# Version Control and Git and Github

How Git works and a workflow to support scientific development

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#### **Best Practices for Scientific Computing**

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- 1. Write programs for people, not computers.
- 2. Automate repetitive tasks.
- 3. Use the computer to record history.
- 4. Make incremental changes.
- 5. Use version control.
- 6. Don't repeat yourself (or others).
- 7. Plan for mistakes.
- 8. Optimize software only after it works correctly.
- 9. Document design and purpose, not mechanics.
- 10. Conduct code reviews.

### Version Control Systems

Version control is a system that records changes to a file or set of files over time so that you can recall specific versions later.

### Version Control Systems

| Local | data |
|-------|------|
| model |      |

# Client-server model

# Distributed model

All developers must use the same computer system. Each developers use a shared single repository.

Each developer works directly with his or her own local repository

### Examples

Revision Control System (RCS)

Source Code Control System (SCCS) Concurrent Versions
System (CVS)

Subversion (svn)

Git

Mercurial

This presentation is based on:

### Intro to Git

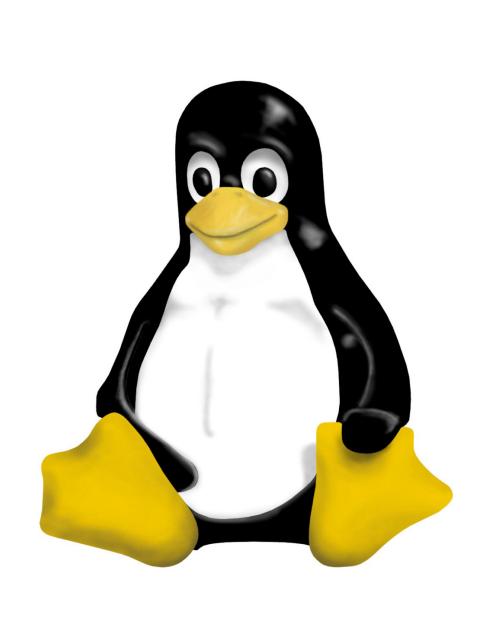
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# Fully Distributed

(almost) everything is local

### No Network Needed

Performing a diff

Viewing file history

Committing changes

Merging branches

Obtaining any other revision of a file

Switching branches

### which means

everything is fast

every clone is a backup

work offline

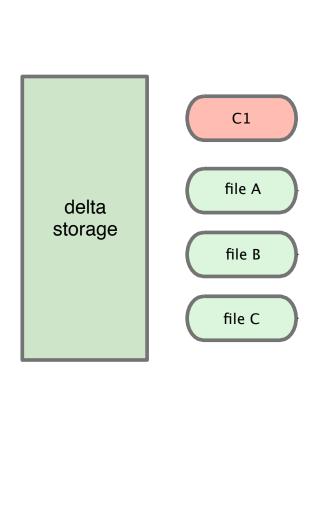
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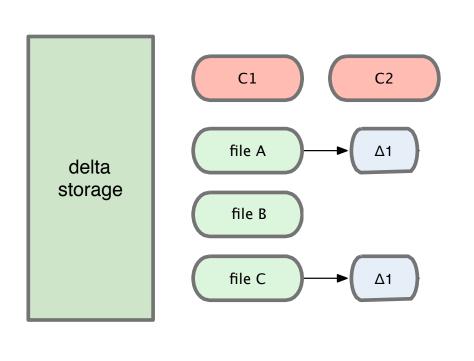
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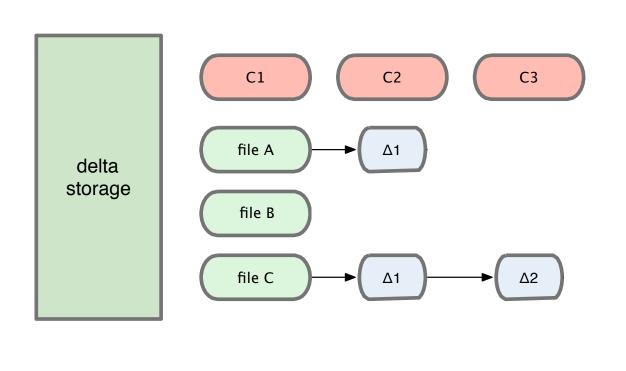
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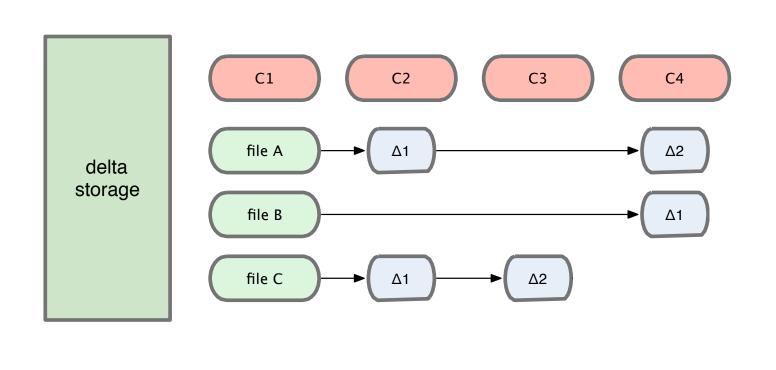
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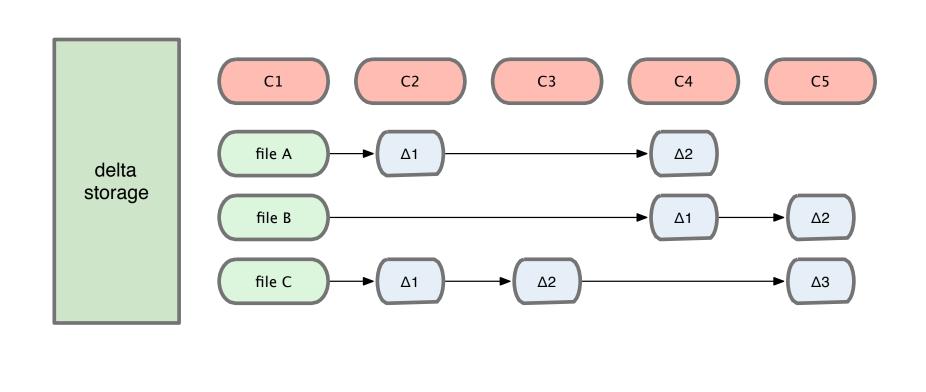
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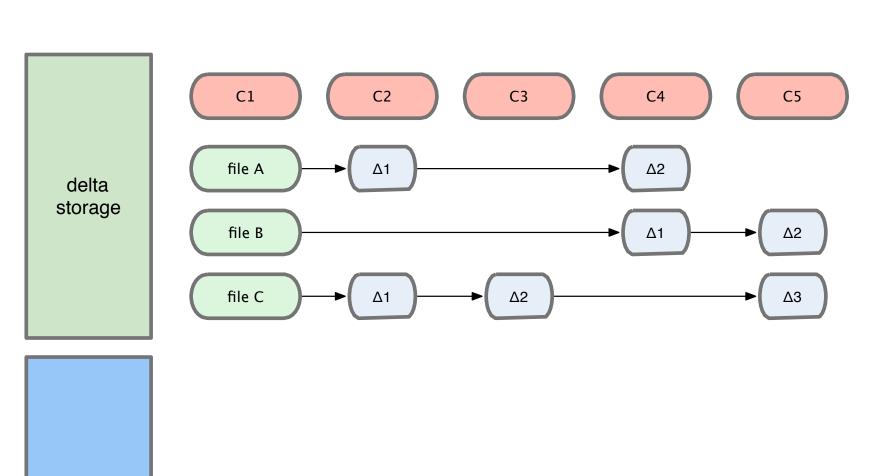




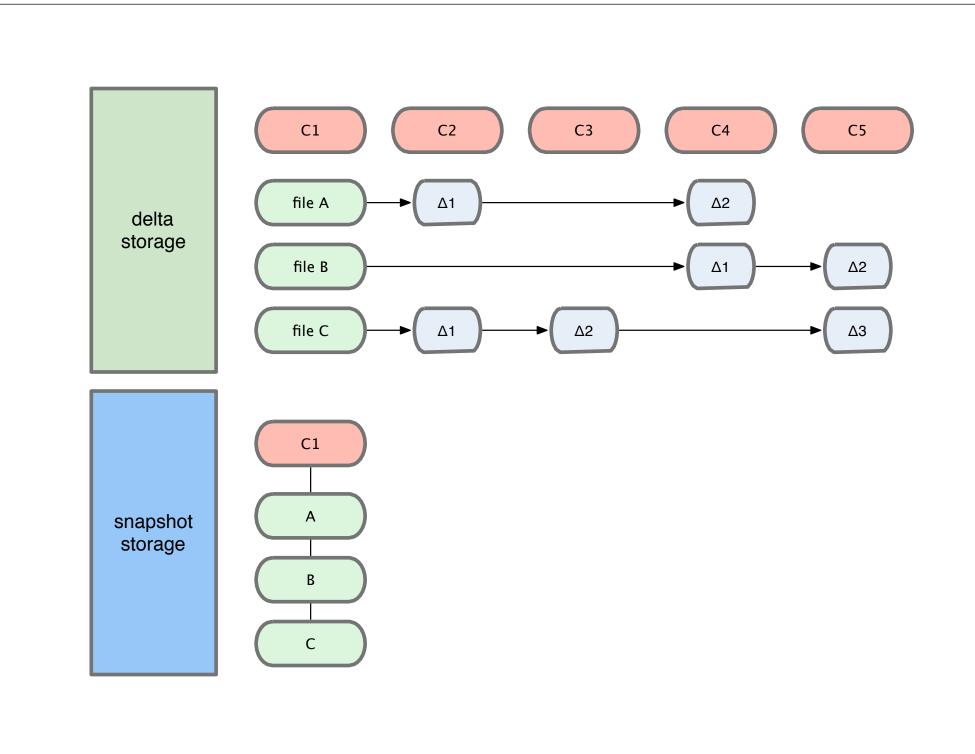


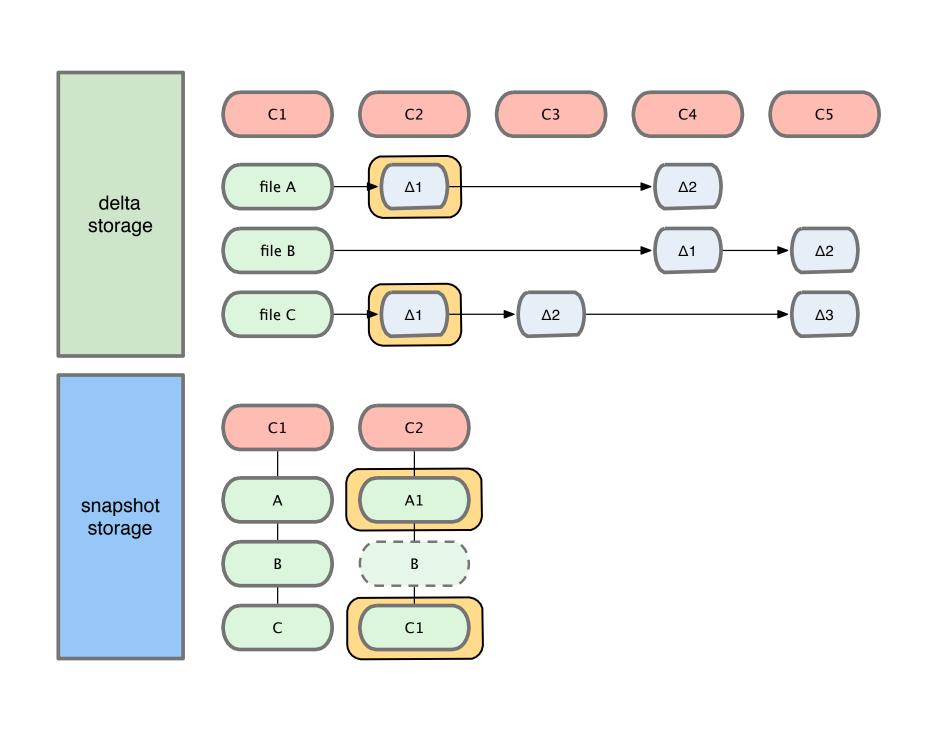


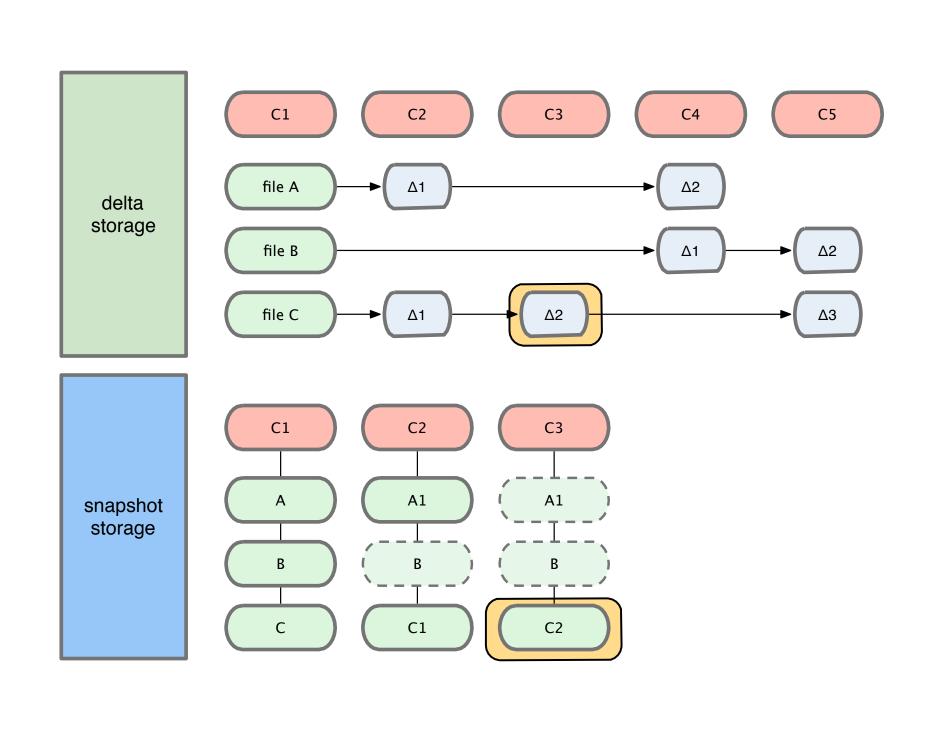


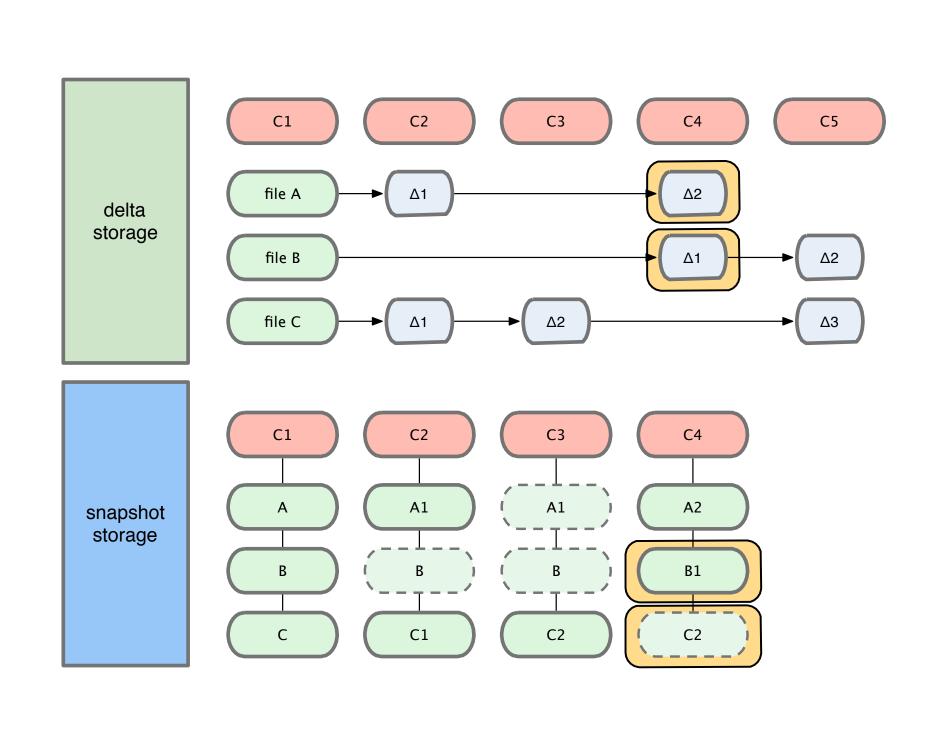


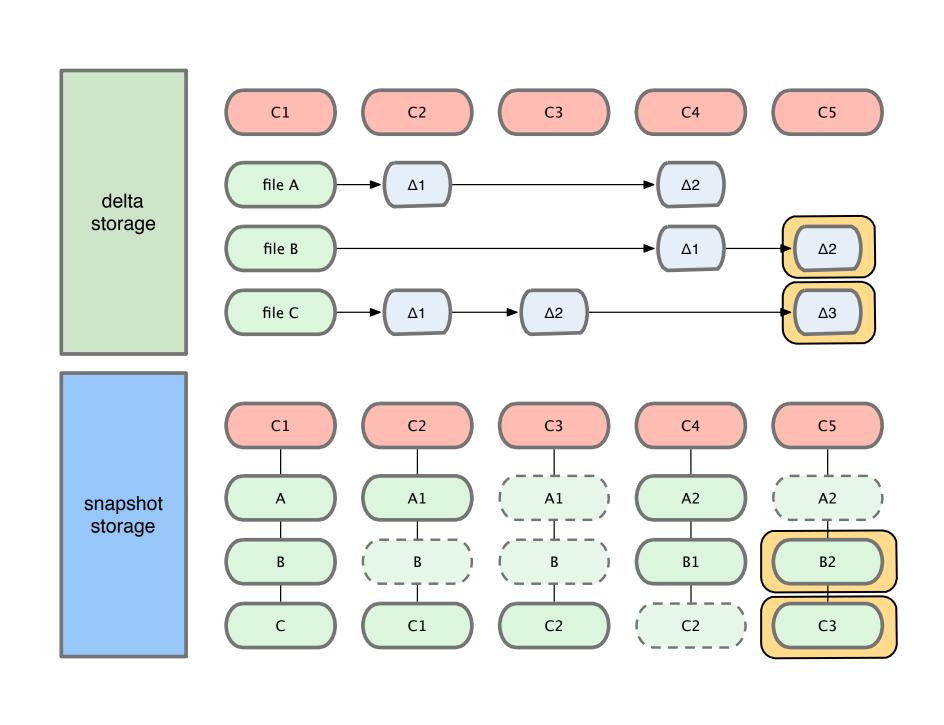
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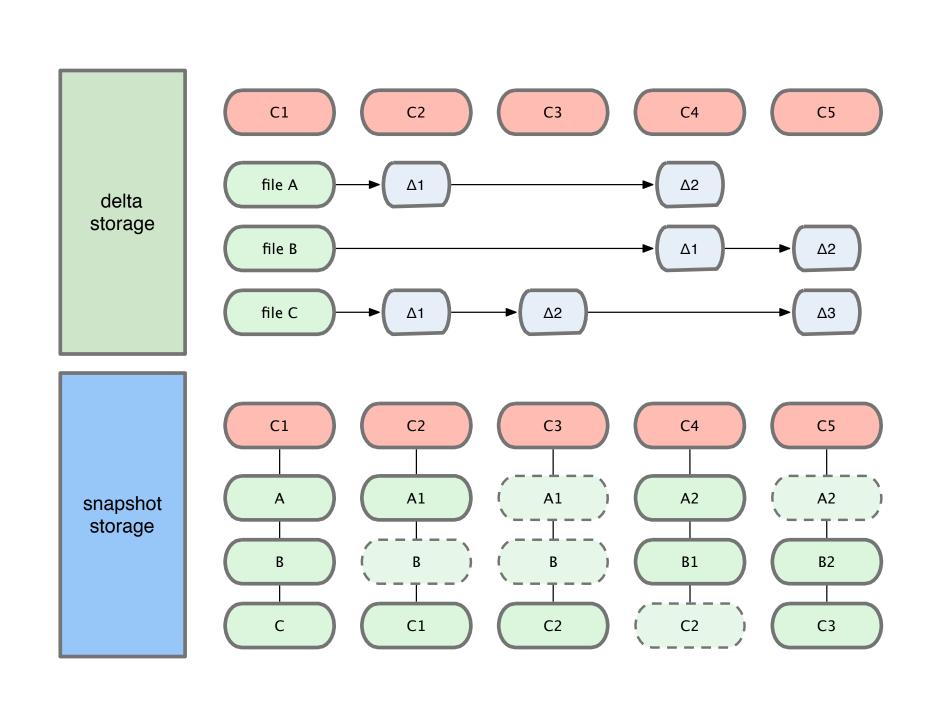


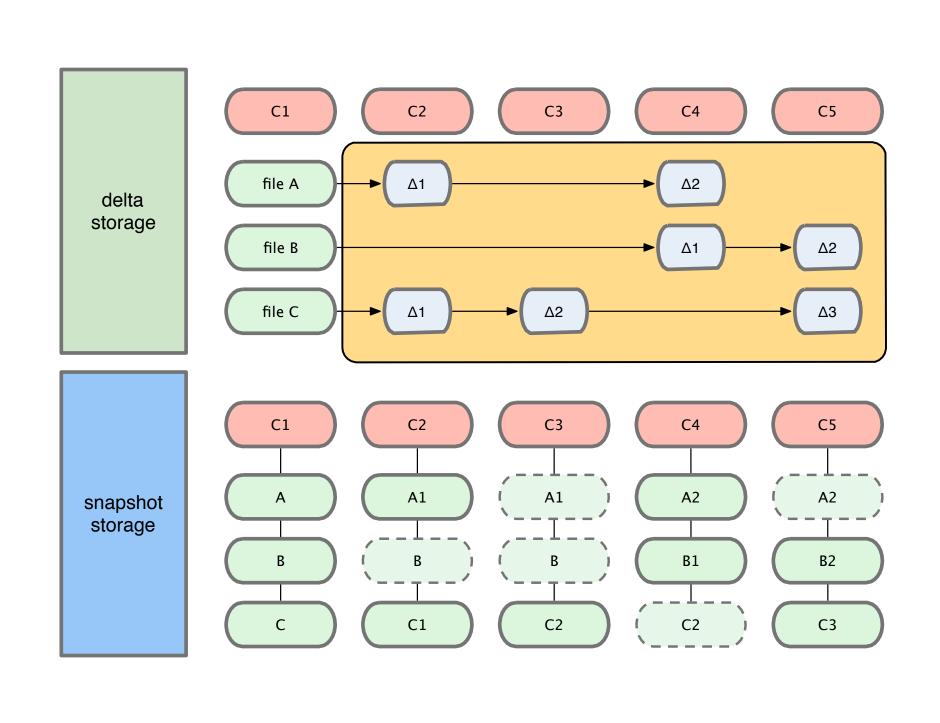


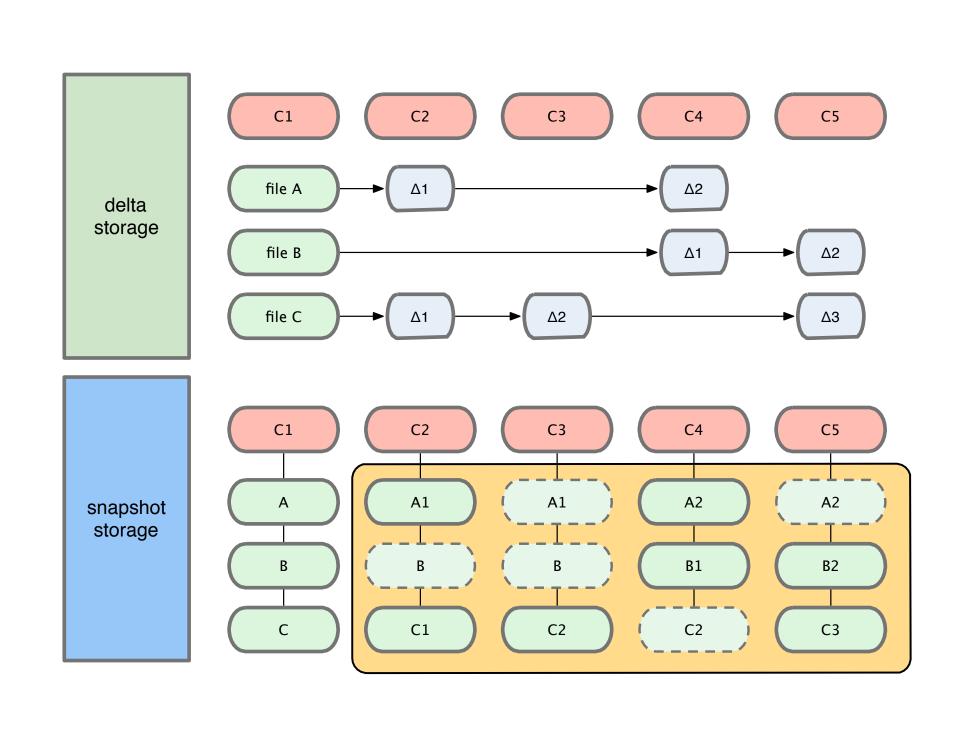












How Do I Use Git?



# GettingA Repo

git init -- Start from scratch git clone -- Start with an existing repo

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   #"" hooks
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       #"" commit-msg.sample
       #"" post-update.sample
       #"" pre-applypatch.sample
       #"" pre-commit.sample
       #"" pre-rebase.sample
       #"" prepare-commit-msg.sample
       !"" update.sample
   #"" info
       !"" exclude
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    !"" refs
        #"" heads
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#### Set default settings:

```
$ git config --global user.name "Joe Hamman"
```

\$ git config --global user.email "jhamman1@uw.edu"

Note that you override your global settings for a specific repo:

\$ git config --local <option> <value>

You can get a listing of you current settings:

\$ git config -l

You can directly edit your current settings, e.g.:

\$ git config --global -e

## git settings

/etc/gitconfig

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~/.gitconfig

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$ git init
$ touch hello_world.py
$ git add .
$ git commit -m 'first commit'
```

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       !"" update.sample
   #"" index
   #"" info
       !"" exclude
   #"" logs
       #"" HEAD
   $
       !"" refs
          !"" heads
               !"" master
       objects
       #"" 21
       $!"" 85689457a69bc7fabdc8245a7856bc733d44e4
       #"" e1
       $!"" 08bfe338fecfbad4b9025092a8c8bbacac977e
       #"" e6
       $!"" 9de29bb2d1d6434b8b29ae775ad8c2e48c5391
       #"" info
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       $ !"" master
       !"" tags
!"" hello_world.py
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git clone







\$ git clone git://github.com/schacon/grit.git mygrit
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remote: Counting objects: 3220, done.

remote: Compressing objects: 100% (2093/2093), done.

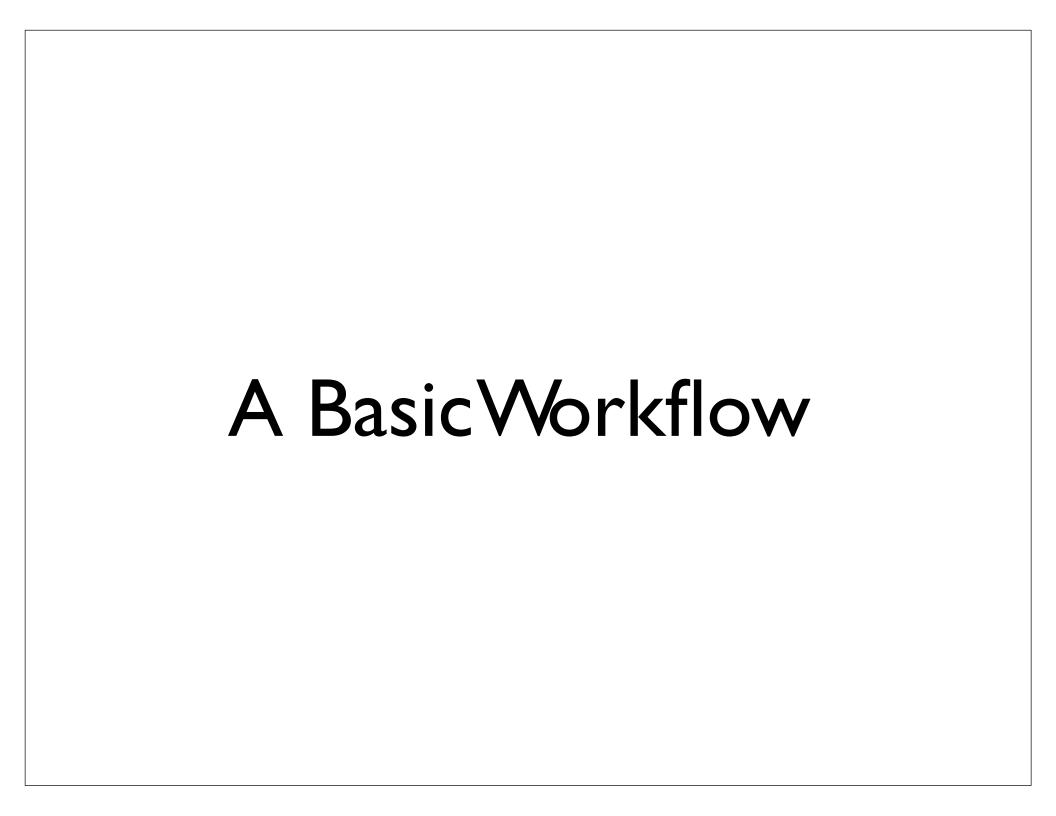
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$ cd mygrit
$ 1s
API.txt Manifest.txt README.txt benchmarks.rb examples lib
History.txt PURE_TODO Rakefile benchmarks.txt grit.gemspec test
```



### A Basic Workflow

Edit files

Stage the changes

Review your changes

Commit the changes

index

a working copy of your project

index

index

object database

index

"staging"

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def main():
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"""Hello world program
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import sys
# this program prints out 'hello world'
def hello(name):
    print 'Hello {}'.format(name)
def main():
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    if (len(sys.argv) > 1):
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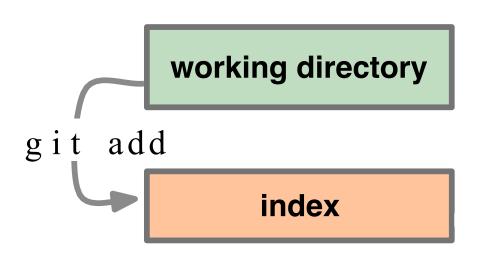
Commit the changes

# git add

working directory

index

repository



repository

## \$ git add hello\_world.py \$ git status

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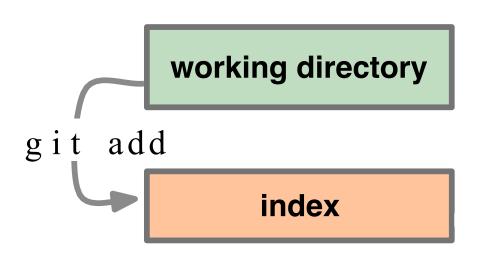
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Edit files

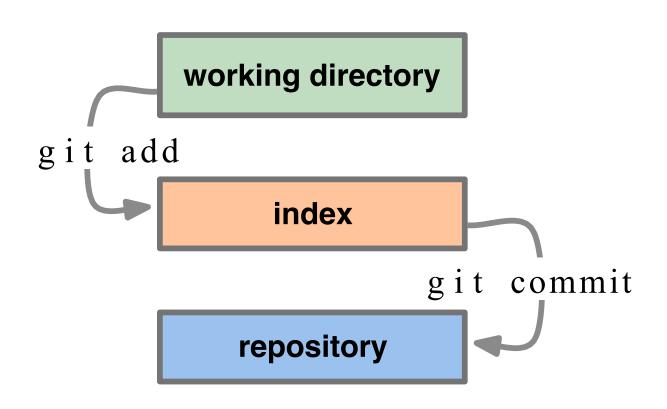
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#### descriptive commit message

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#
```

[master 9df86bd] A descriptive commit message
1 file changed, 17 insertions(+)

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vim / emacs / etc

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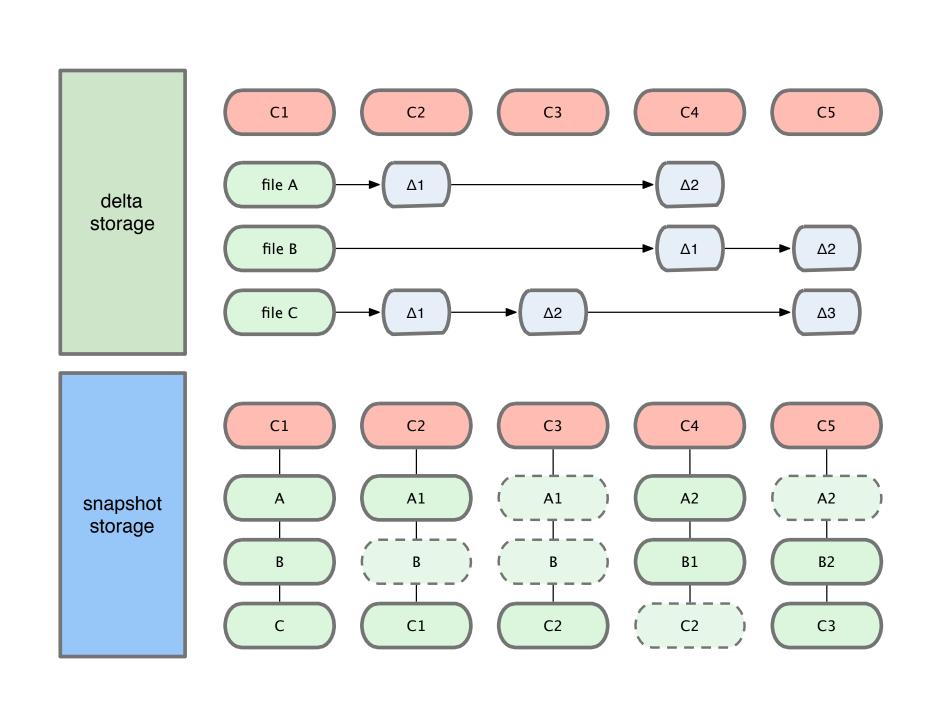
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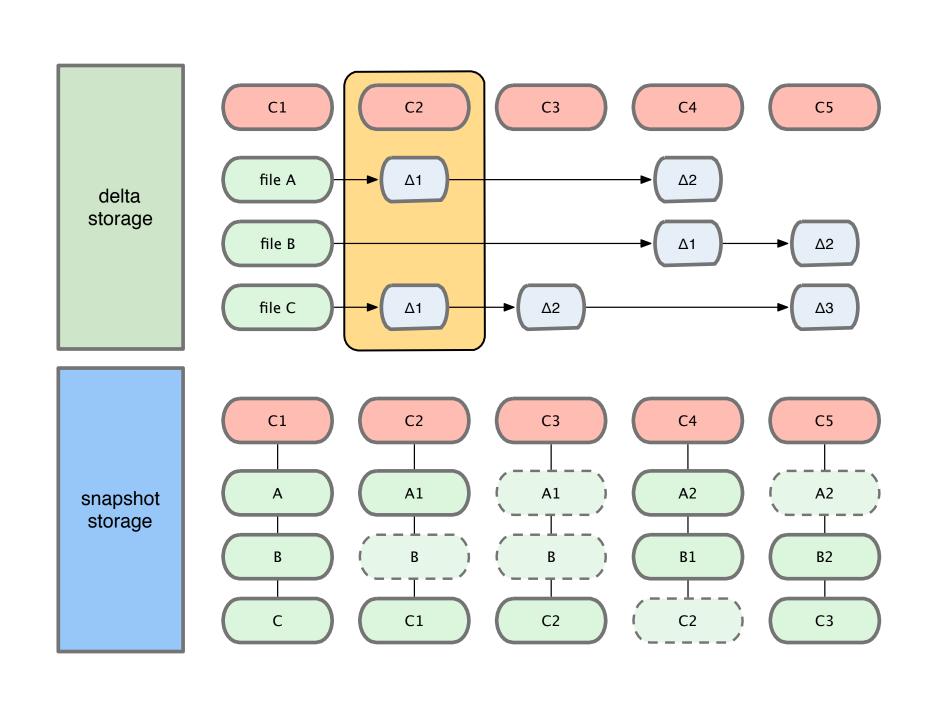
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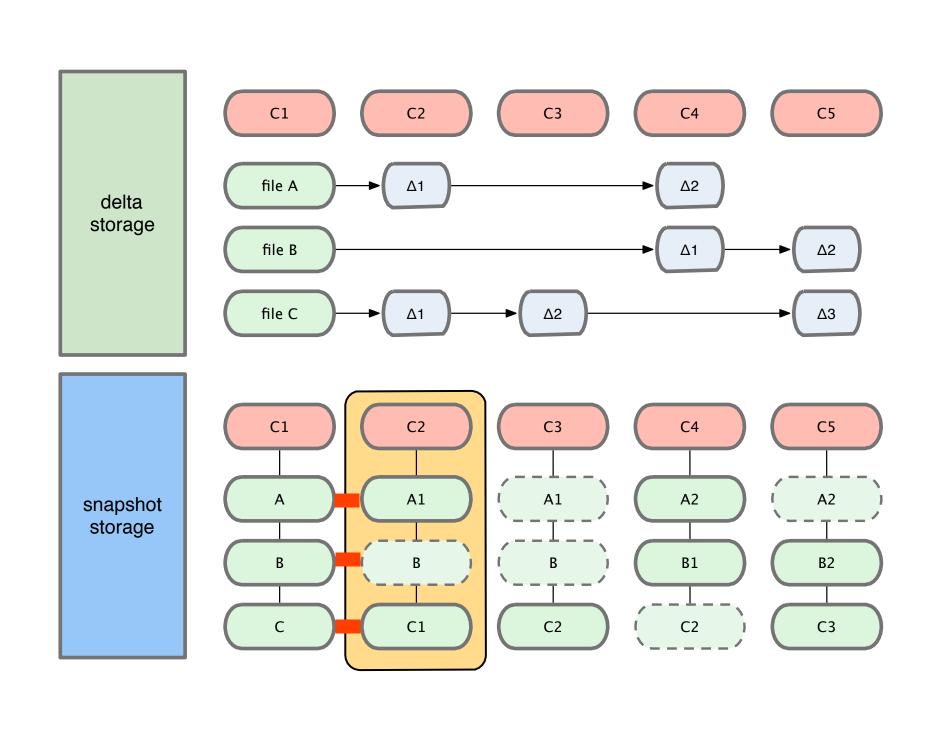
Commit the changes

git commit









# git diff

```
diff --qit a/main.py b/
main.py index 6db8b97..b9bcc62
199755
--- a/main.py
+++ b/main.py
00 -2,10 +2,12 00
 import wsgiref.handlers
 from google.appengine.ext import webapp
+# this program prints out 'hello world'
 class MainHandler (webapp . Request Handler):
   def get (self):
     self.response.out.write ('Heldonwoddd!'))
 def main():
   application - webapp .WSGIApplication ([('/', MainHandler)],
```

What is not yet staged?

## git diff

### git diff

working directory

index

repository

What is staged?

git diff --cached

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working directory

index

repository



# git log



\$>git log

bash-4.2\$ git log

commit 431437d5760aada25d0f8794f40414216afd813c

Author: Joe Hamman < jhamman@hydro.washington.edu>

Date: Sun Oct 20 15:16:16 2013 -0700

a descriptive commit message

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Author: Joe Hamman < jhamman@hydro.washington.edu>

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fix typo in main()

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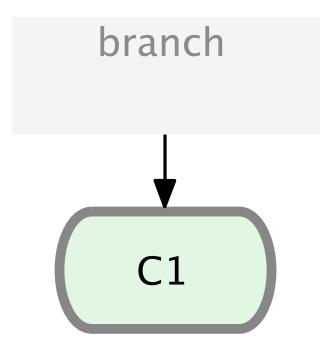
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# Branching and Merging

### branches

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lightweight, movable pointers to a commit



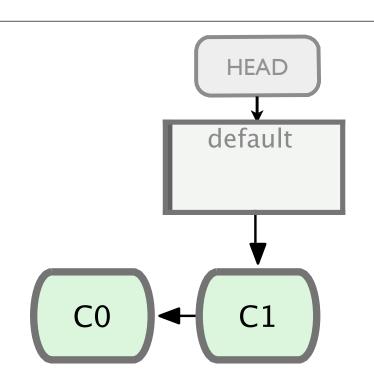


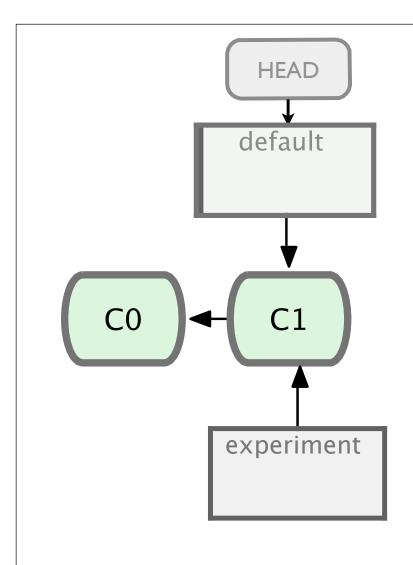
# git branch

create/delete/query a branch

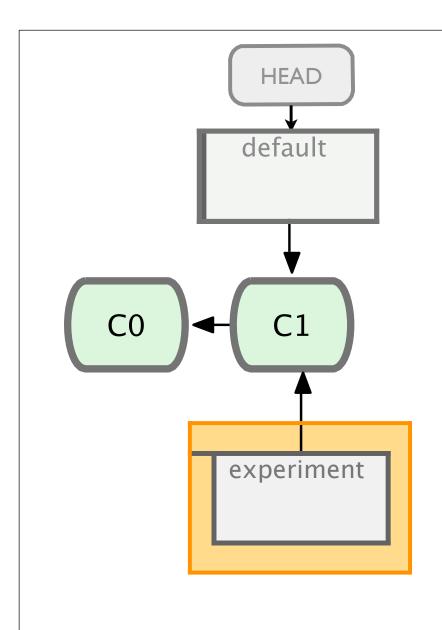
# git checkout

switch to/select a branch

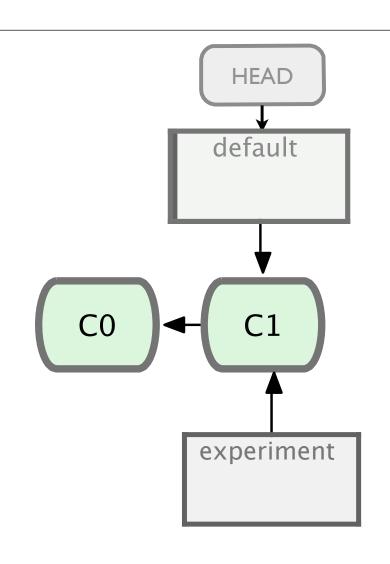




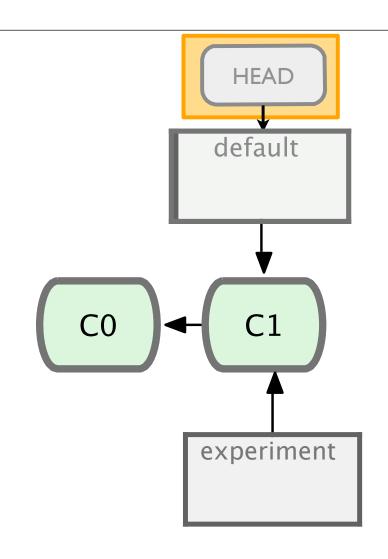
git branch experiment



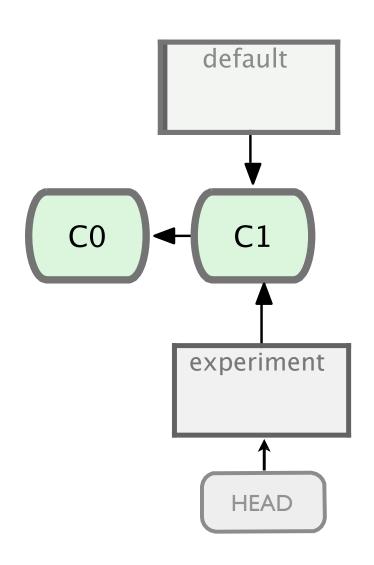
git branch experiment



- \$ git branch
- \* default experiment



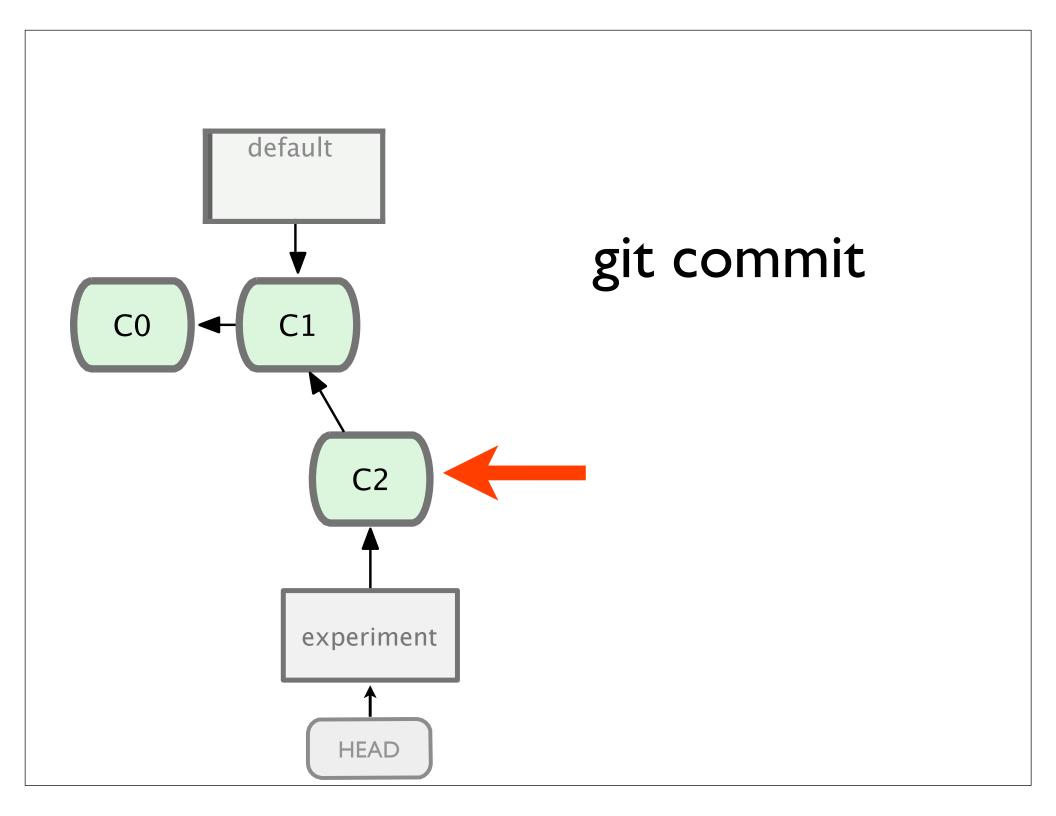
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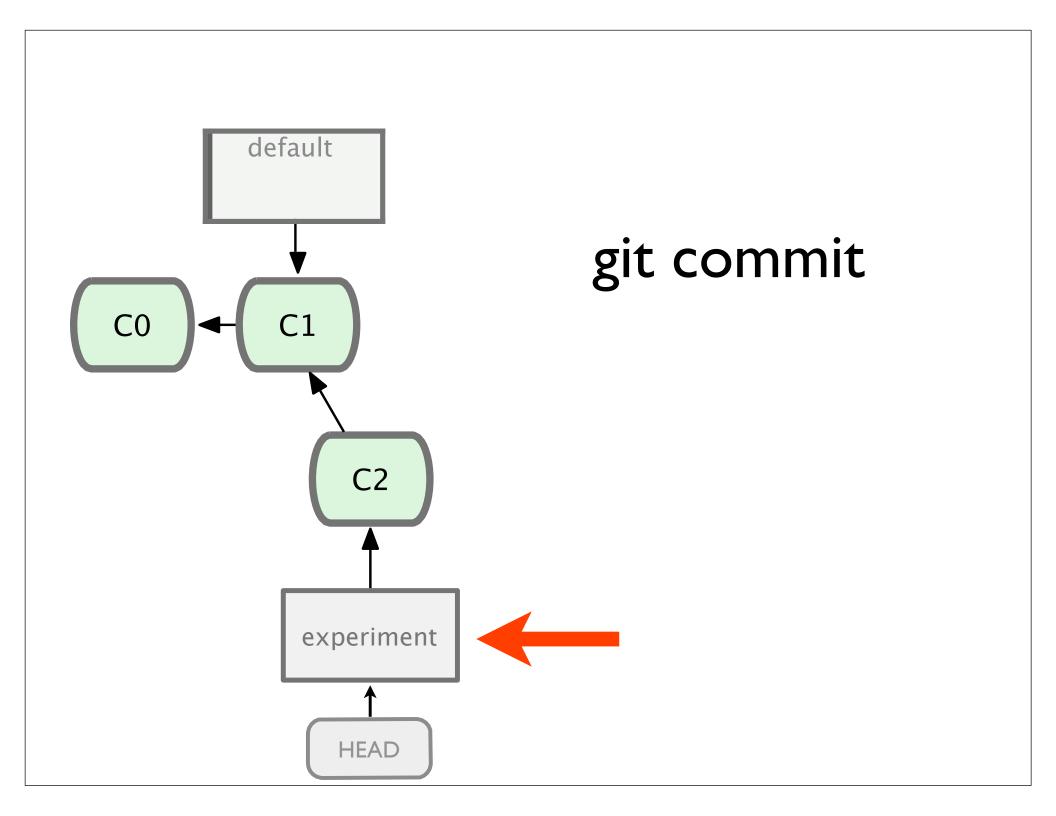


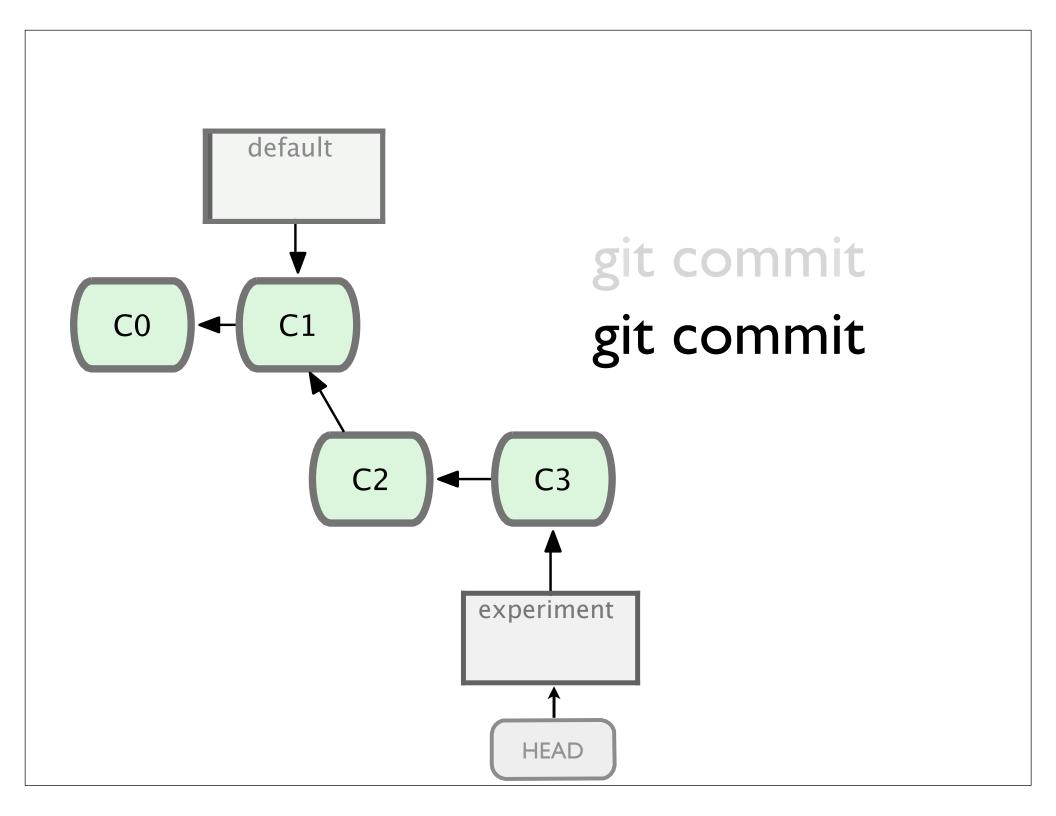
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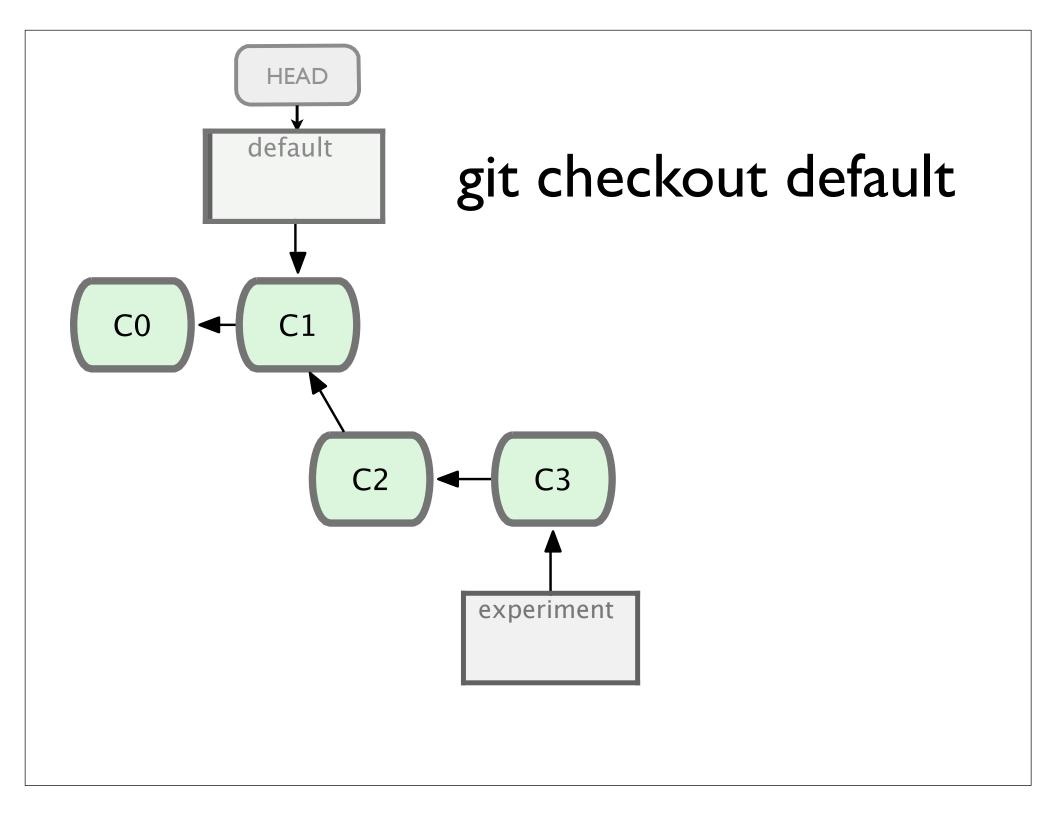
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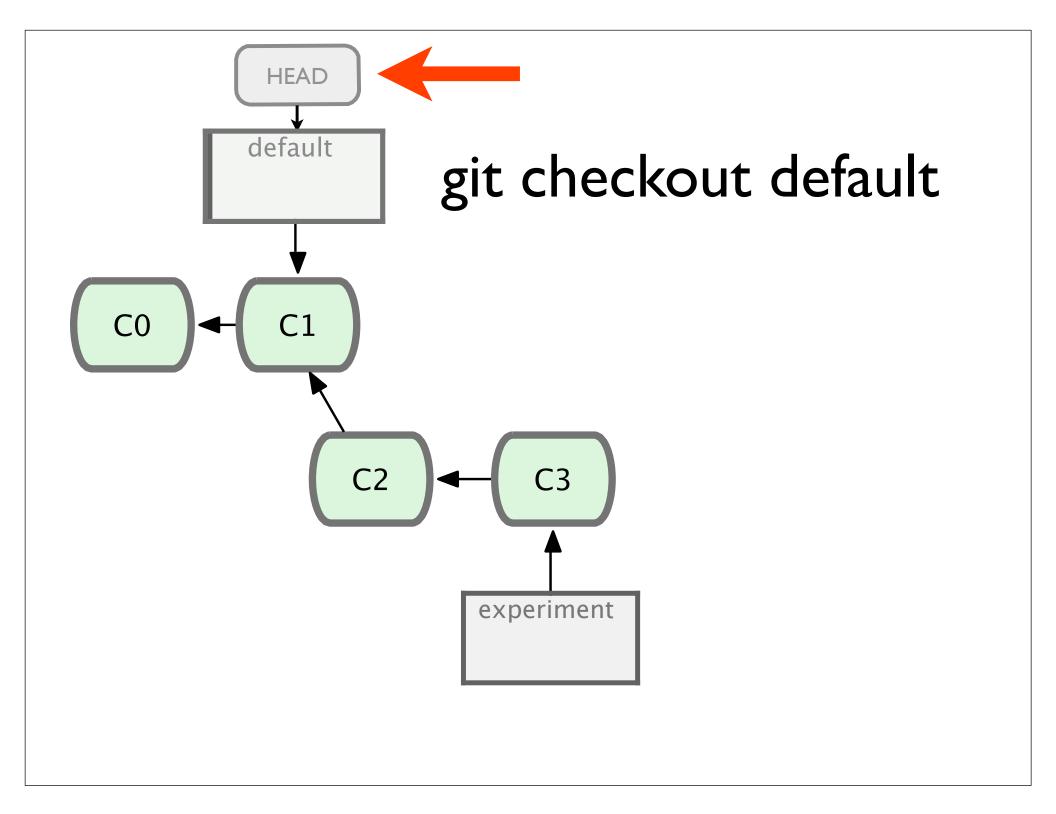
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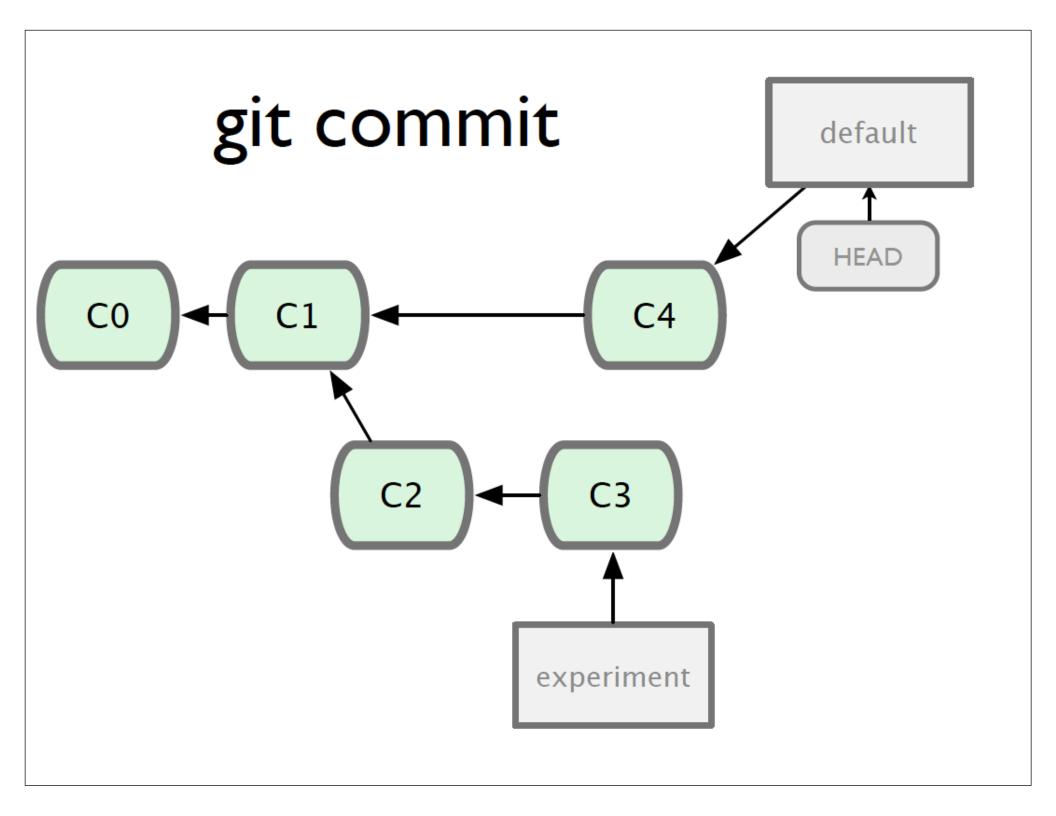


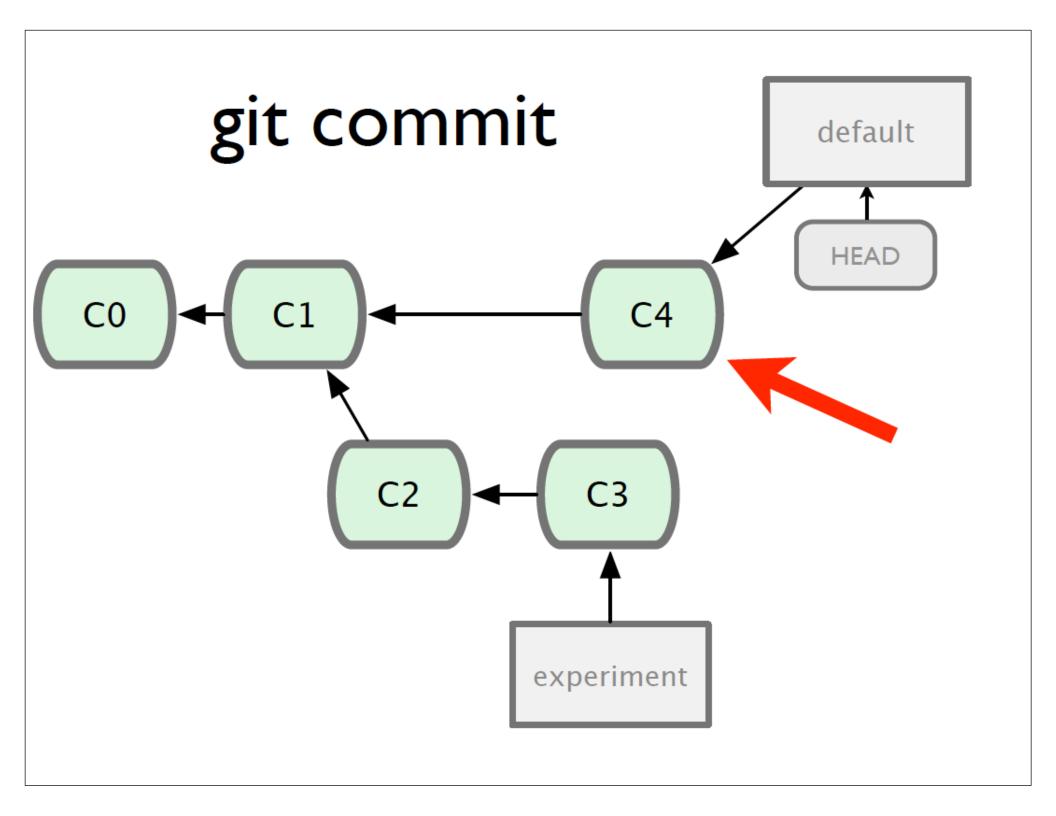


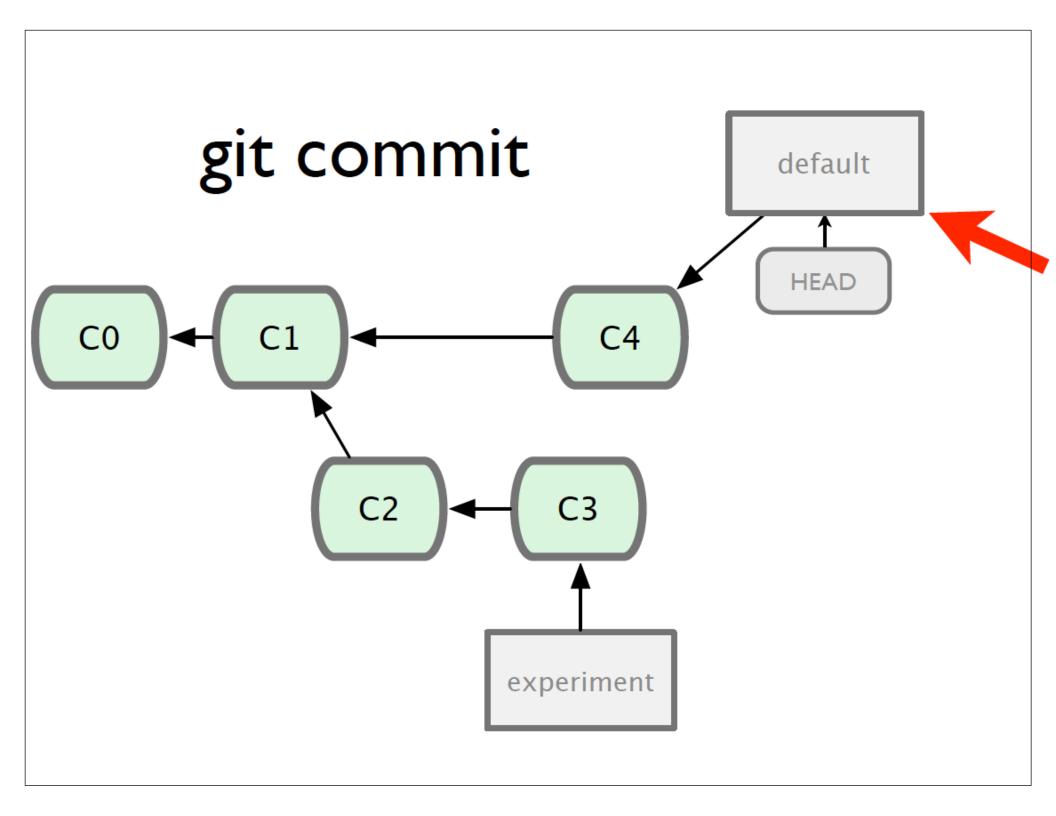


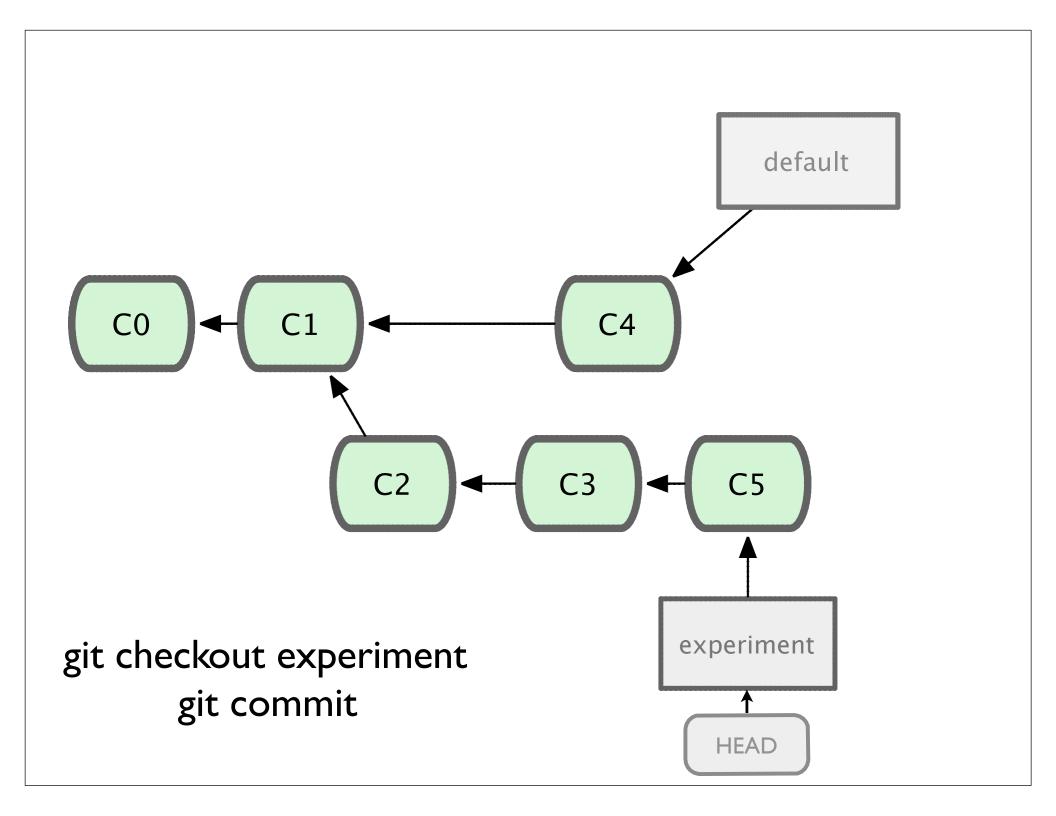


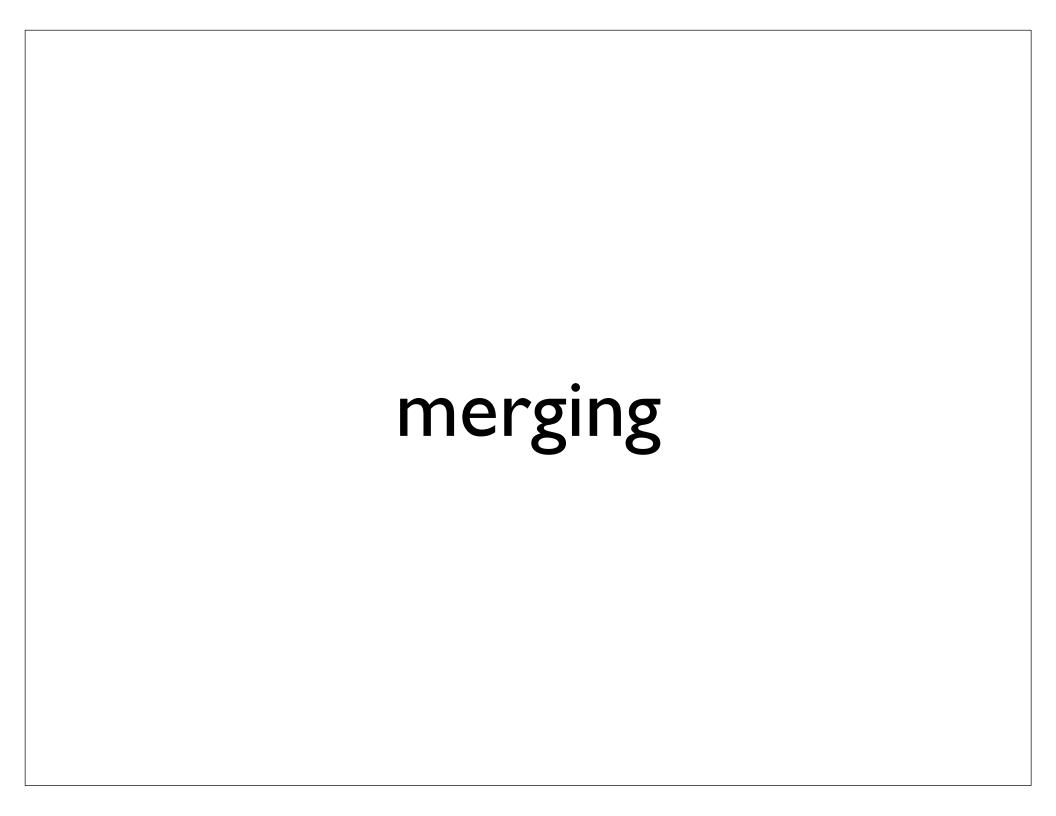






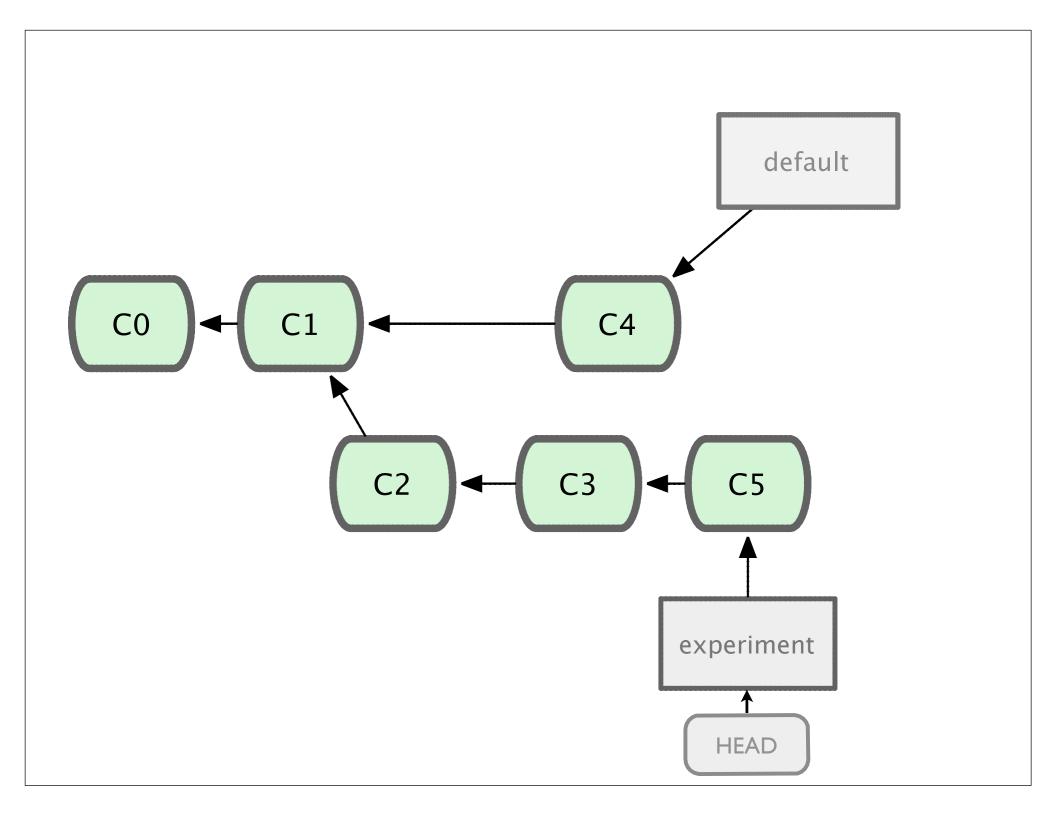


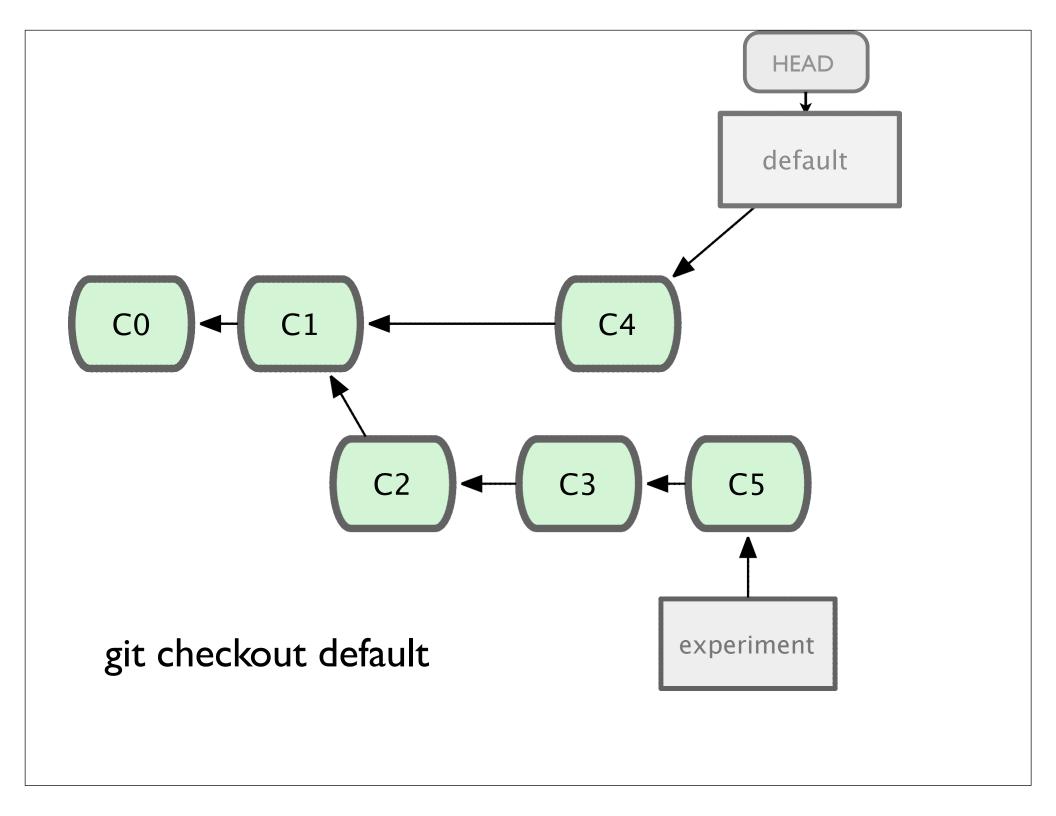


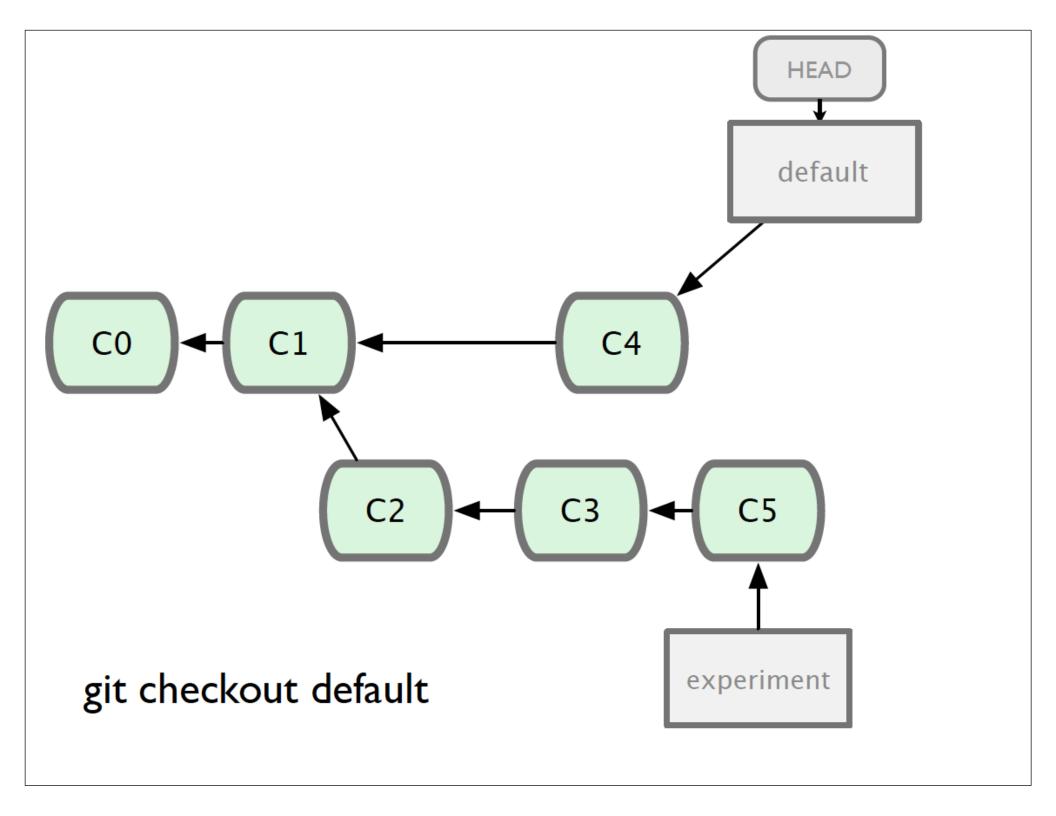


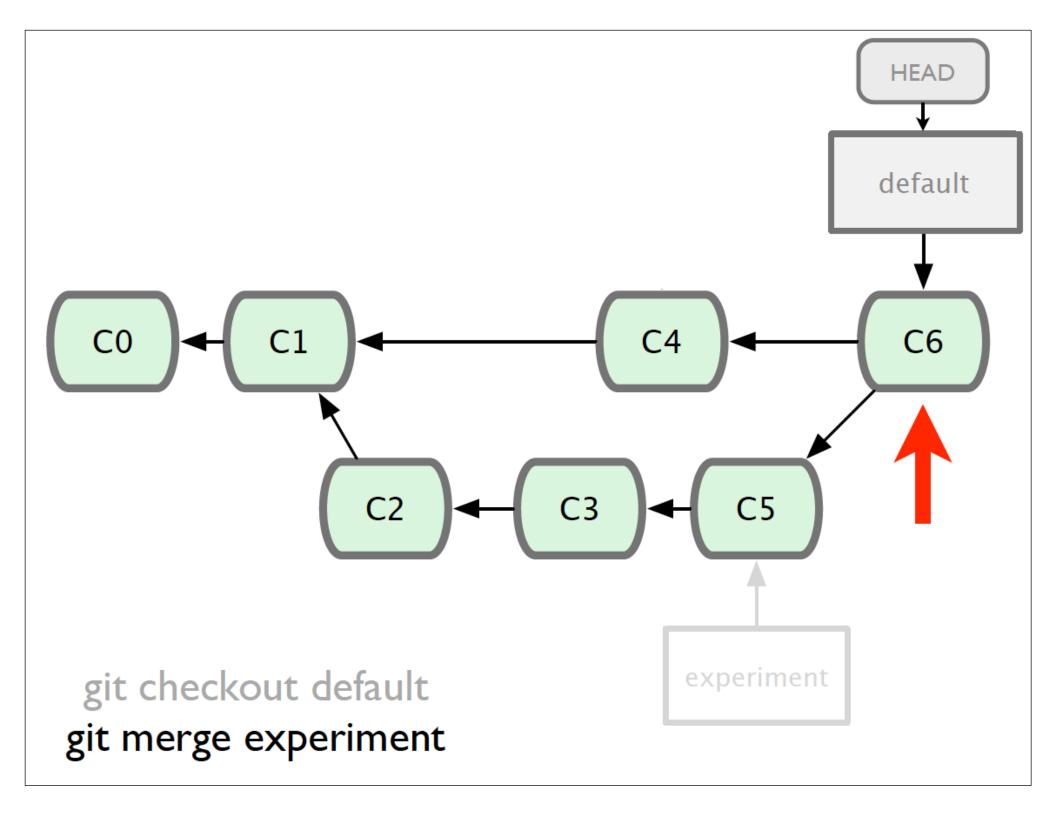
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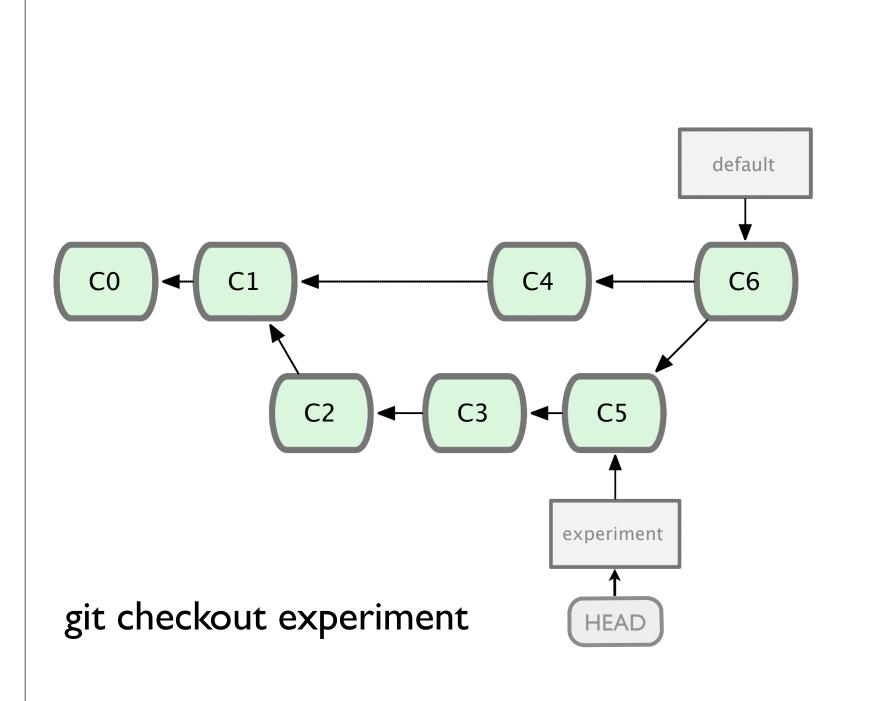
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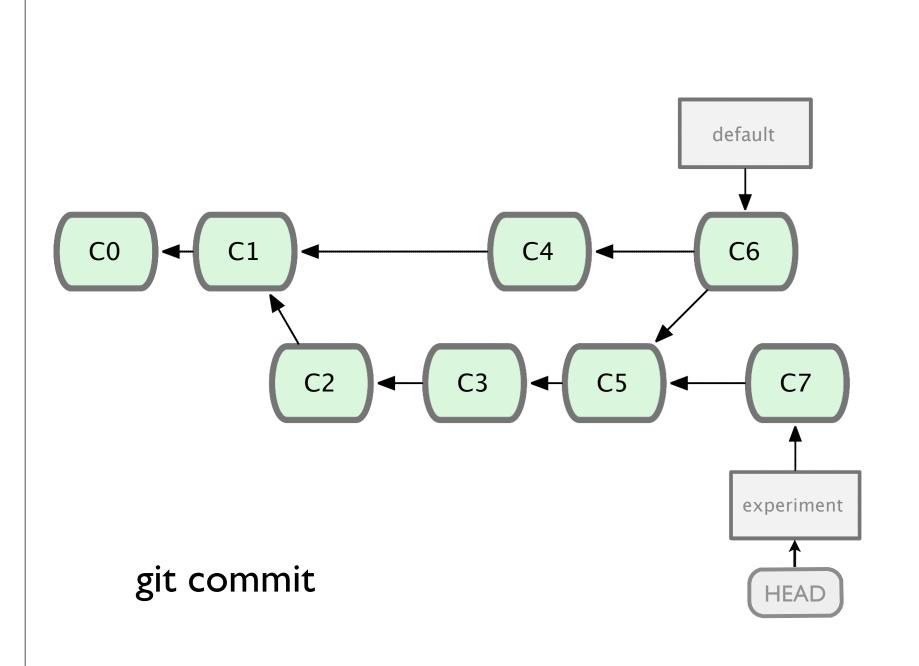


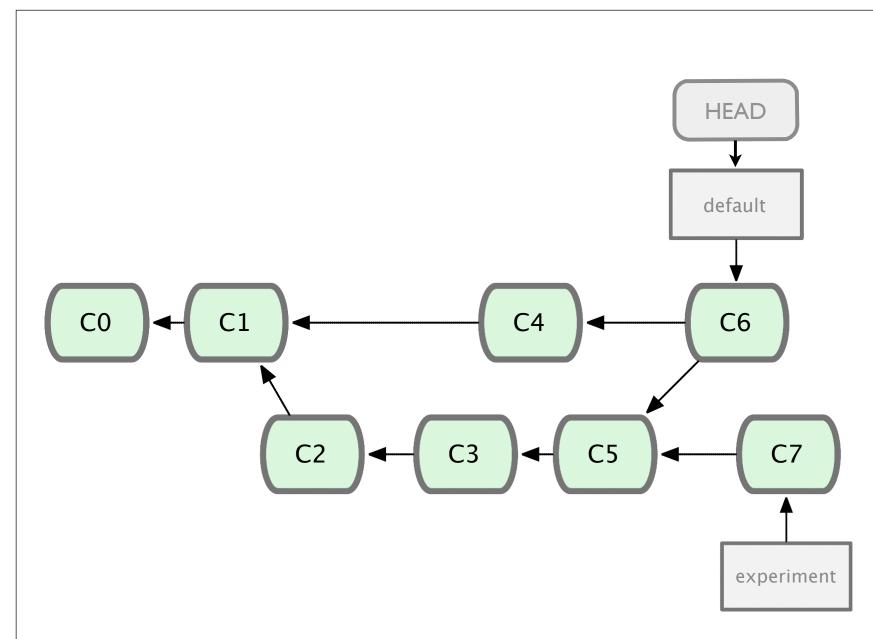




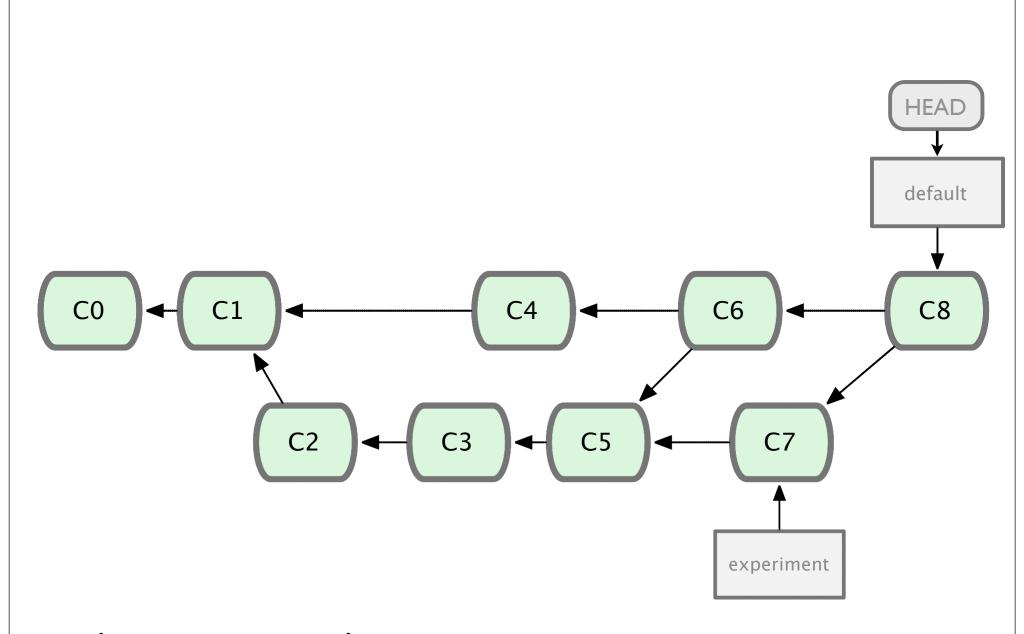








git checkout default



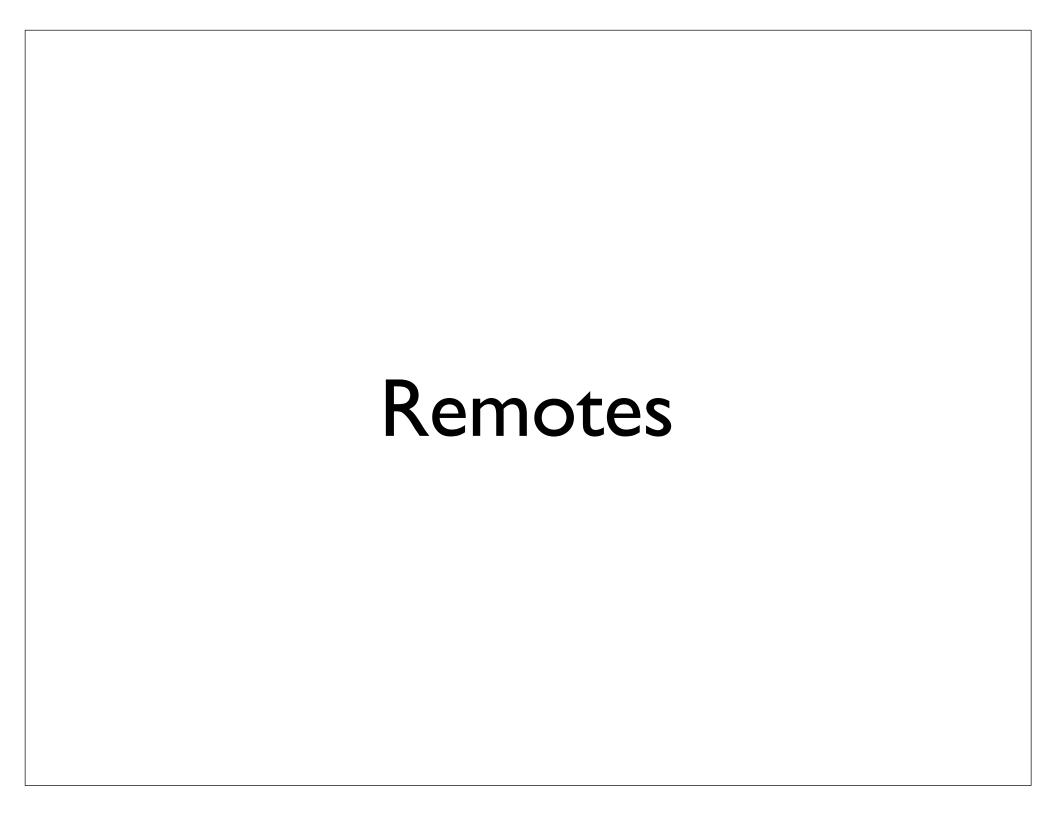
git merge experiment

#### Lots more to merging

AND...

# Merging cannot always be done cleanly and may need your interaction to succeed.

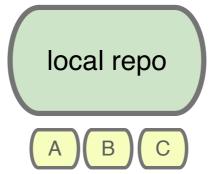
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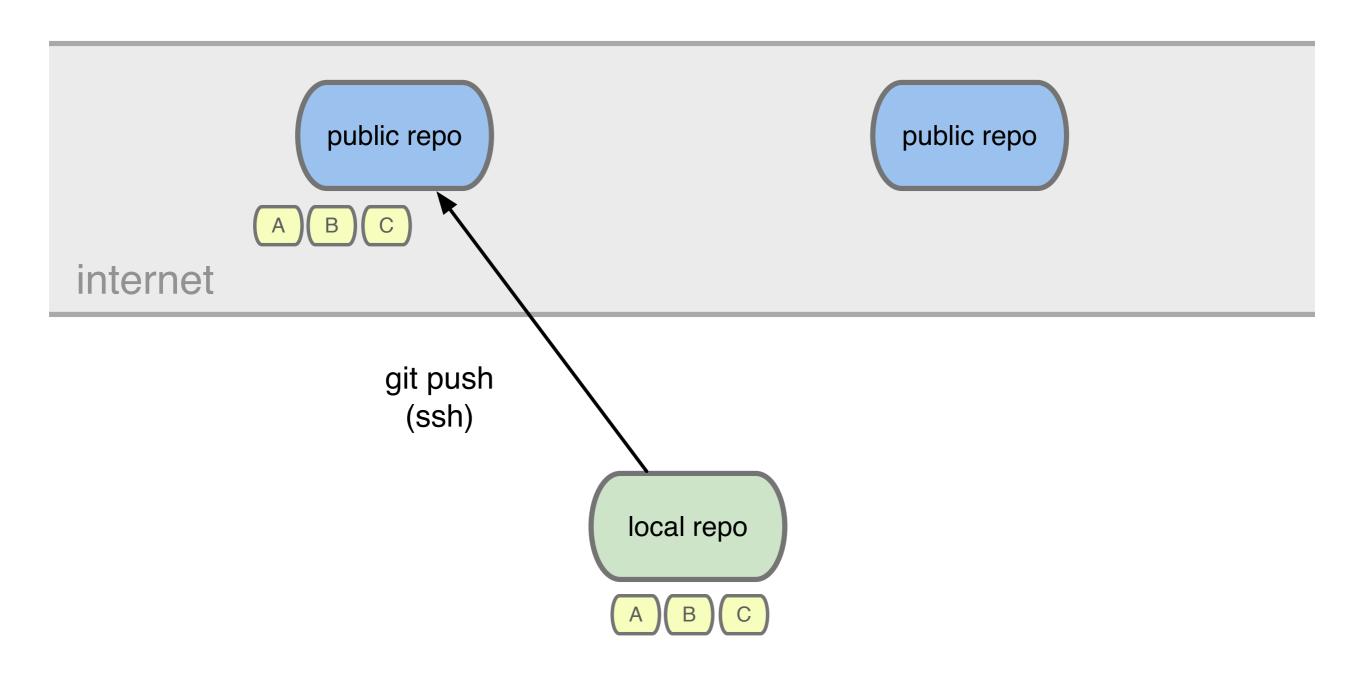


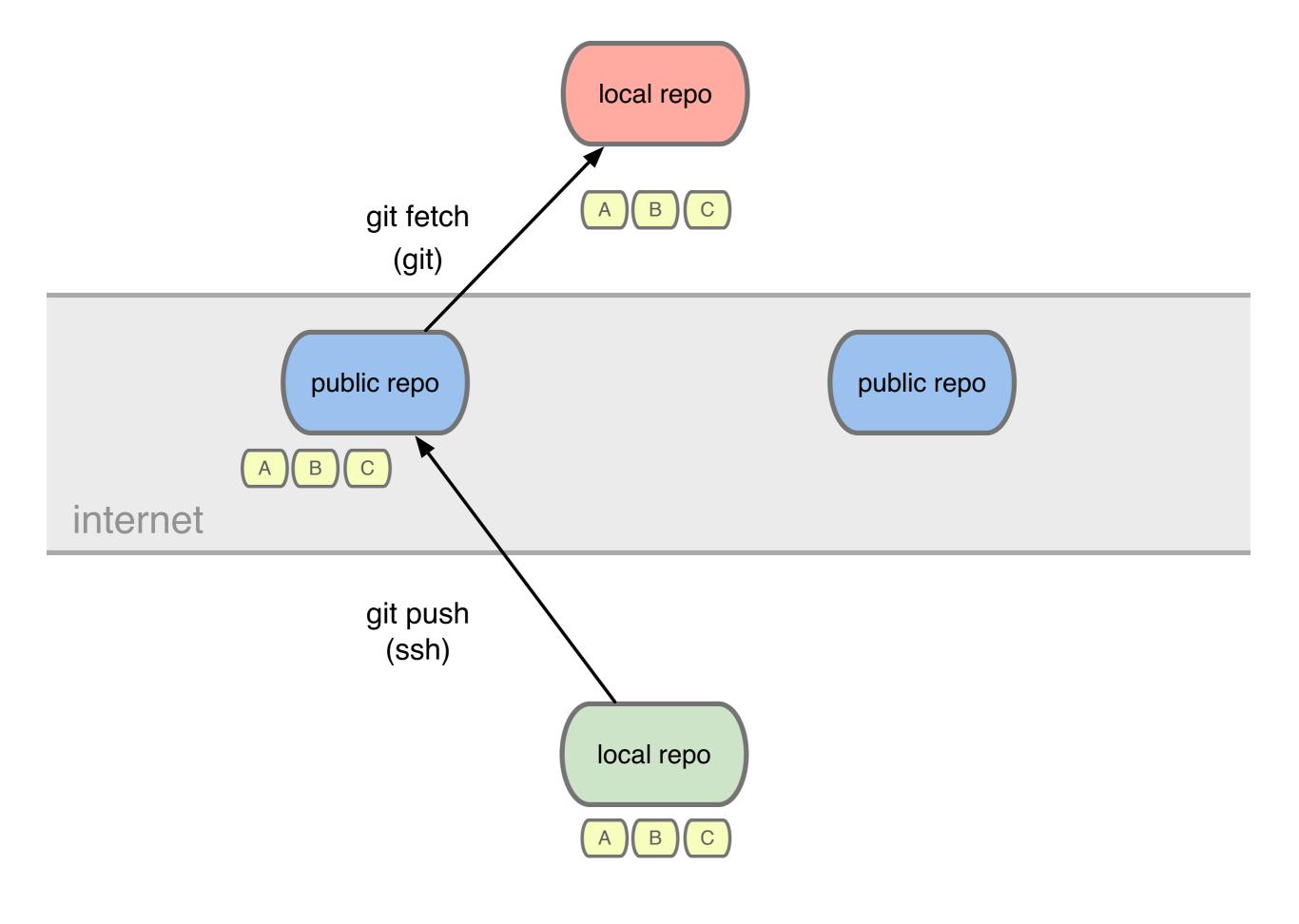


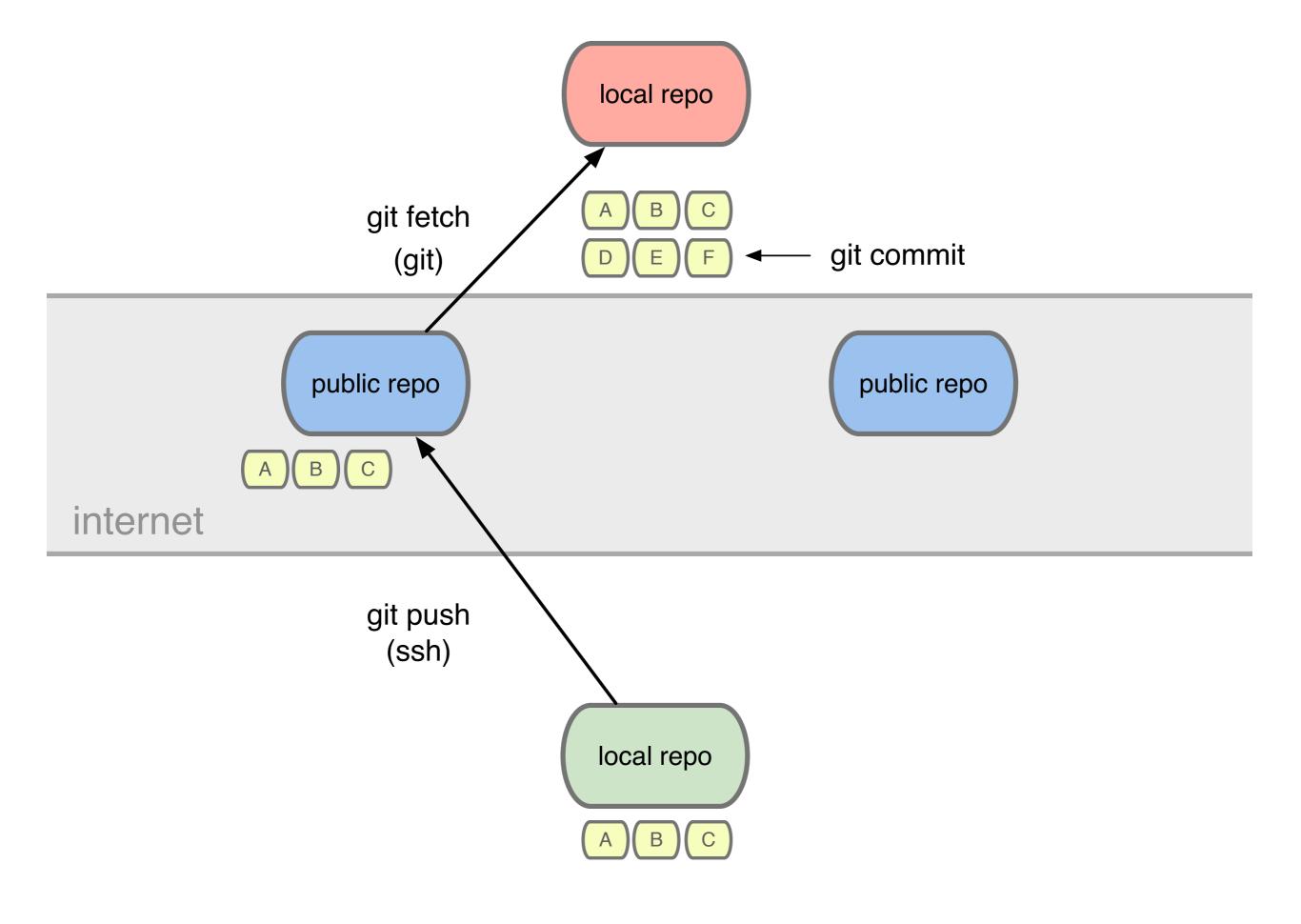
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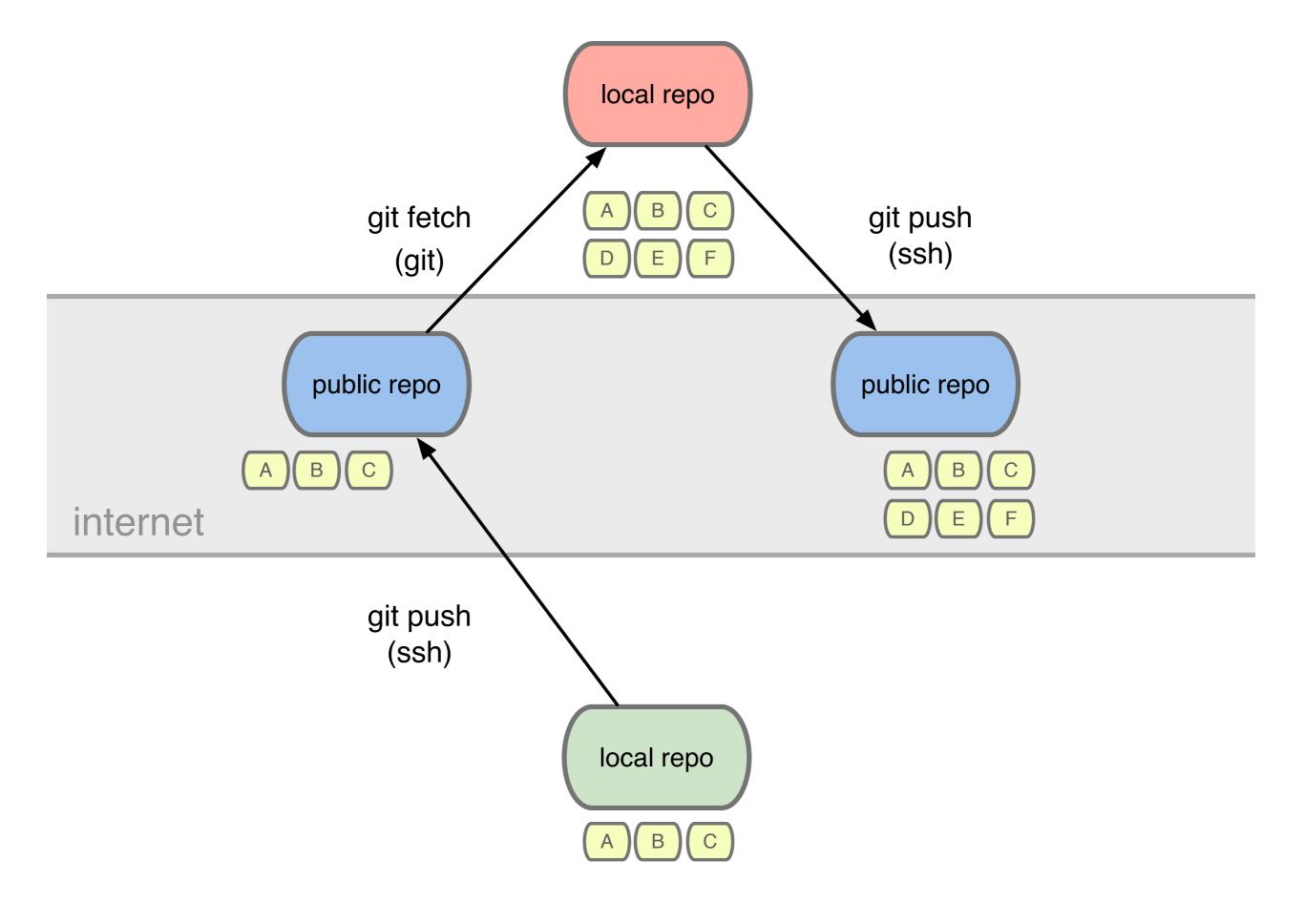


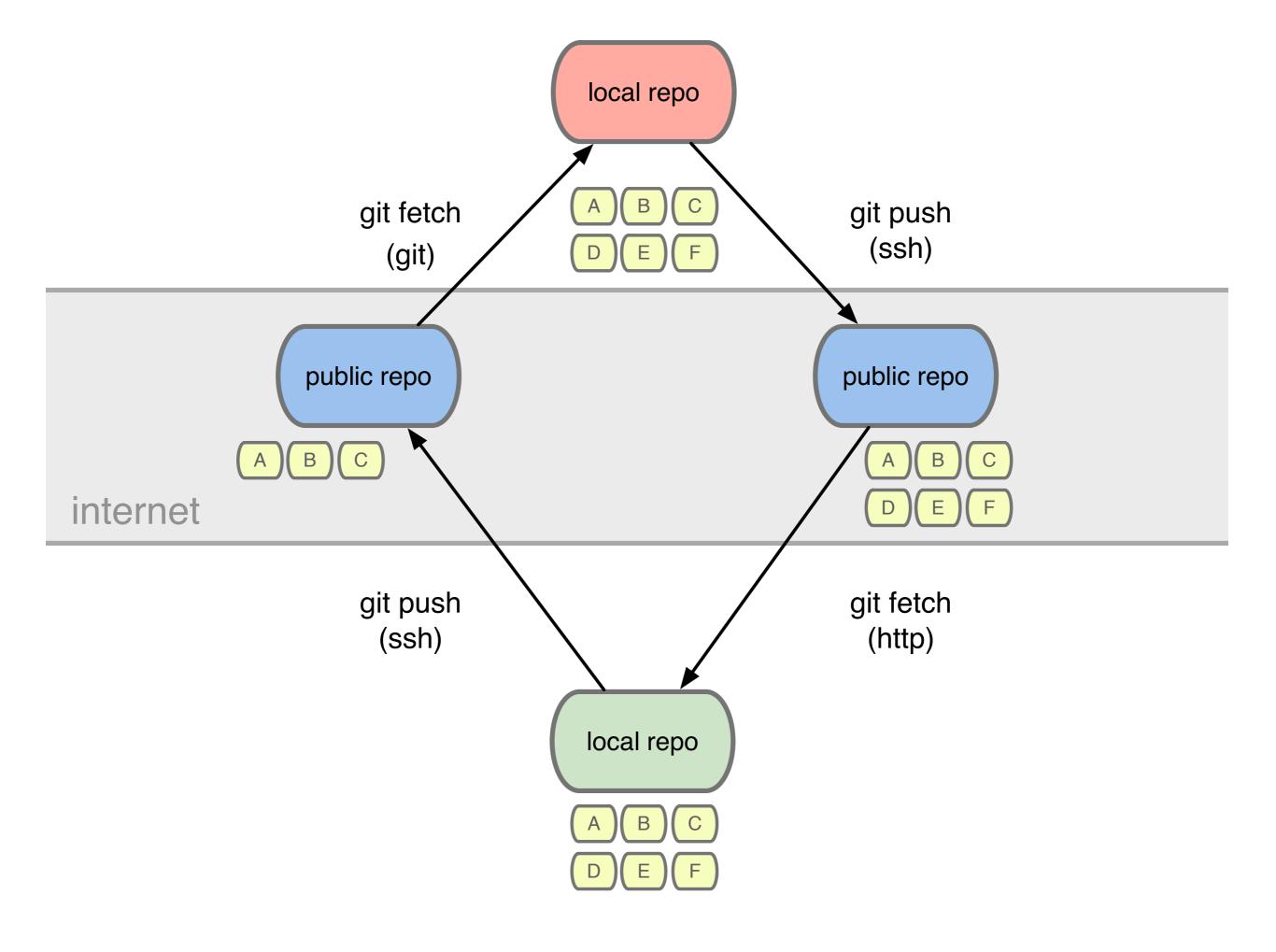


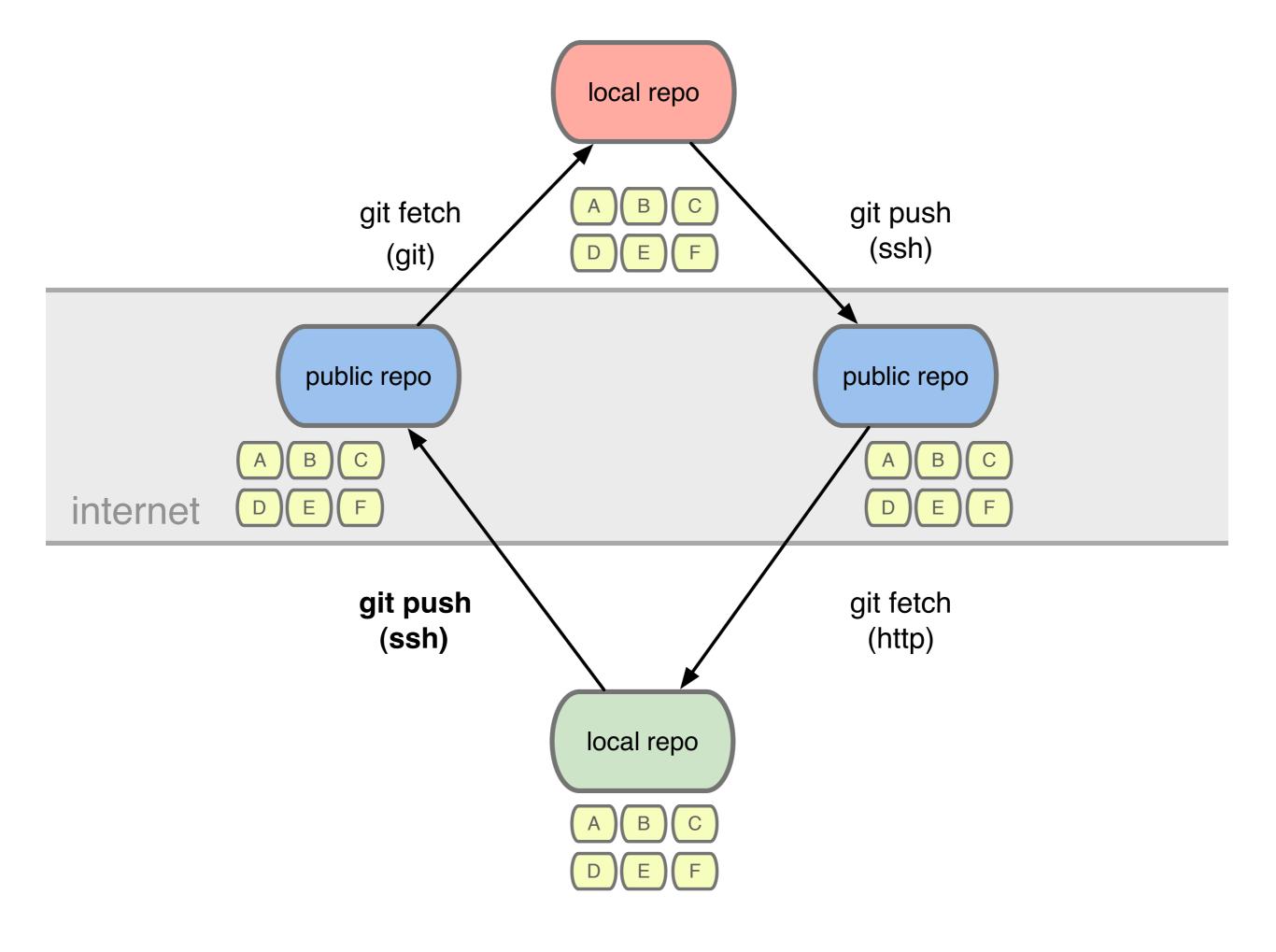




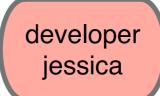


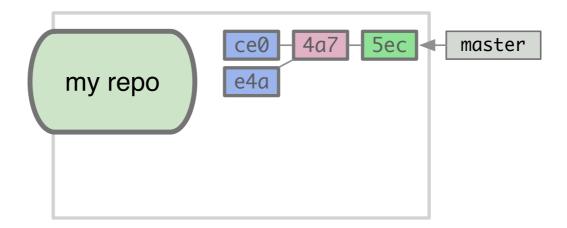




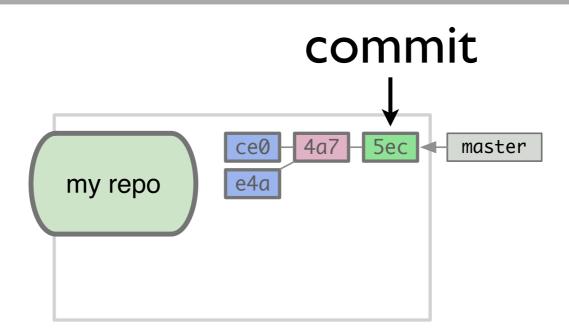


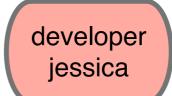
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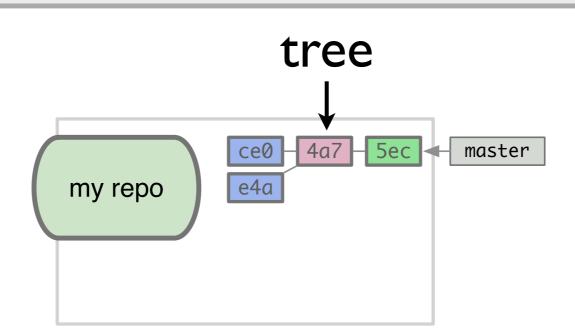


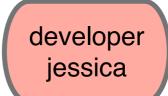


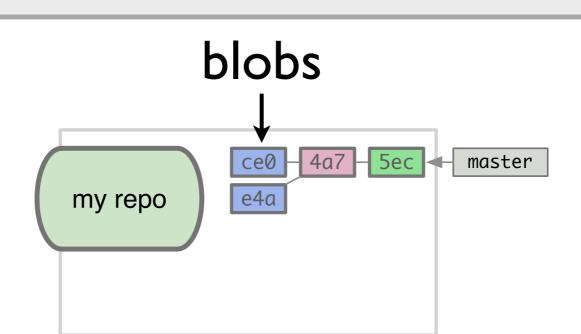




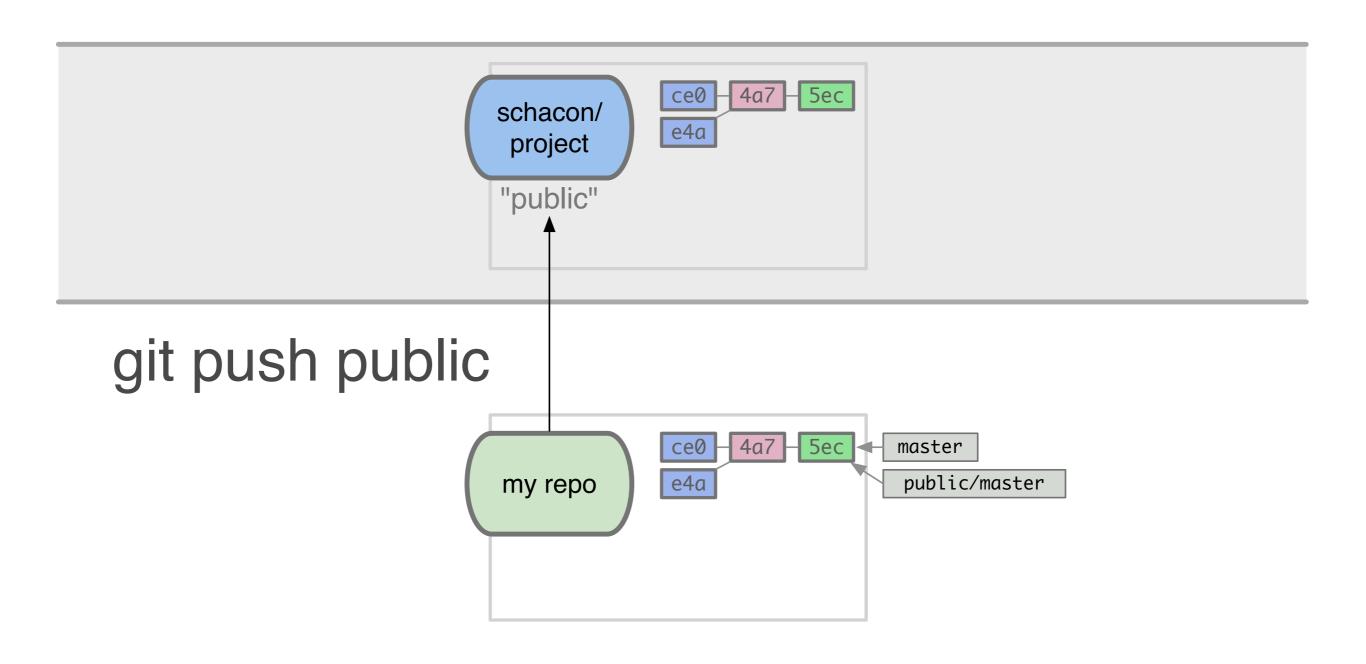


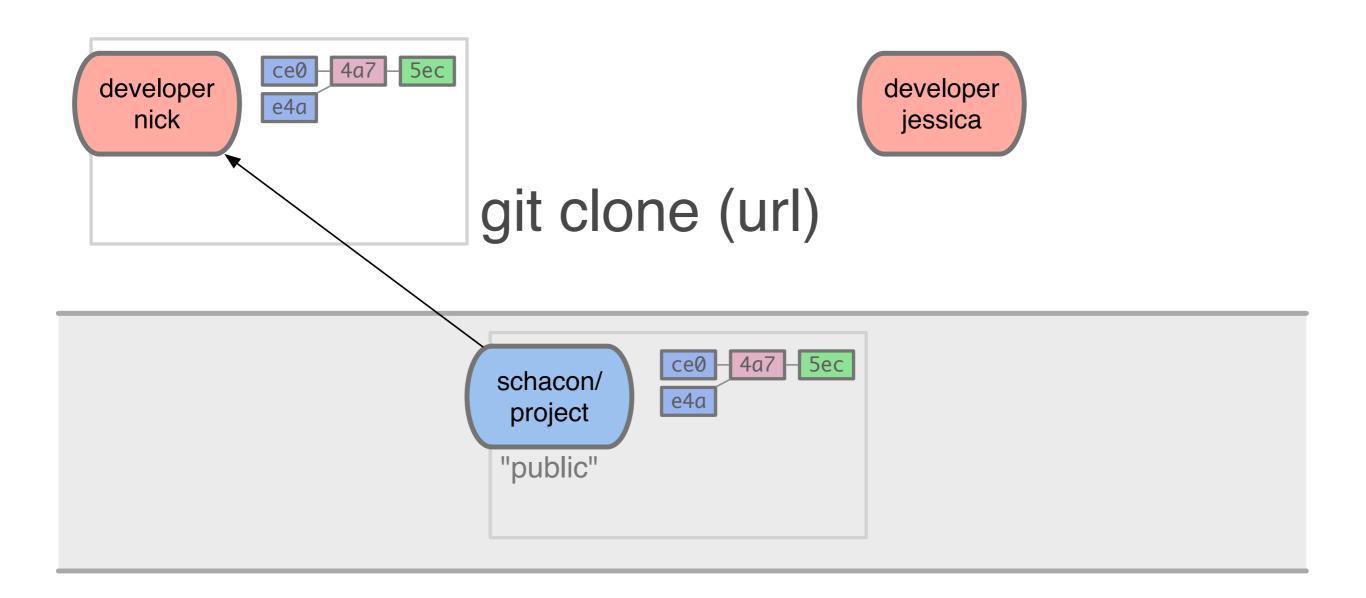


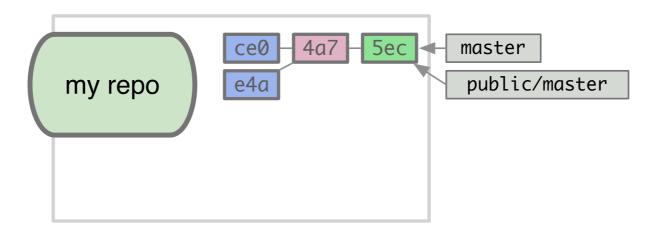


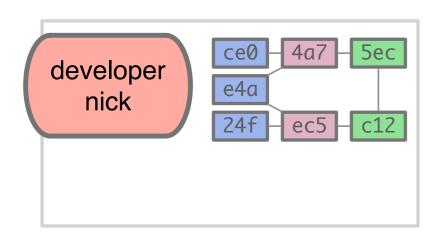






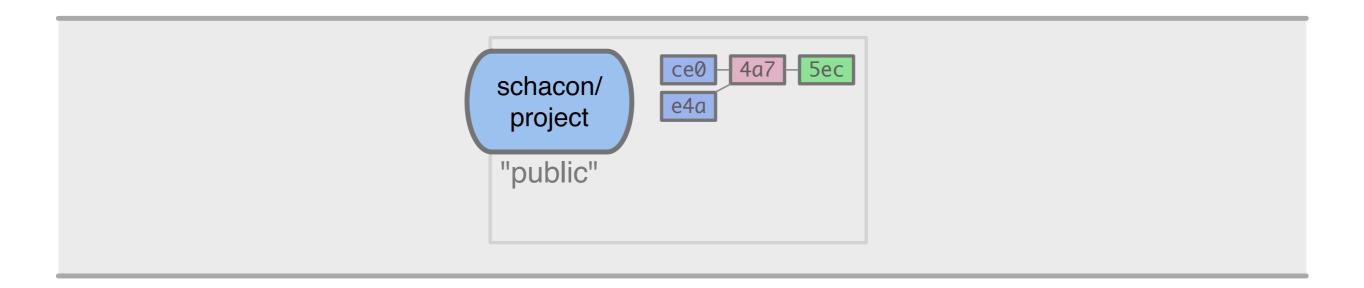


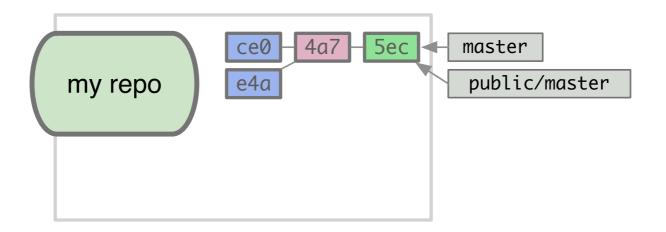


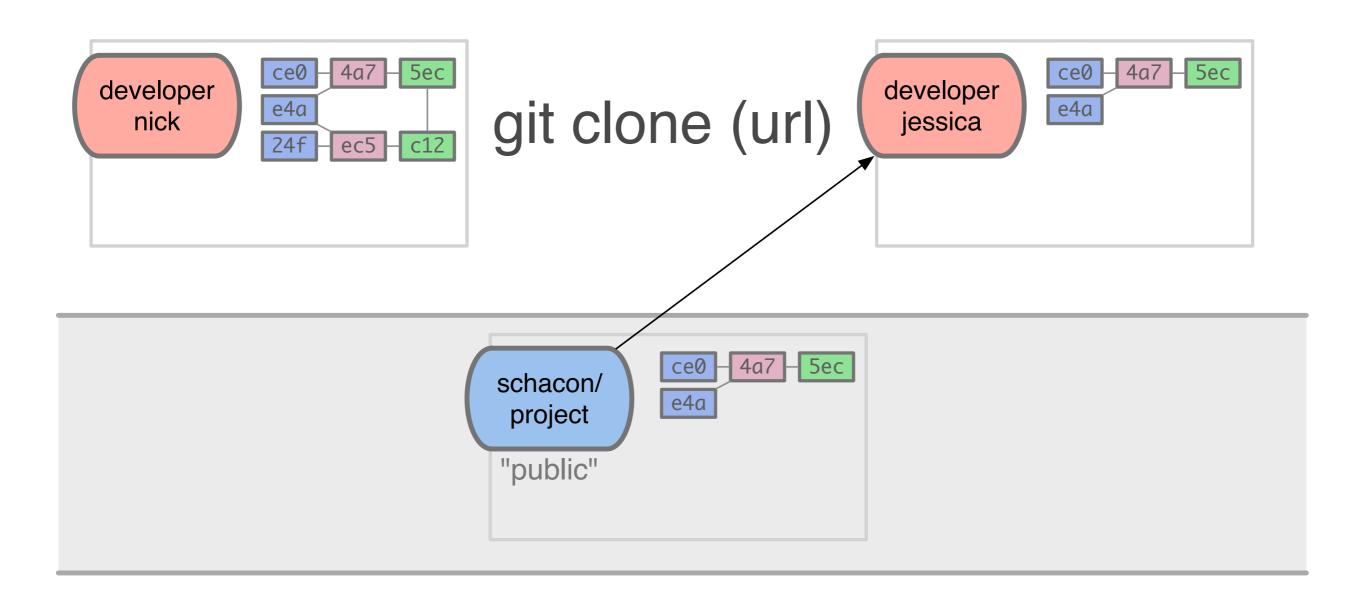


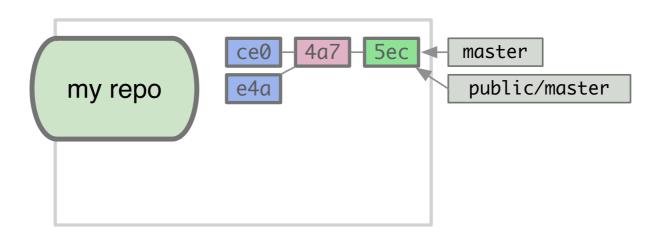


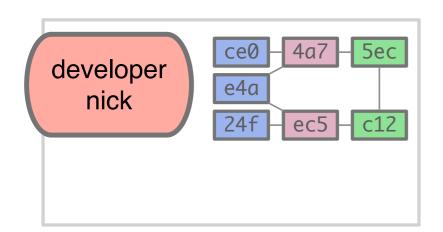
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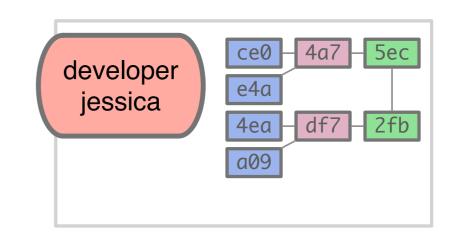


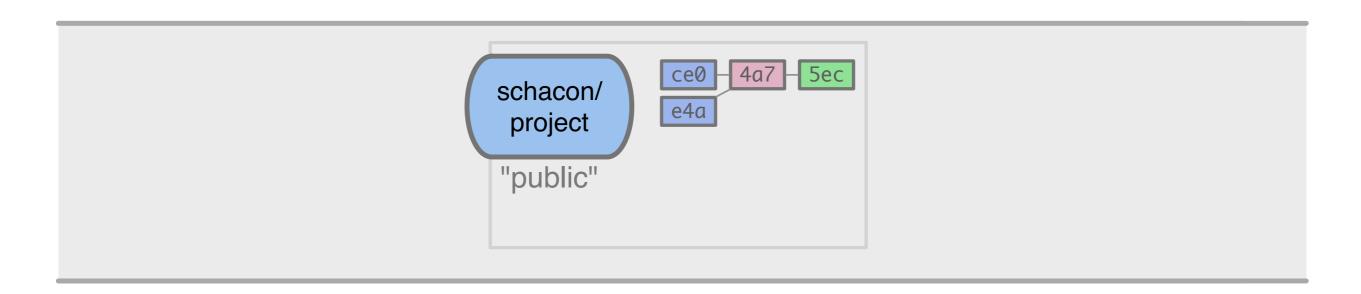


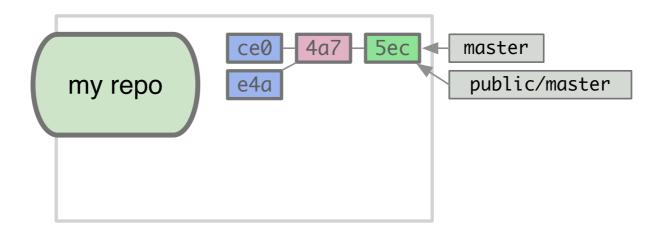


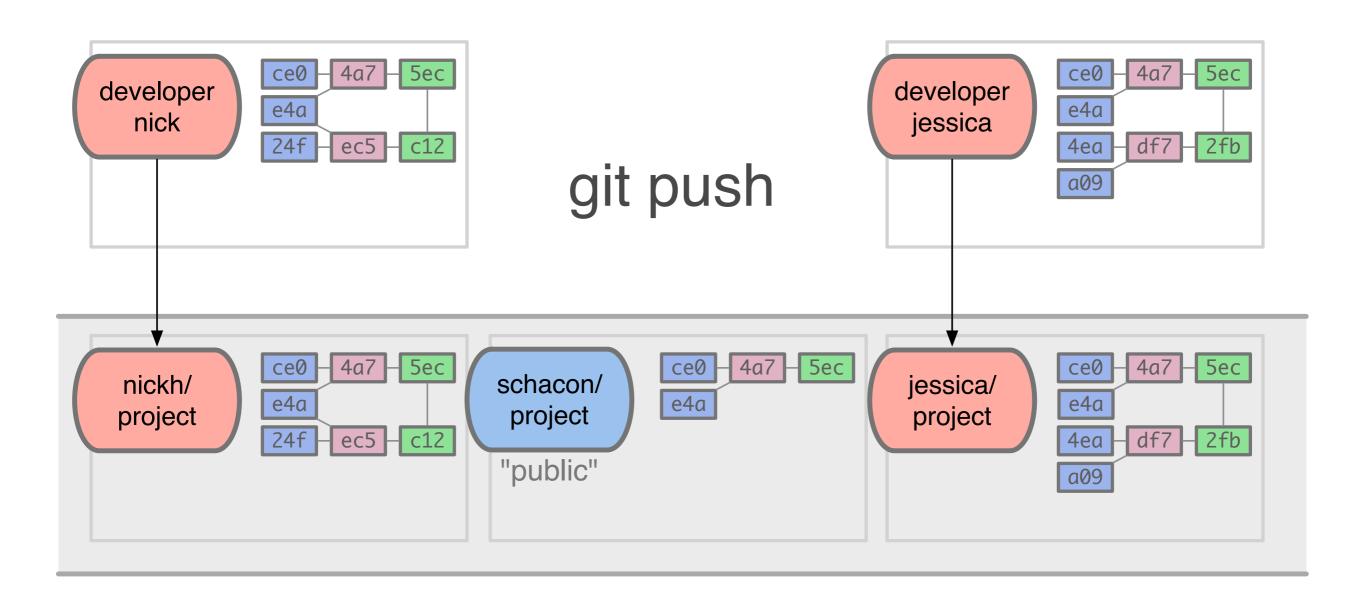


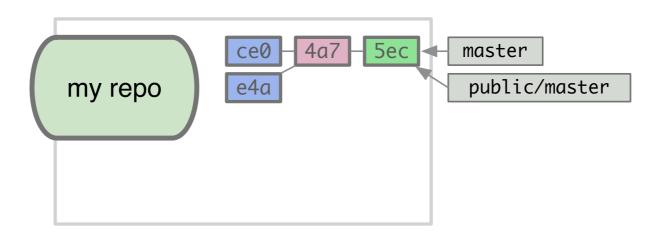
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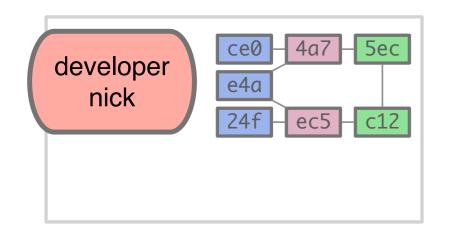


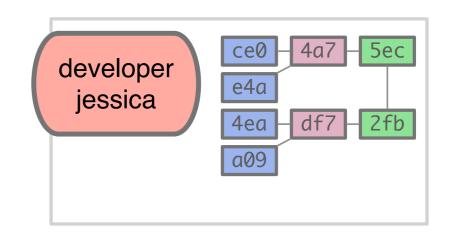


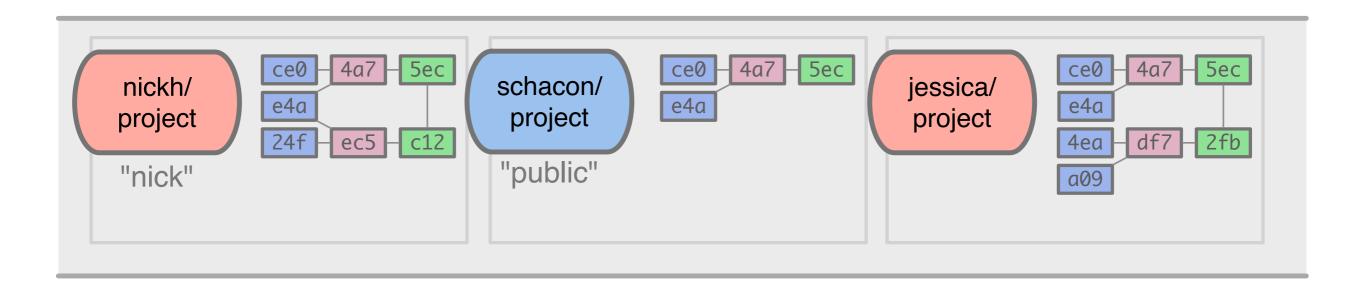


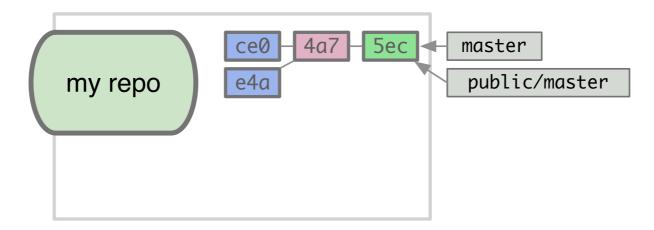




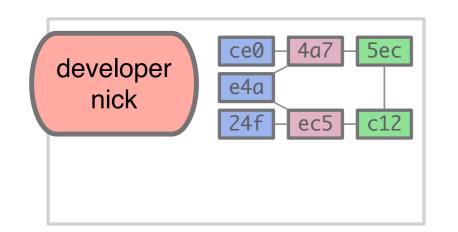




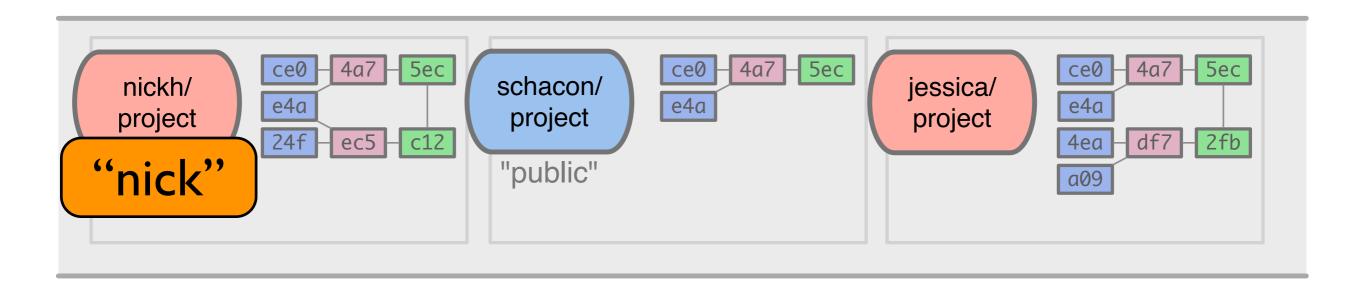


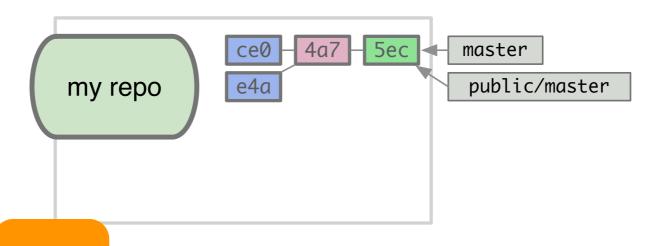


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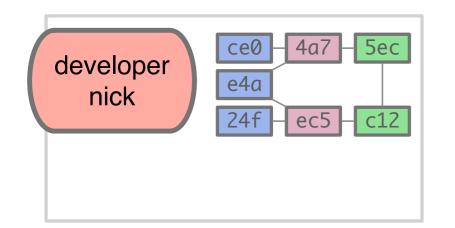


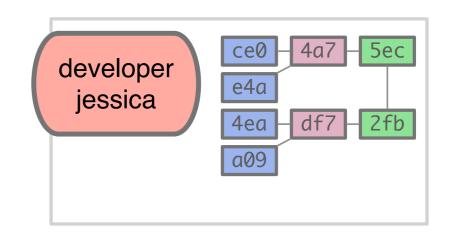


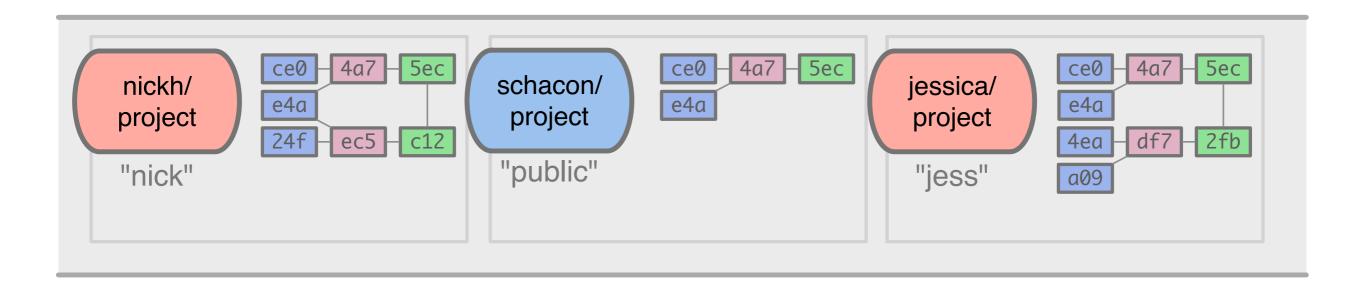


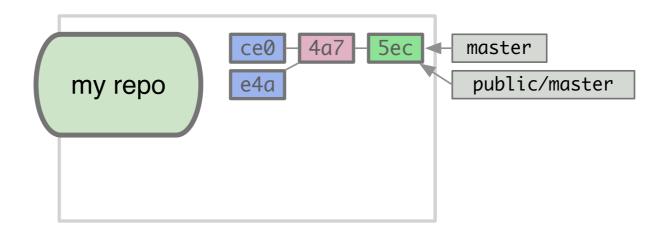


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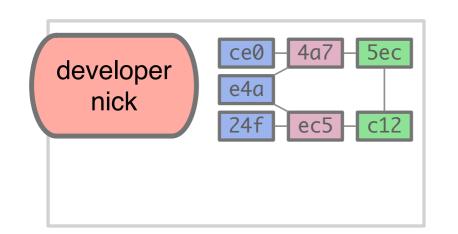




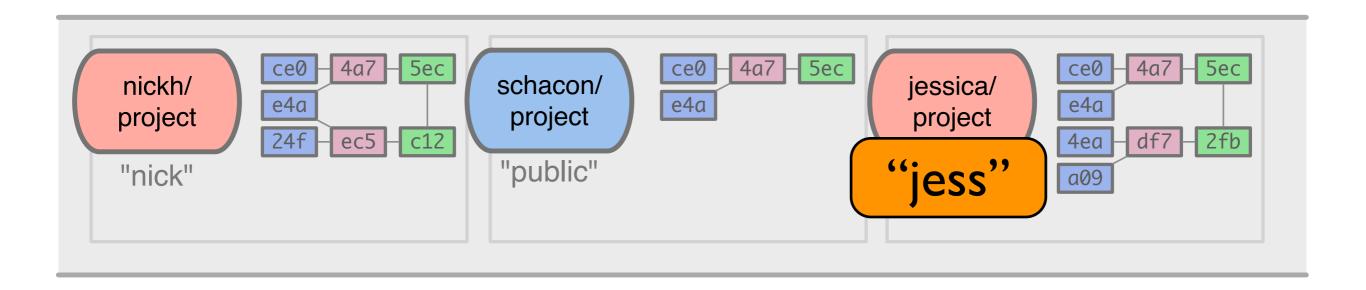


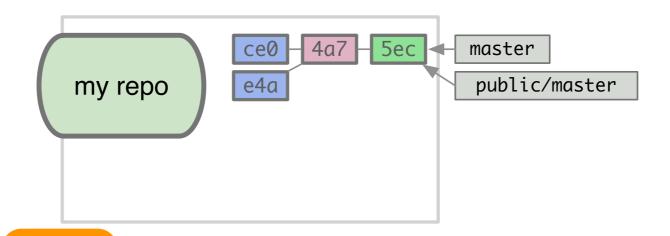


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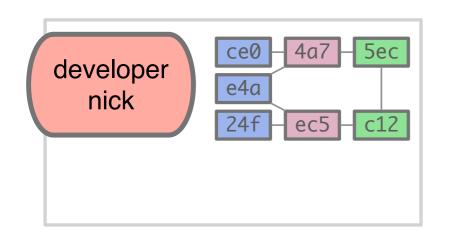


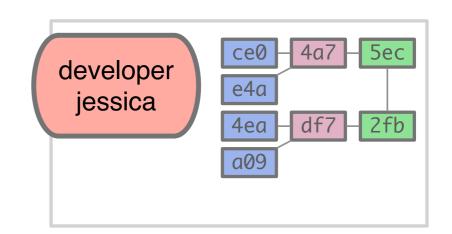


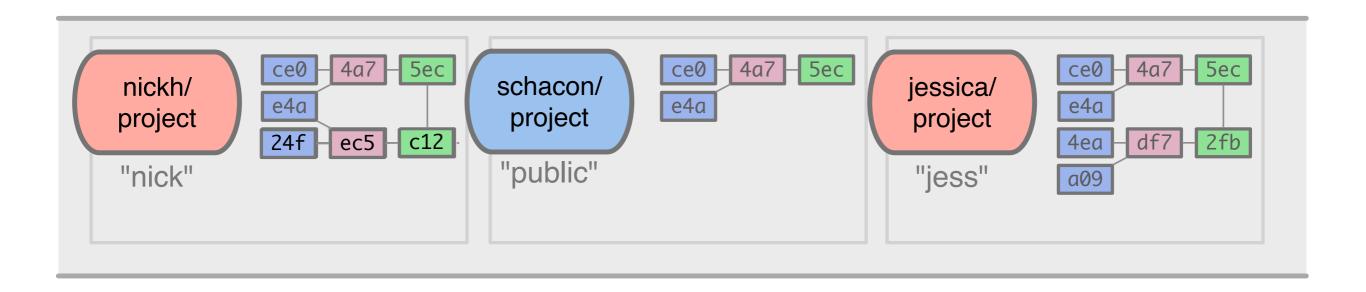


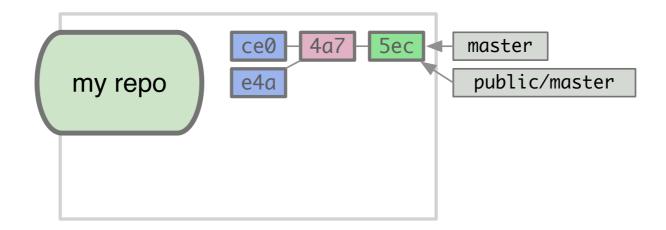


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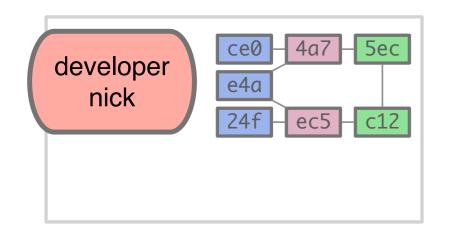




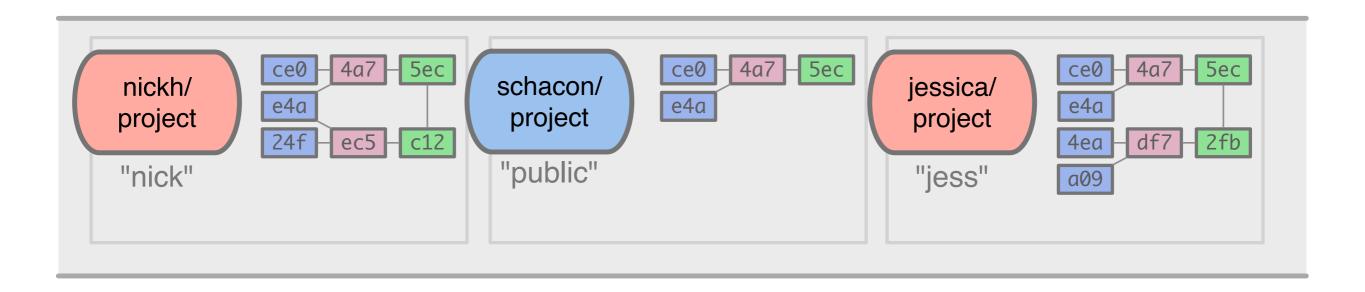


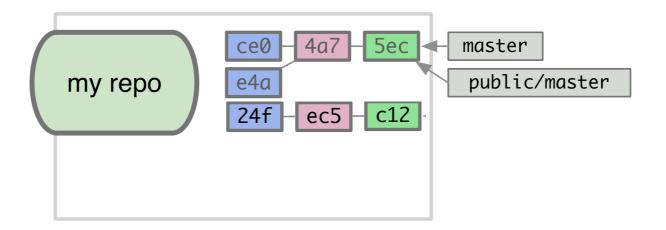


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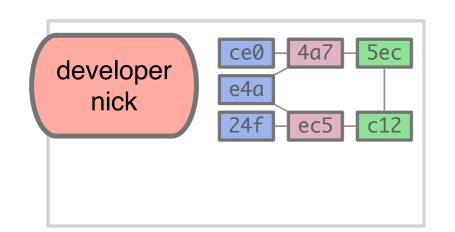


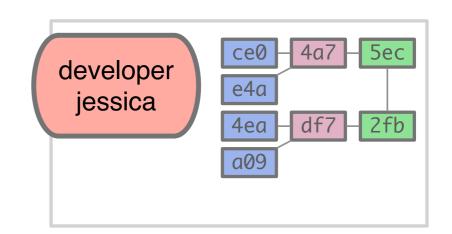


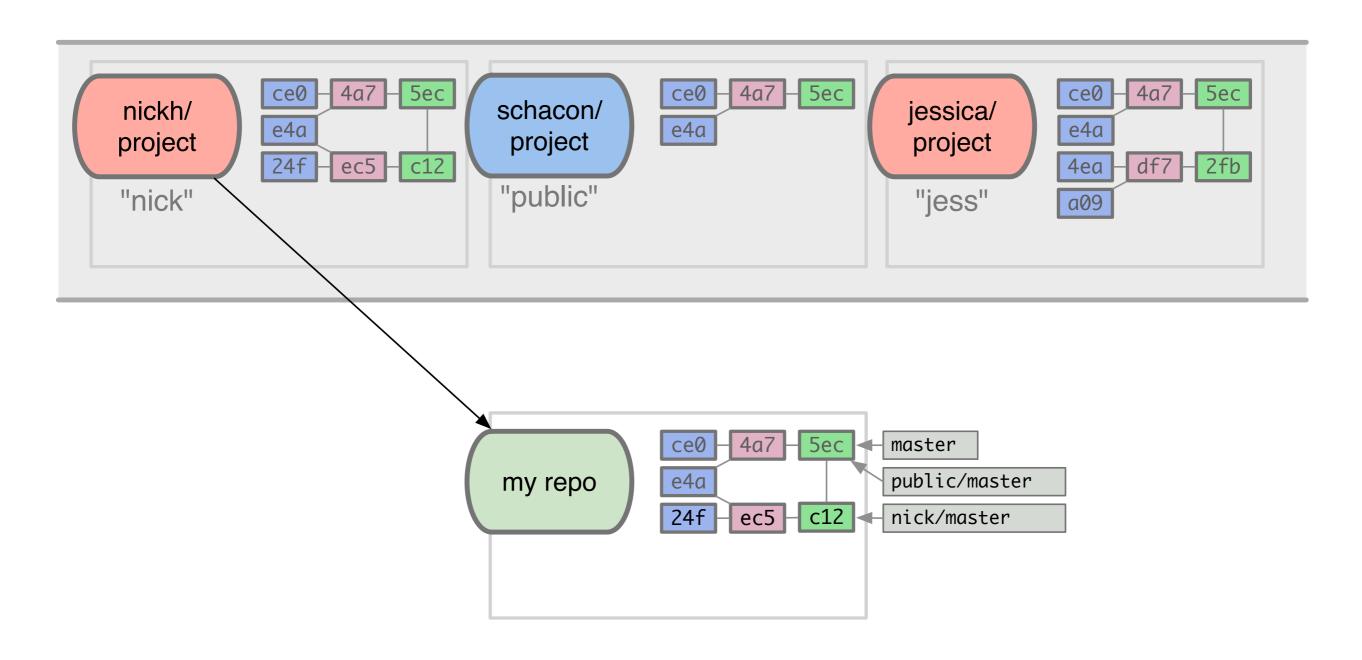


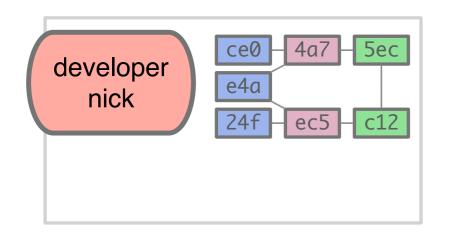


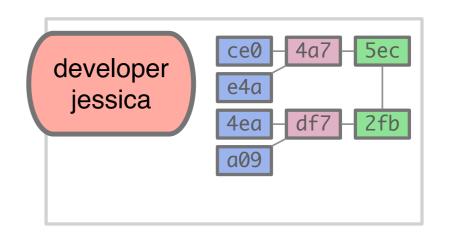
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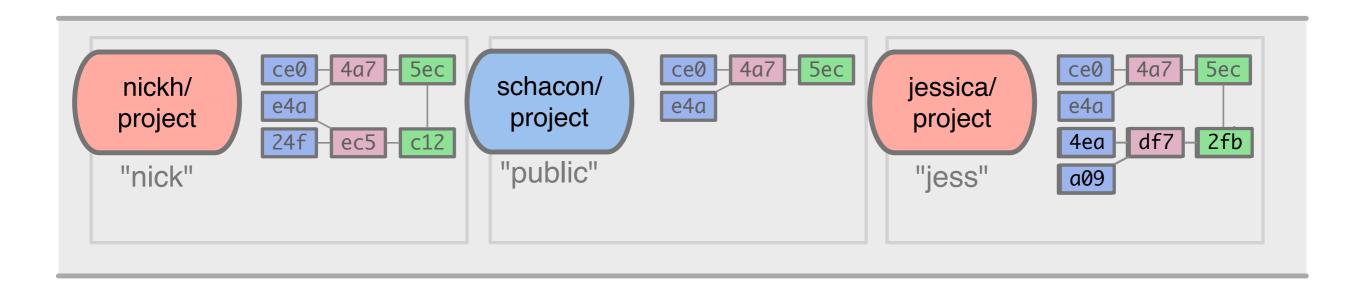


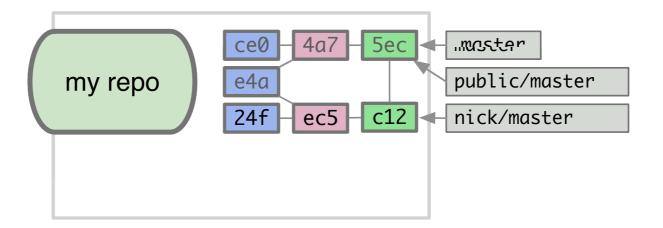




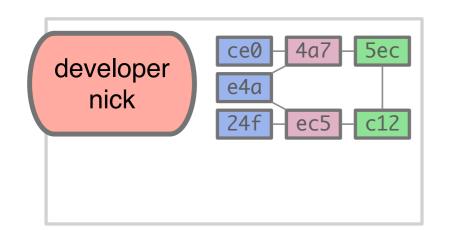


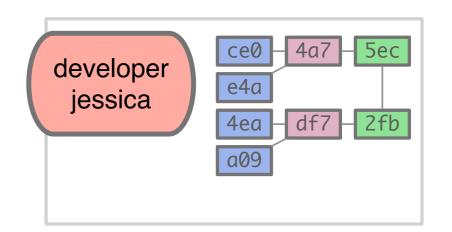


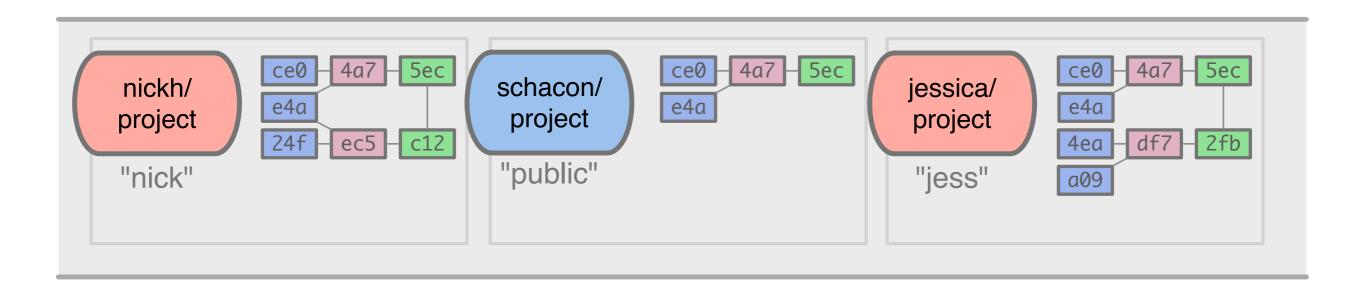


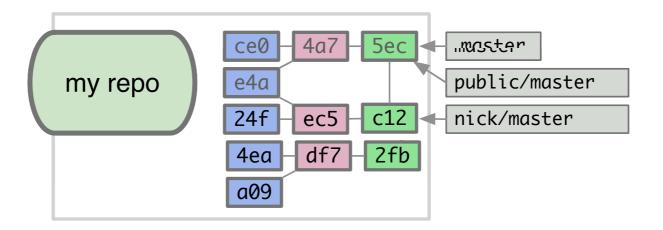


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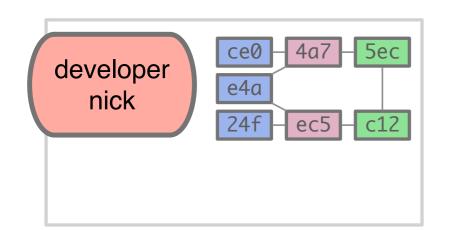


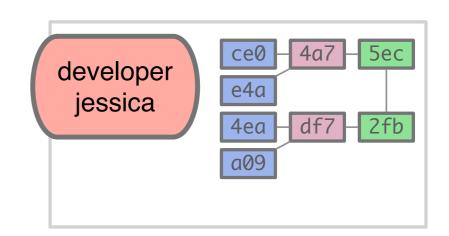


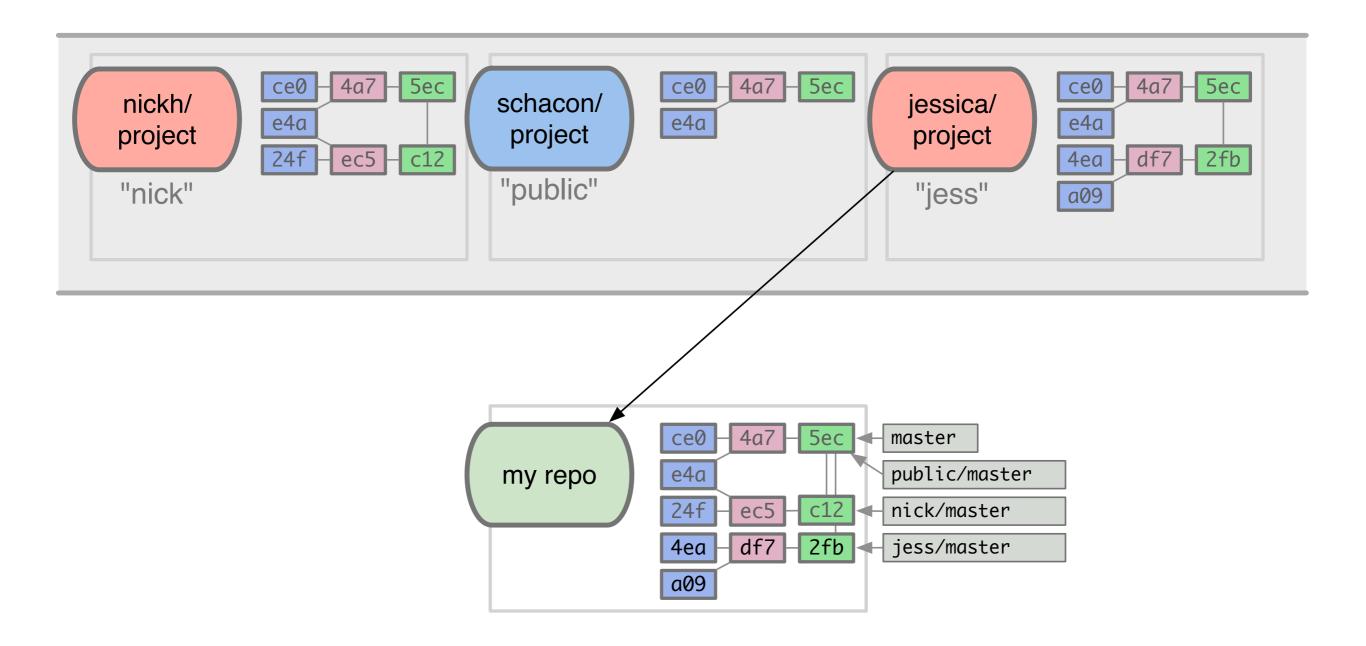


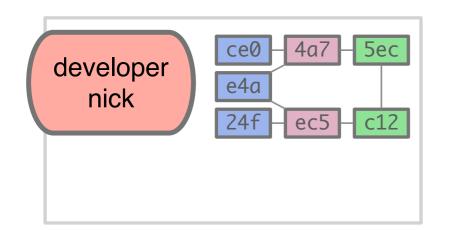


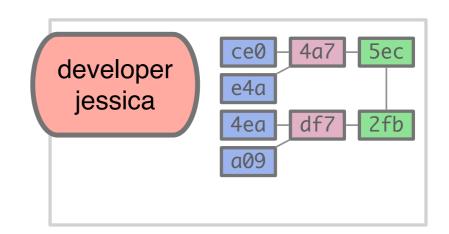
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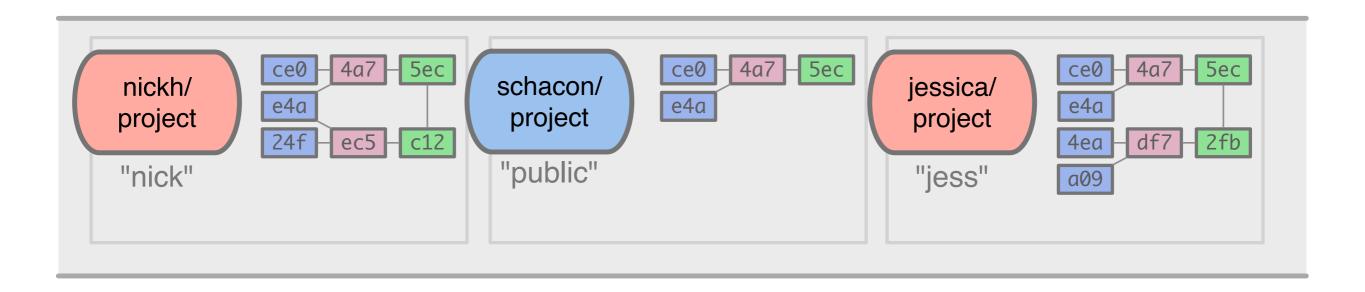


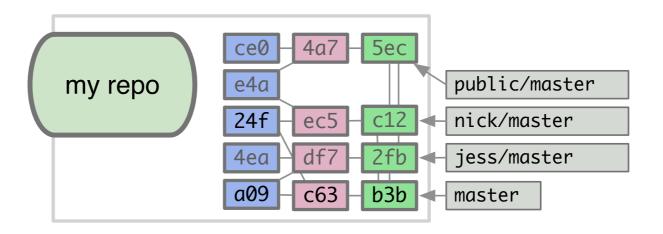




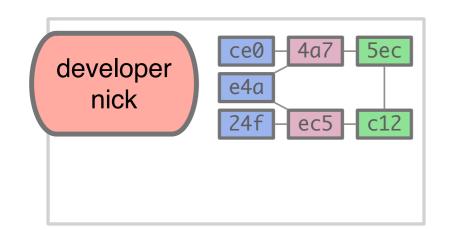


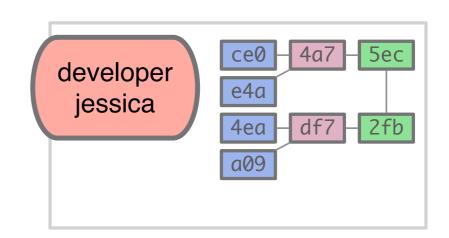


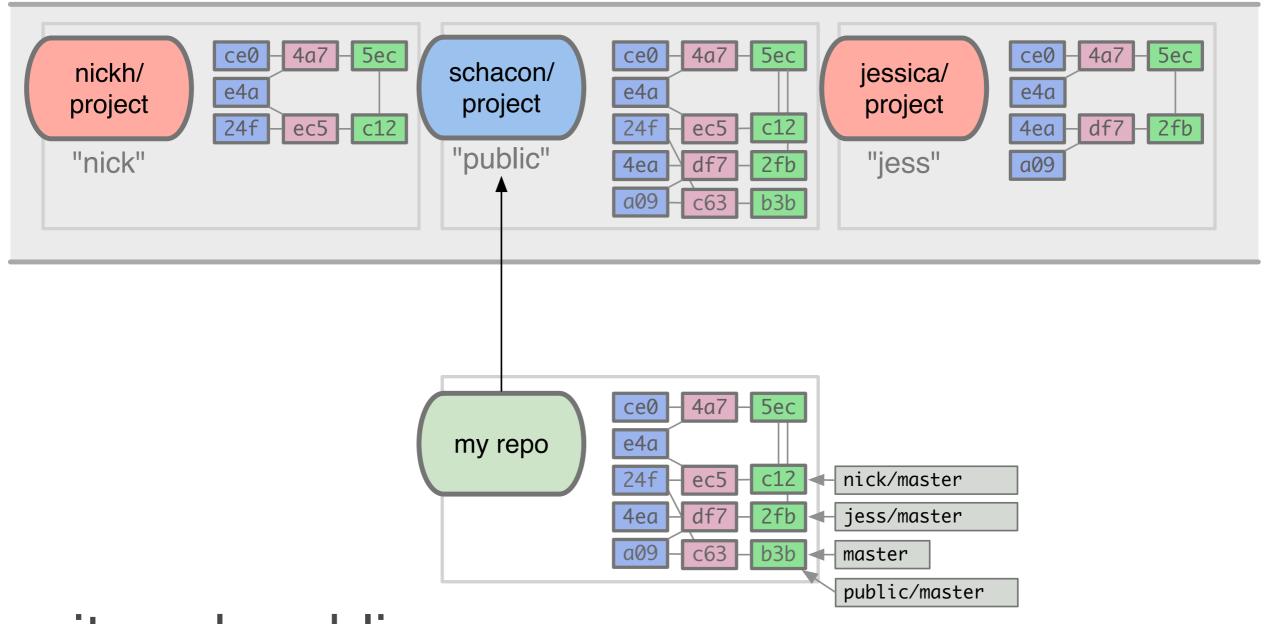




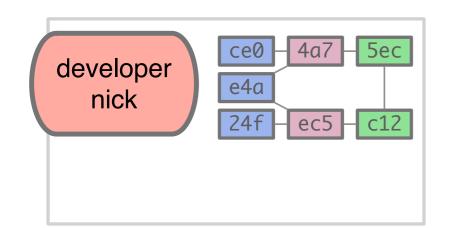
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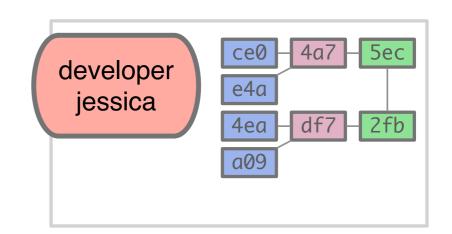


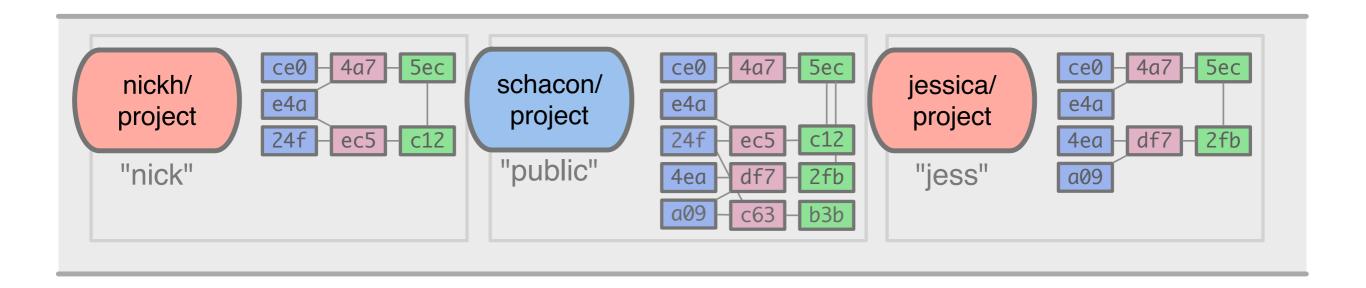


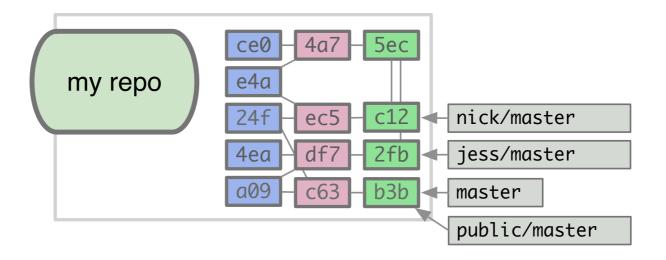


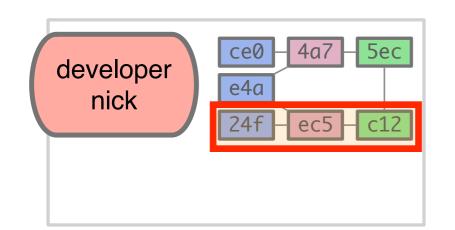
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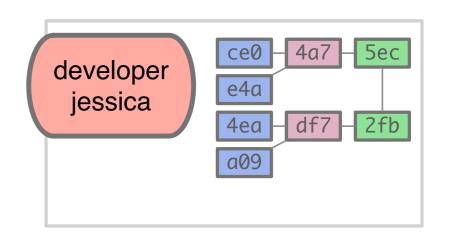


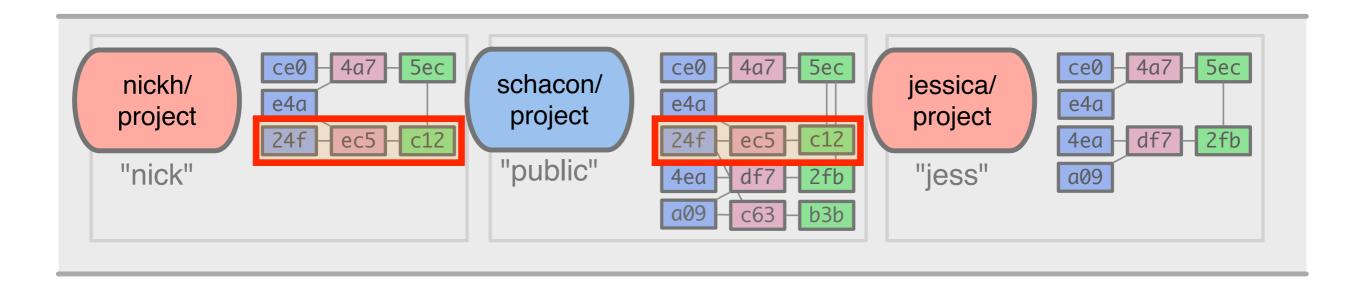


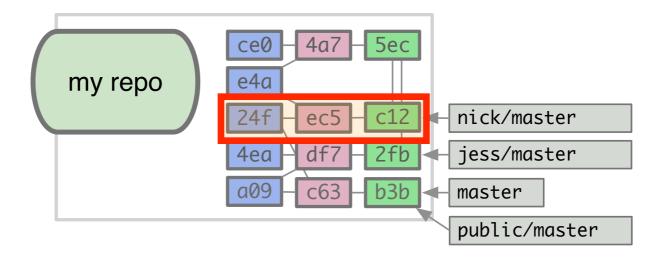


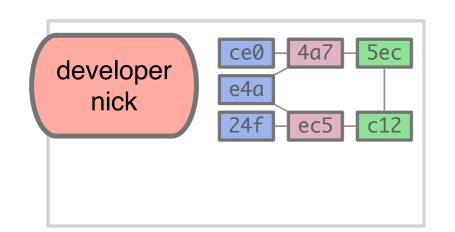


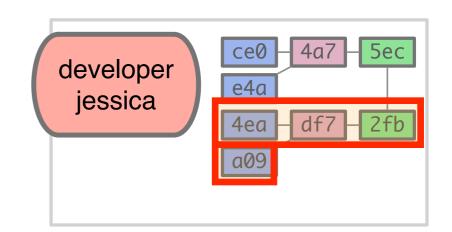


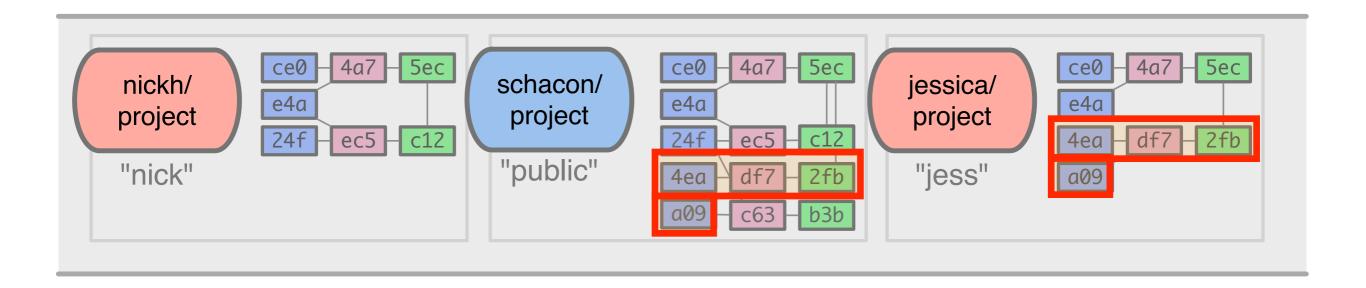


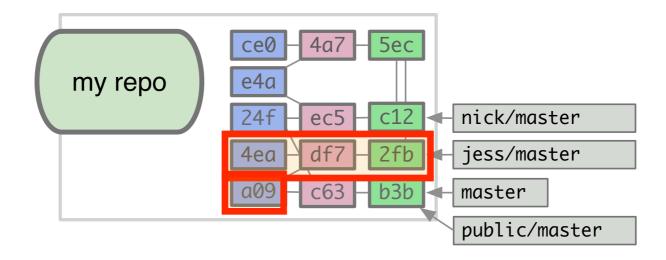


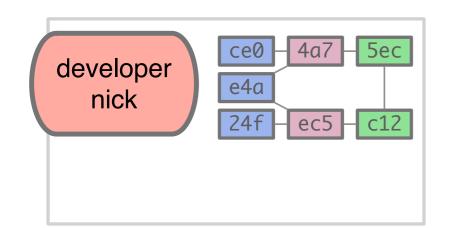


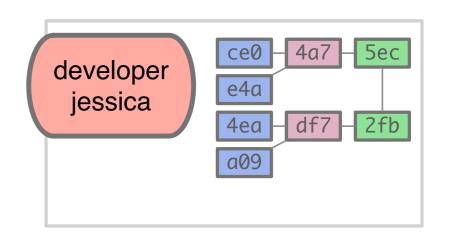


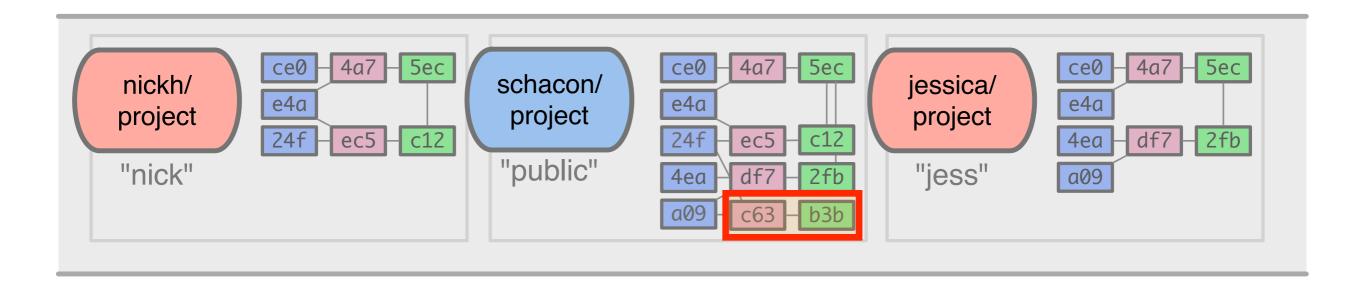


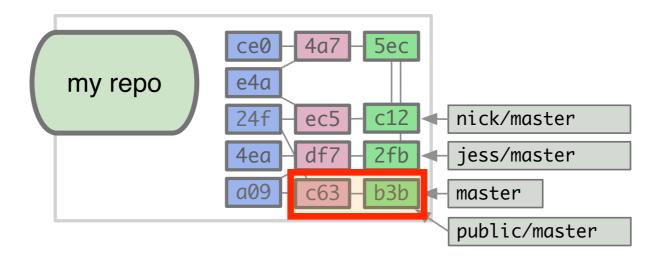




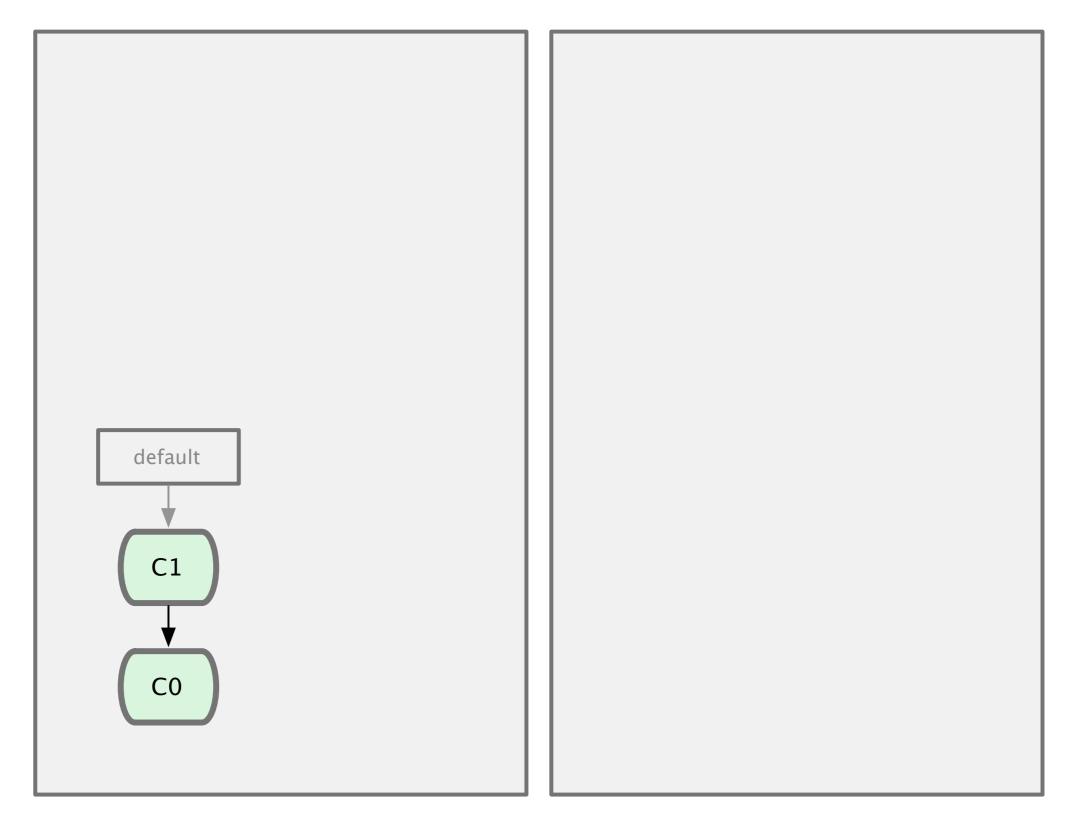


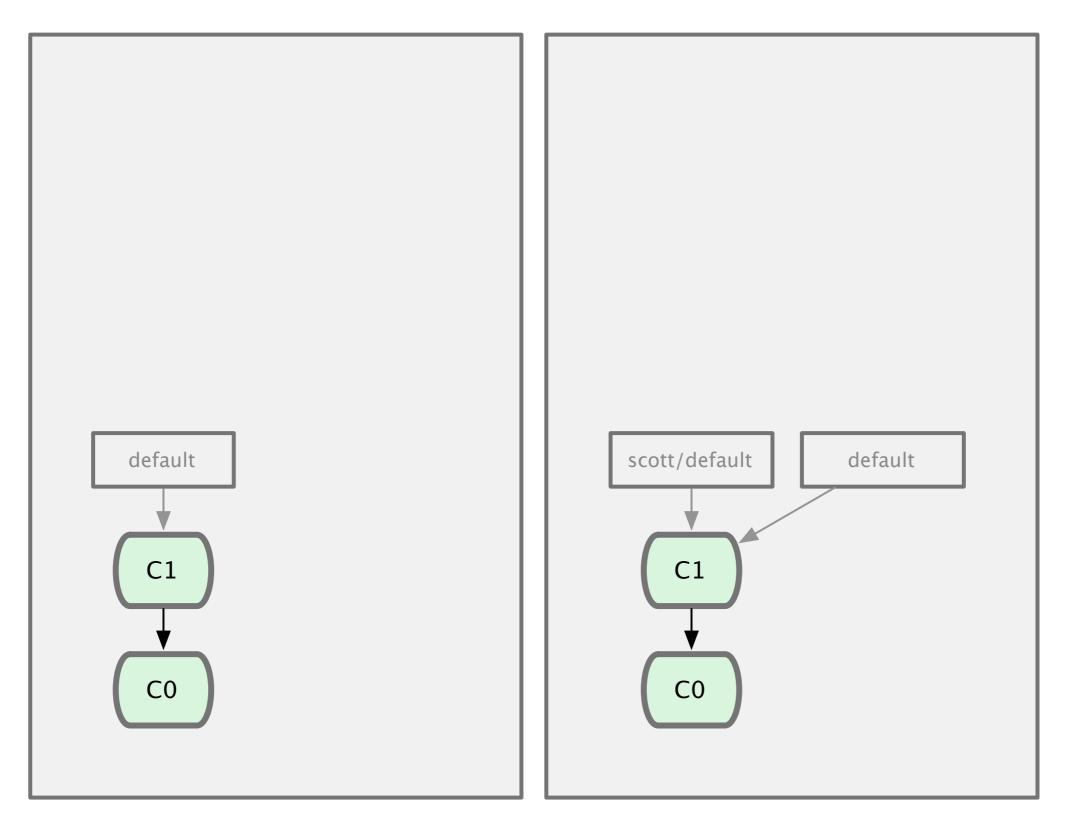


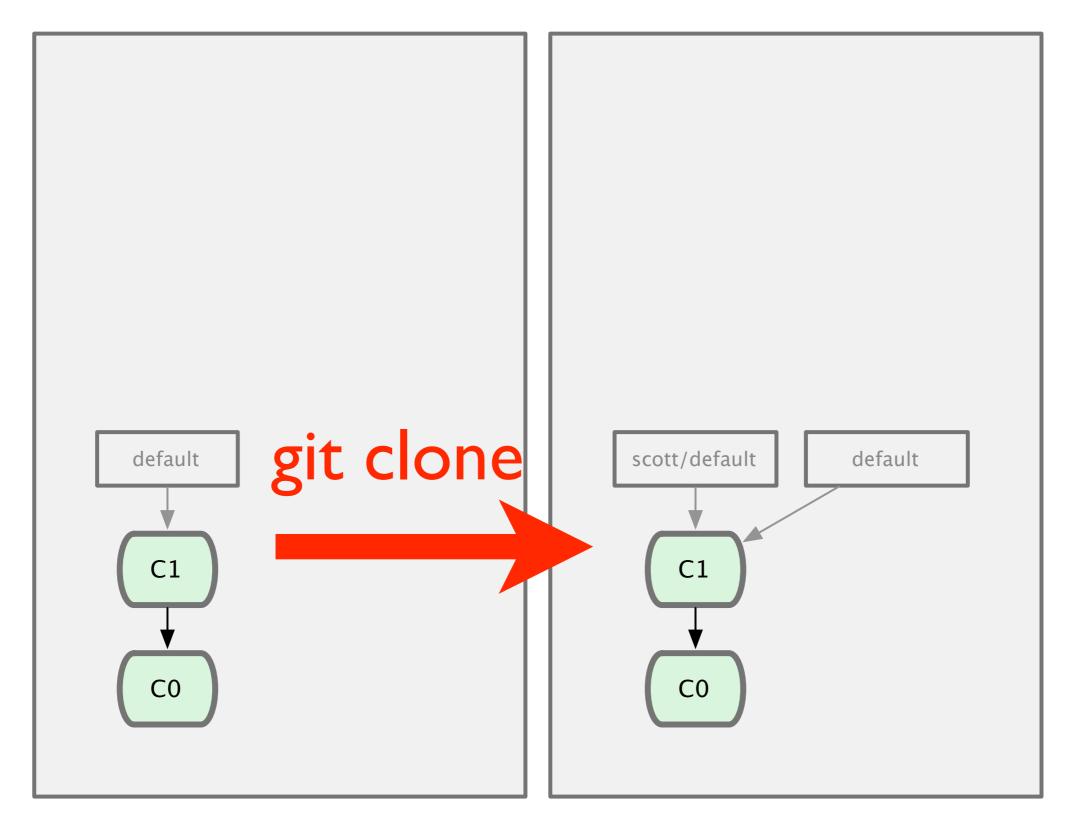




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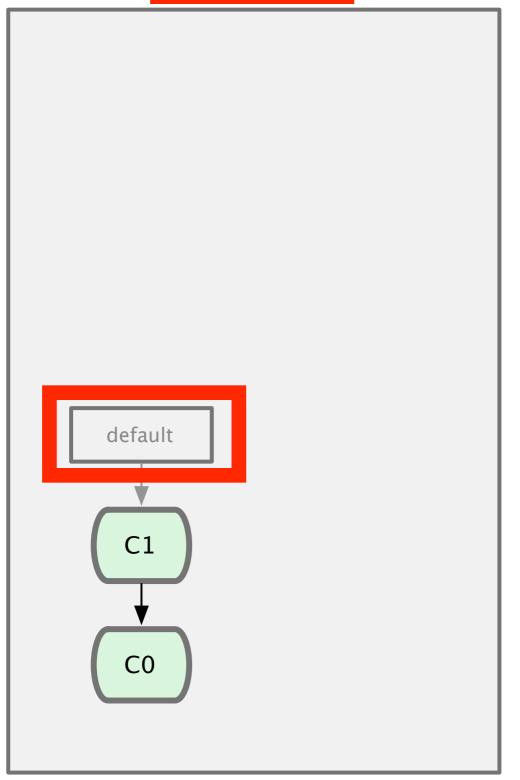


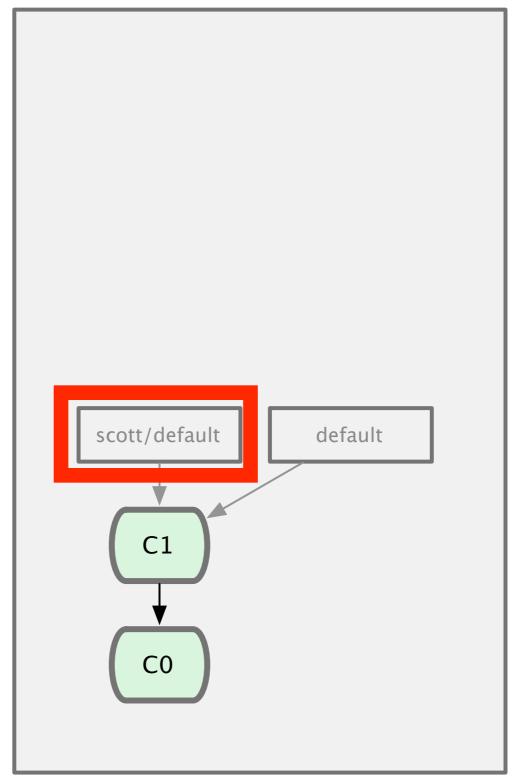


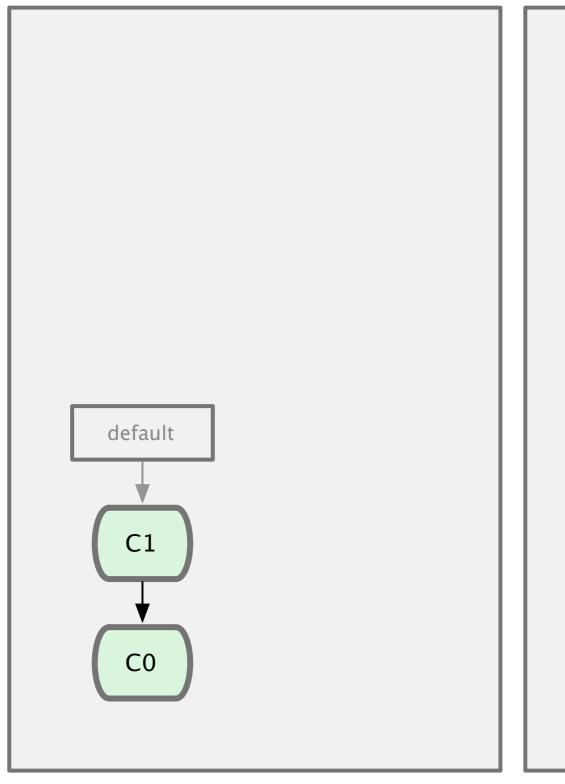


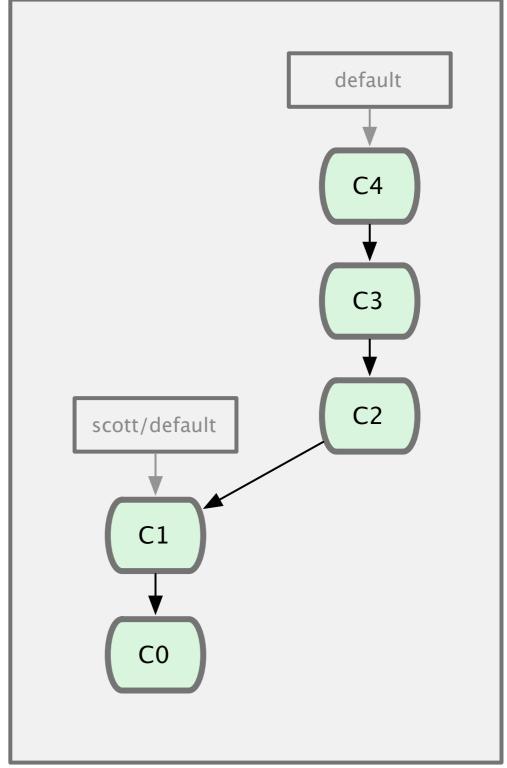
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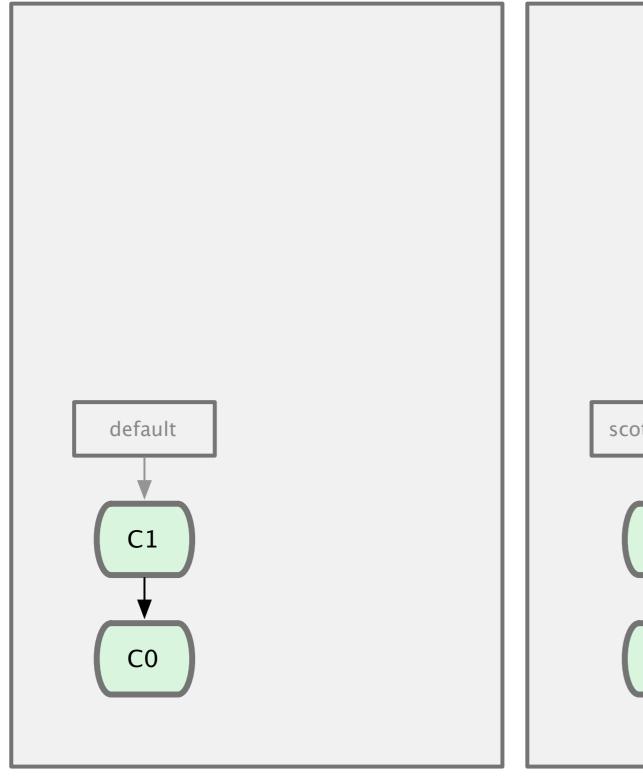
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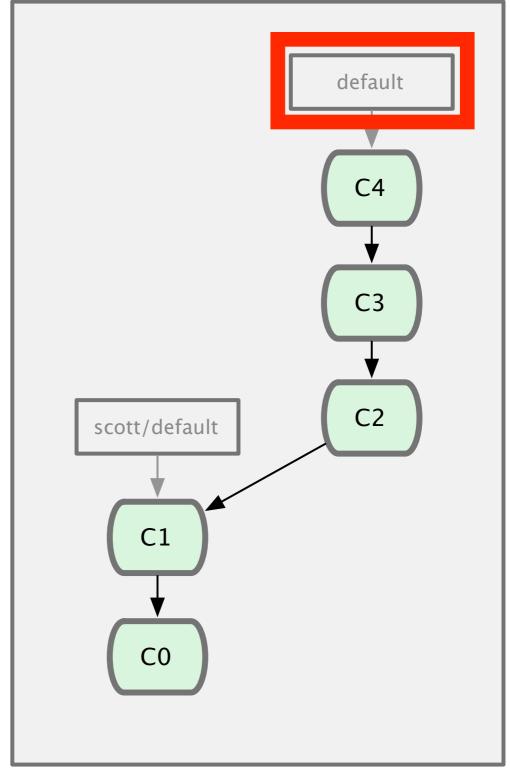


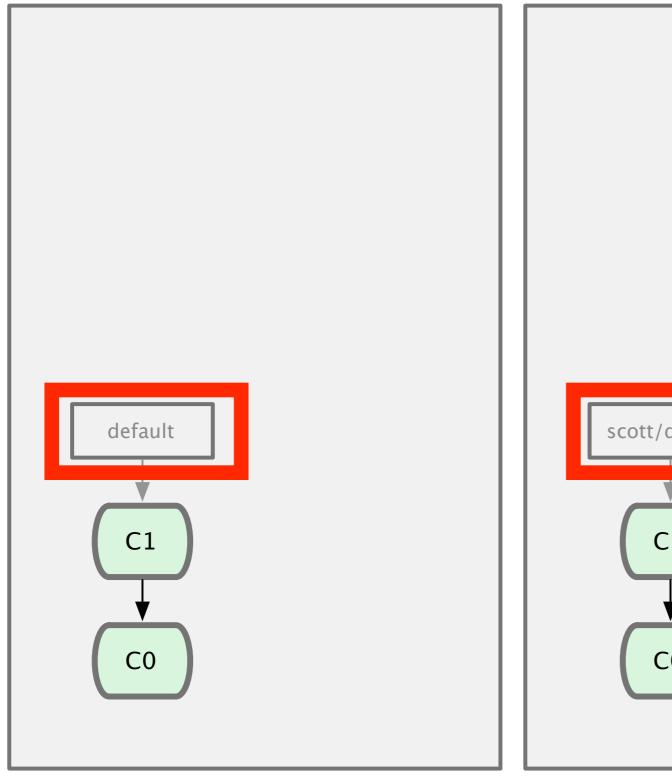


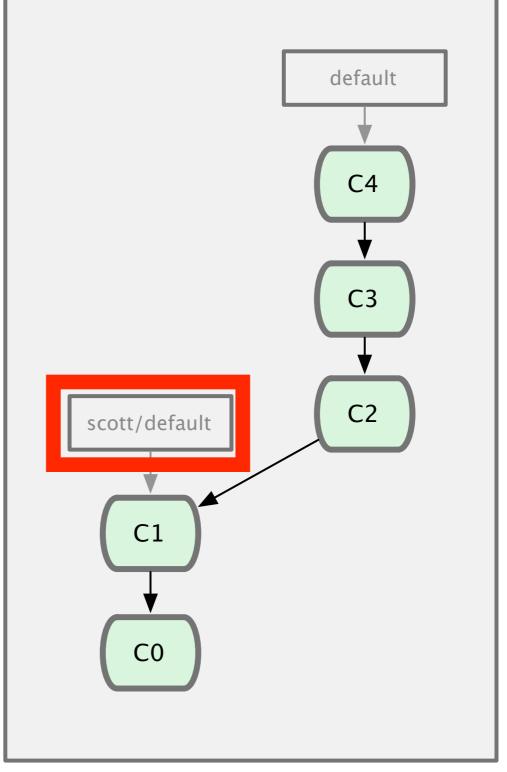


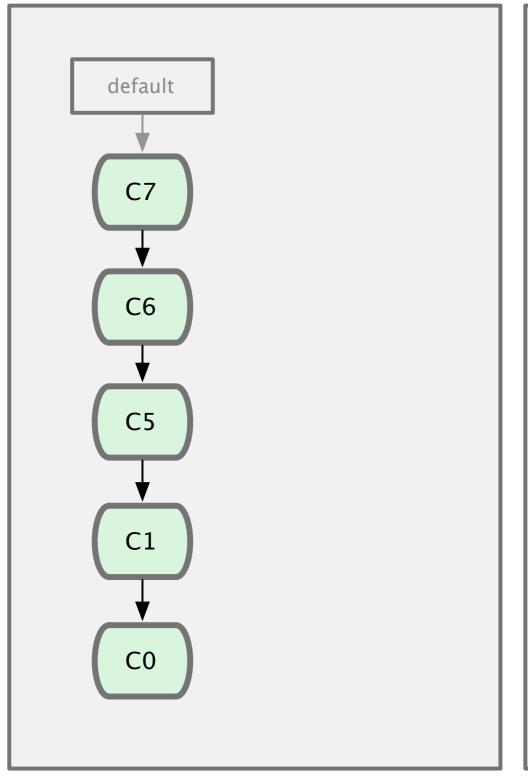


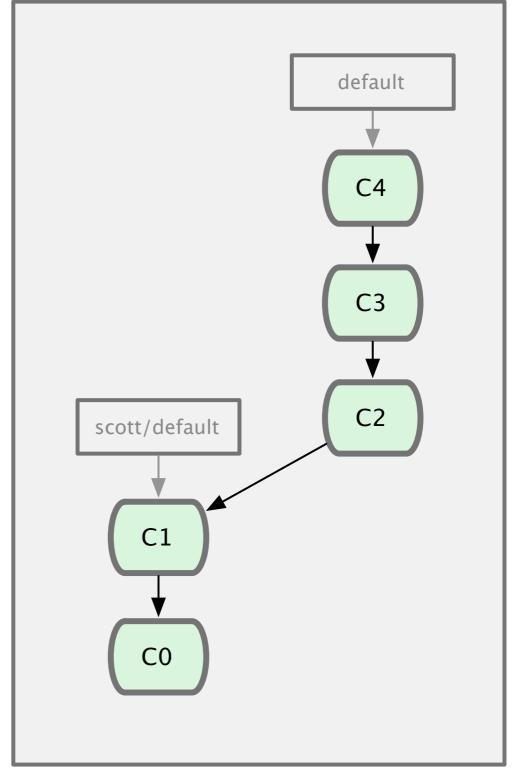


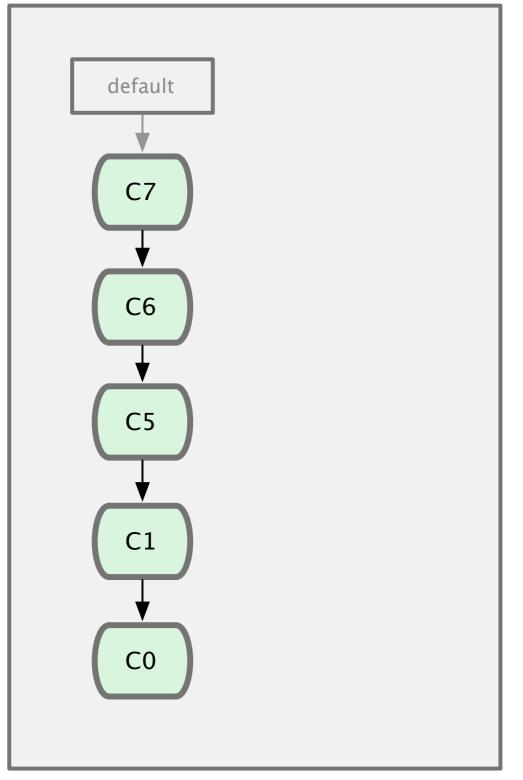


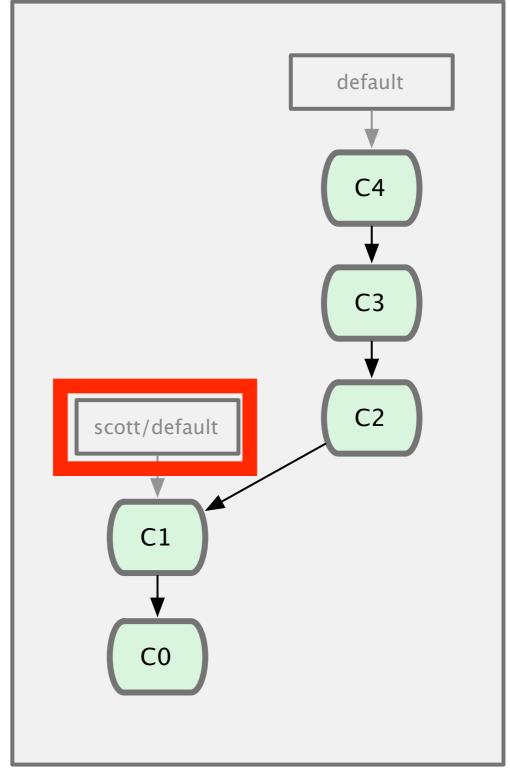


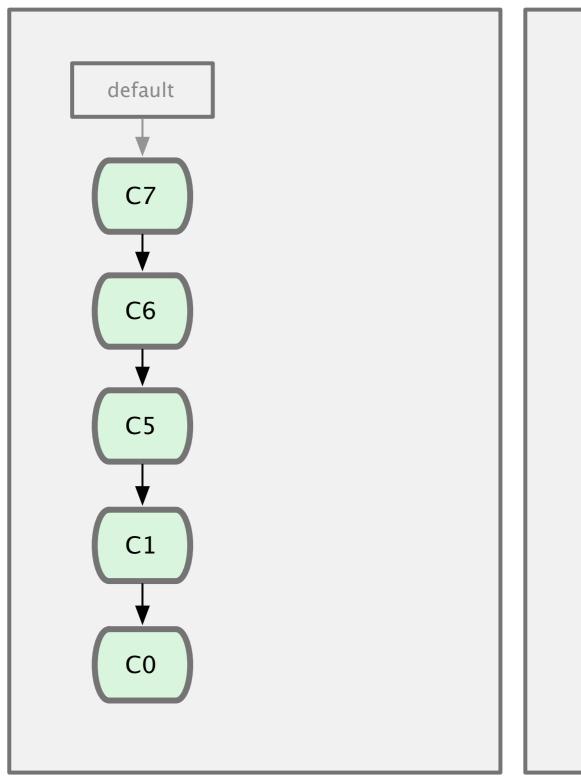


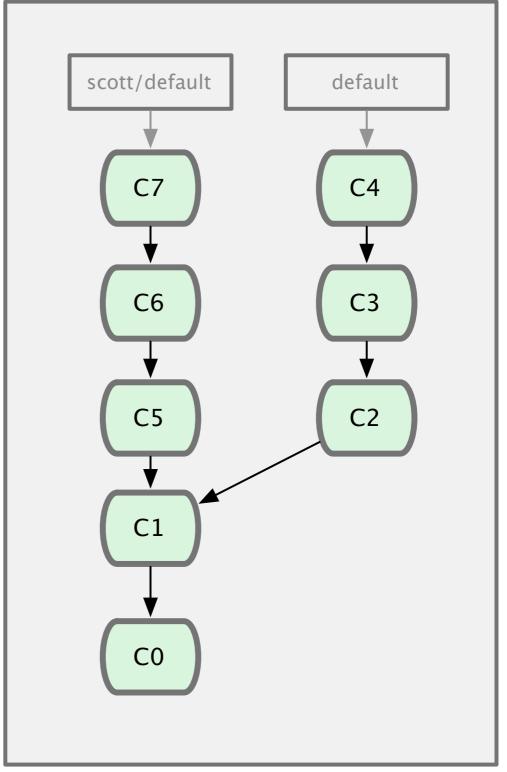


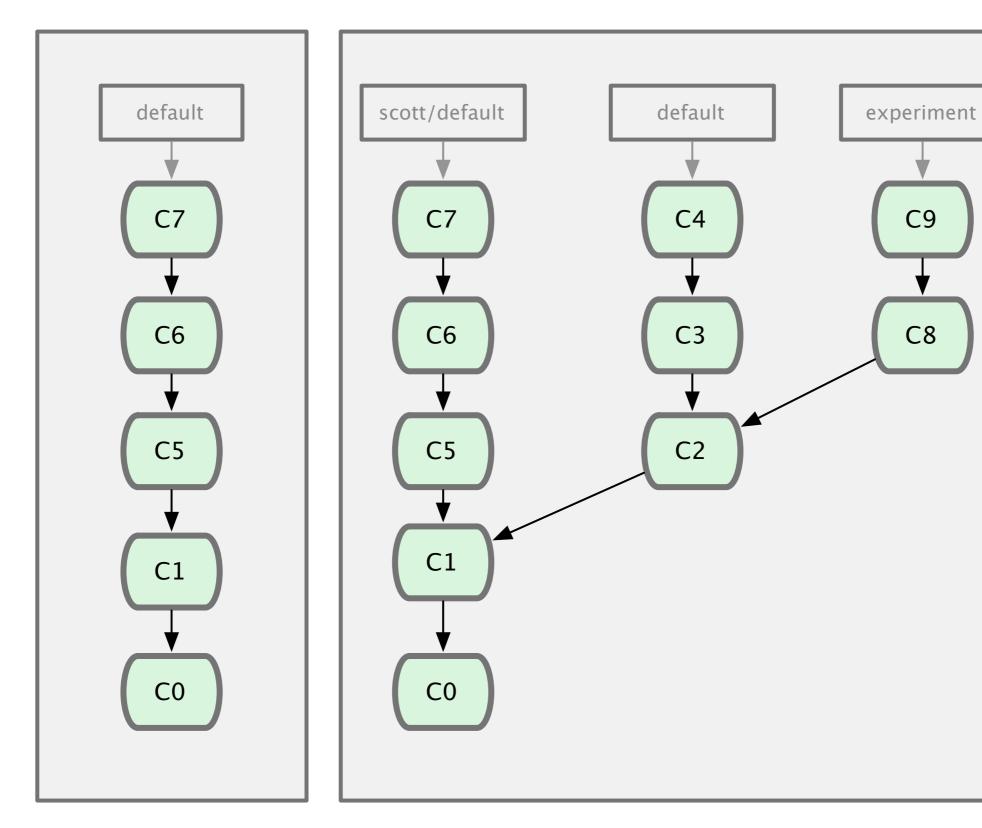


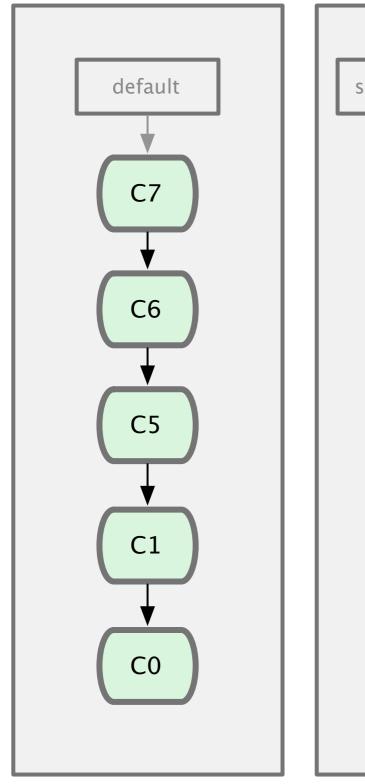


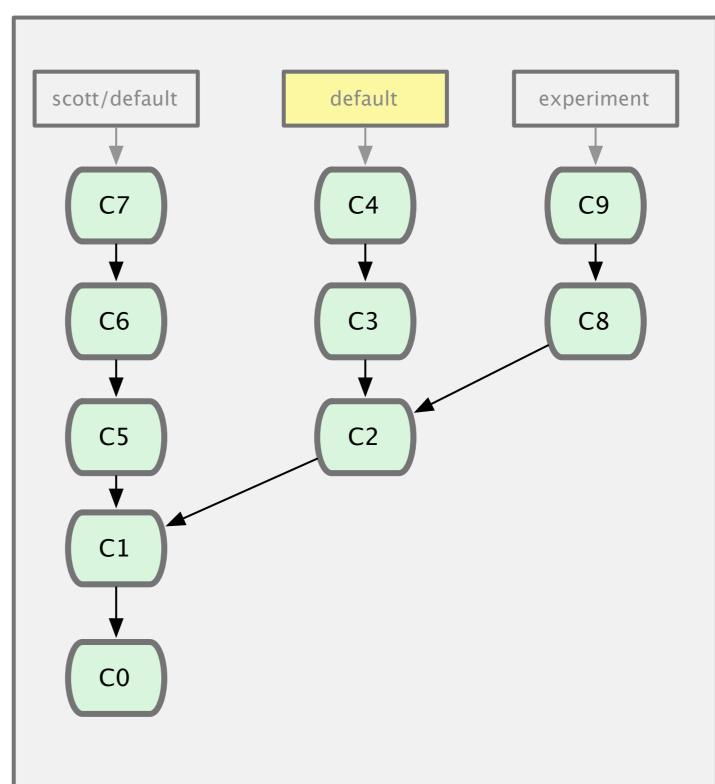


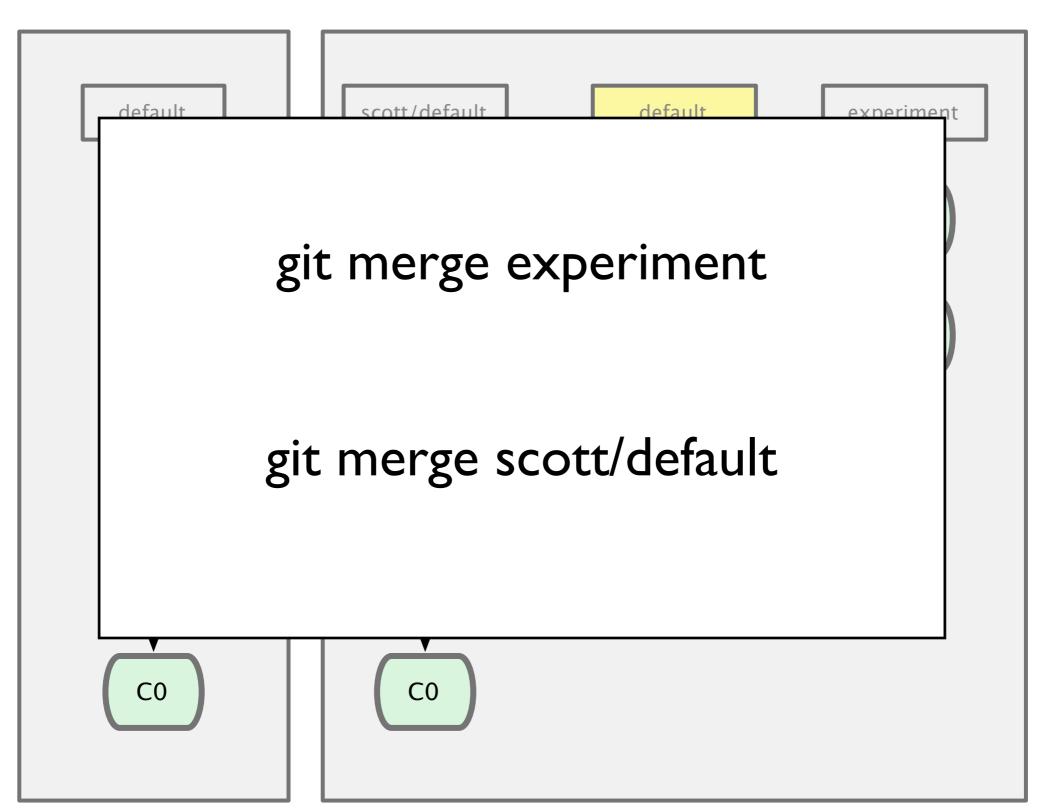


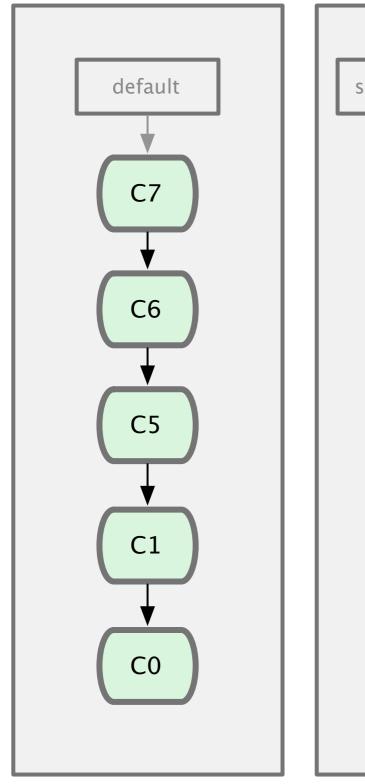


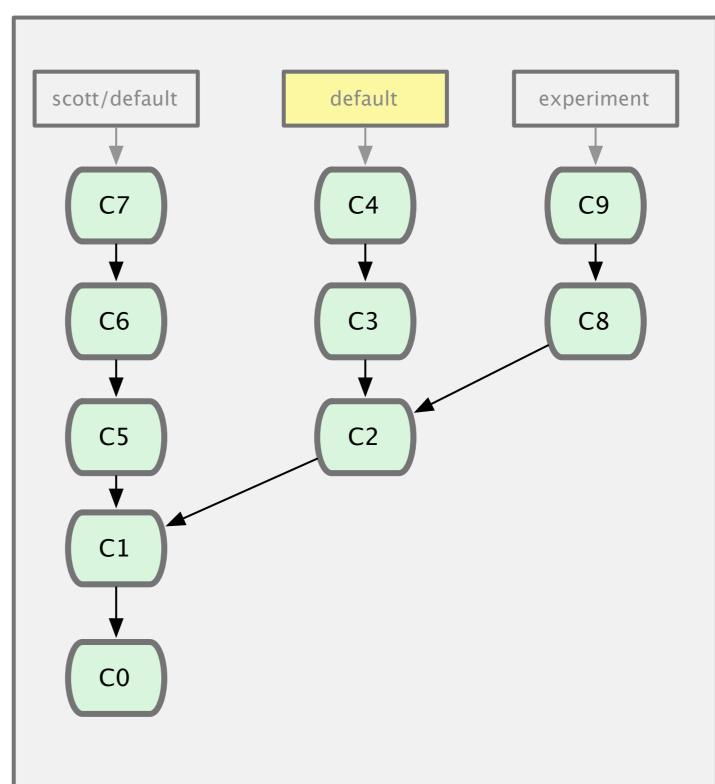


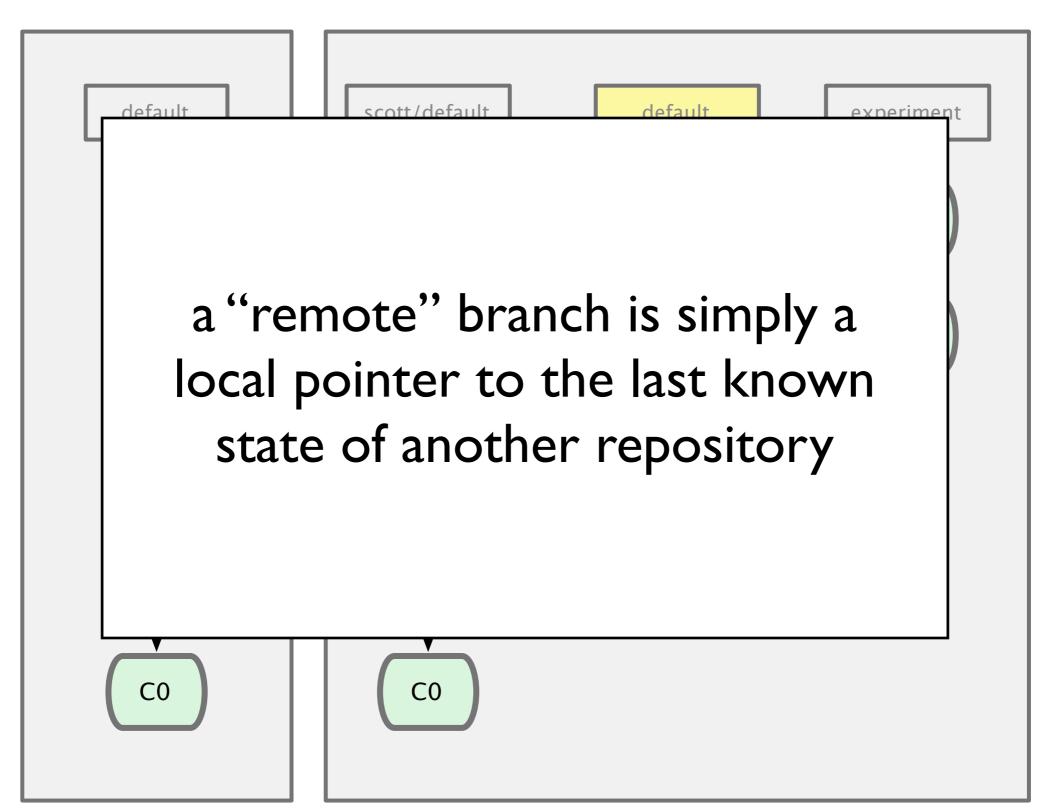








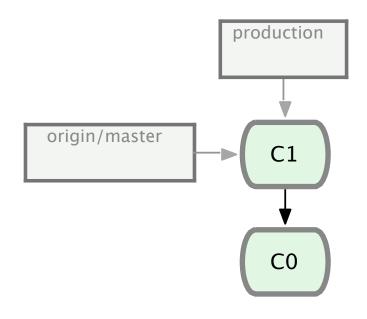




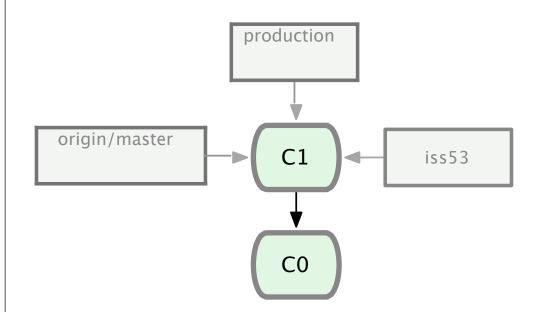
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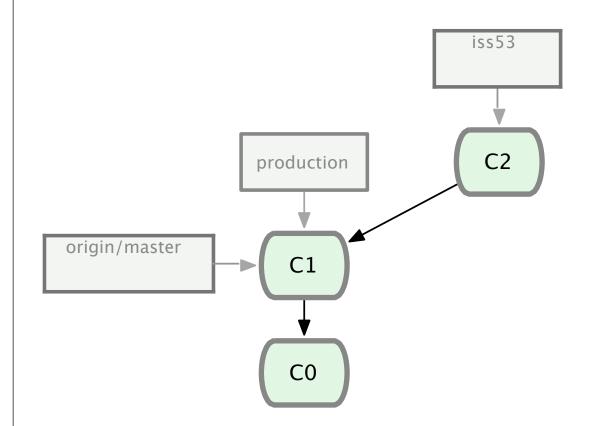
- clone the code that is in production
- create a branch for issue #53 (iss53)
- work for 10 minutes
- someone asks for a hotfix for issue #102
- checkout'production'
- create a branch (iss I 02)
- fix the issue
- checkout'production', merge'iss I 02'
- push 'production'
- etc



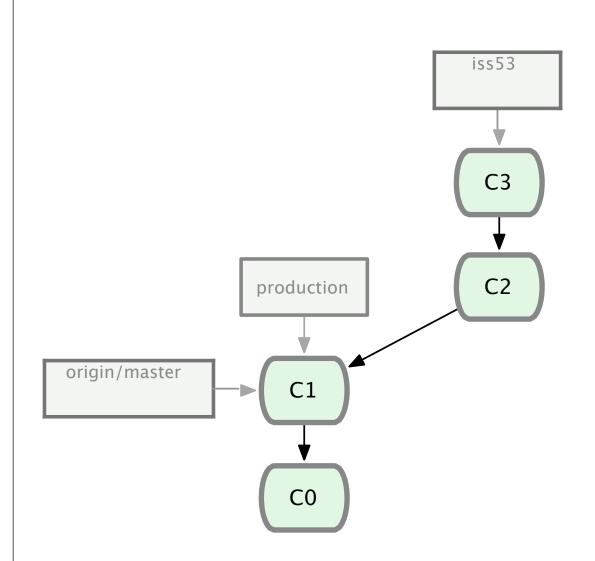
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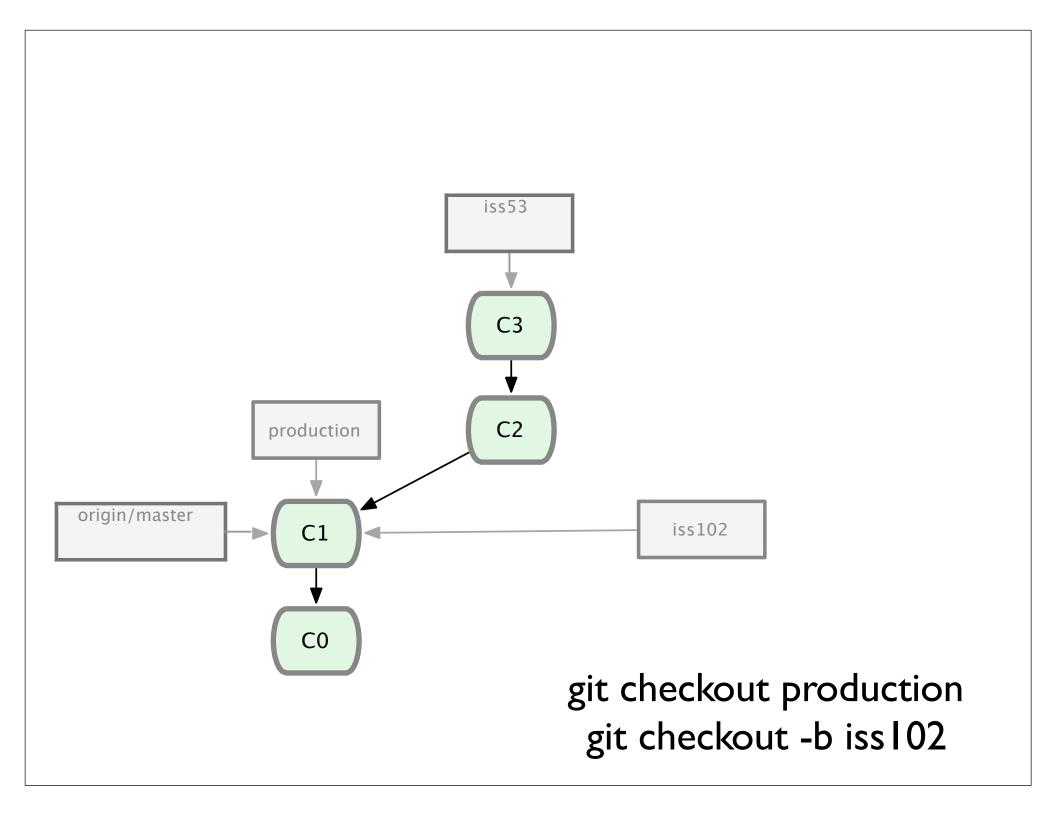
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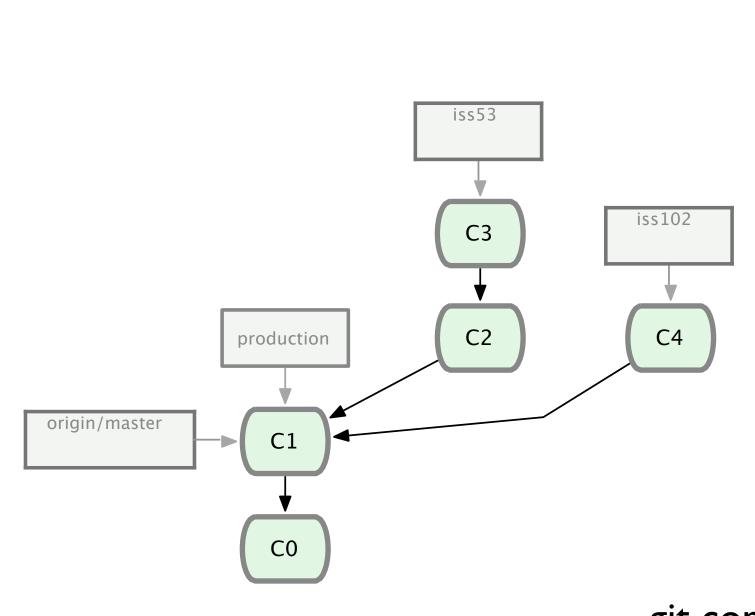


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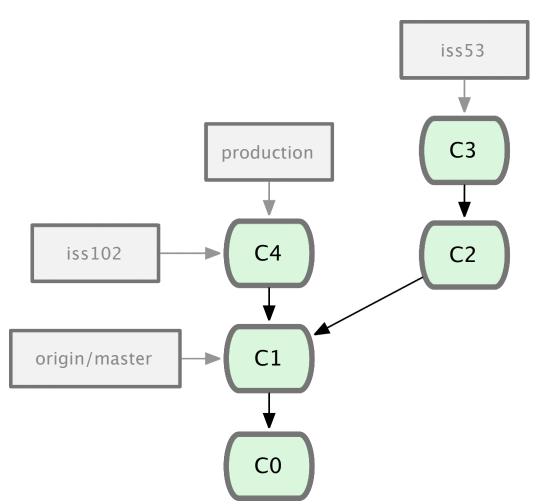


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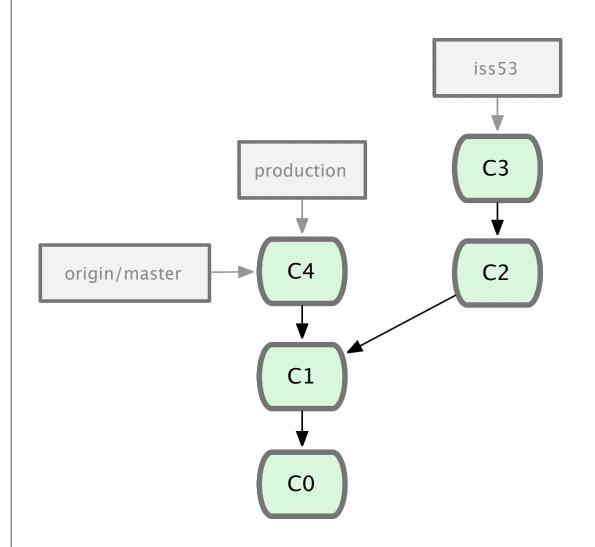




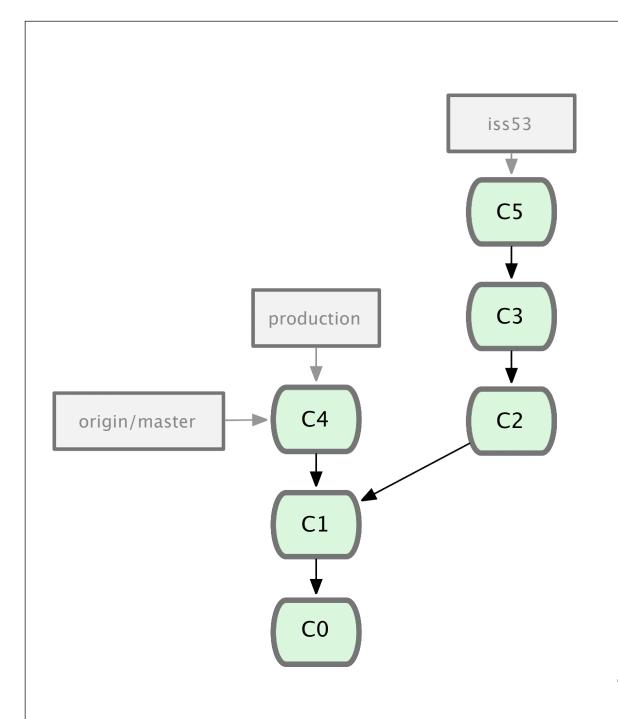
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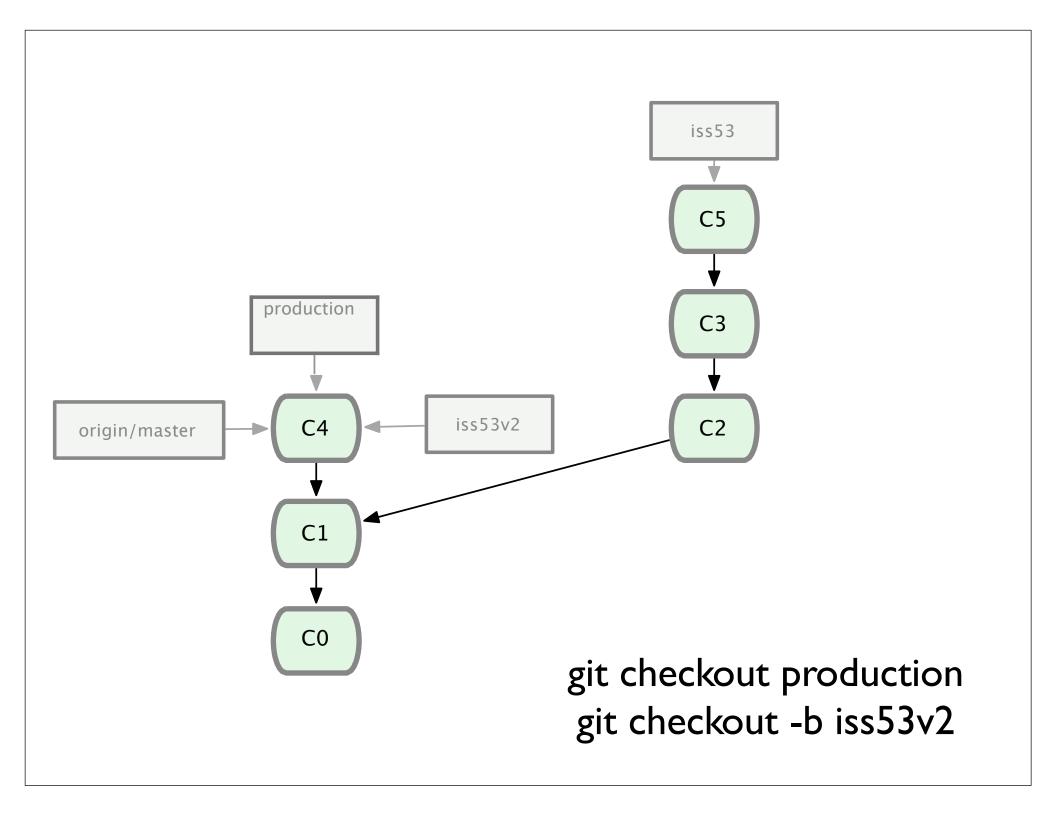
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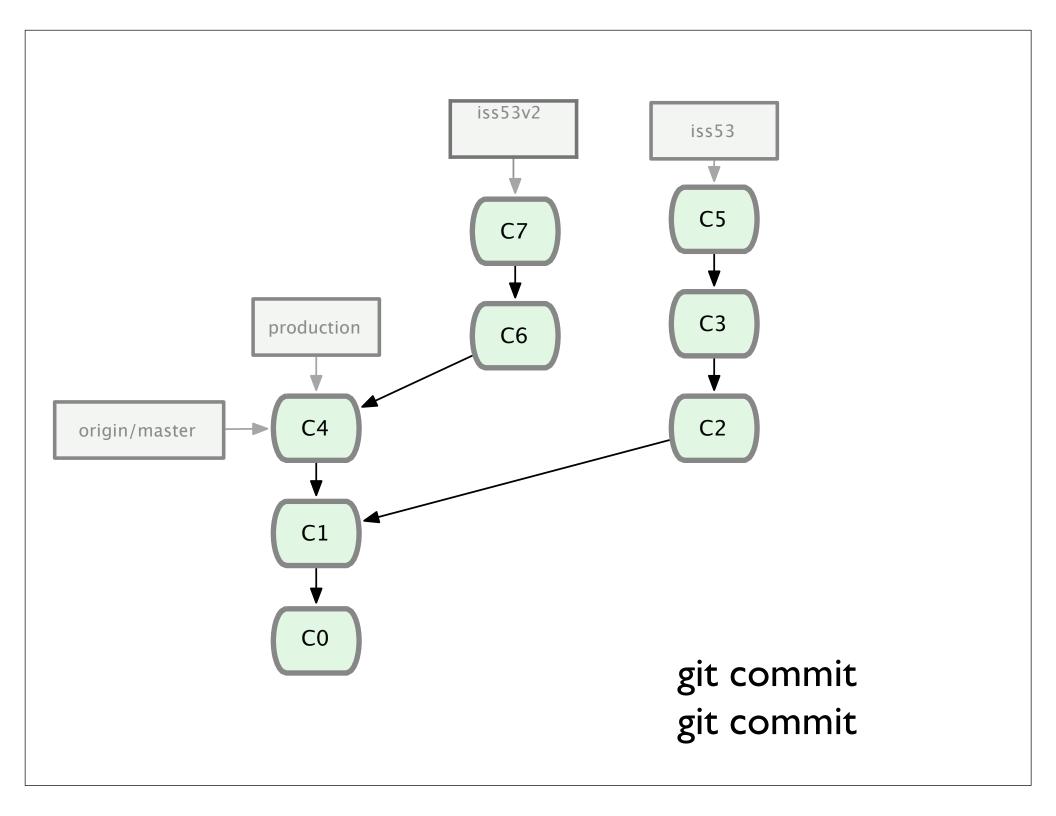


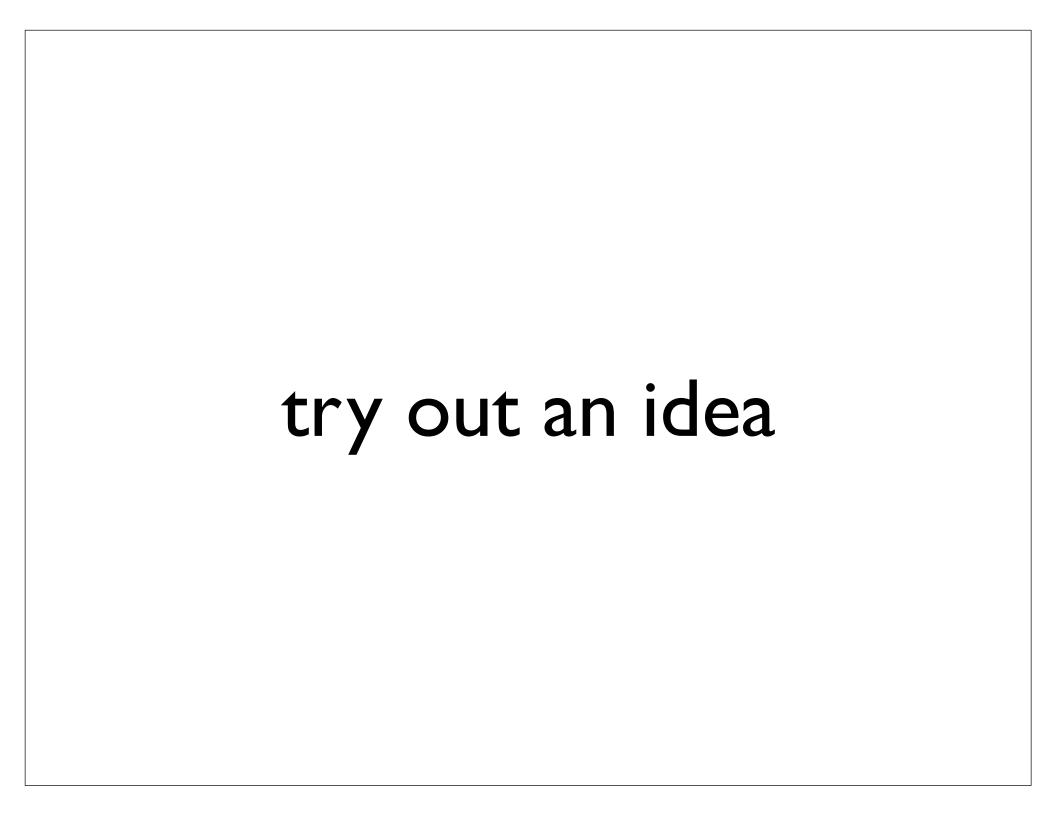
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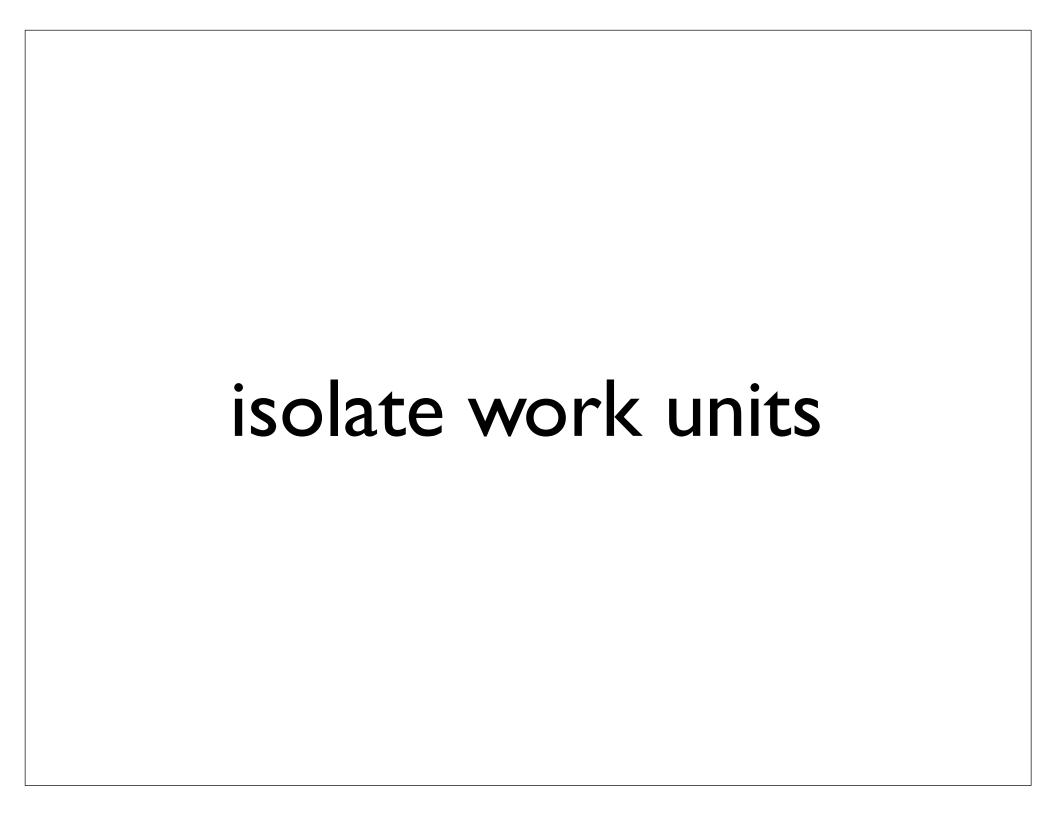


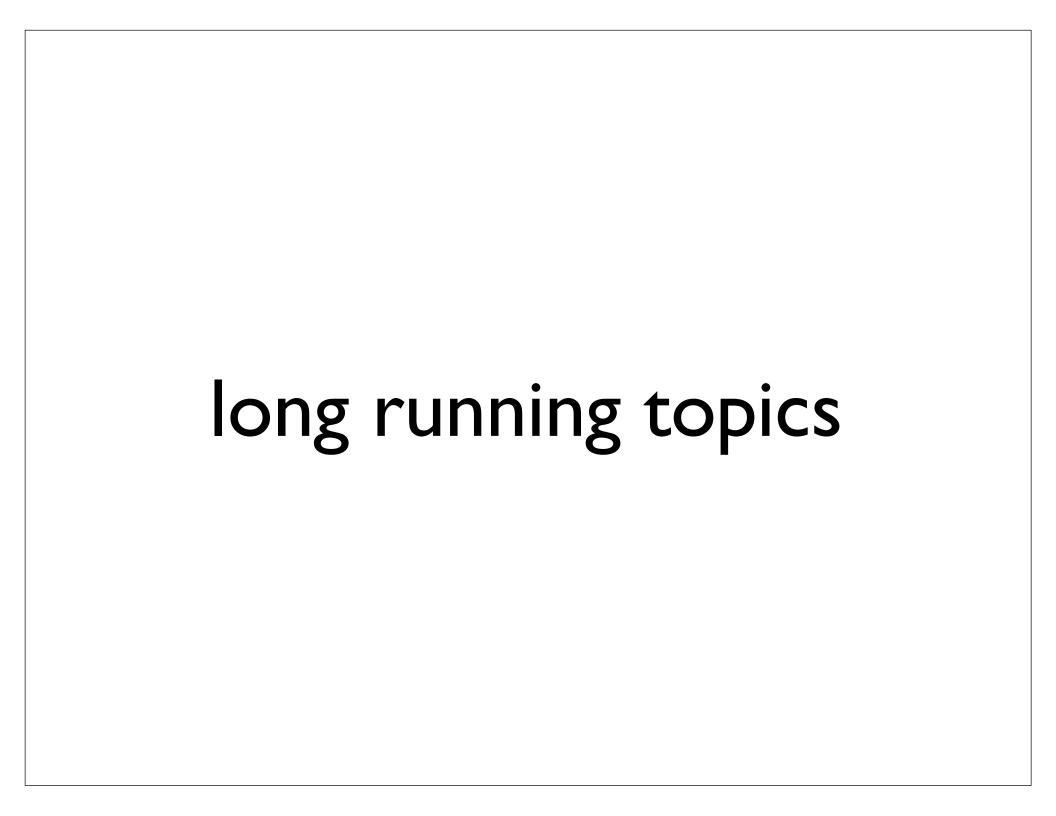
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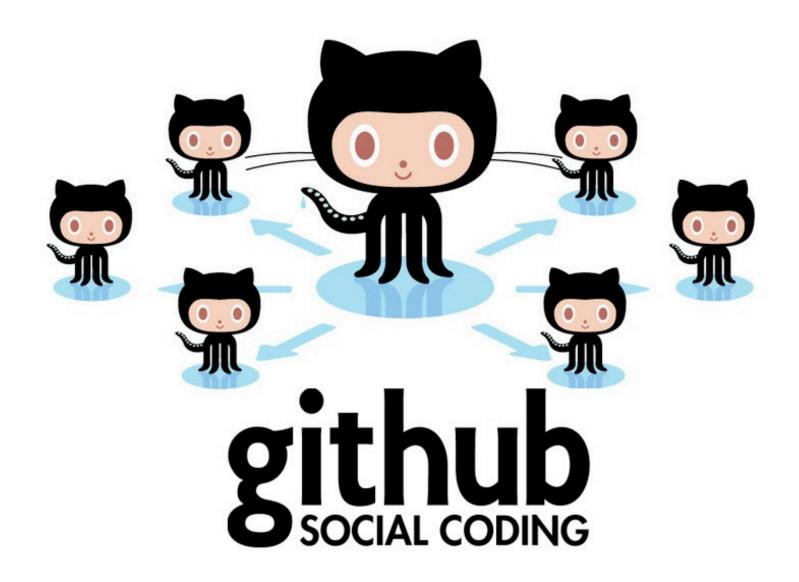


# pain free context switching

## GitHub



**GitHub** is a web-based Git repository hosting service.

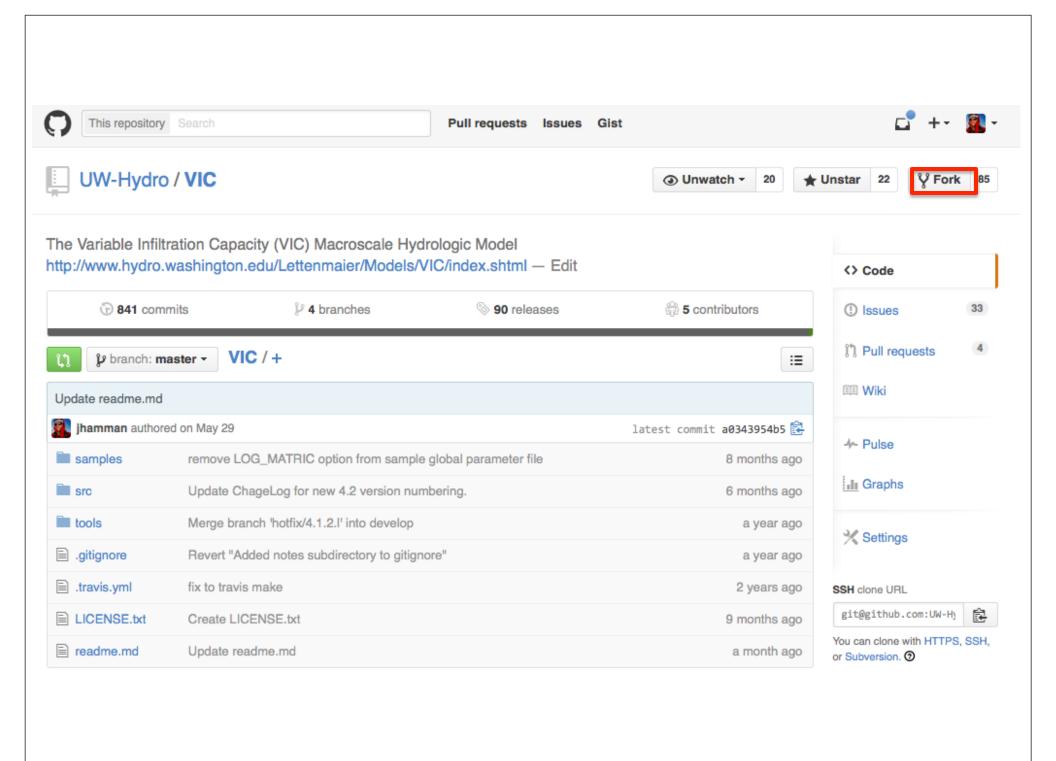


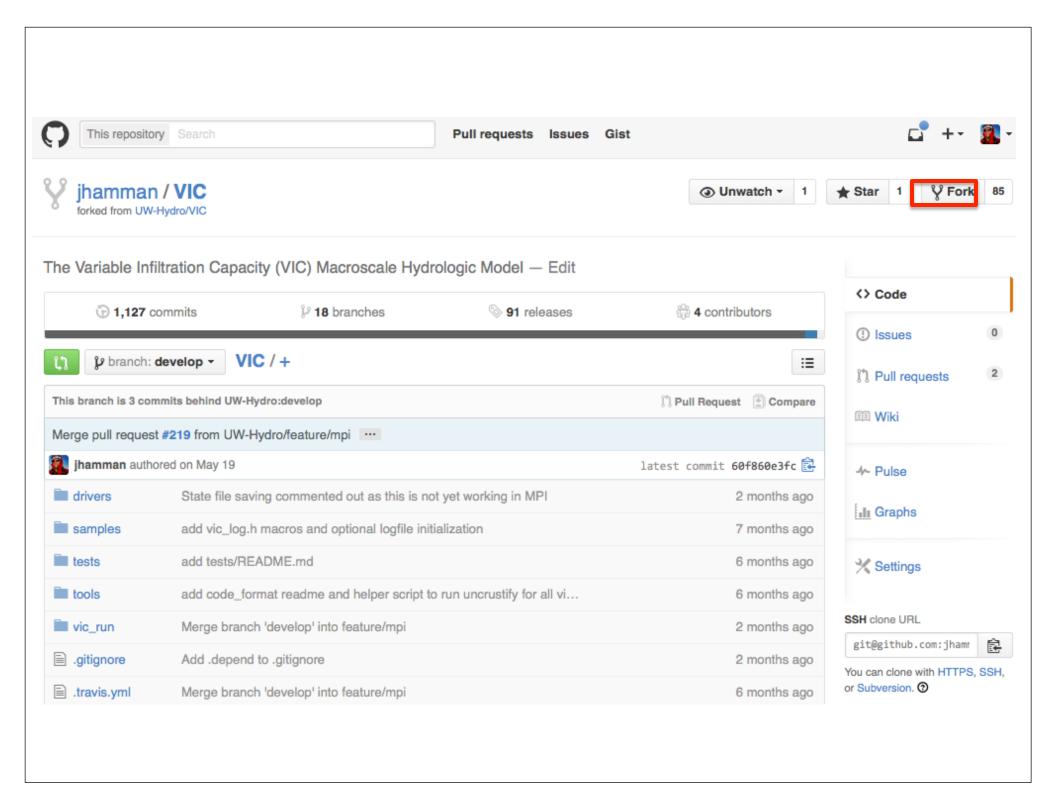
### **GitHub** Features:

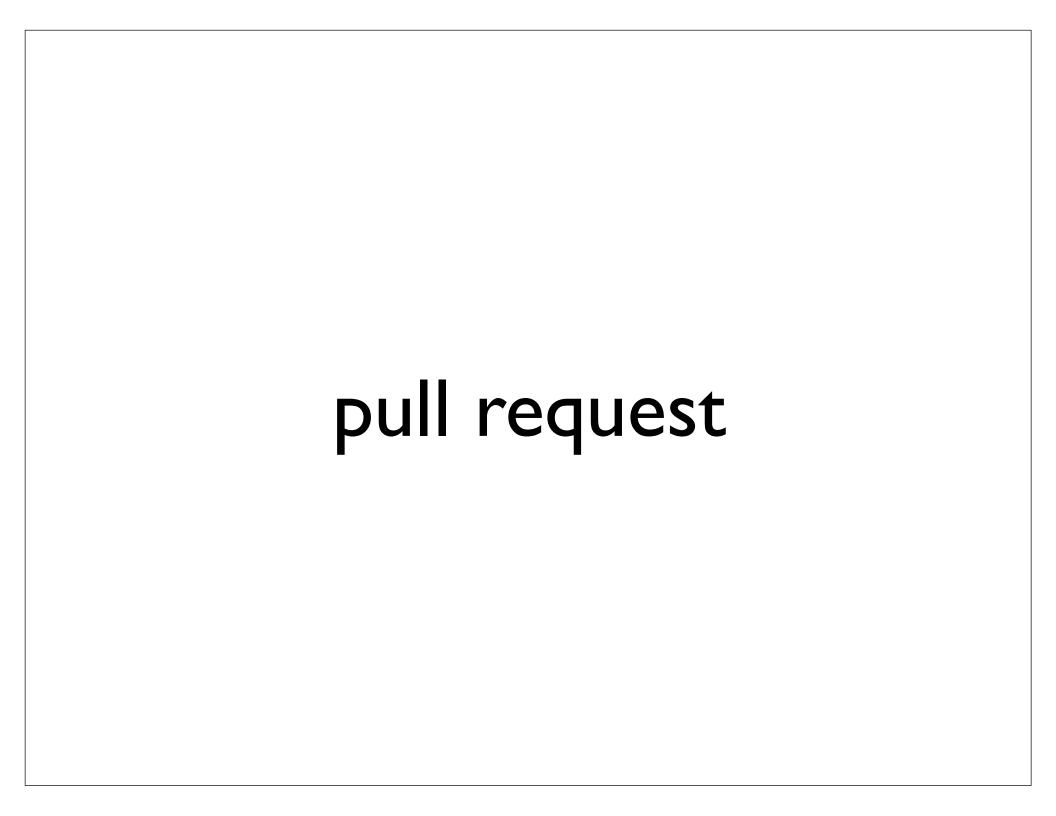
- Fork
- Pull Request
- Merge
- Issues
- Open Source / Closed Source
   Collaboration



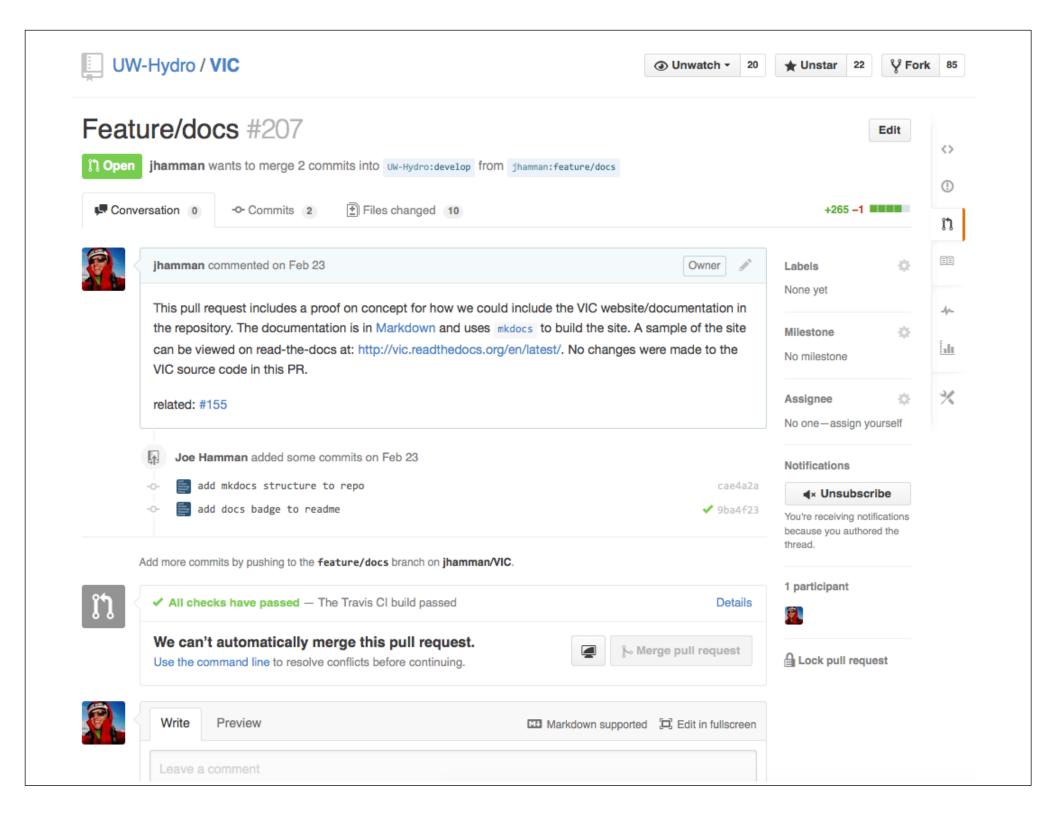
A fork is a copy of a repository. Forking a repository allows you to freely experiment with changes without affecting the original project.

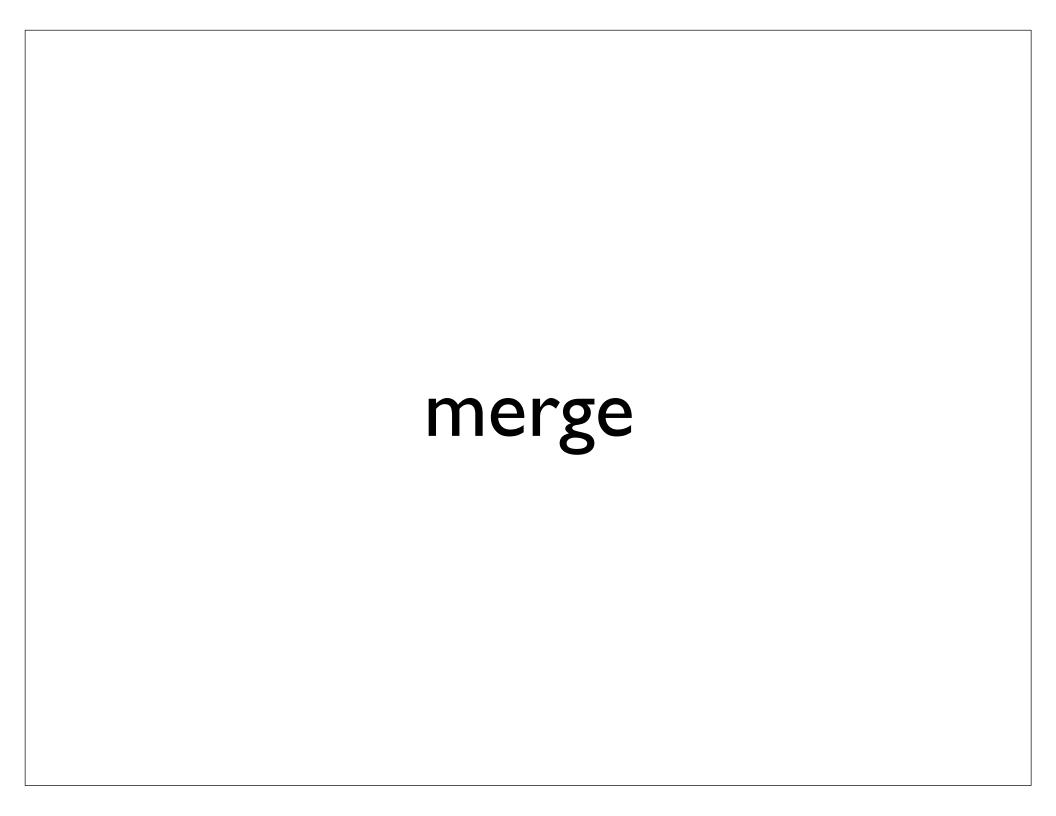




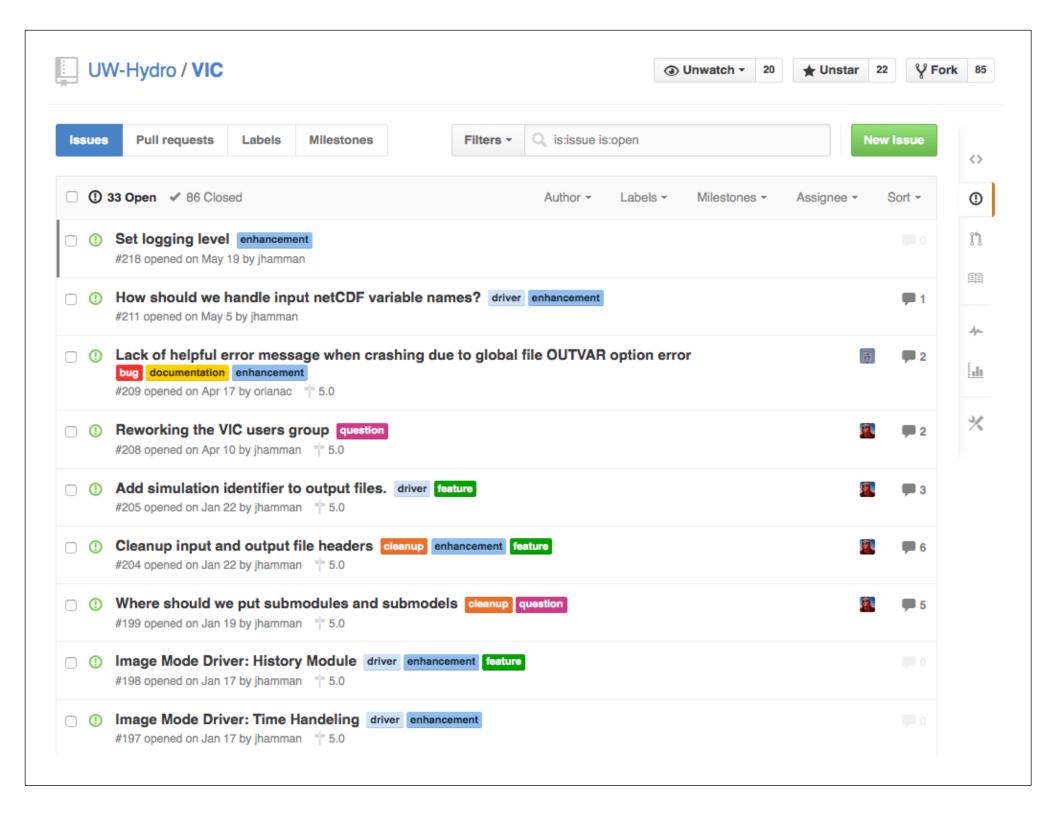


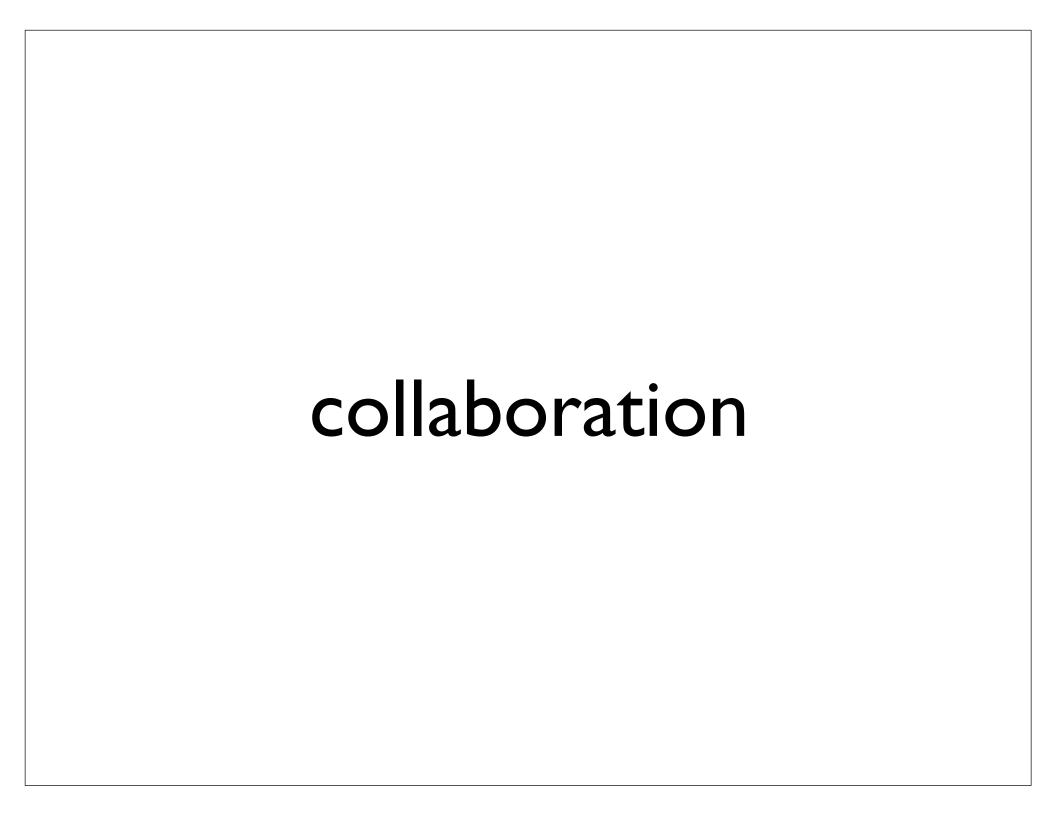
Pull requests let you tell others about changes you've pushed to a repository on GitHub.



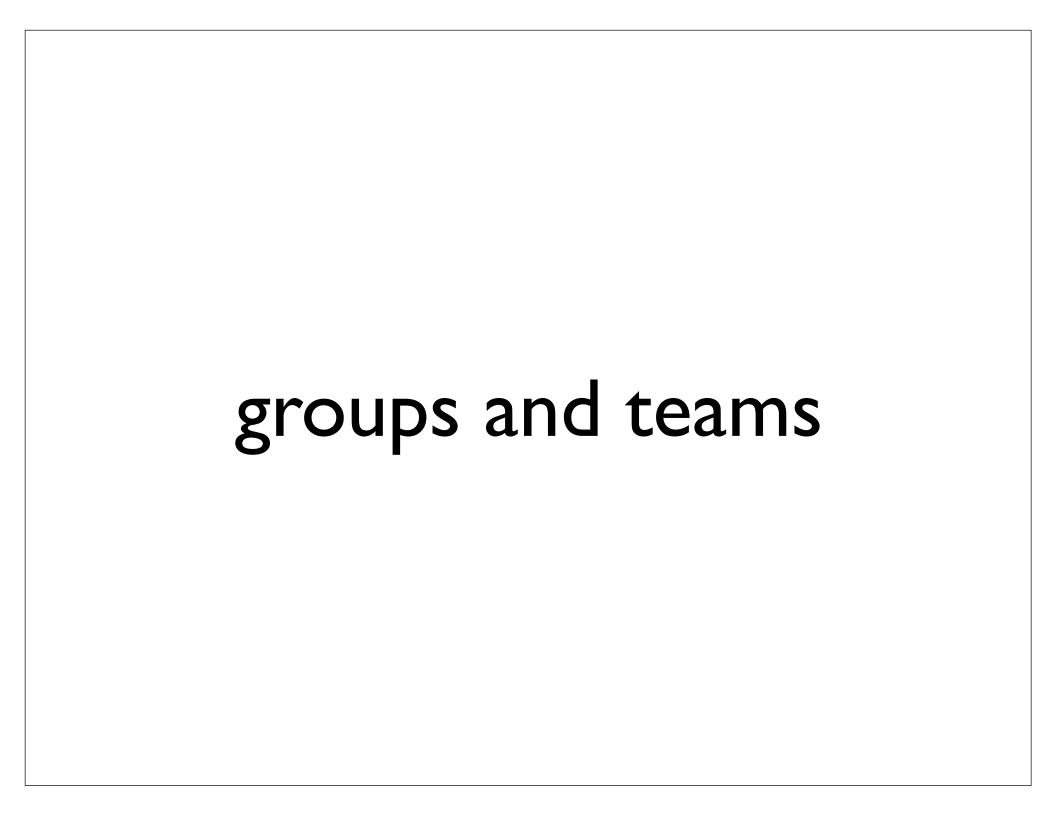


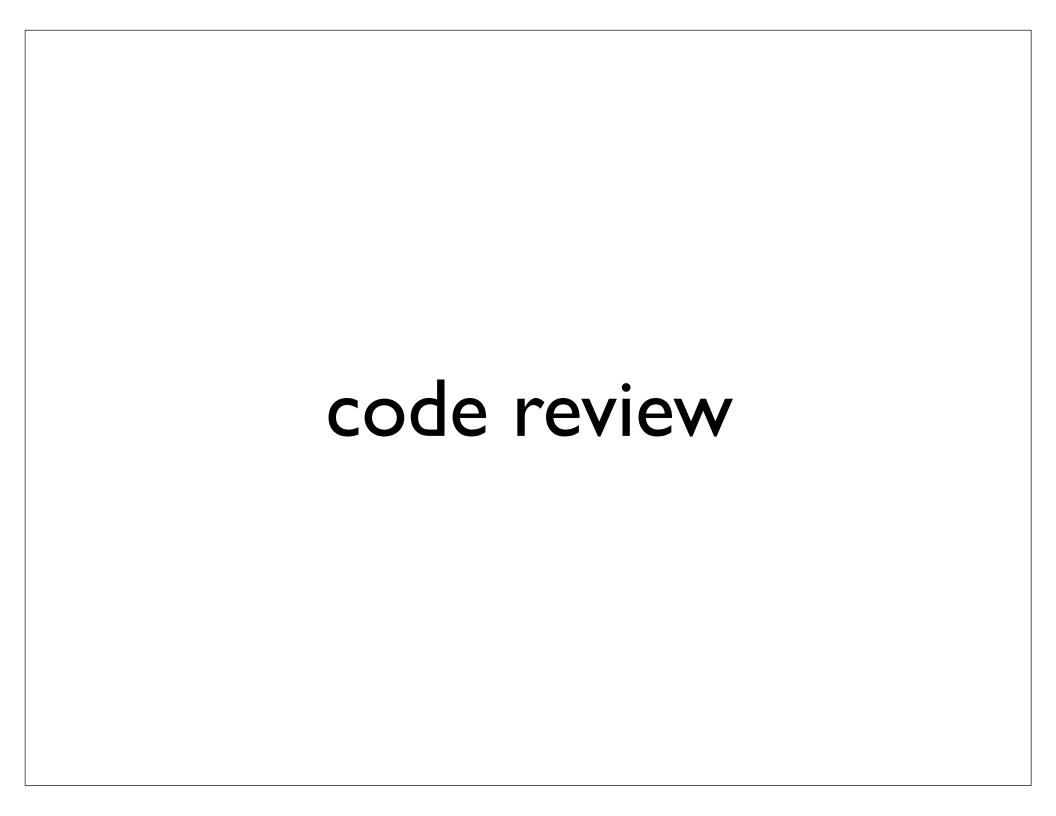






# private and public repositories







- Open an issue (e.g. feature proposal)
- Fork a repo
- Clone my fork to my local machine
- Create a branch on my local repository
- Make changes (test, etc.)
- Commit changes
- Push changes to my fork
- Issue a pull request from my fork to the original repo

### questions?

#### Lots of good resources on the web:

- Git: <a href="https://git-scm.com/">https://git-scm.com/</a>
- Github: <a href="https://github.com/">https://github.com/</a>
- Others:
  - https://www.atlassian.com/git/
  - <a href="http://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/git">http://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/git</a>