

# **LAB #2**

**Adv. CiC  
Spring 2026**

# Agenda

1. Housekeeping
2. Merge Conflicts
3. UI vs. Terminal
4. Review: Project Management
5. Lab 2 Exercise



# Housekeeping

## Due this past week

- Reading 1
- Lab 1

*Late policy:* up to 1 week for labs & projects; -5%/day

## Upcoming

1. Project, pt. 1 - **2/5 @ 3pm**
2. Reading 2 - **2/5 @ 3pm**
3. Lab 2 - **2/6 @ 1pm**

## Additional Resources

- Online tools
  - Google, ChatGPT, etc.
  - *Make sure to review AI policy!*
- **ED!!!**
- Office hours
  - 1 hr/week set time
  - Appts by email



Questions on Lab 1?

# Common Issues

- Merging into the wrong branch (instead of main)
- Making a PR into the wrong repo (your fork vs. class repo)
- Syncing your fork but not your local repo

## Comparing changes

Choose two branches to see what's changed or to start a new pull request. If you need to, you can also [compare across forks](#) or [learn more about diff comparisons](#).



base repository: advanced-computing/course...

base: spalle1997-lab1



head repository: spalle1997/course-materials



compare: spalle1997-patch-1

What's likely going wrong here? (w.r.t. Lab 1)

# Merge Conflicts

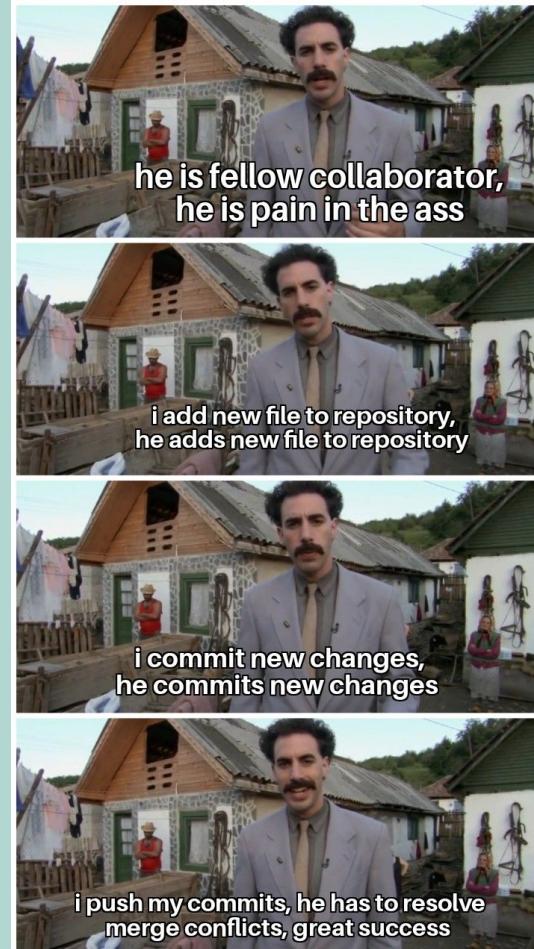
# What are merge conflicts?

when a version control system can't automatically  
combine changes from different branches

# Merge Conflicts: WHY?

## Why do they occur?

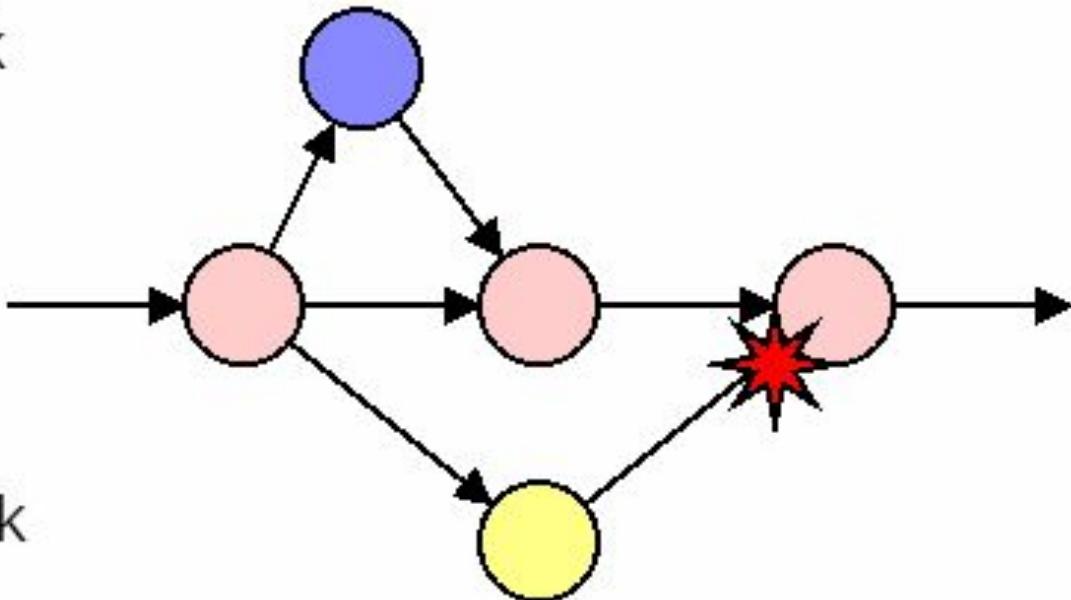
- **Simultaneous edits:** People change the same lines on different branches.
- **Delete vs. edit:** One branch deletes a file that another branch modifies.
- **Overlapping changes:** Both branches alter the same code section differently.



Bob's Work

Mainline

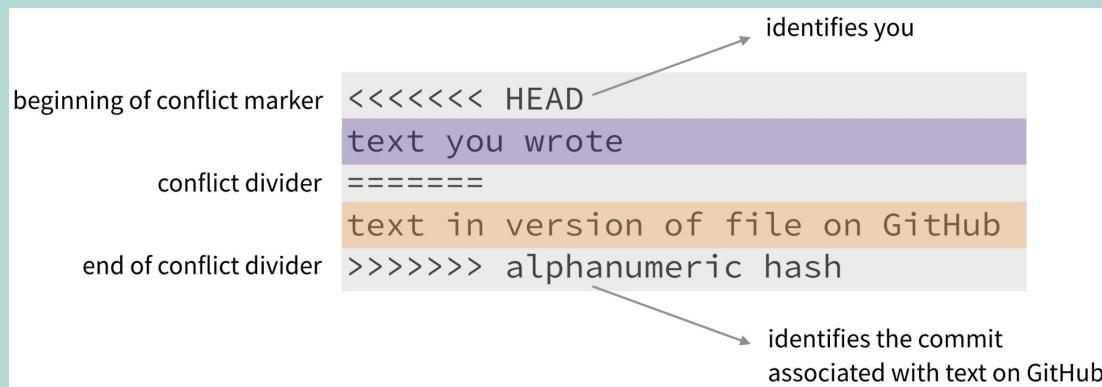
Alice's Work



# Merge Conflicts: WHAT?

## What do they look like?

- When you try to merge, Git will stop the process and tell you which files have conflicts
- Conflicted files contain markers like <<<<< HEAD, =====, >>>>>



```
13
14  /**
15   * Prints the welcome message
16  */
Accept Current Change | Accept Incoming Change | Accept Both Changes | Compare Changes
17 <<<<< HEAD (Current Change)
18 function printMessage(showUsage, message) {
19   console.log(message);
20
21 ===
22 function printMessage(showUsage, showVersion) {
23   console.log("Welcome To Line Counter");
24   if (showVersion) {
25     console.log("Version: 1.0.0");
26   }
27 >>>>> theirs (Incoming Change)
28   if (showUsage) {
29     console.log("Usage: node base.js <file1> <file2> ... ");
30   }
31 }
32
33 /**
You, 20 seconds ago Ln 11, Col 26 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 CRLF {} JavaScript ⚡ ⚡ ⚡
```

Resolve in Merge Editor

target.js ! Merging: target.js !

merge-git-playground > target.js > printMessage

Incoming ⚡ 7b18bdb \* theirs ... Current ⚡ b7bd9b1 \* main ...

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29   }
30 }
31
32 /**
33 /**
Accept Incoming | Accept Combination (Incoming First) | Ignore
Accept Current | Accept Combination (Current First) | Ignore
```

Result merge-git-playground|target.js

1 Conflict Remaining ...

```
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20   if (showUsage) {
21     console.log("Usage: node base.js <file1> <file2> ... ");
22 }
23
24 /**
25 /**
No Changes Accepted
```

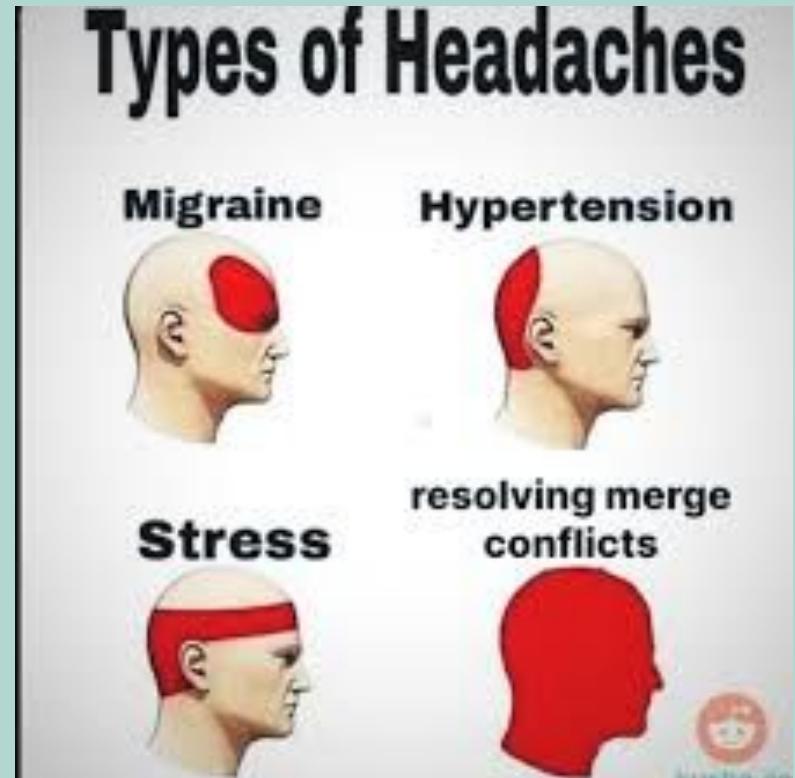
Complete Merge

main! ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ 0 0 △ 0 Not Logged In Ln 17, Col 31 Spaces: 4 CRLF {} JavaScript ⚡ ⚡ ⚡

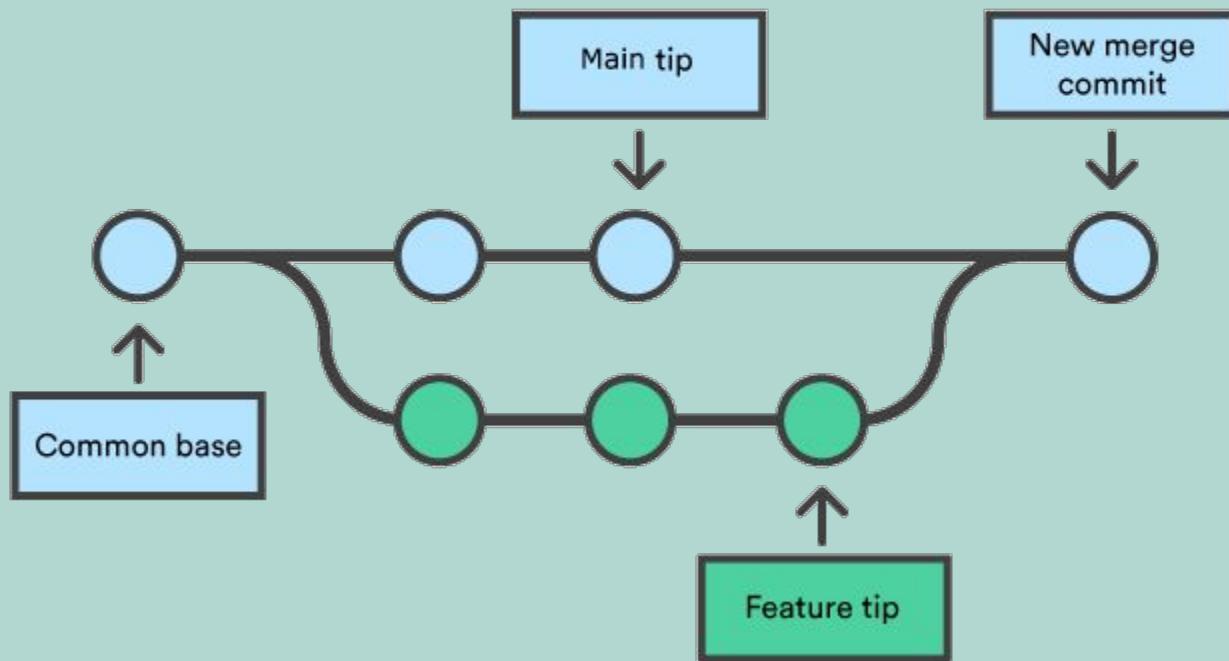
# Merge Conflicts: HOW?

## How do we resolve them?

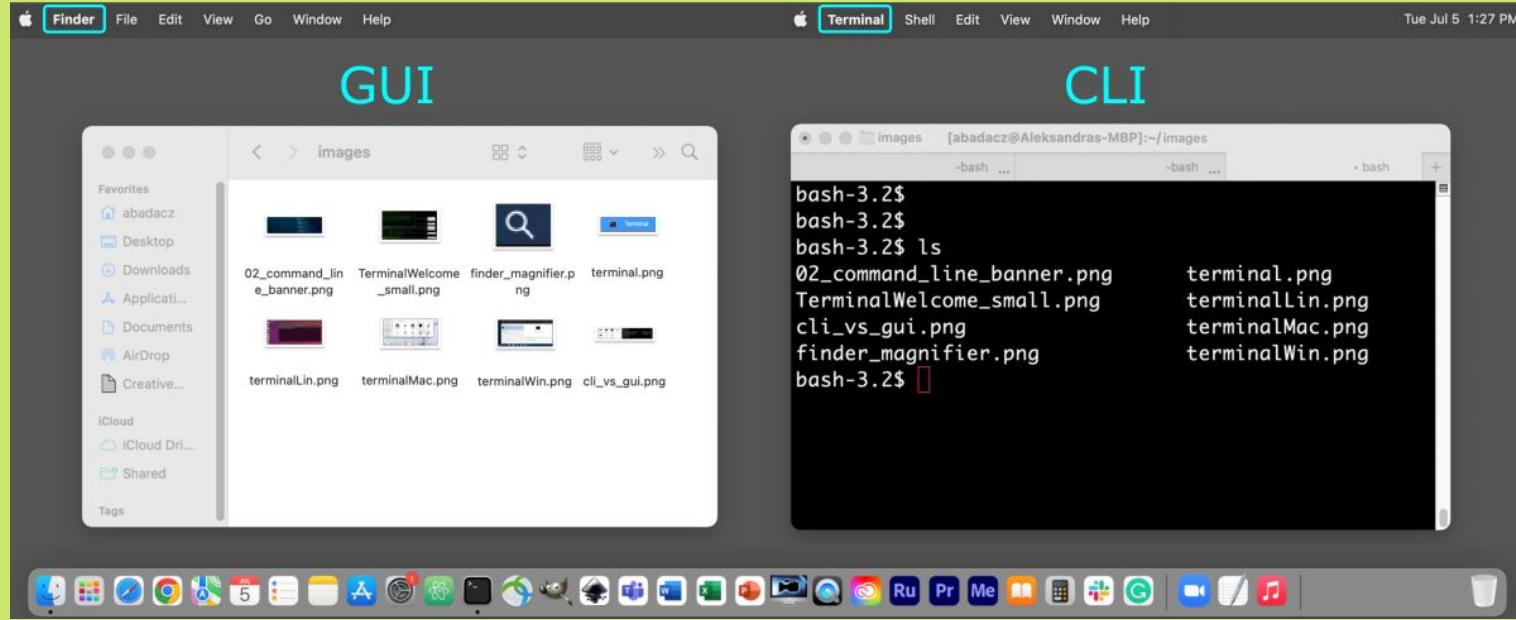
1. Open the conflicted file and review the marked sections.
2. Choose one version or combine changes.
3. Remove markers, (stage the file), and complete the merge.







# UI vs. Terminal



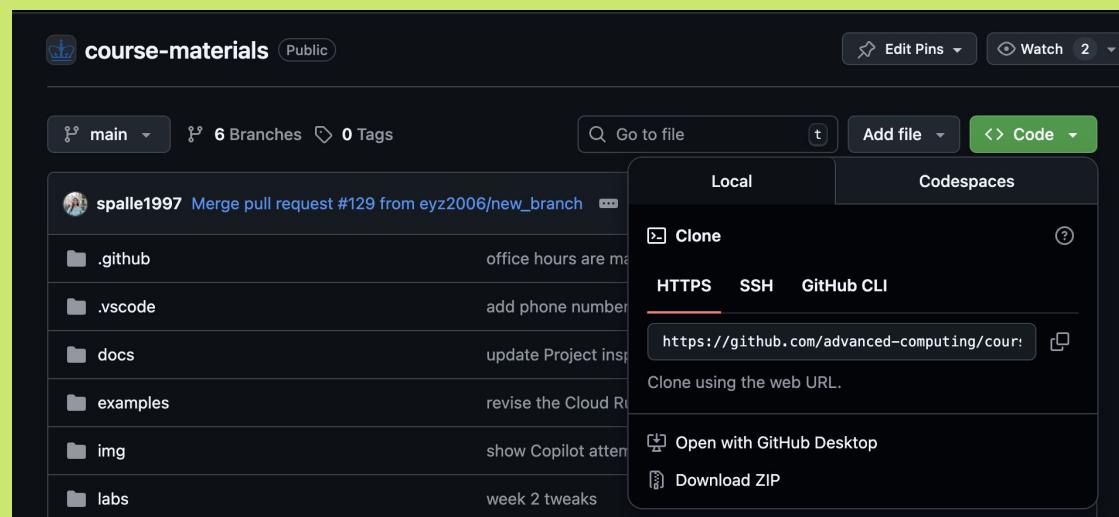
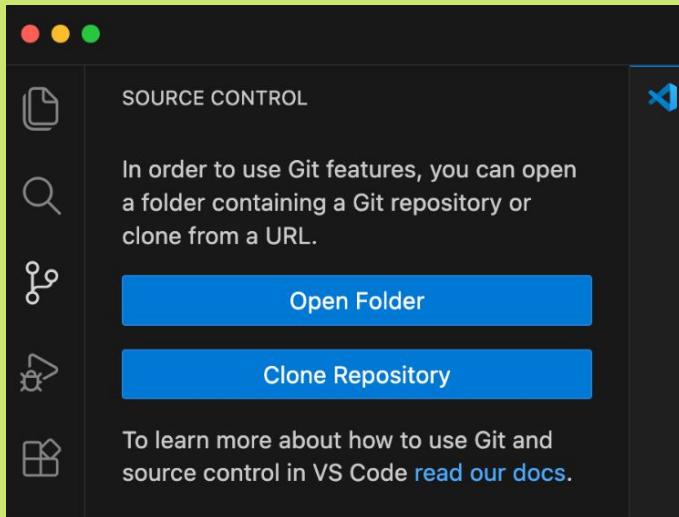
## Graphical User Interface (GUI)

- **Visual:** buttons, menus, and icons make actions easy to discover
- **Beginner-friendly:** lowers the learning curve for common tasks

## Command Line Interface (CLI)

- **Precise & fast:** direct commands give full control and speed
- **Powerful & scriptable:** enables automation and advanced workflows

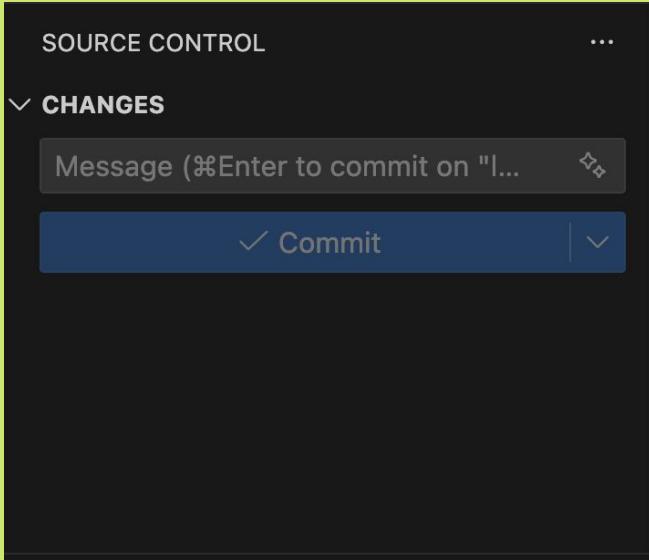
# Clone



Clone existing repo:

`git clone <url>`

# Commit



Commit (staged) changes:

**git commit -m <message>**

# Push/Pull

Push the current branch to (1) its remote “tracking branch” or (2) to *origin main* branch:

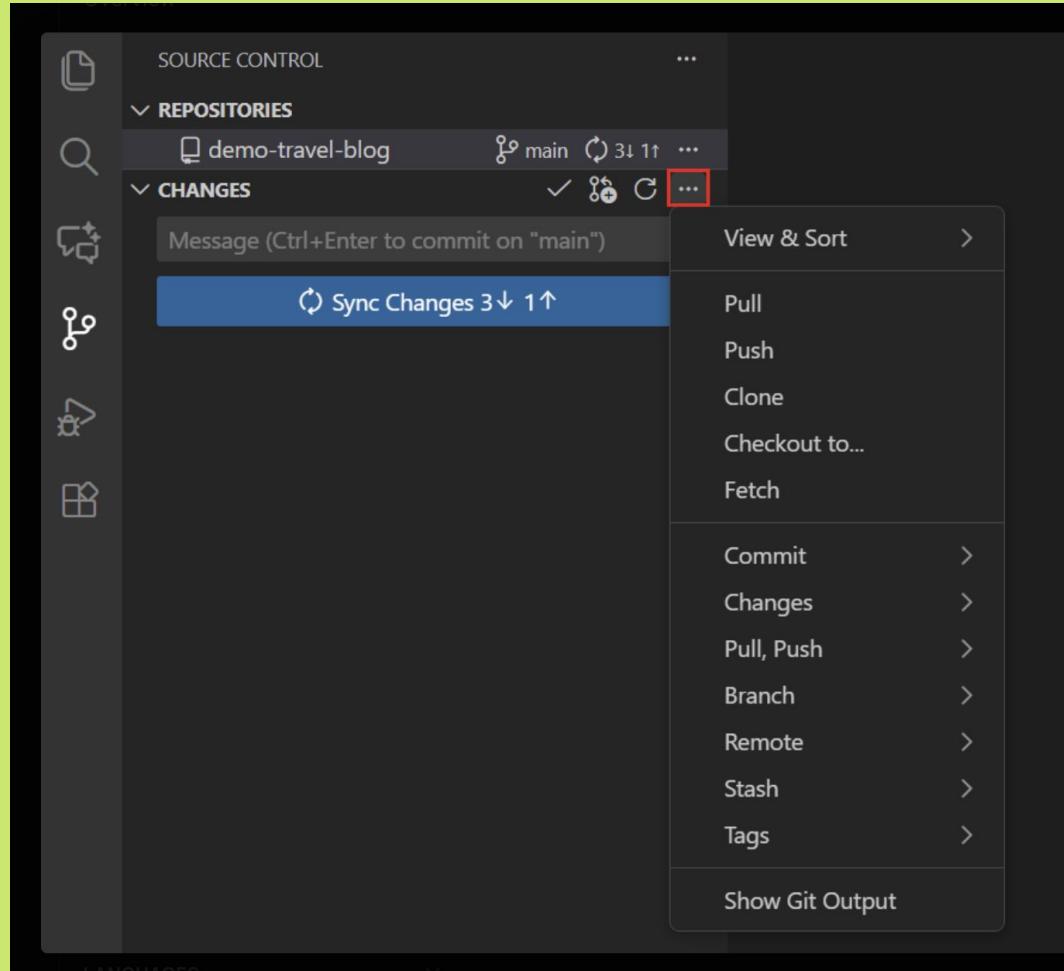
**git push**

**git push origin main**

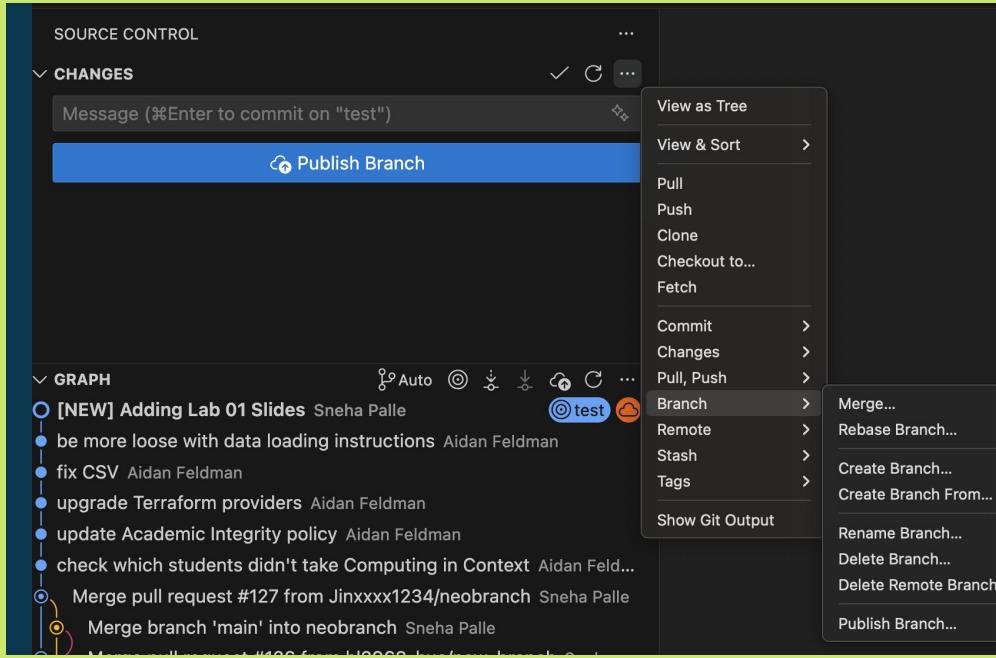
Fetch changes and then merge them into your current branch:

**git pull**

**git pull origin main**



# Branches



Make a new branch:  
**git checkout -b <branch>**

Switch branches:  
**git checkout <branch>**

Delete a branch (safety check):  
**git delete -d <branch>**

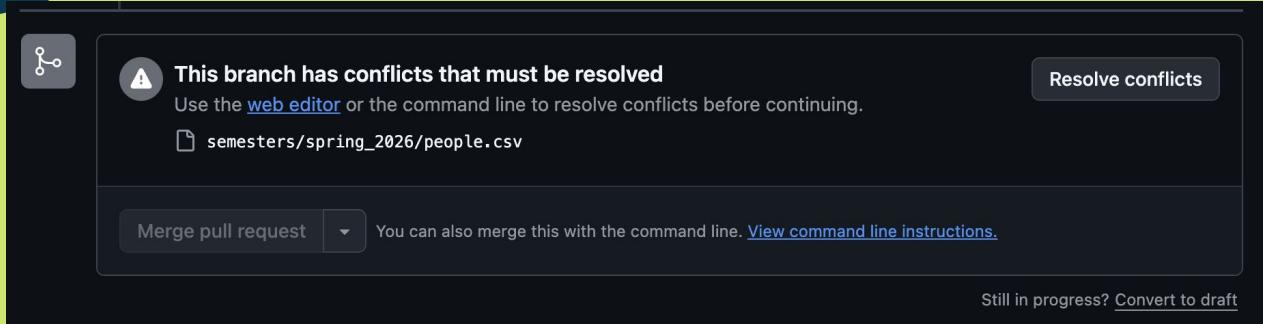
Force delete a branch:  
**git delete -D <branch>**

# GitHub UI: Pull Requests

Filters ▾  Labels 12 Milestones 0 New pull request

	Author ▾	Label ▾	Projects ▾	Milestones ▾	Reviews ▾	Assignee ▾	Sort ▾
<input type="checkbox"/>  3 Open ✓ 124 Closed							
<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Lab1 chenyi</b> #132 opened 8 hours ago by JocelynJIANG-12							
<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Add Indra Photo and Profile</b> #131 opened 10 hours ago by indrasuhyar							
<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Branch</b> #130 opened 14 hours ago by sf3318							

# GitHub UI: Merge Conflicts



Branch #130  
Resolving conflicts between `sf3318:branch` and `advanced-computing:main` and committing changes → `sf3318:branch`

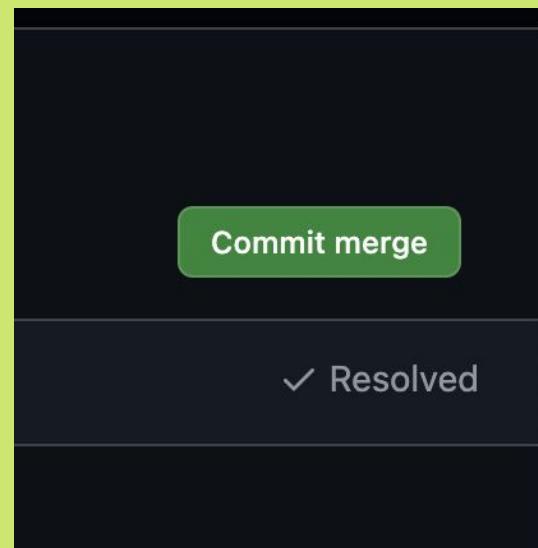
1 conflicting file

`people.csv`  
semesters/spring\_2026/people.csv

```
semesters/spring_2026/people.csv
```

1 conflict

Merry, Situmorang, mhs2231, eeryhotma, https://meryhotma.github.io, Naveen, Venkatanarayanan, nv2444, nav-v, https://naveen.co, Romain, Boireau, rb2216, boireauromain-collab, https://boireauromain-collab.github.io, Sopha, Calin, ssp434, spalle1997, sophacalin11-top, https://sophacalin11-top.github.io/index.html, Smehta, Priti, spp434, spalle1997, https://spalle1997.github.io/, Smehta, Priti, spp434, sophacalin11-top, https://sophacalin11-top.github.io/index.html, Wuhan, Carl, Xia, wx2344, carlboy2002, https://carlboy2002.github.io/, Xingyi, Wang, wx325, wx025-ops, https://wx025-ops.github.io/wx.github.io, Yiran, Ge, gy3102, gy3102-del, https://gy3102-del.github.io/, Yizhi, Qu, yq2435, yq2435-max, https://yq2435-max.github.io/, >>>>> main (Incoming change)



**GIT Cheat Sheet:**

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

**Visual Studio Code QuickStart:**

<https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/sourcecontrol/quickstart>



# Reminders / Best Practices

## 1. Don't learn every single command.

- There are thousands of commands.
- You'll never know all of them.
- And you are **not** expected to.

## 3. Get comfortable looking things up.

- You will **have** to look stuff up at some point
  - Google, StackOverflow, and ChatGPT are your best friends.
- But know what is **SAFE** and **UNSAFE**.

## 2. Know the functionality.

- You **should** know *what kinds of actions* there are, and how the system *works*.
- **Know the general workflow.**

## 4. Use what works best for you!

- There's no right or wrong answer!
- For specific things, one or other *might* be easier or faster.
- But in most cases, **it's up to you!**

# What is a “bad state”?

A situation where your working directory, staging area, or repository history is in an **unexpected, broken, or undesirable configuration** that makes it difficult to continue working



These states can range from **minor user-induced confusion** to **severe repository corruption**

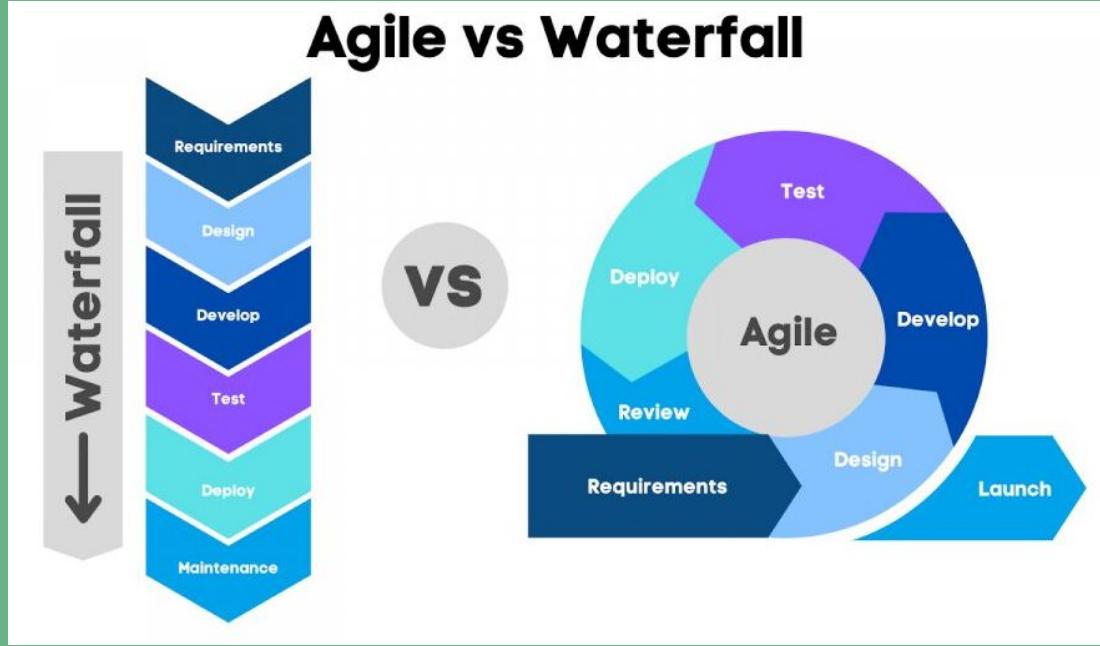
- 1. Figure out what's going on:** Pause and review the current state of your important files.
- 2. Protect your work:** Make sure anything important is backed up before making changes.
- 3. Fix what you can:** Carefully clean things up and keep only what you want.
- 4. Last resort:** If it's too messy, start over and rebuild from a clean state.

# DESCENT INTO MADNESS

DOCUMENTED IN  
GIT COMMITS



# **Review: Project Management**



## Waterfall

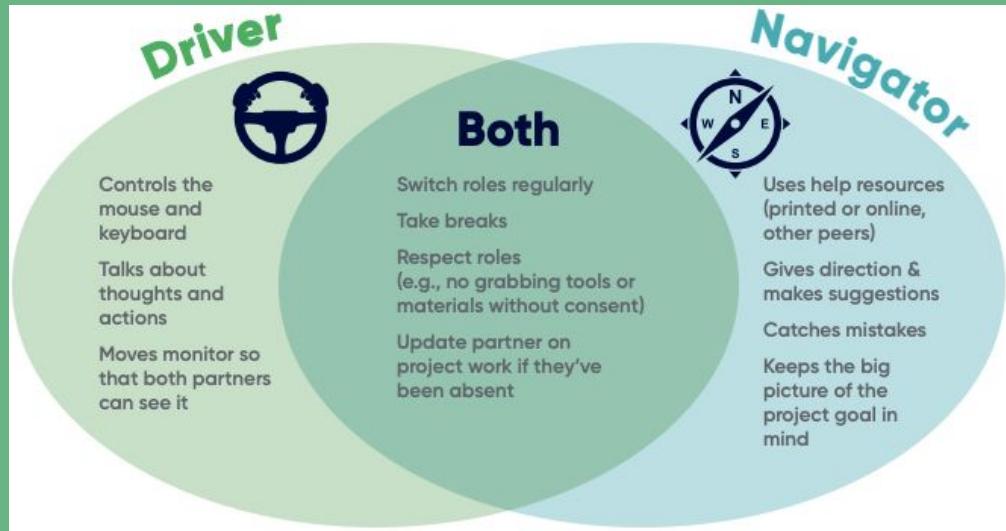
- **Linear**, step-by-step process with fixed phases
- Changes are **hard** and usually happen **late**

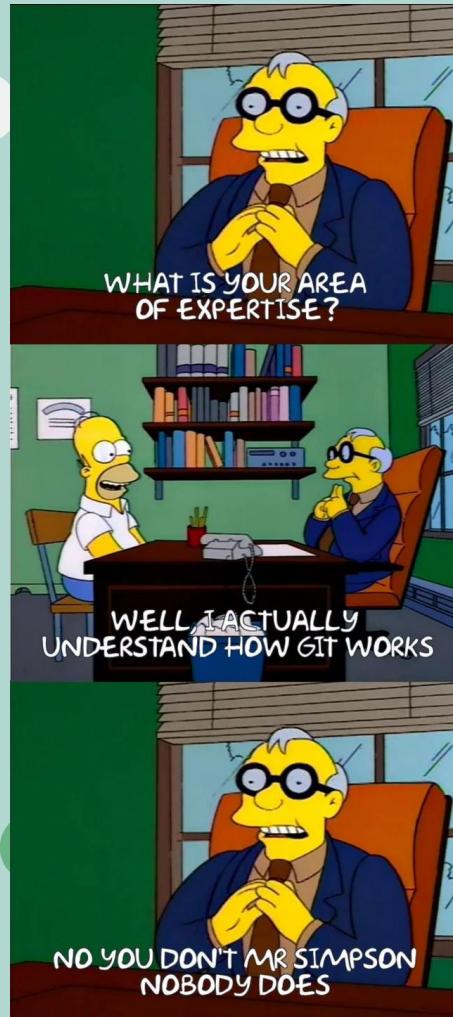
## Agile

- **Iterative** development in **short** cycles (sprints)
- **Flexible** and **adapts quickly** to change

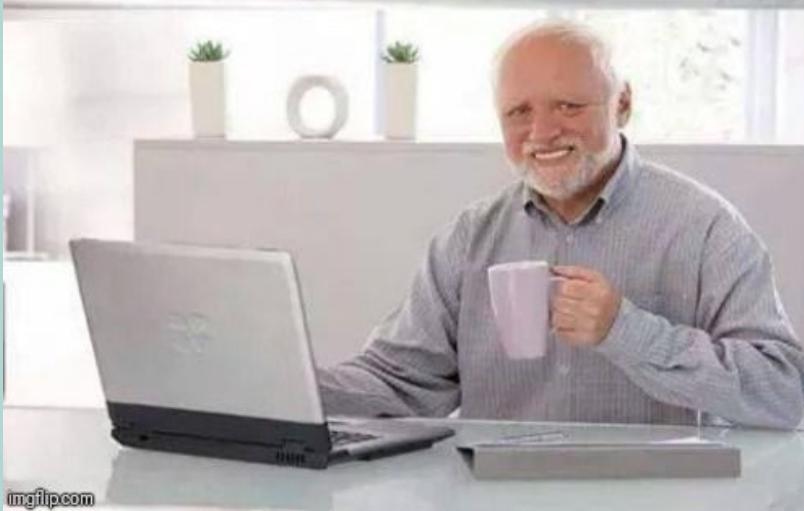
## What is pair programming?

- Two people work on the same code together, at the same time
- One writes code (driver) while the other reviews and thinks ahead (navigator)
- Improves code quality, learning, and shared understanding

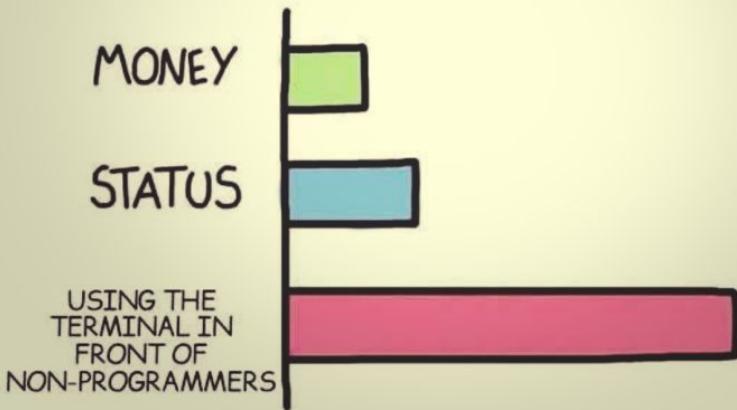




**\*9TH MERGE CONFLICT\***



## WHAT GIVES PEOPLE FEELINGS OF POWER





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