Git and GitHub

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SWPP Practice Session

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Git and GitHub

- Git is a VCS version control system
- GitHub is a web service that hosts git repositories + @
 - Helps collaborative development
 - Issue tracker, pull request, access control, wiki, ...
 - Offers automated testing and distribution environment
 - Actions

Git Workspace Structure

Working Directory

- Files (on disk)
 - Including unchanged/unfinished works

Staging Area

- Staged files
 - Changes ready for commit

- Commits
 - Unit of implementation

Git Workspace Setup

- git init <directory>
- Creates a local repository of directory name.
- Omit the directory name to create one in current directory
 - Initially, all the files are untracked

Staging File

Working Directory



Staging Area

- git add <file>
- Marks the file as tracked
 (if it was marked as untracked)
- Caches the changes so far

Checking File Status

Working Directory

Staging Area

- git status
- Files are categorized into:
 - Untracked files
 - Tracked files with unstaged changes
 - Tracked files with staged changes

.gitignore

- Not a command, but a file!
- List of files/extensions/folders/etc to ignore
- Does not show up in git status

Unstaging File

Working Directory



Staging Area

- git restore --staged <file>
- Discards cached changes

- git rm --cached <file>
- Discards cached changes
- And marks the file as untracked

Committing Changes

Working Directory

Staging Area



- git commit -m "commit message"
- Push staged changes into repo with given message
- Commit message is mandatory!
- Add --amend to append changes into the last commit

Checking Commit History

Working Directory

Staging Area

- git log
- View history of previous commits with timestamp and commit hash
- Each commit can be identified using commit hash
- Press q to exit

Undoing Commit

Working Directory

Staging Area



- git reset --soft HEAD~1
- Remove last commit from repo and restore changes into staging area
- Increase number after HEAD~ to remove and restore more commits

Creating Branch

Working Directory

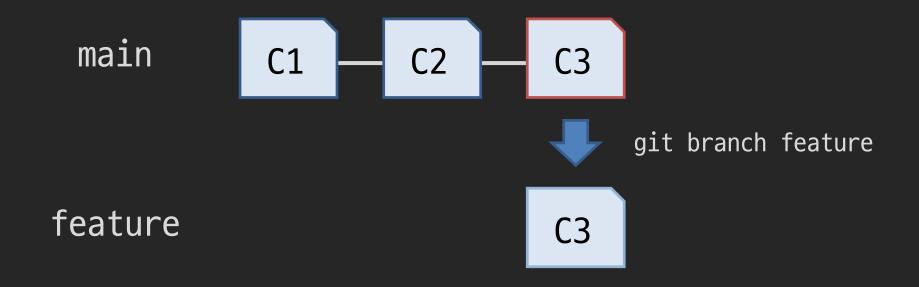
Staging Area

- git branch <name>
- Create a branch using current commit as parent
- Branches of duplicate names are not allowed

Creating Branch



Creating Branch



Managing Branch

Working Directory

• git branch

List the branches in the repo

Staging Area

Press q to exit

Managing Branch

Working Directory

- git branch —D <branch>
- Delete the branch

Staging Area

git branch —m <old> <new>

Repository

Rename the branch old to new

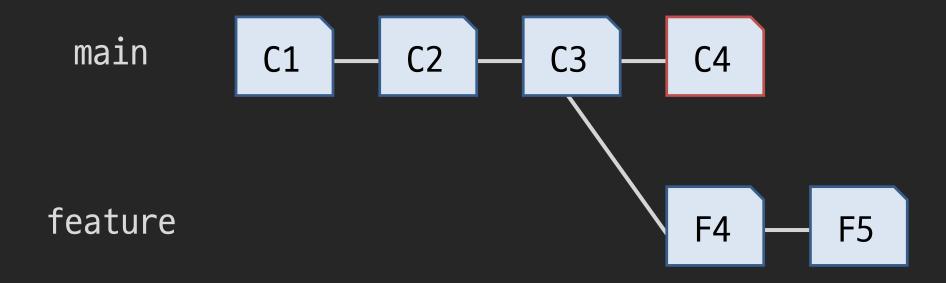
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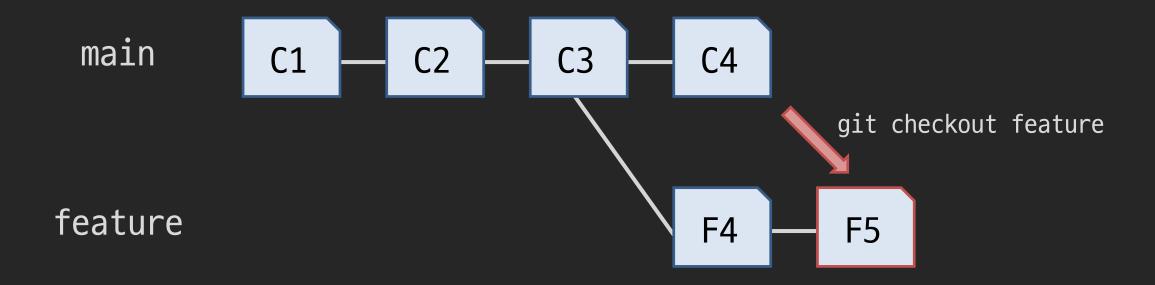
Staging Area

- git checkout <branch>
- Change to context of target branch
- Update working directory
- Staging area must be clean
 - Checkout will be aborted otherwise
 - Commit, unstage, or *stash*

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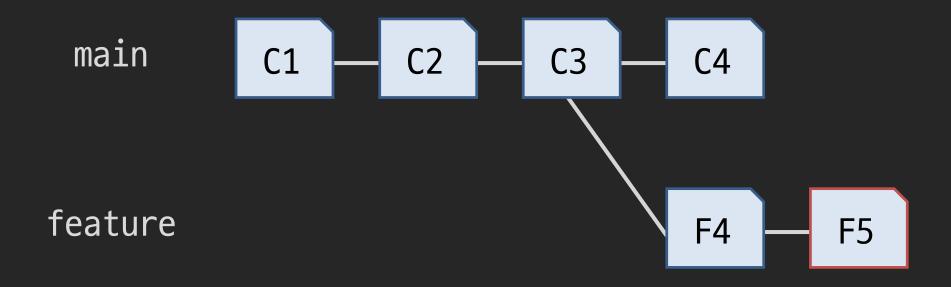
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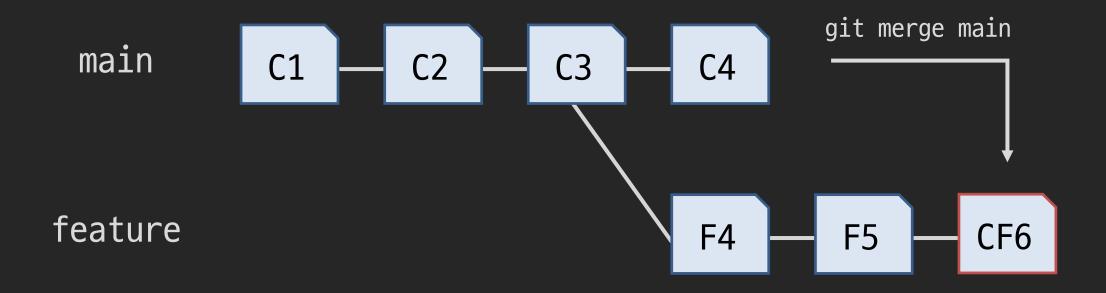
Staging Area

- git merge <branch>
- Collapse the changes in the other branch since the last shared commit into a merge commit
- Merge conflict may occur,
 which should be resolved manually

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Applying Changes From Other Branch



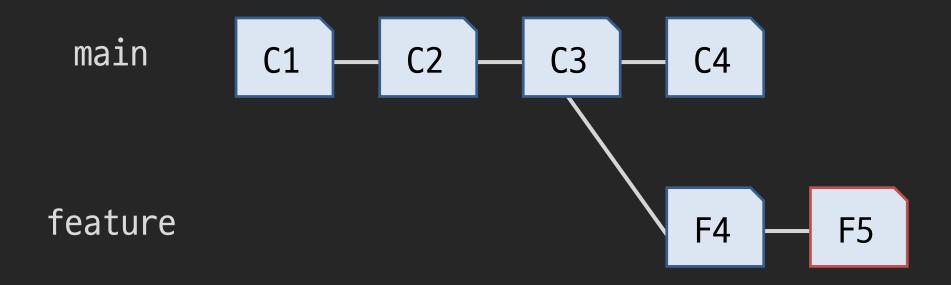
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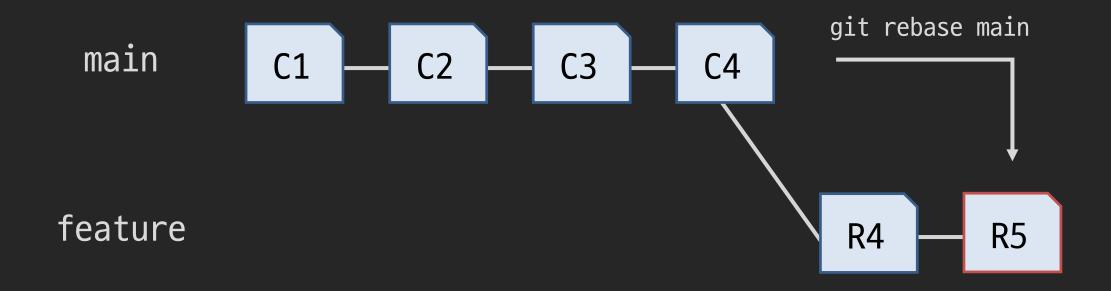
Staging Area

- git rebase <branch>
- Change the parent of current branch to the other branch's commit
- Merge conflict may occur,
 which should be resolved manually

Changing Parent to Other Branch



Changing Parent to Other Branch



Merge or Rebase?

Merge

- Branch has two parents
 - Complicates commit history
- Preserves commit history
- Updating published branch

Rebase

- Branch has one parent
 - Simplifies commit history
- Rewrites commit history
 - Breaks sync with collaborator
 - Never use on published branch!
- Updating local branch

Stashing Undone Works

Working Directory **Staging Area** Repository

- git stash
- Caches changes in all tracked files as a stash
- Adds the stash into stash list
- Discards all changes in working directory and staging area

Restoring Stashed Works

Working Directory

Staging Area

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- git stash apply
- Restores last stashed changes

- git stash pop
- Restores last stashed changes
- And removes that stash from list

Remote Repository

- Hosts a repository online
- Fundamentals of collaborative development using git
- May be public, under restricted access, or private
- GitHub is just one way of hosting remote repositories

Downloading from Remote Repository

- git clone <repository>
- Downloads entire repository
- Repository can be really big if it has long commit history
 - Add --depth N to restrict the number of commits to clone

Managing Remote Repository

- git remote add <name> <repository>
- Connect to remote repository

- git remote remove <name>
- Disconnect from remote repository

Interacting with Remote Repository

- git fetch
- Updates remote changes

- git pull
- Updates remote changes
- And apply the changes to working directory

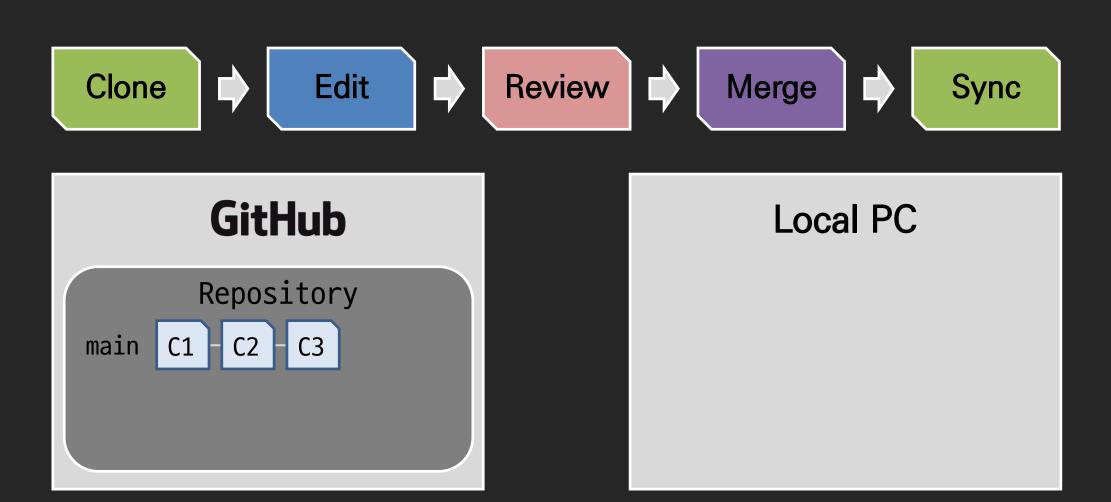
- git push
- Upload local changes
- Fails if remote contains commits which local don't
 - Don't force push!
 - It may overwrite collaborators' works
 - Rebase or merge instead

Branch and Remote Repository

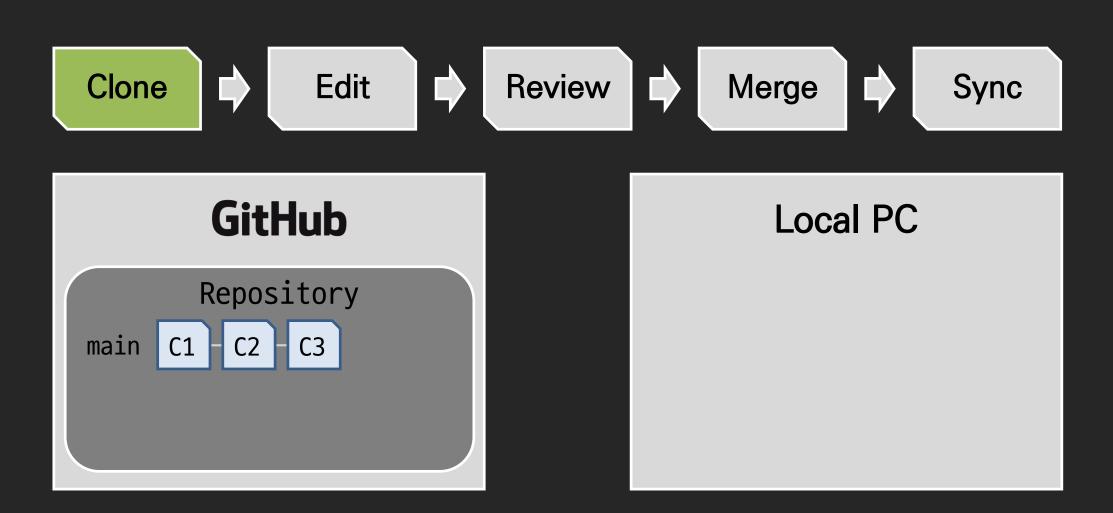
- git checkout -t <remote branch>
- Copy remote branch into local repository

- git push <remote> <branch>
- Upload local branch to remote repository

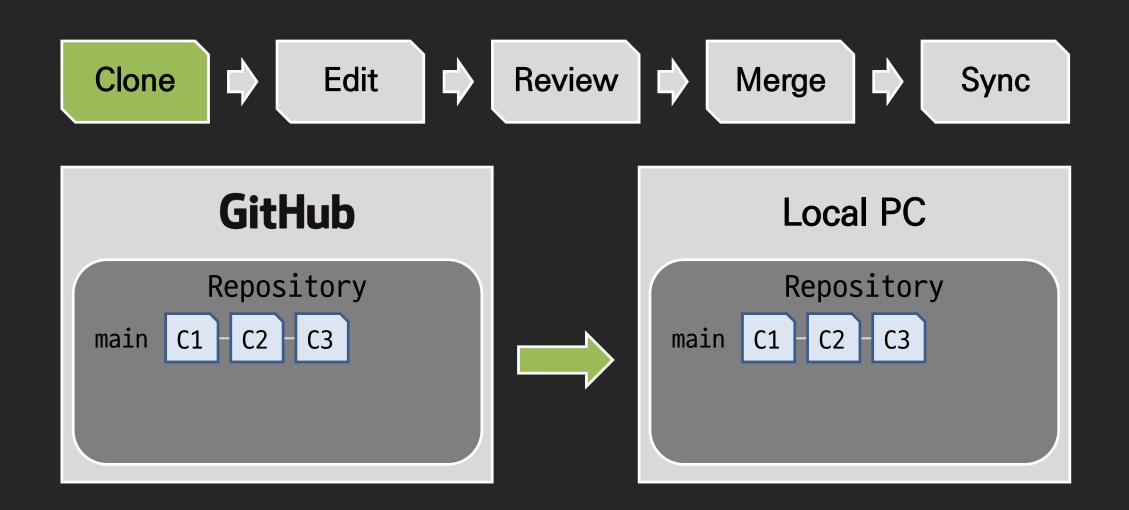
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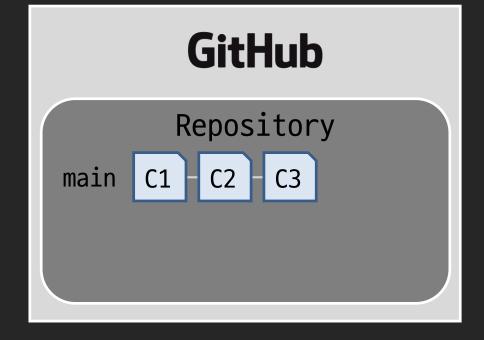
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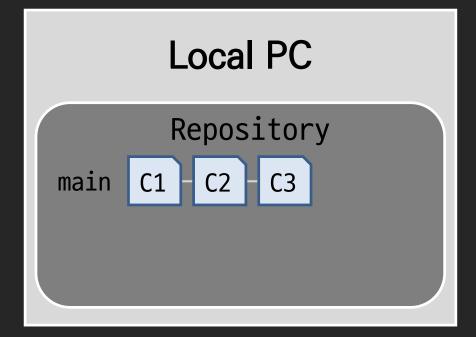


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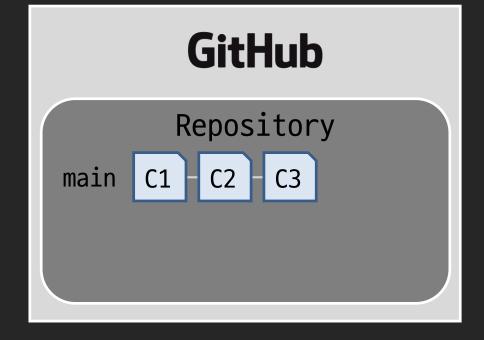


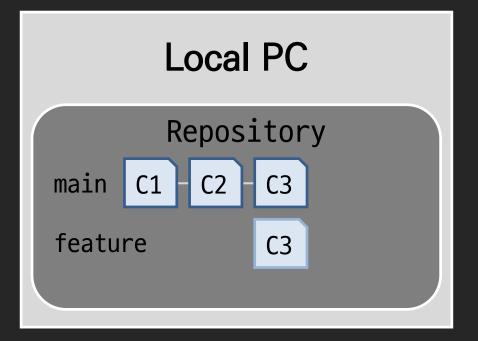




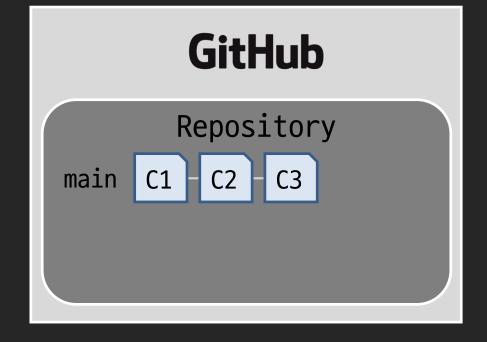


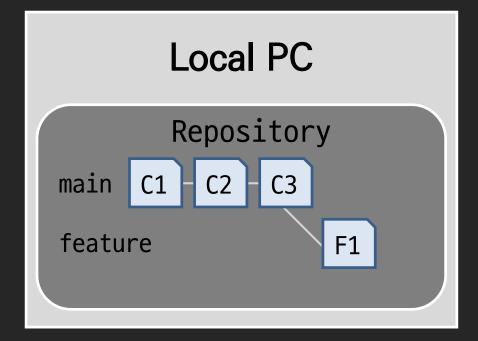


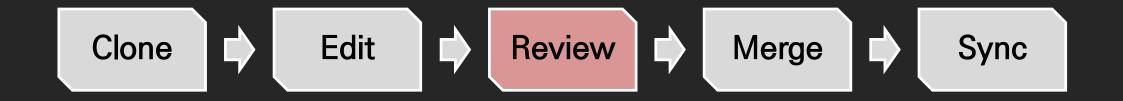


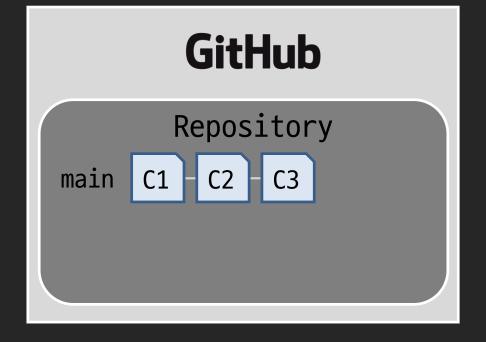


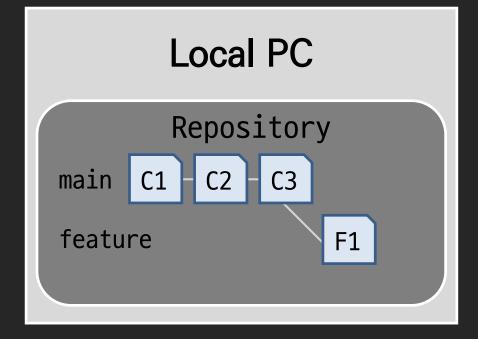


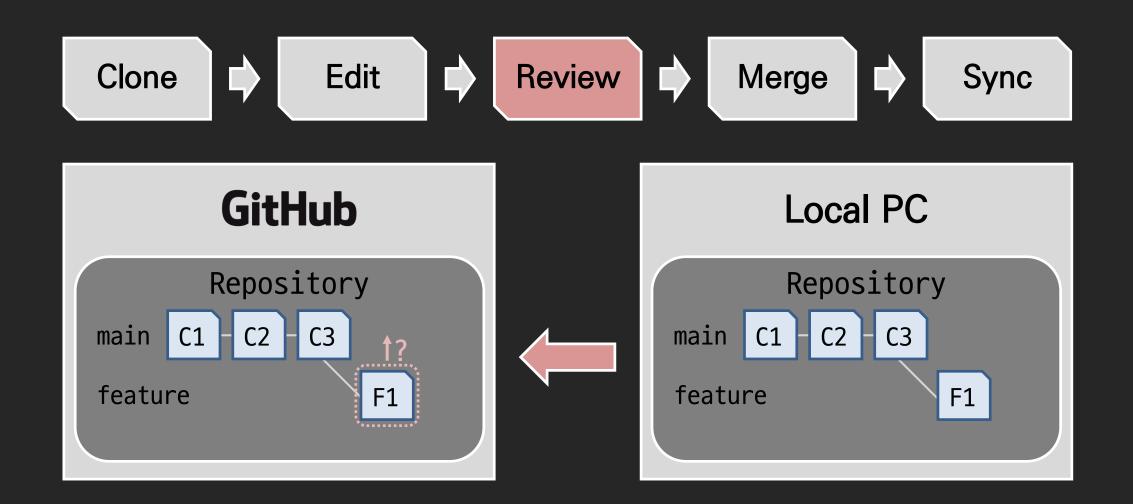


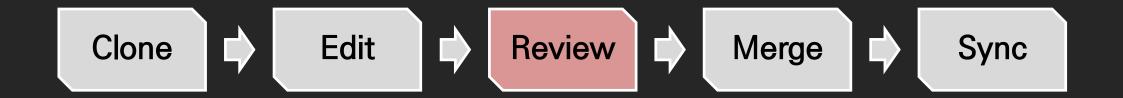


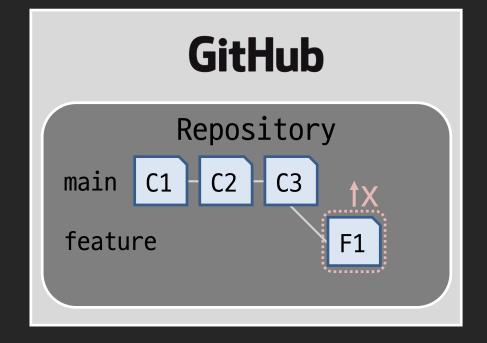


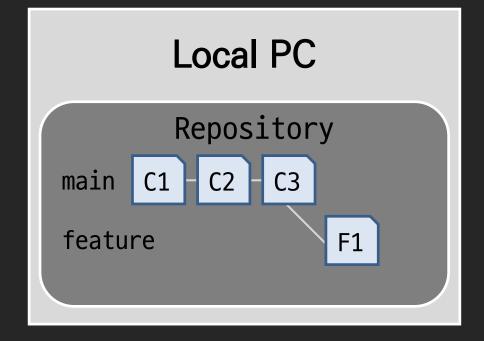


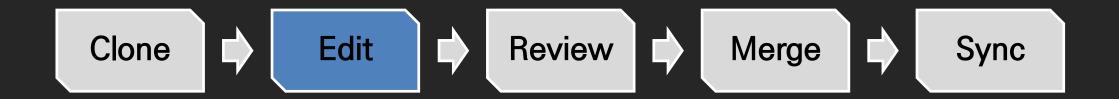


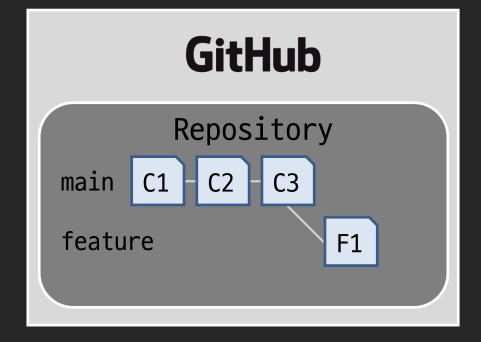


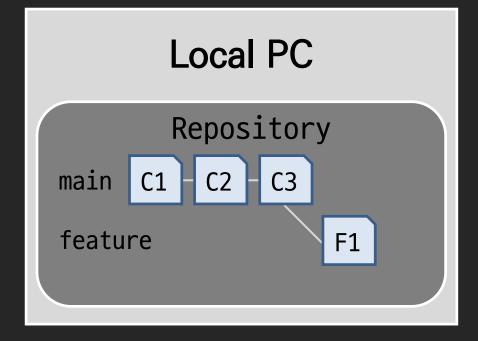


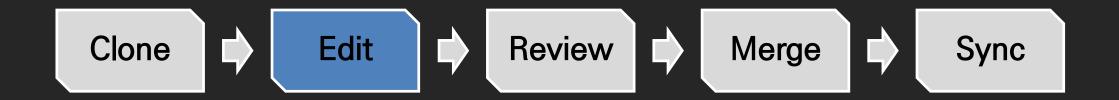


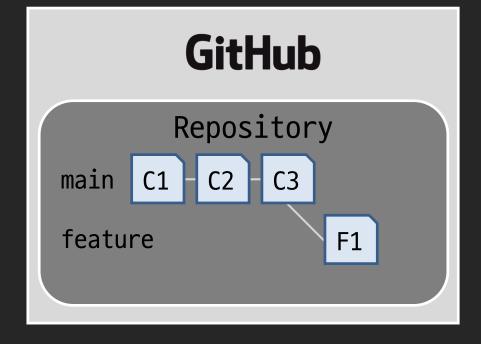


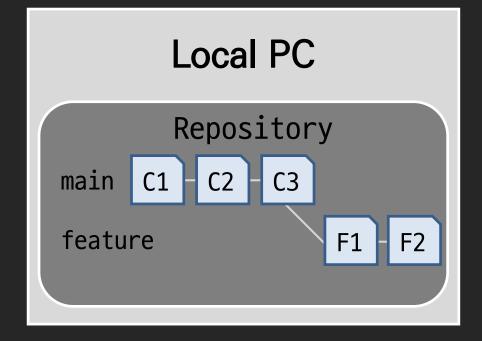


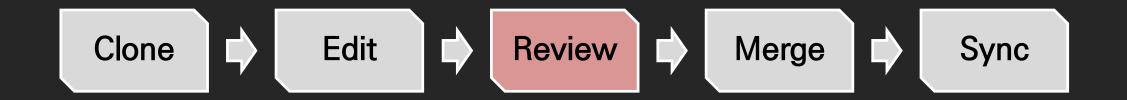


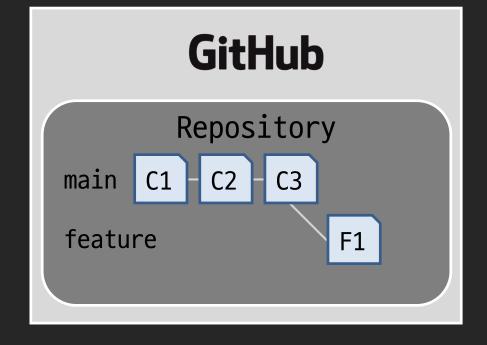


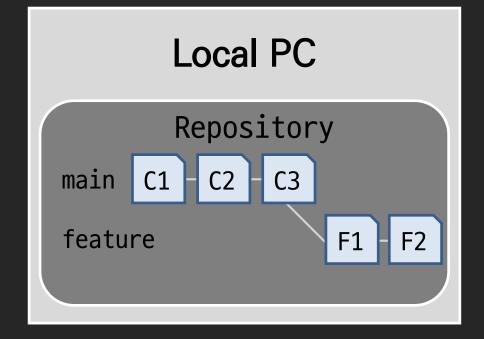


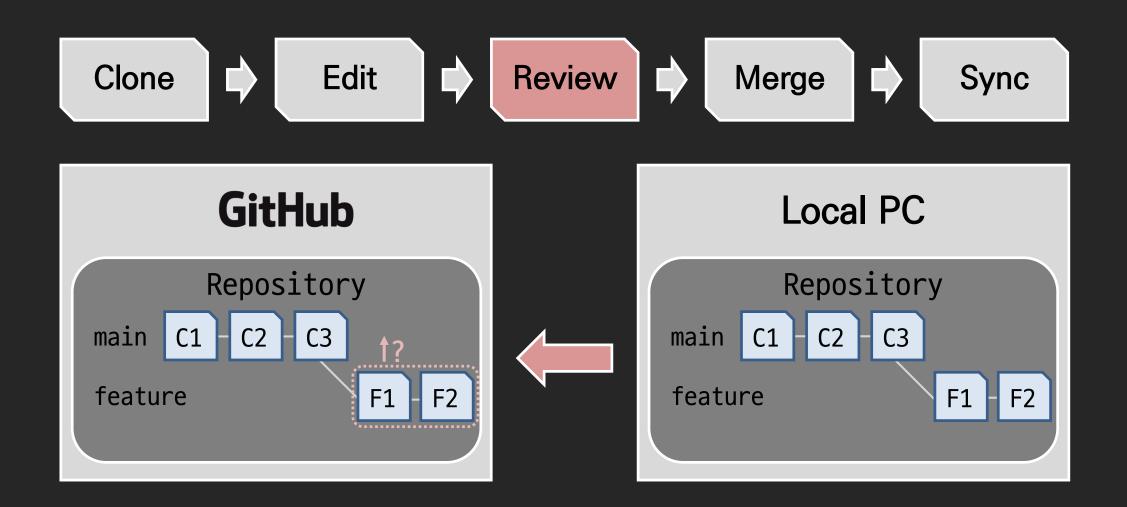


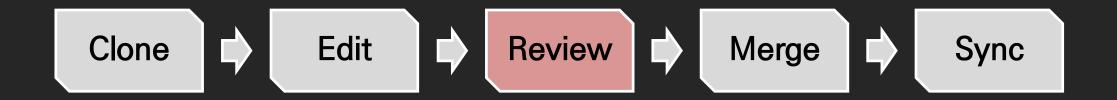


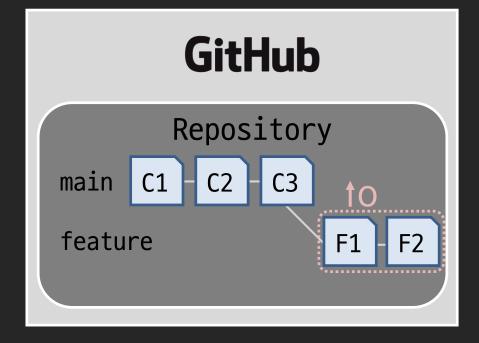


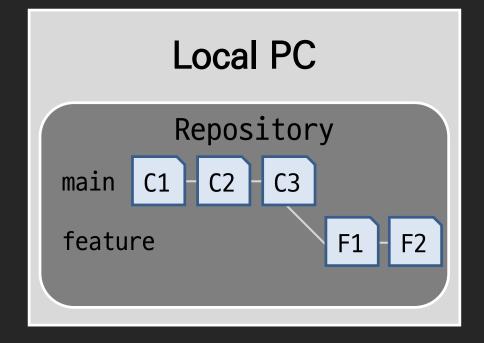


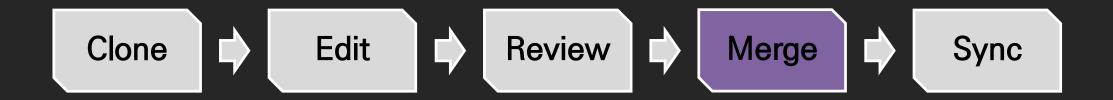


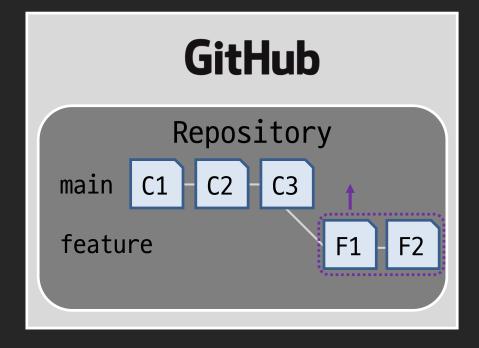


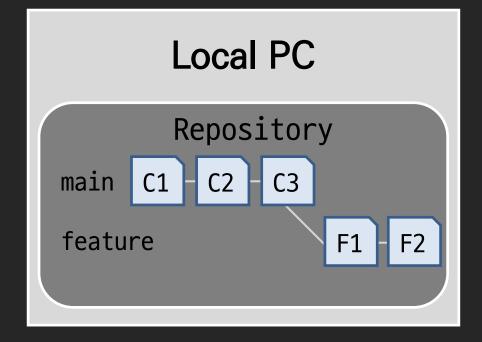


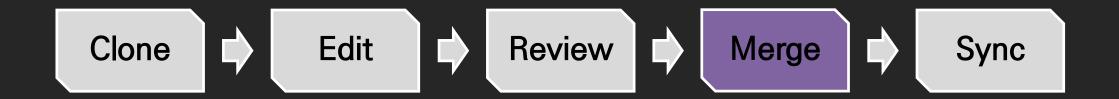


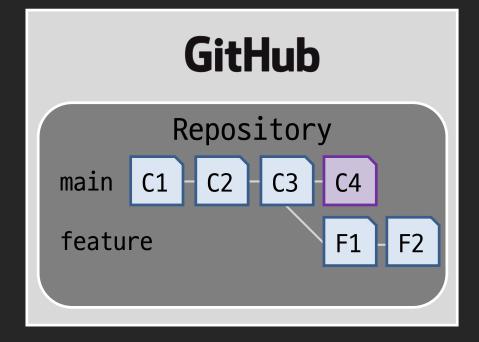


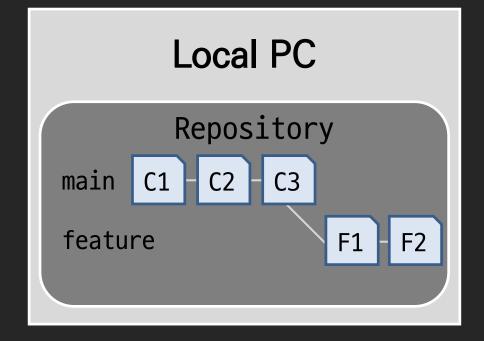


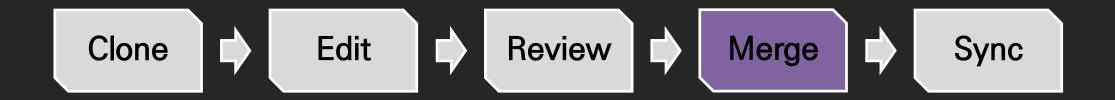


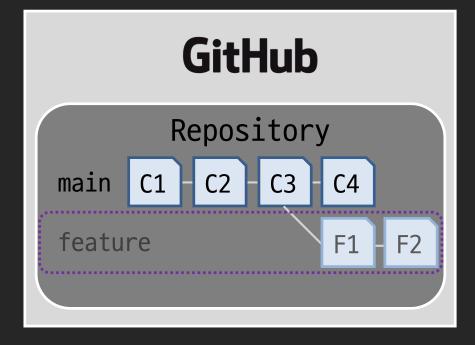


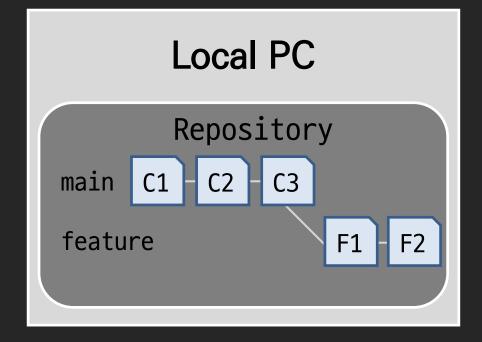




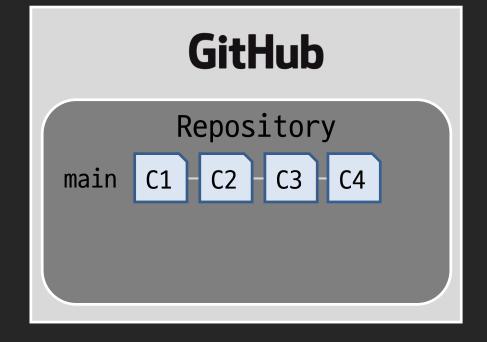


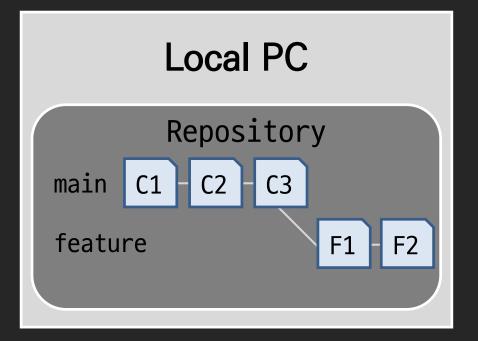


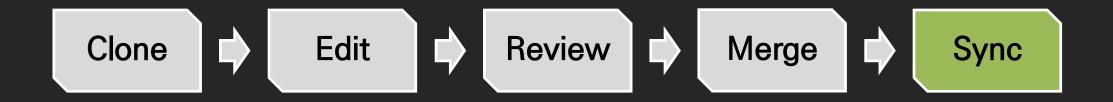


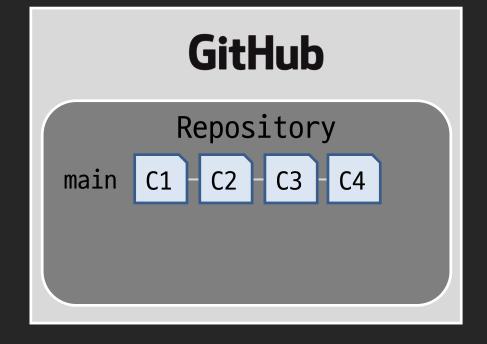


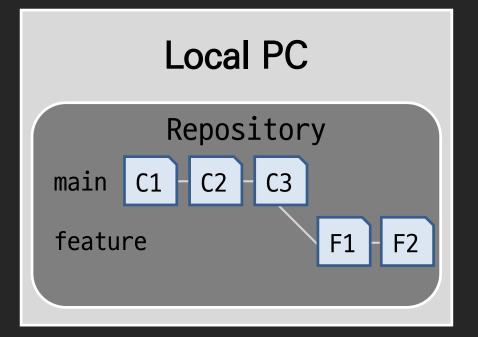


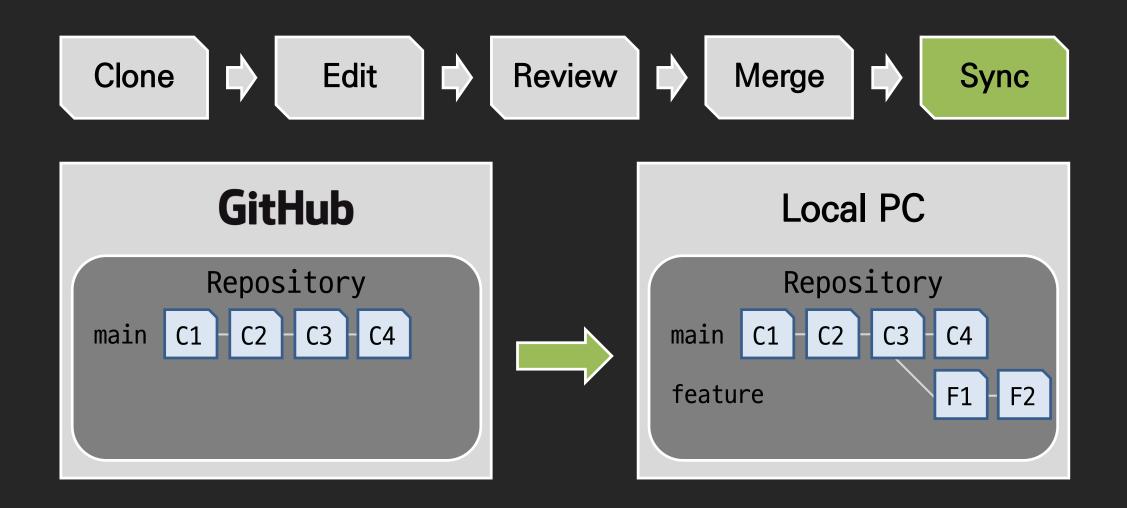












Other Useful Commands

- git diff
- git blame
- git bisect
- git cherry-pick
- Google the arguments and usages by yourself!

vscode and git

- vscode has integrated git interface
- Often-used commands are easily accessible.
 - Integrated GUI
 - Command palette
- Extensions offer even more convenient features!