

# CODE MANAGEMENT

Software development with GIT  
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# Outline

- Why use code management?
- Description of Git
- Using Git with the command line

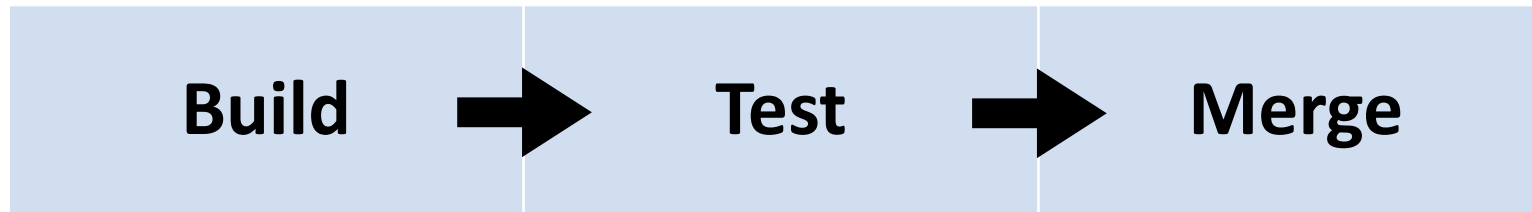
# Code management

- Working in big groups
- Keeping a **history**
- Always having a working version
- Insuring code quality through continuous integration

# Continuous integration

- **Merging** you own changes into a base version.
- The changes are then thoroughly tested.

***Breaking the build is costly!***



# Continuous integration - FYI

- ▶ **CI/CD** is continuous integration and continuous deployment (or continuous delivery).
- ▶ As the name suggests, continuous deployment is the process of scheduling automatic releases of a code base and is not feasible without continuous integration.

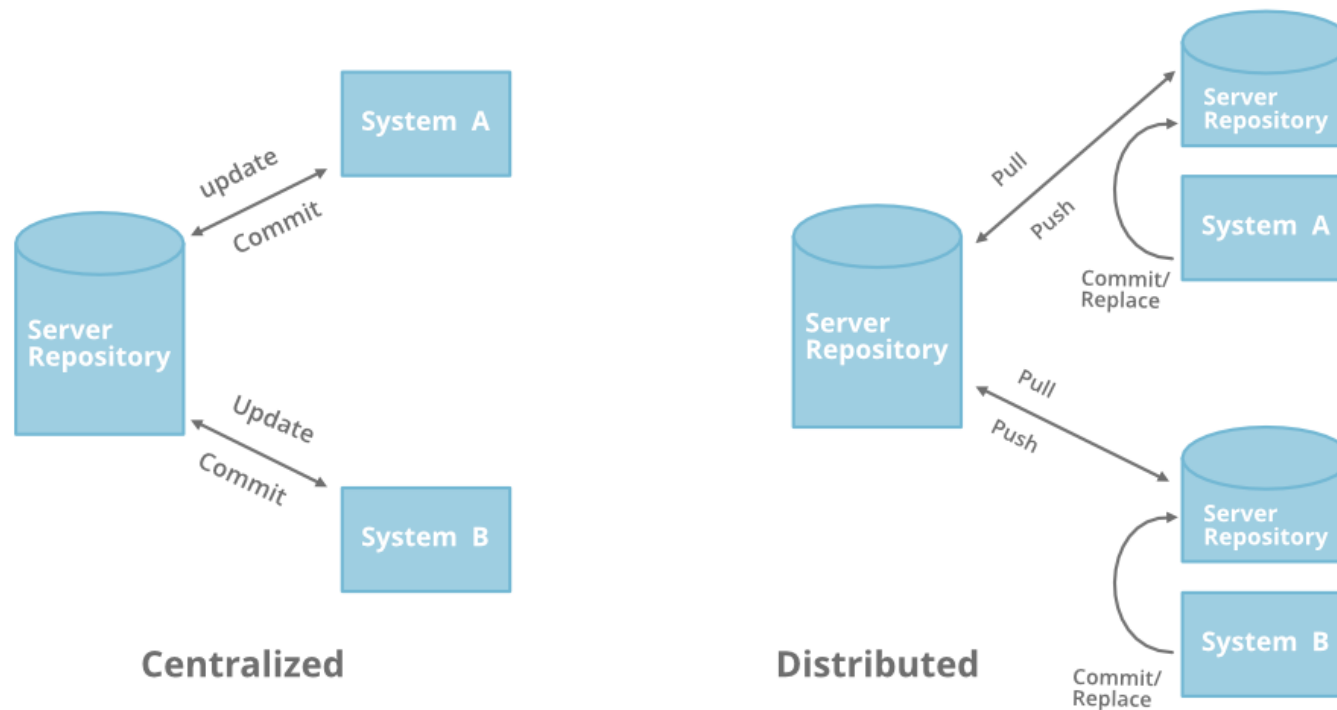
# VERSION CONTROL SYSTEM

# Version control system

- Version control systems are made for code management.
- Allows developers of a code base to track versions of their code.
- A safety net for developers.

# Version control system

- ▶ Three types : localized, centralized and distributed VCS.

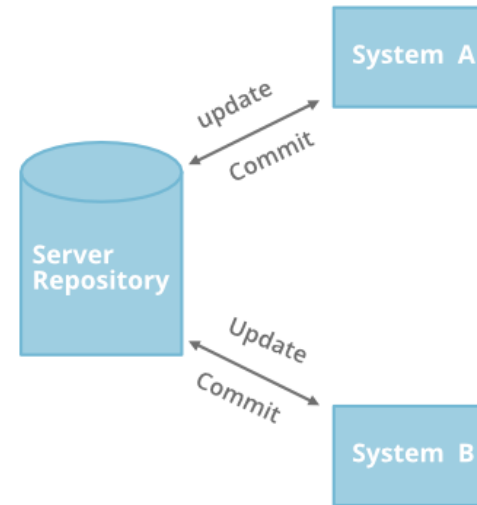




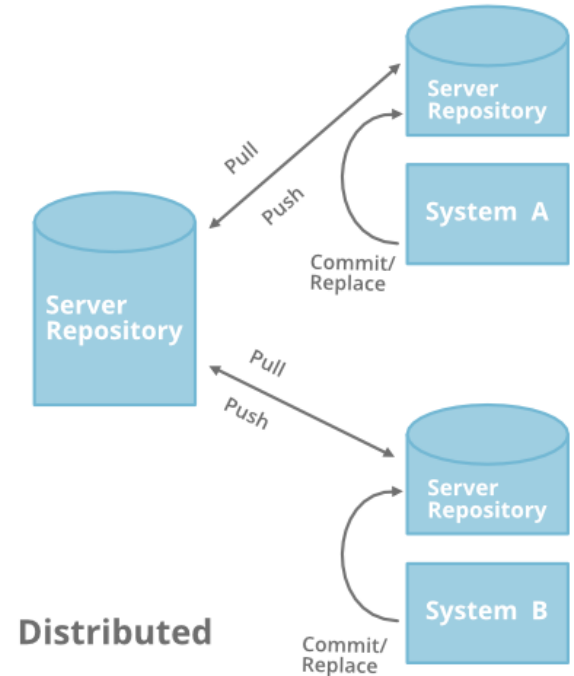


# Version control systems

- Subversion (SVN)
  - Centralized system.
- Mercurial
  - Distributed system



Centralized



Distributed

[centralized-vs-distributed-version-control-which-one-should-we-choose/](#)

# Version control systems

## ▸ Git

- Most commonly used system.
- Distributed system
- Open source
- Cross platform
- Tracks changes in text files



The image is a screenshot of the Git website. At the top, the Git logo is followed by the tagline "--distributed-even-if-your-workflow-isnt". A search bar is on the right. The main text describes Git as a "free and open source" distributed version control system designed for speed and efficiency. It also mentions that Git is "easy to learn" and has a "tiny footprint with lightning fast performance", outclassing tools like Subversion, CVS, Perforce, and ClearCase. A diagram on the right shows a distributed workflow with multiple stacks of code connected by arrows. Below the main text, there are four sections: "About" (advantages of Git), "Documentation" (command reference, books, videos), "Downloads" (GUI clients, binary releases), and "Community" (bug reporting, mailing list, chat). On the right, a monitor displays the "Latest source Release 2.30.0" and a button to "Download 2.27.0 for Mac". At the bottom, there are links for "Mac GUIs", "Tarballs", "Windows Build", and "Source Code".

**git** --distributed-even-if-your-workflow-isnt

Search entire site...

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Git is **easy to learn** and has a **tiny footprint with lightning fast performance**. It outclasses SCM tools like Subversion, CVS, Perforce, and ClearCase with features like **cheap local branching**, convenient **staging areas**, and **multiple workflows**.

**About**  
The advantages of Git compared to other source control systems.

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Command reference pages, Pro Git book content, videos and other material.

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**Pro Git** by Scott Chacon and Ben Straub is available to [read online for free](#). Dead tree versions are available on [Amazon.com](#).

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<https://git-scm.com/>



# Git Platforms



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# Git Platforms

- We will be using GitHub.



# Git Platforms

- ▶ Let's first setup your Git options :
  1. Open your terminal (command line)
  2. Set your username:

```
git config --global user.name "username"
```

3. Set your email address:

```
git config --global user.email "name@em.com"
```



# Git repository

- A git repository is the .git/ folder inside a project.
- Tracks all changes made to files in your project.
- Builds a history over time.



# Git repository

- It contains
  - **HEAD** points to the branch you currently have checked out
  - **index** staging area information
  - **objects/** stores all the content for your database
  - **refs/** stores pointers into commit objects (e.g. branches, tags, remotes)

# Git organizations

- A way for GitHub to organize different code basis.
- What is accessible to you varies according to the organization.
- In the context of this workshop, it is suggested you create your team repository online first.

# Git repository

- ▶ Create a git repository:

1. Open your terminal.
2. Navigate to the new created folder.
3. Use the following command

```
git init
```

- ▶ Or you use the online option by first creating an online repository.
- ▶ Other ways are available (VSCode or GitHub desktop).

# Git repository

- ▶ Create a git repository online:

1. Open your Github page and navigate to the repositories menu.
2. Create a new repository.

- ▶ Synchronise your repository locally :

1. Open your terminal.
2. Navigate to the folder where you want your repository then use the command :

```
git clone <url to git repo>
```

# Create a repository in GitHub

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for creating a new repository. The page title is "QSciTech-QuantumBC-Workshop". The navigation bar includes links for Overview, Repositories, Projects, Packages, Teams, People, and Settings. A search bar and filters for Type, Language, and Sort are present. A green "New repository" button is highlighted with a blue box and a blue circle with the number 1.

Below the navigation bar, the section "Create a new repository" is displayed. It includes a brief description: "A repository contains all project files, including the revision history. Already have a project repository elsewhere? [Import a repository.](#)".

The "Create a new repository" form is highlighted with a blue box and a blue circle with the number 2. It contains the following fields and options:

- Owner \***: A dropdown menu showing "QSciTech-QuantumBC-Workshop".
- Repository name \***: A text input field containing "test", with a green checkmark indicating it is valid.
- Description (optional)**: A text input field.
- Visibility**: Two radio buttons. The "Public" option is selected, with the text "Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit." below it. The "Private" option is unselected, with the text "You choose who can see and commit to this repository." below it.

A green "Create repository" button is highlighted with a blue box and a blue circle with the number 3.

On the right side of the page, a "Quick setup" section is highlighted with a blue box and a blue circle with the number 4. It includes the text "Quick setup — if you've done this kind of thing before" and a "Set up in Desktop" button. Below this, there are options for "HTTPS" and "SSH". The "HTTPS" option is selected, and the URL "https://github.com/QSciTech-QuantumBC-Workshop/test.git" is displayed in a text input field, followed by a copy icon.

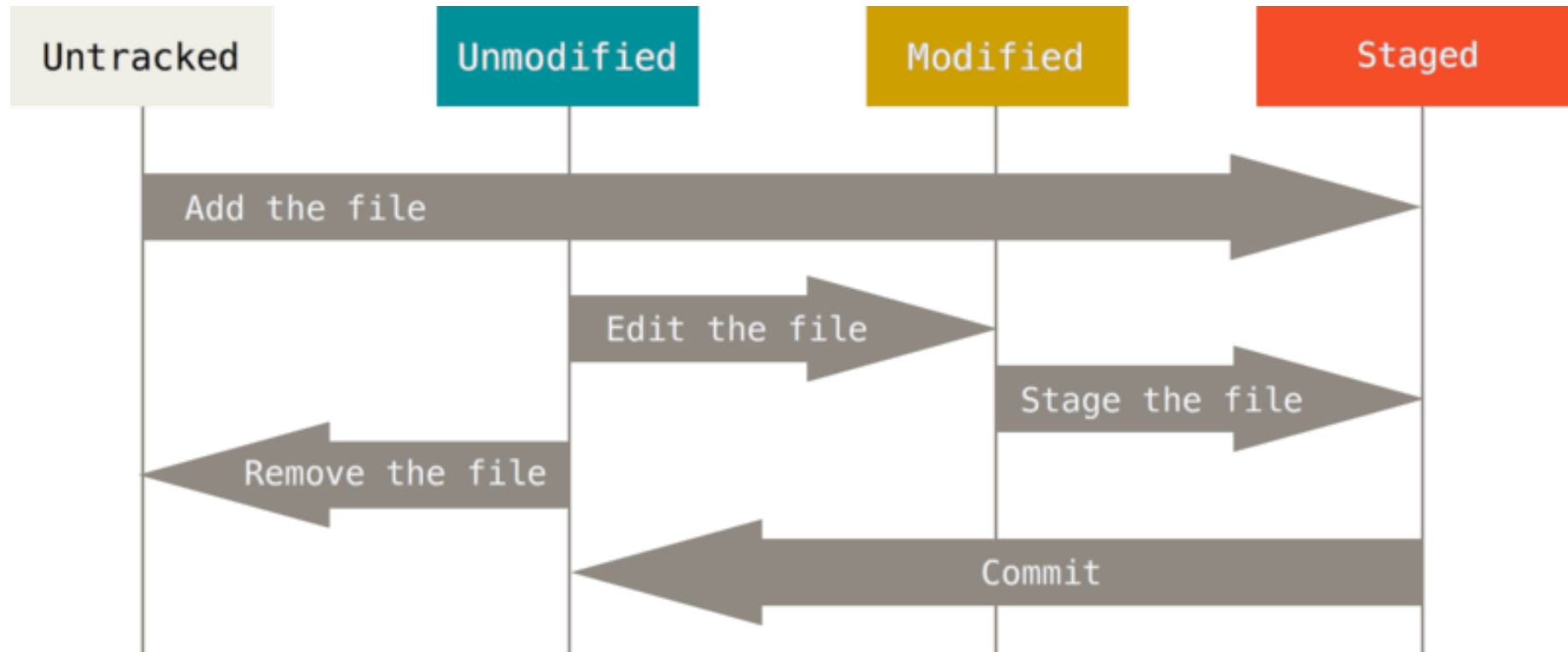
# Git repository

- Check the status of a repository:

```
git status
```

- Add a file to your folder.
- Check the status again.

# File status lifecycle



<https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2/Git-Basics-Recording-Changes-to-the-Repository>



# Managing files status

- Check the status of a repository:

```
git status
```

- Check the modifications made to tracked files

```
git diff [<name of file>]
```

- Add files to staged files

```
git add <name of file>
```



# Git Commits

- Snapshots or milestones along the timeline of a project.
- A commit is identified by a hash, a 40-character hexadecimal string like  
*c93b502f86c81ef5eef444f77c2b8e61a5b2f2e9*

# Git Commits

- ▶ You should make new commits often, based around logical units of change!
- ▶ Create a commit :

```
git commit -m <your message>
```

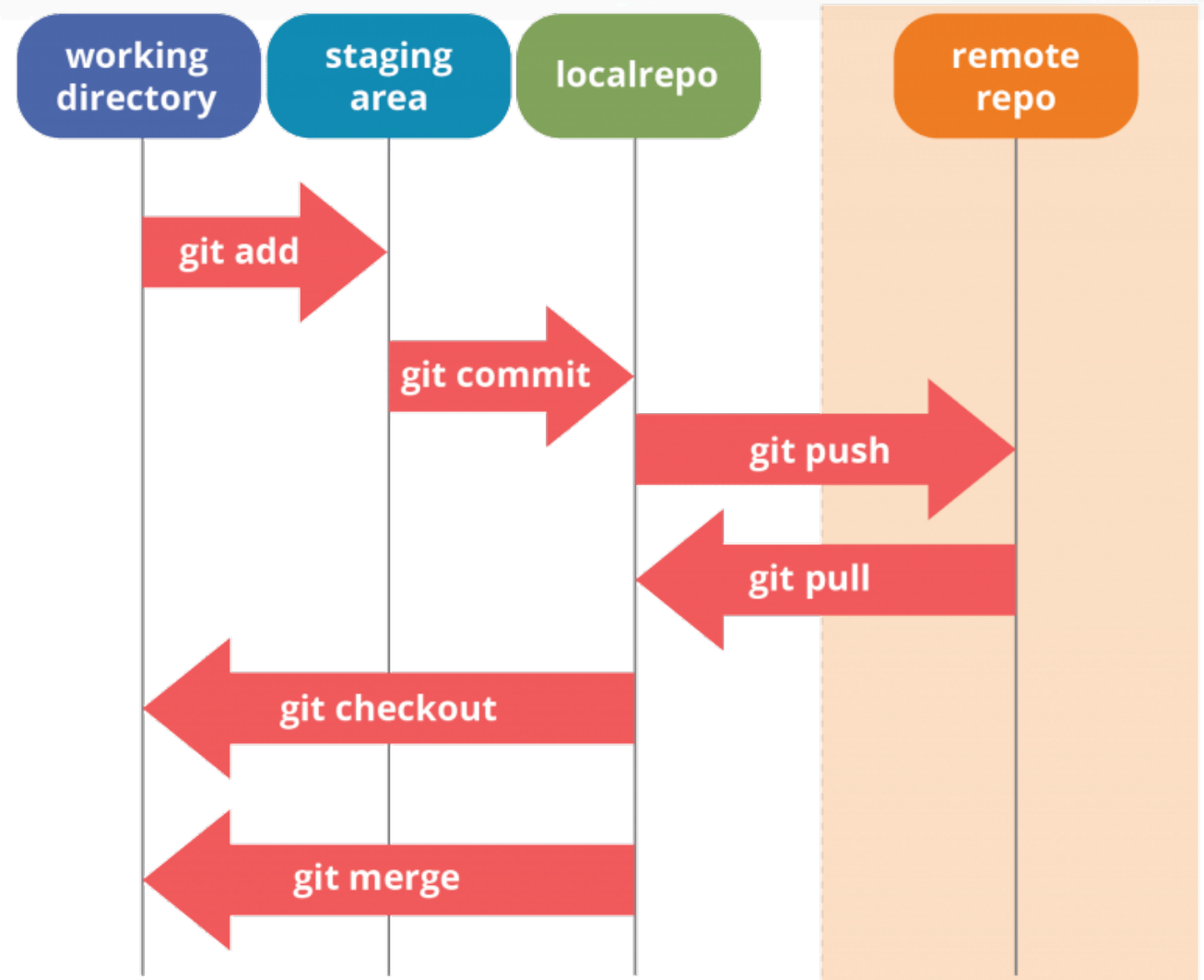
# Commit messages

- Title
  - Commit message starts with a single short (less than 50 characters) line summarizing the change, followed by a blank line.
- Description
  - More detailed explanatory text, if necessary.
  - Wraps the body at 72 characters
- Display the history of commits

```
git log
```

# Overview of file stages

- Adding an untracked file allows it to be in the working directory.
- Files type mentioned in the **.gitignore** file are **ignored** by git and **untracked**.



<https://hboeving.dev/blog/git-graph-p1/>

# Exercise 1

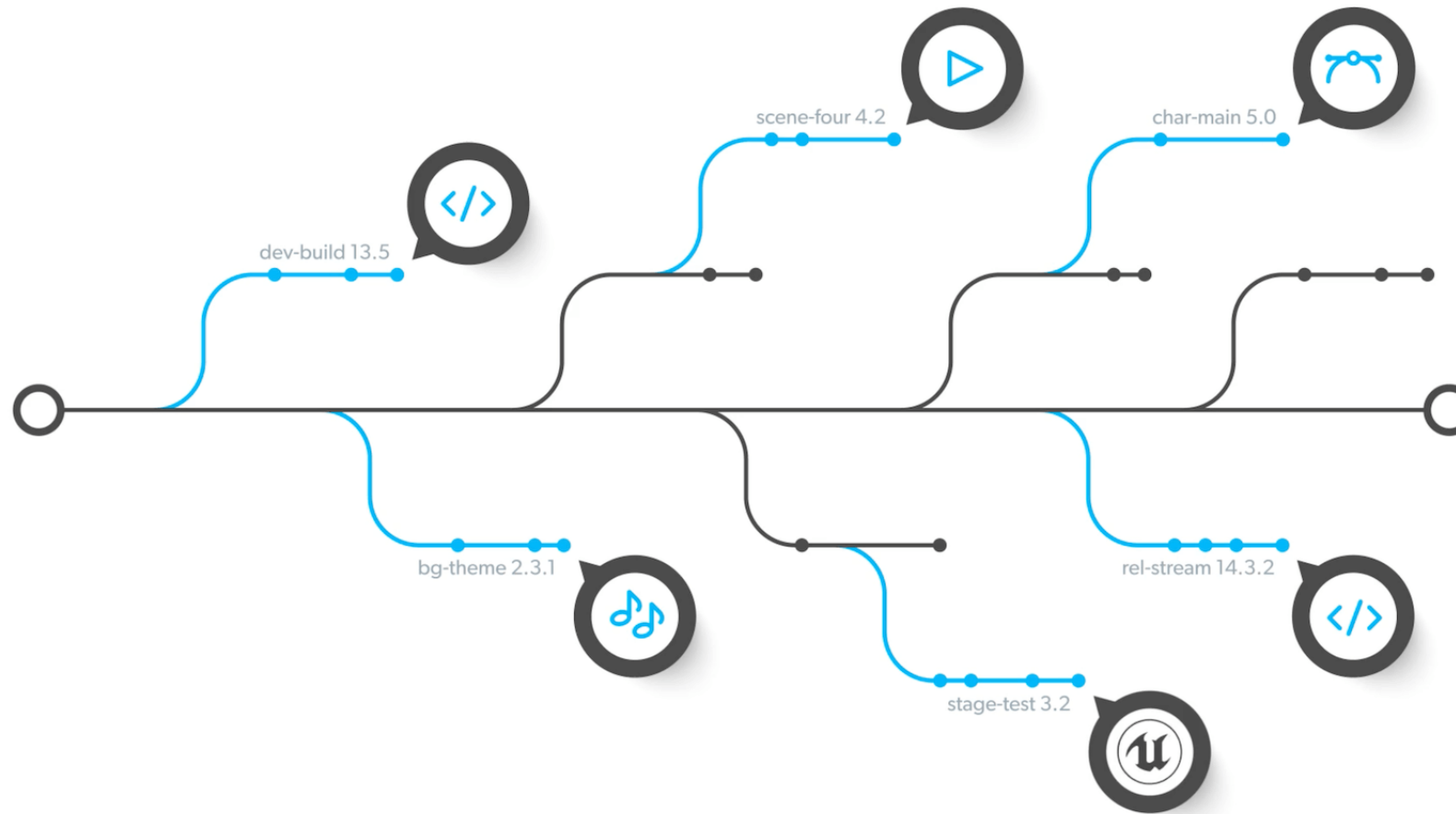
## Objectives

- Setup git config (name, email, editor)
- Create a git repo
- Experiment with file lifecycle
- Create a commit and check commits history

# Branching

- Default branch name is “main” (or “master”).
- You can create as many branches as you need, merge them and delete them at will.
- Branches isolate your development work from other branches in the repository. For example, you could use a branch to develop a new feature or fix a bug.

# Branching



<https://www.perforce.com/blog/vcs/what-is-version-control>



# Managing branches

- List / [create] branch:

```
git branch [<branch name>]
```

- Switch to branch

```
git checkout <branch name>
```

- Merge other branch into current branch

```
git merge <branch name>
```



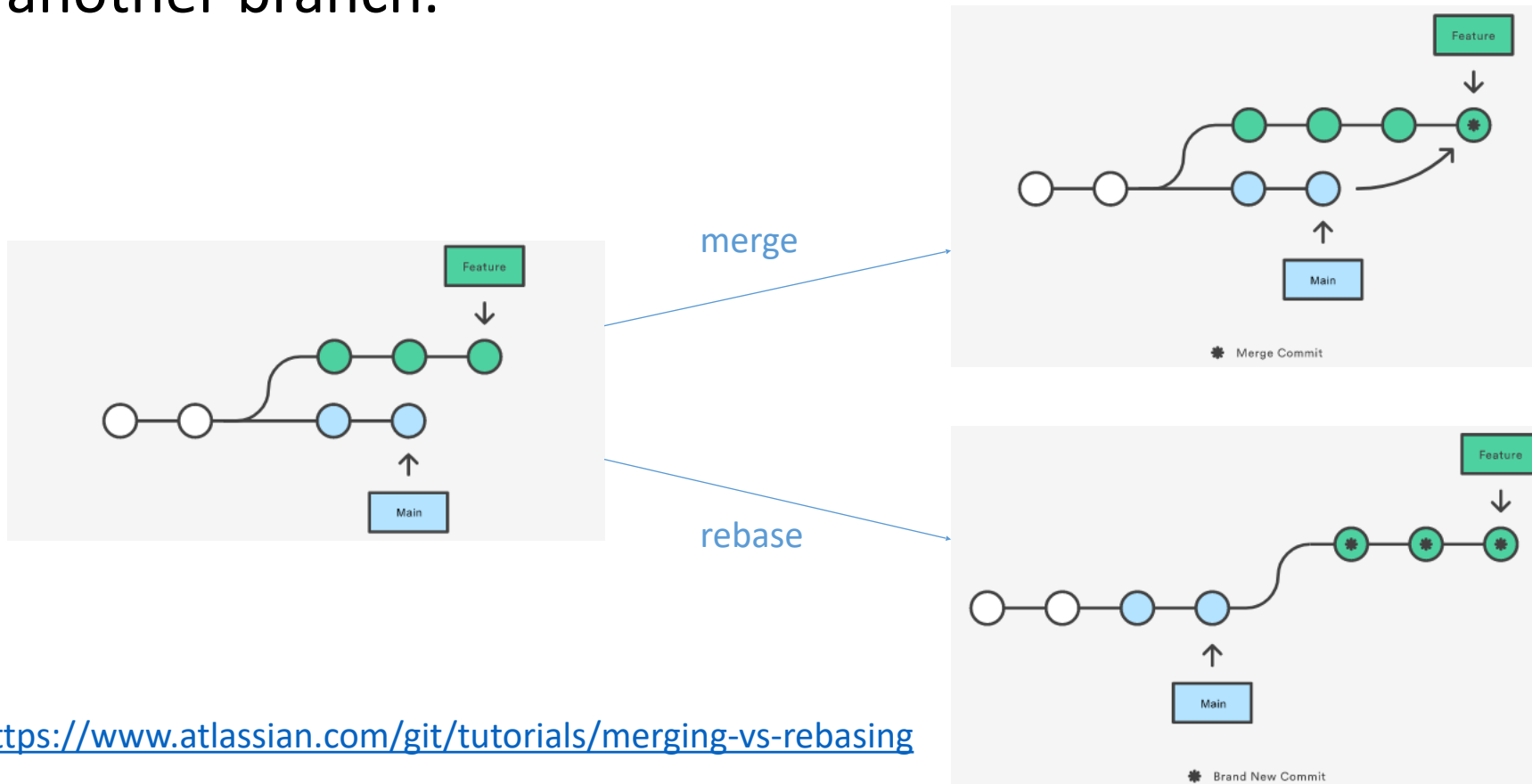
# Exercise 2

## Objectives

- Create branch B
- Switch to branch B
- Create a new file in branch B and commit
- Back to branch A, merge branch B into A

# Merging Vs rebasing

- Both commands are used to integrate commits from one branch into another branch.



<https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/merging-vs-rebasing>

# Managing branches

- Rebase onto another branch

```
git rebase <branch name>
```

# Merge conflicts

- Happens when merging two branches (or rebasing) and the same lines are modified.
- Git will ask you to reconcile the modifications.

<<<<<<< HEAD

<the code that is in the current branch>

=====

<the code that is in the incoming branch>

>>>>>>> <other branch>

# Remote repository

- Remote repositories are versions of your project that are hosted on the Internet or network somewhere.
- Collaborating with others involves managing these remote repositories and pushing and pulling data to and from them when you need to share work.

# Working with remote

- Add a link to a remote repository in your local repo

```
git remote add origin <url to git repo>
```

- Show remote

```
git remote -v
```

- Push local branch to remote

```
git push origin <local>:<remote>
```

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# Exercise 5

## Objectives

- Create a **public** repository on GitHub
- Add remote to local repo
- Push code to remote repository



# Working with remote (2)

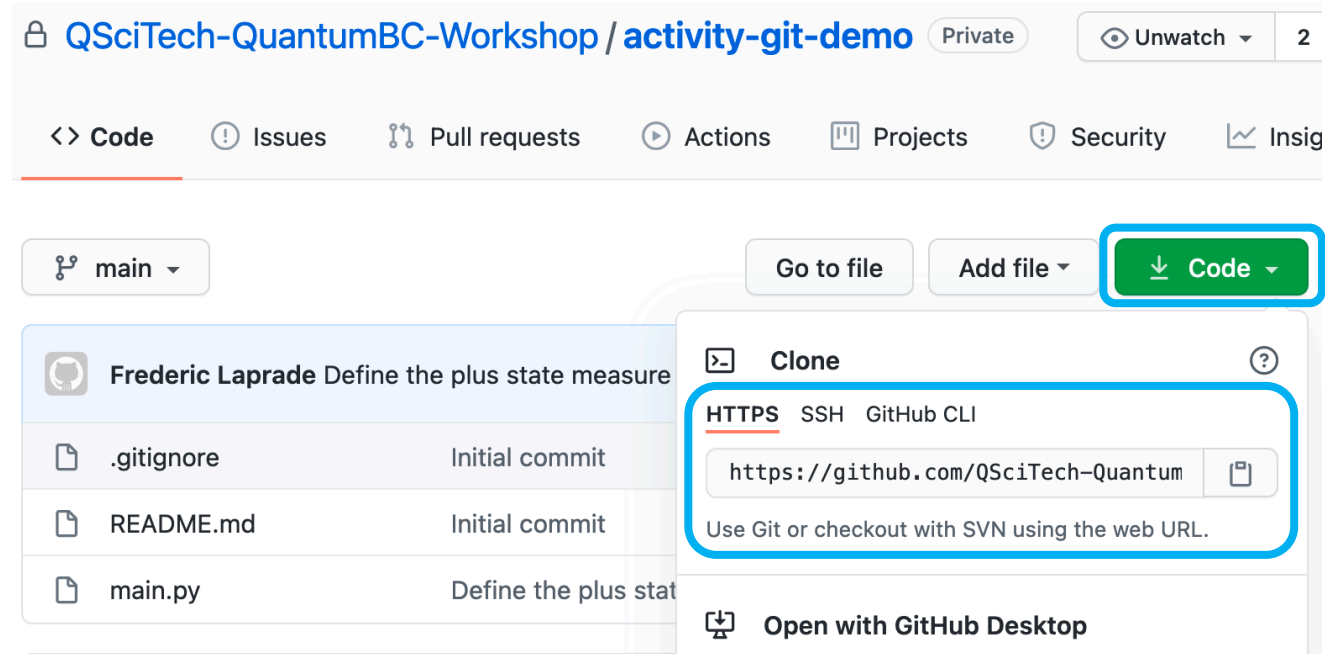
- Cloning a git repo

```
git clone <url to git repo>
```

- Pulling changes from remote repository to local repo

```
git pull origin <remote>:<local>
```

# Clone a git repository



# Create a pull request

1

This branch is 1 commit ahead of main. Contribute

base: main ← compare: dev ✓ Able to merge. These branches can be automatically merged.

Discuss and review the changes in this comparison with others. [Learn about pull requests](#)

Create pull request

2

Remove line

Write Preview

Leave a comment

Attach files by dragging & dropping, selecting or pasting them.

3

Create pull request

## Workshop/test.

Require approval from specific reviewers before merging

Branch protection rules ensure specific people approve pull requests before they're merged. Add rule

Continuous integration has not been set up

GitHub Actions and several other apps can be used to automatically catch bugs and enforce style.

✓ This branch has no conflicts with the base branch

Merging can be performed automatically.

4

Merge pull request

You can also [open this in GitHub Desktop](#) or view [command line instructions](#).

# Exercise 5

## Objectives

- Create a pull request

# Delete the repository in GitHub

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository settings page. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for Code, Issues, Pull requests, Actions, Projects, Wiki, Security, and Insights. The **Settings** link is highlighted with a blue box and a circled '1'. Below the navigation bar, the 'General' tab is selected. On the left sidebar, the 'Access' section is expanded, and 'Collaborators and teams' is selected with a blue box and a circled '2'. The main content area is titled 'Who has access' and contains three panels: 'PUBLIC REPOSITORY' (with a 'Manage' button highlighted by a blue box and a circled '3'), 'BASE ROLE' (showing 'None' and a 'Set base role' link), and 'DIRECT ACCESS' (showing '0 teams or members'). At the bottom of the page, the 'Delete this repository' section is visible, featuring a warning message and a red 'Delete this repository' button highlighted with a blue box and a circled '4'.

1

2

3

4

# Git best practices

- Each task should be developed in its own branch
- Frequently merge the target branch or rebase on target branch. This will reduce headaches from merge conflicts
- Commits in your branch are cheap, do it often!
- When merging with target branch, re-write your dev history first (can be done automatically).

# Other useful git commands

- `git blame`
- `git cherry-pick`
- `git reset`
- `git tag (lightweight/annotated)`
- `git stash`
- `git checkout <commit>`
- `git branch -d (-D) <branch_name>`



# References

## Git

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