

# The Git Parable

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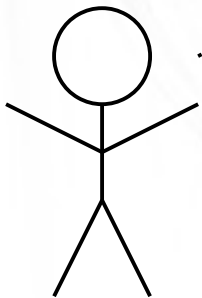
- Shamelessly stolen from Tom Preston-Werner  
<http://tom.preston-werner.com/2009/05/19/the-git-parable.html>
- I'm lazy...
- Also: Best introduction to Git I've found so far

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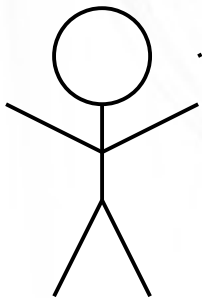
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git add ...  
git commit ...  
git branch ...  
git checkout ...  
git tag ...  
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...
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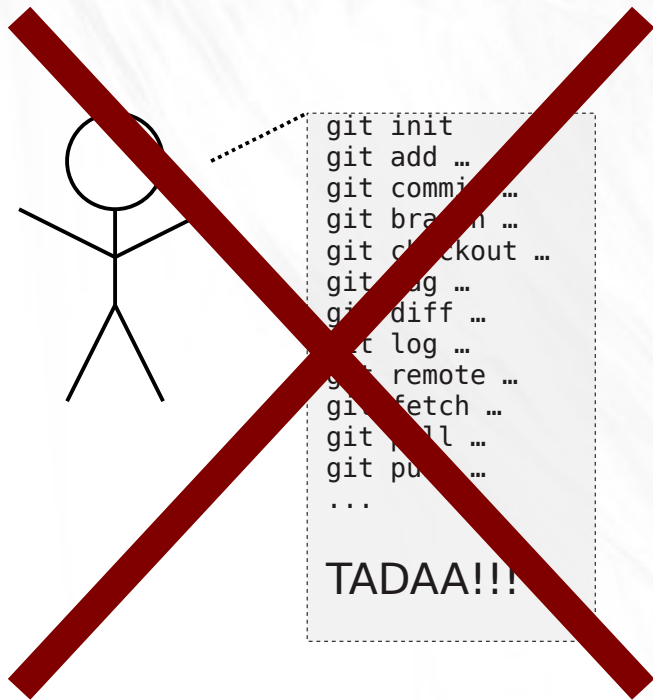


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**TADAA!!!**

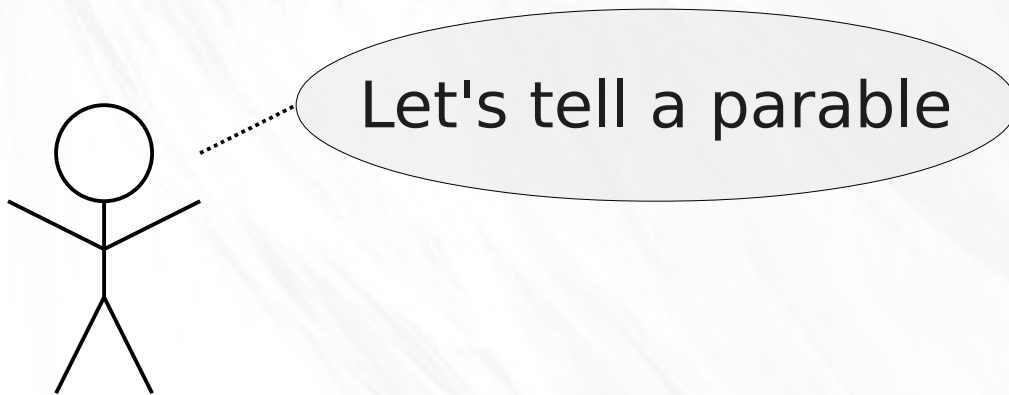
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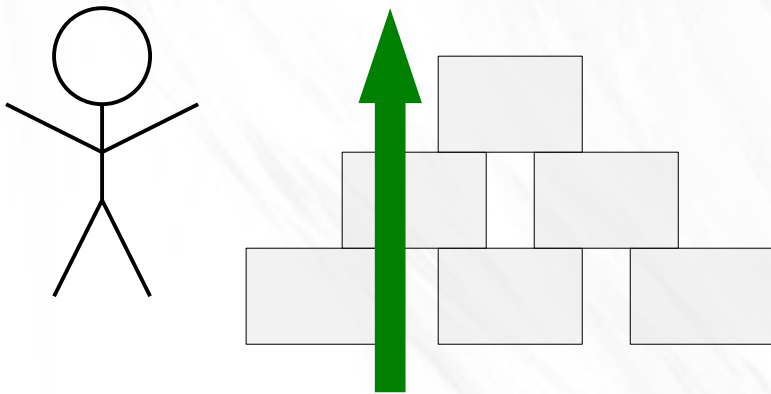
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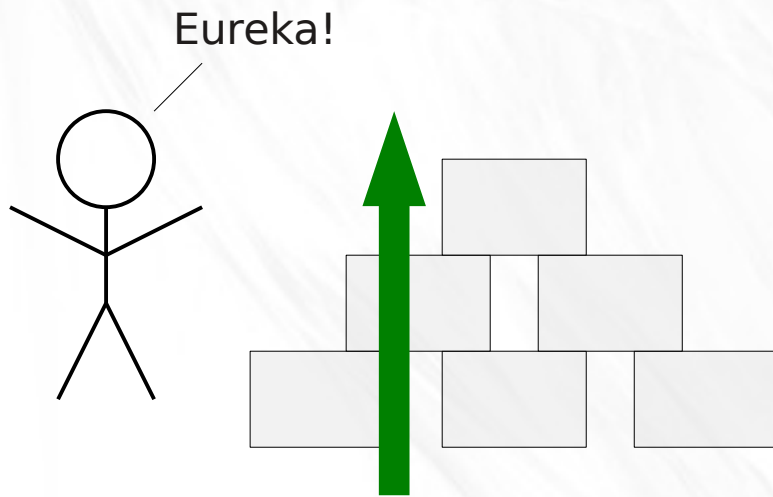
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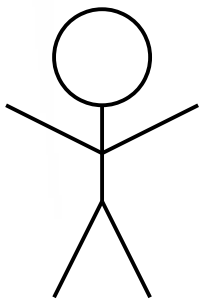
# The Parable

- A simple computer
  - A text editor
  - A few filesystem commands



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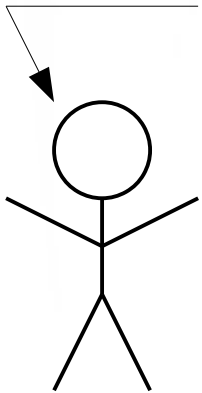
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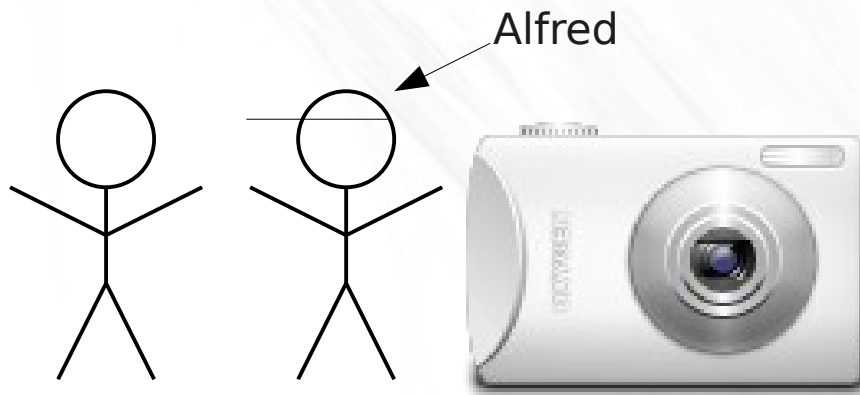
- Write a large software program
- Invent some method to keep track of versions
  - retrieve code that you changed/deleted

Responsible!



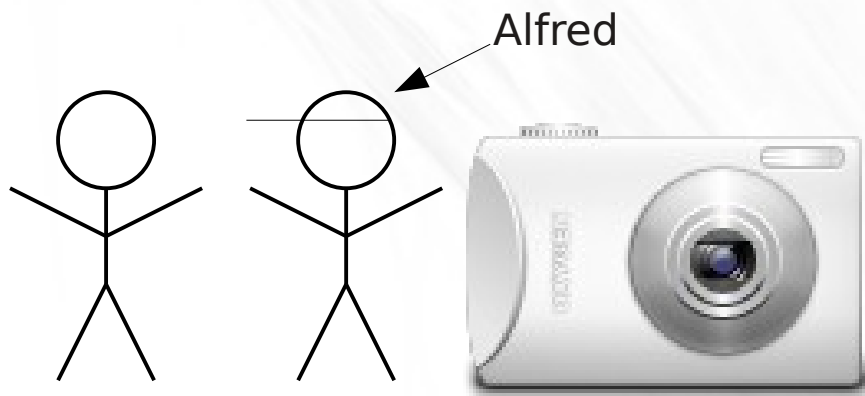
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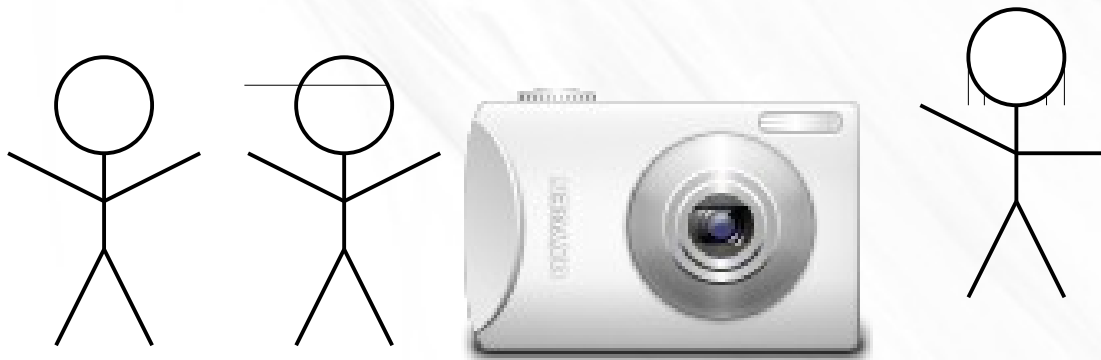
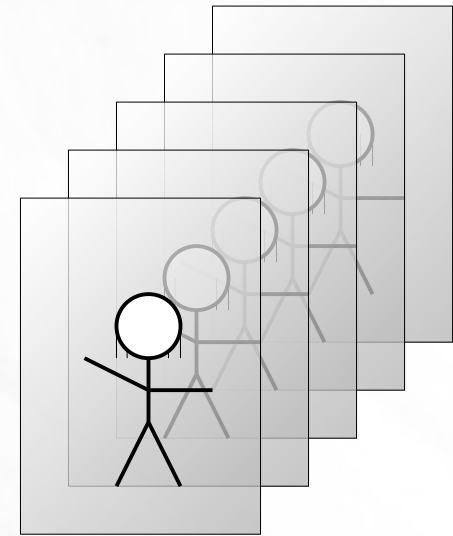
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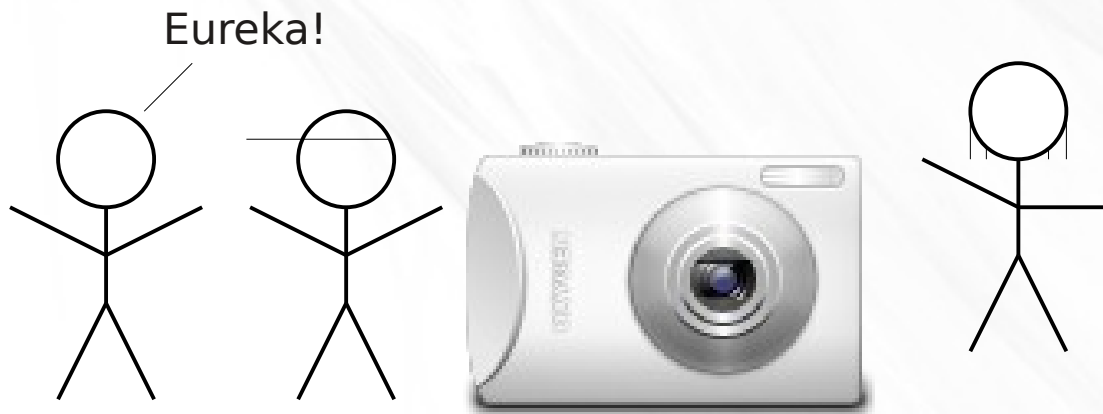
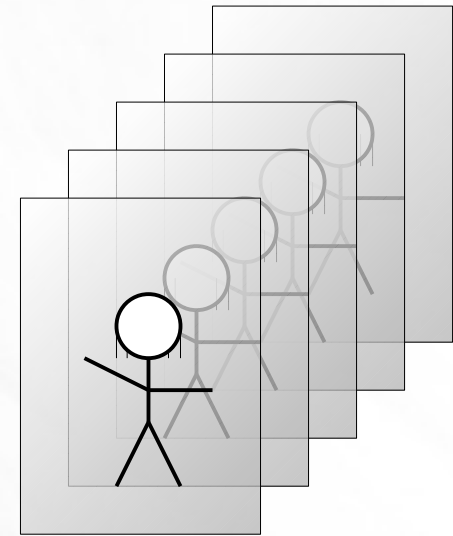
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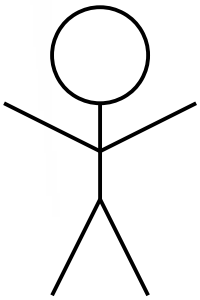
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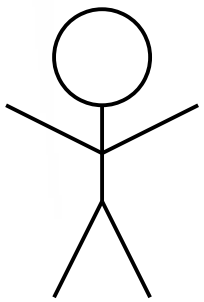
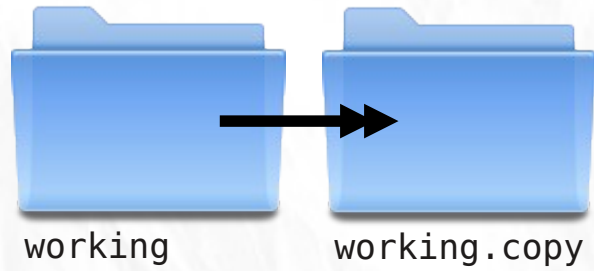
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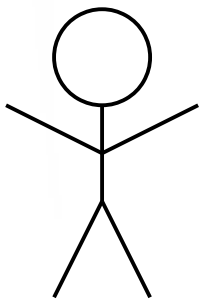
working



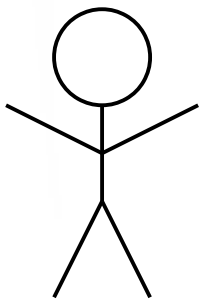
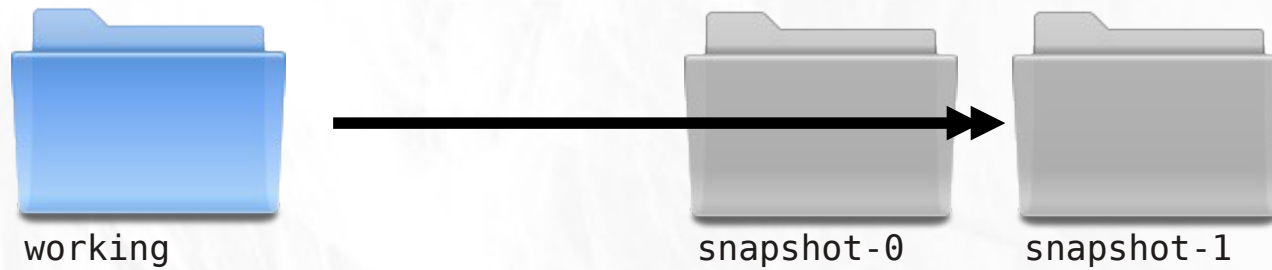
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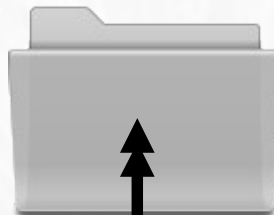
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snapshot-0



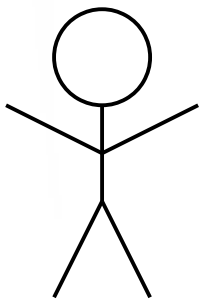
snapshot-1



message



message



2009-05-20 12:34:56

Initial version

2009-05-21 23:45:01

Introduced a new foo,  
and reset the bar to  
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# Branches



working



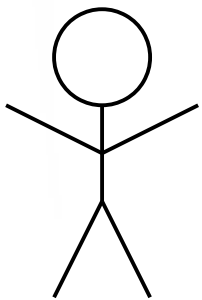
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snapshot-1



snapshot-99



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snapshot-0



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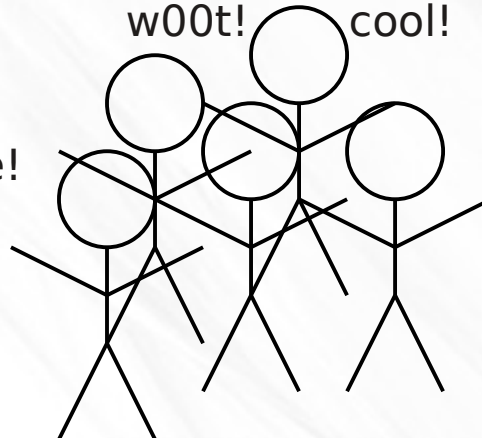
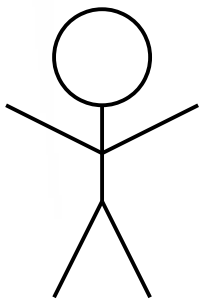


snapshot-99



w00t! cool!

nice!





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snapshot-0



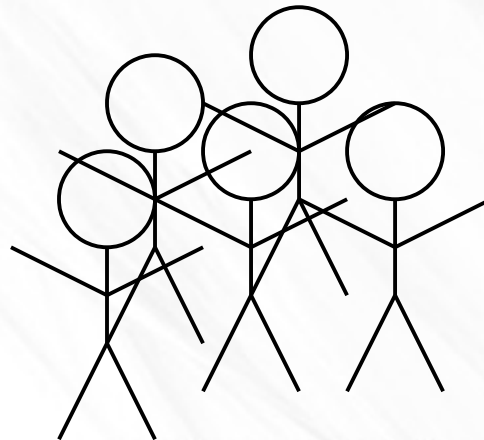
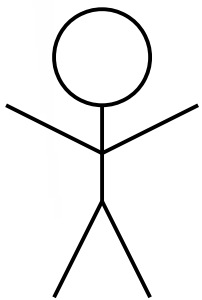
snapshot-1



snapshot-99



snapshot-109



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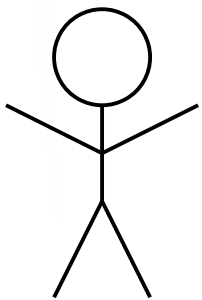


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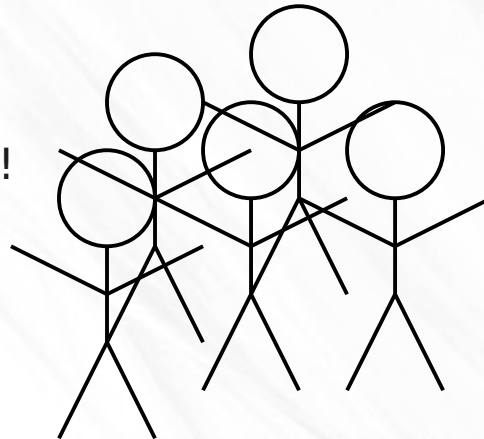


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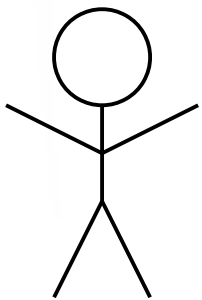
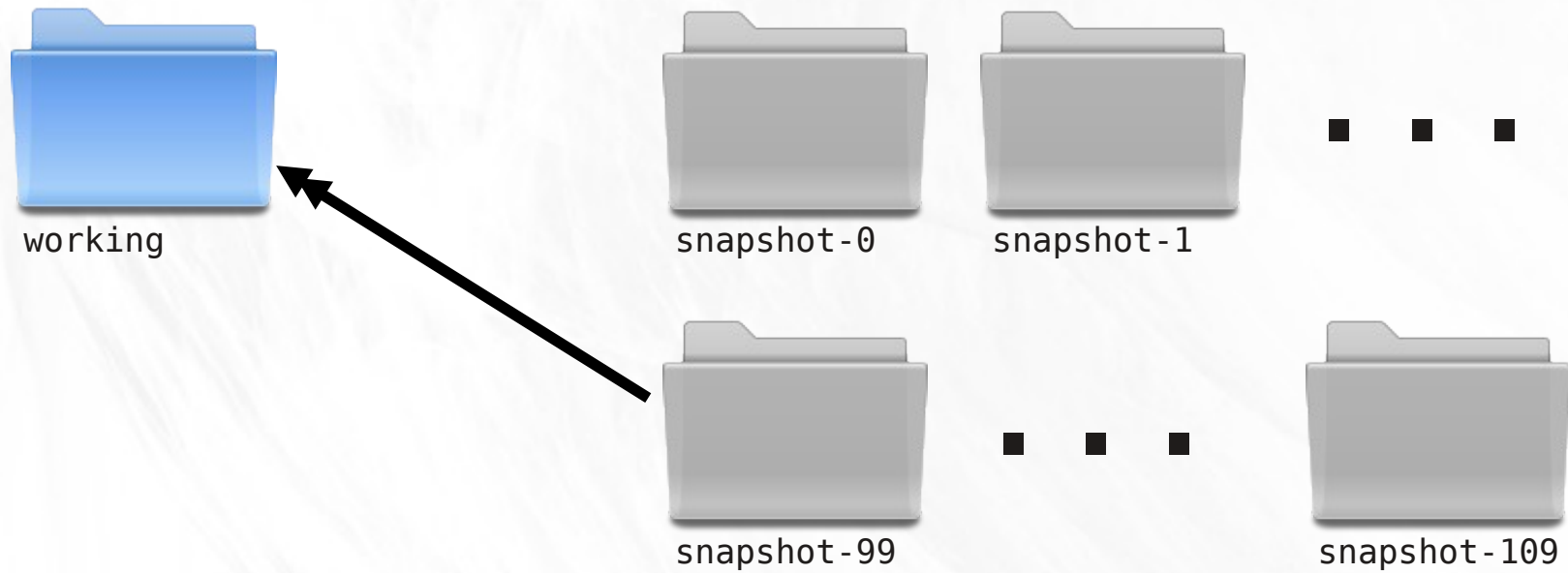
Does not work!



Boo!



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snapshot-1

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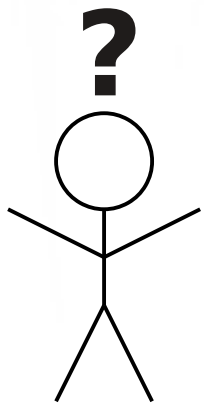


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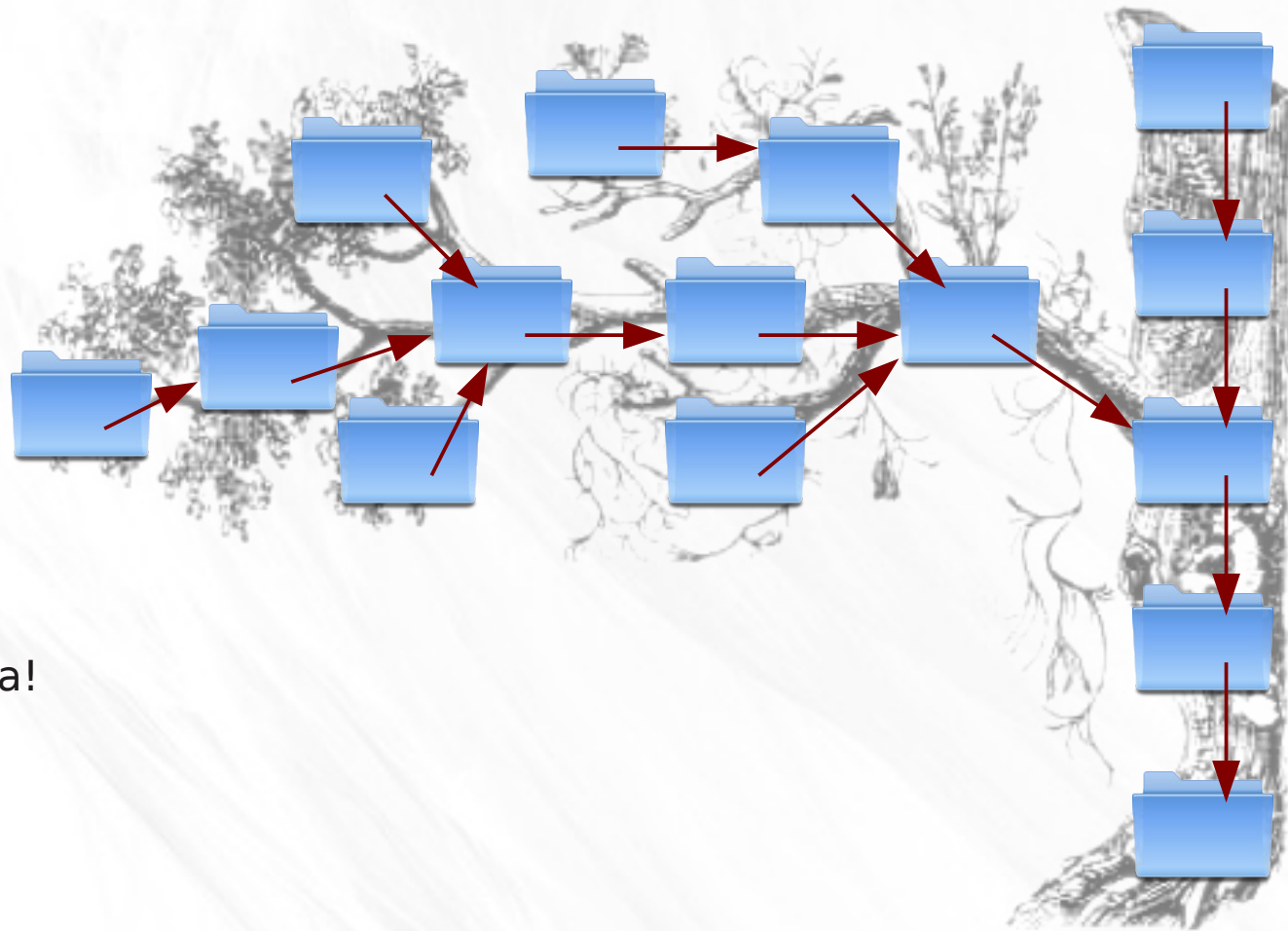


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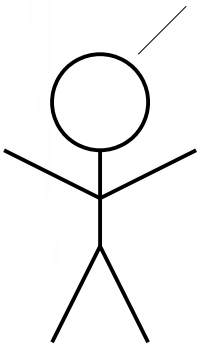
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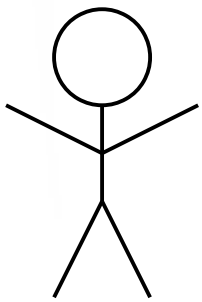
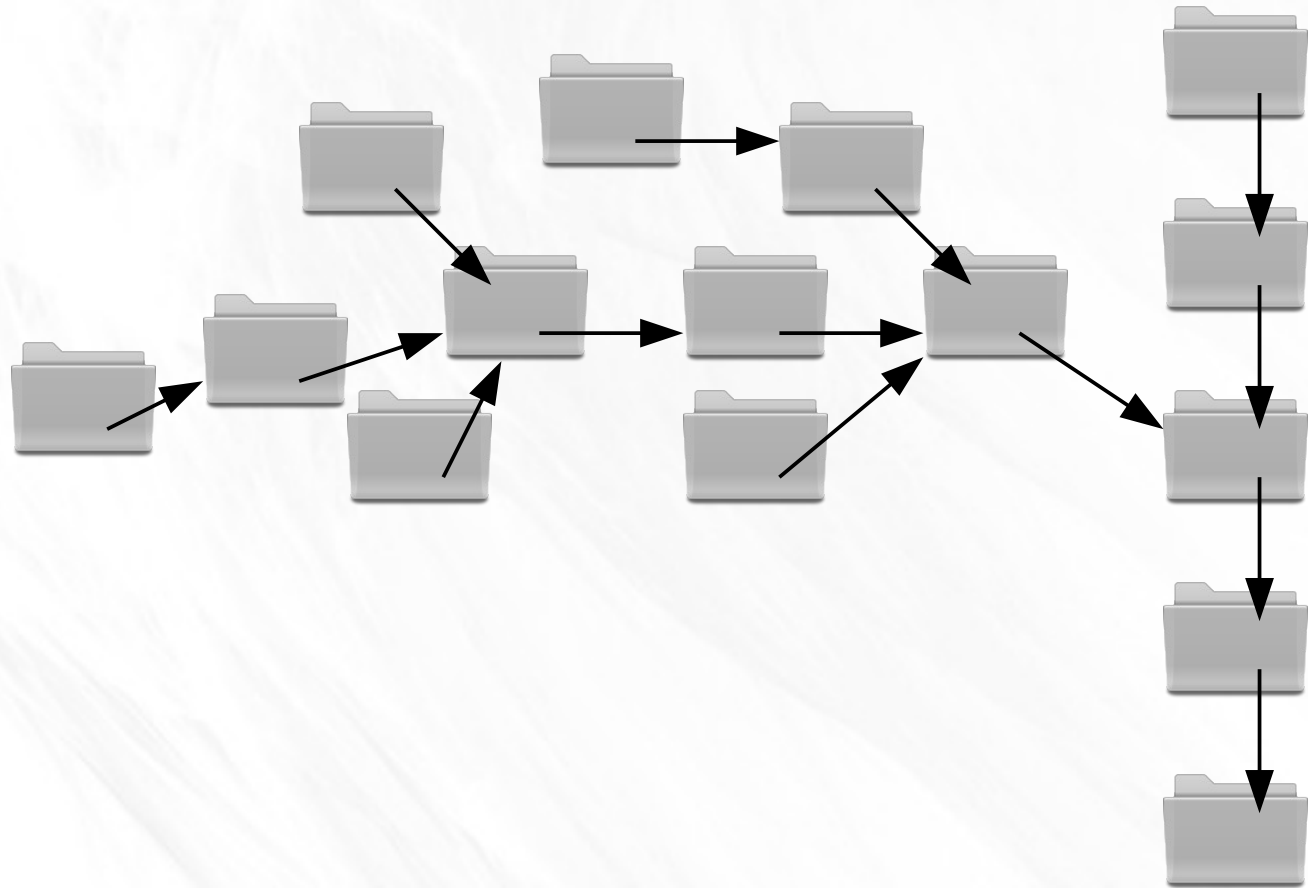


Eureka!

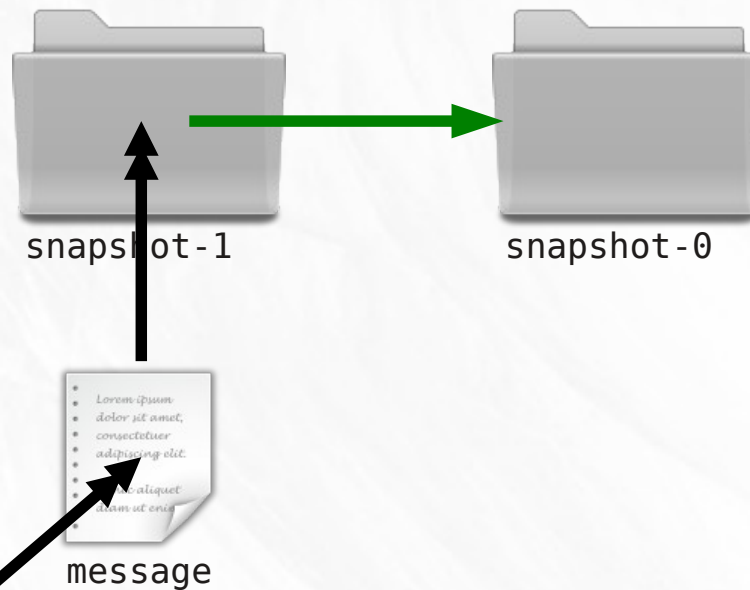




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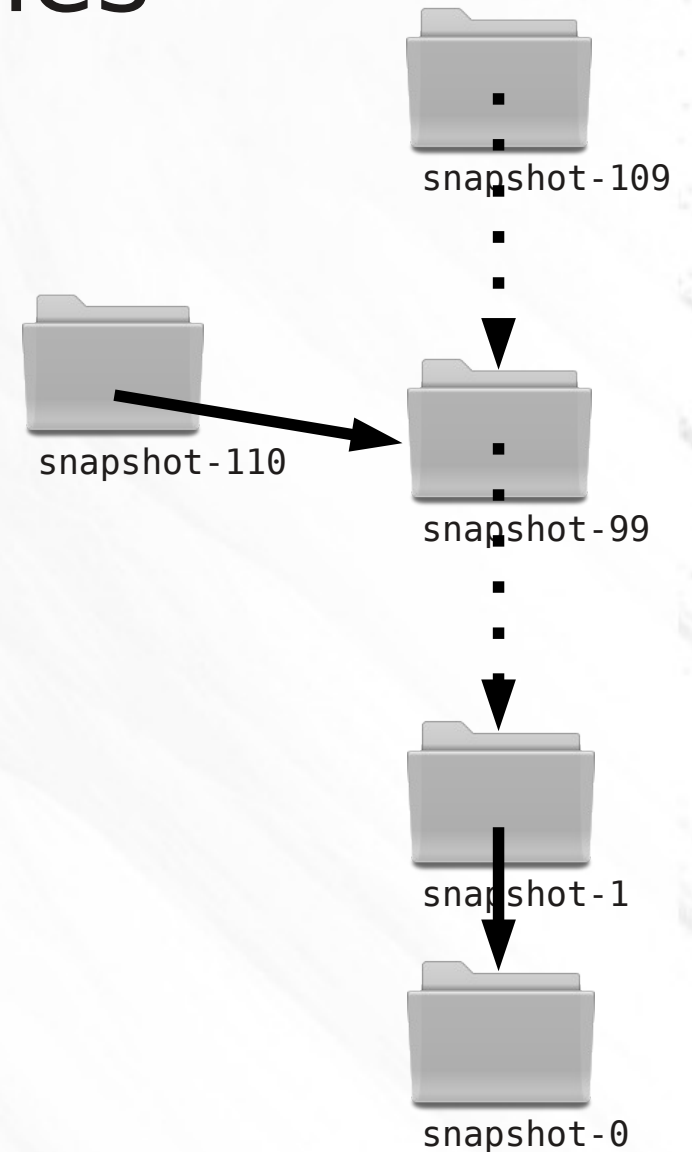
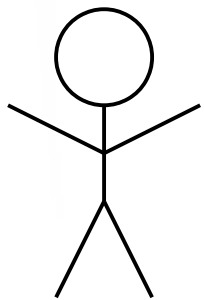


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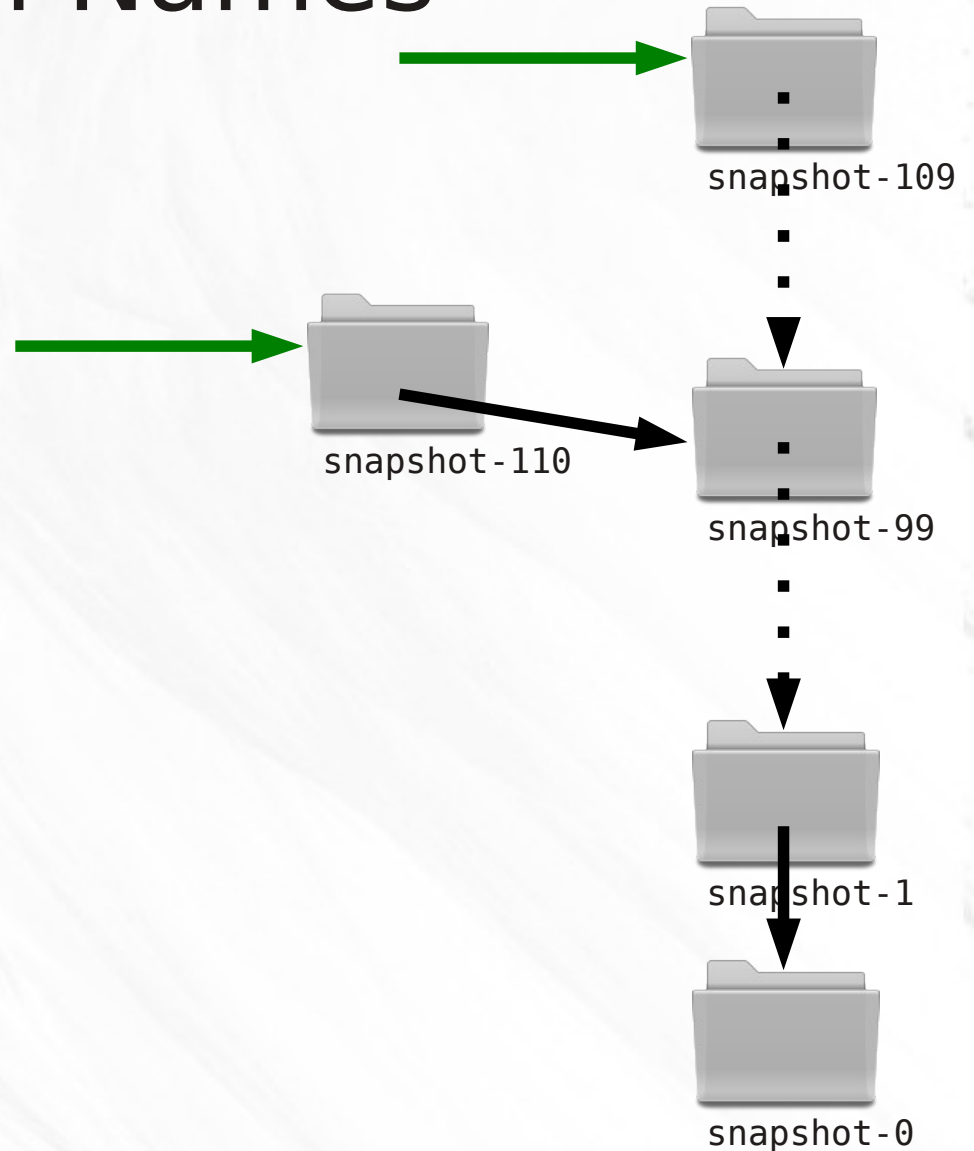
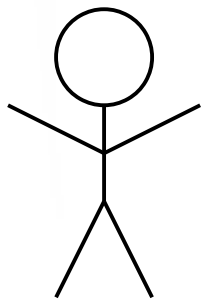
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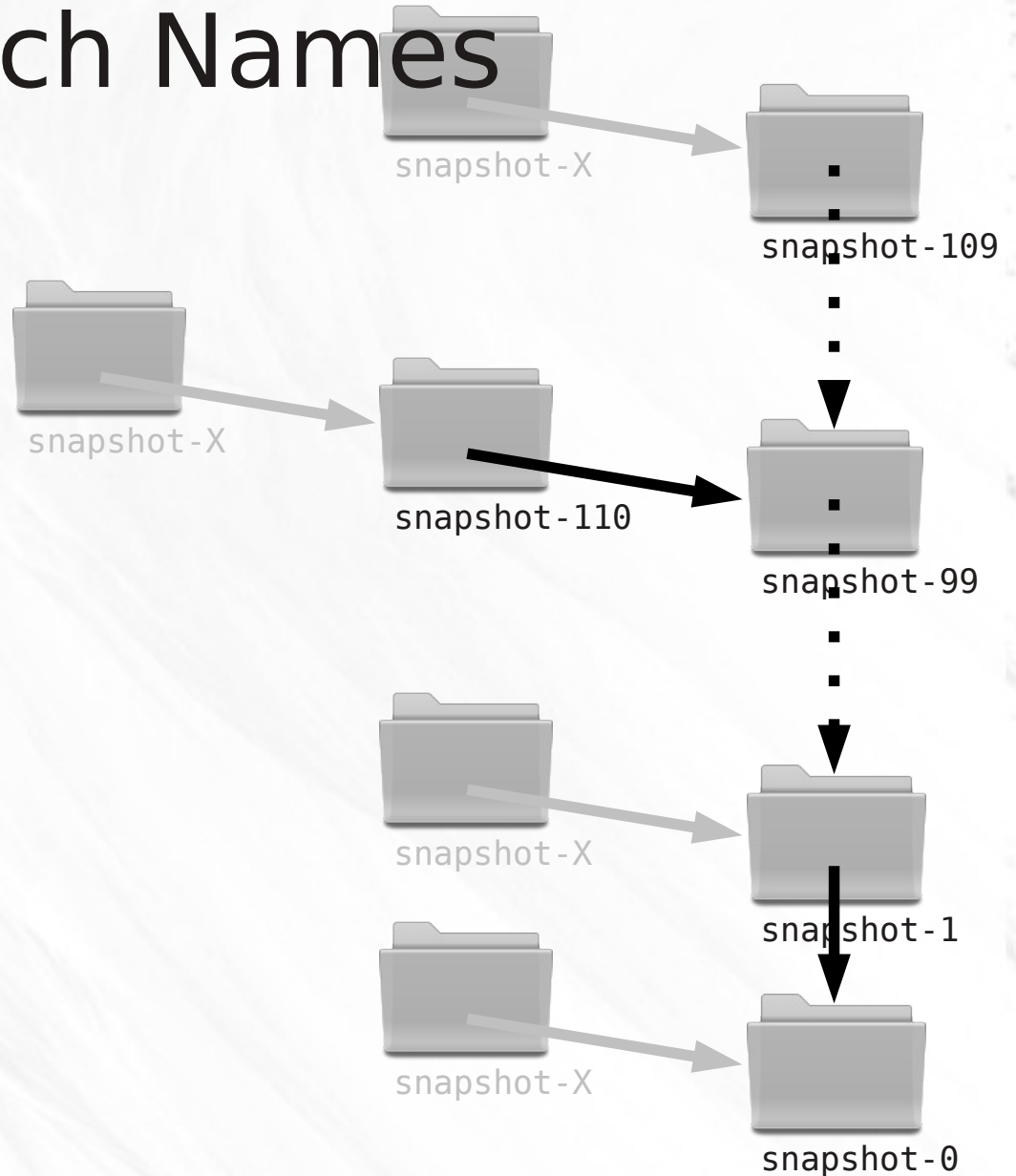
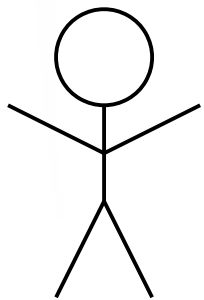
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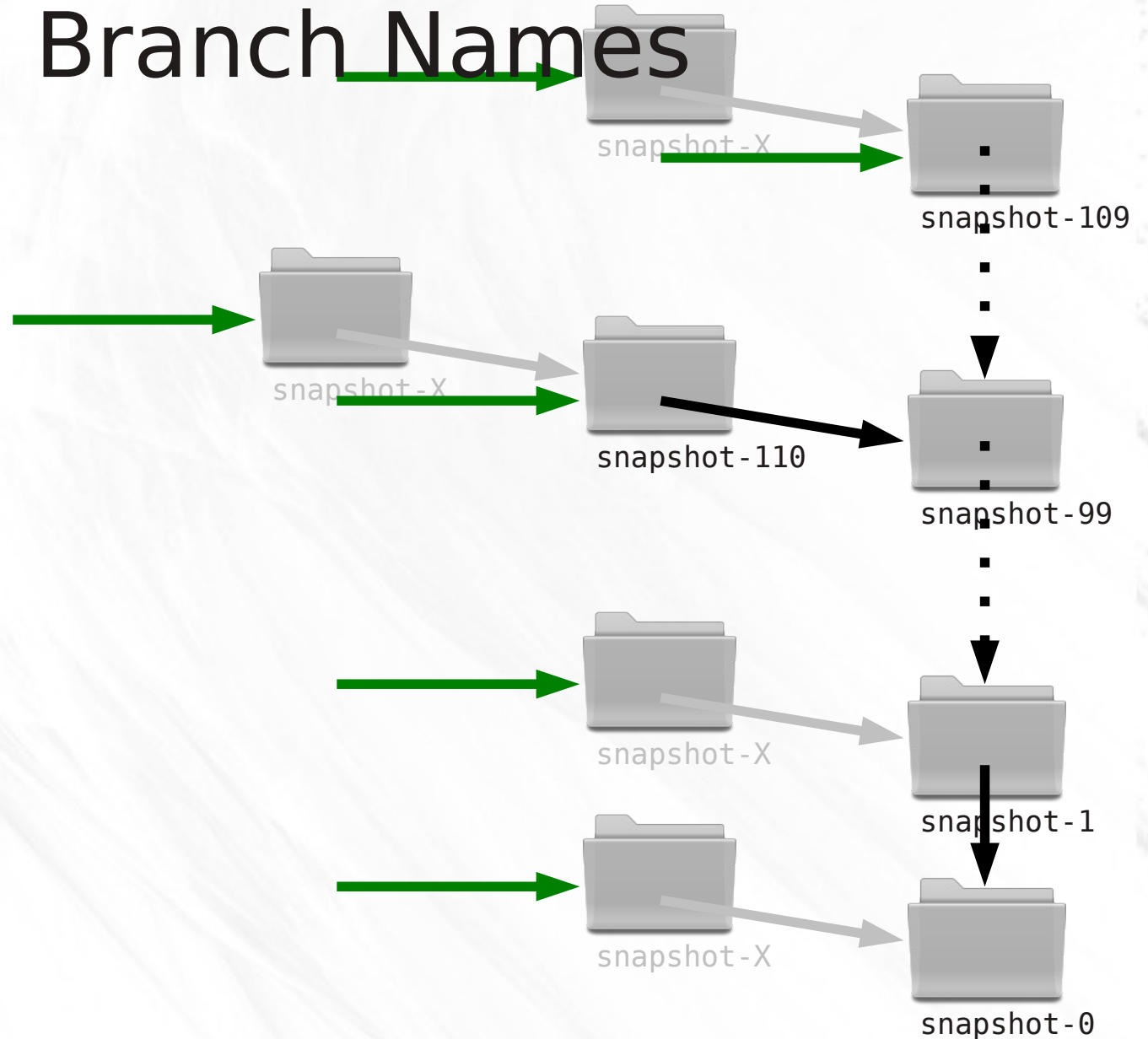
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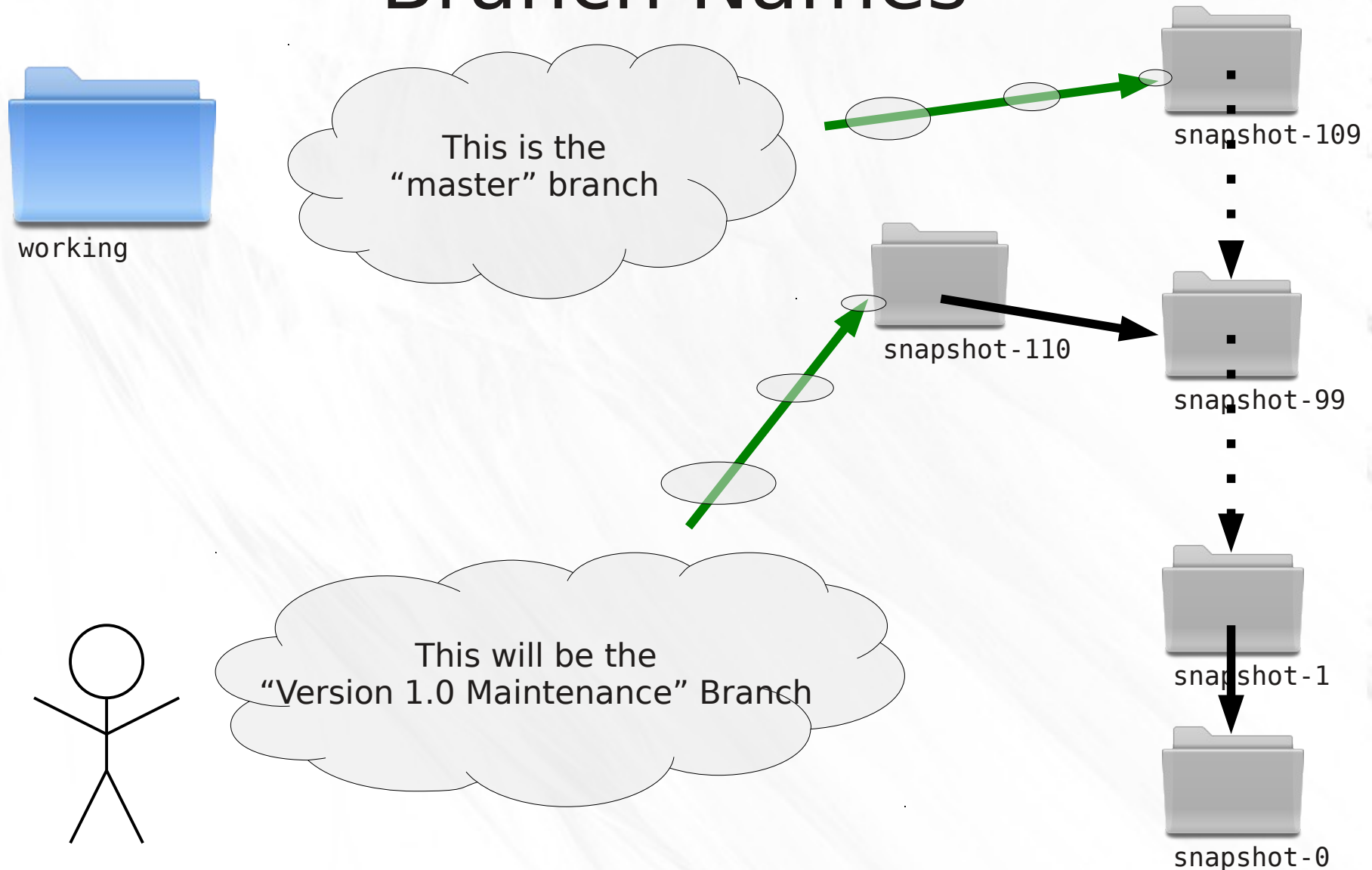
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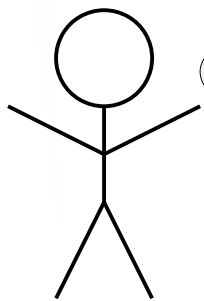
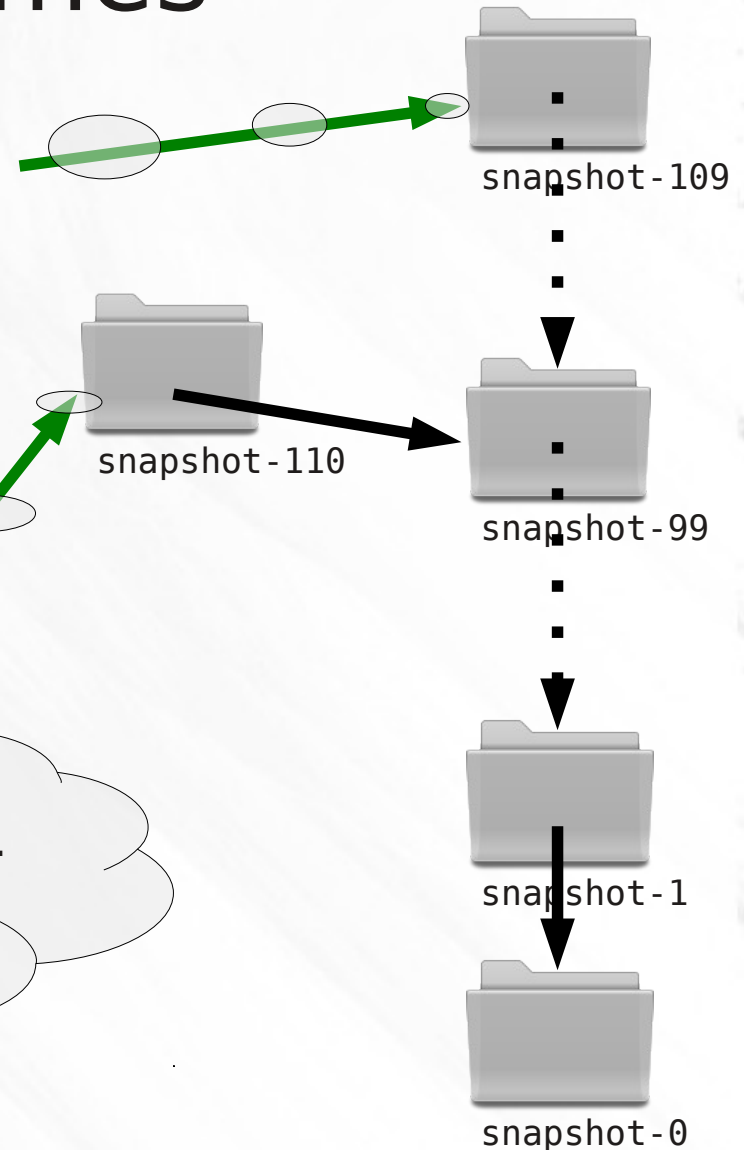
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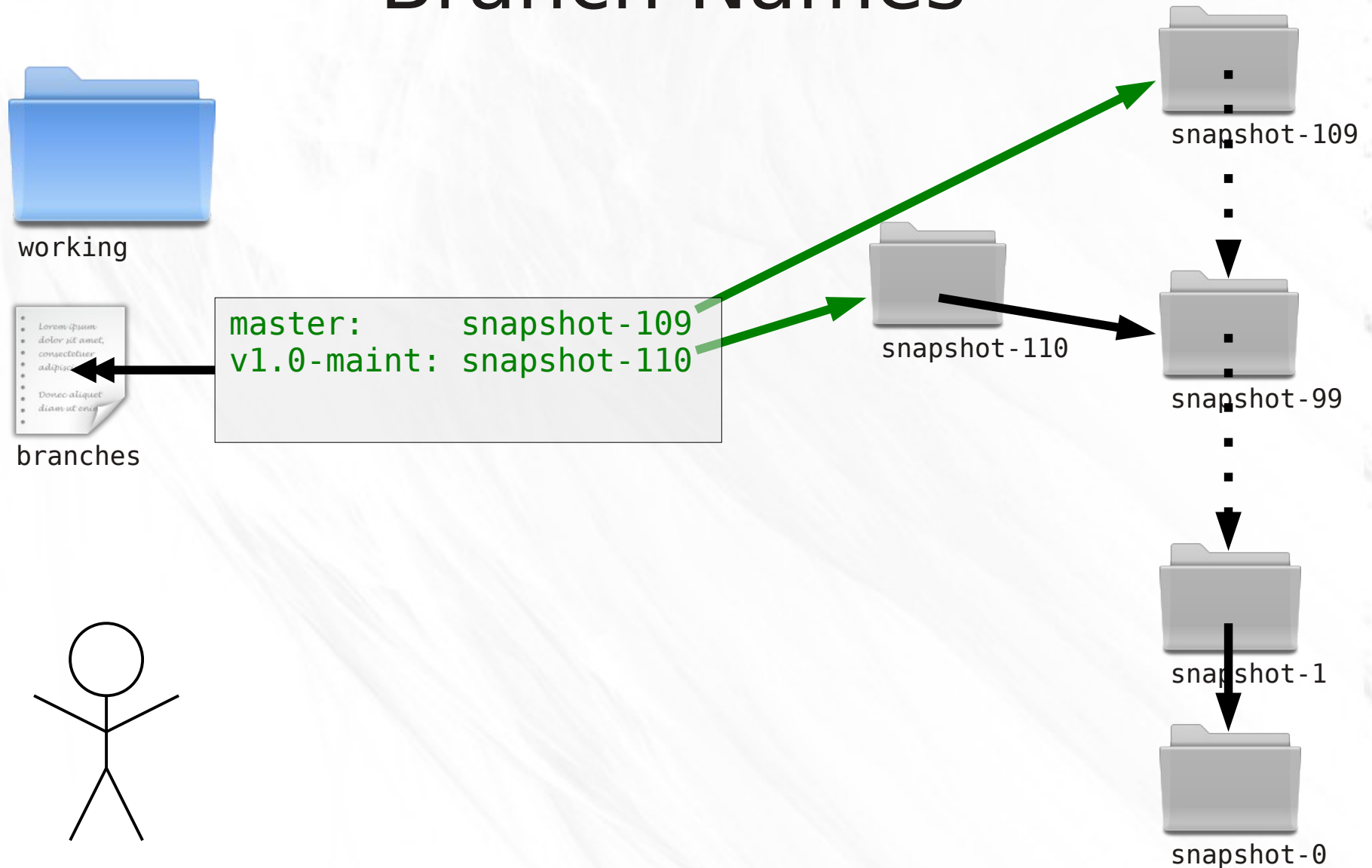


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It contains:  
snapshot-109  
(and its ancestors)



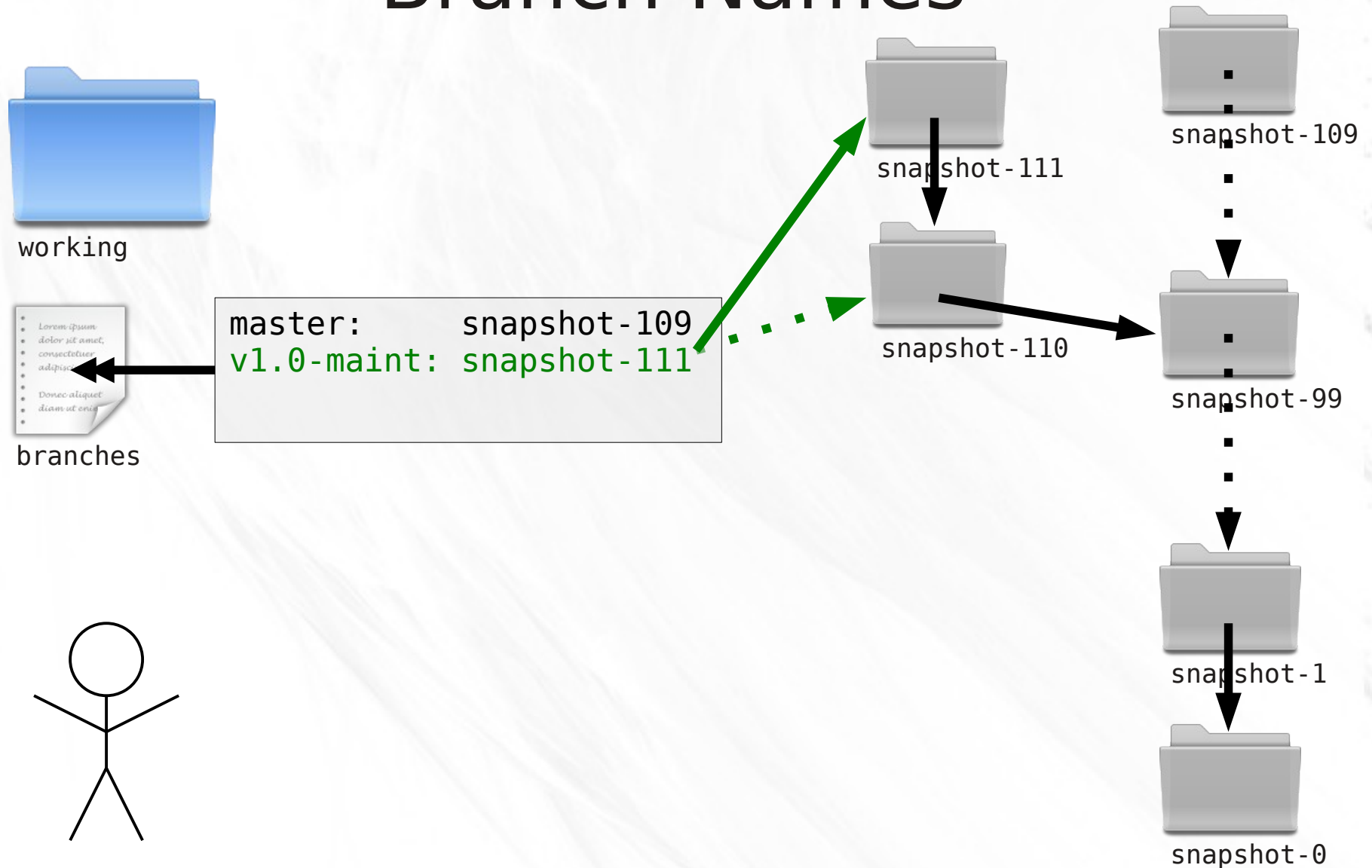
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# Branch Names



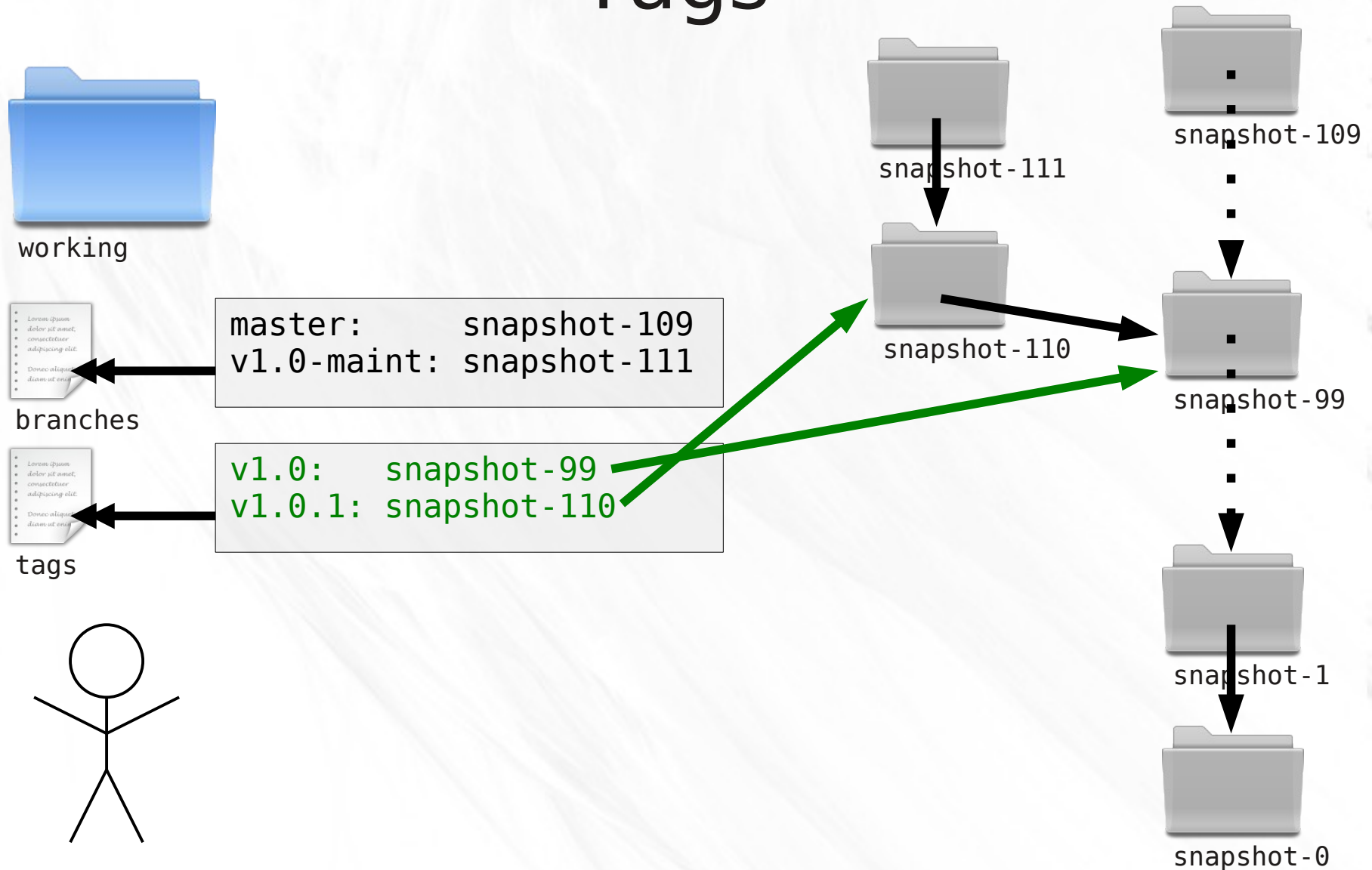


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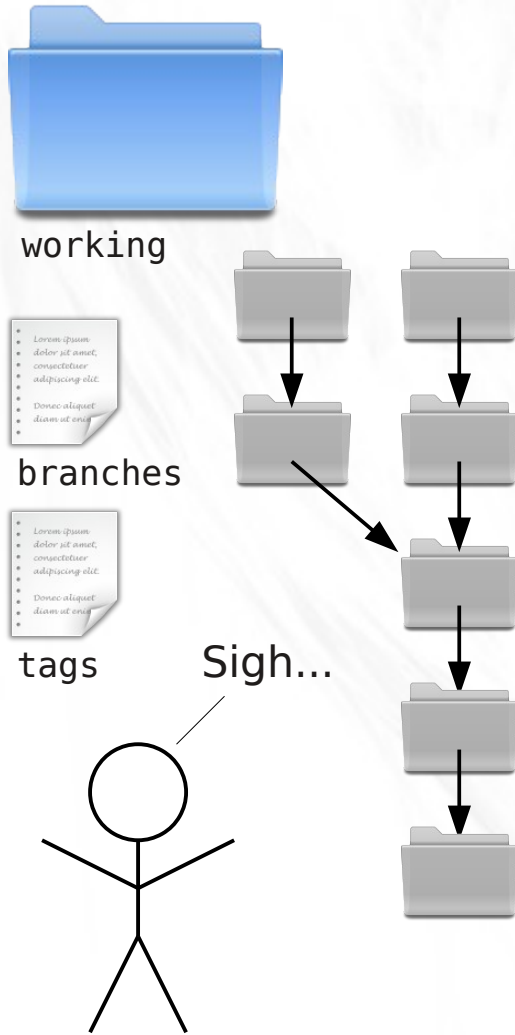




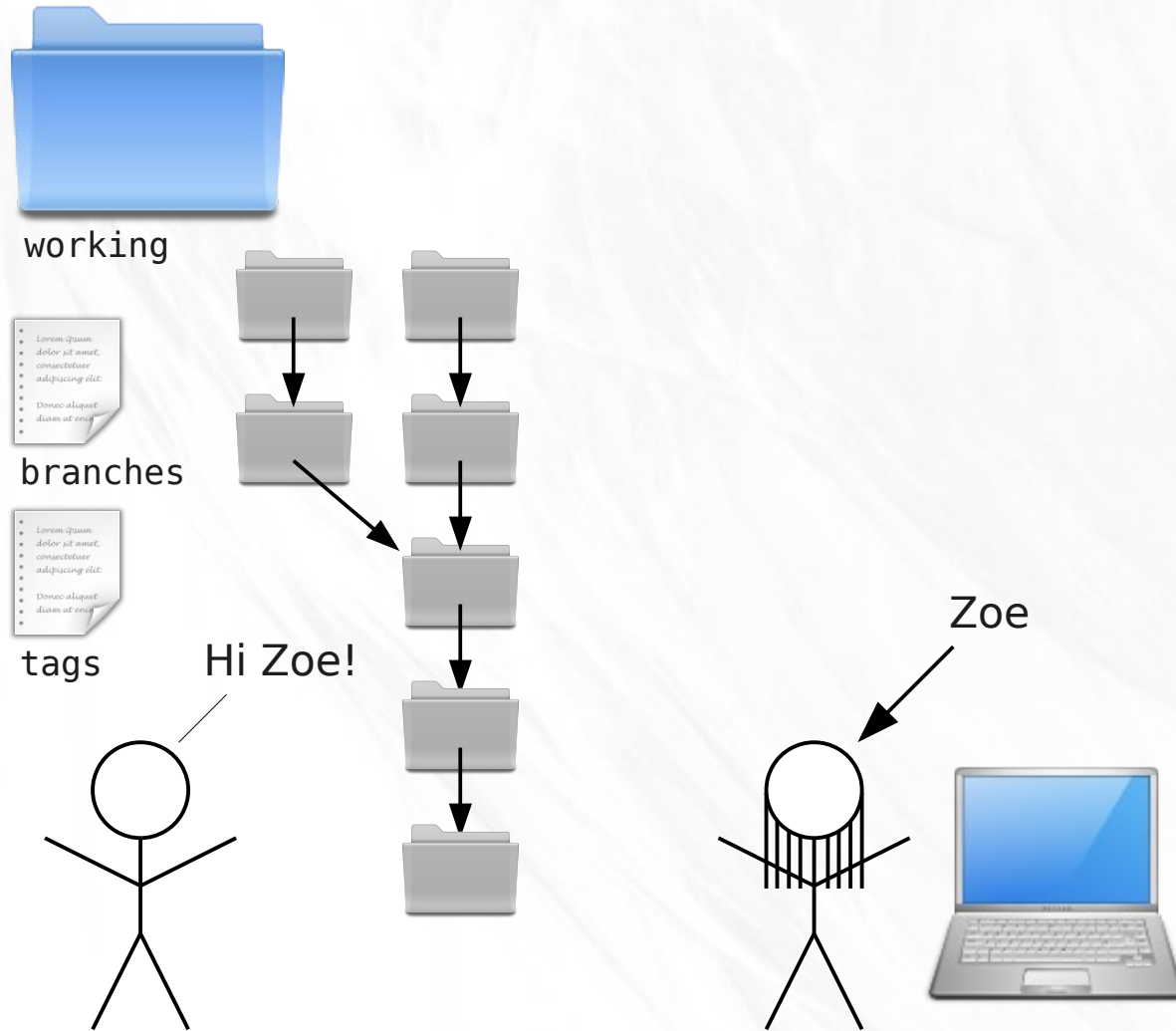
# Tags



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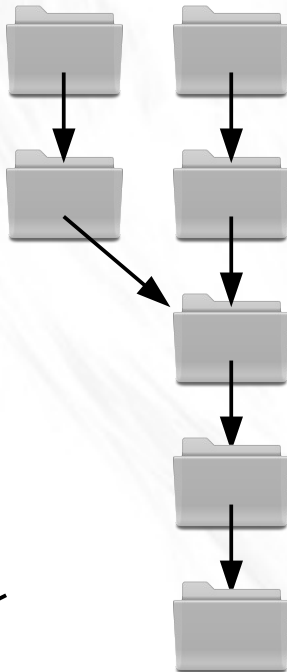
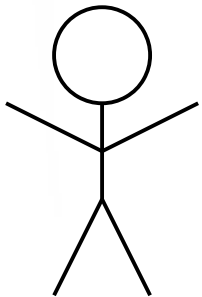
working



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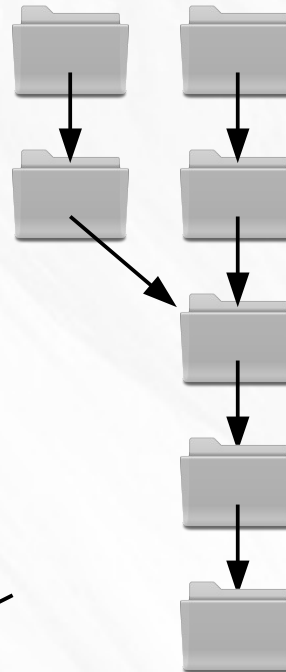
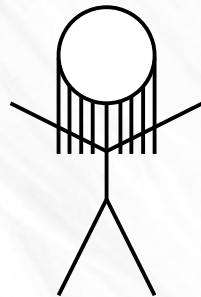
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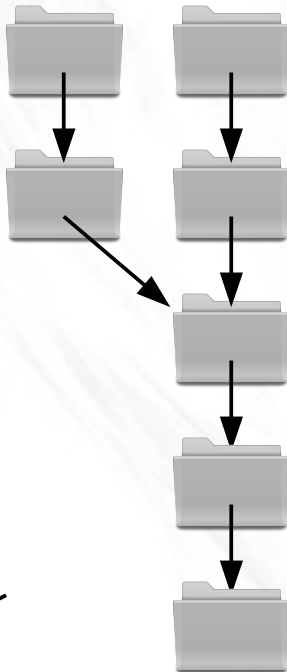
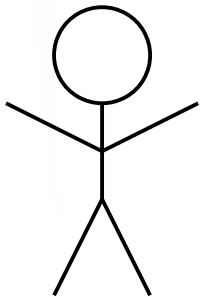
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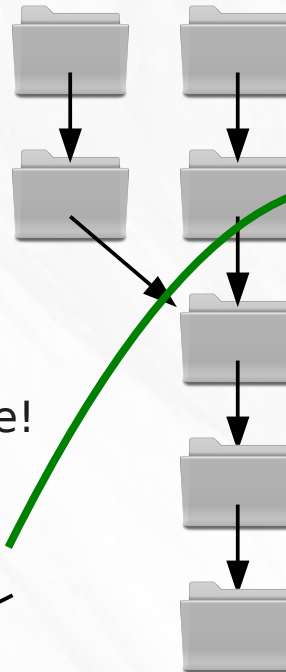
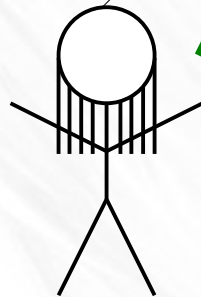


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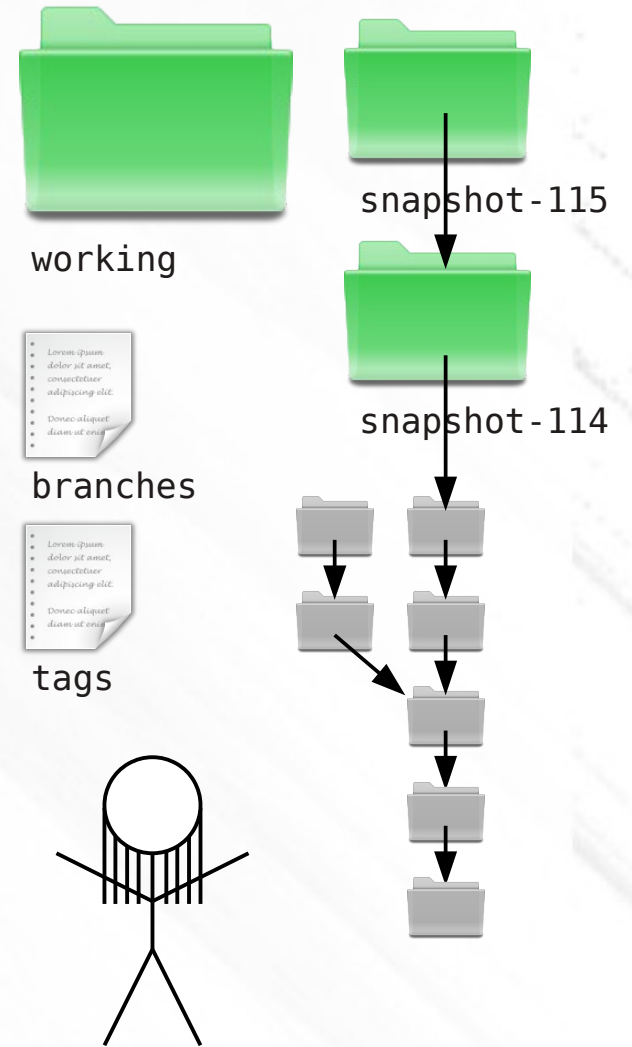
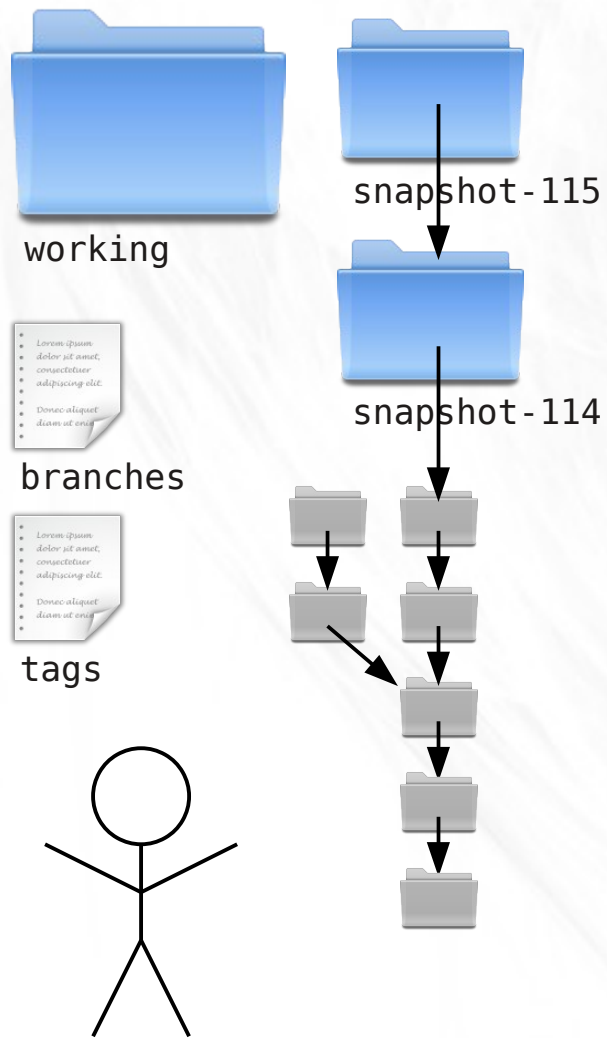


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Bye!



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snapshot-114



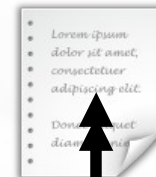
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parent: snapshot-113  
author: Me <me@me.me>

Blarfle, a cool new  
feature; extends the  
existing blorg.



snapshot-114



message

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parent: snapshot-113  
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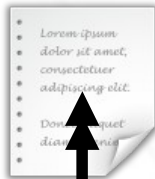
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**SHA1**



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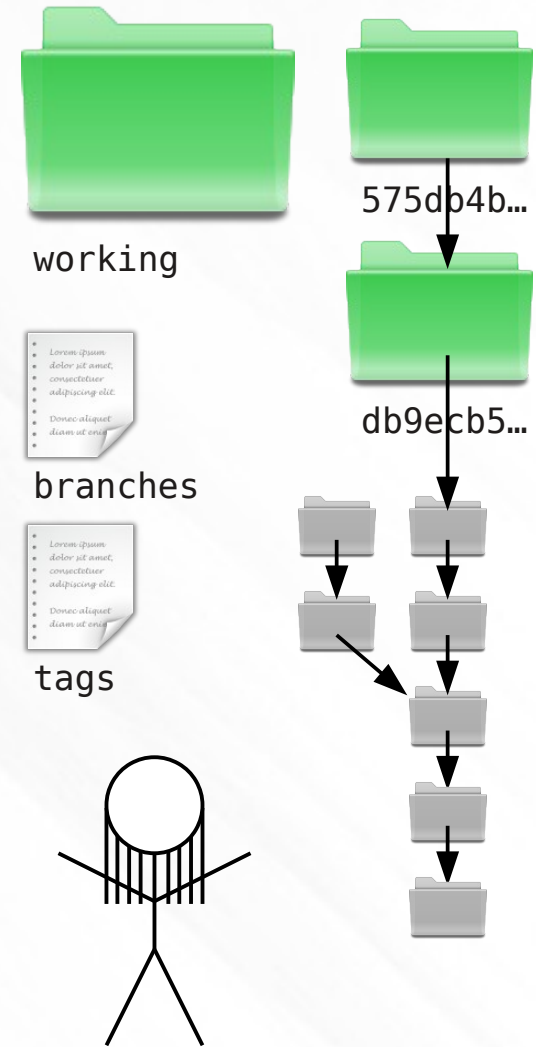
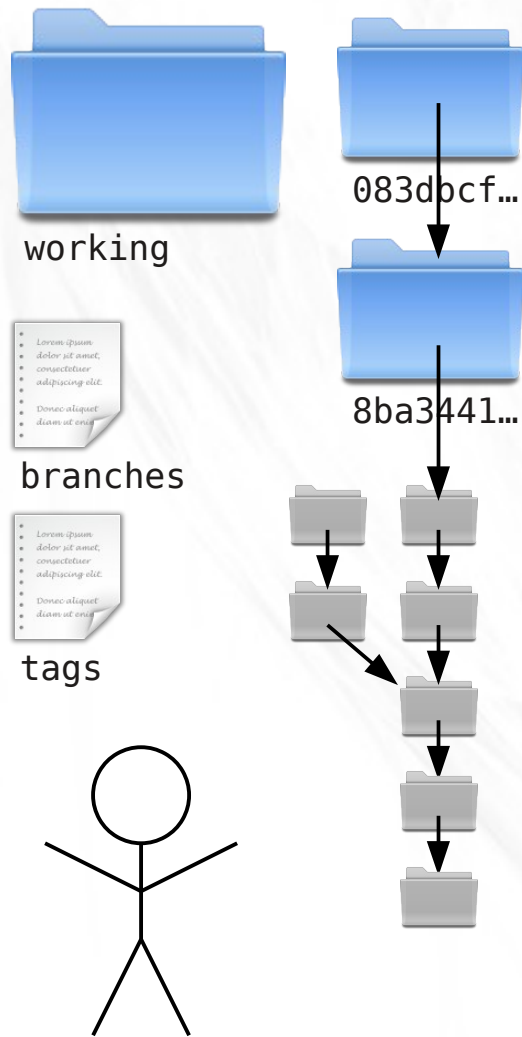


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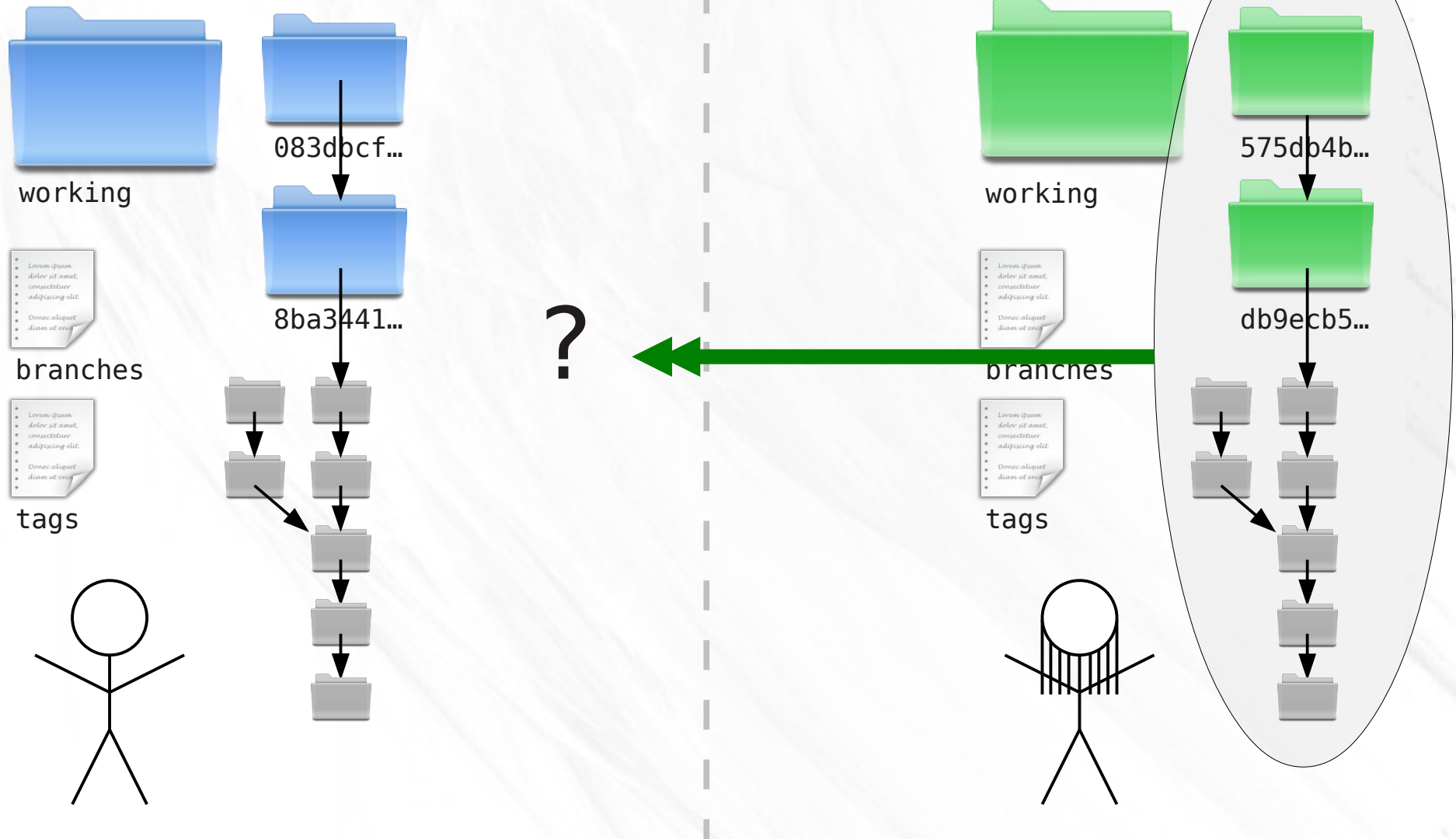
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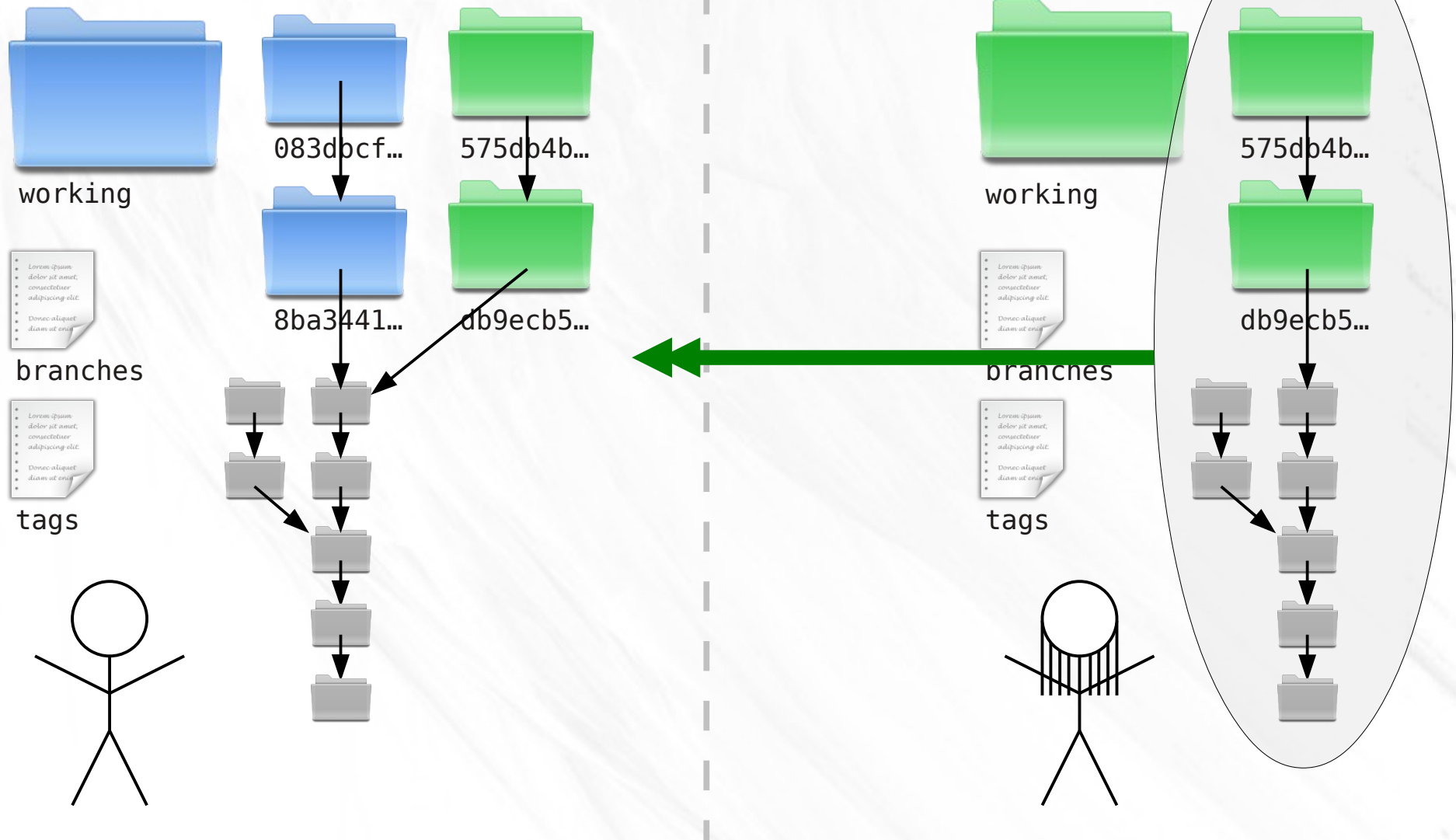
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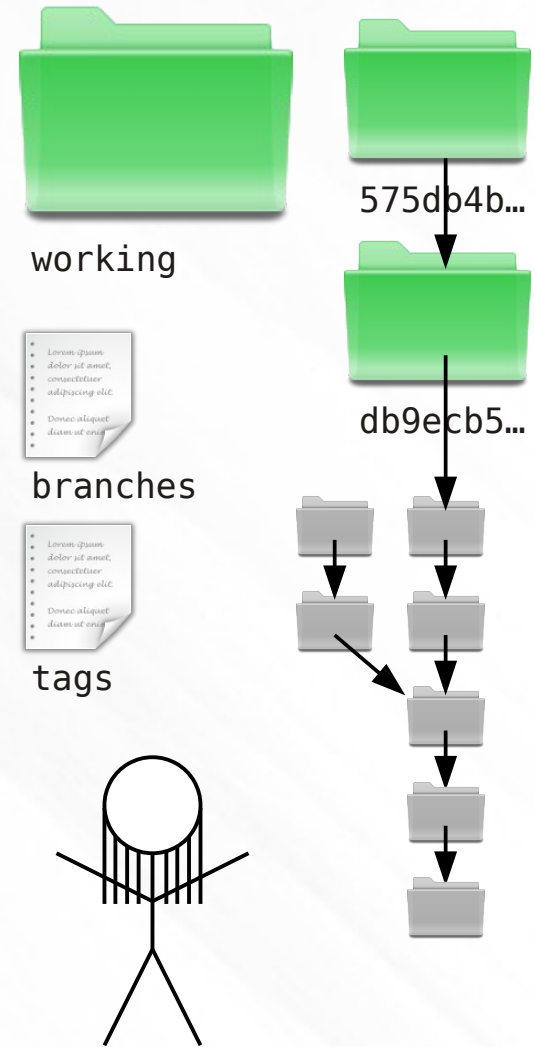
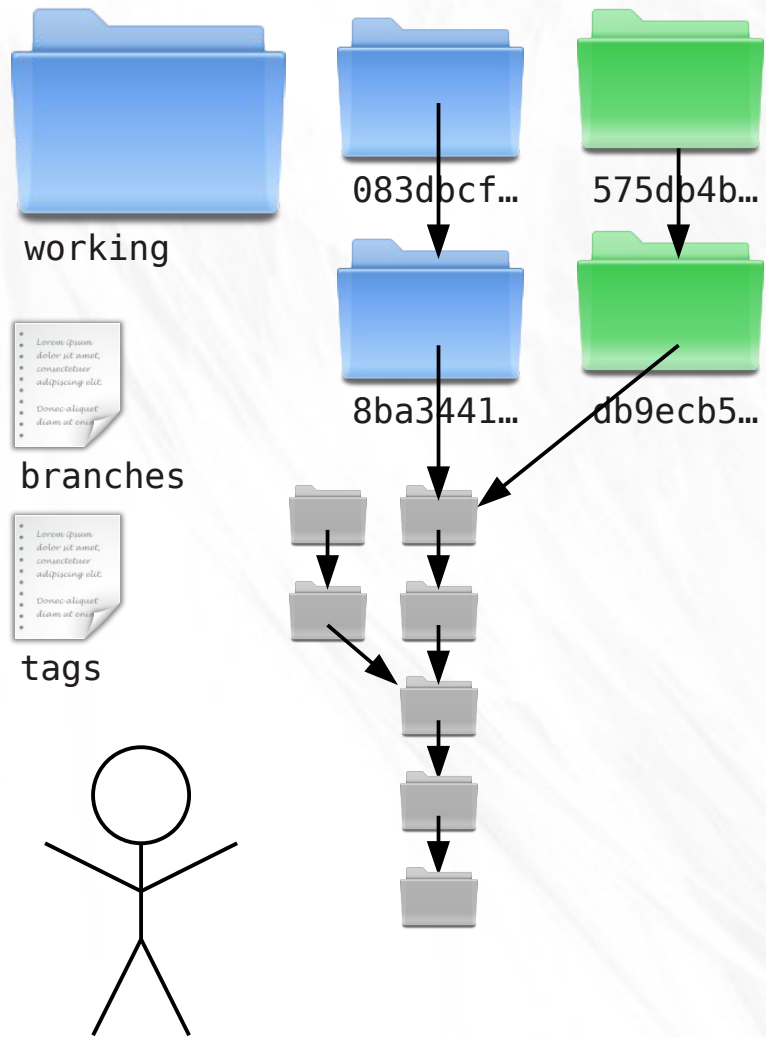
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# Offline



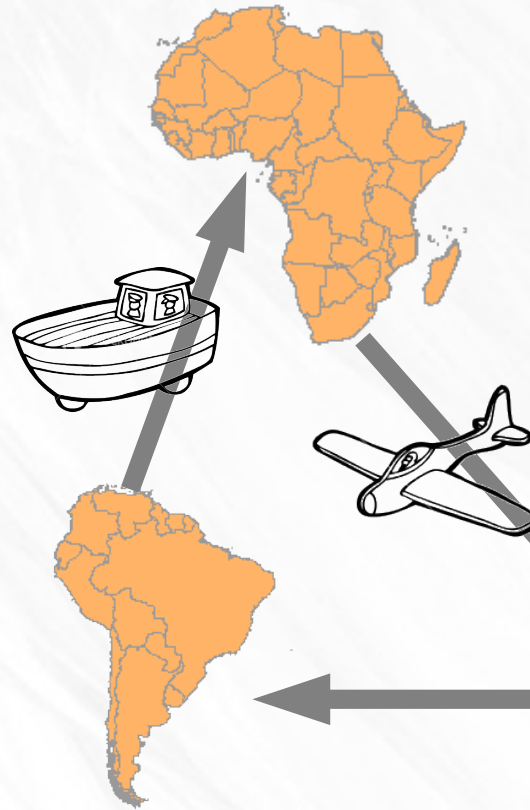
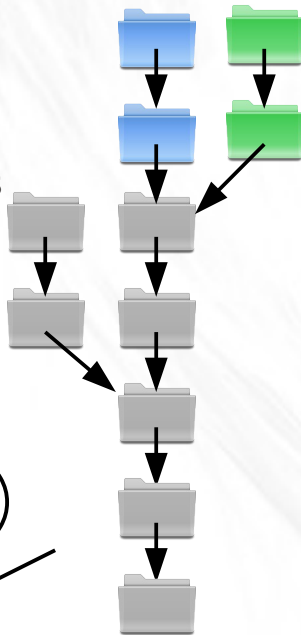
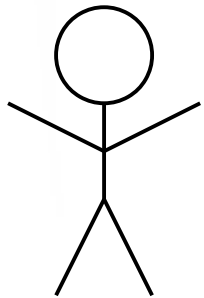
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branches



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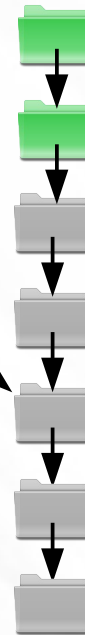
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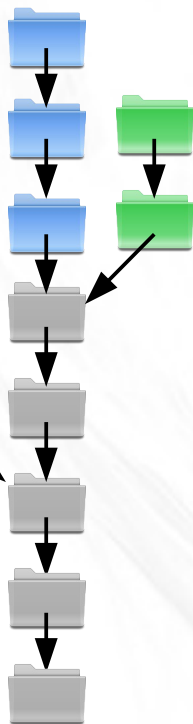
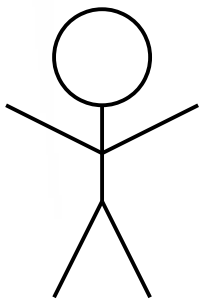
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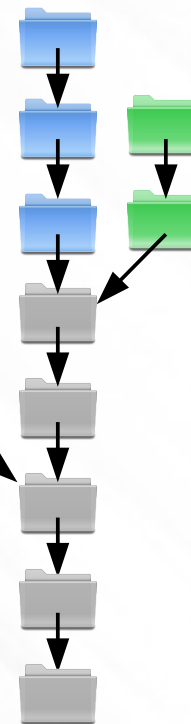
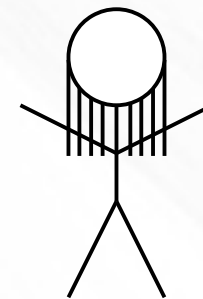
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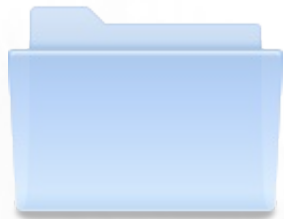


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# (simpler drawings)



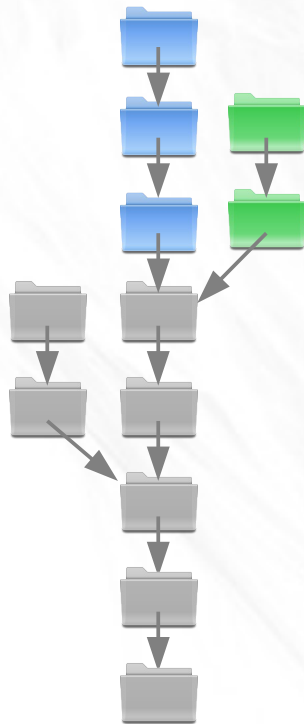
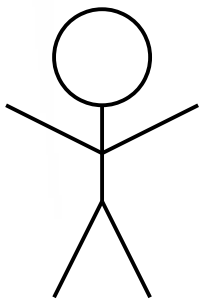
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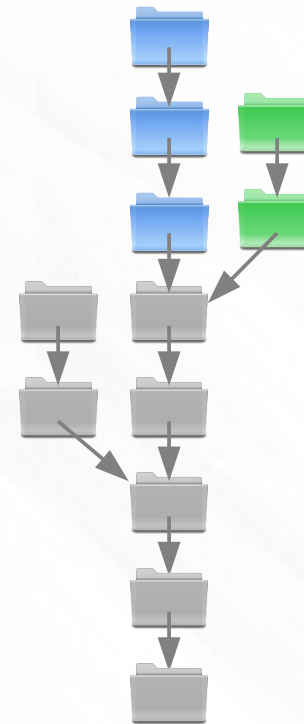
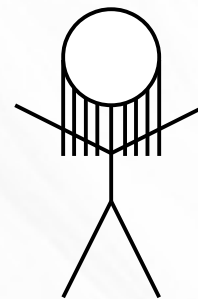
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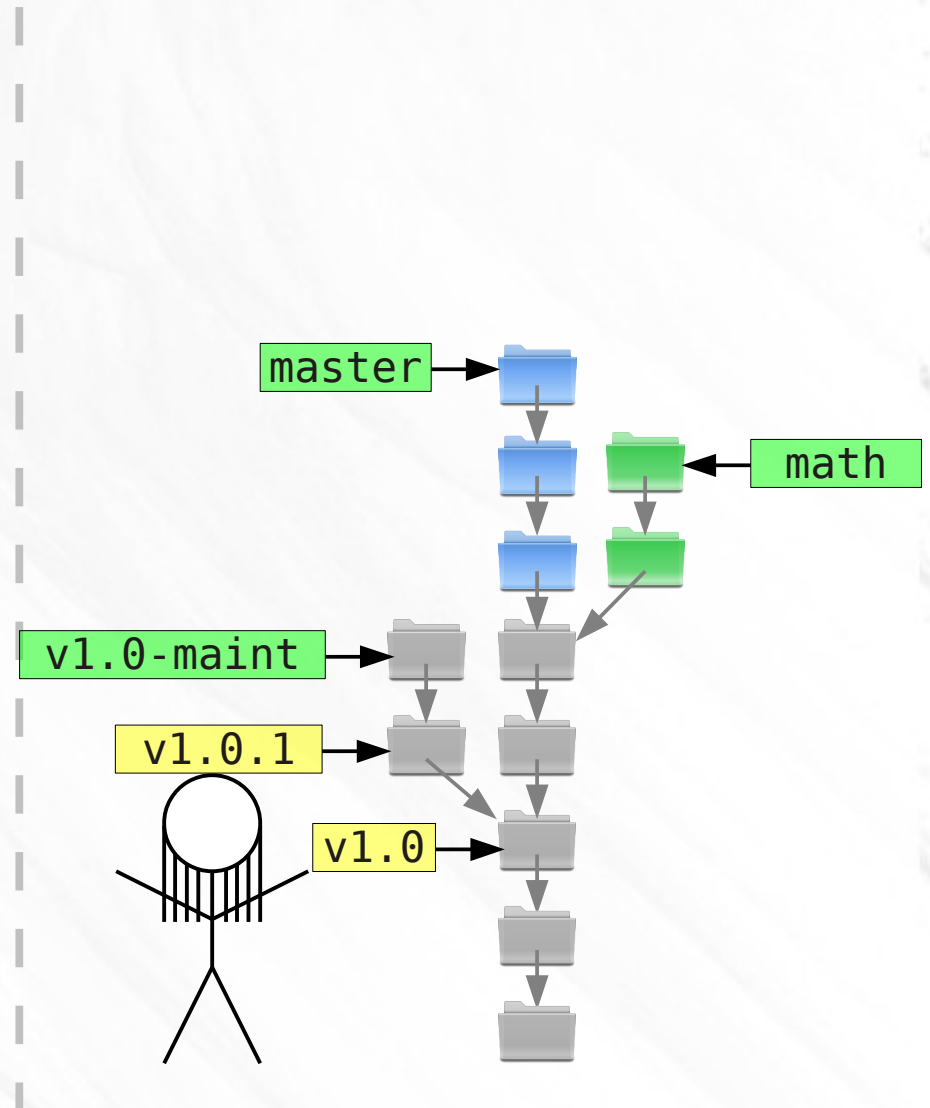
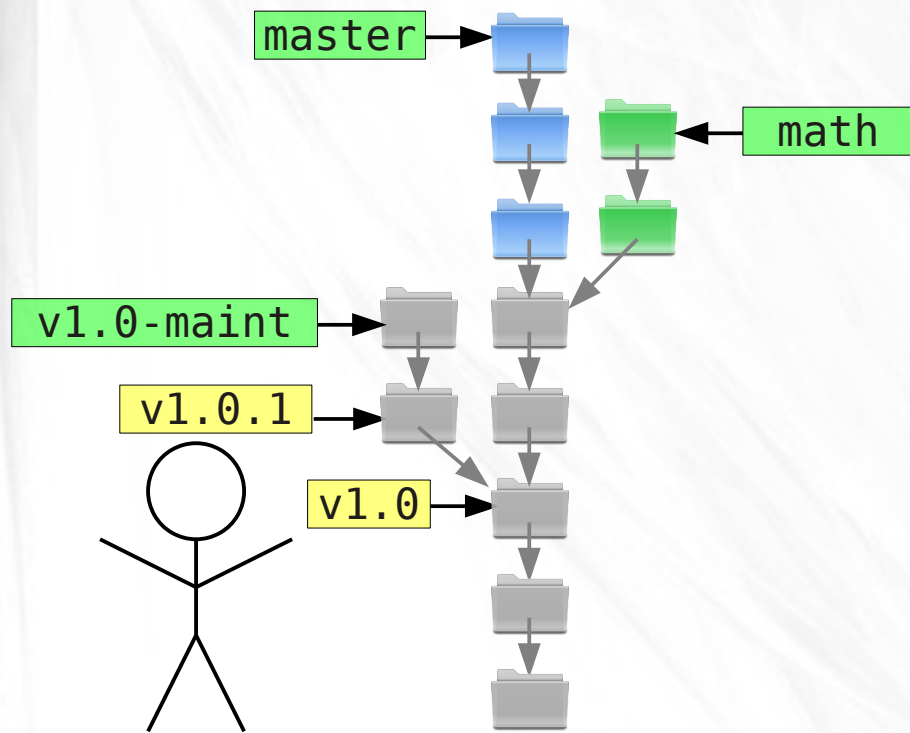
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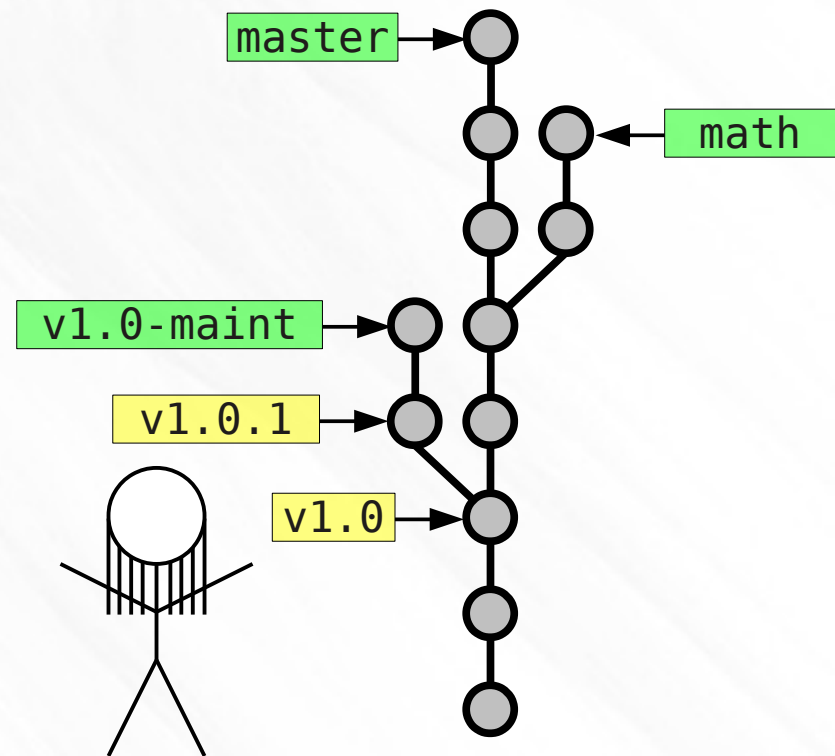
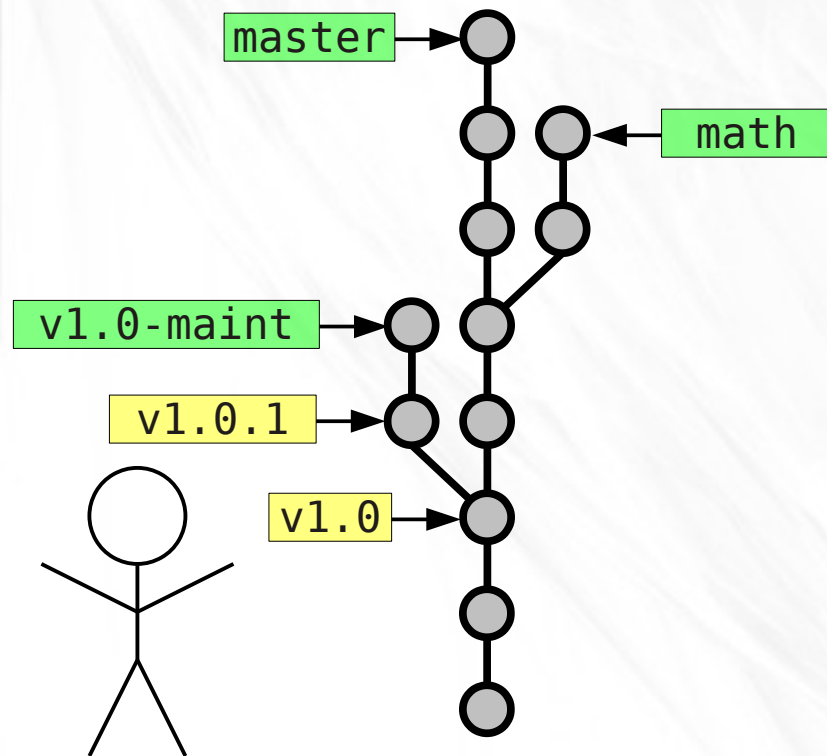
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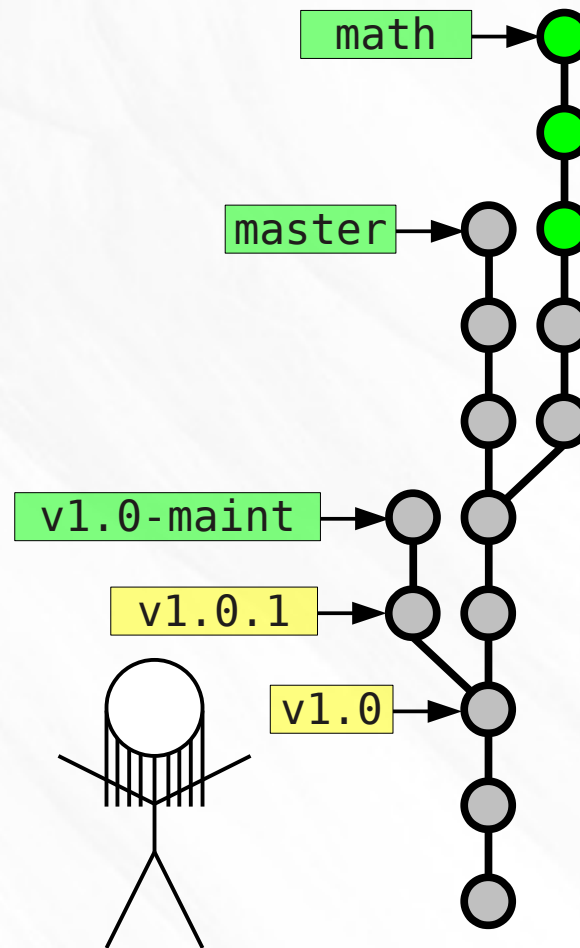
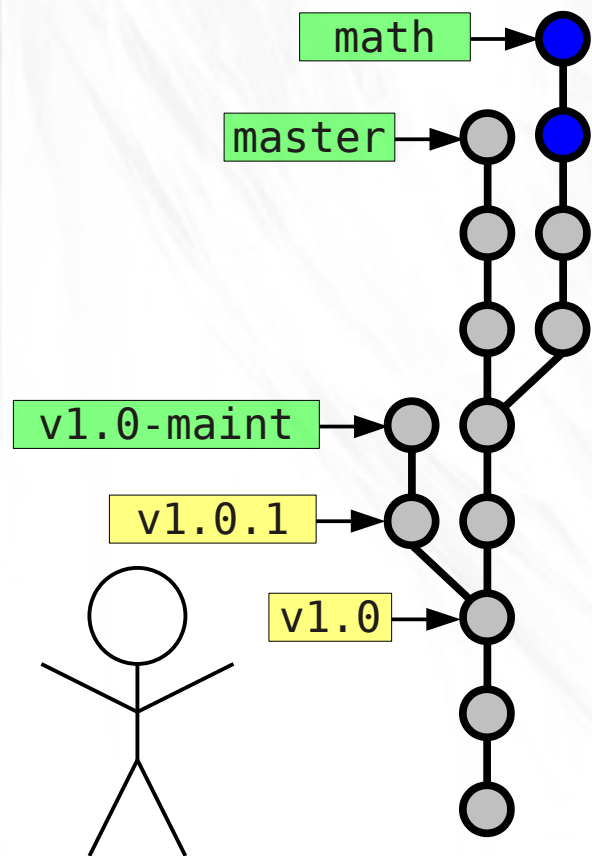
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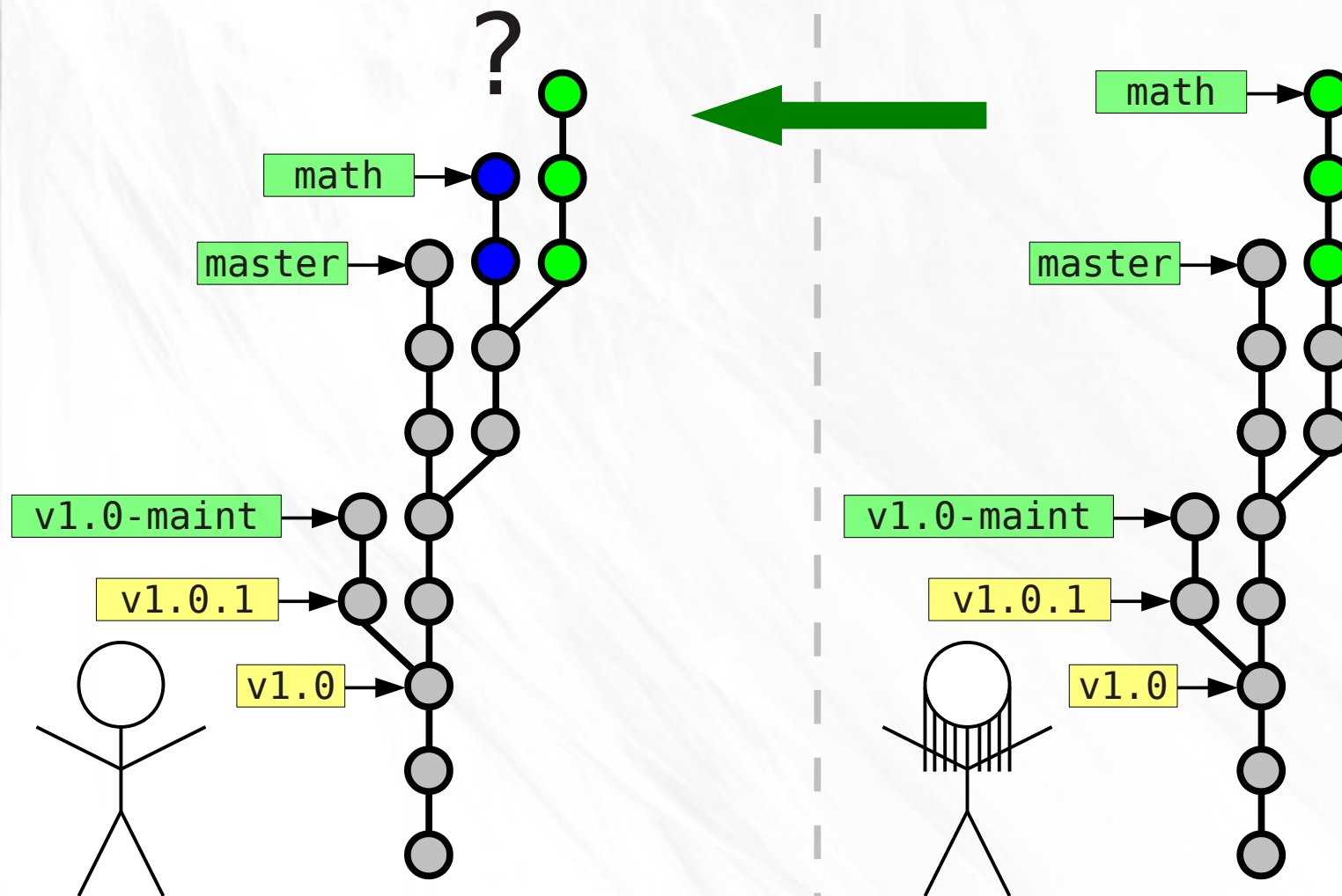
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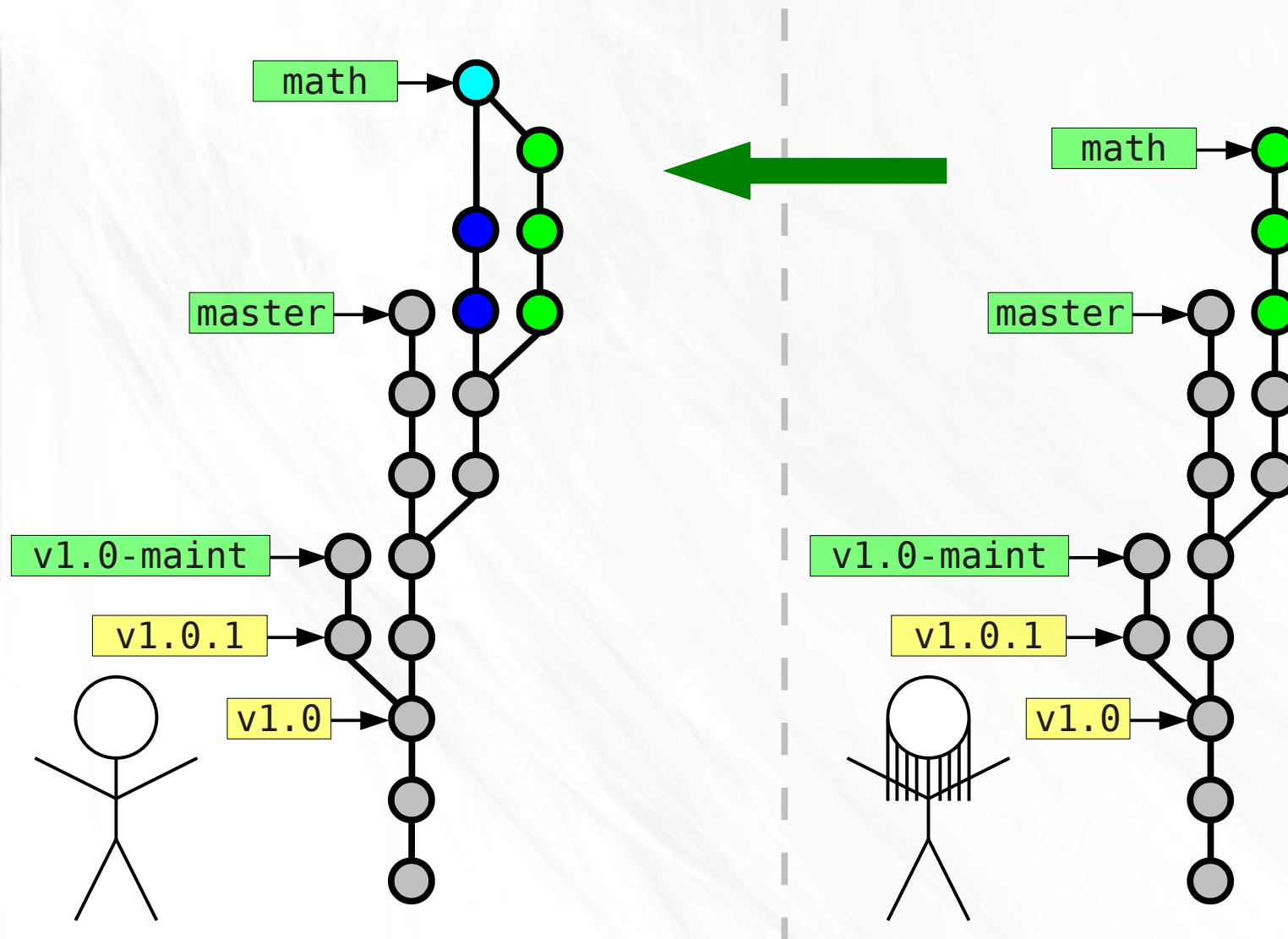
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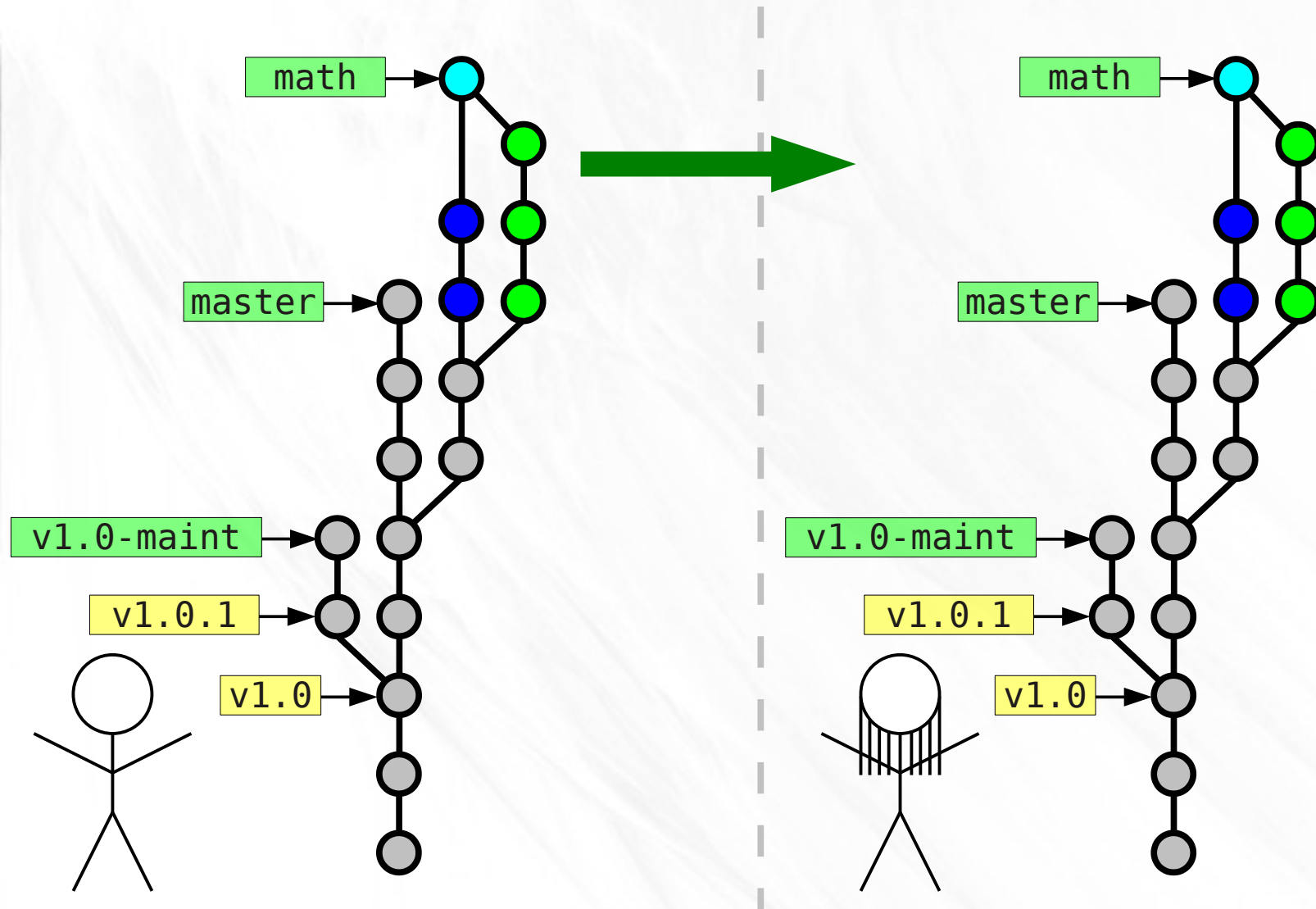
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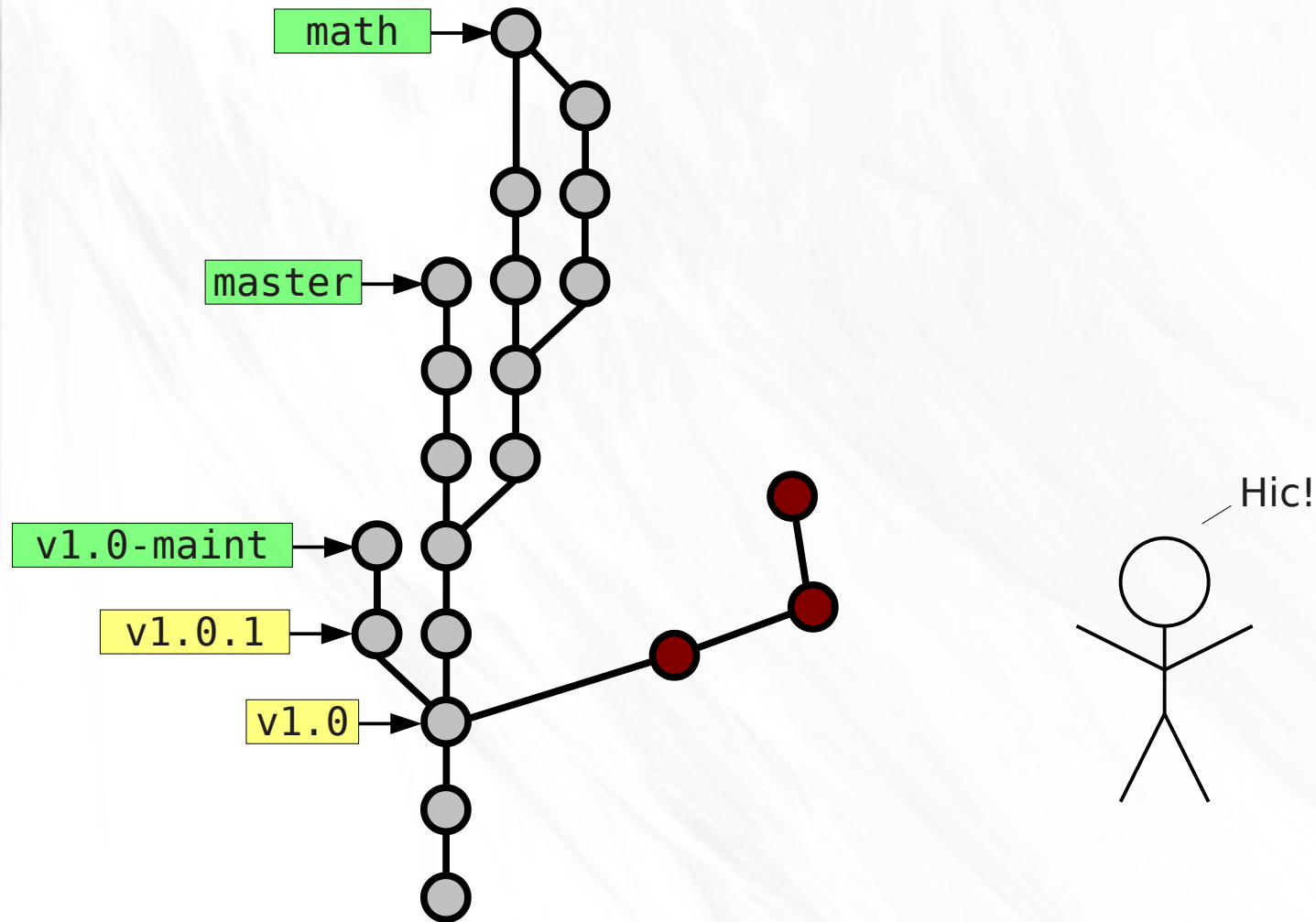


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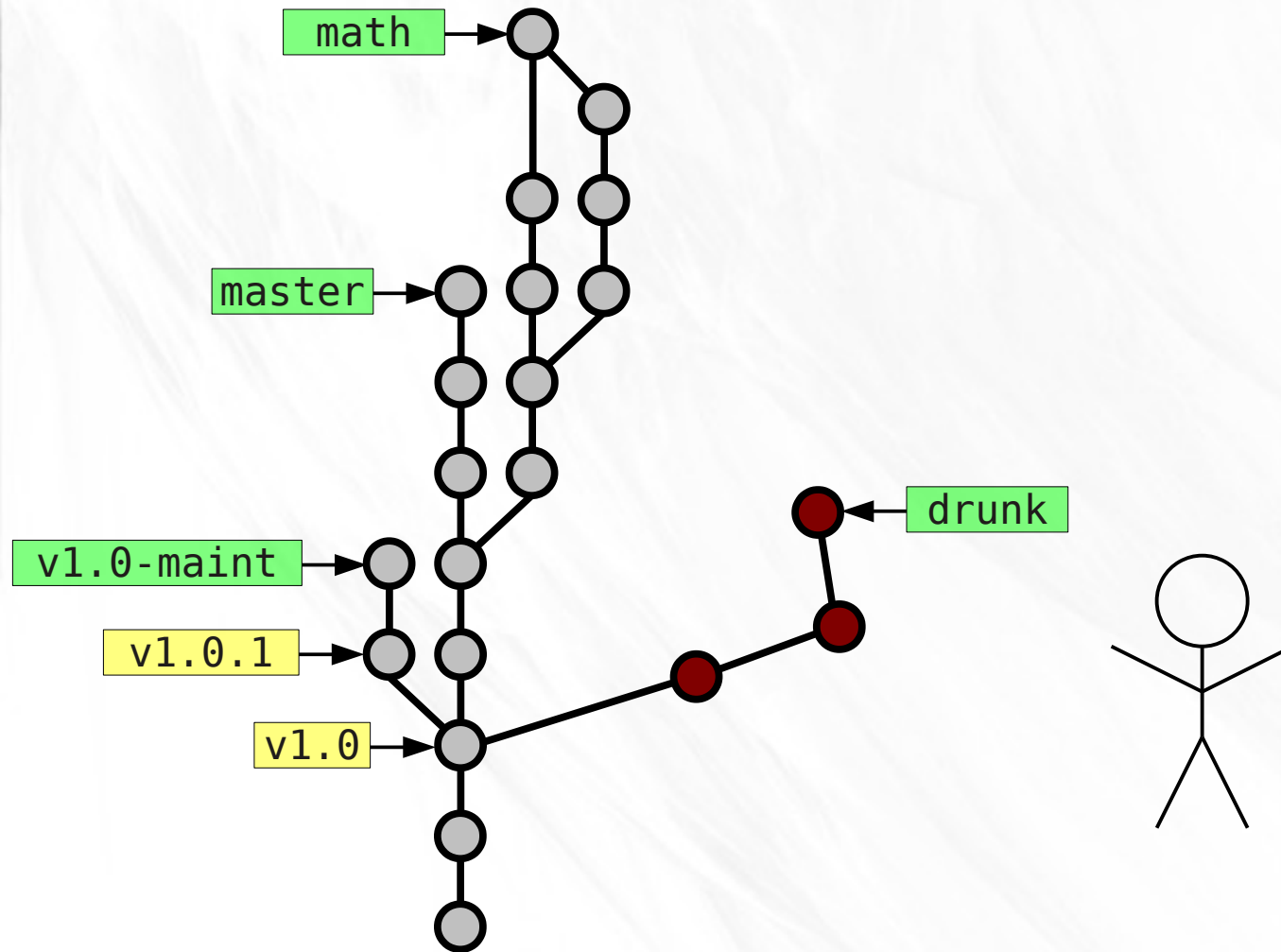




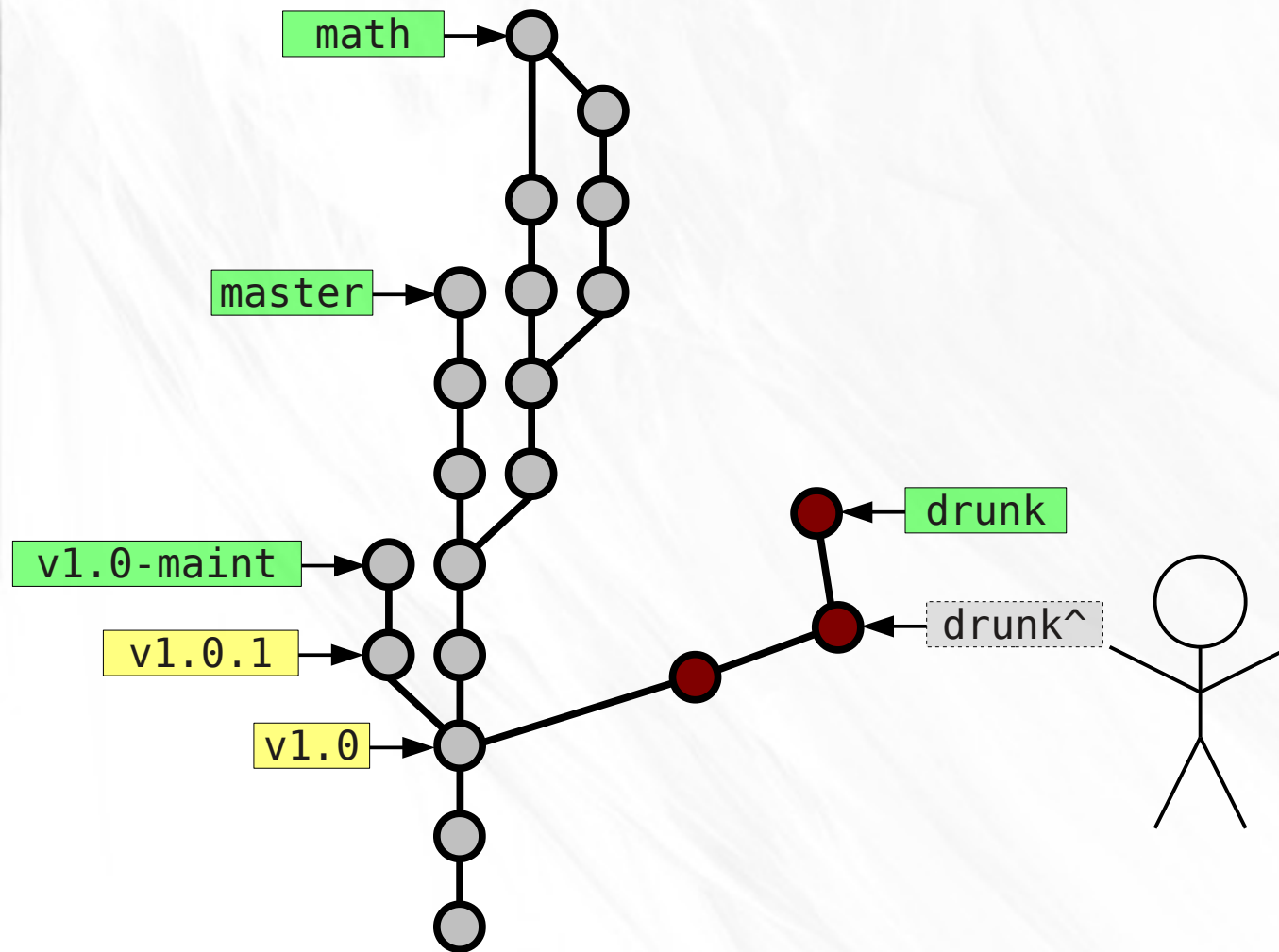
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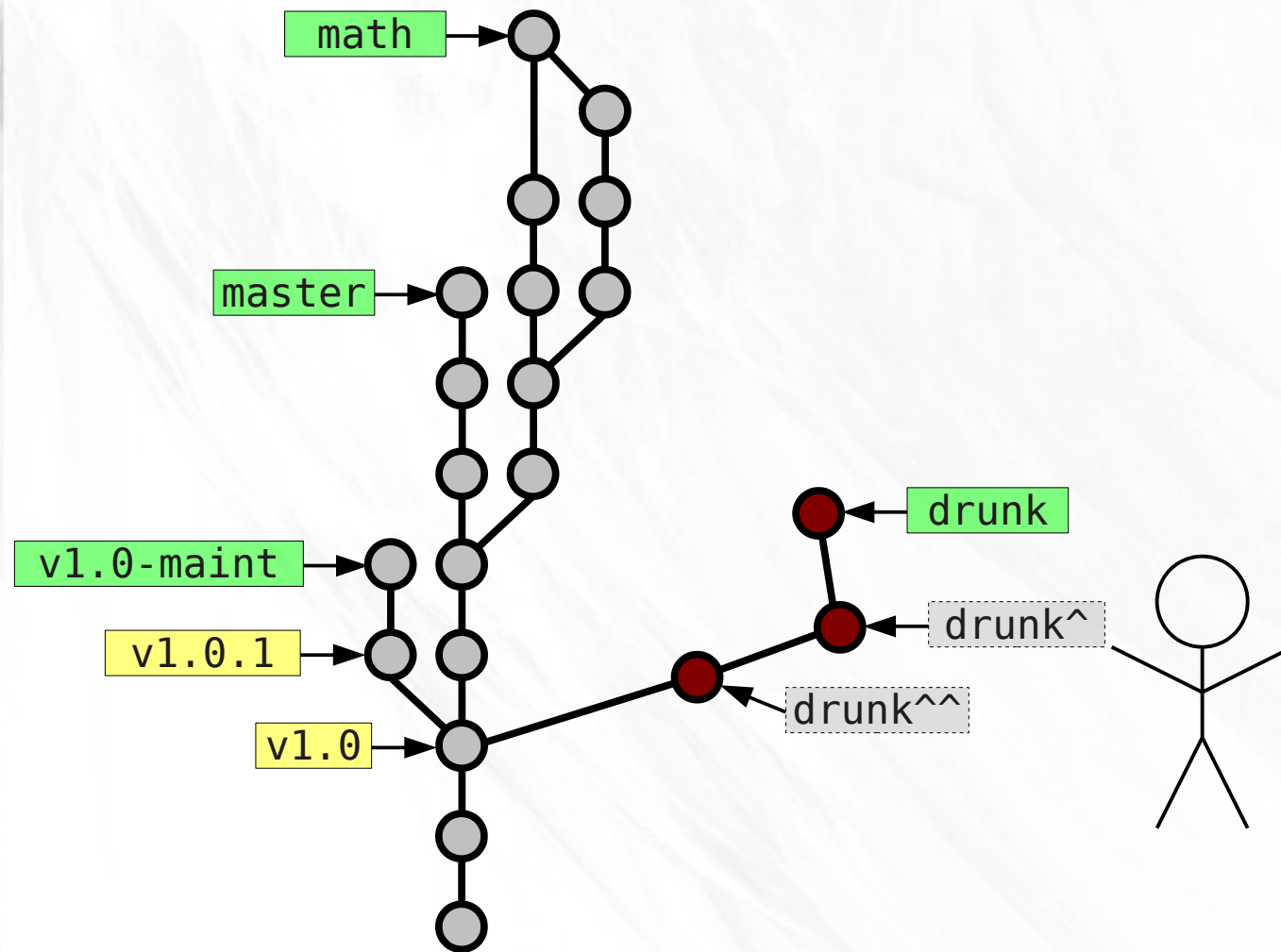
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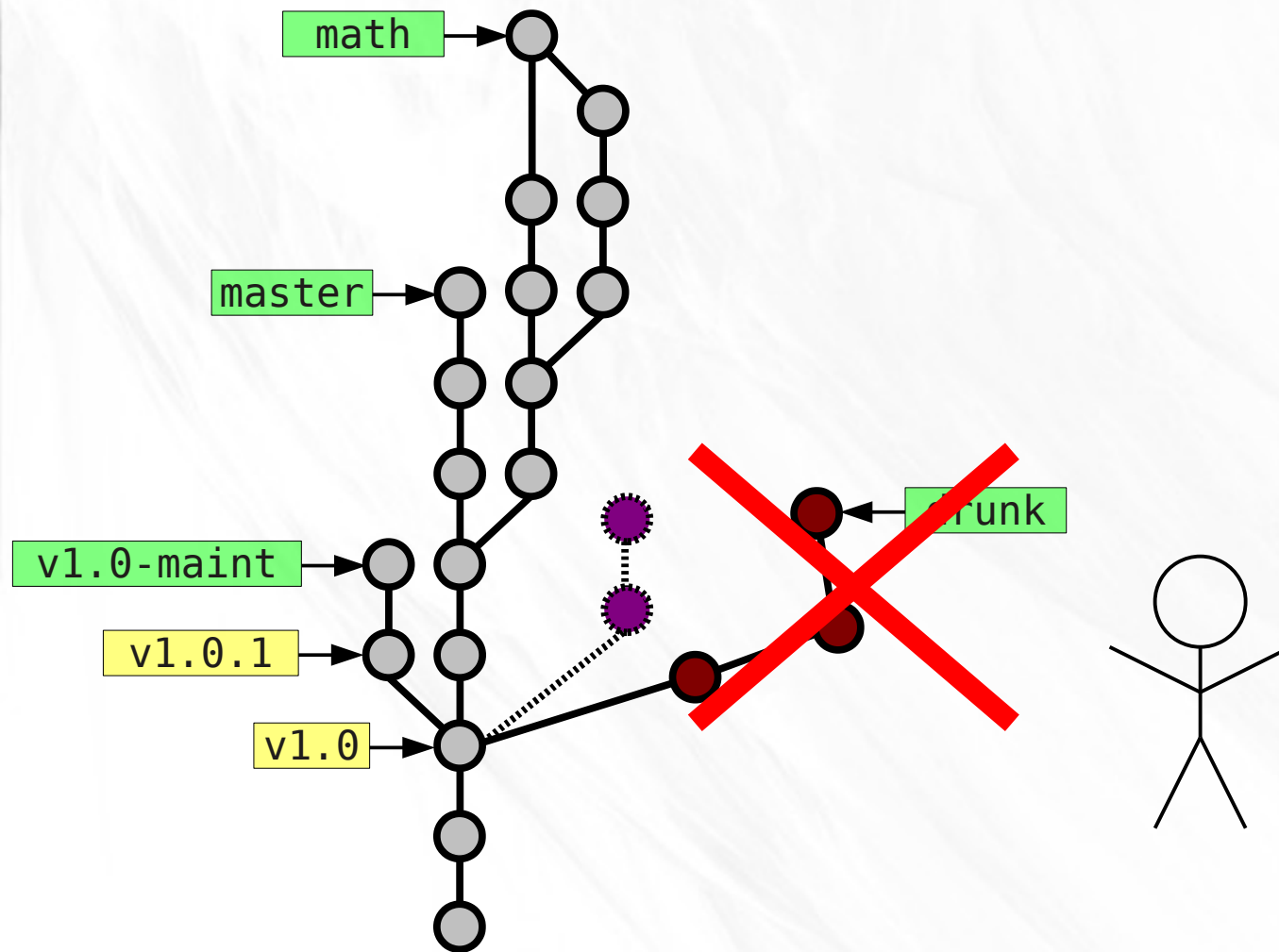
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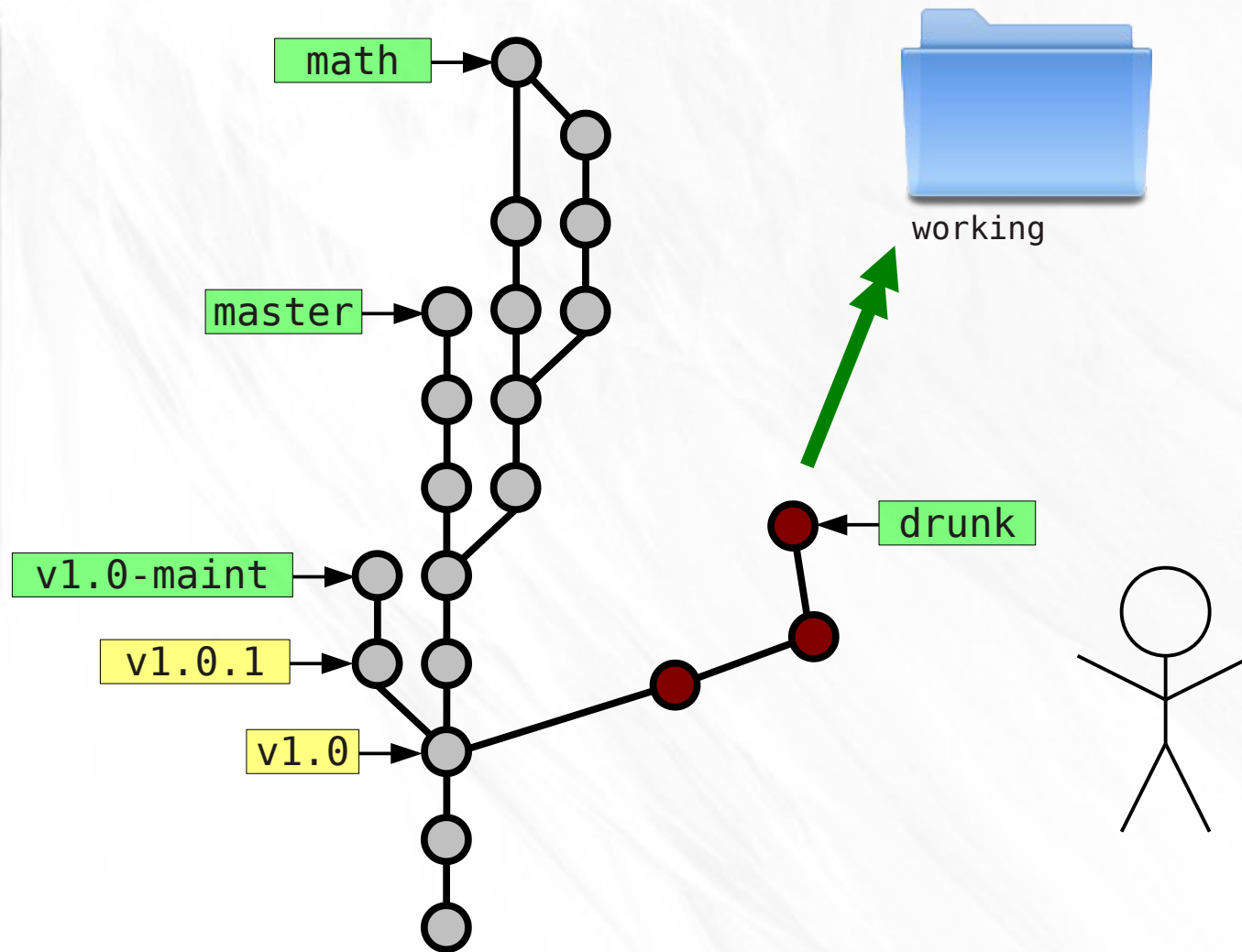
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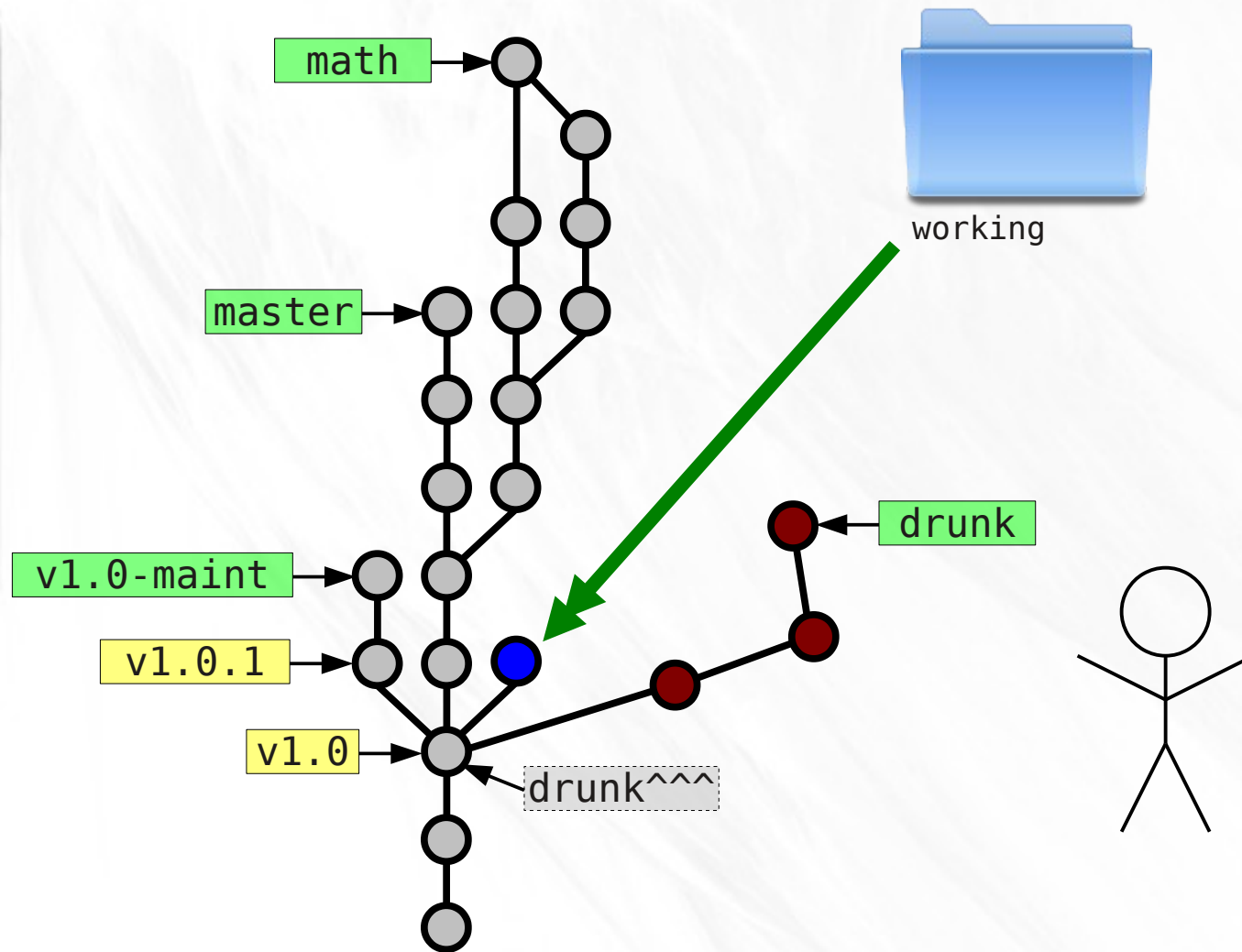
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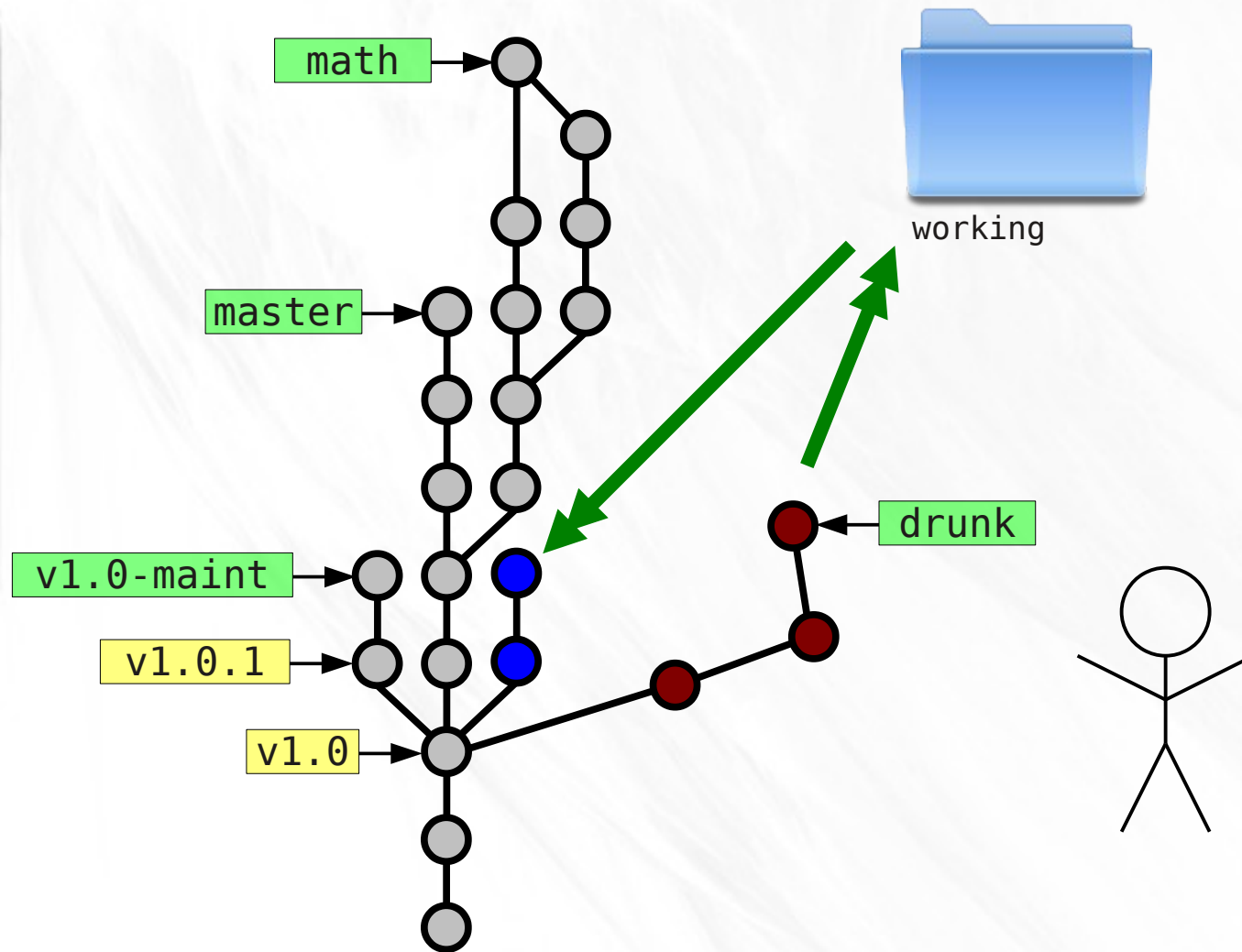


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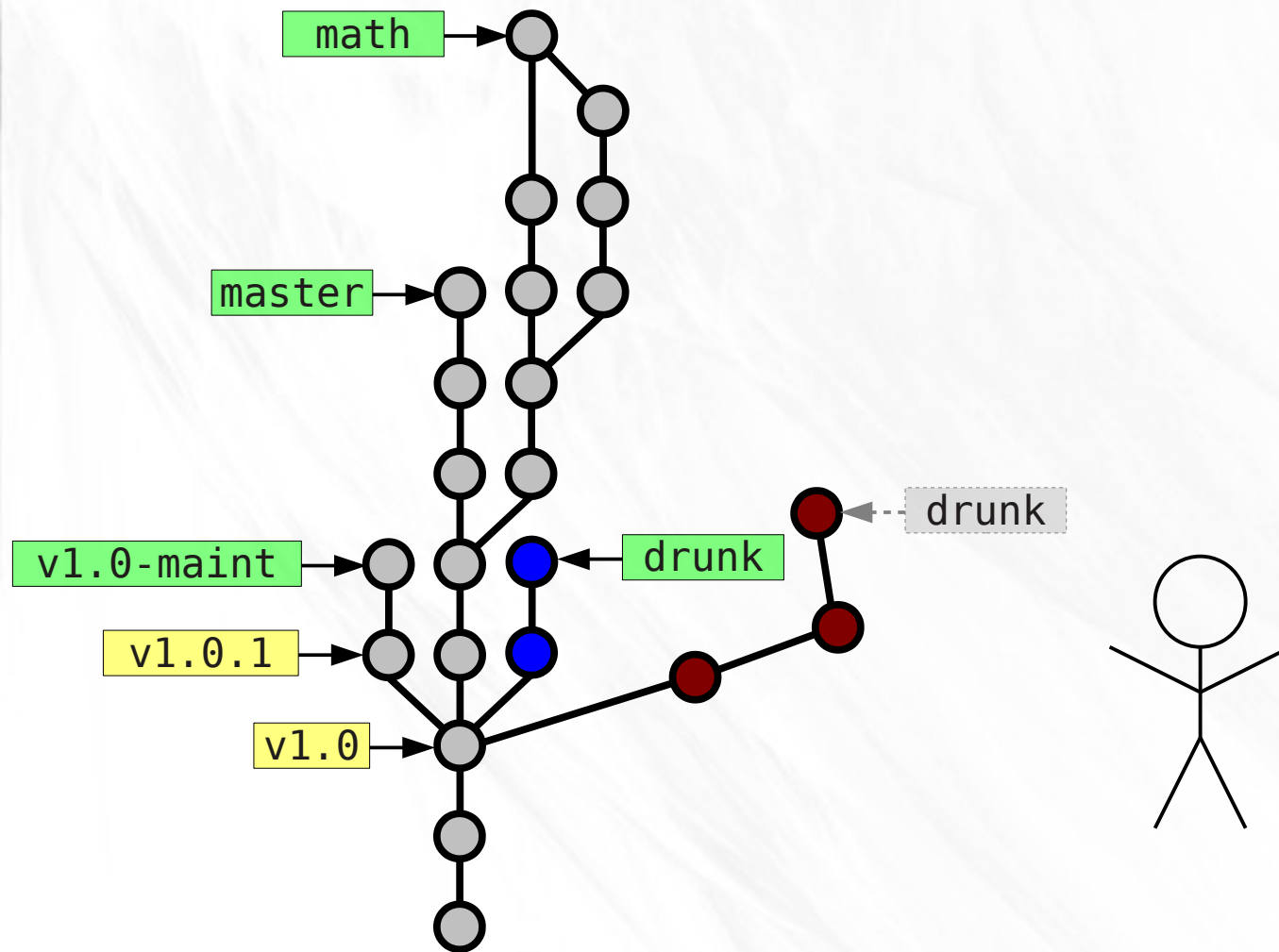




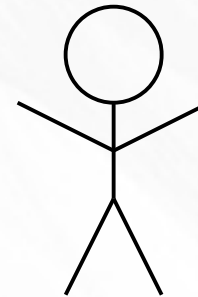
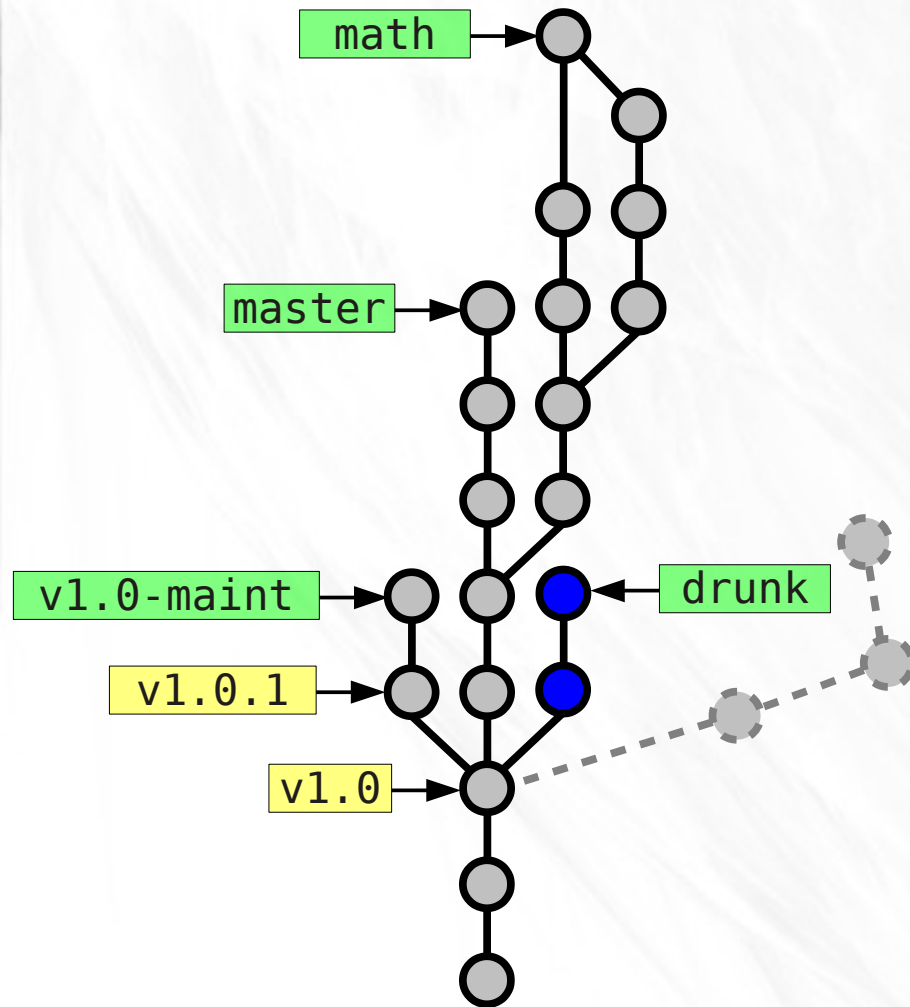
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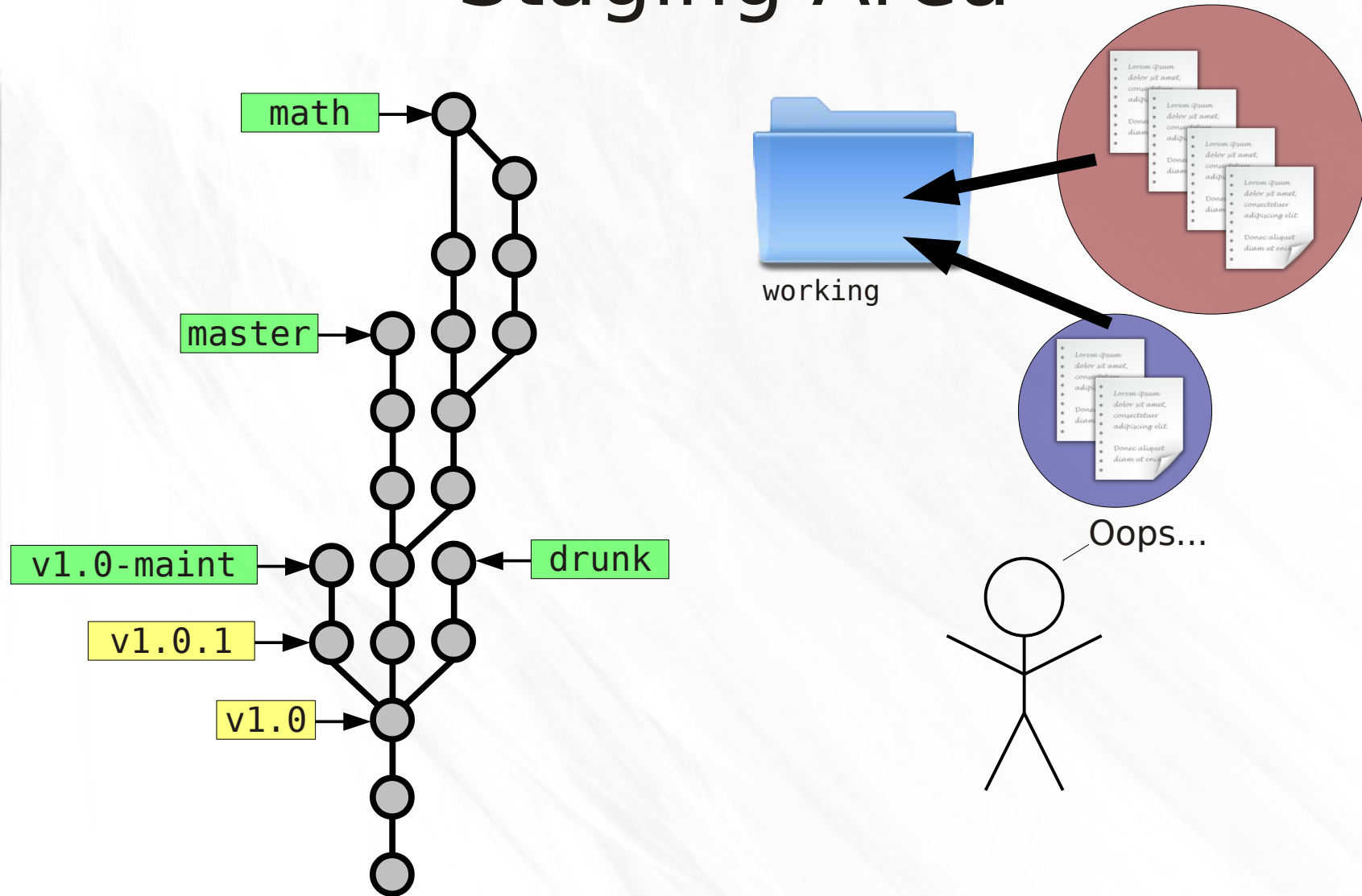
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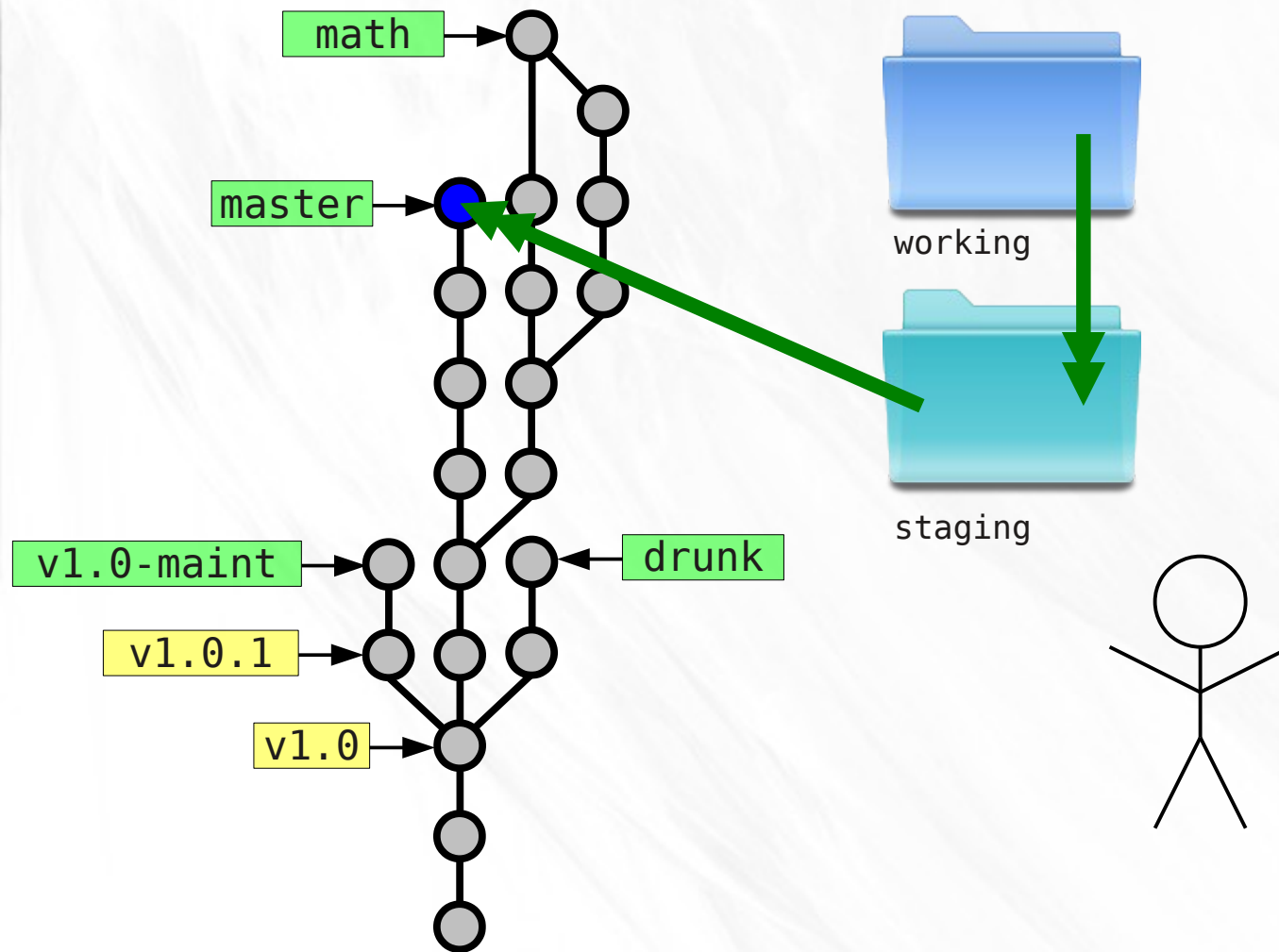
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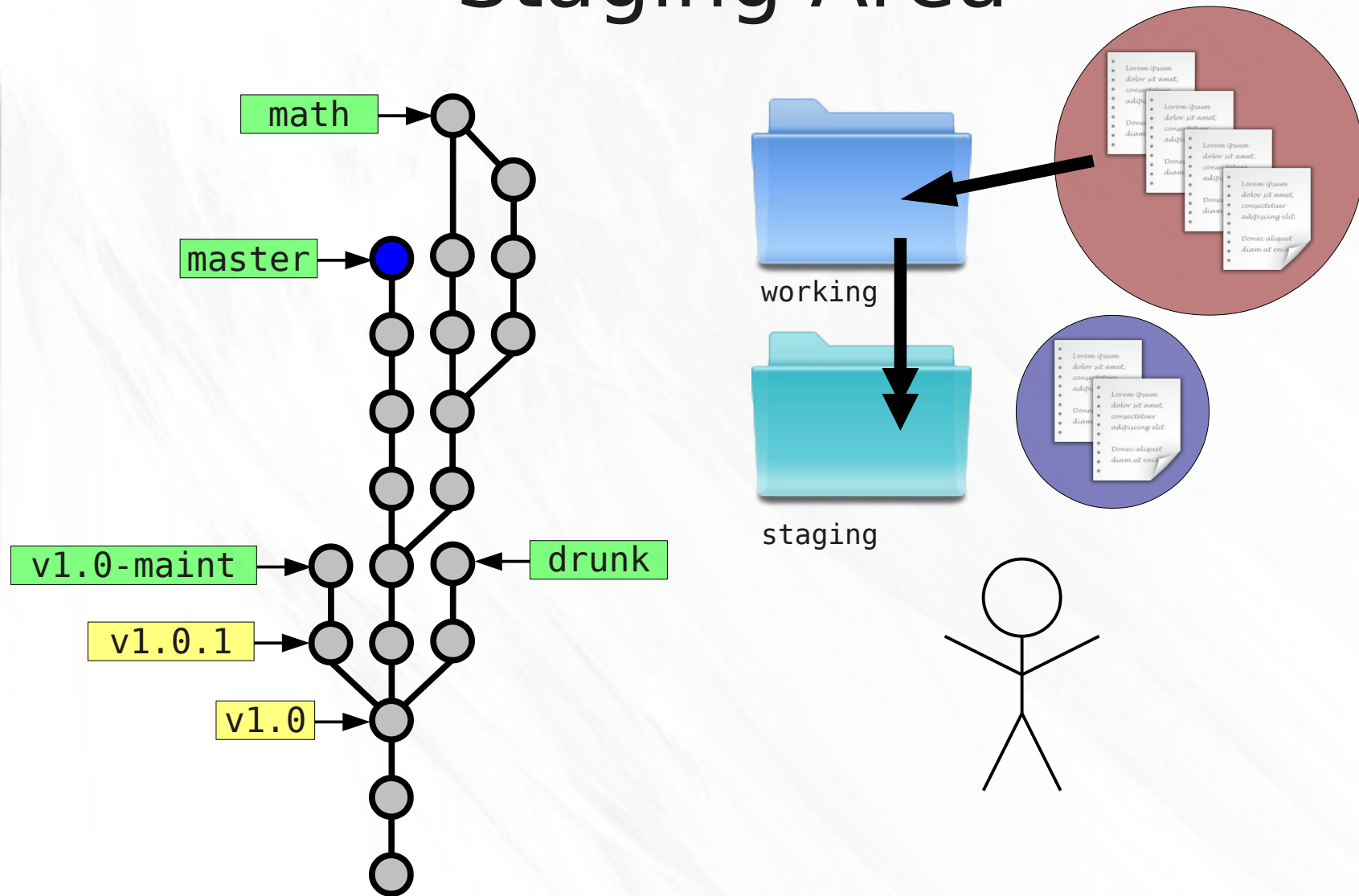
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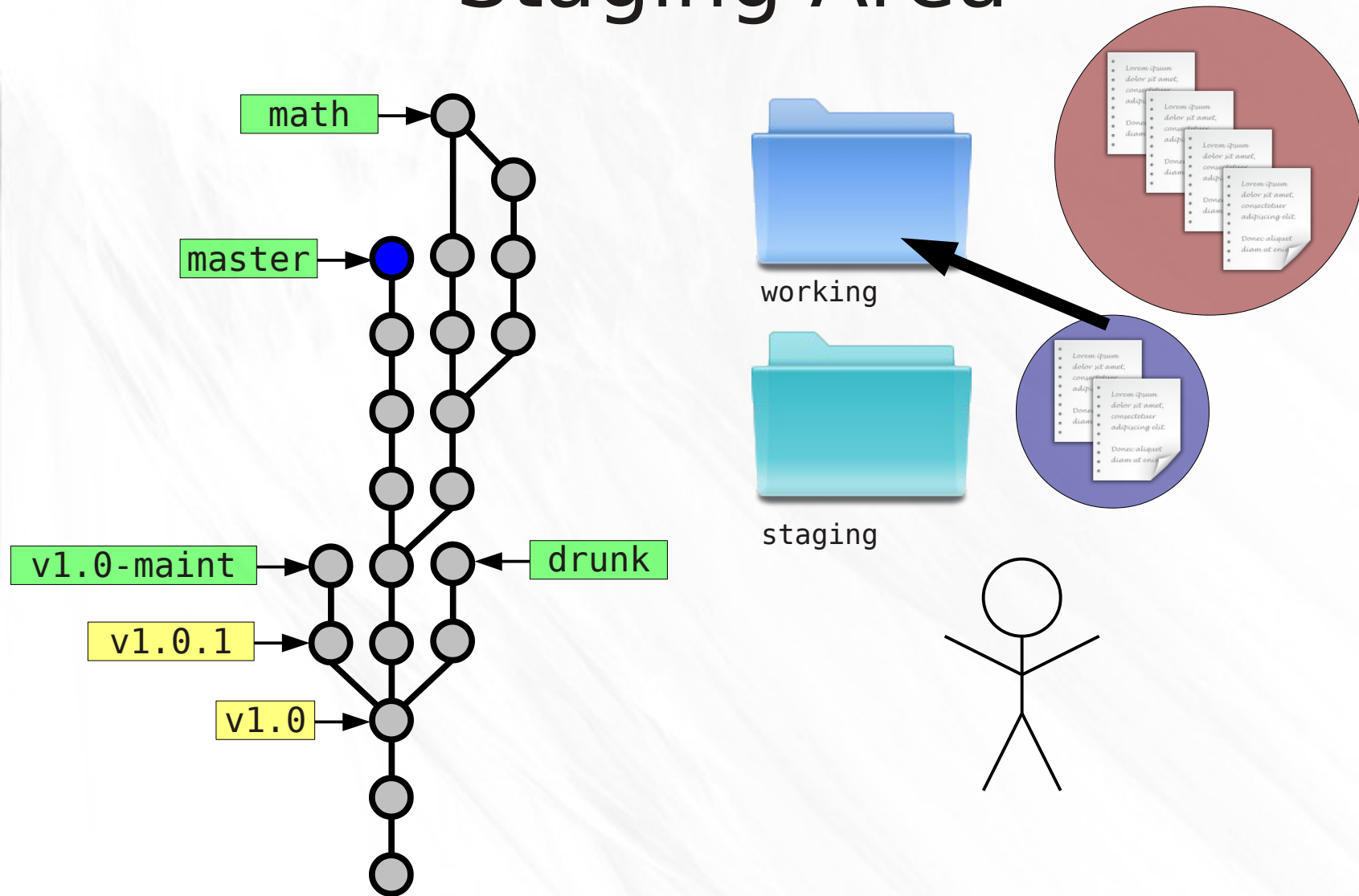


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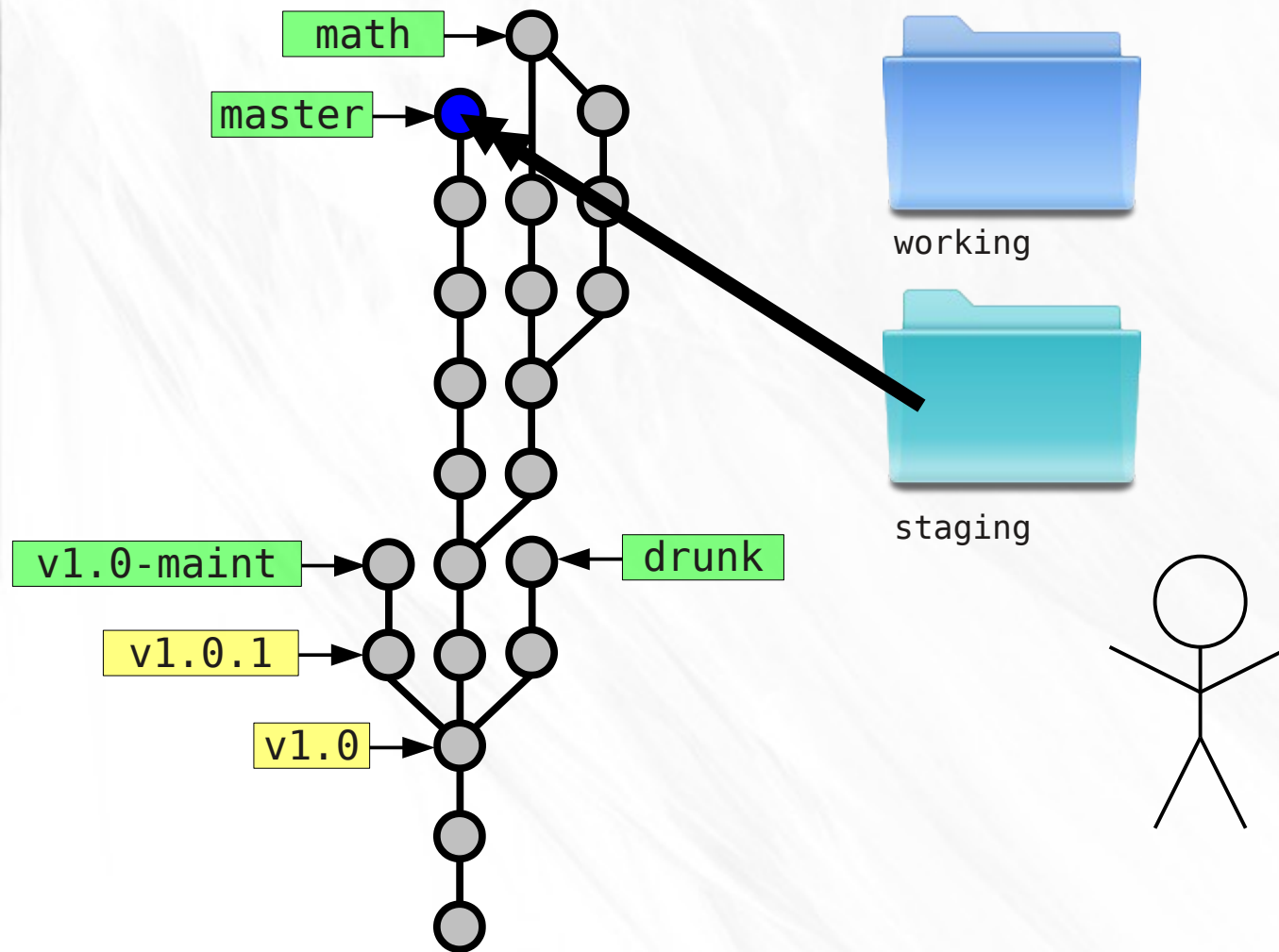


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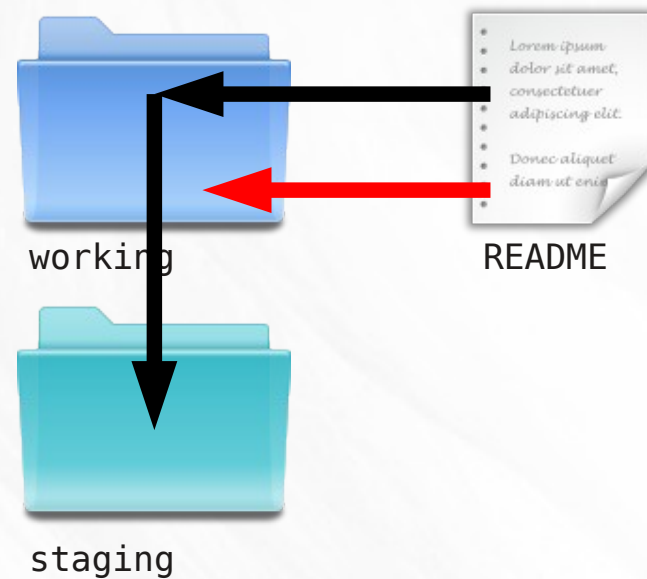
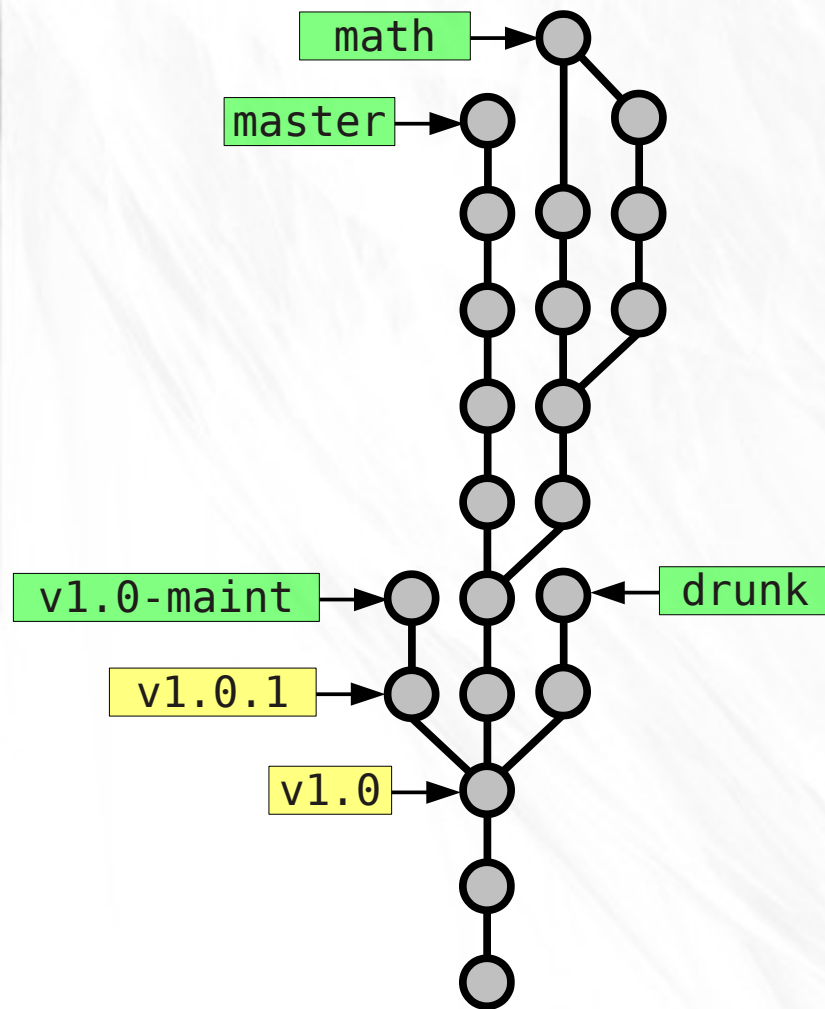




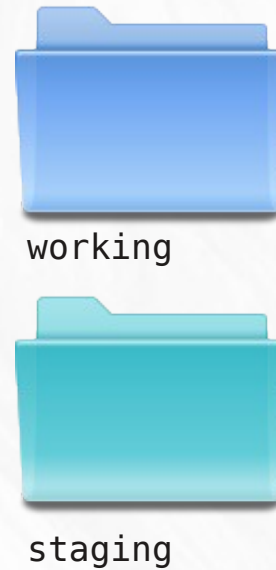
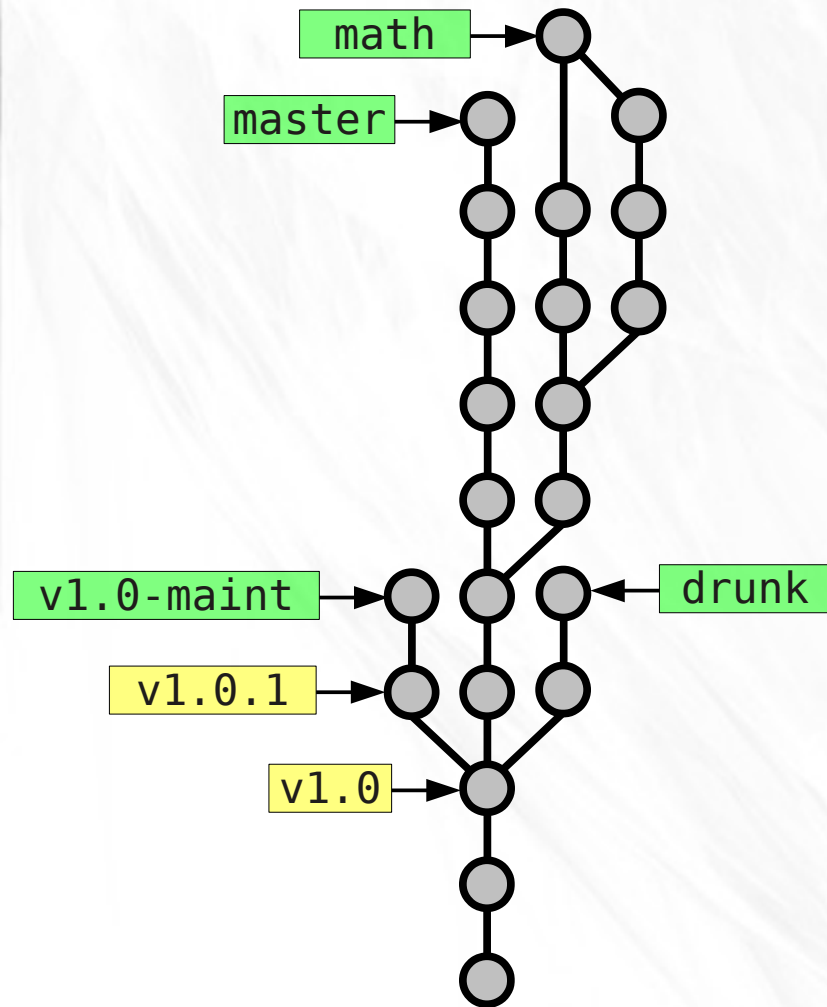
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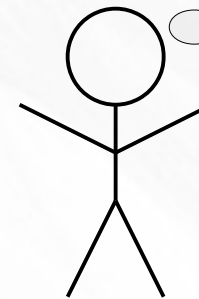


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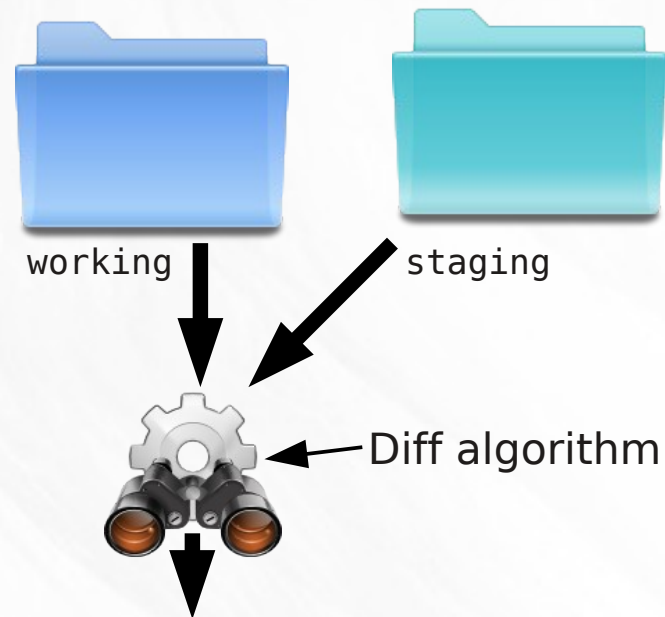
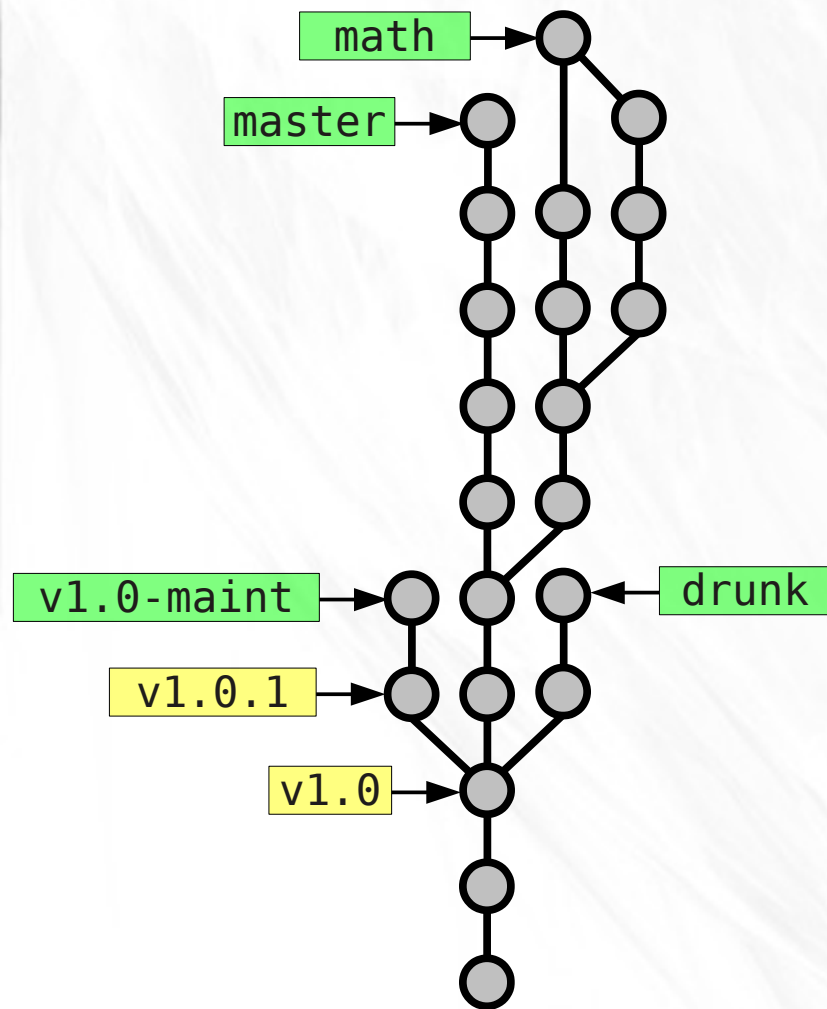


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- working vs. staging
- working vs. snapshot X
- staging vs. snapshot X
- snapshot X vs. snapshot Y

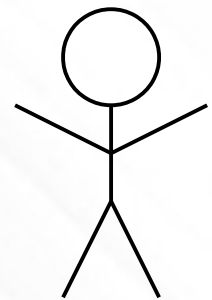


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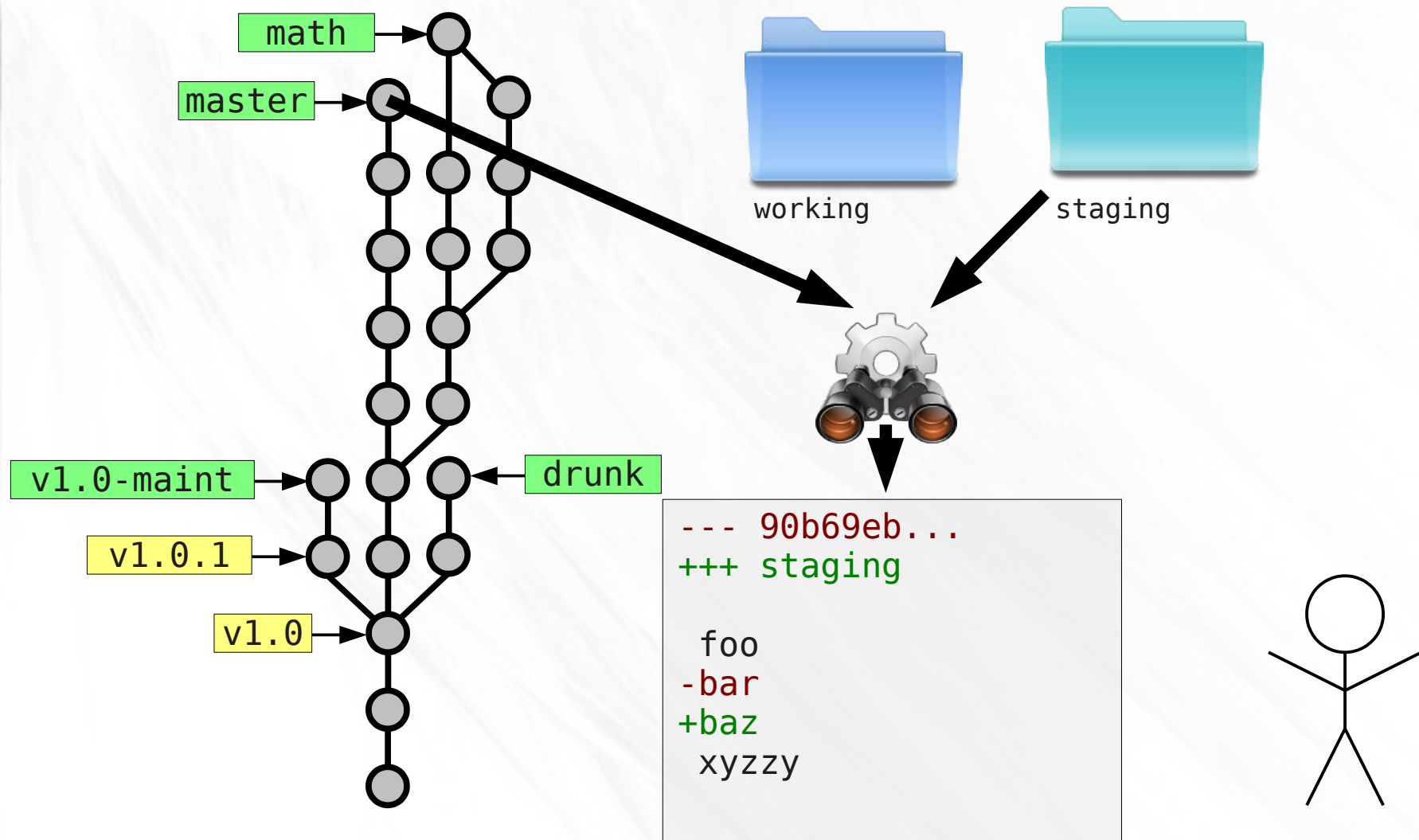


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+++ working
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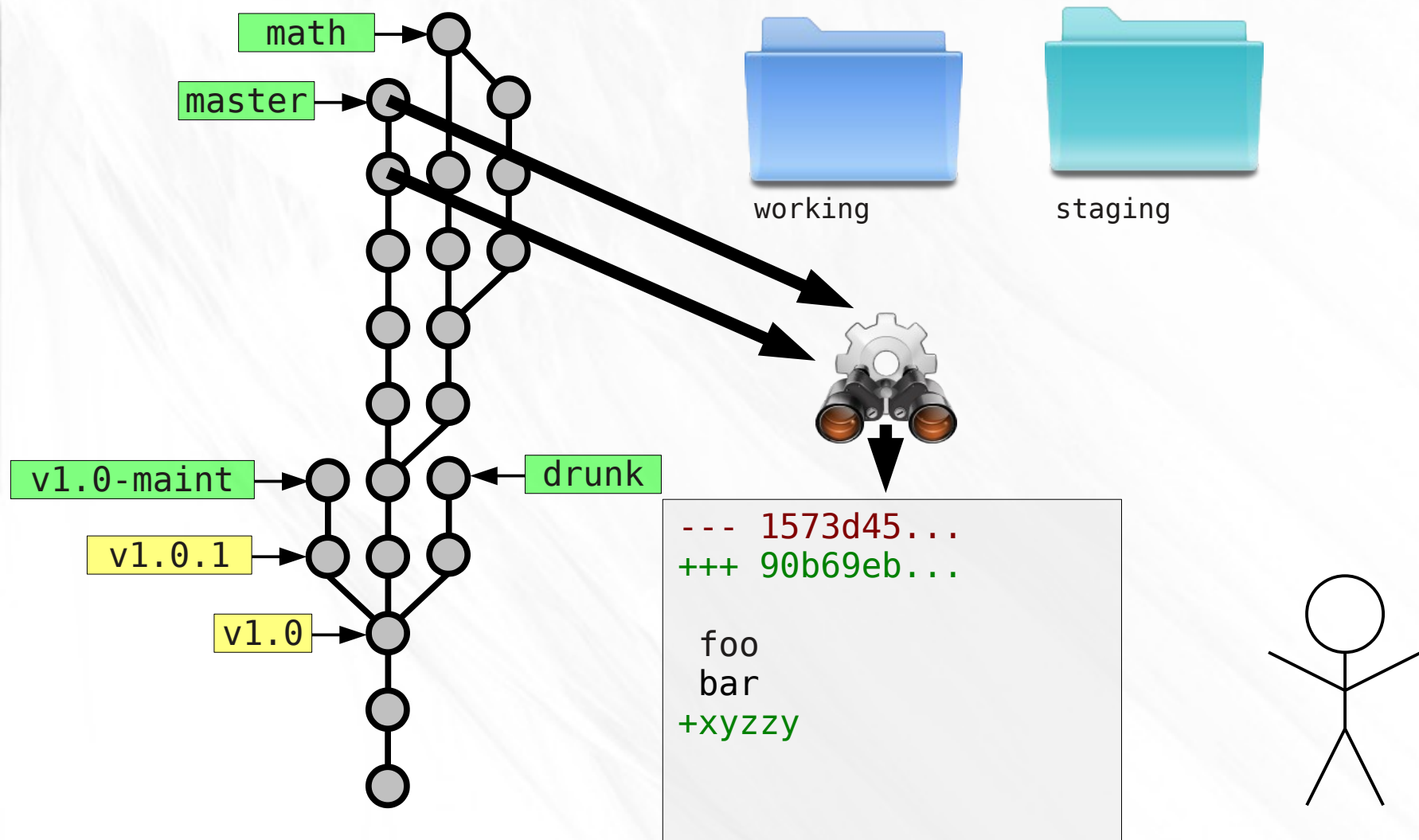
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-baz  
+bazzle  
xyzy
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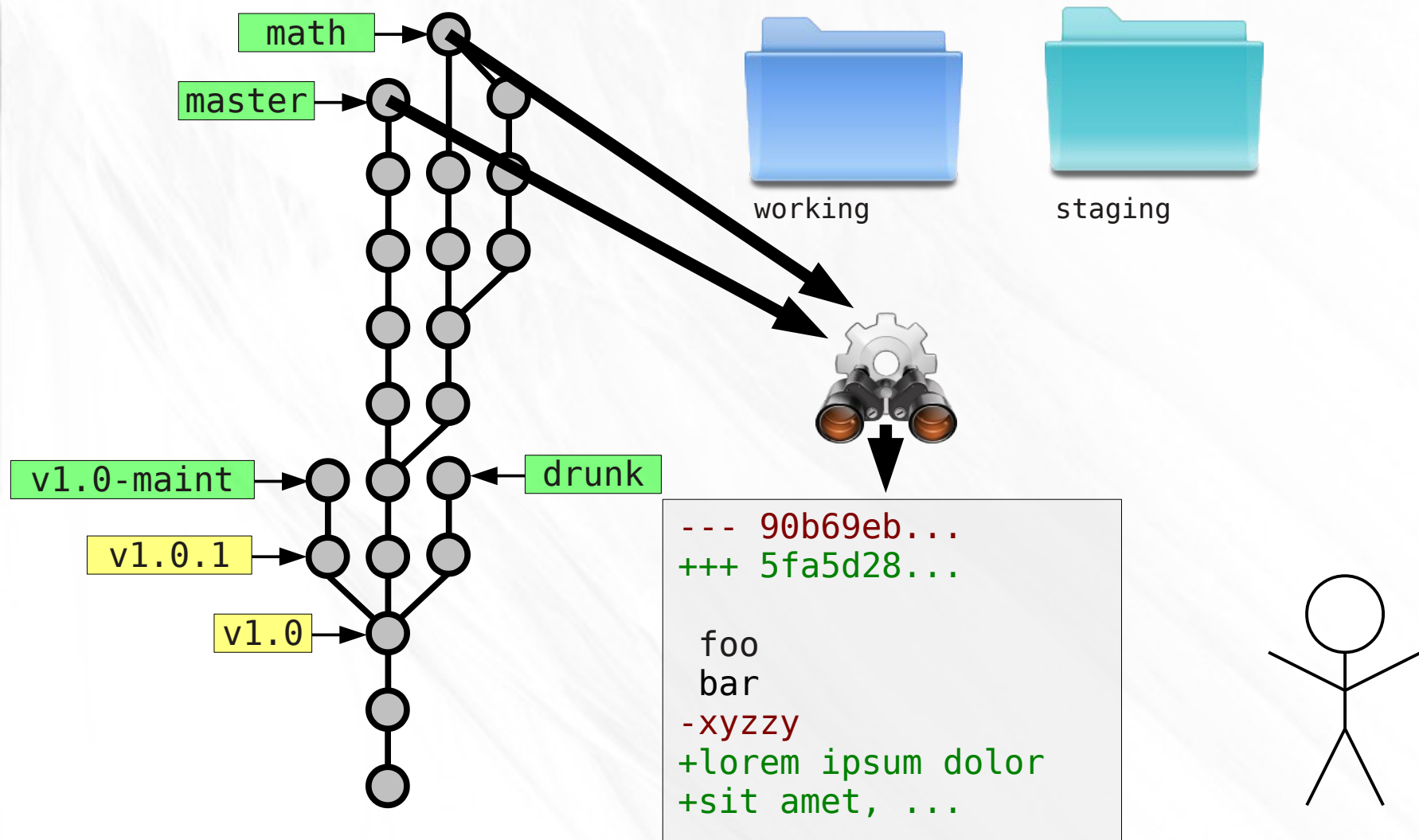


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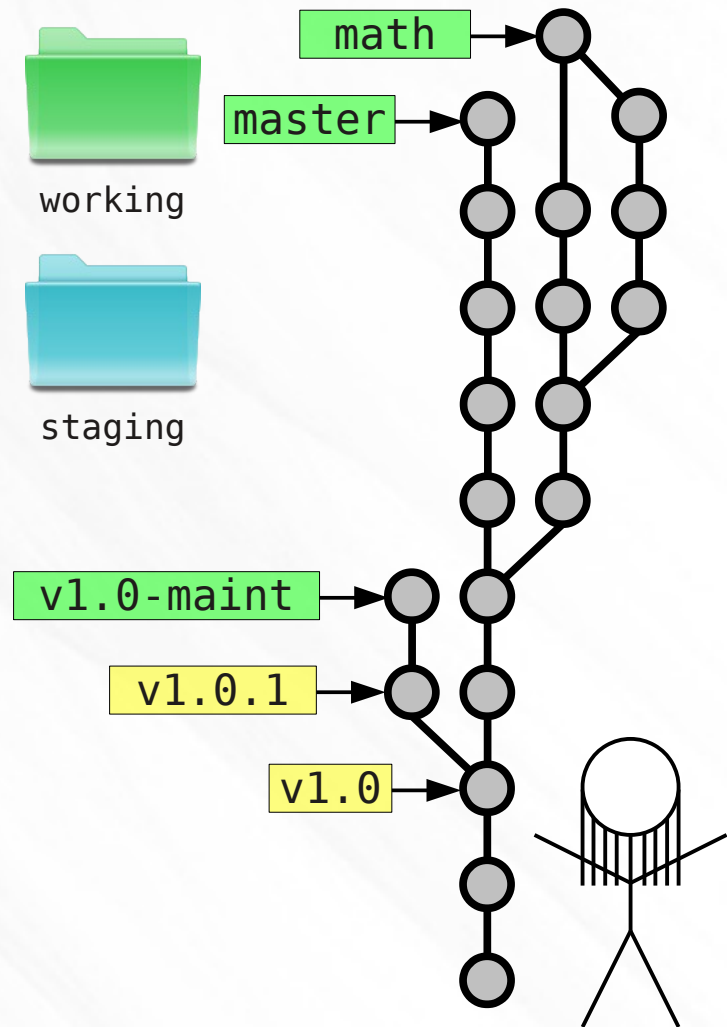
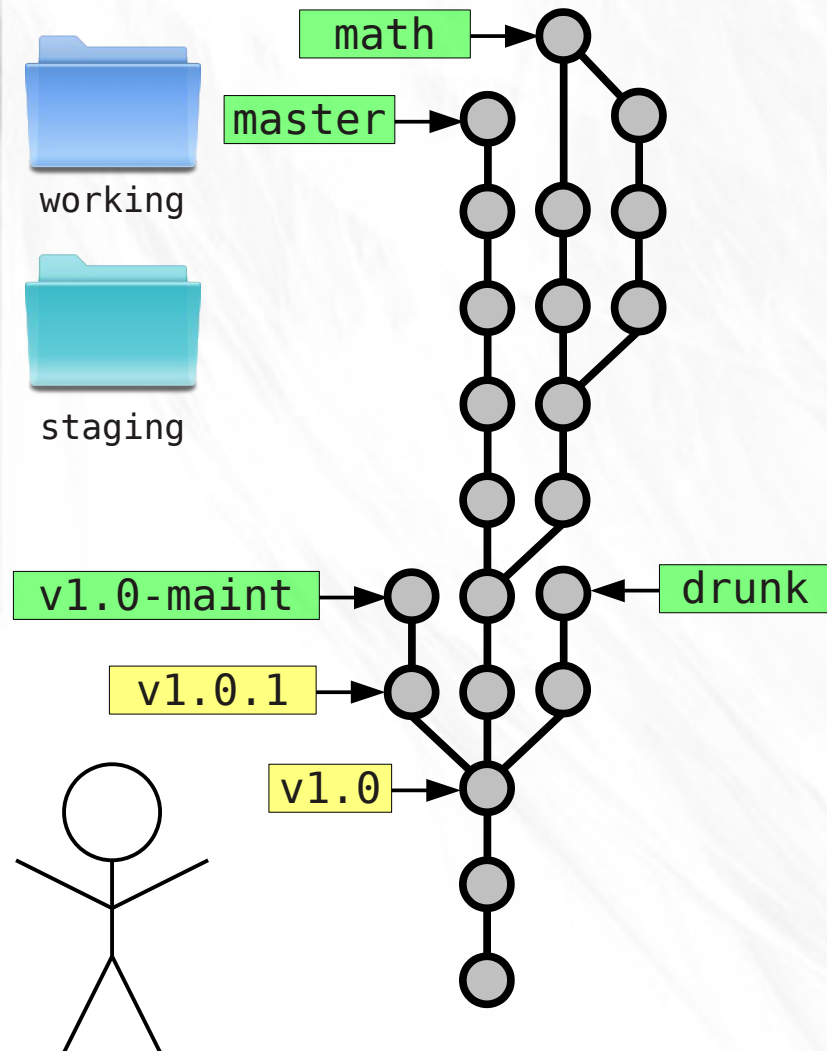


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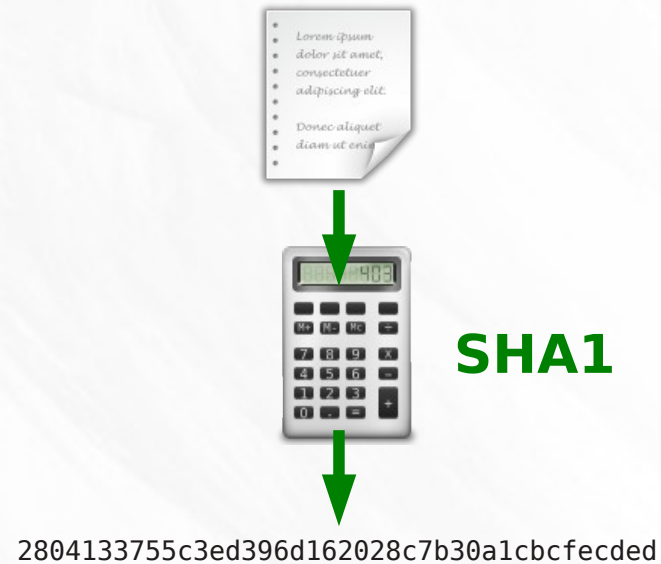
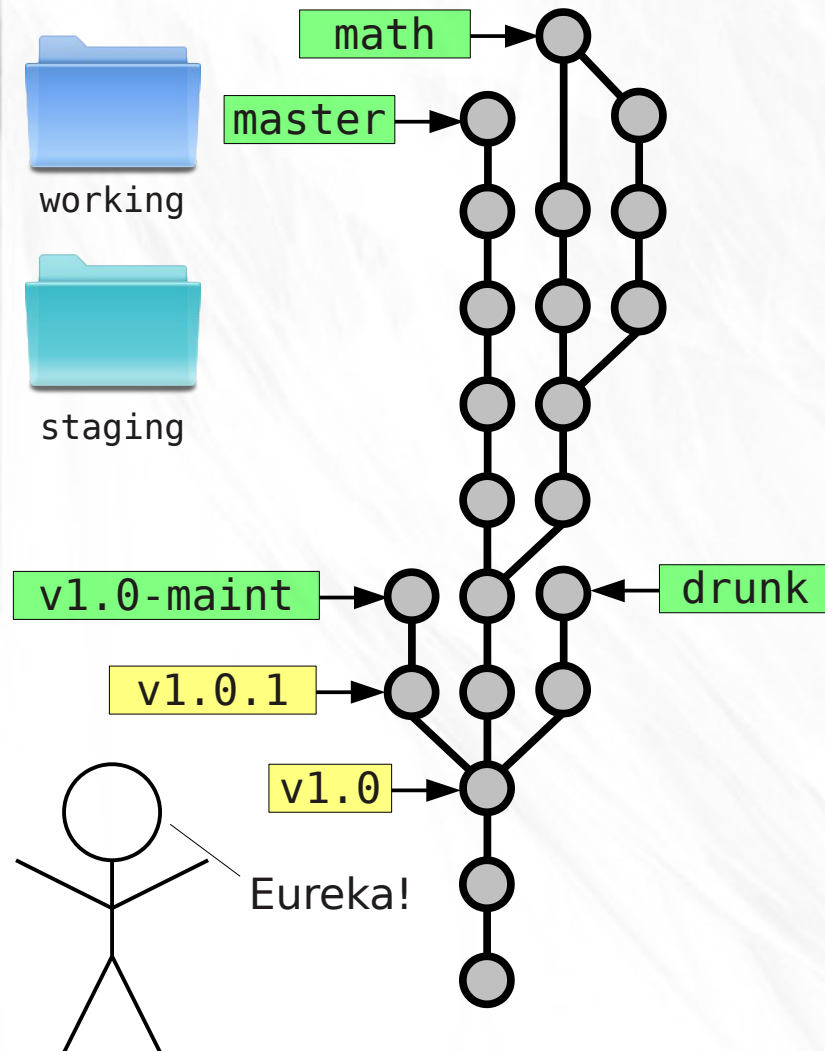




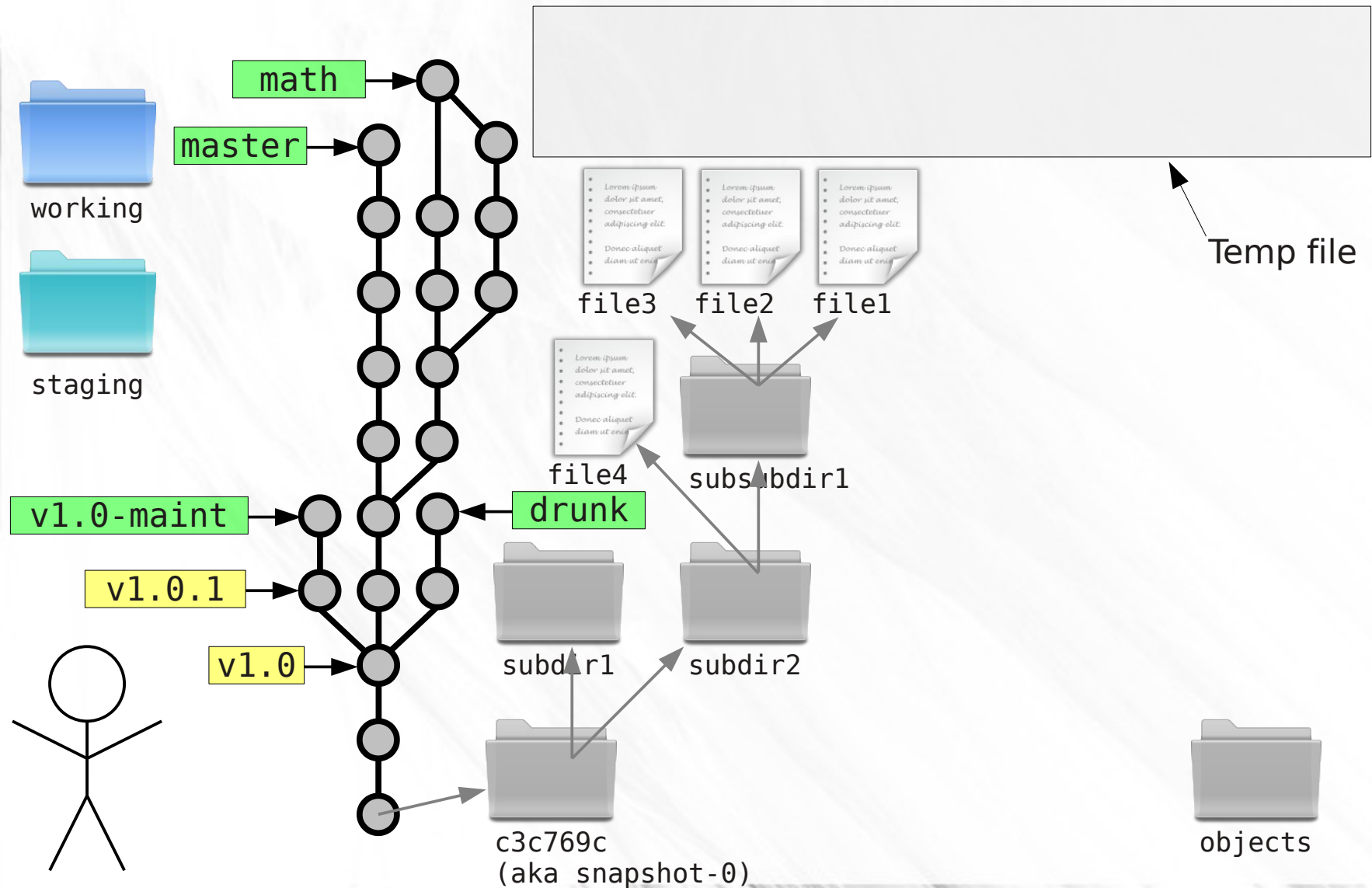
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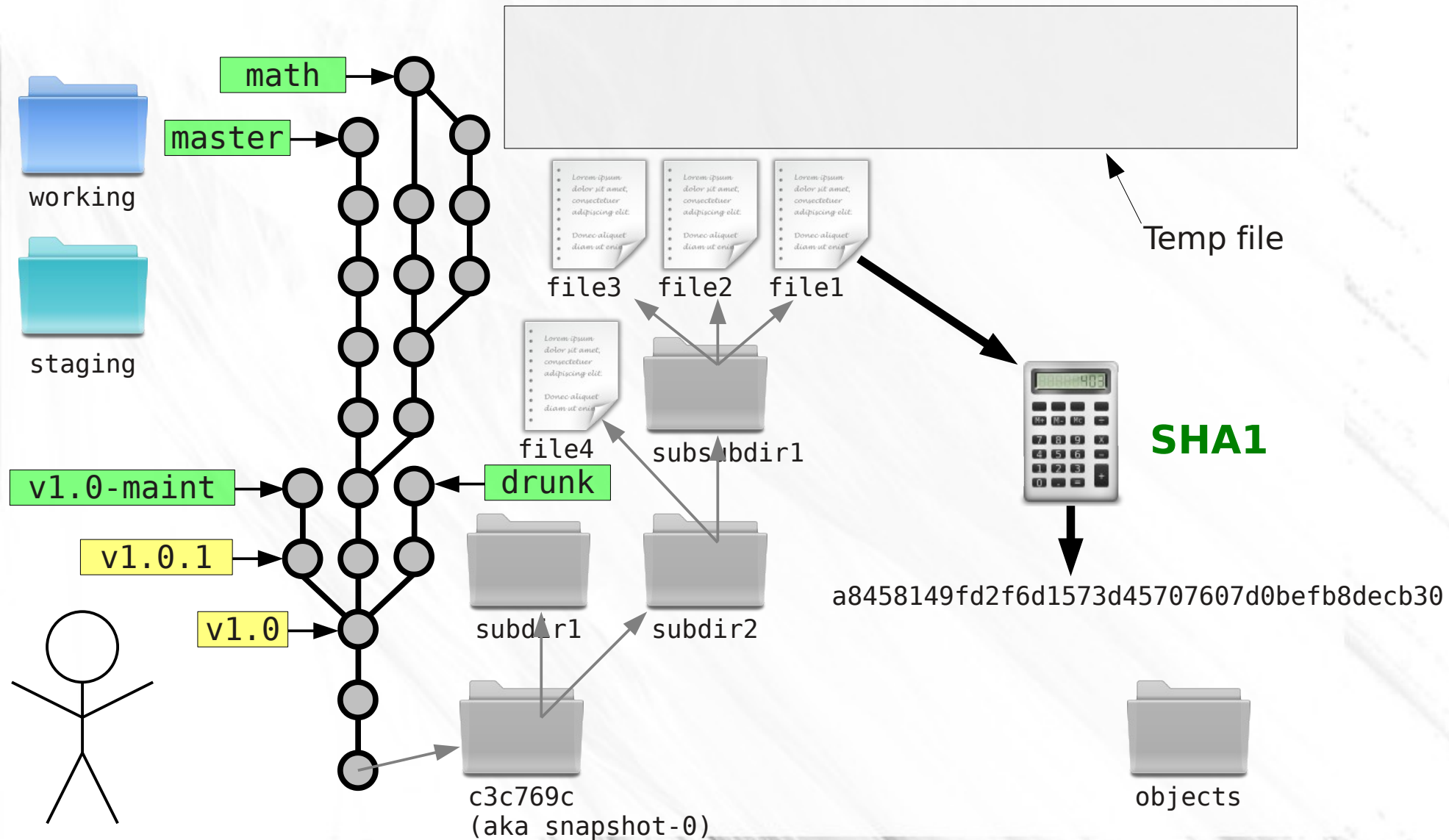
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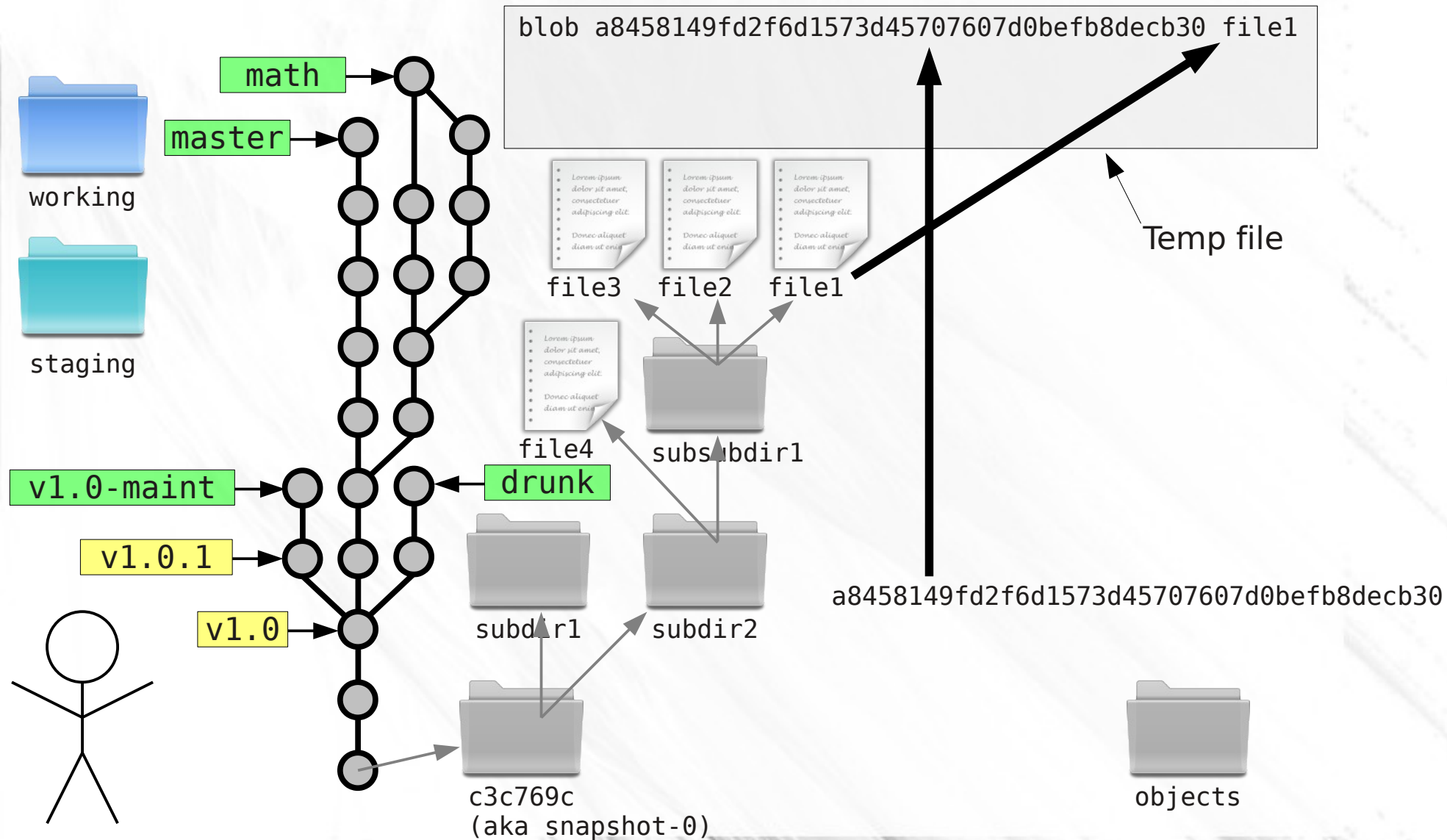
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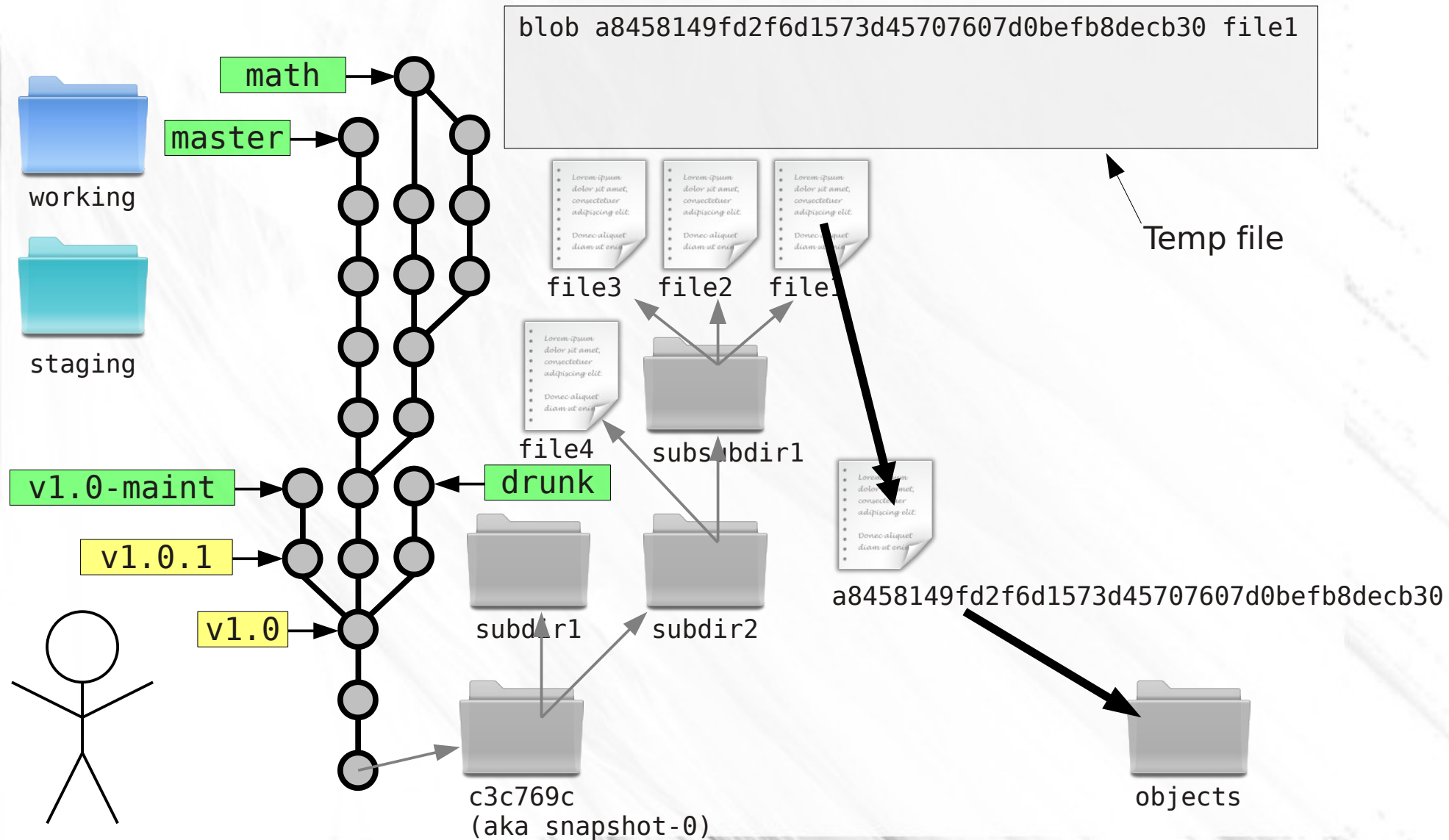
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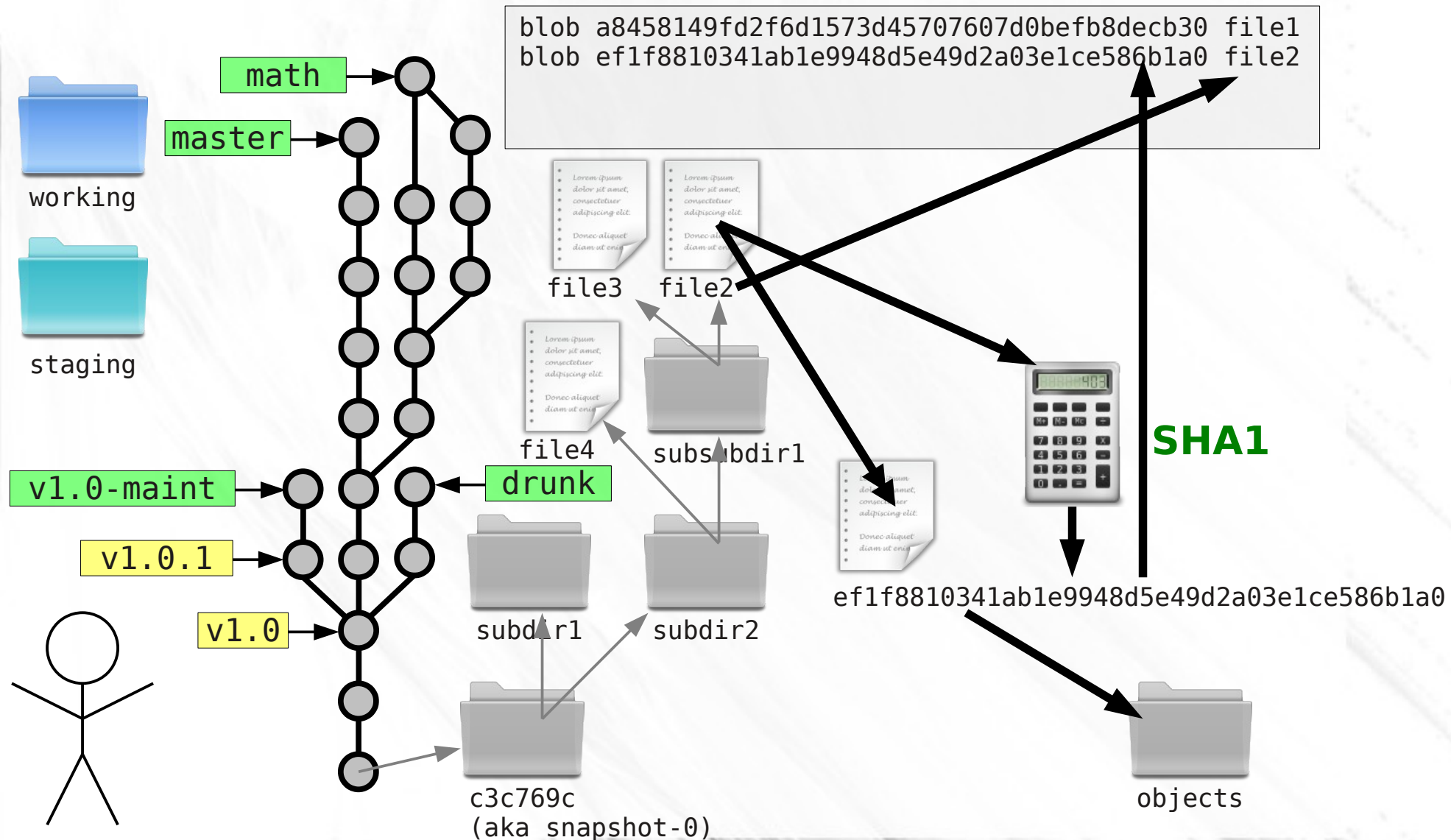


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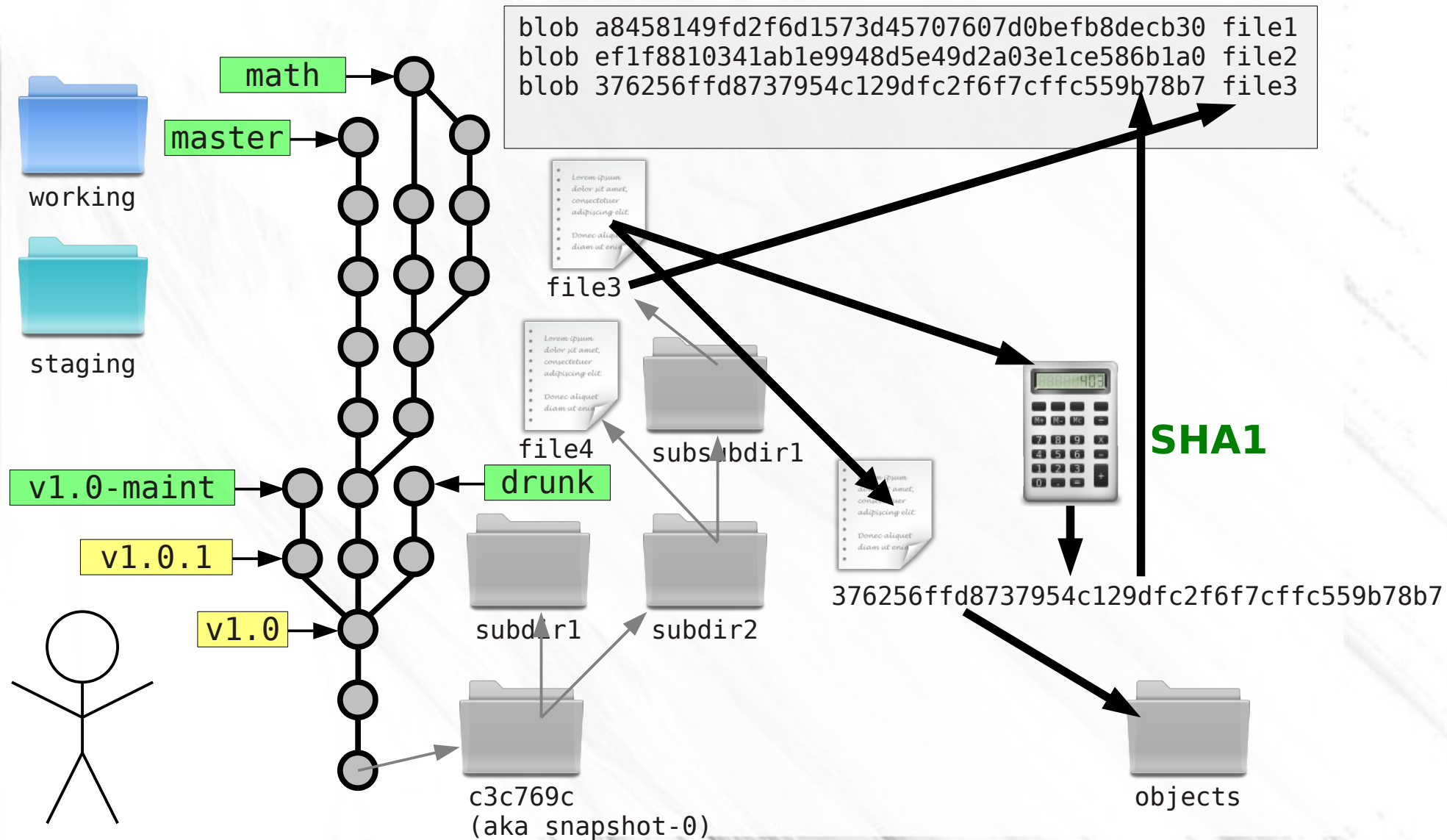


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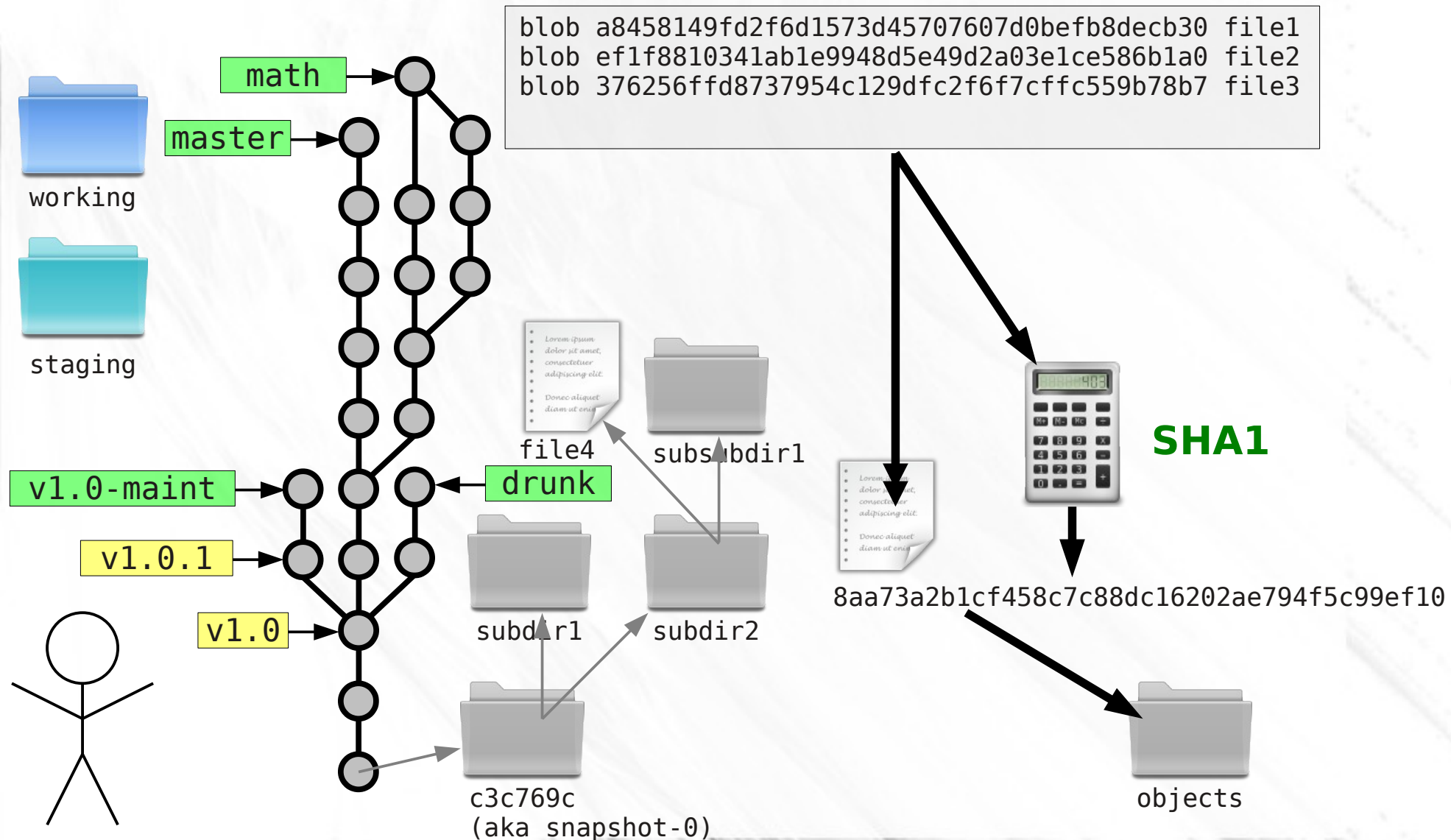




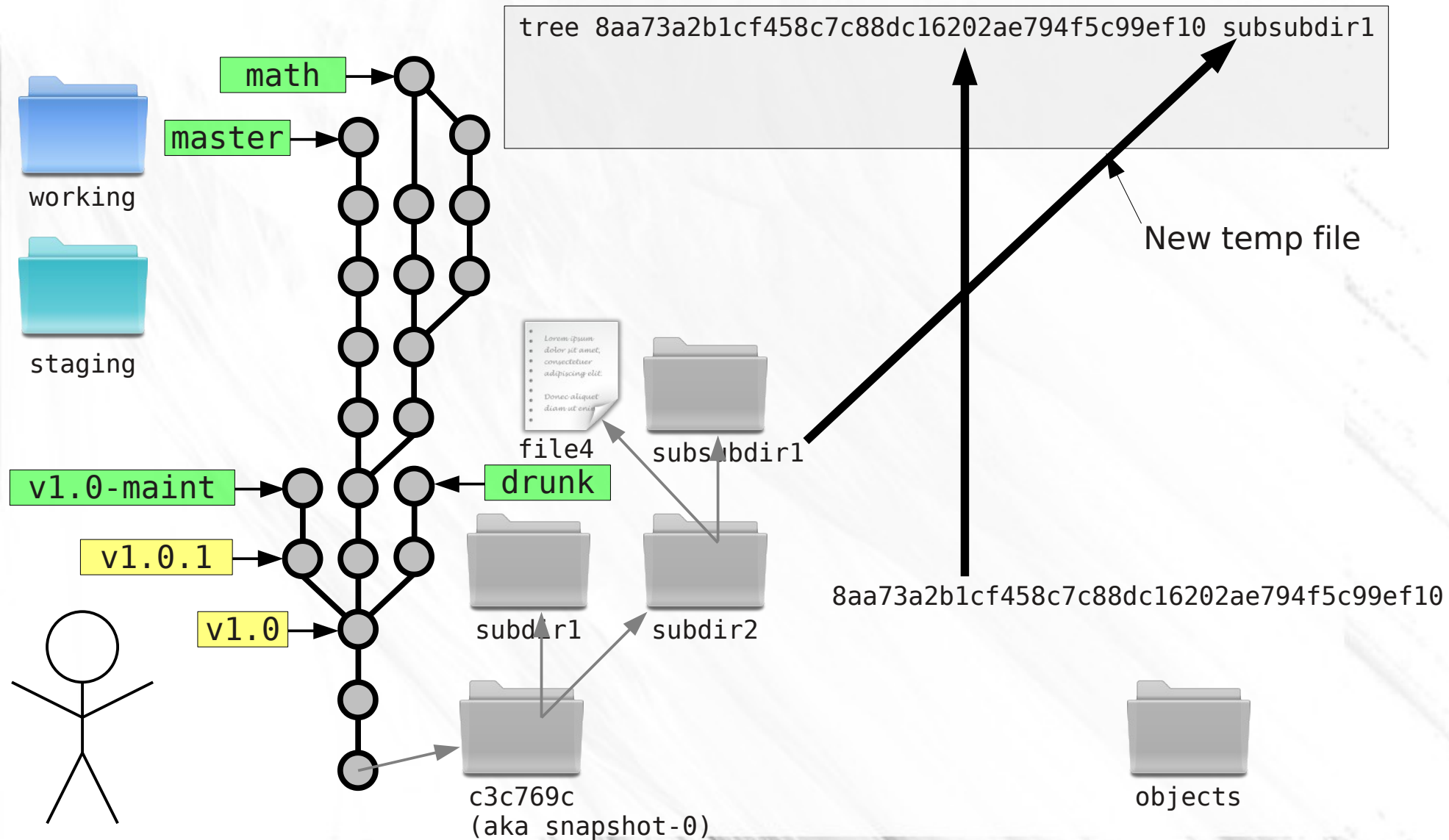
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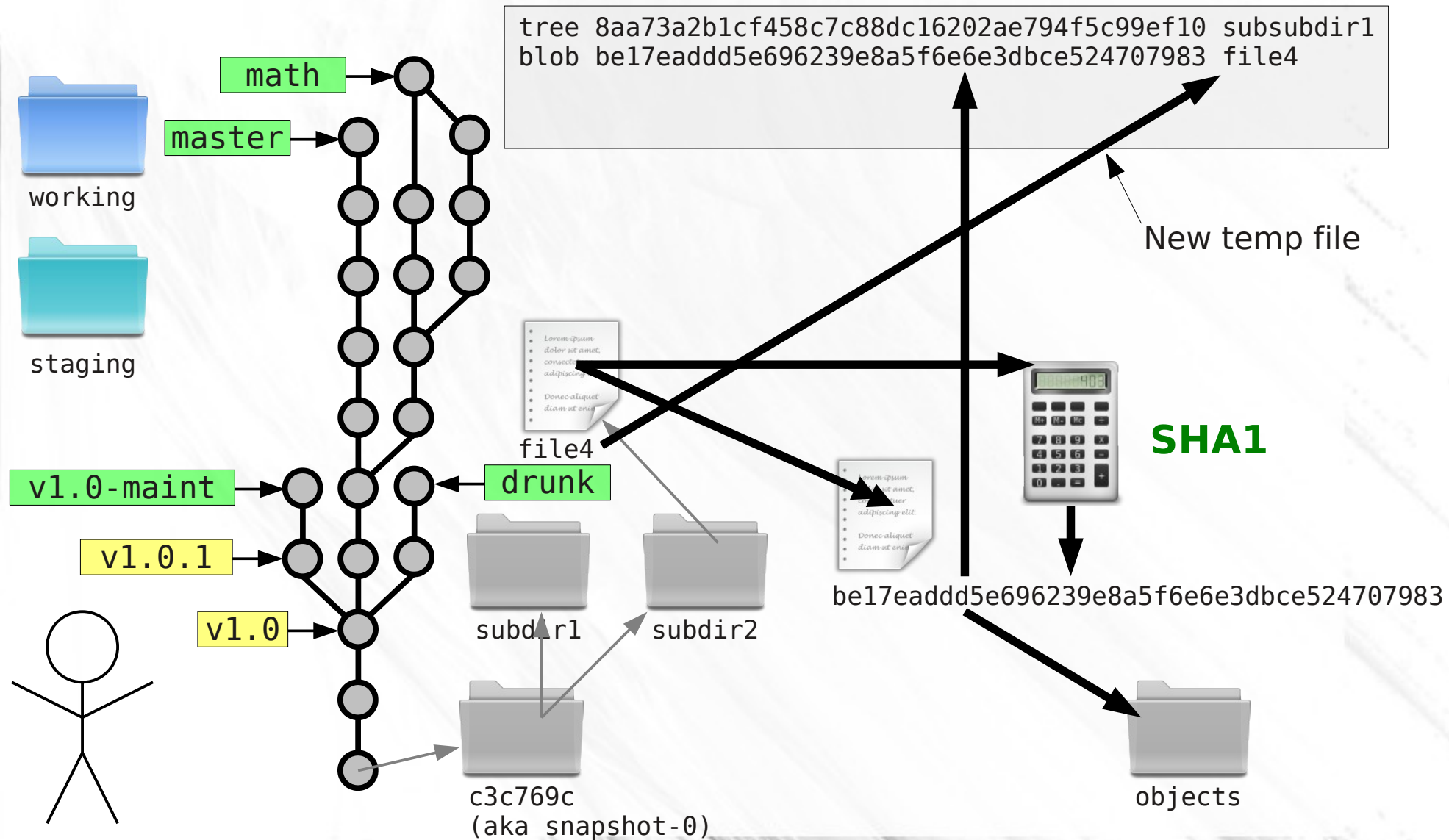
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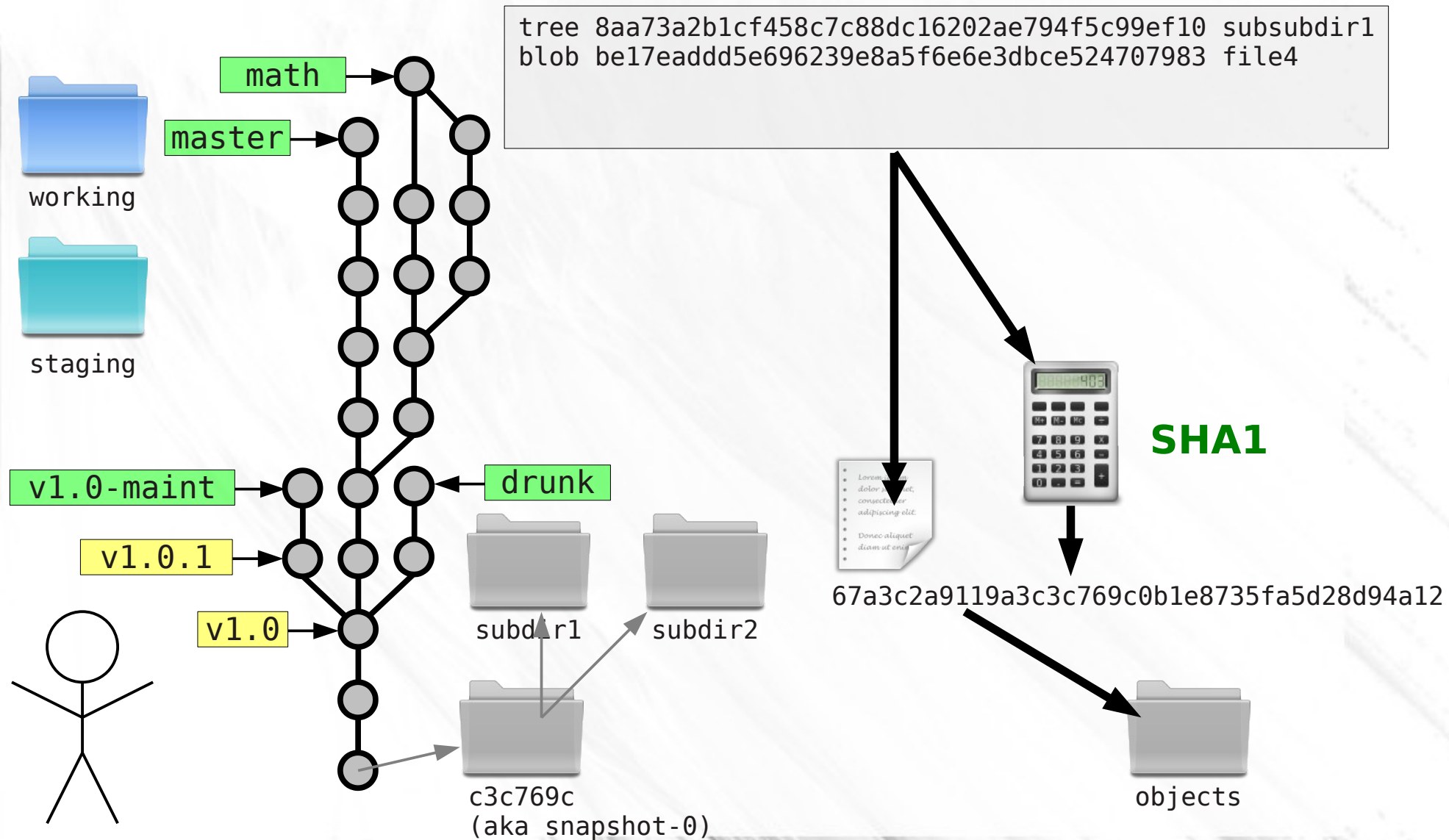
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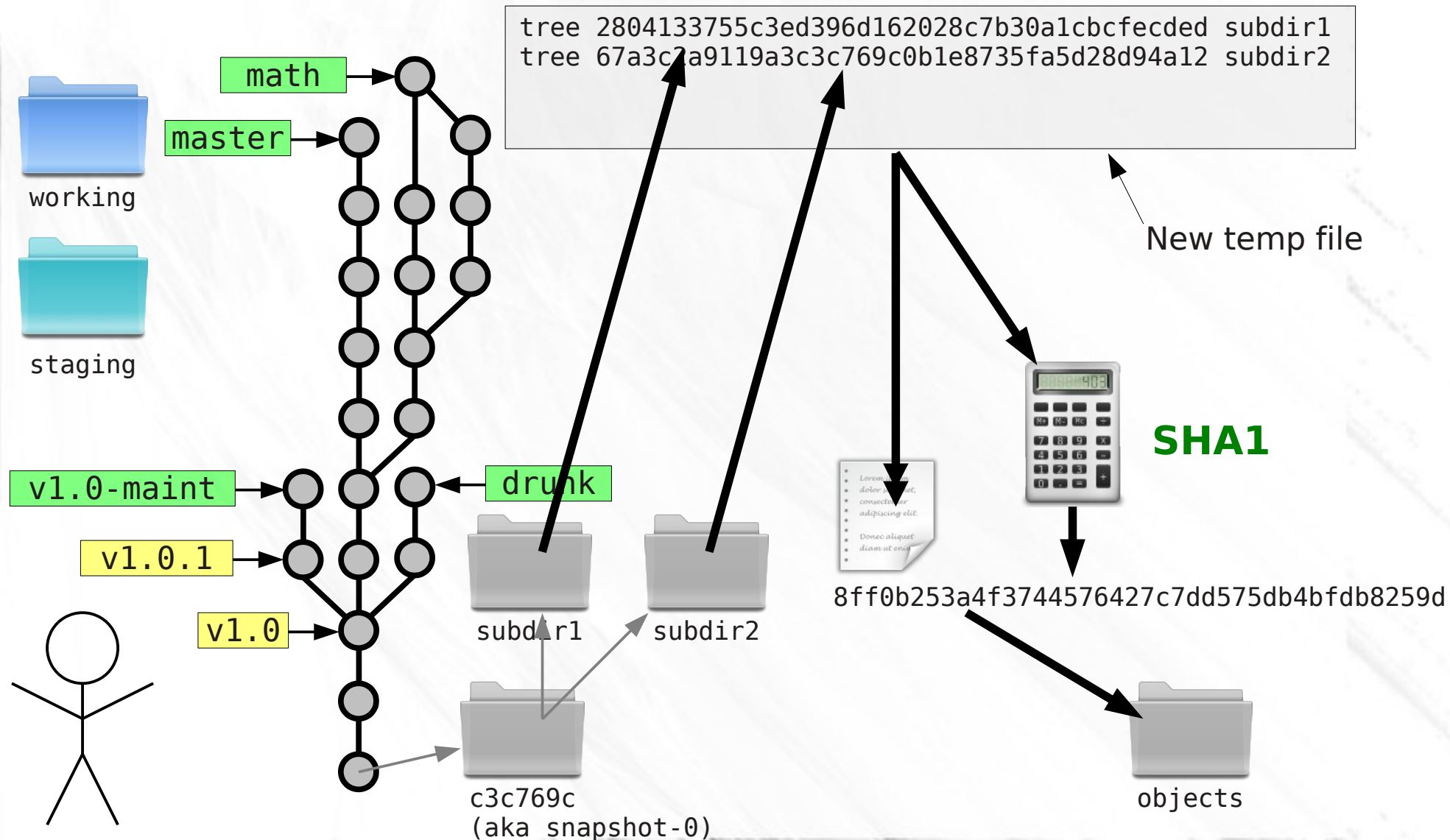


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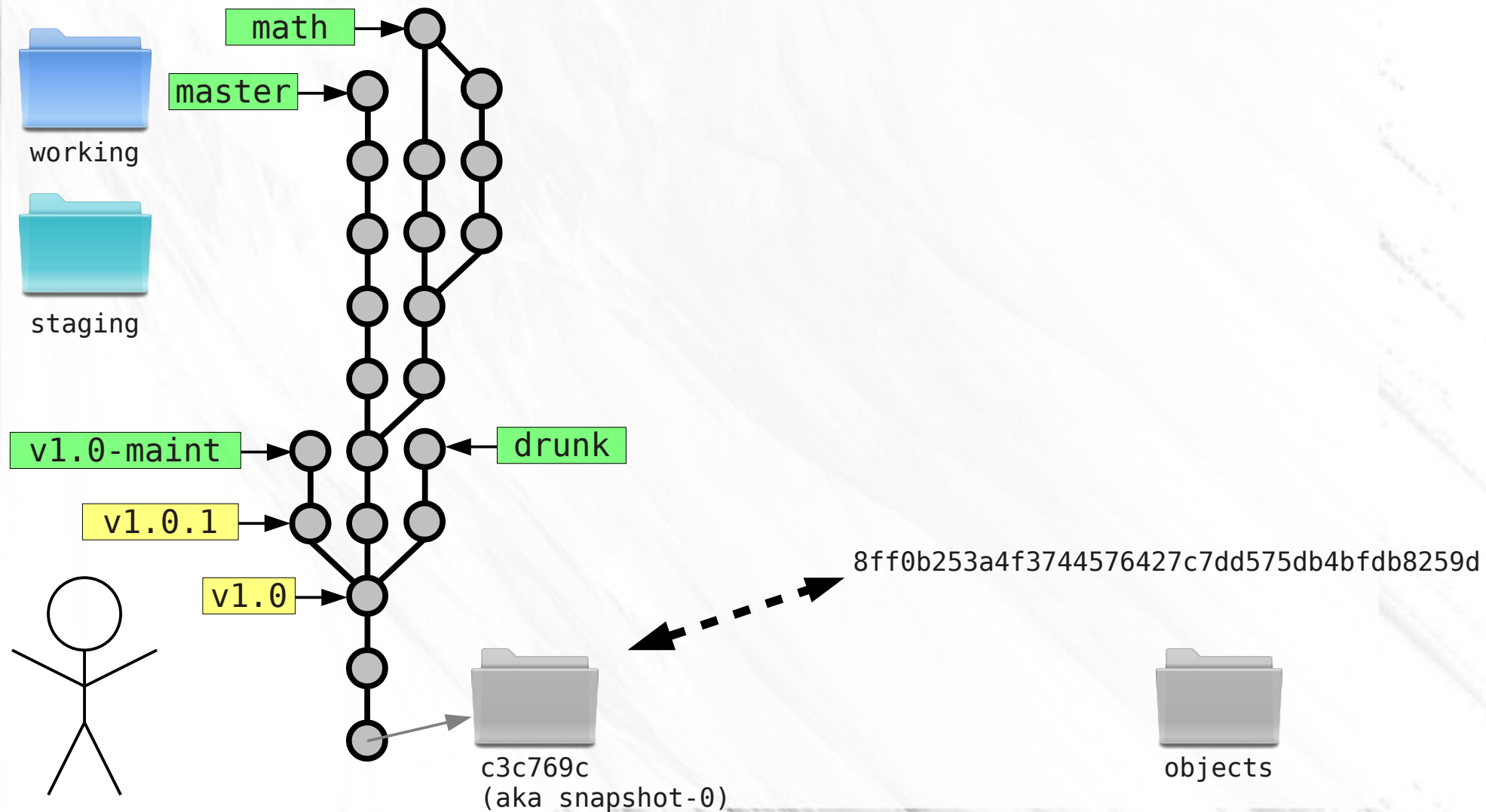




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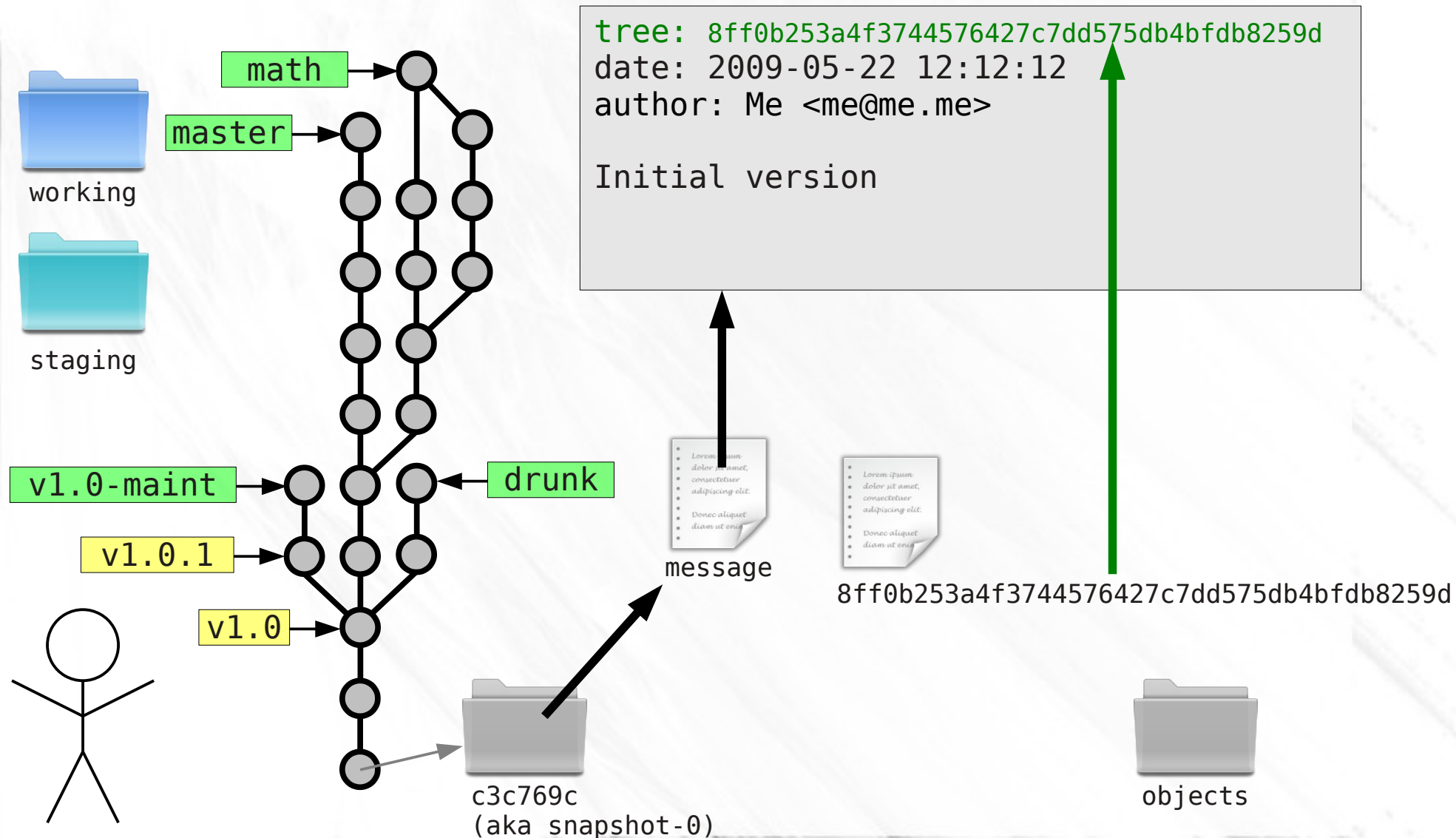


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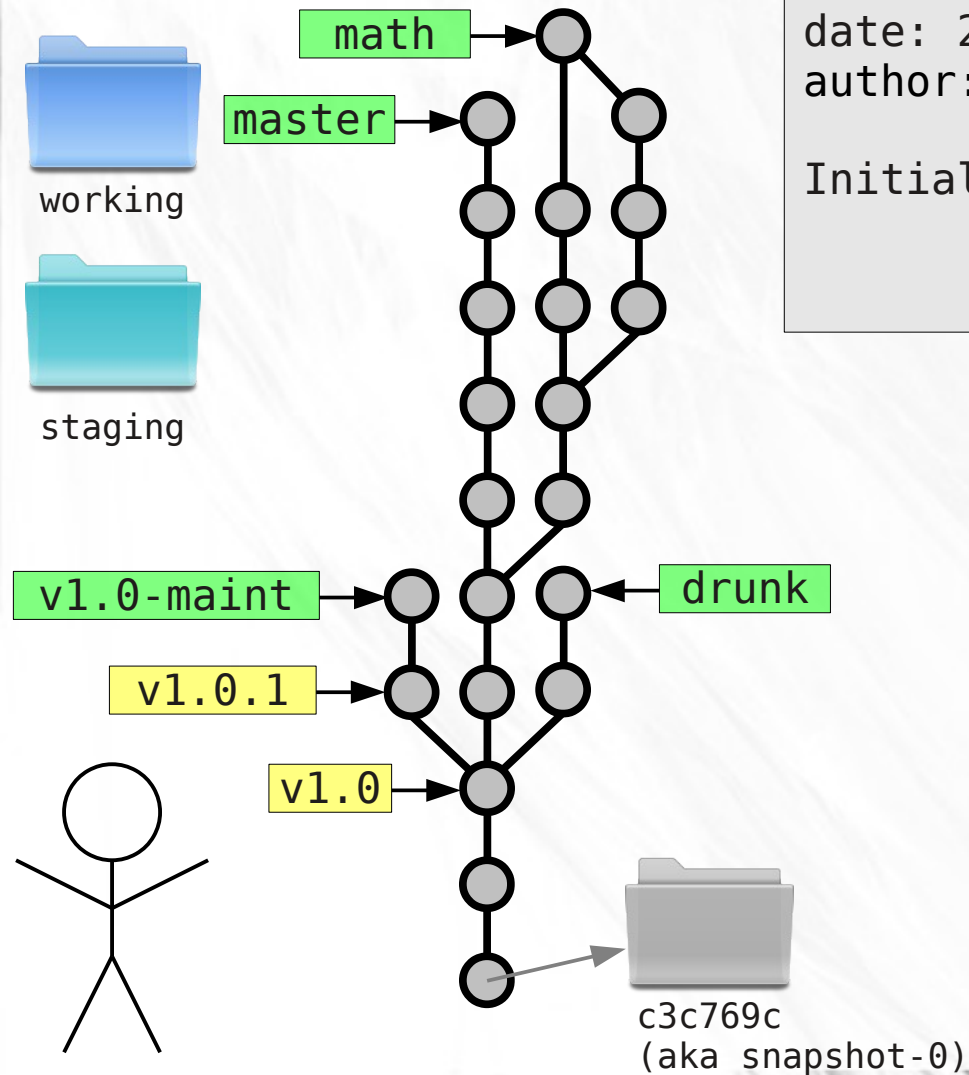




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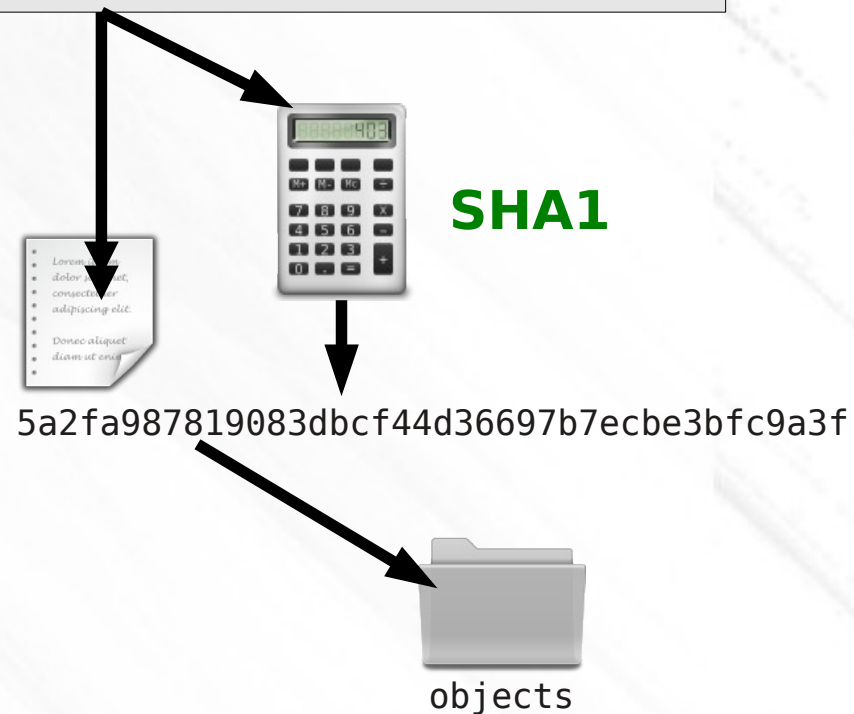


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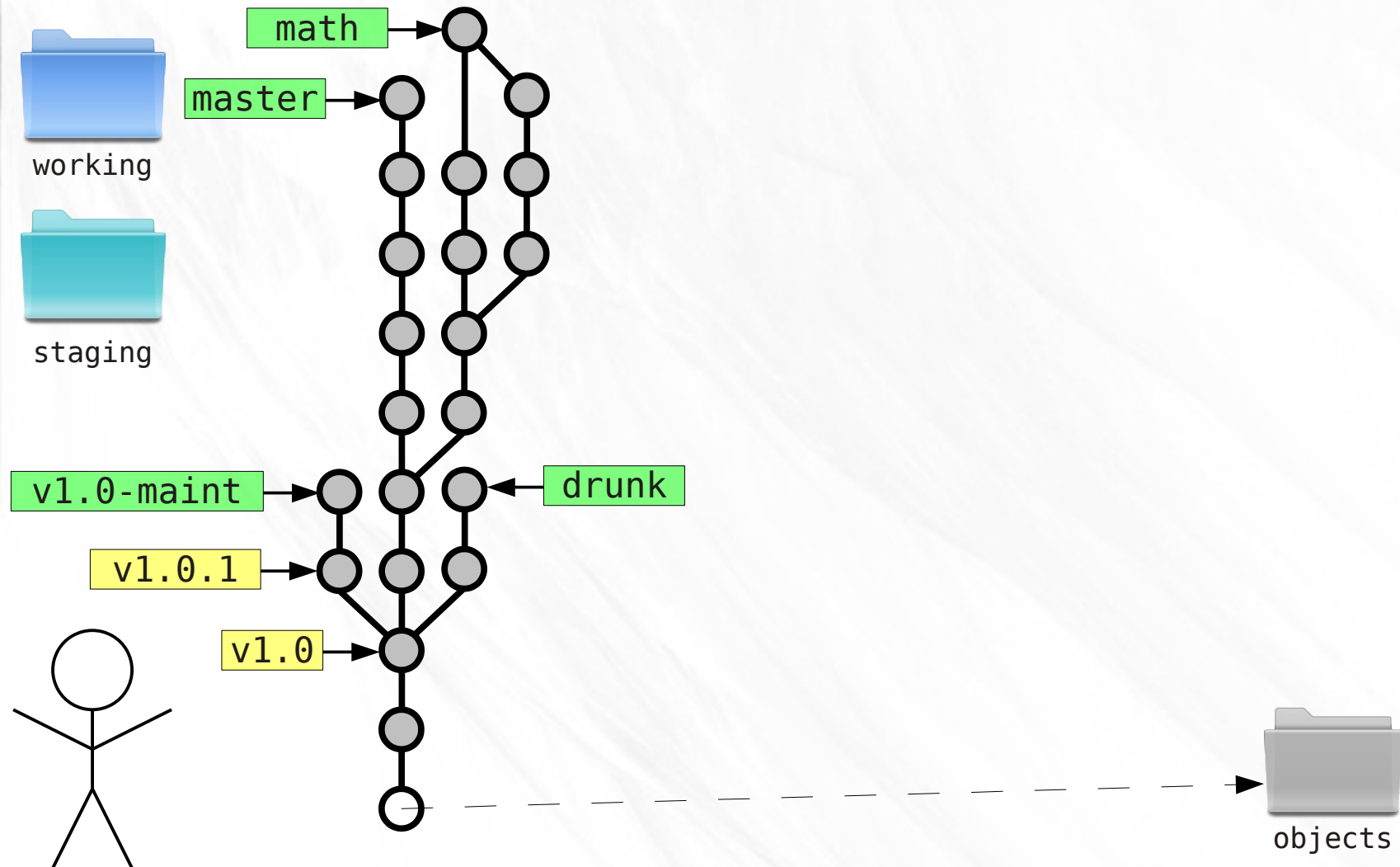
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date: 2009-05-22 12:12:12
author: Me <me@me.me>
```

Initial version

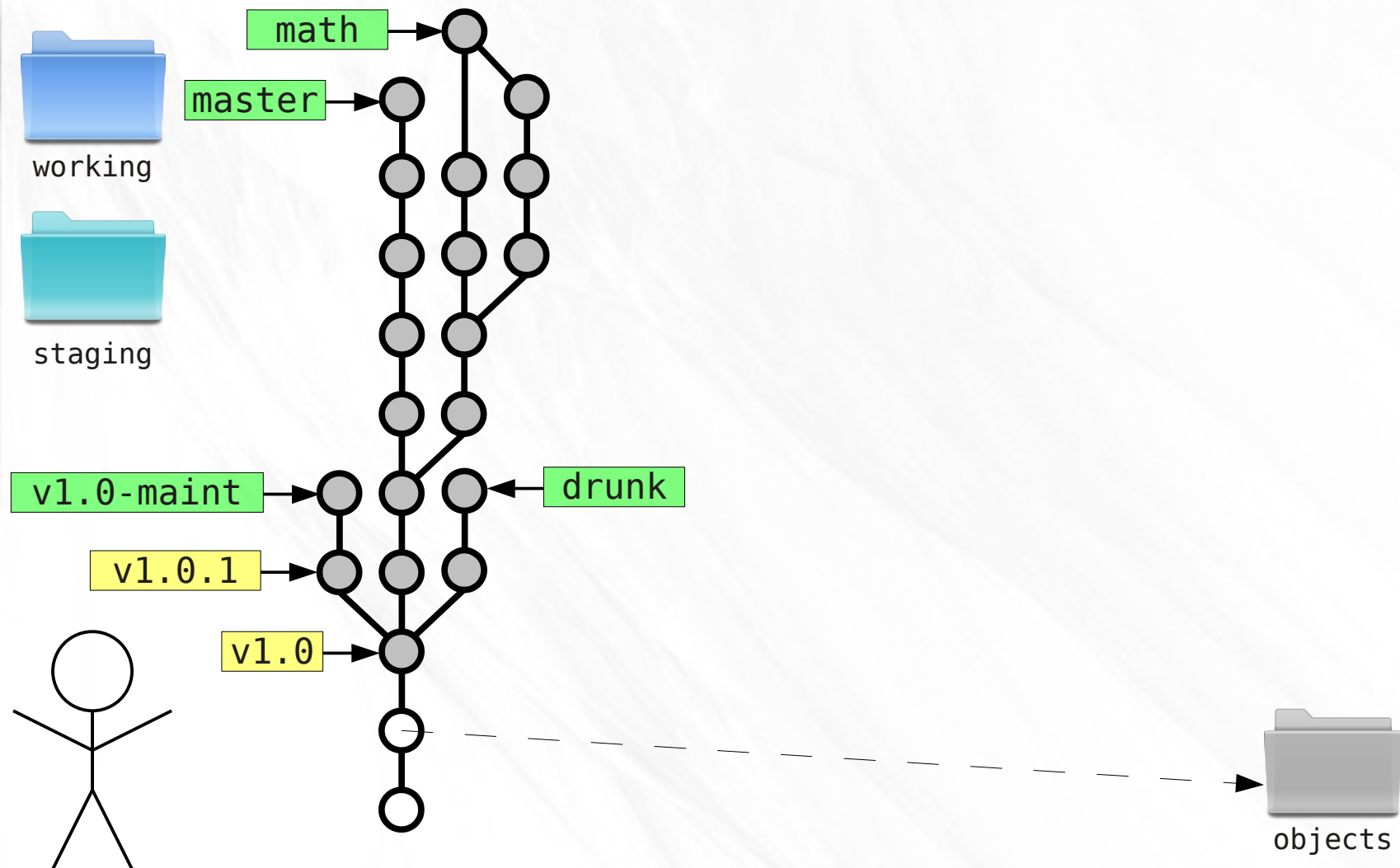


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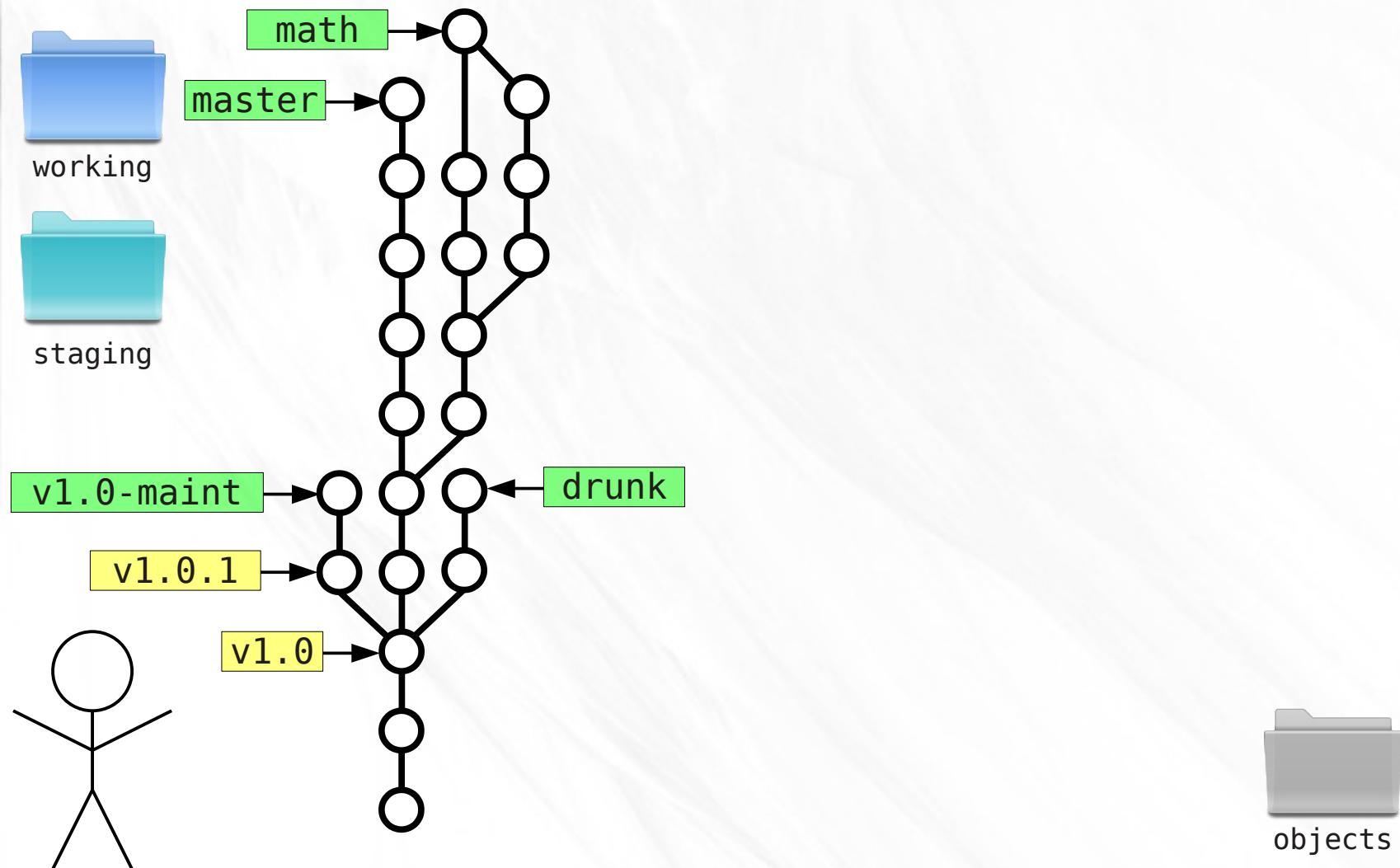
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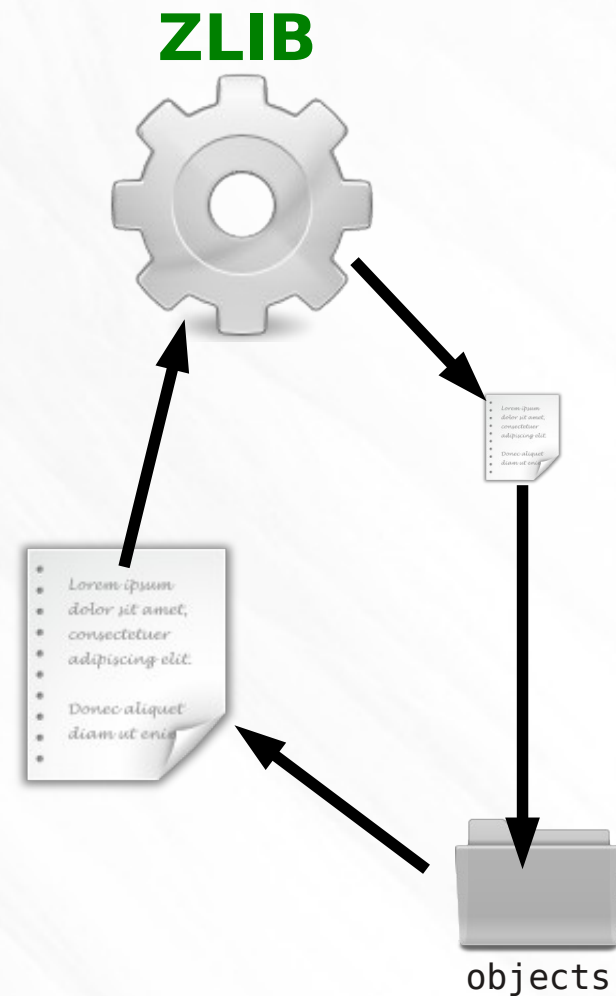
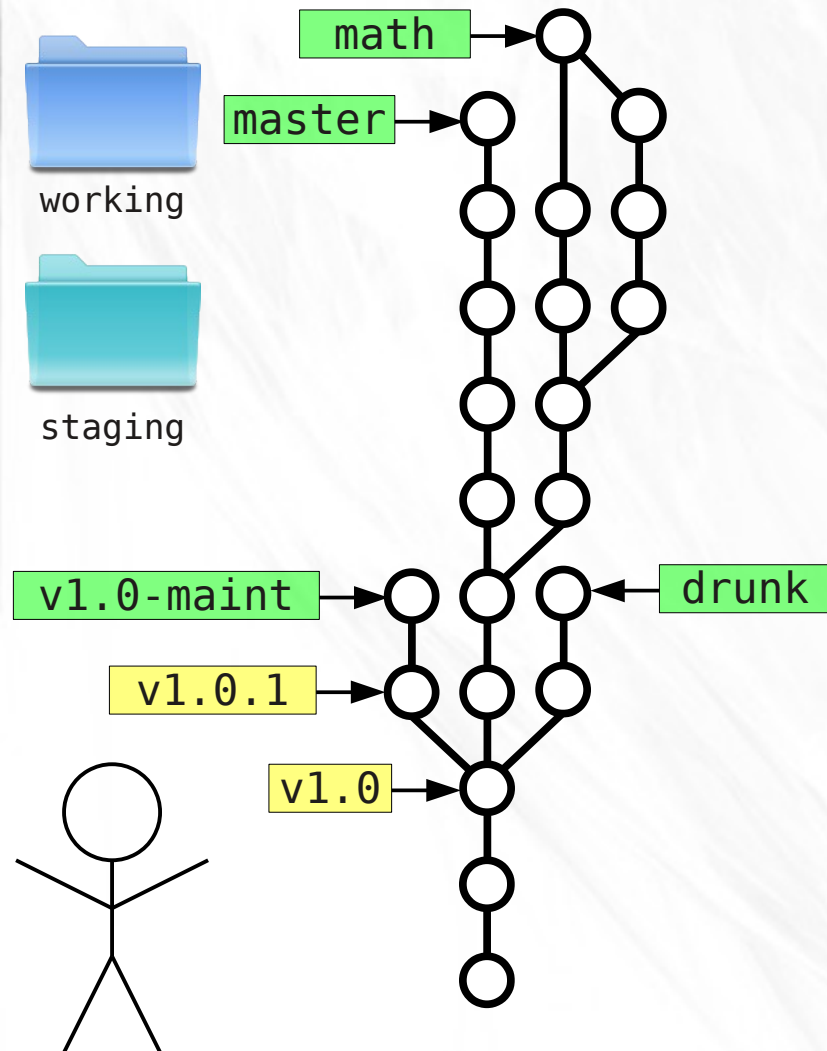
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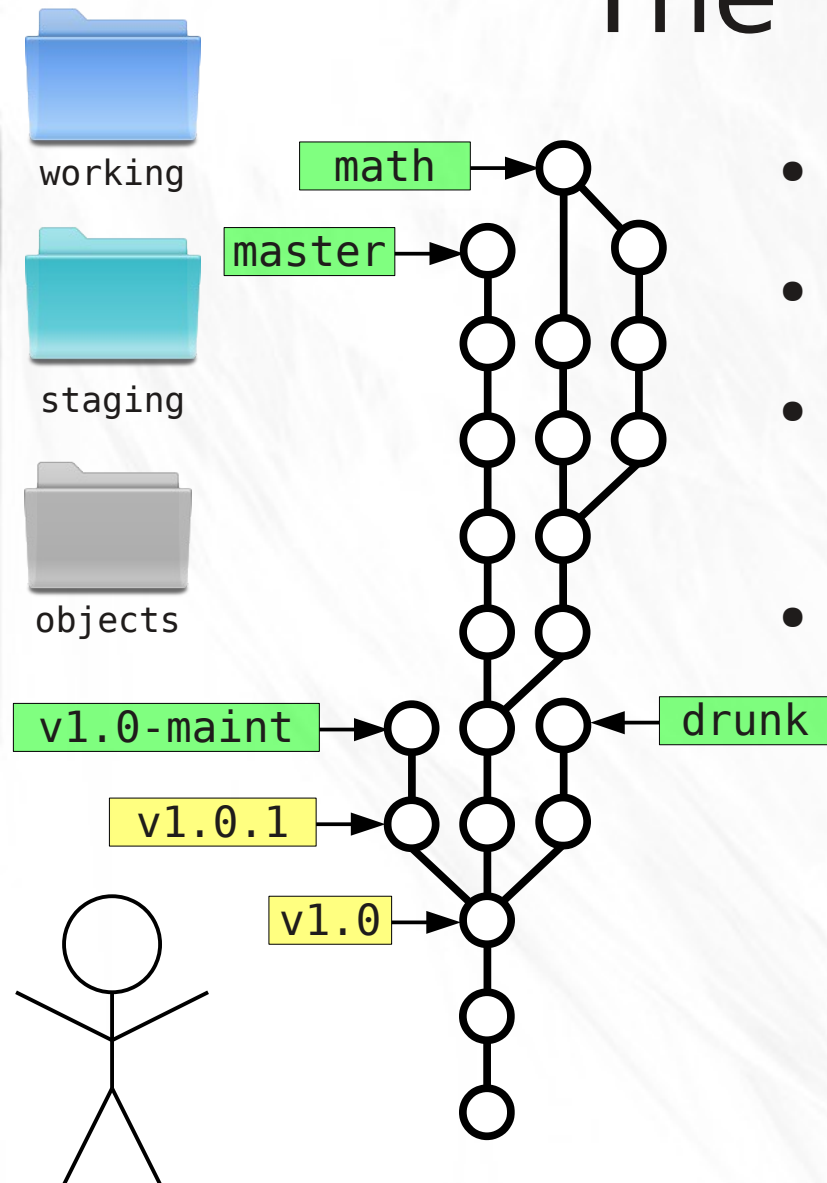


# Compressing Blobs





# The True Git



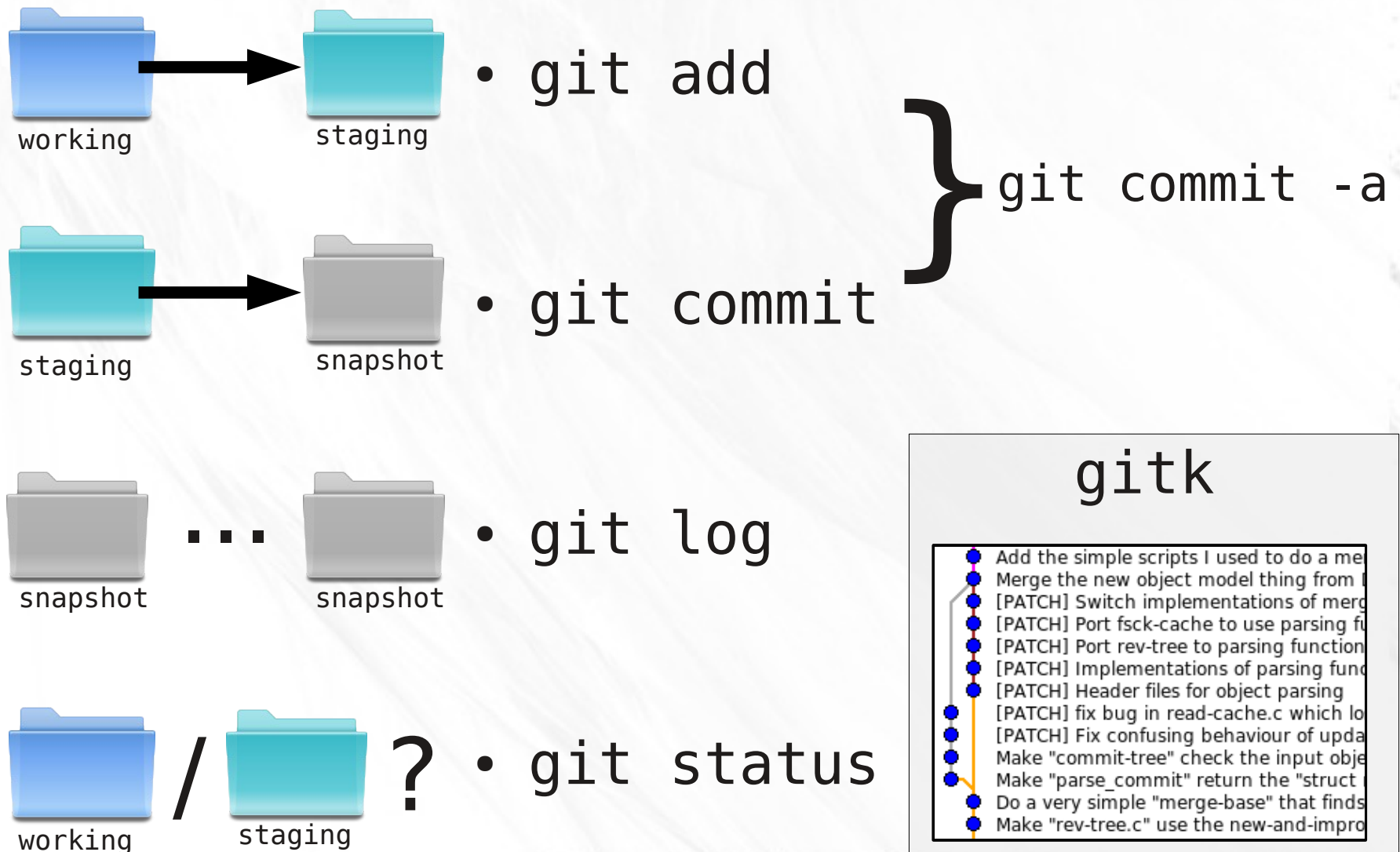
- TADAA!
- This is pretty much Git
- Nicer command line tools for all these operations
- Many, many other tools



# Commands: Getting Started

- First, tell Git who you are:
  - `git config --global user.name "My Name"`
  - `git config --global user.email "my@email.address"`
- Get help:
  - `git <command> -h`
  - `git help <command>`
- Start a new Git repository:
  - `git init`

# Commands: Making snapshots



## gitk

- Add the simple scripts I used to do a merge
- Merge the new object model thing from Linus
- [PATCH] Switch implementations of merge
- [PATCH] Port fsck-cache to use parsing function
- [PATCH] Port rev-tree to parsing function
- [PATCH] Implementations of parsing function
- [PATCH] Header files for object parsing
- [PATCH] fix bug in read-cache.c which lost
- [PATCH] Fix confusing behaviour of update-index
- Make "commit-tree" check the input object
- Make "parse\_commit" return the "struct commit"
- Do a very simple "merge-base" that finds the common ancestor
- Make "rev-tree.c" use the new-and-improved

# Commands: Diffing



working

vs.



staging

• `git diff`



staging

vs.



snapshot

• `git diff --staged`



working

vs.



snapshot

• `git diff HEAD`



snapshot

vs.



snapshot

• `git diff <from> <to>`

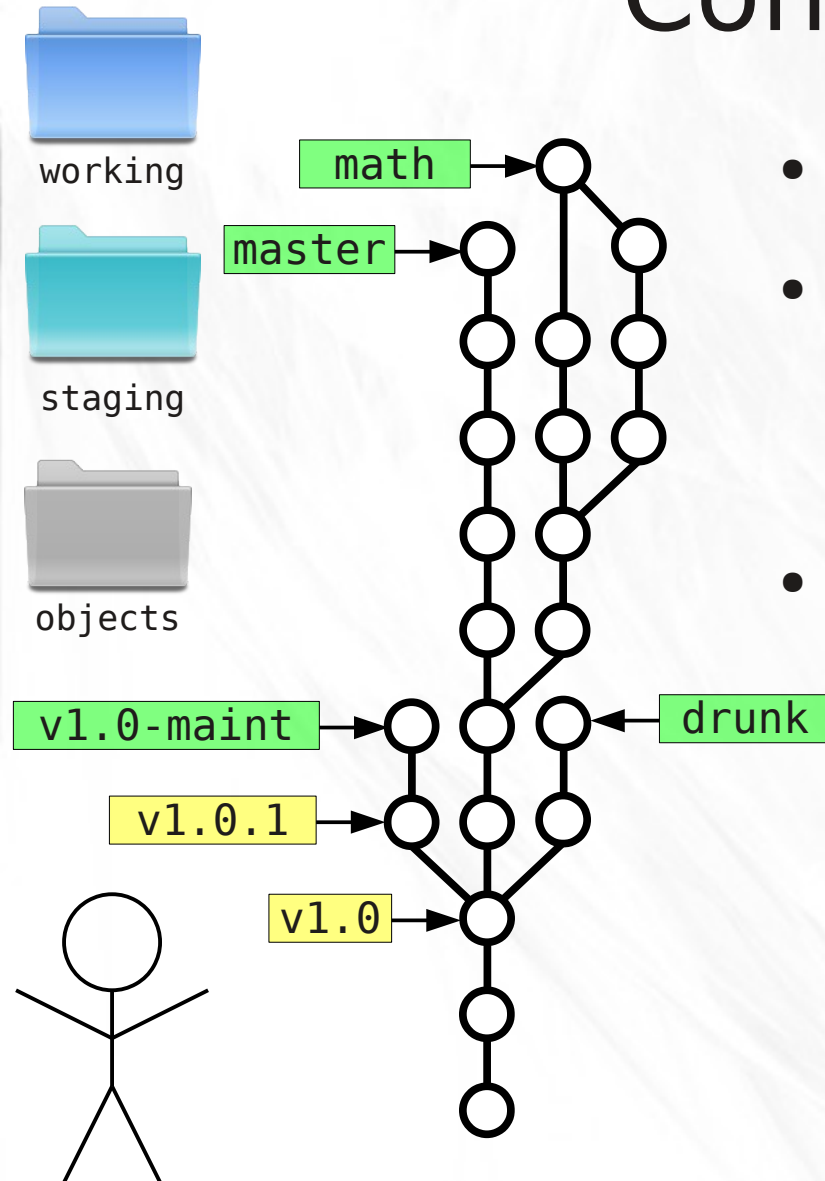
# Commands: Branches & Tags

- `git branch`
  - `git branch <branch>`
  - `git checkout <branch>`
- } `git checkout -b ...`
- `git tag -l`
  - `git tag <tag>`

# Commands: Fetching & Merging

- `git remote add <name> <URL>`
  - `git fetch <name>`
  - `git merge <name>/<branch>`
- } `git pull`

# Conclusion



- Keep this parable in mind
- Git is simple and powerful

- One more thing:

`git reflog`



# Where to go next?

- Git homepage: <http://git-scm.com>
- Pro Git: <http://git-scm.com/book>
- Git Reference: <http://gitref.org>
- GitHub: <http://github.com>
- Gitorious: <http://gitorious.org>

# Questions?

- Thanks for your attention!
- These slides are available at:  
[https://github.com/jherland/git\\_parable](https://github.com/jherland/git_parable)
- Reach me at <[johan@herland.net](mailto:johan@herland.net)>

