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Terms and definitions from Course 3, Module 3

**Application Programming Interface (API) key:** This is an authentication token that calls an API, which is then called to identify the person, programmer, or program trying to access a website

**Computer protocols:** Guidelines published as open standards so that any given protocol can be implemented in various products

**Distributed:** Each developer has a copy of the whole repository on their local machine

**GitHub:** A web-based Git repository hosting service, allowing users to share and access repositories on the web and copy or clone them to a local computer

Merge: An operation that merges the origin/master branch into a local master branch

**Private key:** A secret and secure cryptographic key that must be kept confidential and protected and is used to decrypt data that has been encrypted with the corresponding public key

**Public key**: A safety cryptographic structure frequently employed to establish secure communication through data encryption or to validate the authenticity of a digital signature

**Rebasing:** The base commit that's used for a branch is changed

**Remote branches:** Git uses read-only branches to keep copies of the data that's stored in the remote repository

**Remote repositories:** Repositories that allow developers to contribute to a project from their own workstations making changes to local copies of the project independently of one another

Secure Shell (SSH): A robust protocol for connecting to servers remotely

**SSH client:** This establishes a connection to the SSH server, ensuring a secure interaction, where the client makes access requests

SSH key: An access credential

**SSH protocol:** Standard commonly used for logging in to servers remotely on the principle of public-key encryption **SSH server:** This establishes secure network connections, undergoes mutual authentication, and initiates

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