

# Introduction to Git

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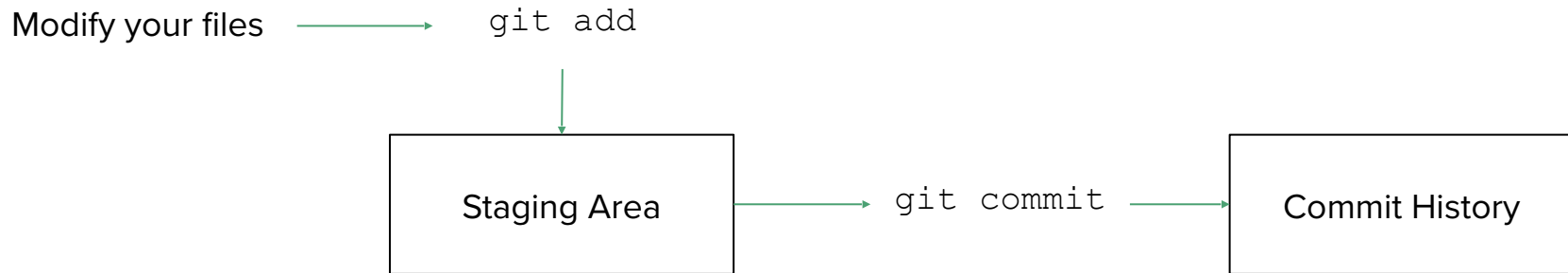
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# What is Git?

- Version control system
- Developed by Linus Torvalds (Linux)
- Why is version control important?
  - Logged history of changes
  - Collaborative codebase



# Commit Process



## What is a commit?

A single point of time in your Git history that contains a log of changes

# Commit Messages: Doing them Effectively

## What's in a good commit message?

A one-line title that effectively captures the work (if applicable, prefix it with a ticket number)

A description for any details

```
git commit -m "<ticket-number>: <title>" -m "<description>"
```

## Why it matters

Track bugs more easily

Simplify pull request reviews

For more details: [An effective guide](#)

# Commit History: Reviewing Your Changes

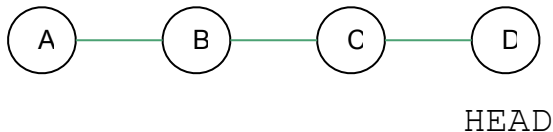
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185 - public void createInputDialog() {
186 -     AlertDialog.Builder builder = new AlertDialog.Builder(getActivity());
187 -     builder.setMessage(getString(R.string.enter_workout_name));
188 -     final EditText editText = new EditText(getActivity());
189 -     editText.setInputType(InputType.TYPE_CLASS_TEXT);
190 -     builder.setView(editText);
191 -     builder.setPositiveButton(getString(R.string.generate_button_text),
199 + public void createInputDialog(String previousInput) {
200 +     mInputBuilder = new AlertDialog.Builder(getActivity());
201 +     mInputBuilder.setMessage(getString(R.string.enter_workout_name));
202 +     mInputField = new EditText(getActivity());
203 +     mInputField.setInputType(InputType.TYPE_CLASS_TEXT);
204 +     mInputBuilder.setView(mInputField);
205 +     if (!TextUtils.isEmpty(previousInput)) {
206 +         mInputField.setText(previousInput);
207 +     }
208 +     mInputBuilder.setPositiveButton(getString(R.string.generate_button_text),
192 209         new DialogInterface.OnClickListener() {
193 210             @Override
194 211             public void onClick(DialogInterface dialog, int which) {
195 212                 Intent detailIntent = new Intent(getActivity(), WorkoutDetailActivity.class);
196 213                 detailIntent.putExtra(getString(R.string.workout_name_extra),
197 -                     editText.getText().toString());
214 +                     mInputField.getText().toString());
```

Reviewing your diff:

- Additions - green lines
- Deletions - red lines
- Untouched - white lines

# Commit History: Undoing Your Changes

First off,  
what is HEAD?



**HEAD** is the most recent commit of the  
branch you're currently on

## Default

`git reset --hard`

Completely discard  
changes, whether  
staged or not

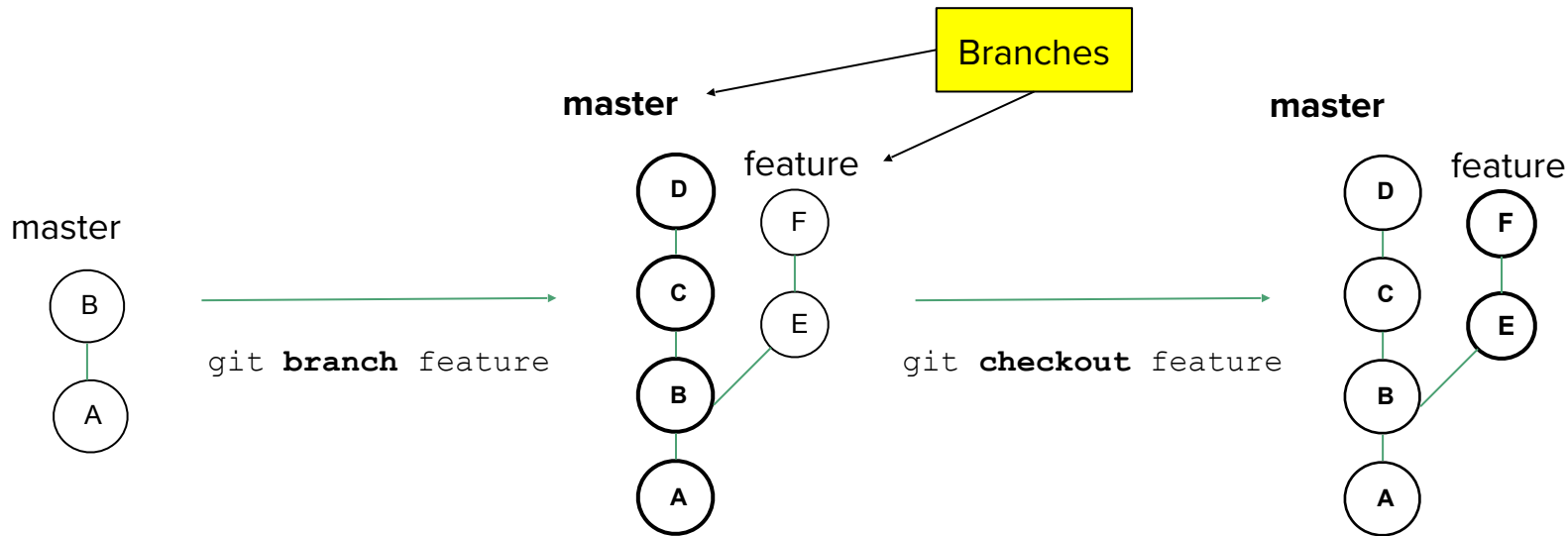
`git reset --mixed`

Removes files from  
staging area, but keeps  
changes

`git reset --soft`

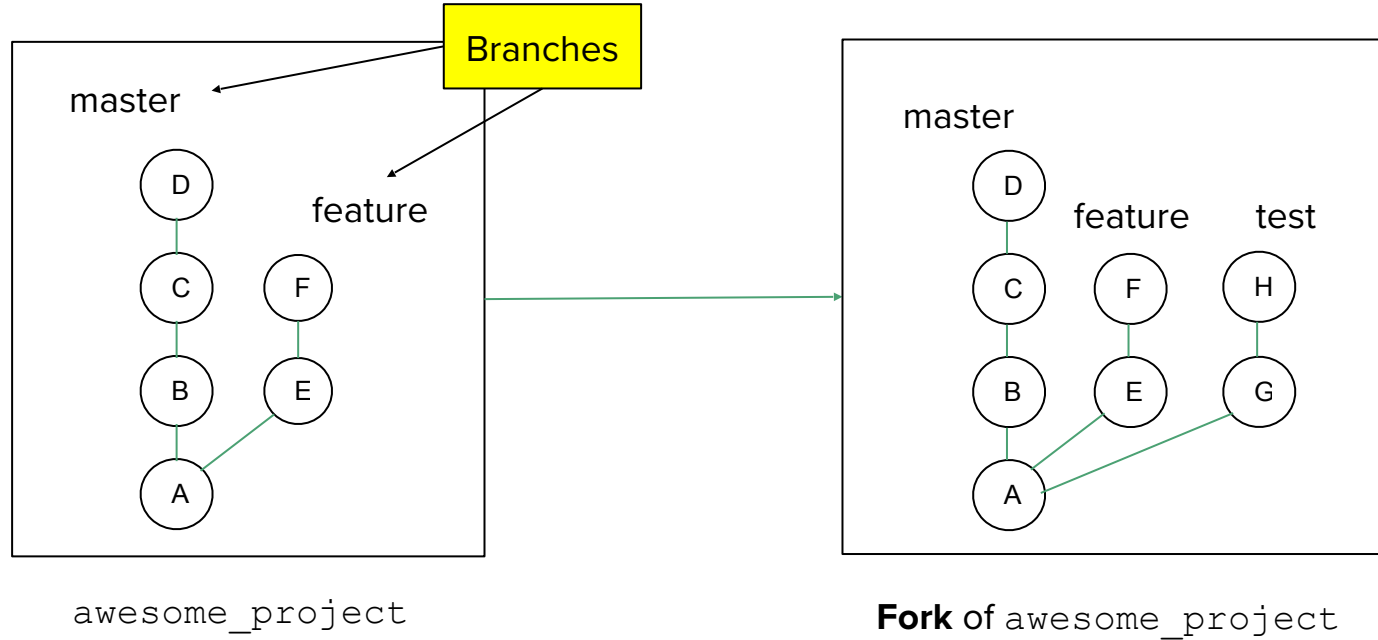
Moves HEAD pointer,  
but keeps changes **in**  
the staging area

# Alternate Timelines: Branches & Forks



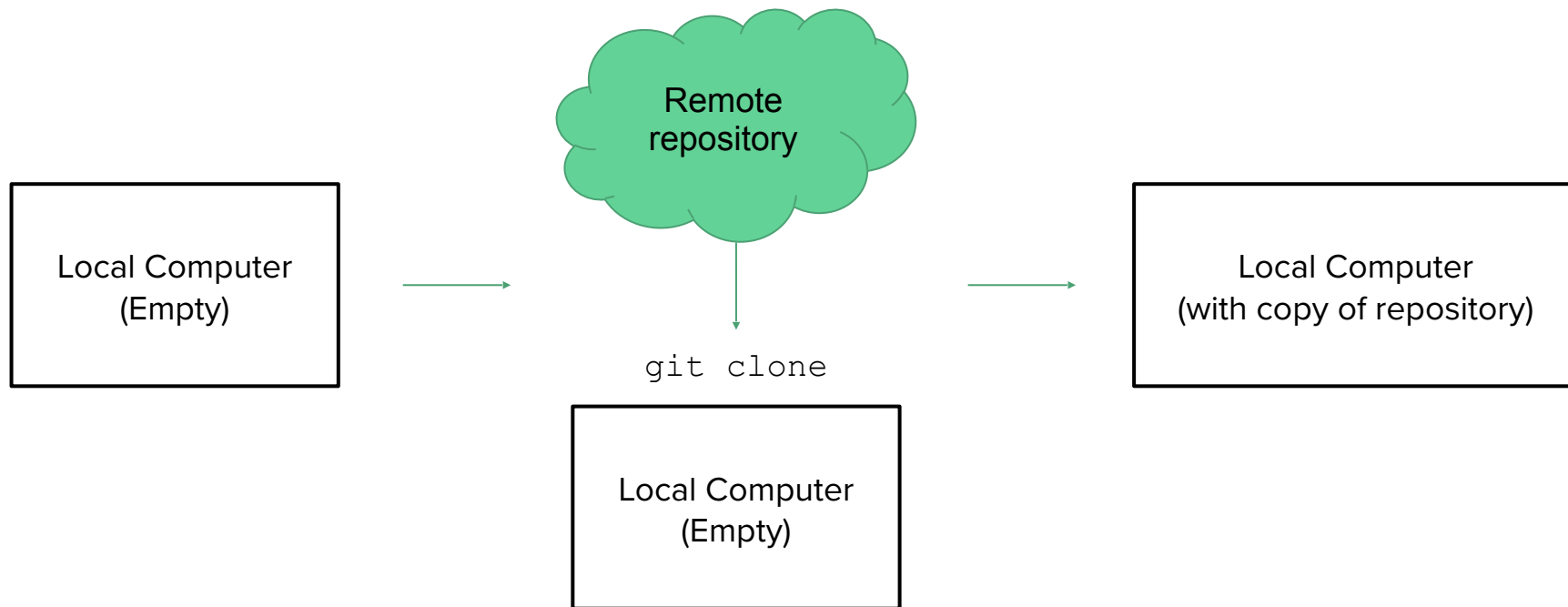
You can also accomplish this with a single line:  
`git checkout -b feature`

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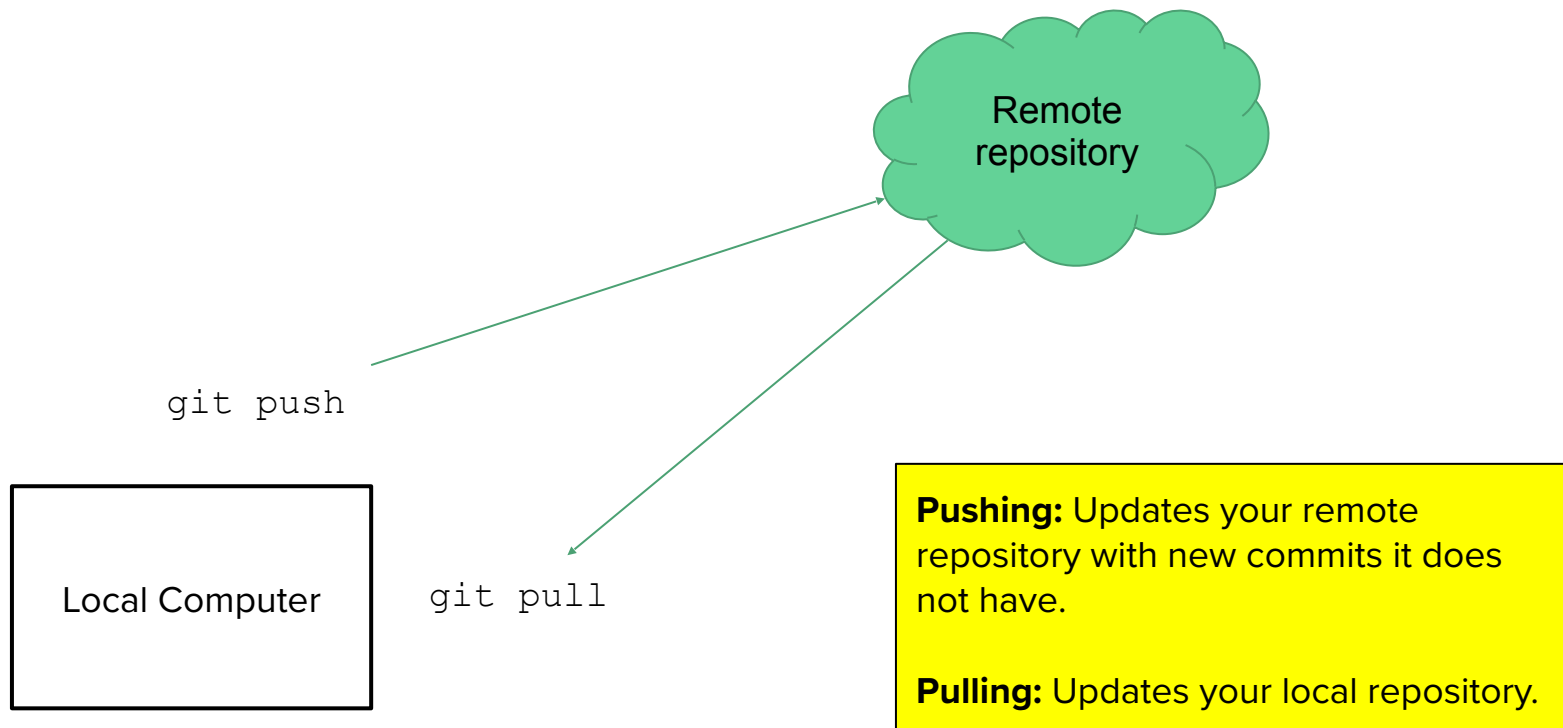




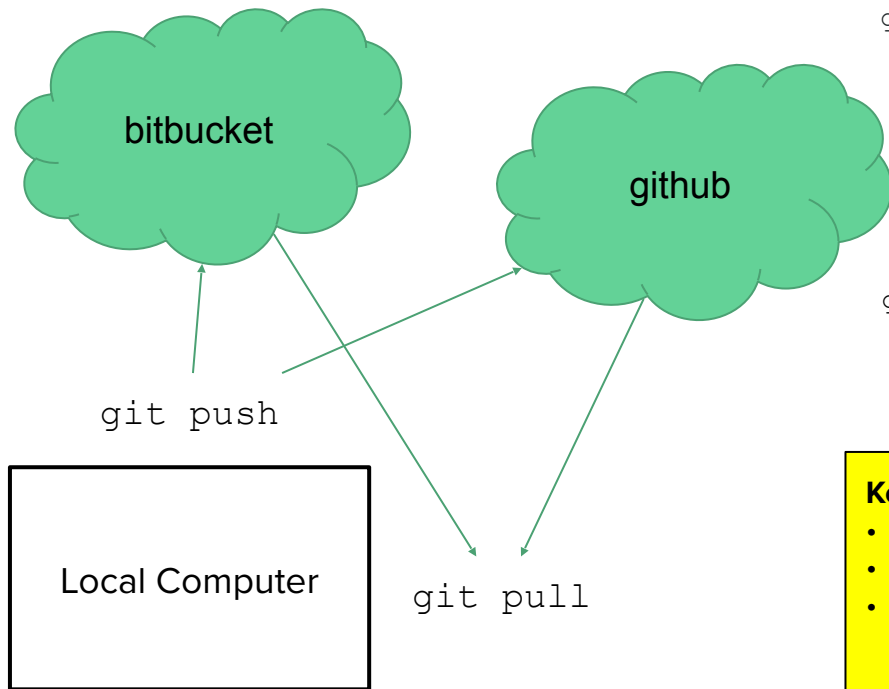
# Working with Remotes: Setup



# Working with Remotes: Updating



# Managing Multiple Remotes



## Cheat Sheet Commands

```
git remote -v  
git remote add <remote-name> <remote-url>
```

## How to Push/Pull

```
git pull/push <remote-name> <branch-name>  
  
e.g. git push bitbucket develop
```

## Key Takeaways

- It's the same repo hosted in different places
- They're essentially forks
- The URL is key to connecting to a remote
  - URLs can either be SSH or HTTPS

# Where are these “remotes”?

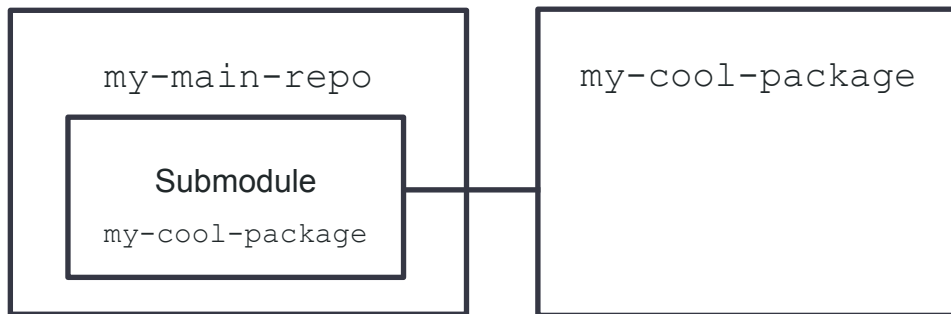


Built on top of Git

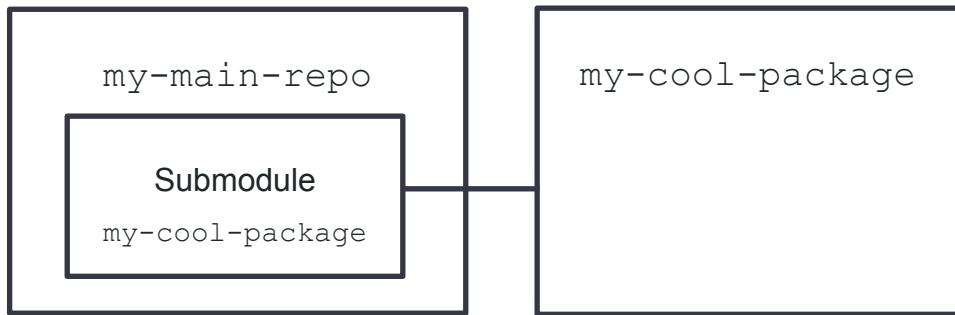
- GUI-based platforms
- Features:
  - Repository Hosting
  - Pull Requests
  - CI/CD Integration

# Submodules: What are they?

- Containing another Git repository within your Git repository
- Why use a submodule?
  - Share common code across multiple repositories
  - Isolate your code as an encapsulated piece
  - Maintain a separate commit history



# Managing your Submodules



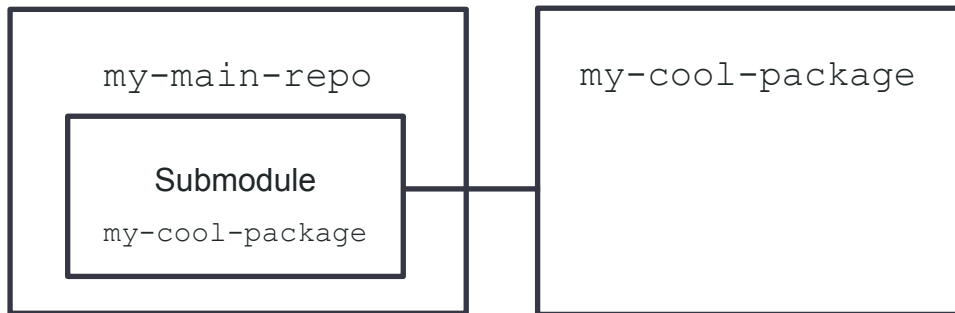
## How does it work?

You're not committing the submodule's code.  
You're committing a reference to the  
submodule + its commit hash.

## How do I update it?

Use Git to update the submodule to the latest  
commit

# Common Submodule Issues



## Commands

```
git submodule <follow-up command>
```

```
git submodule add  
git submodule init  
git submodule update
```

### **My submodule folder is empty**

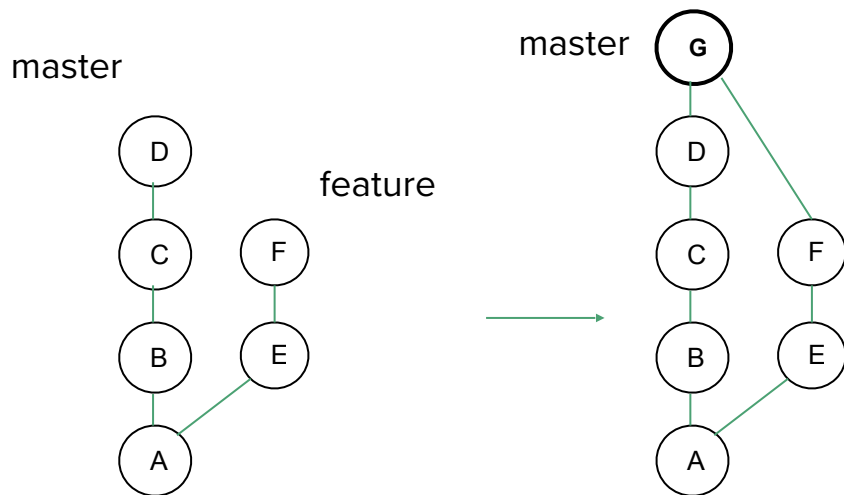
You need to initialize and update it:

```
git submodule init  
git submodule update
```

### **My submodule doesn't have the changes I just made**

Check the commit hash it's pointing to. It may not have your latest commit in the original project.

# Merging vs. Rebasing



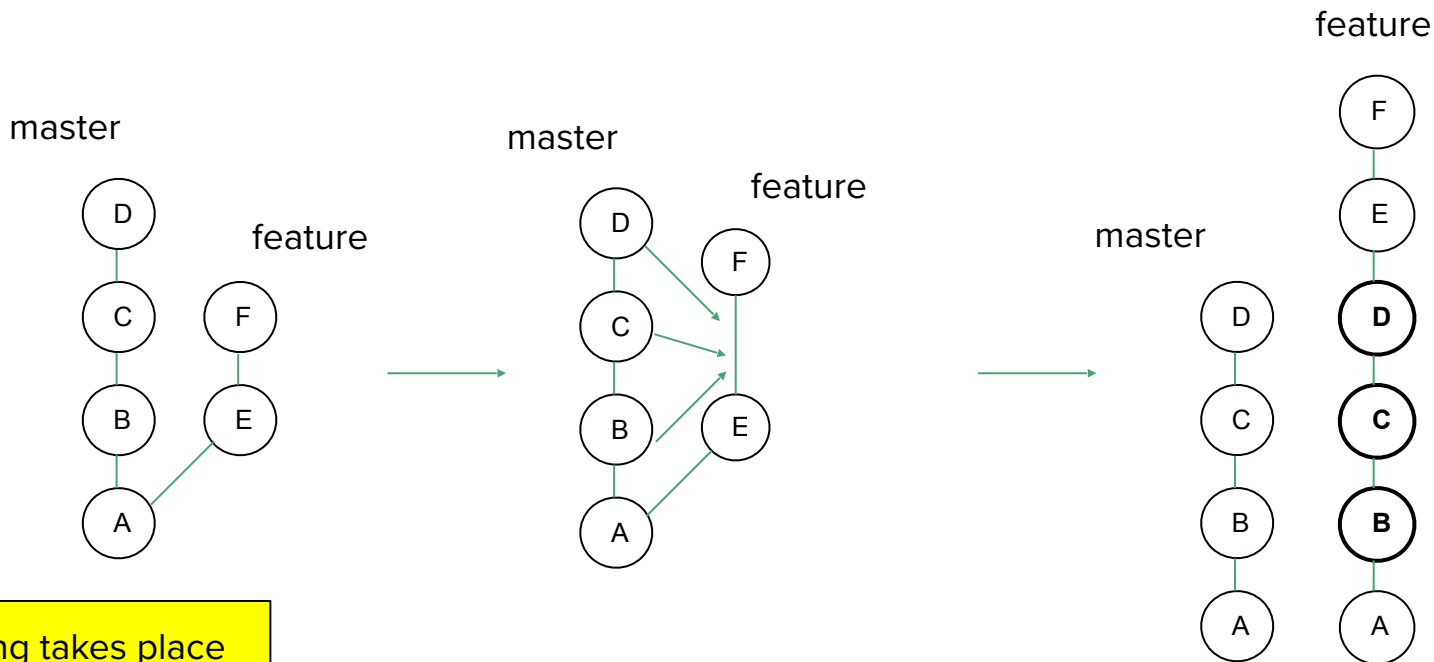
**G** is a newly created “merge commit” to combine the histories of both master and feature

```
(master): git merge feature
```

Notice merging takes place from the **master** branch, not the **feature** branch



# Merging vs. **Rebasing**

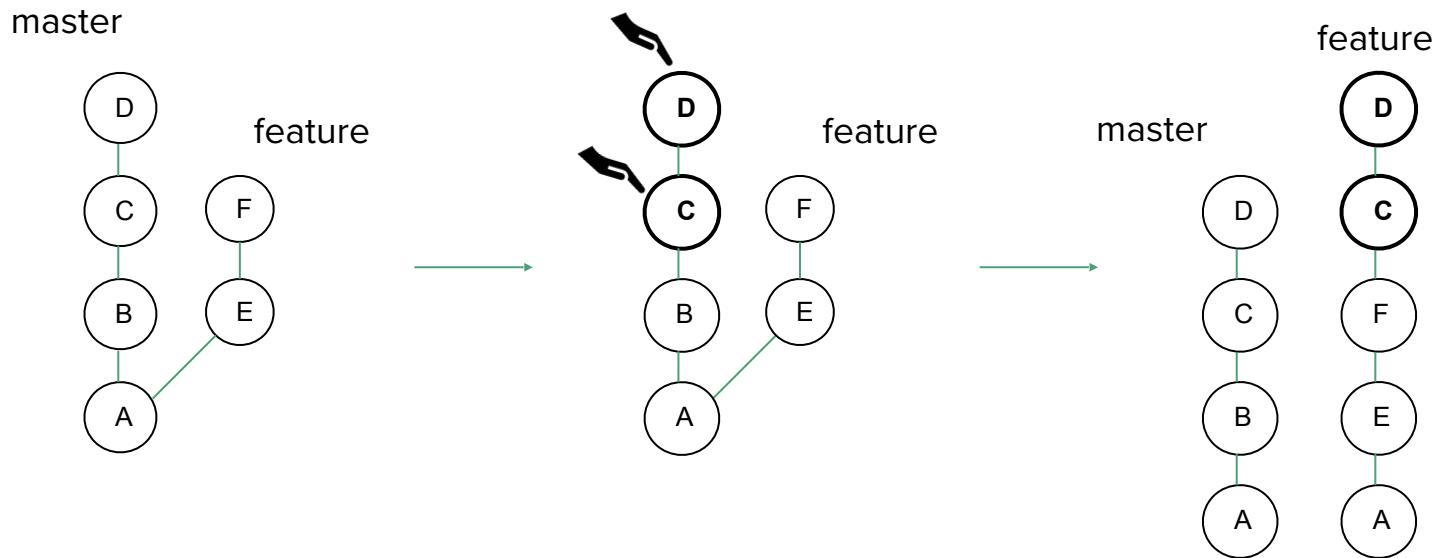


**(feature):** `git rebase master`

Notice rebasing takes place from the **feature** branch, not the **master** branch

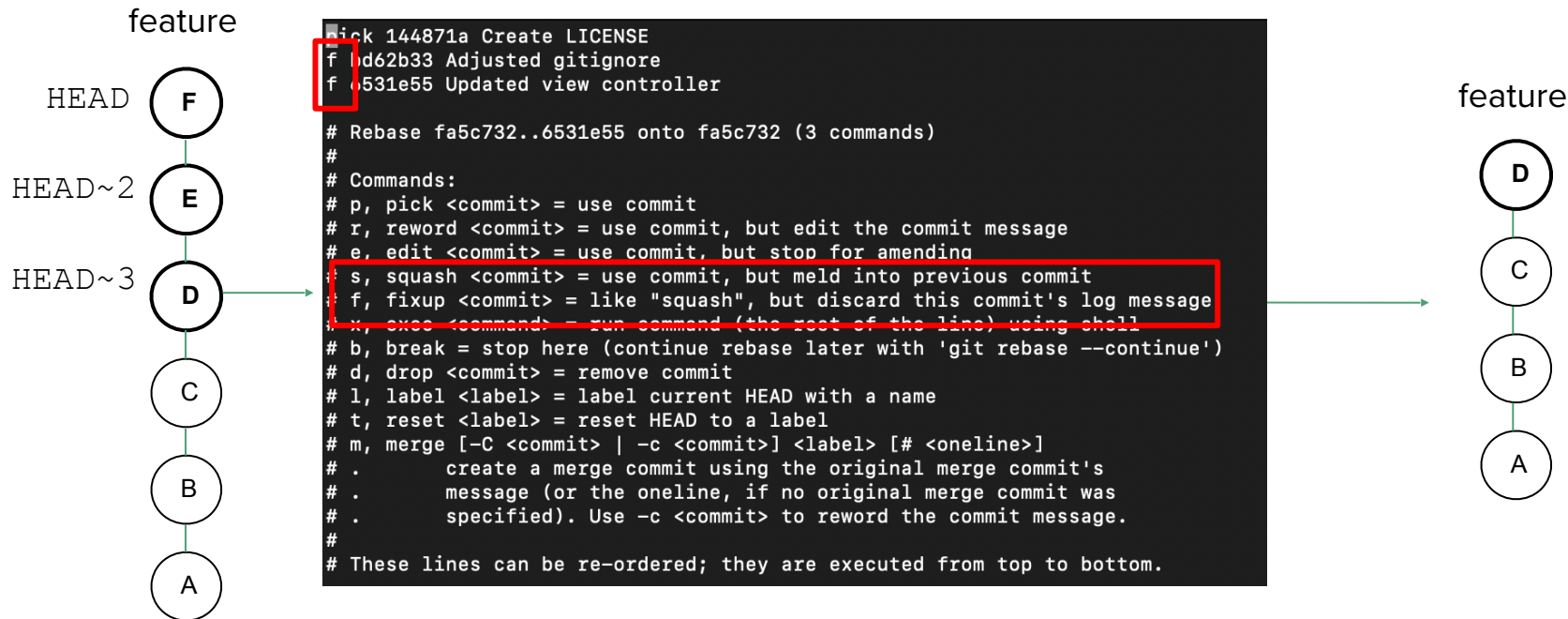
# Fun with Commits: Cherry-Picking

**Note:**  
When rebasing and cherry-picking, the commit hash will be **different** from the original since these are technically **separate** commits.



```
(feature): git cherry-pick C D
```

# Squashing Your Commits



(feature): `git rebase -i HEAD~3`

# Merge Conflicts & How to Resolve Them

```
This is the first line  
Maybe a conflict may happen here
```

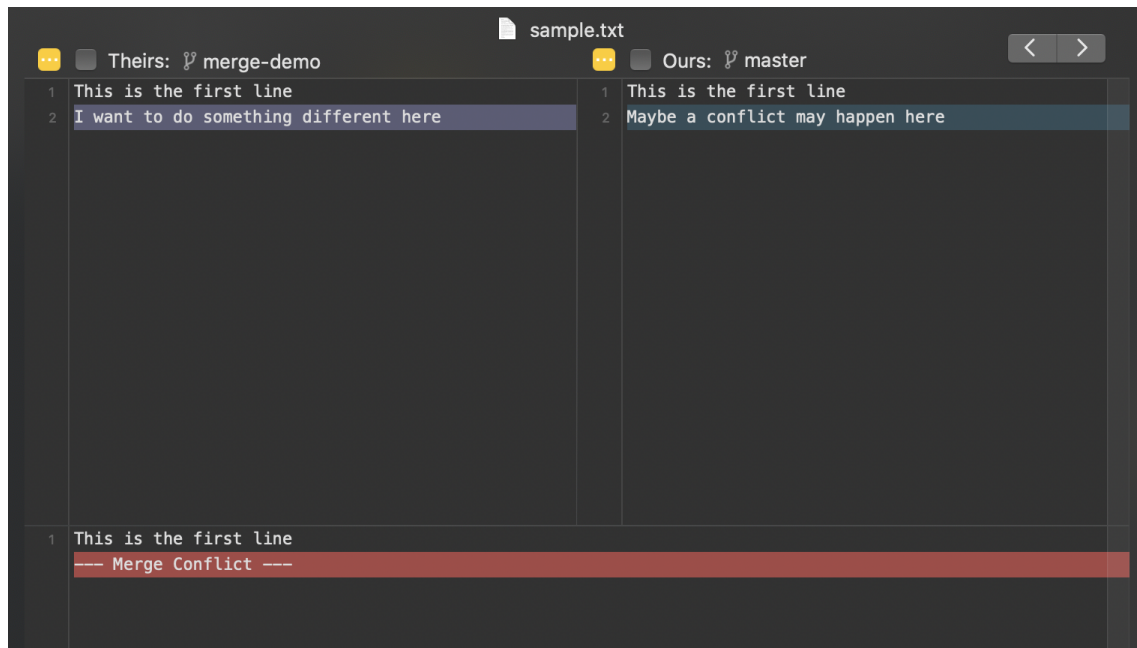
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~  
~

Coder A's changes

```
This is the first line  
I want to do something different here
```

~  
~  
~

Coder B's changes



# Merge Conflicts & How to Resolve Them

- Best approach: **Use a text editor or GUI tool** (Especially for big files)
  - Visual Studio Code
  - GitKraken
  - Fork
  - SourceTree
- Have an understanding of **who** changed **what** and **why**
- Run your code afterwards to make sure it compiles

# Freeform Implementations

- Not one single way to use Git
  - Update Strategies
  - Branching Strategies
    - Gitflow
    - Triangular Workflow
  - Repo structure
    - Monorepo vs Polyrepo
- There is no single best approach
- As a team, agree on a consistent way of working

# Further Resources

- [Git Reference Manual](#)
- [Interactive Tutorials on Git](#)
- [GitHub Learning Lab](#)
- Desktop GUI tools for Git
  - [Fork](#)
  - [GitKraken](#)
  - [Sourcetree](#)

# Questions

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