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Web Application and Development Tools

Topic 01 - Git Training 1

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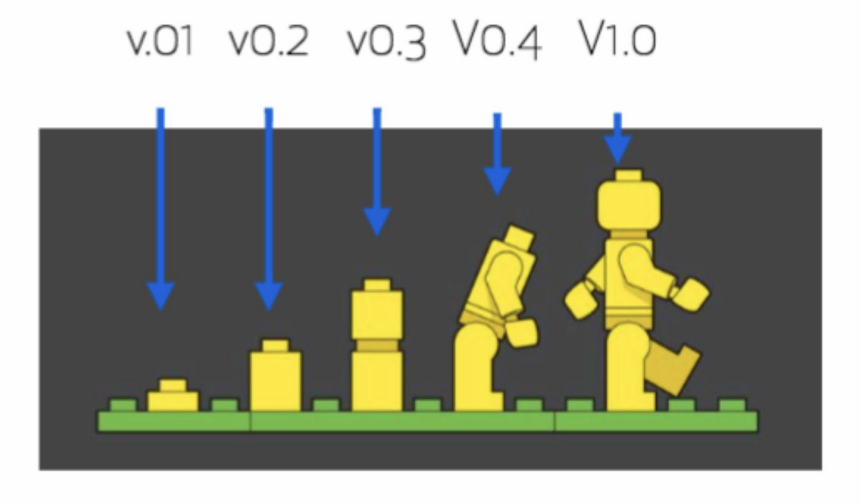
Git Basics
(a.k.a ‘the internals’)

Git is a version control system

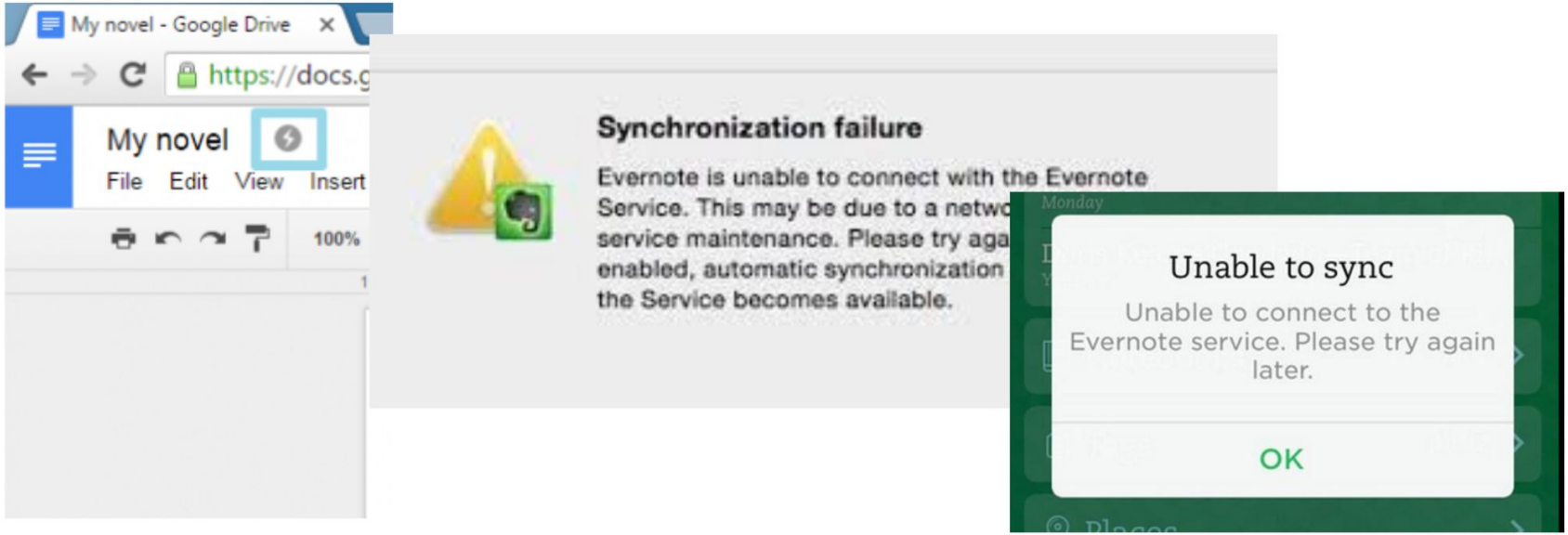
- A tool that lets you track your progress over time.



Git takes snapshots

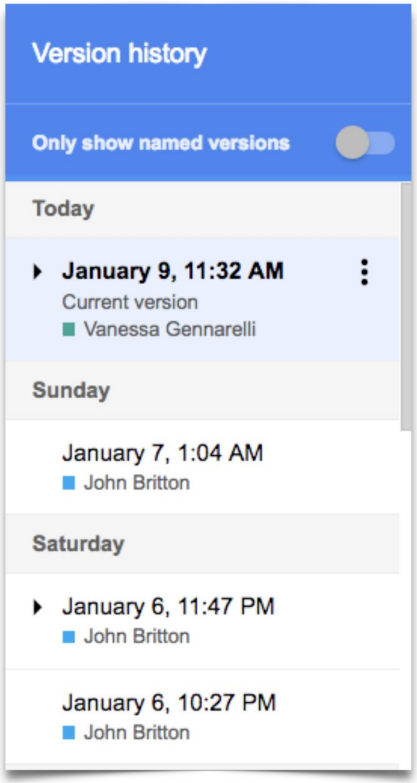
- Save snapshots to your history to retrace your steps.
- Also keeps others up-to-date with your latest work.

Centralized systems require coordination...



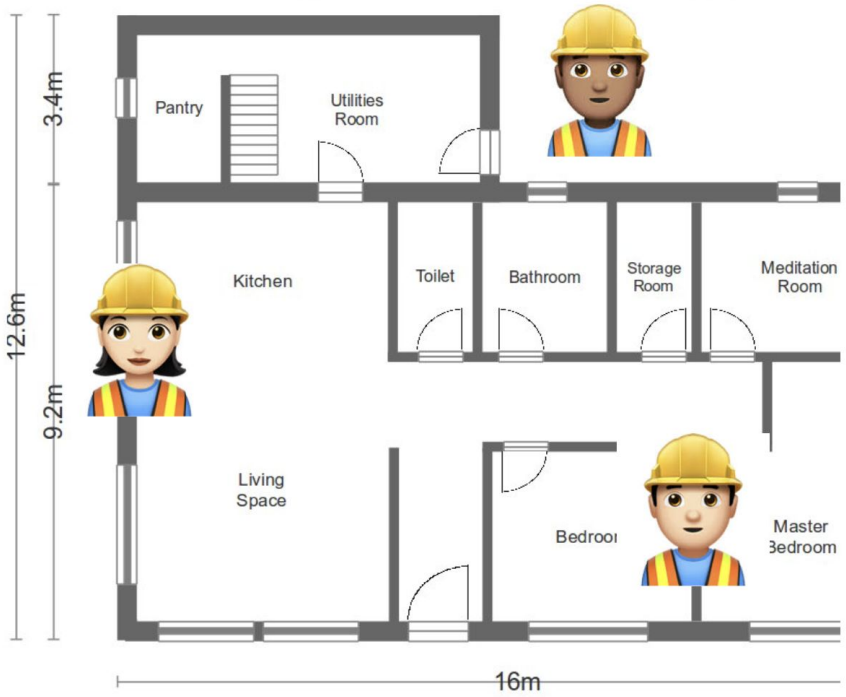
Order with coordination

- In a centralized system, you can objectively call versions a numerical progression: version 1, version 2, version 3...
- Since John made a new version before Vanessa, his is n+1, and Vanessa is n+2.



Working in parallel: order without coordination

- Git goes after this idea of distributed version control, so you can keep track of your versions without coordination.



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In your terminal, check to see if you have Git installed.

```
git --version
```

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If it’s not installed, configure Git to recognize you:

```
git config user.name "Mona Lisa"

git config --global user.email
"email@example.com"
```

A repository holds the entire history of your project

- A repository is the unit of separation between projects in Git.
- Each project, library or discrete piece of software should have it's own repository.

Create a repository

```
cd desktop
git init exercise-1
cd exercise-1
ls -al
```

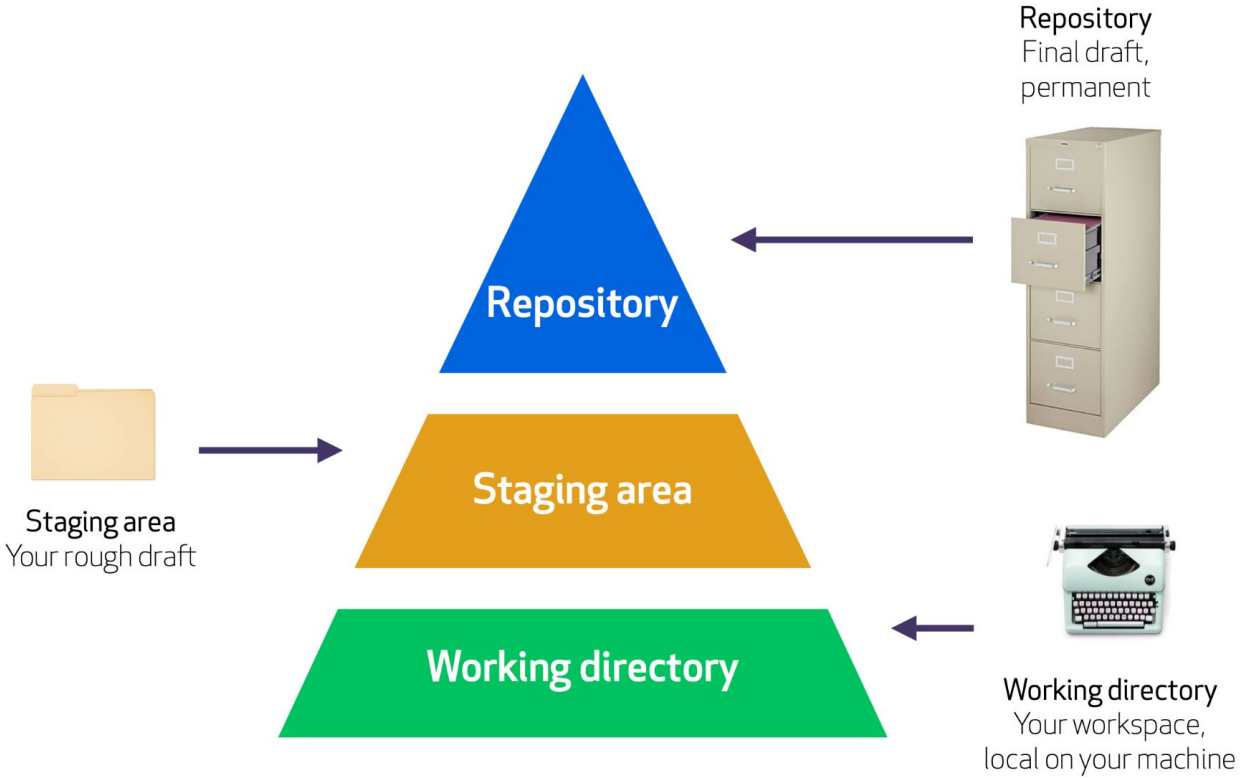
Git is like a desk

Working directory
where you write

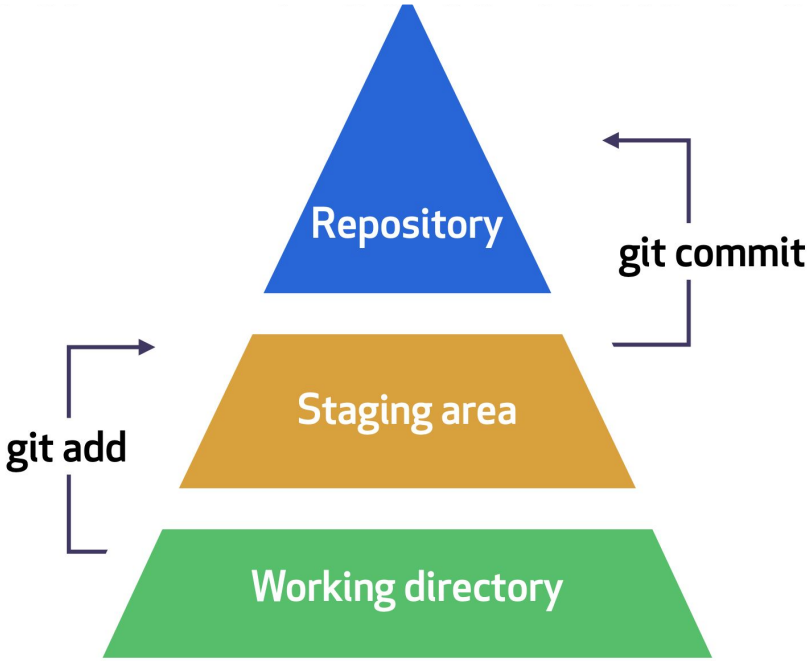
Staging area
rough draft, in a
manila folder

Repository
final draft
in the filing cabinet

Put another way...



Use the staging area to build a commit



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Create a file in your Git repository + add it to staging.

```
touch readme.md
git status
git add readme.md
git status
```

Making commits

‘git commit’

- tells Git to save that portion of the project from the staging area into the repository history.

Understanding the state of your repository

Exercise-1

1. Edit the readme with directions for exercise-1.
2. We're going to add the changes to the stagingarea.
3. Commit those changes.
4. 🎉

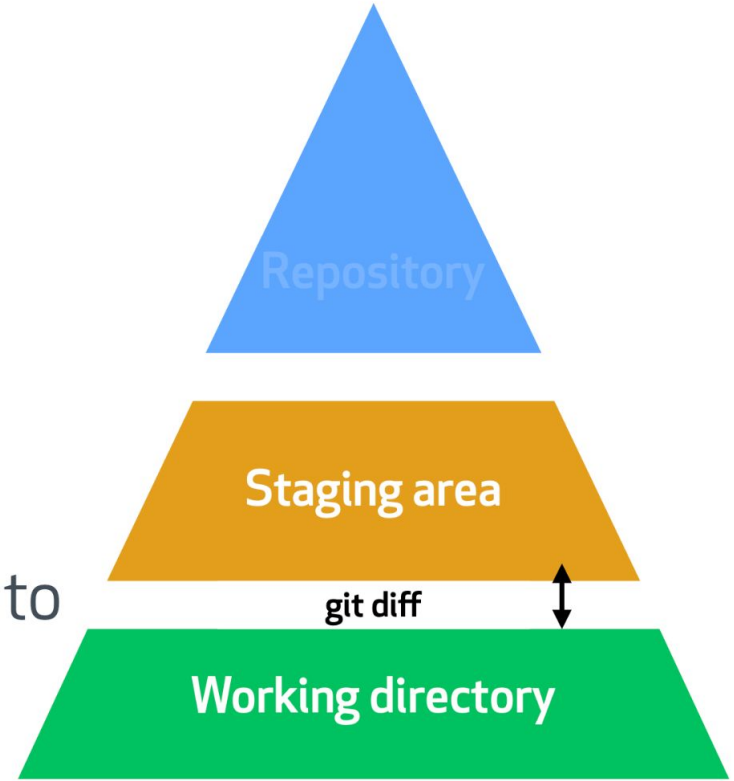
Understanding the state of your repository

```
git status
git diff
git diff --staged
```

When we run git diff
what two things are we comparing?

git diff

Compares staging to working directory.



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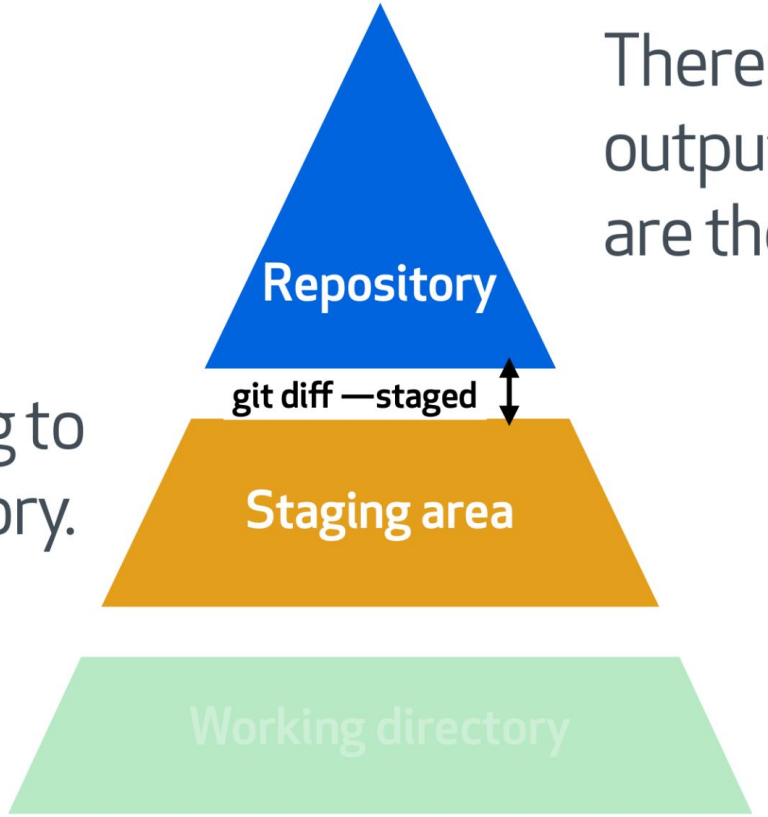

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But commits should be logically grouped

- Don’t mix typo corrections and new features.
- If the feature gets rolled back, you re-introduce the typo.

```
git commit -m ‘typo in readme.md’
```

```
git commit -m ‘new signup flow.’
```

```
git commit -m ‘fix typo, add field to signup flow, create parallax effect’
```

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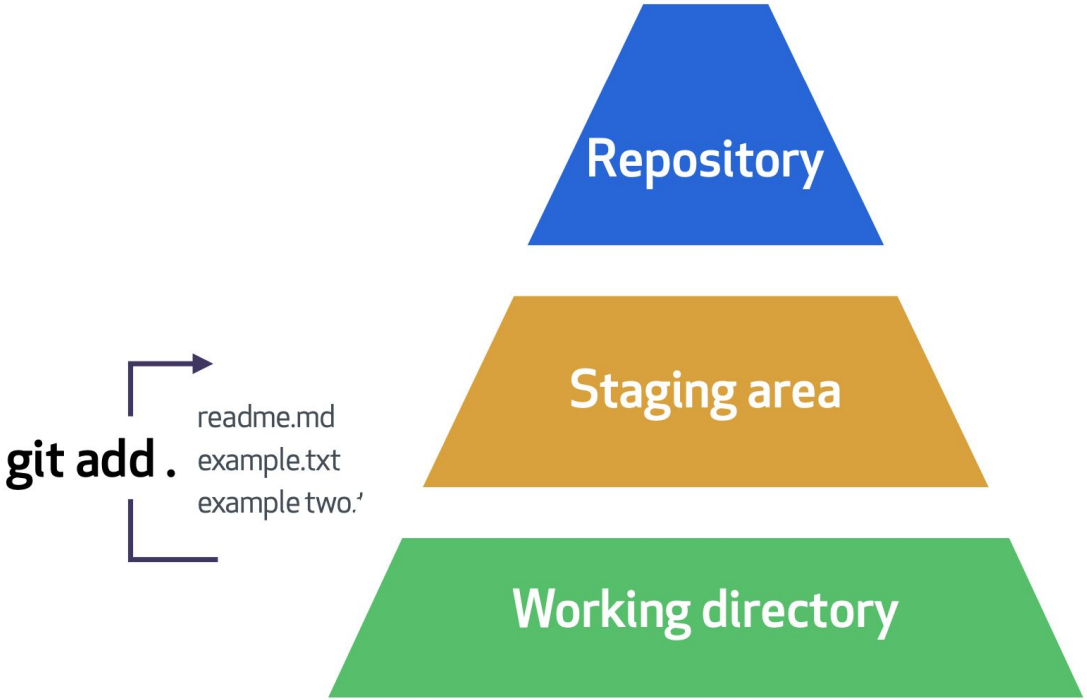

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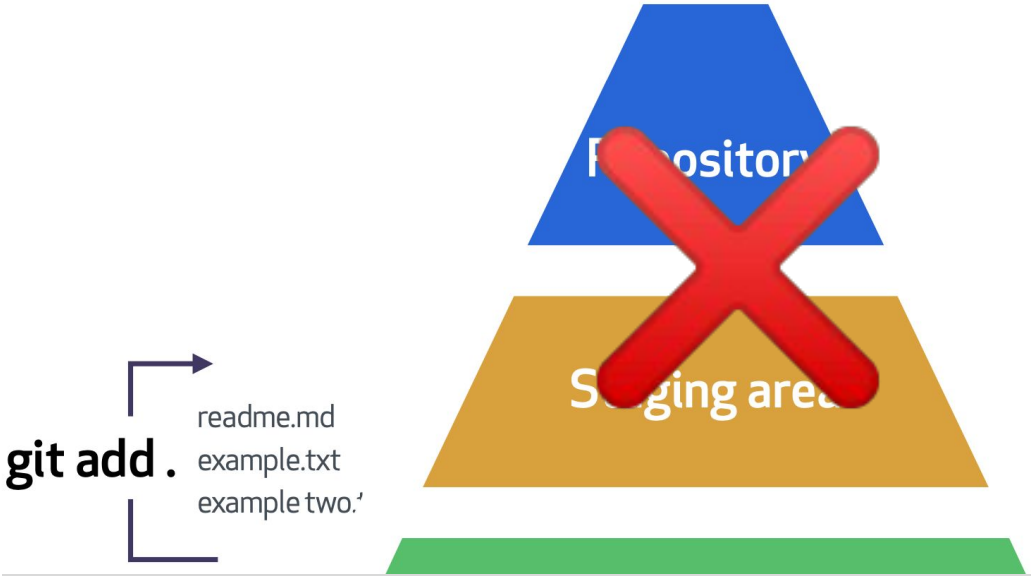


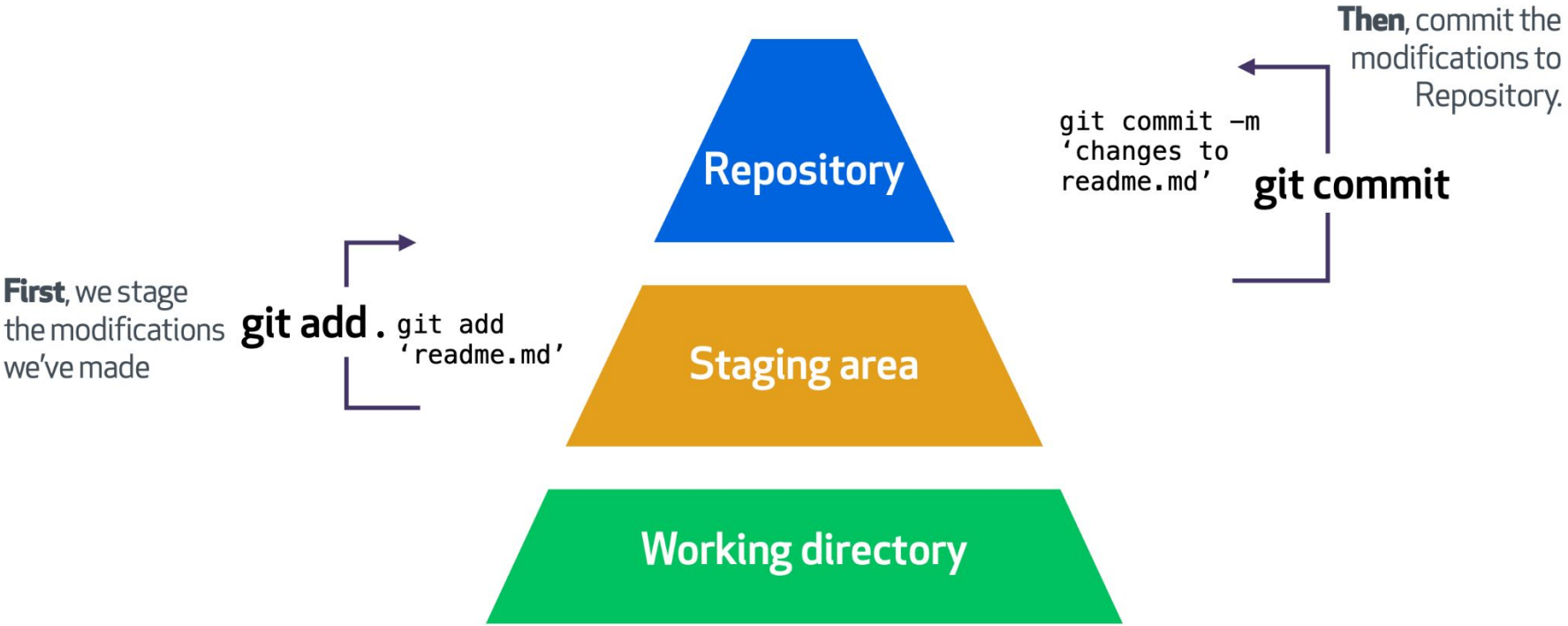
it stages changes that aren’t logically related…

Imagine if you revealed solutions in exercise-1

- You'd need to update Exercise-1, but you don't need to touch 2 or 3.

```
git commit –m 'remove key data'
```

Order of operations:



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Congrats!
You now know the basics (a.k.a ‘the internals’)

Activity!

In your terminal, create a demo project that replicates these steps:

1. git init demo (cd into it)
2. touch readme.md
3. git add readme.md
4. git reset readme.md
5. git add readme.md (to get it back in the staging area)
6. git commit -m ‘commit empty readme’

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Thank you