

Git/GitHub Refresher

Observatory Operations Documentation

Presentation Outline

1. General Overview of Git and GitHub
 - a. Why is it useful for documentation?
 - b. What are git commands, and how do they work?
 - c. How does one navigate between a local computer and GitHub?
2. Documentation Workflow
 - a. Creating a Jira Ticket
 - b. Creating and/or Updating Documents
 - c. Pull Requests & Merges

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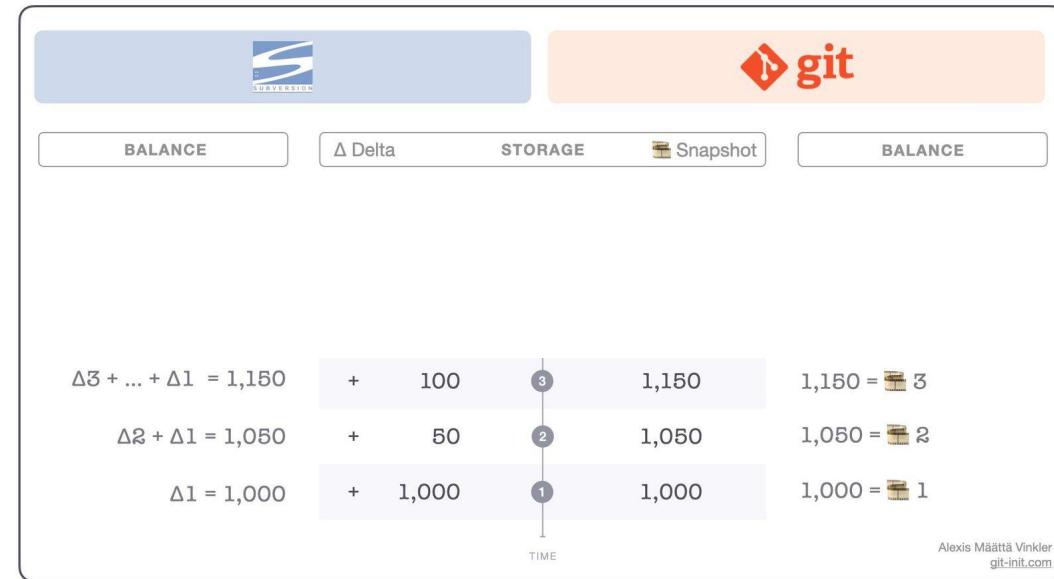
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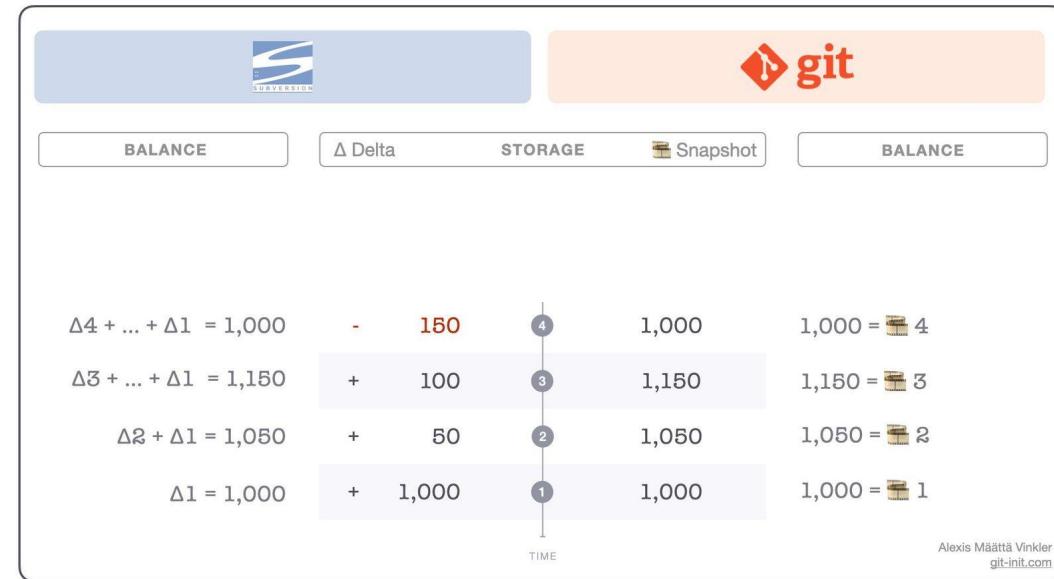
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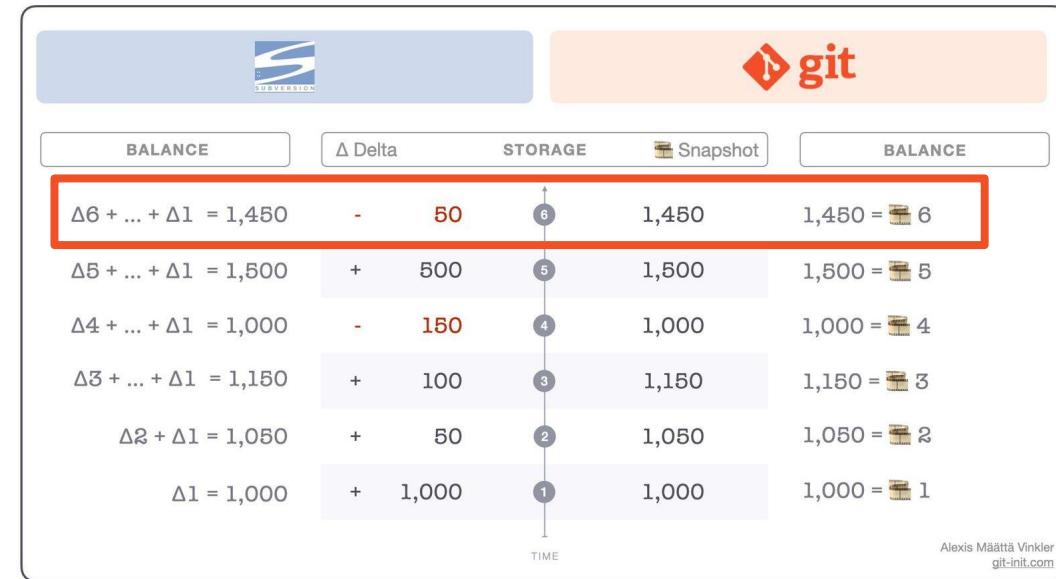
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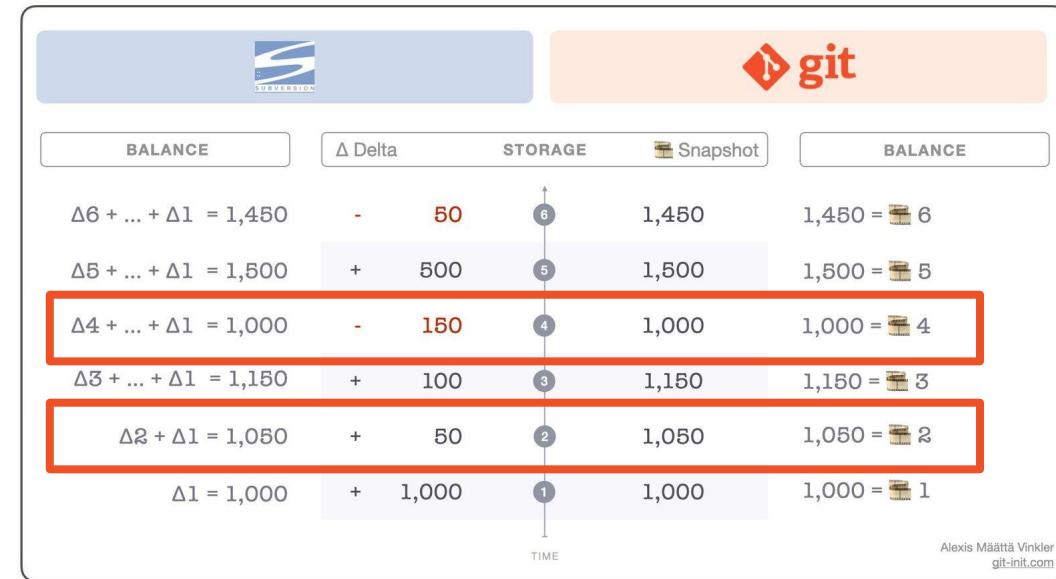
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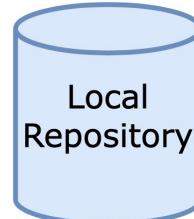
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- Git primarily operates on your local computer via terminal commands
- Three main states that your files can reside in: **modified**, **staged**, and **committed**:
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 - Staged: marked modified file to go into next commit snapshot.
 - Committed: data safely stored in local database (*repository*).

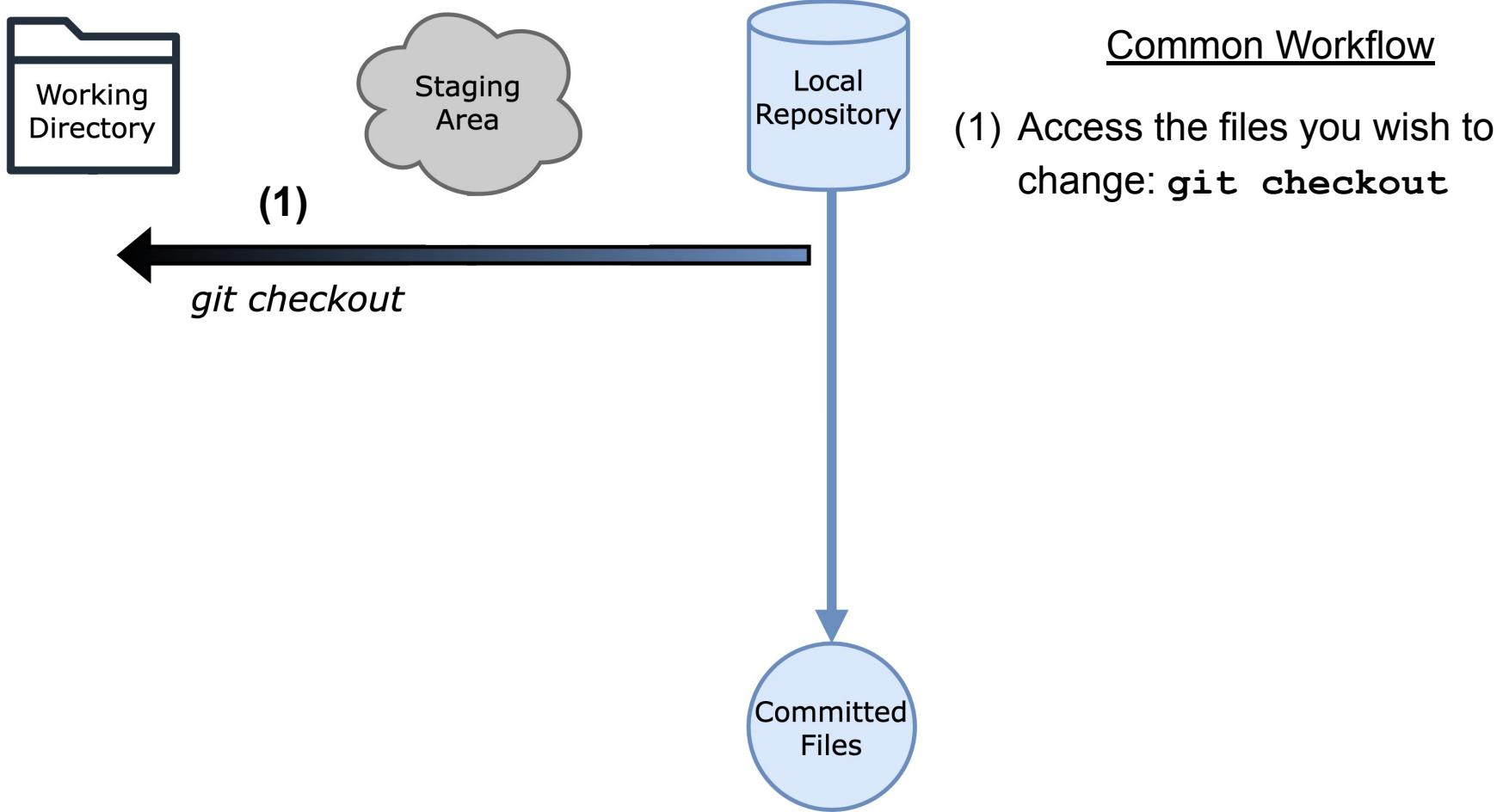
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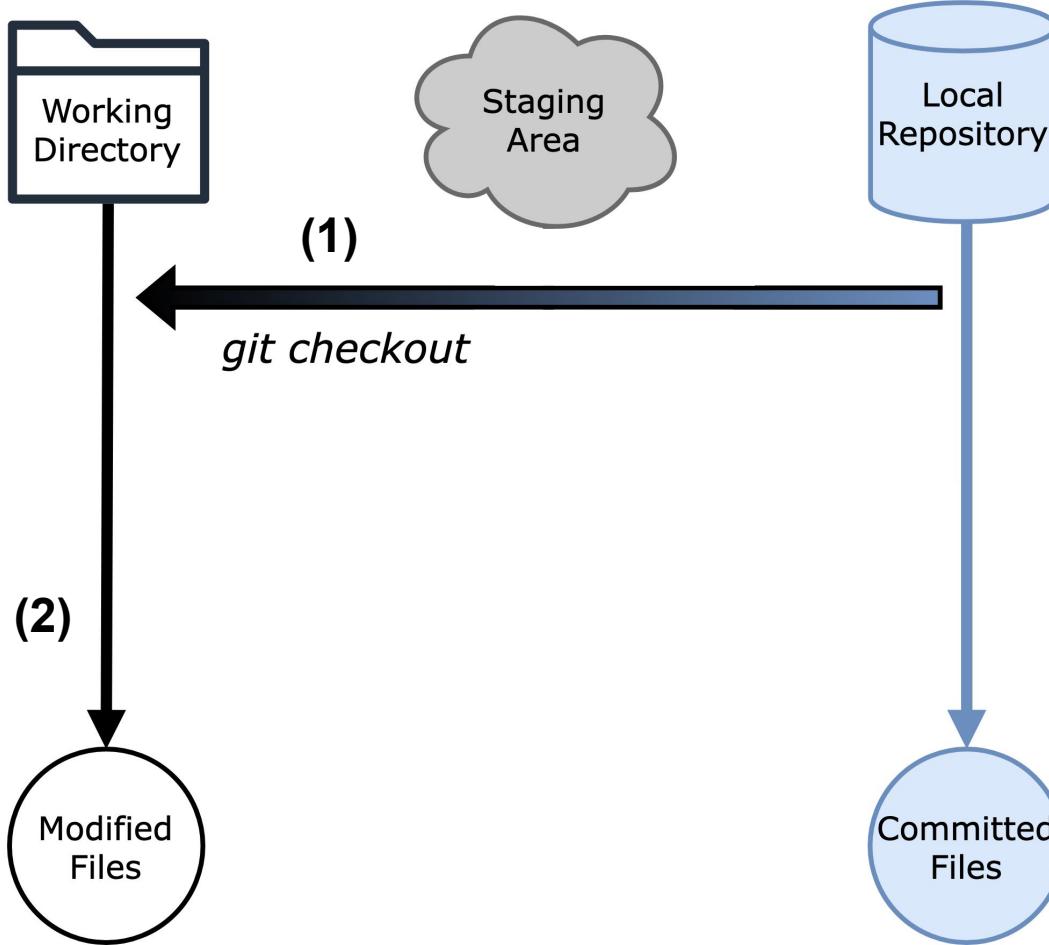
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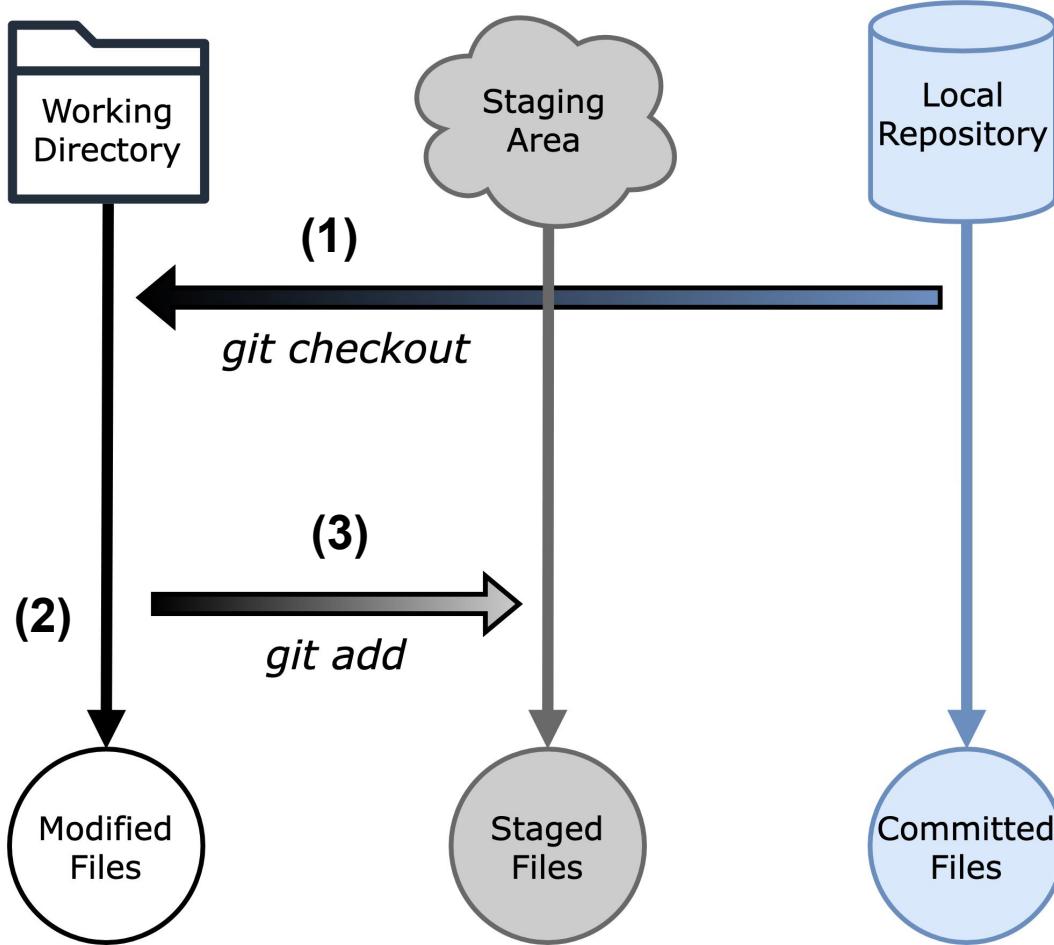
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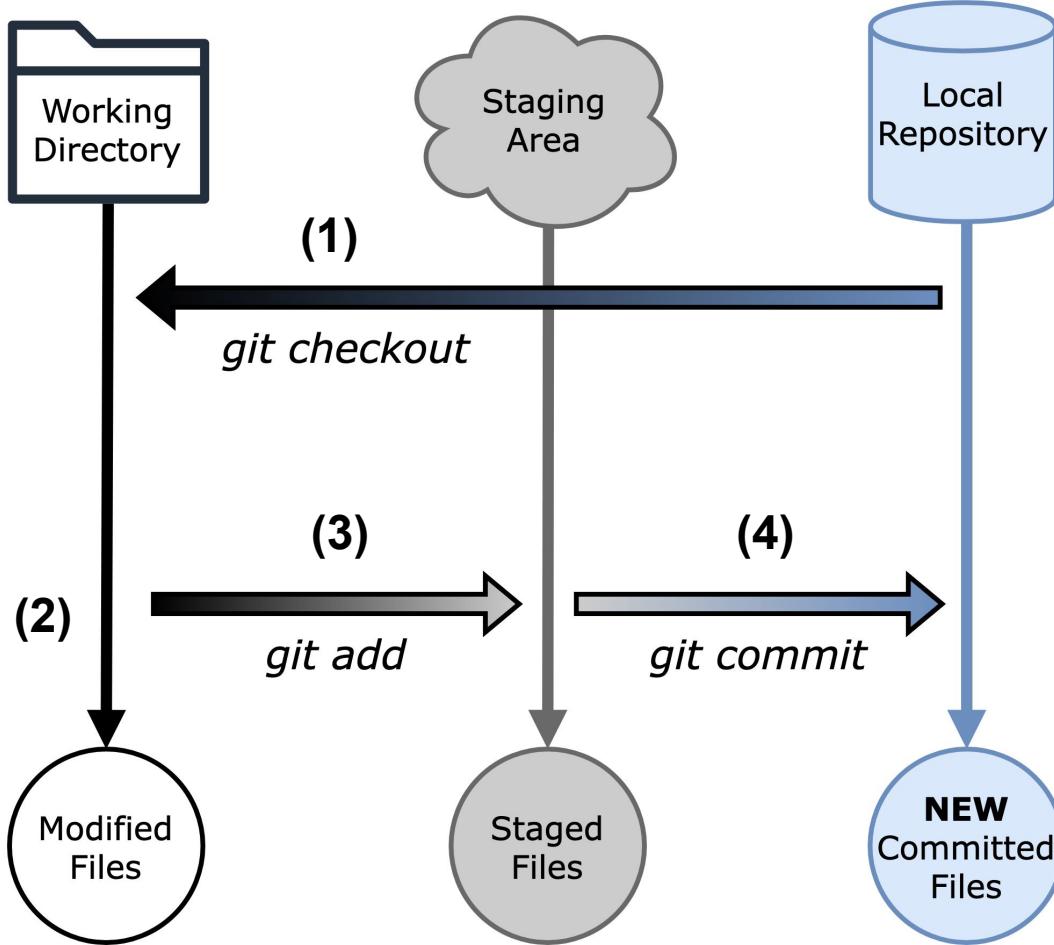
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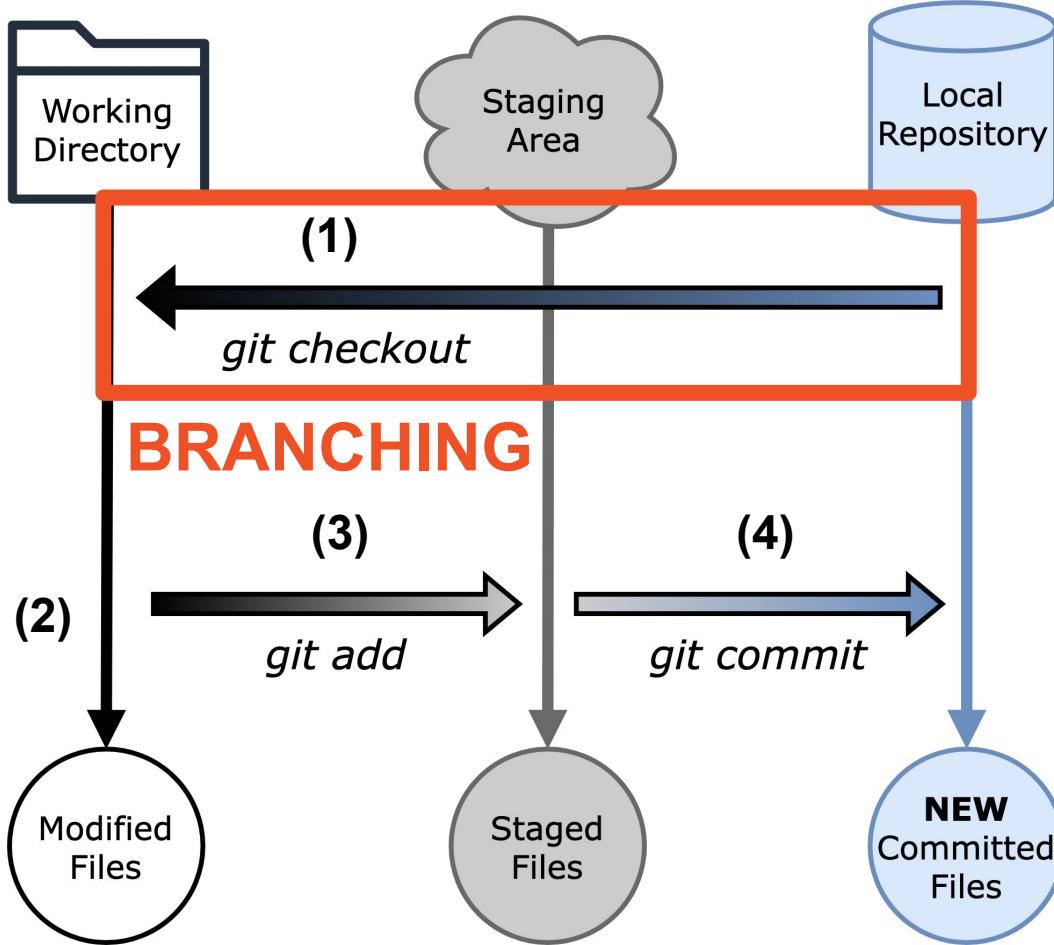
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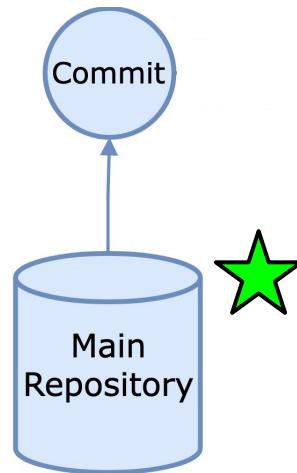


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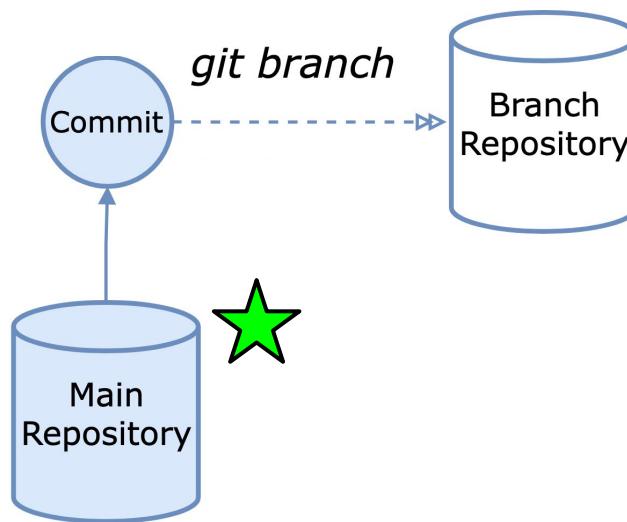
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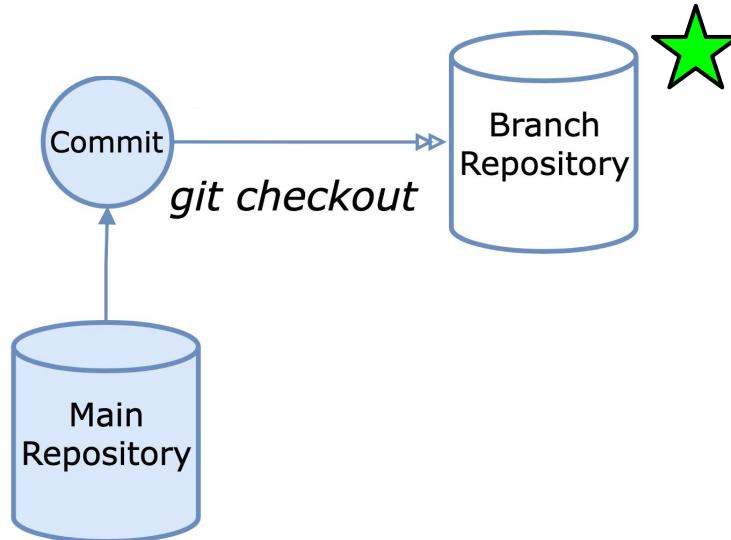
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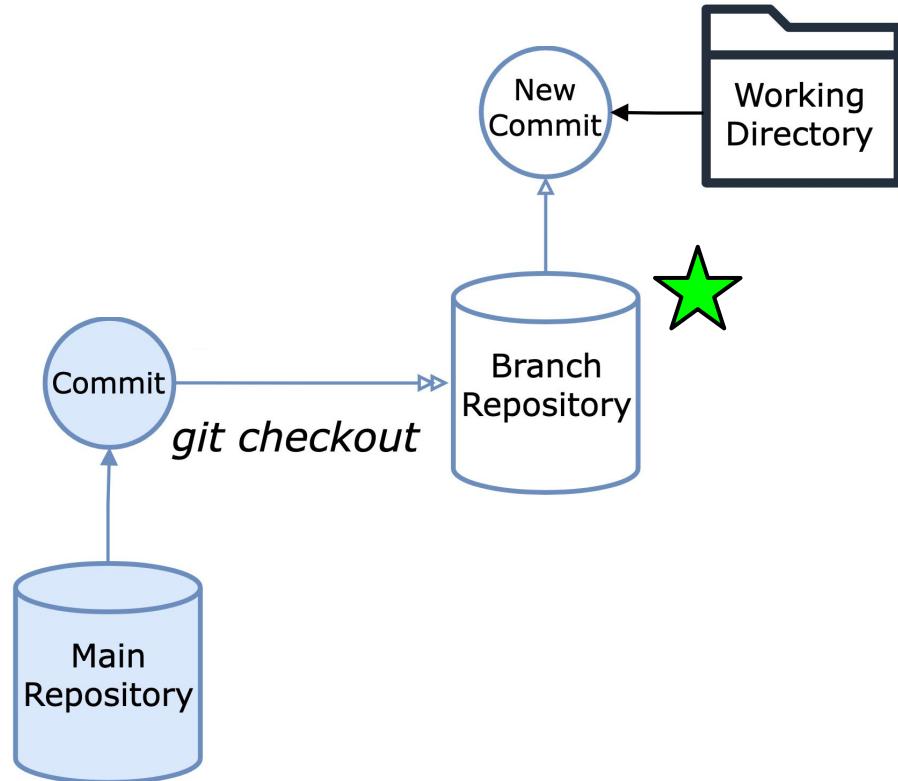
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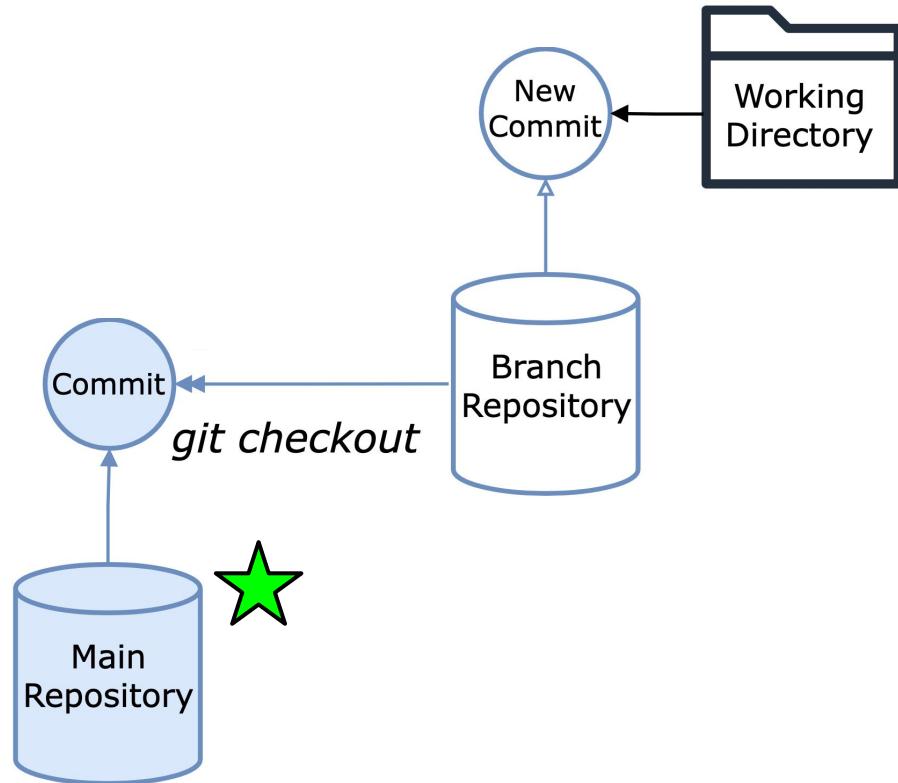
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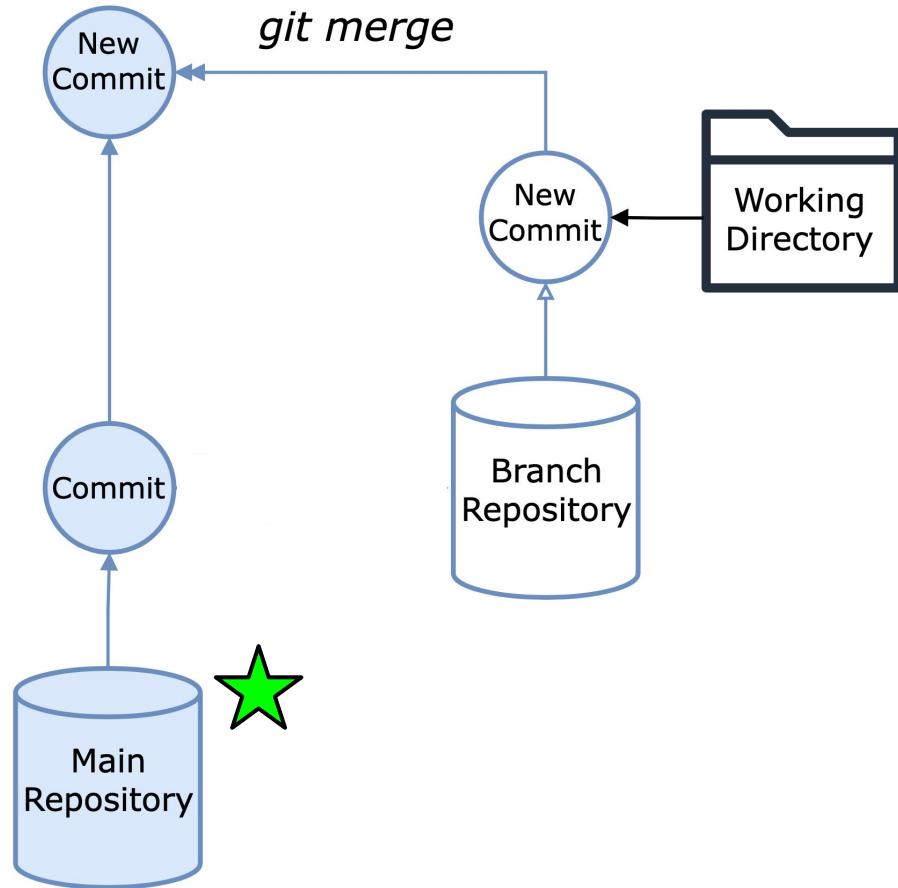
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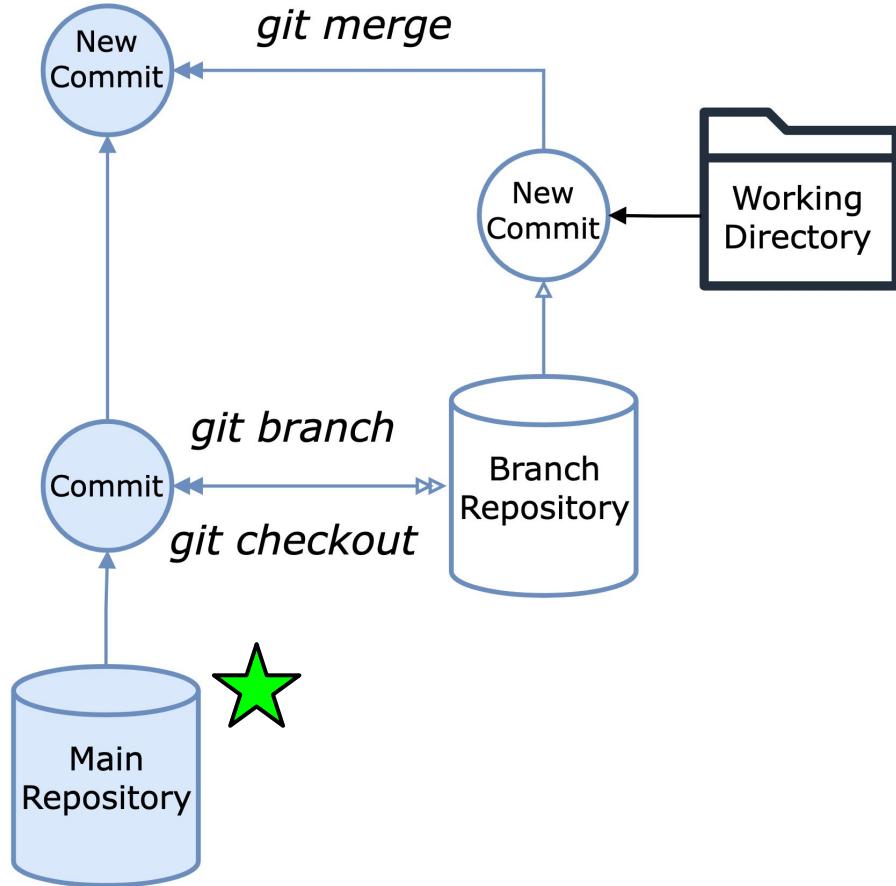


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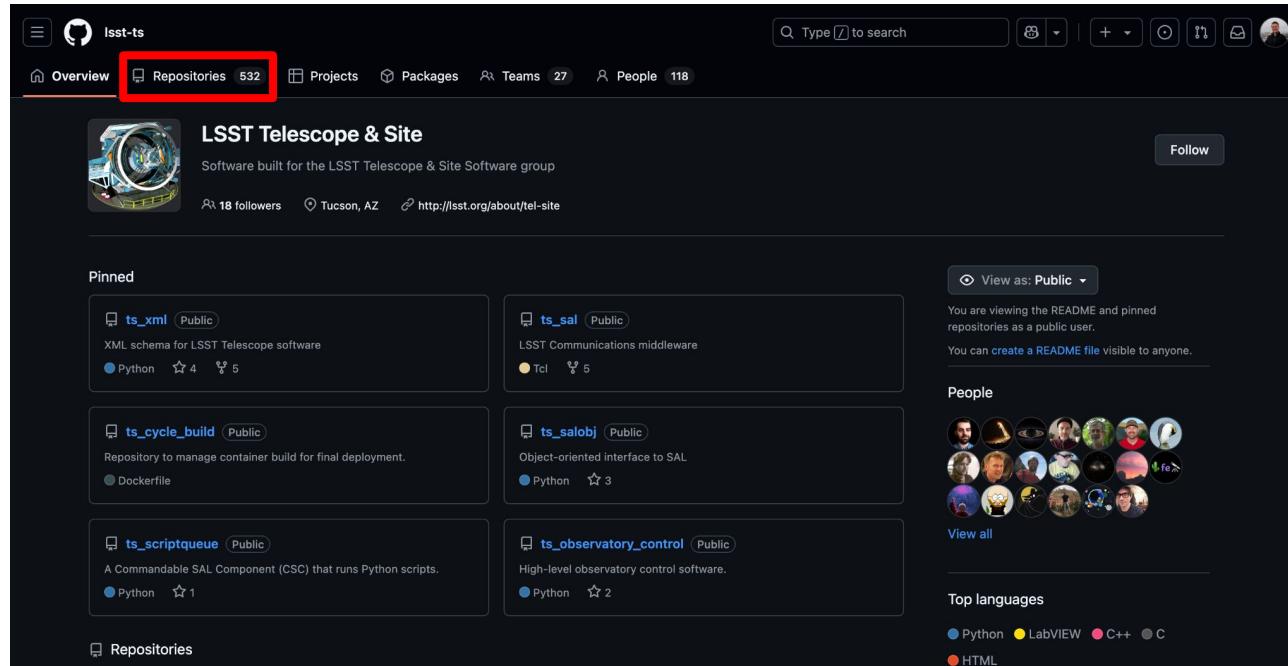
IMPORTANT!

Pay attention to the branch you are on!

- Make edits on **Branch Repository**
- Branch/Merge on **Main Repository**



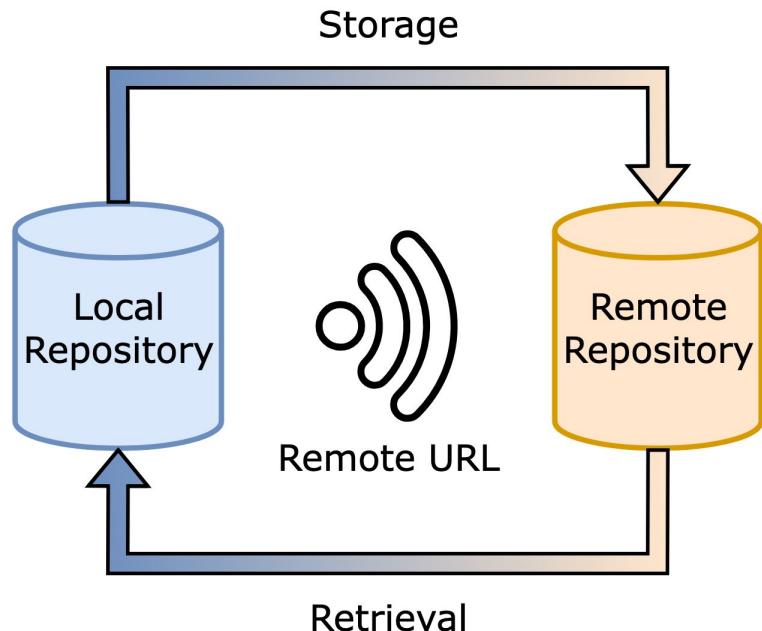
What is GitHub?



- Cloud-based *Git repository* hosting service.
- Easier for individuals and teams to use Git for **version control** and **collaboration**.
 - More user-friendly than Git alone.
 - Free, public resource for open-source projects.
 - Well-documented reviewing procedures.

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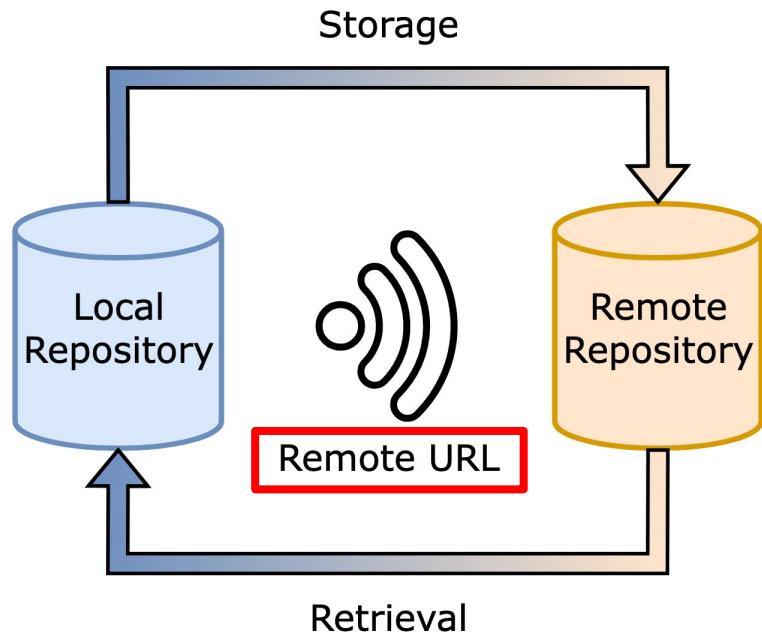
- GitHub stores files in an online database called a **remote repository**.
- A remote URL allows a connection point between local and remote repositories.
 - a. HTTPS: `https://github.com/user/repo.git`
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- Connecting local computer with GitHub allows easy storage and retrieval of files across different repositories.



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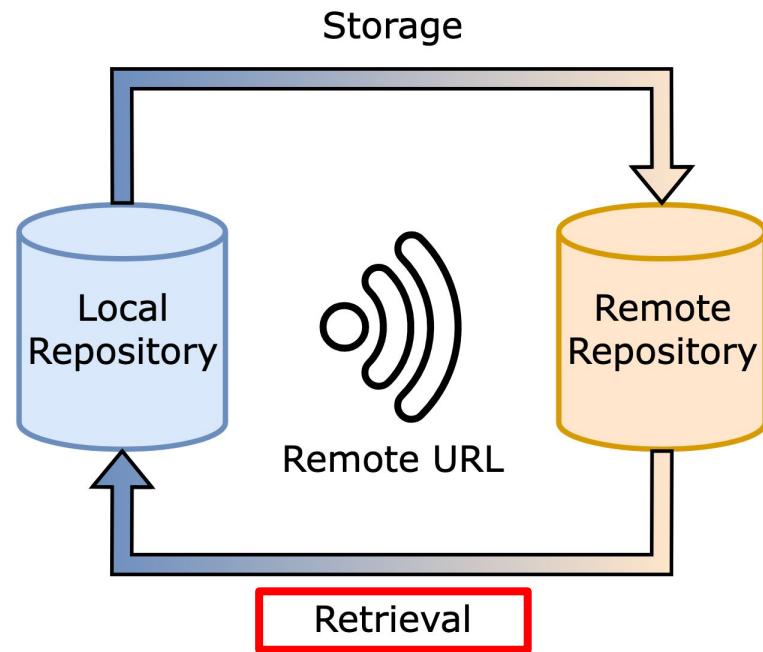
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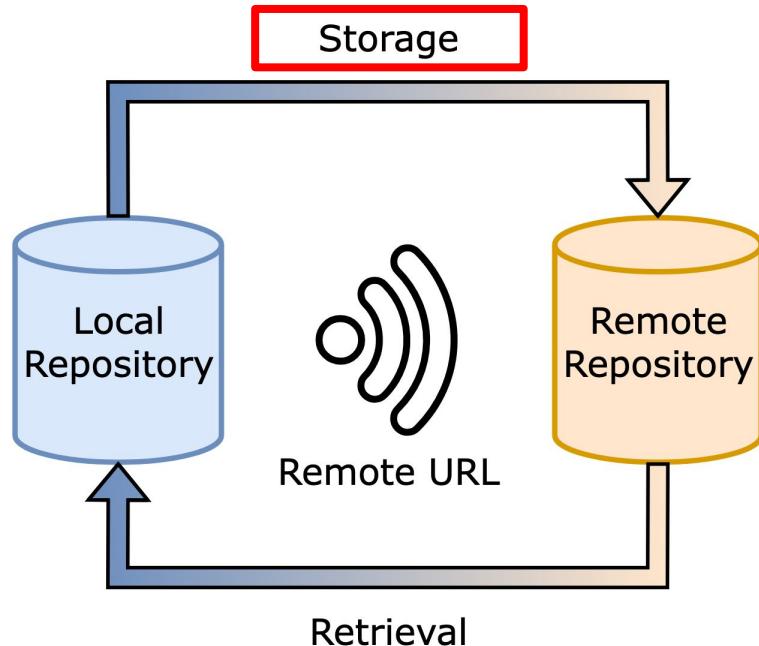
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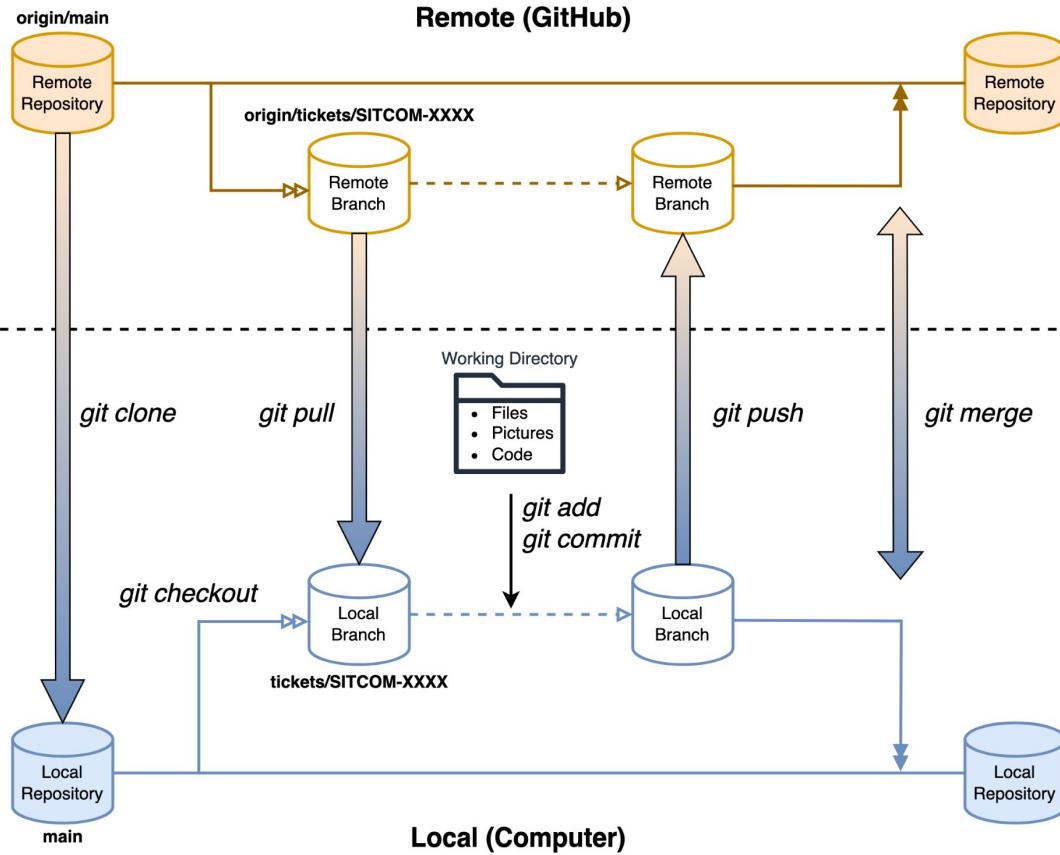
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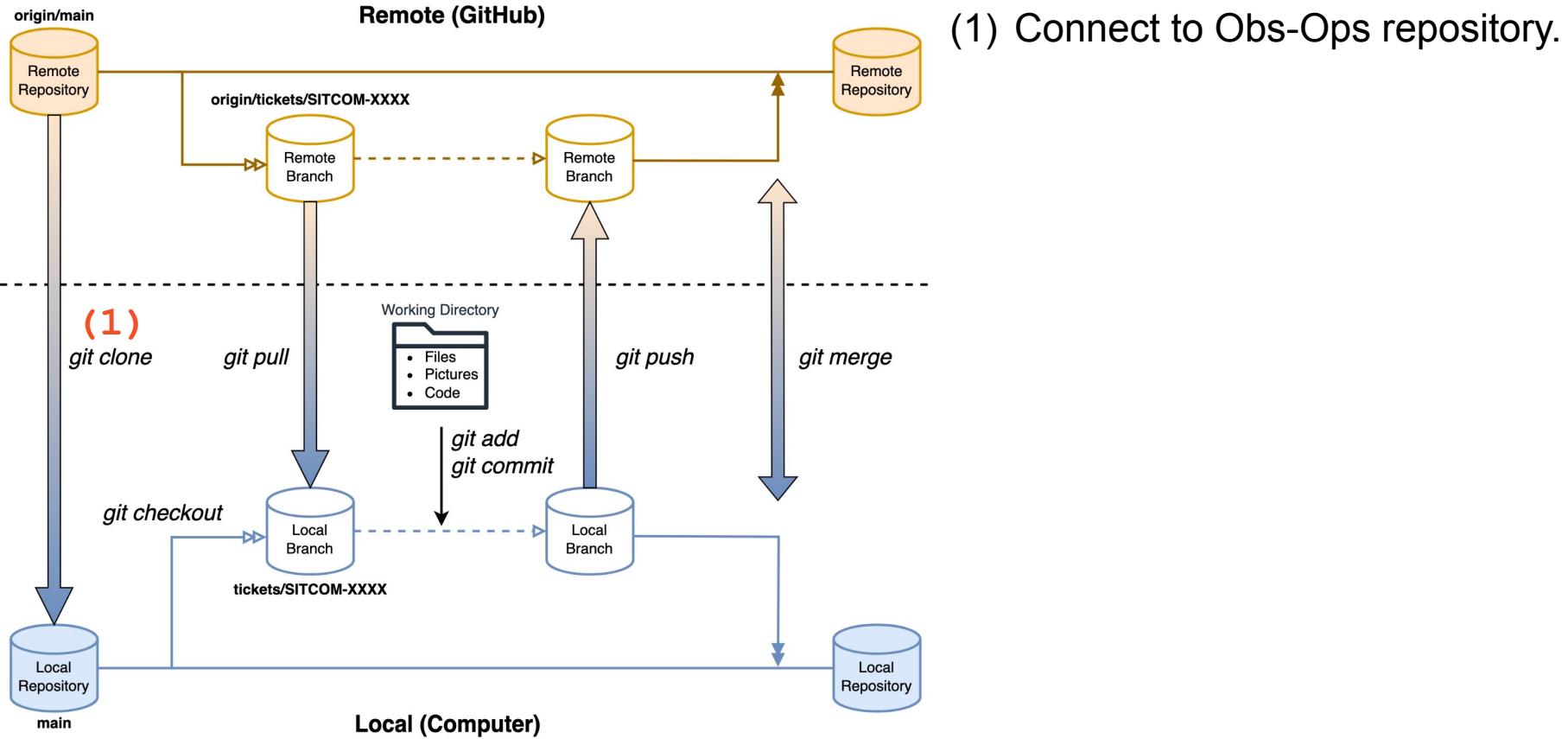
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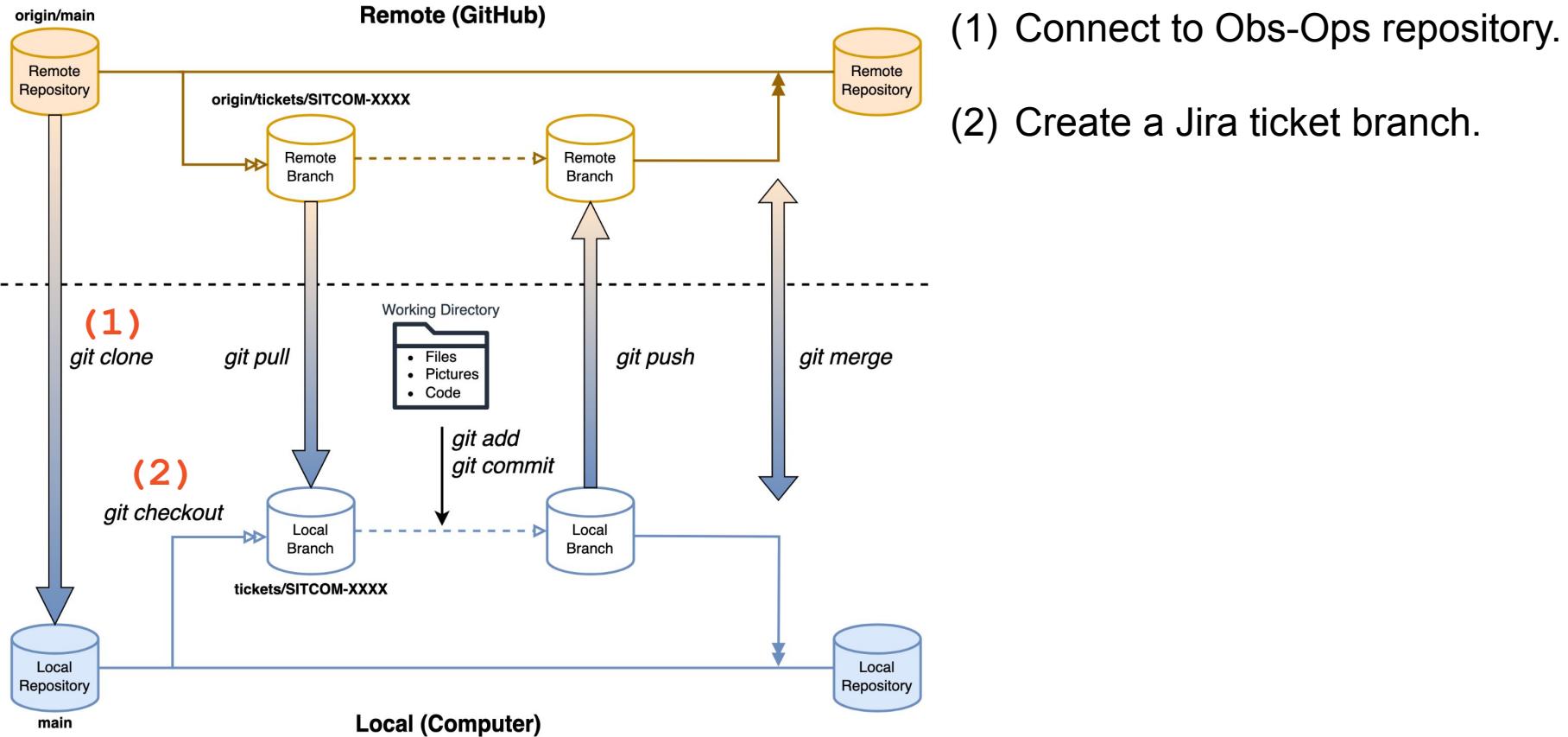
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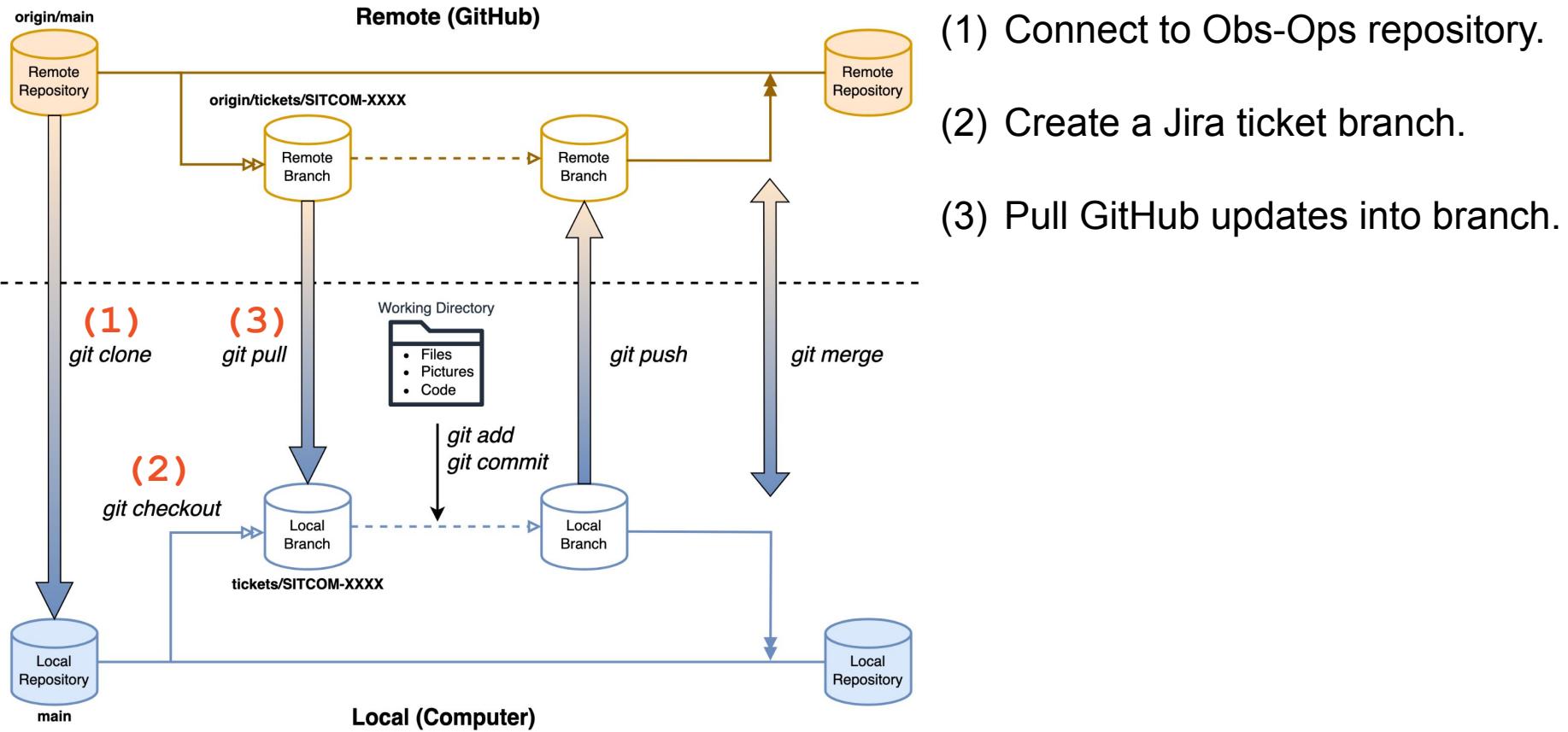
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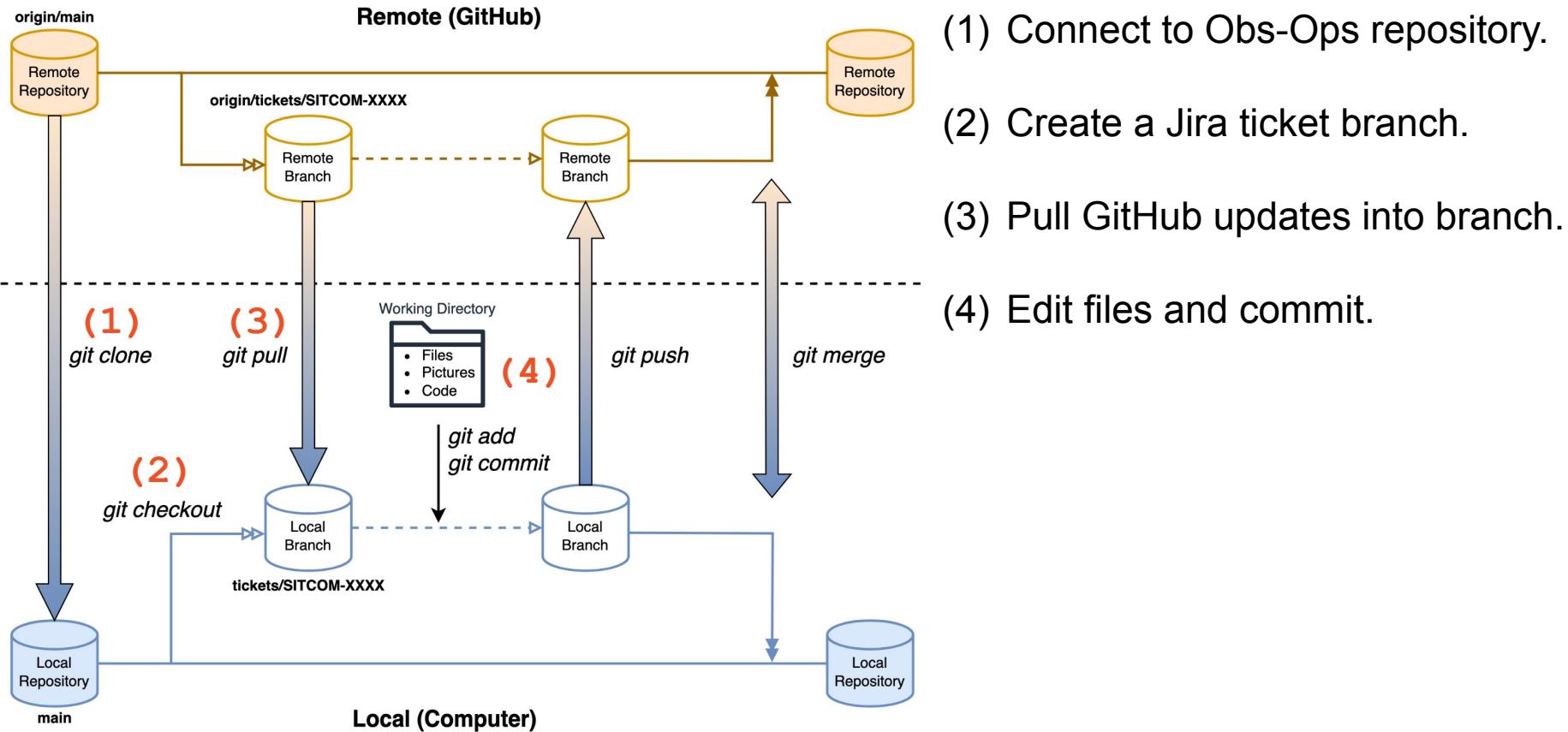
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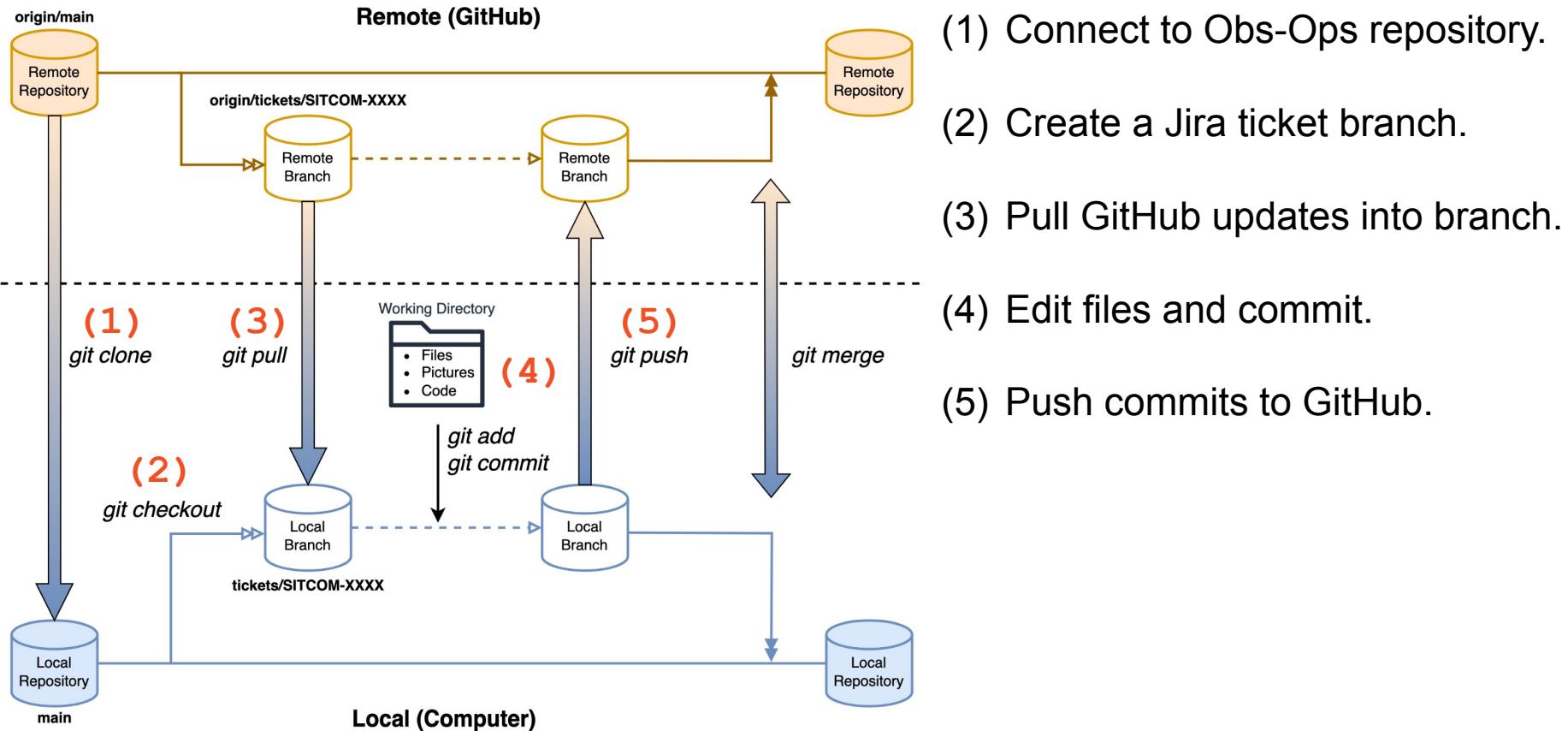
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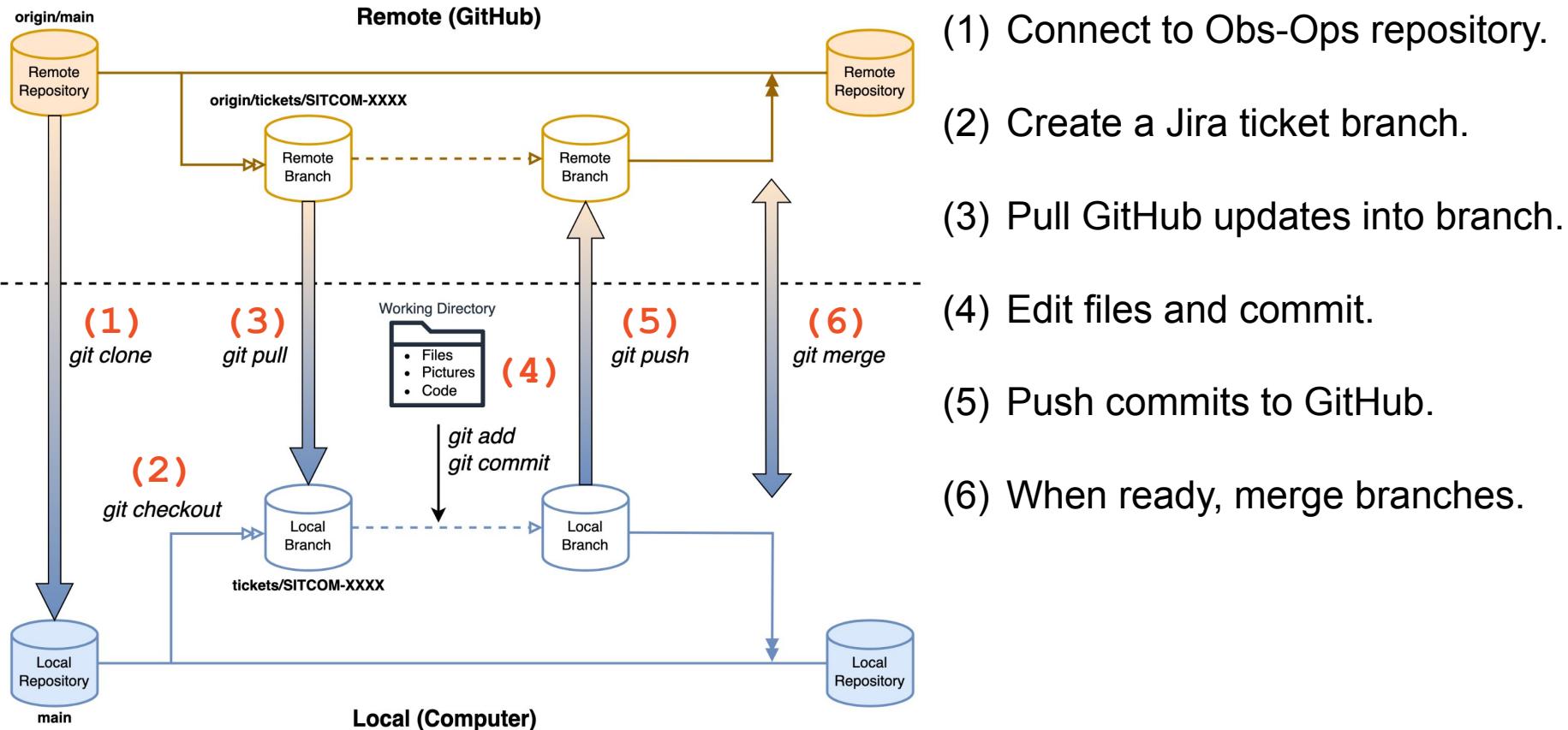
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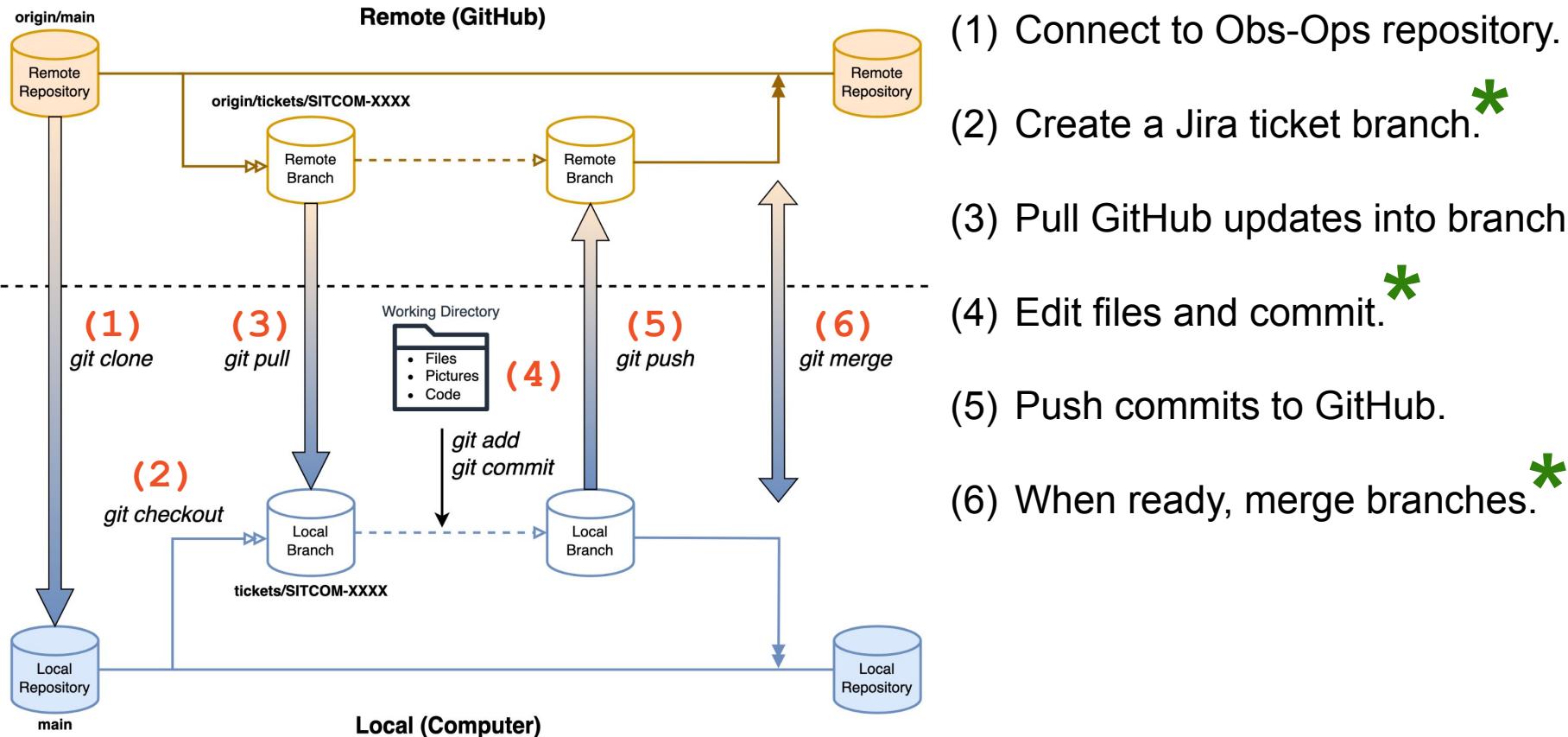
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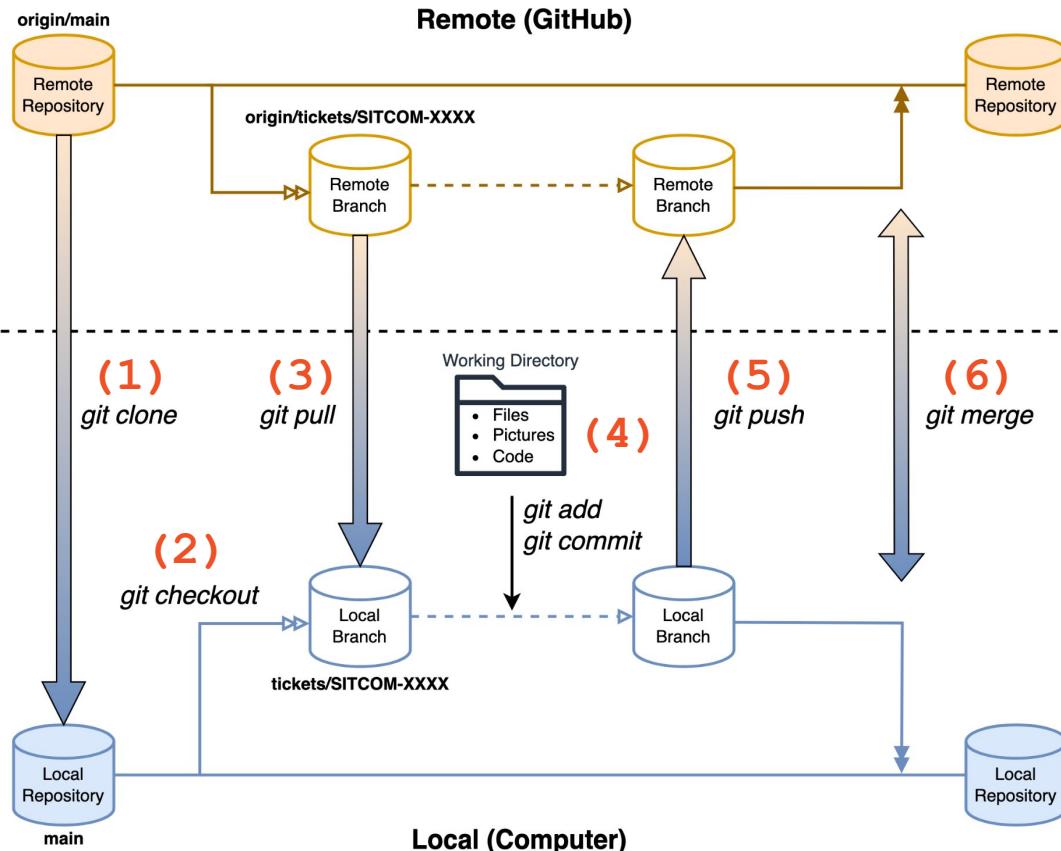
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- (5) Push commits to GitHub.
- (6) When ready, merge branches. *

NOTE: For a more involved step-by-step approach, visit:

<https://obs-ops.lsst.io/project/contributing.html>

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- The new Jira Ticket will have a unique 4-number identifier (e.g., **SITCOM-1928**).
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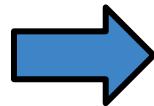
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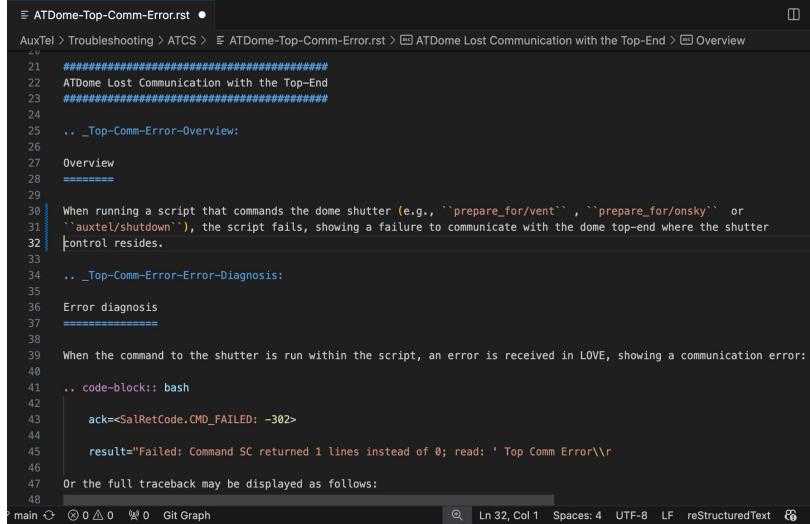
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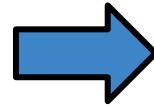
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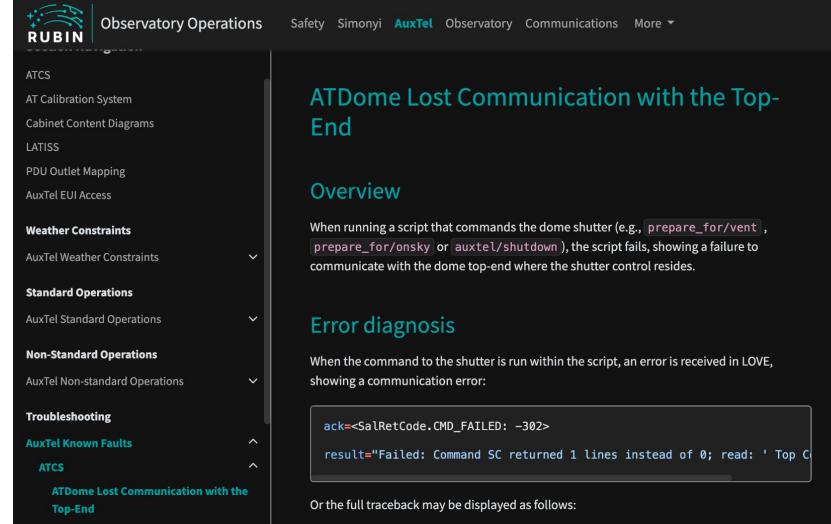
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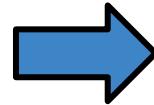
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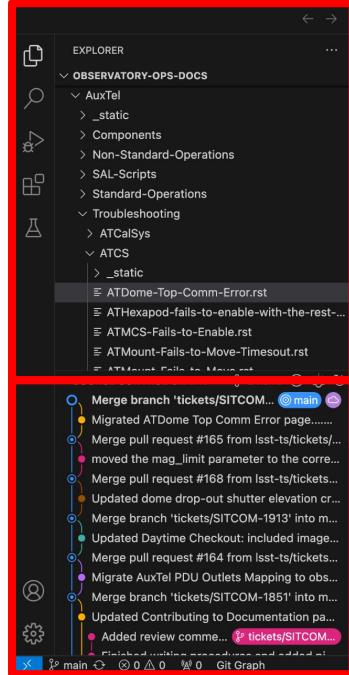
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24 ...
25 ... _Top-Comm-Error-Overview:
26 ...
27 Overview
28 =====
29 ...
30 When running a script that commands the dome shutter (e.g., ``prepare_for_vent`` , ``'prepare_for/onsky'``)
31 the script fails, showing a failure to communicate with the dome top-end where the shutter control reside
32 ...
33 ... _Top-Comm-Error-Error-Diagnosis:
34 ...
35 Error diagnosis
36 =====
37 ...
38 When the command to the shutter is run within the script, an error is received in LOVE, showing a commun
39 ...
40 ... code-block:: bash
41 ...
42     ack=<SalRetCode.CMD_FAILED: -302>
```

Terminal

- Visual code editor
- Beneficial for any type of coding
 - Supports many programming languages
 - Syntax highlighting
 - Git integration (with commit debugging)
 - Customizable layouts to reduce clutter
- Useful Add-ons for documentation:
 - [reStructuredText](#)
 - [reStructuredText Syntax Highlighting](#)
 - [Git Graph](#)

Merging a Branch – Pull Request

- Proposal to merge a set of changes from one branch into another.
 - Created in GitHub
 - Collaborators review/discuss changes before integration.
- Pull requests connect to Jira Tickets (e.g., ***Tickets/SITCOM-1637***)
- Make sure to include a description of the changes in documentation and add reviewers originally on the ticket.

The image shows a composite screenshot of a GitHub repository and a Jira ticket page.

Top Section (GitHub Header):

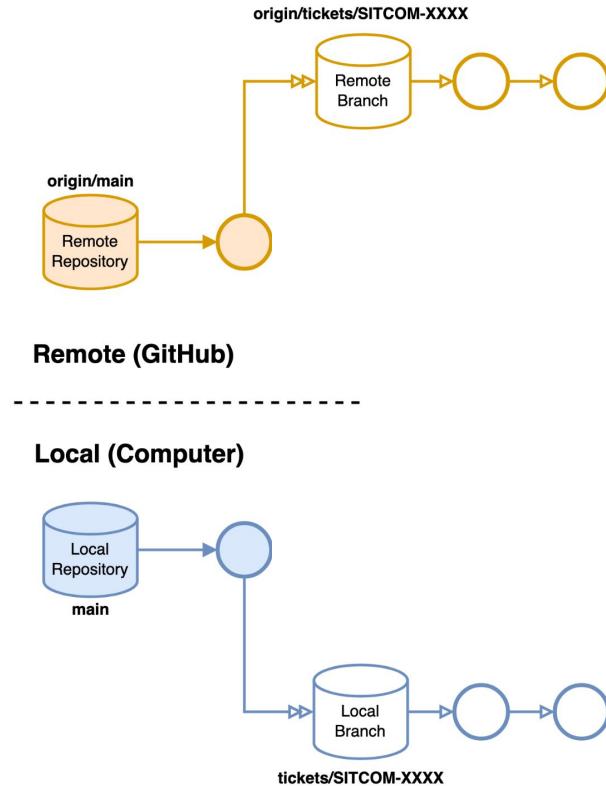
- The GitHub header shows the repository "lsst-ts / observatory-ops-docs".
- The "Pull requests" button is highlighted with a red box and an arrow labeled "Click Here".
- The "New pull request" button is also highlighted with a red box and an arrow labeled "Then Here".

Middle Section (Jira Ticket Detail):

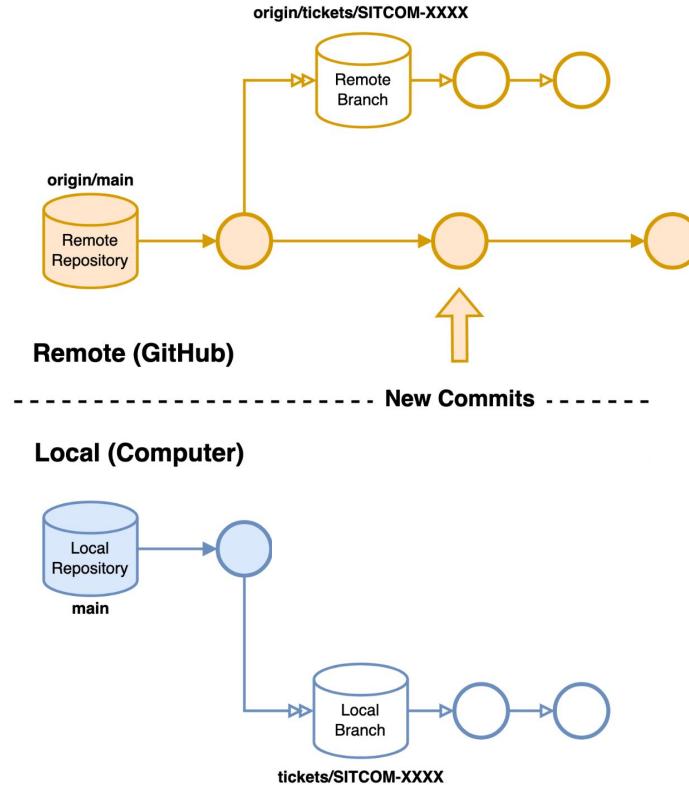
A Jira ticket titled "Tickets/SITCOM-1637 #166" is displayed. The ticket is marked as "Open".

- Description:** A comment by user "kpmort97" is highlighted with a red box and labeled "Description". The comment text: "I migrated the ATDome Fails to Arrive in Position page on Confluence over to obs-ops. Please look it over and provide comments as I am not familiar with the procedures in the document or if there needs to be updates. Thank you!"
- Reviewers:** A sidebar on the right lists "Reviewers" (Garavena89, edennihy) and "Assignees" (kpmort97). This section is also highlighted with a red box and labeled "Reviewers".

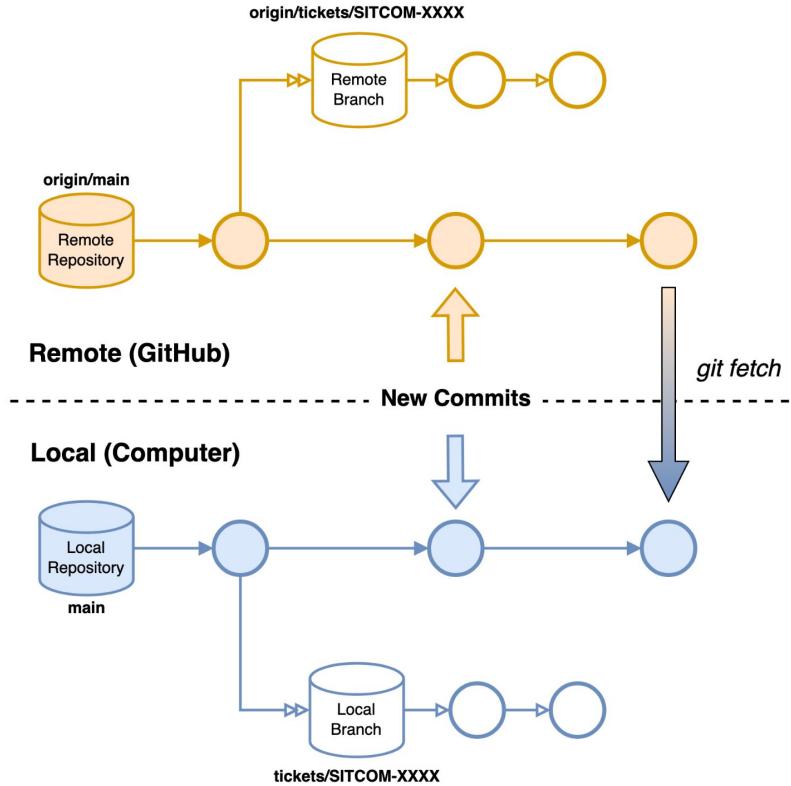
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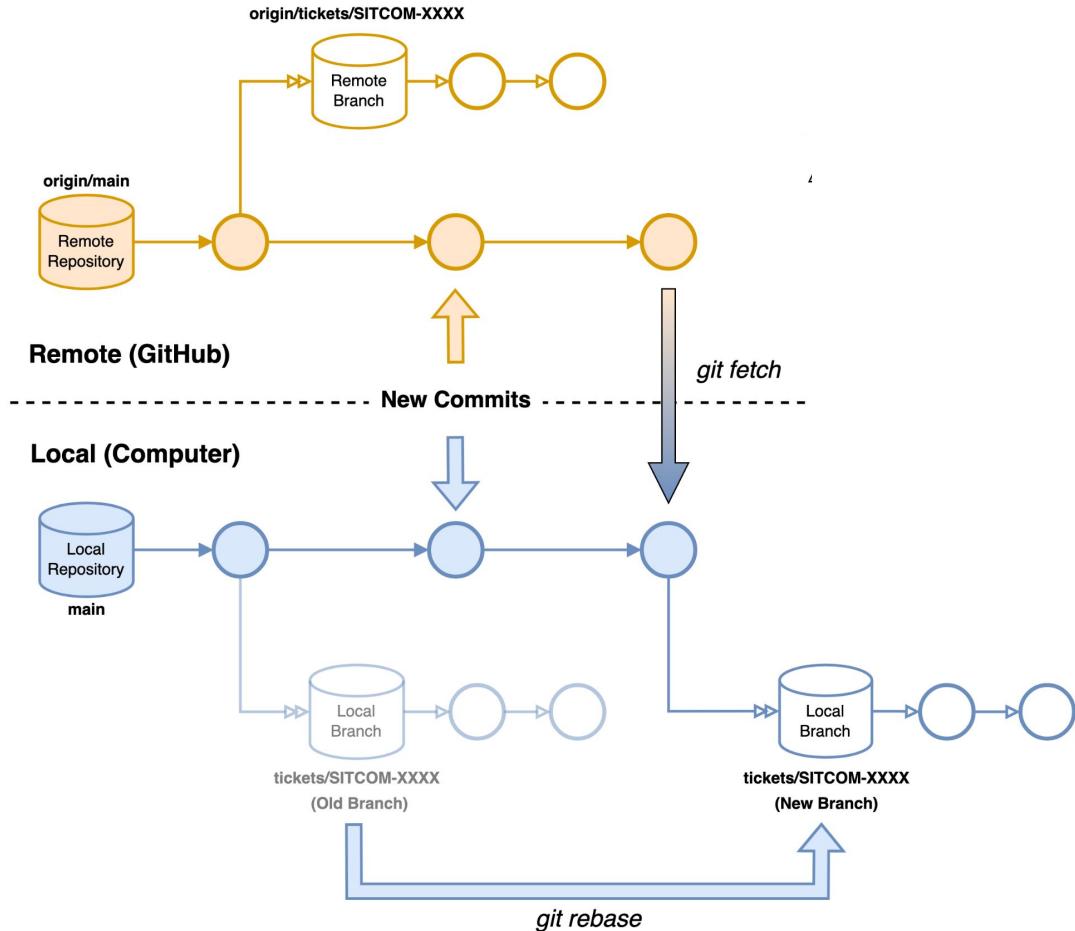
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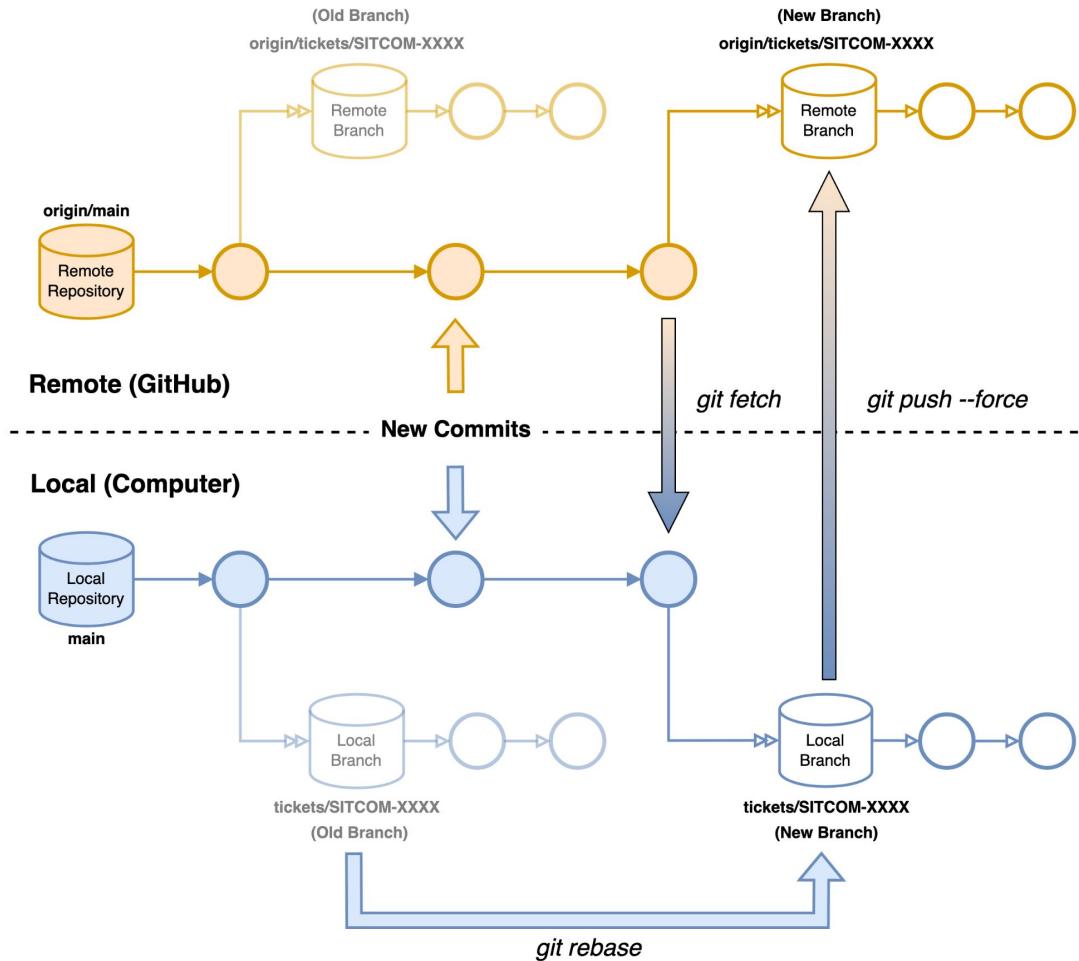
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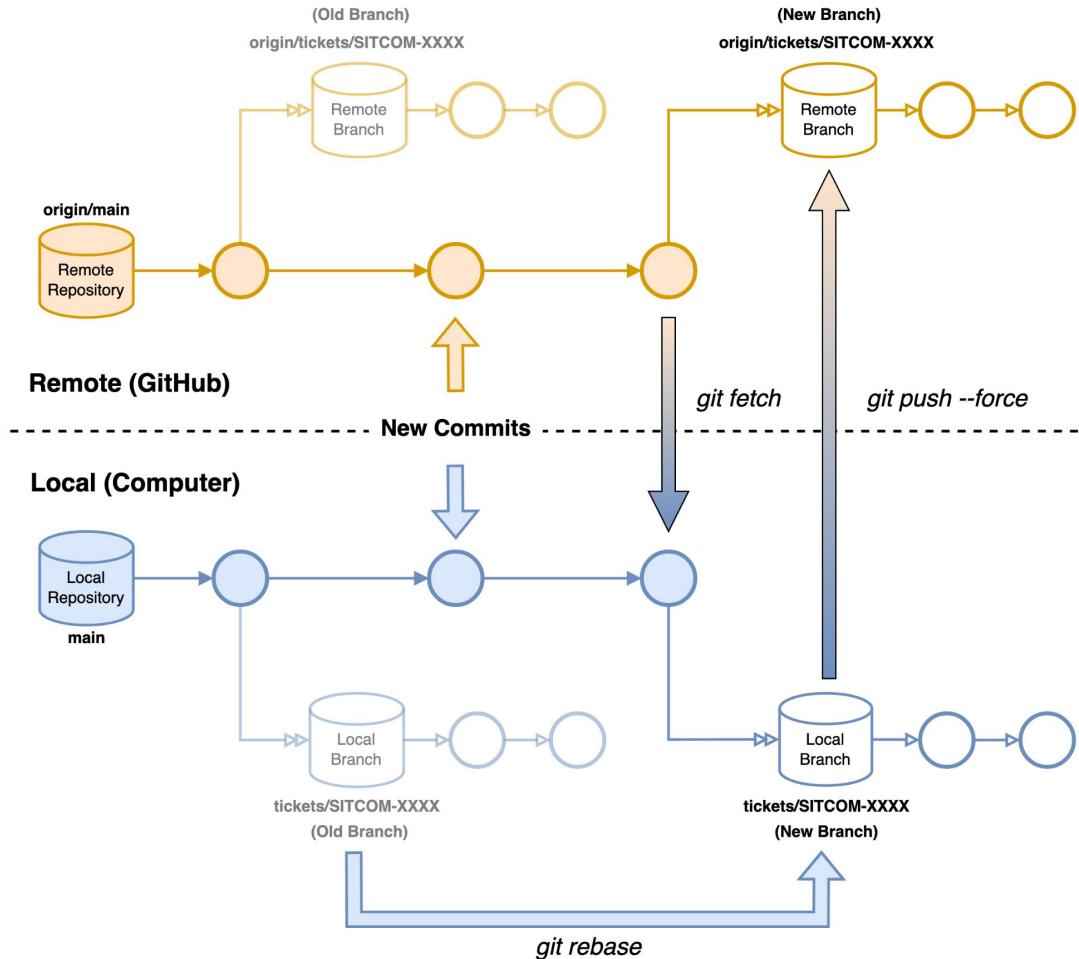
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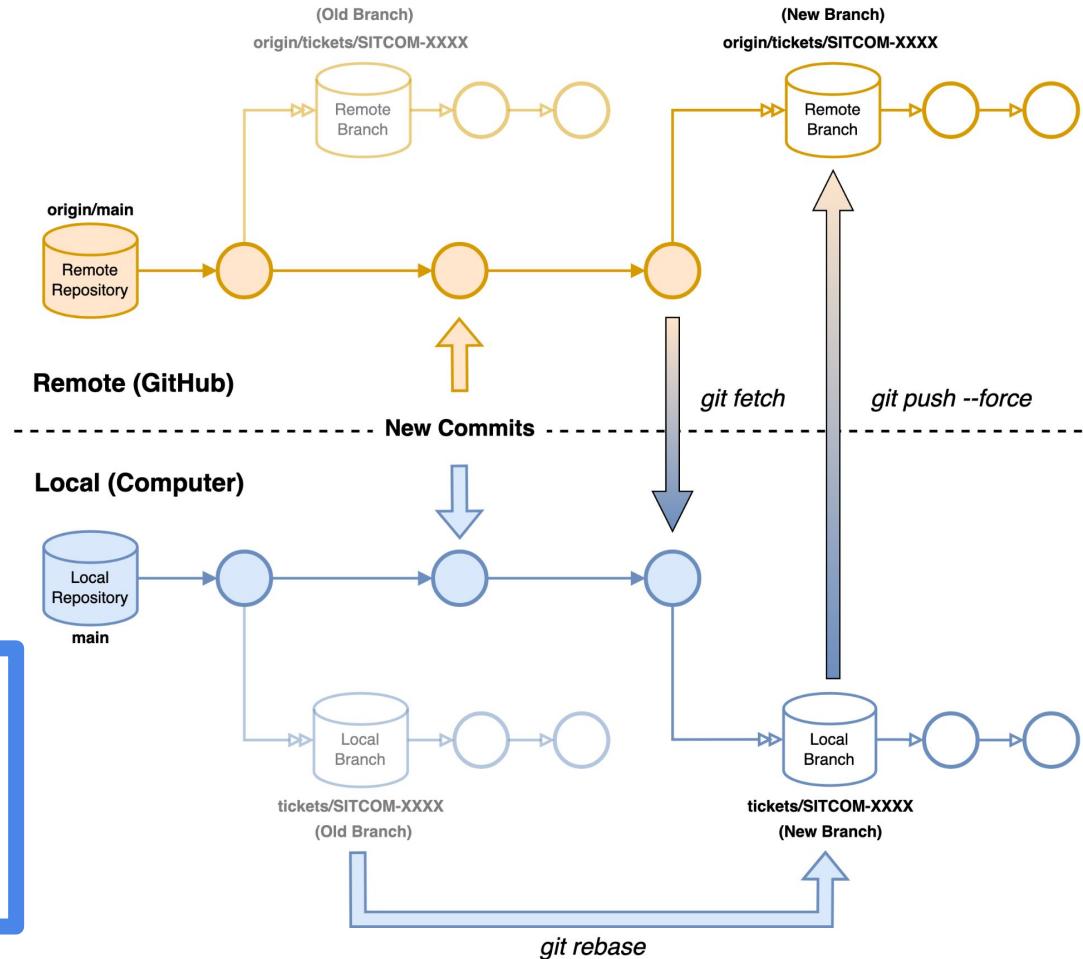
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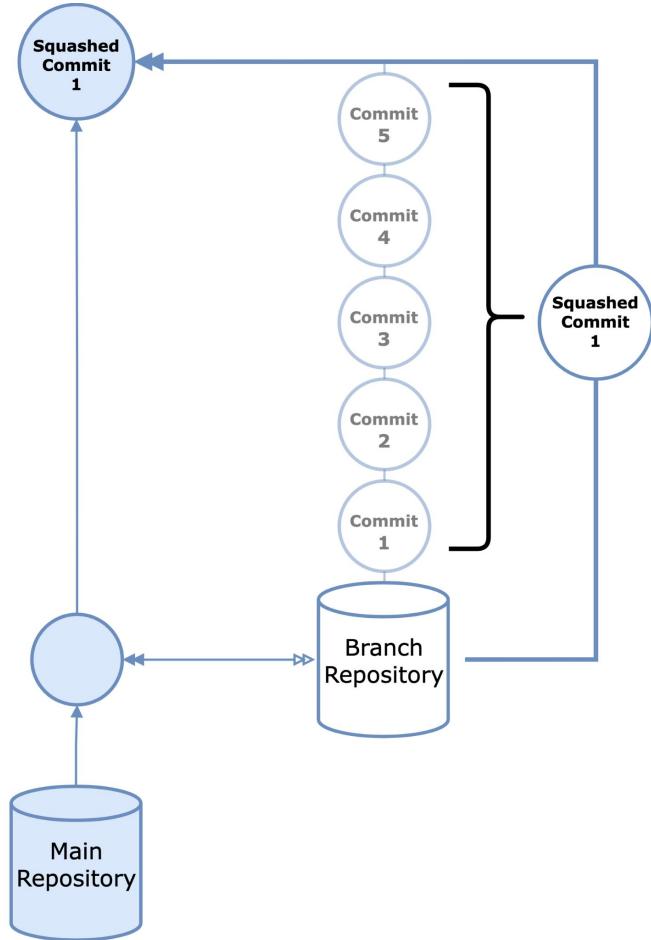
NOTE: Common Terminal Commands

```
>> git checkout <branch>
>> git rebase origin/main

>> git push --force-with-lease
```



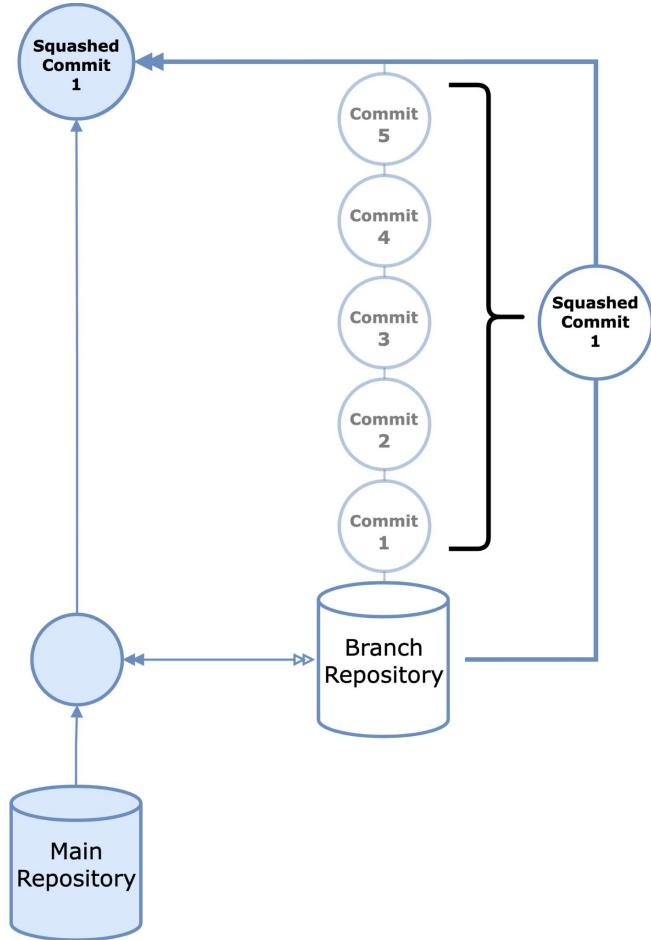
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git rebase -i HEAD~2
```

```
Pick 6234378 [1759361] reST reference
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s), and initial set-up to access the remote desktop.

# Rebase 750a73a..96ecf37 onto 750a73a (2 commands)

# Commands:
# p, pick <commit> = use commit
# r, reword <commit> = use commit, but edit the commit message
# e, edit <commit> = use commit, but stop for amending
# s, squash <commit> = use commit, but meld into previous commit
# f, fixup <commit> = like "squash", but discard this commit's log message
# x, exec <command> = run command (the rest of the line) using shell
# b, break = stop here (continue rebase later with 'git rebase --continue')
# d, drop <commit> = remove commit
# l, label <label> = label current HEAD with a name
# t, reset <label> = reset HEAD to a label
# m, merge [-c <commit> | -c <commit>] <label> [<oneline>]
# .      create a merge commit using the original merge commit's
# .      message (or the oneline, if no original merge commit was
# .      specified). Use -c <commit> to reword the commit message.
#
# These lines can be re-ordered; they are executed from top to bottom.
#
# If you remove a line here THAT COMMIT WILL BE LOST.
#
# However, if you remove everything, the rebase will be aborted.
```

```
# This is a combination of 2 commits.
# This is the 1st commit message:

AuxTel EUI basic access procedure which includes screenshots of individual components EUI wepages

# This is the commit message #2:

# AuxTel EUI basic access procedure which includes screenshots of individual components EUI wepage
tial set-up to access the remote desktop.

# Please enter the commit message for your changes. Lines starting
# with '#' will be ignored, and an empty message aborts the commit.
#
# Date:      Sun May 12 20:44:08 2024 -0400
#
# interactive rebase in progress; onto 750a73a
# Last commands done (2 commands done):
#   pick 6234378 [1759361] reST reference
#   squash 96ecf37 AuxTel EUI basic access procedure which includes screenshots of individual com
eumatics), and initial set-up to access the remote desktop.
# No commands remaining.
# You are currently rebasing branch 'tickets/SITCOM-1359' on '750a73a'.
```

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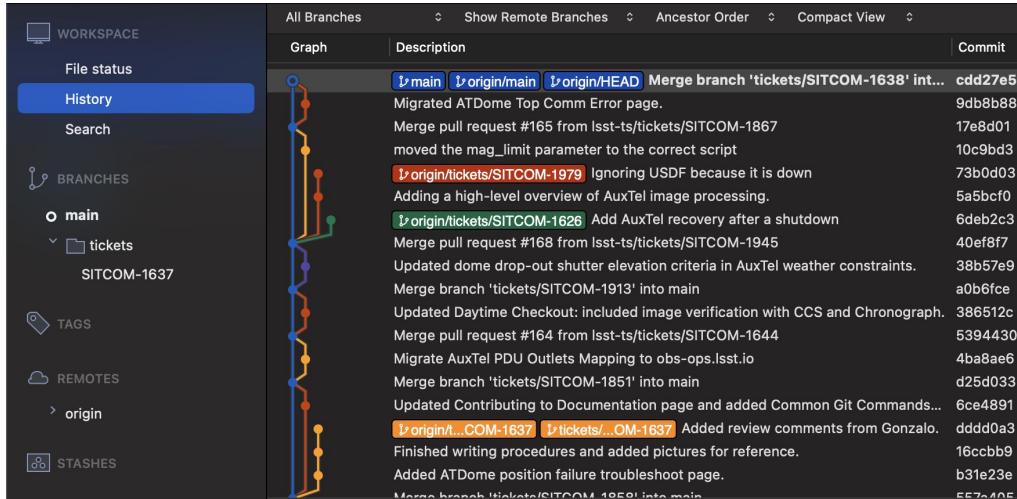
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>> git rebase -i HEAD~n

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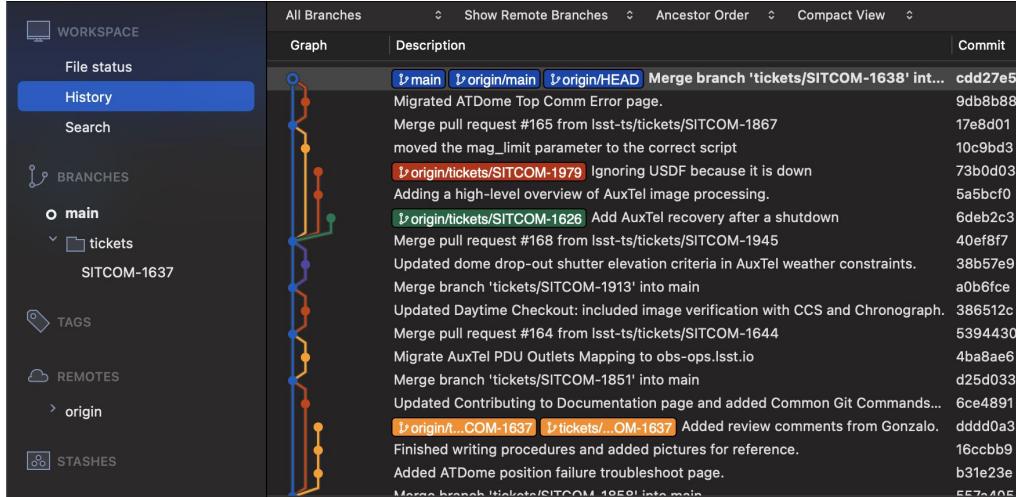
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Once commits are squashed, you are ready to merge!

Committing the Final Merge

Git Commands

Update local repository.

```
>> git pull origin main
```

Switch to the main branch.

```
>> git checkout main
```

Merge ticket branch safely (preserve history).

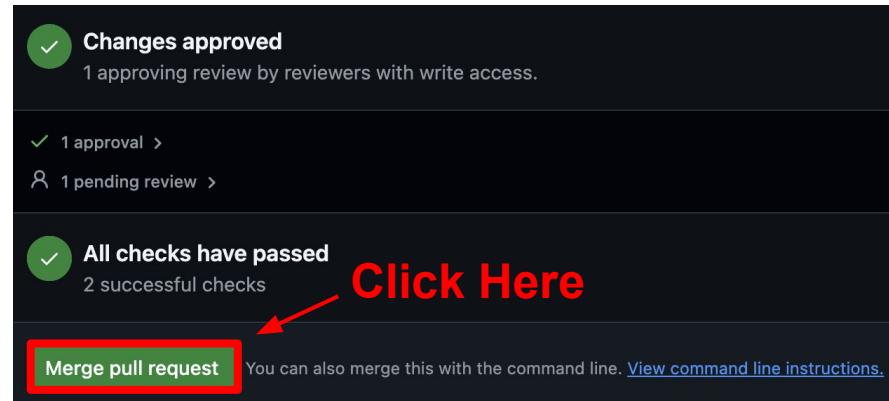
```
>> git merge <branch> --no-ff
```

Push the changes to GitHub.

```
>> git push -u origin main
```

GitHub

Within the pull request:



Summary

- Git and GitHub allow communal version control of Obs-Ops Documentation.
- There are many routes available within the documentation procedures.
 - Lots of commands, editing tools, GUIs, etc.
 - Choose the options that **work best for you!**
- Do not hesitate to look at step-by-step guides on Obs-Ops:
 - [Contributing to Observatory Operations Documentation](#)
 - [Git Commands for Documentation](#)

Extra Practice: <https://github.com/kpmort97/GitHub-Tutorial-Obs-Ops>

**Reach out to Kris Mortensen for assistance.