



**STORM  
HACKS**

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**GIT / GITHUB  
WORKSHOP**

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# BEFORE YOU GET STARTED...

## 1 INSTALL GIT

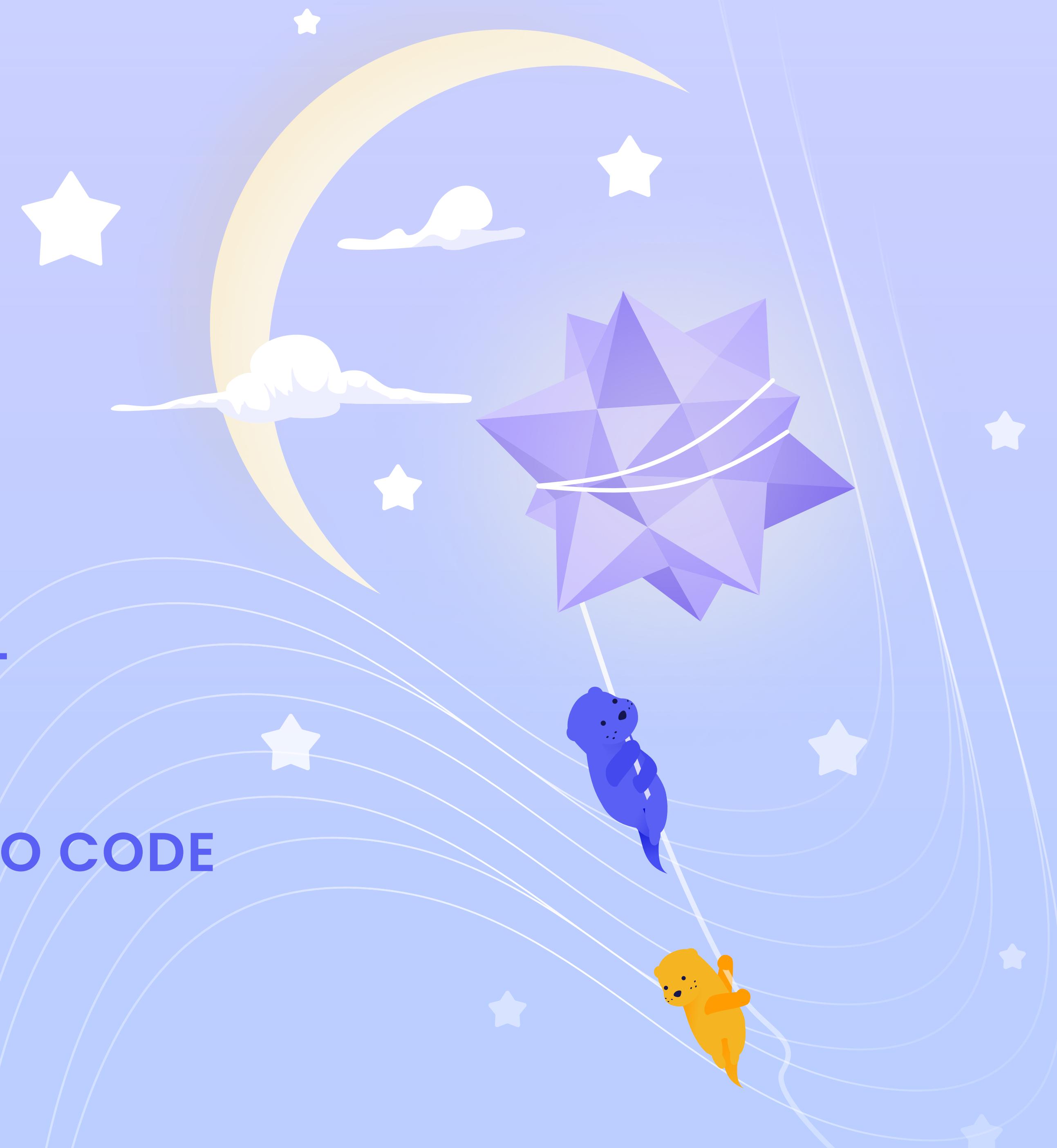
<https://github.com/git-guides/install-git>

## 2 MAKE A GITHUB ACCOUNT

<https://github.com/join>

## 3 DOWNLOAD VISUAL STUDIO CODE

<https://code.visualstudio.com/download>



# FULL SCHEDULE

## PART ONE

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## PART TWO

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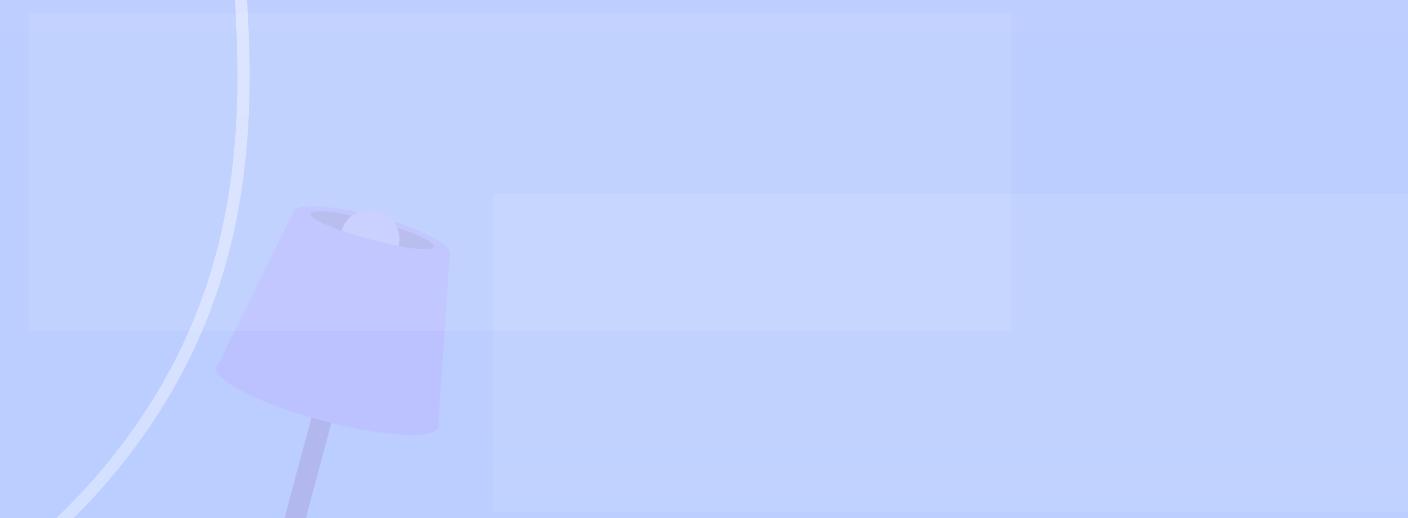
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# WHAT IS GIT?



# VERSION CONTROL: BASICS

- Keeps track of a history of changes to software code
- Allows for collaborative development
- Lets us go back and revert to older versions of our work

# SO, GIT IS...

- A type of version control
- A distributed version control system, which means you can work offline!
- (A centralized version control system needs to be online)

# GIT AND GITHUB DIFFERENCE

- Git = version control; keeps track of source code + history
- GitHub = cloud-based hosting service; helps you manage Git repositories

# WHAT IS A REPOSITORY?

- Where Git stores the metadata and object database for the project
  - Aka all the files related to your code!
- Each developer has a copy of the code in a local repo on their computer and (most likely) a remote repo on a server
  - Local repo: make changes to your own copy of the code

# HOW IS GIT USED?

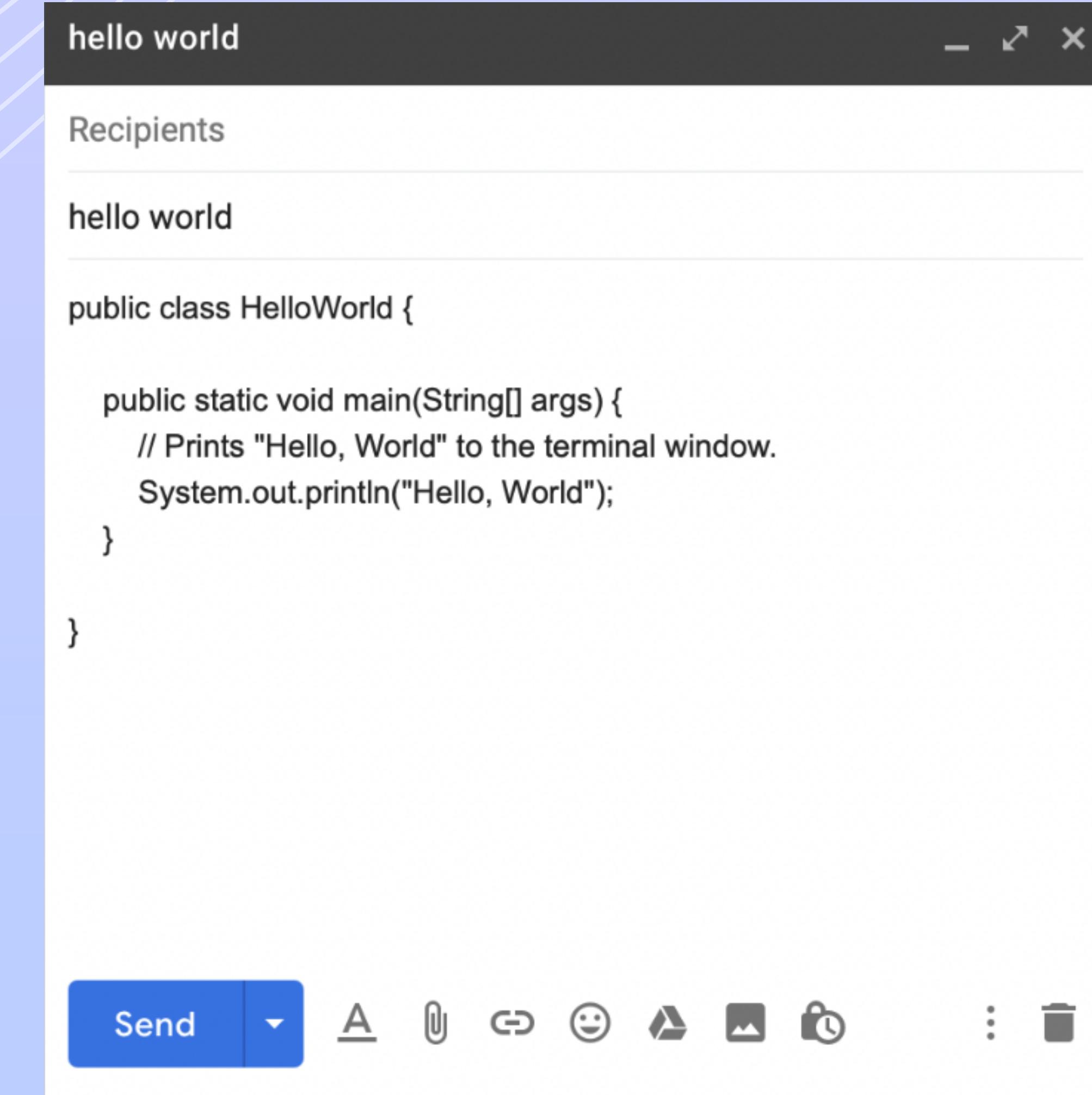




# HOW DO YOU COLLABORATE? (w/o GIT?)



```
public class HelloWorld {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // Prints "Hello, World" to the terminal window.  
        System.out.println("Hello, World");  
    }  
  
}
```





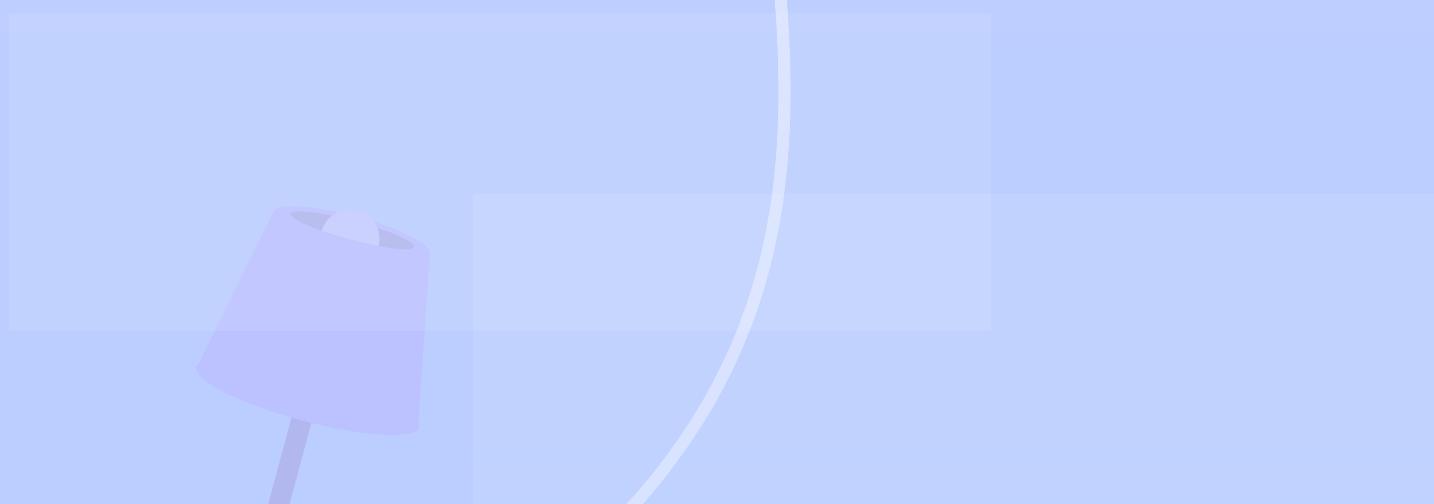
# MORE ABOUT GIT...

# THE 3 STAGES OF A GIT FILE

- **Modified:** changed but not stored in repo yet - READY
- **Staged:** marked that this goes into the next commit to be stored into repo - GET SET
- **Committed:** stored into repo - GO
  - Sort of like a snapshot: when you commit, Git saves a “picture” of what your files look like
  - Each commit represents the changes made to your project in the past, along with details about when it was modified + who made the changes, along with an included message.



**LET'S USE GIT!**



# STEP 1: INSTALLATION

- Instructions: <https://github.com/git-guides/install-git>
- Check if installed correctly:

```
git --version
```

# STEP 2: CONFIGURE

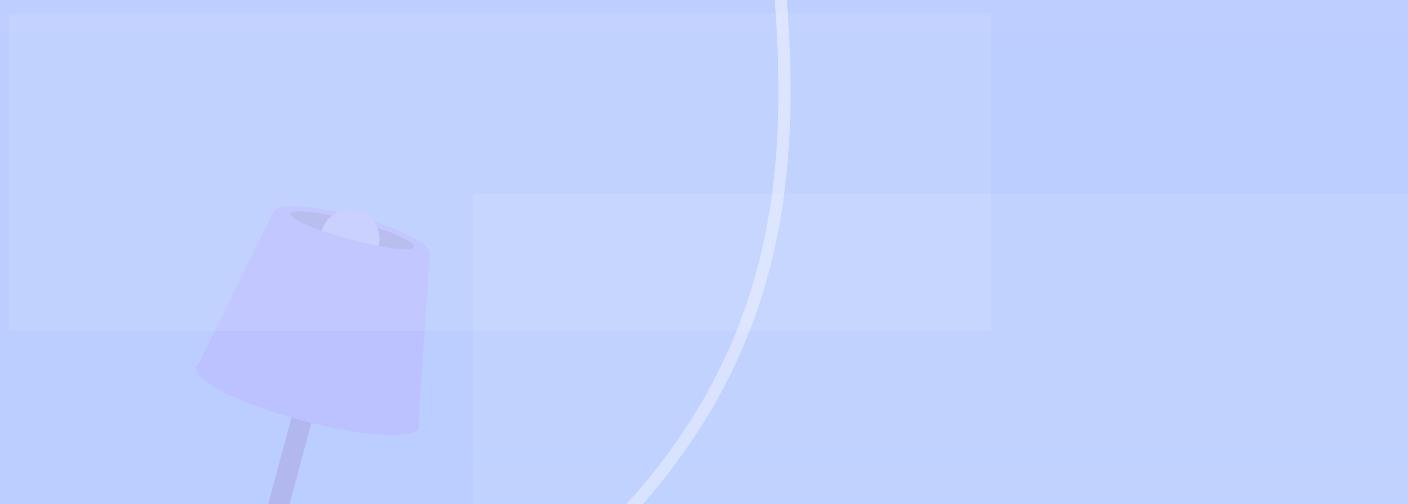
- Making sure your contributions can be identified (+ give you those beautiful commit squares on your GitHub profile!)

```
git config --global user.name "<your name>"  
git config --global user.email <email>
```

```
git config --list
```



# LET'S CREATE OUR REPO!



# STEP 3: CREATE AND CLONE

## CREATE

- Name the repo after your username
- Add a README file, Open up the dropdown + copy the repo link
- OR: Create a new repo + clone into Documents folder!
  - cd <folder>

## CLONE

- Creates a folder that you can work on locally (offline)

```
git clone <repo link>
```

# STEP 4: EDIT!

- Navigate to the folder for the repo on your computer and open up the README.md file with Visual Studio Code
- I'll give you all ~ 5 minutes to write what you'd like to share with the world!
- Please react in Zoom to let me know if the workshop speed is okay so far!
- When you're done, save your file (ctrl-s/cmd-s)
  - in terms of Git stages, your file is now modified!!!

# STEP 5: SEE + STAGE CHANGES

```
git status
```

- View differences between your working directory and your git local repo
- This adds all the files in your folder to staging

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```
git add .
```

- The code snippets doc has other adding options (single file, multiple specific files) in the toggle if you're interested!

# STEP 6: LET'S COMMIT!

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

- Makes a new commit to the local repo with the given commit message

# STEP 7: LET'S PUSH!

```
git push
```

- Pushes your changes up to the remote repository
- It's possible for you to wait and push several commits at once, if that's more your style

## STEP 8: LET'S REVIEW

```
git log
```

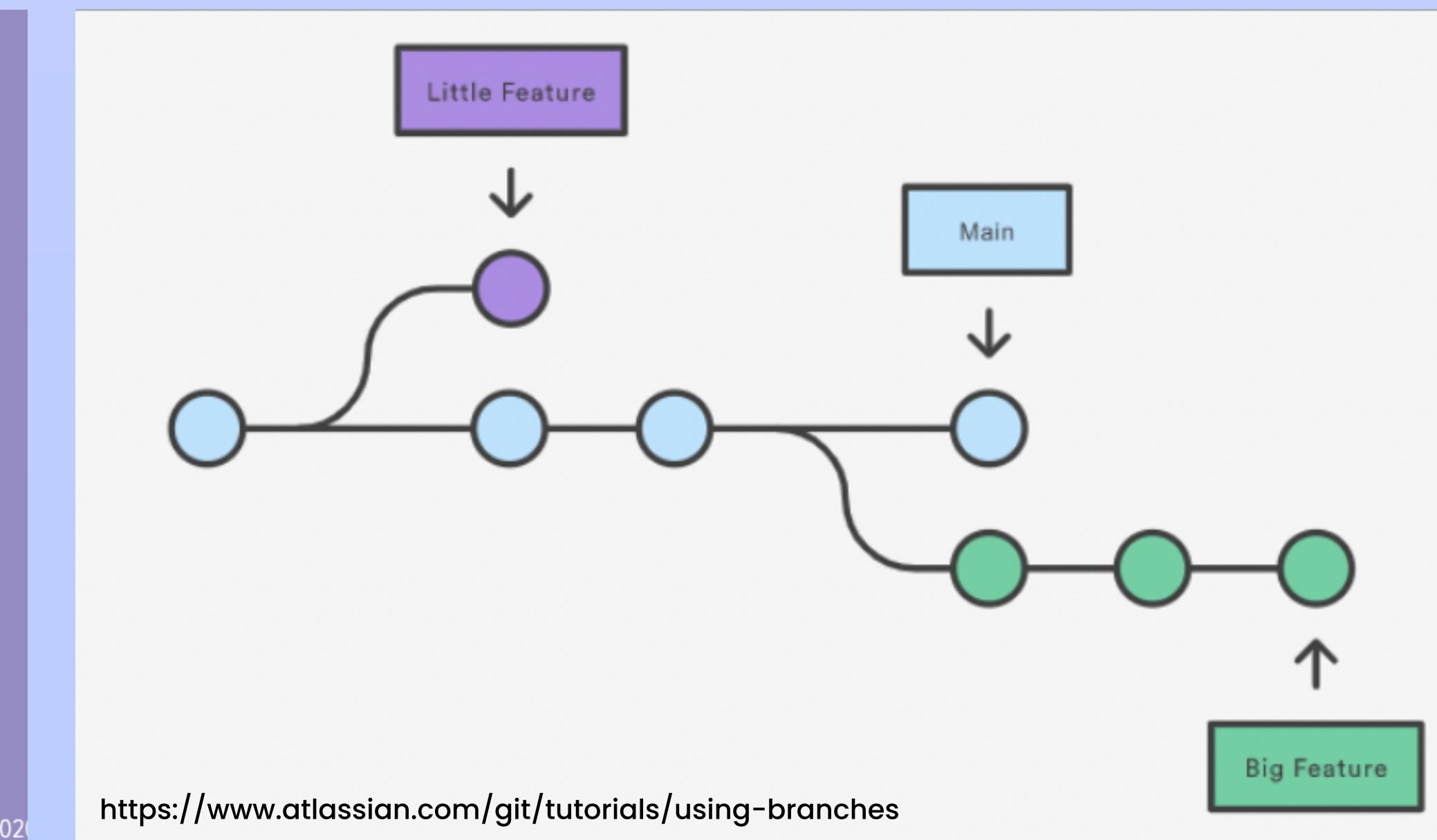
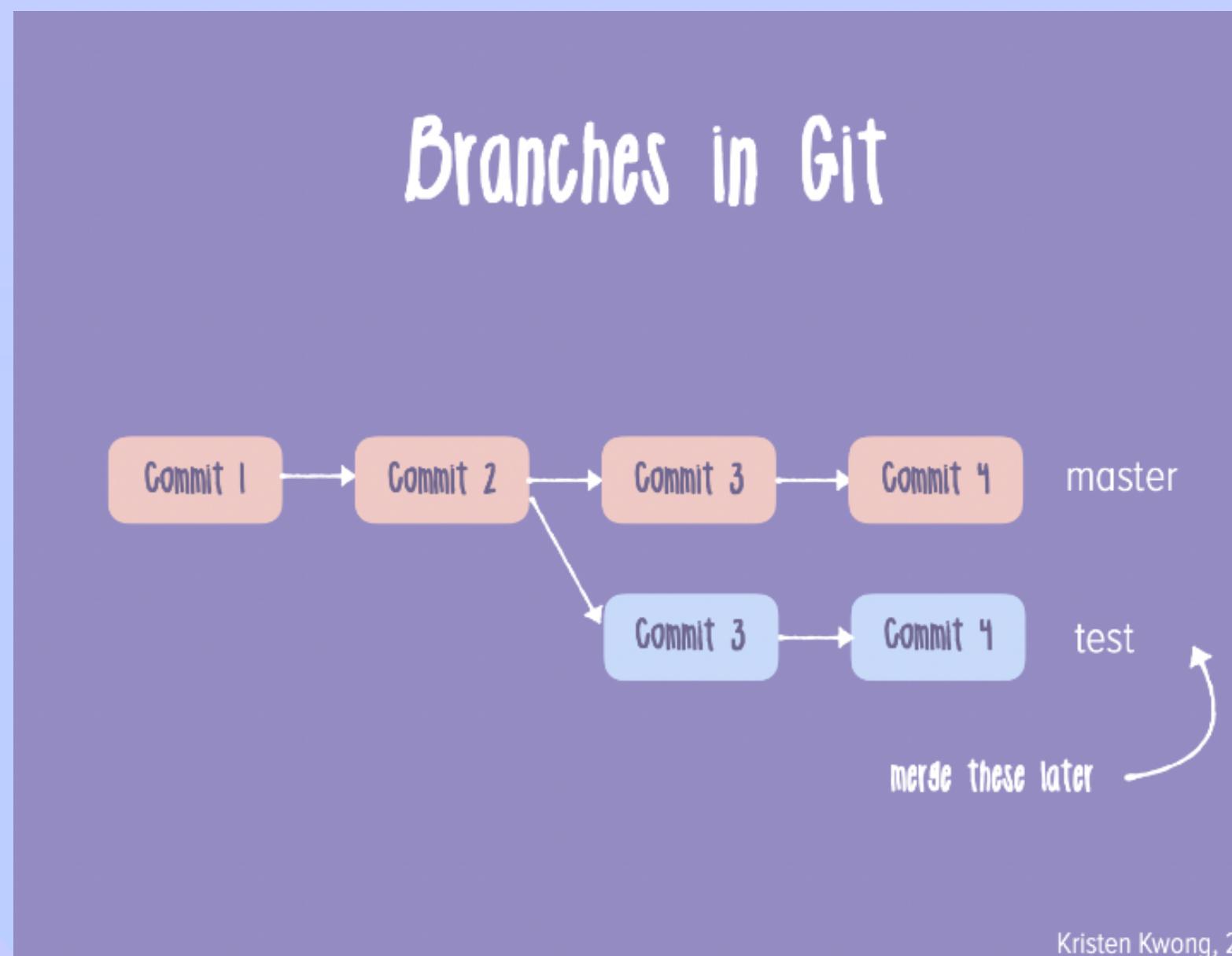
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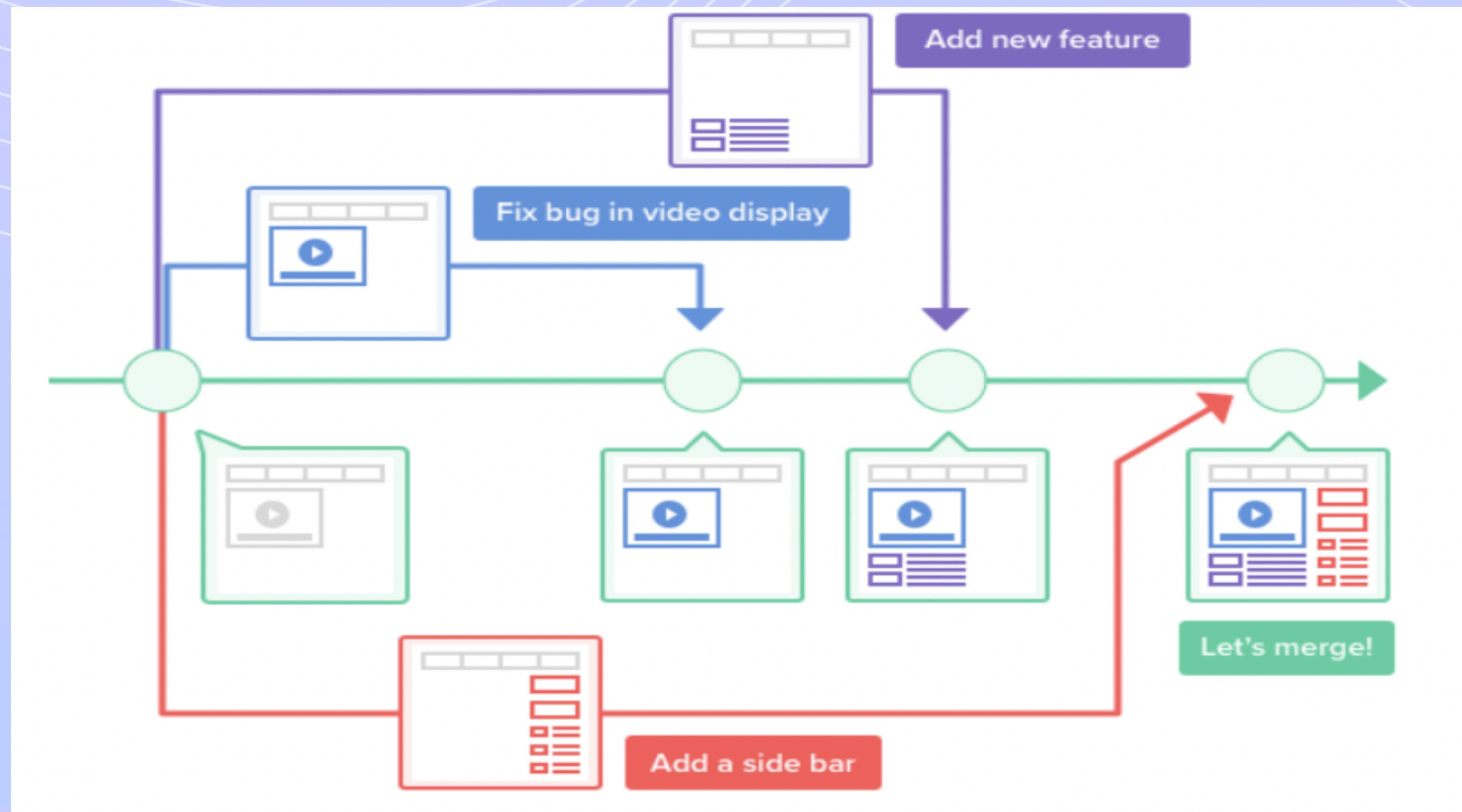


# BRANCHES

# WHAT ARE BRANCHES?

- Branching is when you diverge from the main line of development and work directly on your own independent line





# PROS...

- Really helpful if you're focusing on specific pieces of the project and collaborating with others!
  - Makes sure you don't have to do too much work to get old code back (because you're isolating your work from others!)
  - Changes in other branches will not affect your work unless you pull them.
  - Helps you to solve any conflicts between you and your collaborators' code + make the best choices for the project!

# STEP 9: LET'S MAKE SOME!

```
git branch <name>
```

- You can use the below command to make a new branch
- If you want to make a new branch and go directly to it, you can use the command in the toggle in the code snippet doc

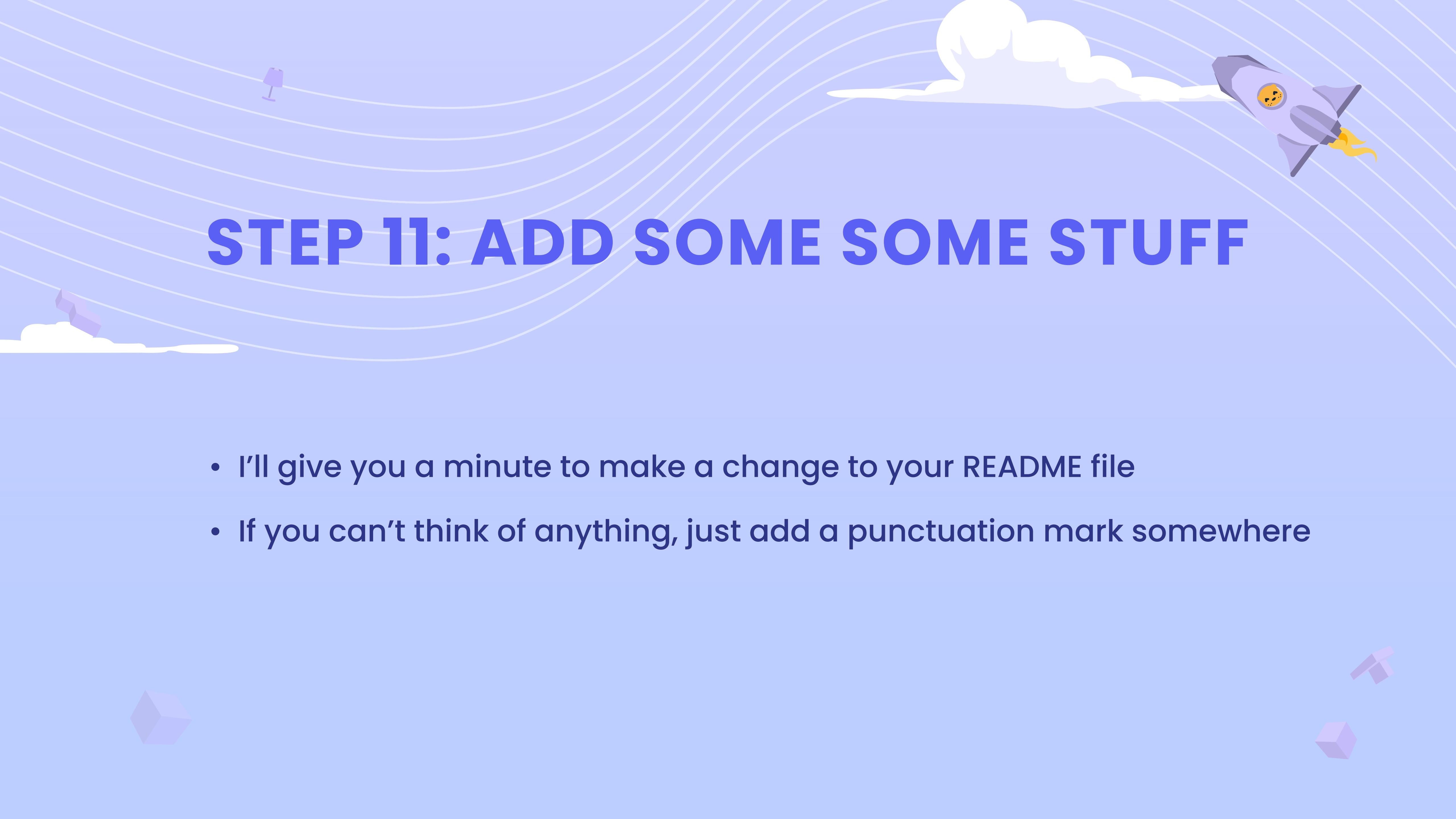
# STEP 10: SOME COOL THINGS YOU CAN DO

- List all branches:

```
git branch
```

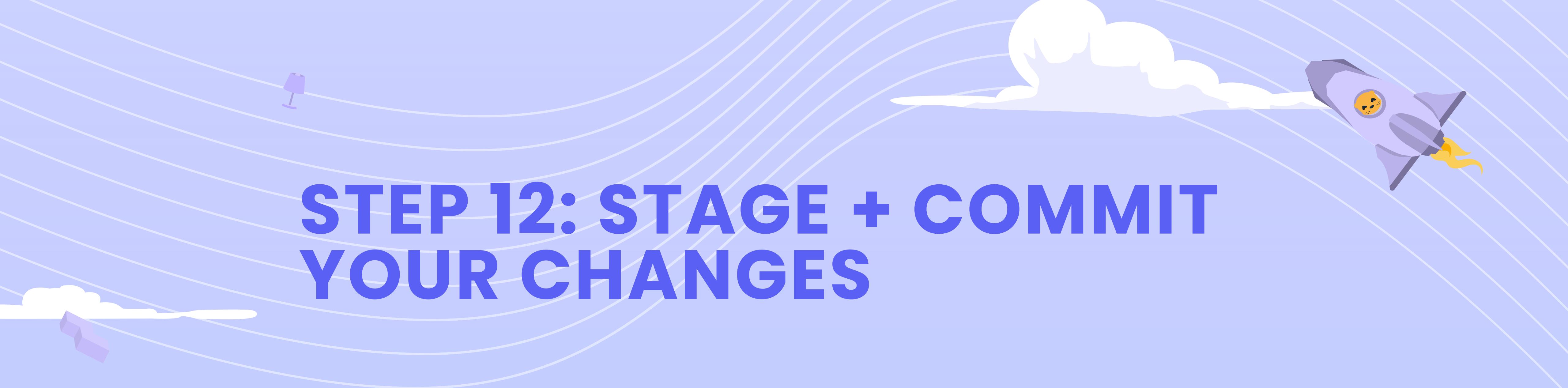
- Go to a specific branch:

```
git checkout <name>
```



# STEP 11: ADD SOME SOME STUFF

- I'll give you a minute to make a change to your README file
- If you can't think of anything, just add a punctuation mark somewhere



# STEP 12: STAGE + COMMIT YOUR CHANGES

- Fun trick that can make things easier – you can actually do both at once!

```
git commit -am "<commit message>"
```

# STEP 13: MERGE BRANCHES

```
git merge main
```

- Merge the new code into main (merging the main branch into the outside branch)!
  - Already up to date

# STEP 14: PUSH IT

- Our branch has only been created on our local machines, so we'll need to use a special command to push our branch up to the remote repo

```
git push -u origin <branch>
```



# PULL REQUESTS

# PULL REQUESTS...

- You might want others to review your code before you push to master
- Why?
  - You might not want to share code that's incomplete
  - It's also not that great to push to master – it might break other people's code
- After pushing your new branch to the remote repo, you can create a pull request to merge it with main

# STEP 15: LET'S PULL IT!

- Compare + pull request
- Create pull request
- Merge pull request

# FINALE!

- Make sure you get these remote updates on your local machine
- Pulling is super important if you're working with other people, because they'll be updating it too!

```
git pull origin main
```

# Shortcuts & Basic Team Workflow

- 1 Make a repo right on GitHub. Share link with team.
- 2 Team members will use `git clone <link>`
- 3 Someone works on stuff. They push with  
`git push -u origin <branch>` to the remote.
- 4 They will make and merge the pull request.
- 5 Everyone else uses `git pull` to get the changes.
- 6 Repeat Steps 3 - 5 until project is done ✨



**5 MINUTE  
BREAK!**

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# REBASING

```
git rebase <branch>
```

- An alternative to merging
- Used when you want to introduce changes from the main branch into your feature branch

# REWRITING HISTORY

```
git rebase -i <branch>
```

- Can rewrite your commit history
- Only use for local commit history and should never be used to alter the main branch's commit history
- This will open a built-in editor called the Vim editor where you can edit your commit history

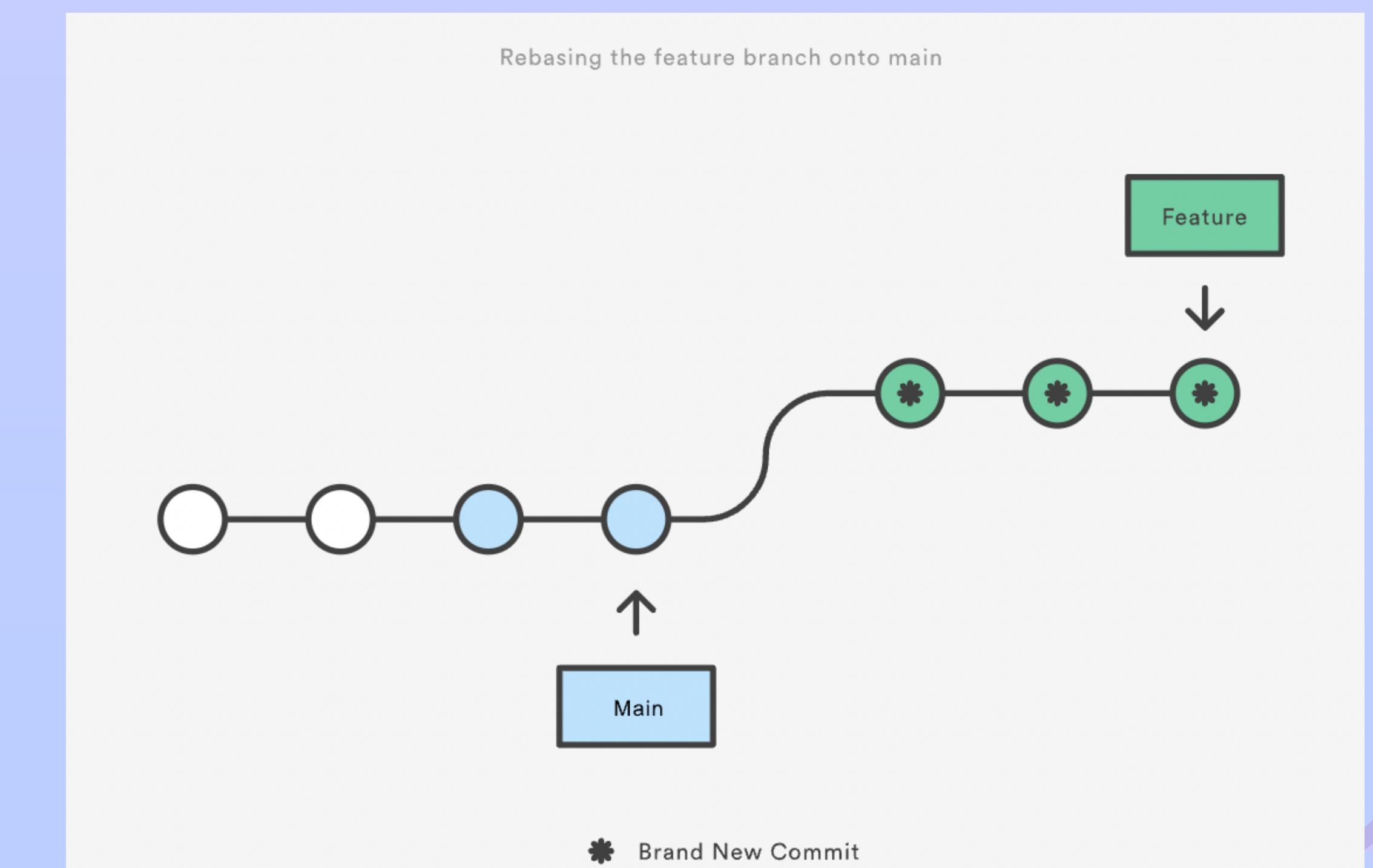
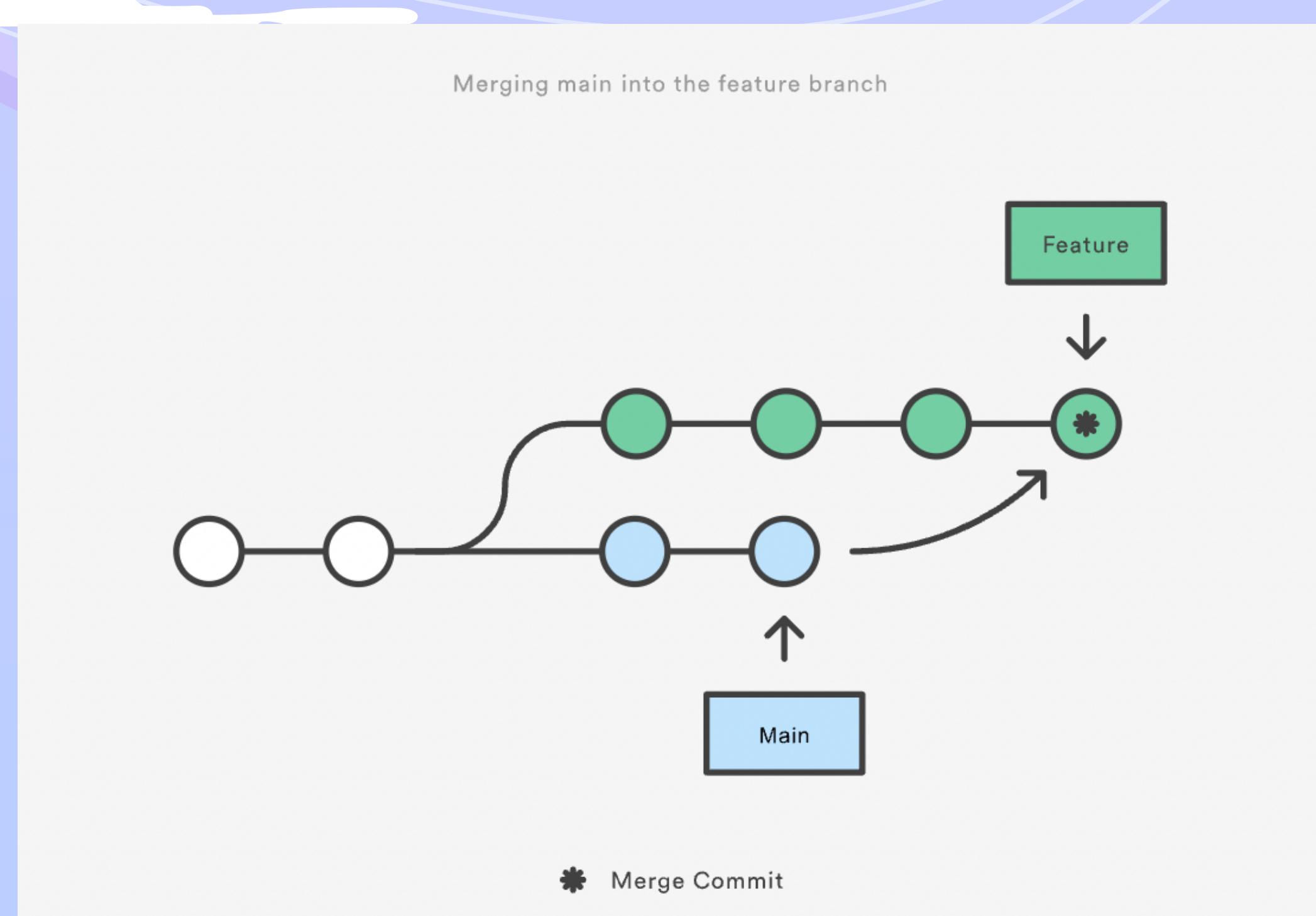
# MERGE CONFLICTS

```
git merge <branch>  
git rebase <branch>
```

- Occur when changes are made to the same file in 2 different branches
- Solved by choosing what changes are kept

# MERGING VS REBASING

White = old main branch  
Blue = new changes to main branch  
Green = new changes to feature branch



# MERGING VS REBASING

## MERGING PROS

- Overall easier to understand
- Simpler to merge branches and solve conflicts

## MERGING CONS

- Extra commit dedicated to merge

## REBASING PROS

- More control over commit history
- Cleaner & linear commit history
- No extra commit

## REBASING CONS

- Overall more difficult to understand
- Merging branches and solving conflicts can get complex

# REVERTING

- Undoing a commit with another commit
- Produces a list of all the previous commits on the repo
- Commit hash
  - A commit's "name" represented by a string of hexadecimal values
- Reverts the commit with the commit hash

```
git revert <commit hash>
```



# QUESTIONS!

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

We look forward to seeing you at SFU  
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If you have any questions, comments,  
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