

# ***Git Workflow***

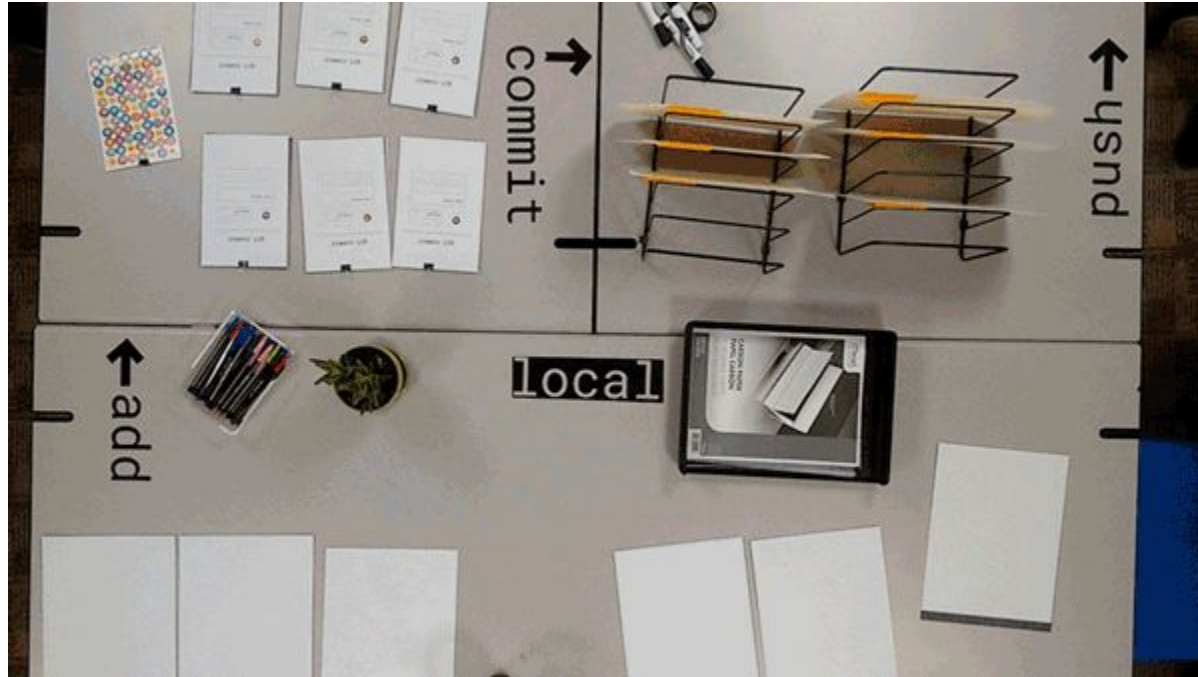
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# Outline

1. The need for a Git workflow
2. Introducing branches
3. Git feature branch workflow
  - a. Walk through the creation of a branch
  - b. Pull requests
  - c. Merging branches
4. Git fork workflow
5. Live Coding Example!  
(What you need to know!)

# Git helps you manage work done on projects



But without a consistent git workflow,  
collaboration is easier said than done



Without the agreement beforehand,  
collaboration feels like this



The team must all be in agreement on how the flow of changes will be applied from the beginning



Git makes it easy to experiment with branches



## Branches have a short life cycle

- They are named for a particular feature
- Once that feature branch is successfully pulled into the master branch, it should be left alone or deleted



# Git ***feature branch*** workflow

# Feature Branch Workflow

*One repository with  
many collaborators*



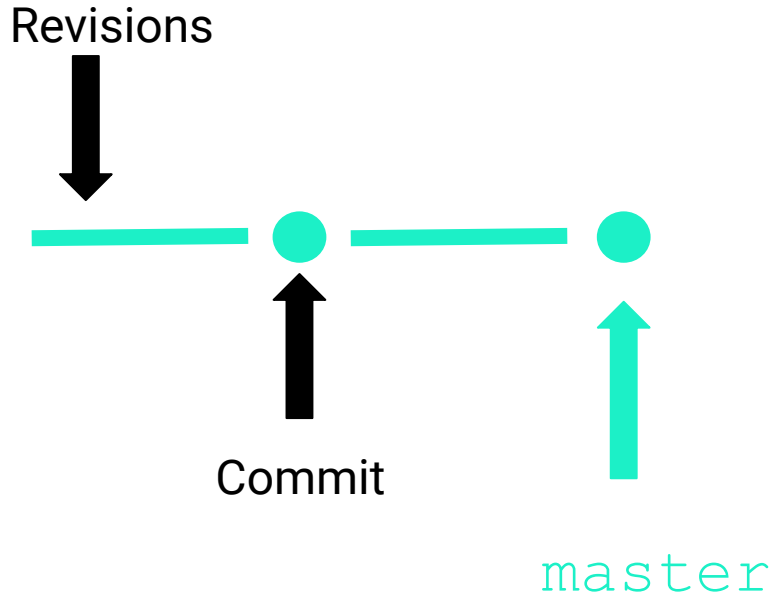
Add other developers as collaborators to your main repository so they can push their changes to it on the **master** branch



Branches are a labeled series of commits towards building some feature (i.e. task)



# The default branch in git is called `master`

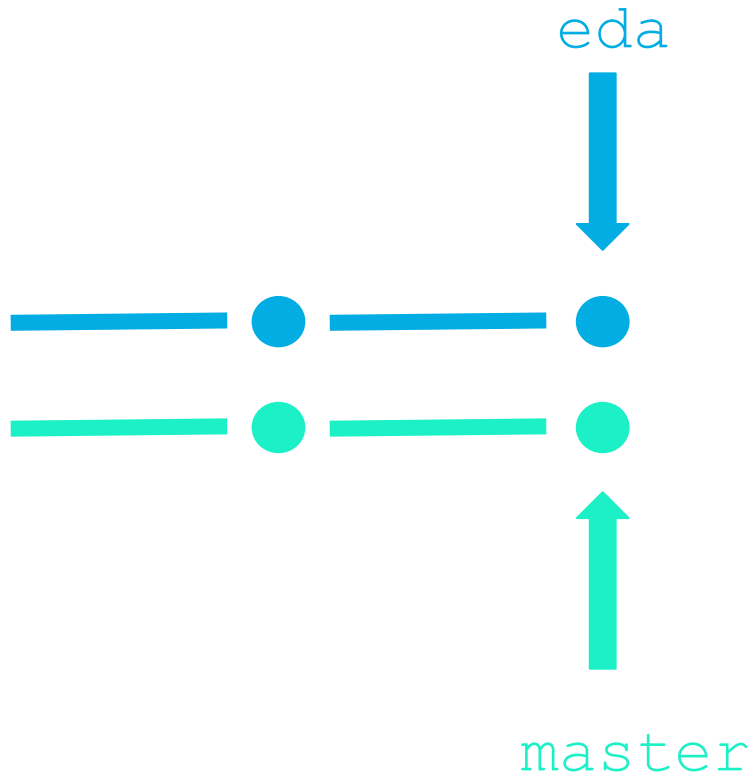


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# switches the repo to the master branch  
$ git checkout master
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# pulls the latest commits from remote  
$ git fetch origin
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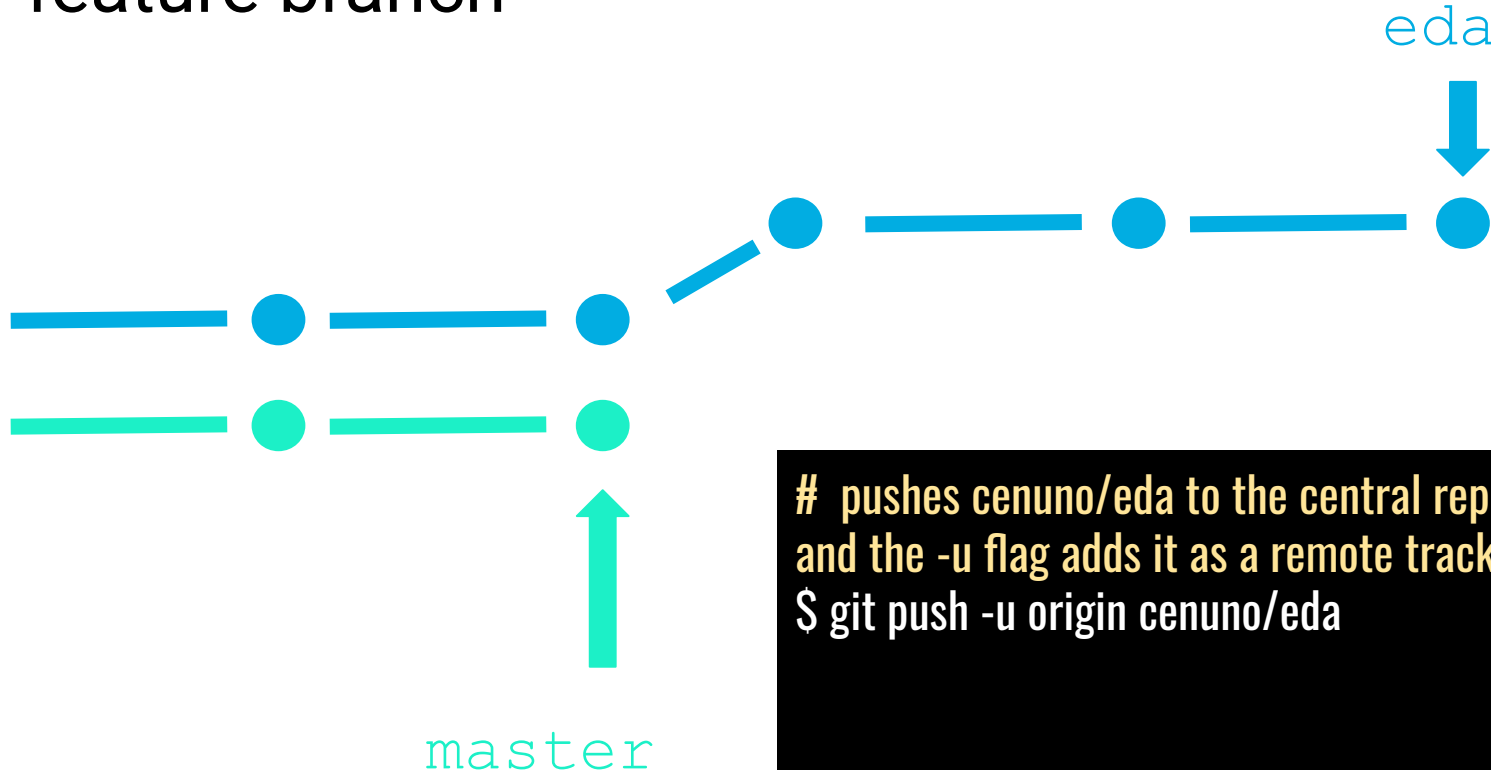
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# resets the repo's local copy of master  
to match the latest version  
$ git reset --hard origin/master
```

The name of a new branch takes both your username and the task you hope to accomplish



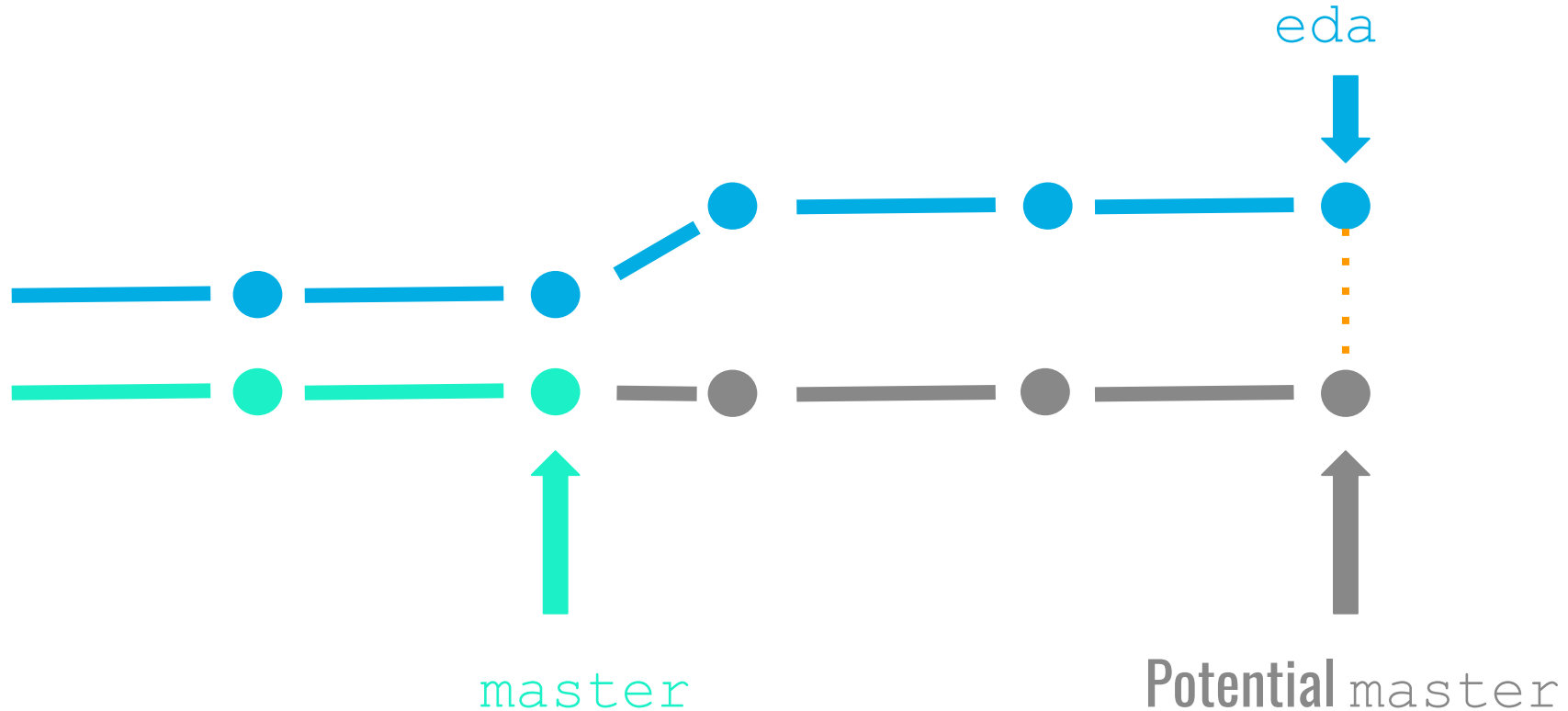
```
# checks out a branch called cenuno/eda based on  
master and the -b flag tells Git to create the branch if it  
doesn't already exist.  
$ git checkout -b cenuno/eda
```

# Update, add, commit, and push changes to your feature branch



```
# pushes cenuno/eda to the central repository (origin),  
and the -u flag adds it as a remote tracking branch  
$ git push -u origin cenuno/eda
```

Aside from isolating feature development, branches make it possible to discuss changes via **pull requests**





**Pull requests** give team member the opportunity to review the changes before they become a part of the main codebase



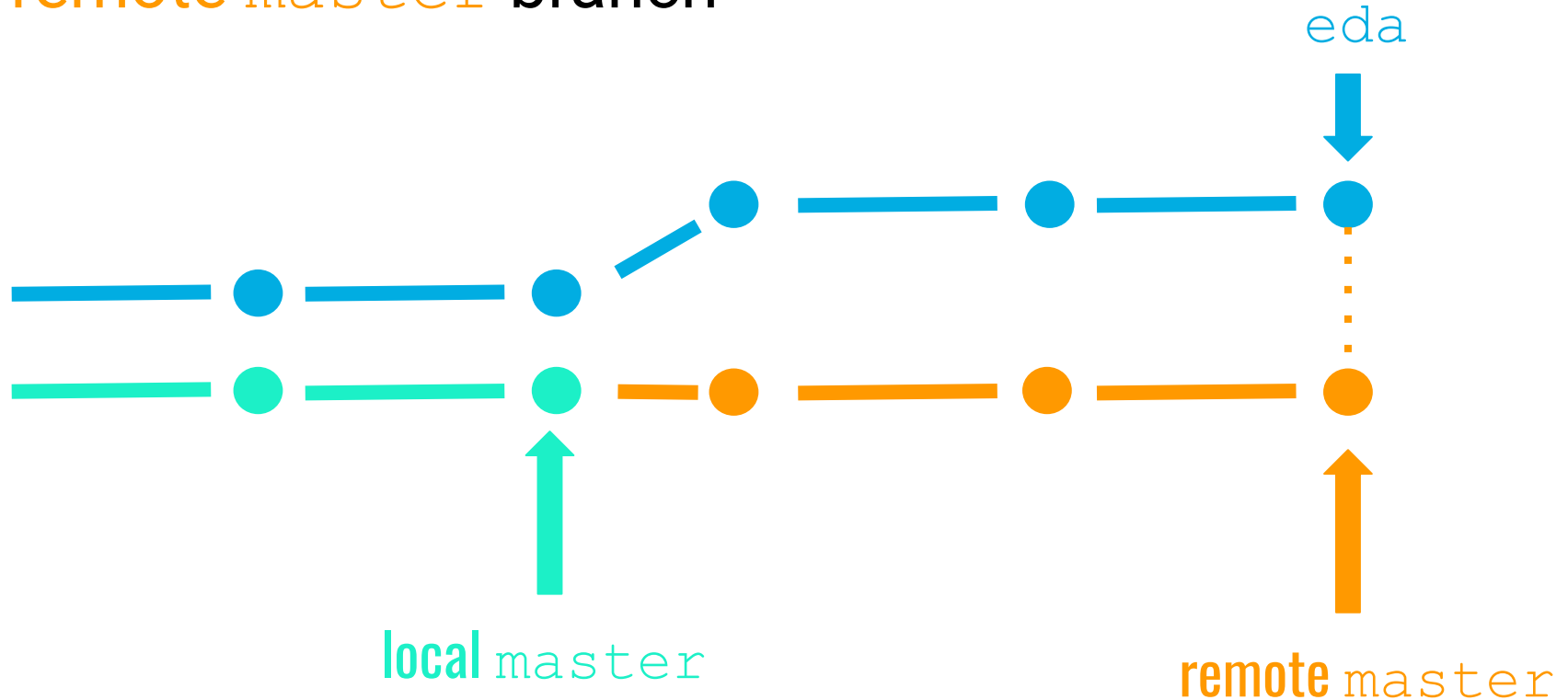
**Pull requests** that do not follow team guidelines should be declined



On the other hand, once **pull requests** are accepted, we are nearly done!



Once reviewed, **pull requests** are merged into the **remote master** branch



Reset your local copy of `master` to match the `remote master`



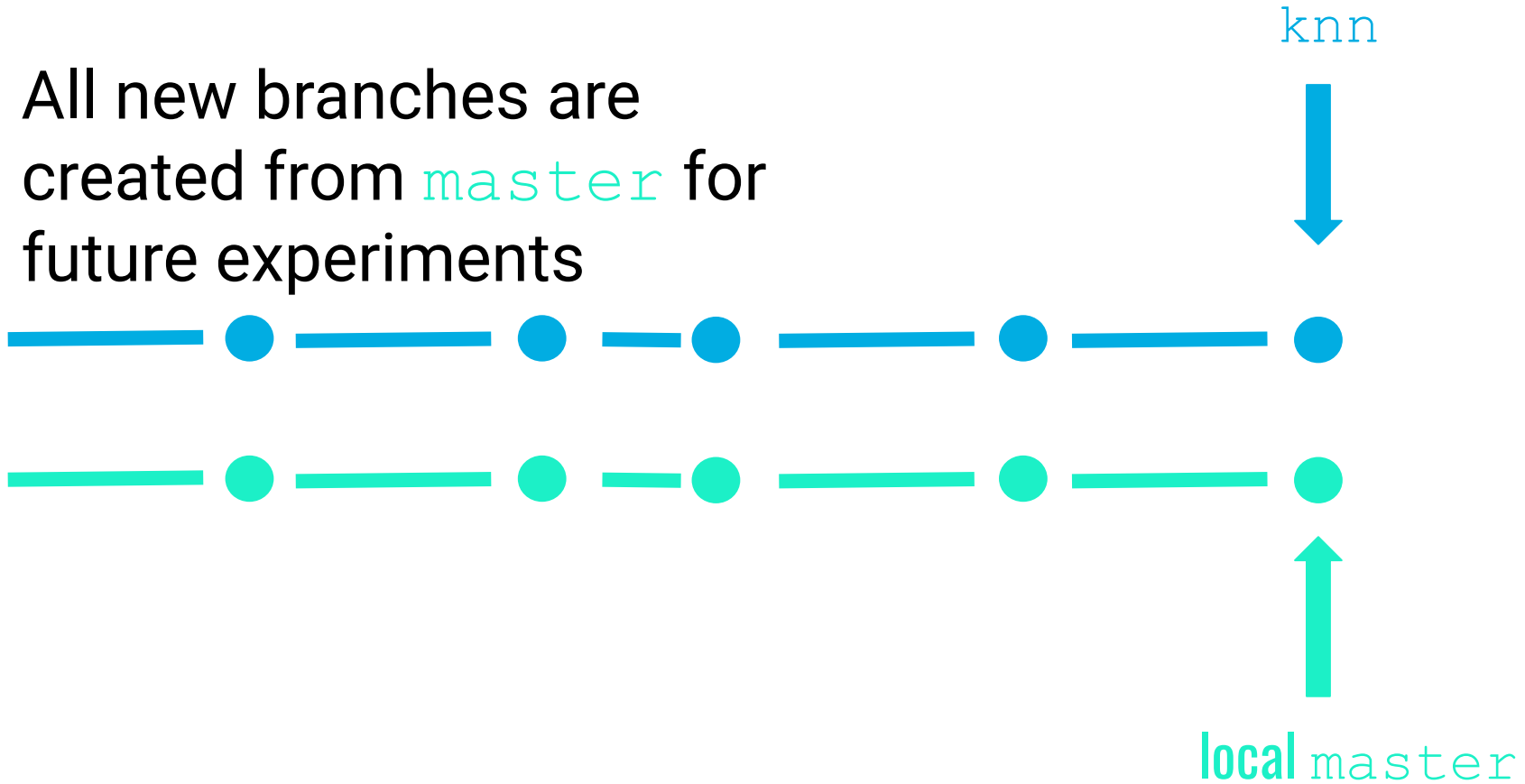
`local master`

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# switches the repo to the master branch
$ git checkout master
# pulls the latest commits from remote
$ git fetch origin
# resets the repo's local copy of master to match the
latest version
$ git reset --hard origin/master
```

Now your local copy of `master` matches the `remote master`



All new branches are  
created from `master` for  
future experiments

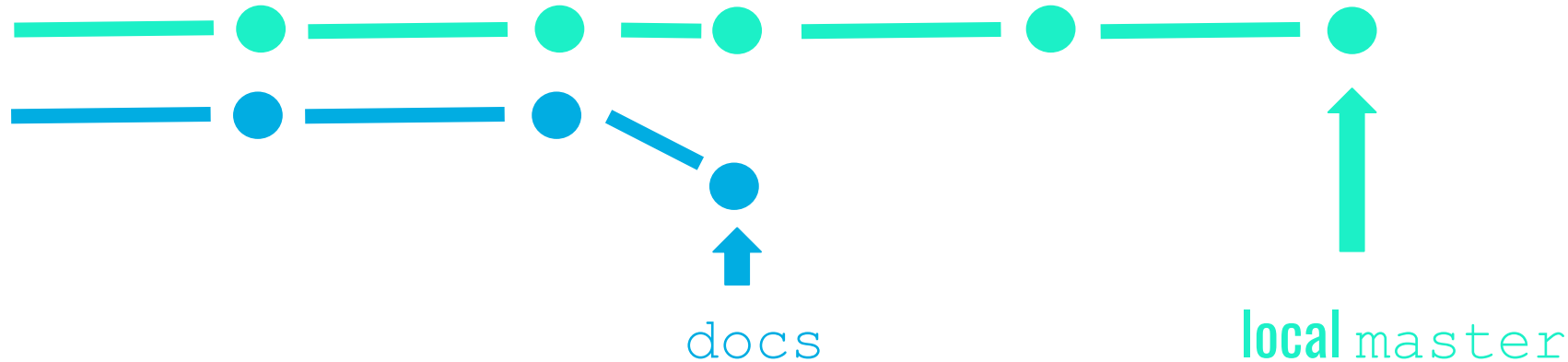


...but what happens when you have other branches?





Once `master` has been updated, you might want to `merge` its changes into `another branch`



Use `$ git merge <branch>` to merge changes from one branch into another



# When do I merge branches?

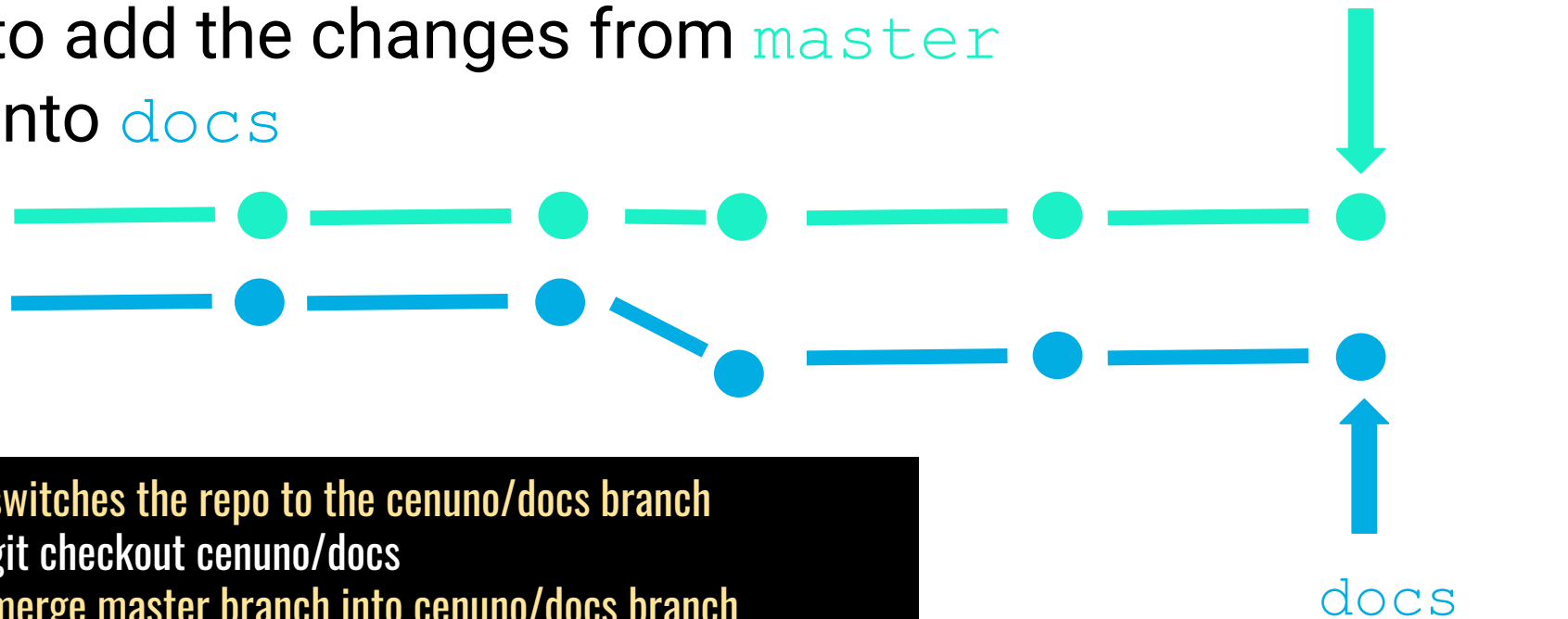
## *I should merge when:*

An existing branch (e.g. `docs`) needs the changes from another branch (e.g. `master`)

## *I don't need to merge when:*

The feature branch does not rely on any changes from another branch

**Merge** master into docs  
to add the changes from master  
into docs



```
# switches the repo to the cenuno/docs branch
$ git checkout cenuno/docs
# merge master branch into cenuno/docs branch
$ git merge master
```

By isolating features into separate branches, everybody can work independently and share changes with other developers



# Git **fork** workflow

## Fork Workflow

*One repository per  
developer*



Git fork workflow contains a project where you have one repository per collaborator





# Provides a flexible way for large, organic teams (including untrusted third-parties) to collaborate securely

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the `python/cpython` repository. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Why GitHub?', 'Enterprise', 'Explore', 'Marketplace', and 'Pricing', along with a search bar and 'Sign in'/'Sign up' buttons. The repository header shows 'python / cpython' with 'Watch' (1,066), 'Star' (24,407), and 'Fork' (9,992) buttons. Below the header, tabs for 'Code', 'Pull requests' (1,012), 'Security', and 'Insights' are visible. A left sidebar contains links for 'Pulse', 'Contributors', 'Commits', 'Code frequency', 'Dependency graph', 'Network', and 'Forks' (which is highlighted). A blue notification box states: 'Woah, this network is huge! We're showing only some of this network's repositories.' The main content area displays a list of forks, each with a user icon and the repository name, connected by a vertical line representing the network.

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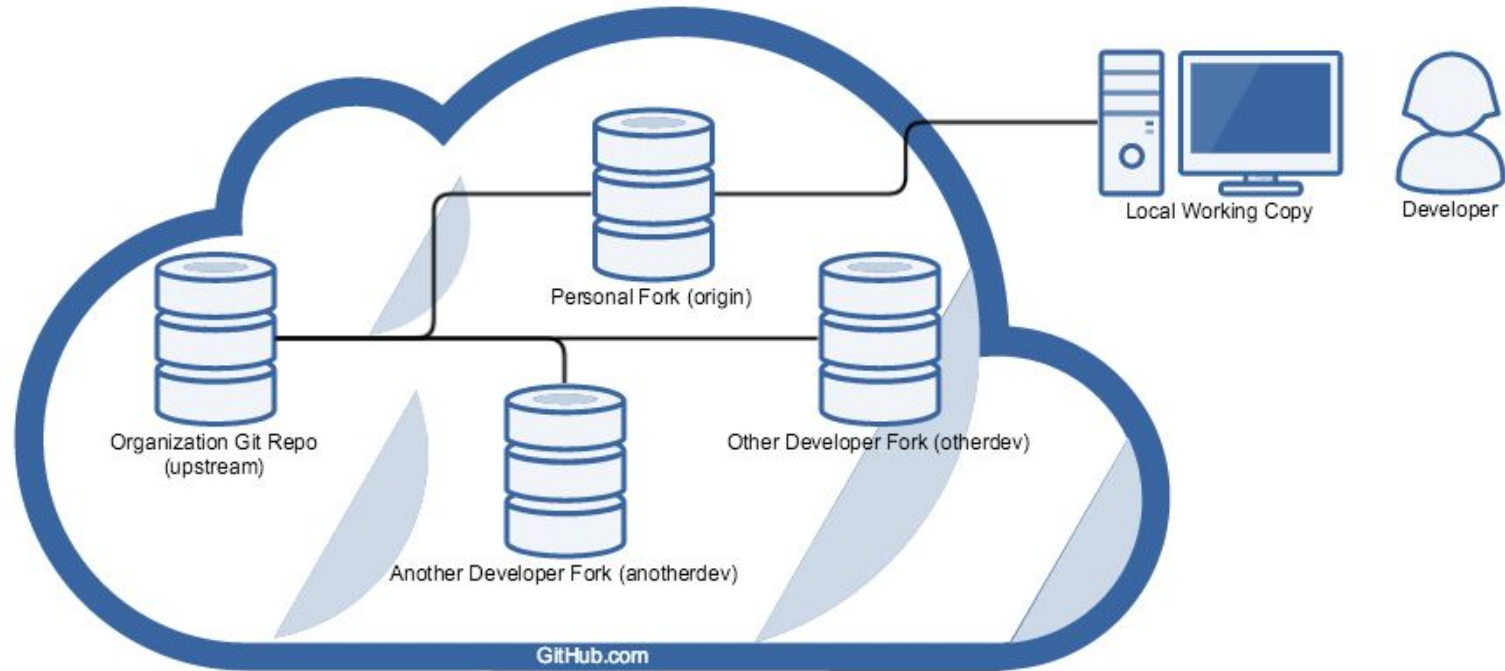
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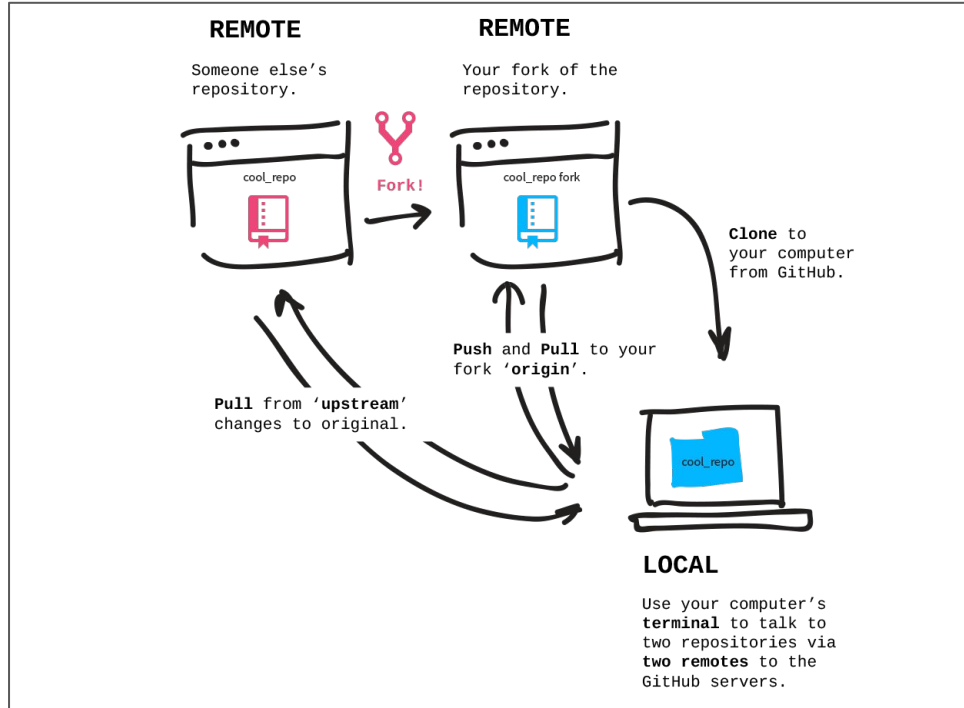
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# How this works between you and GitHub

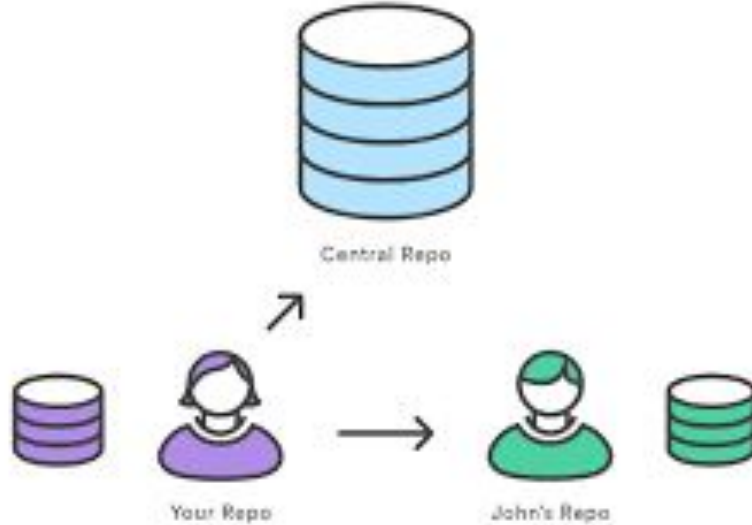


# How this differs from the feature branch workflow:

**Add** other people's repositories in addition to other people's branches



`$ git remote add <name> <url>` creates a new connection to another person's repository



\$ `git remote -v` lists all remote connections associated in your repository

\$ `git branch -a` shows both local and remote branches

\$ `git fetch <name>` downloads objects from another repository

\$ `git checkout -b <name of new branch> <repo name/branch name>` will create a new branch from a particular branch in someone else's repository

\$ `git merge <name>/<branch_name>` will merge someone else's branch from another repository into your currently checked out branch

The team needs to decide what the git workflow looks like so everyone is aware when they need to update their local version of `master`

# What does this look like in practice?

## Working together!

1. Create repo on github
2. Clone the repo locally
3. Add, commit, and push changes
4. Pull recent changes

Thank  
you!





# Appendix



*There's A LOT of extra specialness.*

# Example Pull Request

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository 'andrewhao / git-poems'. The 'Pull requests' tab is selected, showing a list of pull requests. The repository has 3 commits, 2 branches, 0 releases, and 1 contributor. The 'more-poetry' branch was pushed 2 minutes ago. The pull request list shows three entries, all from 'andrewhao' and targeting the 'master' branch, all created 'an hour ago'.

GitHub, Inc. [US] <https://github.com/andrewhao/git-poems>

This repository Search Pull requests Issues Gist

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Git poetry - WWC LA Git & GitHub Workshop — Edit

3 commits 2 branches 0 releases 1 contributor

Your recently pushed branches:

more-poetry (2 minutes ago) Compare & pull request

Branch: master New pull request Create new file Upload files Find file Clone or download

andrewhao Mod to hope sonnet. Latest commit bb3a555 an hour ago	
american	Add Kobayashi haiku and TS Eliot. an hour ago
haiku	Add Kobayashi haiku and TS Eliot. an hour ago
sonnets	Mod to hope sonnet. an hour ago

# Adding Collaborators on One GitHub repo

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Options 2. Collaborators Branches Webhooks Notifications Integrations & services Deploy keys

Collaborators Push access to the repository

This repository doesn't have any collaborators yet. Use the form below to add a collaborator.

Search by username, full name or email address

You'll only be able to find a GitHub user by their email address if they've chosen to list it publicly. Otherwise, use their username instead.

BKSpurgeon Add collaborator

Add the collaborator here.

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# *Resources*

- <https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/comparing-workflows/feature-branch-workflow>
- <https://speakerdeck.com/alicebartlett/git-for-humans>
- <https://stackoverflow.com/a/6065944/7954106>