



# The Zen of Coding

Web Development Boot Camp  
Lesson 1.1



# The Path of Learning

# Your Goals

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Basically, 100% of you said **new career**.



# Your Goals

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And why do you want a new career?



To pursue a **dream**



To escape a **dead-end job**



To be able to **create**



To follow a **fascination**



To attain **financial stability**



To obtain **financial freedom**



To **challenge yourself**



To be a **role model** to kids



## **Your Goal = Our Goal**

As instructors, we take your goals  
very, very seriously.

# Support Team Promise

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If you're willing to put in the time and take our advice, we're here to help you 100% of the way.

This goes for everyone working on this program:

- Instructors
- TAs
- Student Success Team
- Career coaches
- Everyone else!





**But Remember:**  
Nothing good comes easily.

# Our Keys to Success

# Don't Be This Person:

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A close-up photograph of a baby with light blue eyes and a wide-open mouth, appearing surprised or excited. The baby is wearing a bright pink, zippered jacket. The background is a dark, textured surface covered in numerous small water droplets, suggesting rain or condensation. The overall composition is a full-frame shot focusing on the baby's face and upper body.

This Should Be You

# **Our Mantra for Today and Beyond**

When it comes to web development...



I know nothing.



You.

# The Path of Learning

Nothing comes easy.  
As students, you face three  
**HUGE** obstacles.

# Obstacle #1: The Great Confusion

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**My code doesn't work and I don't know why.**

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**My code works and I don't know why.**



## Obstacle #2: The Great Doubt

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“Maybe I’m just dumb.”



# Obstacle #3: The Great Distance

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# Nothing Comes Easy

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Learning to code requires two things:

01

Persisting in the face of something that feels incredibly hard and confusing.

02

Maintaining the self-confidence necessary to believe that YOU CAN DO THIS.

# Learning Can Be Frustrating

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You can't tell whether you're learning something when you're learning it—in fact, *learning feels a lot more like frustration*.

What I've learned is that during this period of frustration is actually when people improve the most, and their improvements are usually obvious to an outsider. If you feel frustrated while trying to understand new concepts, try to remember that it might not feel like it, but you're probably rapidly expanding your knowledge.



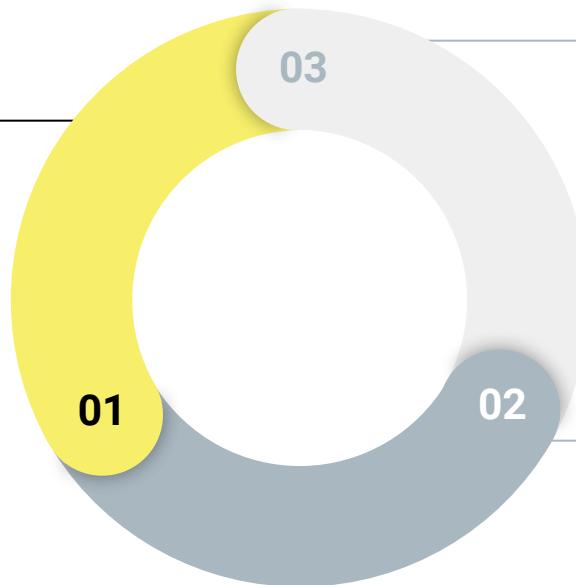
—Jeff Dickey, author of *Write Modern Web Apps with the MEAN Stack: Mongo, Express, AngularJS, and Node.js* (Peachpit Press, 2014)

# Advice for the Journey

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Throughout this course, always remember to:

Work hard!



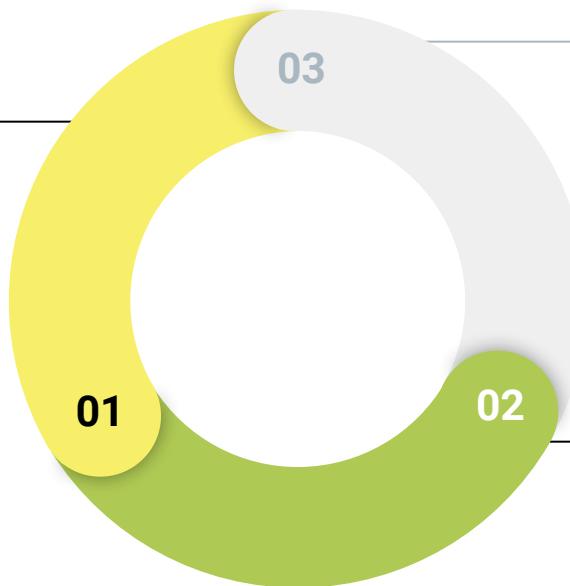
Trust yourself

Celebrate your successes

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# And Remember...

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If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go with a team.



# Google Fu: The Most Important Skill of All

| What Is Google Fu?



# Course Structure

# Daily Schedule

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In each class, we'll cover the following:

- 01 Set objectives
- 02 Brief background lecture
- 03 Watch me / coding demos
- 04 Code discussions
- 05 In-class exercises
- 06 Project work

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This is the super important  
stuff—ALWAYS BE CODING!

# Prework

# <title>Intro to HTML</title>

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How'd it go?

# Software Checklist

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At this point, you should have all of these installed:

- Slack
- Visual Studio Code
- Git
- Git Bash (Windows) or Terminal (Mac)
- Node.js
- Heroku-CLI
- Google Chrome

# Accounts Checklist

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You should also have accounts for:

- GitHub (with SSH Integration)
- Heroku
- LinkedIn
- Stack Overflow

# Self-Check

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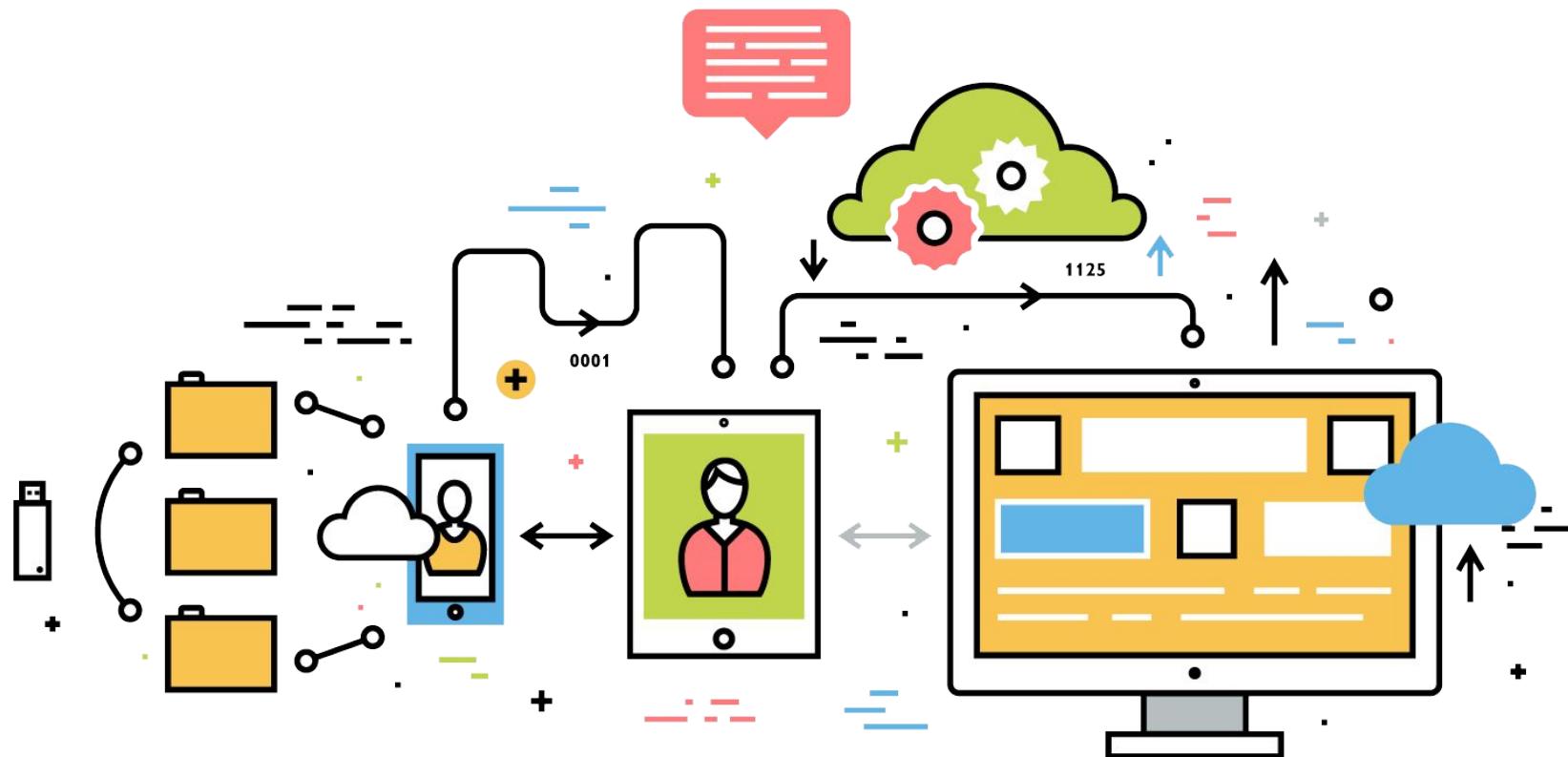
Let's do some quick checks of the following:

- Visual Studio Code Check
- Git Bash/Terminal Check
- Node Check
- Git Check
- Heroku Check

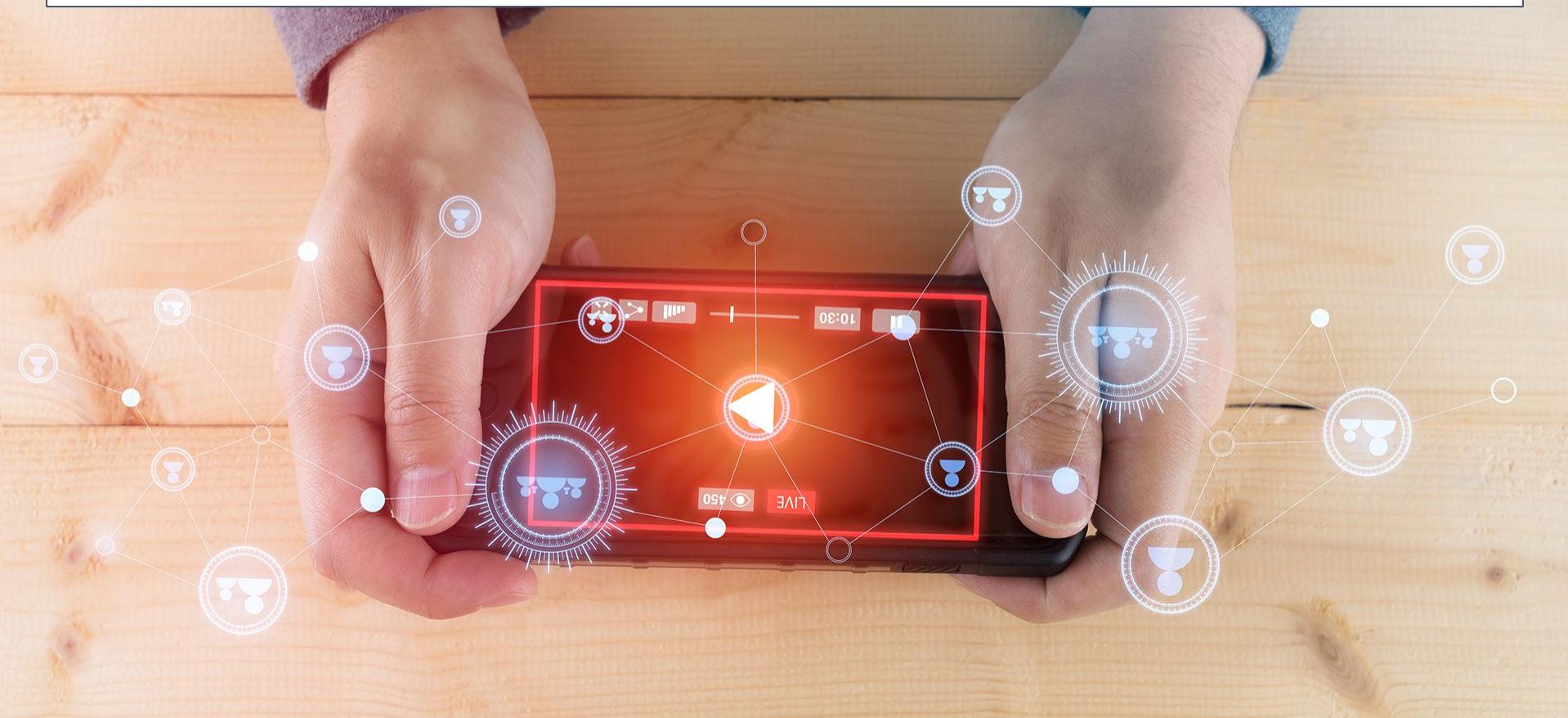
# The Modern Web

# What Exactly Is Full-Stack Development?

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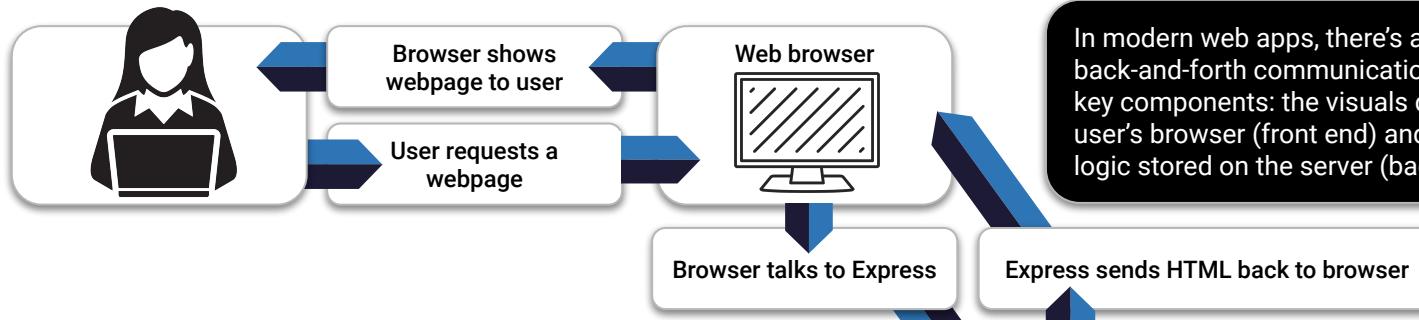
# The “Magic” of YouTube



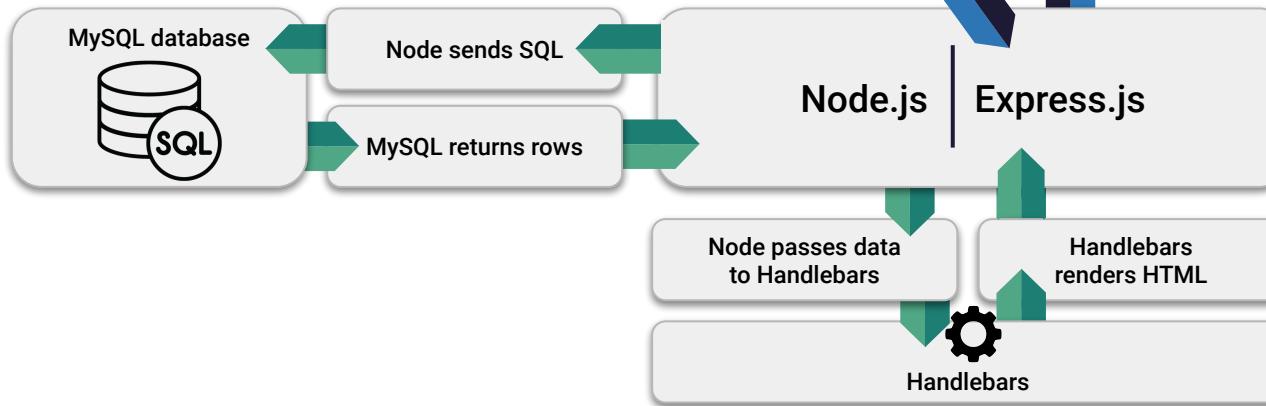
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Front end

FSF FLOW



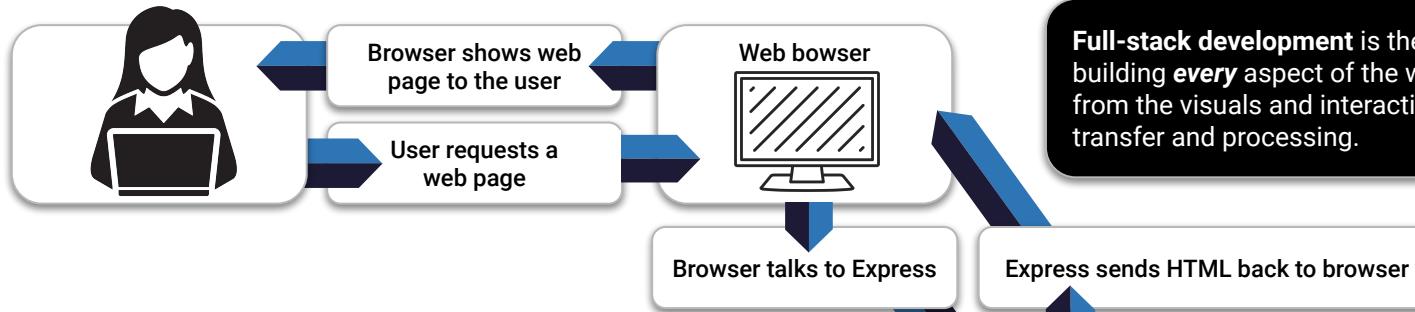
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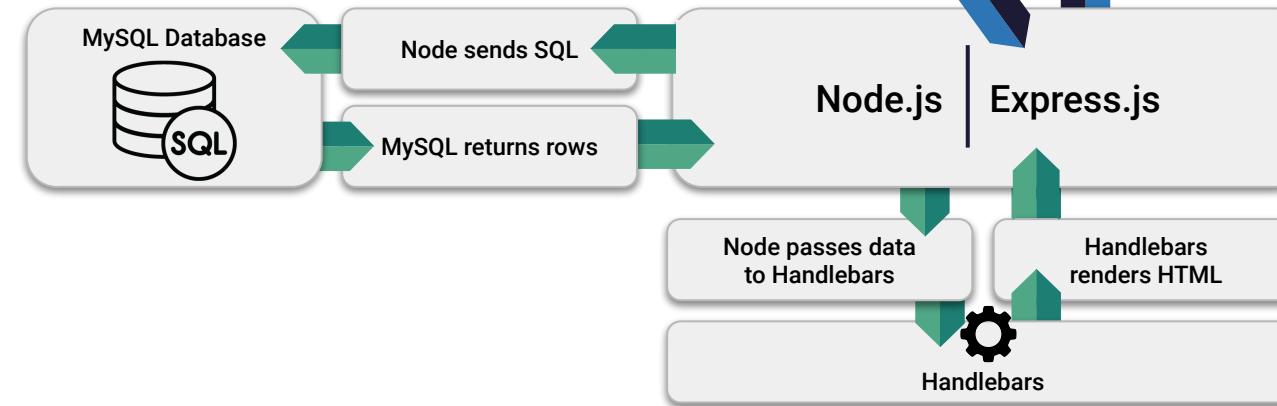
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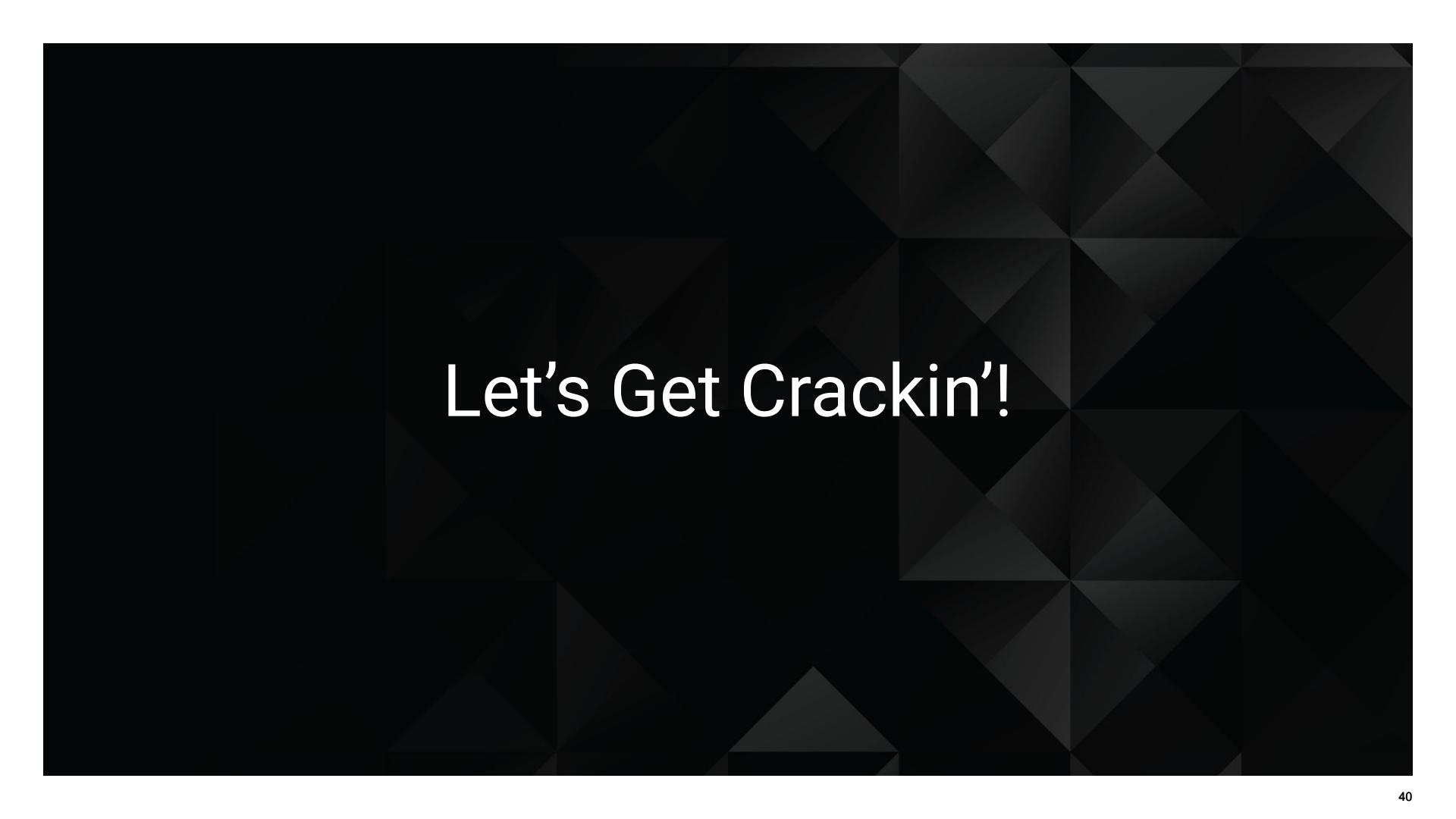
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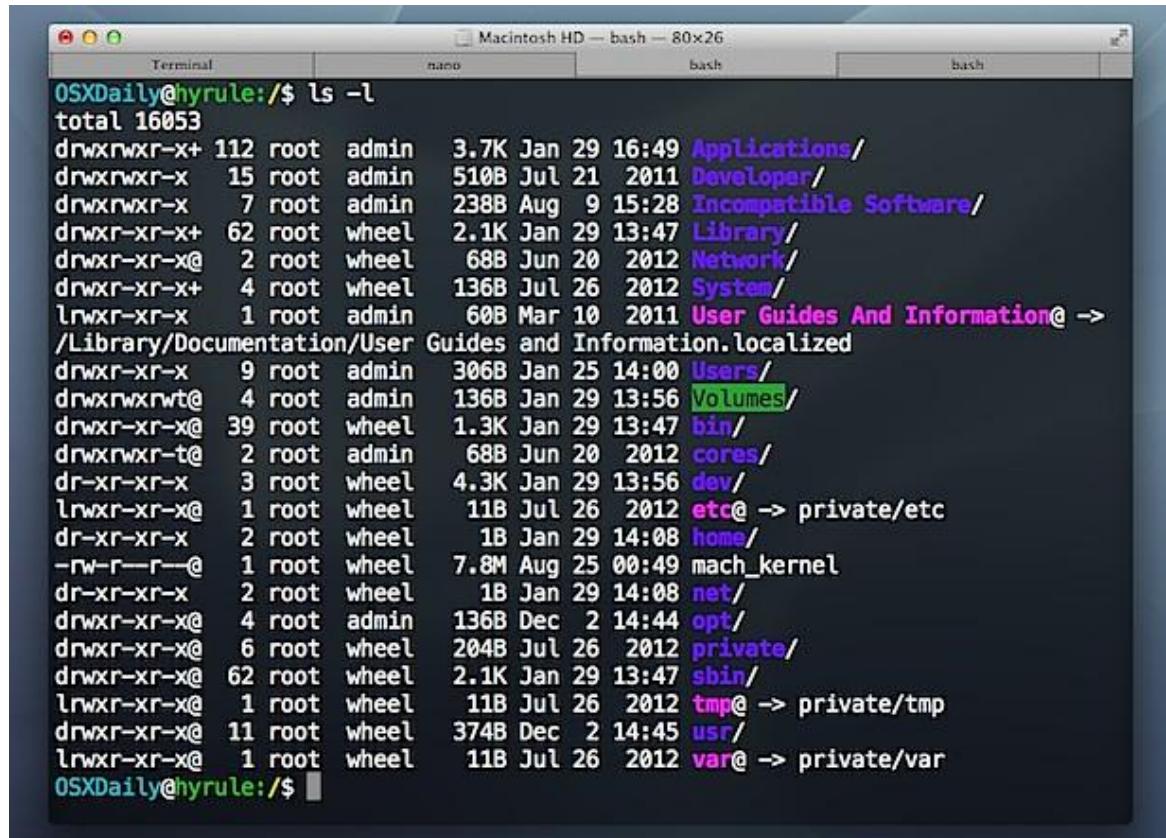
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HTML	Heroku	Templating engines	
CSS	Git	Sessions	
JavaScript	GitHub	Writing tests	
jQuery	Databases		
Bootstrap	MySQL	Express.js	
SEO	MongoDB	Creating APIs	
<b>API Interaction</b>		MVC	
APIs (Consuming)		User authentication	
JSON		ORM (Sequelize)	
AJAX		<b>CS Fundamentals</b>	
Real-time cloud database via Firebase		Algorithms	
<b>Cutting-Edge Development</b>		Design patterns	
React.js			



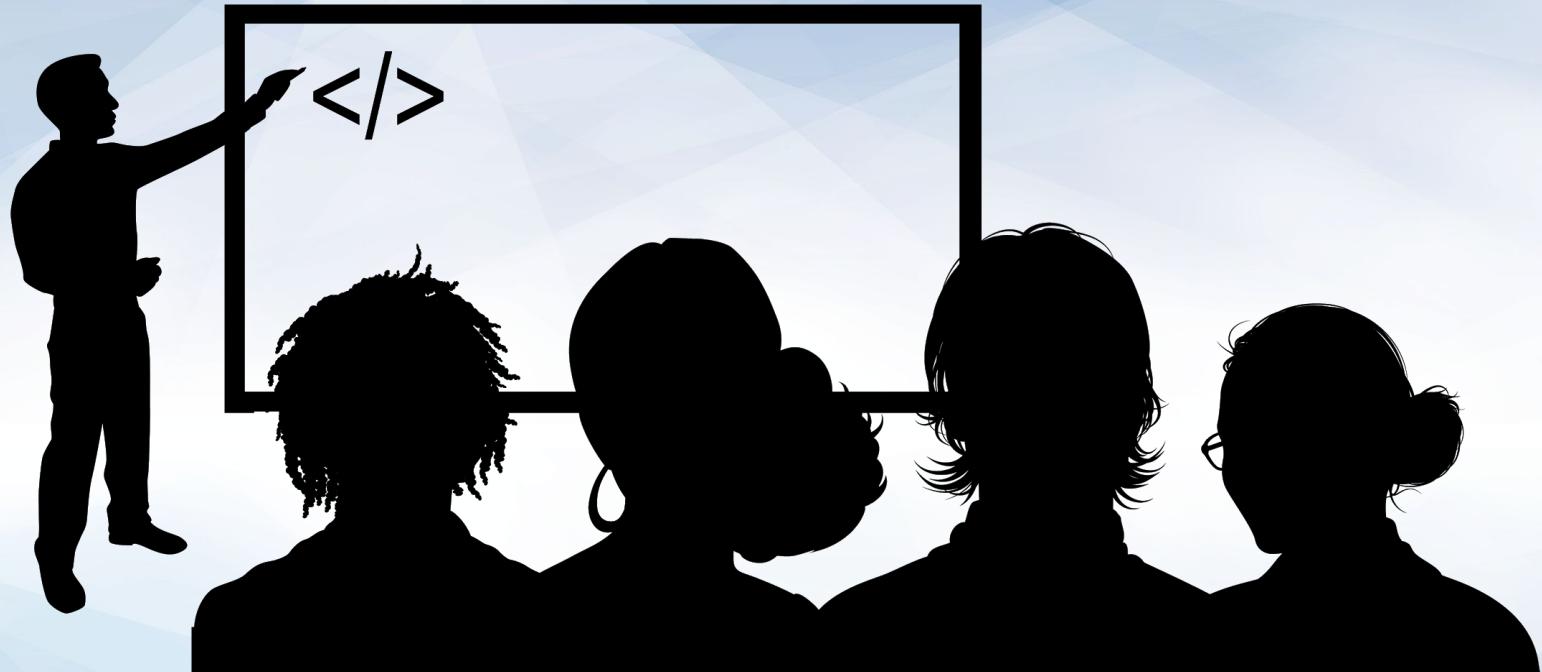
Let's Get Crackin'!

# Intro to Console/Terminal



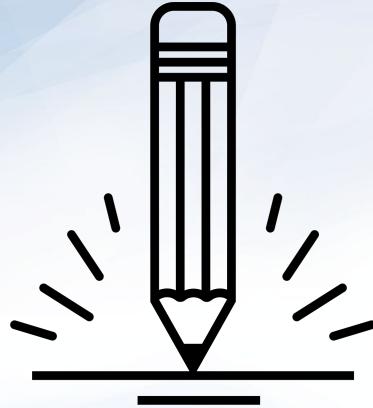
A screenshot of a Mac OS X Terminal window titled "Macintosh HD — bash — 80x26". The window shows the output of the command "ls -l". The output lists numerous files and directories in the root directory, including "Applications/", "Developer/", "Incompatible Software/", "Library/", "Network/", "System/", "User Guides And Information@ > /Library/Documentation/User Guides and Information.localized", "Users/", "Volumes/", "bin/", "cores/", "dev/", "etc@ > private/etc", "home/", "mach\_kernel", "net/", "opt/", "private/", "sbin/", "tmp@ > private/tmp", "usr/", and "var@ > private/var". The "Volumes/" directory is highlighted with a green selection bar. The "User Guides And Information" file is also highlighted with a pink selection bar.

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OSXDaily@hyrule:/$ ls -l
total 16053
drwxrwxr-x+ 112 root admin 3.7K Jan 29 16:49 Applications/
drwxrwxr-x  15 root admin 510B Jul 21 2011 Developer/
drwxrwxr-x   7 root admin 238B Aug  9 15:28 Incompatible Software/
drwxr-xr-x+  62 root wheel 2.1K Jan 29 13:47 Library/
drwxr-xr-x@  2 root wheel 68B Jun 20 2012 Network/
drwxr-xr-x+  4 root wheel 136B Jul 26 2012 System/
lrwxr-xr-x@  1 root admin 60B Mar 10 2011 User Guides And Information@ >
/Library/Documentation/User Guides and Information.localized
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lrwxr-xr-x@  1 root wheel 11B Jul 26 2012 tmp@ > private/tmp
drwxr-xr-x@  11 root wheel 374B Dec  2 14:45 usr/
lrwxr-xr-x@  1 root wheel 11B Jul 26 2012 var@ > private/var
OSXDaily@hyrule:/$
```



## Instructor Demonstration

### Let's Get Crackin'—Intro to Console



# **Activity:** Console Commands

**Instructions sent via Slack.**

**Suggested Time:**  
**12 minutes**



# Activity: Console Commands

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Instructions:

01

Create a new folder with the name of self-destructing-folder.

02

Create a new txt file with the name secret-message.txt.

03

Copy secret-message.txt to the inside of self-destructing-folder.

04

Delete the original secret-message.txt file.

05

Delete the self-destructing-folder.

Suggested Time: 12 min



# Intro to Console: Discuss with Neighbors

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Hello, HTML

# <title>Intro to HTML</title>

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## HTML5

- HTML is one of the three base languages behind every website.
- It defines all the basic content and a bit of formatting.





# **Activity:** Intro to HTML

## **Instructions sent via Slack.**

**Suggested Time:**  
**5 minutes**



# Activity: Intro to HTML

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**In a new HTML file, create the basic structure of an HTML document and include the following in it:**

- DOCTYPE declaration
- Head tag with a title tag
- H1 tag with a title of your choice
- An embedded image

**Now add the following three links to your page:**

- One link that has target="\_blank" so that it opens a new tab when clicked
- One link that is bold
- One link that is only a placeholder (it goes nowhere)

**BONUS!**

- Create an ordered list of steps to make a sandwich
- Create an unordered list of five bands/musicians you like
- Create a table with two columns (animal class and animal name) and four rows of animals
- Use an alternate way of separating links without line breaks
- Embed a YouTube video of your favorite band/musician

**Suggested Time:** 5 minutes





Time For a Quick Video

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[My First HTML](#)

# Take a Break!

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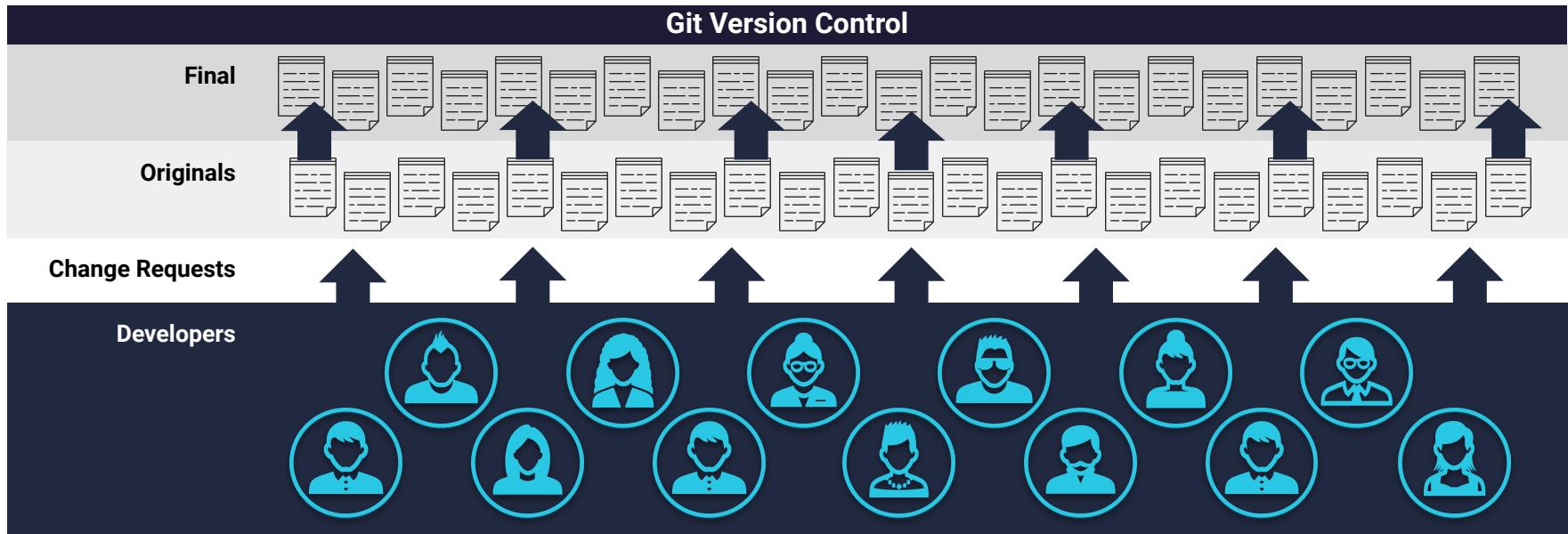
# What Is Git?

# Collaborative Coding

Modern web development is highly collaborative.

Teams are often extremely large and spread out across the country or world.

Apps are sometimes made up of hundreds or even thousands of files.



# The Team's Task

Make a list of creative works you've written in the past.

Programming Team		
Maya Angelou	Anne Sexton	Gil Scott Heron
 A circular portrait of Maya Angelou. She is wearing a dark suit and sunglasses, smiling as someone hands her a blue ribbon with a gold medal around her neck.	 A circular black and white portrait of Anne Sexton. She has short, dark hair and is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression.	 A circular portrait of Gil Scott Heron. He is sitting at a piano, wearing a cap and glasses, and singing into a microphone. The background shows stage lights and equipment.

# Maya Angelou & Gil Scott Heron Make Their Edits

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Maya Angelou is programming away.



Maya Angelou's version

```
<ul>
  <li>On the Pulse of Morning</li>
  <li>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</li>
  <li>And Still I Rise</li>
</ul>
```



Gil Scott Heron is programming away.



Gil Scott Heron's version

```
<ul>
  <li>Free Will</li>
  <li>Pieces of a Man</li>
  <li>The Revolution Will Not Be
    Televised</li>
</ul>
```

# Different Solutions

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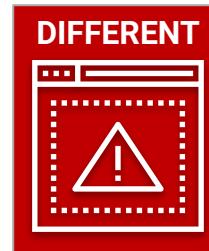


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# Resolution

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## Maya Angelou's version

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## Gil Scott Heron's version

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<ul>
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</ul>
```

## Let's settle on this:

```
<ul>
  <li>Poems</li>
  <li>Albums</li>
  <li>Songs</li>
</ul>
```

# Anne Sexton Writes Her Own Version

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Anne Sexton's version

```
<ul>
    <li>The Double Image</li>
    <li>Heart's Needle</li>
    <li>Baby Picture</li>
</ul>
```

# Anne Sexton Overwrites the Work of Her Teammates

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Delete. Delete.  
Delete. Delete.  
Delete. Delete.

```
<ul>  
    <li>Poems</li>  
    <li>Albums</li>  
    <li>Songs</li>  
</ul>
```

```
<ul>  
    <li>The Double Image</li>  
    <li>45 Mercy Street</li>  
    <li>The Road Back</li>  
</ul>
```

# The Group Project

**Lesson:** You should use version control because it helps you manage multiple developers working on a single codebase.



"Today we fret and pull on wheels, ignore our regular loss of time..." Or maybe we should just use Git.



# Git Version Control

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Git provides an organized system for managing code when multiple developers work on a project at the same time.

## The Benefits of Git



01

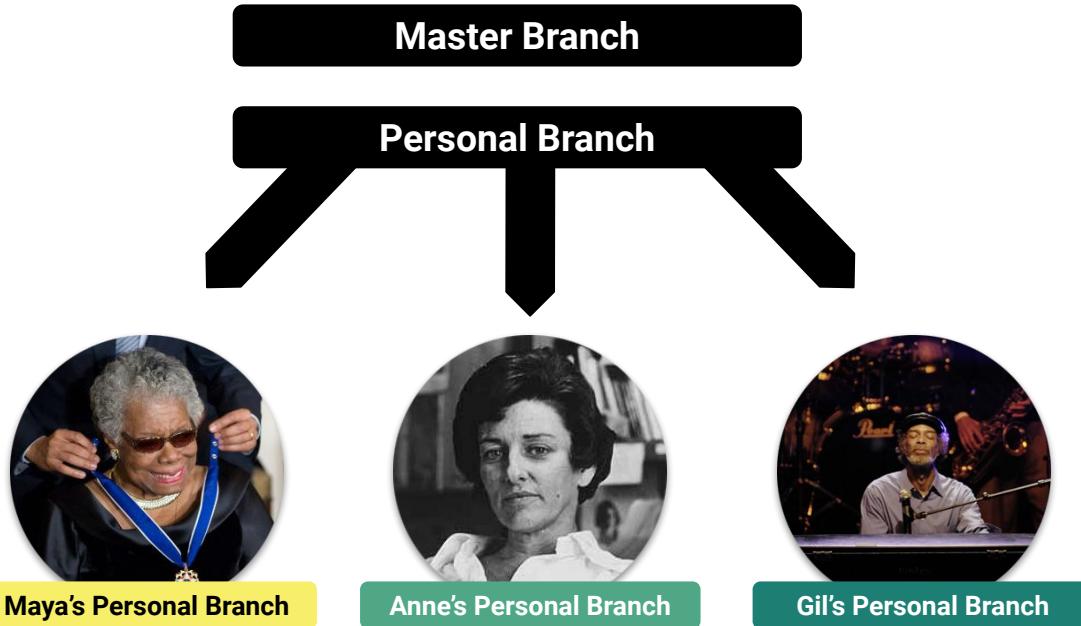
A process for resolving conflicts in code

02

Version history

# The Group Project

Branch = personal copy



# The Team Goes to Work

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**Maya Angelou's version**

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**Gil Scott Heron's version**

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```

# Maya Angelou Pushes First

Maya Angelou pushes (uploads) her code changes into the main branch.

No code conflicts

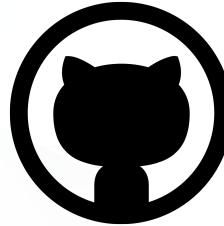


Master Branch



Maya's Personal Branch





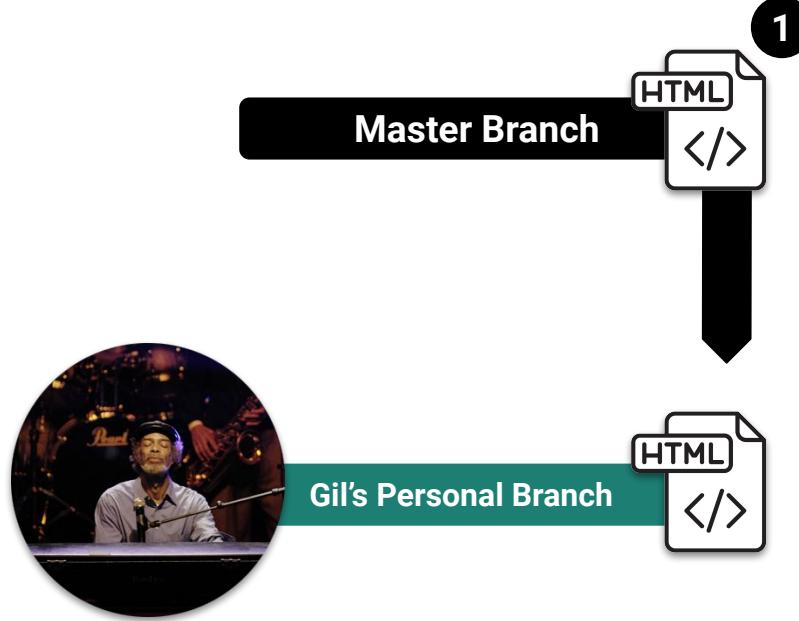
**Rule:** Pull first, and then push your changes.

# Gil Scott Heron's Edits Are Ready

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**Rule:** Pull first, and then push your changes.



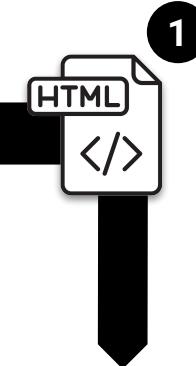
# Gil Scott Heron Conflicts with the Master Branch



Git sees a conflict.

```
<ul>
    <li>On the Pulse of Morning</li>
    <li>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</li>
    <li>And Still I Rise</li>
    <li>On the Pulse of Morning</li>
    <li>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</li>
    <li>And Still I Rise</li>
</ul>
```

Master Branch



Gil's Personal Branch



# Kobe Resolves

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```
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</ul>
```

```
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Gil's Personal Branch



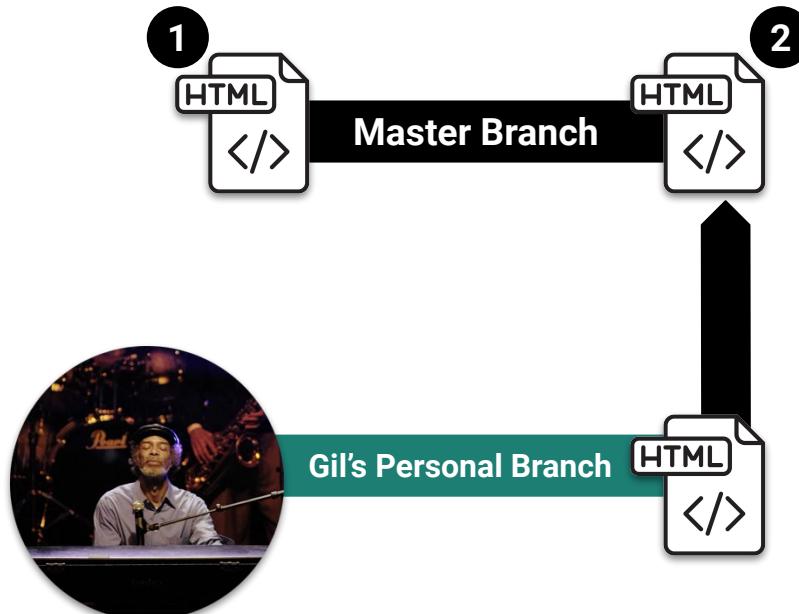
# Gil Scott Heron Fixes and Pushes

Gil pushes (uploads) his revision to the main branch.



No code conflicts

```
<ul>
    <li>Poems</li>
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    <li>Songs</li>
</ul>
```



# Anne Sexton Starts Her Work

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**Rule:** Pull first, and then push your changes.

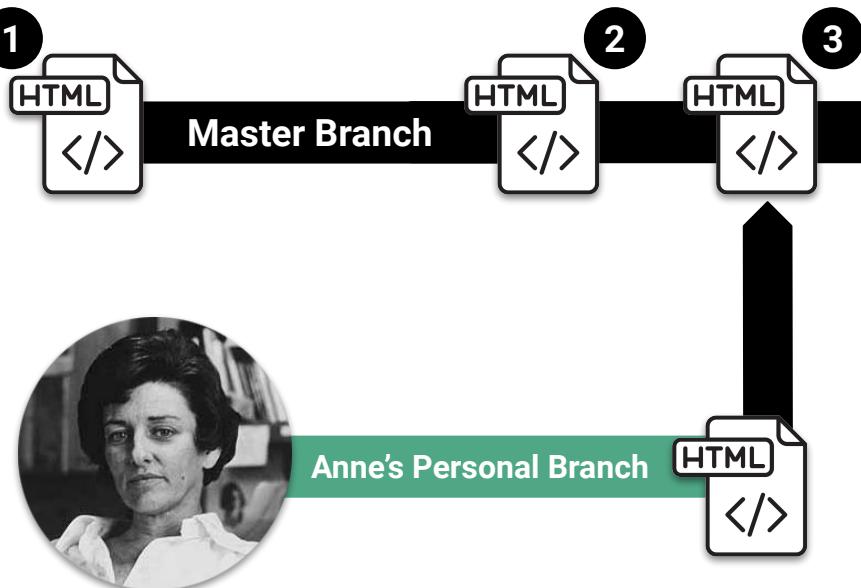


*look into my face  
and you will know that crimes dropped upon me  
as from a high building...  
...by which I mean, I broke the rules.*

# Anne Sexton Pushes

Anne Sexton pushes (uploads) her revision to the main branch, but she doesn't pull first. Because she did not pull first, she sees no conflicts in the code (and doesn't get Gil's work!). **This is not what we want.**

```
<ul>
  <li>The Double Image</li>
  <li>Heart's Needle</li>
  <li>Baby Picture</li>
</ul>
```



# If Anne Had Made a Pull First...

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Conflict!

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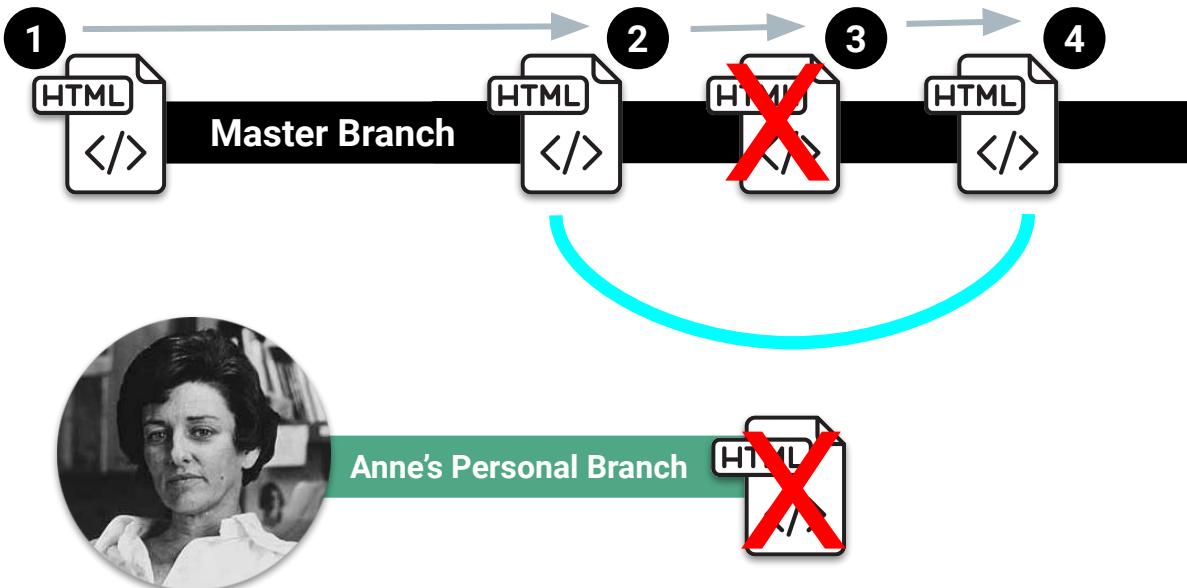


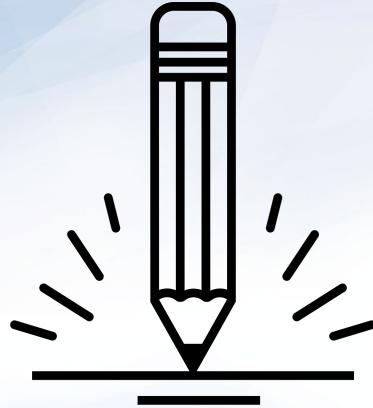


The **overwritten** work  
is discovered!

# Roll Back

Maya **rolls back** the code to an earlier version.





## Activity:

### Explain Git (Version Control)

Suggested Time:  
3 Minutes



# Activity: Explain Git (Version Control)

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**Turn to your neighbor, and have one of you explain to the other:**

The concept of version control

**Then, the other should explain:**

Two key advantages of using a version control system

Suggested Time: 3 Minutes

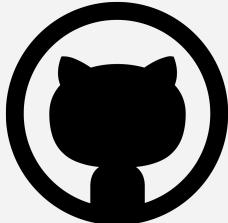


# What Is GitHub?

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01

GitHub is a web-based hosting service to store code online.



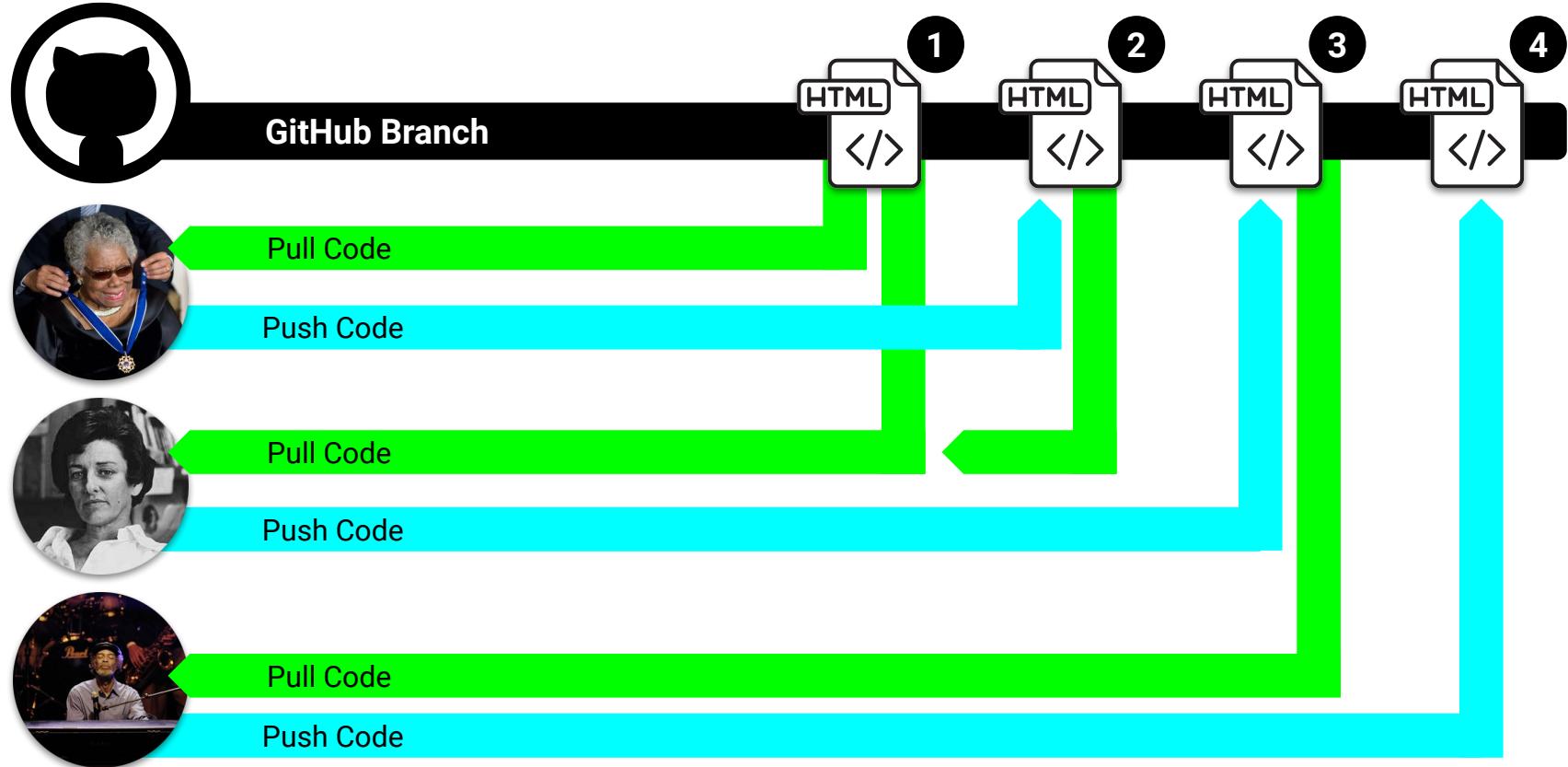
02

It allows developers to pull (download) code or push (upload) code to the same repository (directory).

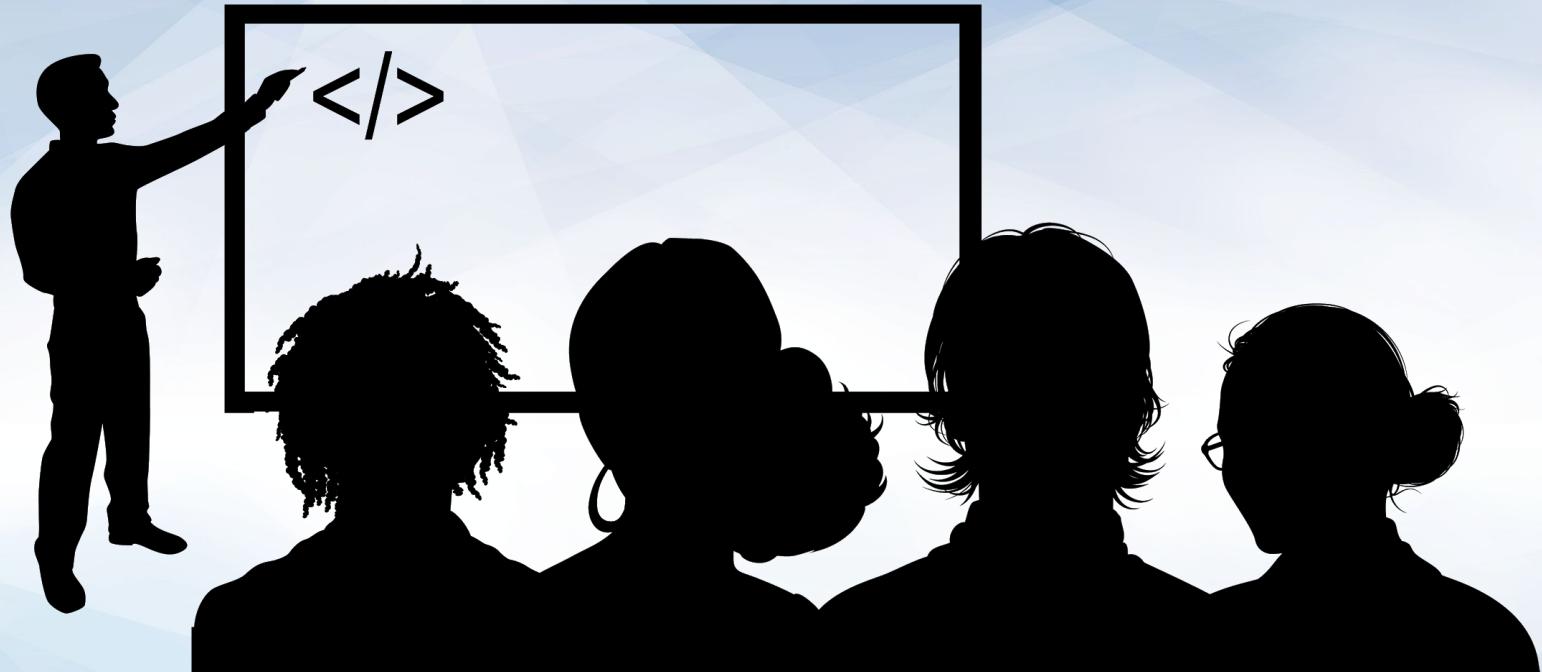
03

It also allows developers to view histories of code changes and track issues.

# Pushing and Pulling to GitHub



# Get Started with Git



# Instructor Demonstration

## Git

# Basic Git Commands

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These are the five basic Git commands to get started:

01

`git clone`

02

`git add`

03

`git commit`

04

`git push`

05

`git pull`

# Basic Git Commands

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git clone

Copies an entire repo (to begin)

git add

Adds a file for inclusion in Git

git commit

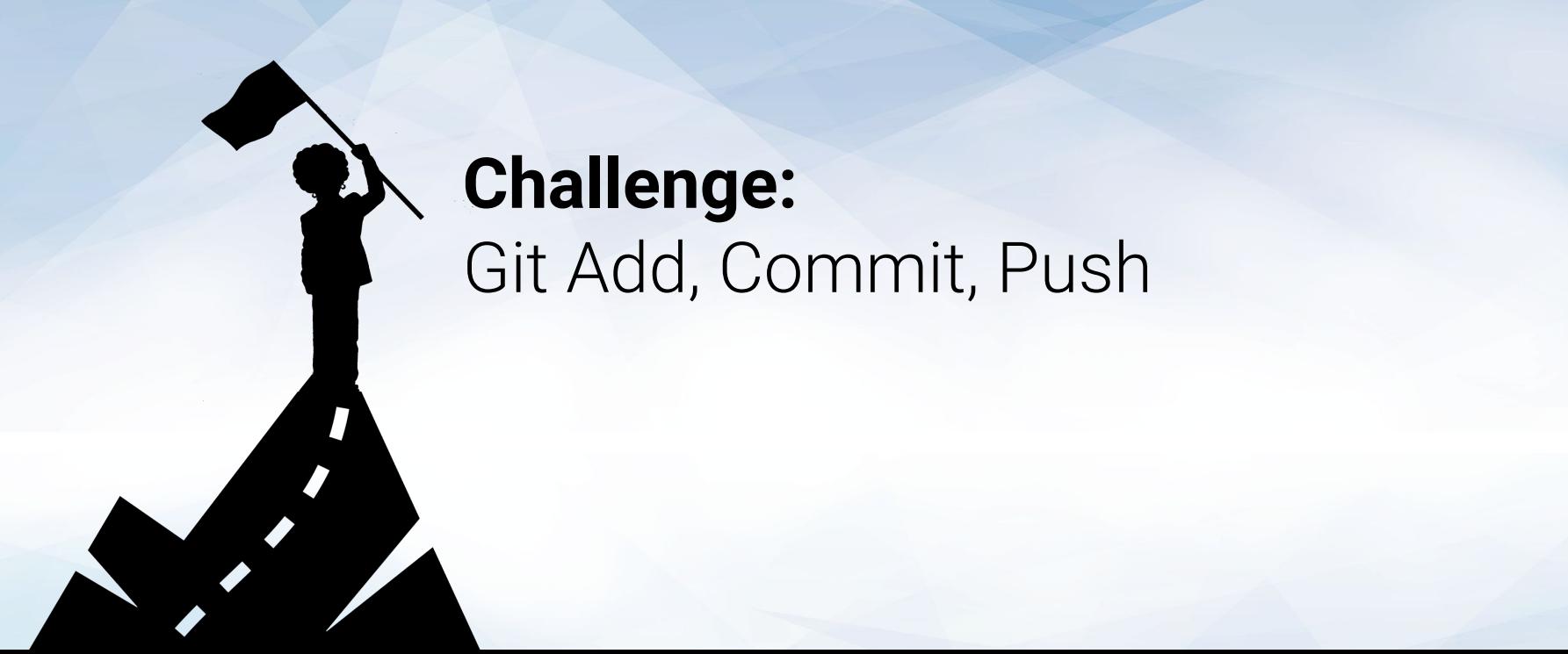
Notes a change to the local repo

git push

Sends changes to hosting service

git pull

Downloads freshest version of repo



# **Challenge:**

## Git Add, Commit, Push

**Suggested Time:**  
15 minutes



# Activity: Git Add, Commit, Push

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## Using GitHub and the command line:

1. Create a new **public GitHub repository** and name it whatever you like. Be sure to check the box to initialize this repository with a README.
2. **Clone** the repo to your local directory.
3. Create an **HTML file** inside the local directory.
4. **Add, commit, and push** the code to GitHub.

## Bonus:

1. Find a partner in class, and **fork their** repository to your own GitHub account.  
Clone this forked repository to your local directory.
2. **Add, commit, and push** the code back to your forked copy.
3. Submit a **pull request** to send your changes to your partner's repo.

Suggested Time: 15 Minutes



# Still a Bit Lost? Don't Worry!

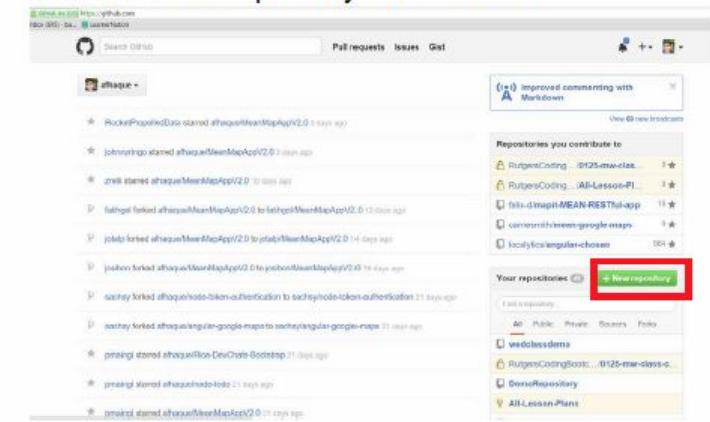
Follow this handy guide!

Practice a few times on your own before the next class.

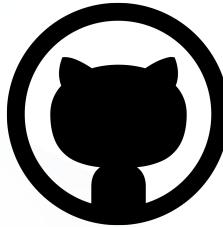
## Steps to Uploading Your Code to GitHub

### Step 1

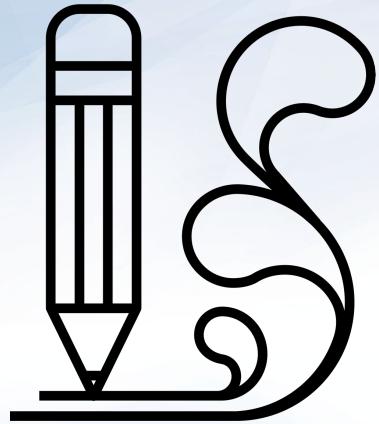
#### Create a New Repository in GitHub.com



The screenshot shows a GitHub user profile page for 'alfrage'. The main area displays a list of repositories contributed to by the user. At the bottom right of the page, there is a prominent green button labeled 'Create a New Repository'. This button is highlighted with a red rectangular box, indicating it as the primary action for the current step. The page also includes standard GitHub navigation elements like 'Pull requests', 'Issues', and 'Gist'.



**If you're still lost, here's a (free) course on how to use GitHub:**  
[codeschool.com/courses/try-git](https://codeschool.com/courses/try-git)



# Homework Assignment

**Due Date:**  
Next Class



# Homework Assignment

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01

Figure out where the GitHub repo is for our class.

02

Redo the Terminal example from today's class.

03

Redo the HTML example from today's class.  
(Watch the [walkthrough video](#) if you feel a bit lost.)

Due Date: Next Class

