

Week3: MACHINE LEARNING OPERATIONS

Review:

- So far we've learned how to create repositories, add changes to the stage, and commit them to the repository.
- We've also learned how to push and pull code back and forth from local machines to remote branches on GitHub.

Week 3

- Today it's time to learn about a critical concept in Git: **branches**.
- Branches allow us to organize a repository and split it apart so multiple people can work on it or so a solo developer can work on different aspects of a project on a separated work.

Week 3 Topics:

- Master/Main Branch and Branches
- Understanding HEAD
- Git Branch Commands:
 - git branch, git switch, git checkout
- Delete or Rename Branch
- Merging Branches and Conflicts
- Using gif diff
- Exercise and Solution

Let's get started!

Week 3 Branches

 Let's review what our current commit process looks like...

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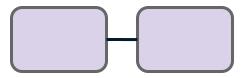
 As we need incorporate the workflows of others or be able to focus on new updates without breaking old code, we need **branches**.

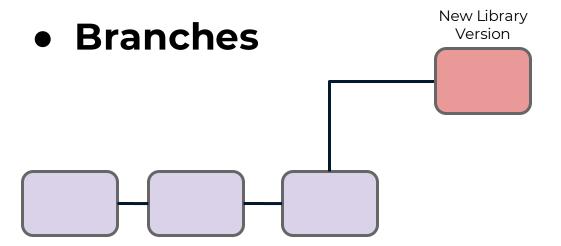
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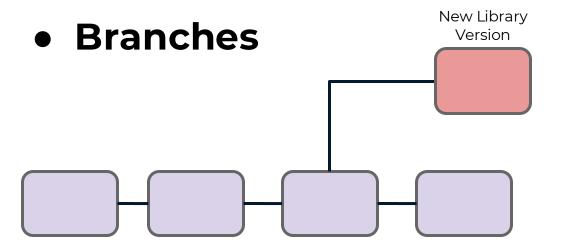
- A branch represents an independent line of development.
- Branches serve as an abstraction for the edit/stage/commit process.
- They are a way to request a brand new working directory, staging area, and project history.

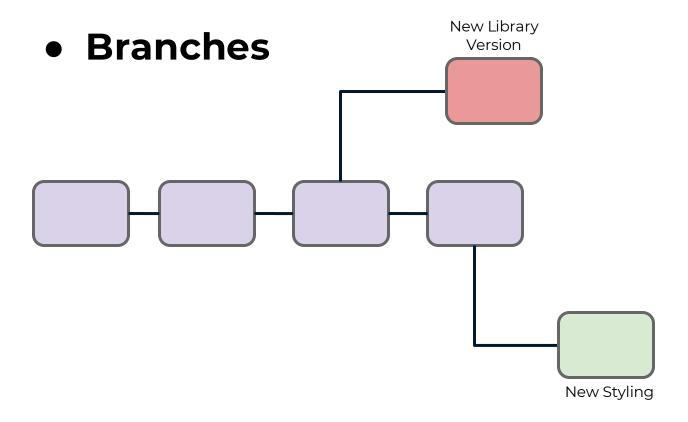
- Branches are just pointers to commits.
- When you create a branch, all Git needs to do is create a new pointer, it doesn't change the repository in any other way.
- Let's explore why branches are useful for workflows...

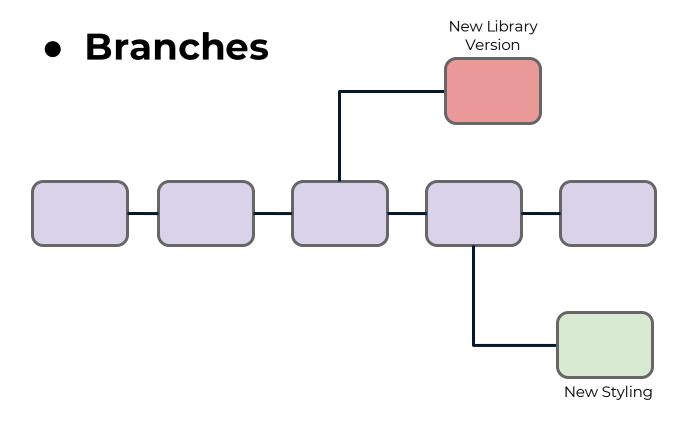


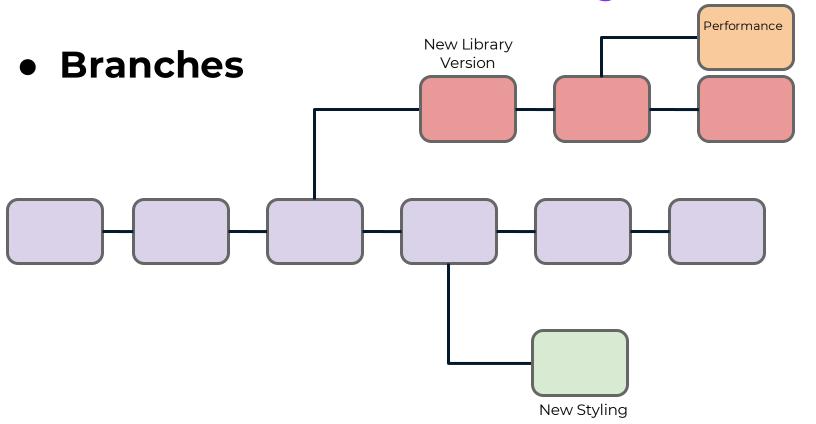


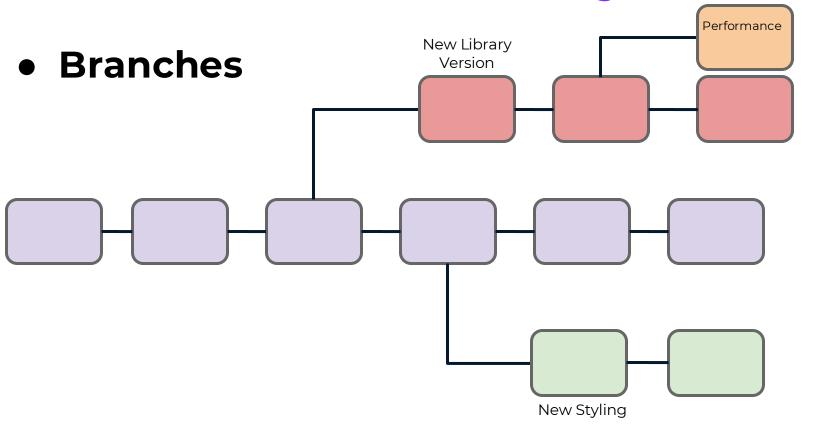


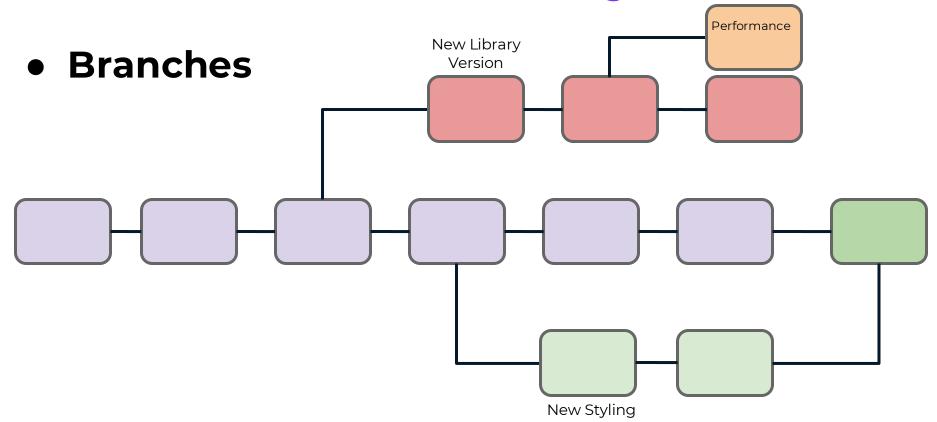


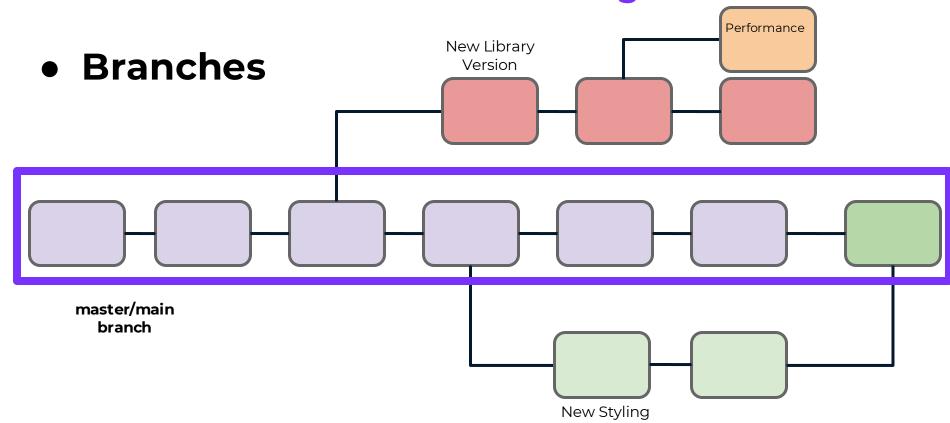










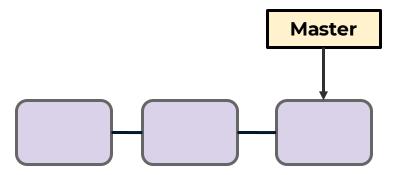


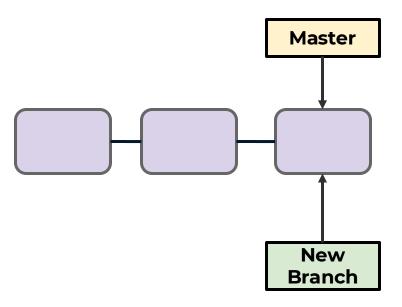
- Upon creating a new repo with git init you create a new branch called the master branch (or main branch).
- This is a branch just like any other, but it's simply the first one created.
 - Should code pushed to master branch always be in working condition?

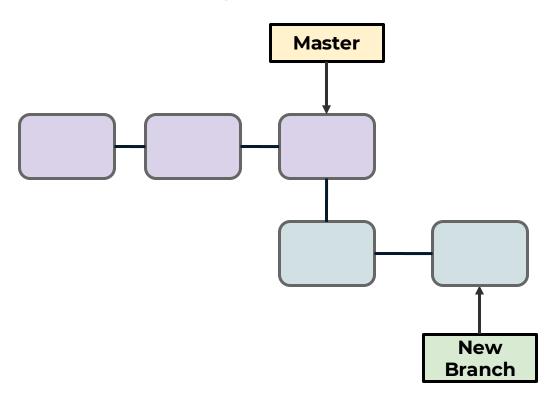
- While organizations and developers often treat this master branch as the official branch for things like deployment, this is not a requirement.
- You can use any branch for code deployment or code that's actually "inuse".

- Master vs. Main
 - As we've discussed previously, GitHub has changed the nomenclature for this initial branch to be main branch while Git is still using master branch (but this may change in the future).
 - You can also rename any branch (trunk branch).

- Before we conclude, let's quickly go into more detail about what happens when first create a new branch.
- o Branches are just pointers to commits.
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- Now that we've seen how branches point to commits, we need to learn about HEAD.
- HEAD will help us understand what we are currently "viewing" or where we are "located" in regards to branches and commits.

• Up Next:

 We'll explore and visualize specific actions and commands related to branches, including **HEAD**, git checkout, git branch, git switch, and more.

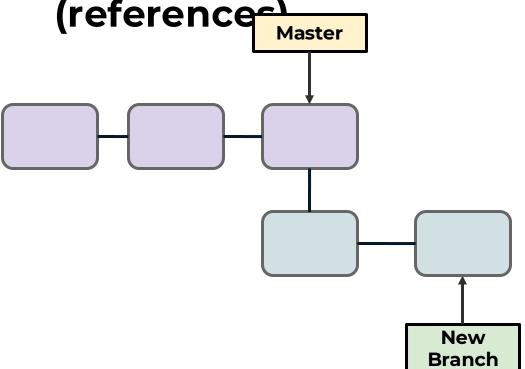
Week 3 Understanding HEAD

- As we work more with branches, you will probably notice a term show up during your commits: **HEAD**.
- When viewing the most recent commit using git log you may see:
 - commit 05as..3e2 (HEAD -> master)

HEAD

- In all of our examples so far, HEAD has always been pointing to the most recent commit in the master branch.
 - HEAD -> master

 Recall we have branch points (reference)

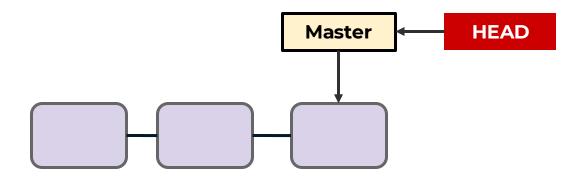


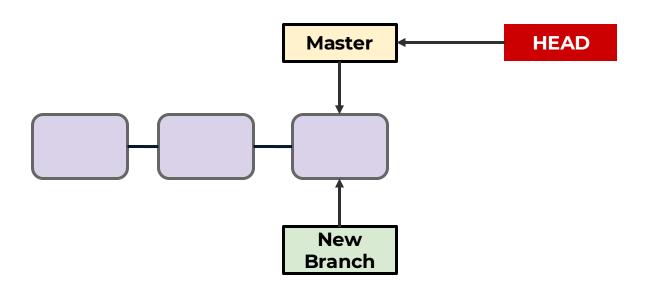
Branches and Commits

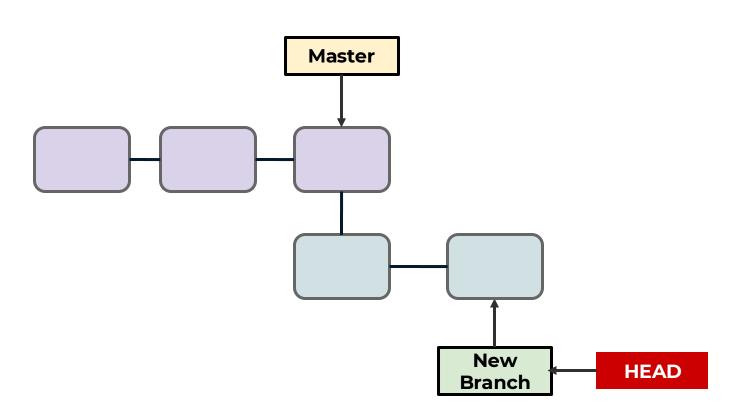
- Git stores a branch as a reference to a commit.
- In this sense, a branch represents the tip of a series of commits—it's not a container for commits.
- The history for a branch is extrapolated through the commit relationships.

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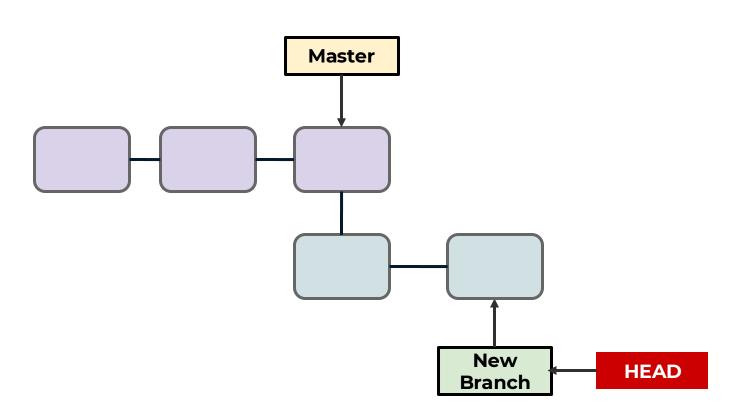
- A HEAD is simply a reference to a commit object.
- We can think of HEAD as pointing to a specific commit in a branch that we are currently viewing.

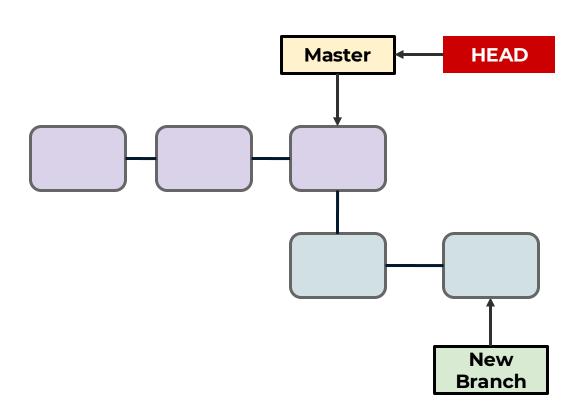






- We can think of these branches as just references to a commit.
- Using HEAD tells us which branch reference we are currently "checking out".
- We can always switch back out HEAD to some other branch (which is a pointer to a commit reference).





• Up Next:

 Now that we understand the theory behind branches and HEAD, let's begin to explore the actually commands that let us create branches and navigate between them.

Week 3 Git Branch Commands

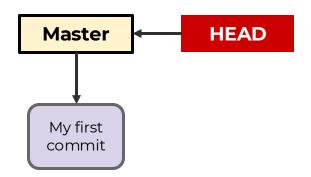
Git Branch Commands

- Create a New Repo
- Add File
- Create a New Branch
 - git branch <branch_name>
- Report Branches
 - git branch
- Switch Branches
 - git switch or git checkout

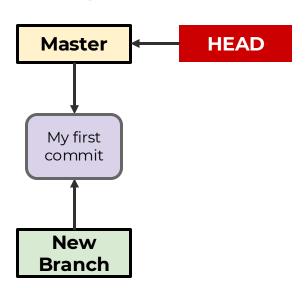
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- Add and Commit Changes on New Branch
- Use git log and git switch to explore differences between branches.

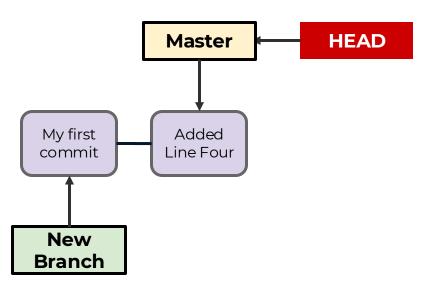
• git init, git add, git commit

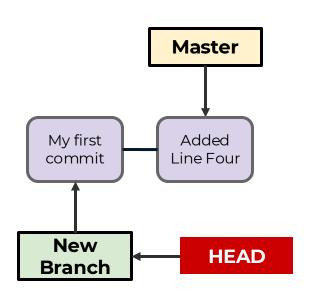


git branch new_branch



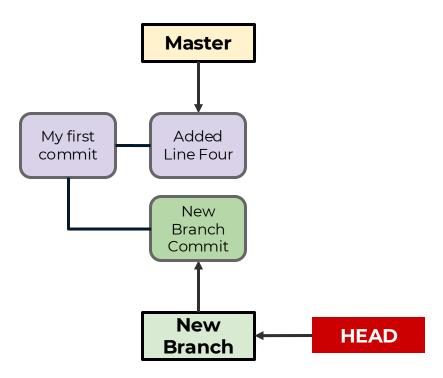
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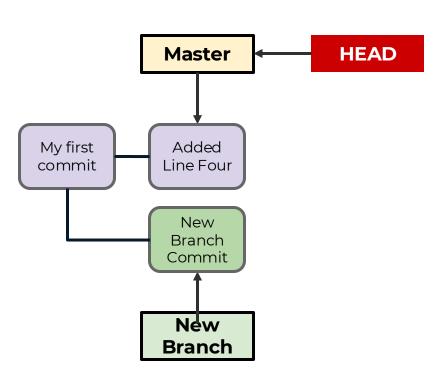




git switch new_branch or git checkout new_branch

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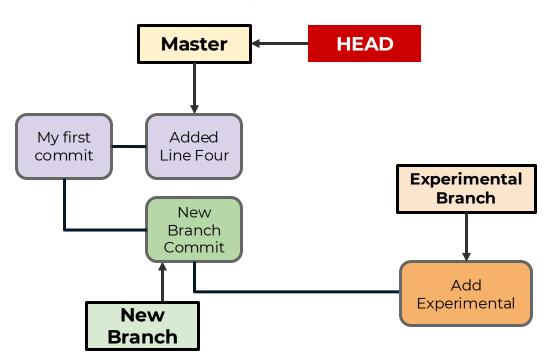


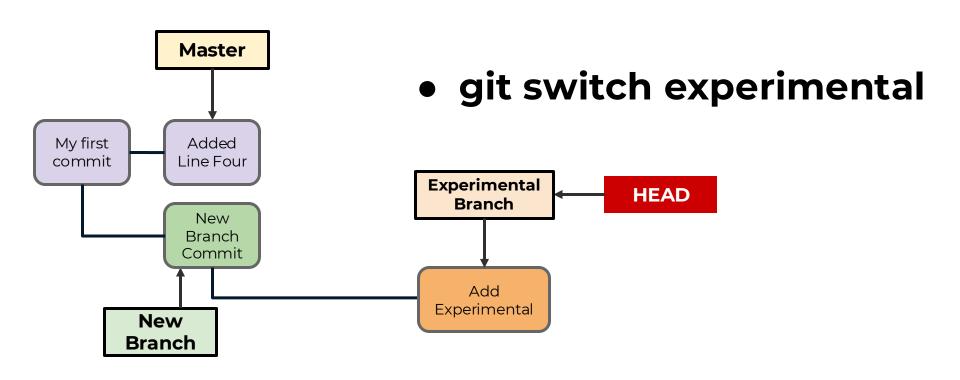


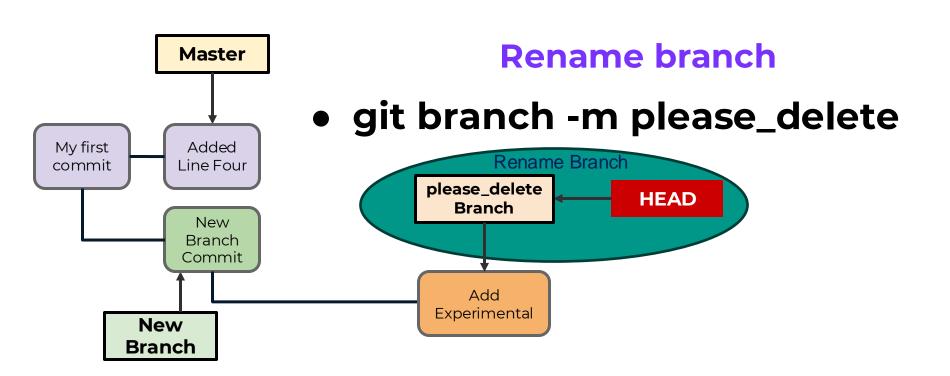
 git switch master or git checkout master

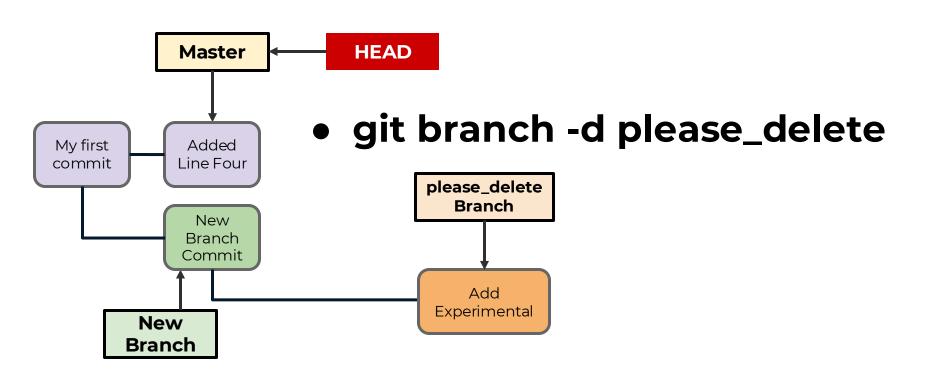
Week 3 Delete and Rename Branches

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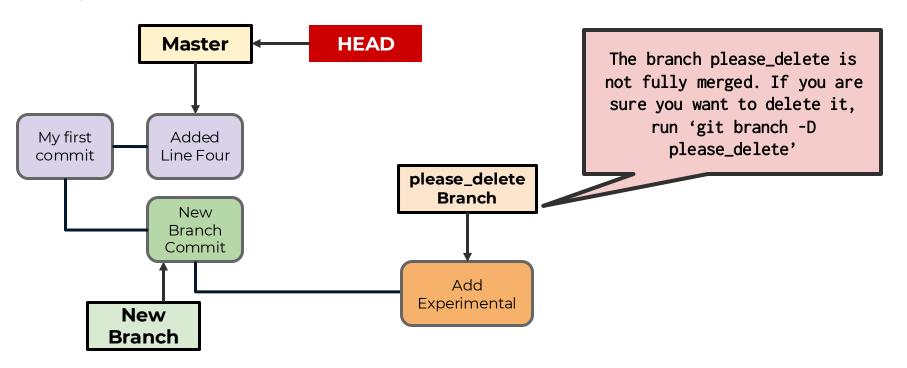






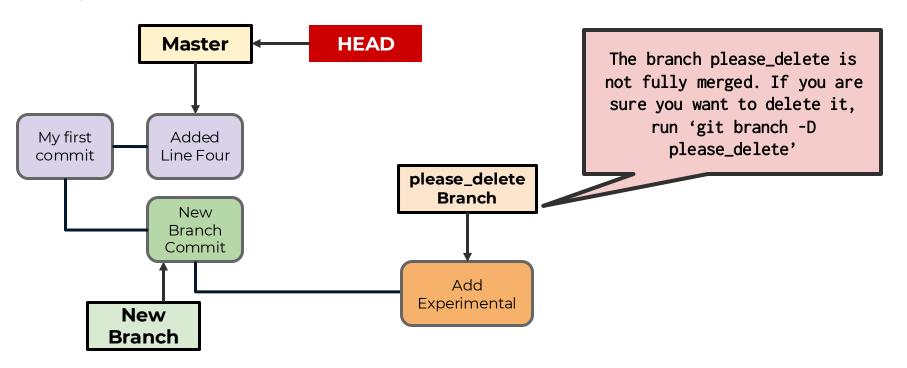


• git branch -d please_delete

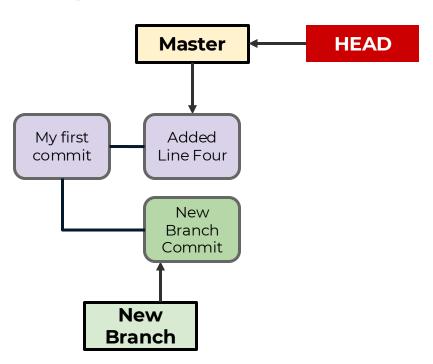


- Deleting a Branch
 - git branch -d branch_to_delete_name
 - You can not delete a branch you are checked out at.
 - You also will get a warning if the branch is not merged.
 - You can confirm you want to do this anyways with -D

git branch -D please_delete

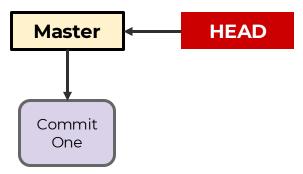


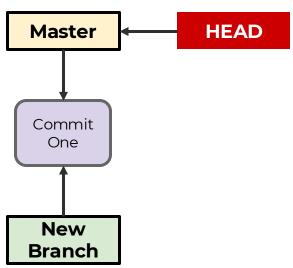
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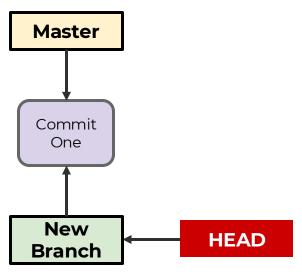


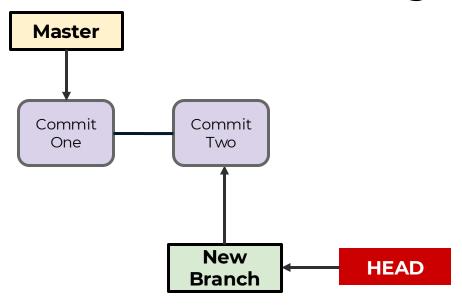
Week 3 Merging Branches and Conflicts

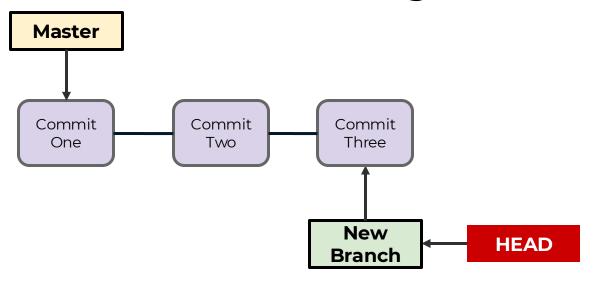
- Now that we understand creating new branches, let's shift focus to merging branches back together.
- Let's explore a simple type of merge, where a new branch is created, but the original branch it stemmed from has no additional commits.
 - This is known as a "fast-forward" merge

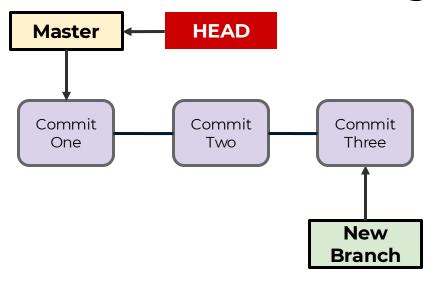




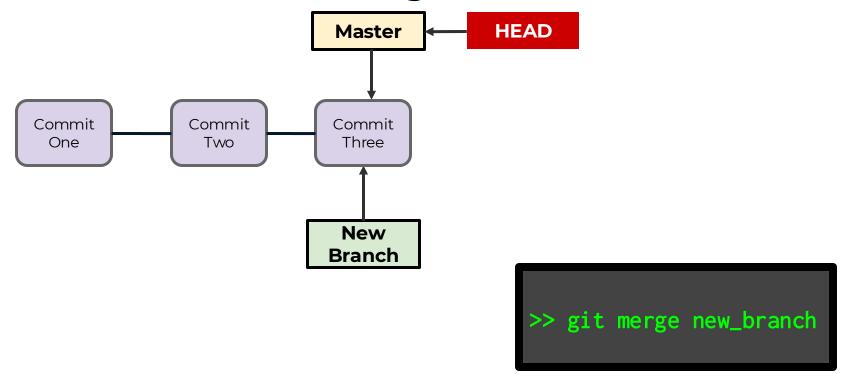




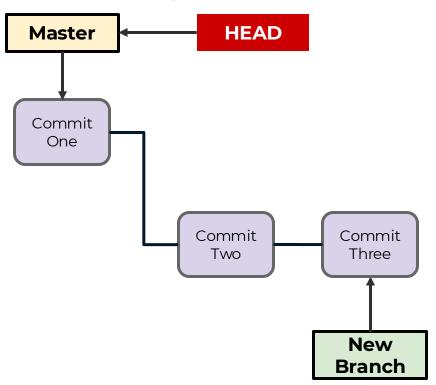


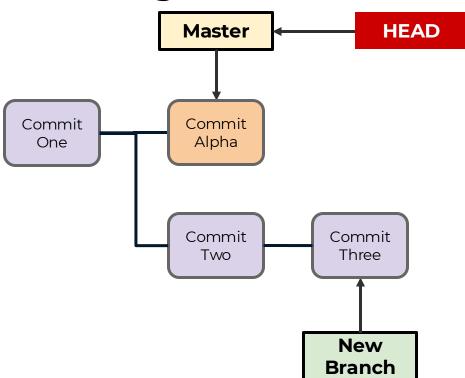


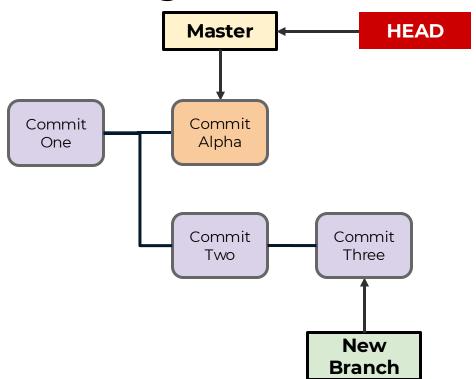




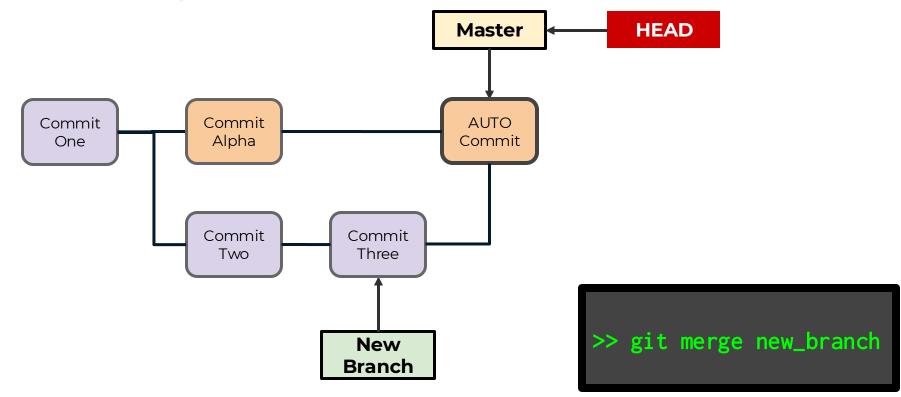
 Now let's explore what happens for a merge where we have different commits in the branches.

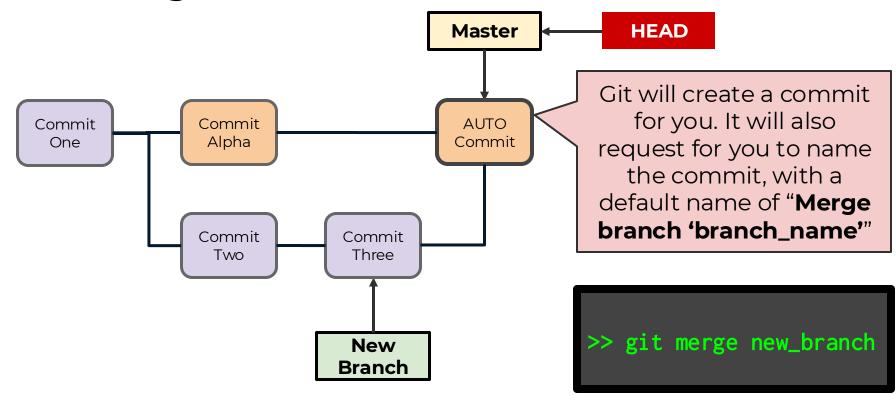












- Git creates the new commit for us, and will attempt the merge.
- Sometimes there are no conflicts, for example:
 - The branch only focused on files not in the receiving branch, thus the merge simply adds the new files to the receiving branch.

