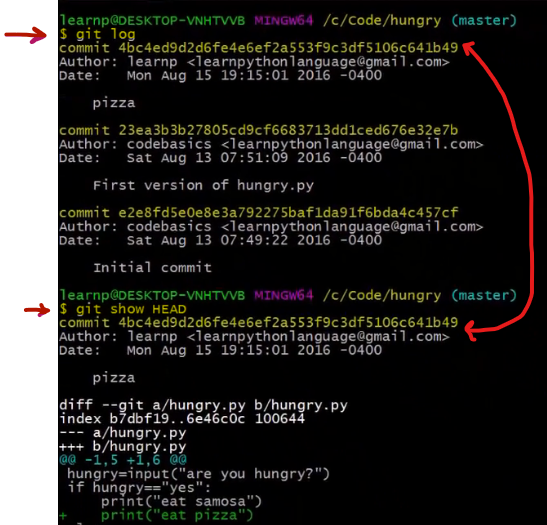
## [What is HEAD in Git?](https://stackoverflow.com/questions/2304087/what-is-head-in-git) What is ‘Detached Head’?

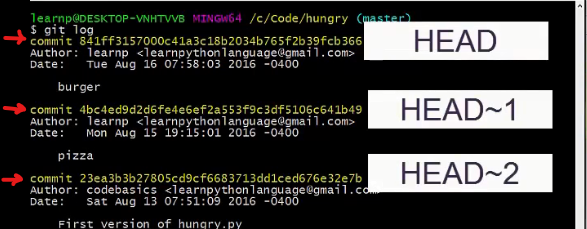
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Head is usually a reference to the most recent commit in current branch.



Note that we can use HEAD to refer to the most recent commit, and use HEAD~ as the commit before the tip, and HEAD~~ or HEAD~2 as the commit even earlier, and so forth.



HEAD can point to any commit, it does not need to be the last commit in any branch. (When HEAD points to a commit that is not the last commit in a branch, that is a "detached HEAD"

