



VERSION CONTROL: GIT

A complete history of your work

WHAT IS VERSION CONTROL?

- A tool to:
 - Back-up files
 - Save history of changes
 - Collaborate and combine changes
- But it isn't magic...
 - You have to know how to use it
 - You have to make it part of your work flow



WHY VERSION CONTROL?

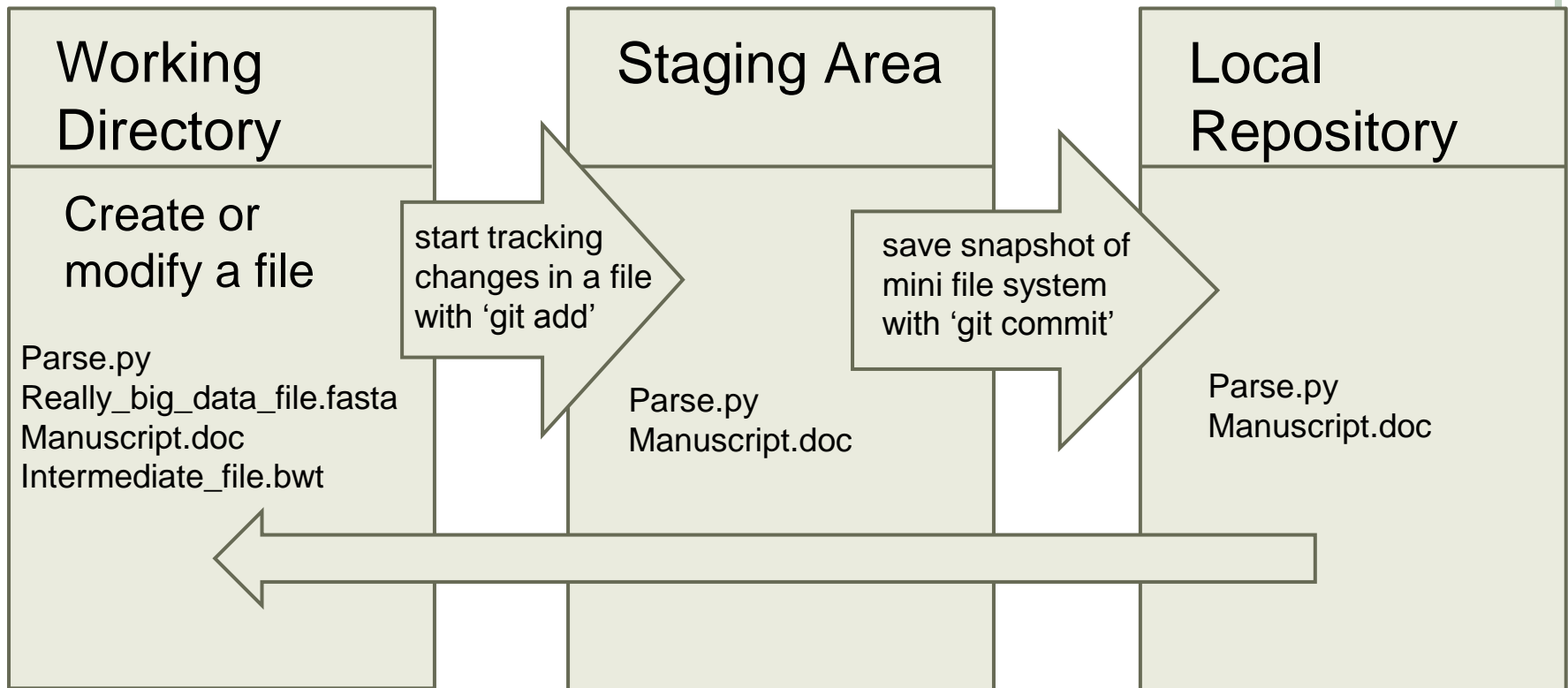
Case Studies:

1. Know what changes you made when
2. Avoid files named ..._final_final2
3. Your code used to work and now it doesn't
4. Make your process transparent to others
5. Make your code easy



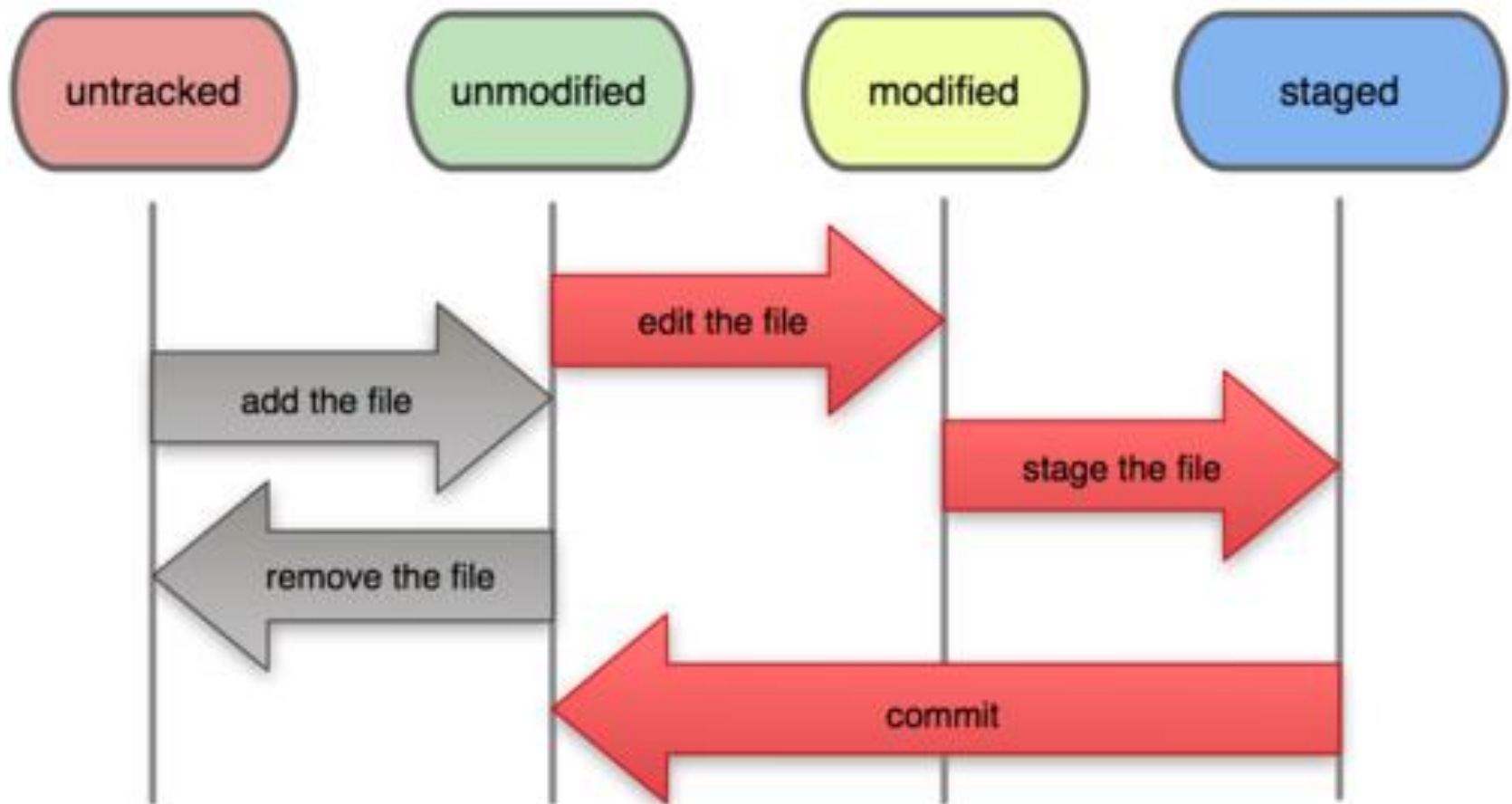
HOW? THE STRUCTURE OF GIT

Local repository - track your own changes



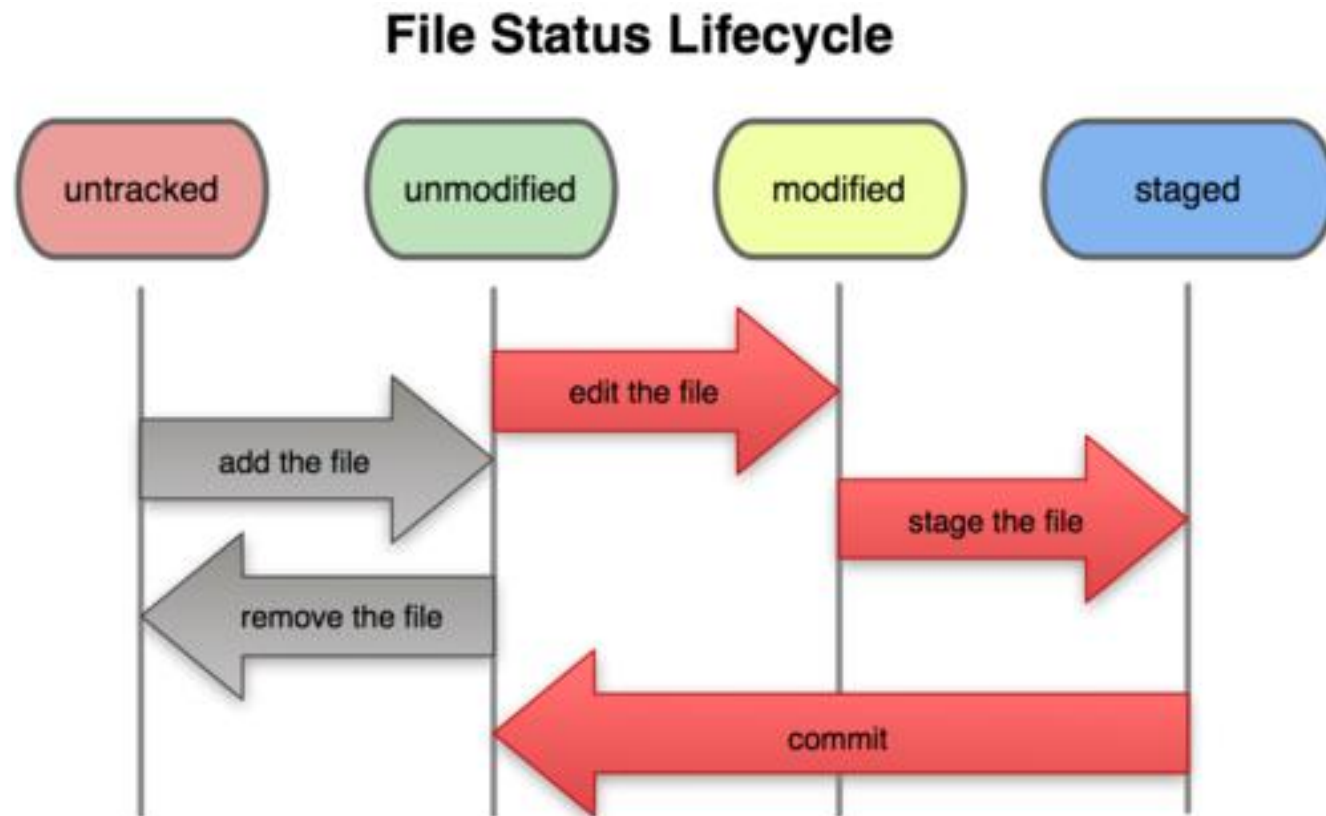
LOCAL WORKFLOW

File Status Lifecycle



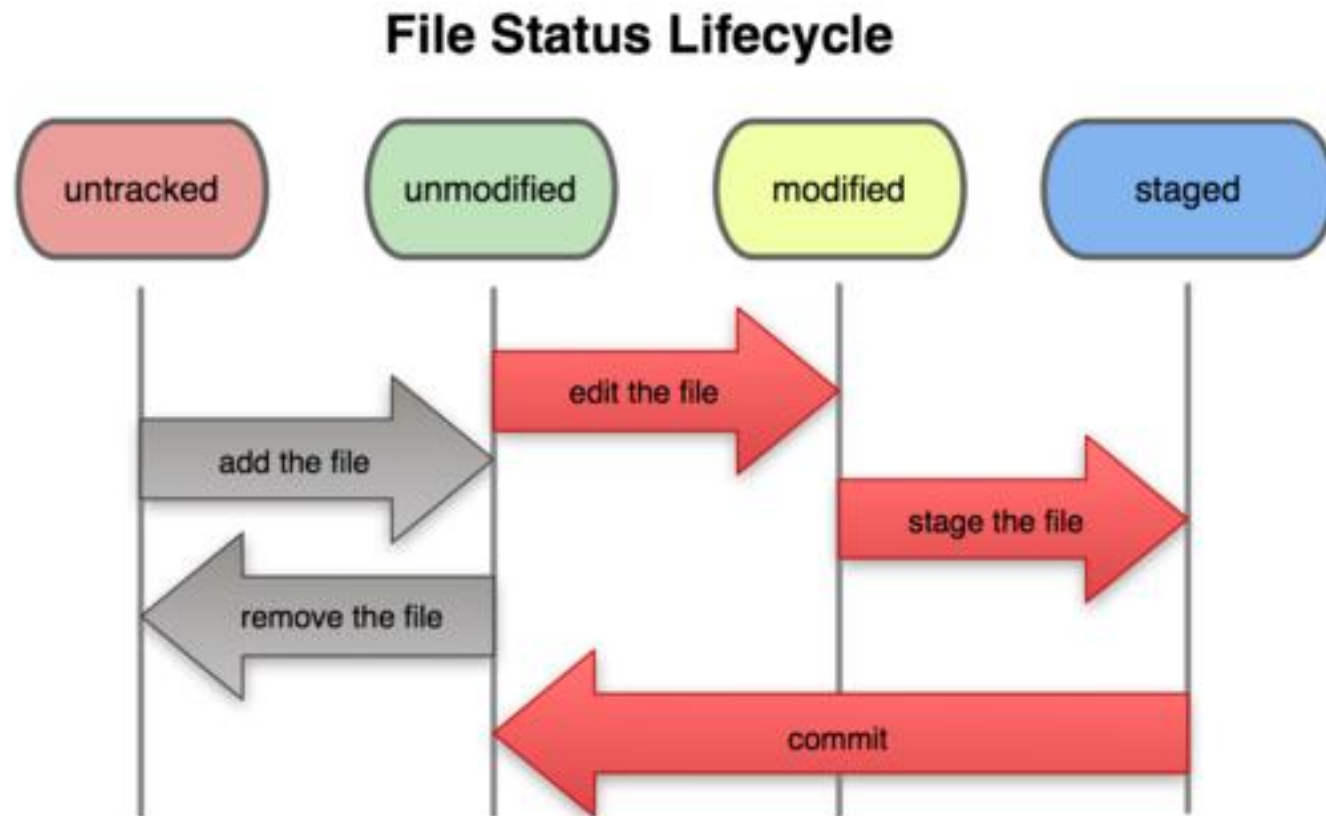
BASIC GIT WORKFLOW

- **git init** - create a repository in a given directory



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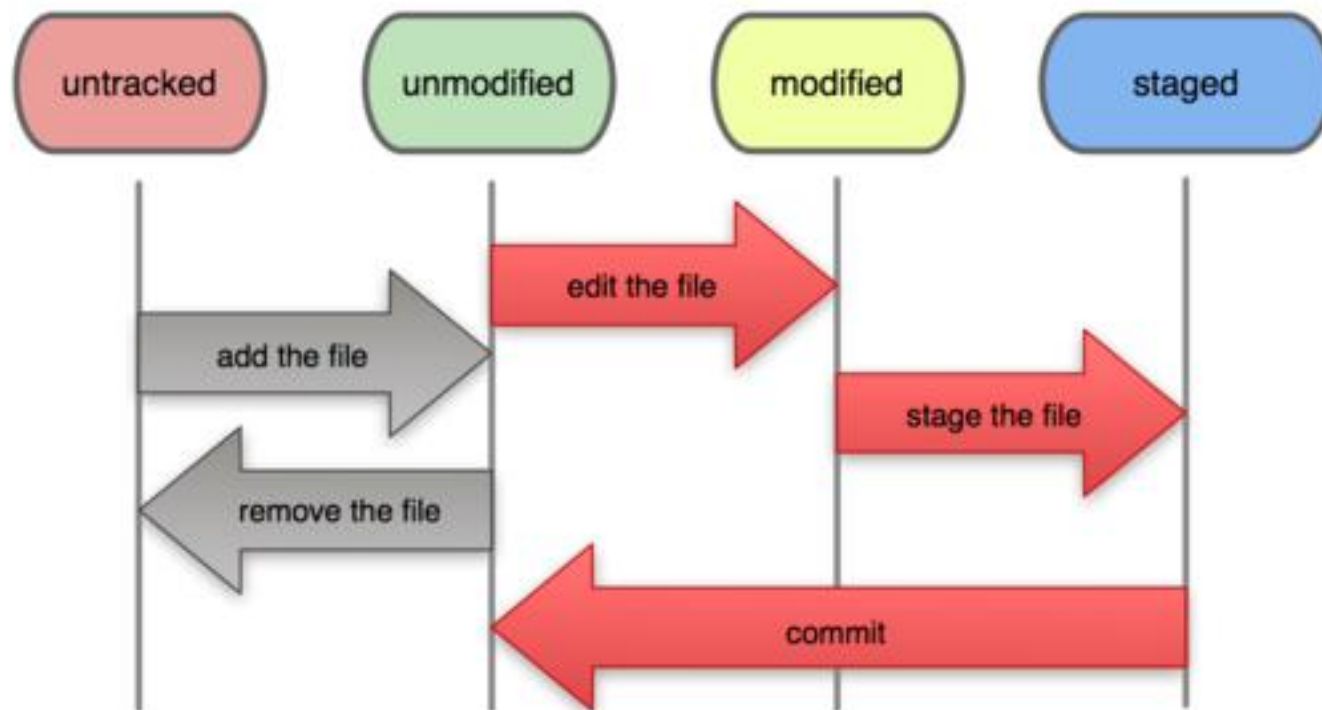
- **git status** - find the state of every file



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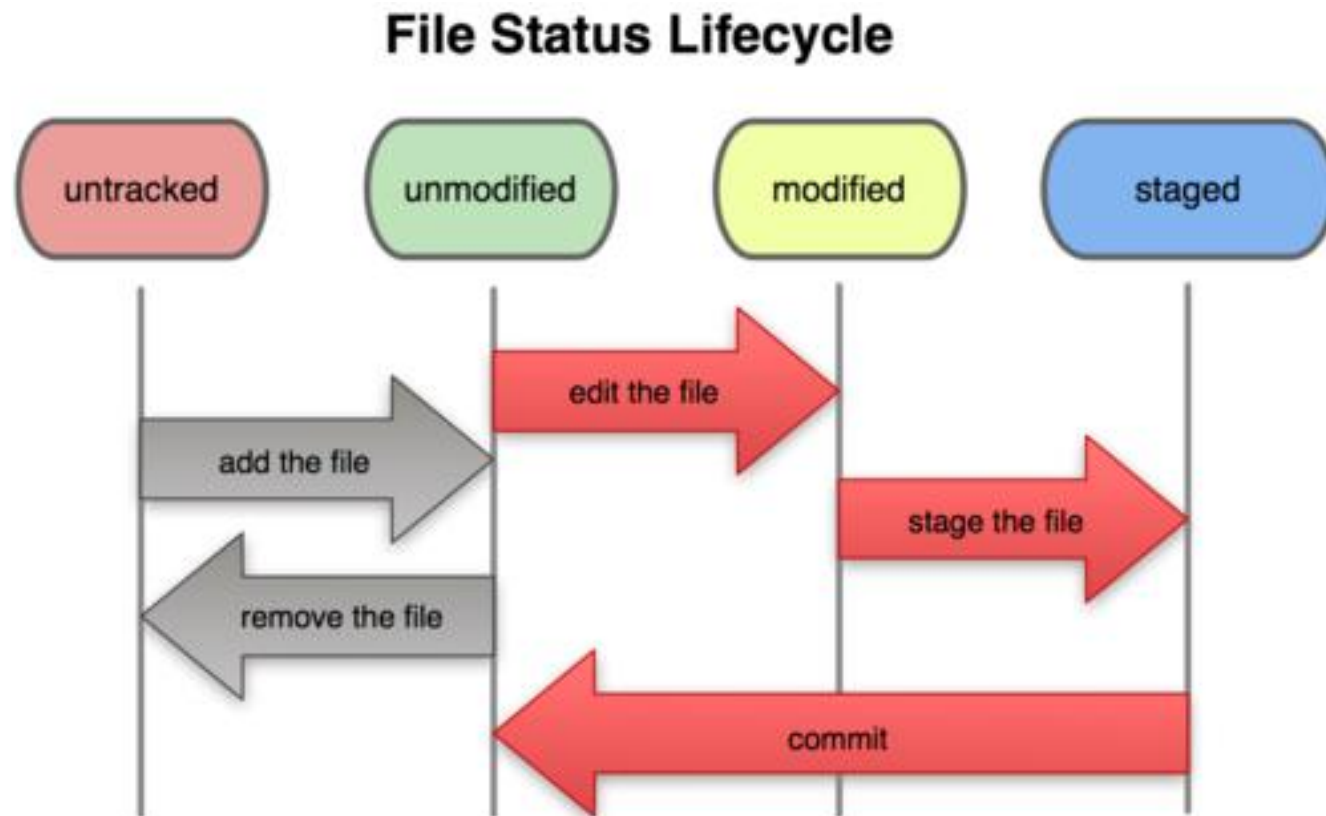
- **git add** filename or directory - add file to list of files to be committed to local repository. This is also referred to as staging the files

File Status Lifecycle



BASIC GIT WORKFLOW

- **git commit** commit all stage changes to the local repository



STEP 0: CONFIGURING GIT

```
git config --global user.name "User Name"
```

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

○ Selecting the default editor

- Windows

- git config --global core.editor "'C:/Program Files (x86)/Notepad++/notepad++.exe' -multiInst -notabbar -nosession -noPlugin"

- Mac

- git config --global core.editor "edit -w"

- Linux

- git config --global core.editor <your favorite editor here (nano, emacs, etc etc)>

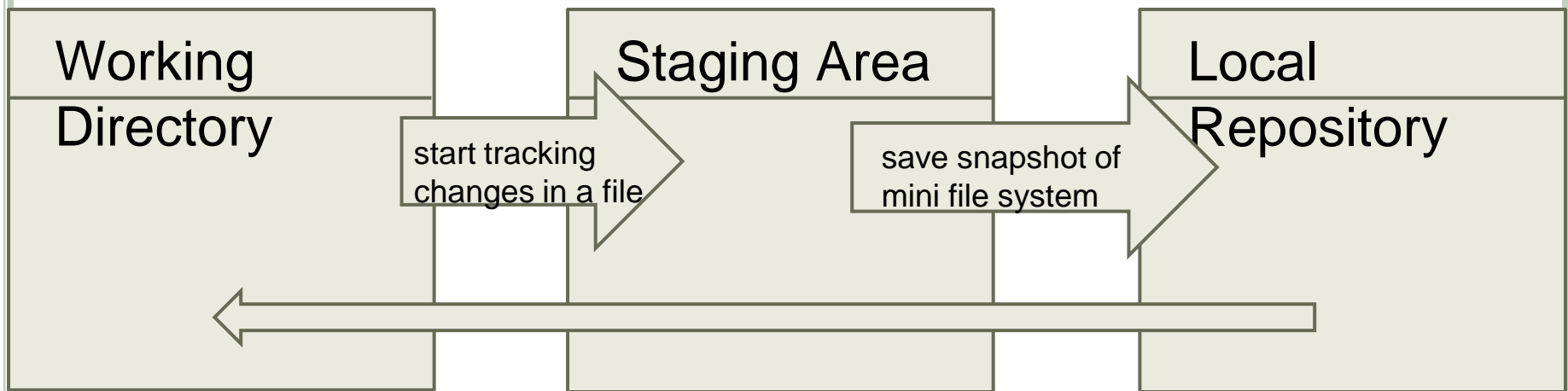


EXERCISE 1: OUR FIRST REPO

- Create a new repository (don't forget to make a new directory!)
- Create a file named README containing the text:

My first git repository!

- Commit README to your local repository



MORE GIT COMMANDS

- `git checkout <object>`
 - Can be a
 - Branch
 - Tag
 - Can also be used to revert changes to a file
- `git mv`
 - Tell git you're moving a file
- `git rm <file>`
 - Remove a file
 - Use with `-cached` to untrack a file



EXERCISE 2: DEALING WITH ACCIDENTS

- Copy 01-shell/data/Bert/audioreresult-00215 to your repository and “accidentally” add it
- Unstage it from the commit
- “Accidentally” overwrite/delete README
- Restore it from the latest version



(EVEN) MORE GIT COMMANDS

- git log
 - View the commit history
- git diff
 - View differences
 - Between files
 - Between revisions
 - Between branches



EXERCISE 3: SEEING THE HISTORY

- Add some text to README
- Look at the difference between your current README and the latest version in your repo
- Copy the hello.py script from 02-python-variables to your repository
- Commit both files
- View the history for your repository
- Move hello.py to 02_python_solution.py and commit
- Look at the log again
- Delete hello.py from the repository and commit the changes
- Look at the log again to see what's changed

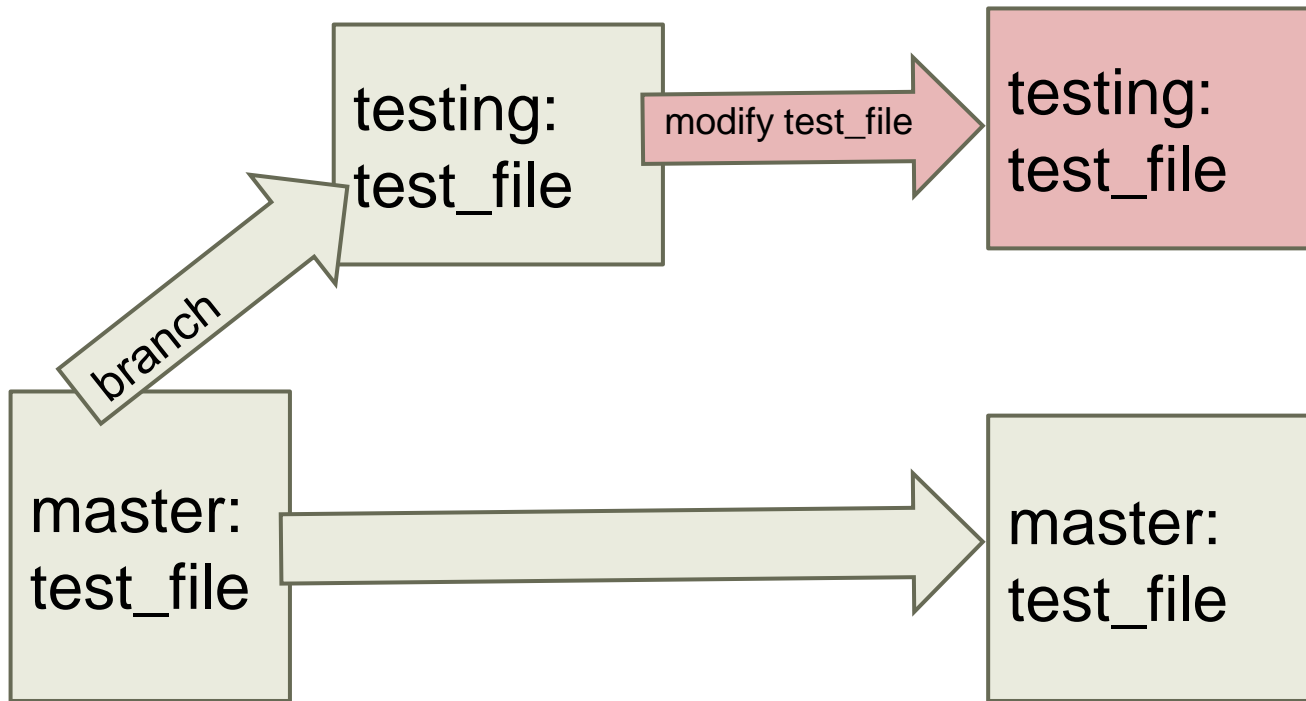


BRANCHING

- Why: try new code without messing up working version
- branch: version of file that can be modified without affecting the working version of the code
- HEAD: points to current branch
- master: default branch name



BRANCHING



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GIT (BRANCHING) COMMANDS

- `git branch <name>`
 - create a branch called <name>
- `git branch`
 - tells you which branch you are on using *
- `git checkout <name>`
 - switch to <name> branch



EXERCISE 6: BRANCHING

- Create a branch and switch to it
- Make a change to an EXISTING LINE in README
- Commit the change
- Compare the two version of README
 - Via checking out master
 - Extra credit: Via git diff

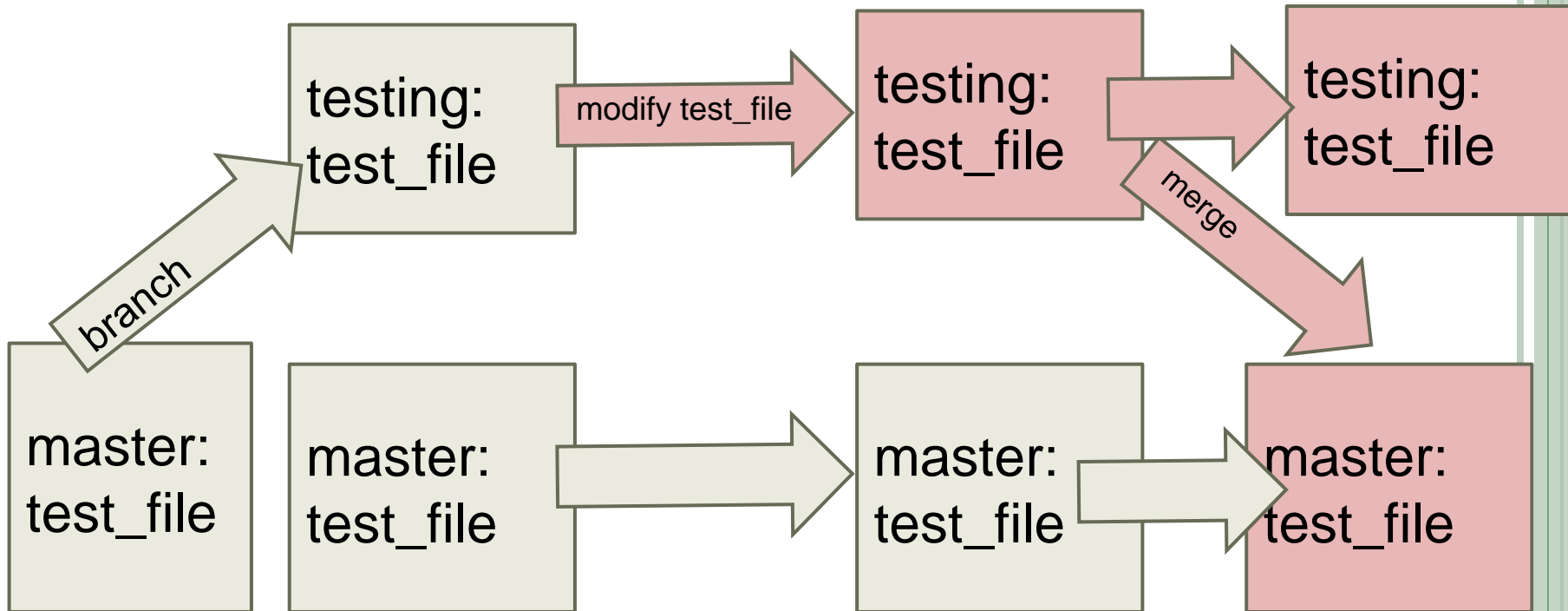


MERGING

- Checkout the branch you want to merge into
- `git merge <other branch>`
- No conflicts? awesome
- Conflicts?
 - `git branch -d branch_name` - deletes branch
 - Edit files to resolve conflicts
 - Add
 - Commit
- `git branch -d <branch name>`
 - Deletes the branch



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EXERCISE 7

- Merge the branch you created in exercise 6 in to the master branch
- Resolve the conflict

