

GIT AND GITHUB

Before getting into what is Git and Github, let us understand first that why is git around?

You must be using Chrome or any other browser to do your research, visit websites, etc. but the Chrome you're using now did not look the same way when it was made. Developers keep on developing it and upgrading it. Suppose developer added a feature, but later want to discard it. He/she cannot do it if he don't have files of previous version saved. This lead to development of Git.

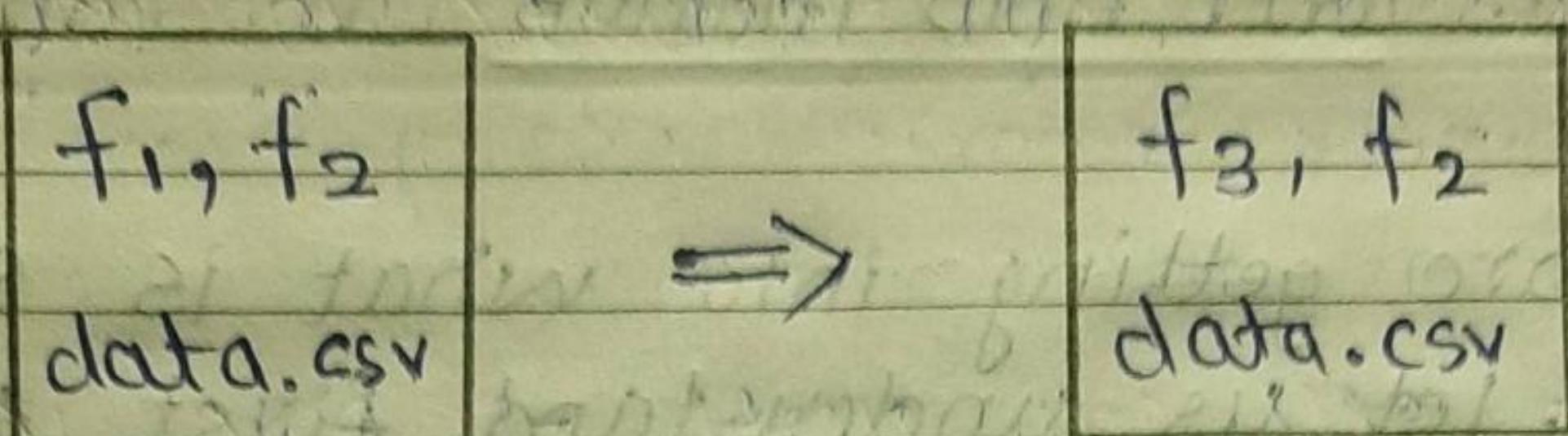
- So what is Git?

→ Git is a version control system. It keeps track of all the files. Using git one can:-

i> easily recover file

ii> Find out who introduced an issue and when.

iii> Roll back to previous working state.



App V1 App V2

Suppose g made a app having version 1 containing files f₁ and f₂ and data.csv which g upgraded to app version 2 and made changes in f₁ and called it f₃. It is very important that g have version 1 files saved so that if anything bad happens. (eg. f₃ not working properly) g can roll back to version 1.

- But still, is git really required?
- NO!

PROJECT1.zip

PROJECT2.zip

PROJECT3.zip

copy & paste

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If I have a project I can copy & paste the entire project every time I upgrade it. This method is not so good because it consumes spaces. It will require lot of storage if my project is very big.

Moreover, it also does not give us information about who made changes and when. Even if we add date to remind its change time, this method is not good because git gives time stamp in seconds i.e. in which second what changes have taken place.

So it depends on you, if you have large storage and money to buy hundred hard disk don't use git ~~soft~~ and also you cannot send full project along with version history to your team mates. So better understand git and make life simple.

HISTORY OF VERSION CONTROL SYSTEM (VCS)

I] LOCAL VCS :- Here we use databases to keep track of files.

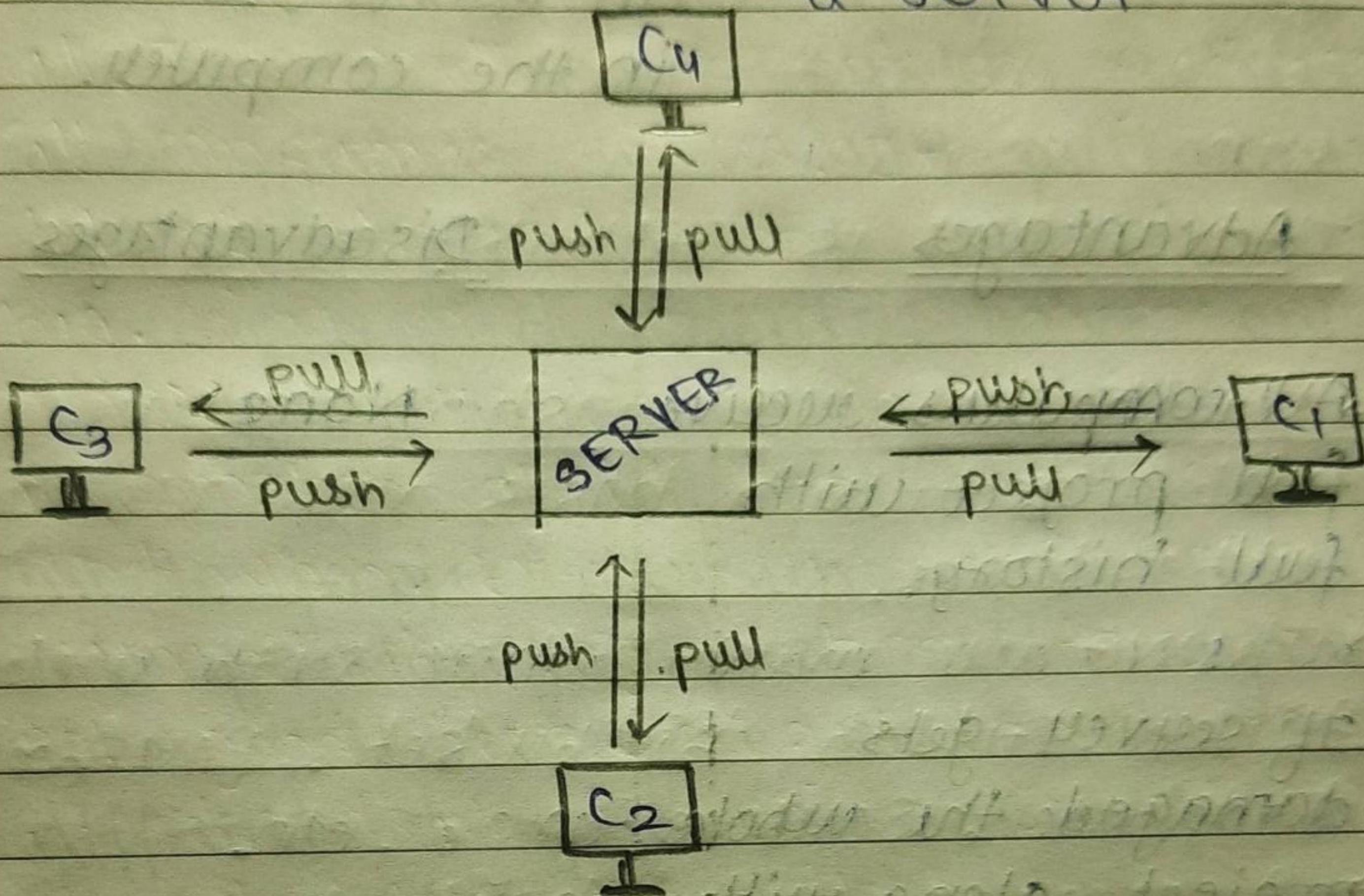
ADVANTAGES

- 1) We can roll back to previous version
- 2) Can track files
- 3) No stress of pushing or pulling data from server

DISADVANTAGES

- 1) All changes remain in computer only.
- 2) If computer's hard drive is damaged all data is lost.
- 3) Lot of storage is required.

II) CENTRALISED VCS :- Here data is stored in a server



ADVANTAGES

- 1) If computer gets damaged he/she can recover files easily.
- 2) Many developers can work at same time connecting to the server

DISADVANTAGES

- 1) The copy stored in centralised server is considered to be final.
- 2) If server is damaged all data is lost
- 3) Some files can be recovered from PC but cannot roll back

III] DISTRIBUTED VCS :- Here files are stored in server as well as in the computer.

Advantages

- 1) All computers receive full project with full history.
- 2) If server gets damaged the whole project along with previous versions are in computer safe
- 3) can roll back (complete backup)

Disadvantages

None

* CONDITION :- We need smart system which ^{not} occupies large disk space.

If we have 2GB project, in that we don't have source code (it is in KBs) We need smart system which will ignore and will pull only source code and if any file is changed, it should save only that change.

It should not copy & paste whole project which will require lot of storage need. It's repository size will increase and will become difficult to give full backup to users when needed.

Who created Git and what is the story behind it?

- Linus Torvalds created Git who was also the creator and main developer of the Linux kernel.
- In 1991-2002, Linux (OS) development was done in patches and archive files. There was no VCS.
- Bitkeeper VCS offered VCS for free to Linux development
- But, later removed free of charge status.

→ So, Linus Torvalds created git which provided free VCS.

- Then what is Github?

- ↳ Github is a hosting service, a website, which hosts various git repositories.

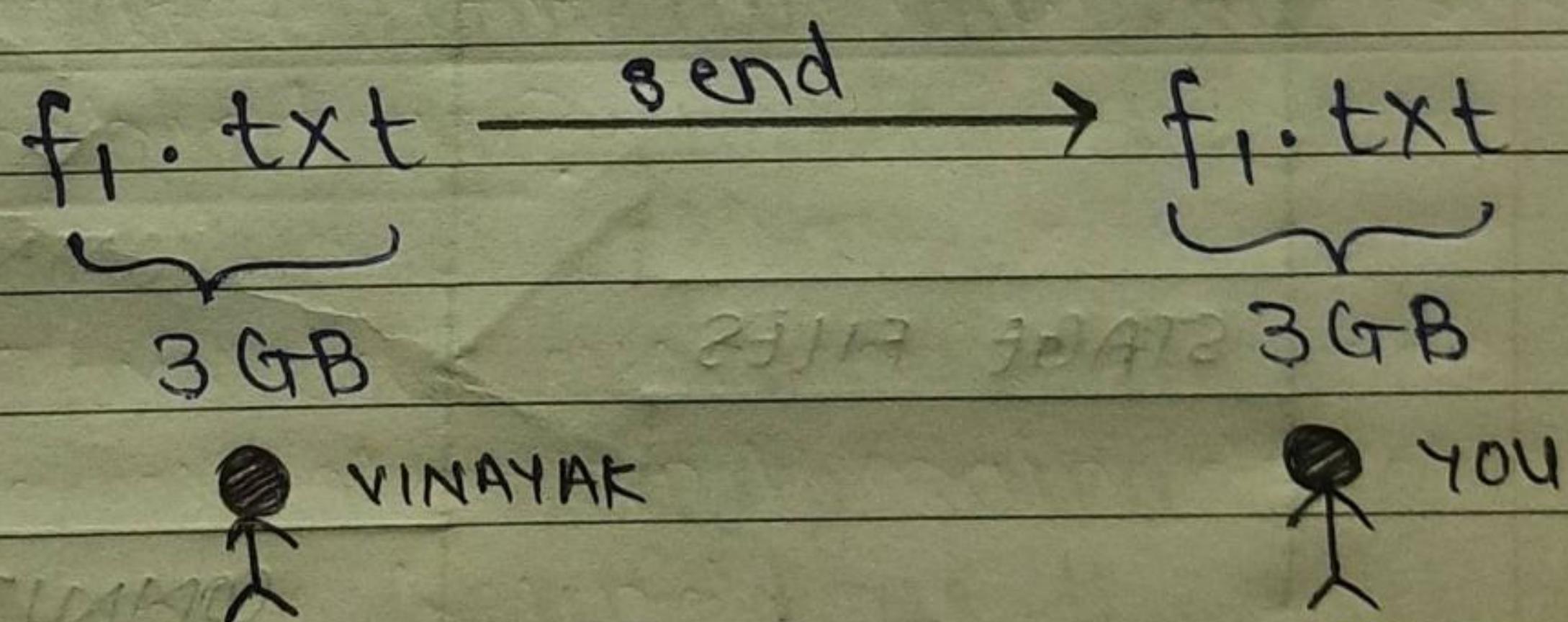
- ↳ There are many other such websites like Gitlab, Bitbucket, Perforce, Codebase, SourceForge, etc.

- ↳ A company can host its own VCS for its product.

Git : Features

- 1) Tracks history
- 2) Creates backup
- 3) Almost every operation is local
(exception :- pull, push operations)
- 4) Scalable
- 5) supports non-linear development
- 6) Distributed development.
- 7) Free
- 8) Git has integrity

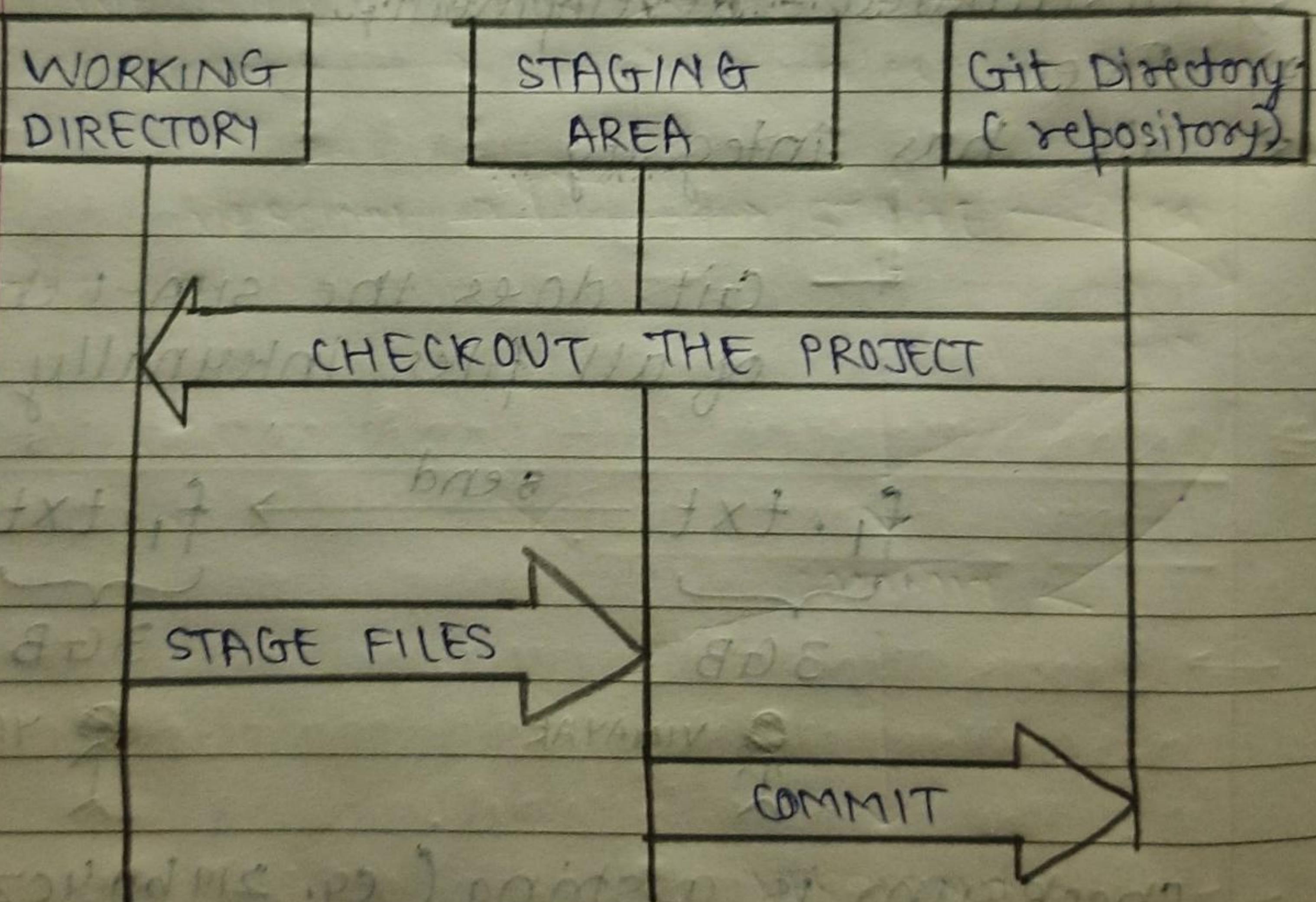
Git does the SHA-1 checksum
of all files internally



checksum is a string (eg. 219b94czf612z). Every file has unique file. If anything is changed in files checksum is changed. If I send you f1.txt our checksum should match, if not they it has been changed in b/w. Git takes care that nothing is altered in between. ❤

INSTALL GIT in your laptop from its official website only. If you type git scm you will get official website.

Git : Three stage architecture



DON'T GET AFRAID SEEING THE DIAGRAM!
IT'S EASY LET ME EXPLAIN 😊

WORKING DIRECTORY :- The working directory tree consists of files that you are currently working on. In this directory you view & modify files.

DIRECTORY = FOLDER

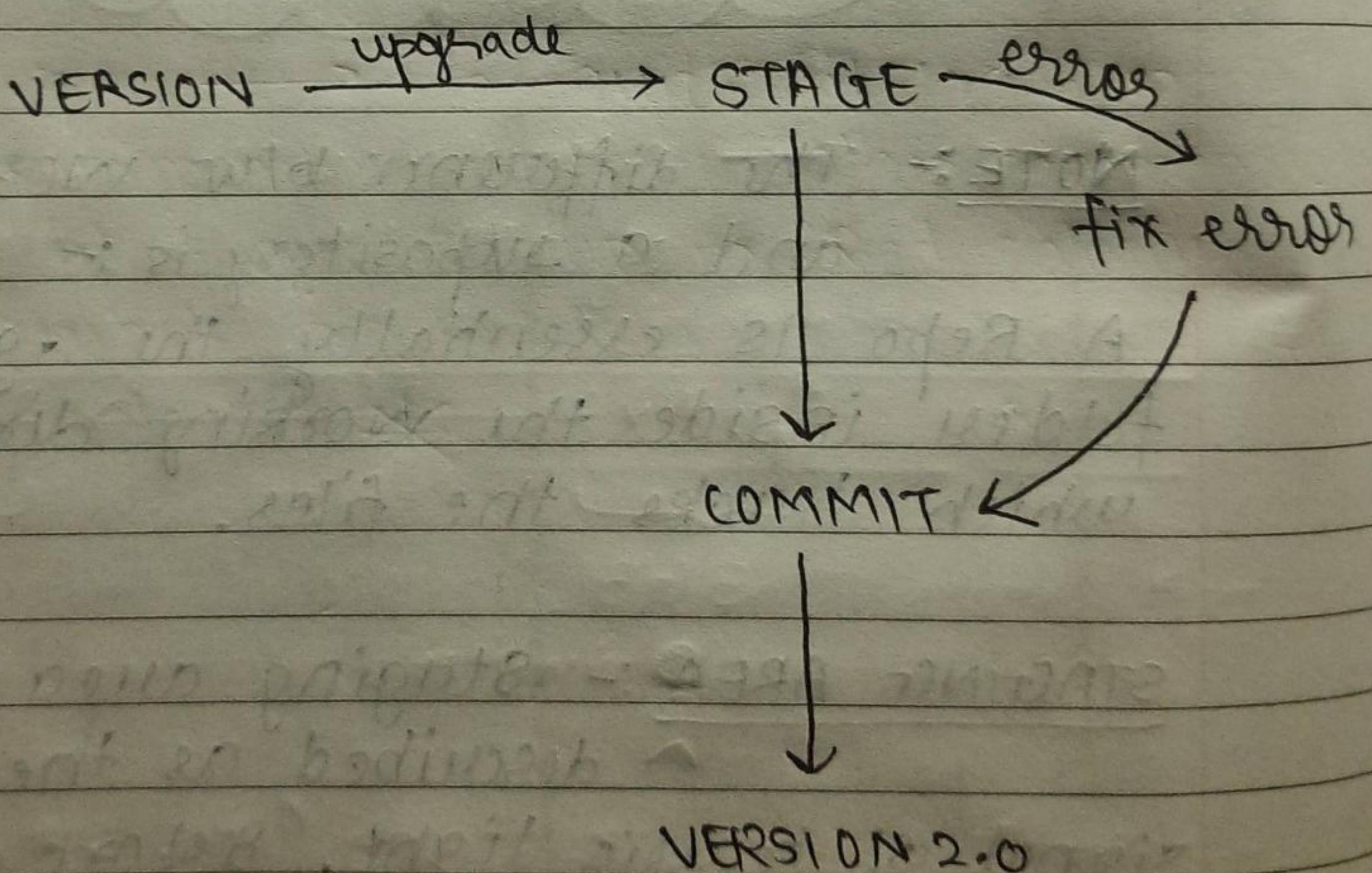
NOTE :- The difference b/w working directory and a repository is :-

A Repo is essentially the .git hidden folder inside the working directory which tracks the files.

STAGING AREA :- staging area can be described as the yellow signal of traffic light. Before you can commit/save/snapshot you stage them. Its a good practice adopted by programmers. The staging area can be considered as a meal area where git stores the changes.

GIT DIRECTORY :- Git directory means .git folder which stores all the data (current & previous commits) saved files and tracks them and is hidden hence cannot be seen inside working directory / folder.

WE FOLLOW THIS BEQUENCE :-



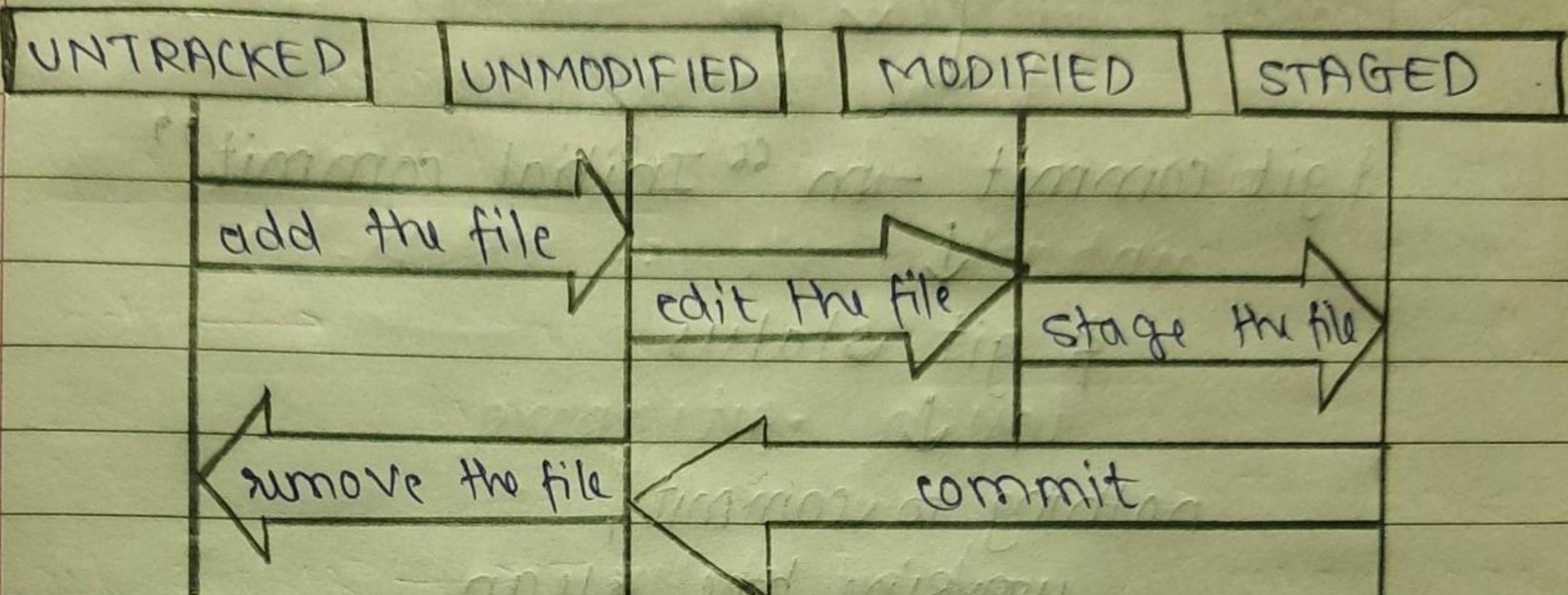
GIT COMMANDS (BASICS)

- 1) pwd → present working directory
- 2) cd → to change directory
- 3) git status → To check whether the working directory is git repo or not
- 4) git init → initialized git repo
- 5) git add --all or
git add . → This command will stage all files, basically will start tracking

- 6) git commit -m "msg" → It will give message of what is committed.
- 7) git log → To check who has done commits when. You will also get hash [Hash → Hashes are what enable git to share data efficiently b/w repositories. If two files are same, their hashes are guaranteed to be same]
- 8) git add filename.type → It will track/ stage only that file.

- 9) `rm -rf .git` → To delete .git repo and to lose all tracking
- 10) `git clone <url> <filenameyou>` → To clone repo from github ❤️
- 11) `ls` → to list files
- 12) `q` → to quit git log & many other commands.

FILE STATUS LIFECYCLE



suppose I have
project contain files
f1, f2 & temp.css

\$ git status

It will say no git
repo

\$ git init

Initialized my project
into git repo but is
still untracked

\$ git add --a

Project is now tracking
and is unmodified

suppose I changed f1 to
f1'

\$ git status

modified f1 (In red
colour)

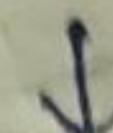
\$ git add f1'

modified f1 (In green
colour)

f' is now staged also and tracked
also



\$ git commit -m "Initial commit"



\$ git status



nothing to commit,
working tree clean

* { remember untracked / unstaged
files are shown in **Red colour**
while tracked / staged in green
colour } *

GIT IGNORE : HOW TO IGNORE FILES IN GIT

I have a project having files
first.txt, second.txt



\$ git status



not a git repo



\$ git init



initialized git repo

my project is untracked git repo



\$ git status



shows untracked files

first.txt

→ (Both in red colour)

second.txt



\$ git add --a

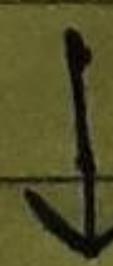


shows tracked files

first.txt

→ (Both in green colour)

second.txt



touch ~~error.log~~ ... [touch command generates file]

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↓
$ git status
↓
untracked file : error.log
↓
touch .gitignore
↓
$ git status
↓
untracked files: error.log
· .gitignore
↓

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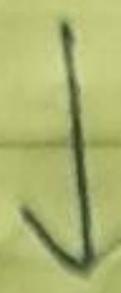
Now open the project and
open .gitignore file. Type
error.log in it and save
and close it

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↓
$ git status
↓
untracked file : .gitignore ... [ Does not
show
error.log
file!!]
↓

```

\$ git add .



\$ git status



tracked all files
including .gitignore



If I modify error.log
and save it



\$ git status



It will not show
me modified error.log
file in **Red colour**.

Infact it will not even
mention its name.

It will show working
tree clean

If there are many .log wala files
then type ' *.log' in .gitignore and
all .log ones will be ignored.

If you wish to ignore directory / folder
then write '~~name~~'^{name} in the .gitignore file
but remember it ignores folder if its
empty.

Git Diff: This command shows changes b/w commits/staging area & working directory.

Suppose I have project with files one.txt,

two.txt



\$ git status



untracked one.txt , two.txt



\$ git add .



txt added all files started tracking



Then I open suppose one.txt file and typed 'Hello' and modified it



\$ git status



modified = one.txt



\$ git diff



It will show me what changes I have made!

In short,

git diff

→ Compares working directory with staging area

git diff --staged → compares

staging area
and previous
commit.

SKIPPING THE STAGING AREA

Suppose I have a project
with only one file hello.txt



\$ git status



not a git repo



\$ git init



\$ git status



untracked : hello.txt



\$ git add .



tracked : hello.txt

Now I add another file

hello1.txt and

modify hello.txt



\$ git status



modified : hello.txt

untracked : hello1.txt



\$ git commit -a -m "Direct commit"



untracked : hello1.txt

[command to
skip staging
area]

[Remember only tracked

files are committed and

untracked files are not committed]



\$ git add hello1.txt



\$ git status



working tree clean

How to rename/move and delete files using git commands

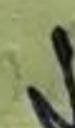
I have a git repository having files one.txt, second.txt all tracked



\$ git status



working tree clean



Now I open folder and rename one.txt to third.txt



\$ git status



deleted :- one.txt

added :- third.txt

[But I had renamed one.txt not deleted, so git does not understand this]



\$ git add --a



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renamed: ~~second~~^{one}.txt → third.txt

[Now, git understood that I had renamed]



git commit -m "rename one.txt
to third.txt"



\$ git status



working tree clean.

DELETION: ~~one~~

Suppose I have a file
one.txt in my repo

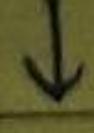


\$ git rm one.txt

removed one.txt



\$ git status



~~one~~ deleted : one.txt

[Here git stages
the file on its
own]

Renaming:

If I have a file named
first.txt

\$ git mv first.txt first-renamed.txt

File in the folder is renamed!

\$ git status

renamed : first.txt → first-renamed.txt

[Here it stages
file by default]

UNTRACKING

Suppose I have files F_1 , F_2 and want to ignore F_1 . So I put it into .gitignore file



\$ git status



modified .gitignore



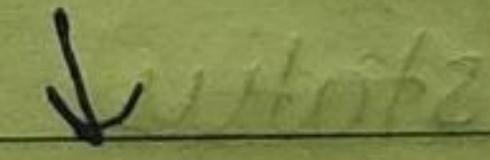
\$ git add .



\$ git commit -m "changed .gitignore"



Now I add something in F_1



\$ git status



modified : F_1

{ You may think why it is showing this since I had put it in gitignore.

It is because it was tracking it from start. We have to untrack it}

\$ git rm --cached F₁

\$ git status

deleted : ~~File~~ F₁ { It is not
deleted only
untracked but
git shows
deleted msg }

\$ git commit -m "removed F₁"

\$ git status

working tree clean

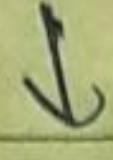
If I add again something into F₁

\$ git status

working tree clean

Now If I remove F1 from

.gitignore file



\$ git status



untracked file : F1

modified : .gitignore

Viewing and changing commits in git using Git commands

git log is the command to view commits in gitbash.

\$ git log -p → along with commit shows what is removed and added

\$ git log -p -2 → a commit & shows what is added & removed

{ you can replace 2 with 3, 4, 5, 6, n and will show that many commits}

\$ git log --stat → shows in short how many lines are added and removed

\$ git log --pretty = one line → shows commit in one line

\$ git log --pretty = short → shows commit in short

\$ git log --pretty = full → shows commit in long form

\$ git log --since = 2 days → filters according to time

? Instead of day you can add 'months' & 'years'

\$ git log --pretty=format:"%h--%an"

↑ ↑
h = hash author name

{ visit website ^{search}, ^{git scm useful}
^{options for git log}
formal }

\$ git log --pretty=format:"%h--%ae"

↑ ↑
hash author email

If you want to amend your previous commit message then,

\$ git commit --amend

It will open an editor

i = to edit in editor

type → escape :wq + enter = to exit

Git commands to unstage and unmodify files in gitbash

I have a file first.txt
in my project



\$ git status



not a git repo



\$ git init



\$ git status



No commits yet



\$ git add



\$ git commit -m "Initial commit"



\$ git status



working tree clean



Now we modify first.txt

↓

\$ git status

↓

modified : first.txt

↓

git add first.txt

↓

modified first.txt ... [staged]

↓

git restore --staged first.txt

→ (to unstage)

↓

\$ git status

↓

modified : first.txt ... (unstaged)

Now suppose I delete my entire
content in first.txt

↓

\$ git status

↓

modified : first.txt ... (I have
deleted but it shows
modified)

↓

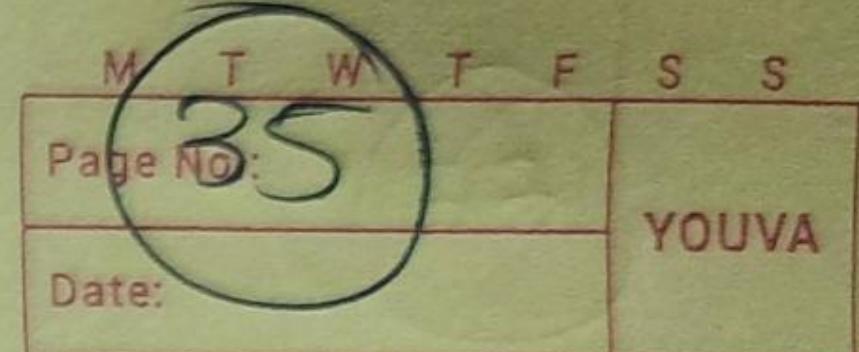
git checkout --first.txt

↓

my entire content will be
recovered!

But if I modified it, staged it
and then commanded
git checkout --first.txt
it won't work.

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If you have modified 50
files and want to go
to previous commit use

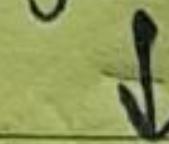
\$ git checkout -f

What is Alias?

Alias means instead of writing big command write it in short form

For eg.

\$ git status



working tree

clean



git st



Git will not understand
this

\$ git config --global alias.st 'status'

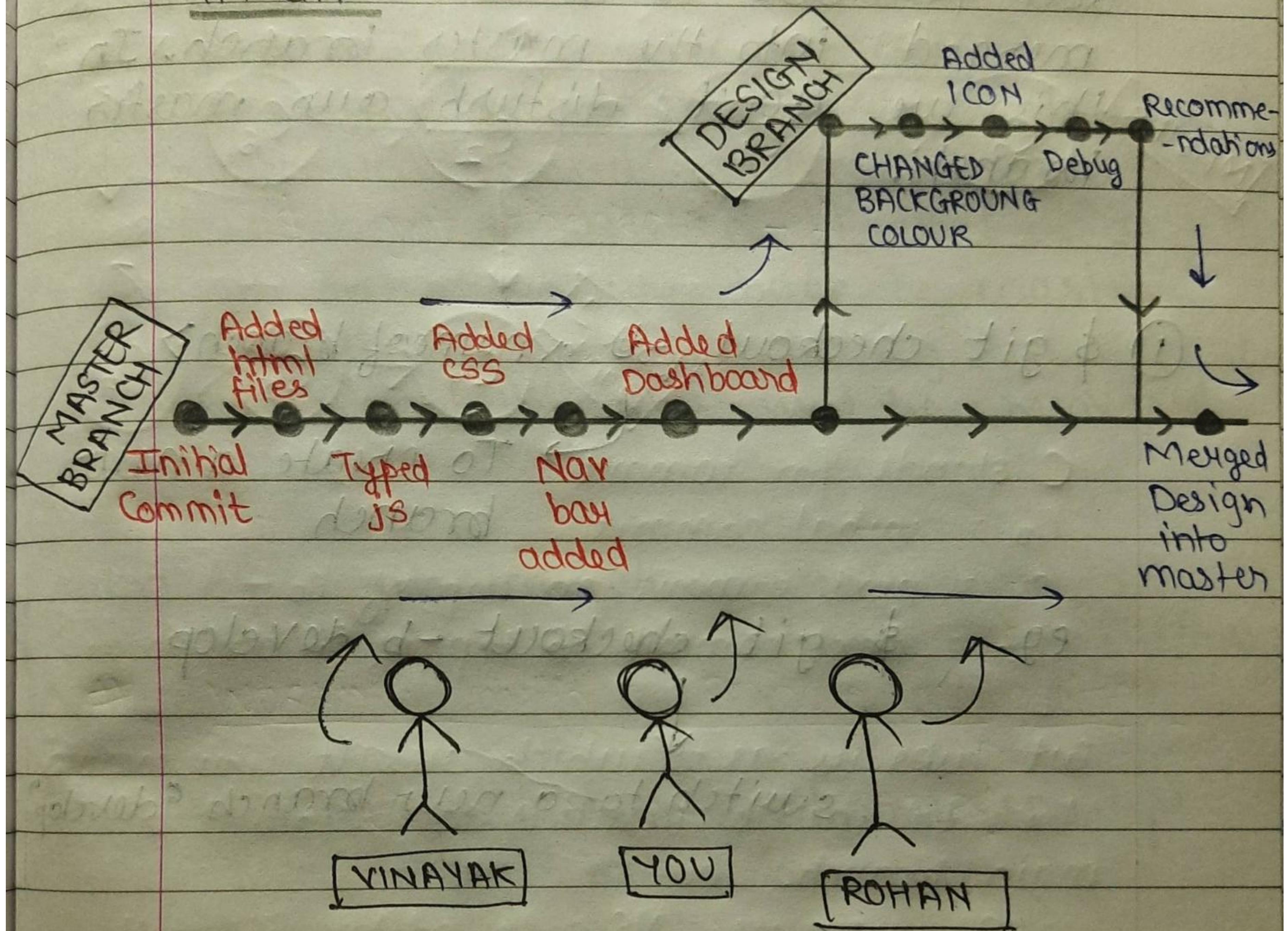


\$ git st



working tree clean

HOW TO CREATE BRANCHES AND SWITCH BRANCHES IN GIT



Suppose we are working on a e-commerce website. The main website which we are seeing is the master branch. If we try to add features on master branch without creating a different branch and it doesn't work then it can affect income & our brand status.

Therefore, we create a branch and add features to it which is later on merged into the master branch. In this we don't disturb our master branch.

① \$ git checkout -b <name of branch>

↳ To create a new branch

e.g. \$ git checkout -b develop



switch to a new branch 'develop'

② \$ git checkout master → To return

back to
master branch

Suppose your master branch contains files F₁, F₂, F₃, F₄ and temp.csv and you command "\$ git checkout -b develop" and switched to new branch and deleted F₁ & F₂. If you ~~return~~ return back to master branch using command "git checkout master" all the files will be recovered.

③ \$ git branch → To show all branches out there

④ If you want to merge branch 'Develop' into 'Master' branch

Make ~~sure~~ sure you
in master branch

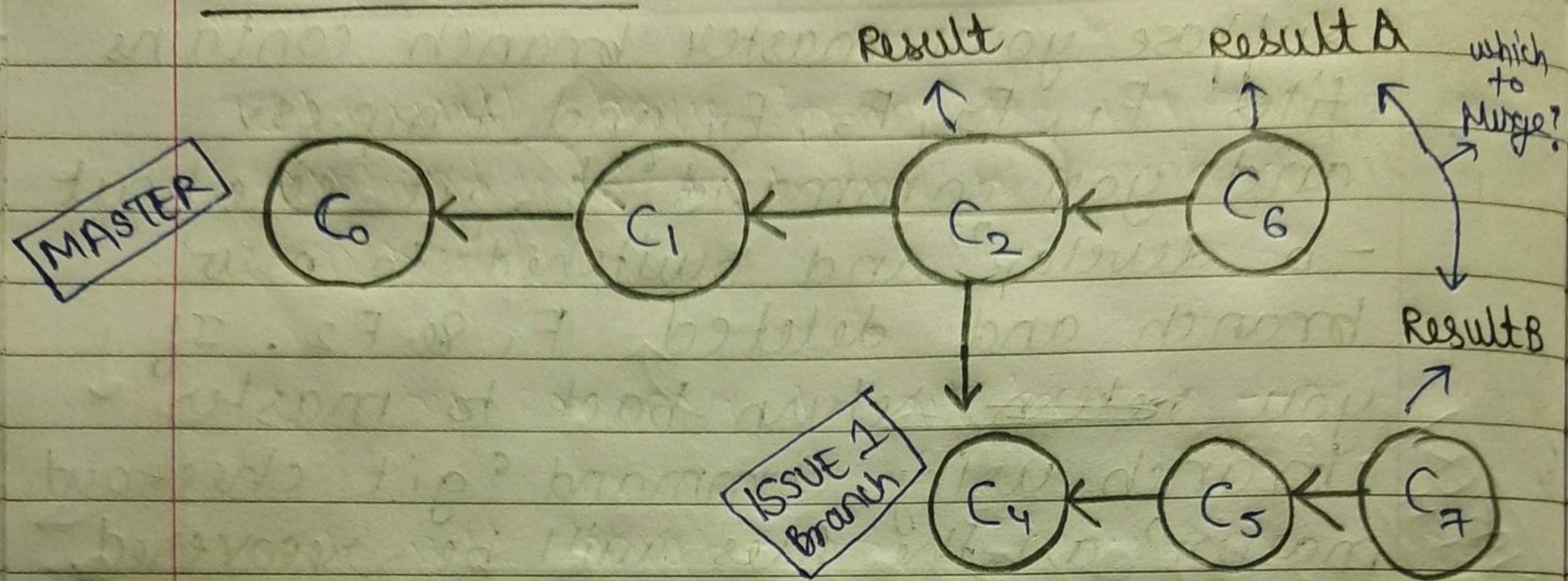


\$ git merge Develop



Whoopee merged!

MERGE CONFLICTS



C stands for commit

C₀ = initial commit

C₁ = next commit on top of C₀

C₂ = next commit on top of C₁, and so on

Git asks us as to which result you would love to merge Result A or B into the main branch.

If you use VS code editor, it will mark two choices with conflict resolution markers which looks like :-

" " <<<<< "

Obviously, in real time projects you will have two or more outcomes and you can do merging using git command :-

\$ git add ~~filename~~ filename.type

[Just make sure that while merging you are in master branch and applying this git command there]

HOW TO MANAGE BRANCHES : AN ADVICE FROM A SR. ENGINEER

If you command git branch

* master ← main branch
develop } other branches
system } depending on project
XYZ...

In git making branches is not expensive, it does not require storage, it only saves only changes and leaves a pointer on previous commit.

If you command:- git branch -v

* master commit hash commit msg
develop 97b1g72zx "Fixed bug"

If you command `git branch --merged`

It will show branches you are currently in + branches you had merged

If you command `git branch --no-merged`

It will show branches you have not merged.

If you command `git branch -d develop`

name
of
branch

It will first give error to confirm that you are not deleting by mistakenly and will ask ~~to~~ you to type capital.

∴ `git branch -D develop`

Then it will delete branch!

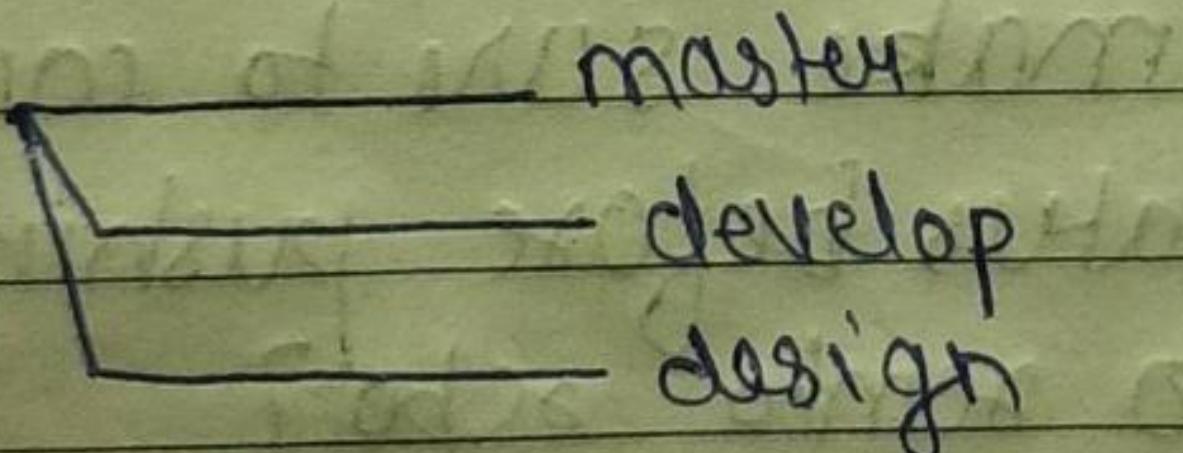
BRANCHING WORKFLOW

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LONG RUNNING BRANCHES

This branches as name indicates are long. They exists till the project exists.

For example:-



master branch will contain main code, in develop your development will be done & same with design, they all are long running to keep upgrading project.

TOPIC BRANCHES

It is a short lived branch that you create and use for a single particular feature or related work.

They are typically lightweight branches that you create locally and that have a name that is meaningful to you.

PUSHING GIT BRANCHES IN REMOTE REPOSITORIES

To do this, go to the branch you want to push.

For example :- If I want to push develop branch into remote repo I should be in develop branch (If you're not use git command ~~git checkout develop~~) and then to push it use command ~~git~~ :

`git push origin develop`

[Remember make sure to commit & check git status before pushing your branch into remote repo]

If you want to name develop branch name in your local system to newdevelop in remote repository, use command :

`git push origin develop: newdevelop`

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