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# Gitshop

## Git - the index

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# Gitshop 1 - summary

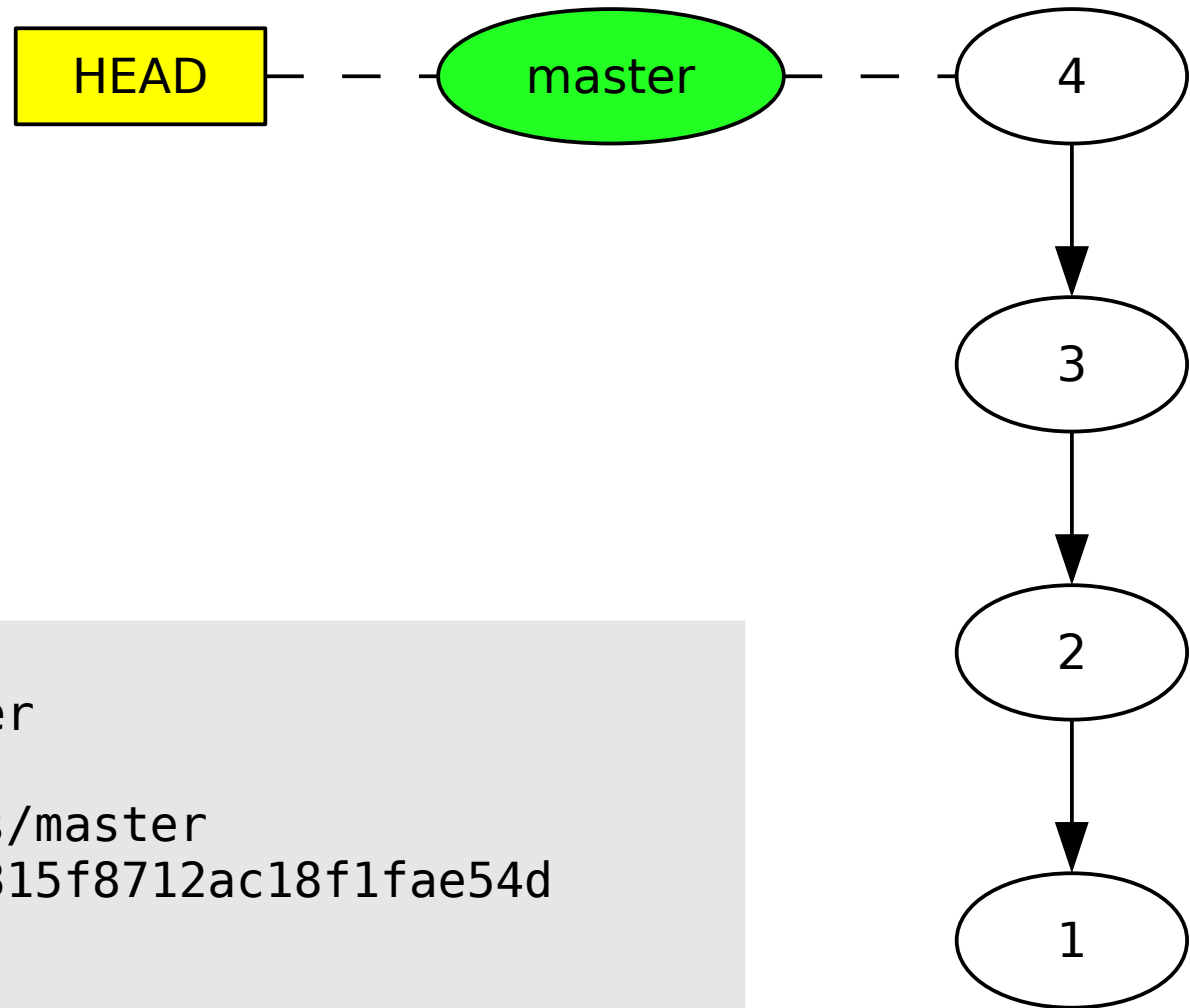
# Gitshop 1 - summary

- Objects - blob, tree, commit, tag
  - (meta)data storage
  - dependencies
  - state, not difference
  - tree: file mode not really used
- References - branch, tag, symbolic ref
  - "pointers" to objects / other refs
  - text files
  - branch "moves" with new commits, tag does not



HEAD - a symbolic ref  
(mostly)

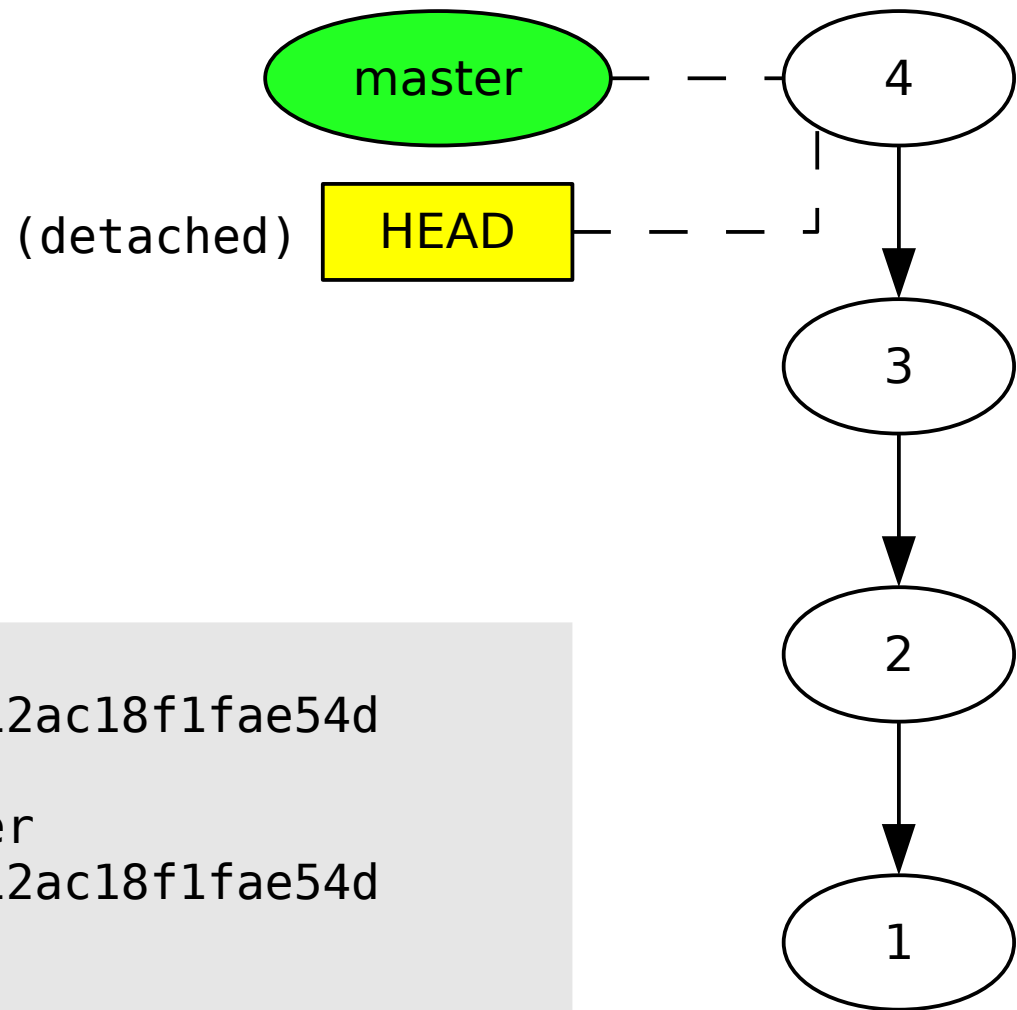
# HEAD - a symbolic ref (mostly)



```
$ cat .git/HEAD  
ref: refs/heads/master
```

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$ cat .git/refs/heads/master  
517b55a563b364fb890b315f8712ac18f1fae54d
```

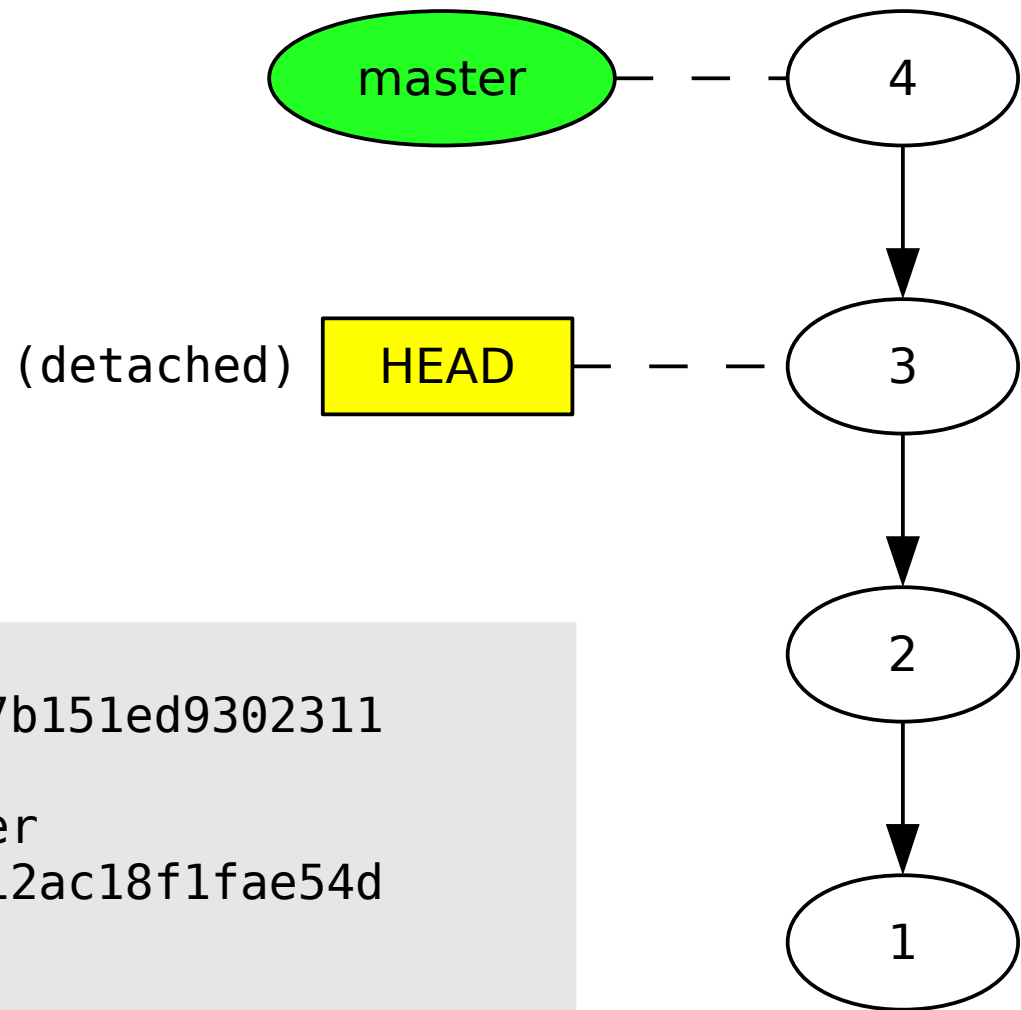
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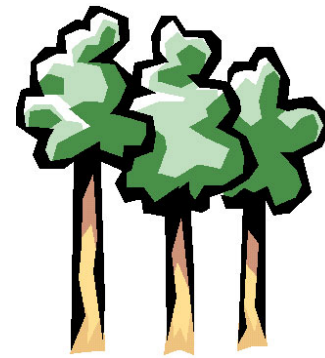
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```



# The Index



# Three trees of git



HEAD

Object  
database

Index

Working  
tree

# The Index

- Real file - .git/index

```
$ file .git/index
tests/file/.git/index: Git index, version 2, 91 entries
```

- Not a btree/htable/.. implementation
  - not "database index", "array index"
- So-called "staging" area for a commit
  - main purpose: stage changes for a commit
- In older (very old) versions called "cache"
  - timestamps of all repo files, fast modify detection

# The Index inside

- "Root tree transcript"
  - and more (last path modify, multiple "stages", ..)
  - initial state: root tree of HEAD commit

```
$ git ls-files --stage
100644 6ef994aa446ae9b4c575b9507c40740482448337 0    file1
100644 5664c8edc3807b6994151b5262859af8856bebc6 0    dir1/dir2/x
120000 7bfeafcad0958a7ebe196ce8b069b00d4043e279 0    somelink
<mode>          <blob sha hash>          <stage> <pathname>
```

- git-update-index creates blobs on the fly
  - + adds their hashes to the index
- Removal from index --> loose objects
- Untracked files - not in index, not detected

# The Index inside

- Plumbing commands involved
  - `git-read-tree`
    - read (transcribe) tree object into index
    - multiple "stages" (namespaces), usage: merges
  - `git-write-tree`
    - write tree objects out of the index structure
  - `git-update-index`
    - perform various operations on the index
  - `(git-ls-files --stage)`
    - list index entries



# Index usage example

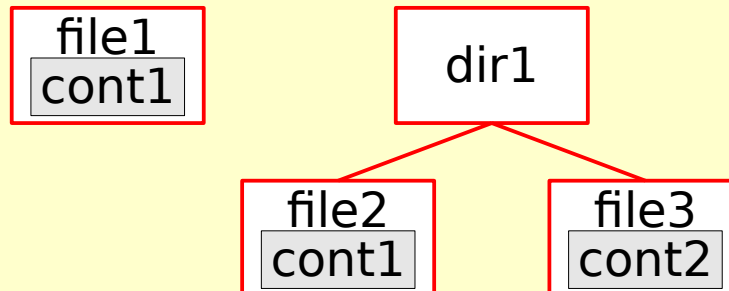
# The Index inside

```
$ echo "cont1" > file1  
$ mkdir dir1  
$ echo "cont1" > dir1/file2  
$ echo "cont2" > dir1/file3
```

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base

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# The Index inside

```
$ git add file1
```

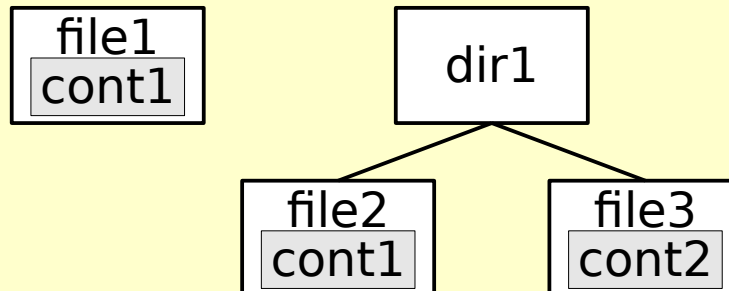
Data  
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```
813f0b4..  
"cont1"
```

Index

```
100644 813f0b4a7e8cc8e2a43067ed1b67859cf497ef62 0    file1
```

Working  
tree



# The Index inside

```
$ git add dir1
```

Data  
base

```
813f0b4..  
"cont1"
```

```
38312ee..  
"cont2"
```

Index

```
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100644 38312ee6df8e382bcb002336424fdab77990a261 0    dir1/file3
```

Working  
tree

```
file1  
cont1
```

```
dir1
```

```
file2  
cont1
```

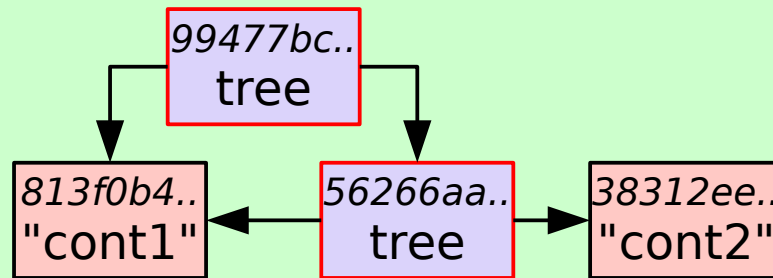
```
file3  
cont2
```



# The Index inside

```
$ git write-tree  
99477bc621eff4c48b4d34fb902...
```

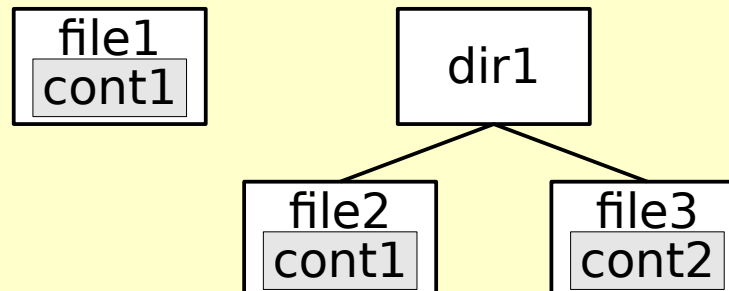
Data  
base



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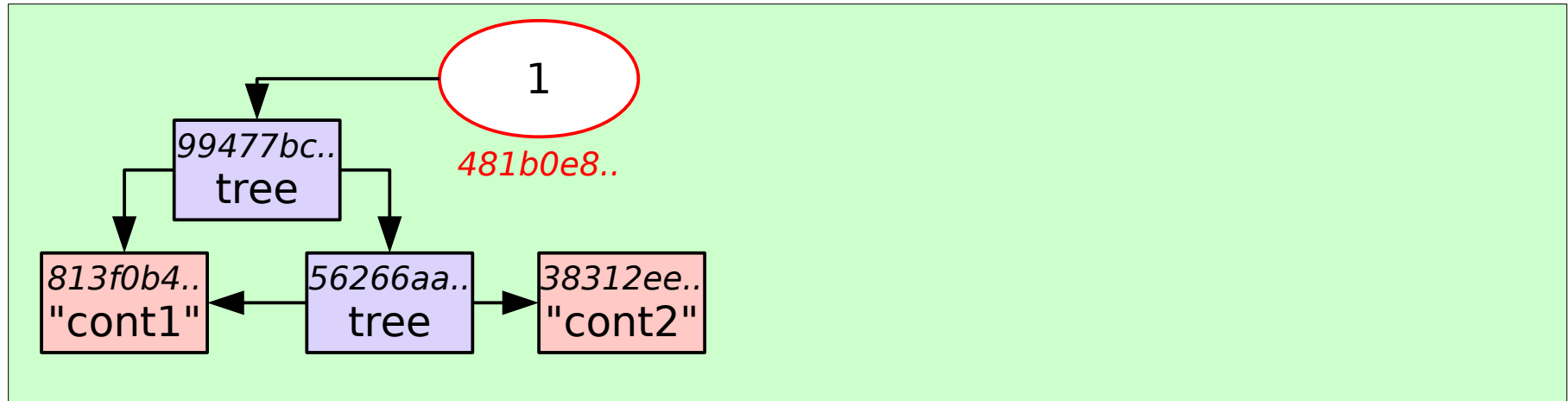
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# The Index inside

```
$ git commit-tree 99477bc62...  
example commit msg  
^D  
481b0e88217187b8a922f21d770...
```

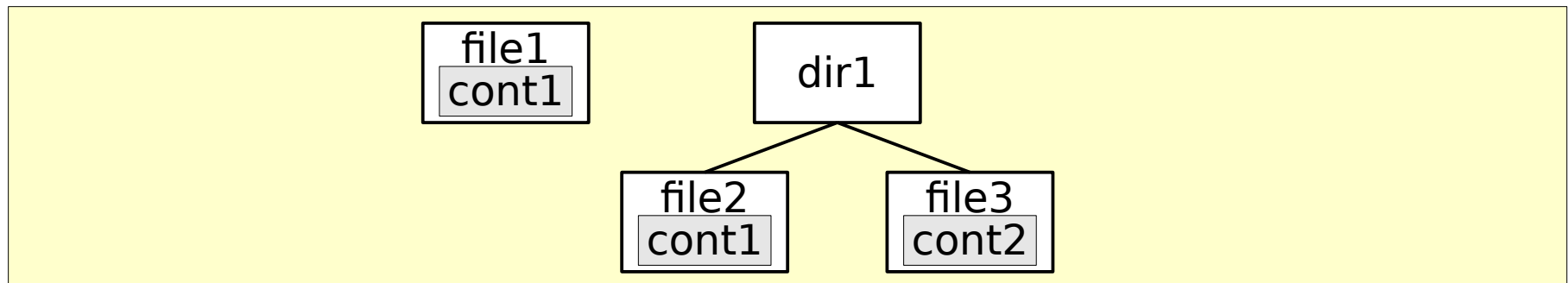
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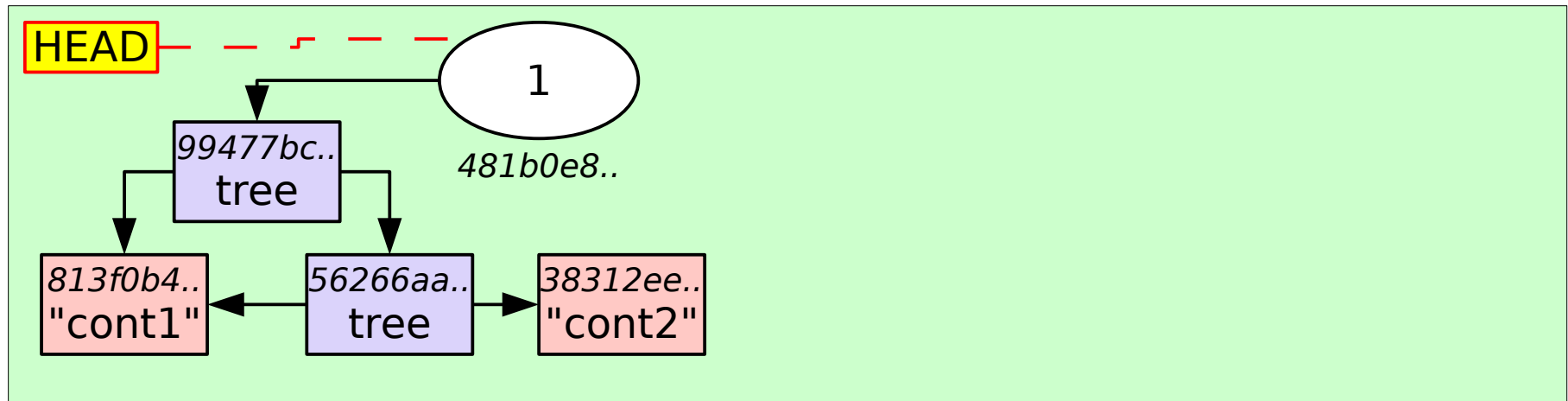
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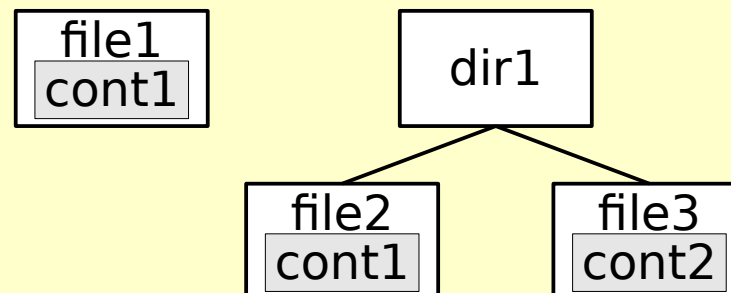
```
$ git checkout 481b0e882171...
```



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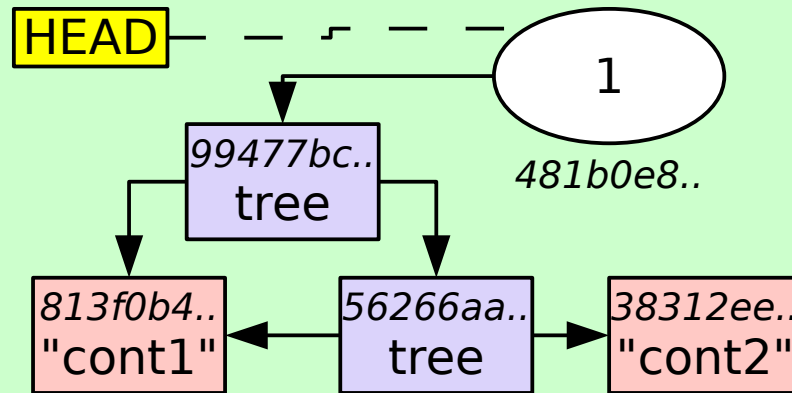
Working tree



# The Index inside

```
$ mv dir1/file{3,N}
$ echo "moo" > file1
```

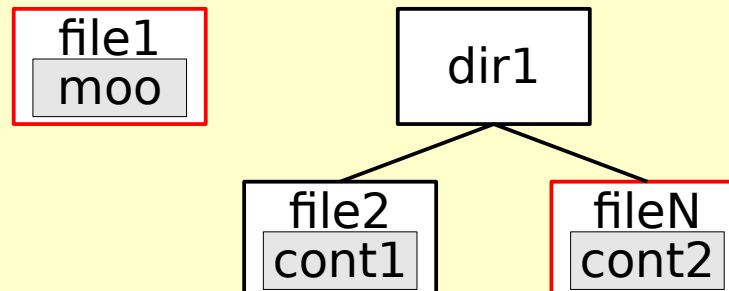
Data  
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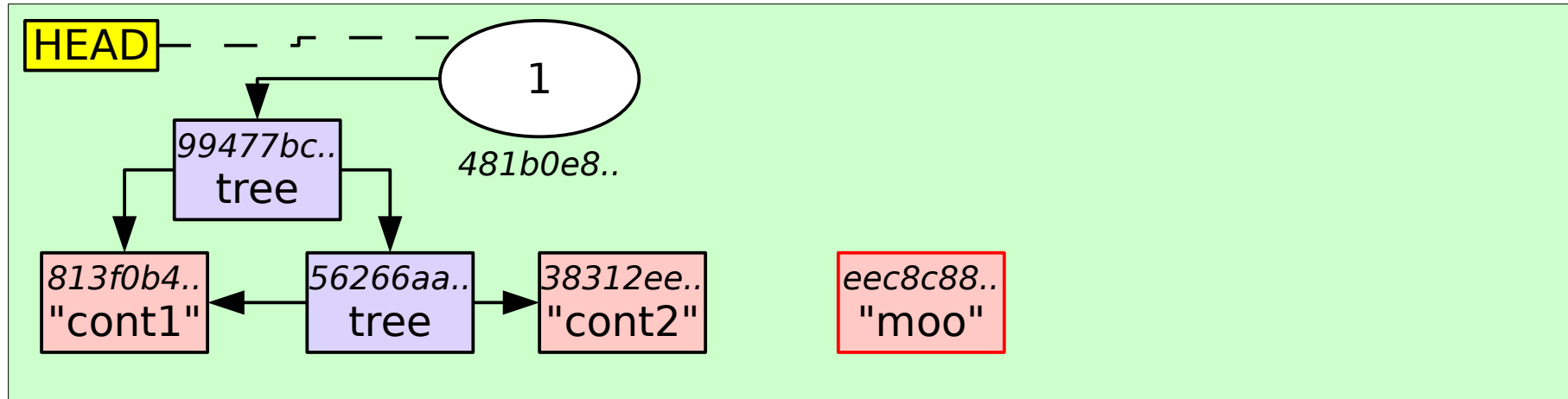
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# The Index inside

```
$ git add .
```

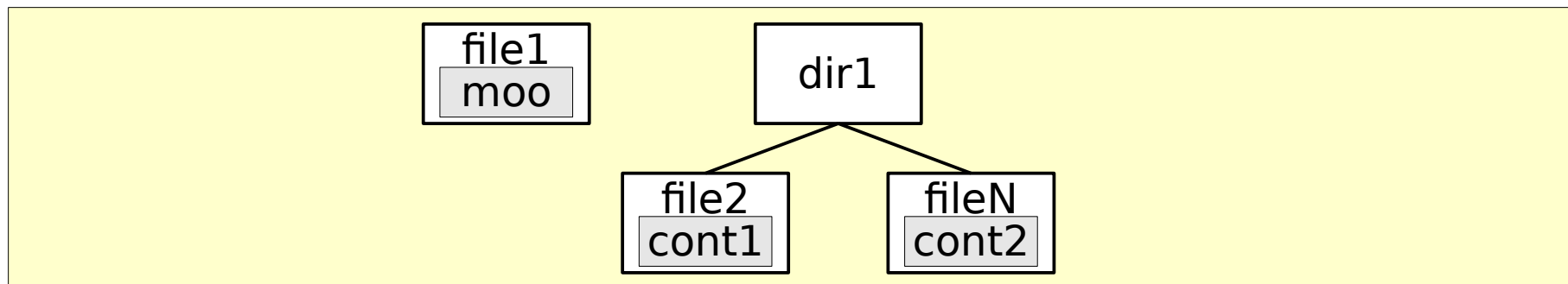
Data  
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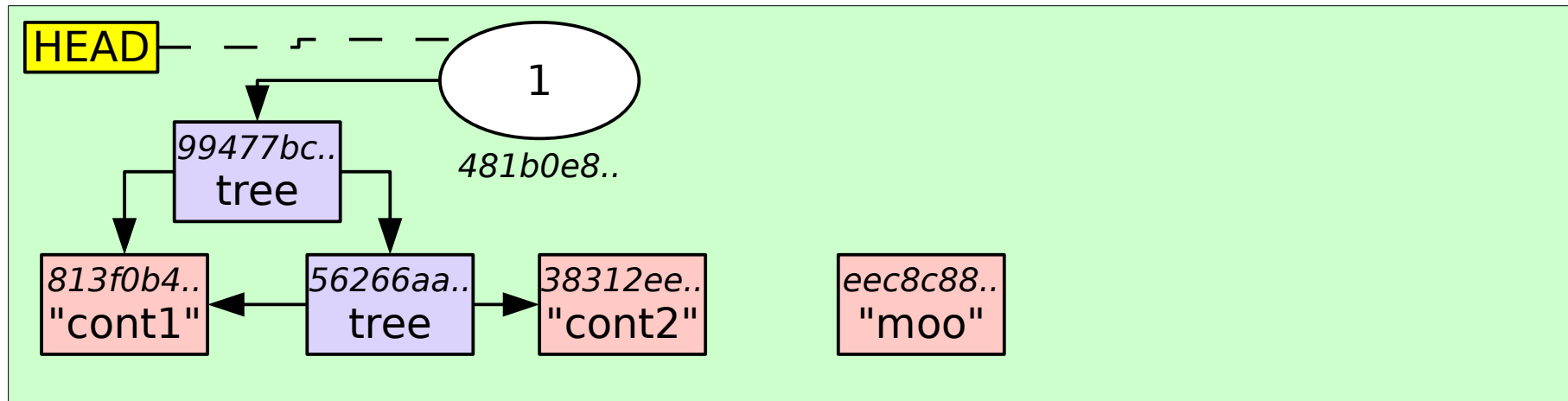
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# The Index inside

```
$ git add -u
```

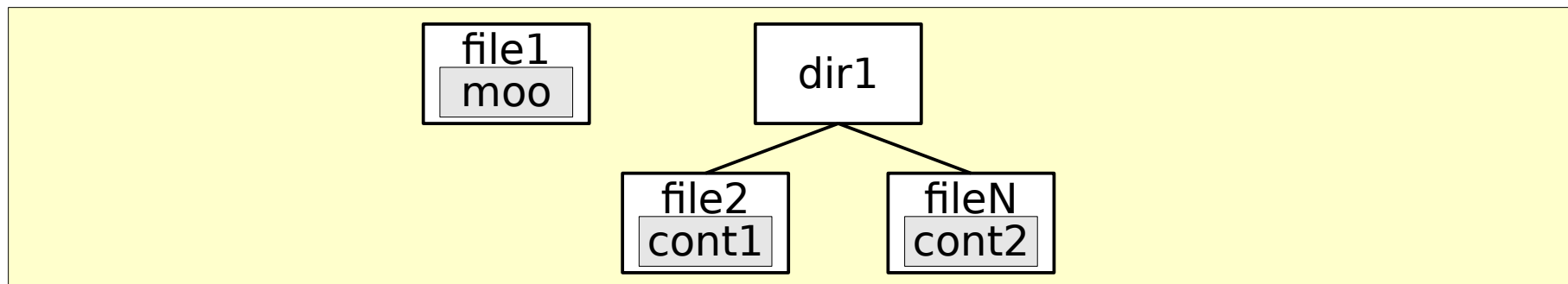
Data  
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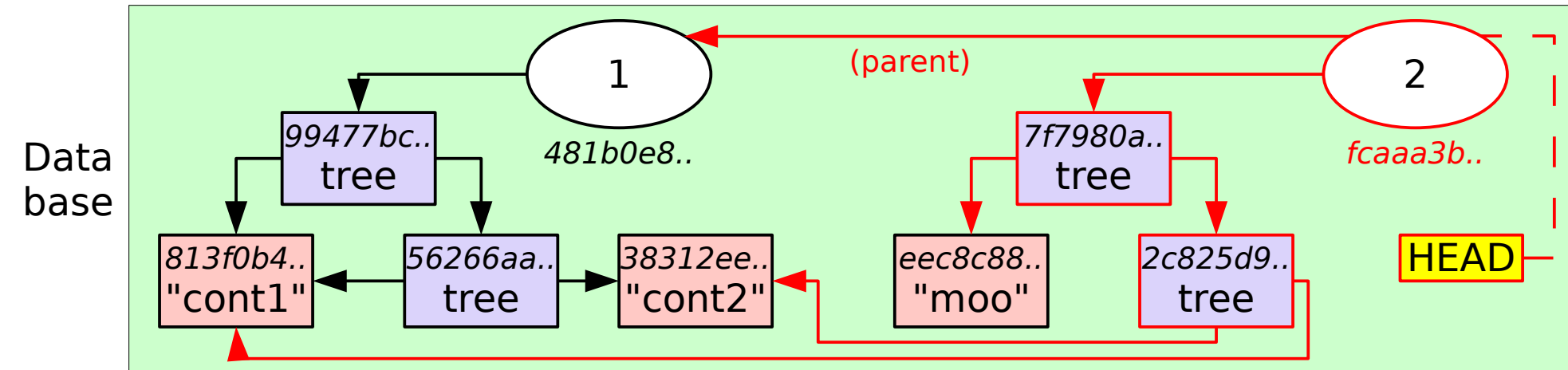
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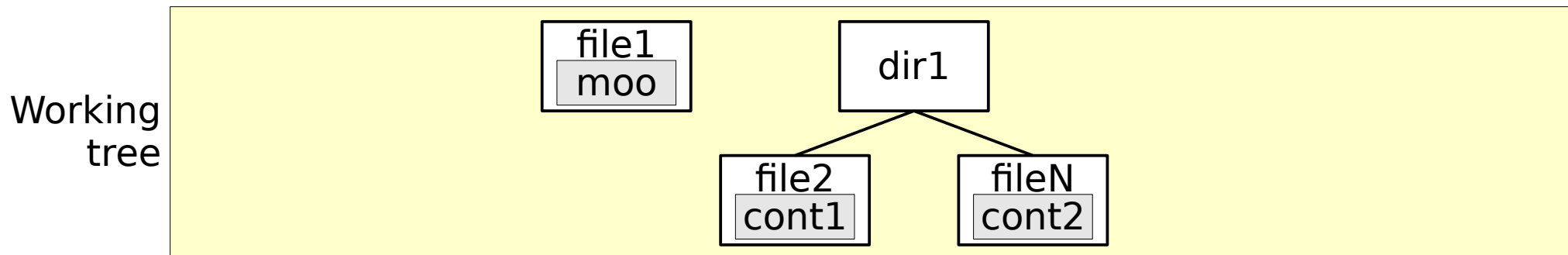
# The Index inside

```
$ git commit -m "another one"
[detached HEAD fcaaa3b] another one
2 files changed, 1 insertion(+), 1
deletion(-)
rename dir1/{file3 => fileN} (100%)
```



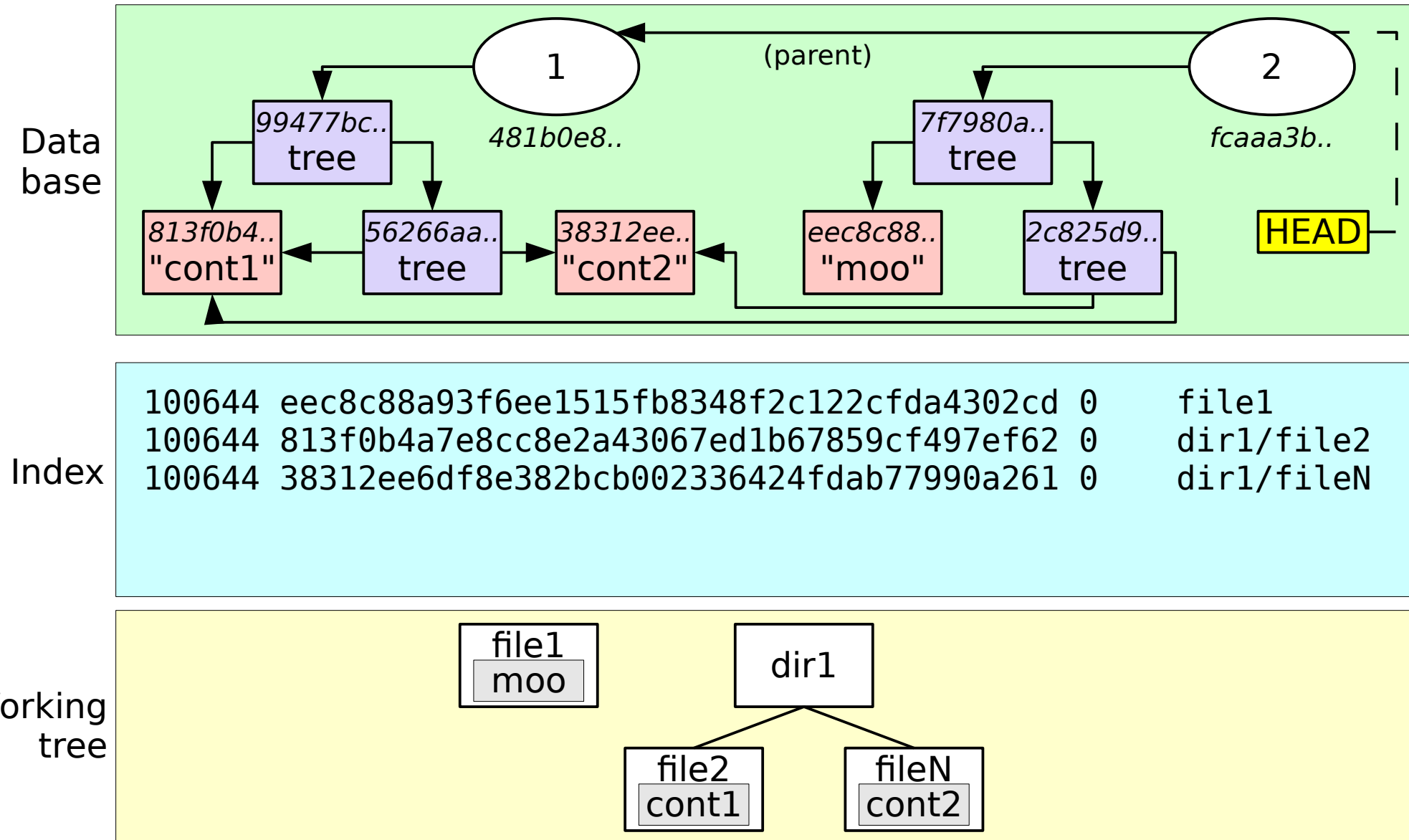
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# The Index inside

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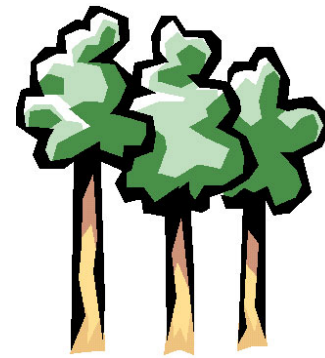






# Working with Index (manpages!)

# Three trees of git



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# Working with Index

## ■ git-diff

- `git diff -- [path/]`
  - prints out a diff of the Working tree, relative to the Index
- `git diff --cached [sha] -- [path/]`
  - prints out a diff of the Index, relative to [sha] (or HEAD)
- `git diff [sha] -- [path/]`
  - prints out a diff between the Working tree, relative to [sha] (or HEAD)

# Working with Index

## ■ git-add

- `git add [options] -- path/`
  - adds path/ recursively to the Index
- `git add <options>`
  - performs the specified option(s), such as `-u|--update`

# Working with Index

## ■ git-reset

- `git reset <--mode> [sha]`
  - hard: makes current branch point to [sha] (or HEAD) and forces a checkout to Index and to the Working tree
  - mixed: makes current branch point to [sha] (or HEAD) and resets the Index to the [sha] state, leaving Working tree untouched
  - soft: makes current branch point to [sha] only, Index or Working tree are not touched
- `git reset [sha] -- path/to/file`
  - copies path version at [sha] (or HEAD) to the Index, does not affect Working tree

# Working with Index

## ■ git-checkout

- `git checkout <branchname>`
  - makes HEAD a symbolic link to <branchname>
  - loads root tree object from the referenced commit to the Index
  - calls `git-checkout-index` to update Working tree to match Index
- `git checkout -- path/to/file`
  - calls `git-checkout-index` on the path
- `git checkout <sha> -- path/to/file`
  - bypasses Index and checks out the path at <sha> state



# Presentation: Questions?

Workshop >>

# Workshop

goal: split one large commit,  
4 commits with messages,  
1 change in each

- See changes
  - git show
  - gitk
- Move HEAD back one commit
  - HEAD~1 means "referenced commit parent"
  - keep Working tree untouched (mixed reset)
- Add one change using `git add --patch`
  - (unstage accidents via `git reset --patch`)
  - split larger hunks with multiple changes using "s"
- Verify / sanity check
  - change to be committed: `git diff --cached`
  - remaining changes: `git diff`
- Commit the one change using `git commit -v`
  - use descriptive commit message
- Add another change
- View results via `git log -4 -p` or `gitk`



# The End

Thanks for listening



# Links

- Git-scm.com - docs & reference manual

<http://git-scm.com/documentation>

- Old "git book"

- original @ github

<https://github.com/schacon/gitbook>

- online!

<http://vrac.cofares.net/git/book/index.html>

- "Git for computer scientists" + rework

<http://eagain.net/articles/git-for-computer-scientists/>  
<http://sitaramc.github.com/gcs/>