Branching Policies

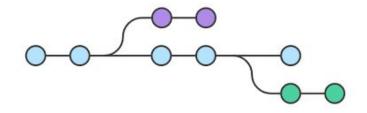
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Concept

- Parallel Development
- Set of Rules
 - Maintain Control
 - Code Quality and Management
- Trunk-Based Dev
- Feature Branching Dev



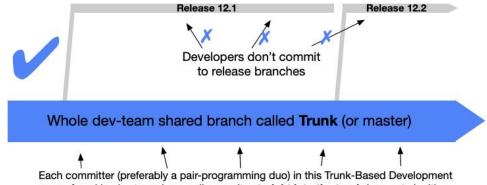
Trunk-Based Development

- Use of 2 branches
 - Dev
 - Release
- If there is an error, all team stops

Trunk-Based Development

For Smaller Teams

- Commit into the trunk
- Pre-integration step

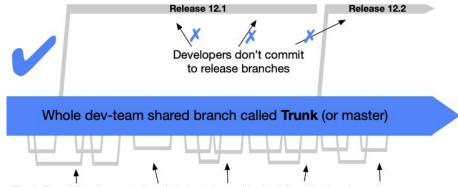


Each committer (preferably a pair-programming duo) in this Trunk-Based Development way of working is streaming small commits **straight into the trunk** (or master) with a pre-integration step of running the build first (which must pass)

Trunk-Based Development

Scaled

- Short-lived feature branches
- Pull-request style review

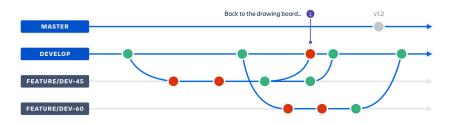


Trunk-Based Development at scale is best done with short-lived feature branches: one person over a couple of days (max) and flowing through Pull-Request style code-review & build automation before "integrating" (merging) into the trunk (or master)

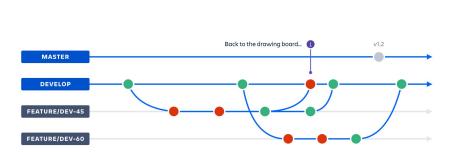
- Feature external to the main branch
- Need to be updated
- Gitflow

- Protect Main Branches
- Master
- Develop
- Feature

Gitflow



- Branch Administrators
 - Lead Programmer
 - QA Lead
- Branch Off From/Merge Back
- QA Testing?



Gitflow

Extra Rules

- Github
 - Settings>Branches>Add Rule
- Require review before merging
- ..

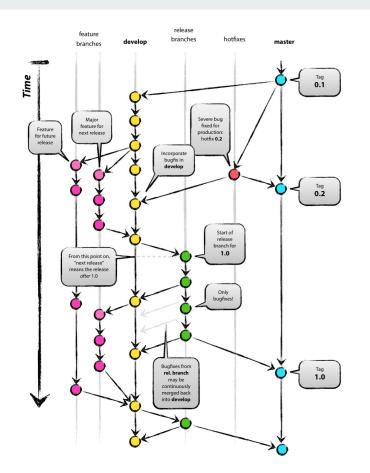
Branch protection rule

Branch name pattern
Protect matching branches
Require pull request reviews before merging When enabled, all commits must be made to a non-protected branch and submitted via a pull request with the required number of approving reviews and no changes requested before it can be merged into a branch that matches this rule.
Require status checks to pass before merging Choose which status checks must pass before branches can be merged into a branch that matches this rule. When enabled, commits must first be pushed to another branch, then merged or pushed directly to a branch that matches this rule after status checks have passed.
Require signed commits Commits pushed to matching branches must have verified signatures.
Require linear history Prevent merge commits from being pushed to matching branches.
☐ Include administrators Enforce all configured restrictions above for administrators.
Rules applied to everyone including administrators
Allow force pushes Permit force pushes for all users with push access.
Allow deletions Allow users with push access to delete matching branches.



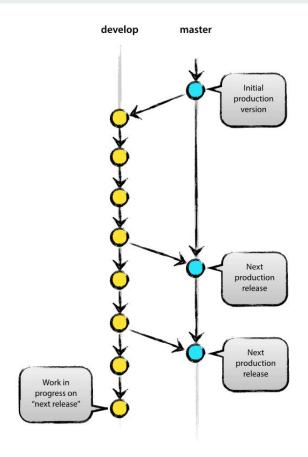
Branches:

- Master
- Develop
- Feature
- Release
- Hotfix



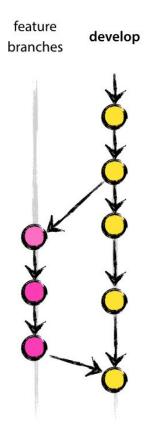
Master and Develop Branches

- From start to end of the project
- Master updated with main stable versions



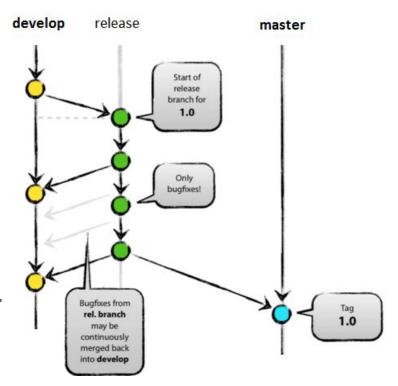
Feature Branches

- Everyone on their own
- Keep updated
- Branch off from: develop
- Merge back into: develop



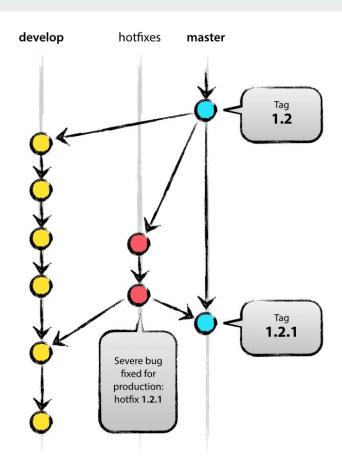
Release Branch

- QA Testing
 - If bug solved merge to develop
- Branch off from: develop
- Merge back into: develop and master



Hotfix Branch

- Create when critical bug occurs in master
- Devs can keep working on features
- Branch off from: master
- Merge back into: develop and master



AppVeyor, Jenkins, Travis CI & others

- Generate Build Versions of the Project
- Commit and Test



Homework

 In groups, structure your project using the Gitflow structure, decide the administrators of each branch and take a look at Github's Branches optional rules.

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