

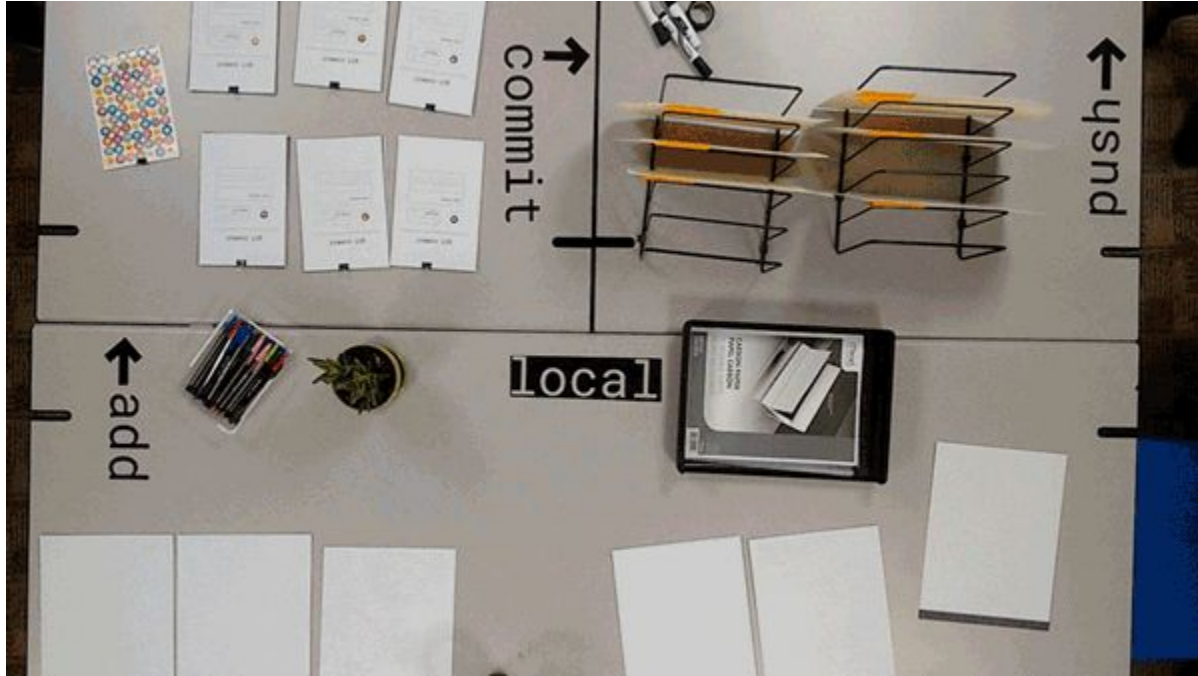
Git Workflow



Outline

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2. Introducing branches
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 - b. Pull requests
 - c. Merging branches
4. Git fork workflow

Git helps you manage work done on projects



But without a consistent git workflow,
collaboration is easier said than done



Without the agreement beforehand,
collaboration feels like this



The team must all be in agreement on how the flow of changes will be applied from the beginning



Git makes it easy to experiment with branches



Branches have a short life cycle

- They are named for a particular feature
- Once that feature branch is successfully pulled into the main branch, it should be left alone or deleted

Git ***feature branch*** workflow

Feature Branch Workflow

*One repository with
many collaborators*



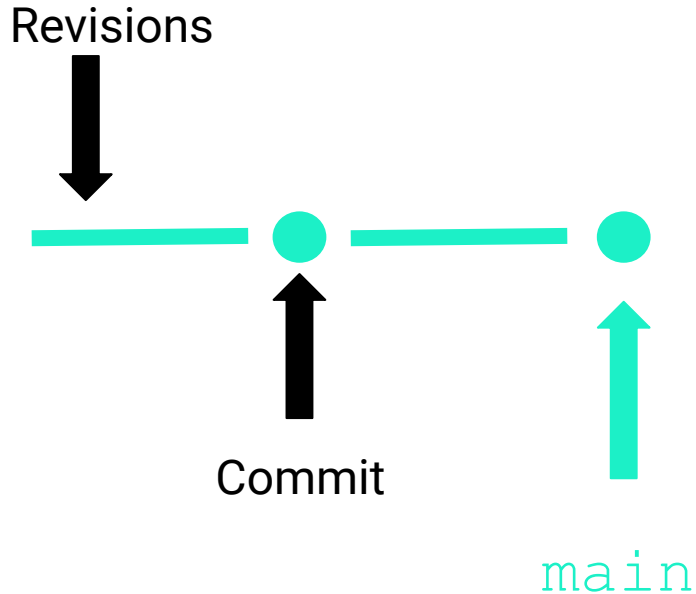
Add other developers as collaborators to your main repository so they can push their changes to it on the **main** branch



Branches are a labeled series of commits towards building some feature (i.e. task)



The default branch in git is called `main`

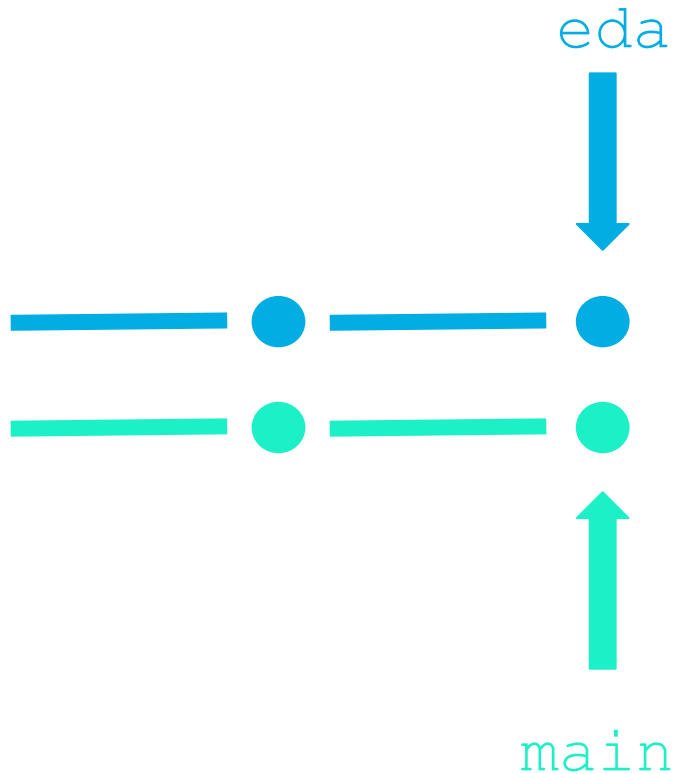


switches the repo to the main branch
`$ git checkout main`

pulls the latest commits from remote
`$ git fetch origin`

merges the remote changes of main to the local copy to incorporate latest changes
`$ git merge origin/main`

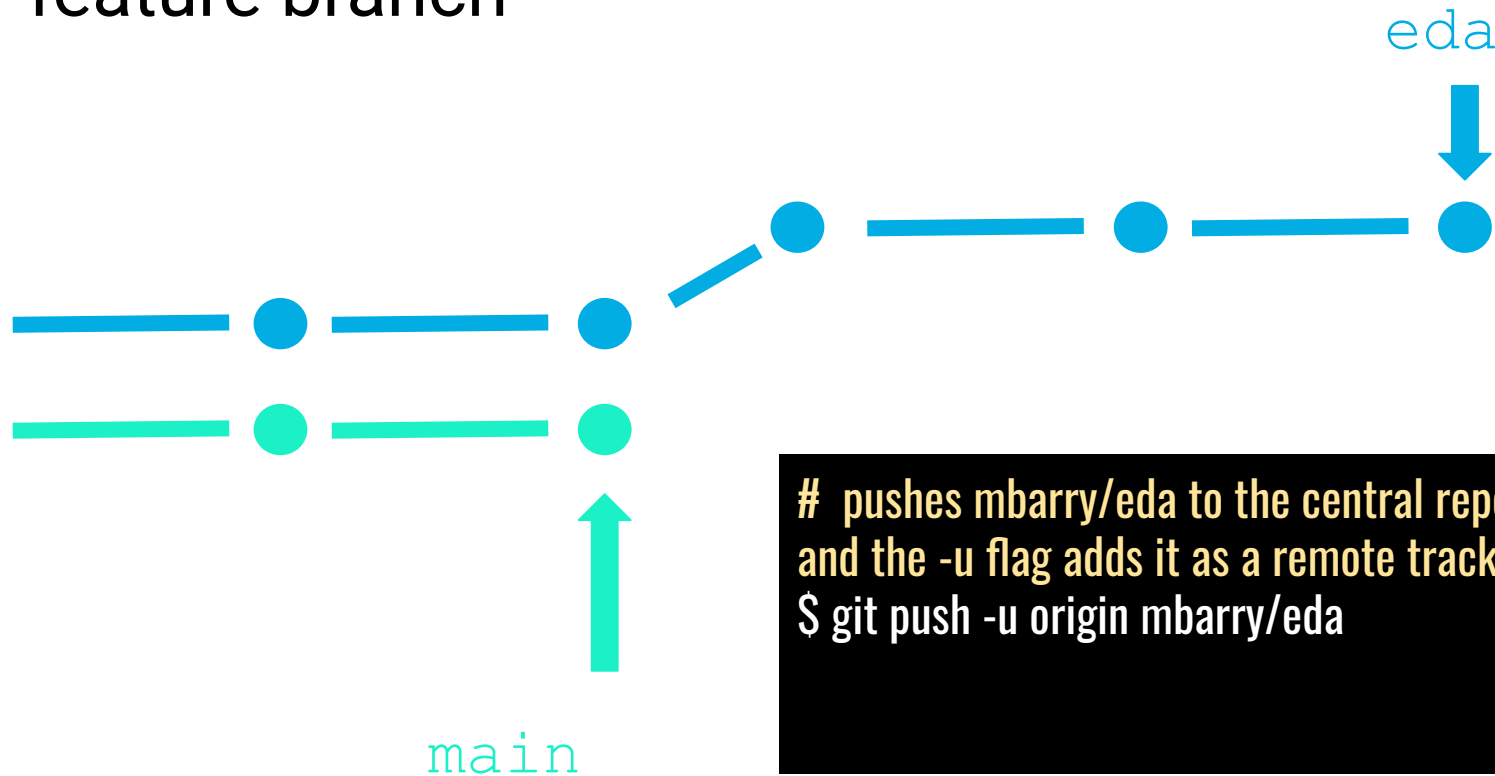
The name of a new branch takes both your username and the task you hope to accomplish



checks out a branch called mbarry/eda based on main and the -b flag tells Git to create the branch if it doesn't already exist.

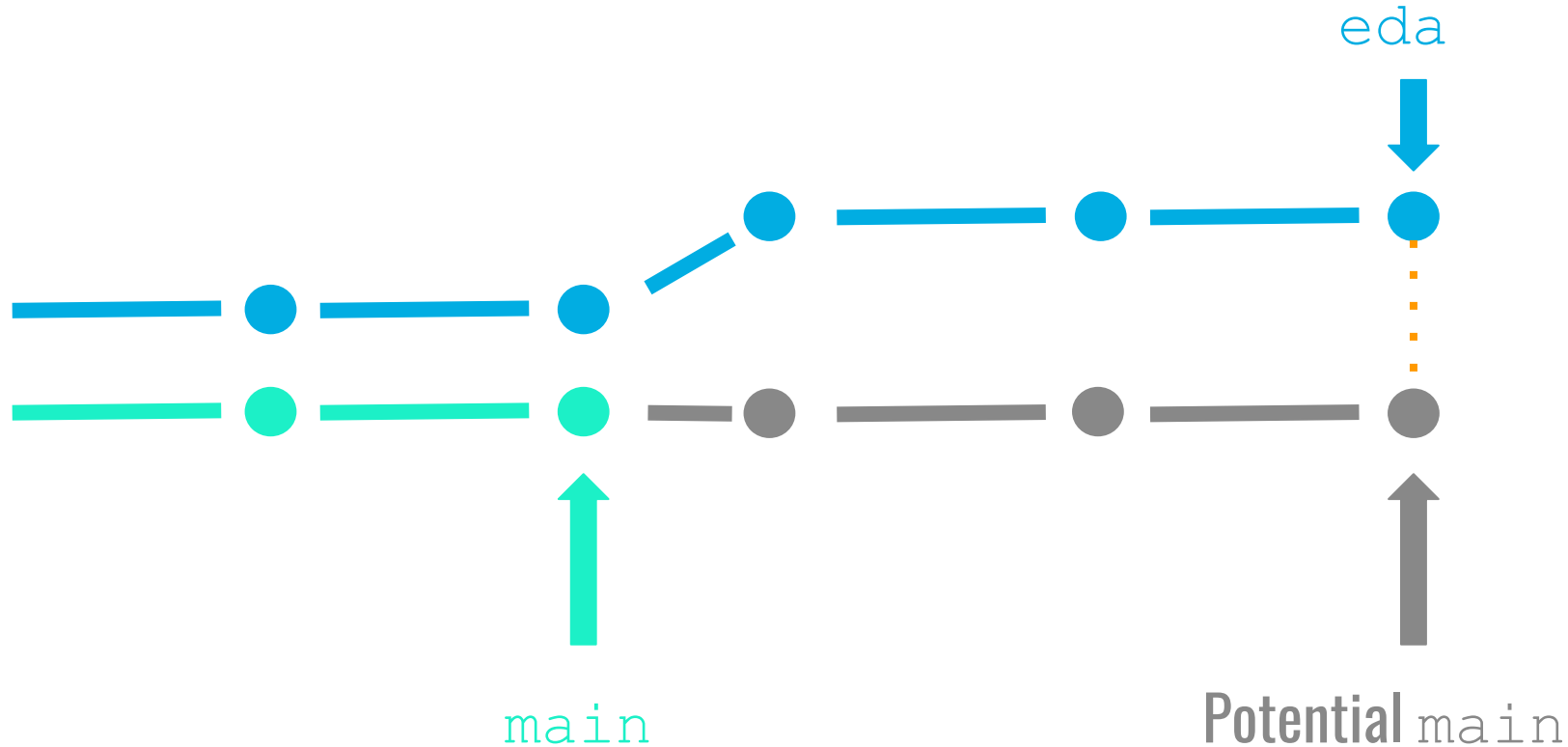
\$ git checkout -b mbarry/eda

Update, add, commit, and push changes to your feature branch



```
# pushes mbarry/eda to the central repository (origin),  
and the -u flag adds it as a remote tracking branch  
$ git push -u origin mbarry/eda
```

Aside from isolating feature development, branches make it possible to discuss changes via **pull requests**



Pull requests give team member the opportunity to review the changes before they become a part of the main codebase



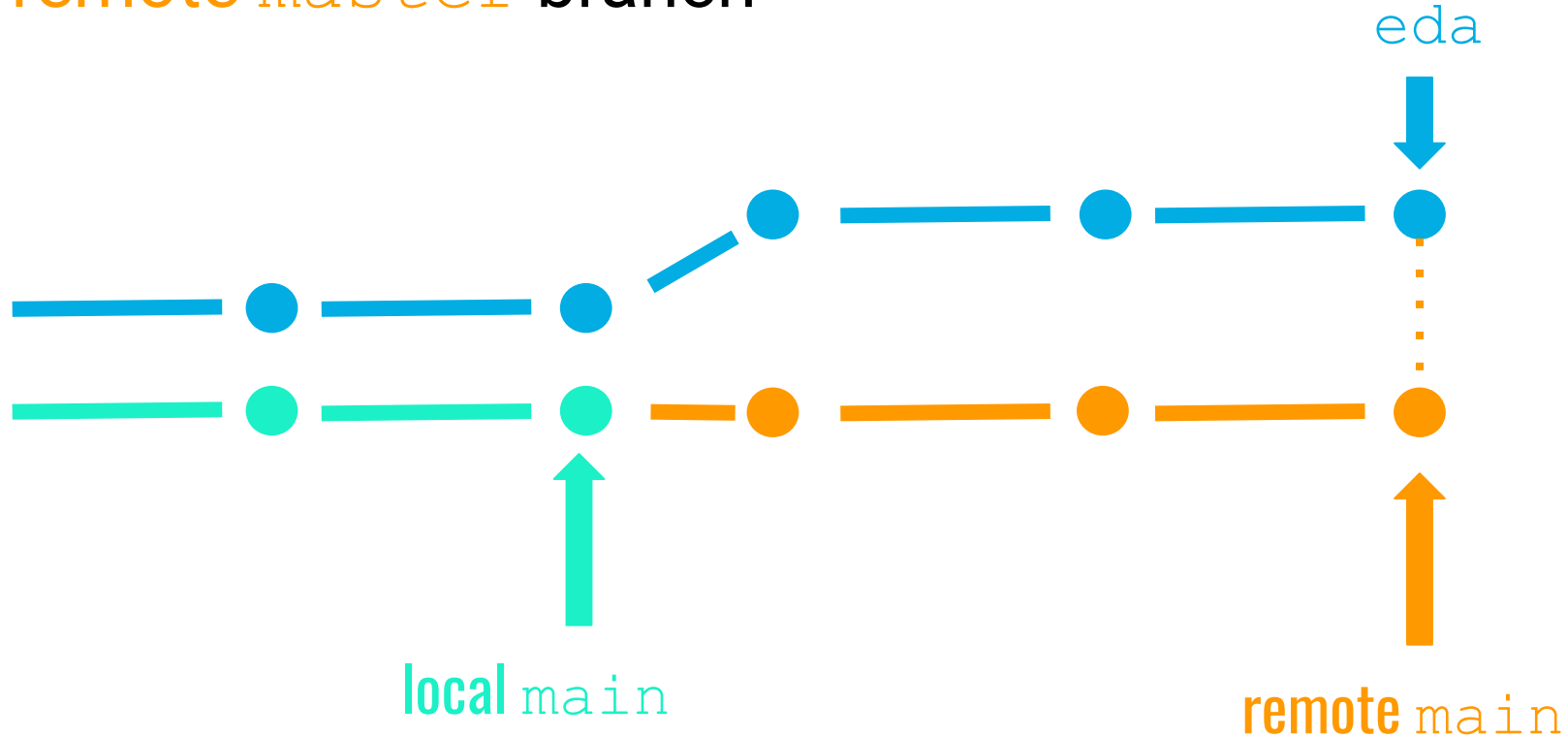
Pull requests that do not follow team guidelines should be declined



On the other hand, once **pull requests** are accepted, we are nearly done!



Once reviewed, **pull requests** are merged into the **remote master** branch



Reset your local copy of `main`
to match the `remote main`



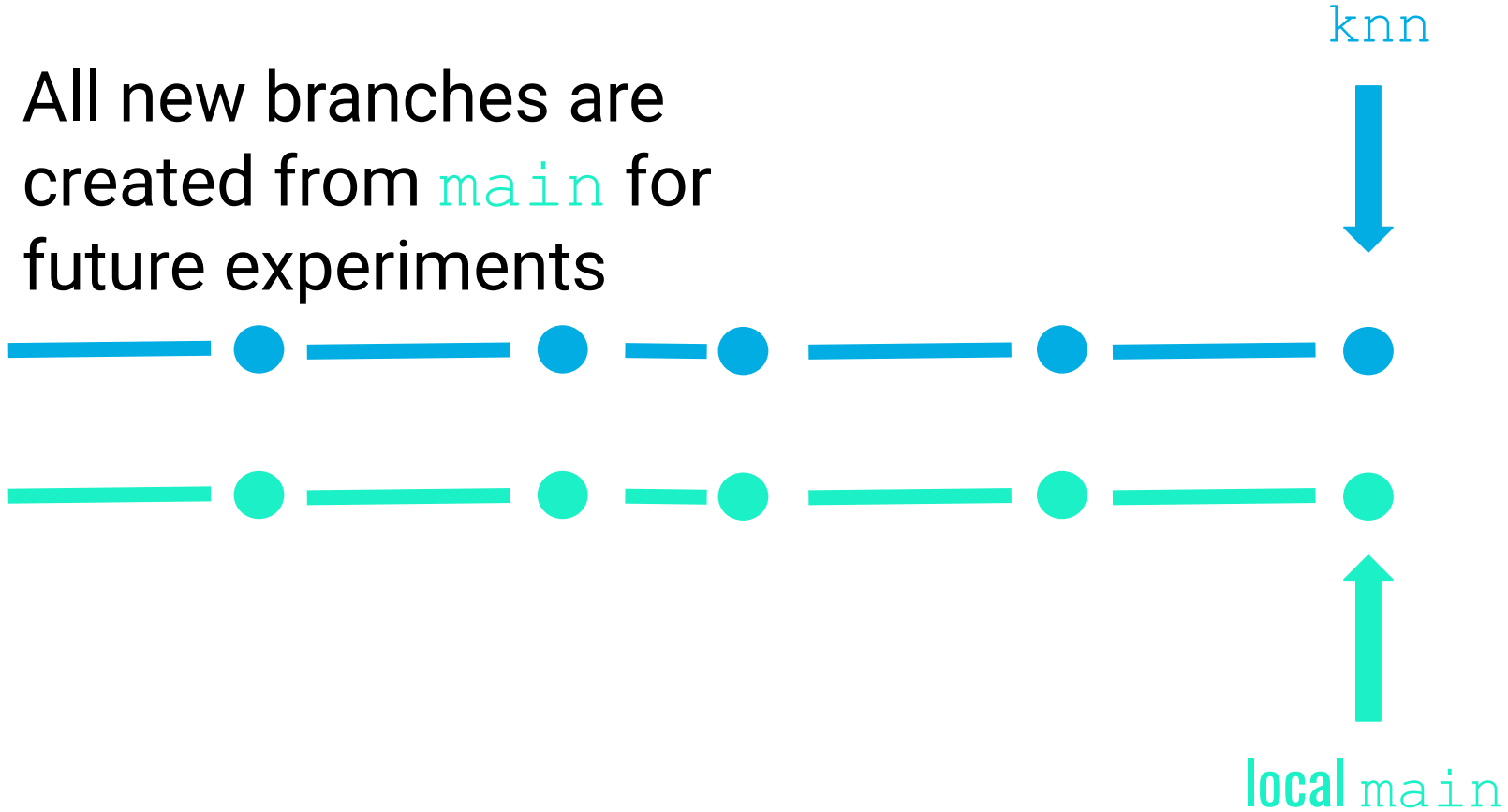
`local main`

```
# switches the repo to the main branch
$ git checkout main
# pulls the latest commits from remote
$ git fetch origin
# resets the repo's local copy of main to match the latest
version
$ git merge origin/main
```

Now your local copy of `main`
matches the `remote main`



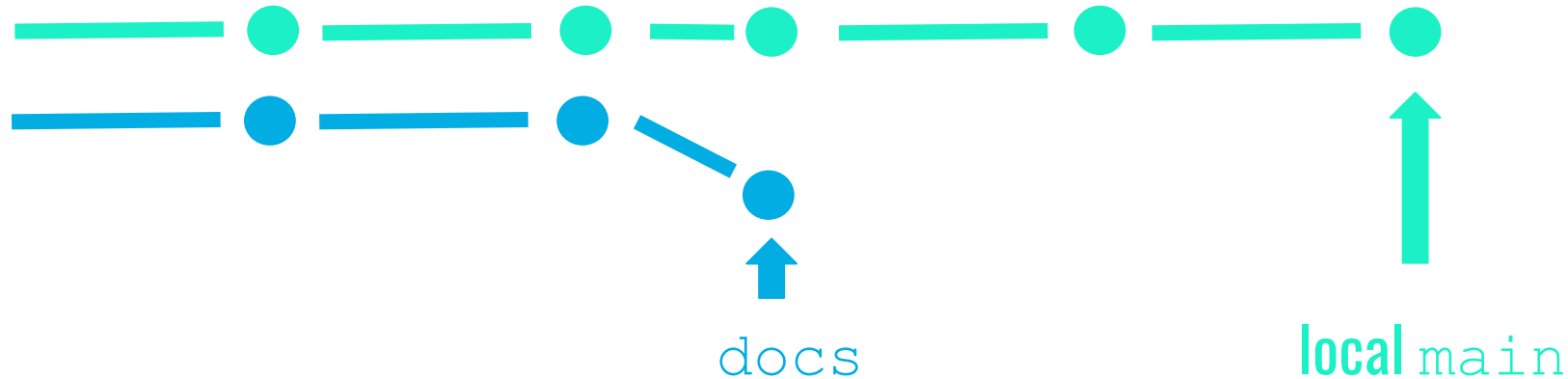
All new branches are created from `main` for future experiments



...but what happens when you have other branches?



Once `main` has been updated, you might want to **merge** its changes into **another branch**



Use `$ git merge <branch>` to merge changes from one branch into another



When do I merge branches?

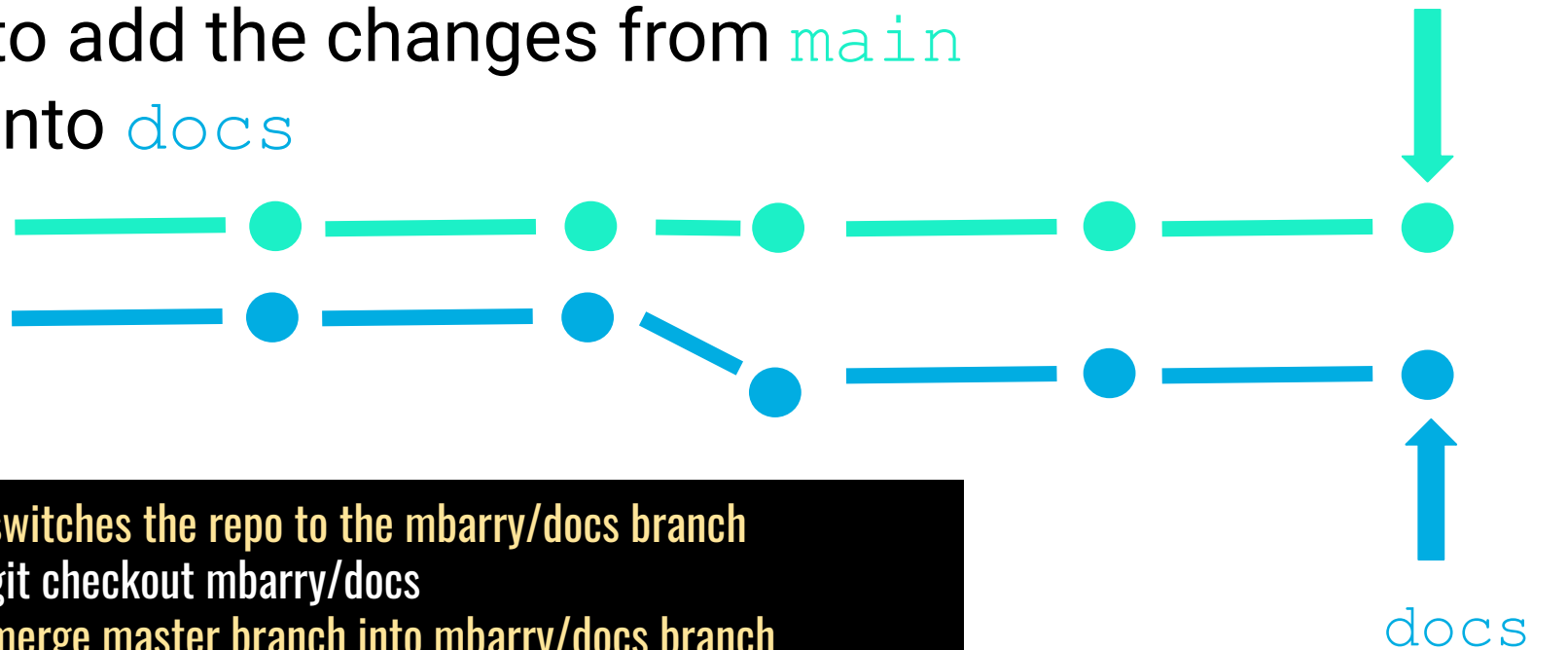
I should merge when:

An existing branch (e.g. `docs`) needs the changes from another branch (e.g. `main`)

I don't need to merge when:

The feature branch does not rely on any changes from another branch

Merge `main` into `docs`
to add the changes from `main`
into `docs`



```
# switches the repo to the mbarry/docs branch
$ git checkout mbarry/docs
# merge master branch into mbarry/docs branch
$ git merge main
```

By isolating features into separate branches, everybody can work independently and share changes with other developers



Git **fork** workflow

Fork Workflow

*One repository per
developer*



Git fork workflow contains a project where you have one repository per collaborator



Provides a flexible way for large, organic teams (including untrusted third-parties) to collaborate securely

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the `python/cpython` repository. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Why GitHub?', 'Enterprise', 'Explore', 'Marketplace', and 'Pricing', along with a search bar and 'Sign in'/'Sign up' buttons. The repository header shows 'python / cpython' with 'Watch' (1,066), 'Star' (24,407), and 'Fork' (9,992) buttons. Below the header, tabs for 'Code', 'Pull requests' (1,012), 'Security', and 'Insights' are visible. A left sidebar contains links for 'Pulse', 'Contributors', 'Commits', 'Code frequency', 'Dependency graph', 'Network', and 'Forks' (which is highlighted). A blue notification box states: 'Woah, this network is huge! We're showing only some of this network's repositories.' The main content area displays a list of forks, each with a user icon and the repository name, connected by a vertical line representing the network.

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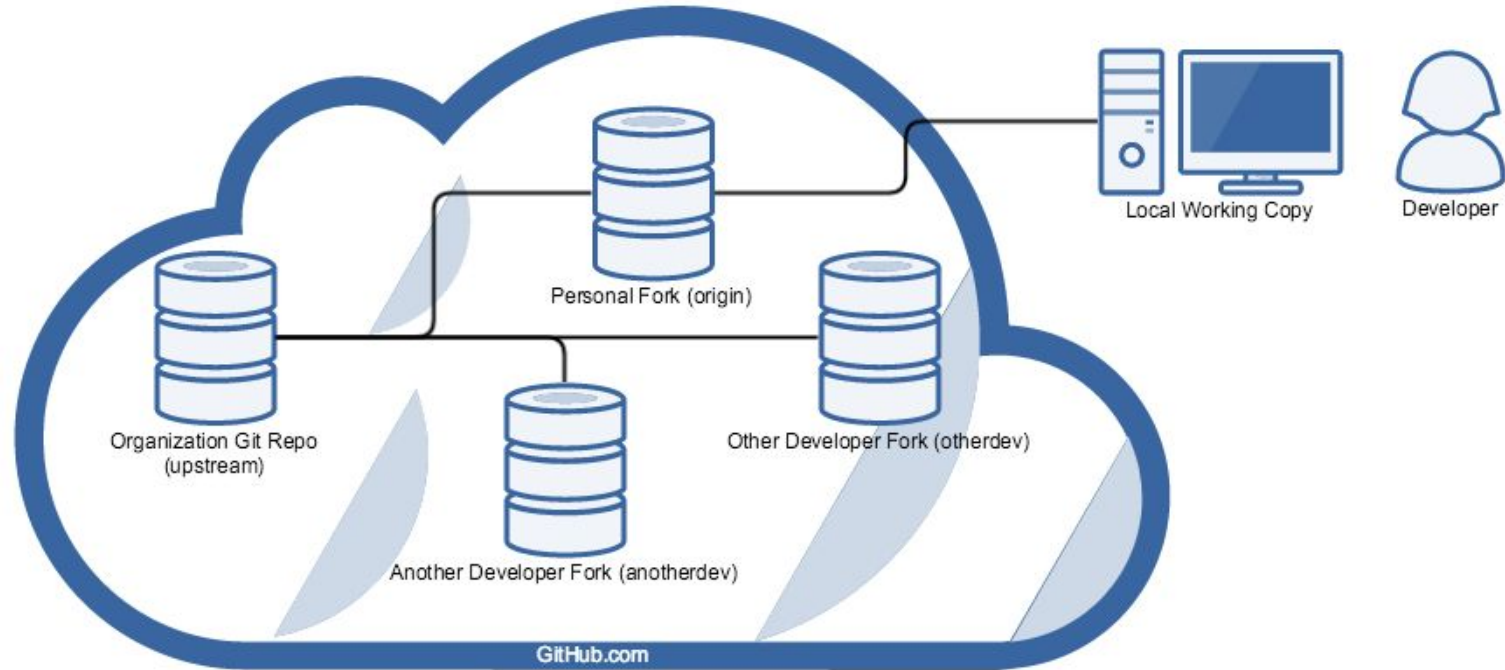
Network

Forks

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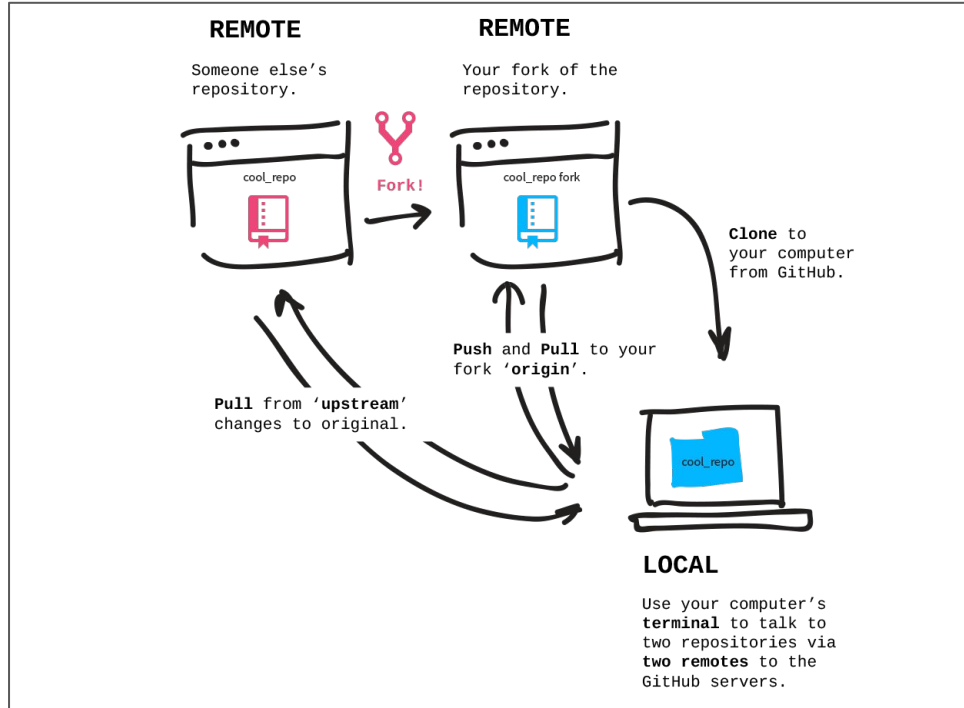
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How this works between you and GitHub

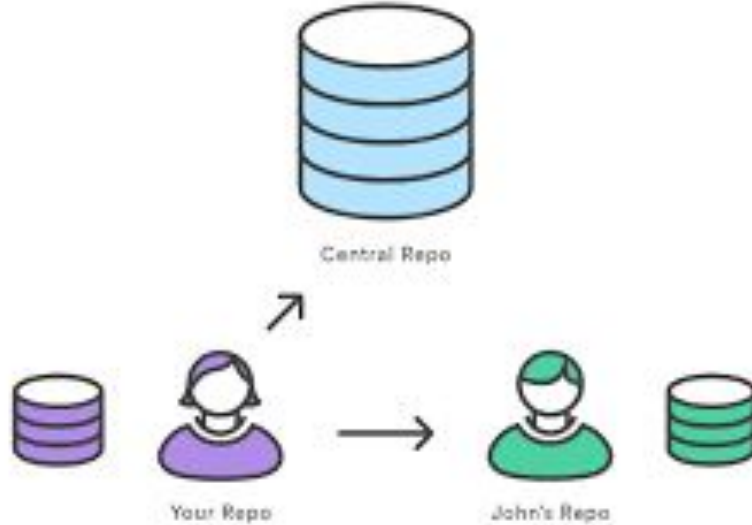


How this differs from the feature branch workflow:

Add other people's repositories in addition to other people's branches



`$ git remote add <name> <url>` creates a new connection to another person's repository



\$ `git remote -v` lists all remote connections associated in your repository

\$ `git branch -a` shows both local and remote branches

\$ `git fetch <name>` downloads objects from another repository

\$ `git checkout -b <name of new branch> <repo name/branch name>` will create a new branch from a particular branch in someone else's repository

\$ `git merge <name>/<branch_name>` will merge someone else's branch from another repository into your currently checked out branch

The team needs to decide what the git workflow looks like so everyone is aware when they need to update their local version of `main`

Thank
you!

