



METIS

INTRODUCTION TO GIT BRANCHES



GIT BRANCHES



- Git is a great tool for version controlling your code.
- We've claimed Git is great for coding teams; let's see how.





Alice and Brian are on the same team. Brian wants to use some of Alice's code.





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Alice makes a commit to the repo.

Brian's code is now out of date.

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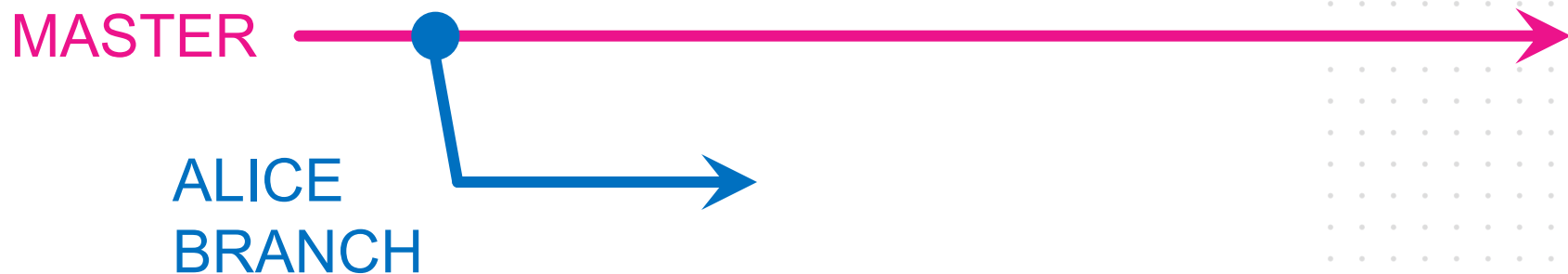
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MASTER



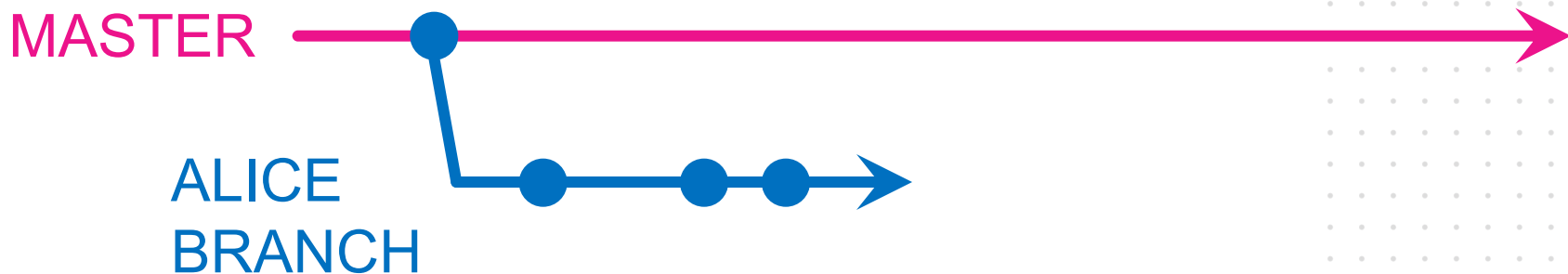
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Branches allow users to edit code without destroying the Master. Those edits only get added to the master when the user is ready.



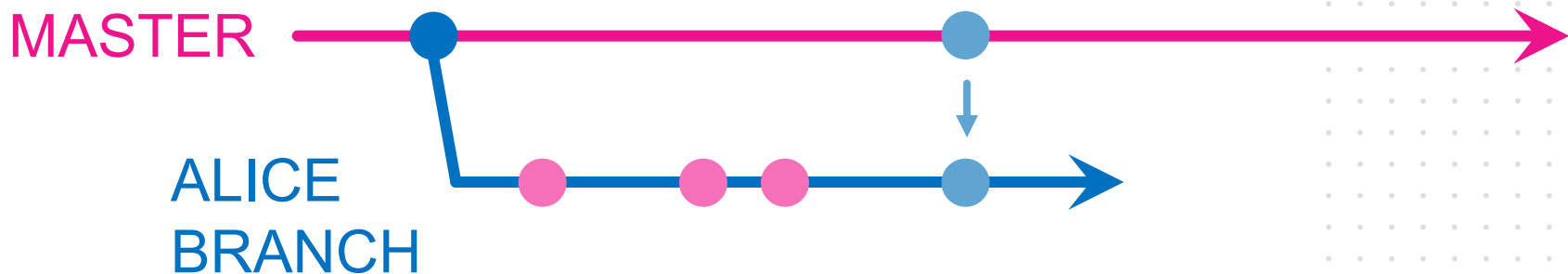
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Alice can make whatever changes she wants on her own branch. She can make **commits** to her branch.



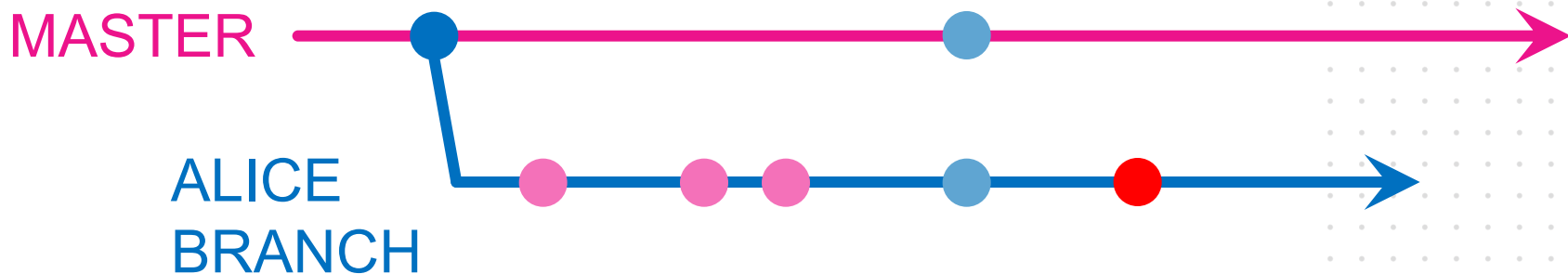
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If someone changes the master she can keep up with other changes to the master branch using “**merges**”.



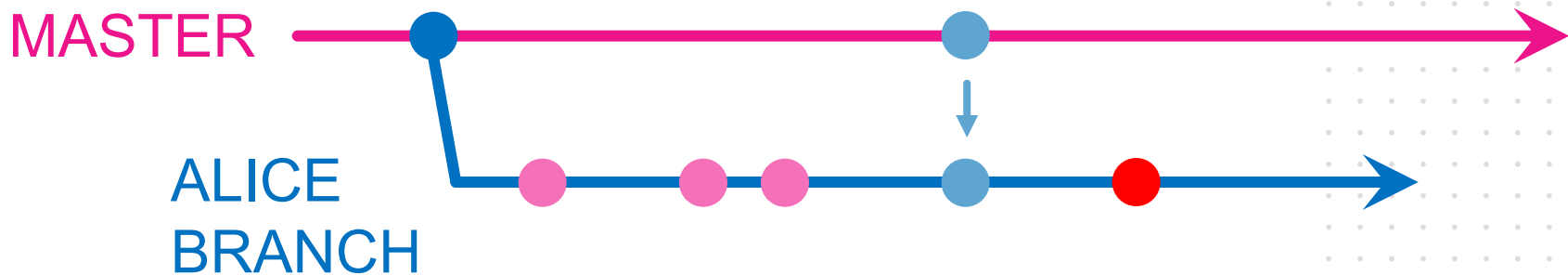
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Then she can tell the Master branch, “hey, incorporate my code changes into you.” This is done via “**Pull Request**”



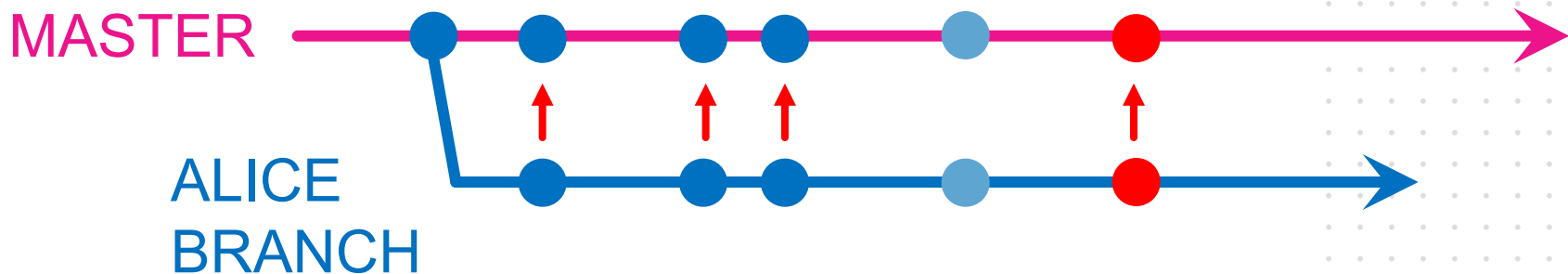
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Note that before she makes a pull request, **Alice** got the most recent version of **MASTER** via a **merge**. This is best practice.



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When someone approves the **pull request**, Alice's code gets added to the master branch, with all of the commit history via a **merge**.



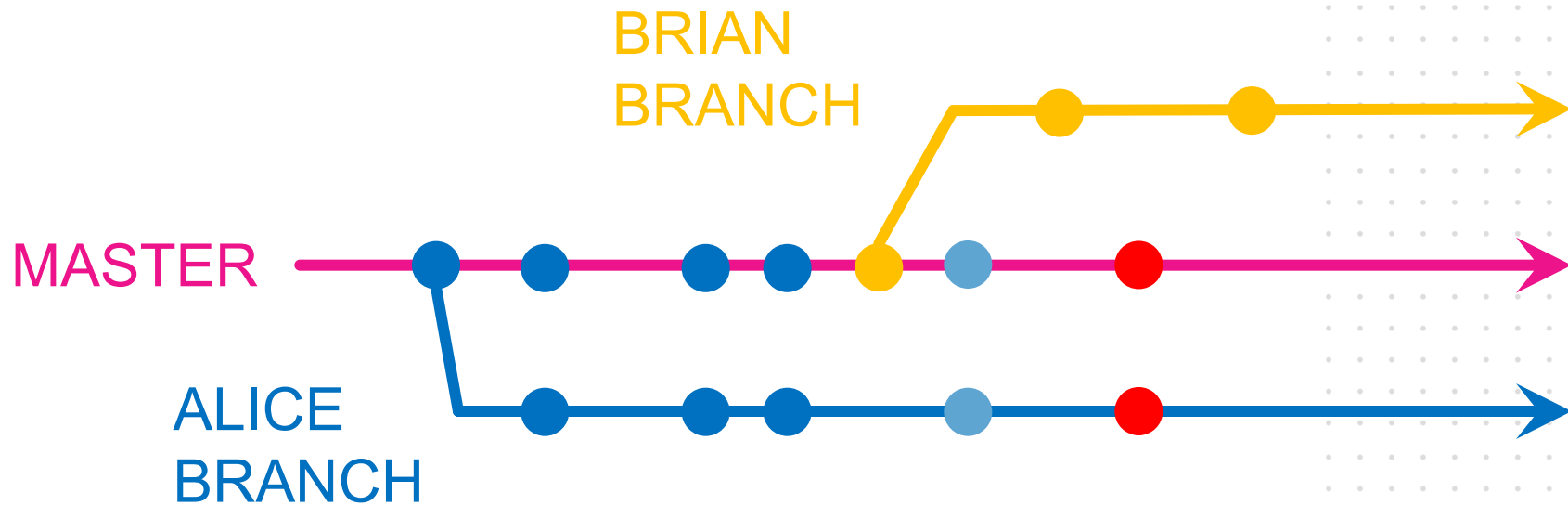
What problems does this solve?



- Branches allow many members of the team to work on different code problems at once.
- The Master branch doesn't break every time someone is testing new code.



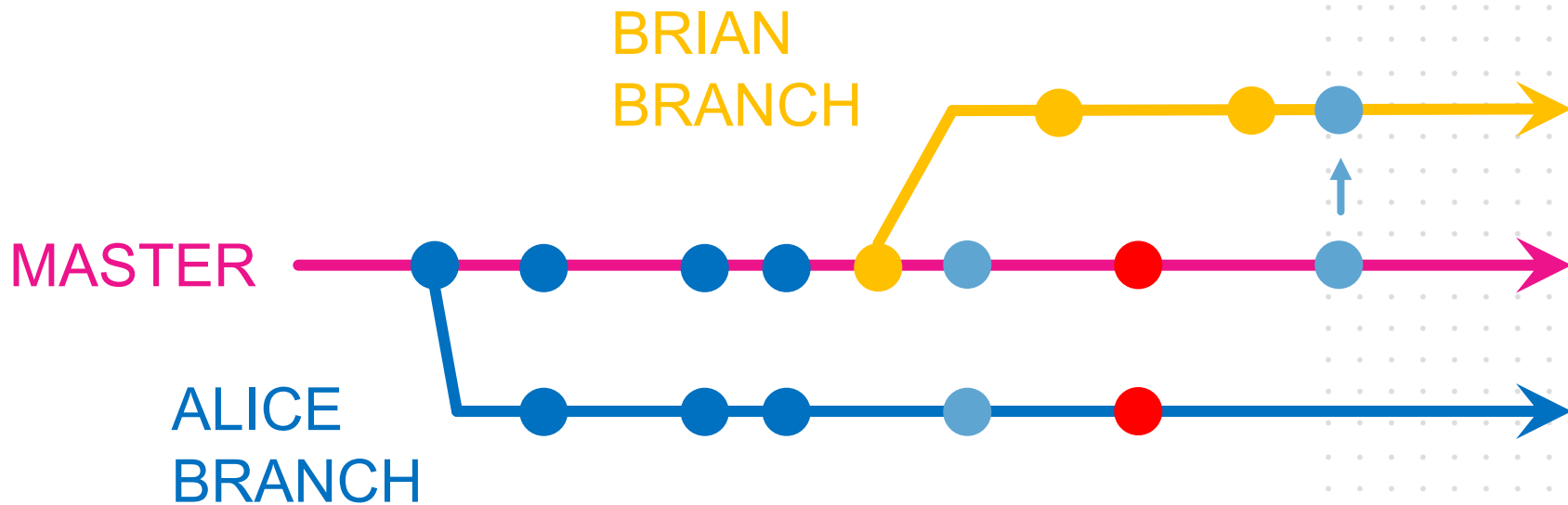
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Brian can make his own branch, with his own changes.



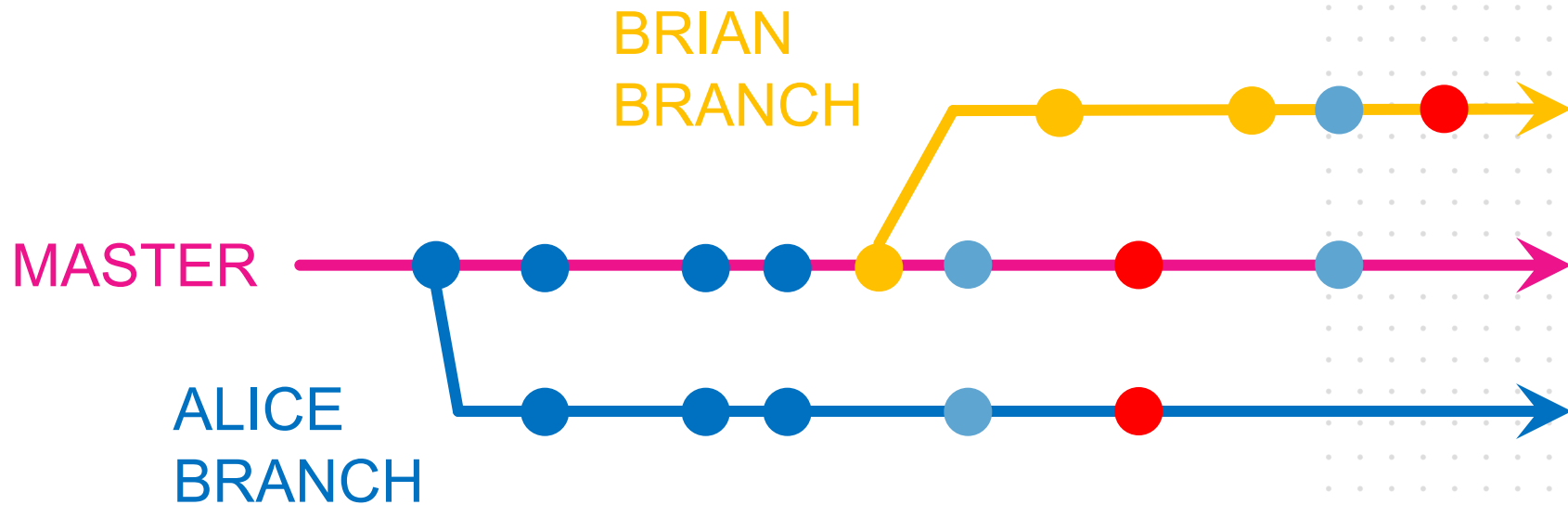
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He **merges** the master into his branch first to make sure he gets all of Alice's code.



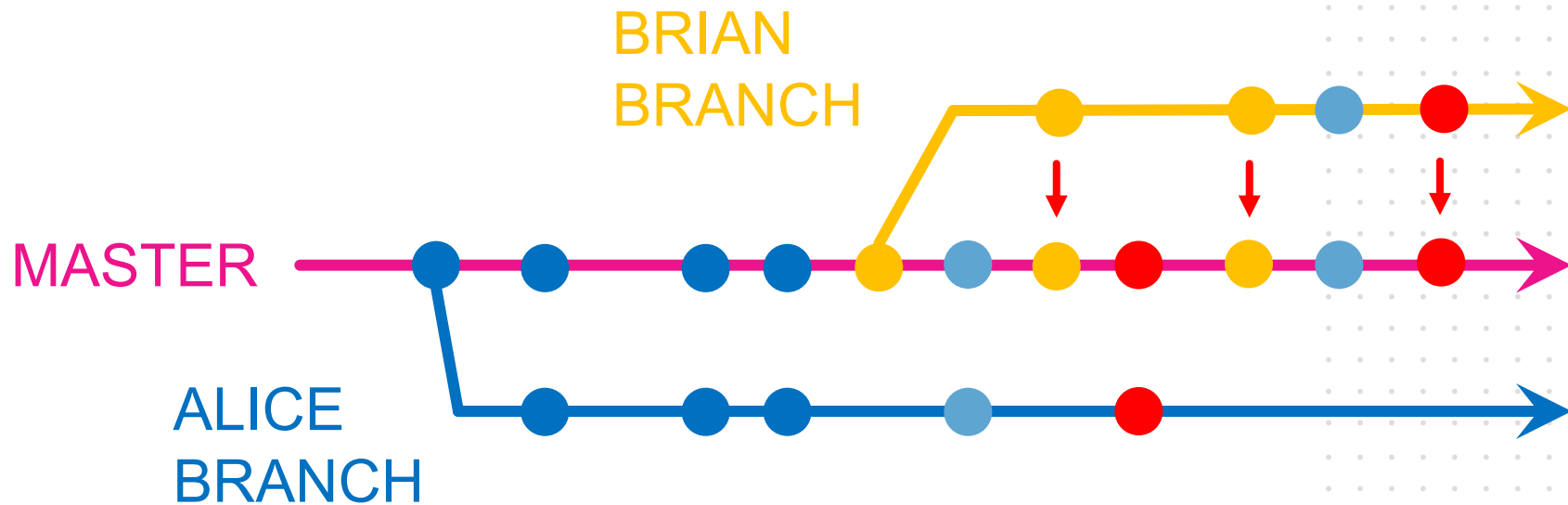
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Brian can push back to Master too.



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Alice's and Brian's changes made it back to the master branch. They were working on different pieces at the same time, but were able to contribute to the project in a cohesive way.



Exercise: Submitting to the class repository





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- First, we need to make a local copy of the class repo for each of you. Navigate to the GitHub page for the class, and copy the link to the main page.
 - Now in your terminal, navigate to wherever you want the Metis repo to live. I'm going to my Documents area:

```
Terminal:> cd ~/Documents
```





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- Get all the files from the repo and connect it all together.
We can make a copy using git's “clone” functionality.

```
Terminal:> git clone LINK_TO_GITHUB_REPO
```





- Move into the newly created directory. The directory will be of the format "city##_ds##".
- Check to see where your "remote" is pointing. It should be the Metis repo.

```
Terminal:> cd chi18_ds8  
Terminal:> git remote -v
```





- Make a branch and add some files to the Metis repo.

```
Terminal:> git branch whatever_I_want_to_name_my_branch
```



This tells git we want to make a new branch.





- Switch over to your branch

```
Terminal:> git checkout whatever_I_want_to_name_my_branch
```



This tells git we want to switch branches.





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- Check to make sure you're on your branch.

```
Terminal:> git branch
```

The one with the star next to it is your active branch. It should be your new branch now.





- Go to the test area and add some files.

```
Terminal:> cd student_submissions/test_area
```

```
Terminal:> echo "TEST" > my_user_name.txt
```





- Commit changes to the repo, then make sure we have the master branch updates.

```
Terminal:> git add my_user_name.txt
```

```
Terminal:> git commit -m "added a test file by user_name"
```

```
Terminal:> git merge master
```





- Push the new commits to the GitHub repo.

```
Terminal:> git push origin whatever_I_want_to_name_my_branch
```



Note that we're not pushing to master!





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Note 2: You might have trouble pushing if GitHub doesn't know who you are. If so, try using git config to set your username (google)





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- After that push, GitHub now has your changes on your specific branch. So if we want it to become part of master, we need to make a **Pull Request**.
 - Let's do that together now.



GitHub Branches



- Branches allow us all to work on code concurrently and merge it into a single project.
- Pull Requests are how we tell the Master branch our code is ready to moved over to the main code.
- Real software teams use branches **ALL** the time. Any time a feature is being added, or a bug is being fixed, it gets a branch and the developer works on that branch until she solves the problem. Then she PR's it back to production.



QUESTIONS?



Pull Request Demo



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challenges	release all other challenges	a month ago
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images	add images	3 months ago
investigations	remerged with remote branch and corrected file location	2 months ago
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.gitignore	first push	3 months ago