

Version Control Systems (aka VCSs)

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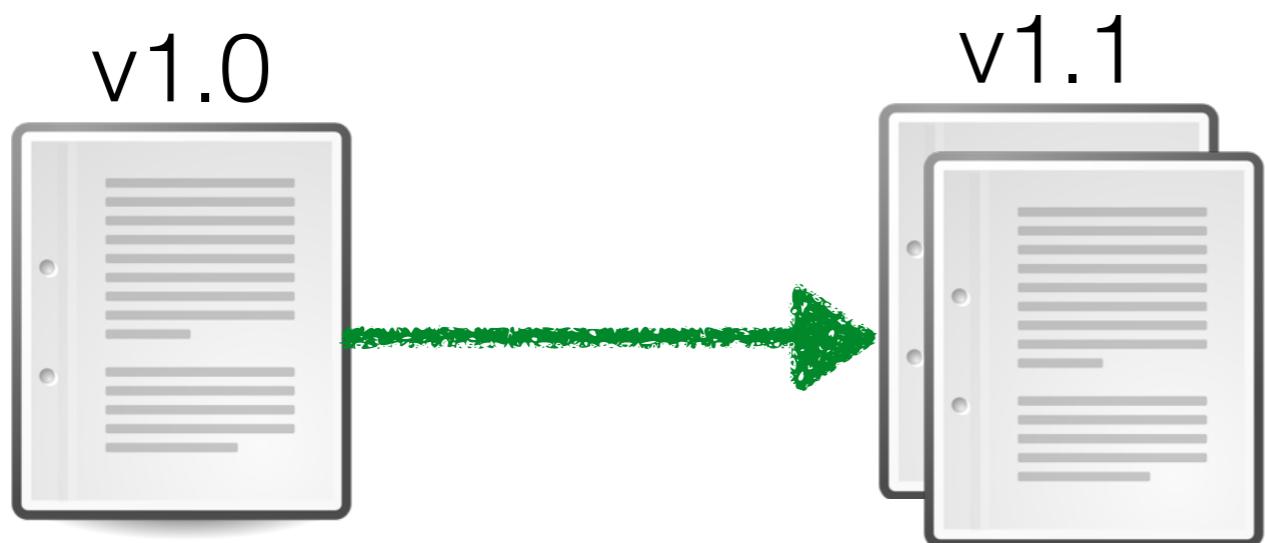
- As the name suggests its a technology to control versions of an artefact
 - Most probably code
 - It's quite common for text project

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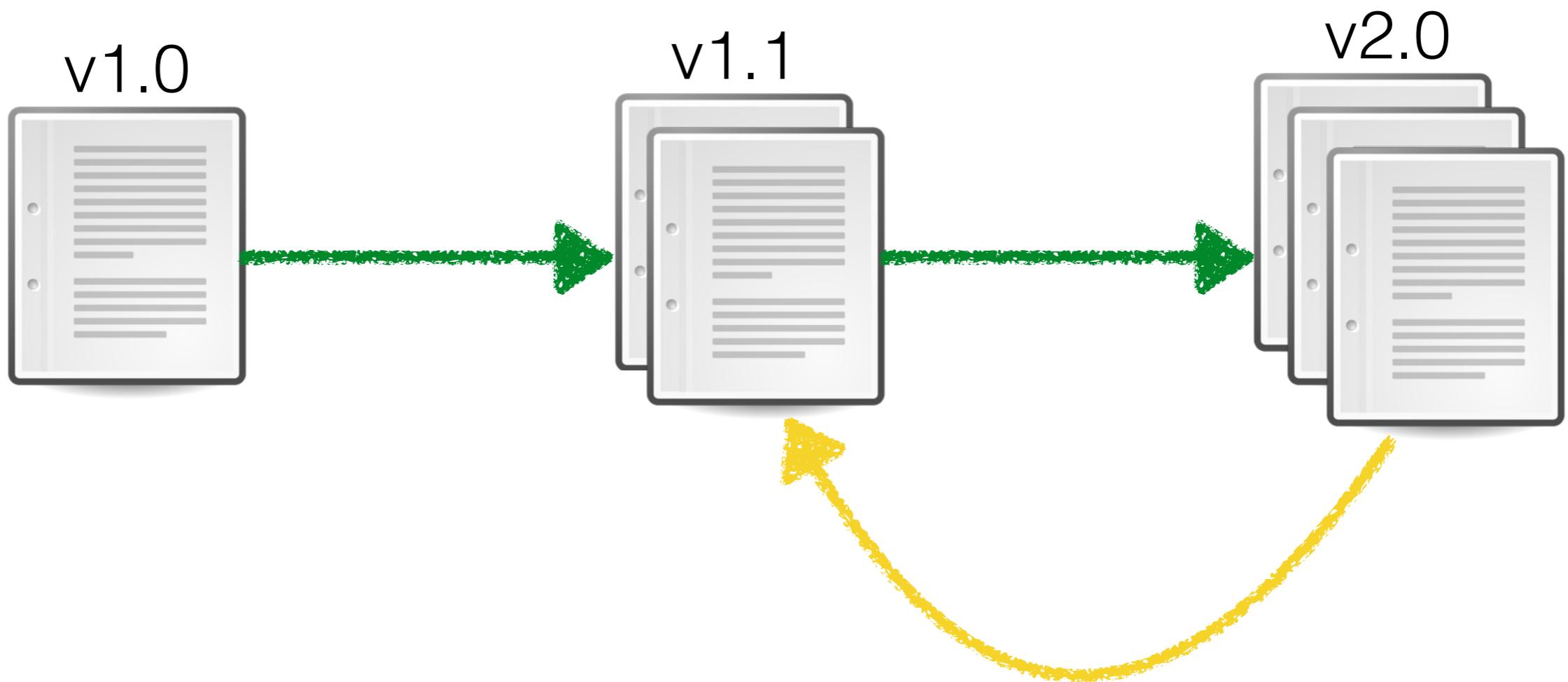
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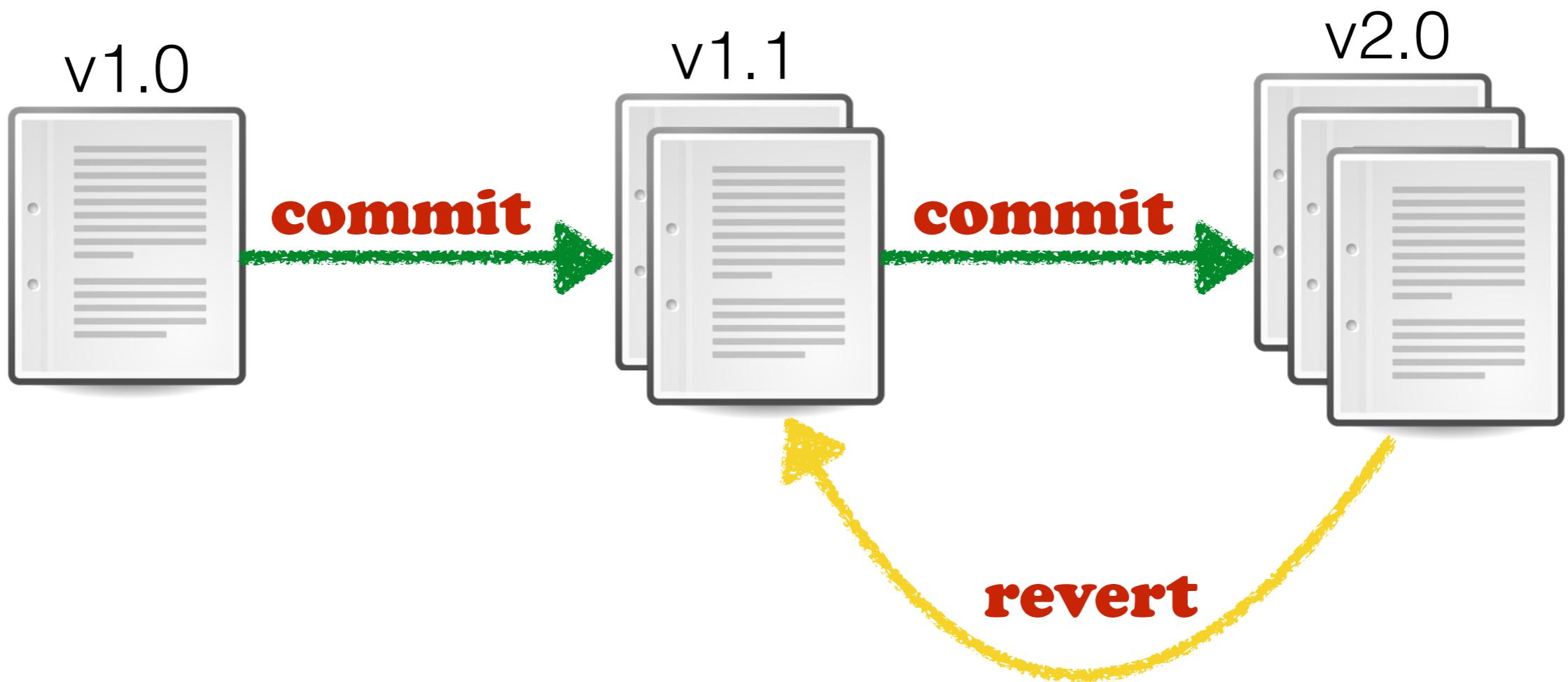
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- Control / Store different versions, historical data of your application / documents
- Bug fixes (find at which step the error happened)
- But VCSs have more uses:
 - Enables collaboration
 - Works as a backup

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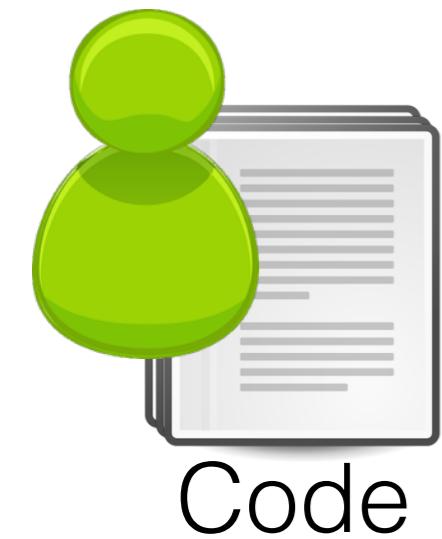
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- Decentralised / Distributed:
 - Different copies, each copy is equally valid
 - Commits are happening to your local repository

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- Apache Subversion
 - Is a centralised VCS
 - When a new version is committed, its id increments sequentially (e.g. 1, 2, 3, ...)

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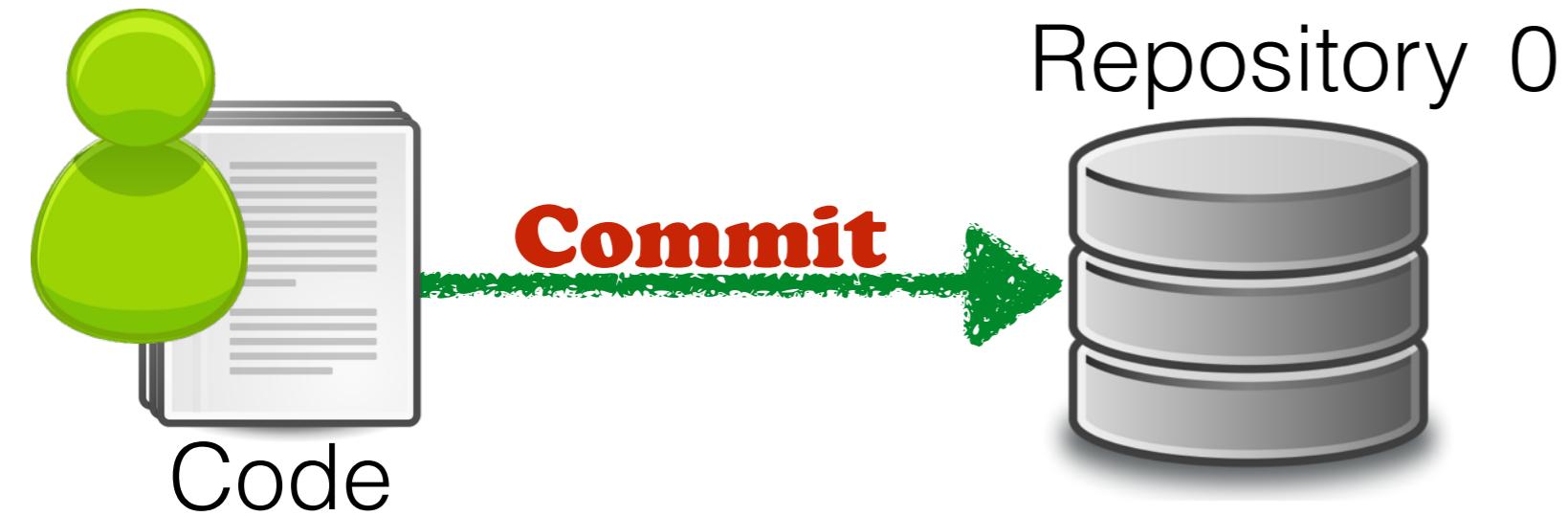
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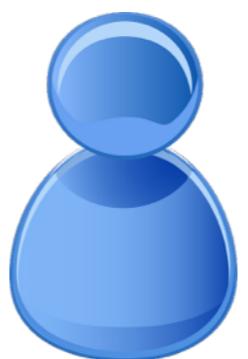
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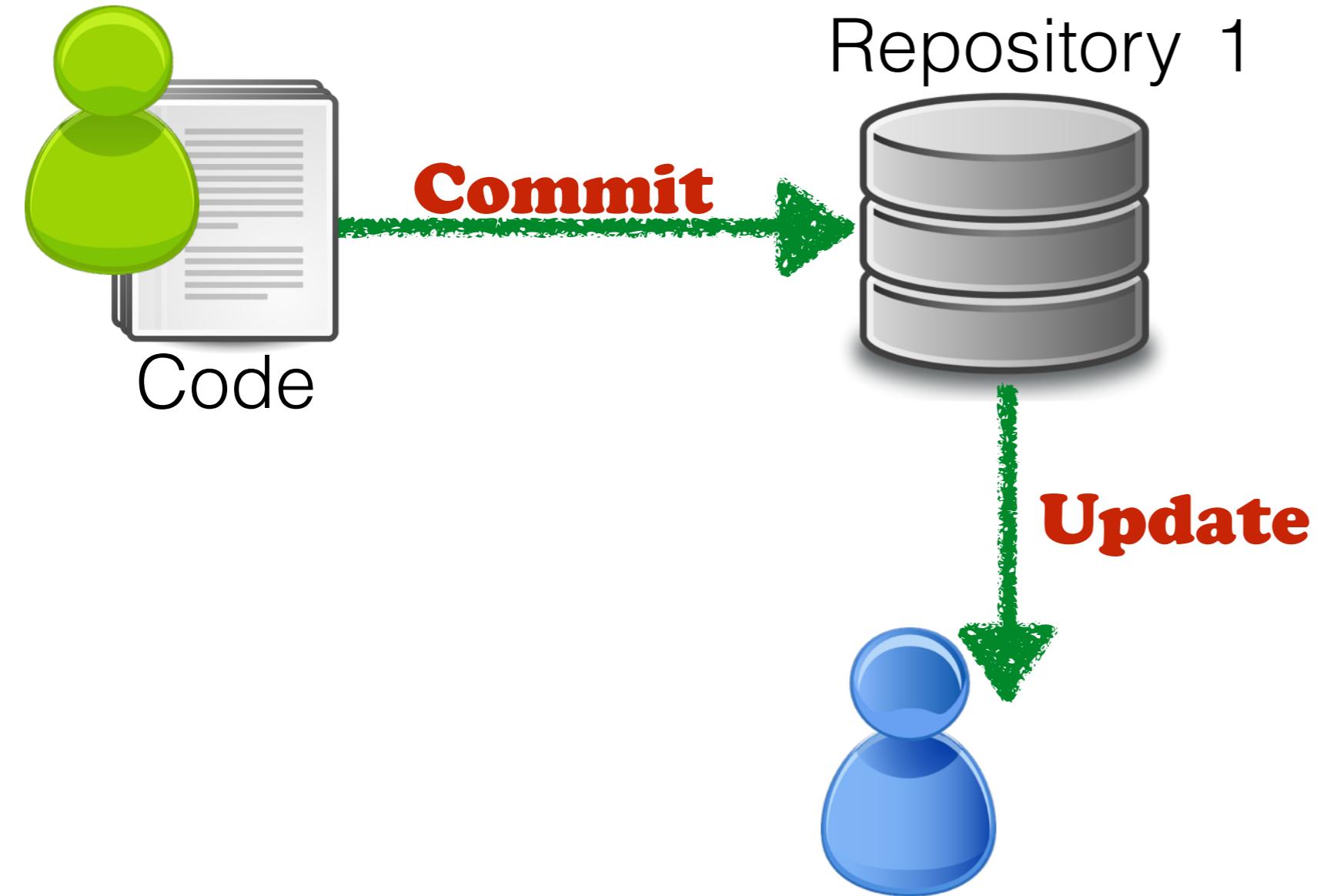
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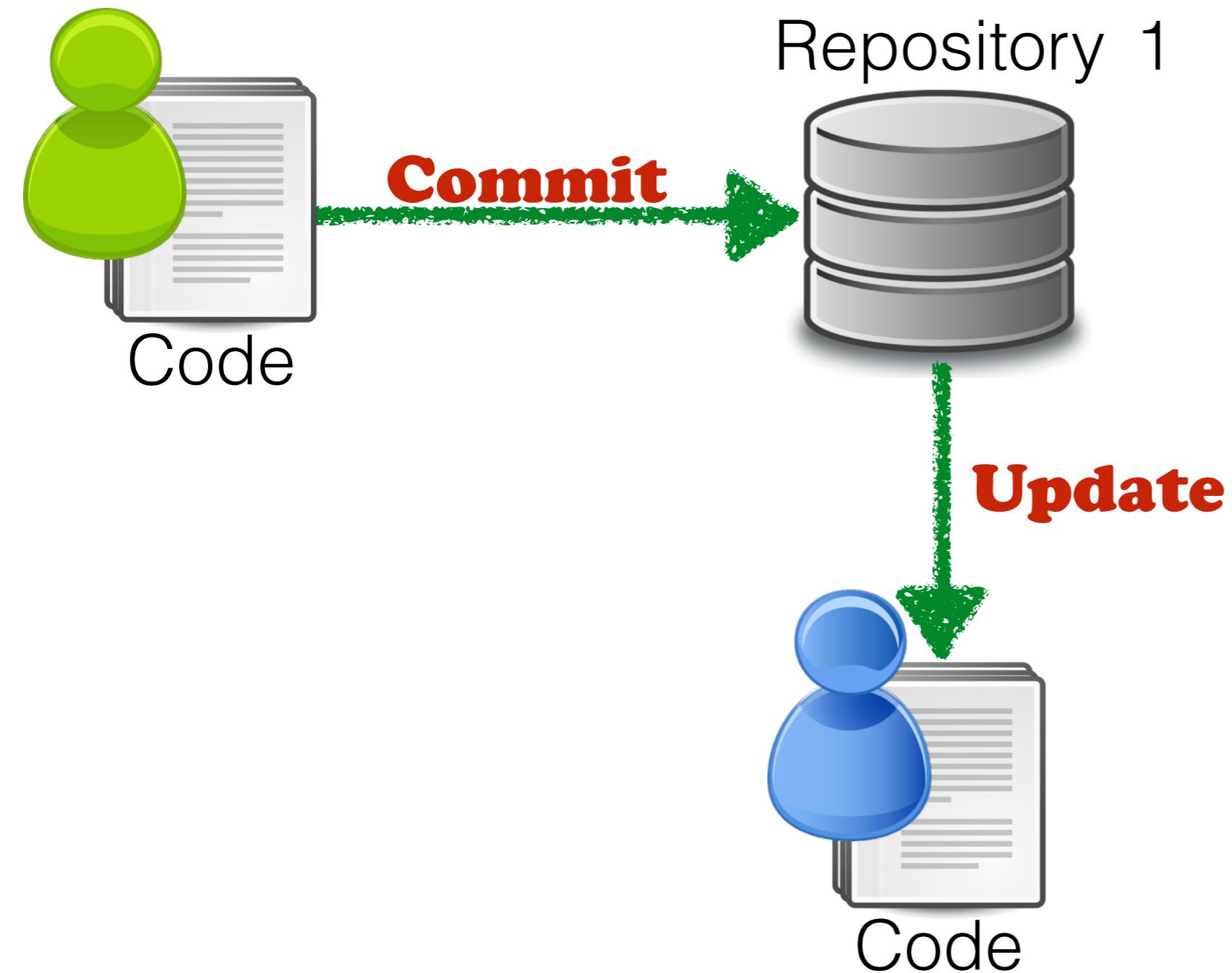
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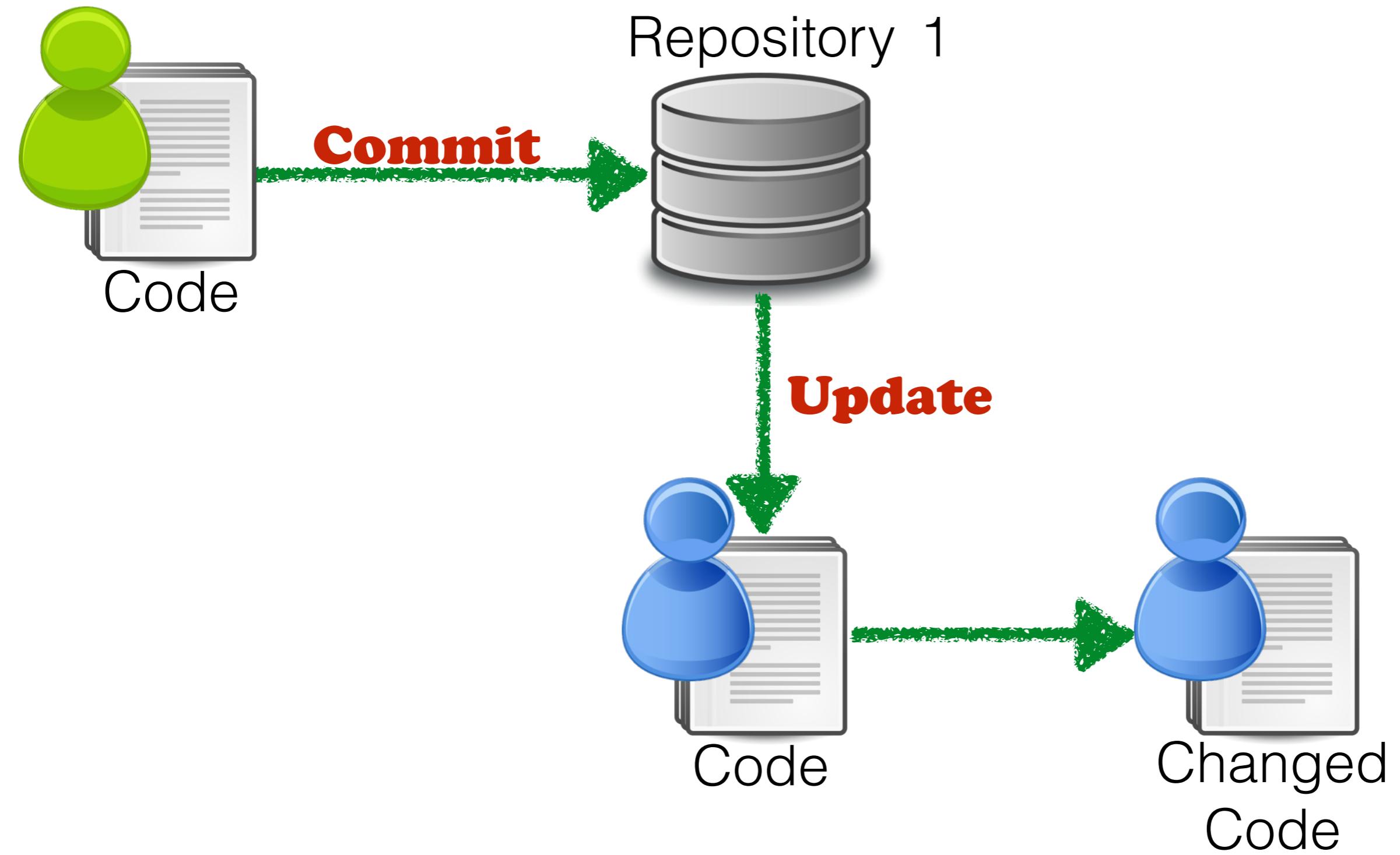
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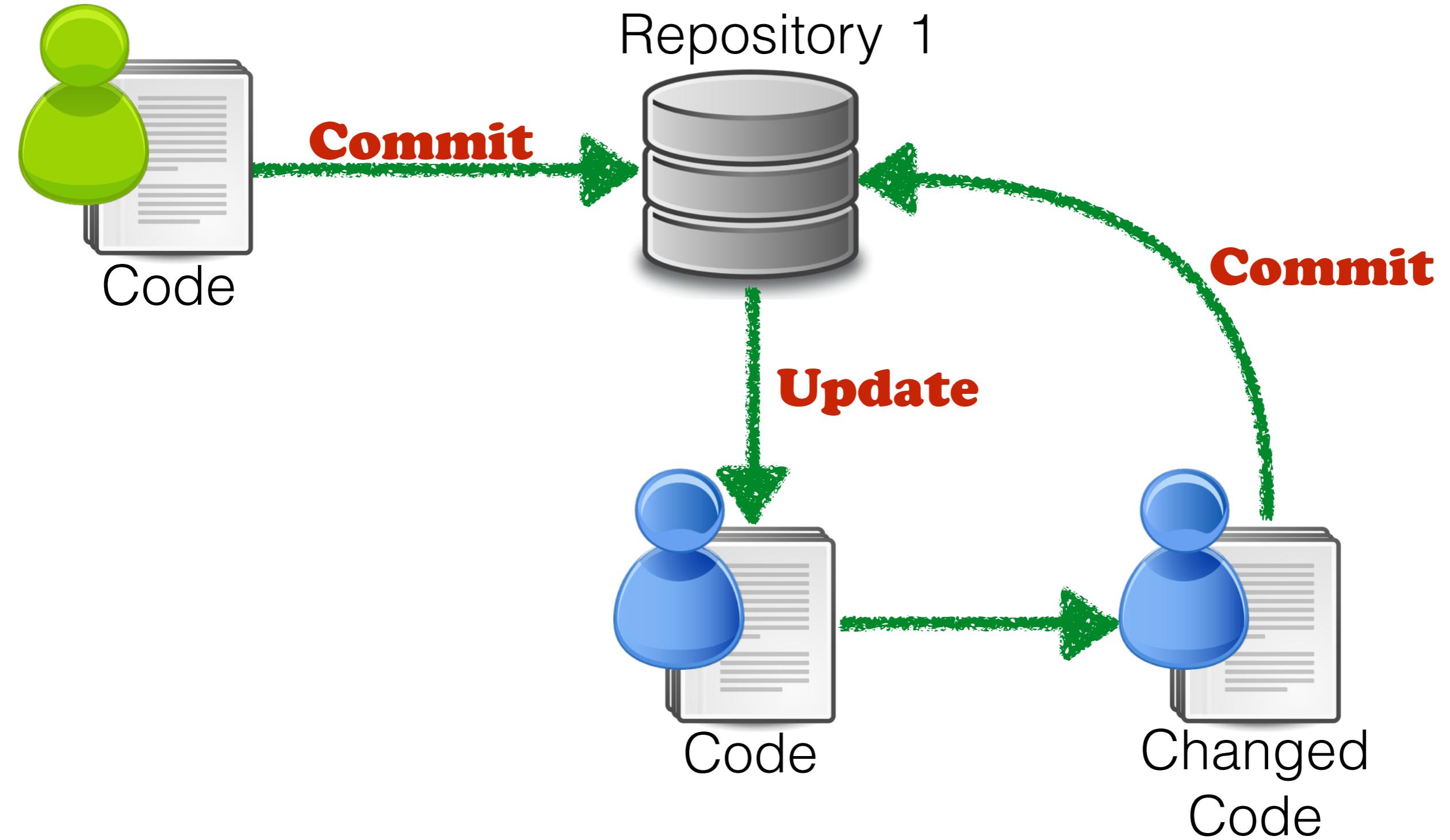
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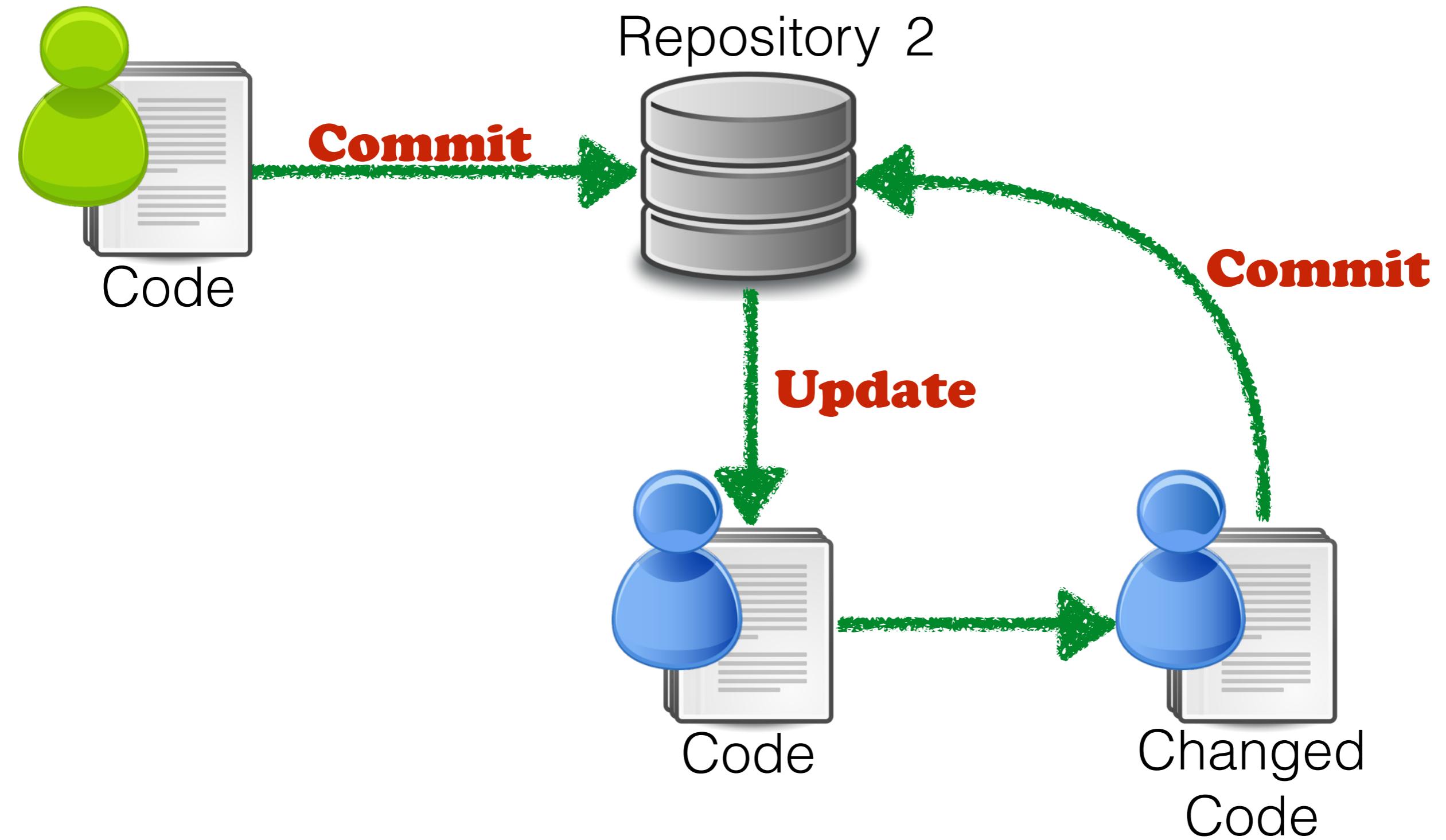
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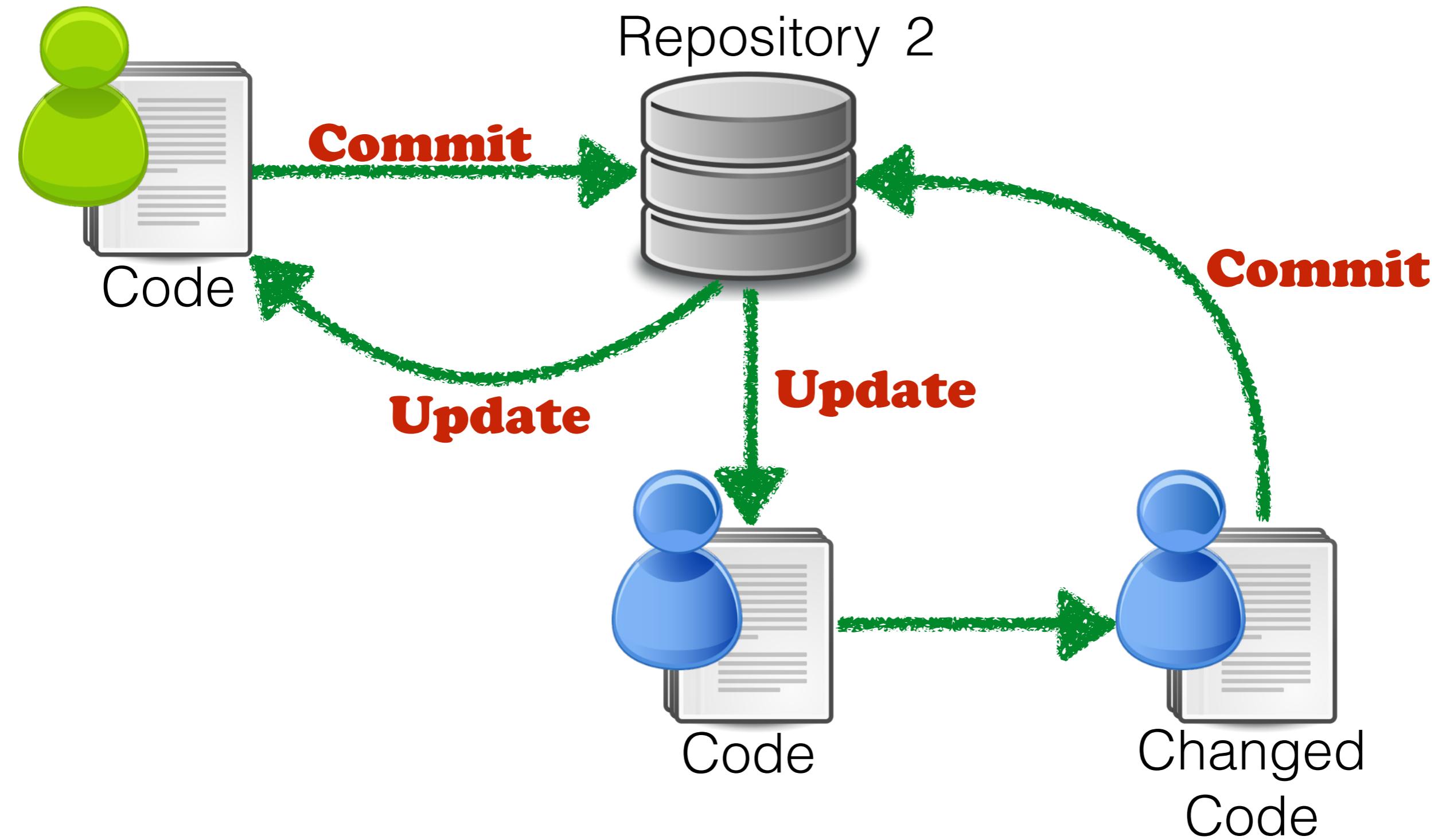
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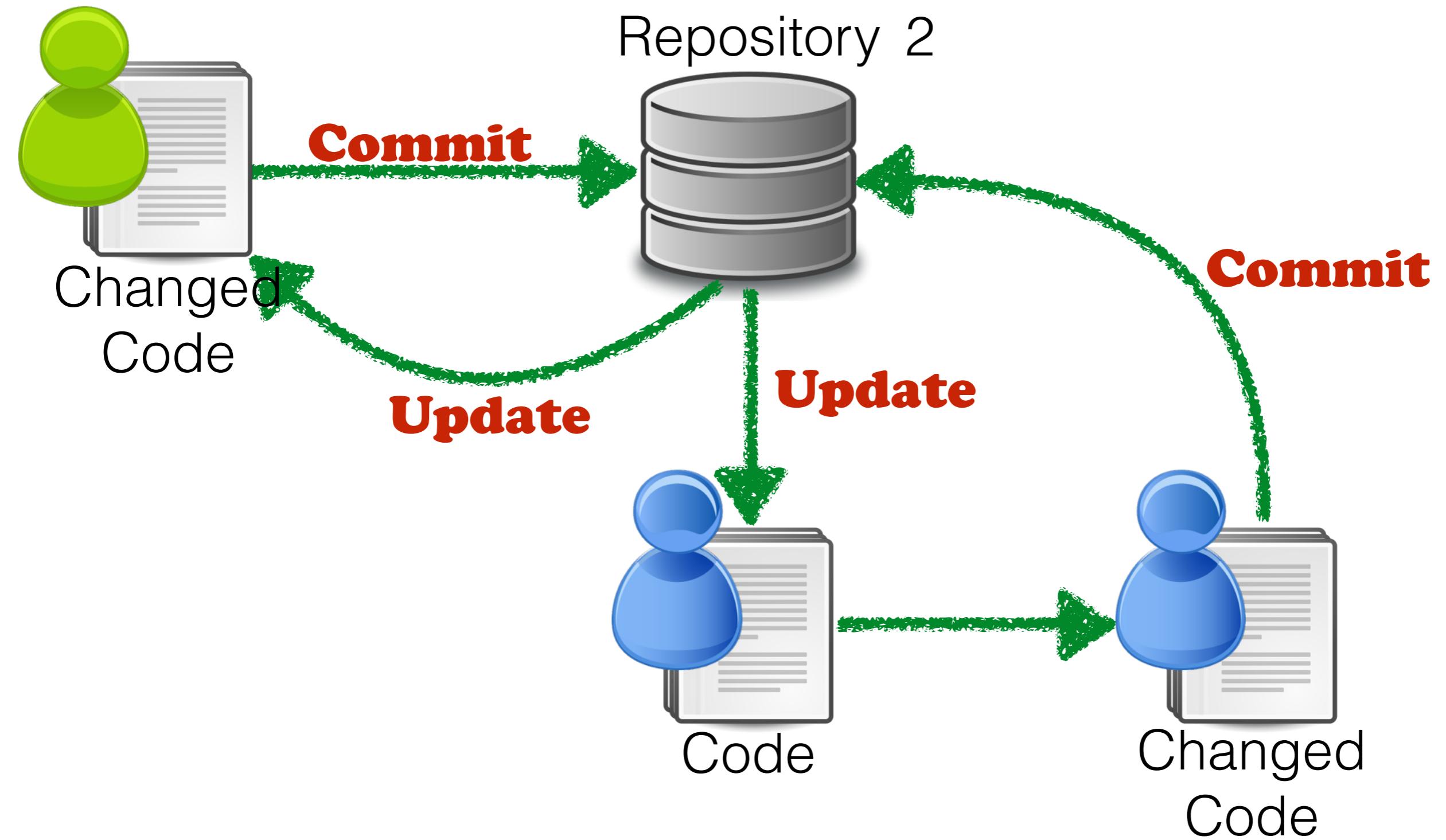
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SVN Software

- Windows:
 - **TortoiseSVN** - free
- Mac OS:
 - Versions - \$
 - **SmartSVN** - free/\$
- Linux:
 - RapidSVN - free
- Or Eclipse:
 - **Subversive** - free
 - Subclipse - free

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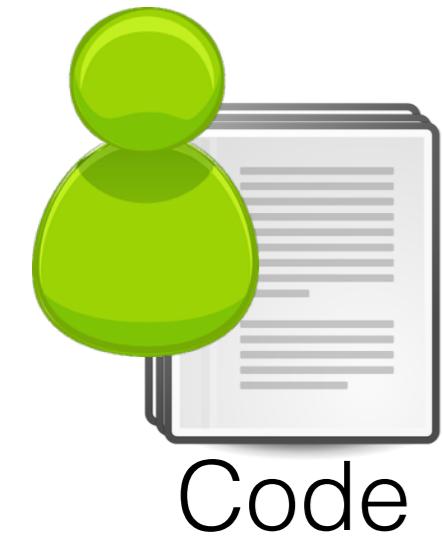
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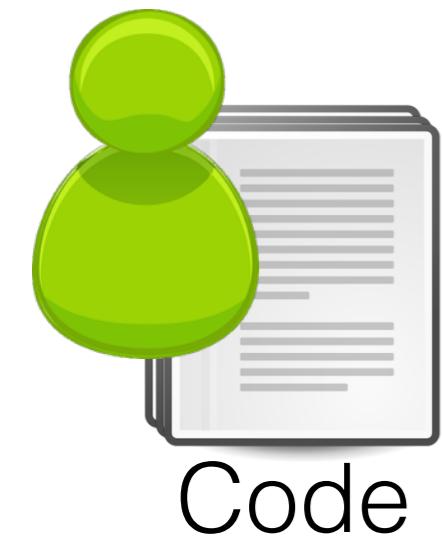
- Is a decentralised (distributed) VCS
- 40 hexadecimal numbers for commit versions (e.g. f3abe64fc121b75f3f0566c73f2f1a4e8ffd68e)
 - Constructed based on author, commit message, previous version, ...

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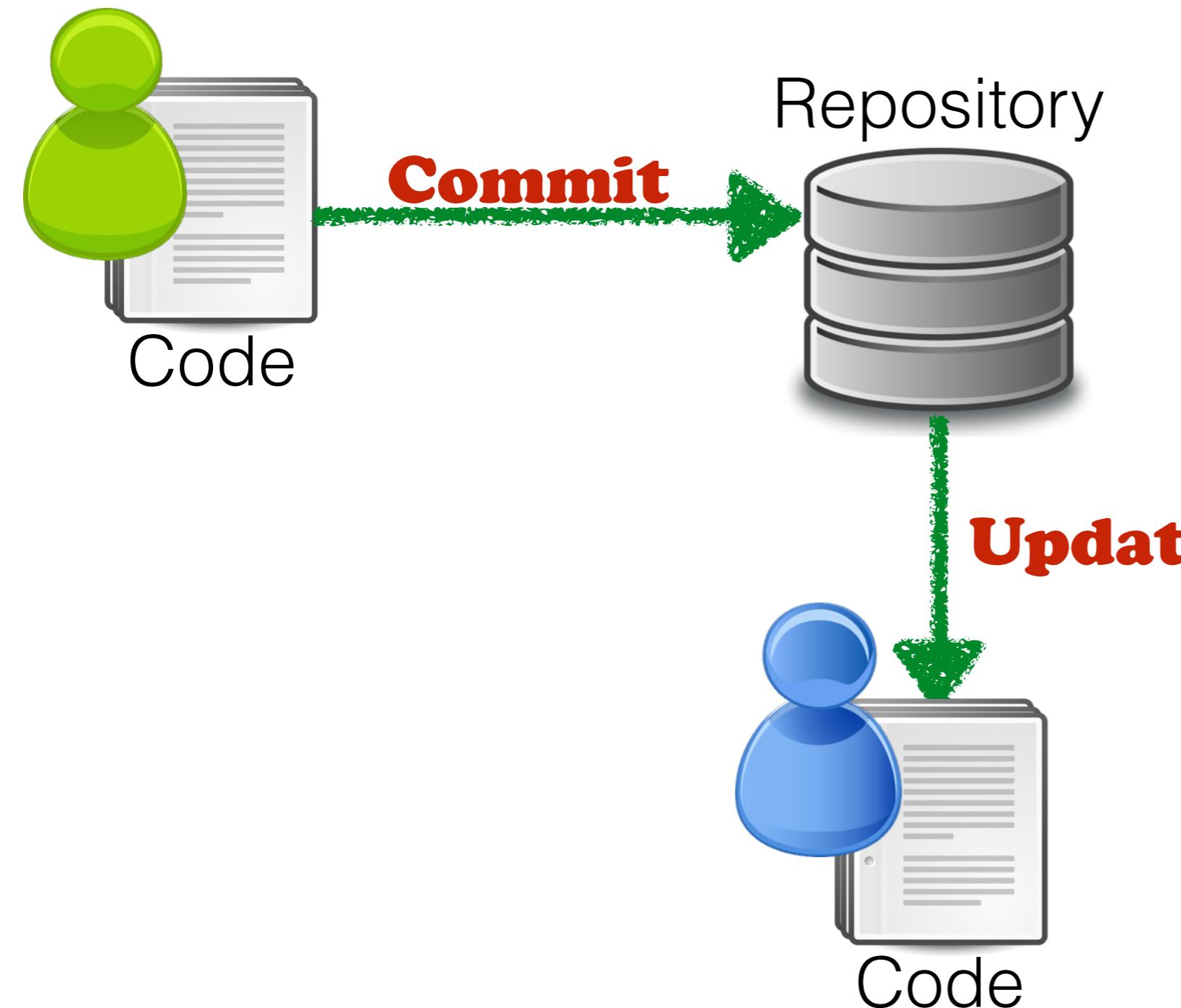
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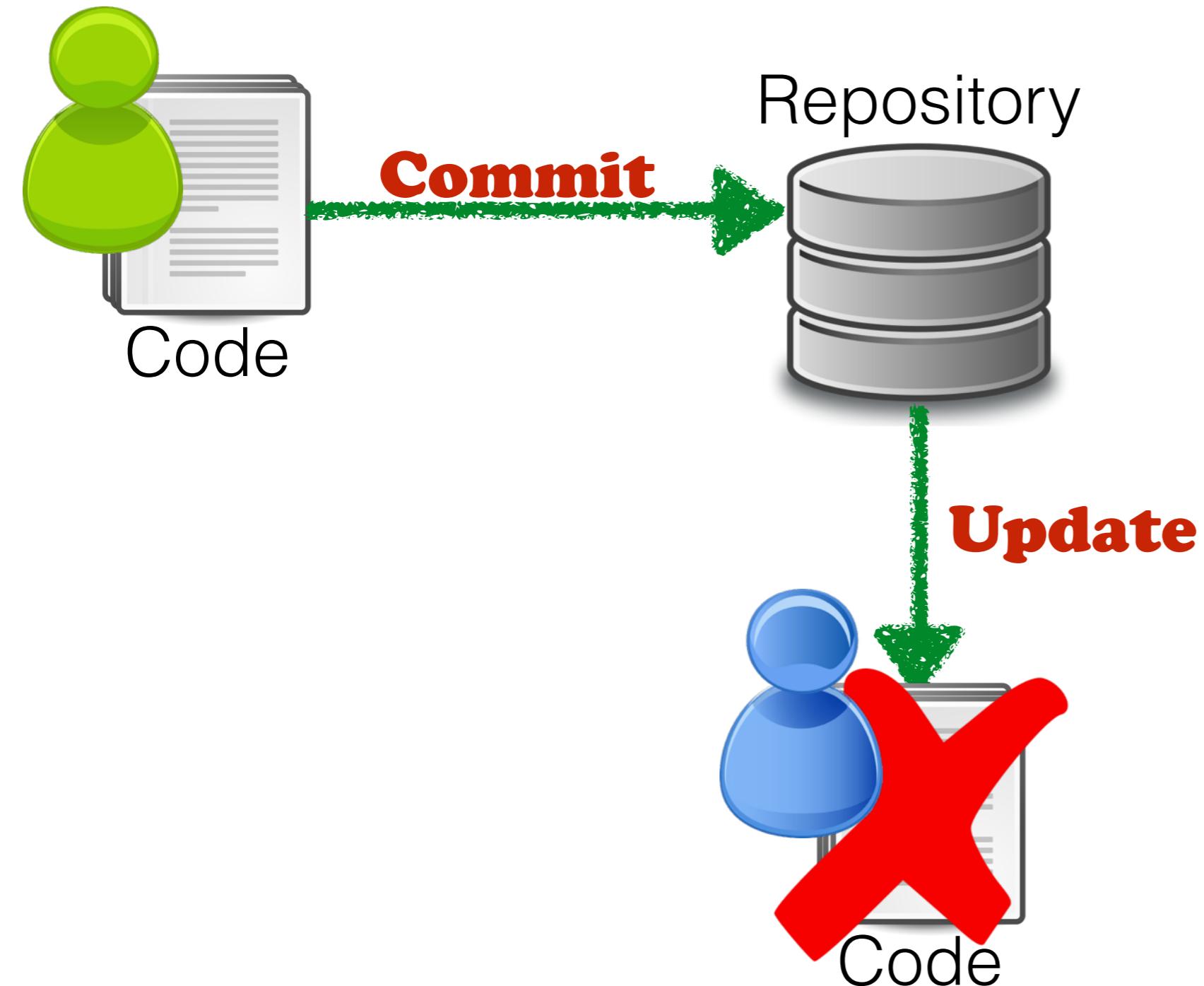
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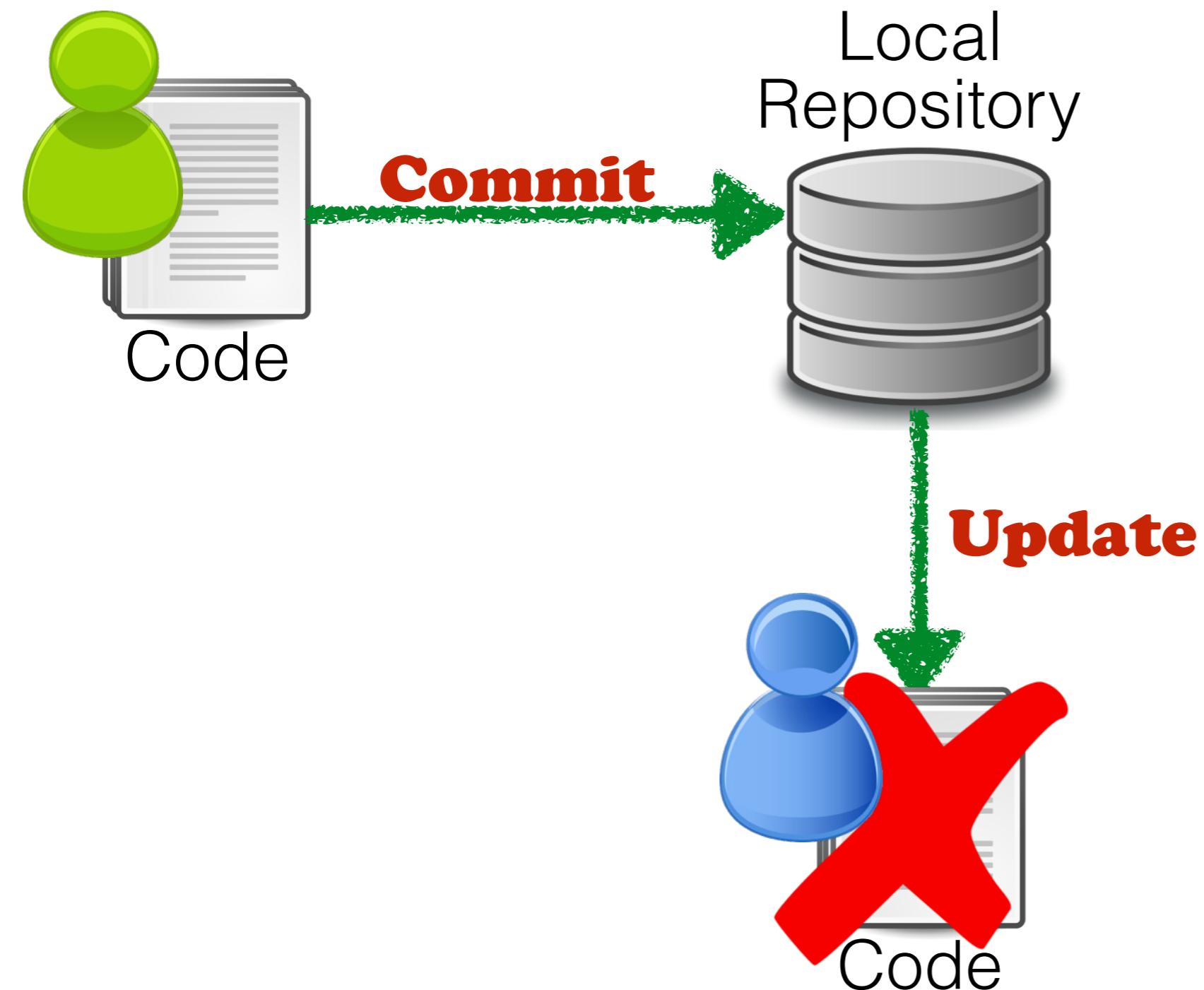
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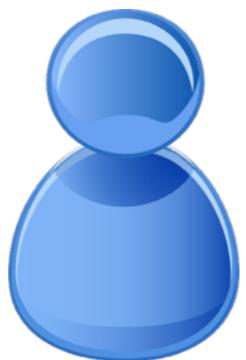
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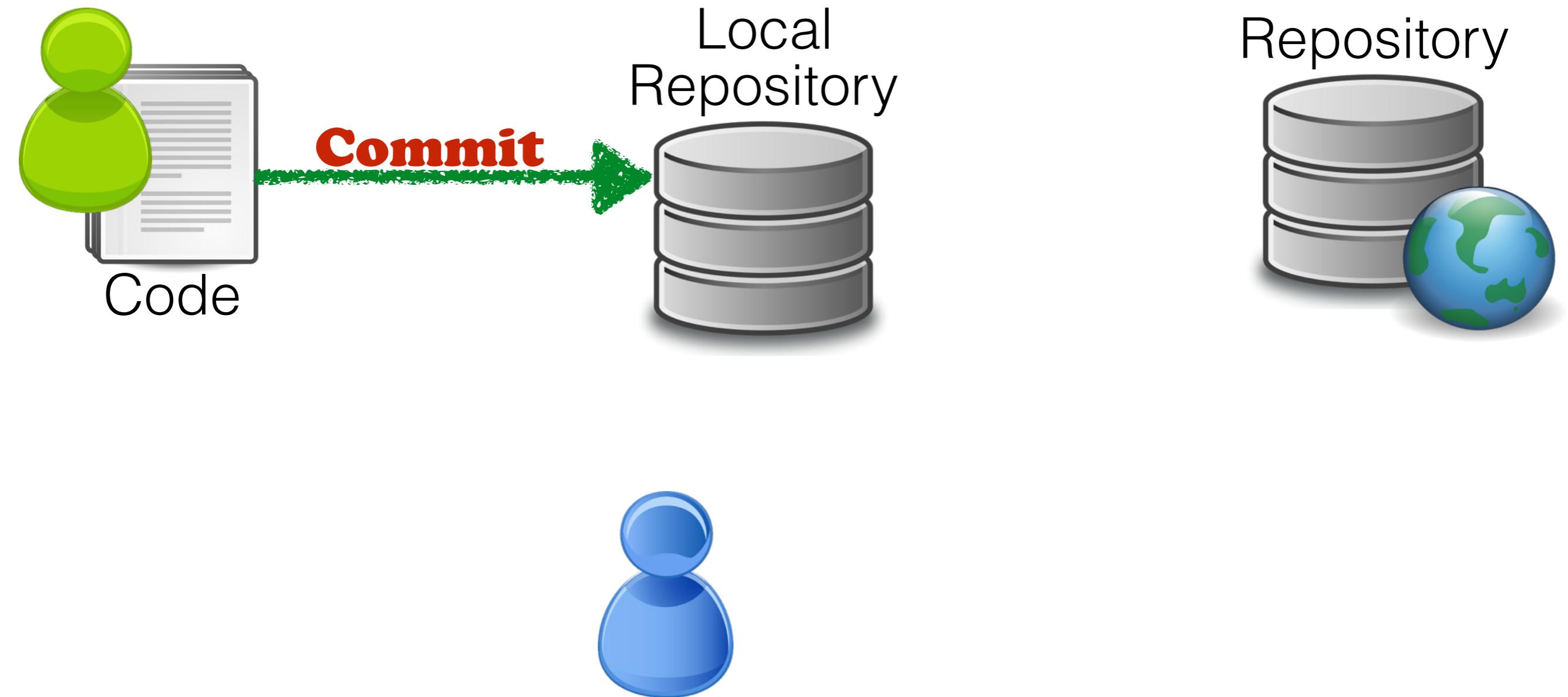
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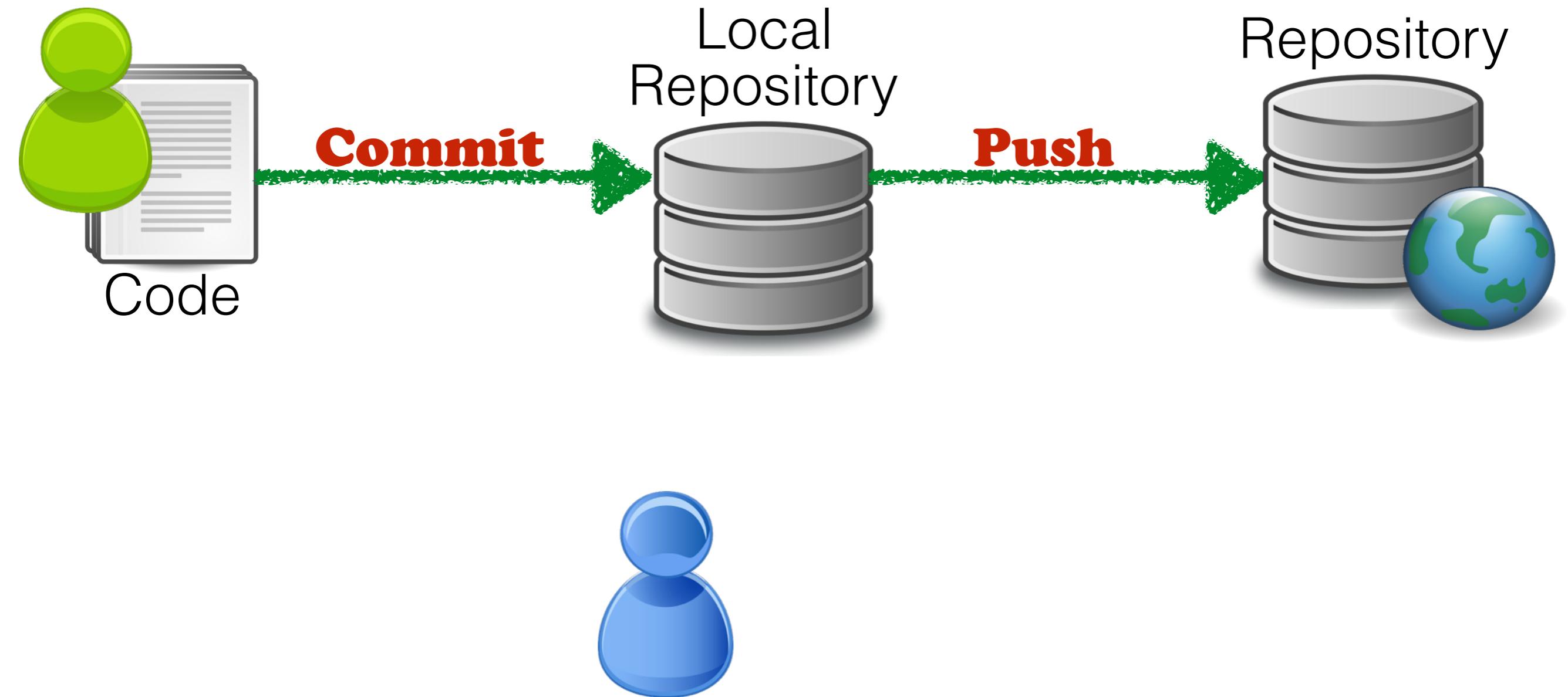
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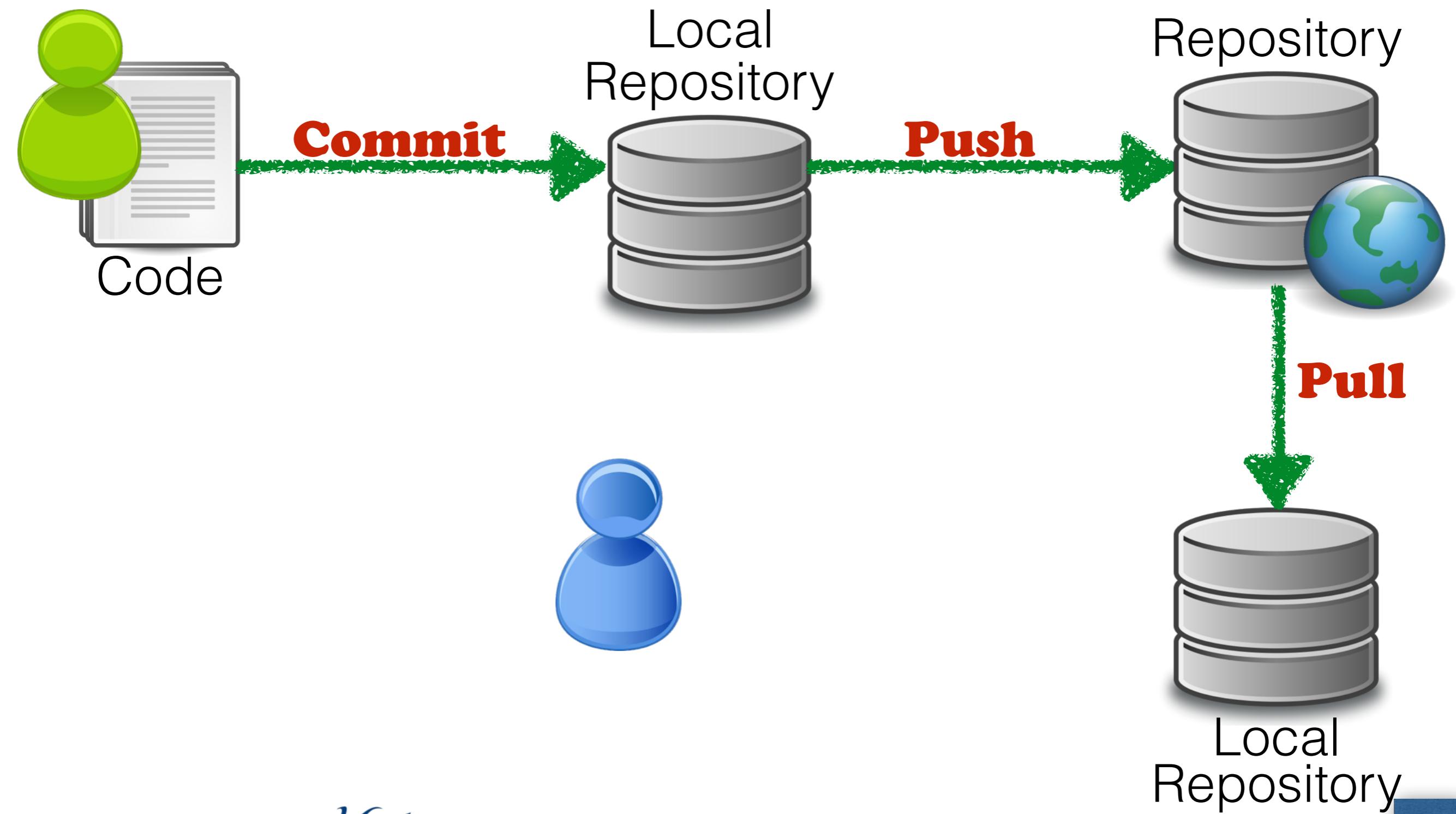
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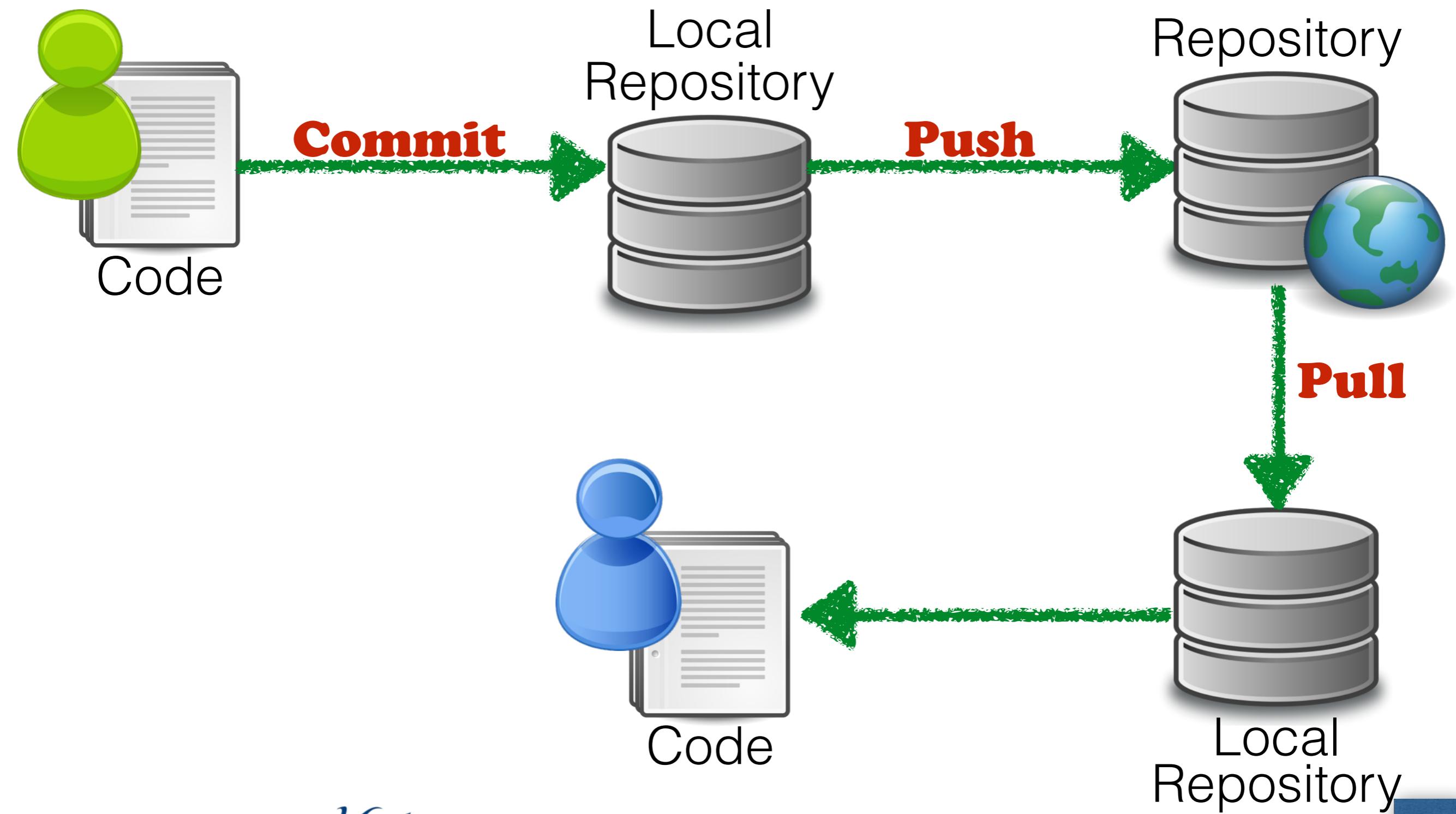
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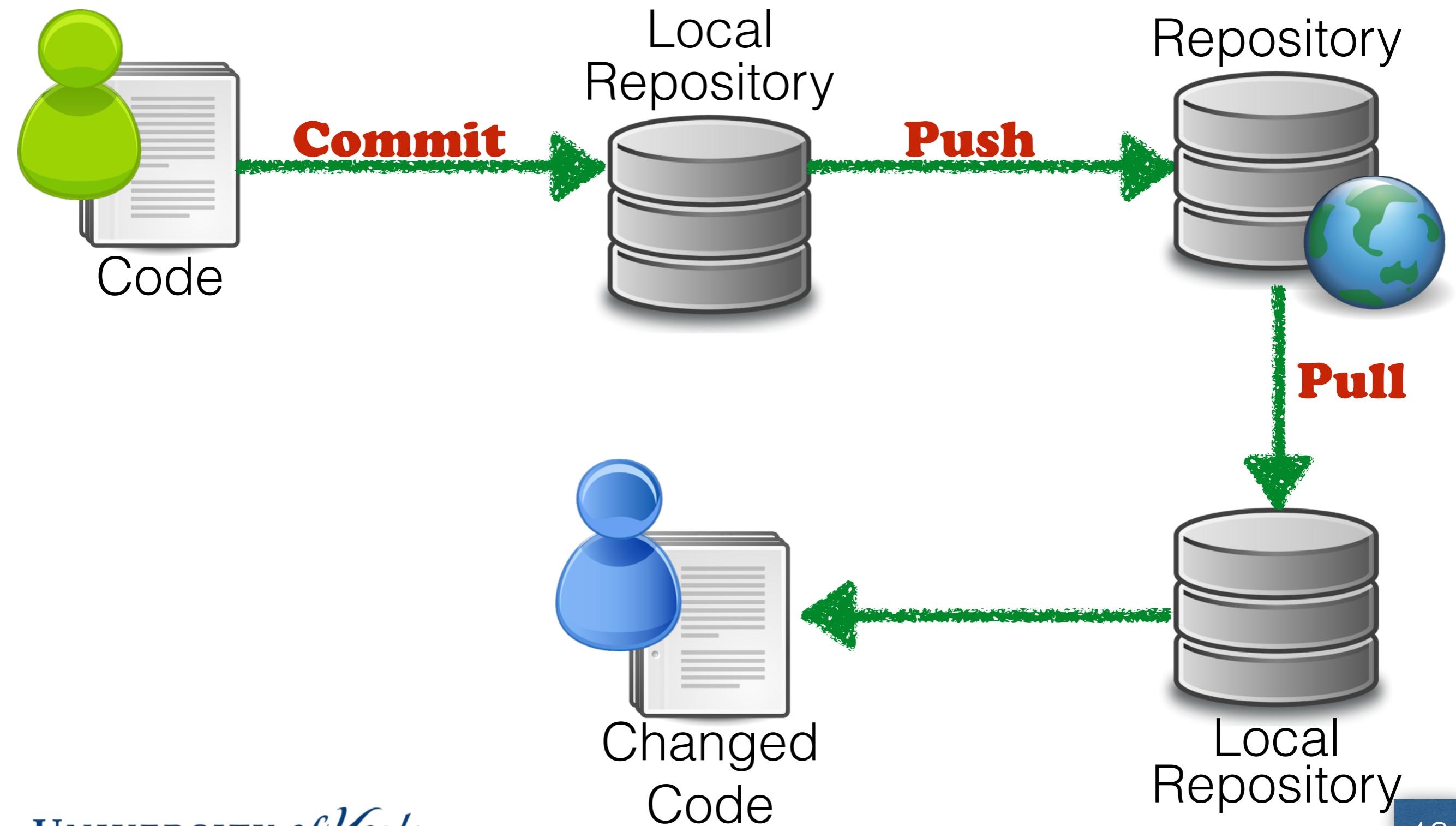
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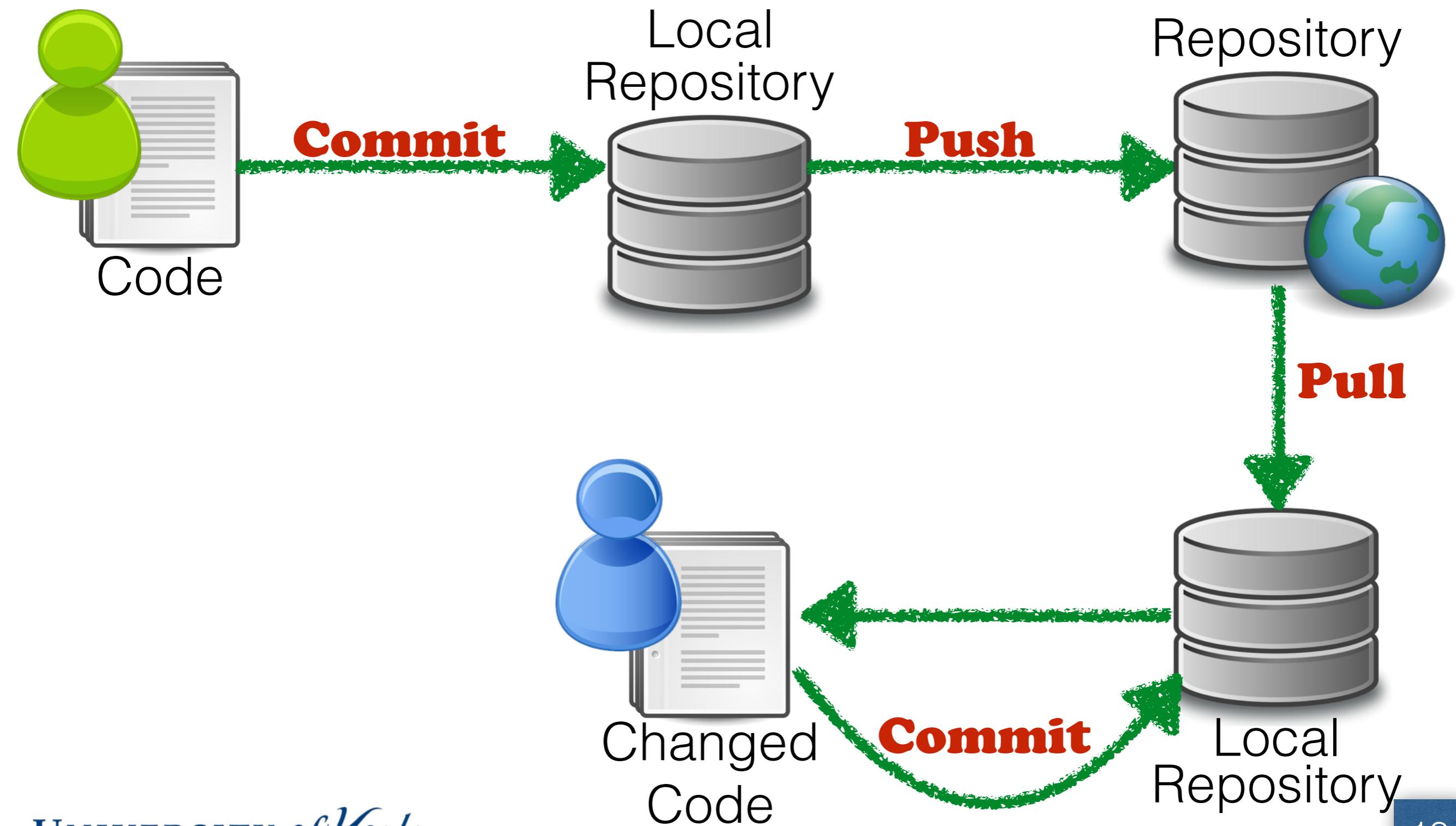
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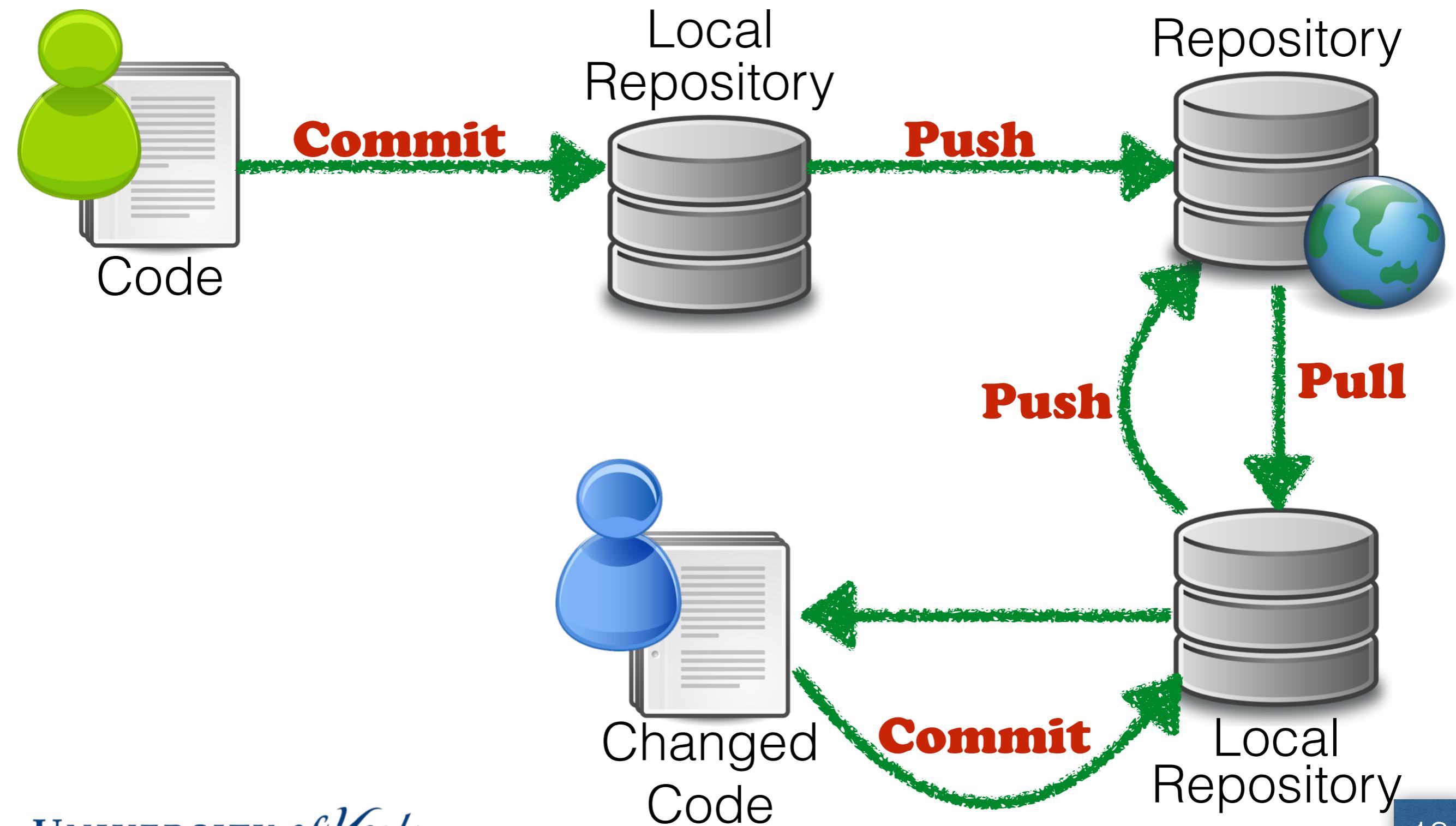
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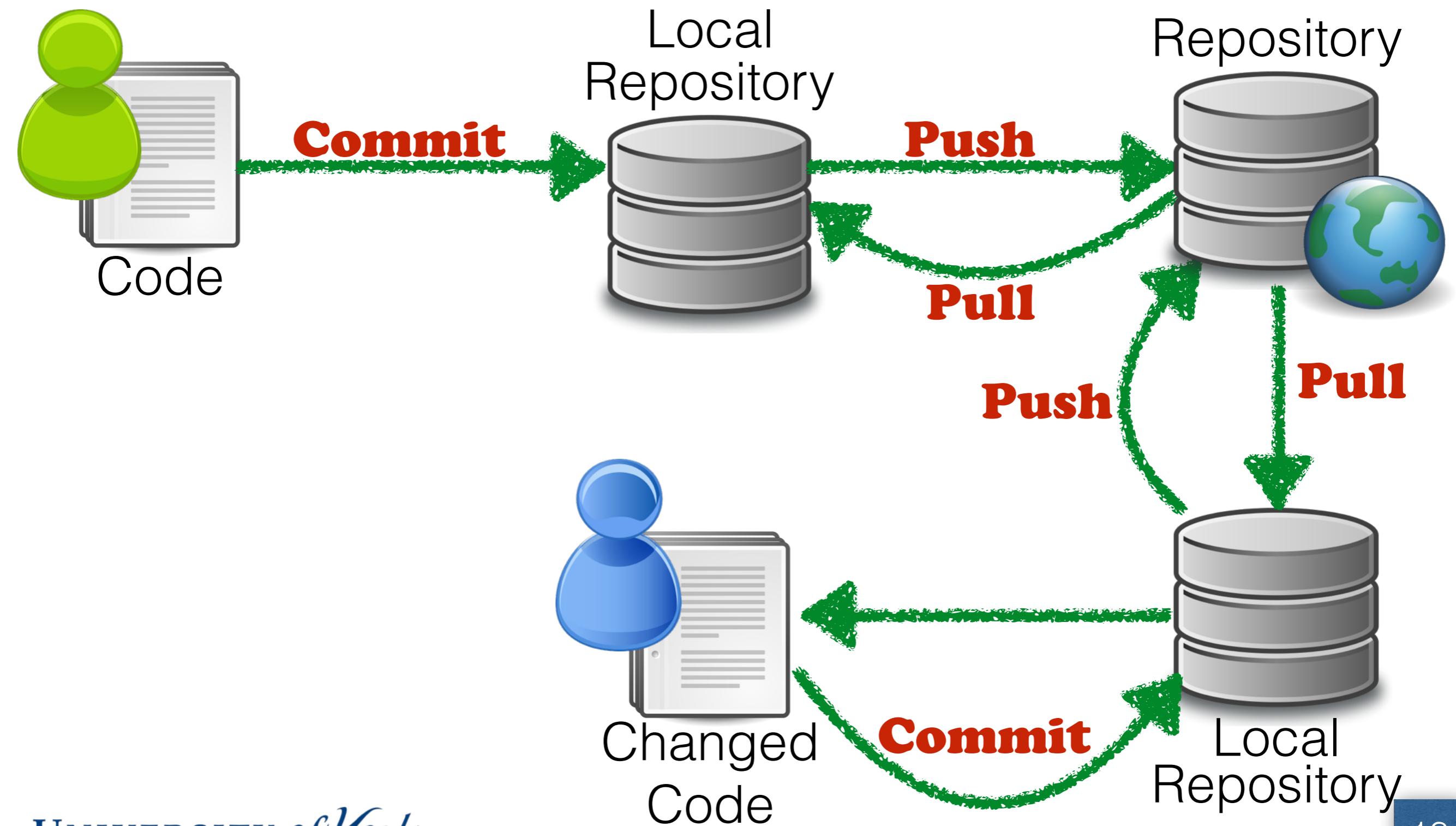
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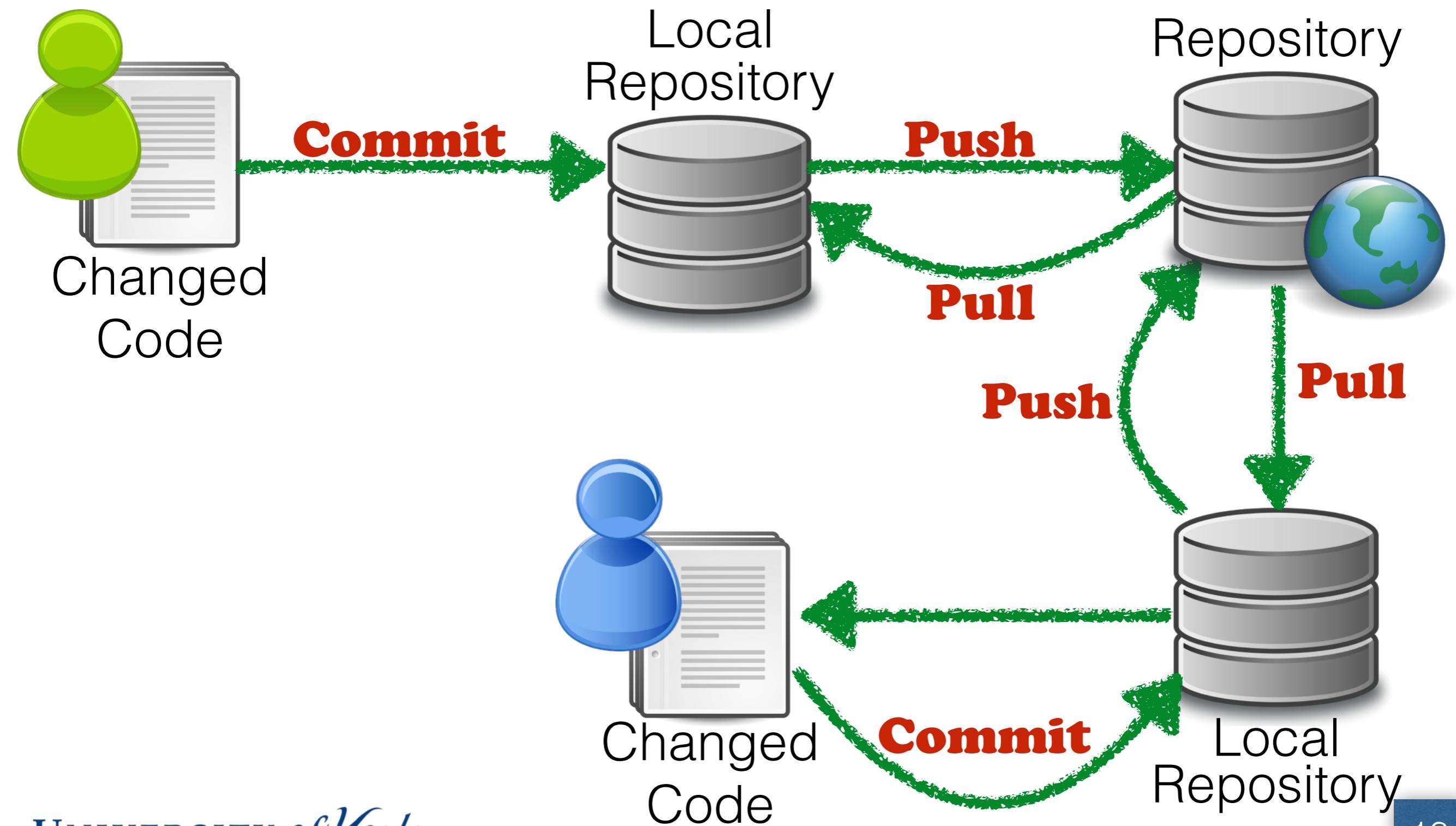
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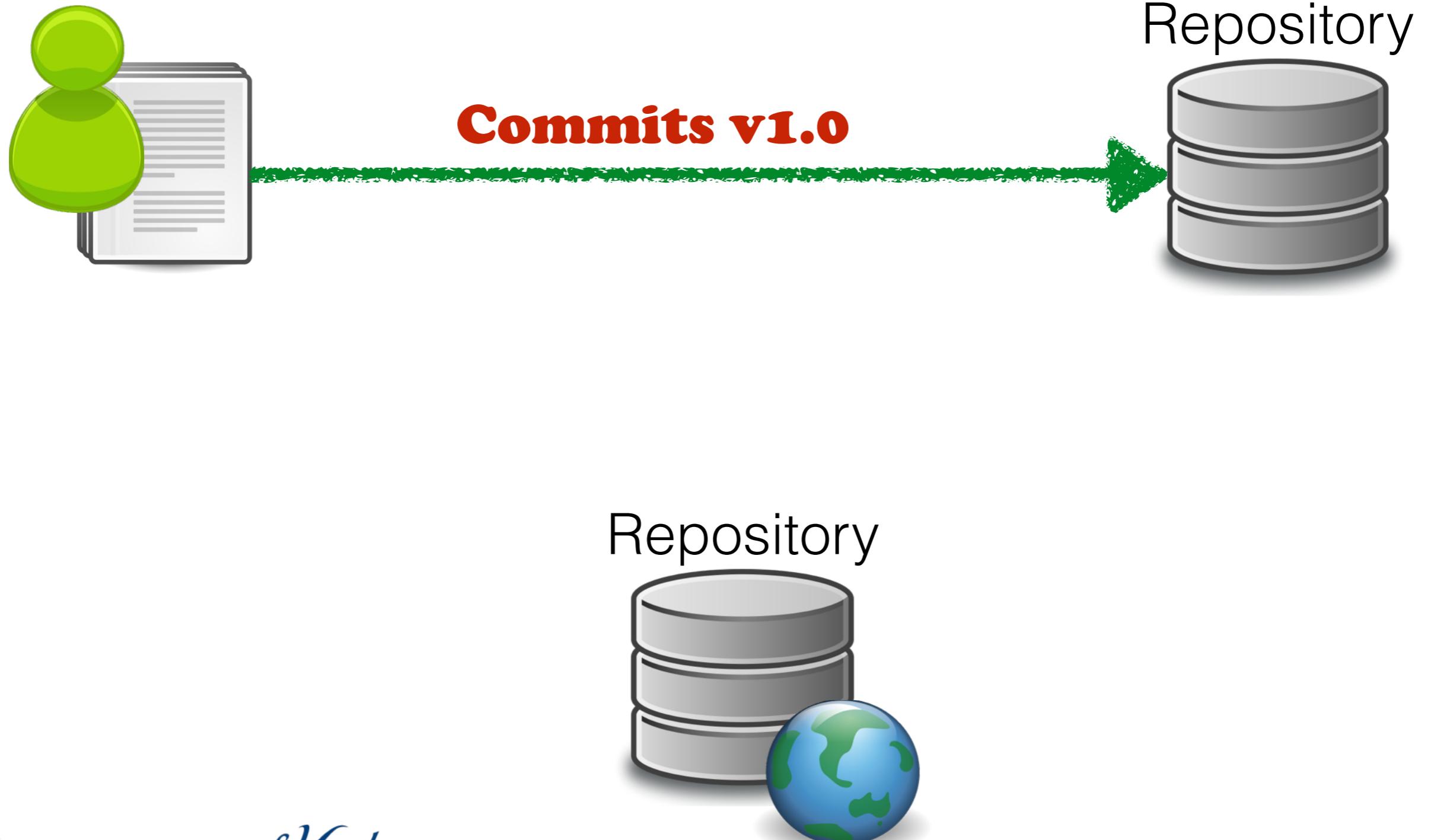
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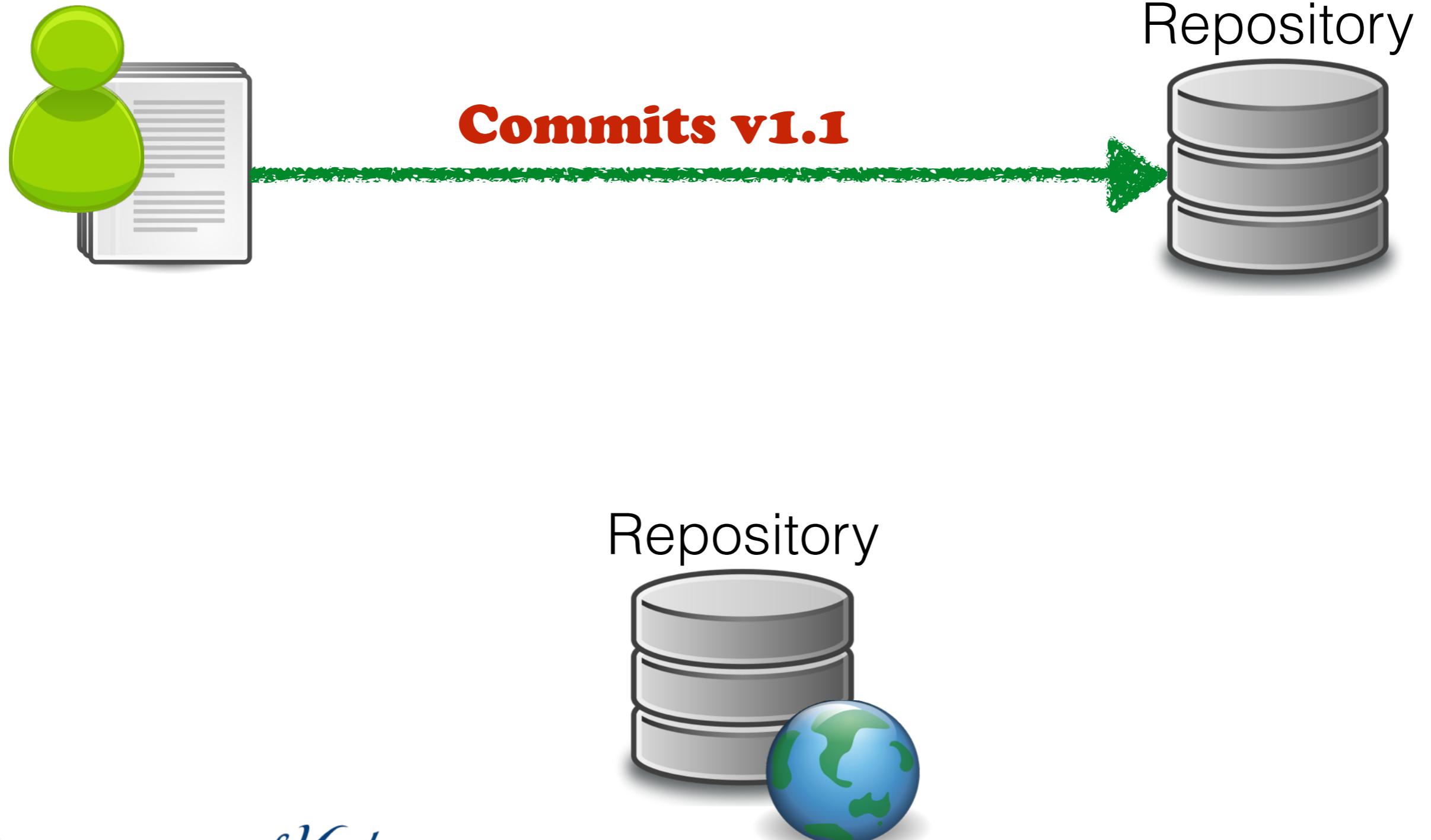
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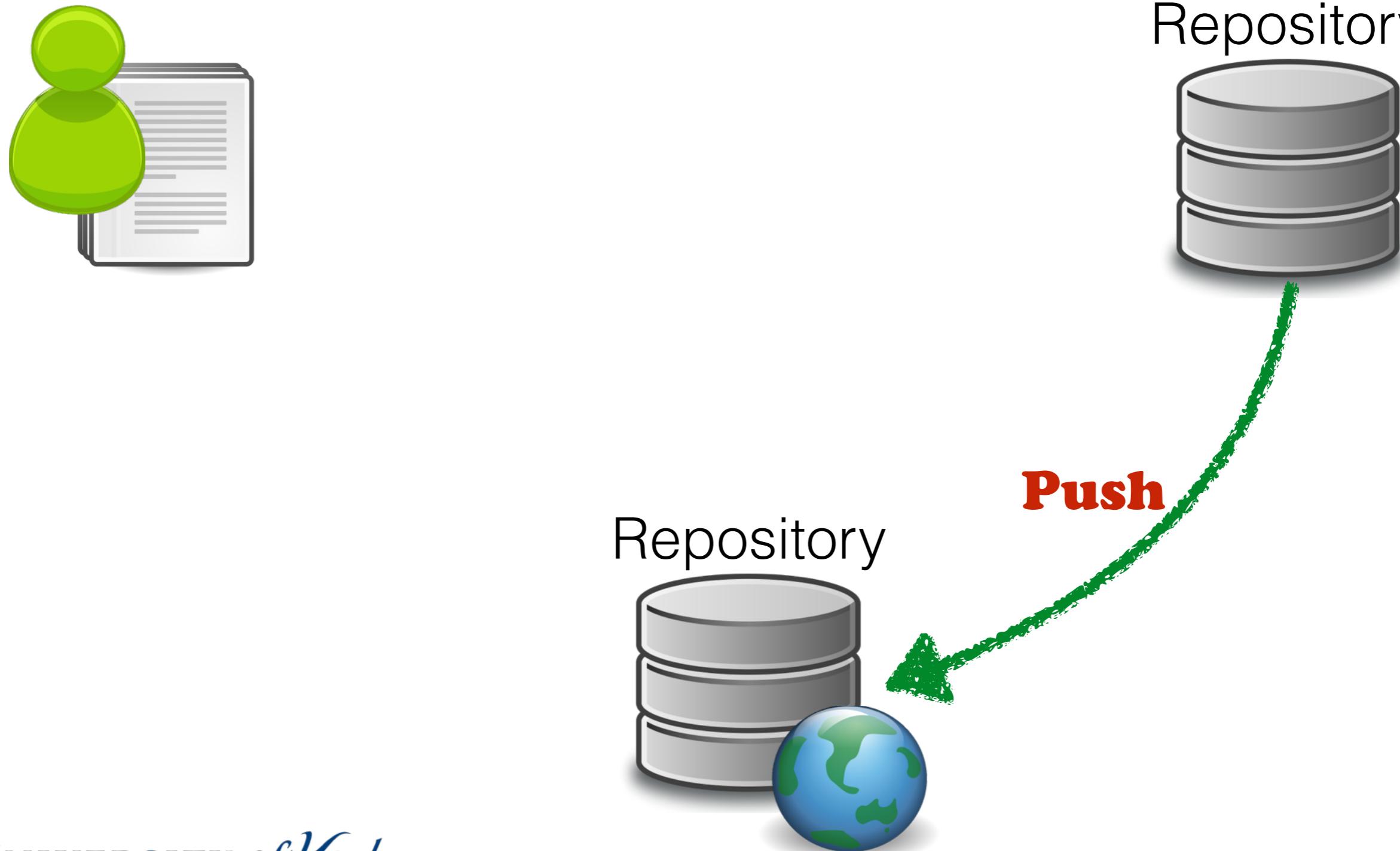
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- Or Eclipse:
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 - Yes, more difficult than SVN (but after a while it is going to be your best friend in group projects)

Practical

- Let's try Git
- 1st part: single-user exercises
- 2nd part: branches, collaboration & conflicts
- 3rd part: rebase, cherrypicking

Part 1

- Navigate to this practical's git repo: <https://github.com/louismrose/VersionControlLecture>
- Follow the instructions under Part 1
- IF YOU'VE FINISHED TAKE A BREAK. WE WILL BE BACK AT **10:35** FOR PART 2.

Part 2

- Collaboration through GUI (SourceTree). I will:
 - Create a repo on GitHub
 - Clone it locally
 - Create files, stage them and commit
 - Invite a collaborator
 - Work together
 - Create and resolve conflicts

Part 3 (optional)

- Having a VCS for your team project is not a requirement
- ... however, I encourage you to do or at least give it a try
- If you are thinking of having one then spent the remaining time on:
 - Choosing which is the best for your needs
 - Experiment with different GUIs and choose which fits you best (or reject them all and use terminal)
 - If you pick Git, then create a repository online (Github or Bitbucket are good services)
 - Add the files you have so far created for your project
 - Try to collaborate
 - If conflicts appear don't panic - try to resolve them