Git Best Practices

Do you really use Git efficiently?

Ilya Rokhkin 2019 Git – meaning?

What does the word Git means?

GIT Overview



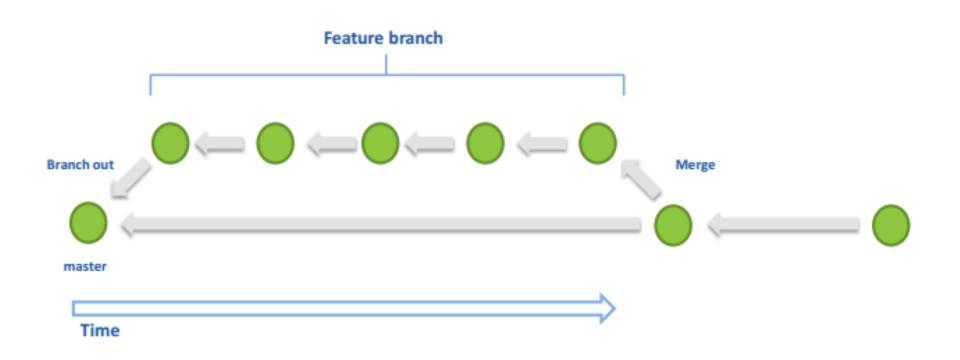
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Best practices – local feature branches (topics)

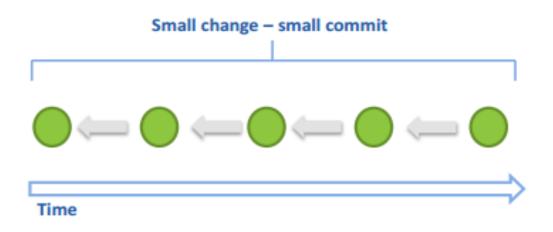
Work on feature branches locally



Demo: create feature branch, checkout

Best practices – commit

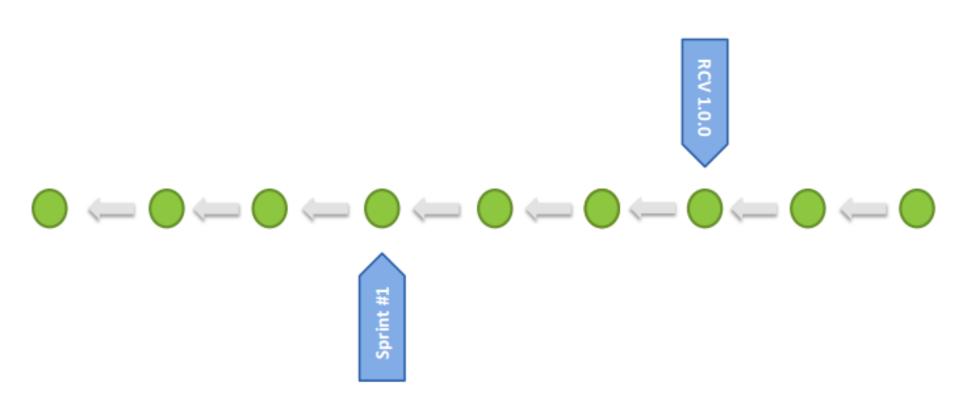
Keep changes small wherever possible and commit frequently



Demo: vim, change, save -> auto-commit, git log -c, git reset

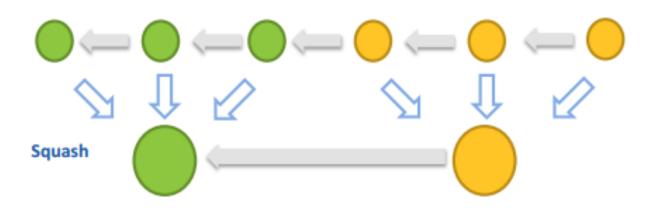
Best practices – tag milestones

Tag important milestones (for history and for accessibility)



Best practices – squashing

Before pushing, squash related changes together to make for better understanding by others



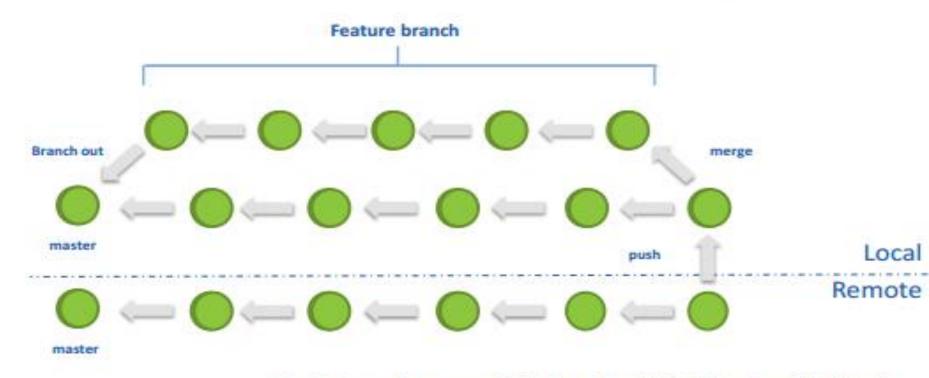
Demo: git merge --squash, git commit, git log --online --graph --all, git push

Best practices – clean up local branches

Clean up local branches once the code gets pushed to target branch

Feature branch deleted

(git branch -d feature branch)



"S git branch --merged" will show all branch(es) which can be safely deleted

Best practices - concise commit messages

Limit commit message Subject to 70 chars and it must be simple, clear, self explained – this is the line all will see!

Meaningful details put in the body of the commit message

```
commit f6ce5cc010bf6665a8f2a701e7983e0c2ac8f144
Author: Shawn O. Pierce <sop@google.com>
Date: Thu Nov 29 09:55:47 2012 -0800

Sort comments before emailing them

The order supplied by the caller can be random, ensure comments get sorted into a sane order before they are included into the email.

Bug: issue 1692
Change-Id: ibd85e514977545d022f936a5993f2a6ef6e52321
```

Demo: Example:

https://github.com/datreeio/node-datreeio/commits/master

Best practices – Branch Layout

Branch layout

The branch layout is up to you, but there are some best practices though:

```
$ git branch # GOOD
   master
* devel
   feature/new-mailform
   fix/off-by-one
   fix/readme-grammar
```

```
$ git branch # BAD
  master
* devel
  new
  fix
  fix2
  t3rrible-br@nch-name
```

Questions?

Summary

Ilya Rokhkin (Git Trainings)

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Thank You!