



# Introduction to Git and GitHub

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## **Part 1: Git concepts and vocabulary**

Part 2: Collaborating with GitHub

Part 3: Hands-on activity - Open your own Pull Request



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Open-source version-control software  
on your computer

Probably already installed on your OS:

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git --version
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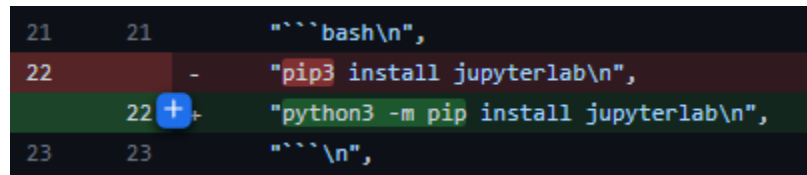
Company owned by Microsoft that  
hosts Git Repositories in the cloud

Alternatives: Bitbucket, GitLab, GitHub  
Enterprise

Provides features for sharing code,  
collaborating, raising issues, project  
tracking and more

# What is “version-control” any ways?

- “a system that records changes to a file or set of files over time so that you can recall specific versions later.” - git-scm.com

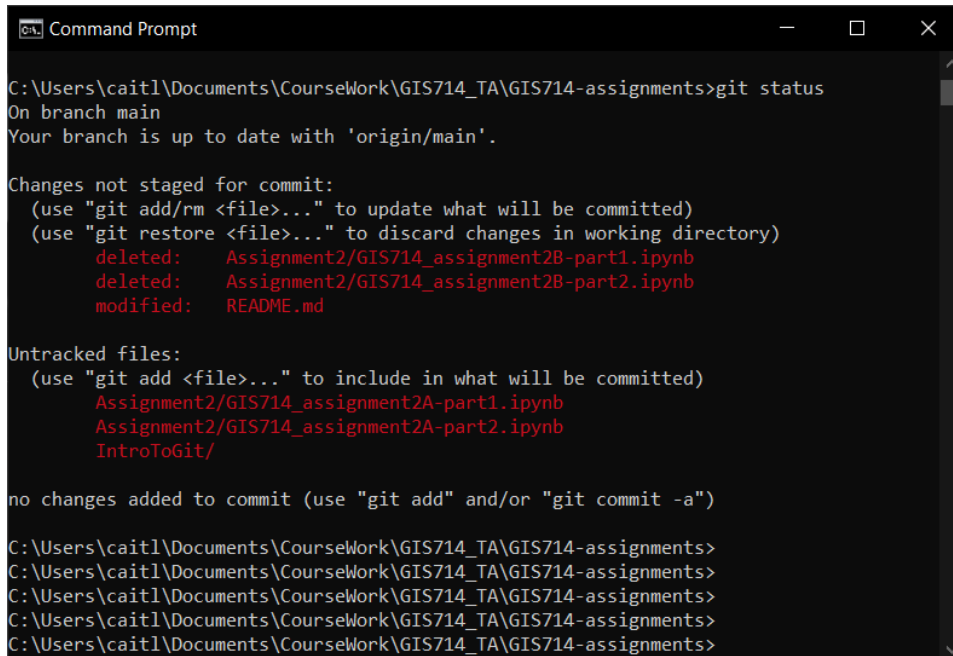


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22      -      "pip3 install jupyterlab\n",  
    22 +      "python3 -m pip install jupyterlab\n",  
23      23      """\n",
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- Keeps track of multiple versions of a set of files (branches)
- Allows you to move back to older versions without deleting current work (revert/reset/checkout)

# How do I use Git on my local machine?

- Command Line Interface (CLI)
  - [Install Git](#)
  - [Configure SSH Key Authentication with GitHub](#)
- Graphical User Interfaces
  - GitHub Desktop, GitKraken, SourceTree



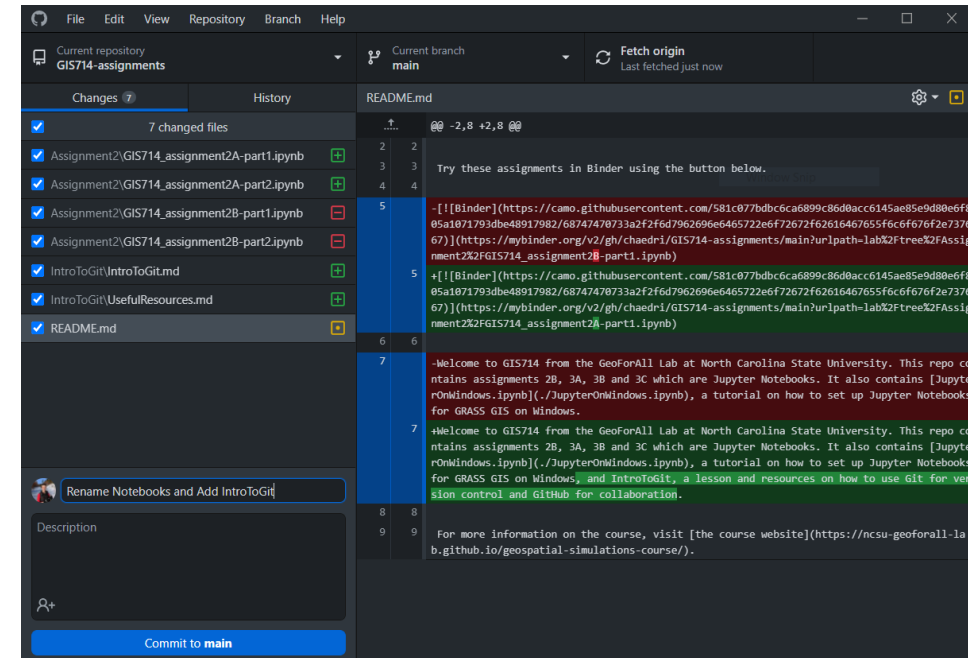
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C:\Users\caitl\Documents\CourseWork\GIS714_TA\GIS714-assignments>git status
On branch main
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.

Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add/rm <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
       deleted:    Assignment2/GIS714_assignment2B-part1.ipynb
       deleted:    Assignment2/GIS714_assignment2B-part2.ipynb
       modified:   README.md

Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
       Assignment2/GIS714_assignment2A-part1.ipynb
       Assignment2/GIS714_assignment2A-part2.ipynb
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no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")

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# Basic Git: Get Started

Get started:

1. `git init`
2. Download/clone existing repo



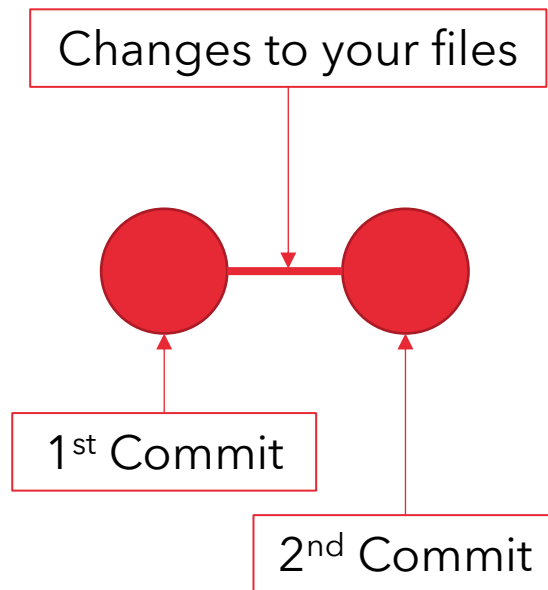
- .git (hidden folder)

- .gitignore

- README

- yourfiles

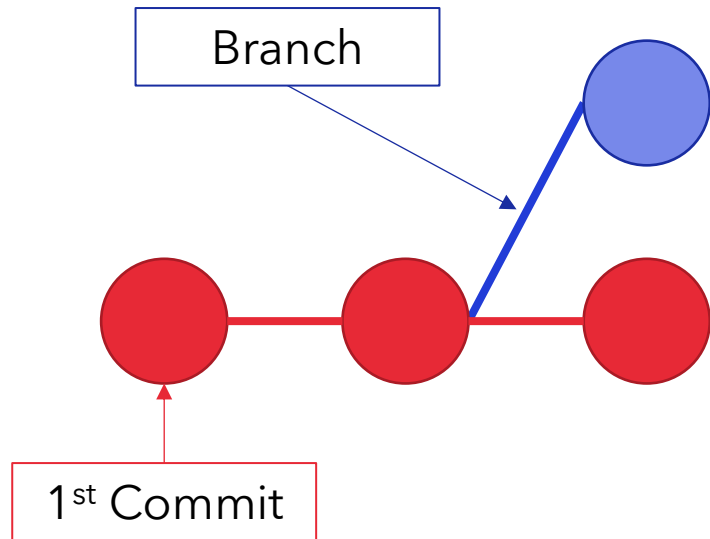
# Basic Git: Commit



Commit your changes:

1. `git status` to see current state of directory
2. `git add` files that you want to commit
3. `git commit` changes with descriptions ("-m" flag)

# Basic Git: Branch



Make a branch

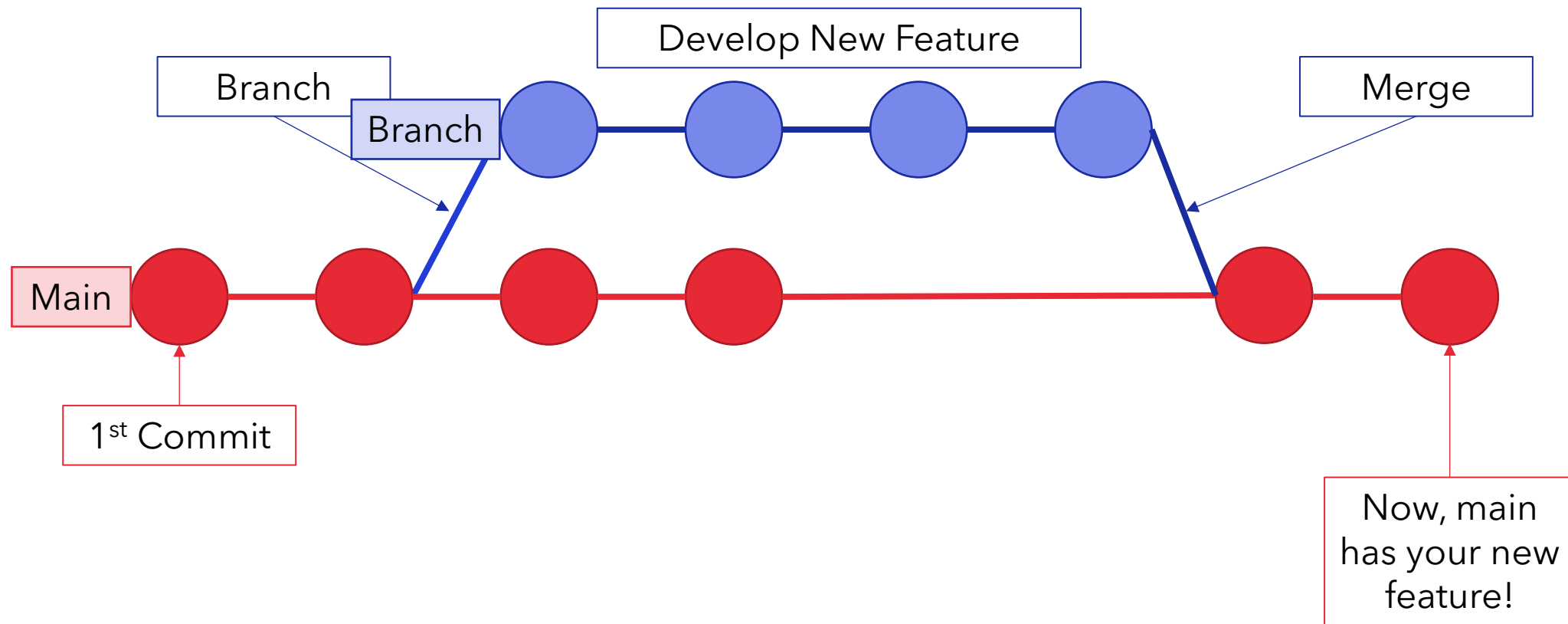
1. `git commit`
2. `git branch new-branch-name`
3. `git checkout new-branch-name`

... shortcut for 2 and 3:

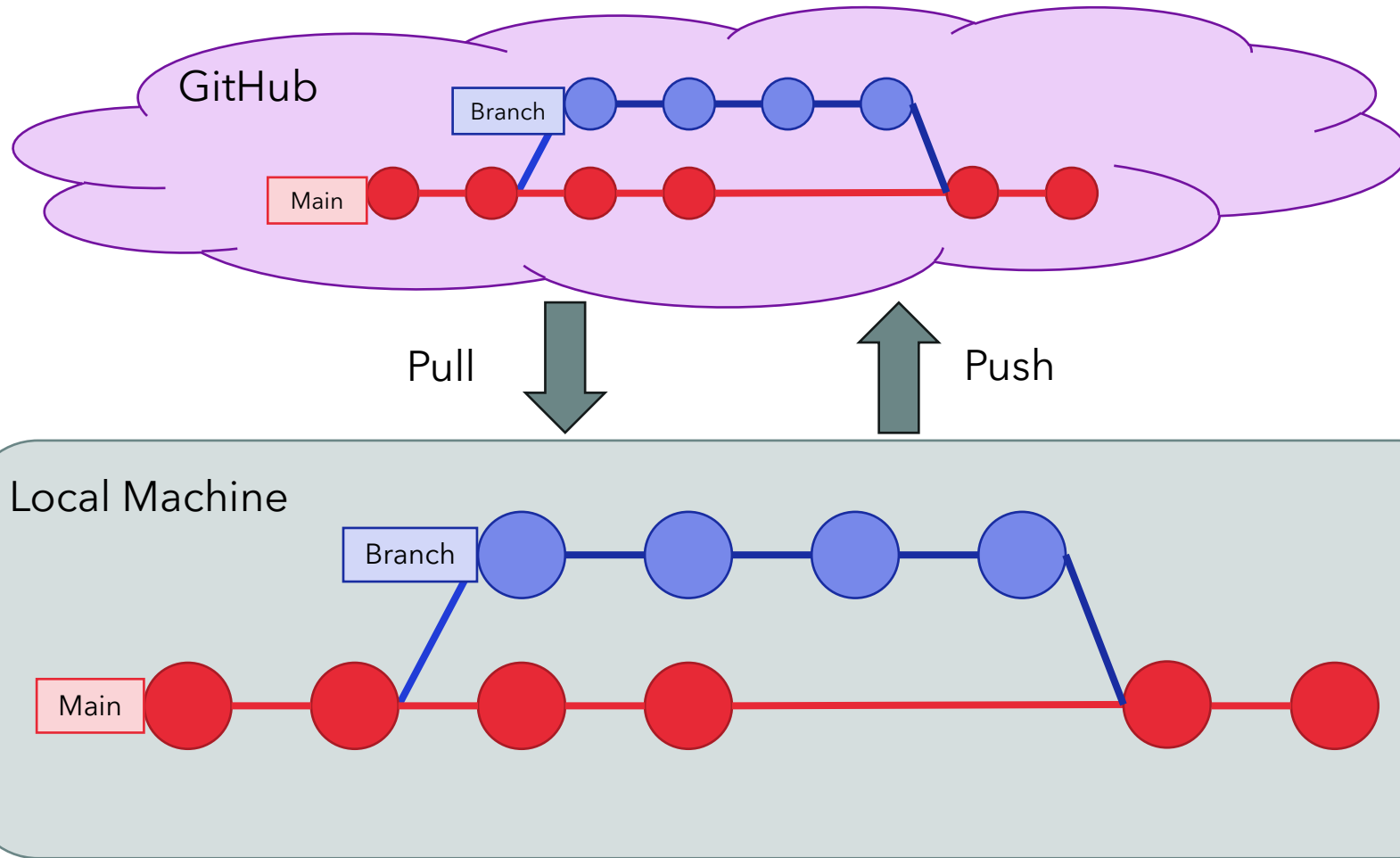
`git checkout -b new-branch-name`



# Basic Git: Branch and Merge



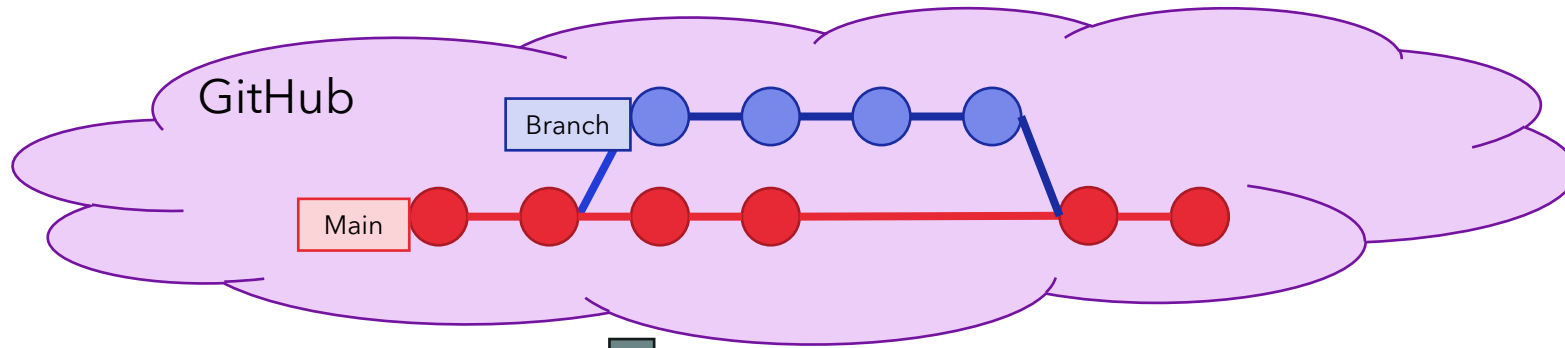
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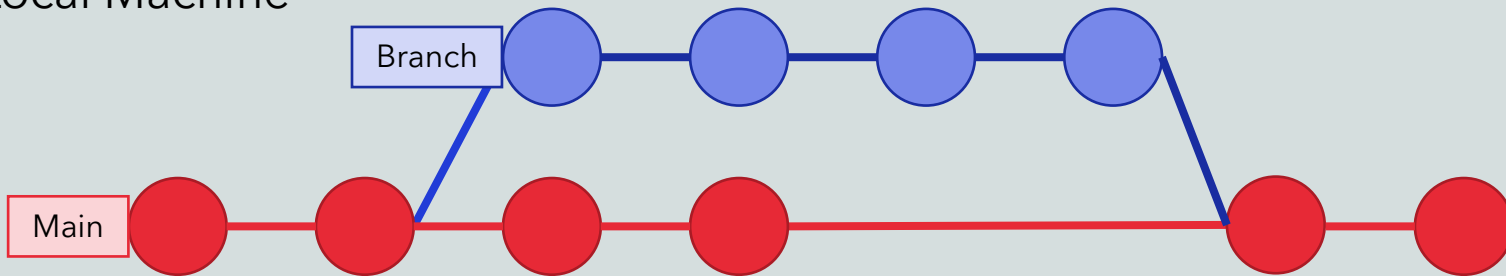
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Clone



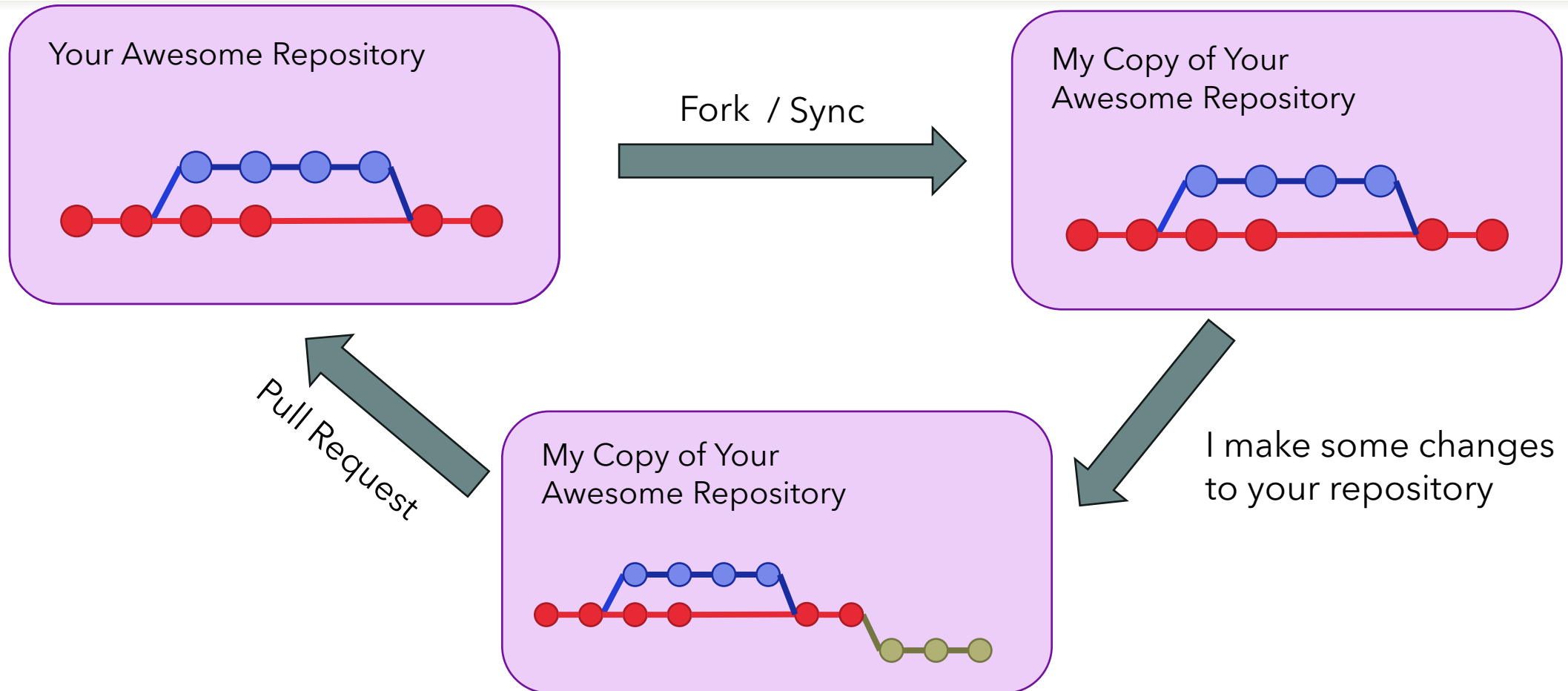
Local Machine



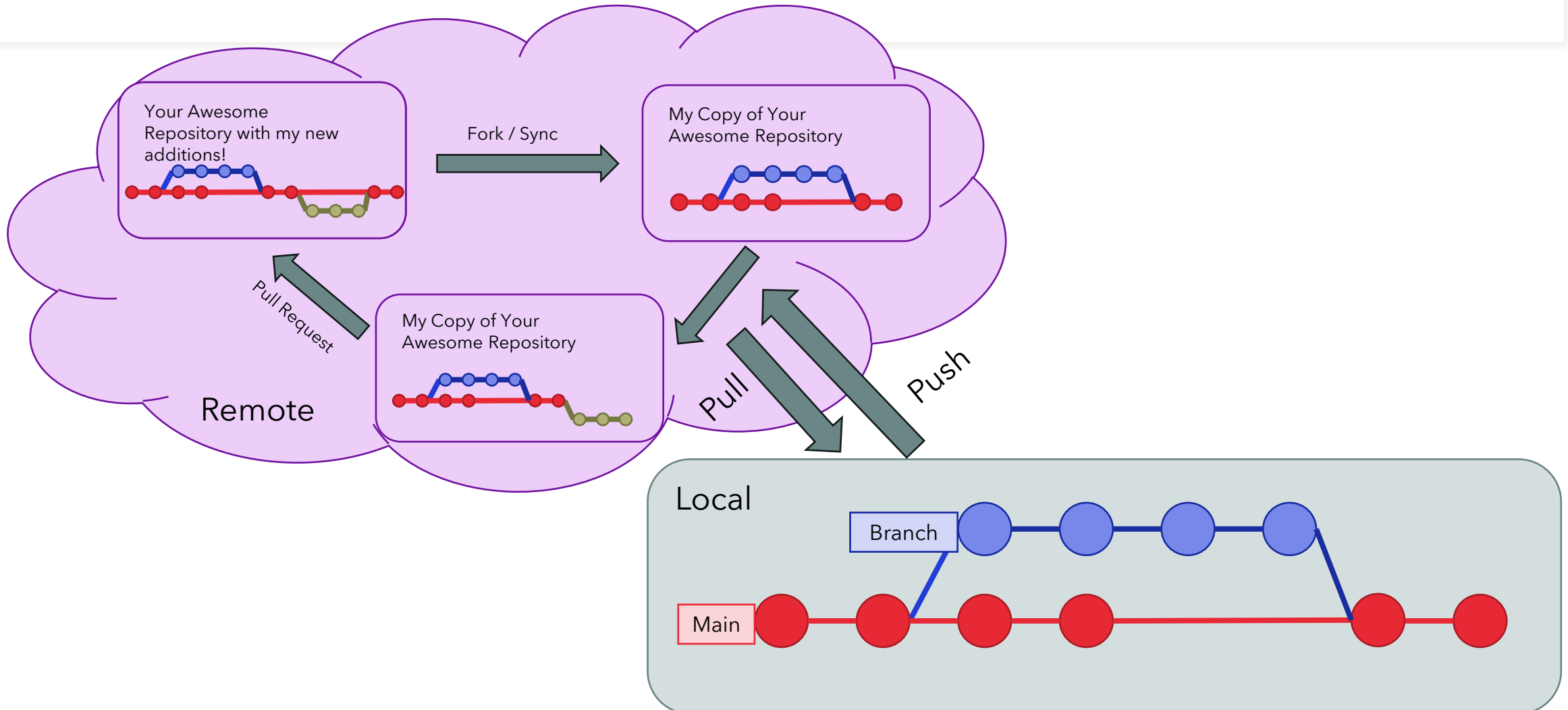
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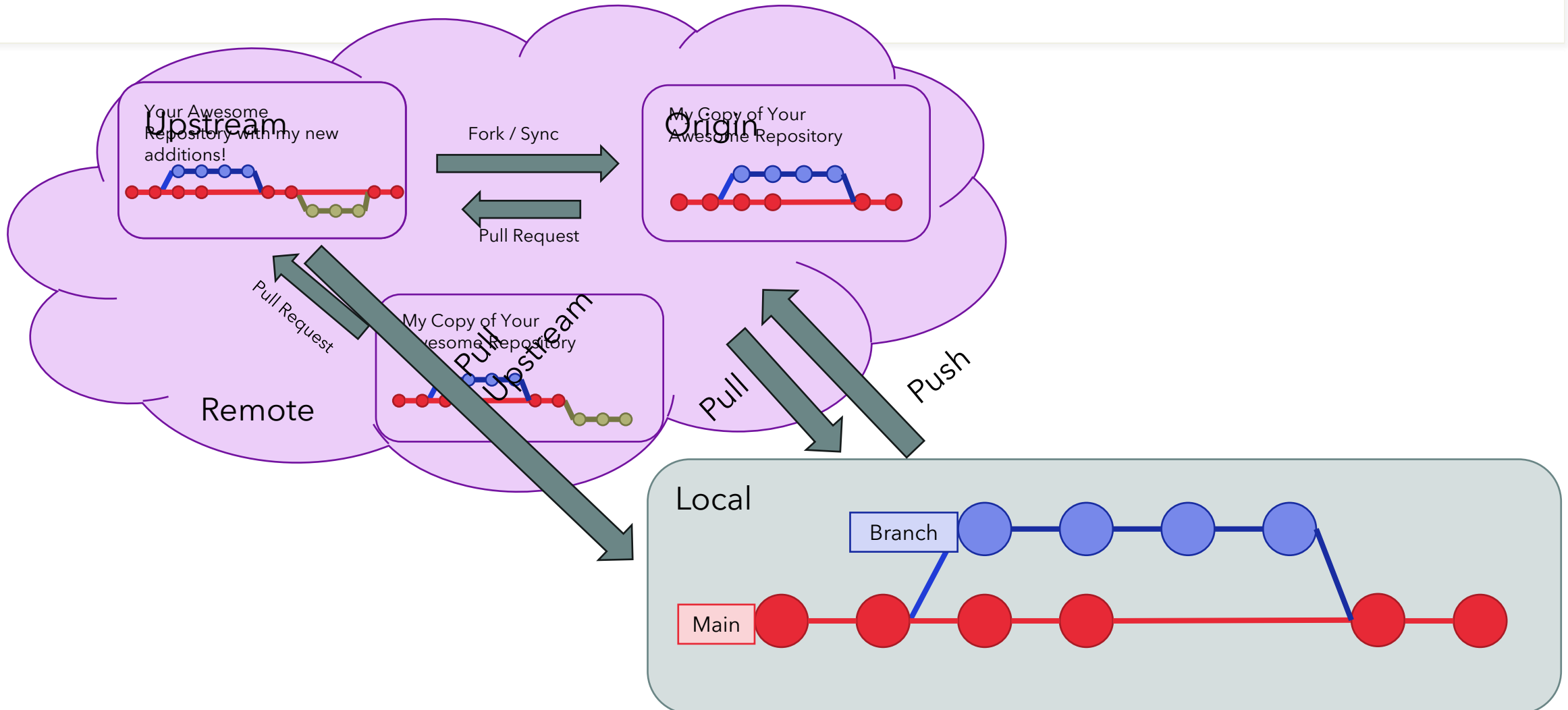
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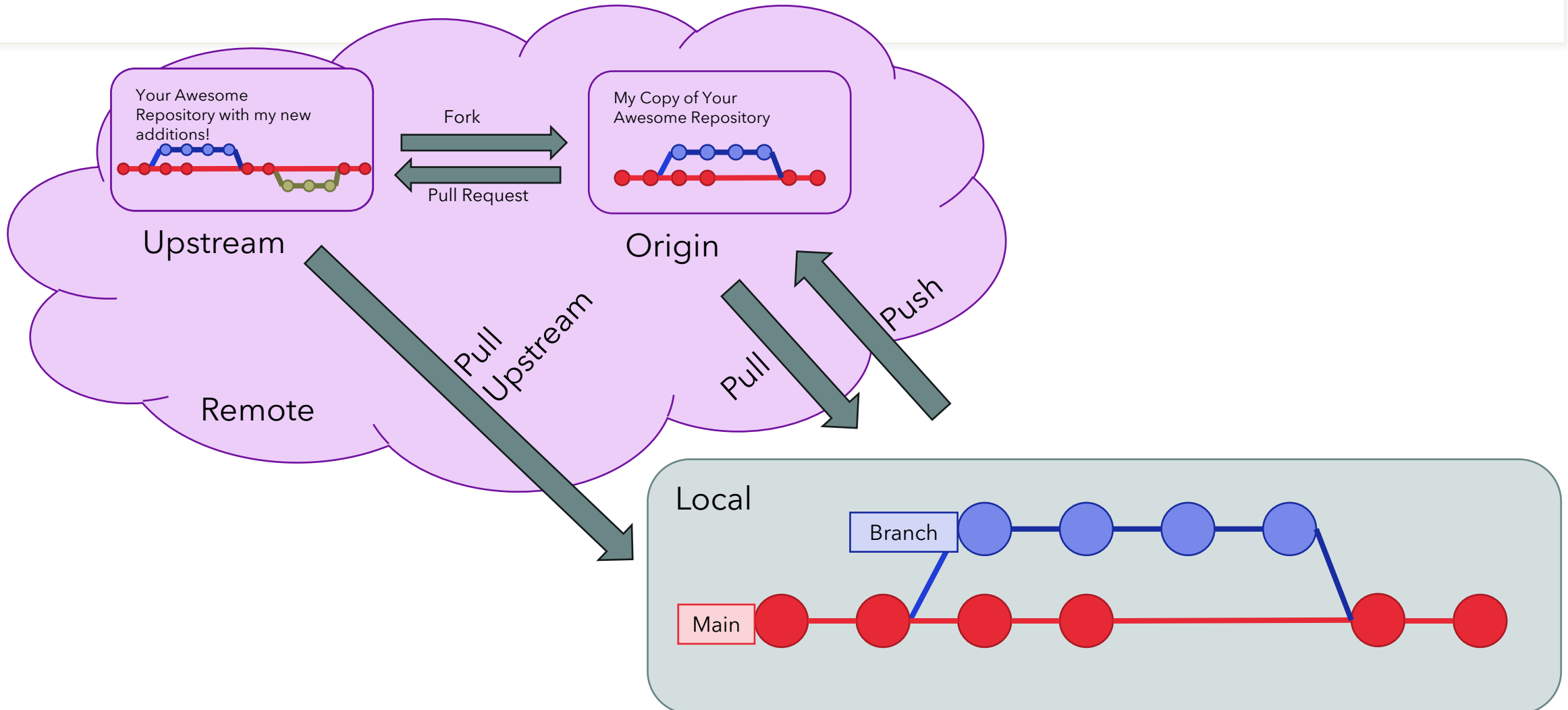
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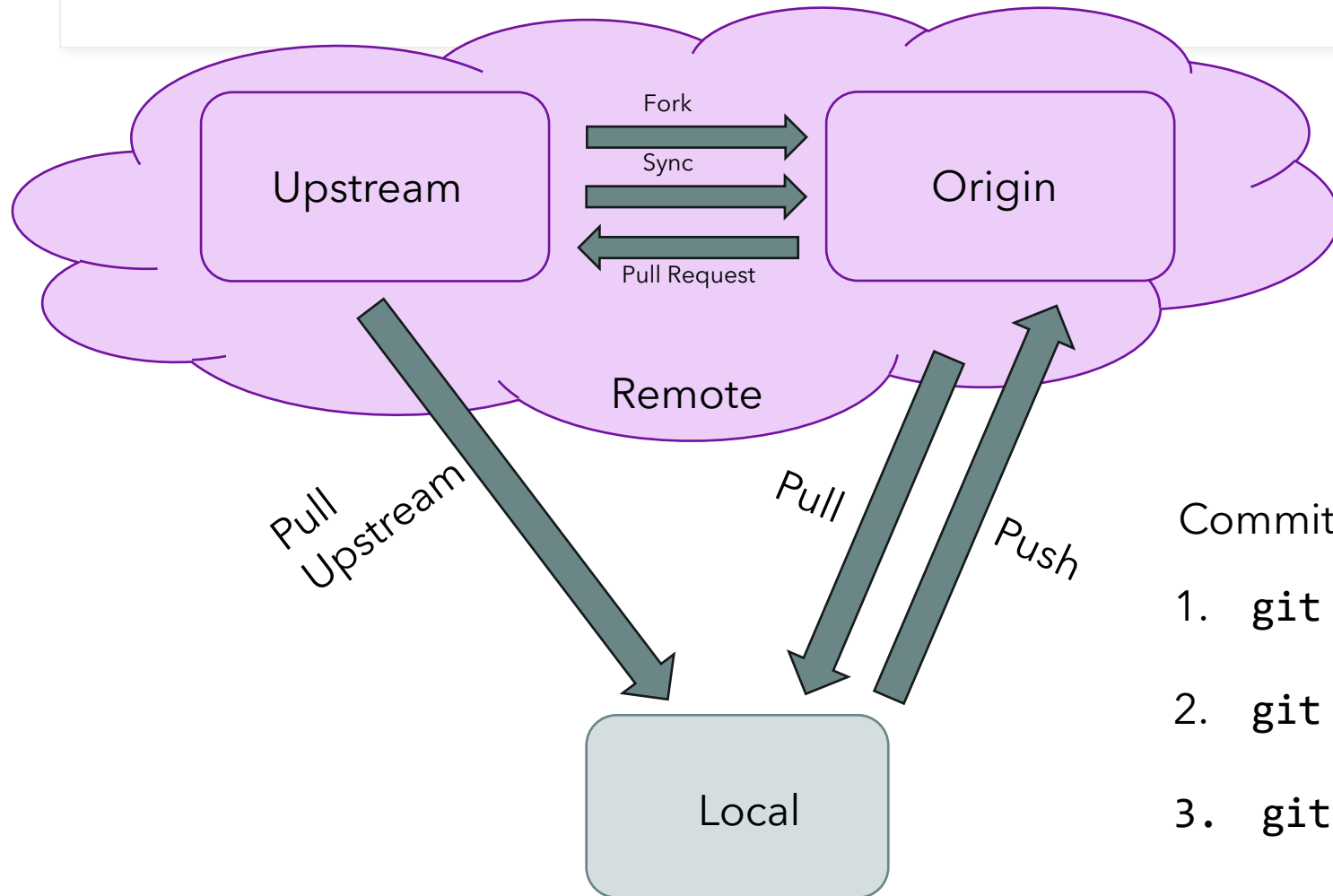
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# In Summary



Commit your changes:

1. `git status` to see current state of directory
2. `git add` files that you want to commit
3. `git commit -m "{description}"`





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