

The Git Parable

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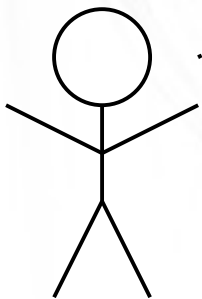
- Shamelessly stolen from Tom Preston-Werner
<http://tom.preston-werner.com/2009/05/19/the-git-parable.html>
- I'm lazy...
- Also: Best introduction to Git I've found so far

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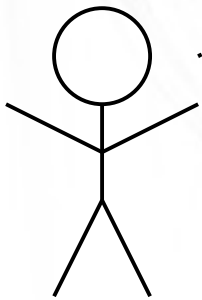
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git add ...  
git commit ...  
git branch ...  
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...
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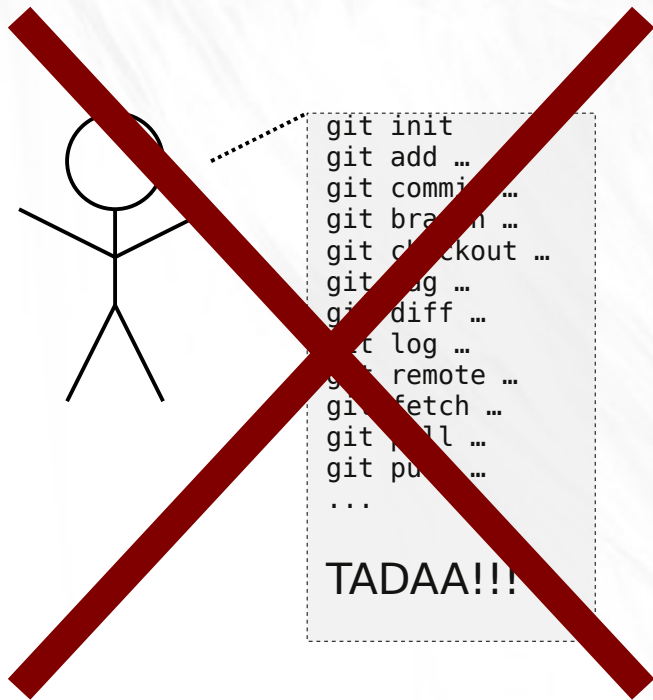


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TADAA!!!

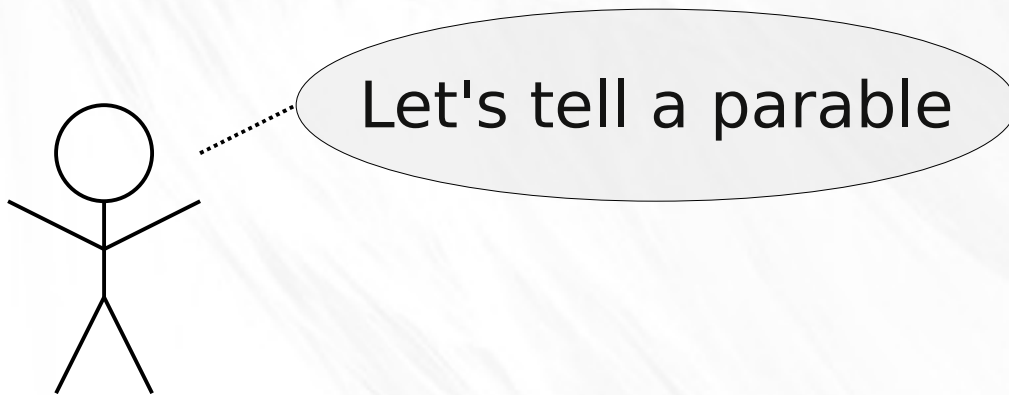
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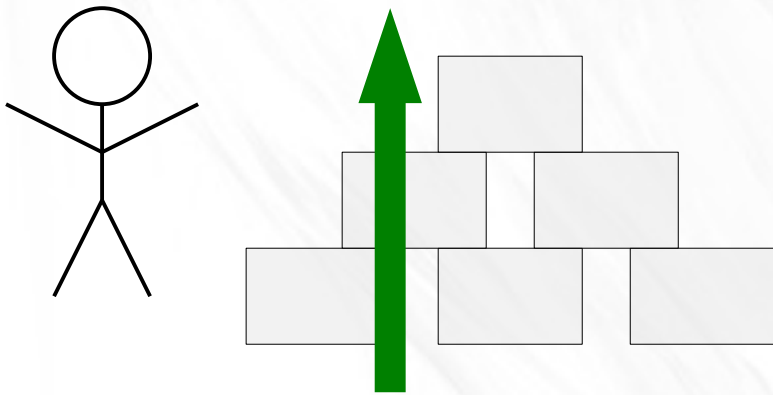
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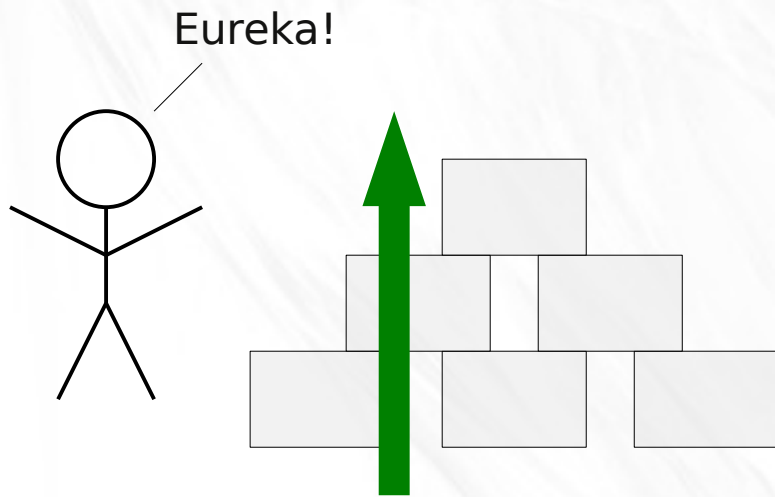
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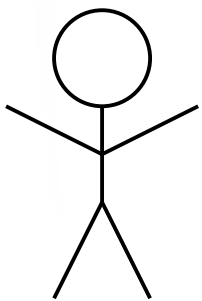
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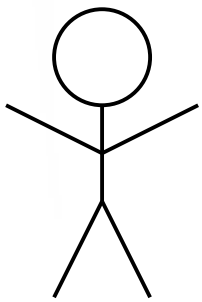
The Parable

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



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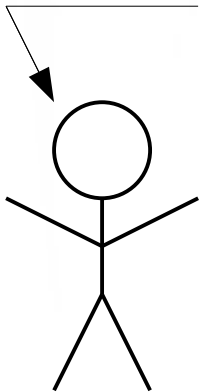
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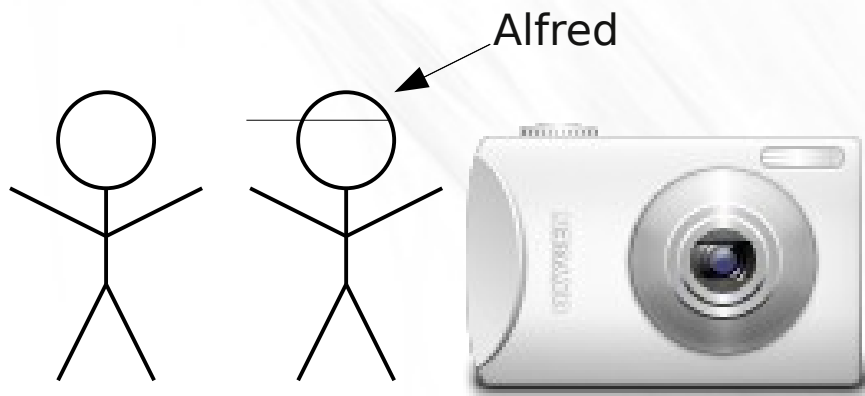
- Write a large software program
- Invent some method to keep track of versions
 - retrieve code that you changed/deleted

Responsible!



Snapshots

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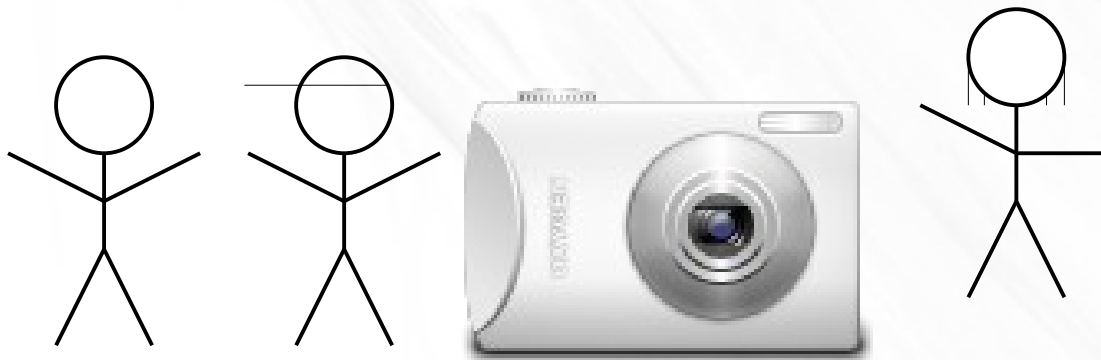
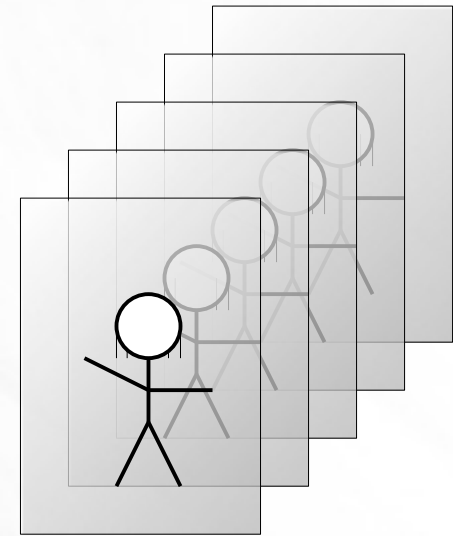
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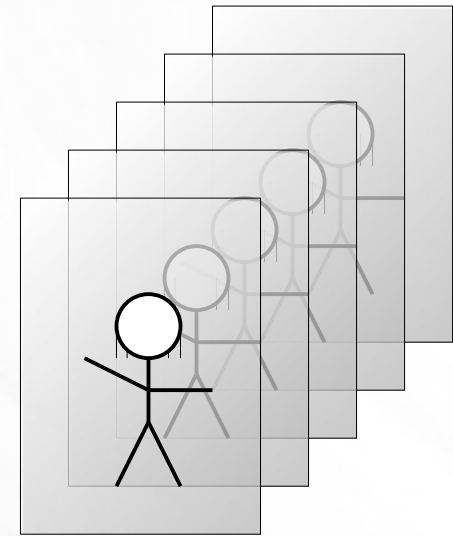
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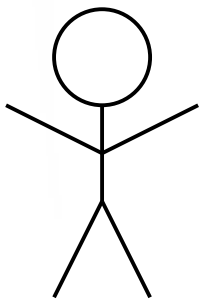
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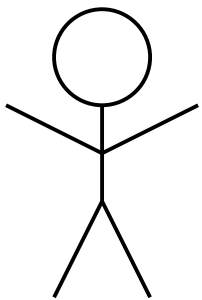
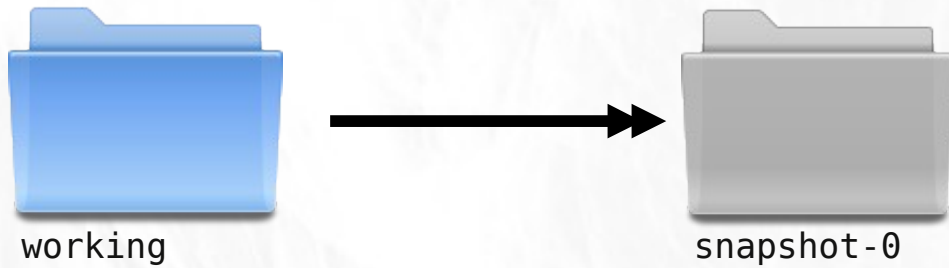
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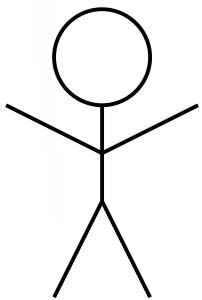
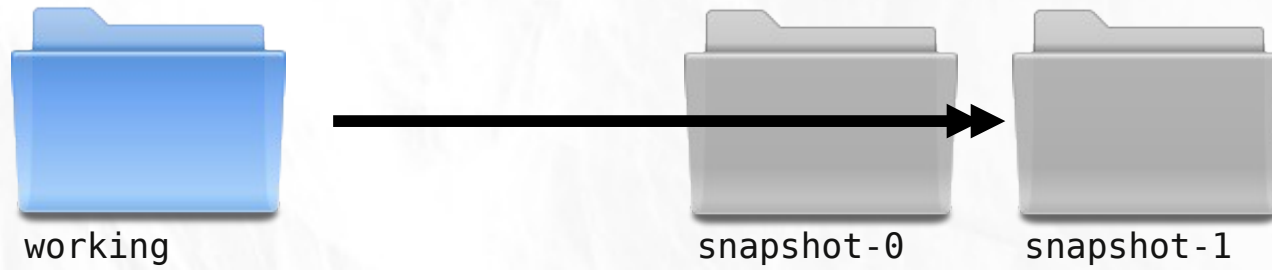
working



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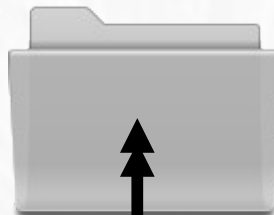
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snapshot-0



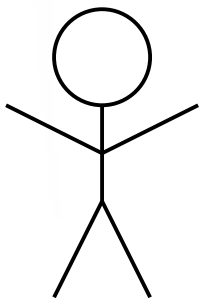
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message



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2009-05-20 12:34:56

Initial version

2009-05-21 23:45:01

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and reset the bar to
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Branches



working



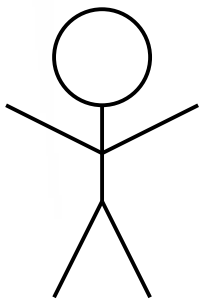
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snapshot-1



snapshot-99



Branches



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snapshot-0



snapshot-1

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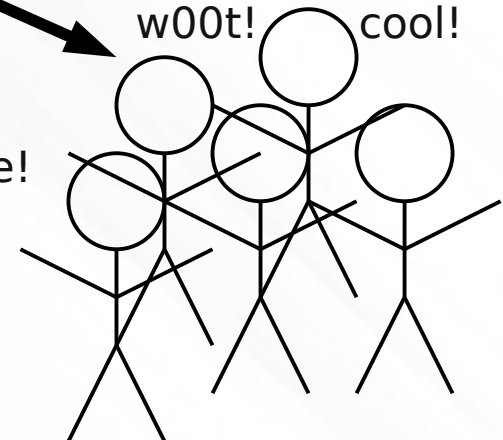
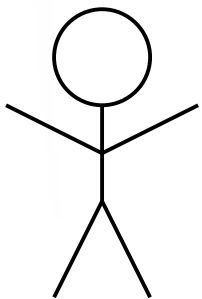
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w00t!

cool!

nice!



Branches



working



snapshot-0



snapshot-1

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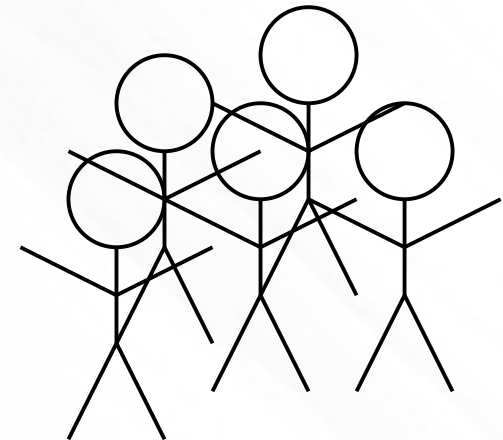
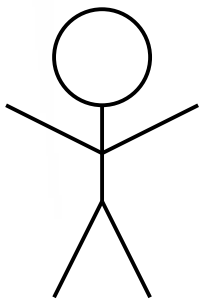


snapshot-99

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snapshot-109



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snapshot-0



snapshot-1

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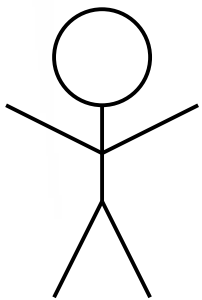
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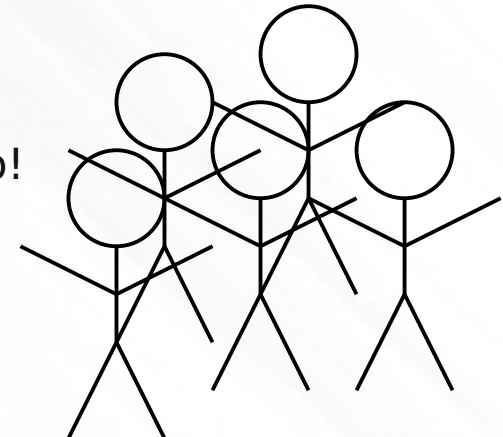


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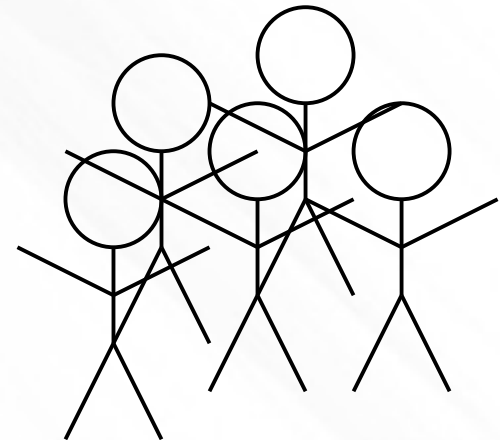
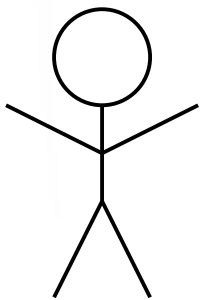
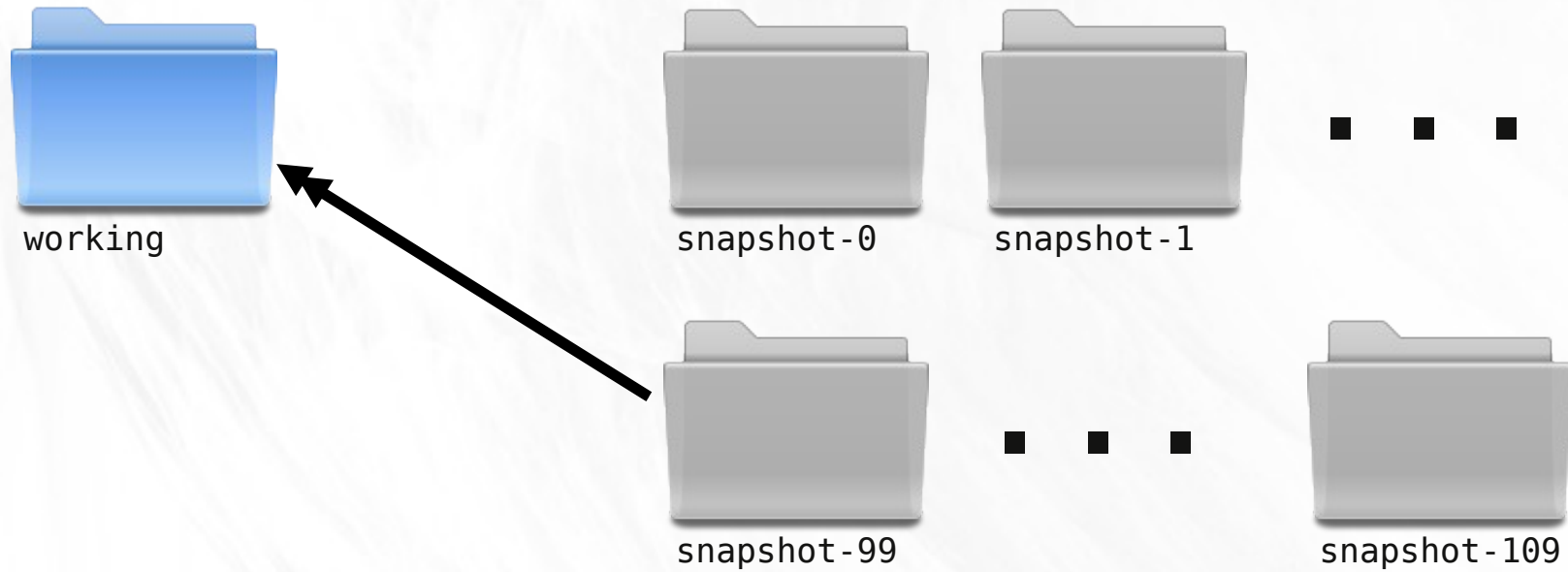
Does not work!



Boo!



Branches



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working



snapshot-0



snapshot-1

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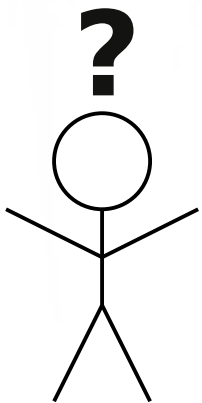


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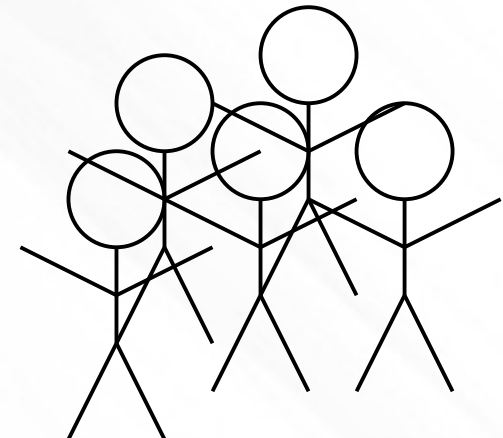
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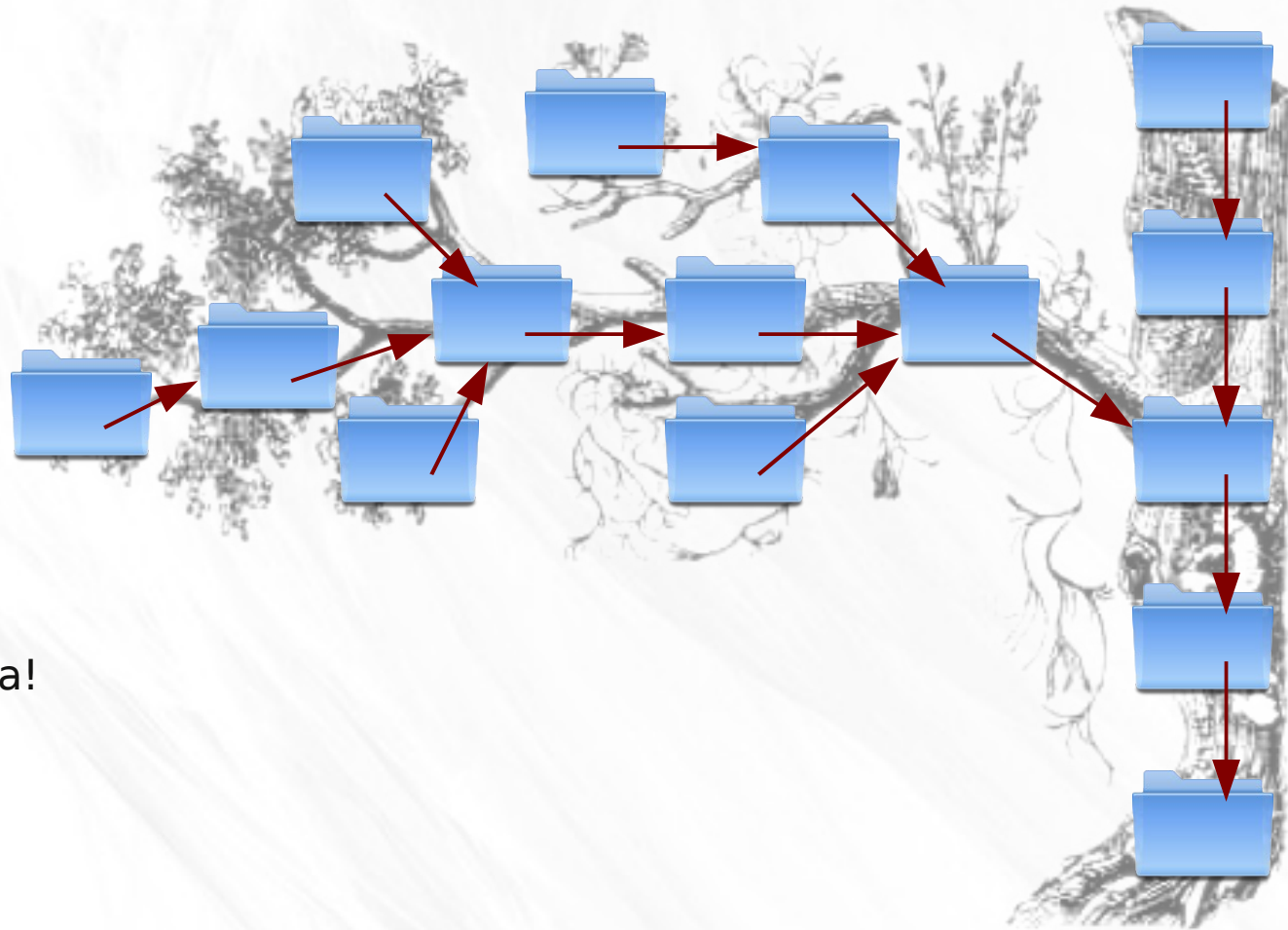
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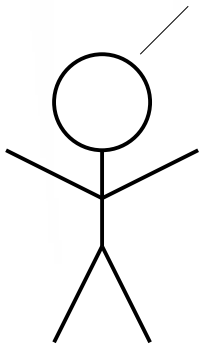
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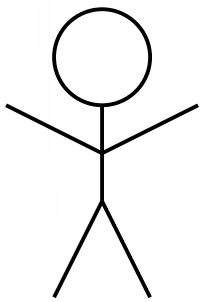
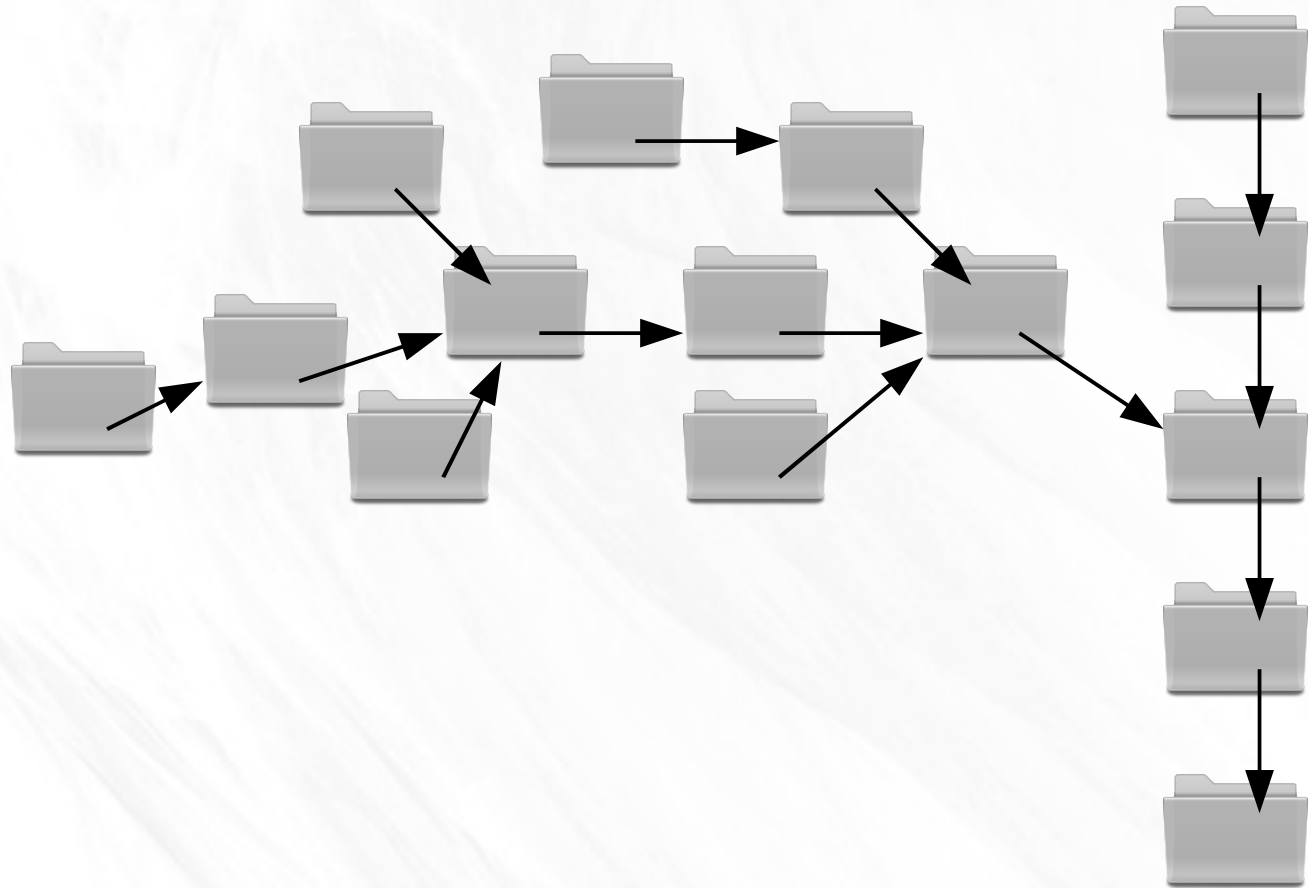
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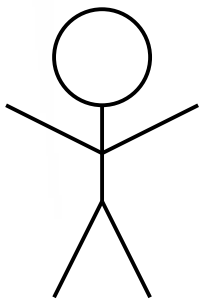
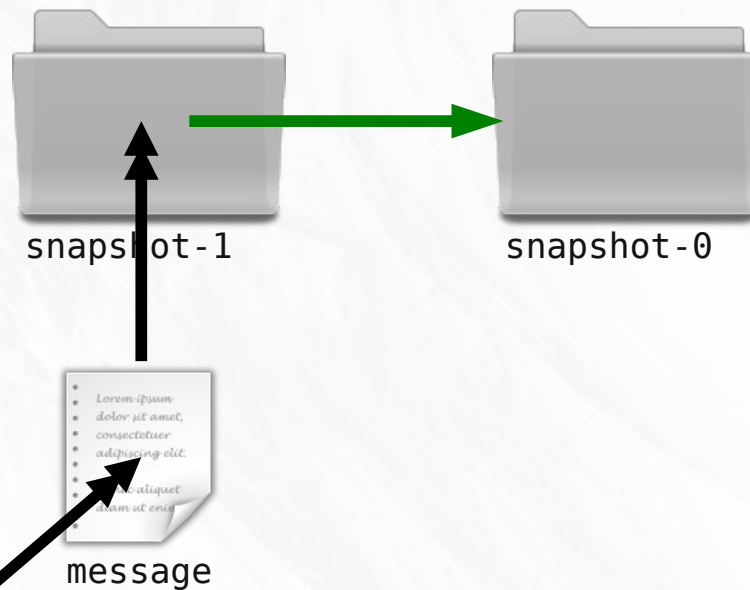
Eureka!



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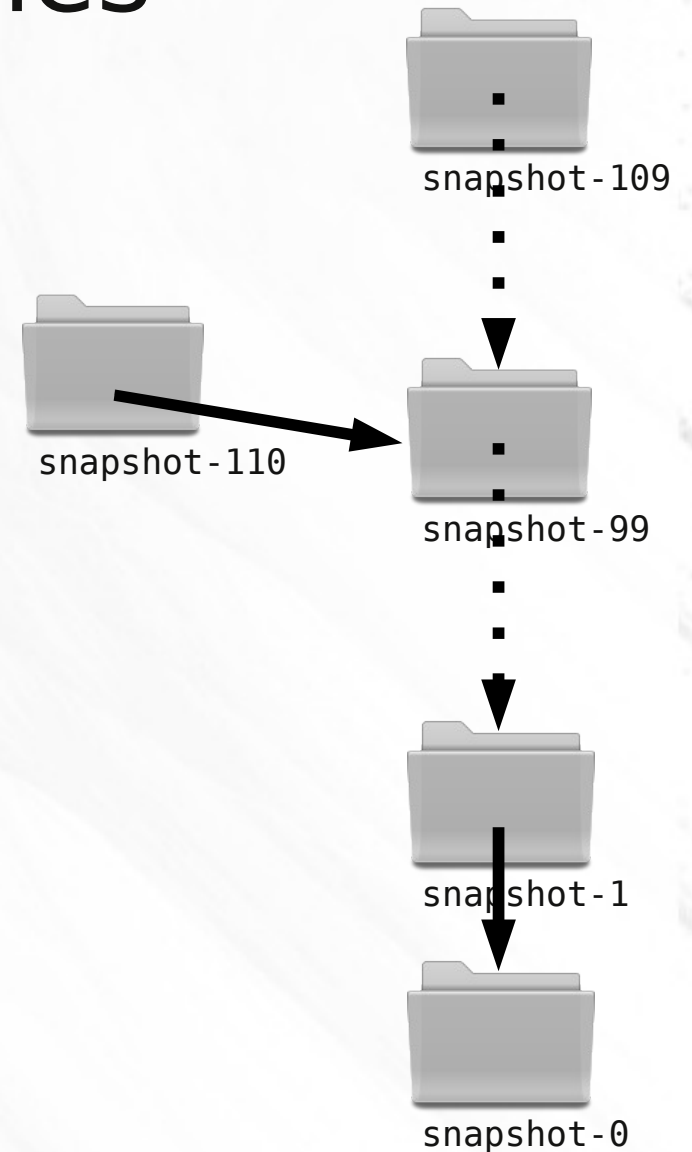
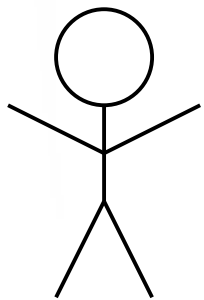
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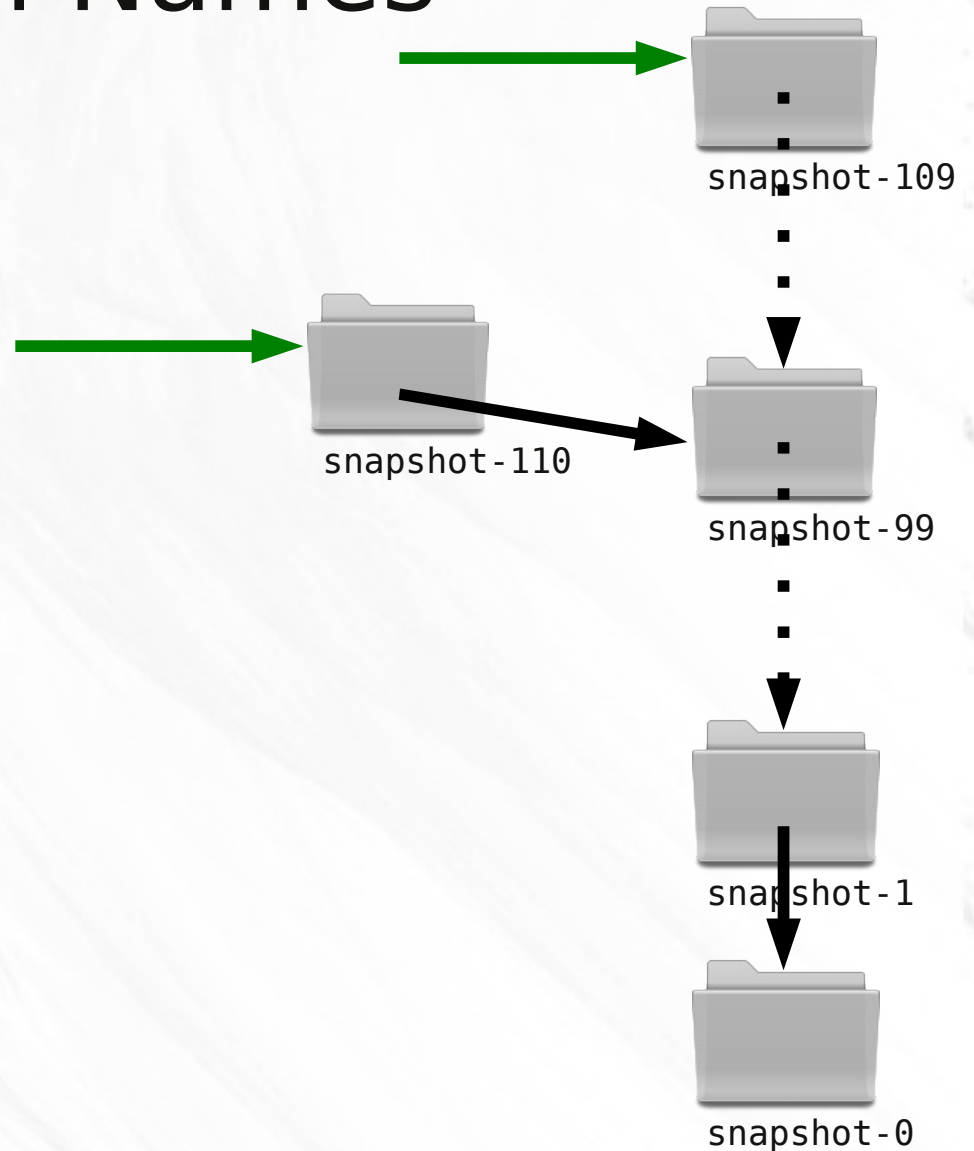
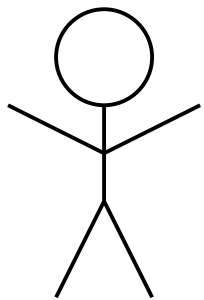
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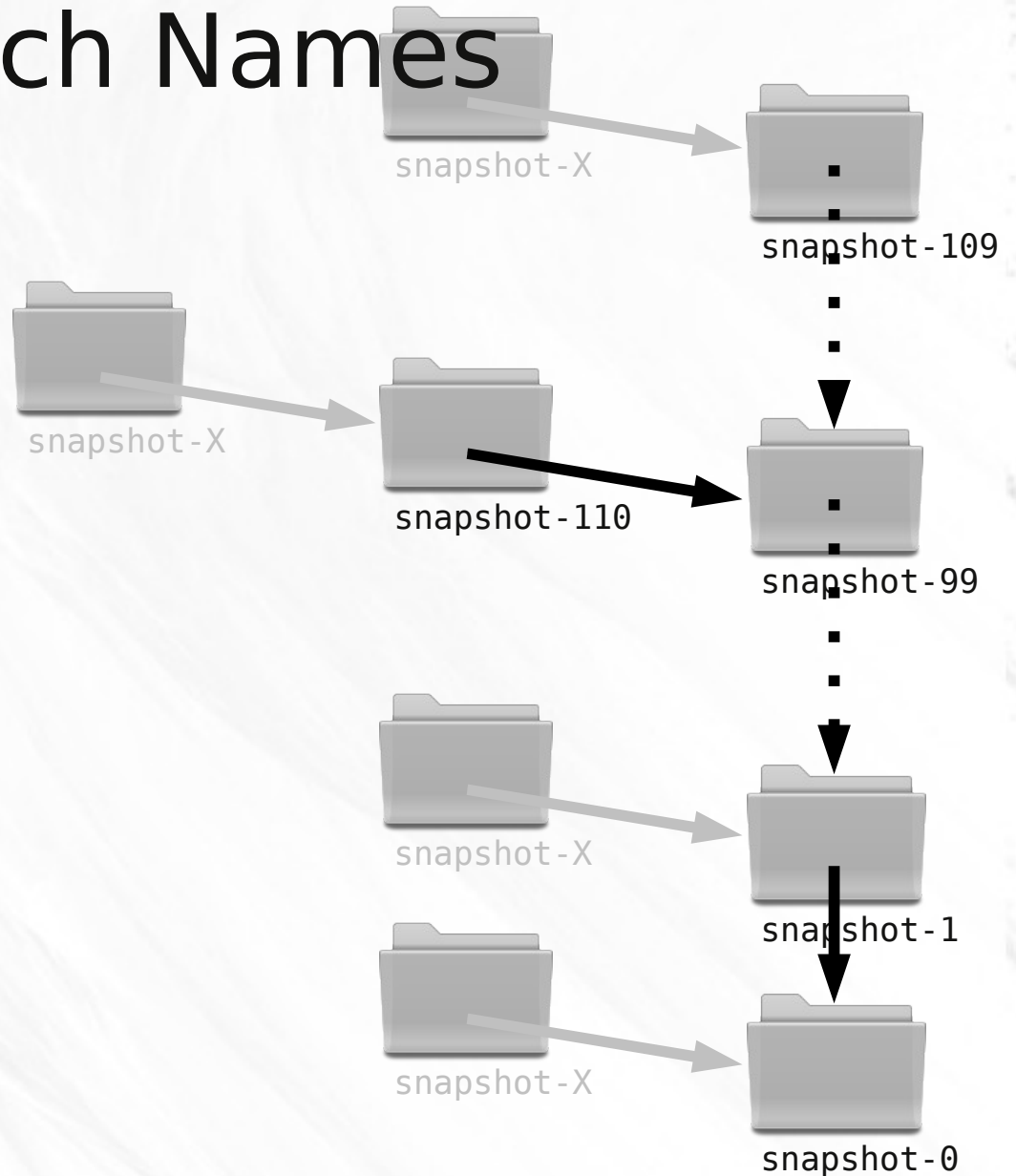
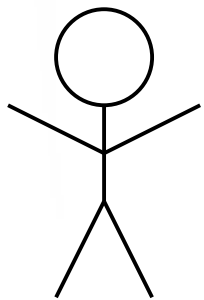
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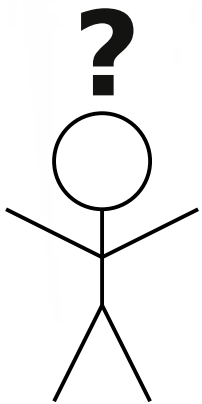
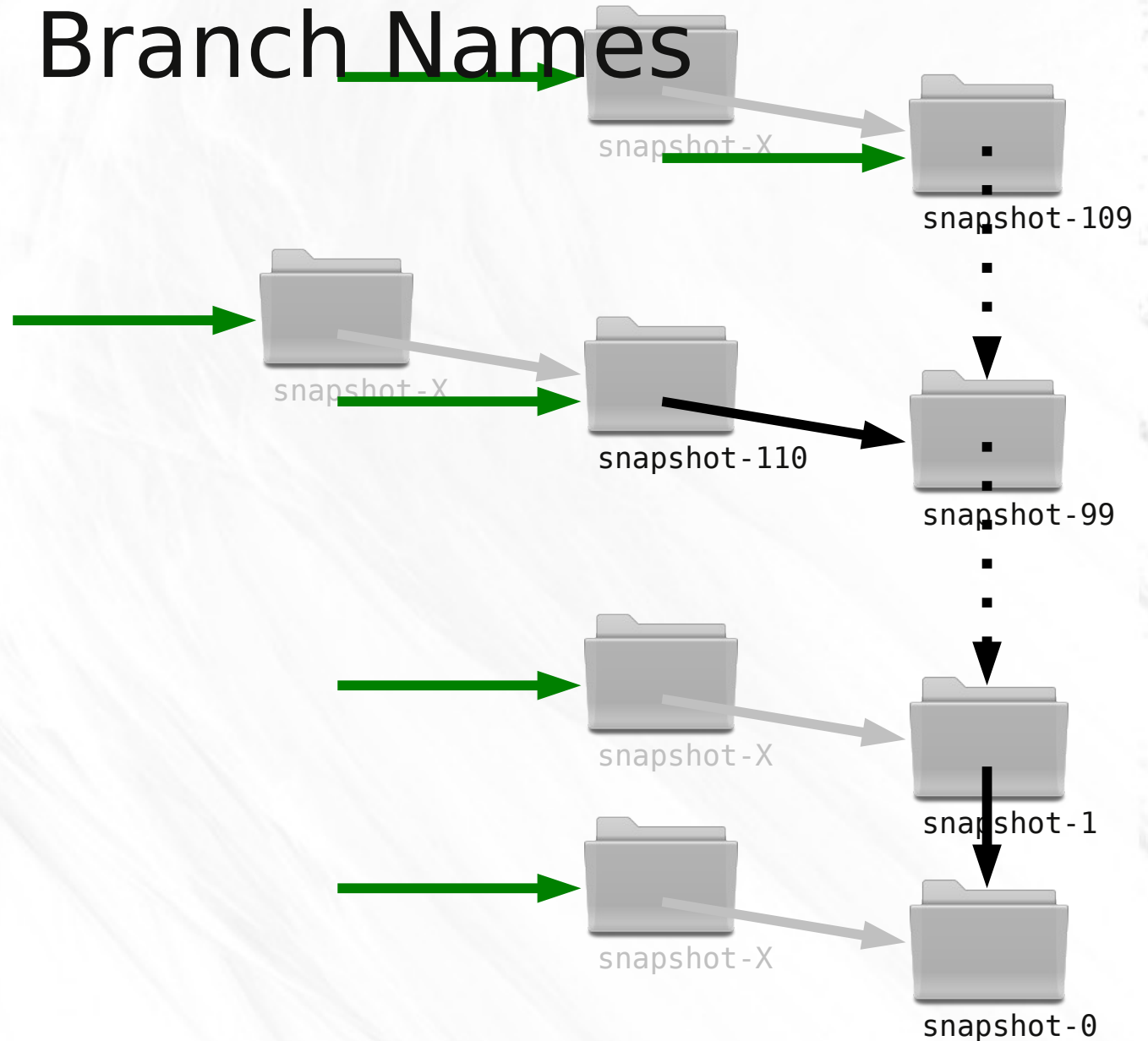
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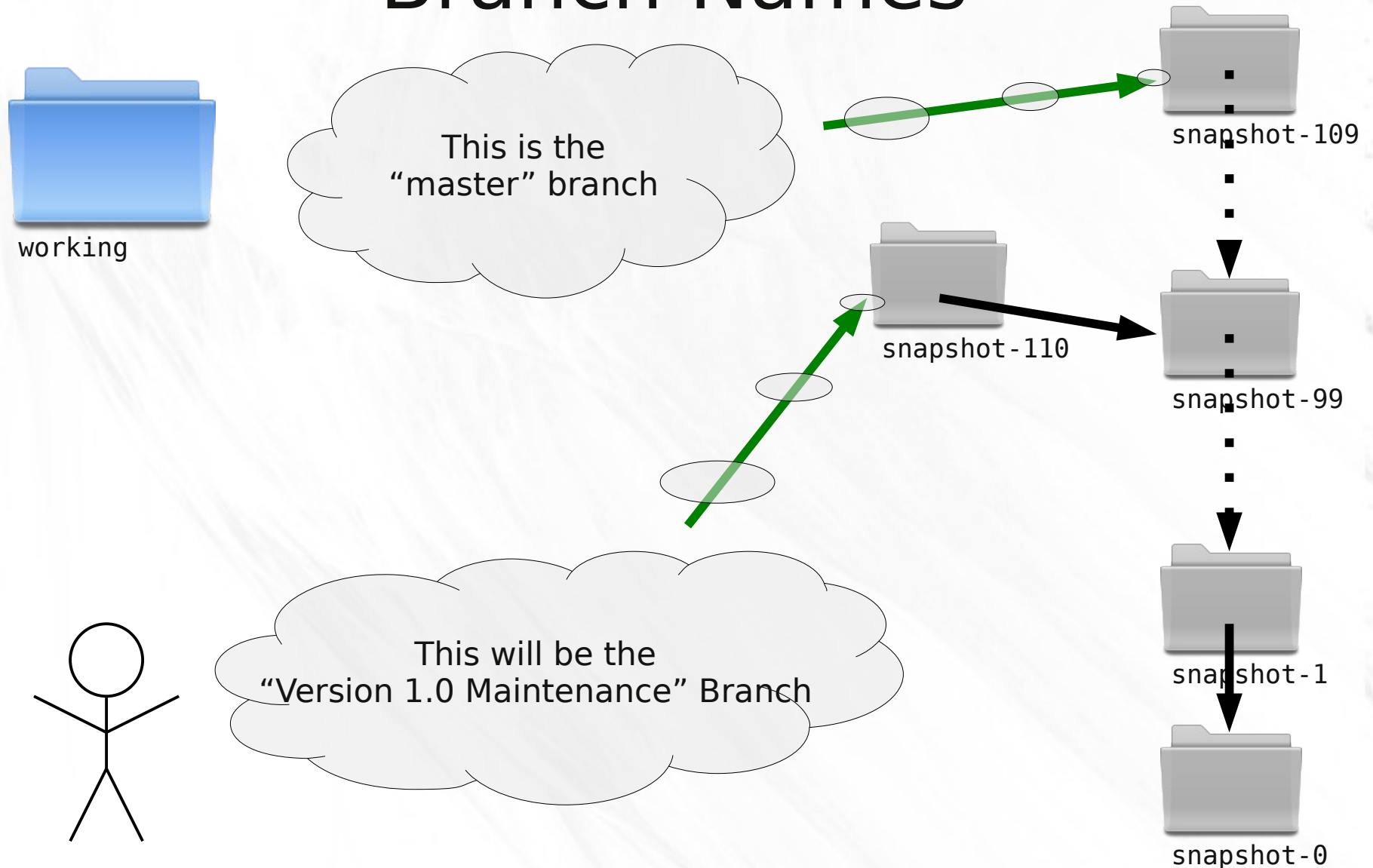
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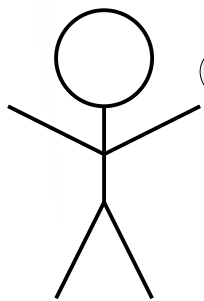
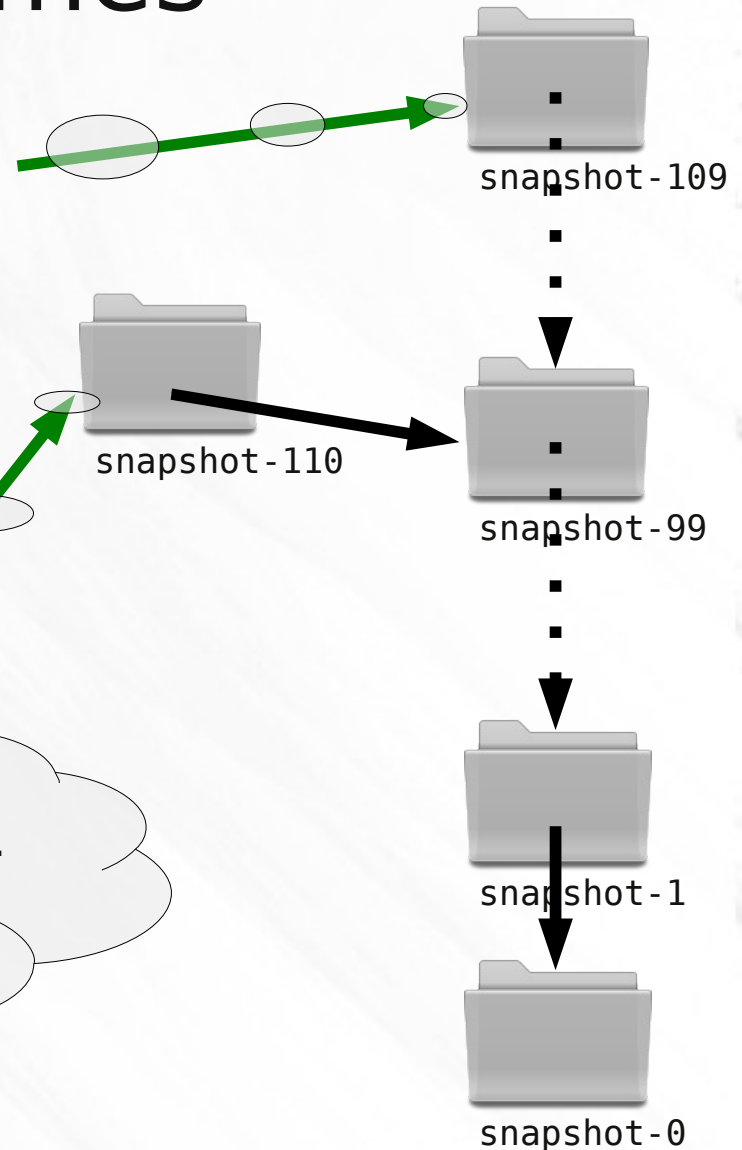
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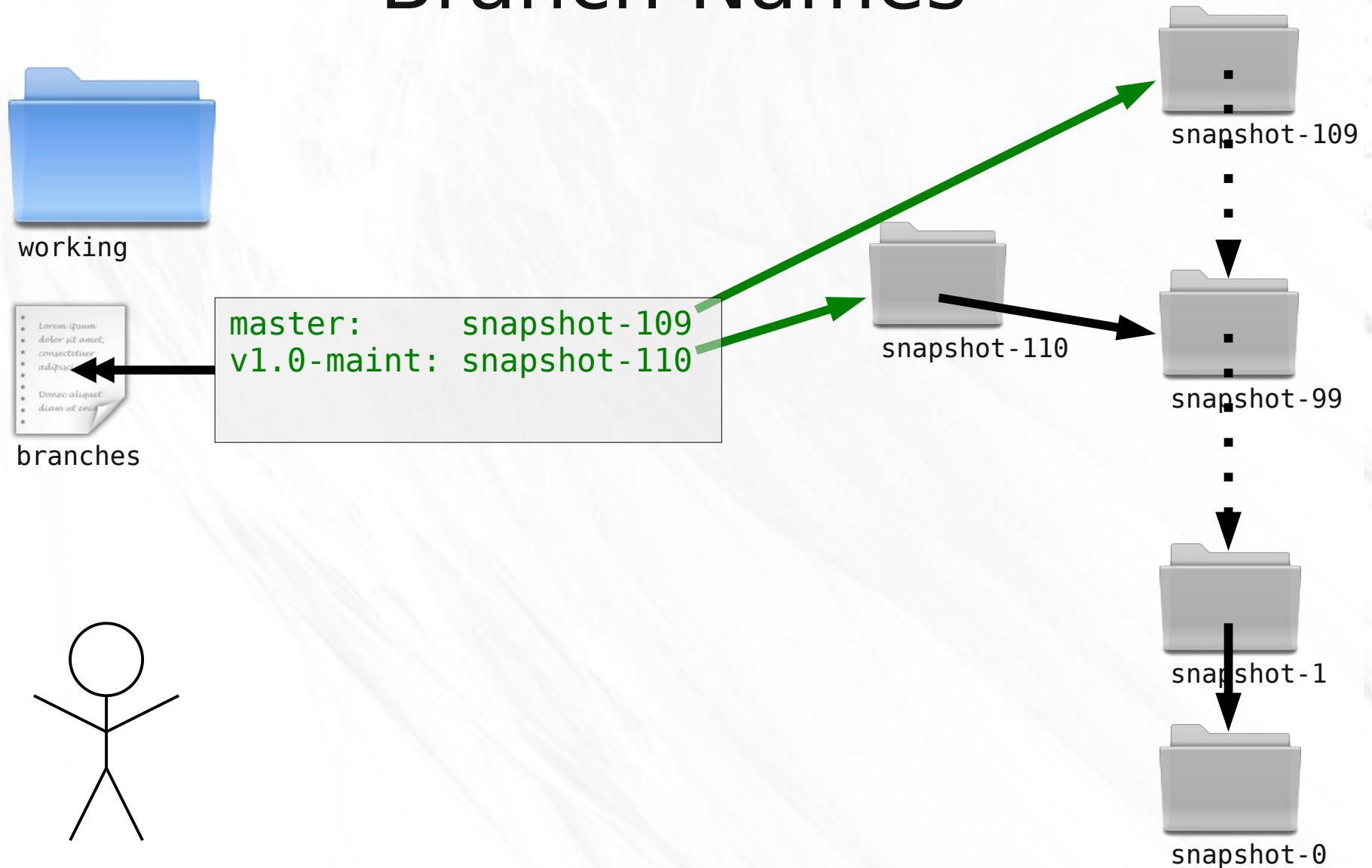


This is the
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It contains:
snapshot-109
(and its ancestors)

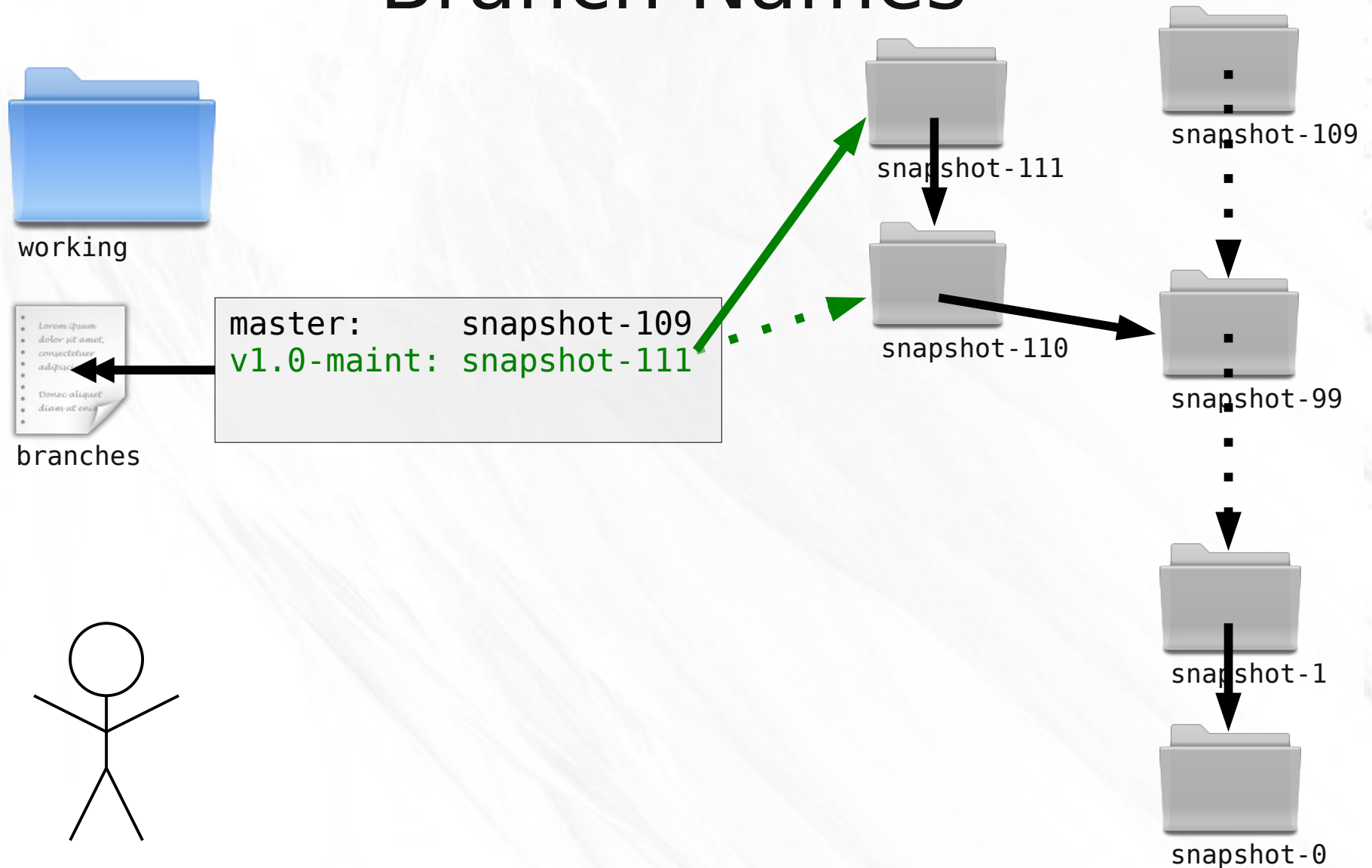


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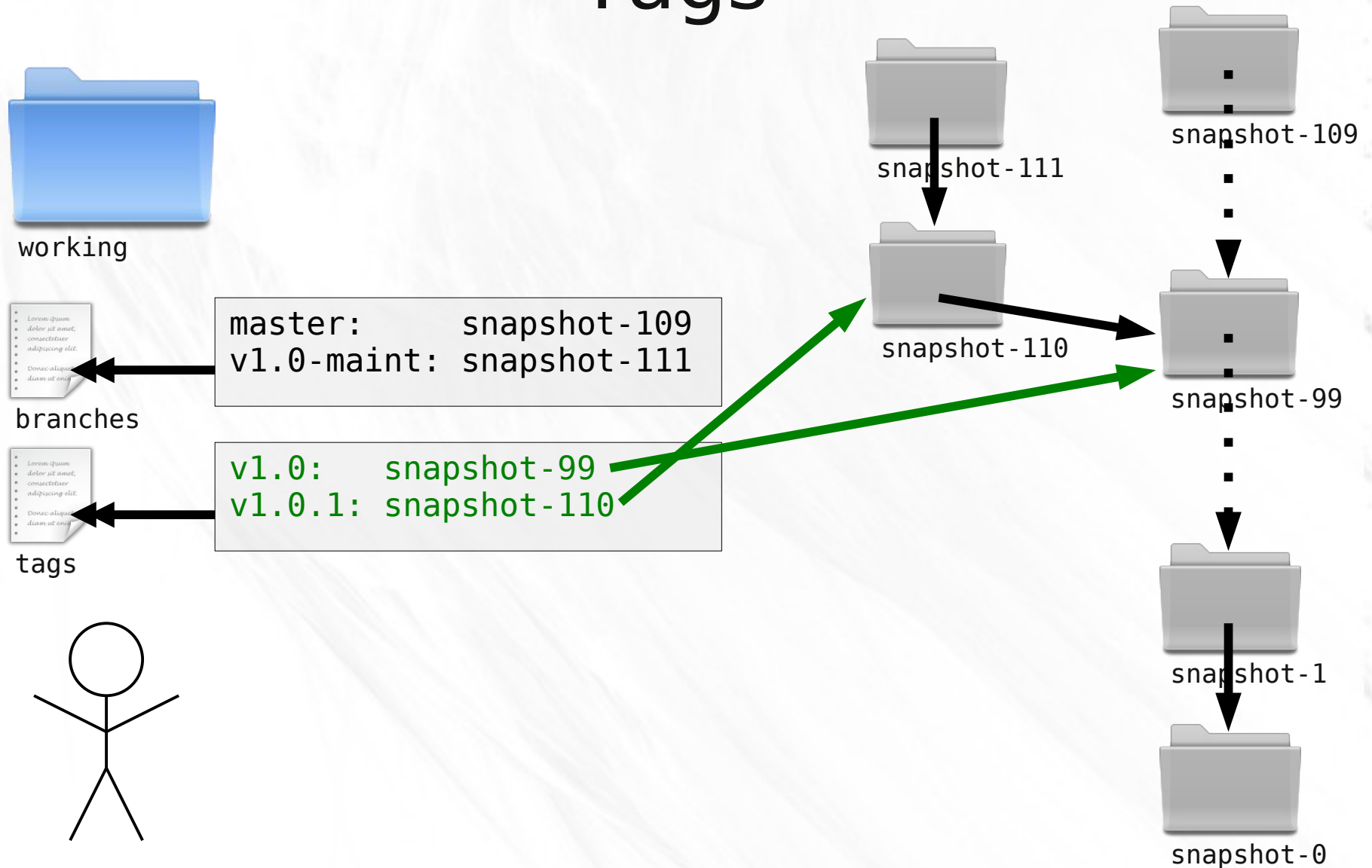
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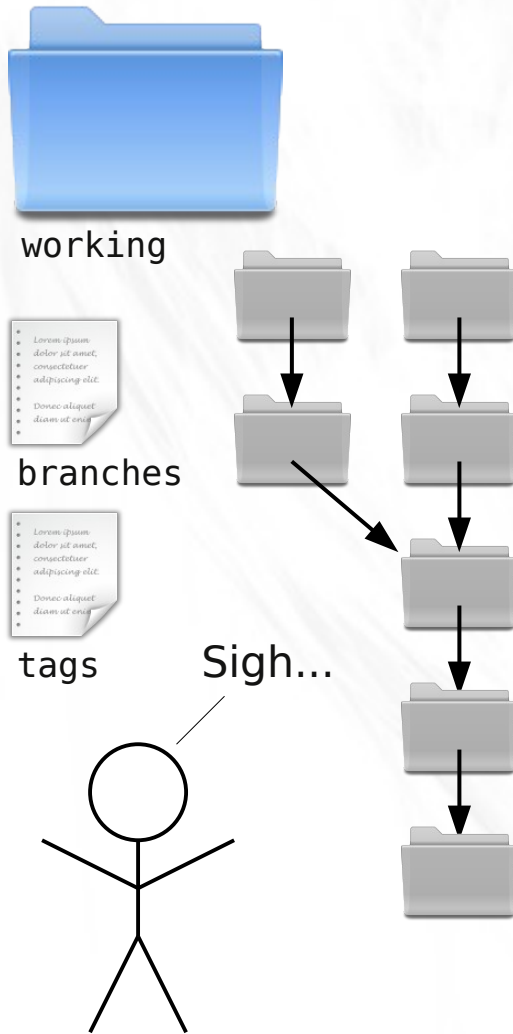
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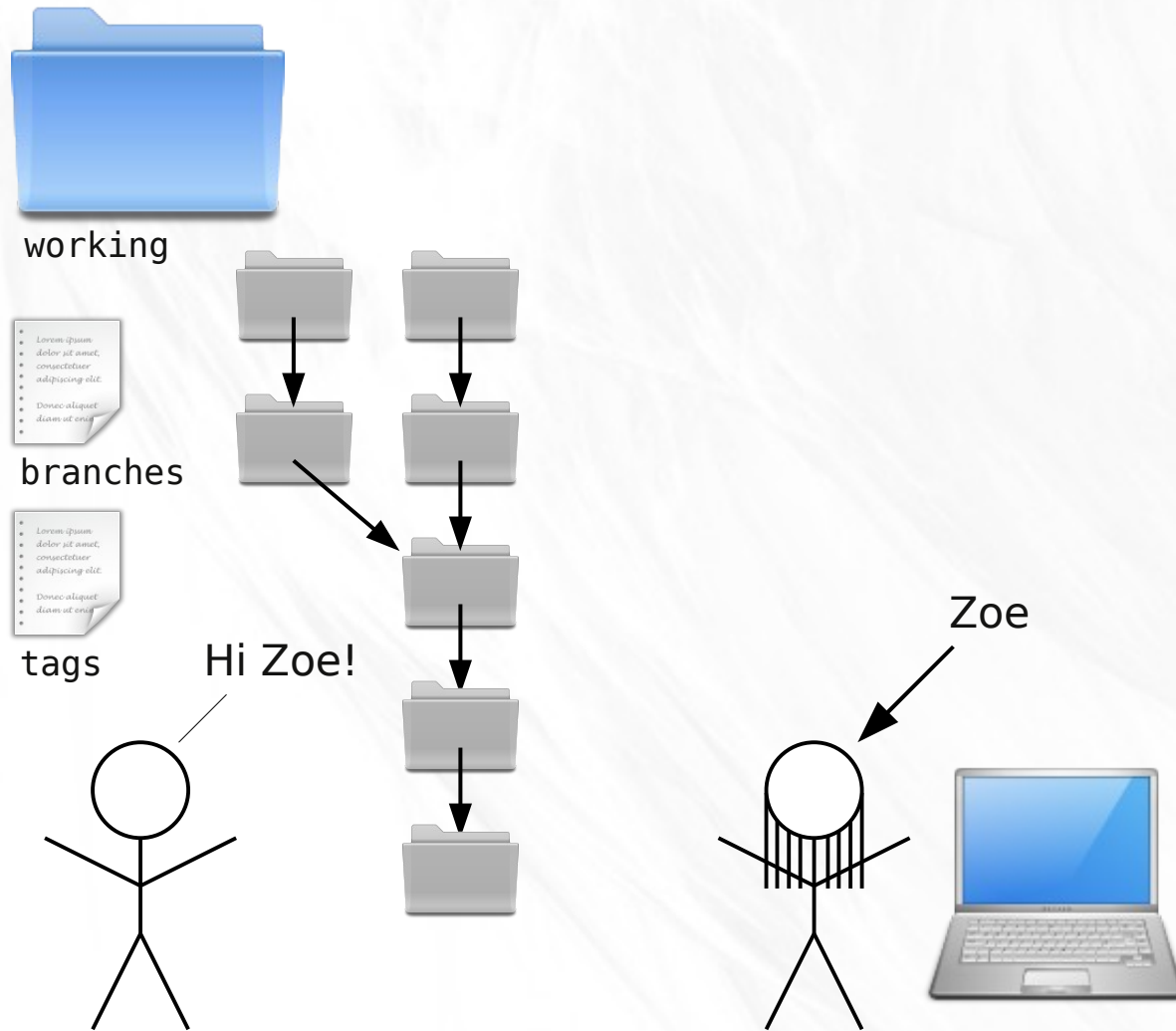
Tags



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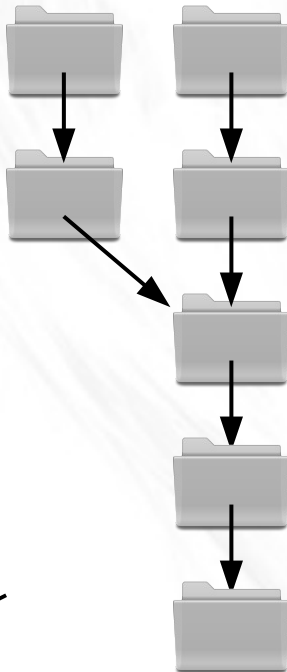
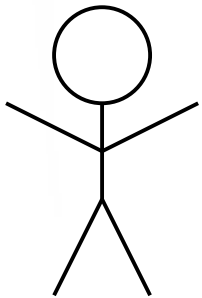
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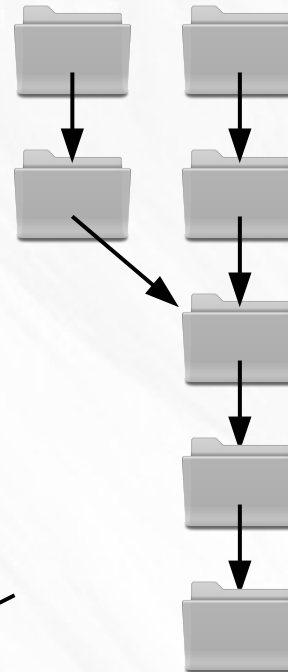
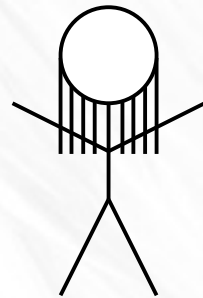
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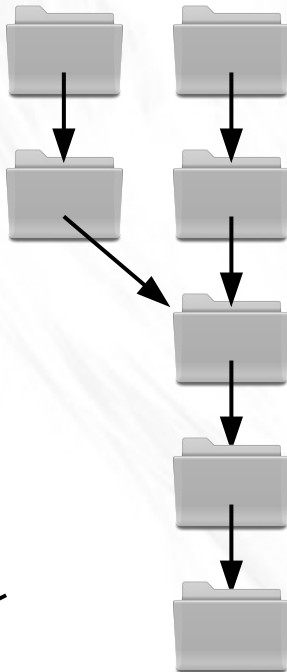
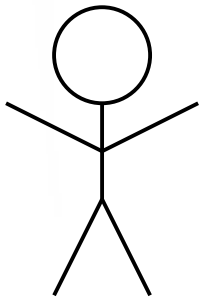
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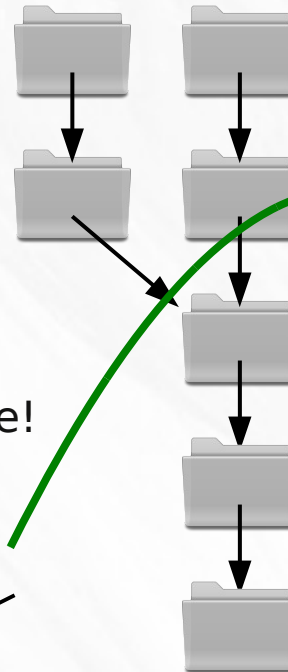
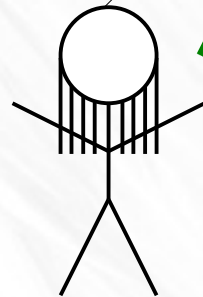


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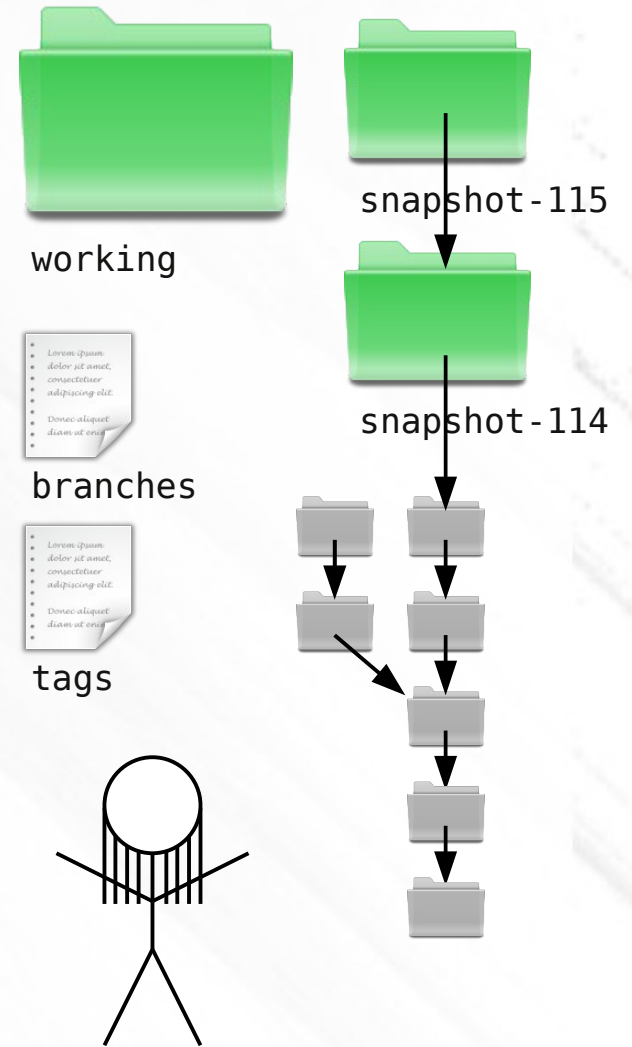
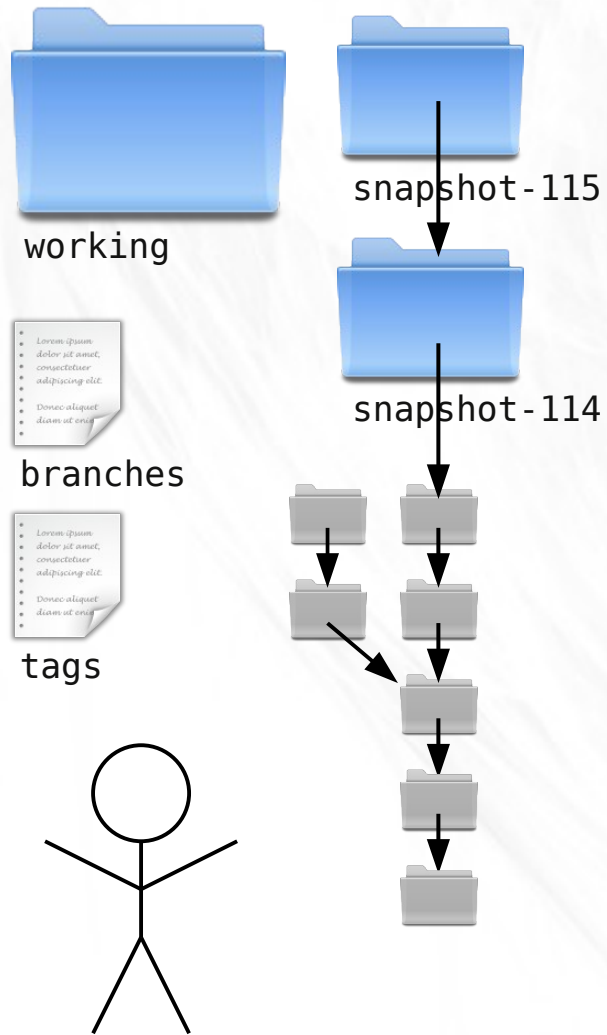


tags

Bye!



Distributed



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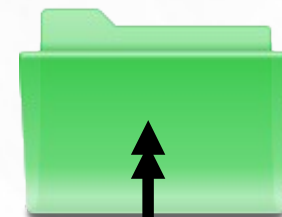
snapshot-114



message

2009-05-22 12:12:12
parent: snapshot-113
author: Me <me@me.me>

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



snapshot-114



message

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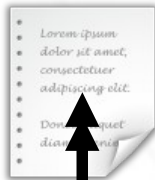
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SHA1



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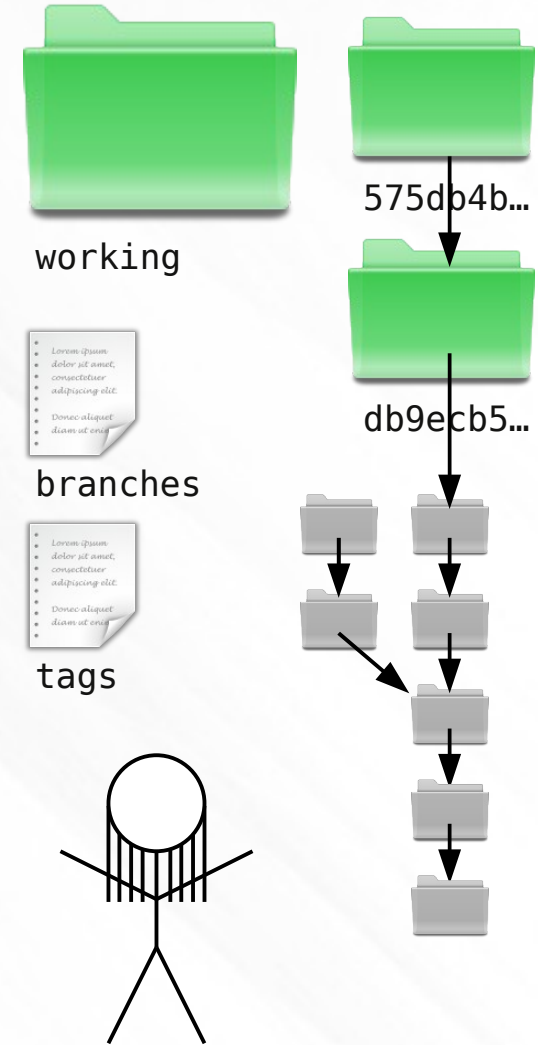
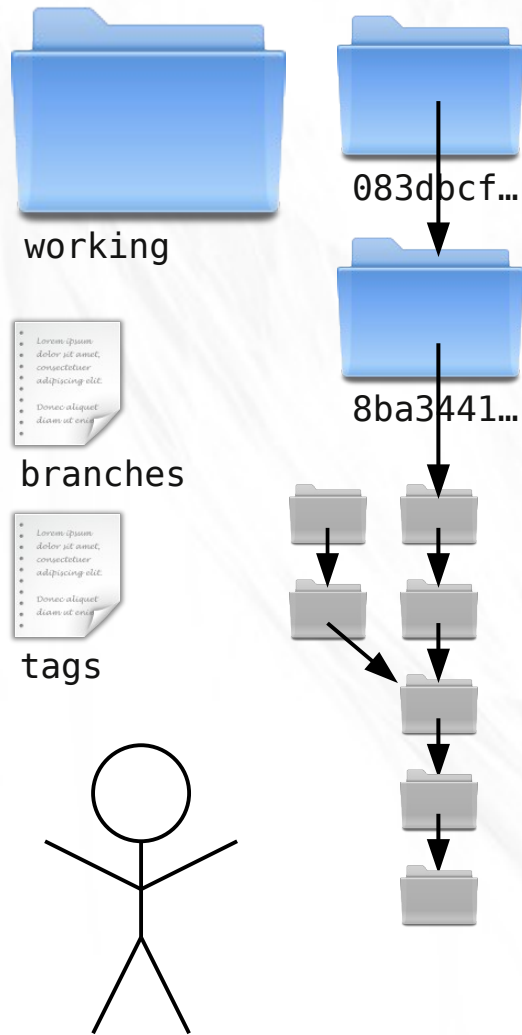


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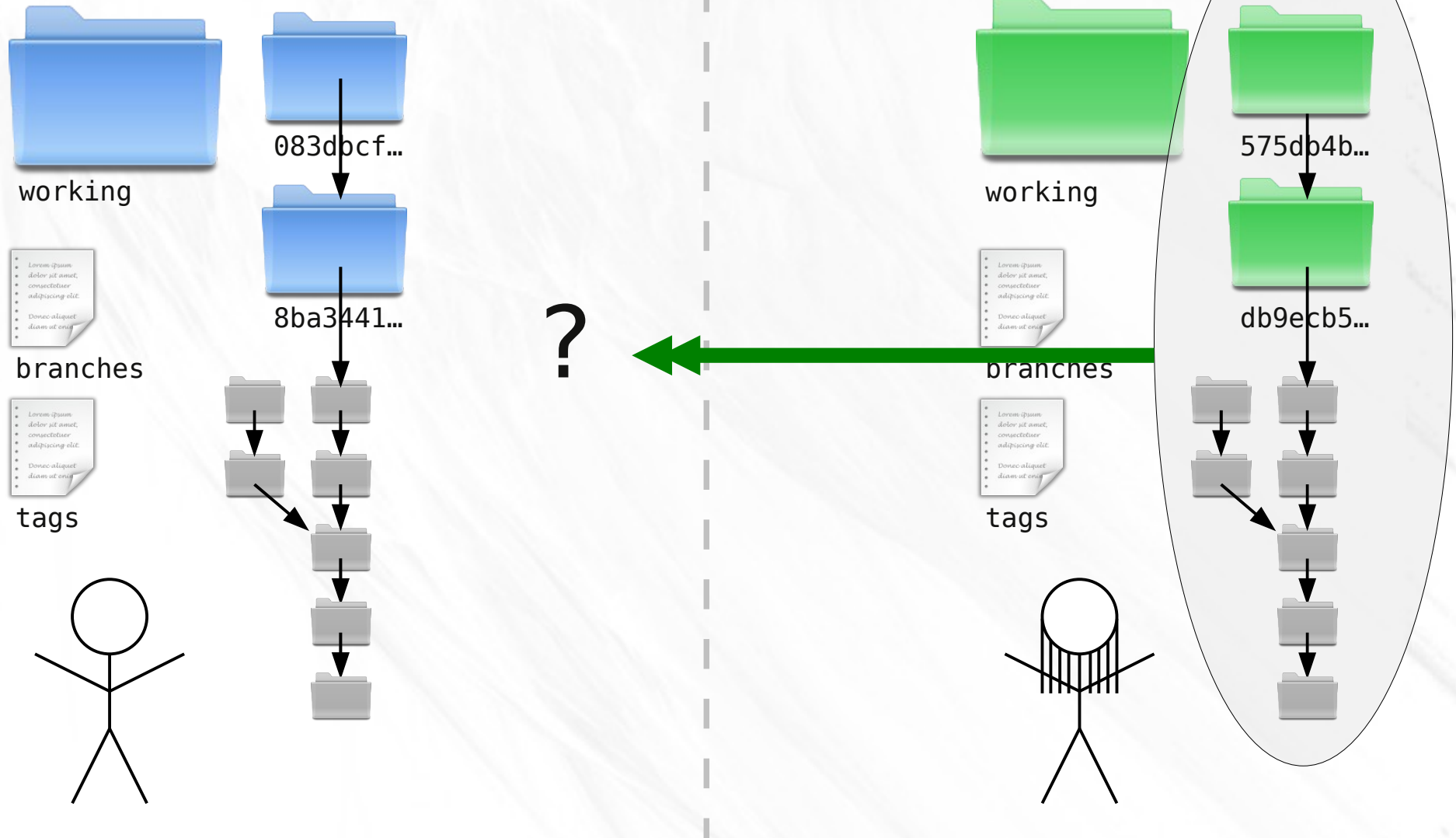
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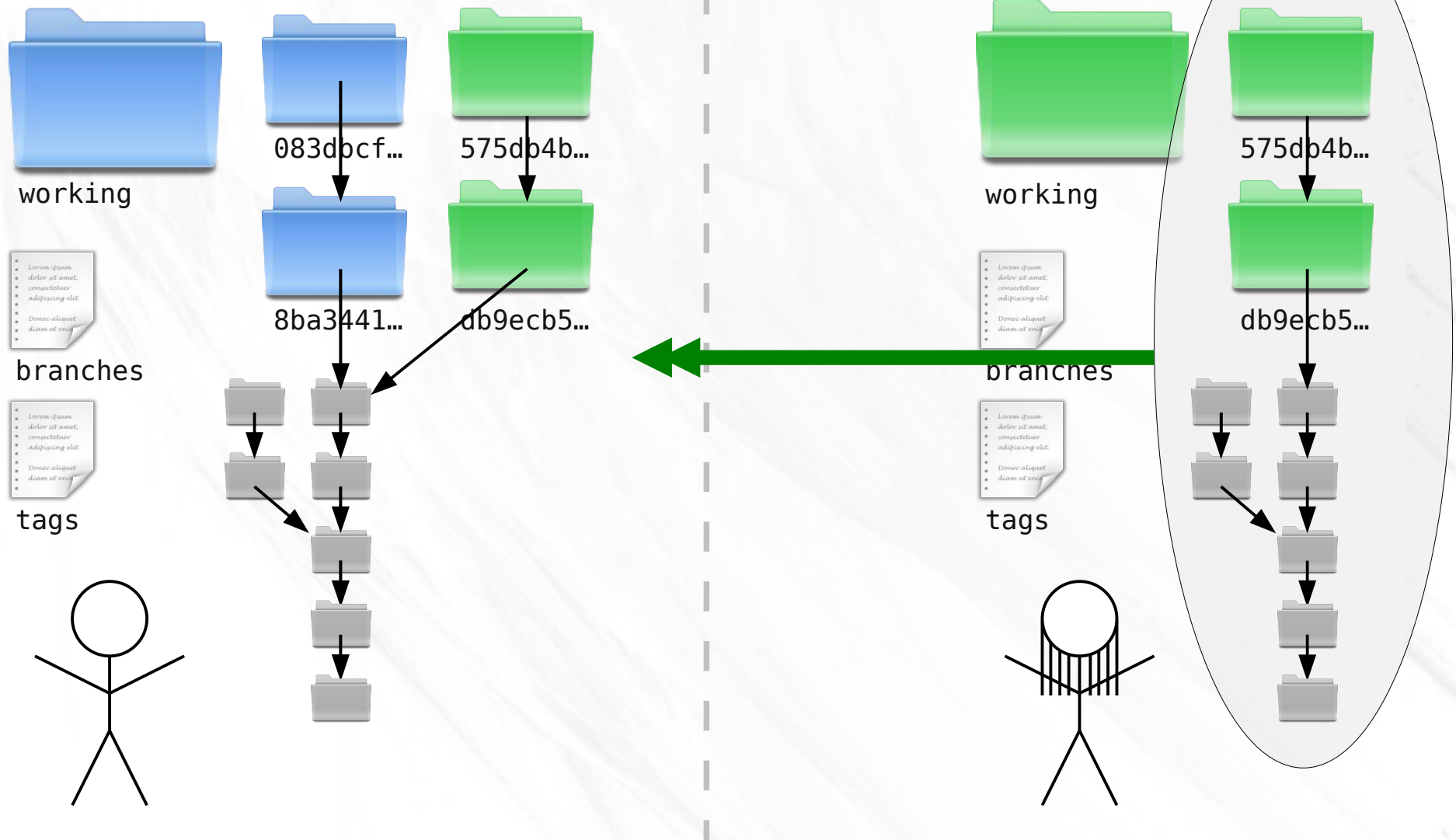
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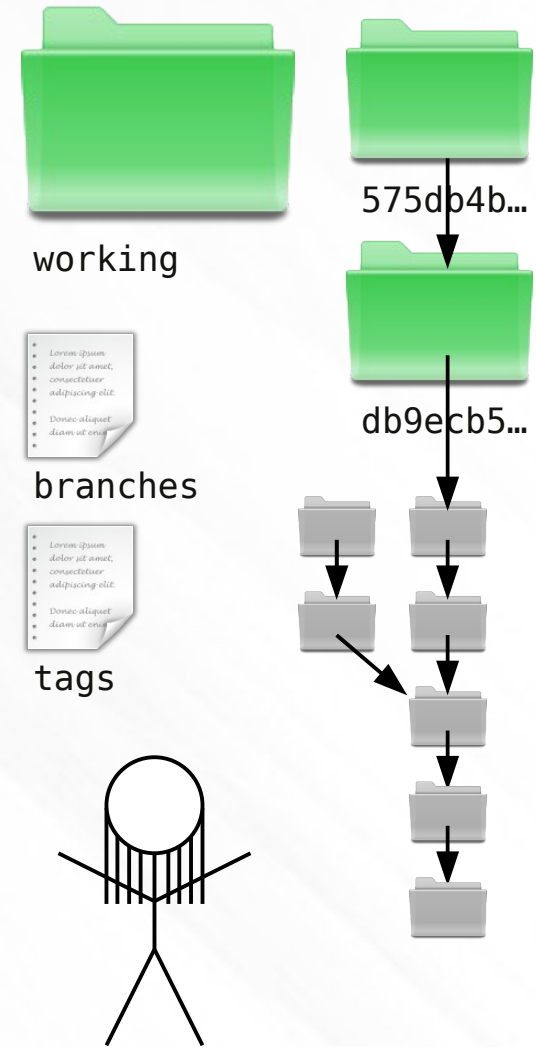
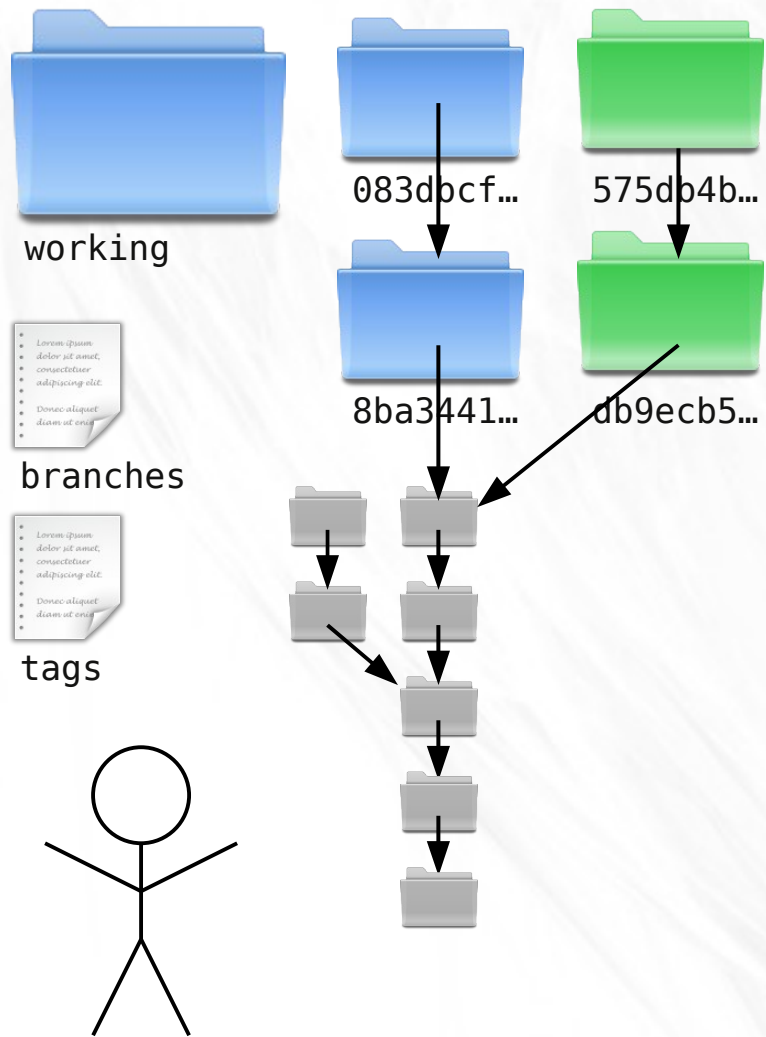
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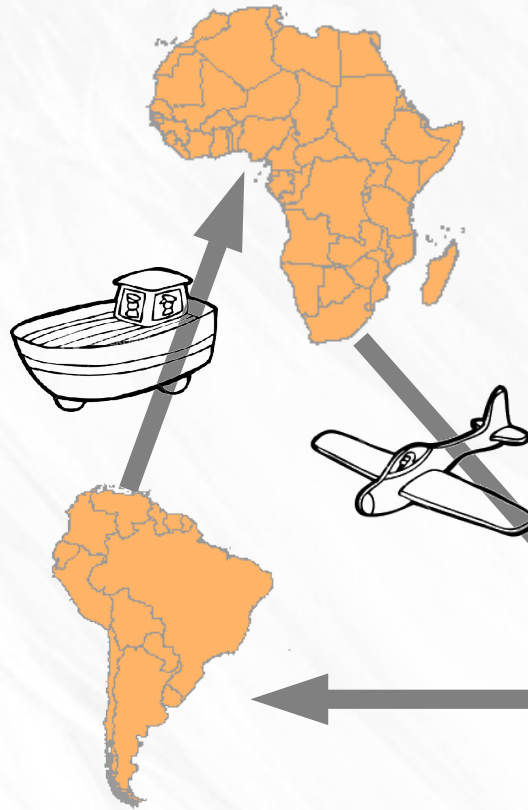
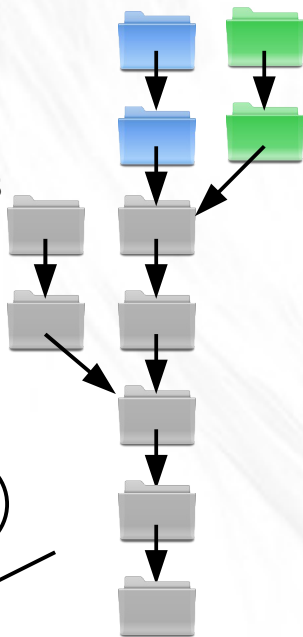
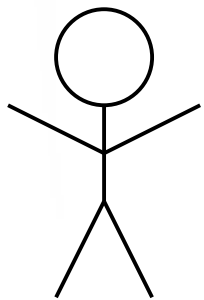
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w00t!



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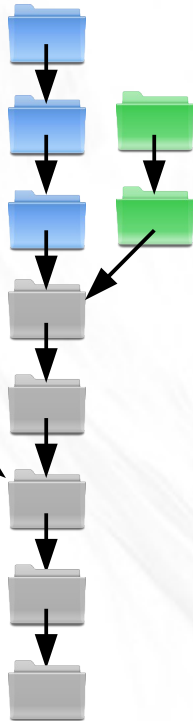
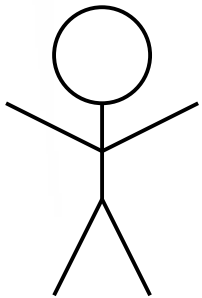
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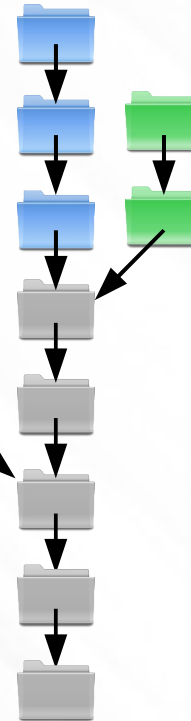
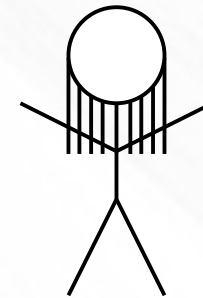
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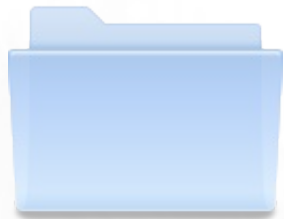
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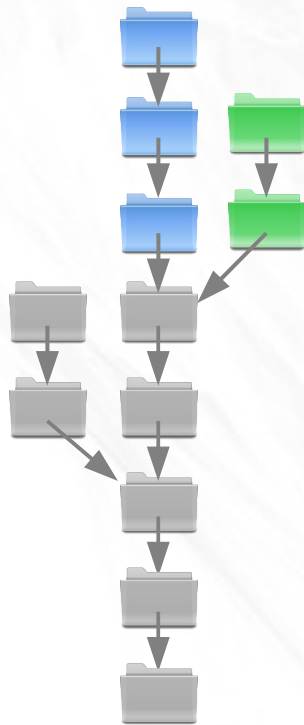
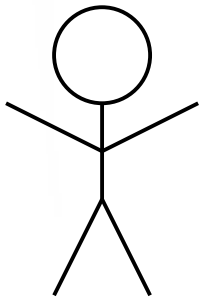
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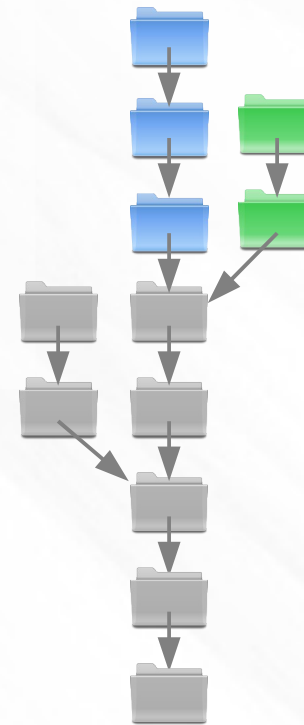
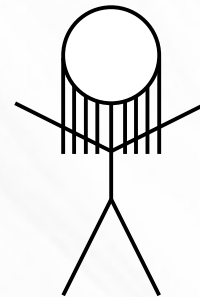
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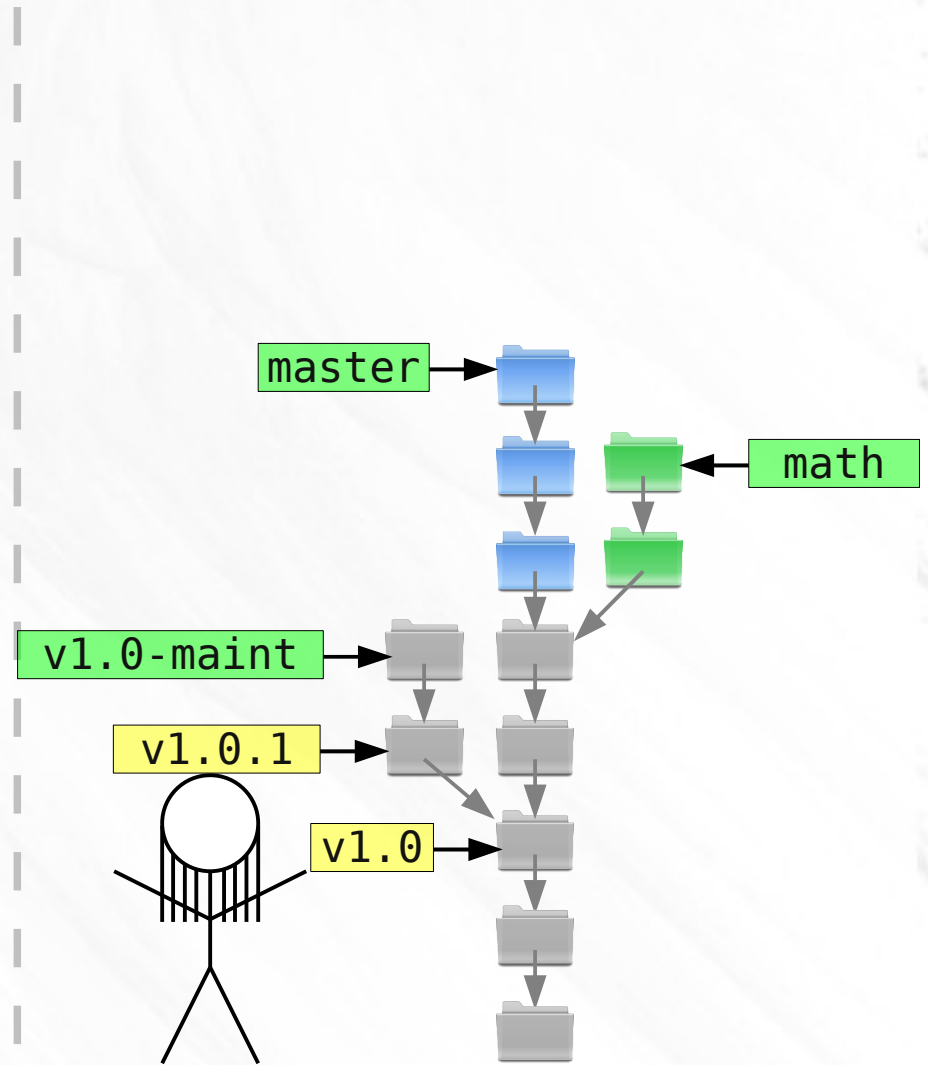
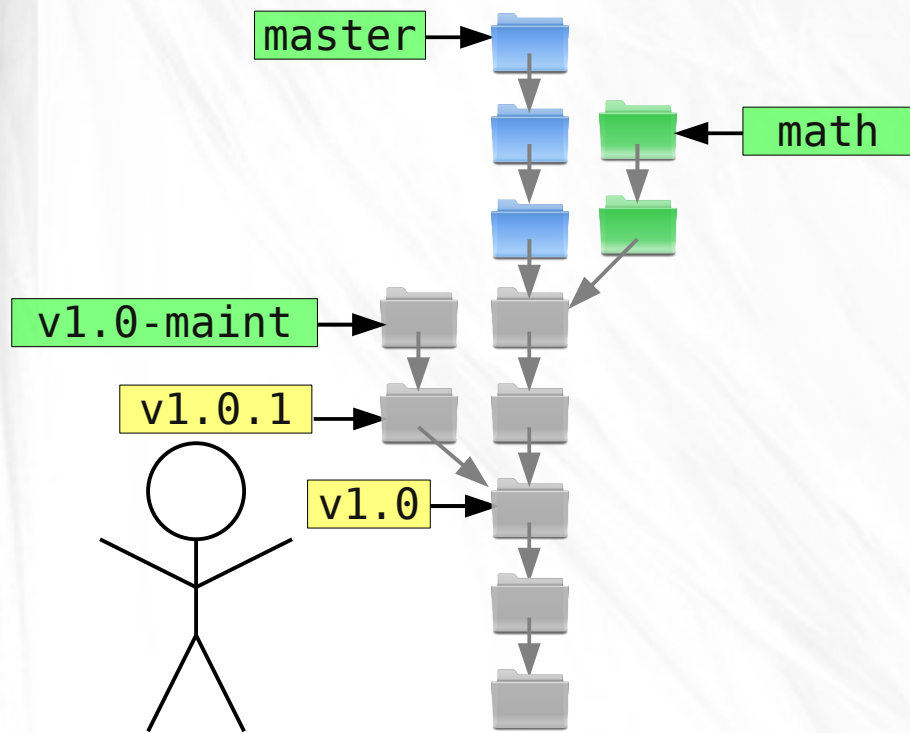
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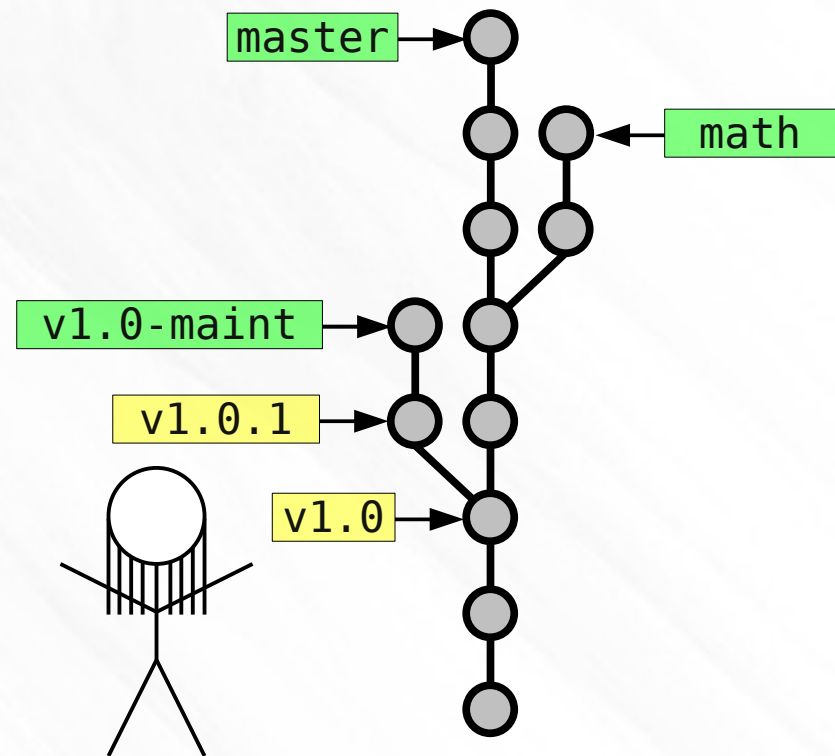
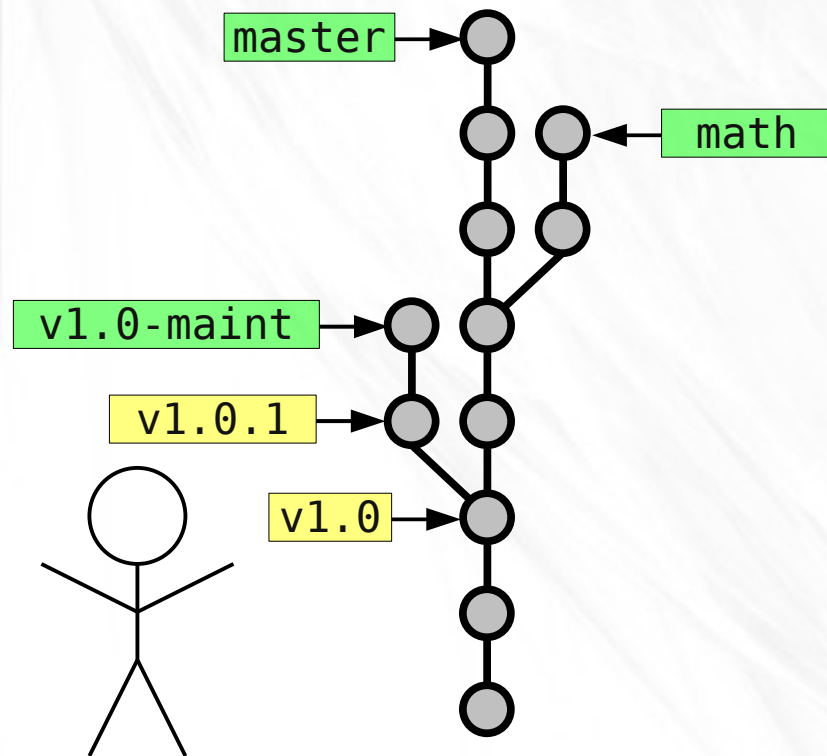
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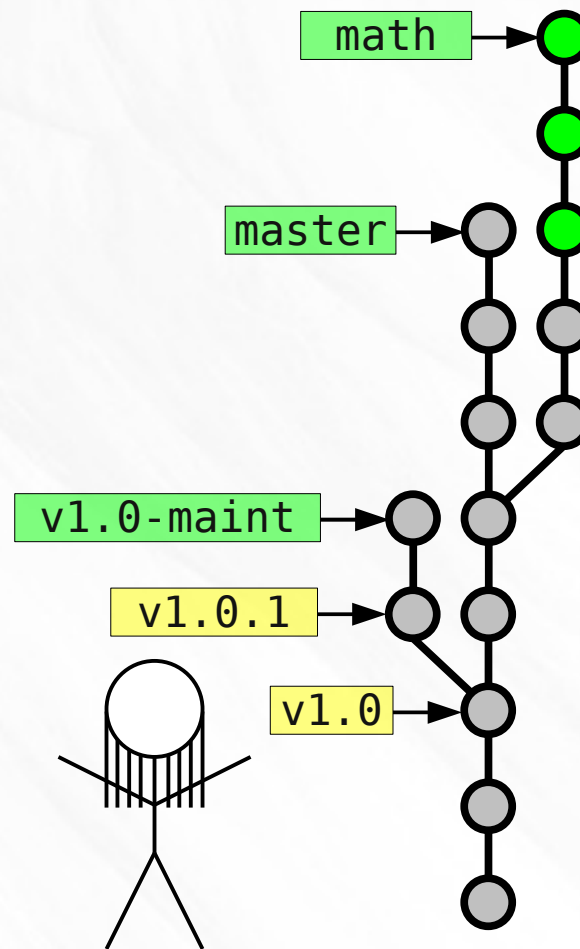
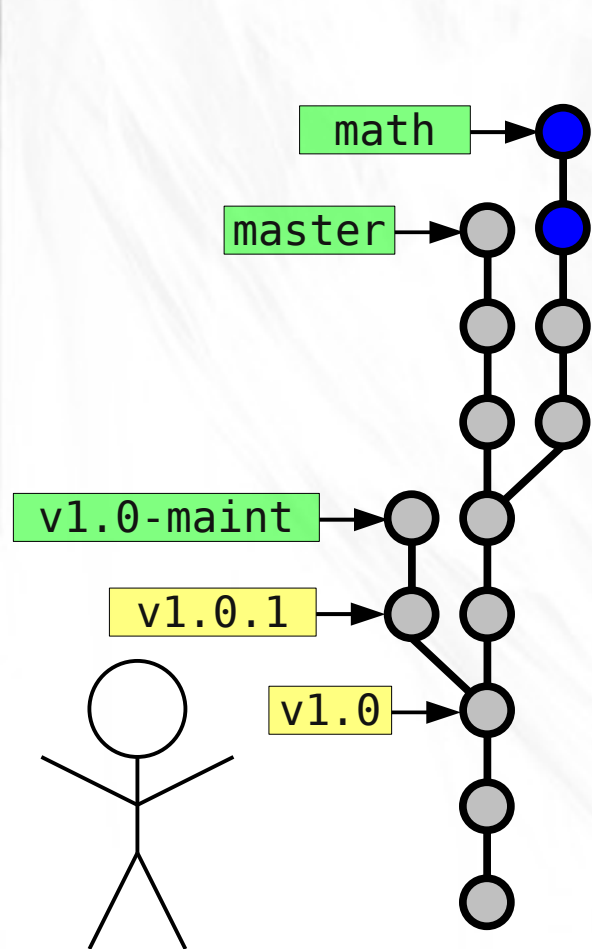
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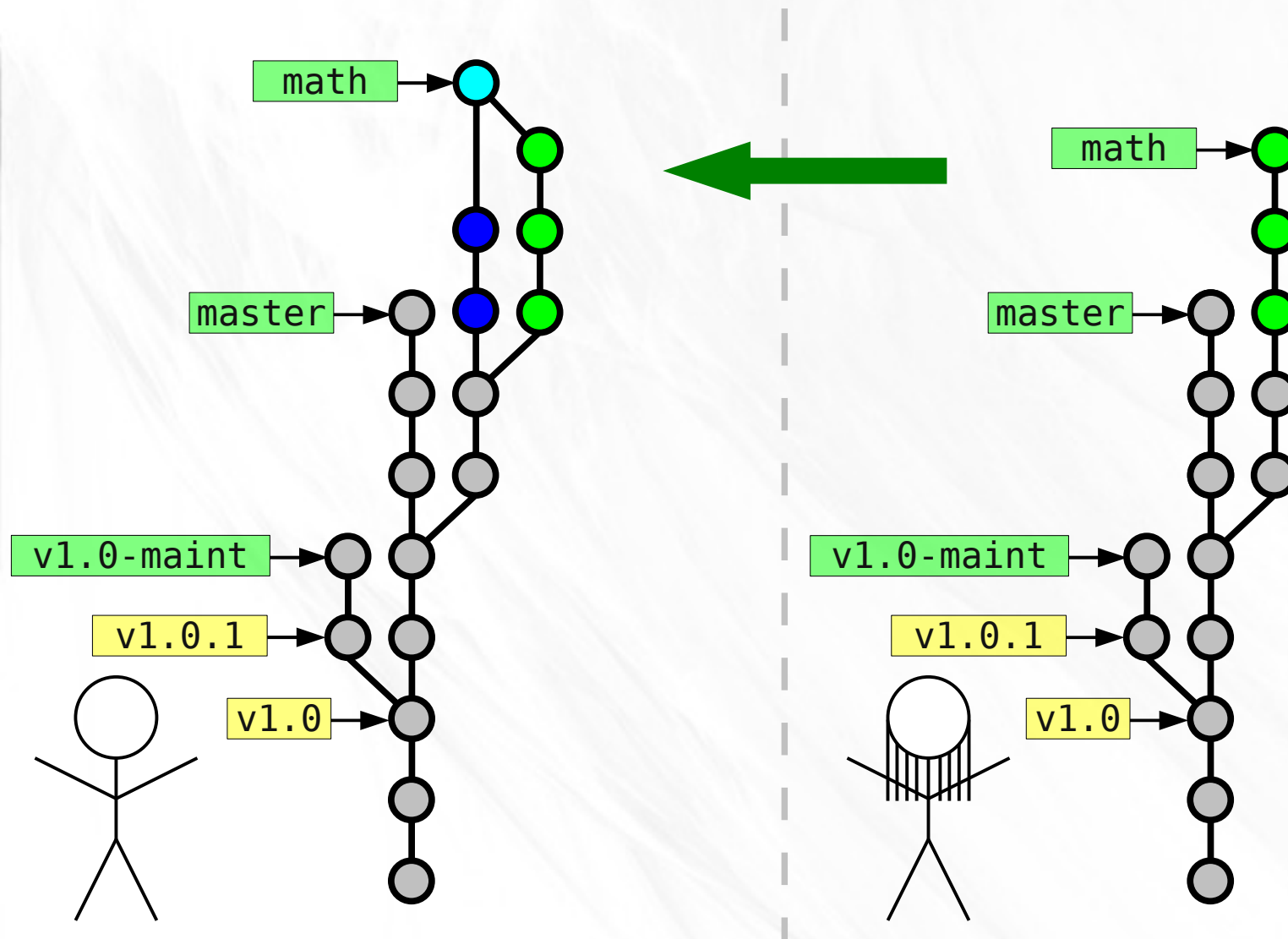
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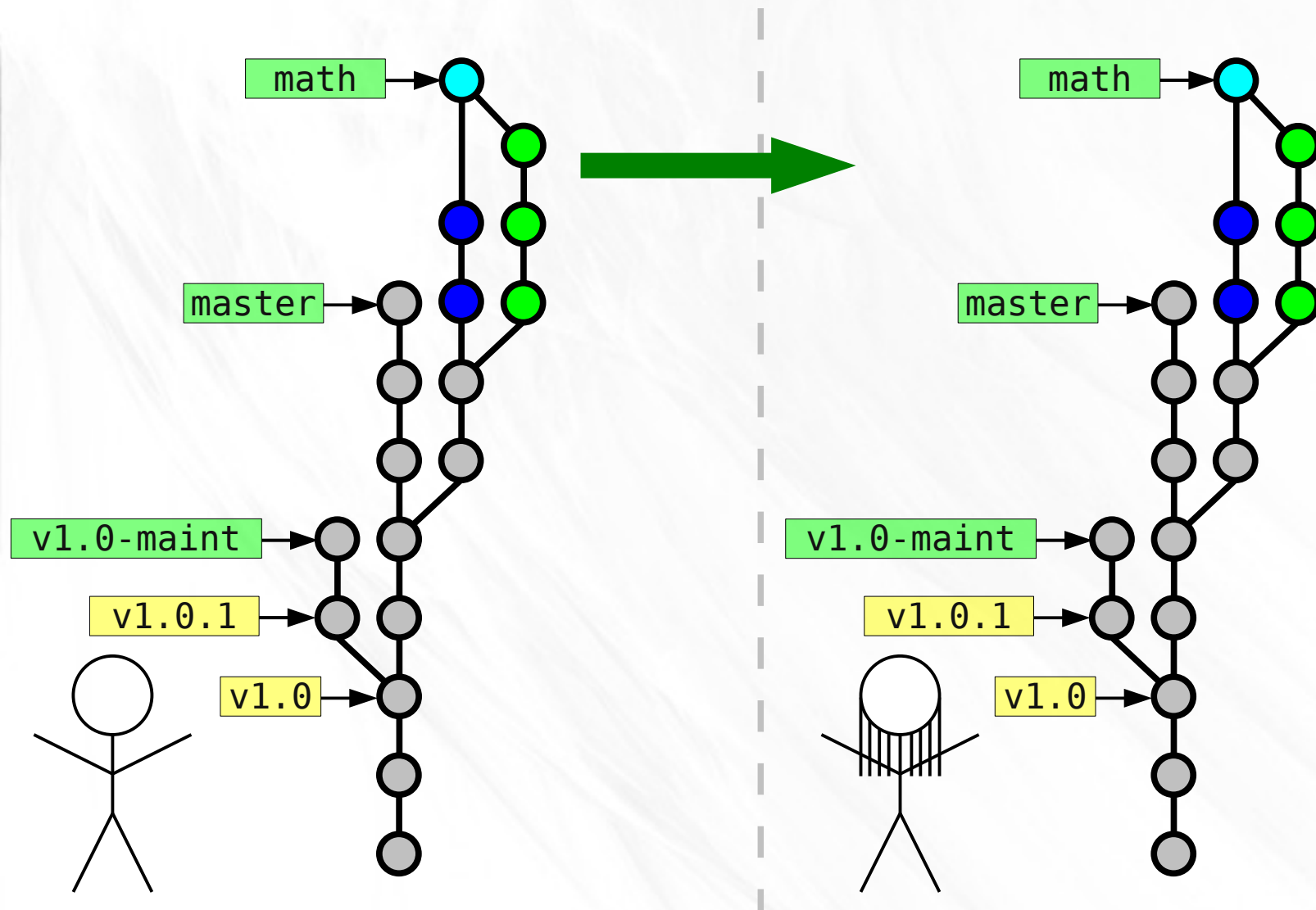
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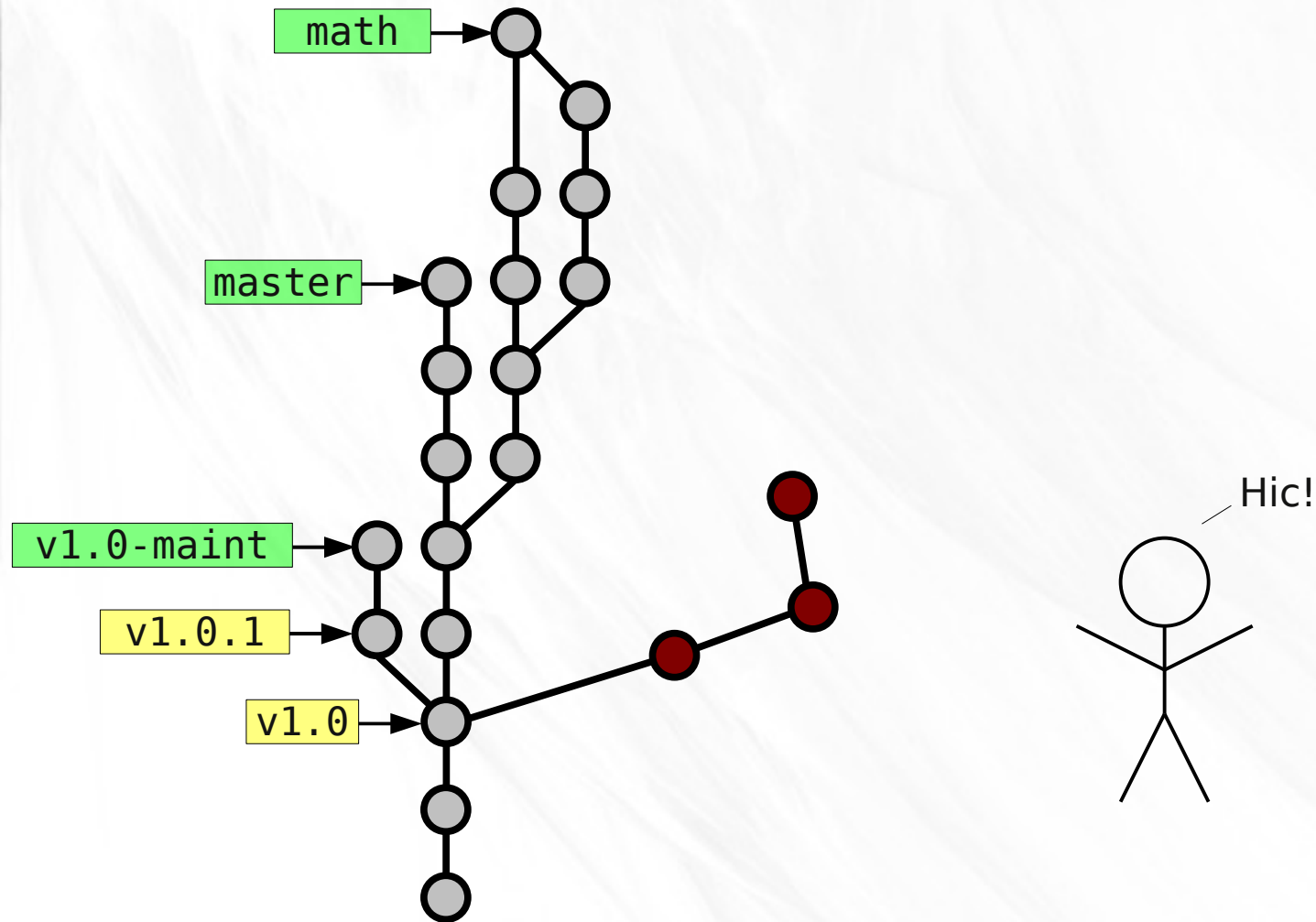
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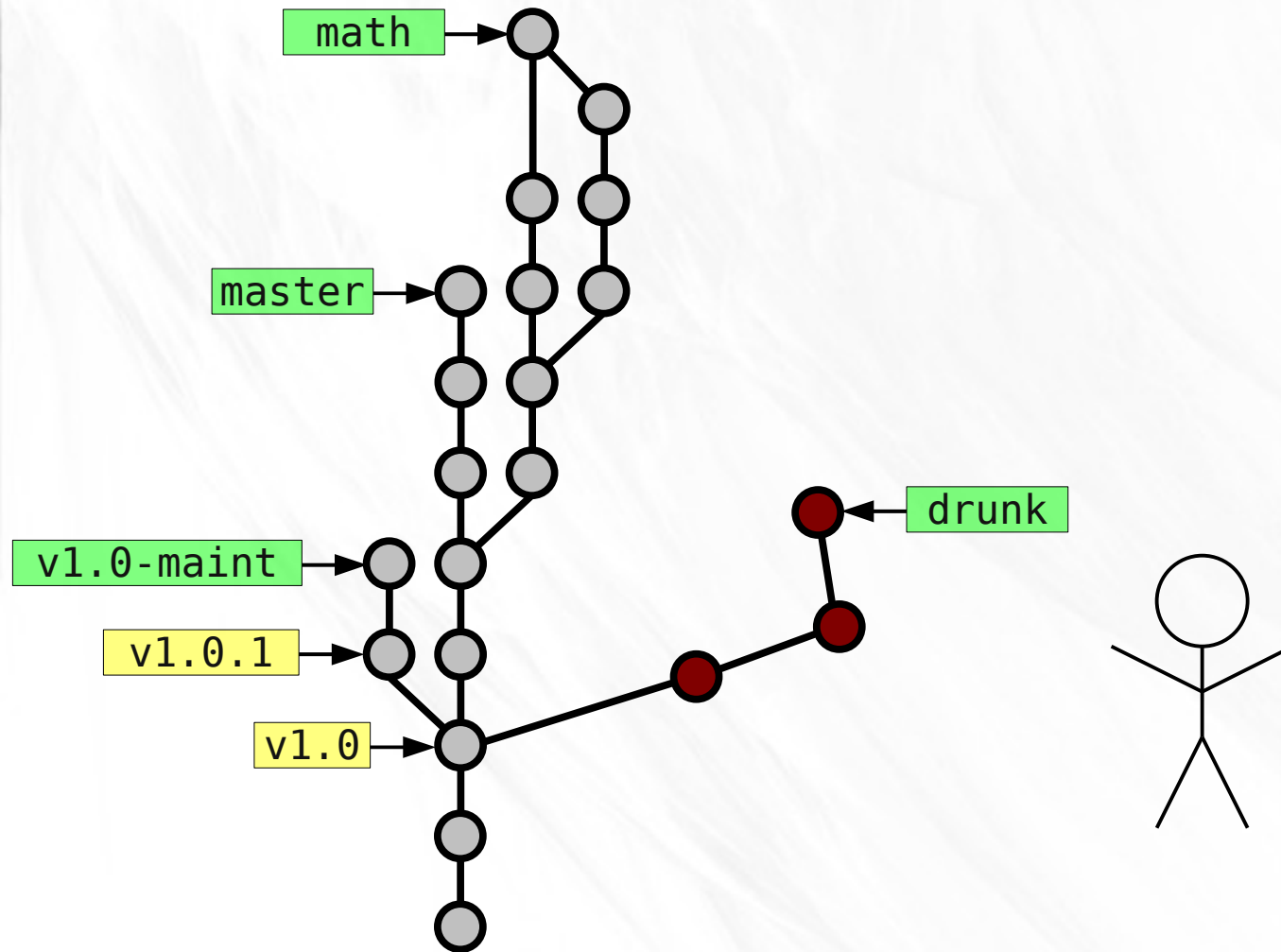
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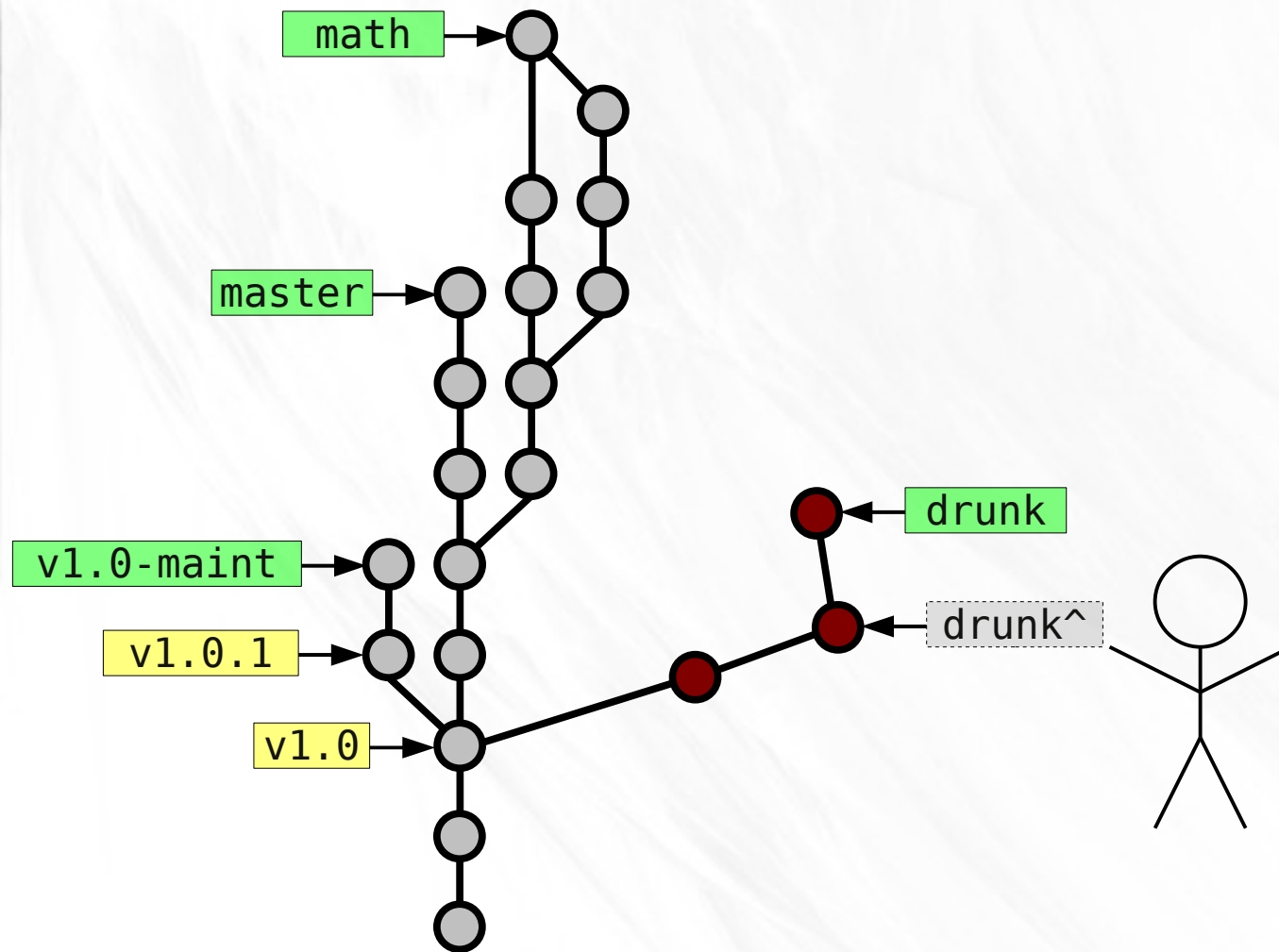
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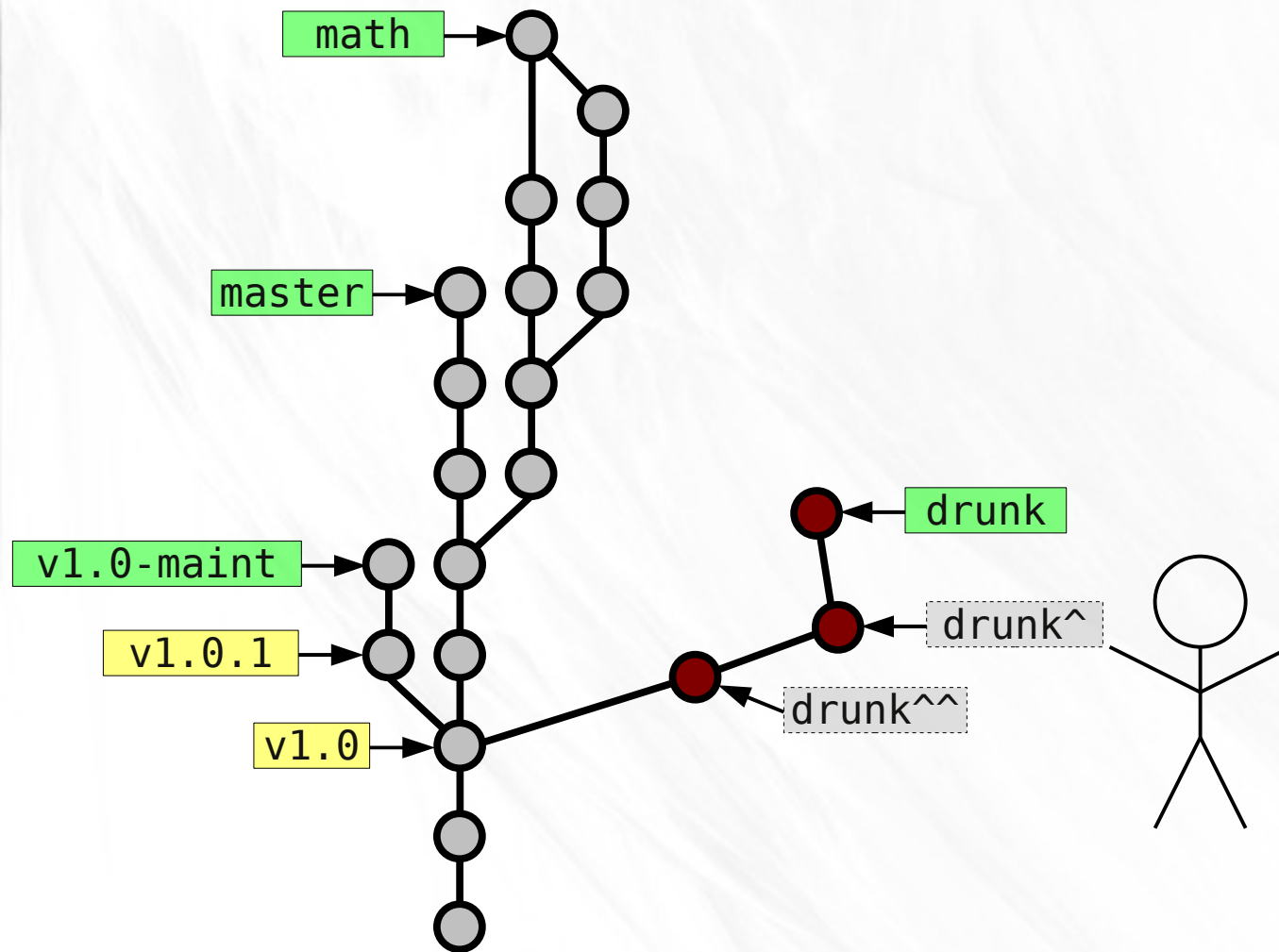
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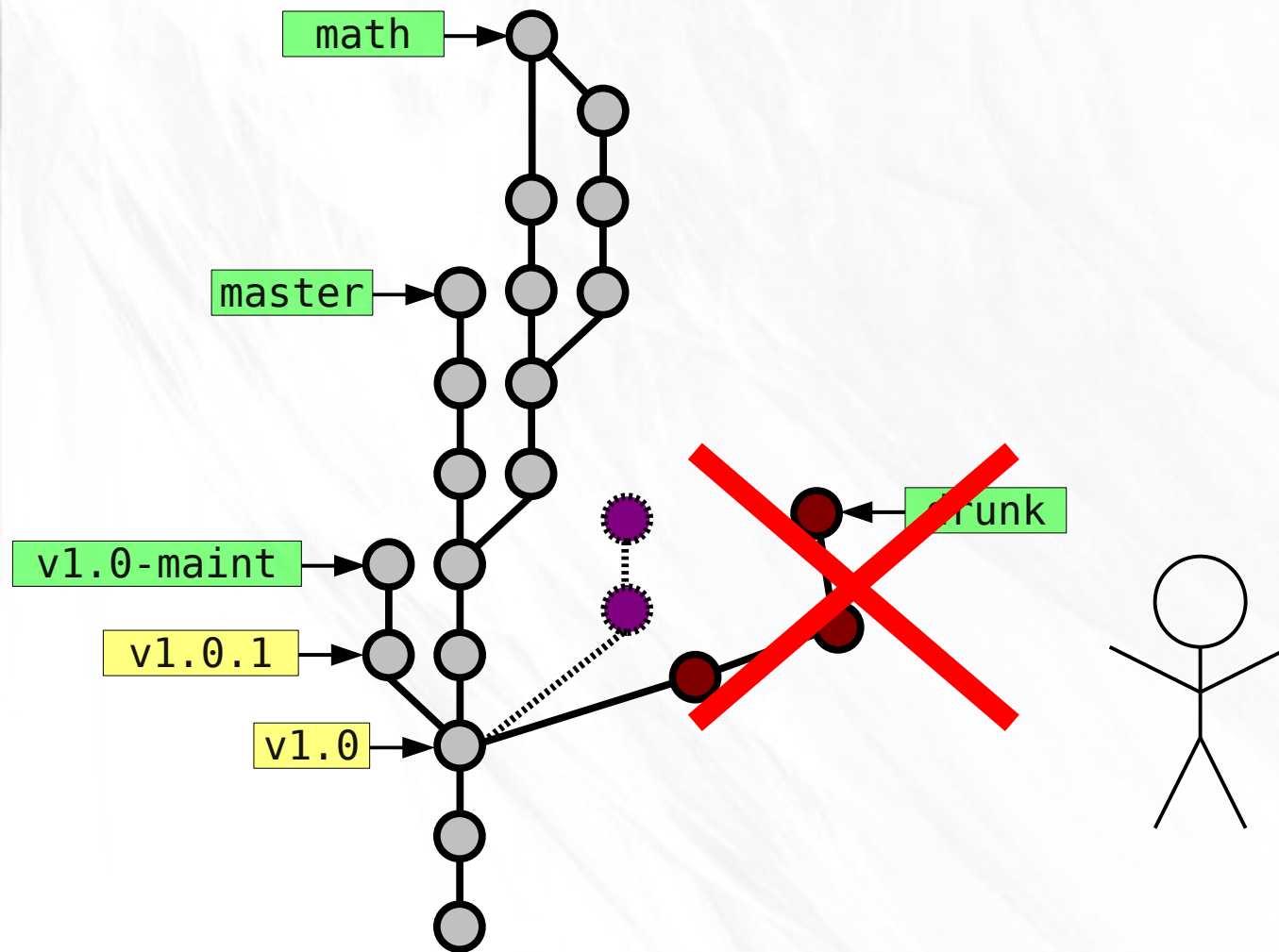
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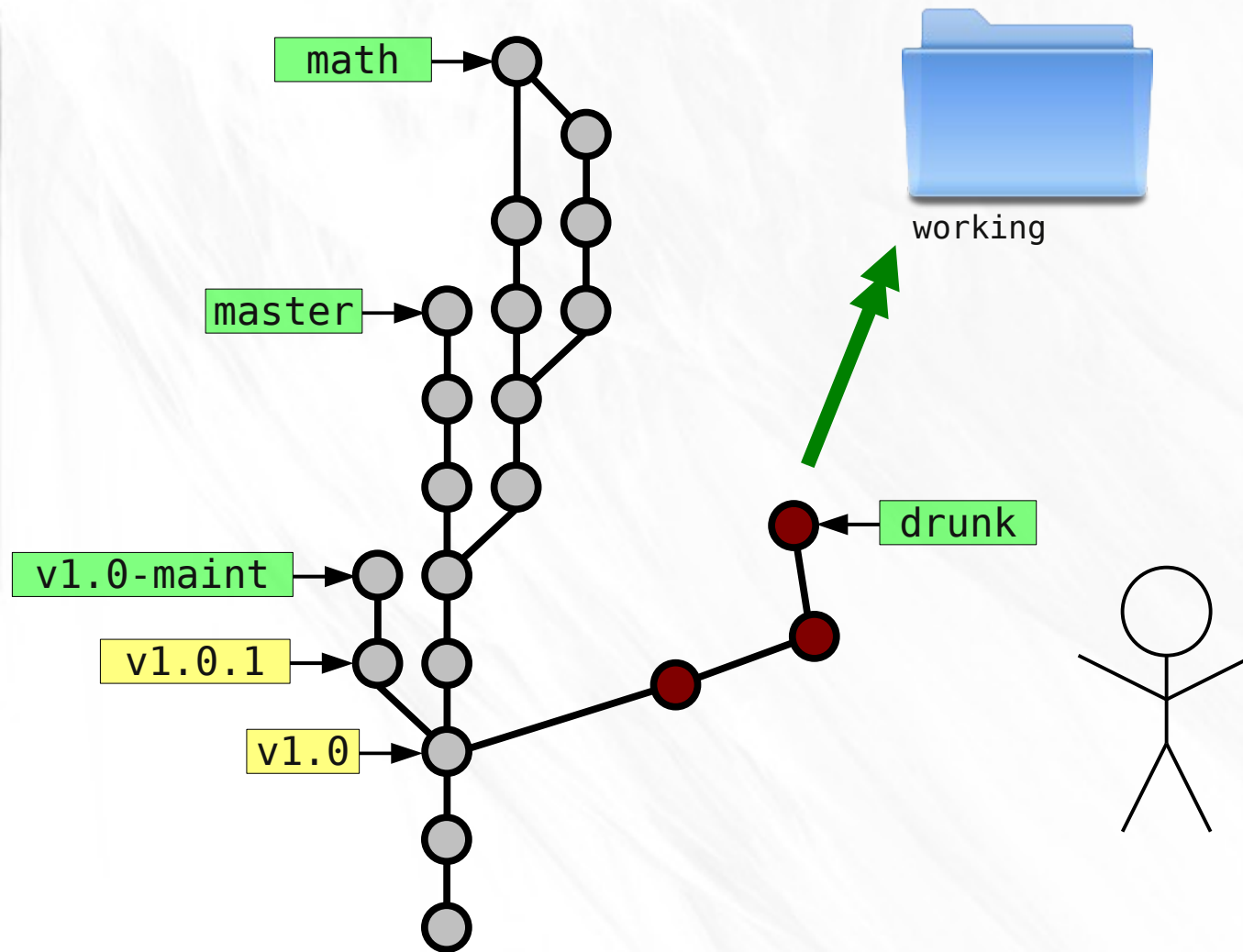
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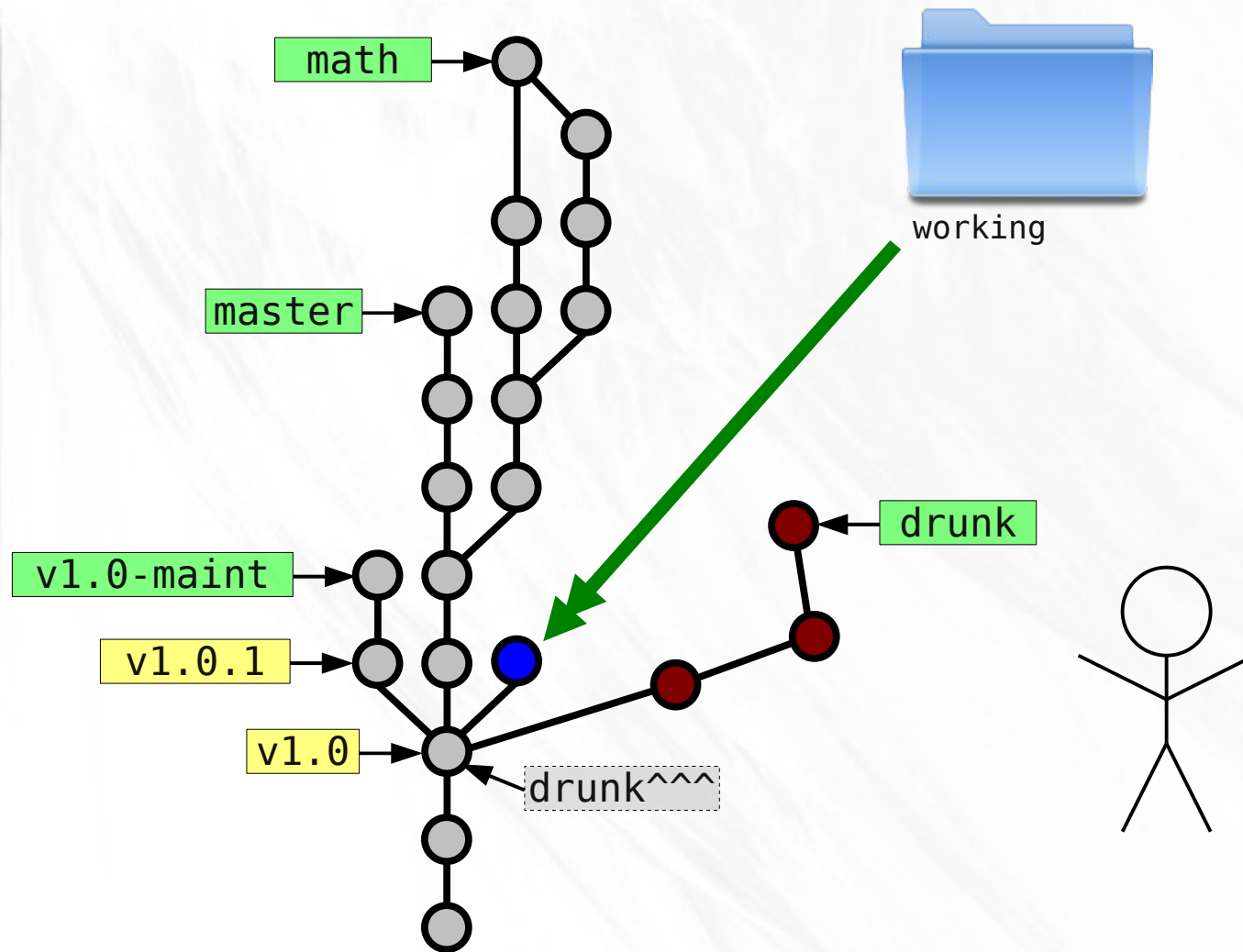
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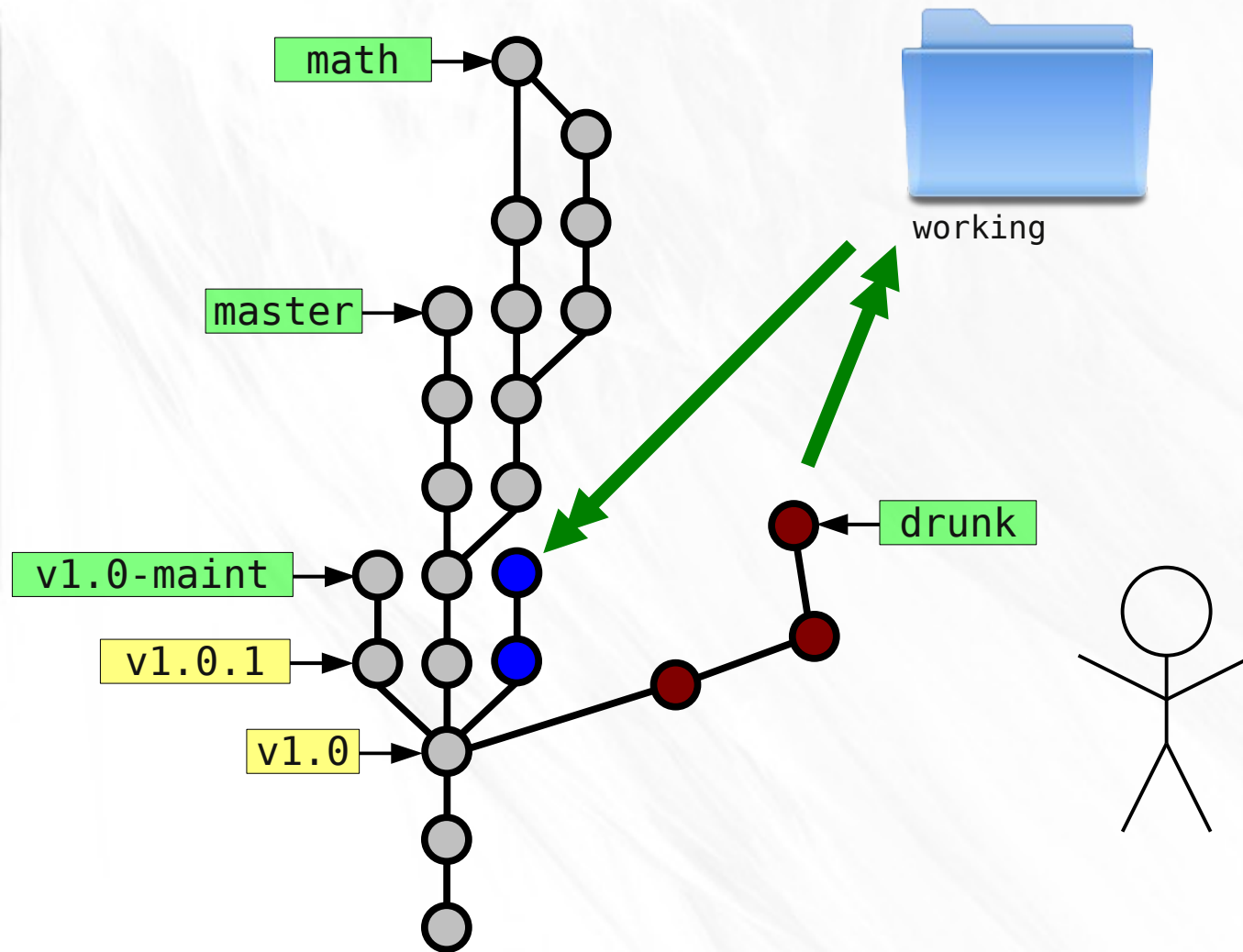
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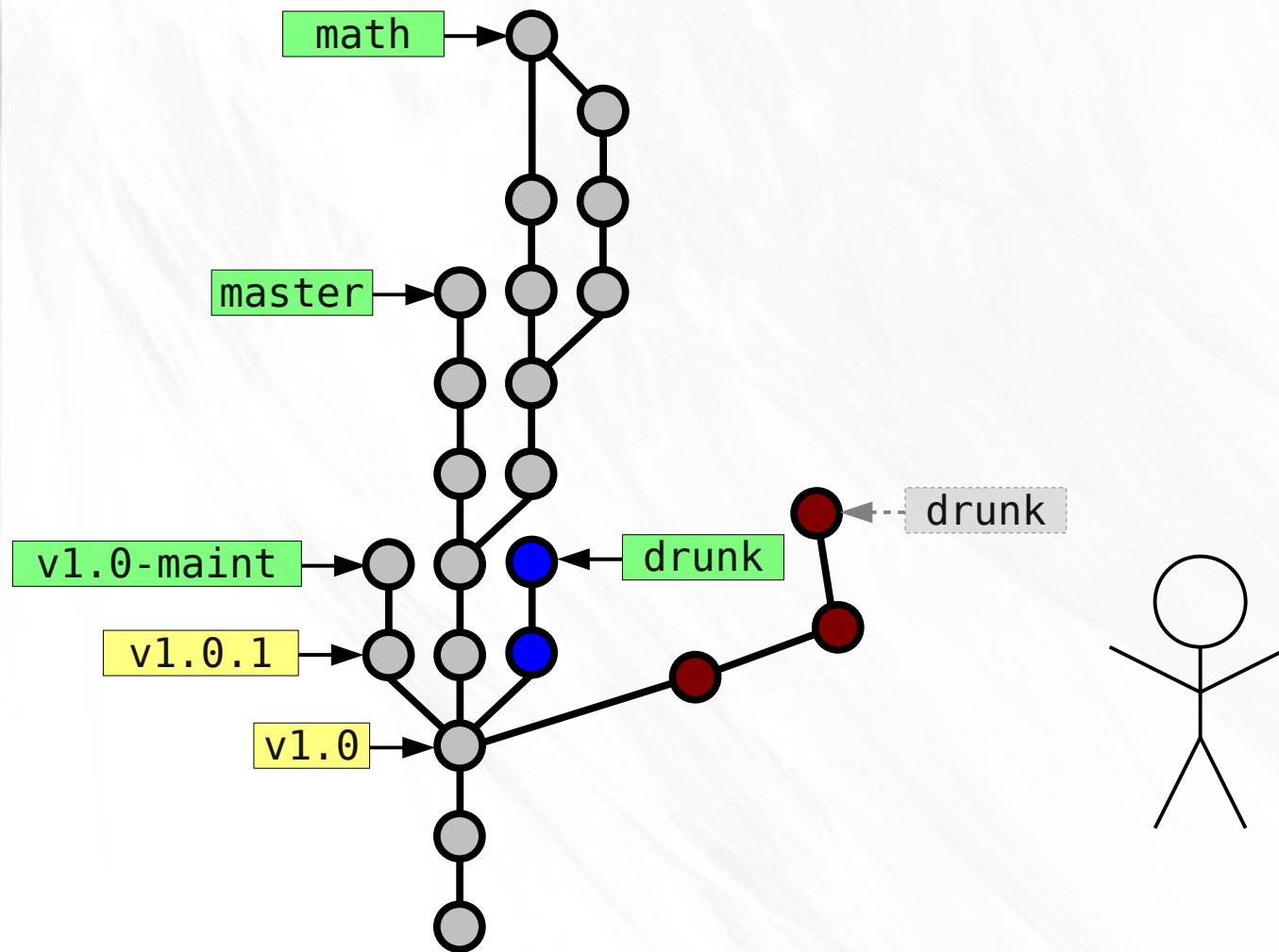
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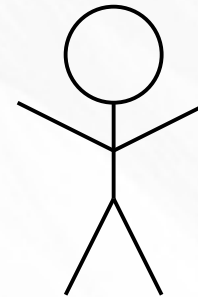
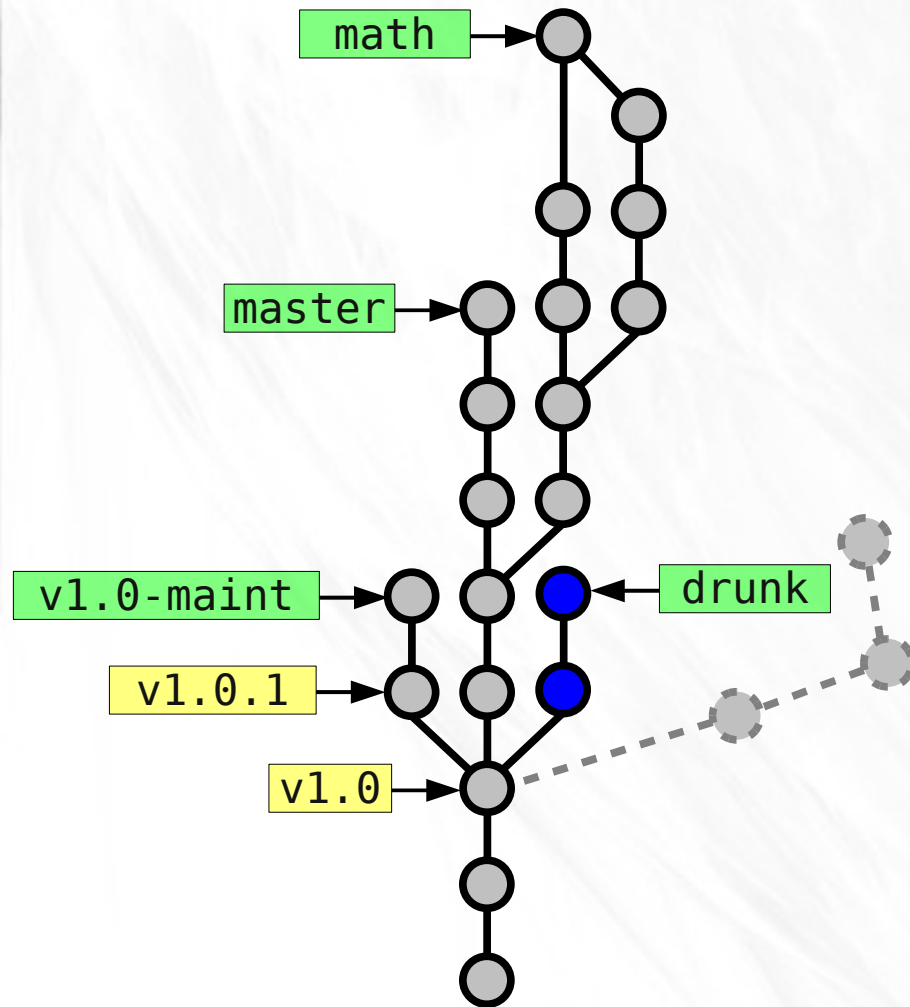
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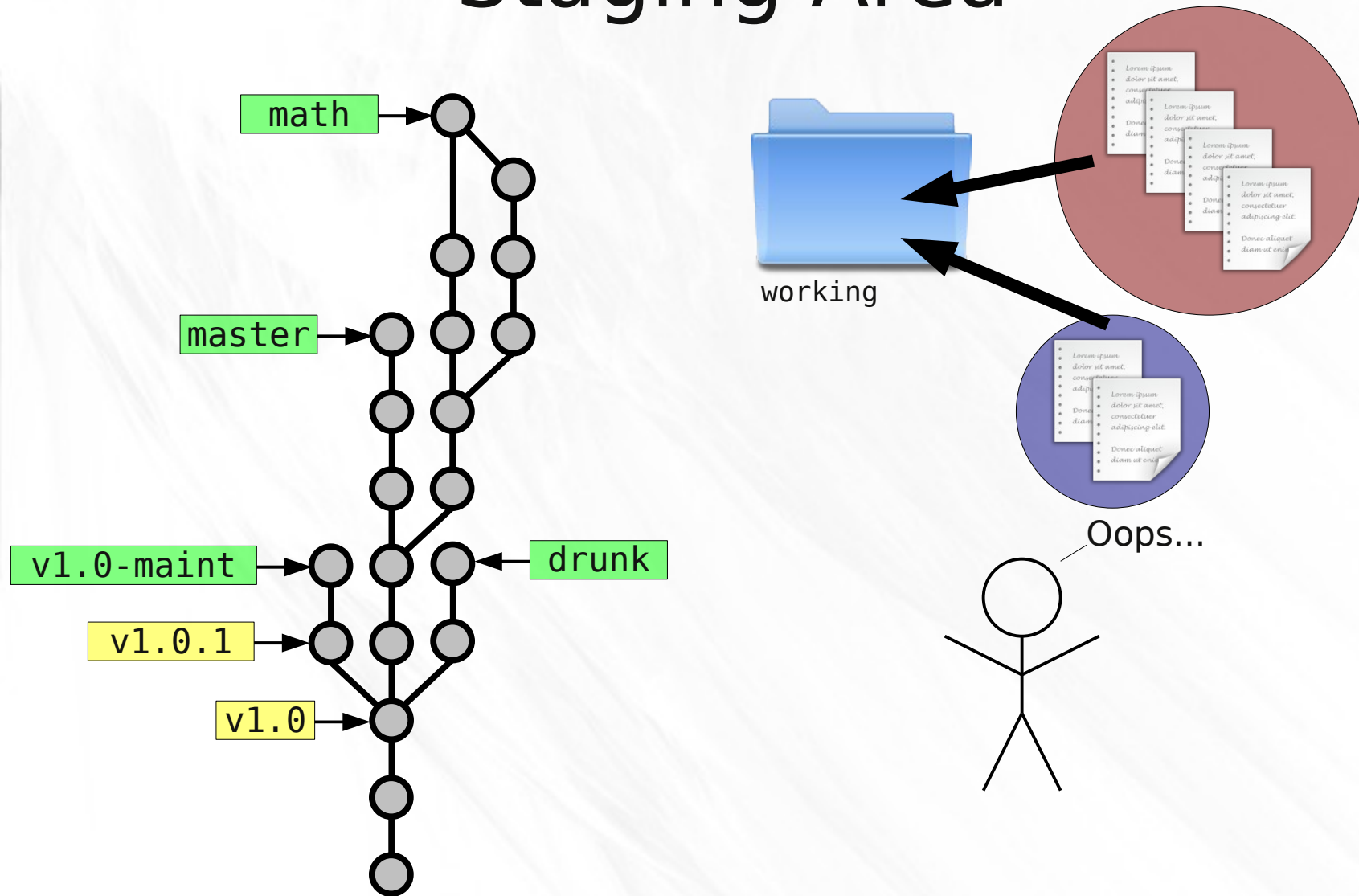
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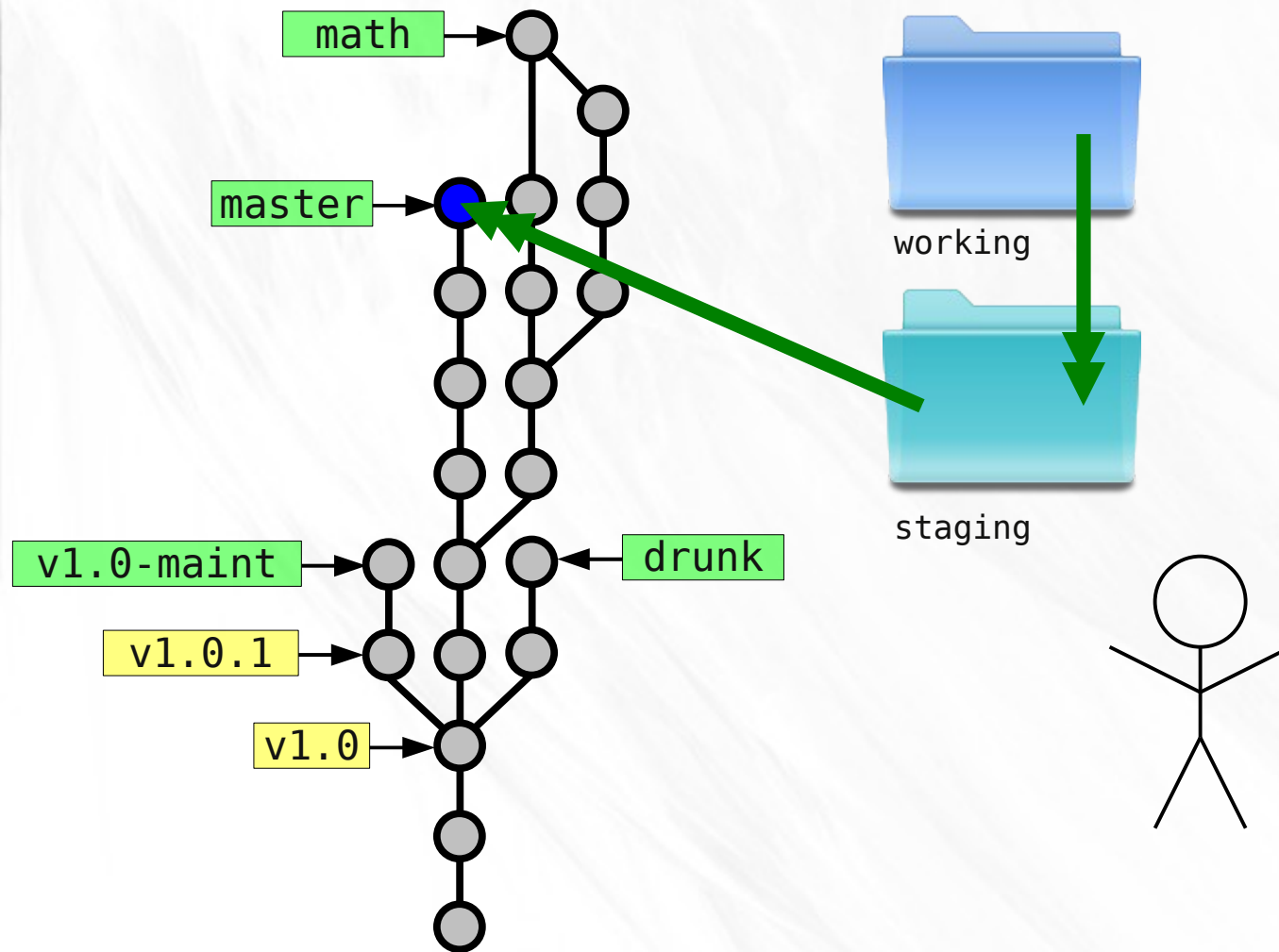
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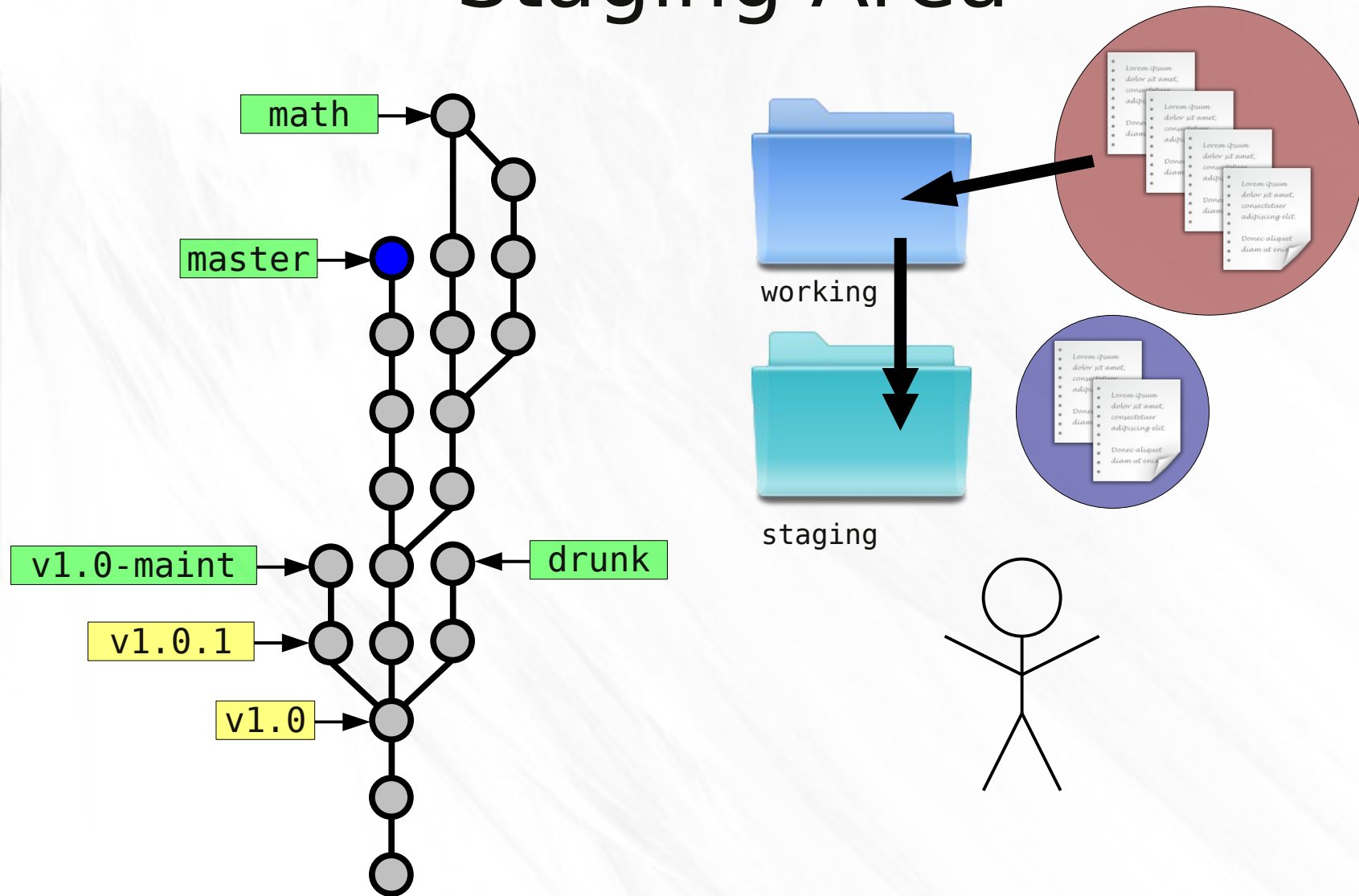
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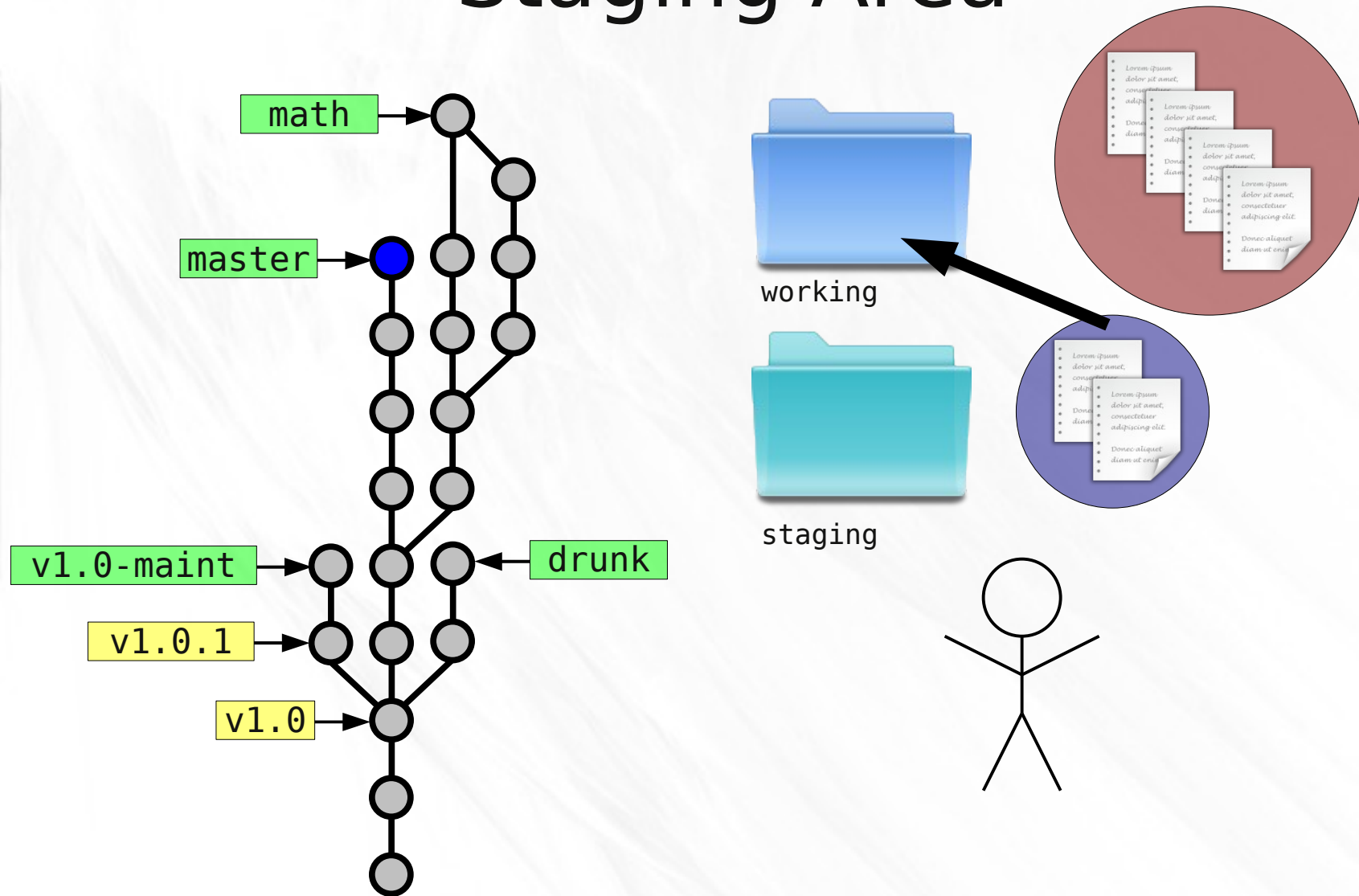
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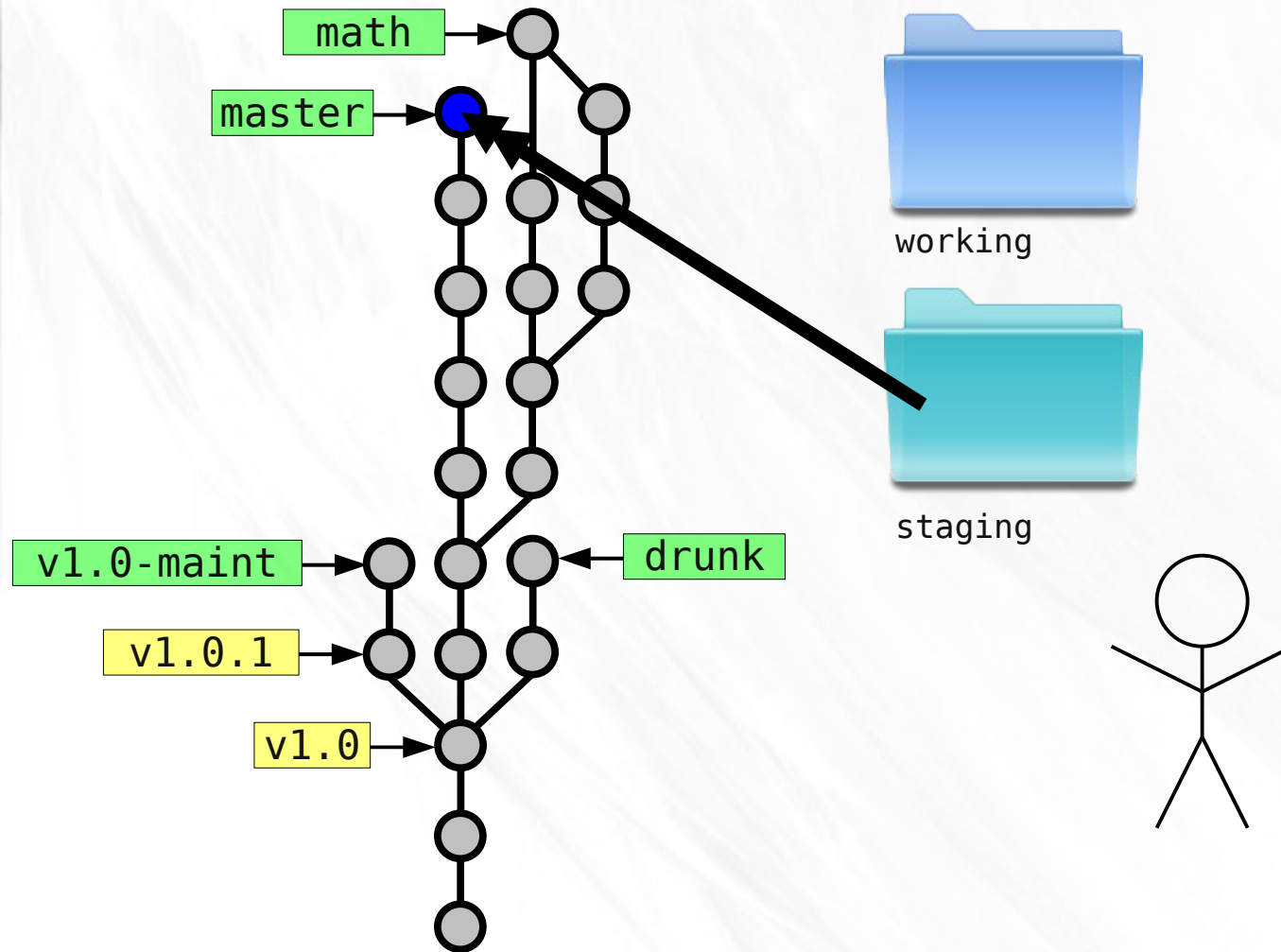
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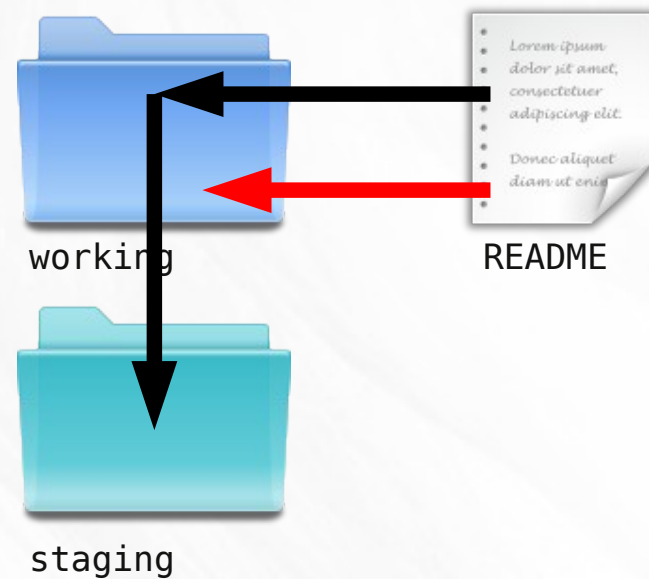
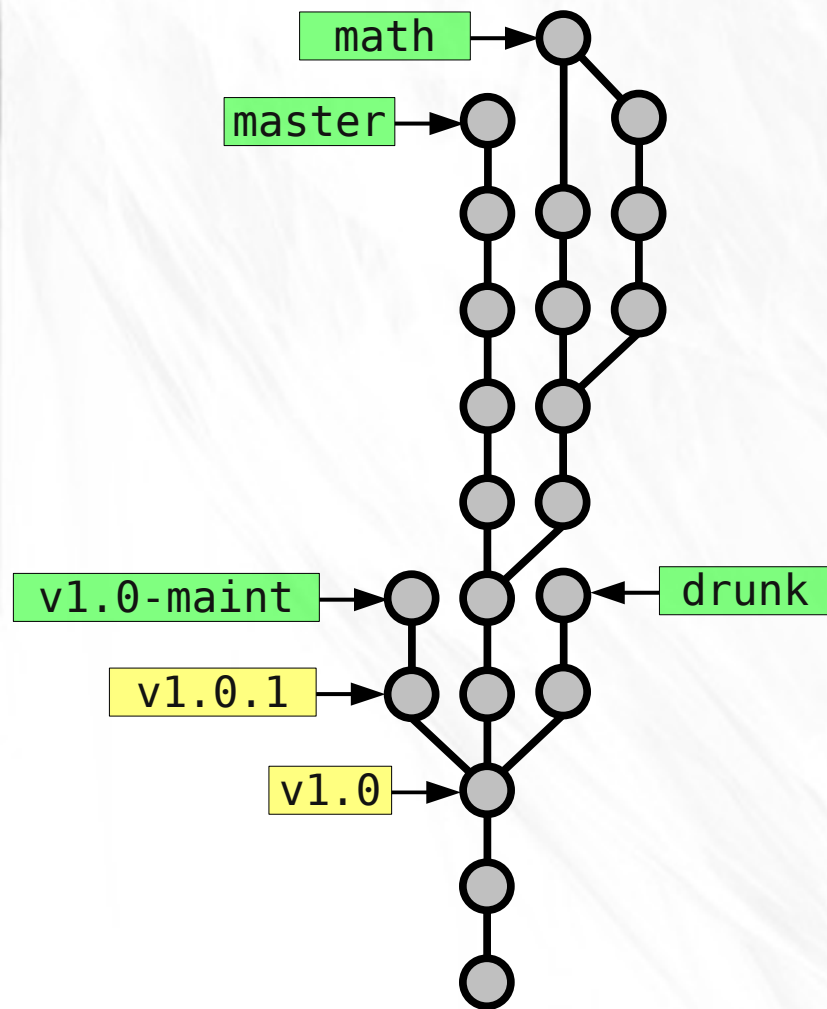
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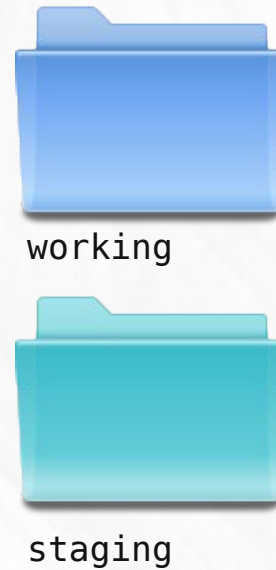
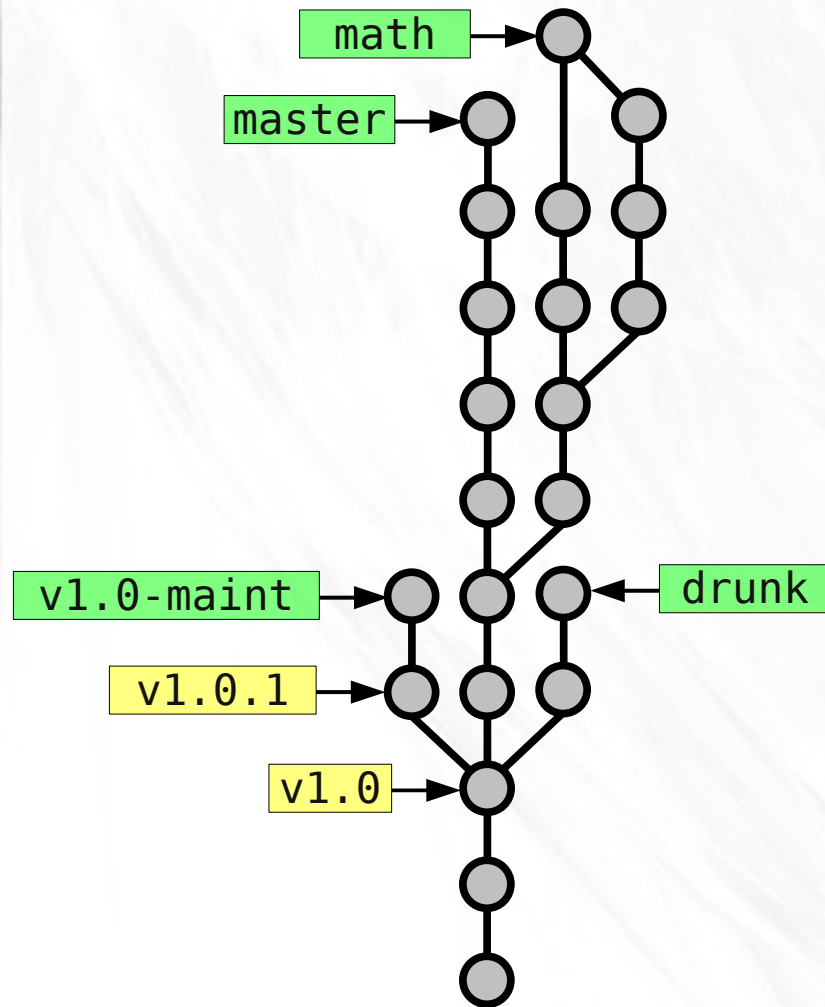
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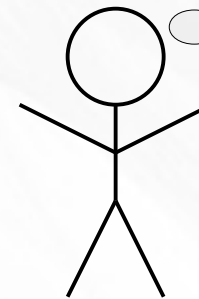
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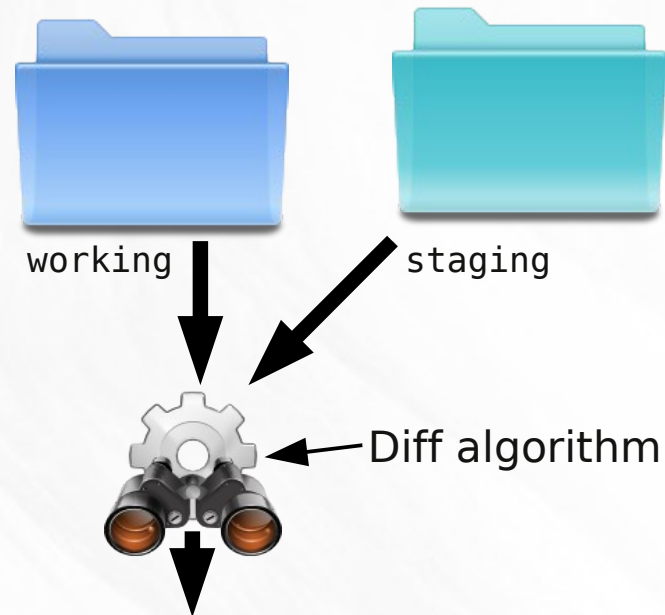
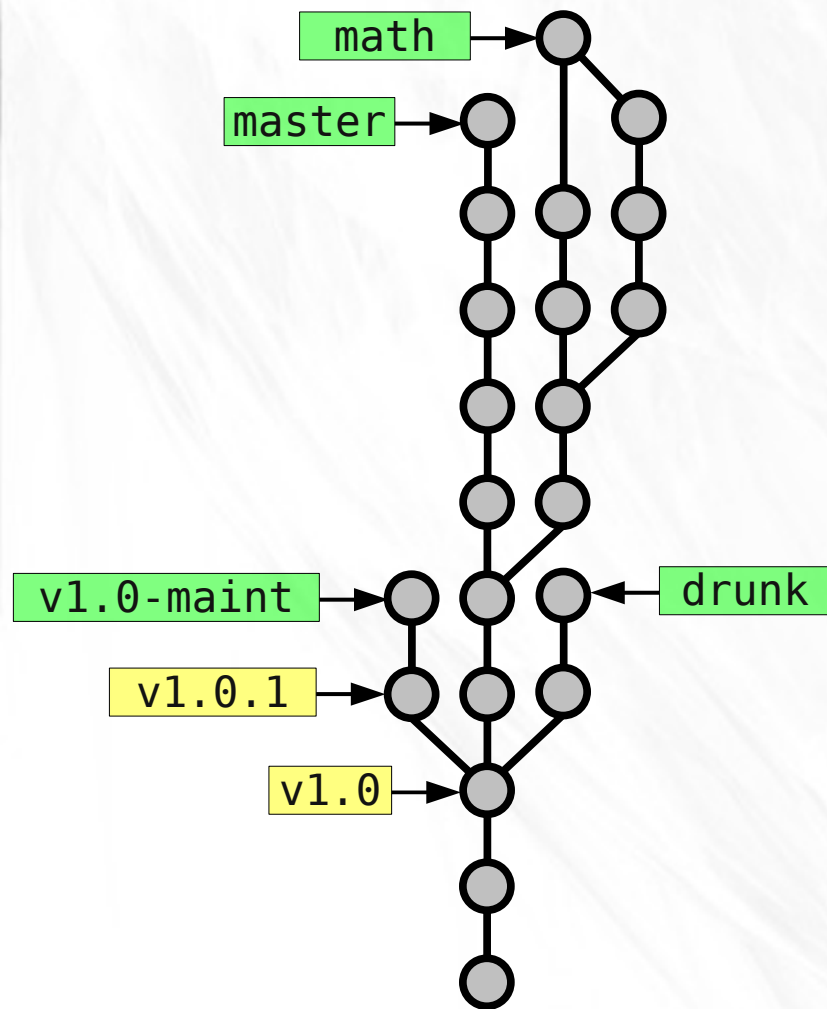
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- What are the changes?
- working vs. staging
 - working vs. snapshot X
 - staging vs. snapshot X
 - snapshot X vs. snapshot Y

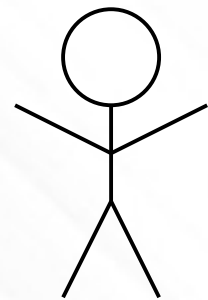


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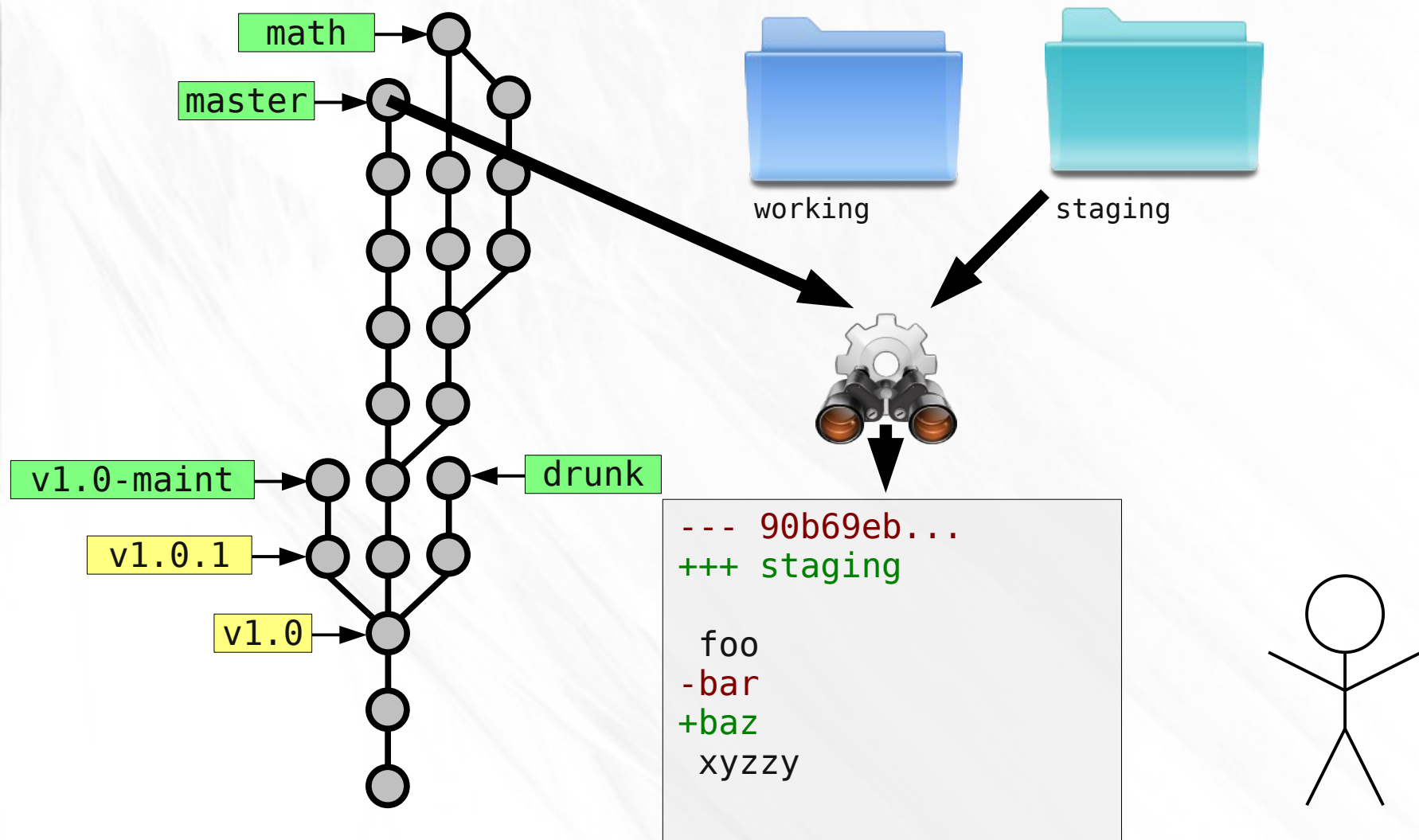


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--- staging  
+++ working
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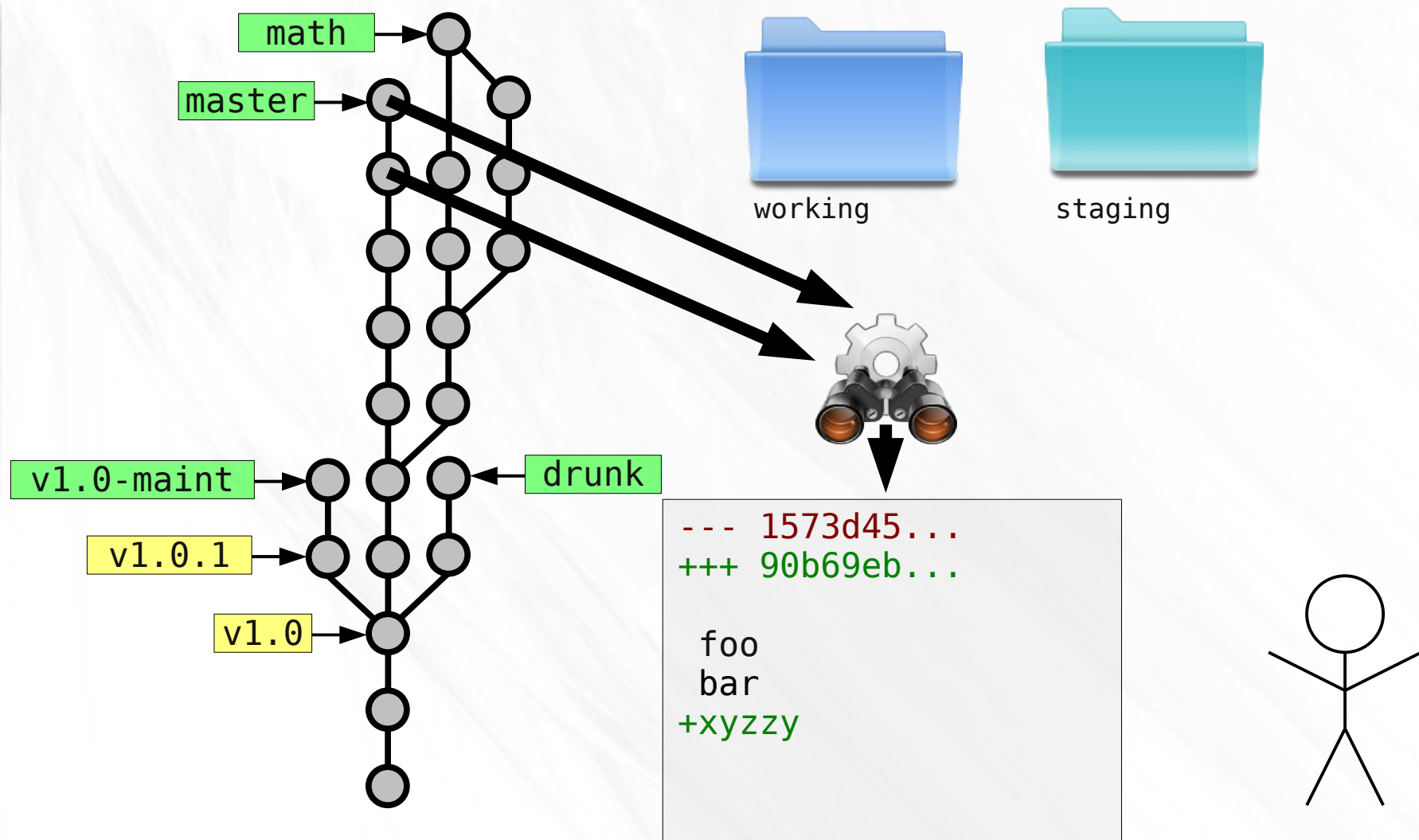
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-baz  
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xyzy
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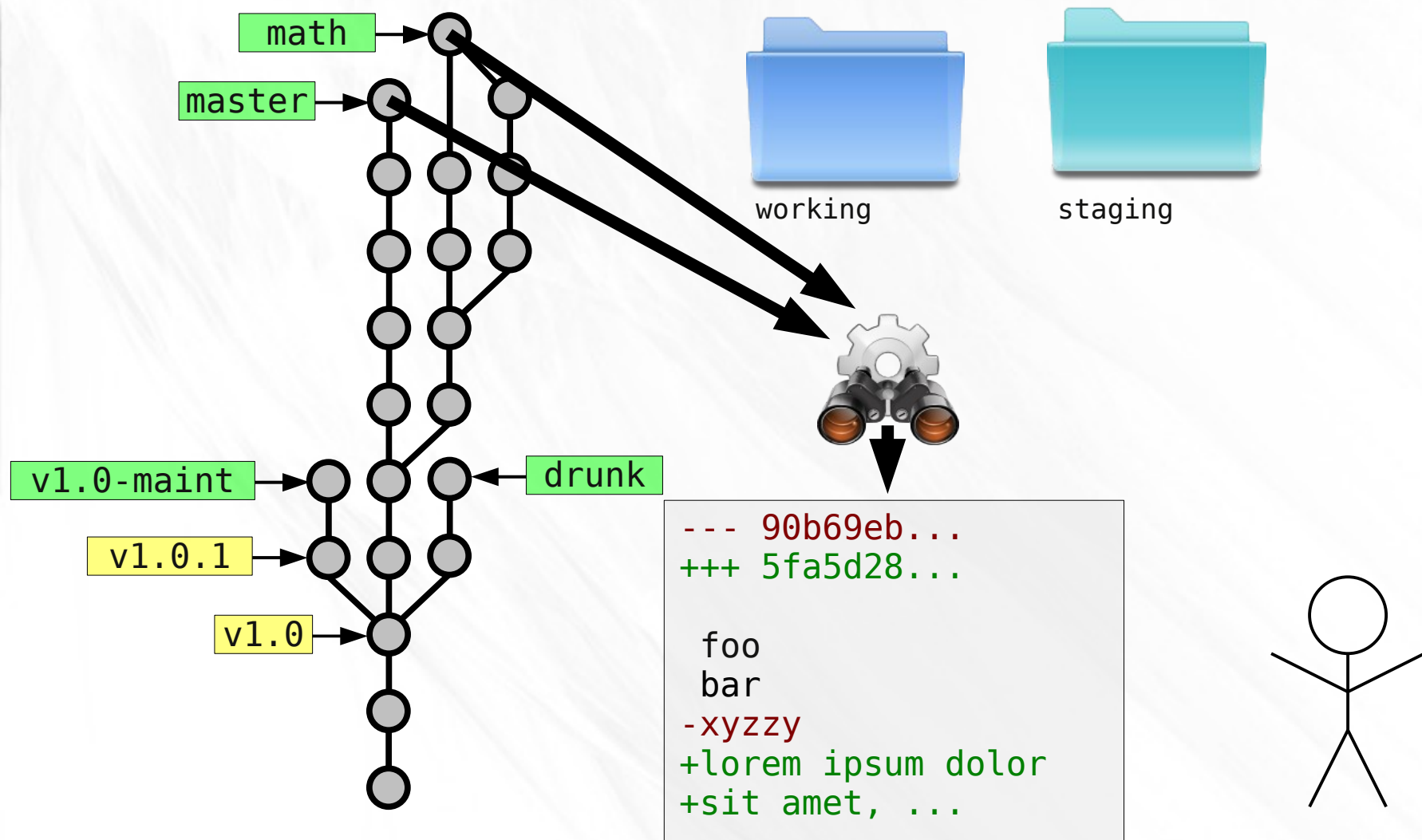
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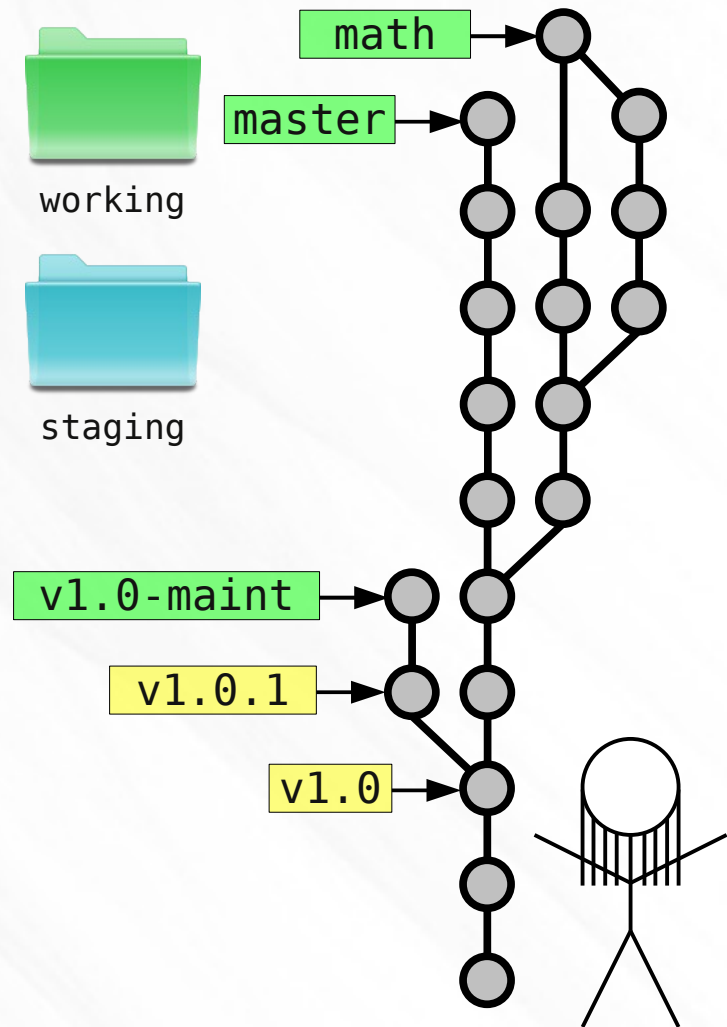
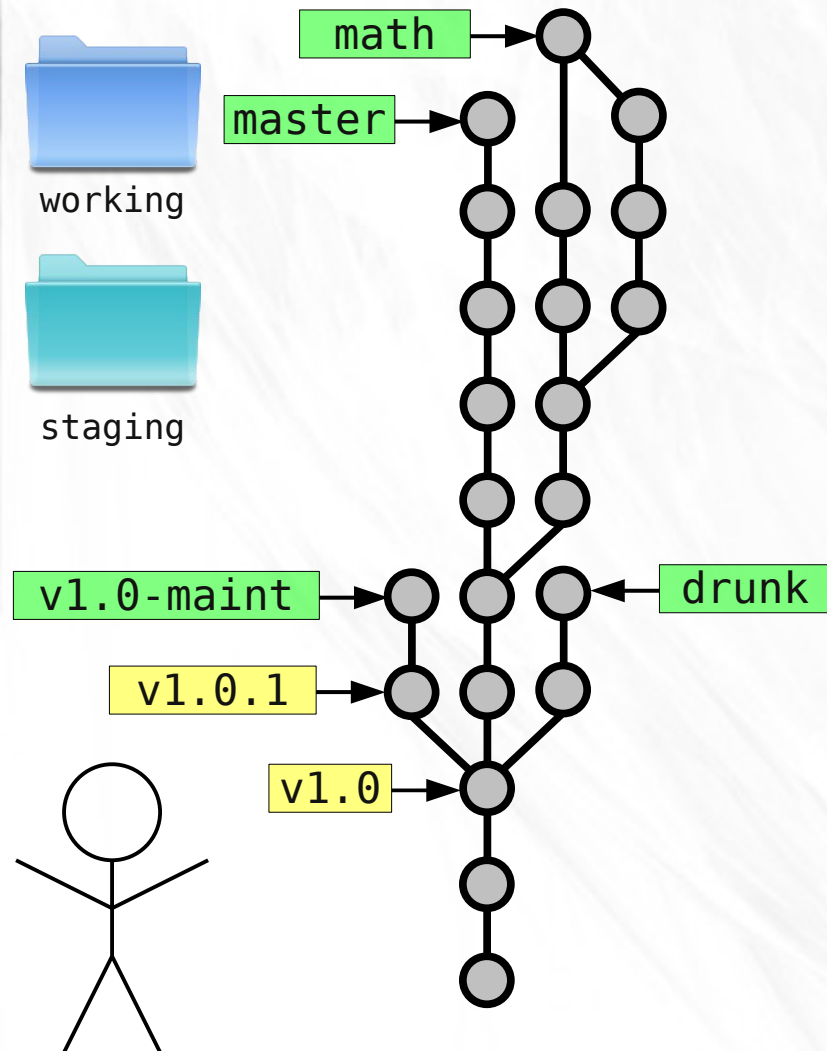
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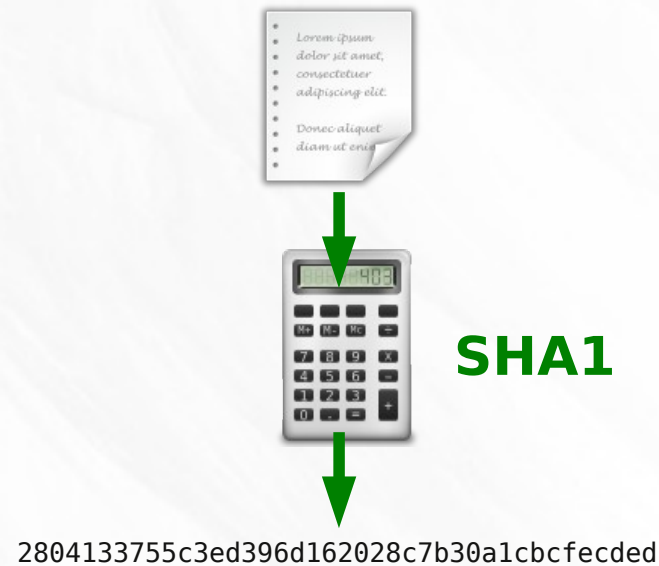
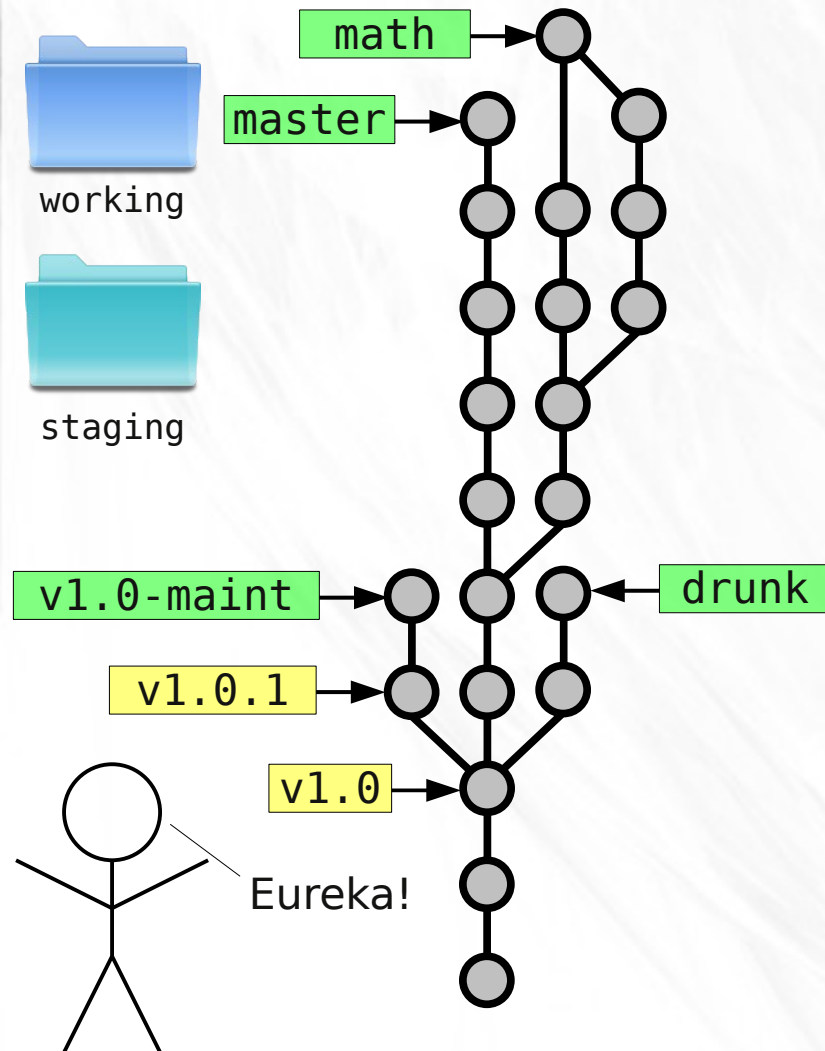
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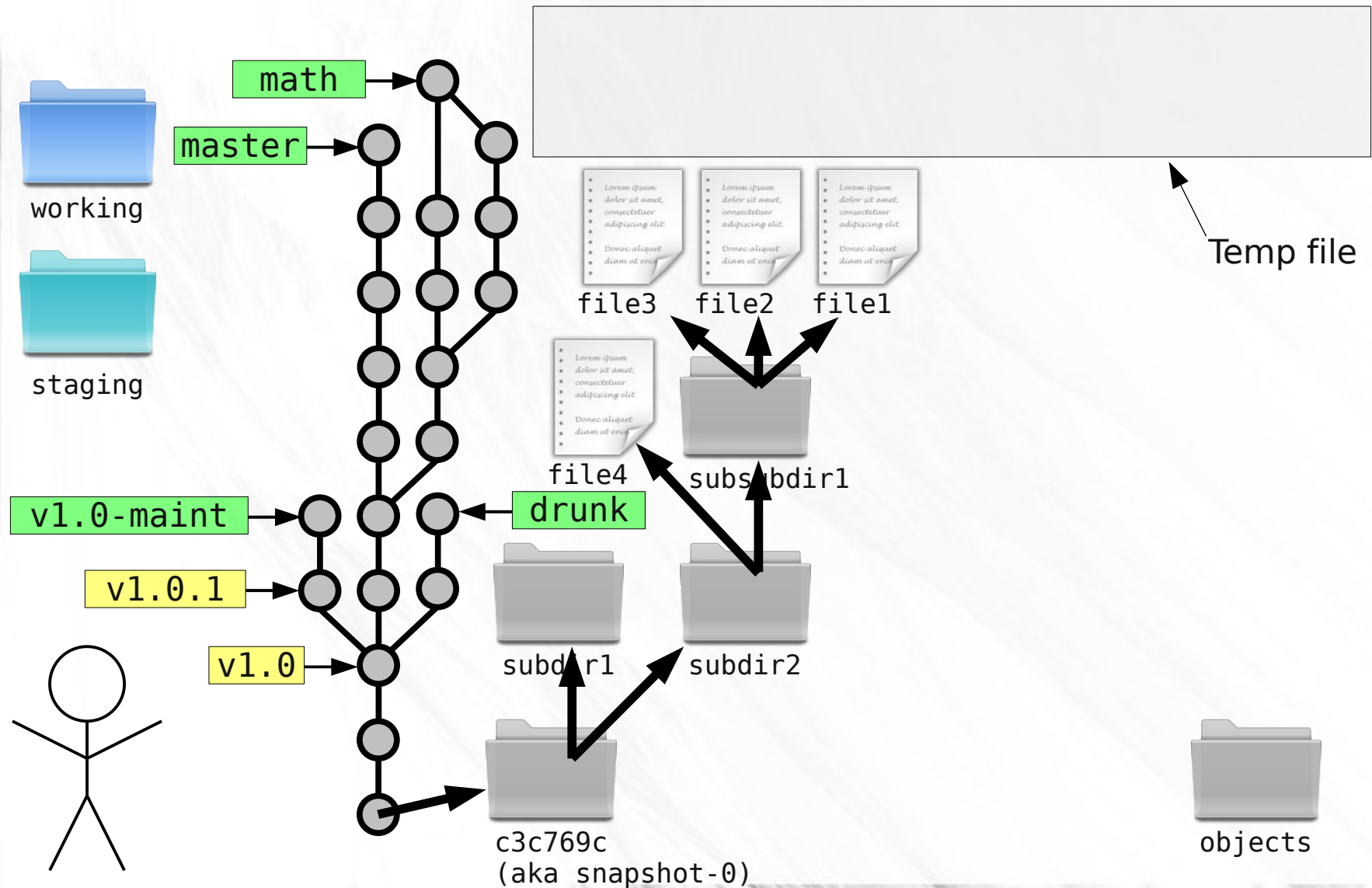
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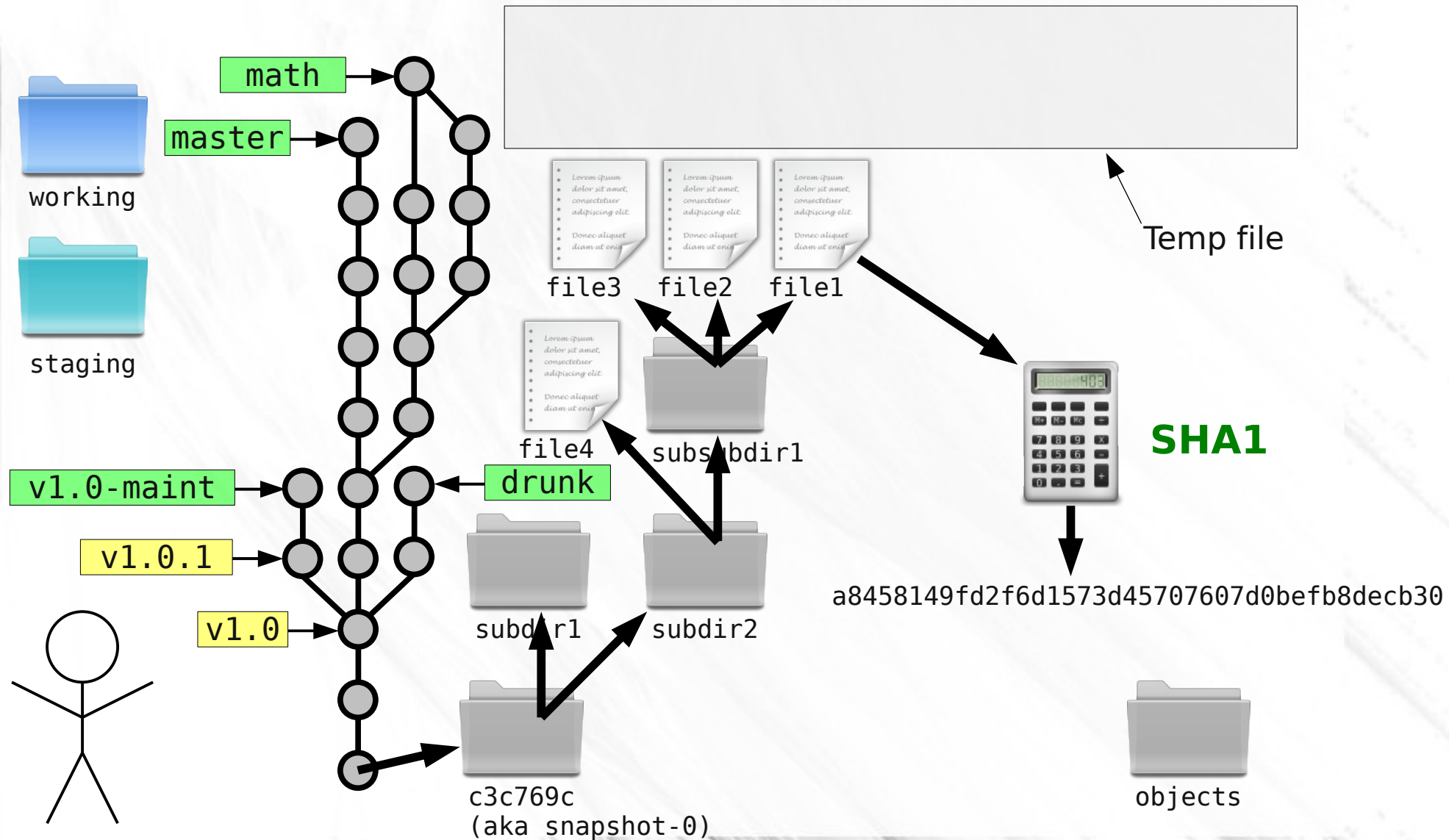
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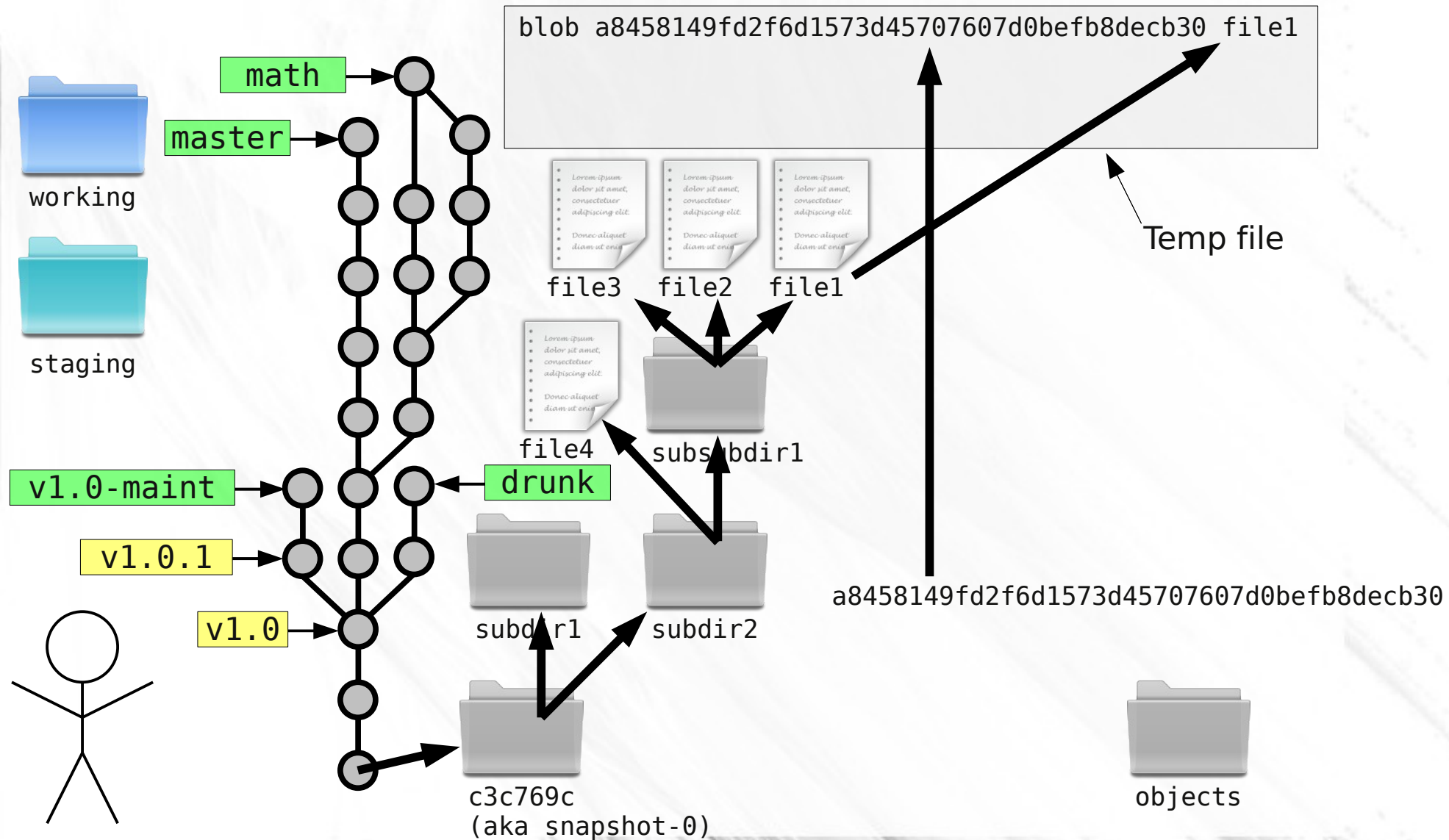
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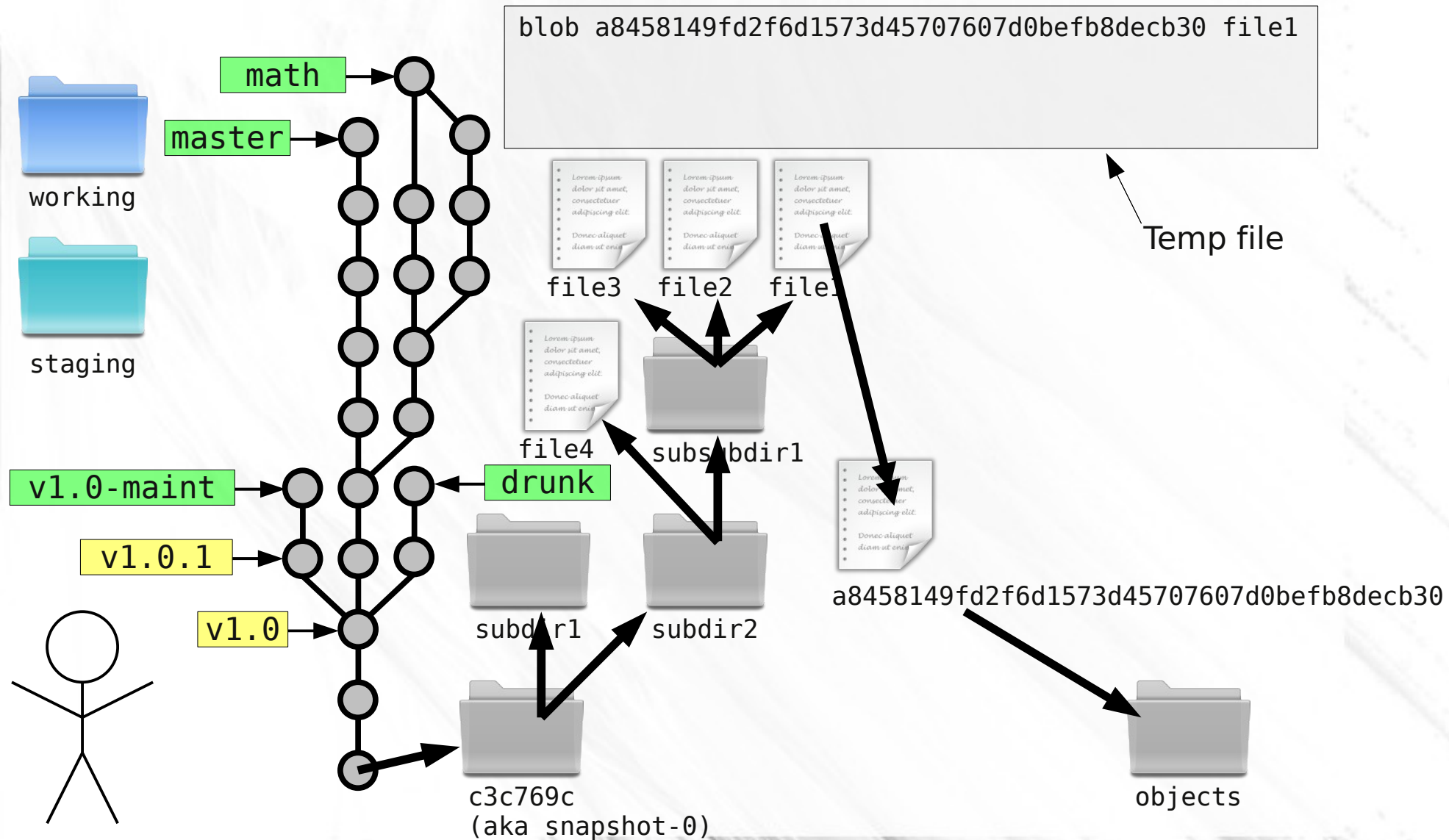
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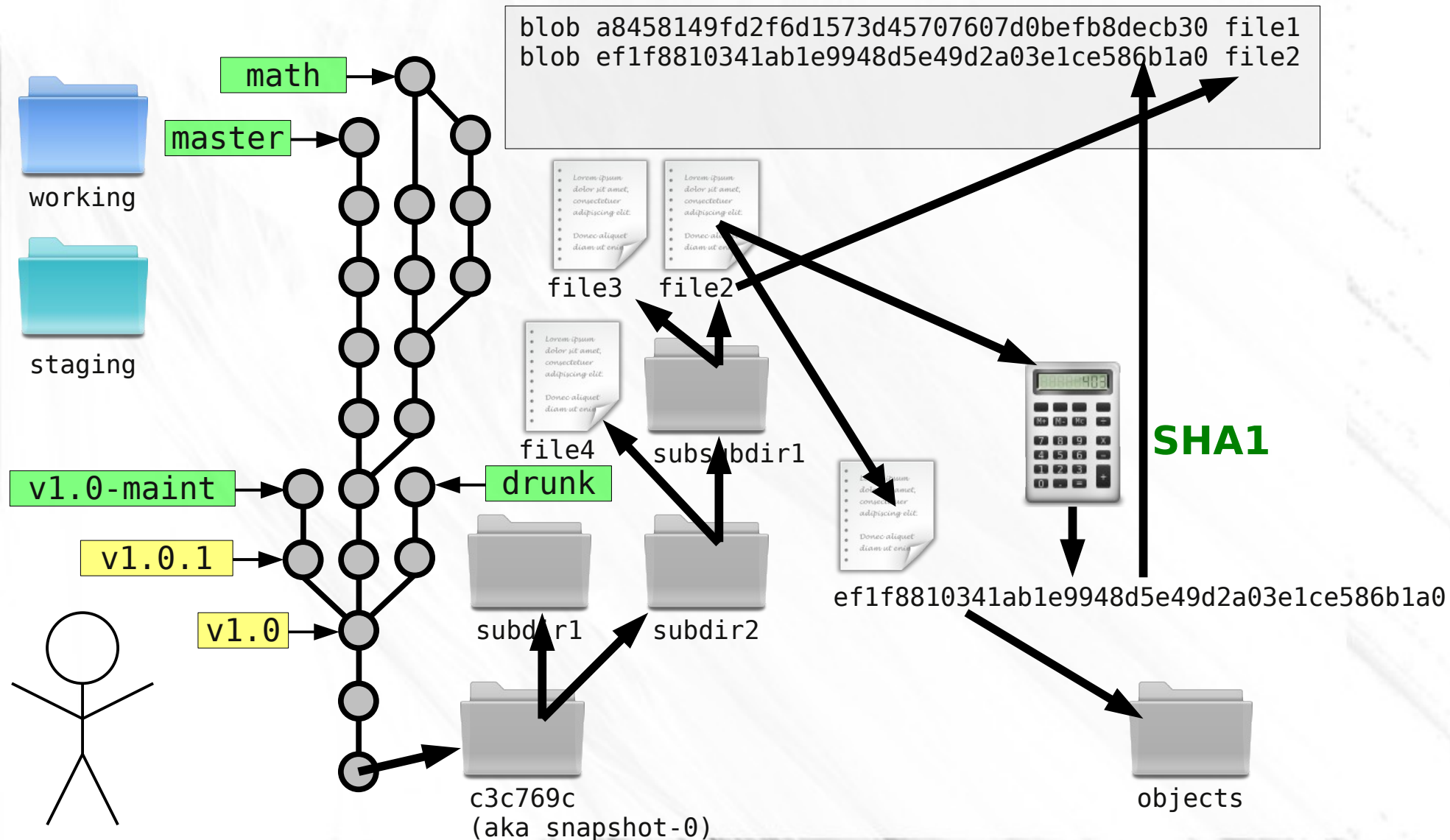
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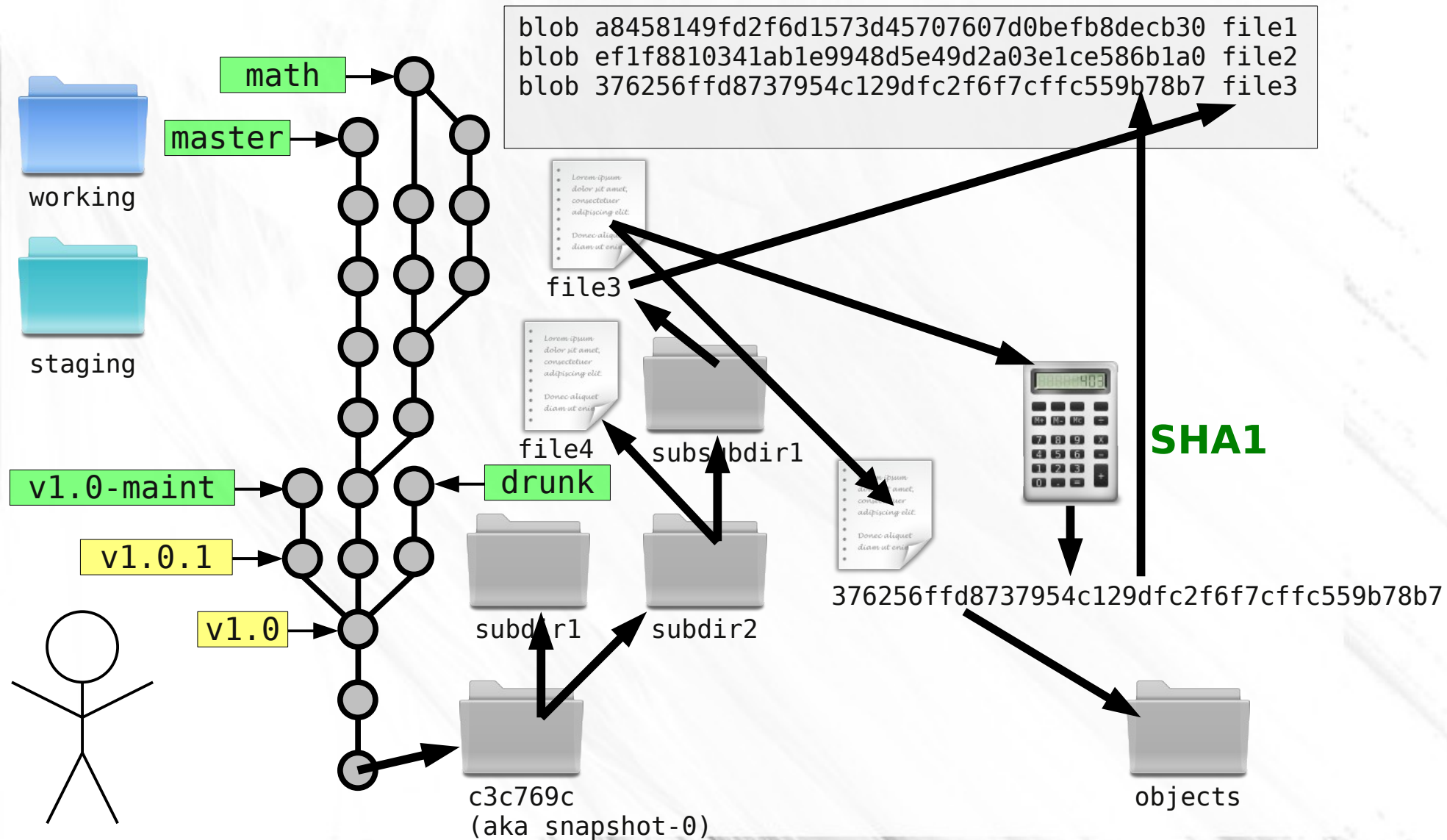
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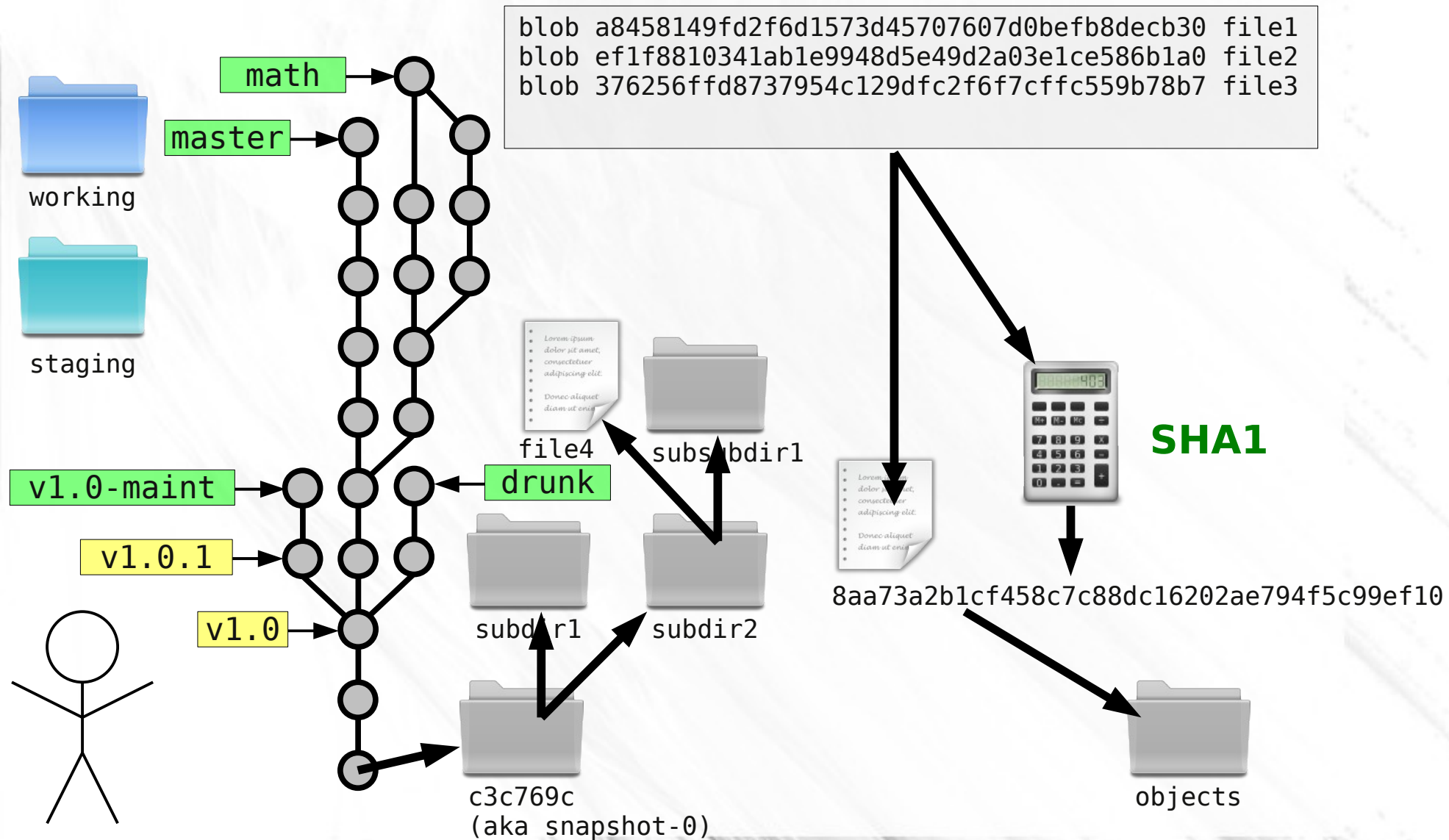
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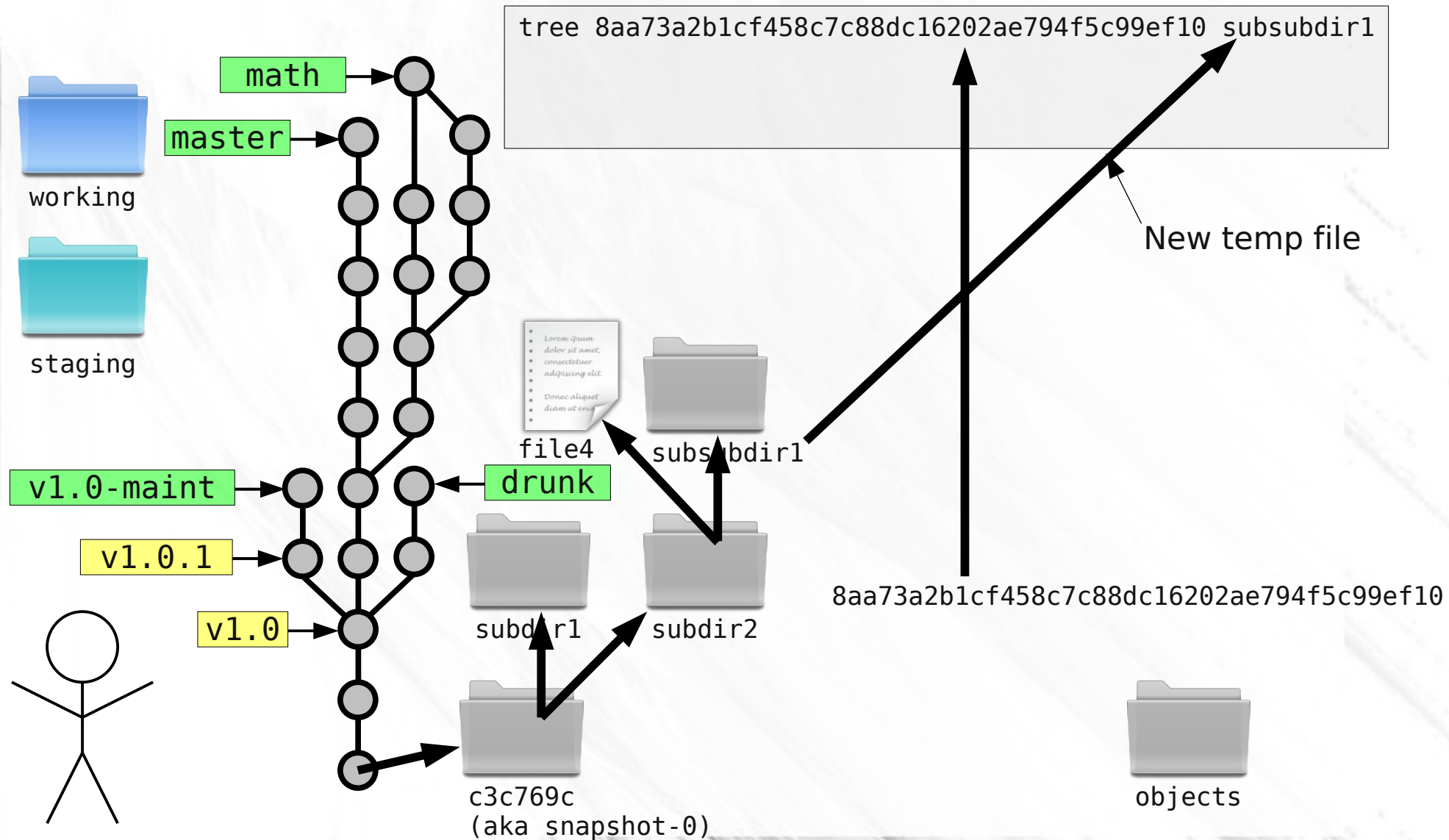
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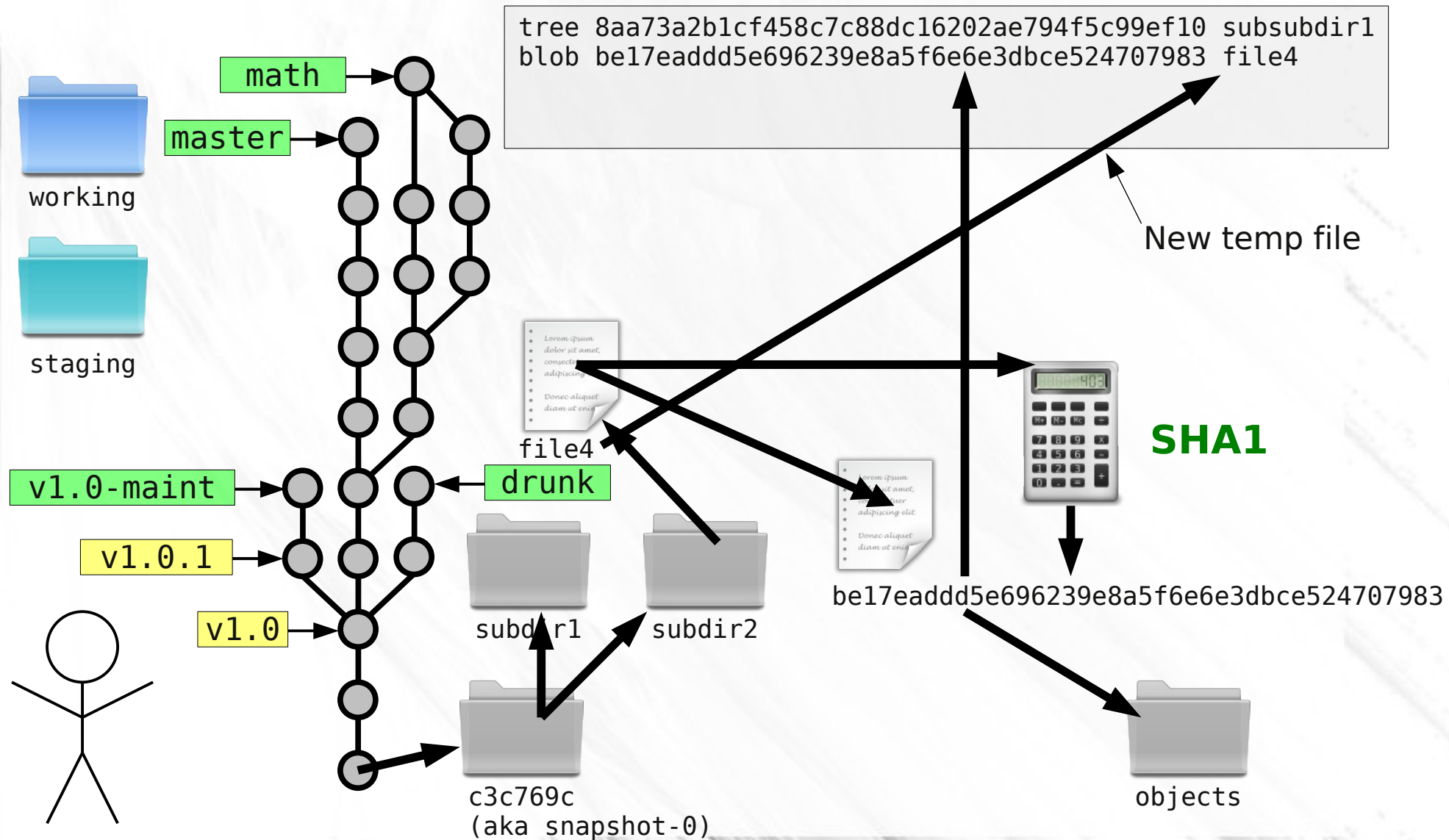
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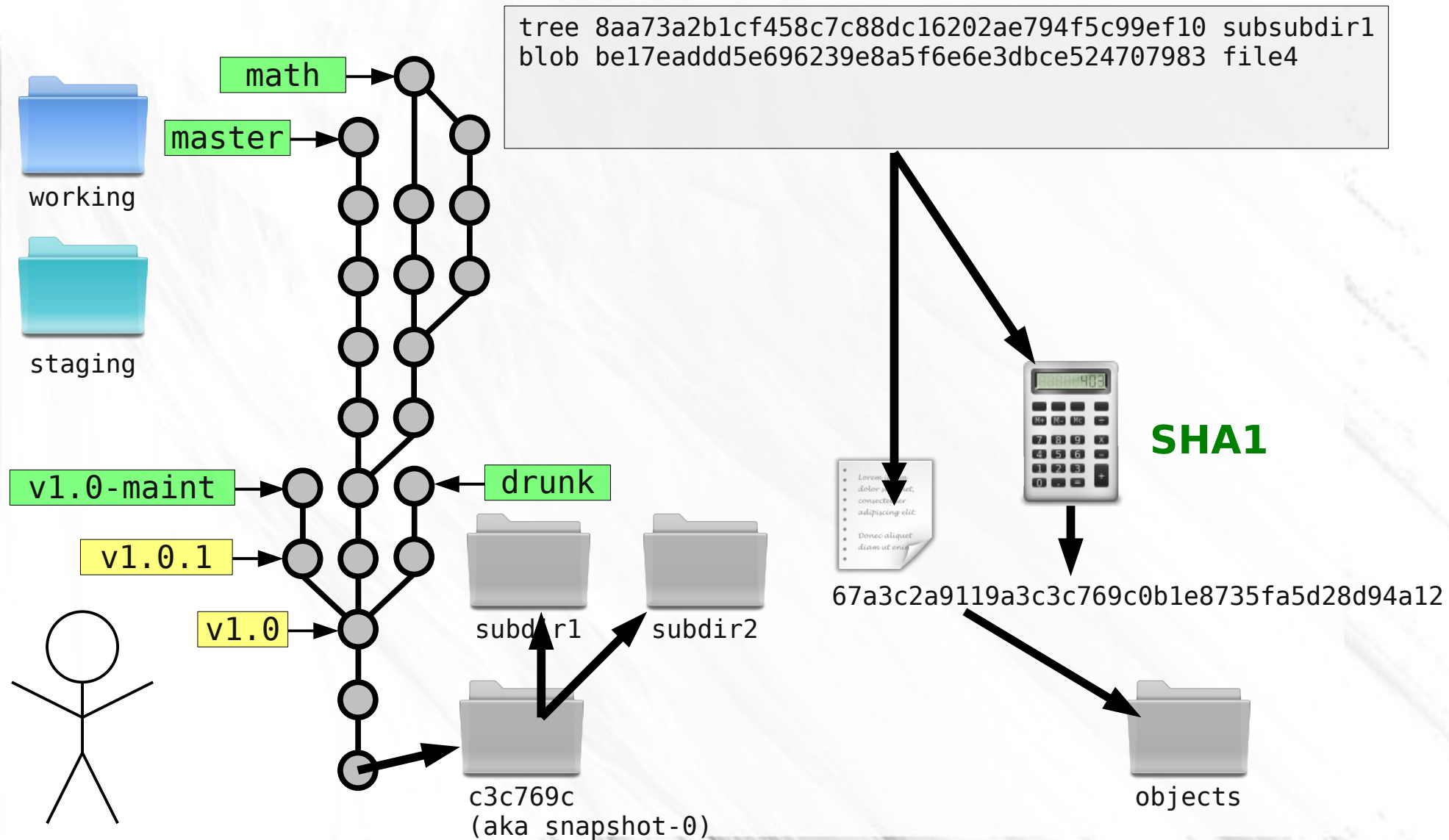
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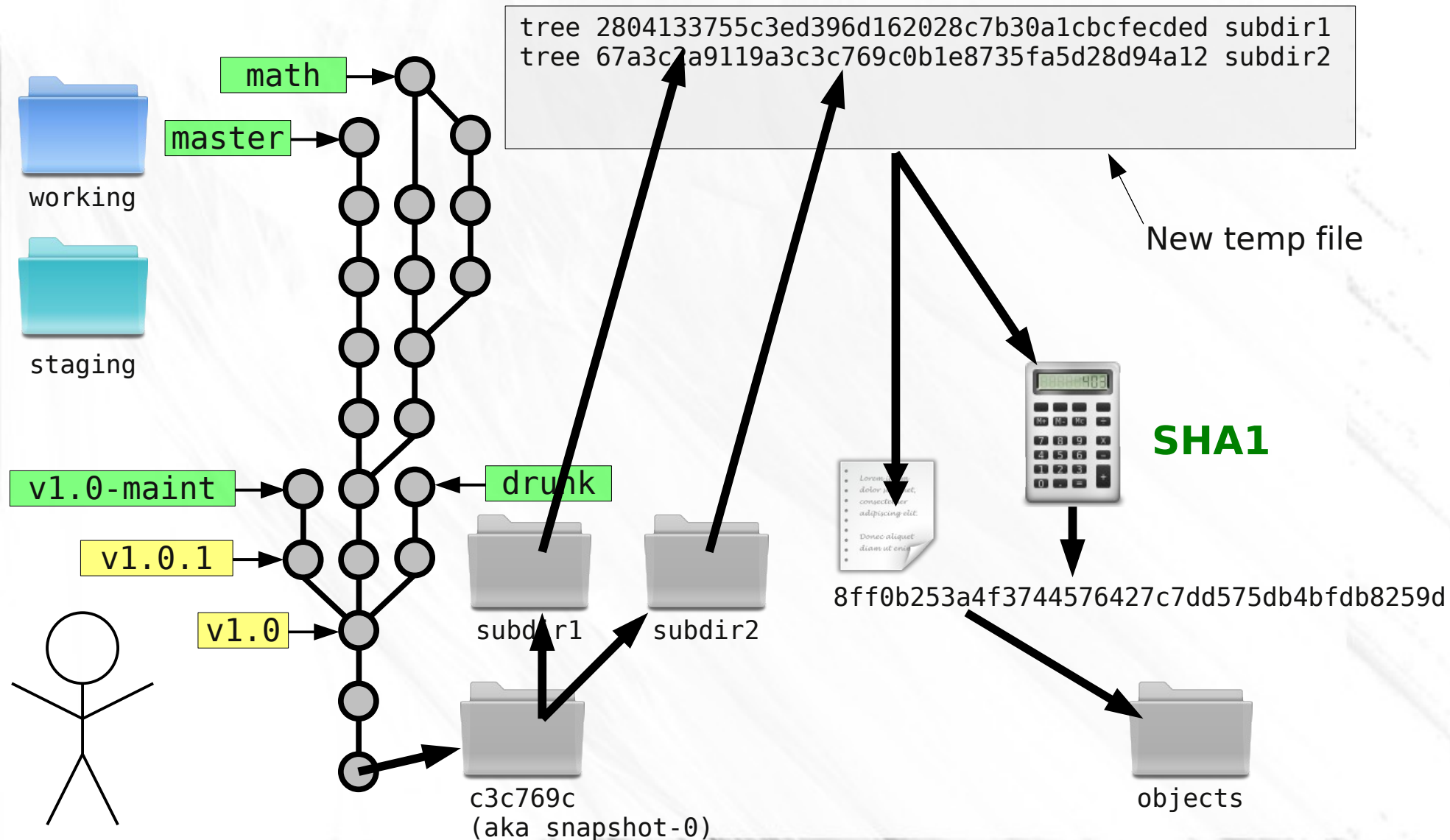
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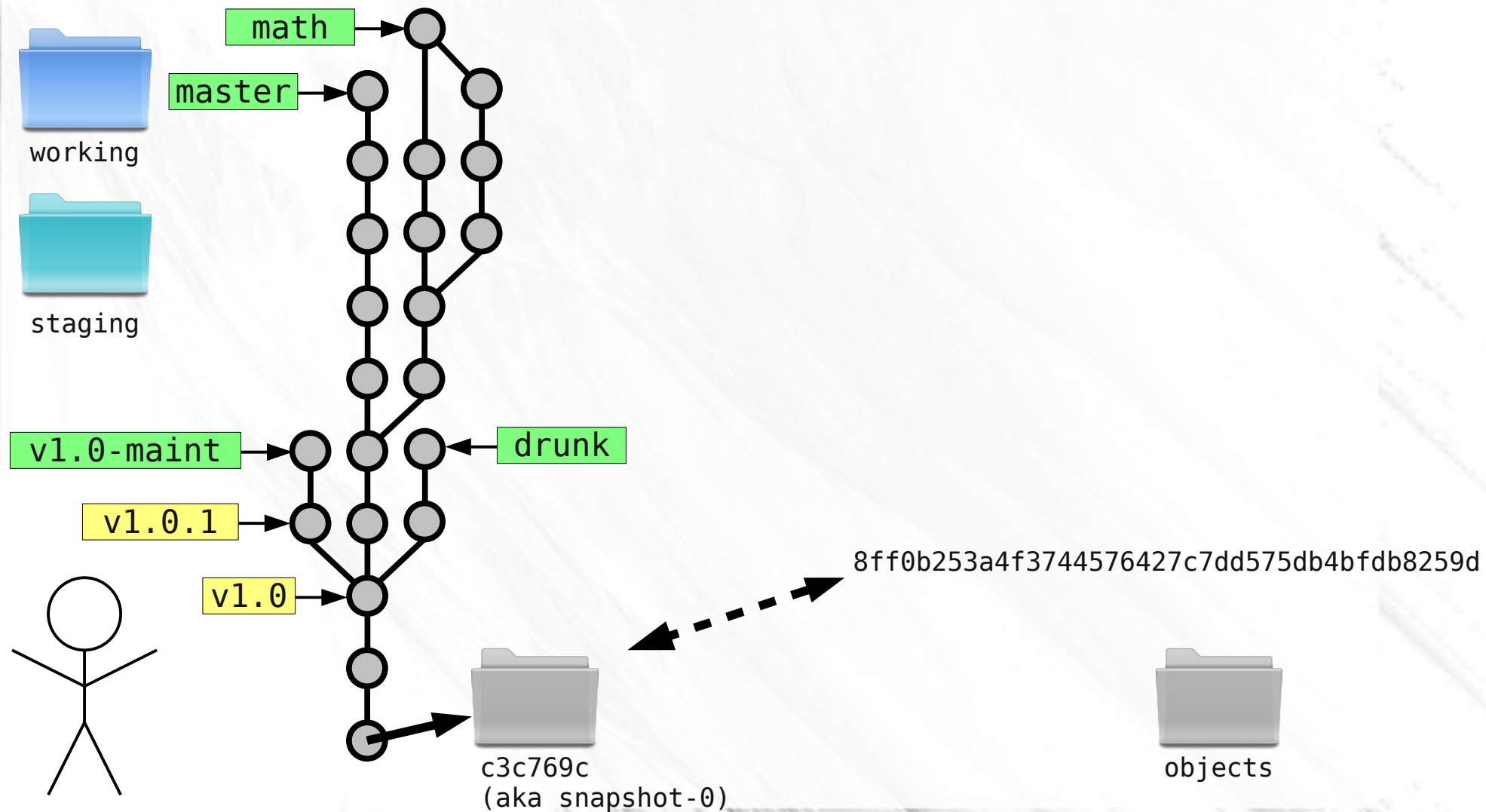
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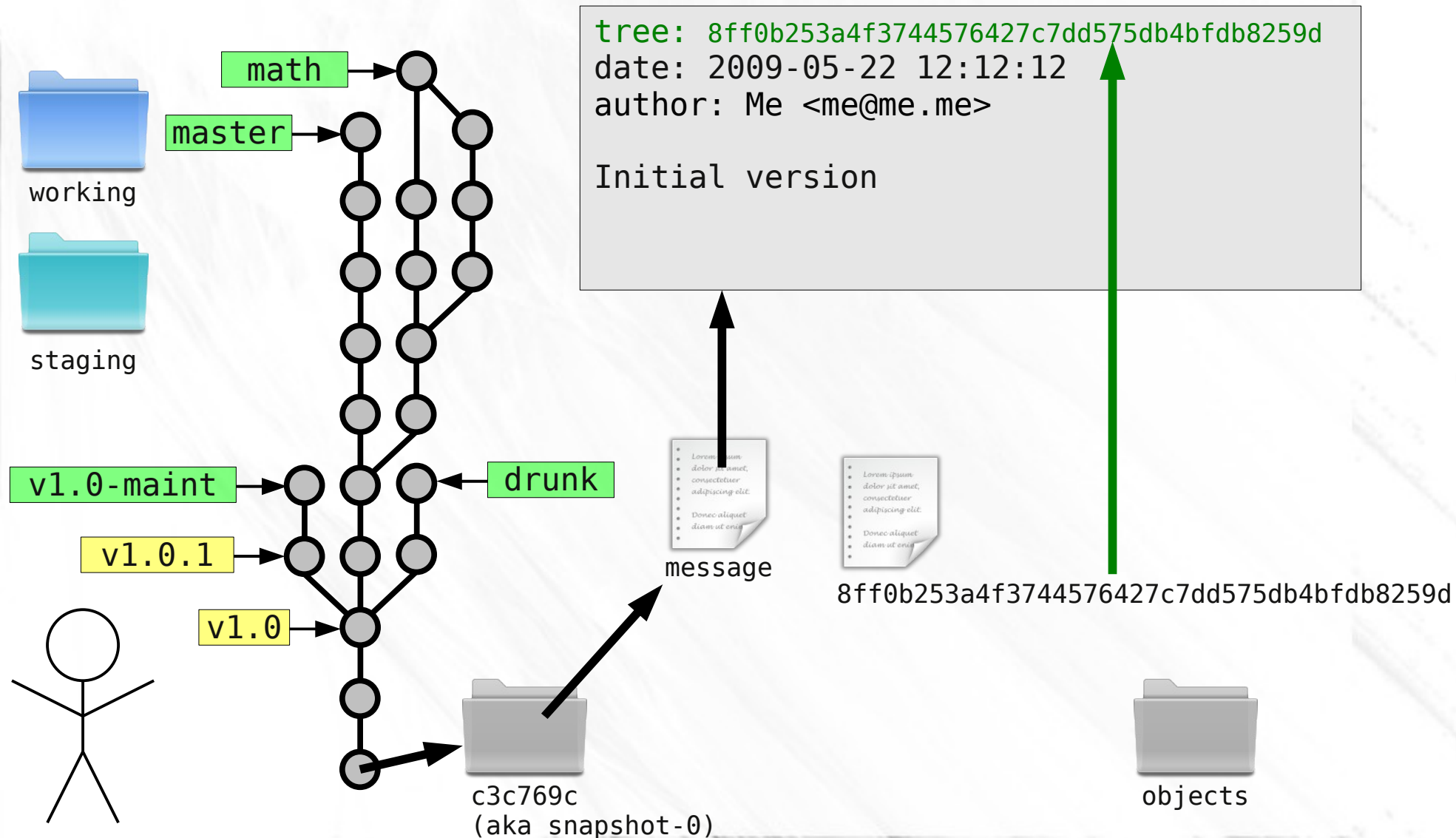
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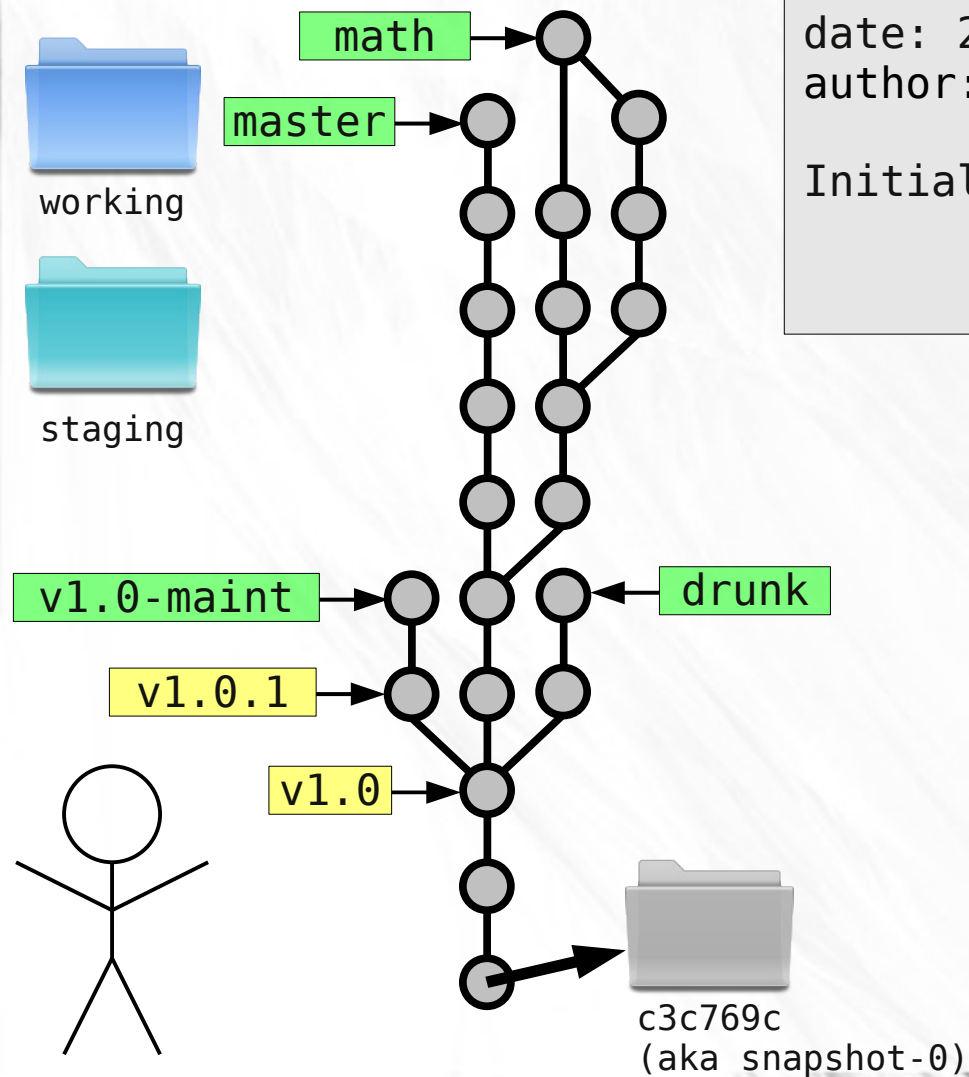
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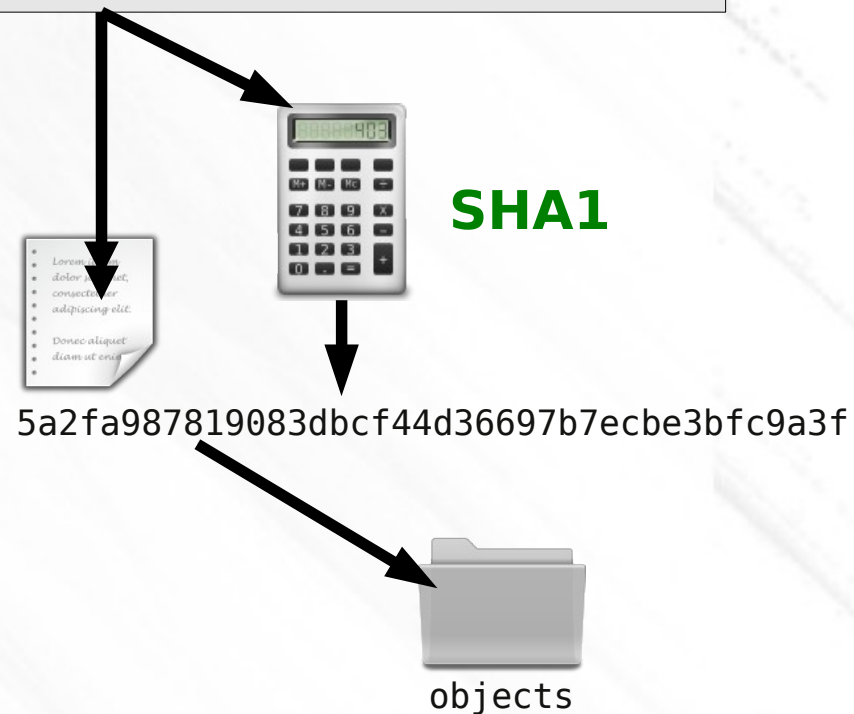


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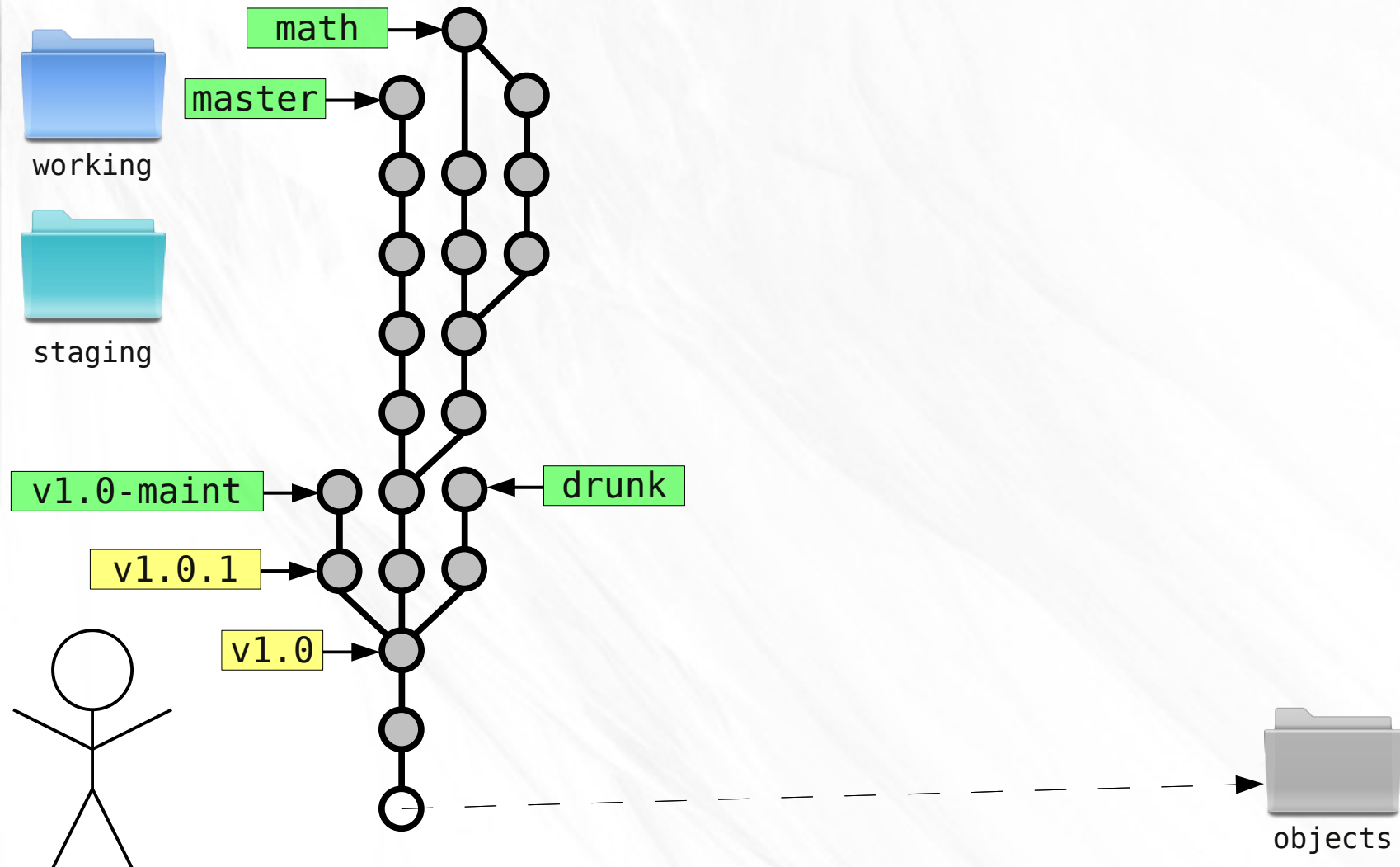


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date: 2009-05-22 12:12:12
author: Me <me@me.me>
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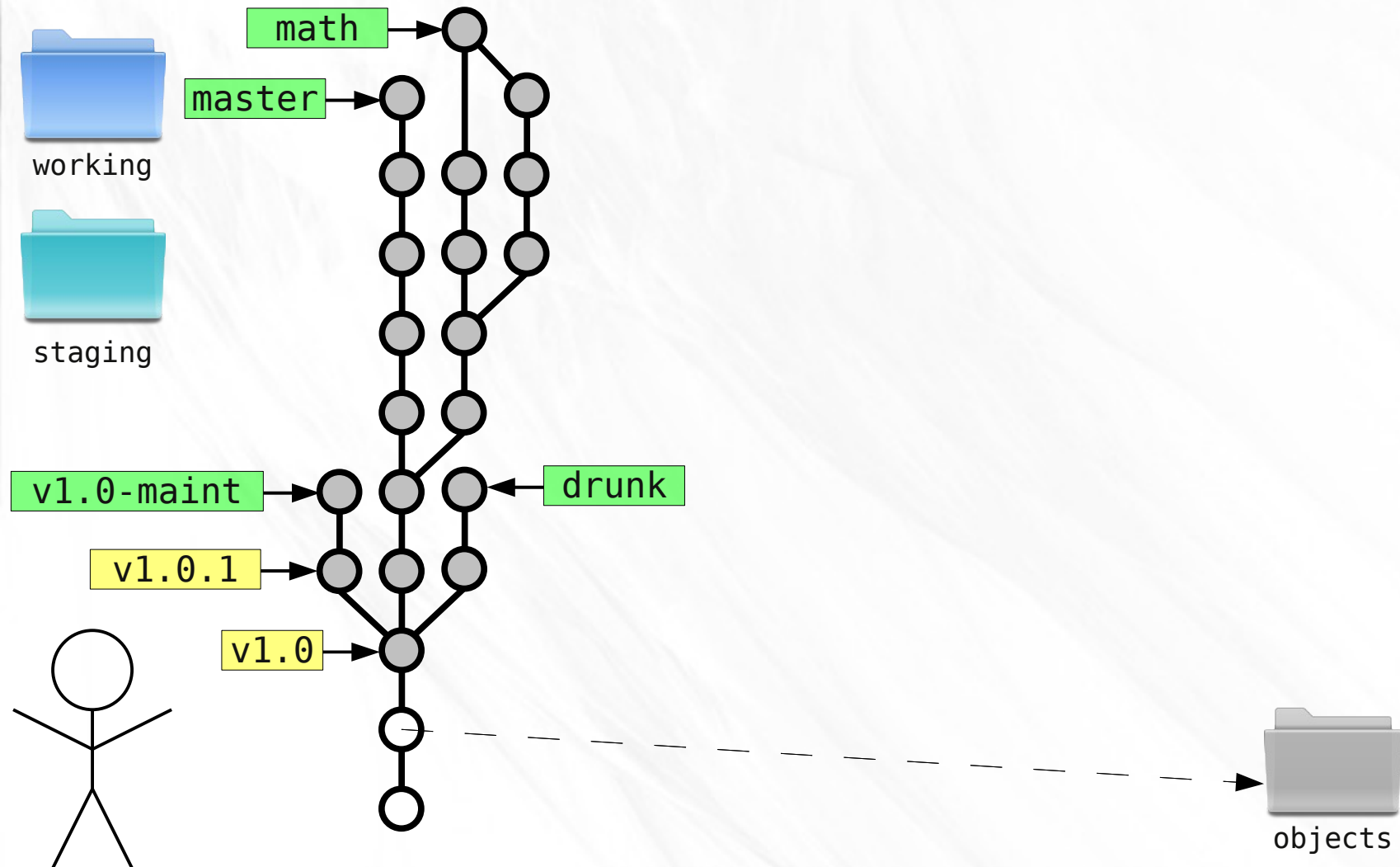
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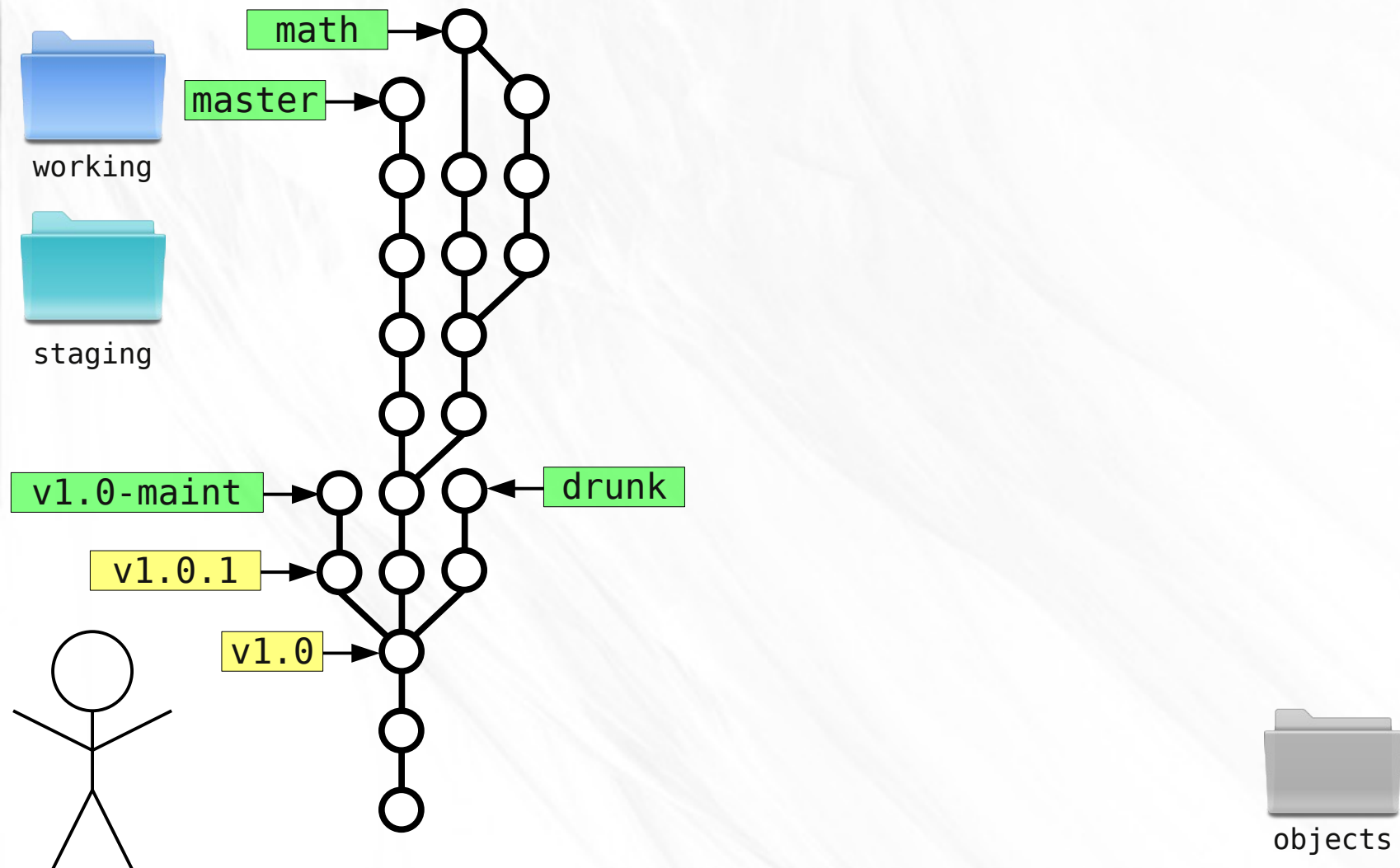
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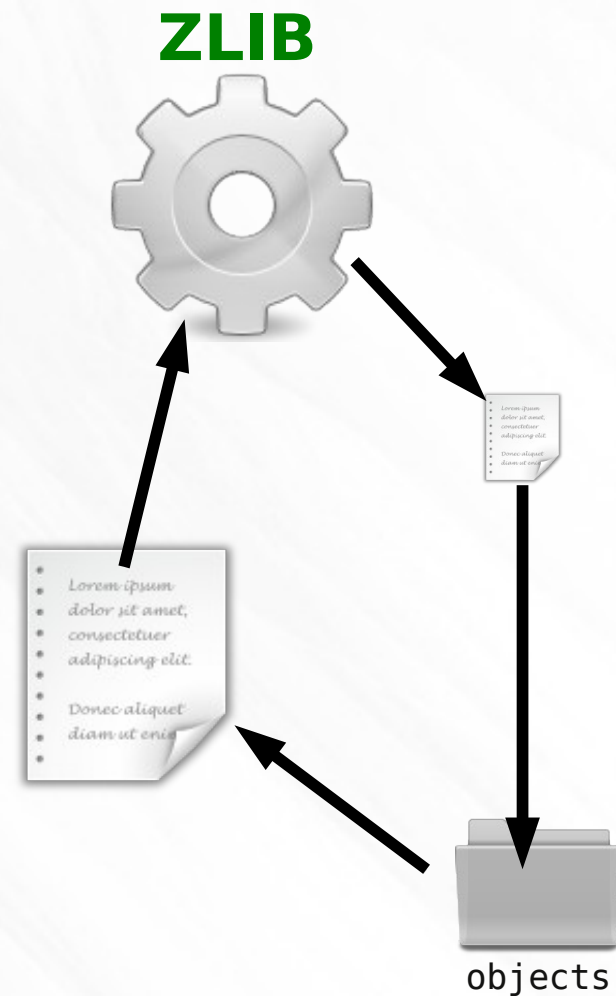
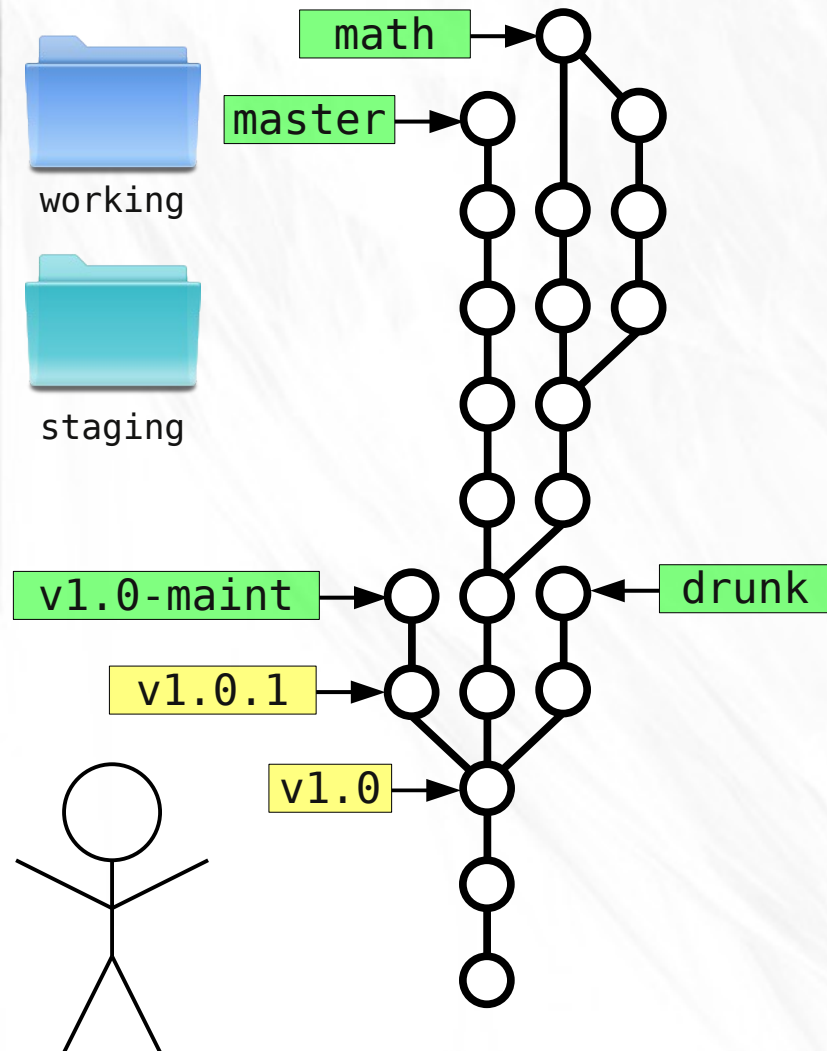
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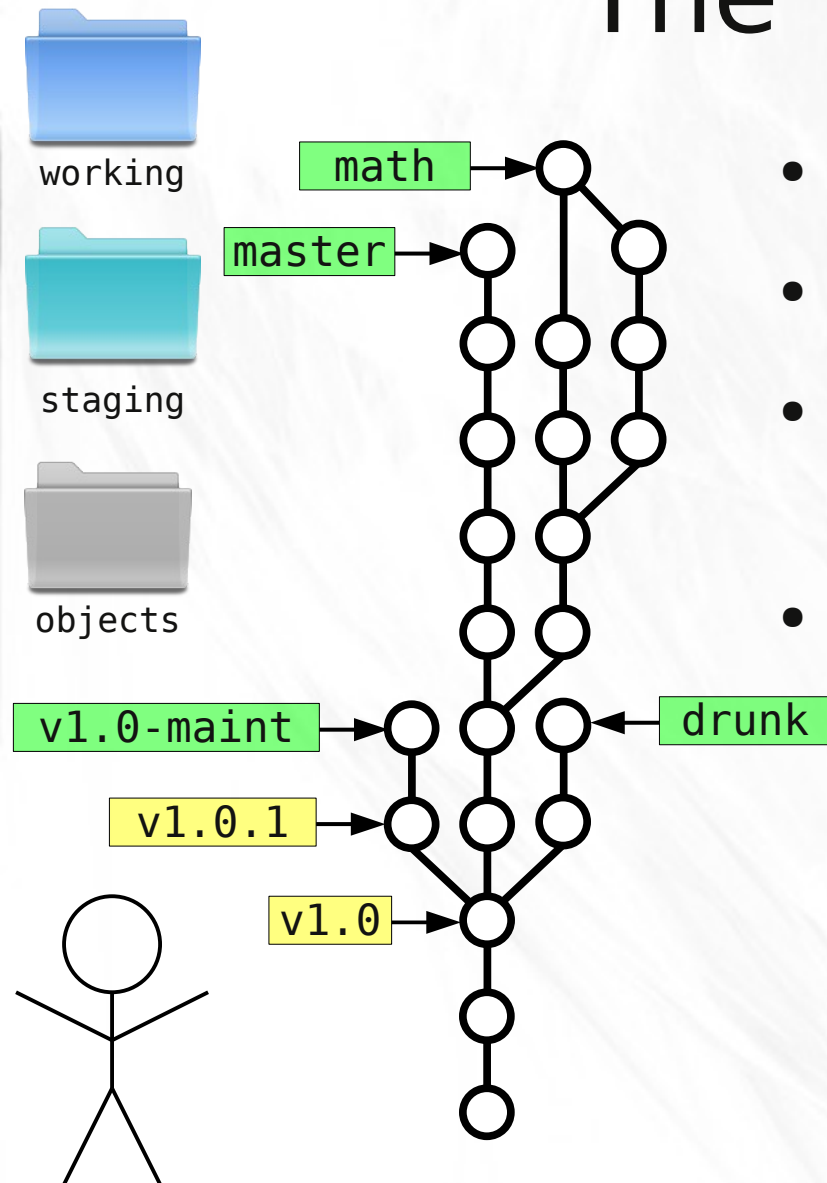
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Compressing Blobs



The True Git

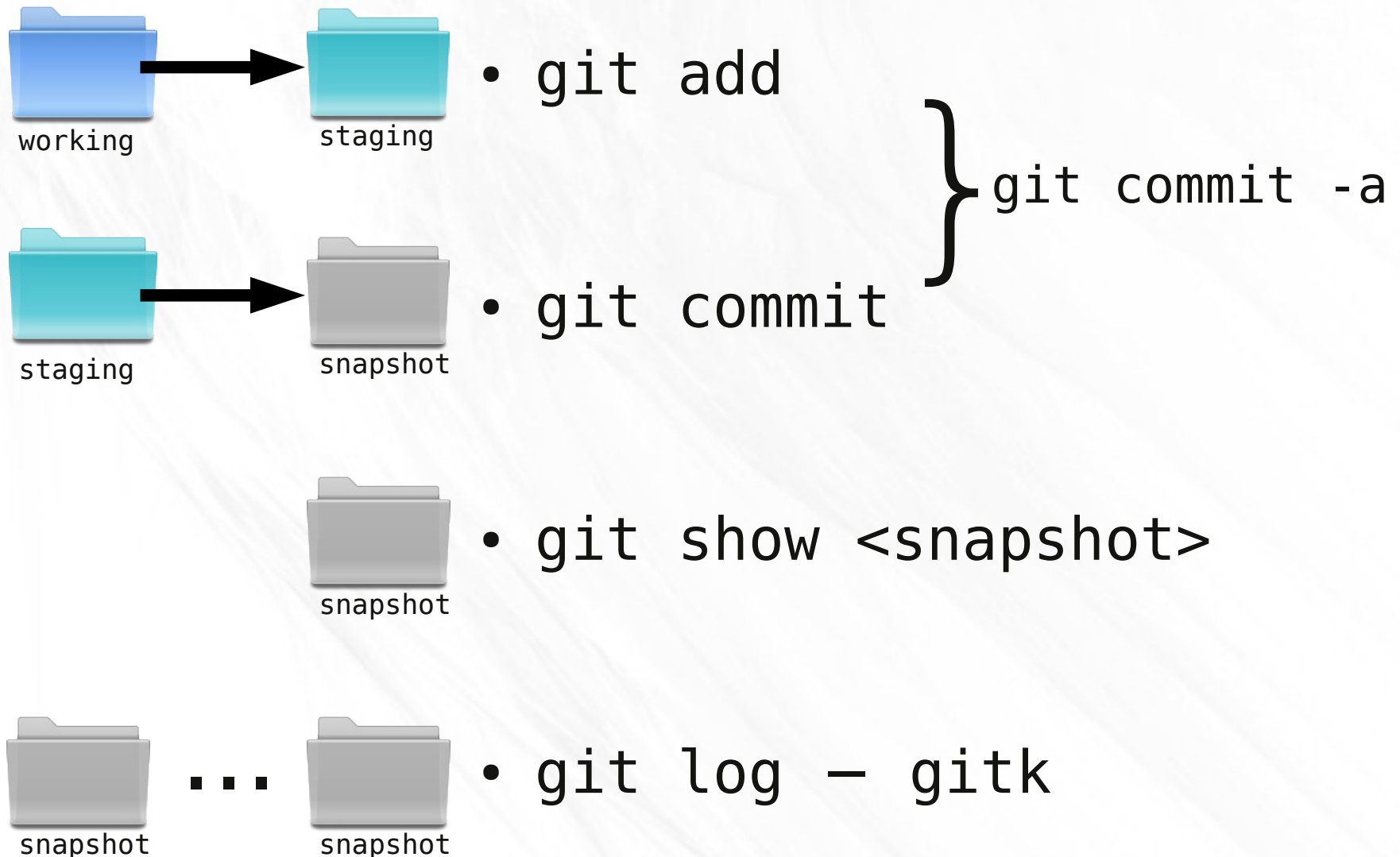


- TADAA!
- This is pretty much Git
- Nicer command line tools for all these operations
- Many, many other tools

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



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>`

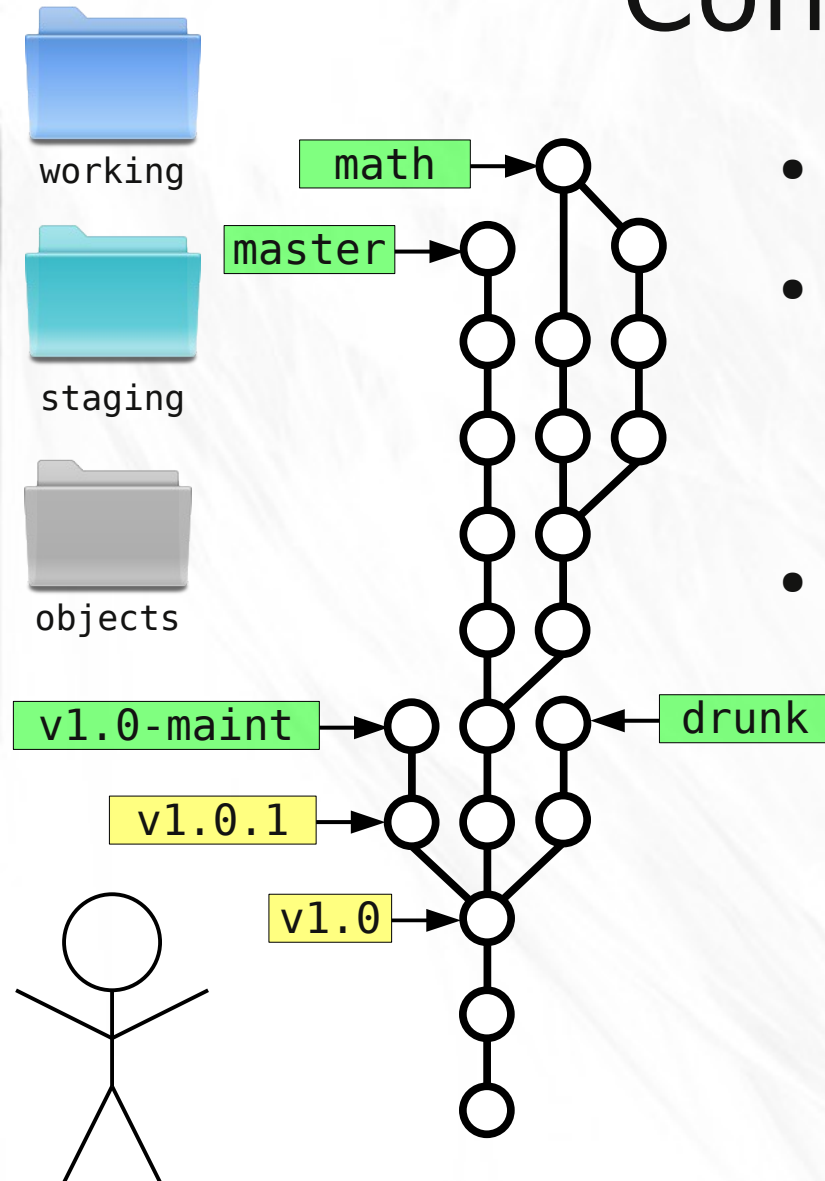
Commands: Branches & Tags

- `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?

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 - dvcs-interest@opera.com
 - johanh@opera.com
- In general:
 - Git homepage: <http://git-scm.com>
 - Git Community Book:
<http://book.git-scm.com/>
 - <http://gitorious.org> or <http://github.com>

Questions?

- Thanks for your attention!
- This presentation is available at:
http://dvcs.oslo.osa/~johanh/git_parable/
- Reach me at <johanh@opera.com>