# Class 1: Introduction to the environment & version control

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### The key concepts of Git

There are four important areas to be aware of when you are working with Git:

- Local repository <- this one you already know
- Working directory
- Staging area
- Commit history

### But before we begin...

Go to https://github.com/ and create an account.

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To make a commit means to save a version of a project! It is good practice to add short message to your commit

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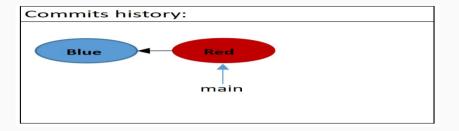
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In git Branches "are movable pointers to commits". What does it mean!?

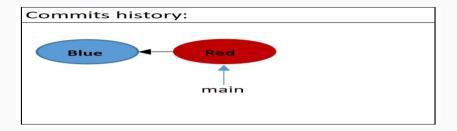
Let us understand branches through commits history



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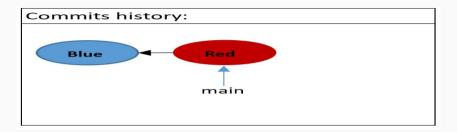


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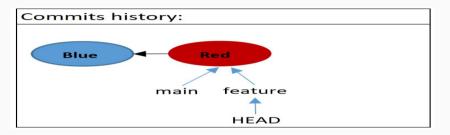
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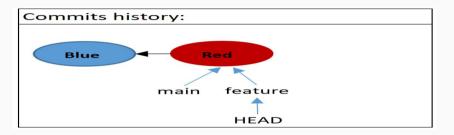
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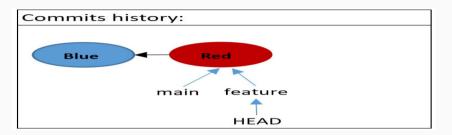
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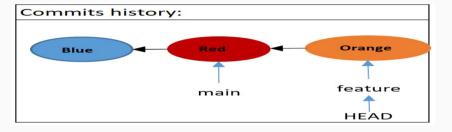
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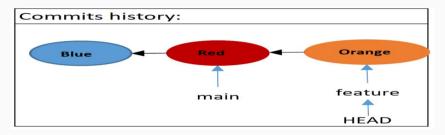
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- We can switch between the branches!
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- It populates the staging area with all the files that are part of the relevant commit.

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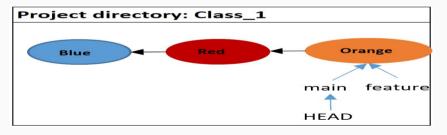
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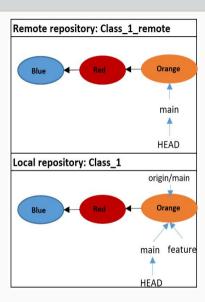
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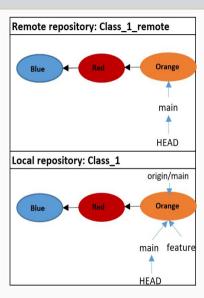
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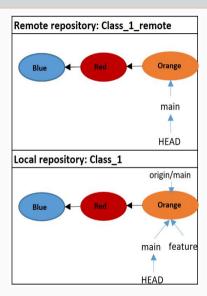
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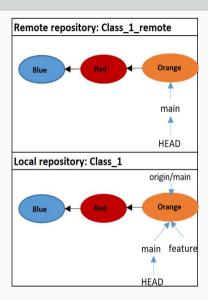
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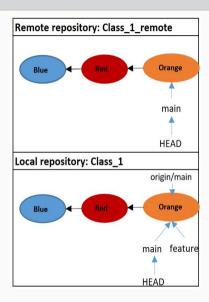


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#### In-class excercise:

- 1. Create a new file second\_file.jl in our Class\_1 folder, write a line of code.
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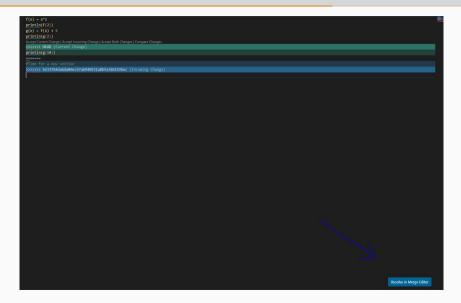
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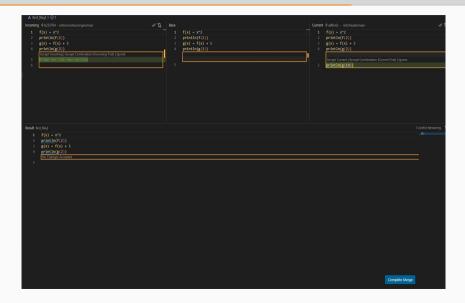
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- 2. Accept either current, incoming or keep the way code was written in base!

### Go into Merge Editor



#### Conflict resolution view



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#### Learn how to deal with the merge conflicts!

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#### Homework rules

#### You have to subimt it via Github!

- 1. Team-up in groups of 4/5 students
- 2. Create a repository for your group
- 3. Share the link with us via email!
- 4. Submit the homework in the repository

#### Additional resoruces:

- 1. There are a ton of online tutorials: e.g. https://swcarpentry.github.io/git-novice/
- 2. This class very closely follows the "Learning Git" book by Anna Skoulikari
- 3. For the resources in VS code specifically, see those short clips:
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Let's test "instantiate" command with the "Example" package. https://github.com/JuliaLang/Example.jl/blob/master/src/Example.jl

#### Some other useful commands:

- status
  - Displays where the file managing the dependencies in this environment is located (Project.toml).
  - Displays which packages are installed in this environment.
- remove XYZ removes XYZ package from the environment.
- help in package manager mode gives you all the commands with short description
- "Backspace" KEY will return you from package manager to Julia REPL.

Let us now experiment with package manager in Julia!