



GIT WORKSHOP

Day 1: Introduction to Git and VCS





What's in this lecture?





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Part 1 (Basic Theory)

Version Control System

Why Git

Part 2 (Working with Git)

Setting up a git repository

Adding and committing files

Status

Logs

Let's get started!





Part 1

Version Control System and Git





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Version Control System?





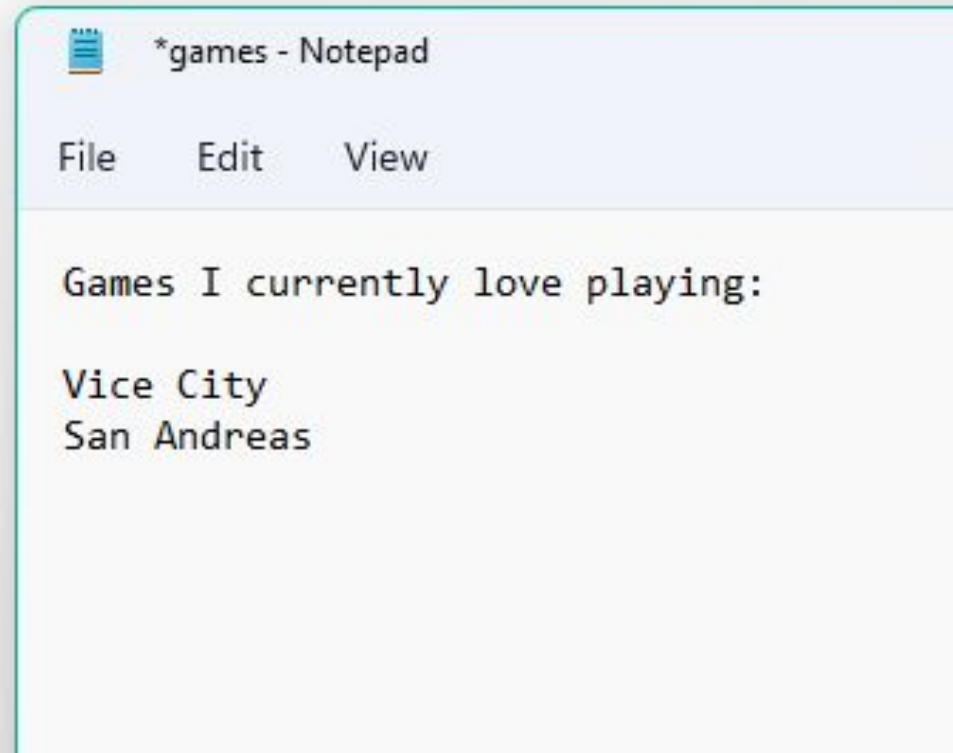
Say I want to create a list of games that I love playing!



2012



games





2013



games

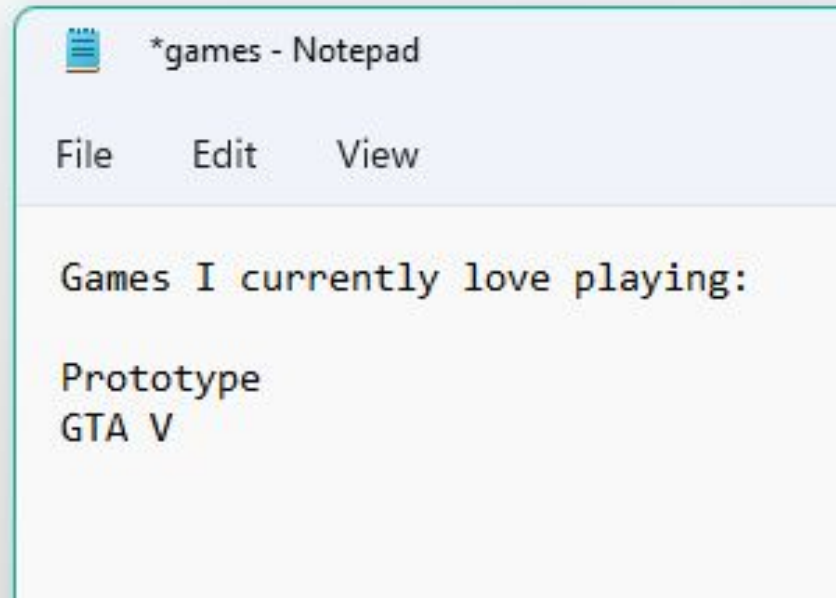




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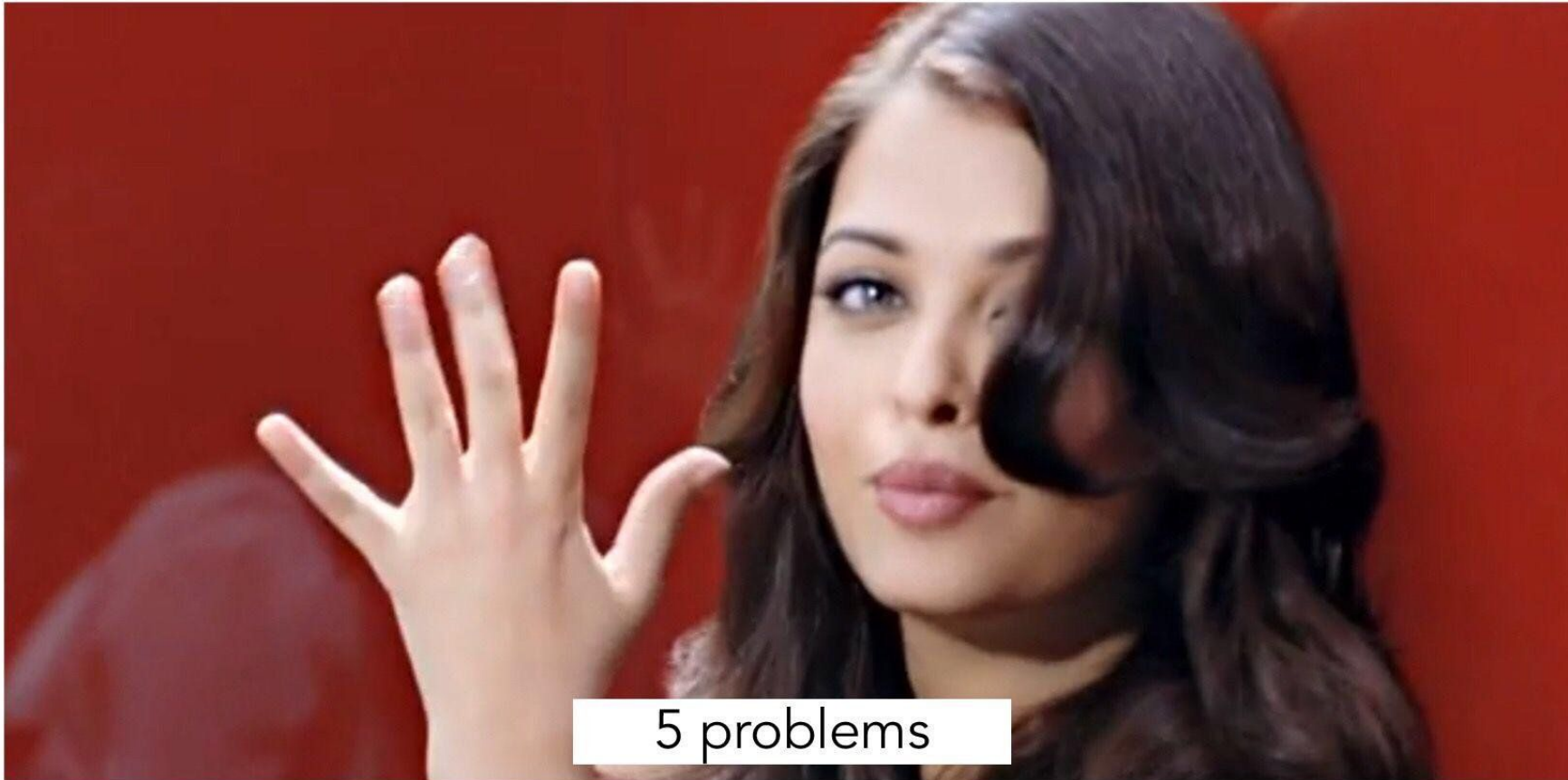
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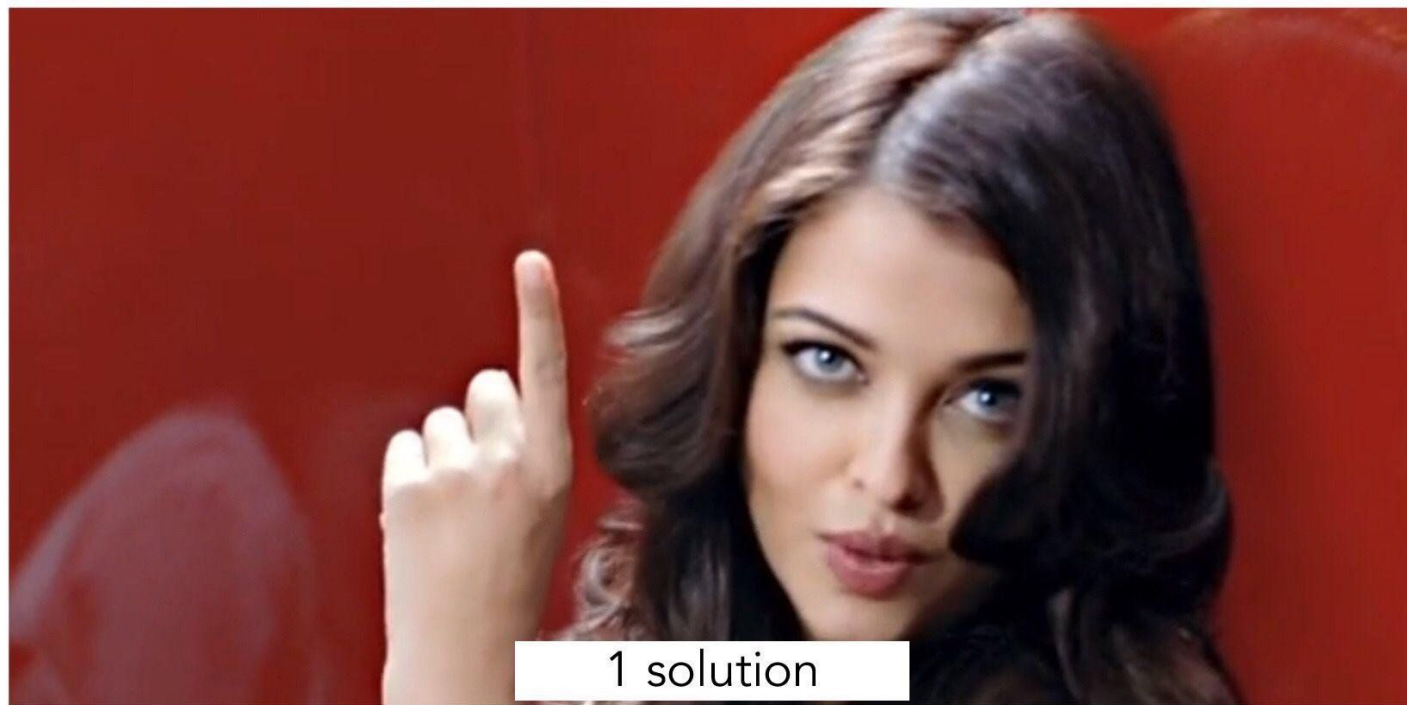


Problems with our model:

1. **When** were the changes made?
2. **Why** were the changes made?
3. How do I add **collaborators**?
4. **Who** made the changes?
5. How do I get back the **old list**?



5 problems



Version Control System!



Version control systems (VCSs) are tools used to track changes to source code (or other collections of files and folders).

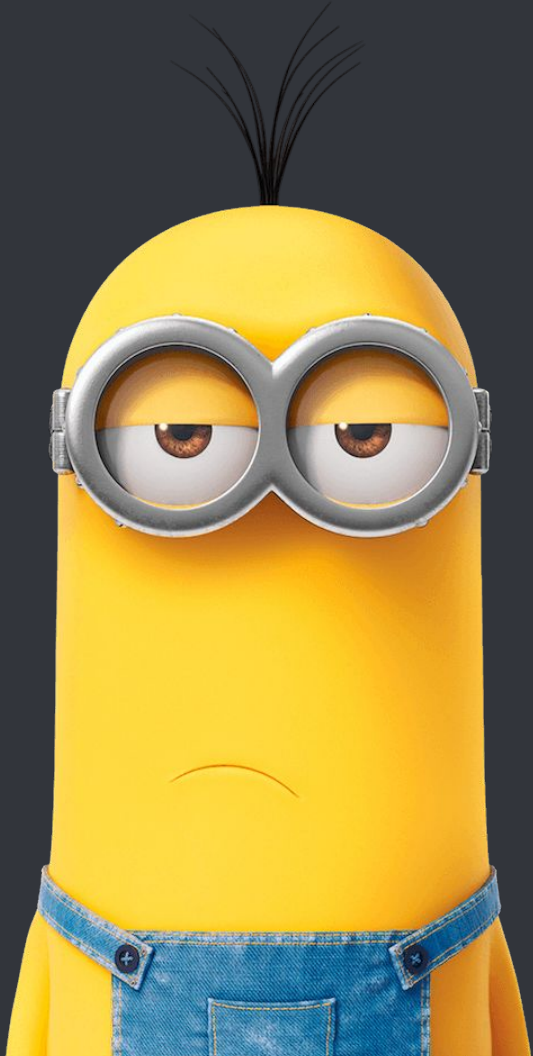
VCSs track changes to a folder and its contents in a series of snapshots, where each snapshot encapsulates the entire state of files/folders within a top-level directory.



Features:

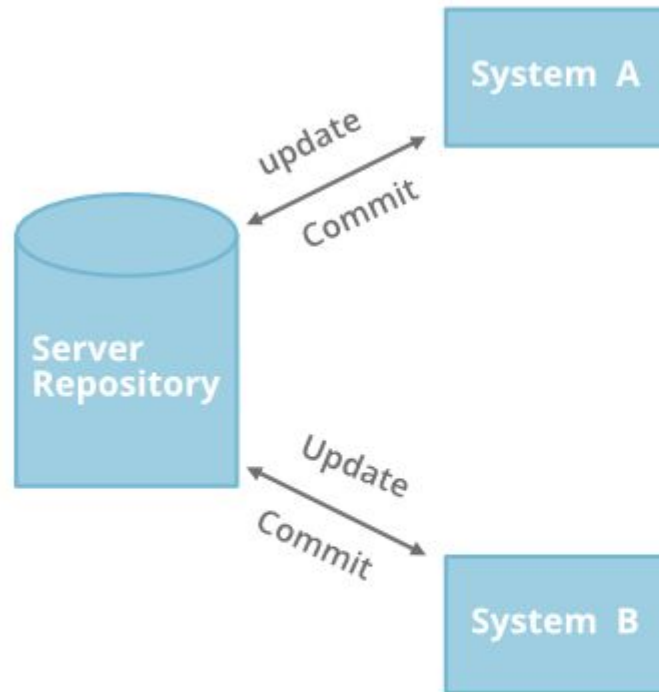
- Help maintain a history of changes
- Facilitate collaboration
- Maintain metadata like who created each snapshot, messages associated with each snapshot, and so on.

Distributed?

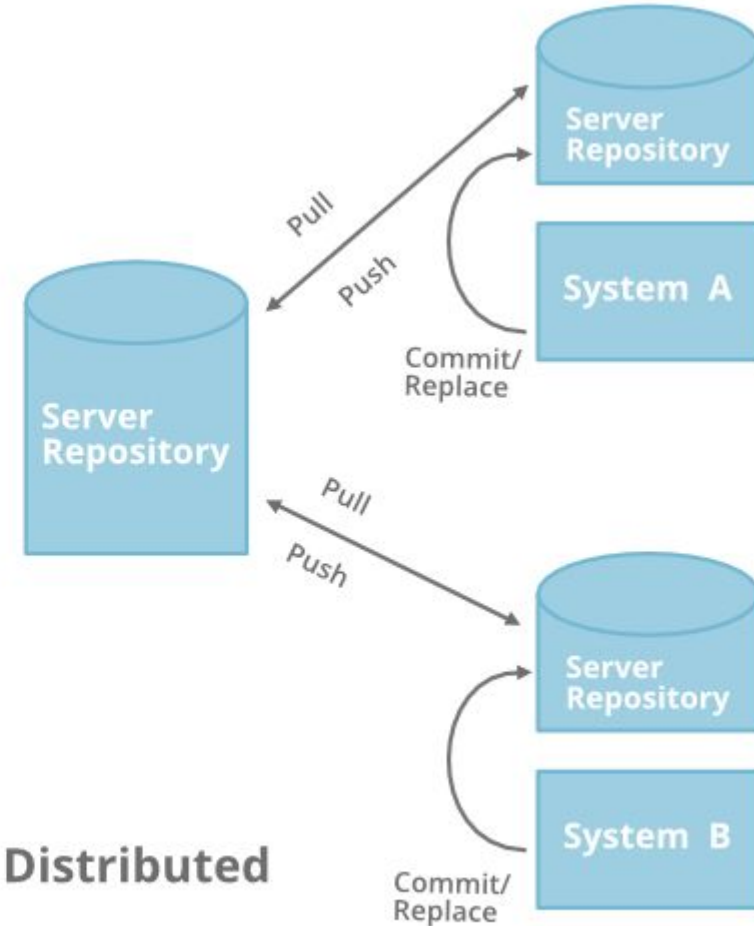




Distributed VCS



Centralized



Distributed



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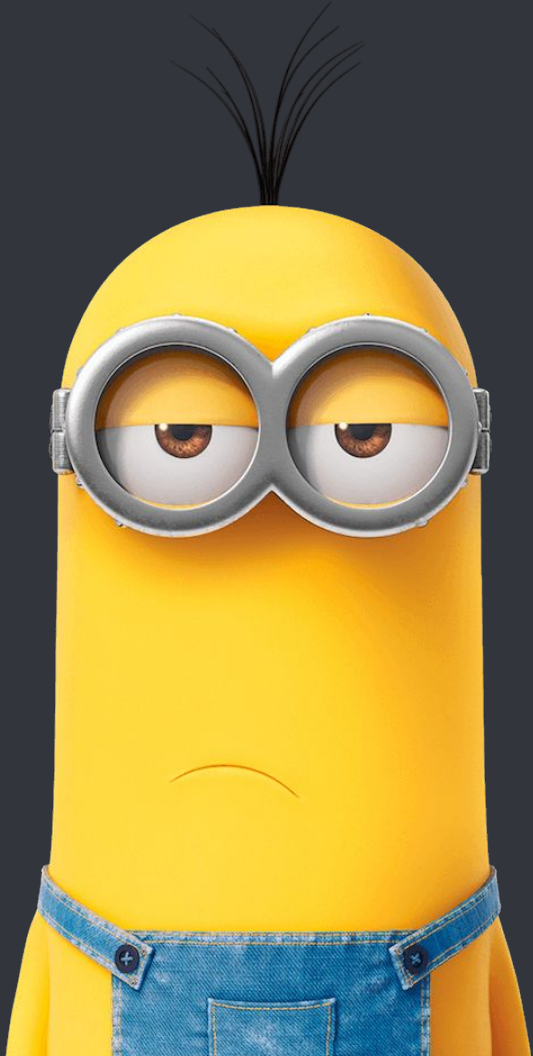
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Why Git?





VCS



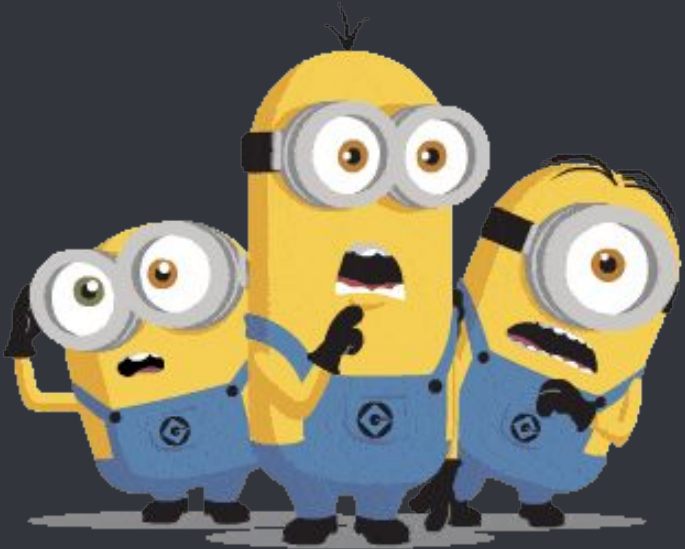


Why git?

- Free and open source.
- Works on different range of OS
- Large community, good availability of documentation and resources.



Questions?





Part 2

Working with Git





Verifying git installation



```
git --version
```






Verifying git installation



```
git config --global user.name "Rick Astley"
```

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



Let's set up our first repo!
(Demo time)

Let's break it down!





```
git init
```

It creates an empty git repository in the working directory.

A hidden folder named .git is created which contains all the information of the repository such as commit history, etc.



Breakdown

```
git add <files>
```

Adds files to a so called “staging area”

These are the files git keeps track of.



```
git commit -m "Commit Message"
```

Takes a snapshot of the project's current state.

Can think of each snapshot as a “checkpoint”. You can revert back here later as you wish.



Let's make some changes

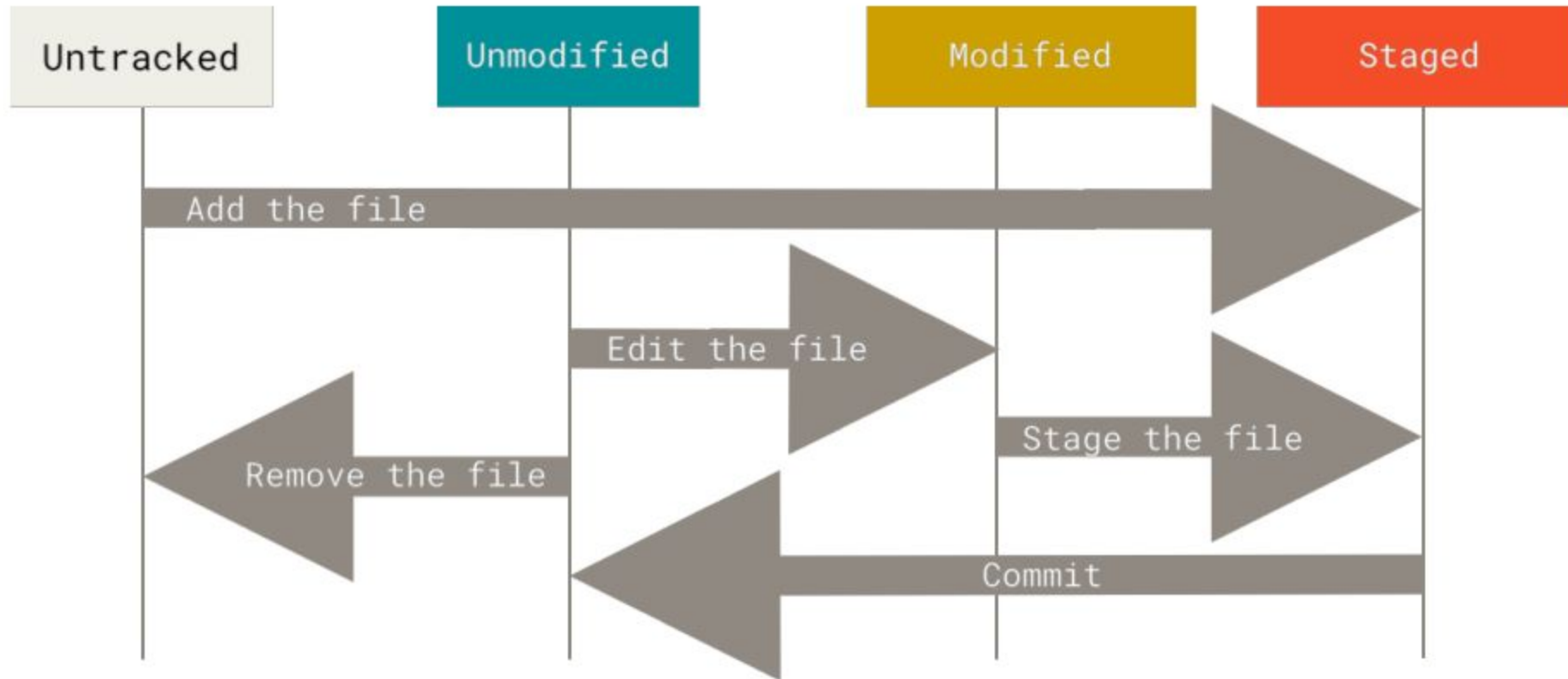


Now that we've made some changes to the project, let's check the repo's status.

```
$ git status
```

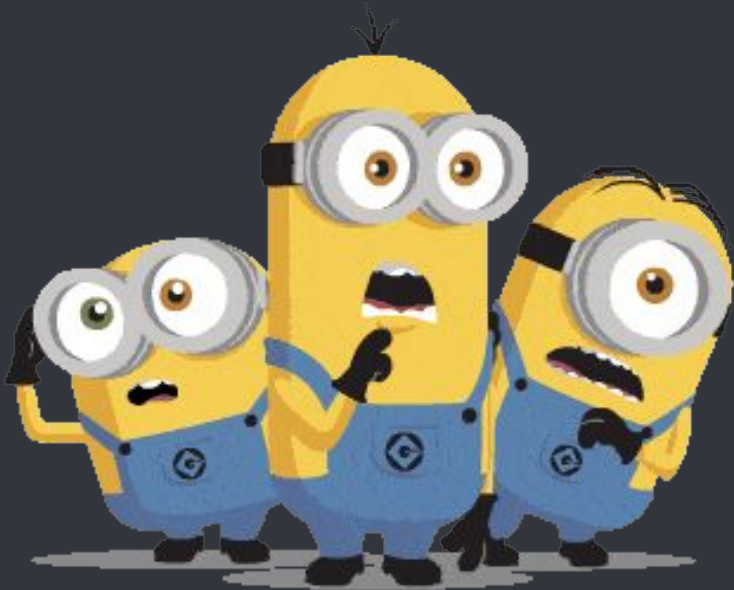


Breakdown





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Misc Stuff





There may be files which you don't want git to track.

You can ask git to ignore those files by listing them out in a file named `.gitignore` which resides in your working directory

Use cases:

Sensitive info (environment variables)

Modules



```
$ git log
```

Shows the commit log.

```
$ git log --all --graph --decorate
```



```
$ git diff
```

Shows changes between different data sources.

By default, shows the difference between the staging area and the working directory



```
$ git config alias.[short_name] <command>
```

assign shorter name to commands



Questions?

