

# Merging Branches with GitHub Desktop

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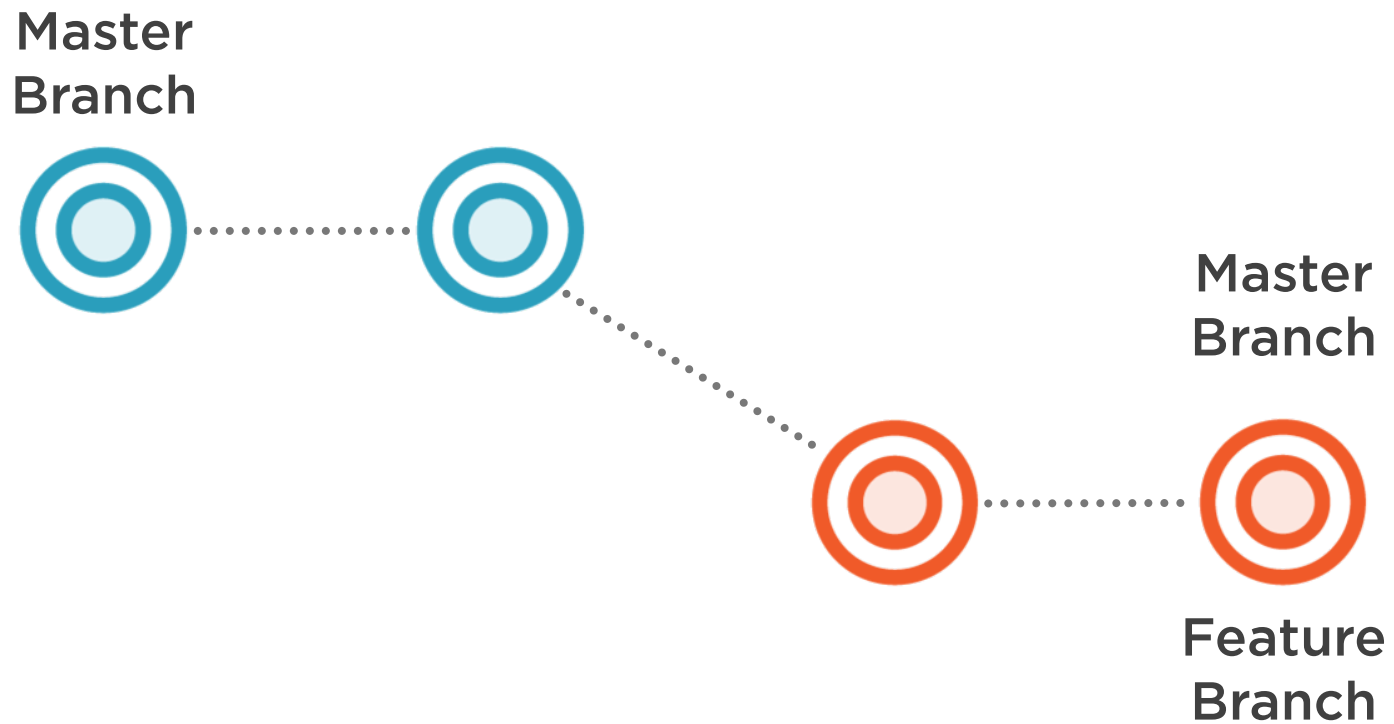
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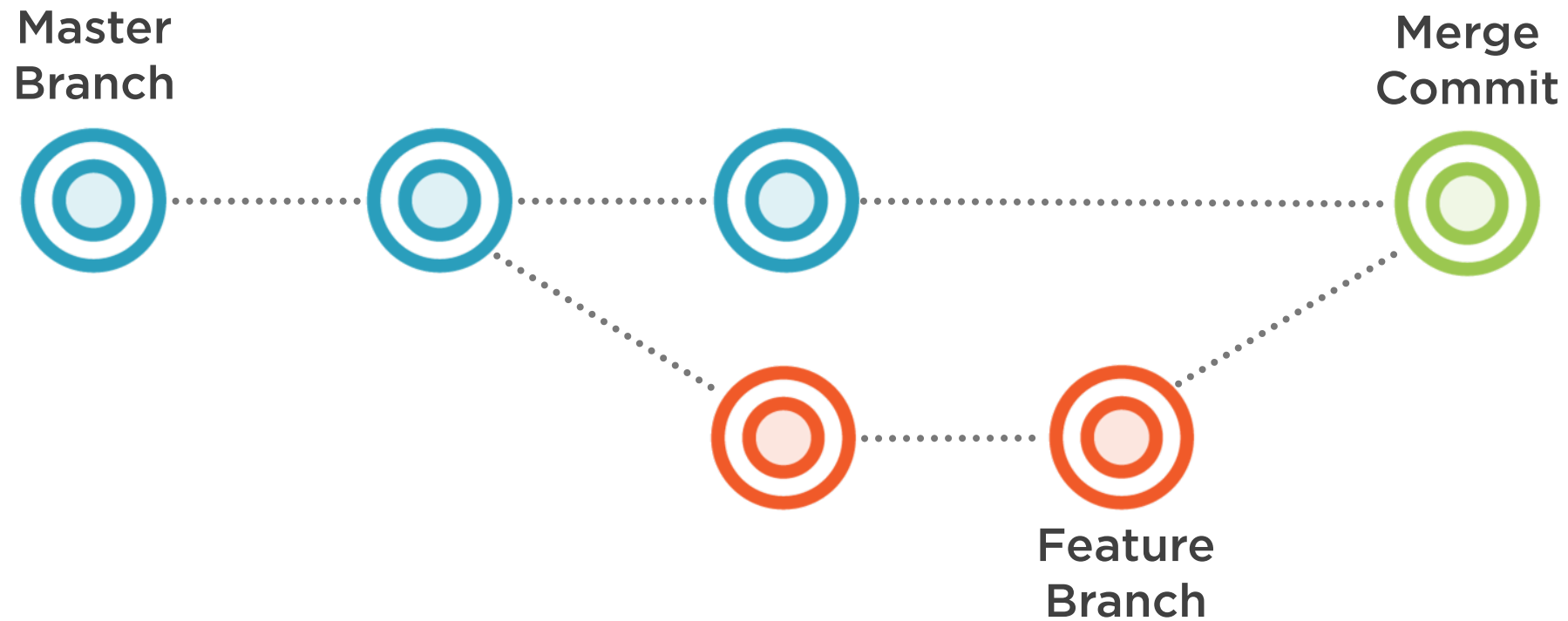


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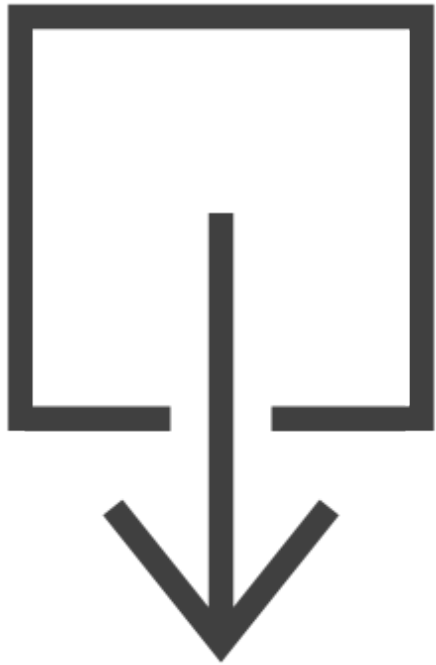
- Fast forward merge
- 3-way merge



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# What Is a Pull Request?



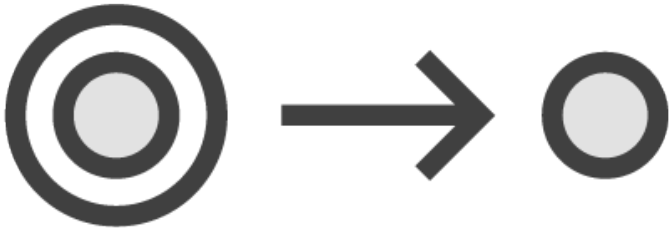
Happens before merging branches

Allows others to review feature branch

Add comments, reviewers, descriptions,  
or update with new commits



# What Is Branch Rebasing?



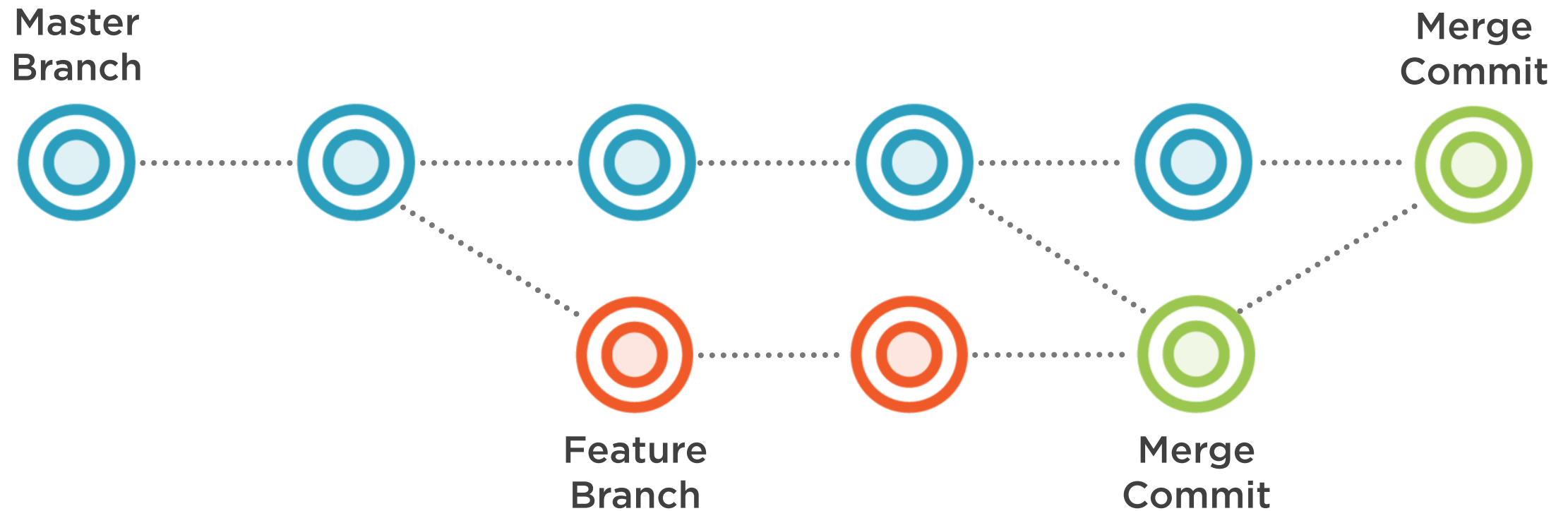
**Branch created from different commit**

**Maintains linear commit history**

**Allows fast forward merge**

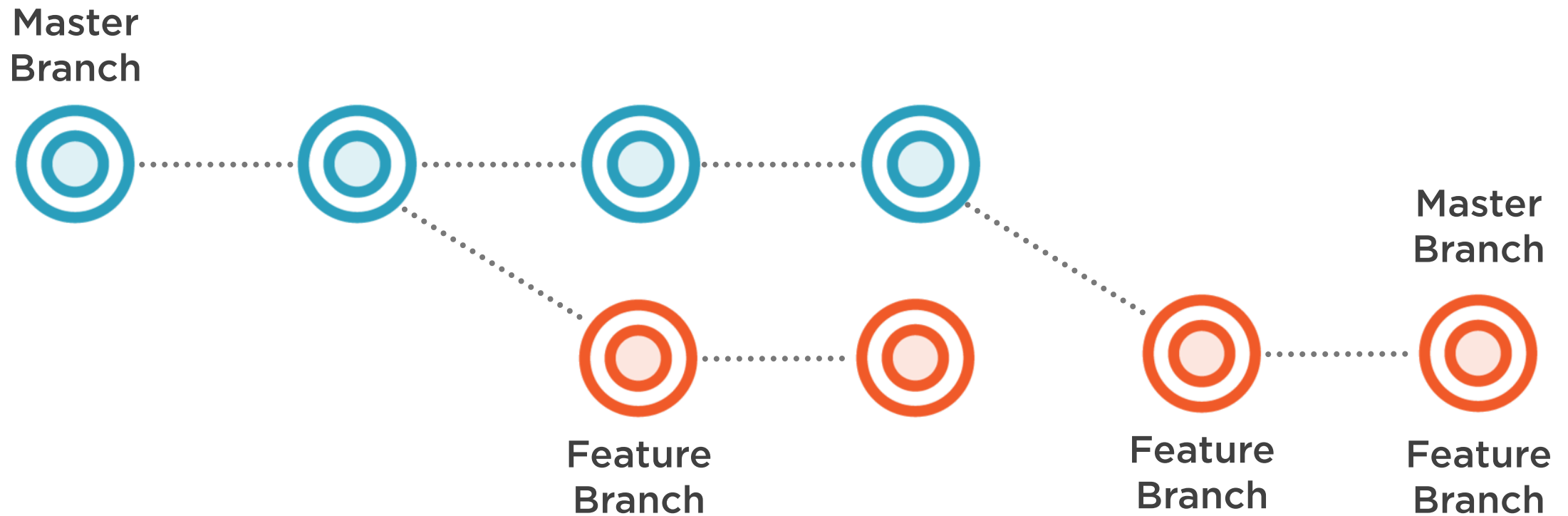
**Not used on public branches**

# What Is Branch Rebasing?





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# What Is Stashing?



Temporarily saves changes before commit

Great for switching between branches

Pause and resume working on a feature



# Demo



## Merging branches by various merging types

- Three-way merge
- Fast forward merge

## How to invoke each in GitHub Desktop



# Demo



How to utilize Pull Requests from GitHub Desktop

How to create Pull Request via GitHub Cloud



# Demo



**Rebasing branches using GitHub Desktop**  
- Avoiding merge commits



# Demo



## Stashing in GitHub Desktop

### Best practices for stashing changes



# Summary



## What GitHub Desktop is?

- Benefits of using GitHub Desktop

## Authentication to GitHub Cloud

- SSH and HTTPS

## Cloning repositories via SSH

## Importing repositories into GitHub Desktop

## Setting up GitHub Desktop



# Summary



**What branches are and benefits of using them**

**Centralized workflow via GitHub Desktop**

- Resolving merge conflicts

**Best practices when committing changes**

- Reverting committed changes

**Pulling and fetching via GitHub Desktop**

**Feature branch workflow**

- Compared branches on GitHub Desktop





# Summary



## What pull requests are and how to use them

- Cannot be created directly on GitHub Desktop

## Three-way merges with a merge commit

- Prevented merge commits with branch rebasing

## Fast Forward merges

## Stashing on GitHub Desktop

