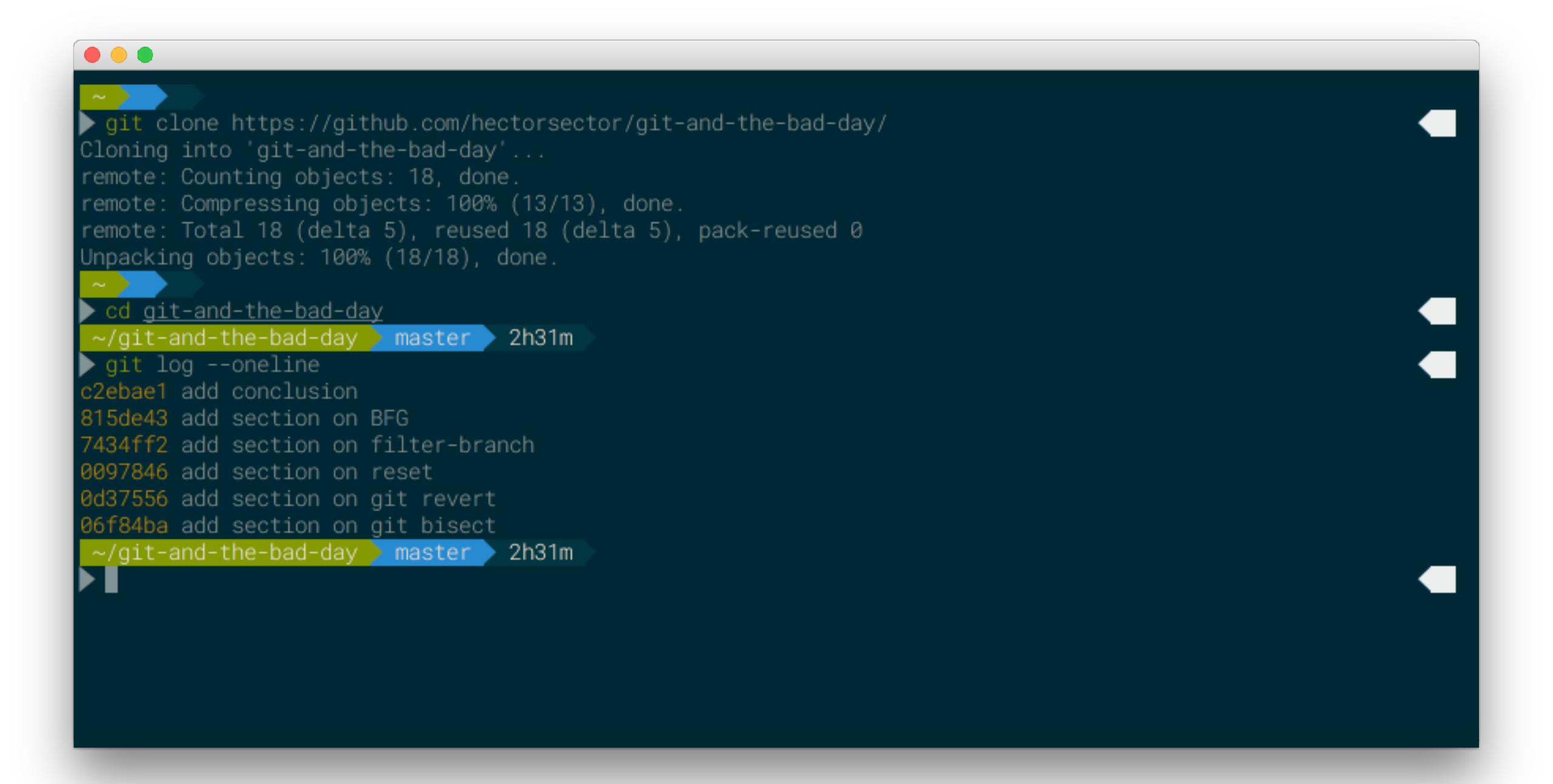








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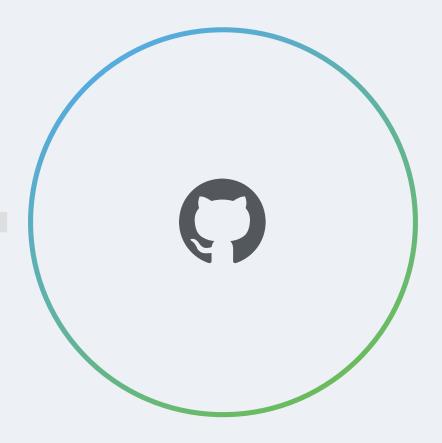
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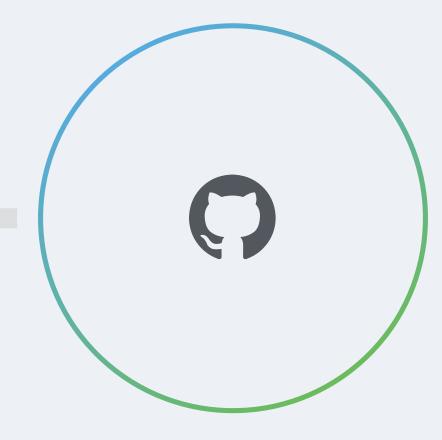
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Changes to be committed:
       modified: git-and-the-bad-day.md
# Untracked files:
       git-and-the-bad-day.md~
File /Users/halfaro1/git-and-the-bad-day/.git/COMMIT_EDITMSG not changed so no update needed
[master e34274e] Revert "add section on BFG"
 1 file changed, 2 deletions(-)
 ~/git-and-the-bad-day master 0m
▶ git log --oneline
e34274e Revert "add section on BFG"
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815de43 add section on BFG
7434ff2 add section on filter-branch
0097846 add section on reset
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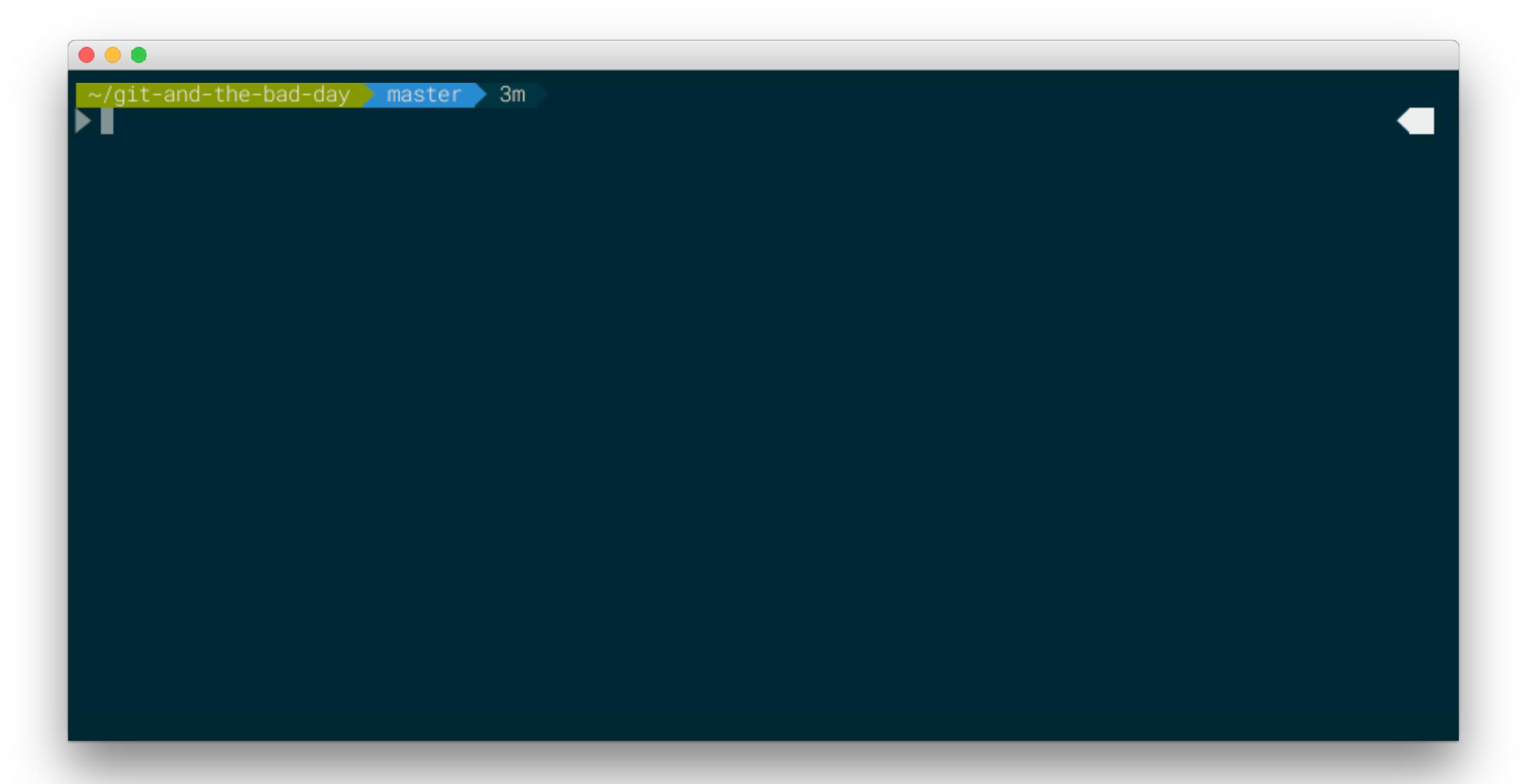
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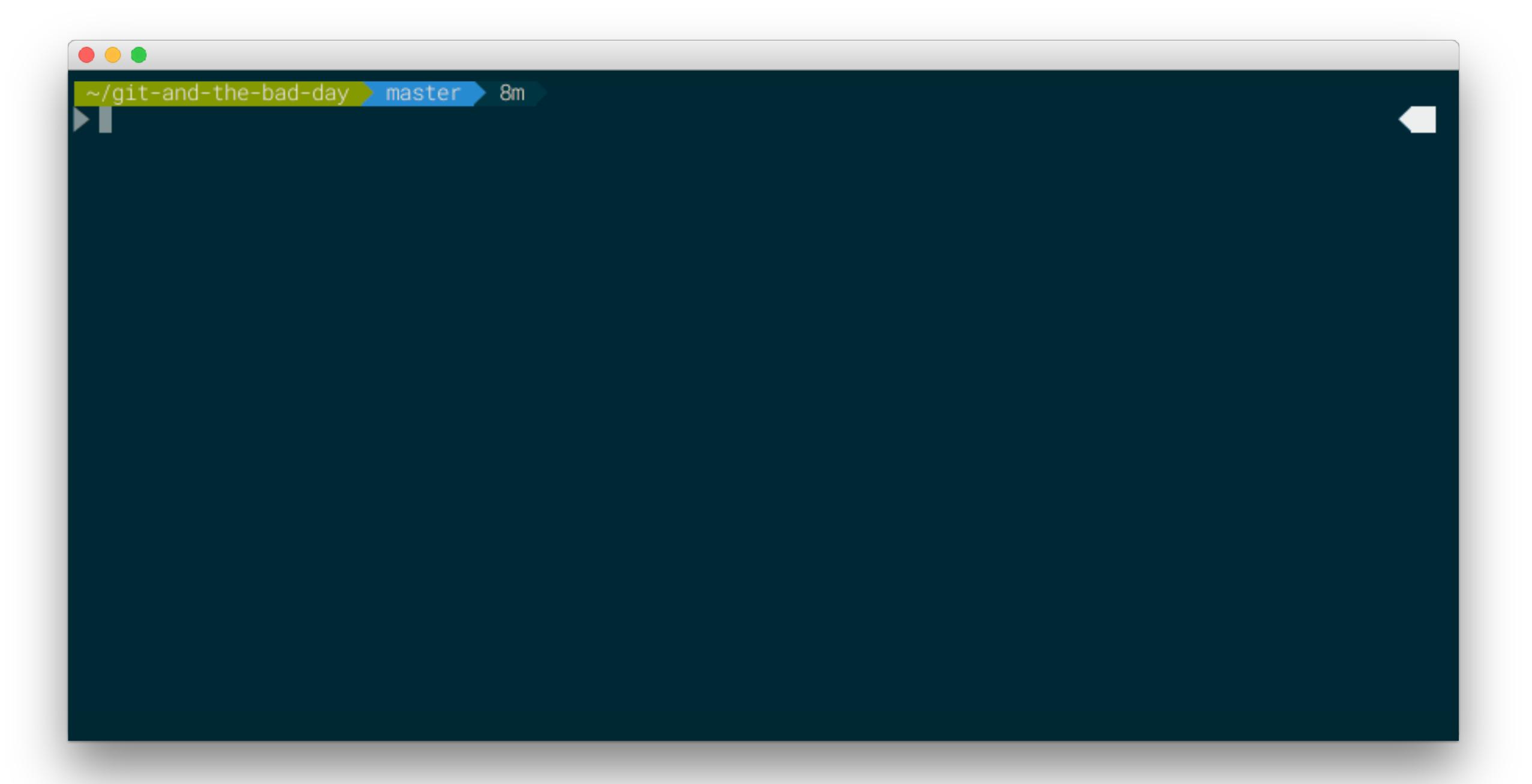








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new file mode 100644
index 00000000..9569944
Binary files /dev/null and b/git-and-the-bad-day.key differ
diff --git a/git-and-the-bad-day.md b/git-and-the-bad-day.md
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 ~/git-and-the-bad-day master 3m
▶ git diff e3427...903d
diff --git a/git-and-the-bad-day.key b/git-and-the-bad-day.key
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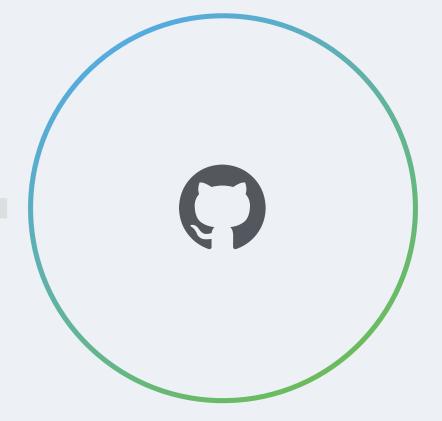


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Let Hector read you a story









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Illustrations by Nelson Torres



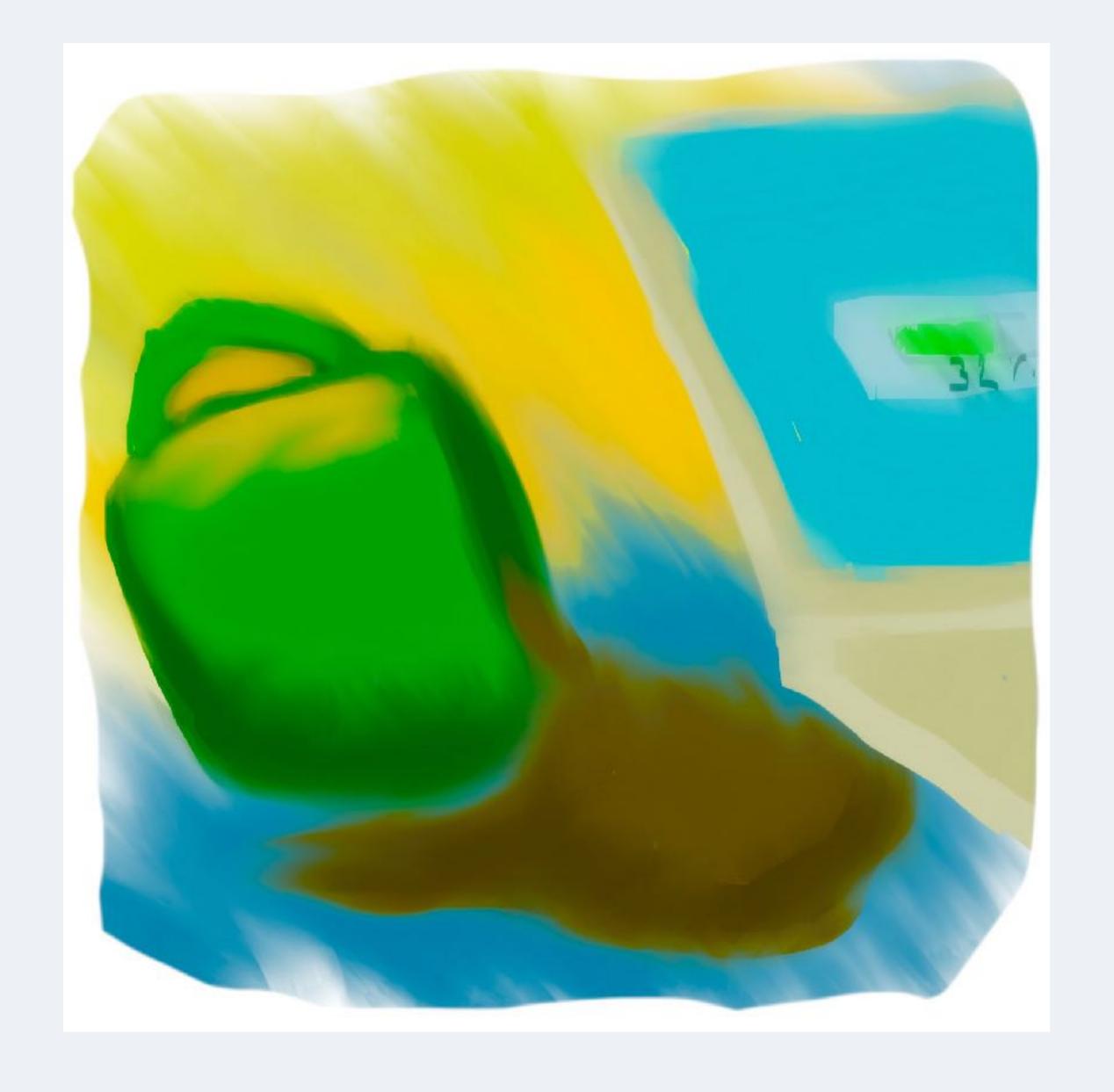


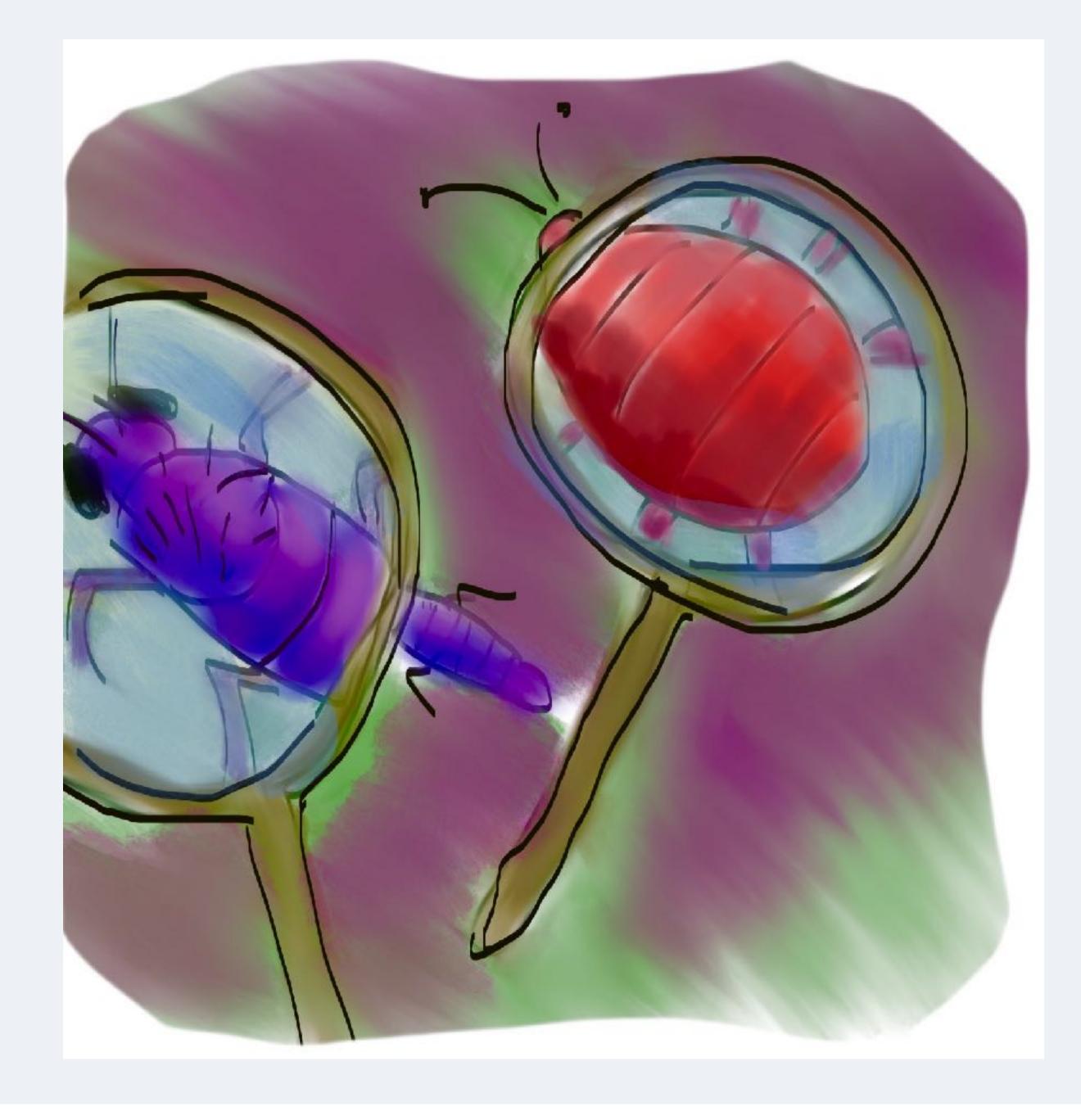
I did some late-night committing.

And I thought everything was fine.

And when I got out of bed, I spilled my morning coffee and by mistake I started a software update on my machine which bricked it for most of the morning.

When I finally logged on I realized I committed part of this story directly to master, which is horrible practice. So I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.





So I decided to do some `git bisect` because on any other day it would probably help me find which commit broke my story. Besides, my friends Matt and Eric always found their bugs with `git bisect`.

My most recent commit was obviously bad.

And I don't even remember the last time I looked at my story, so I figured only the first commit was safe.

It took a couple of tries, but soon enough I found the commit that contained the offending line. But when I reverted the commit, I got a merge conflict!



When Matt used `bisect` he reverted a missing semicolon, a misspelled variable name, and a pretty alarming lack of comments.

When Eric used `bisect` he reverted some missing environment variables, some badly indented blocks, and part of his grocery list that got accidentally pasted into his code.

When I used `bisect`, I just got a gnarly merge conflict.

After breakfast, Briana got to teach her favorite group of students.



Cynthia spent some time watching trains with her son.





I was stuck trying to figure out how to resolve my merge conflict.

I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. Before lunch, I treated the conflict as any other conflict. I opened the file, and removed the conflict markers. Then I wondered: how do I finish this revert?

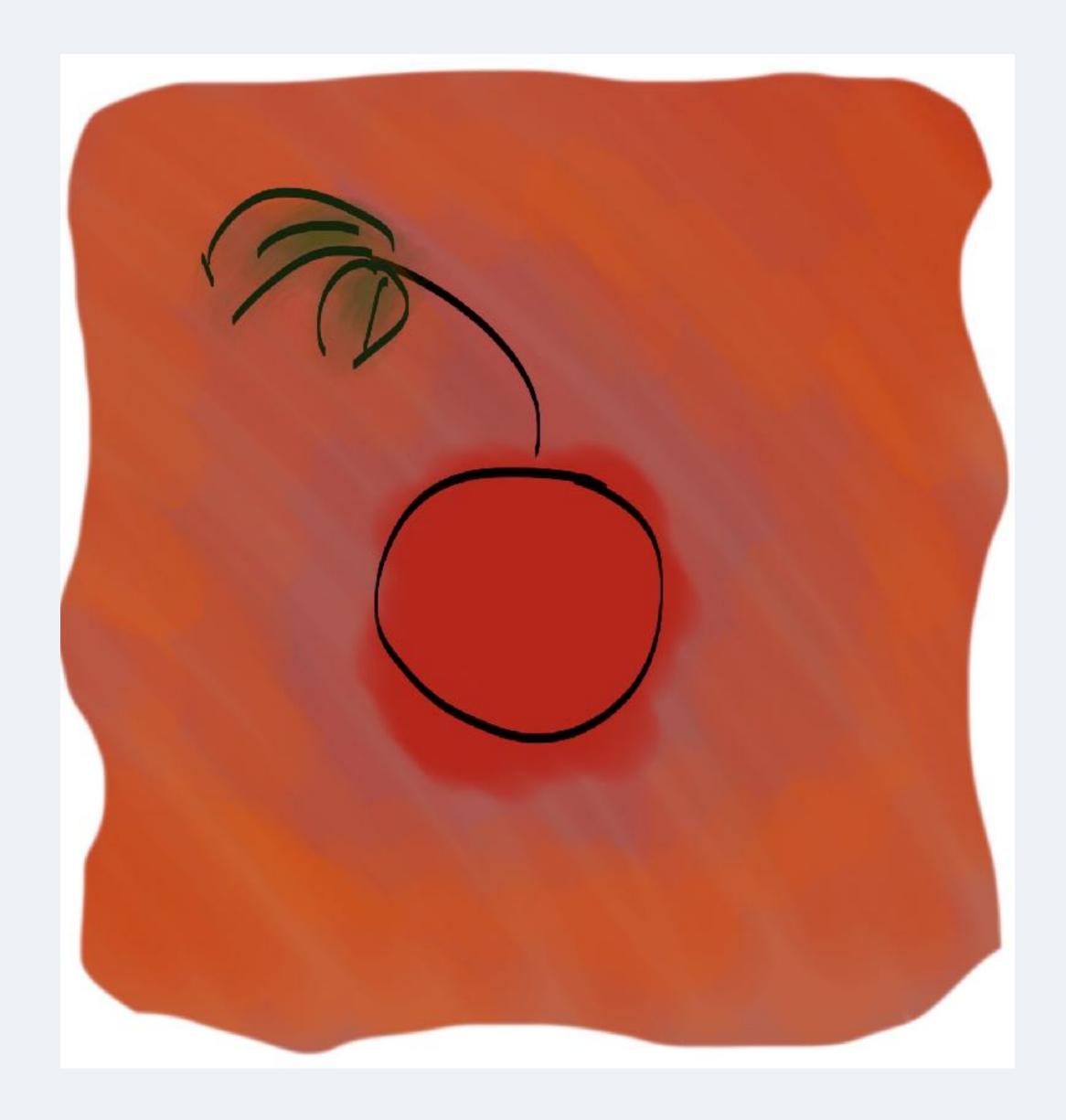


'git revert' didn't work

'git commit' didn't work

I wish I could revert this day.





Once the revert was finished, I realized I should've done it in its own branch. I wanted to `git reset` this terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day!

That's what it was, because that afternoon I actually tried `git reset`. My commit was made to the wrong branch, so I figured I'd create a new branch, then reset to the the previous commit, and when I switched to the new branch my revert was there!

I then realized a `git cherry-pick` would've done the same thing for me.

I wished I could cherry-pick myself out of this day.





Later that night, I realized I uploaded my Keynote presentation binary to the repo. What a waste of space!

I figured I could just revert the commit, but that just means that any previous commits would still have the file. This was a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

Because each commit is a complete snapshot of the codebase, and I had no idea when I committed the binary, I knew this would be a messy clean-up. But 'git filter-branch' should help me get out of this mess.

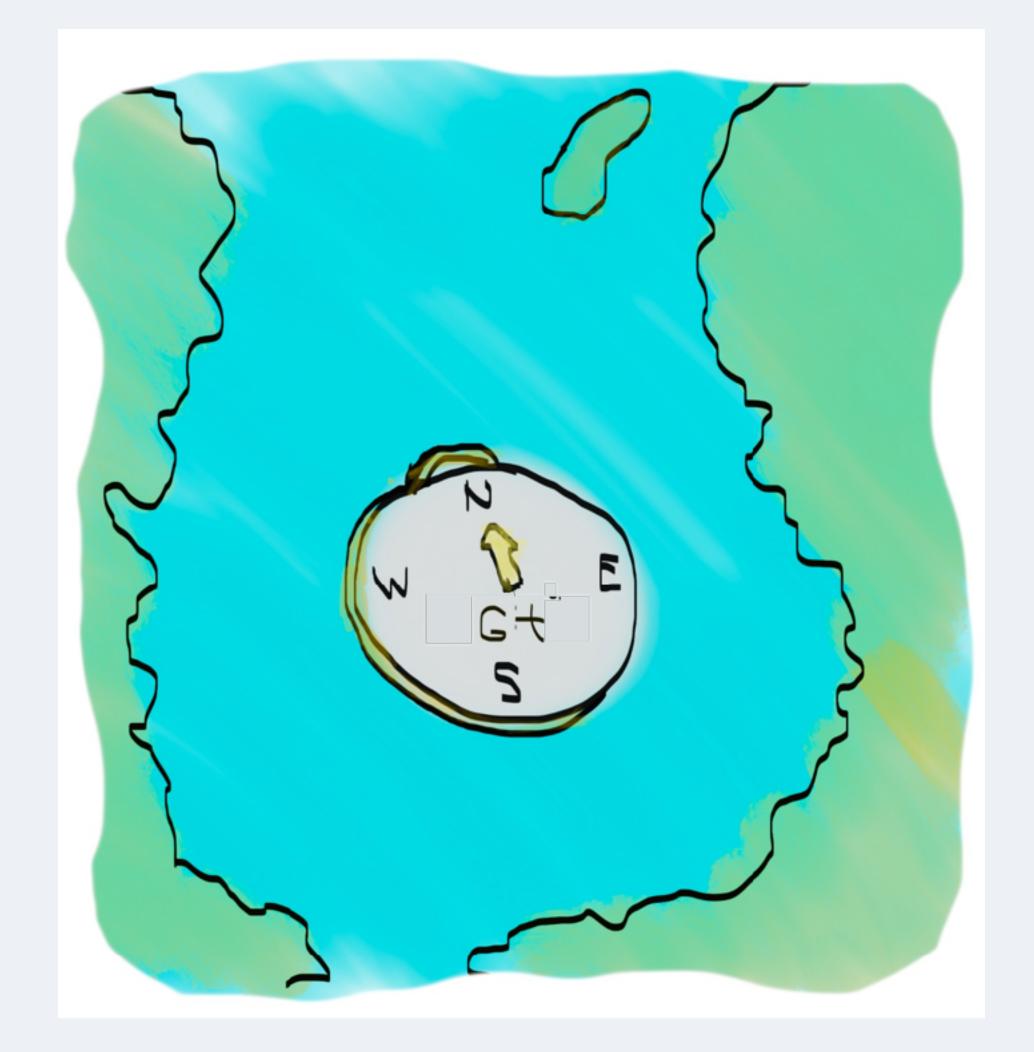


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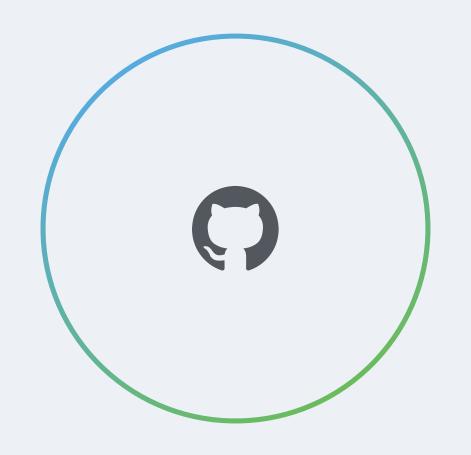
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