

Getting Started at Hackathons

Track 1: Getting Started

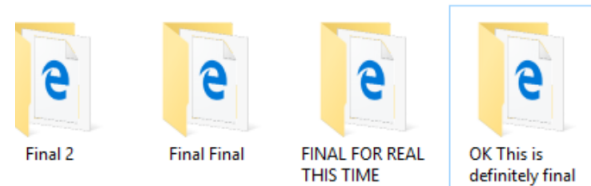
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So, I love coding  and I love working in teams 

But what if there was a way that I could remember how the code looked throughout its stage, for example if something went wrong and I want to go back to a previous version?

First of all, what is git?

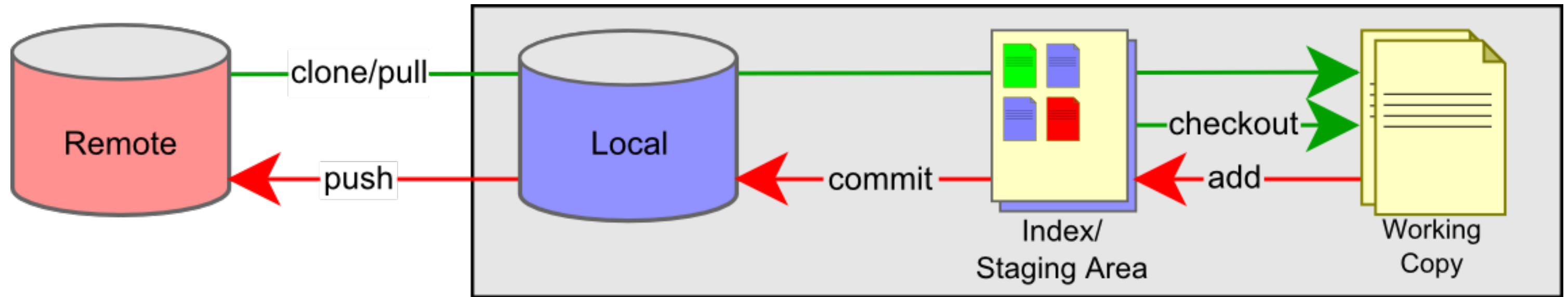


Git

Git is a version control system for tracking changes in computer files and coordinating work on those files among multiple people

— Git SCM Website

How Git Works



Some Basic Commands

Command	Description
<code>git clone</code>	Clones a repository locally
<code>git add</code>	Stages changes to file(s) for a commit
<code>git commit</code>	Creates a commit (set of changes)
<code>git push</code>	Push changes to the hosted repo

Using Git within teams

Well, working with teams  may be hard. There are generally two ways you can work off a repository.

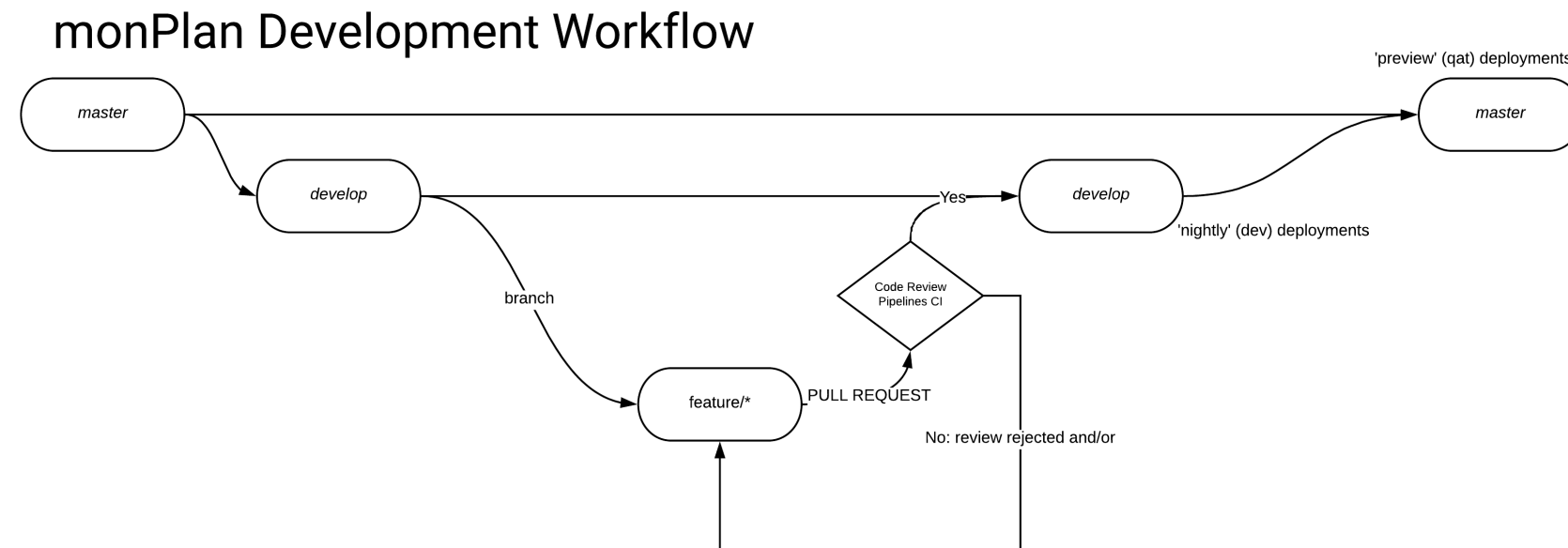
- Using Branches
- Using Forks

Option 1: Use Branches 🌳 for Versioning Control

1. Make a branch with the feature name or your own username
2. Every time you commit and push up
3. Make a Pull Request
4. Merge the pull request

One of the best workflows is known as *GitFlow*

GitFlow - Used with monPlan Git Workflow



- **master**: branch is the key branch, everytime for release
- **develop**: *unstable*, most of the PRs should go here
- **'feature/*', 'fix/*', etc.**: are 'for purpose' branches, these branches are for development
- **deploy** (not shown), is for **manual** deployments to prod

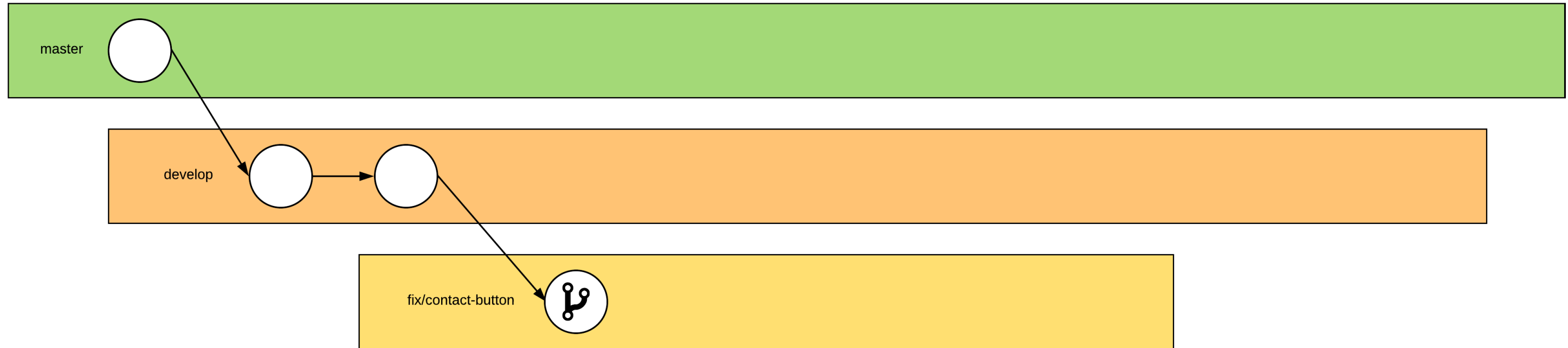
This slide has been adapted from my CI-CD talk

So we know that
development is done
incrementally

Imagine we using Git within our practices

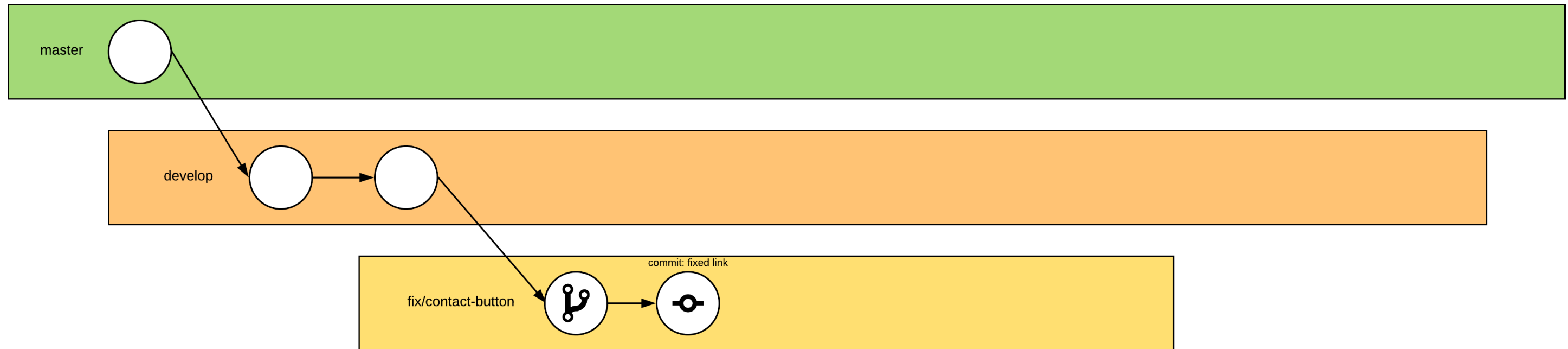
And one of my team mates, Nicholas has found a bug within one of our buttons.

So, he creates a new branch to fix the bug



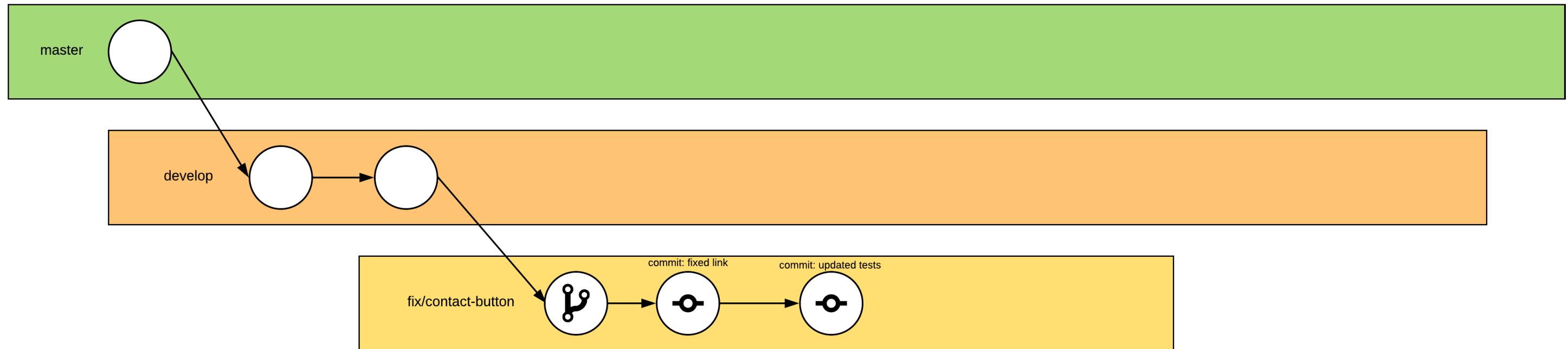
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# update our develop branch
git checkout develop
git pull
# we create a new branch
git branch fix/contact-button
# we make the new branch the new working branch
git checkout fix/contact-button
```

He fixes the code and stages the change in commits



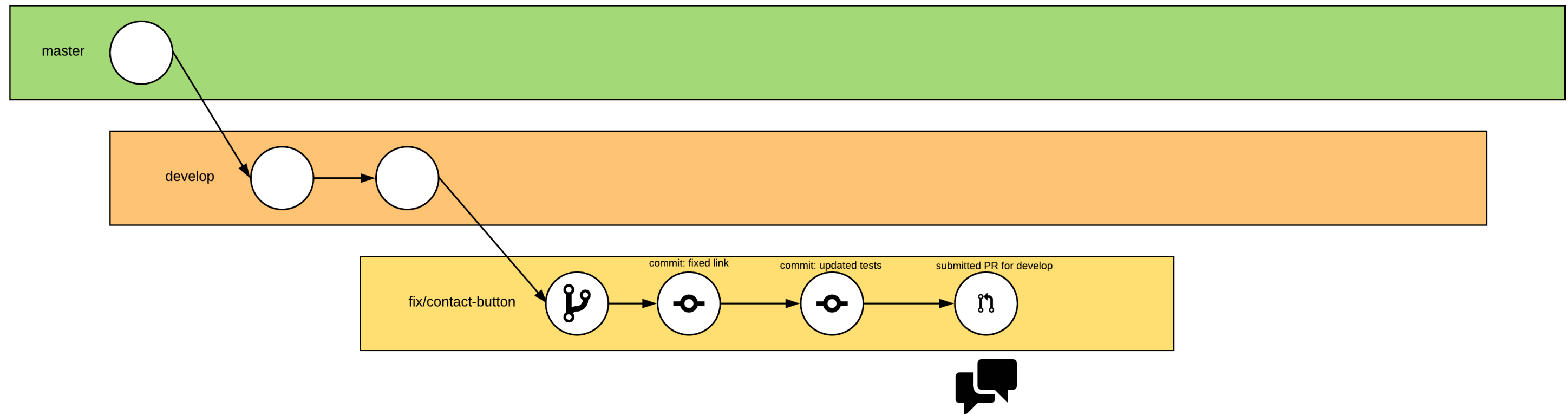
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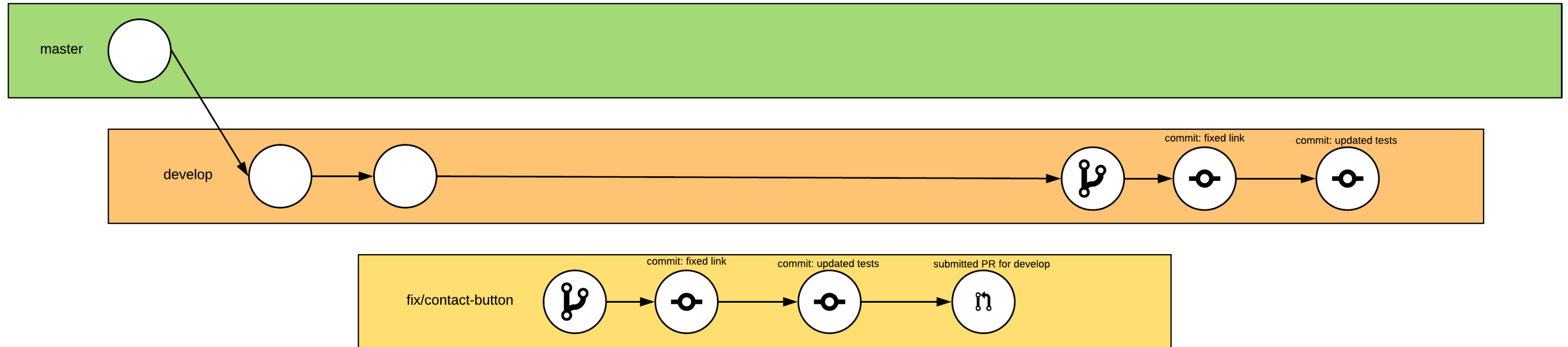
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He then makes a PR into my develop or master branch



Where we discuss his proposed changes

We then merge the Changes



This would also work for...

- Upgrades to the codebase
- Refactoring our legacy code
- Upgrading frameworks to newer versions

Unfortunately we won't go into fixing merge conflicts in this talk

Why is using GitFlow important?

- We separate production code and our 'work-in-progress' (WIP) code.
- We have a clearer understanding of what each developer is working on
- We can branch off WIP branches and merge changes in
- Relatively easier (not always) to fix merge conflicts
- Some CI/CD tools only run off branches (not PRs)
- We can set our CI/CD to deployment so that it can deploy off branches (i.e. `develop` to *dev*, `master` to *staging* or *qat* and `deploy` to *prod*)

Option 2: Using Forks 🍴 for Versioning Control

The best way to image a fork, is image a copy of the main repository that you own that you can *pull*, *merge* and apply changes to.

(We won't go into much detail here.)

Questions?



Goodbye 🖐️

Track 2: Firebase + ReactJS
for Hacks coming soon