



MASTER branch

DEVELOP branch

FEATURE branch

RELEASE branch

- Unlimited lifespan
- Stable code
- Tagged version numbers

- Unlimited lifespan
- Integration code
- Nobody commits there
- Never merged anywhere

- Limited lifespan
- Code about a particular feature
- Branched from **DEVELOP**
- Merged into **DEVELOP**

- Limited lifespan
- Code to prepare a stable release
- Branched from **DEVELOP**
- Merged into **DEVELOP** and **MASTER**

```
git checkout -b feature-a develop
(... commit to that feature branch)
git checkout develop
git merge --no-ff feature-a
git branch -d feature-a
git push origin develop
```

```
git checkout -b release-0.3 develop
(... update version number in files)
git commit -a -m "Bumped version to 0.3"
(... commit only bug fixes on that release)
git checkout master
git merge --no-ff release-0.3
git tag -a 0.3
git push origin master
git push --tags
git checkout develop
git merge --no-ff release-0.3
git push origin develop
git branch -d release-0.3
```

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