Git

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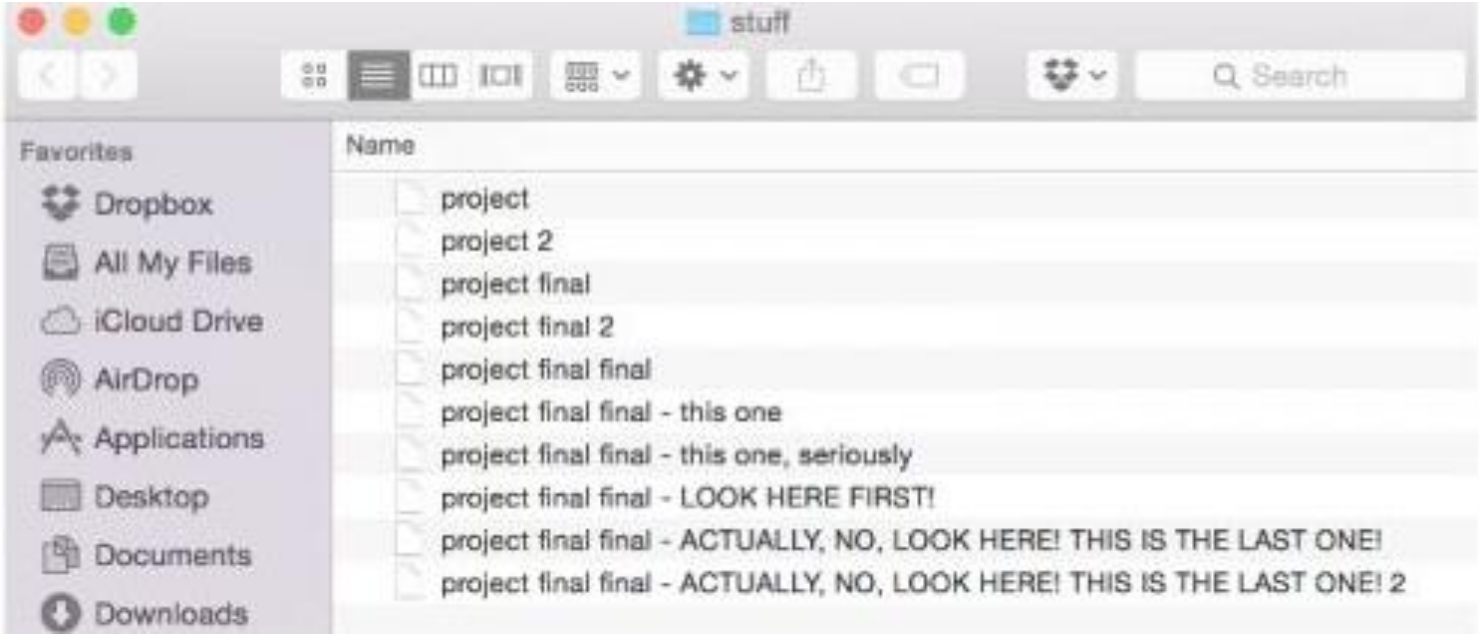
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Motivation

For each codebase (repository) I own, I want to write code where:

1. Iterating on different versions of the code is easy
2. Work is backed up to and hosted on the cloud
3. Collaboration is productive

GitHub vs Git

GitHub --> [browser] a **website** to **backup and host your files**

Git --> [terminal] a **version control system**

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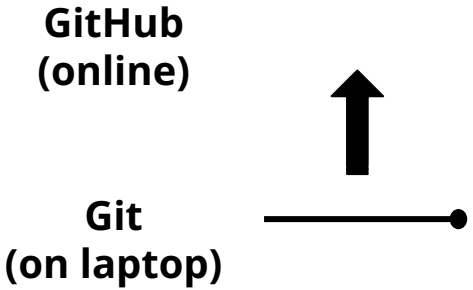

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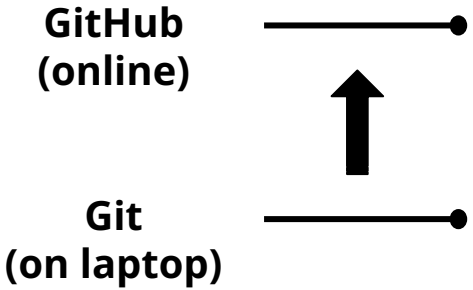

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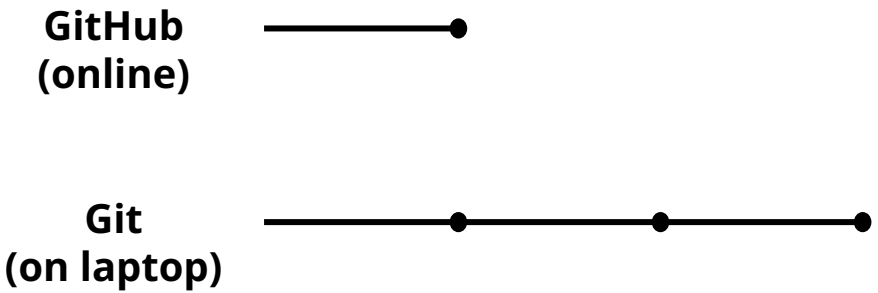

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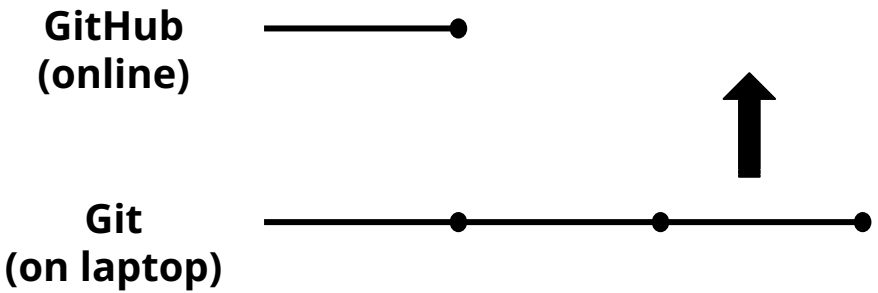

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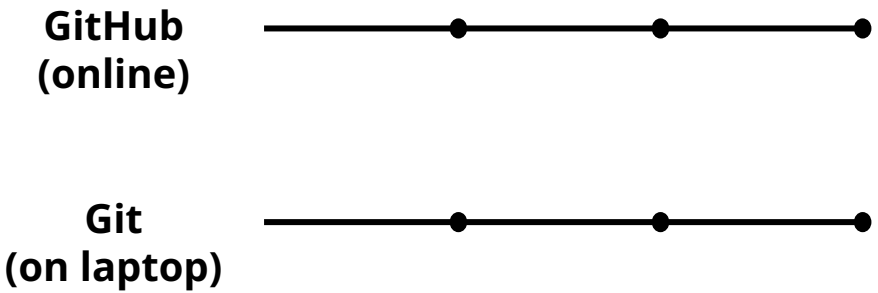

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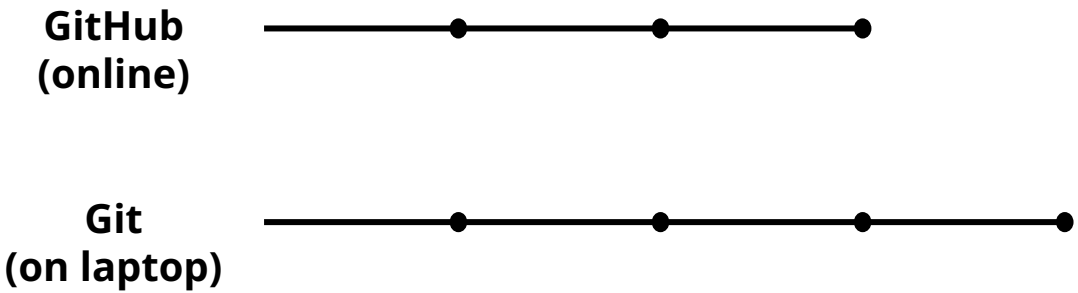

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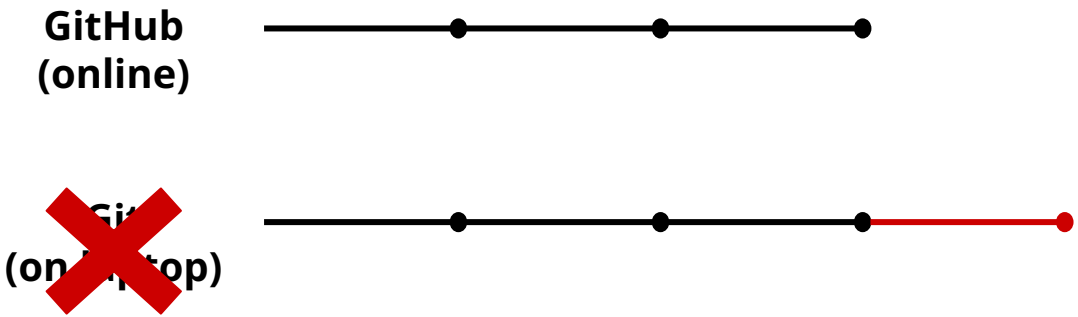

Initialize a repository

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git init
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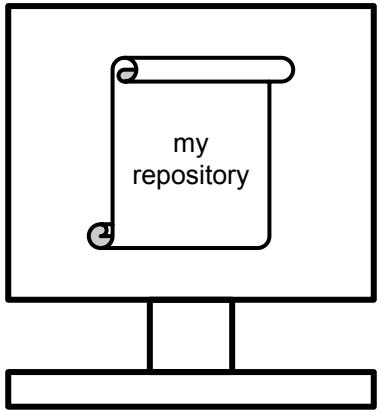

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Add and Commit changes

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git add <files>
git commit -m “some message”
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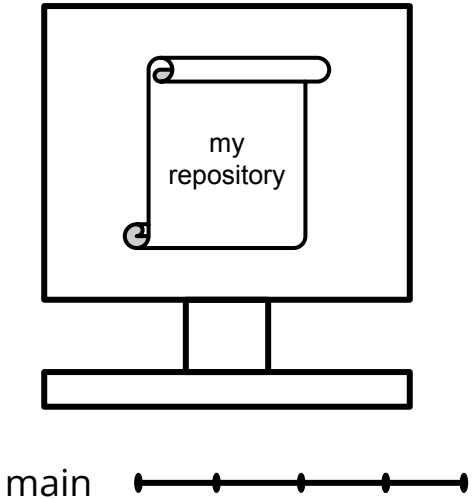

Add a remote that points to GitHub

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git remote add origin <link>
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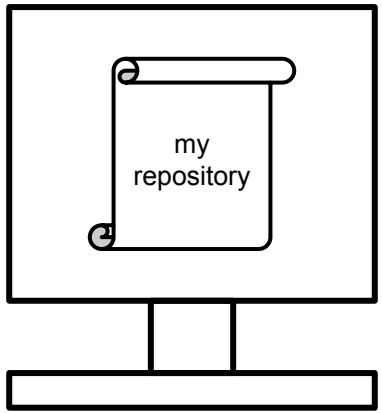

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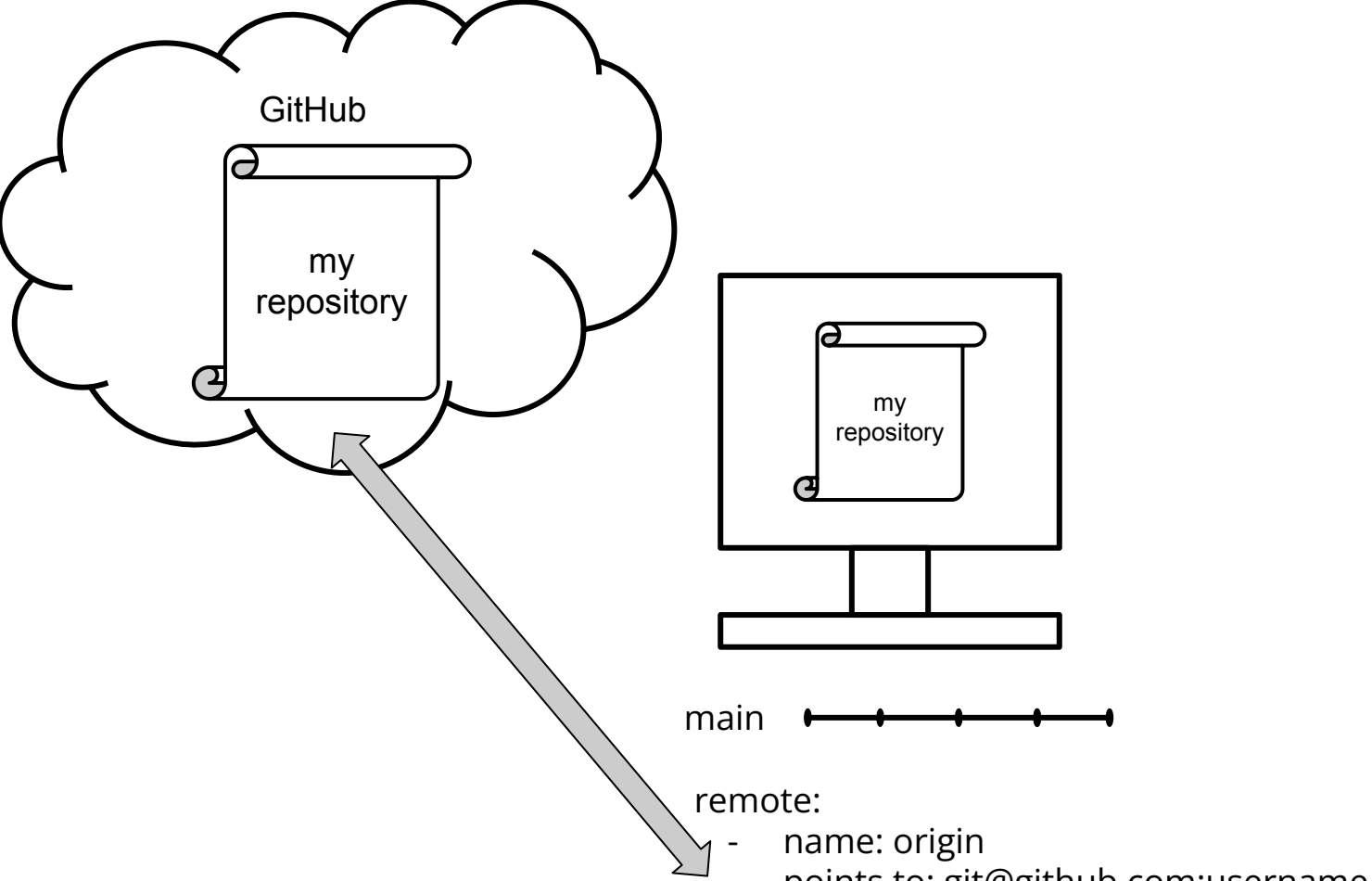

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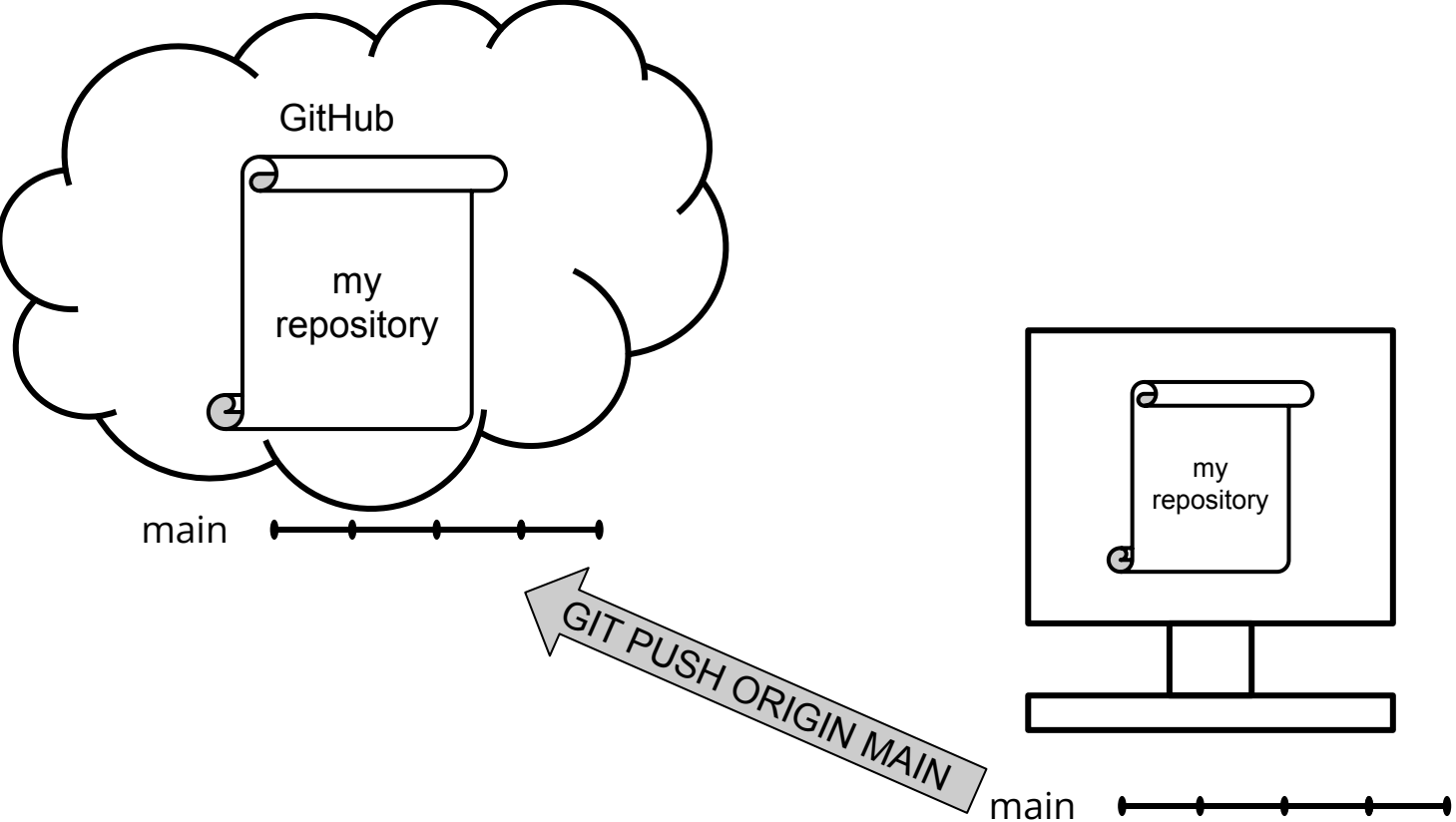

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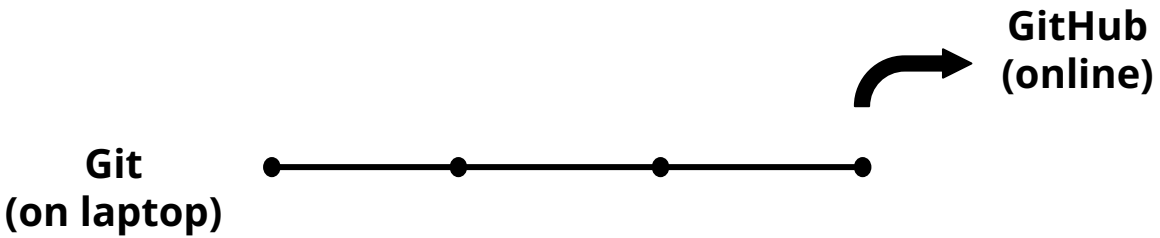

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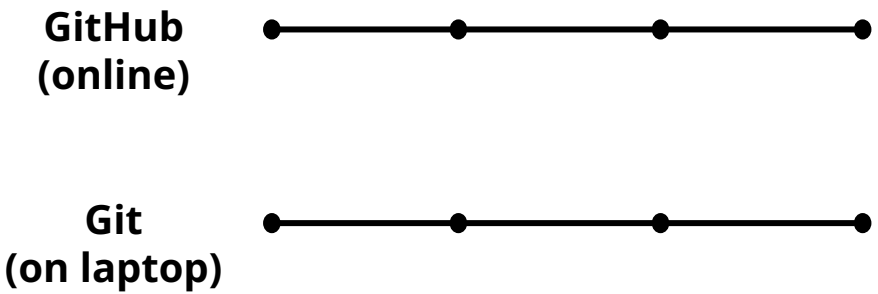

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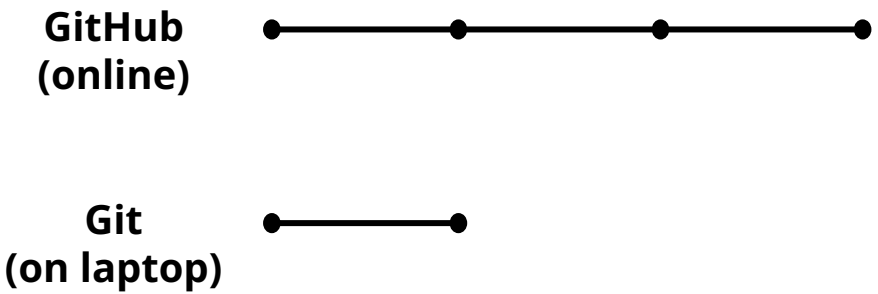

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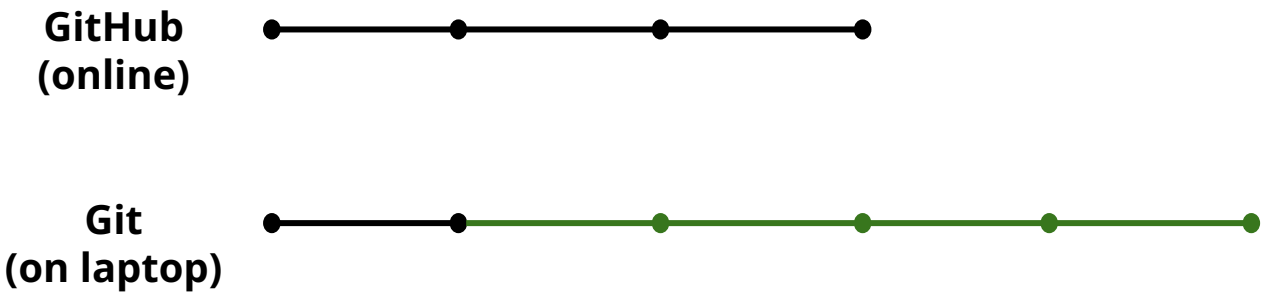

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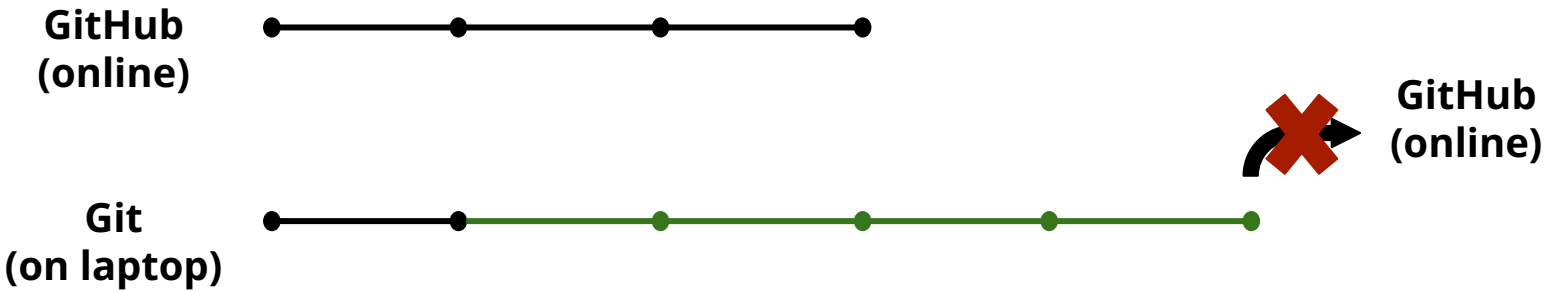

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Looks like we need:

1. A way to preserve both versions of history
2. A way to overwrite history if we choose (this is dangerous as we will lose that history)

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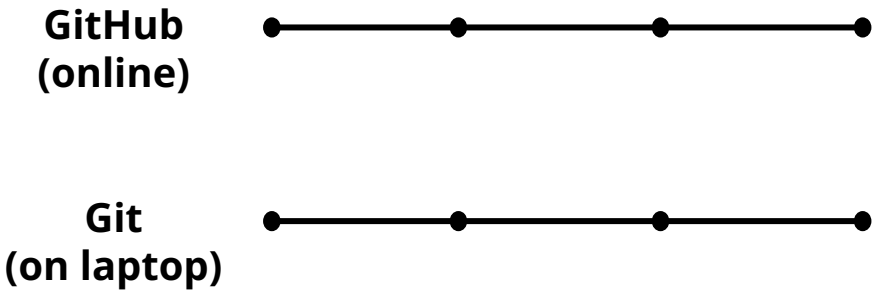
Let’s try that again!



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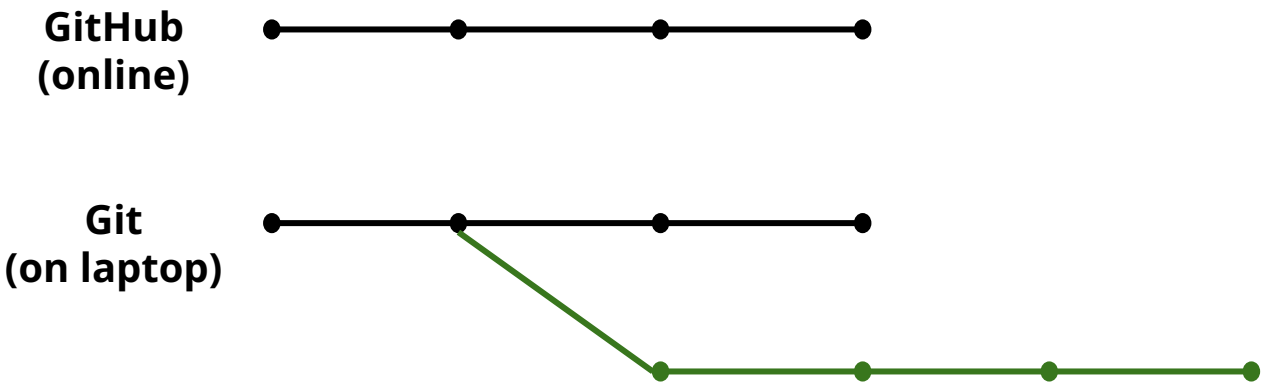
We will **branch** off of that particular commit



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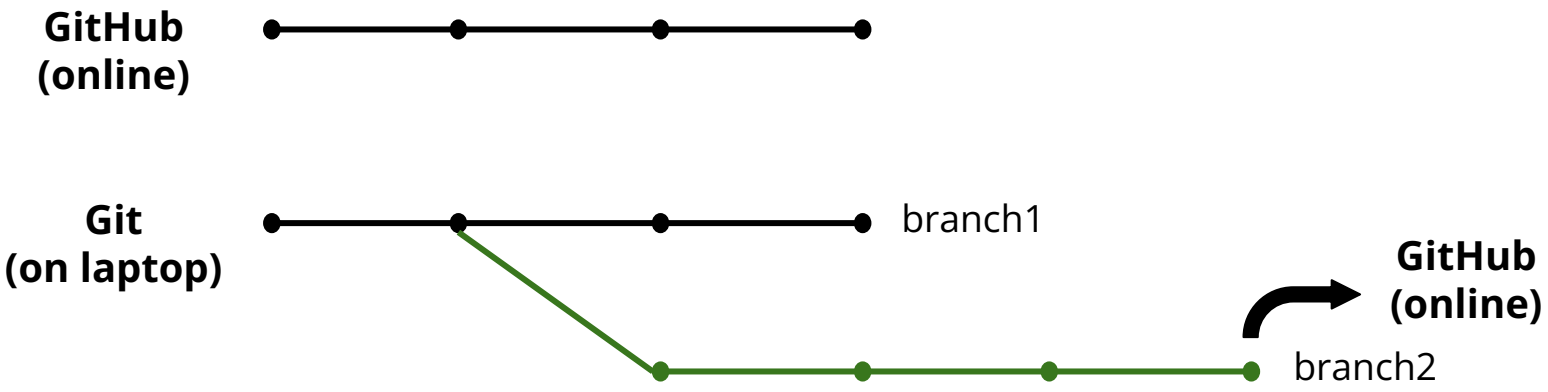

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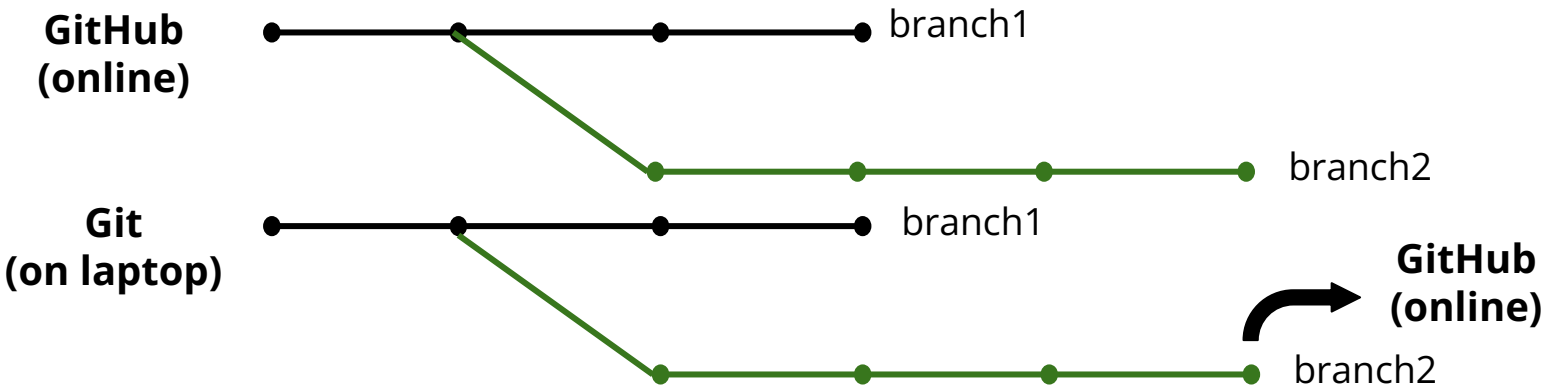

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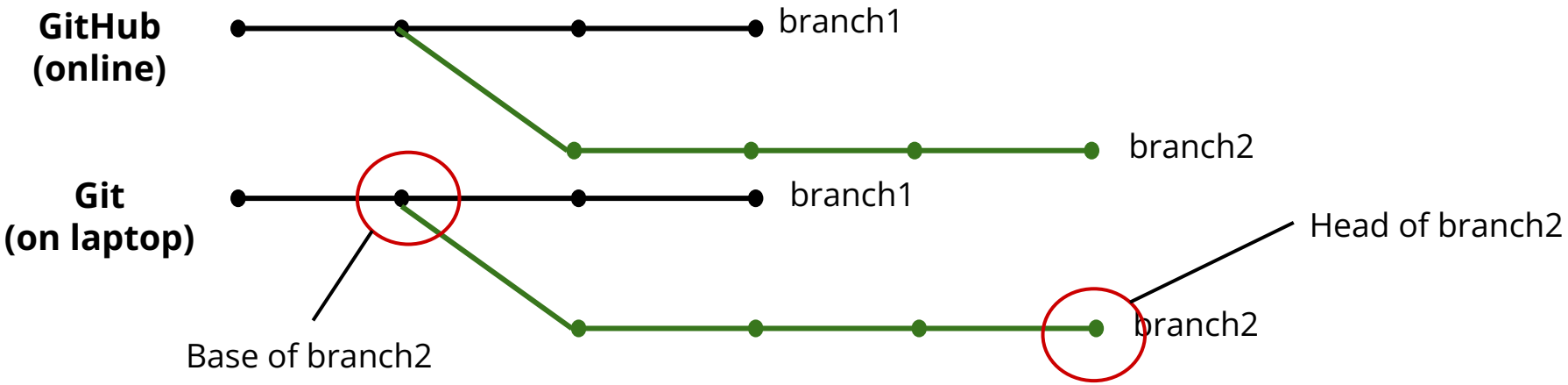

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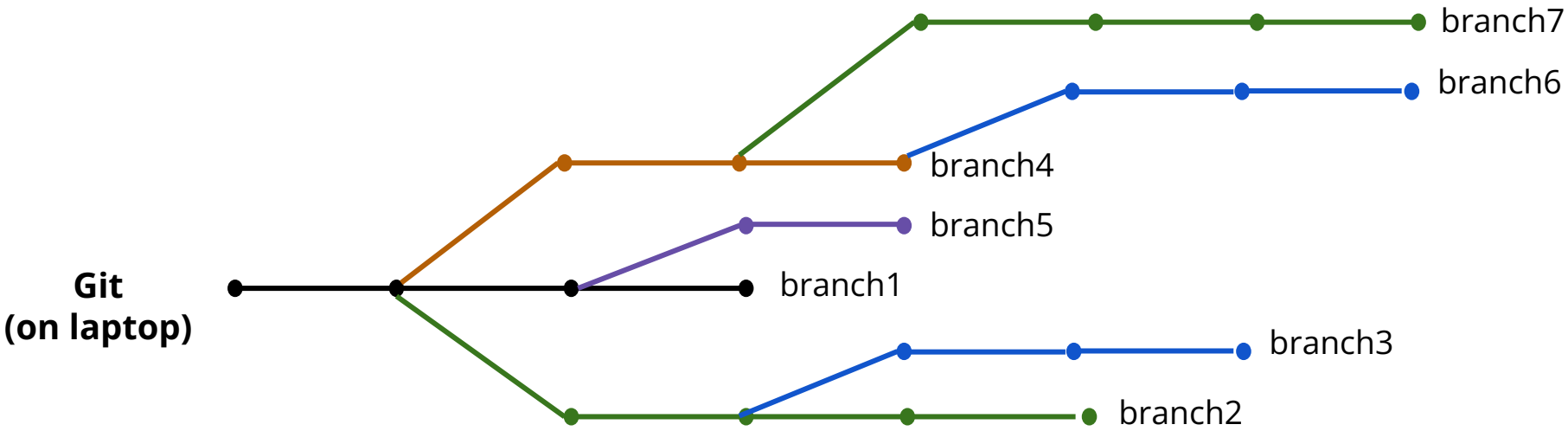

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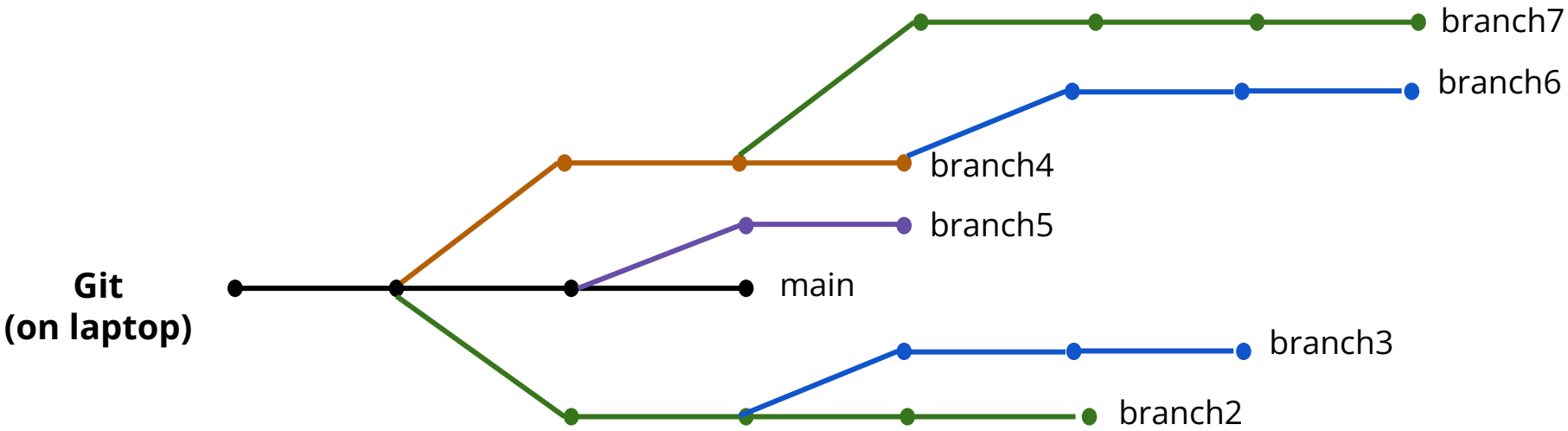
But one branch needs to chosen as the primary, stable branch

This branch is typically called the “main” branch



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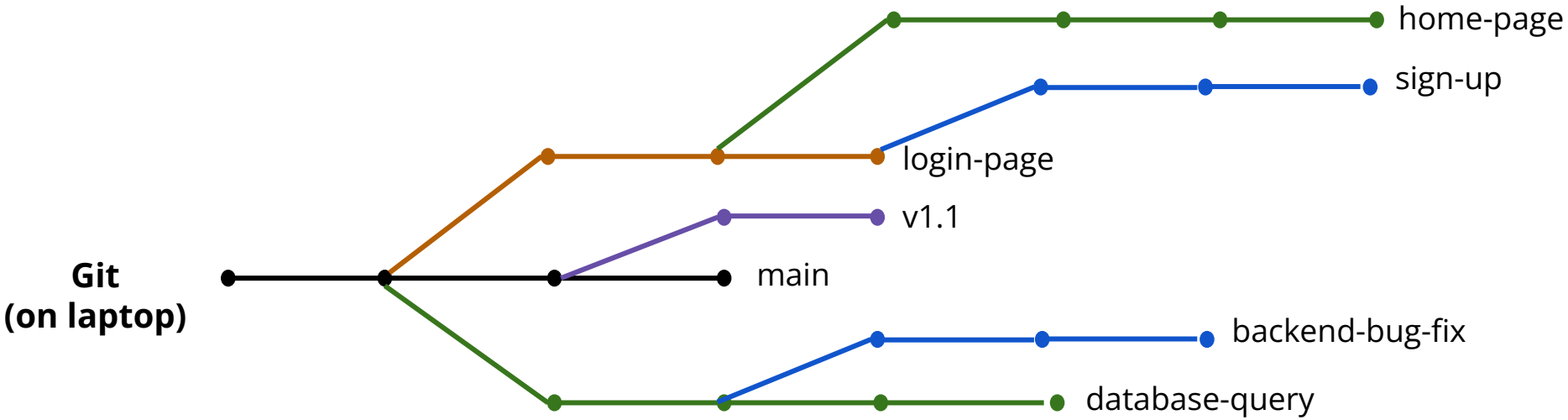
Other branches are usually named after either the feature that is being developed on or the major or minor version of the software / product



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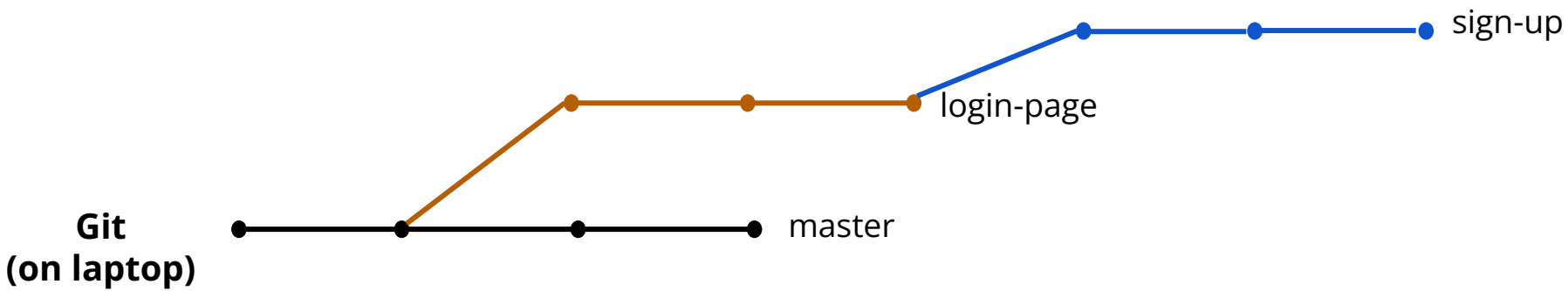

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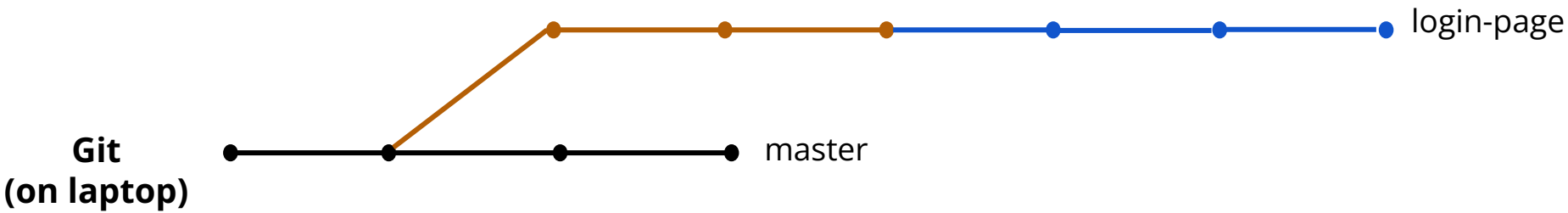
Merging is trivial if the **base** of one branch is the **head** of the other - the changes are “simply” appended.



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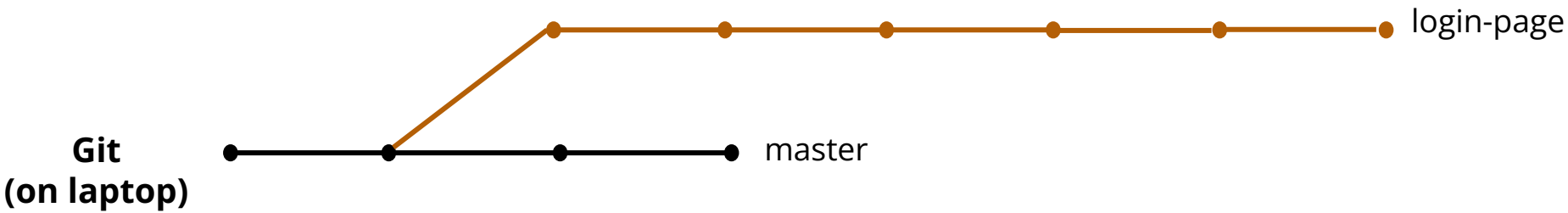

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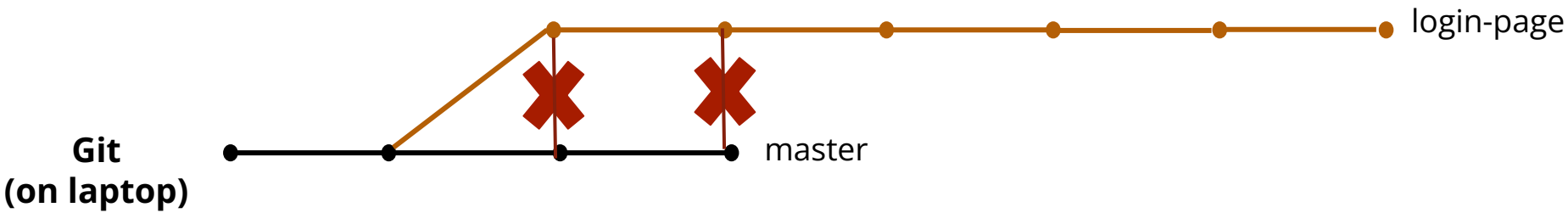

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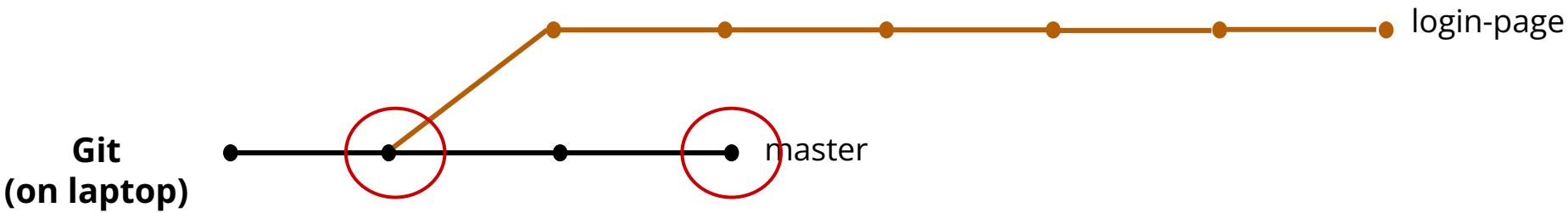

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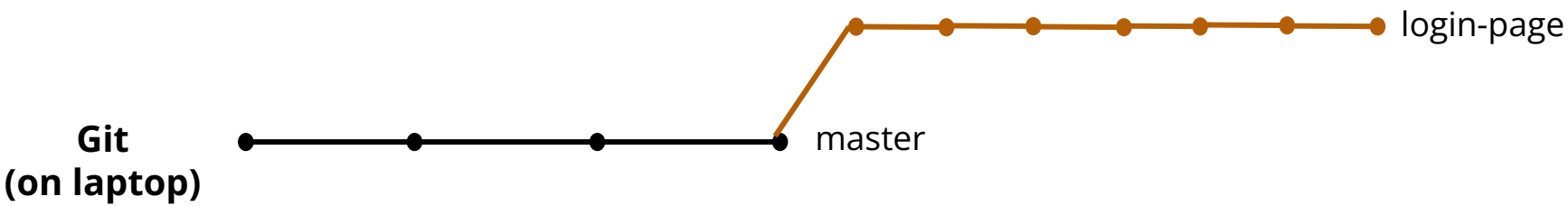

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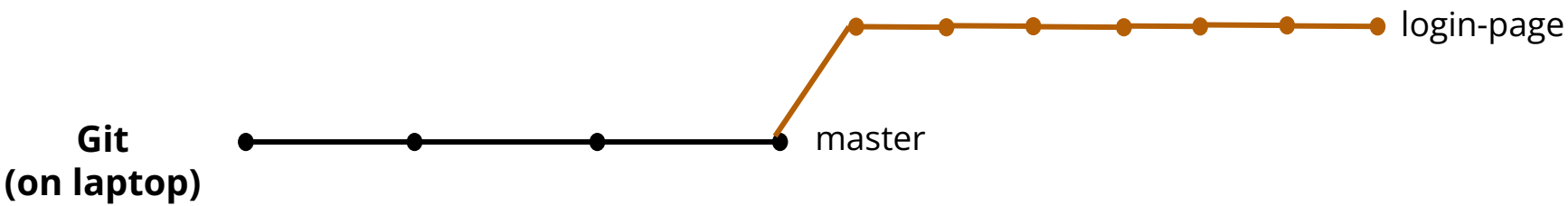

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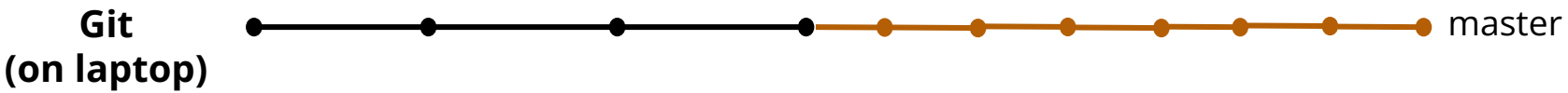

Collaboration

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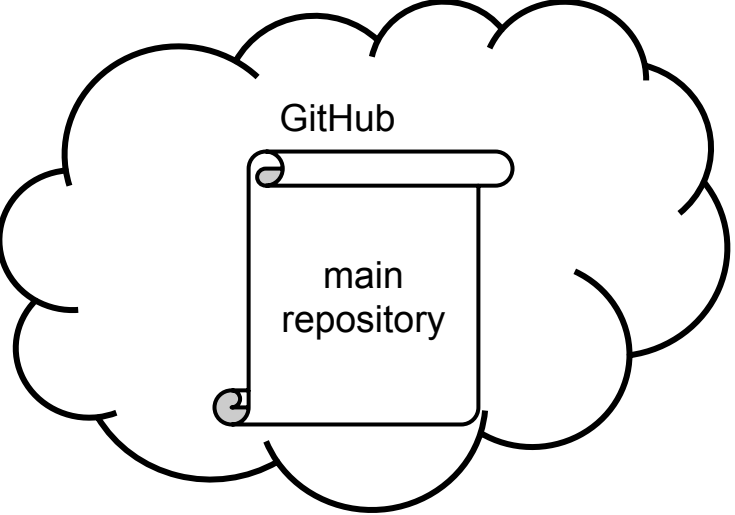
Other repos can be thought of as other branches.

In order to contribute code, collaborators must:

1. Make a copy (**fork**) of the main repository
2. Make all the changes they want to this copy
3. Request that part of their copy be merged into the main repository via a **Pull Request** (PR)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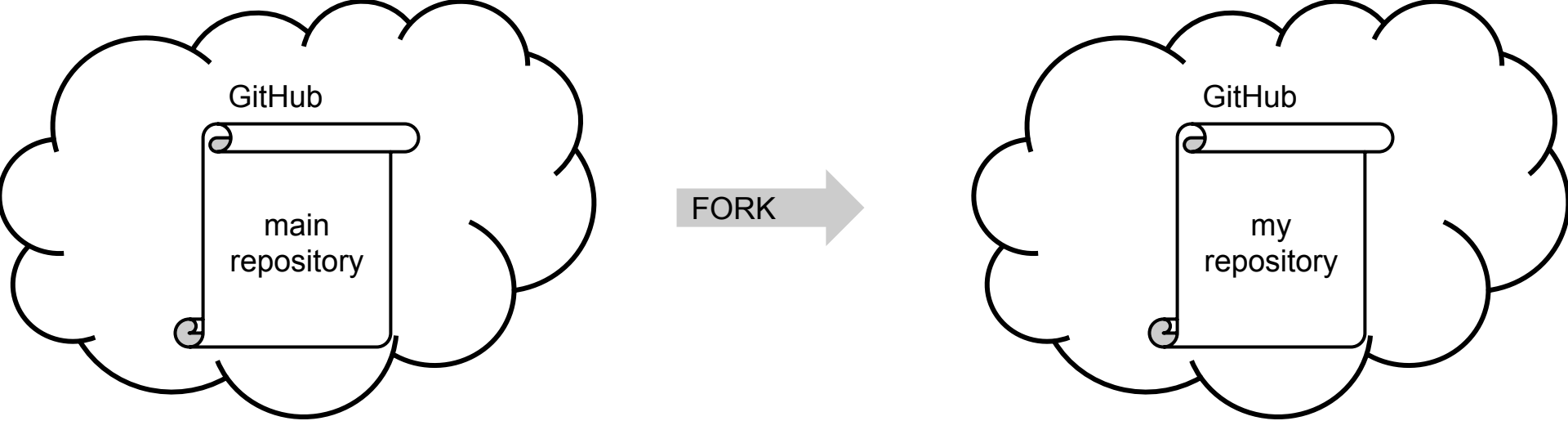
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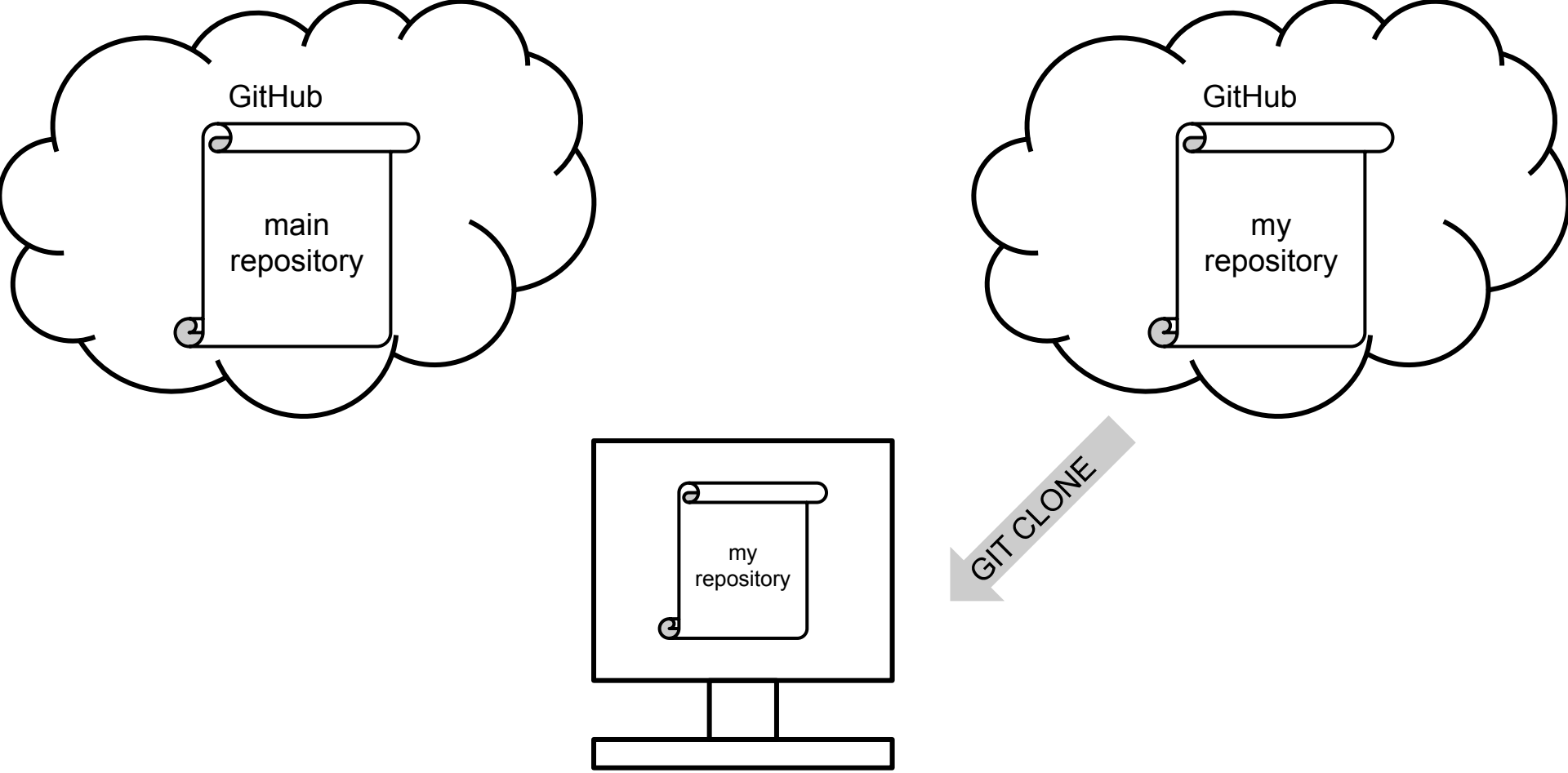
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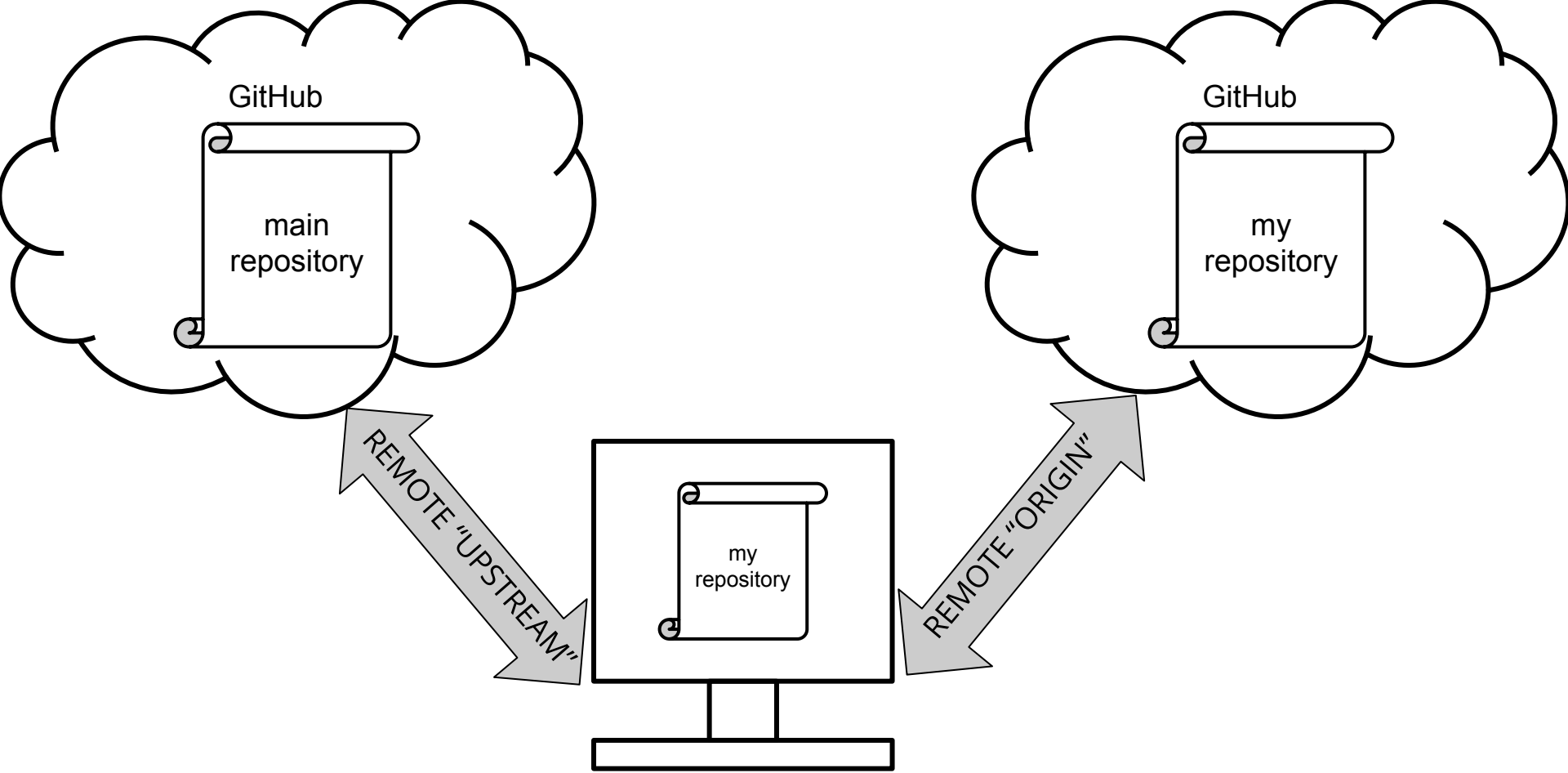
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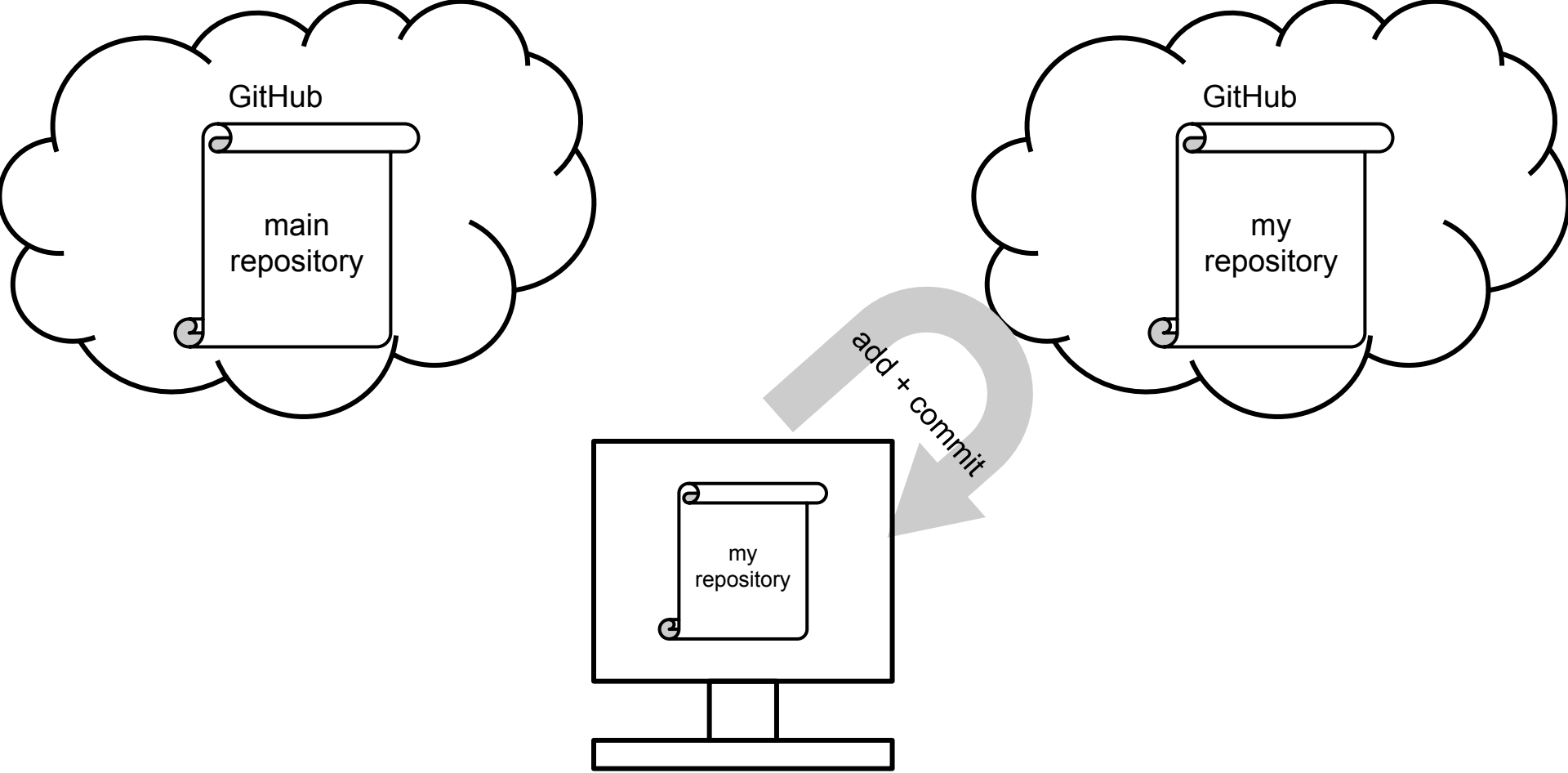
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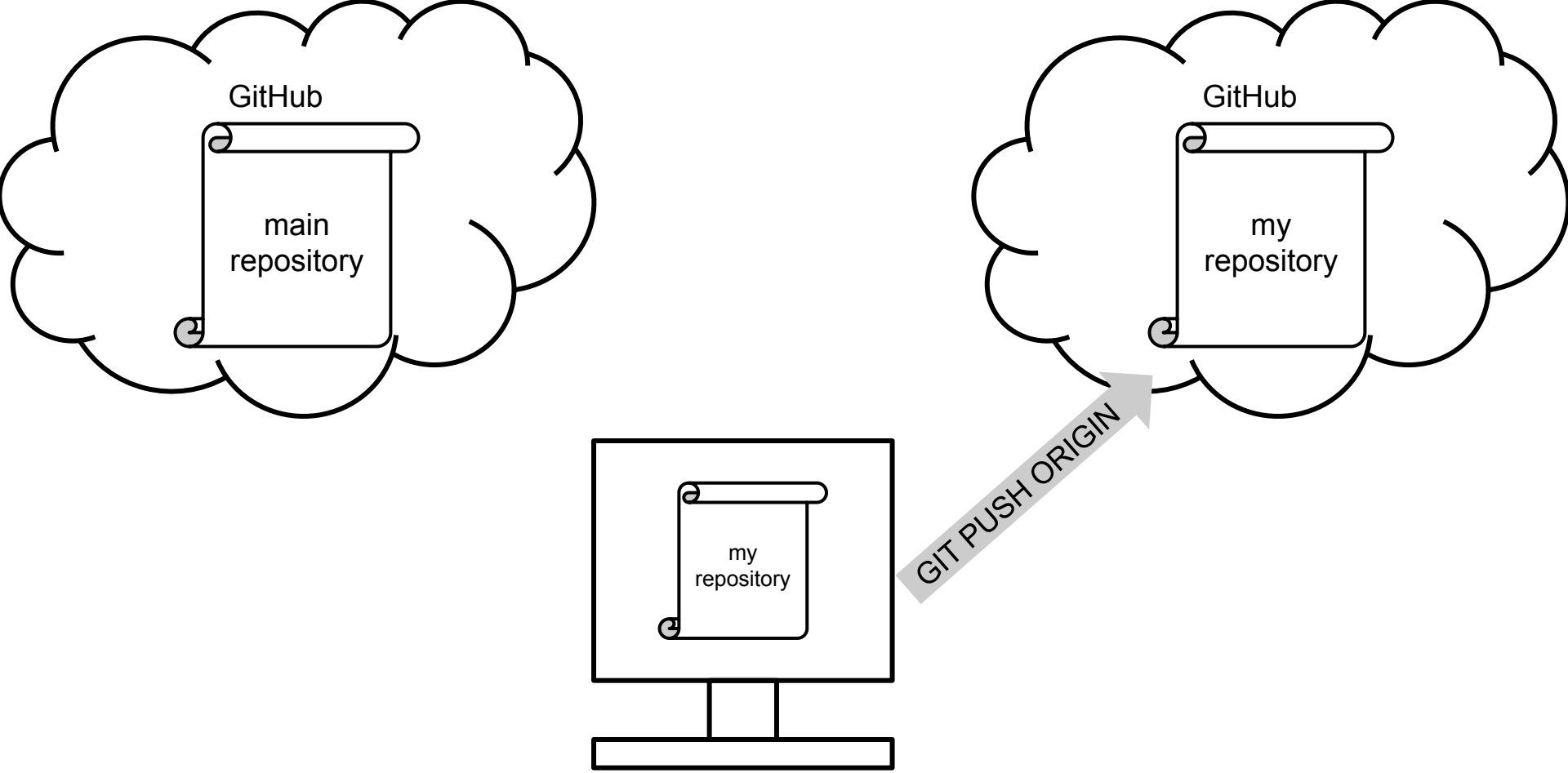
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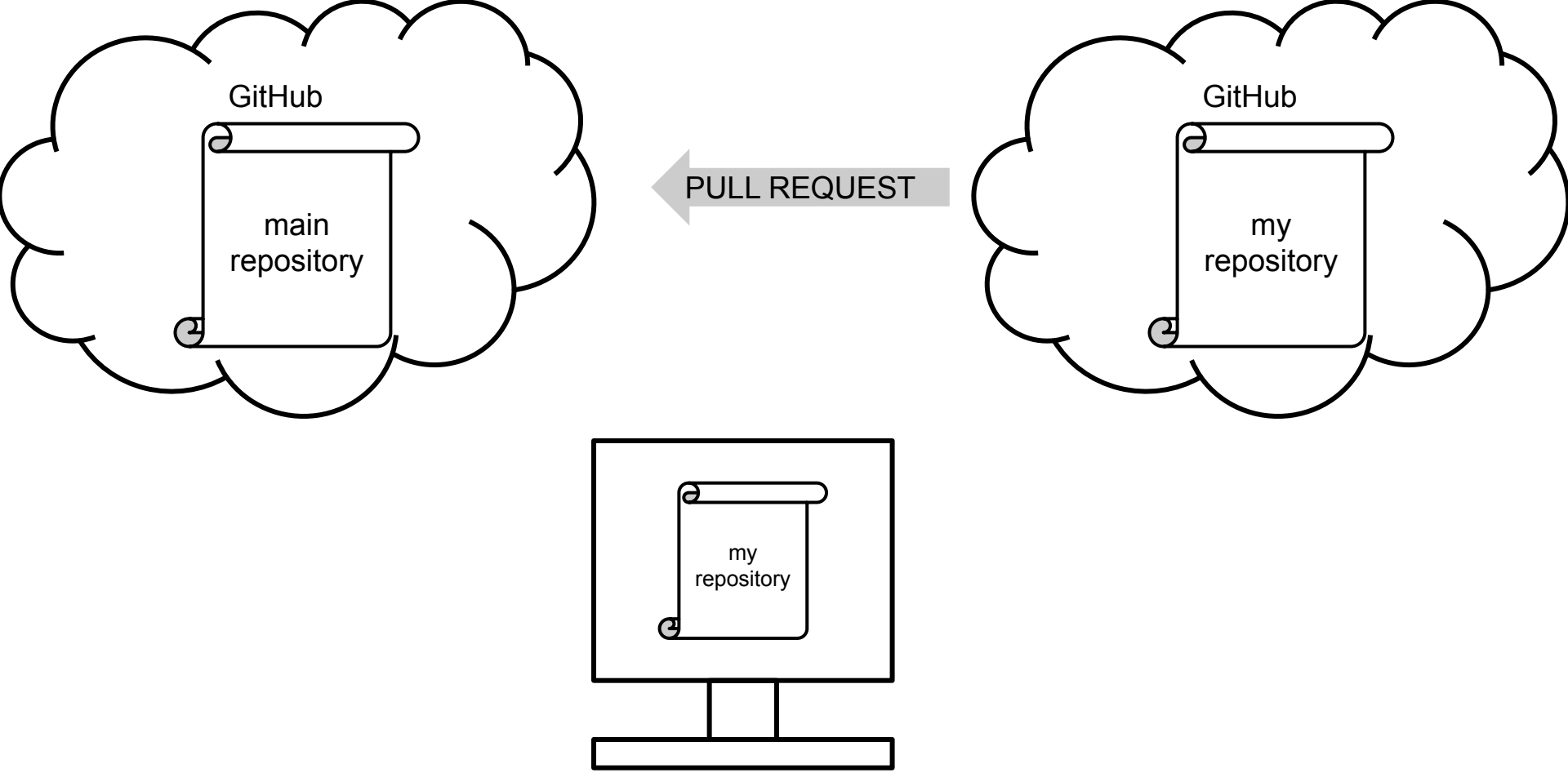
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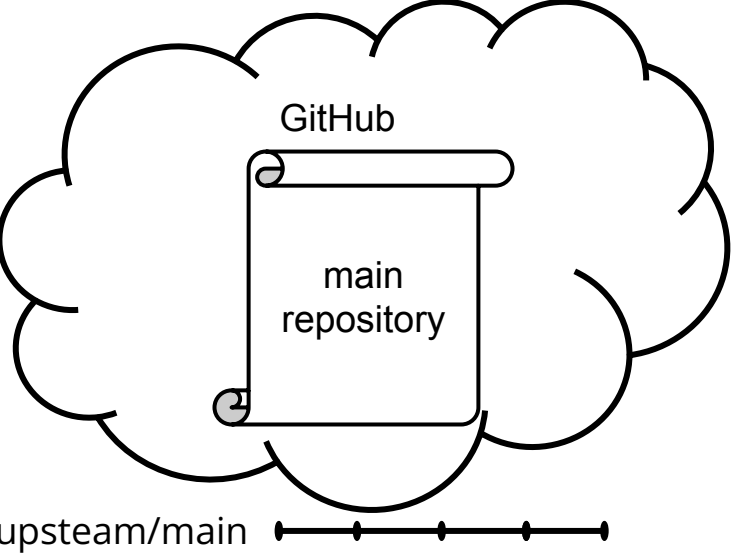
Keeping your fork updated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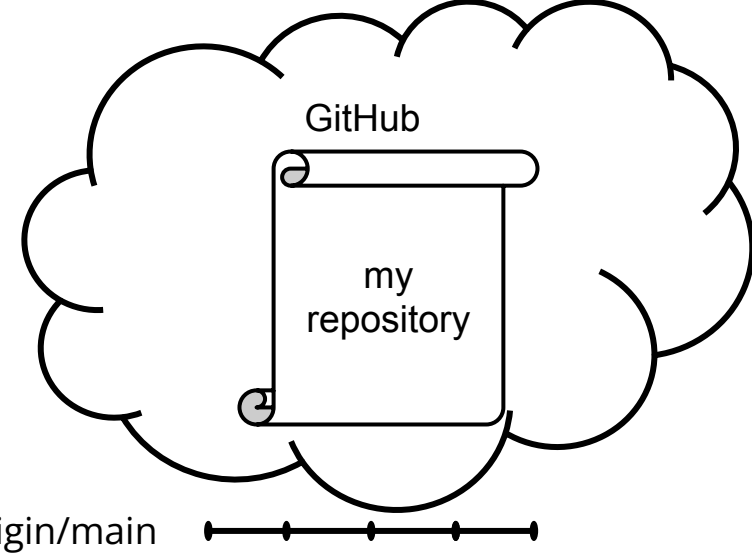
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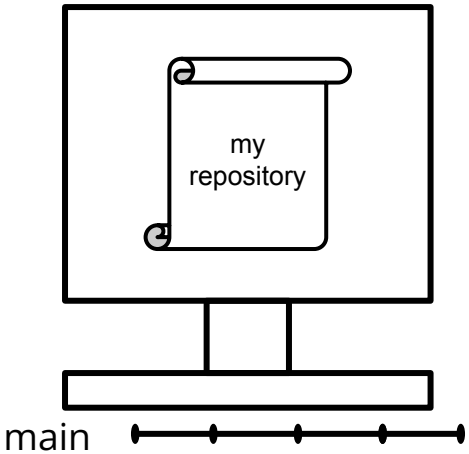
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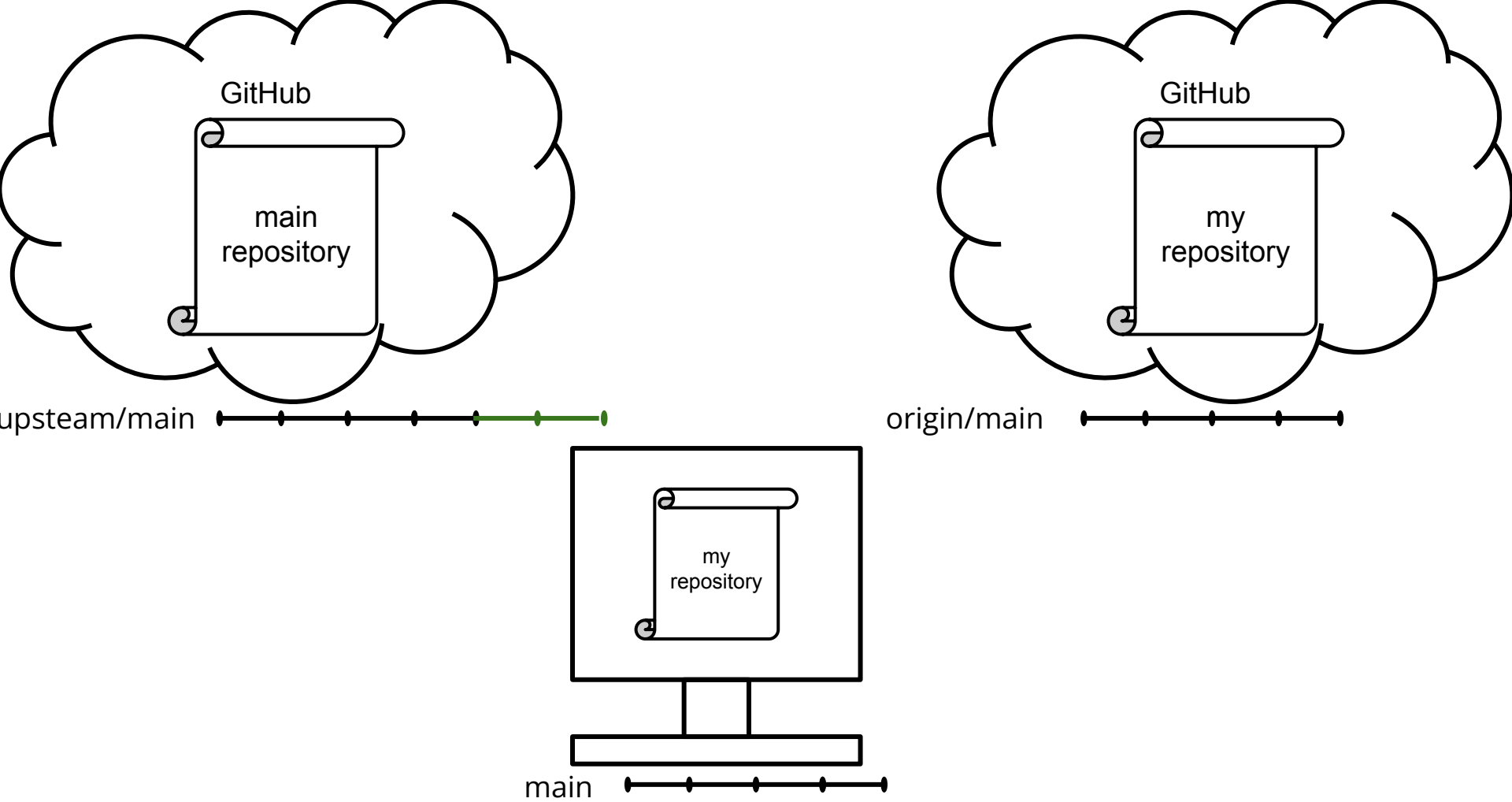
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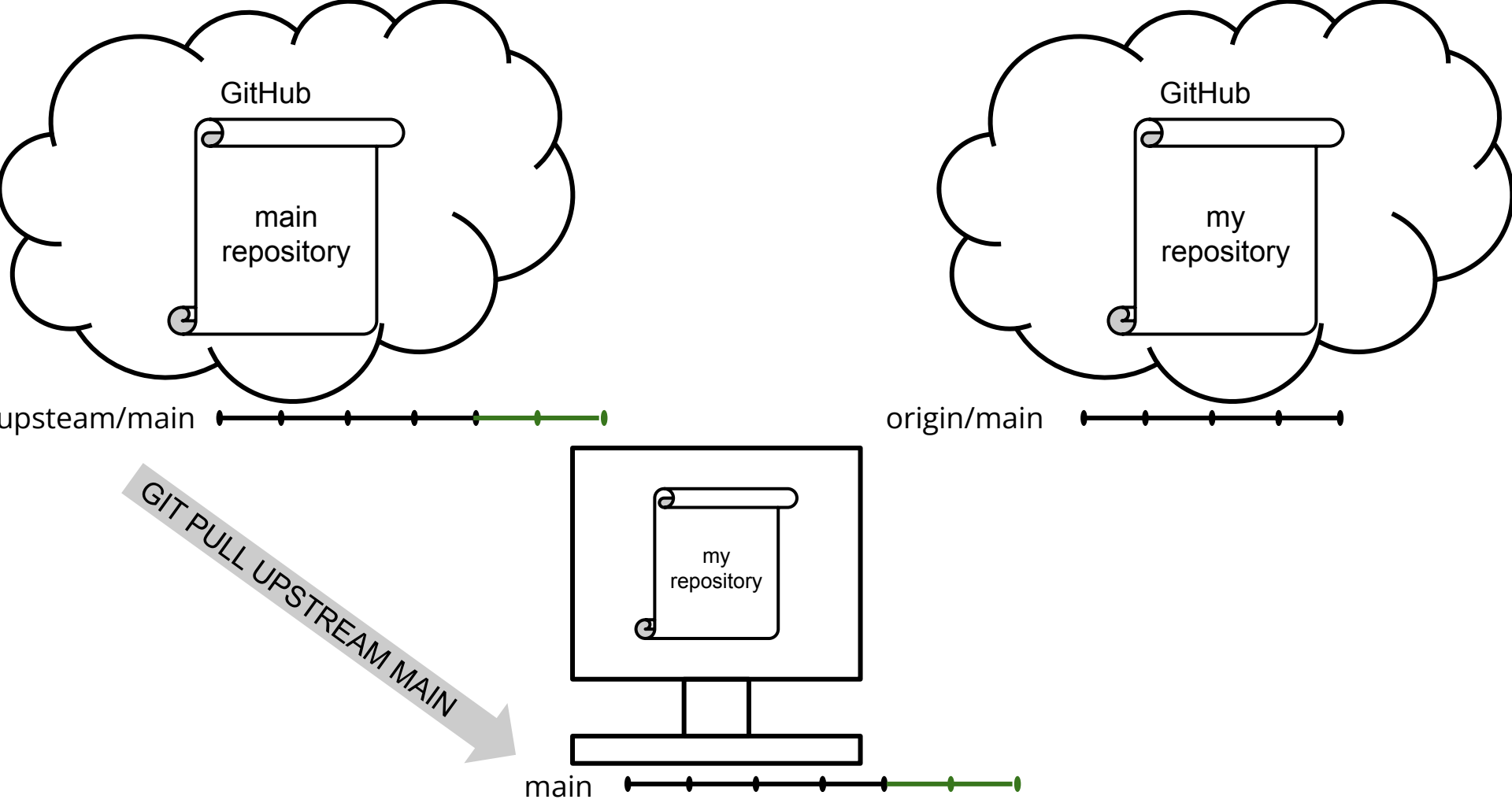
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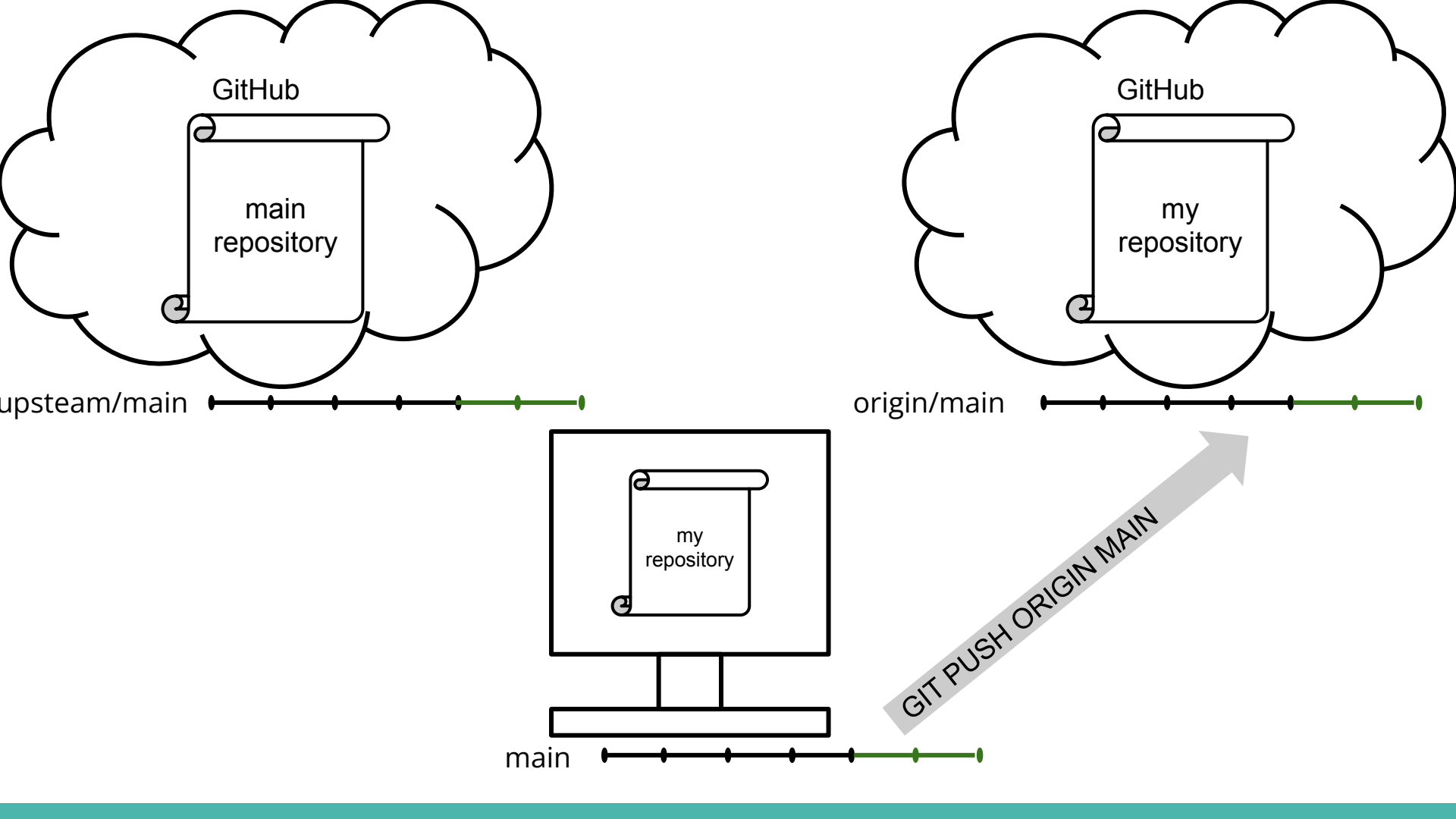
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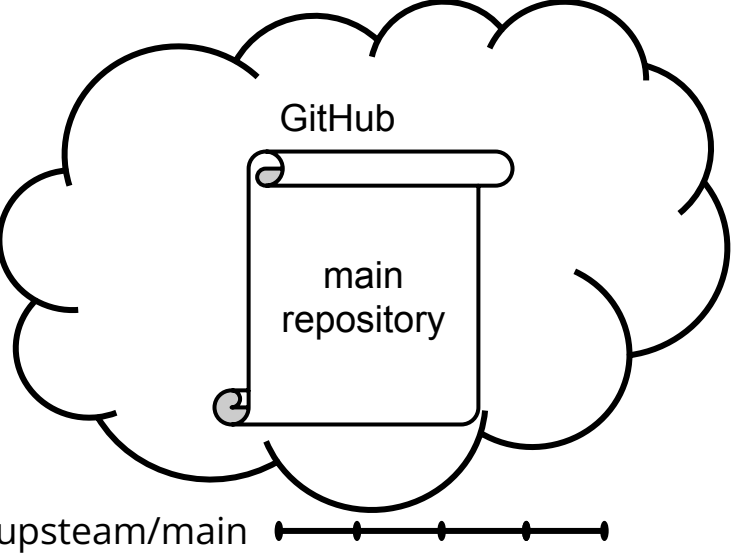
Best Practices

If you **never commit anything to your main branch**, keeping your main branch in sync with the main repository's is easy!

As a rule, always create a new branch when developing - **never commit directly to the main branch**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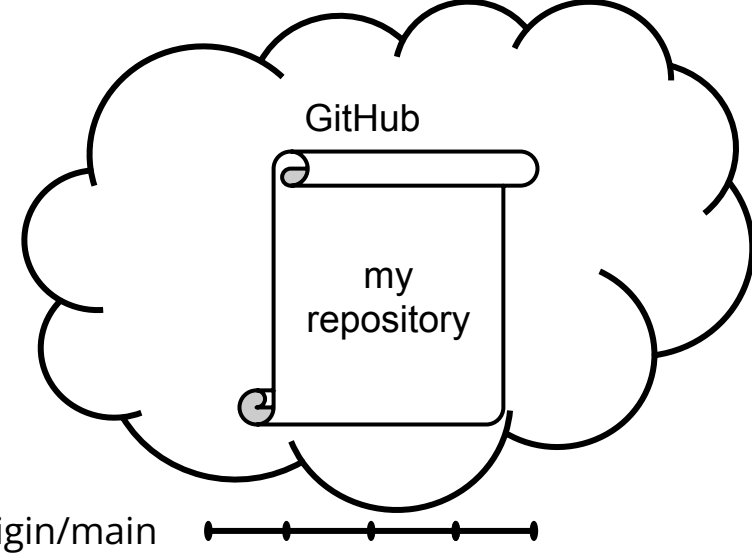
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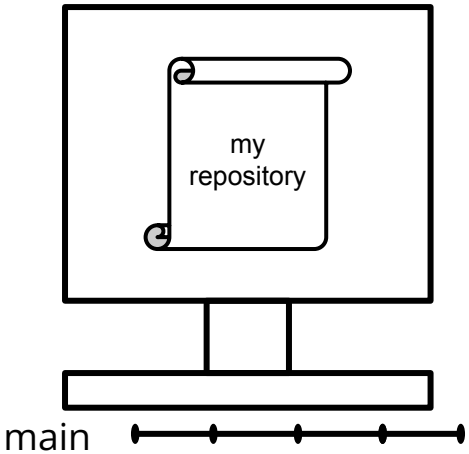
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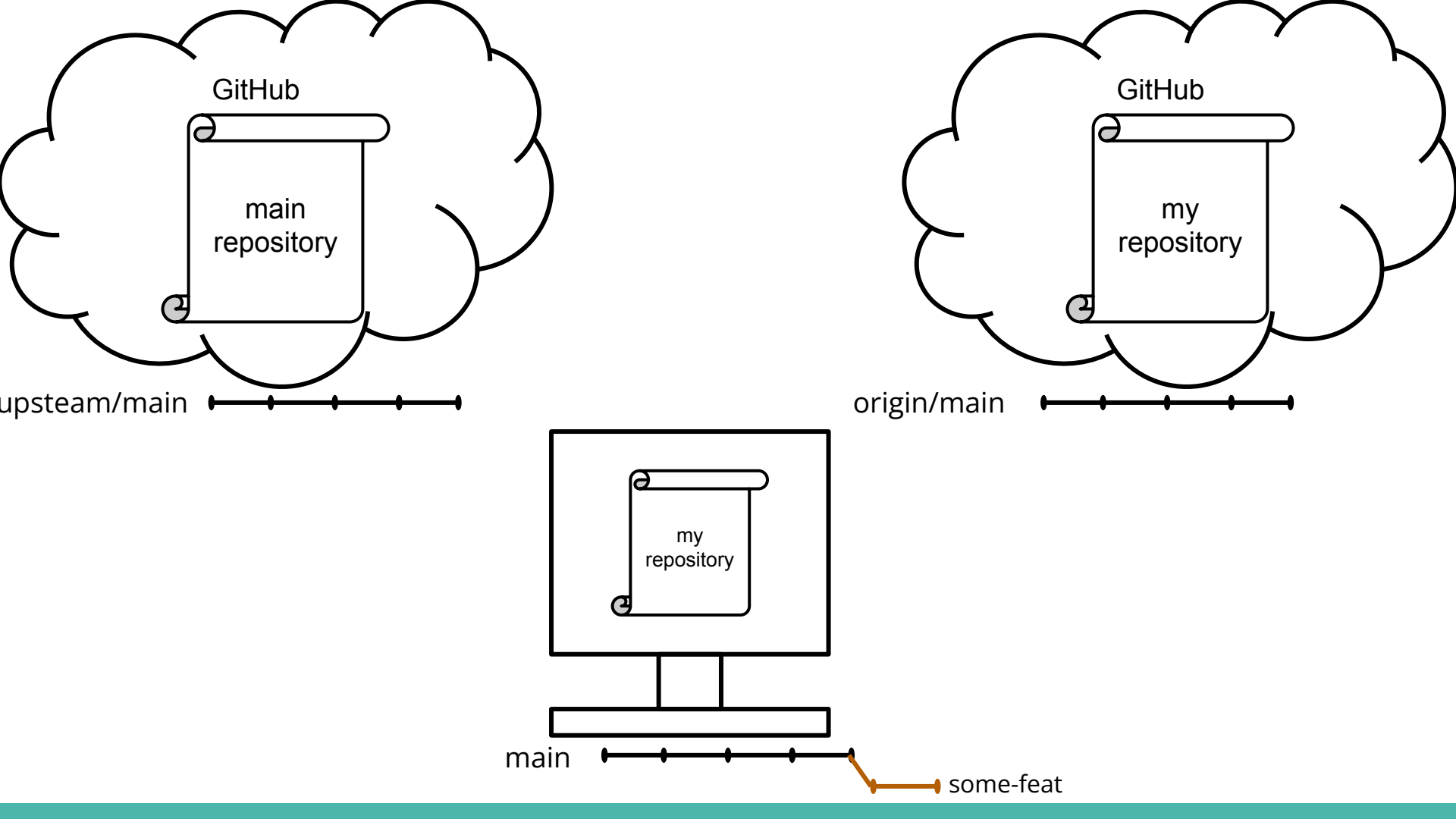
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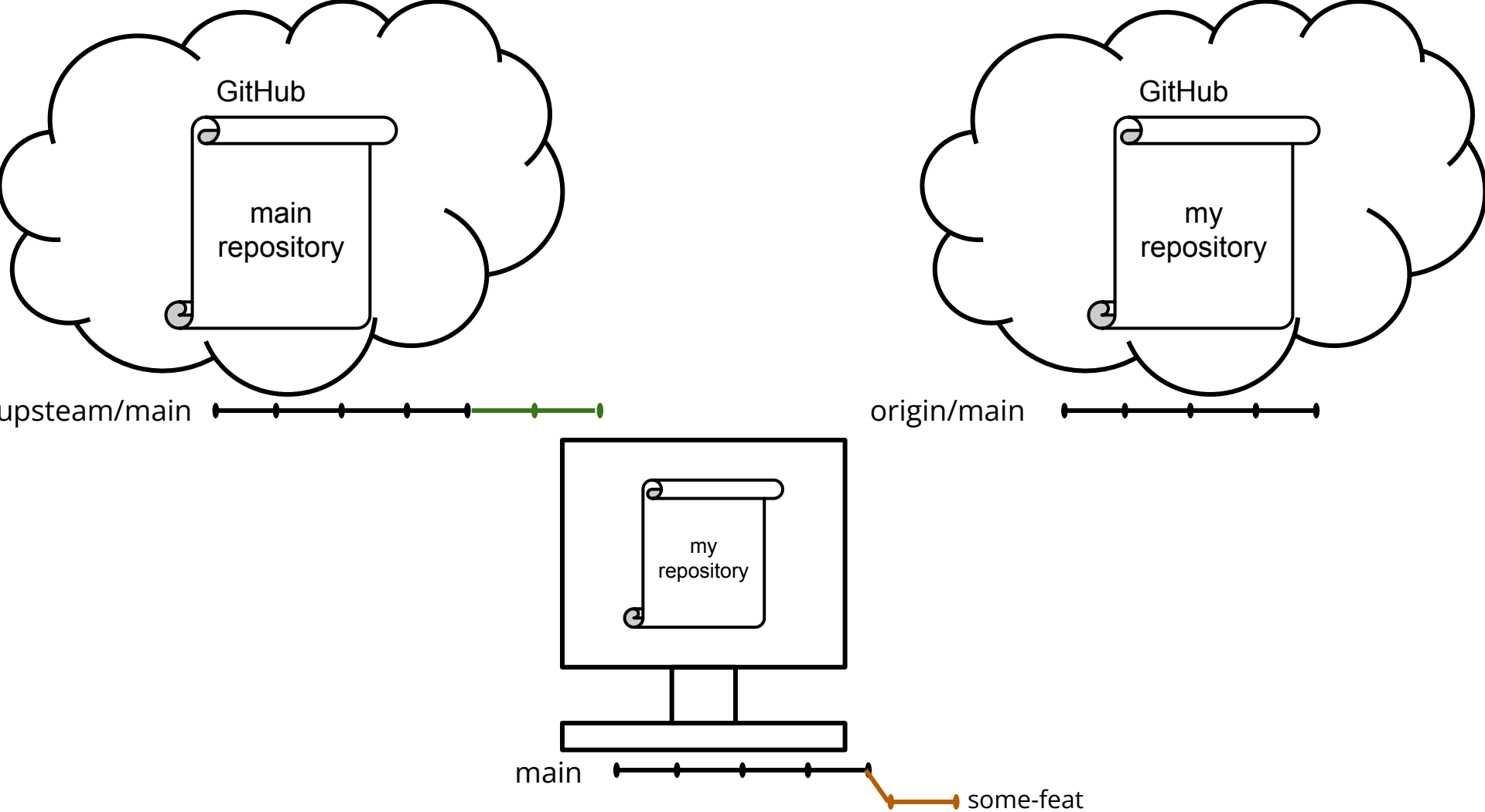
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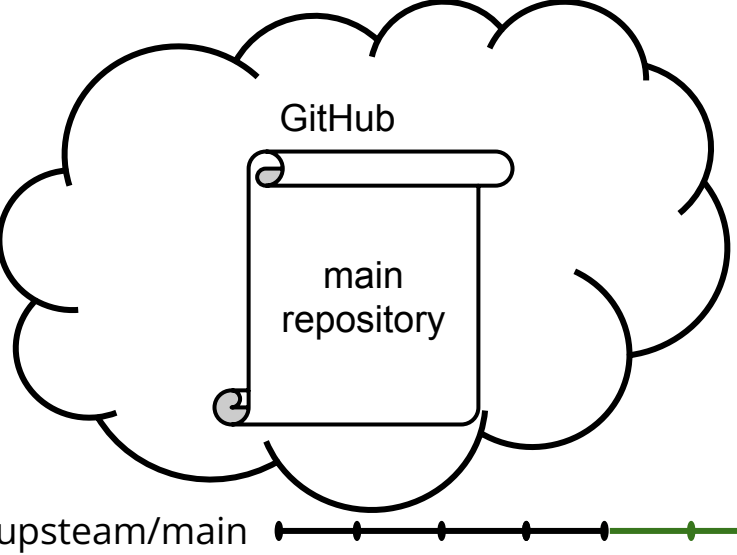

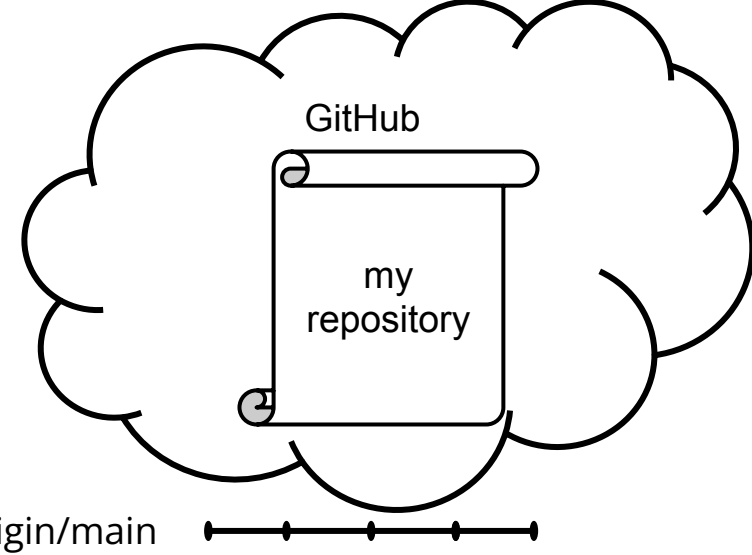

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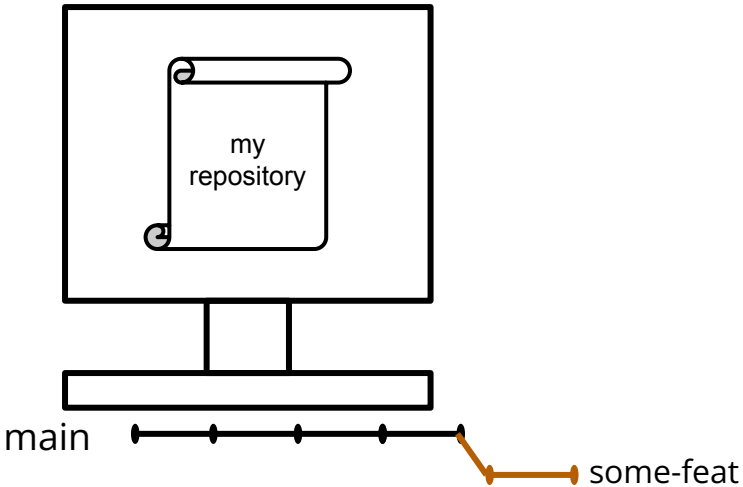

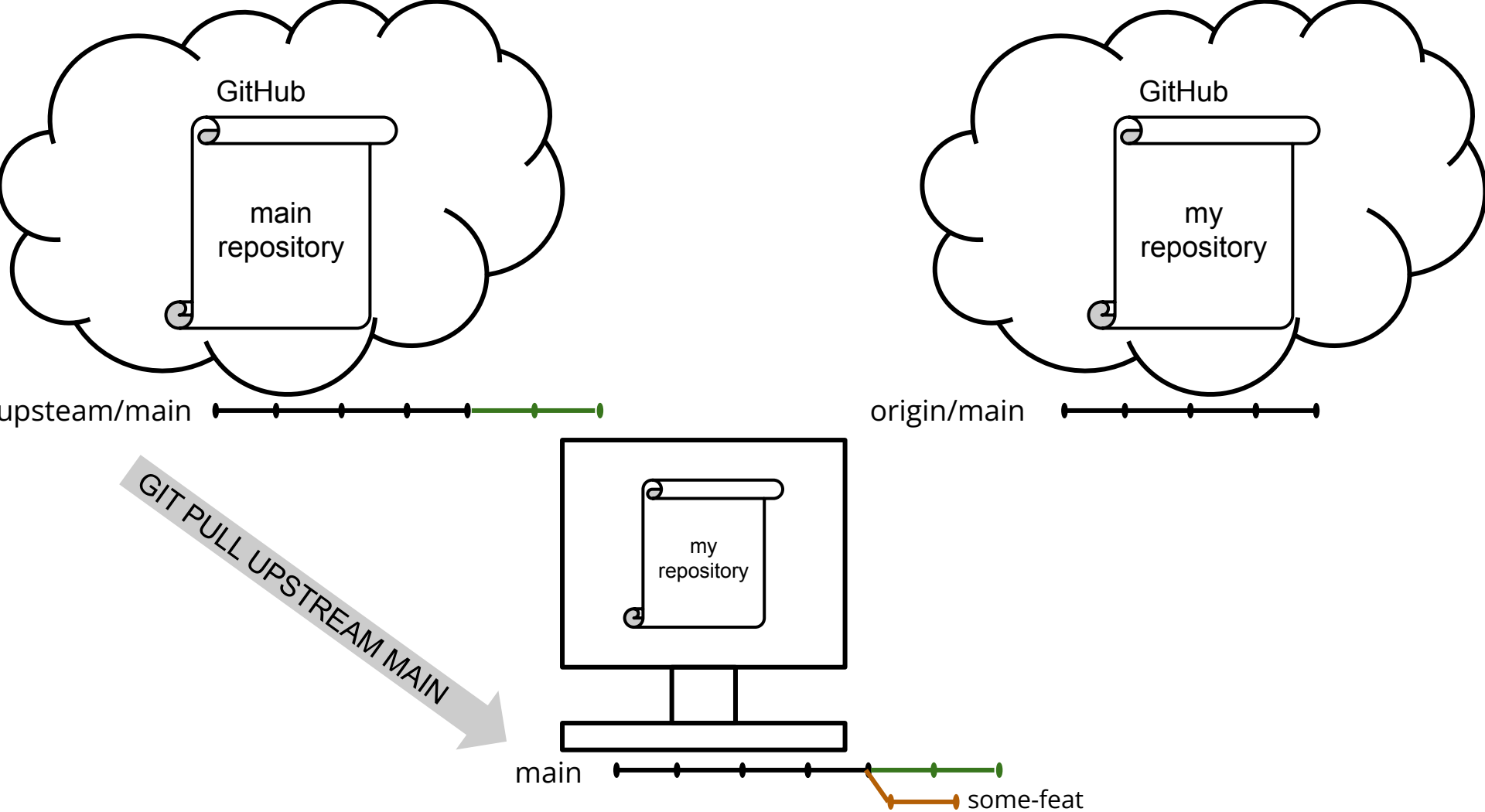
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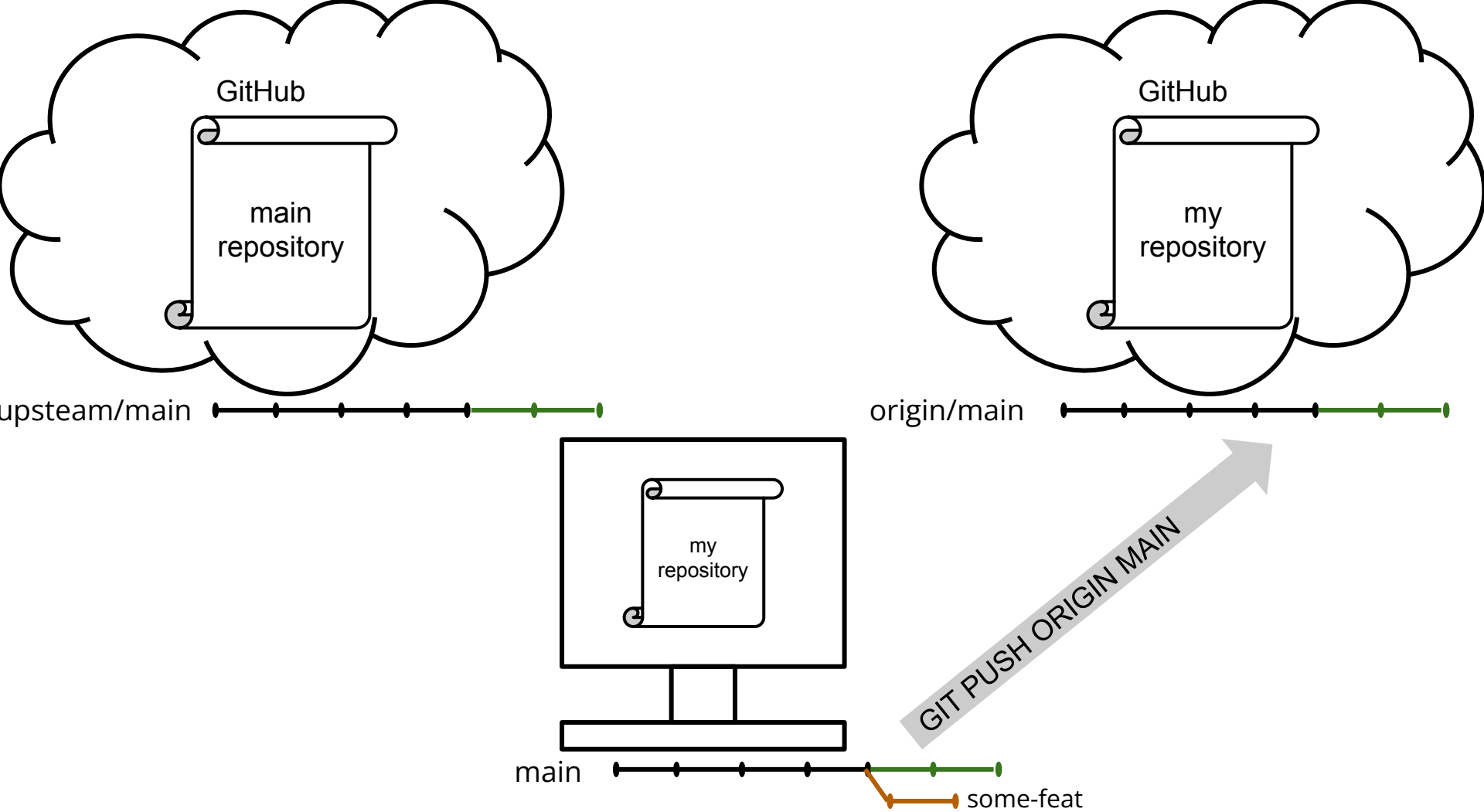
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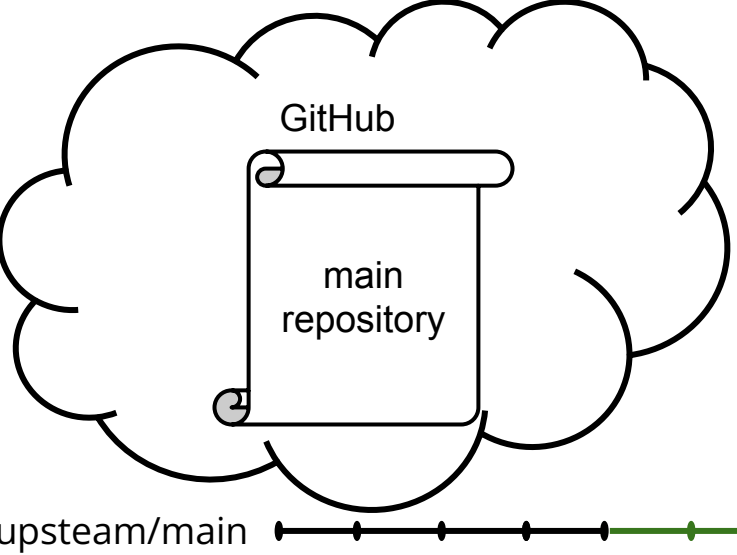

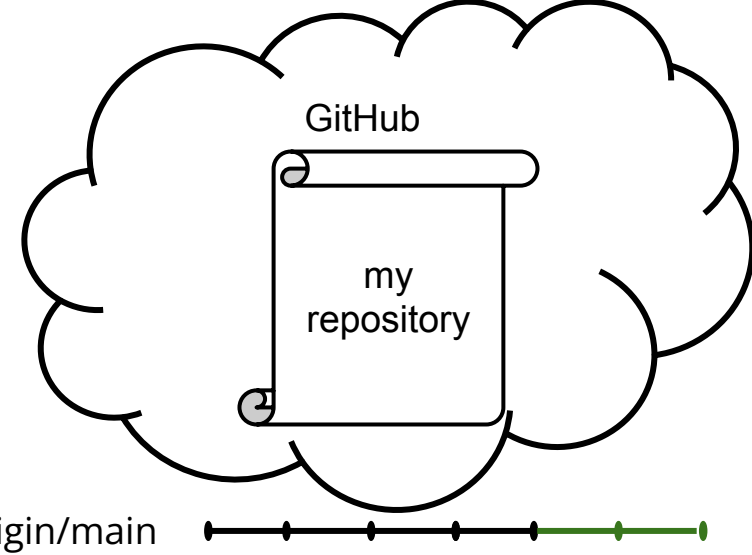

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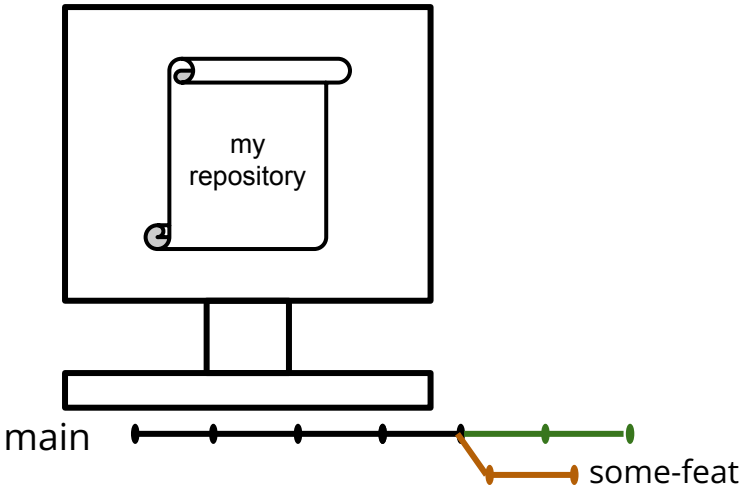

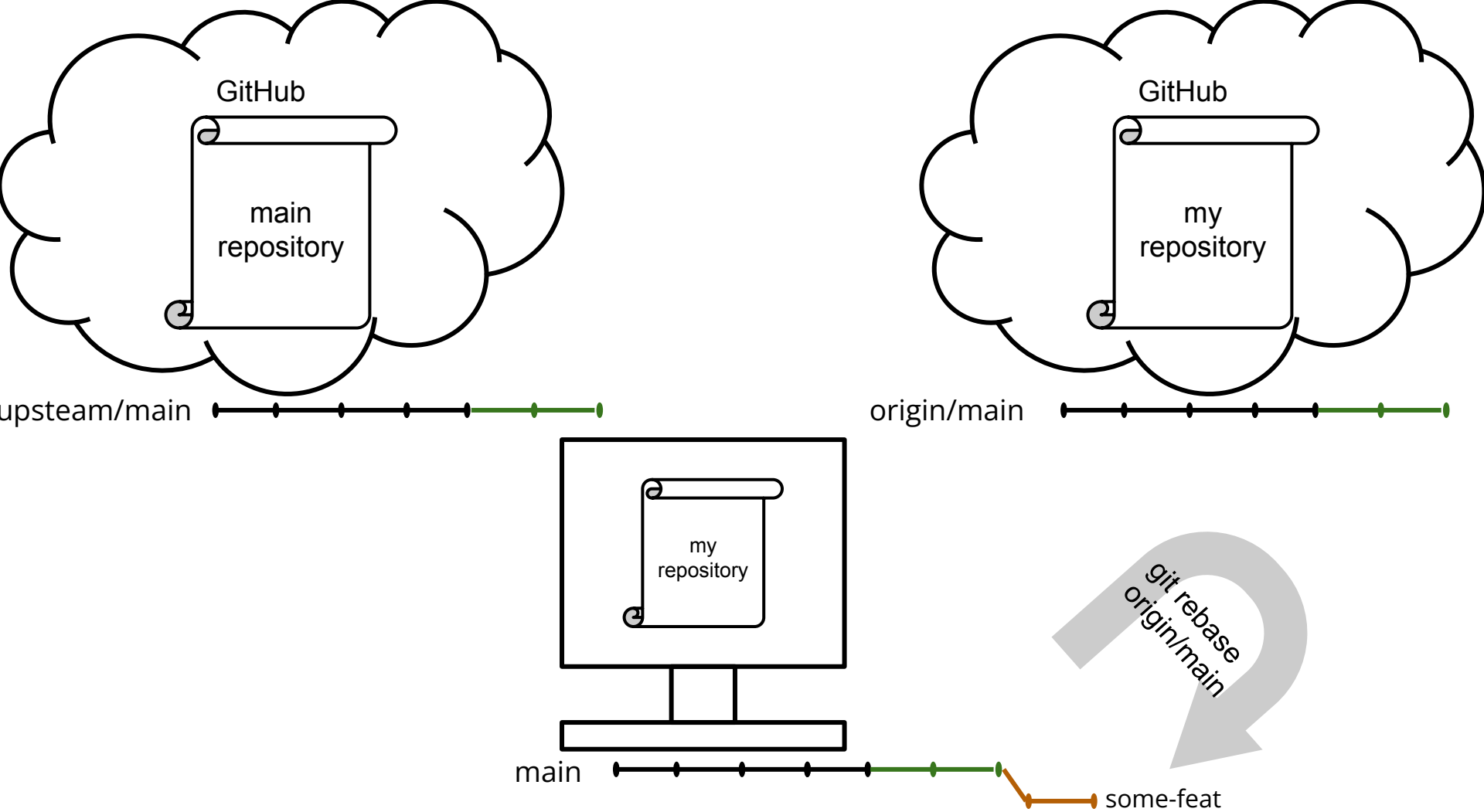
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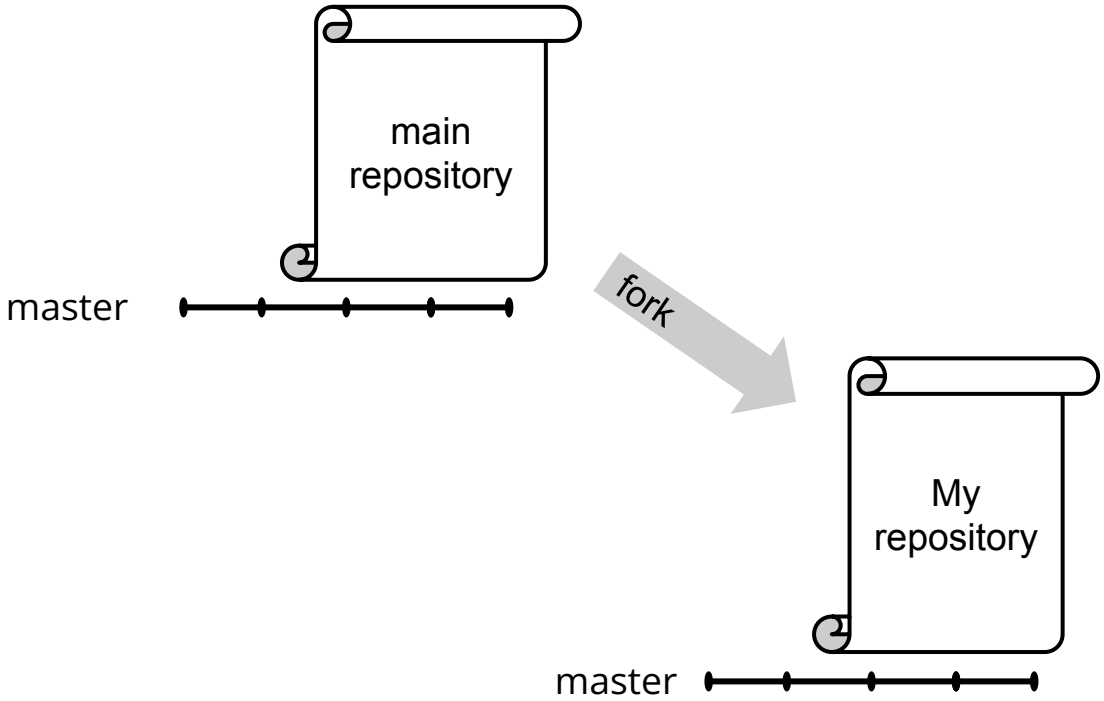
This is trivial when the **base** of one branch matches the **head** of the other.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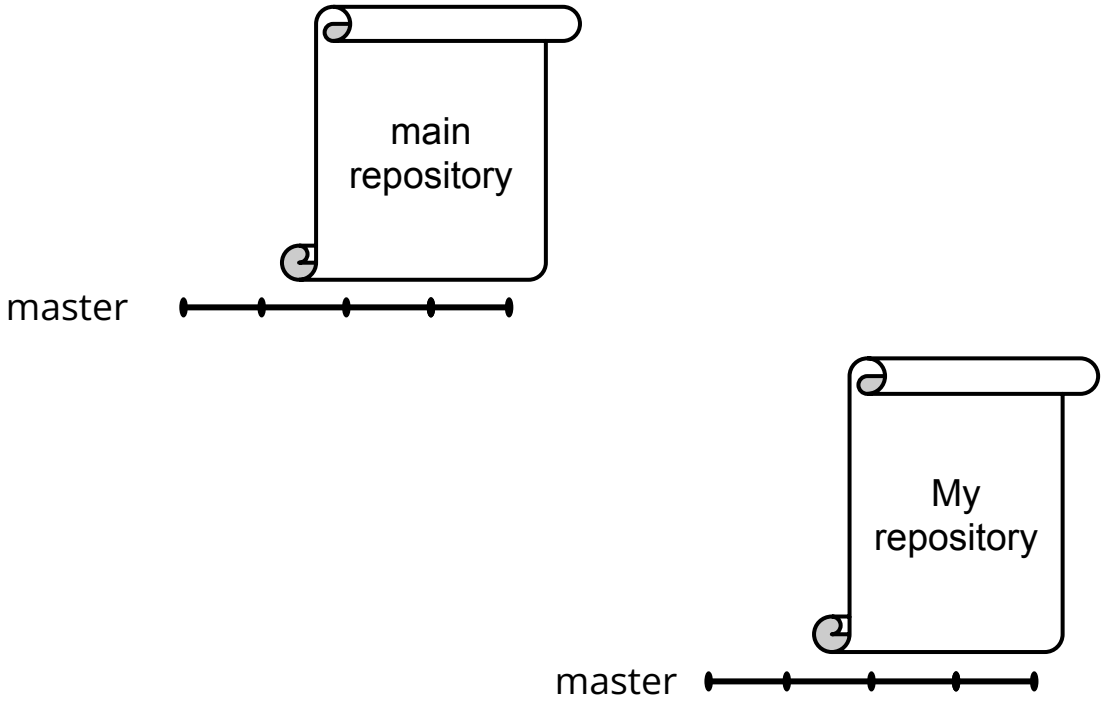
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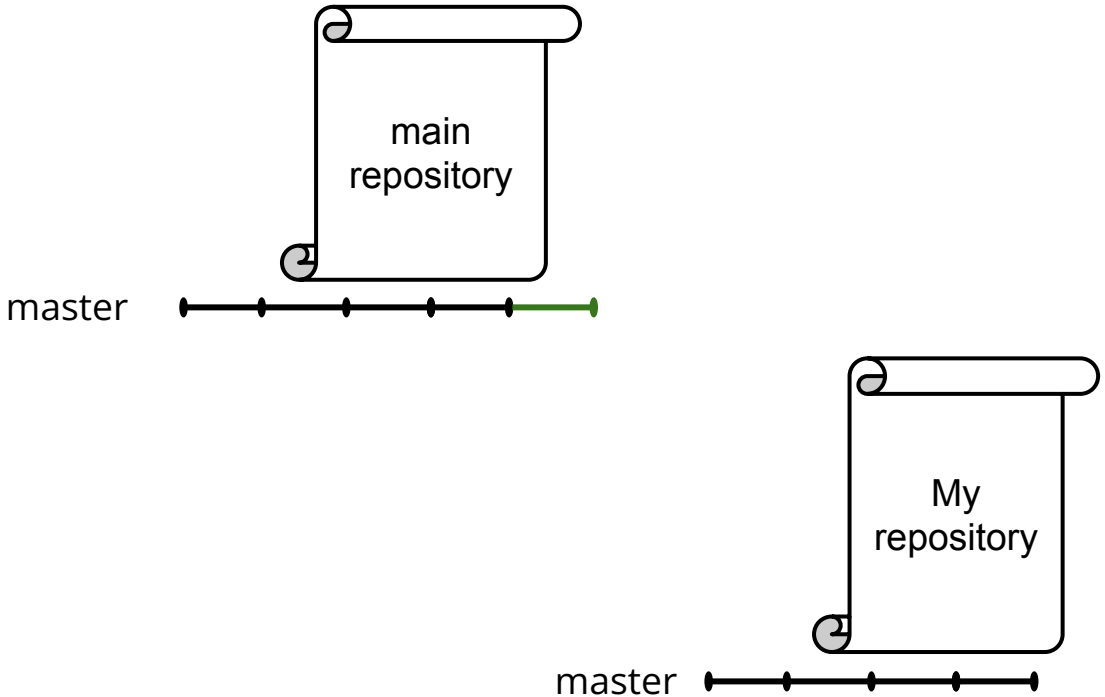
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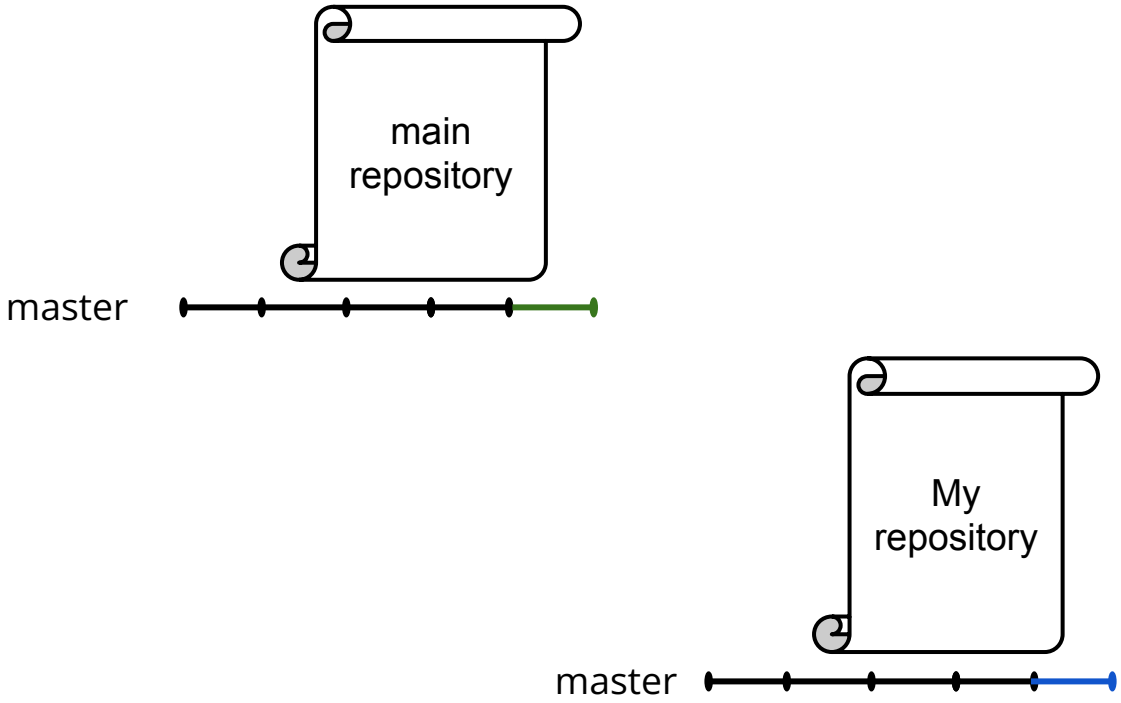
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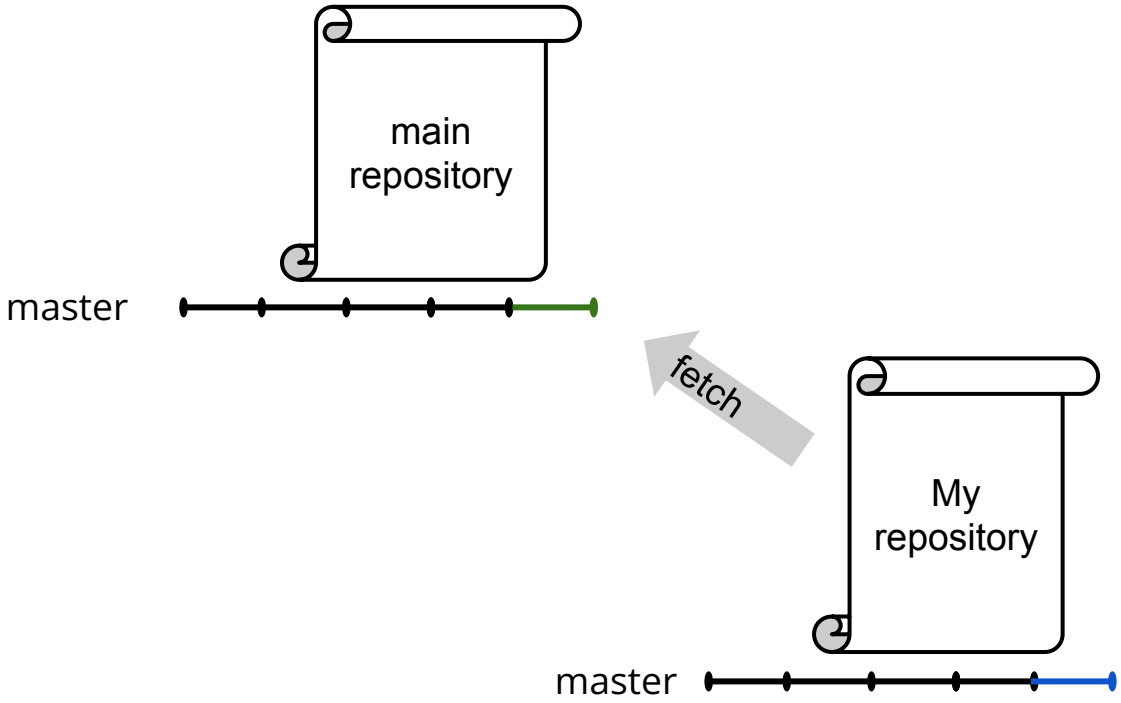
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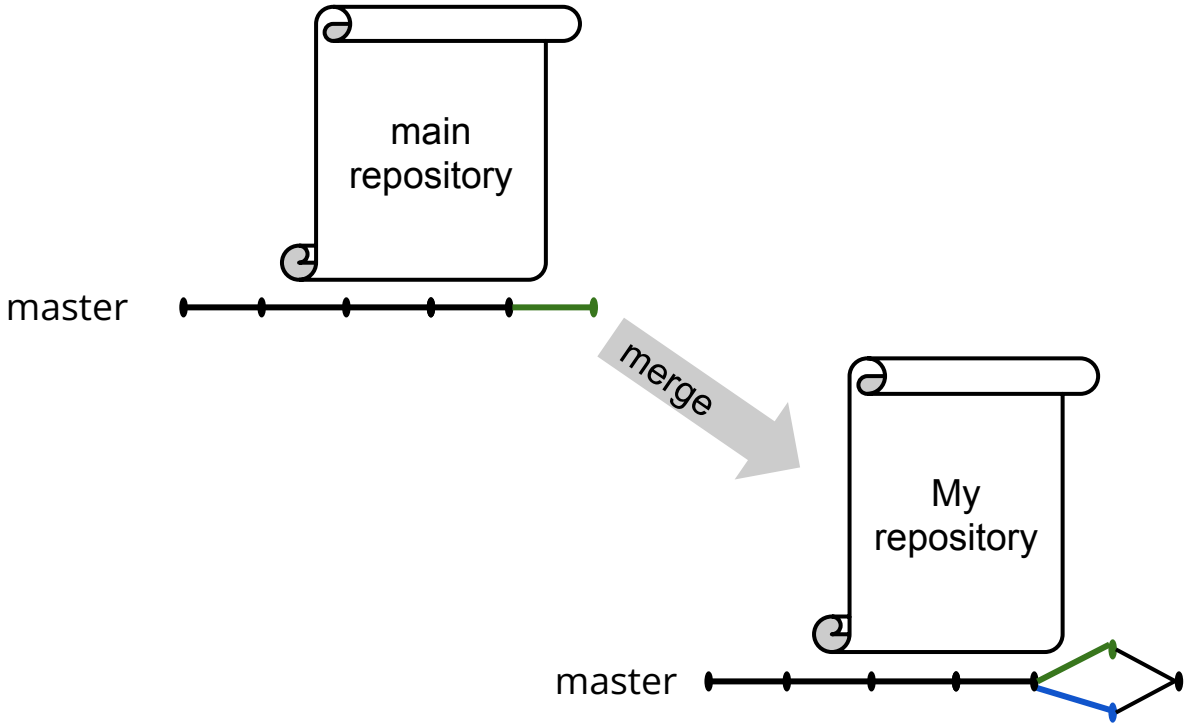
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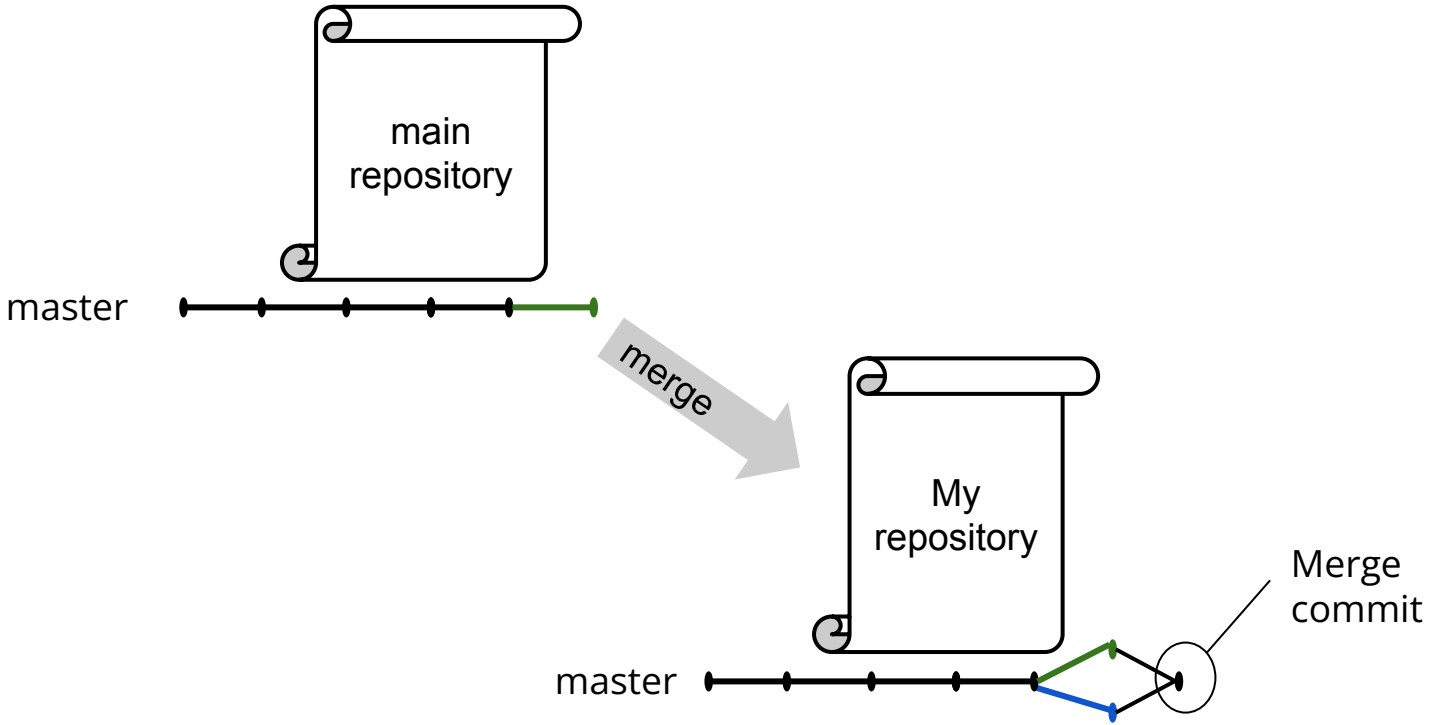
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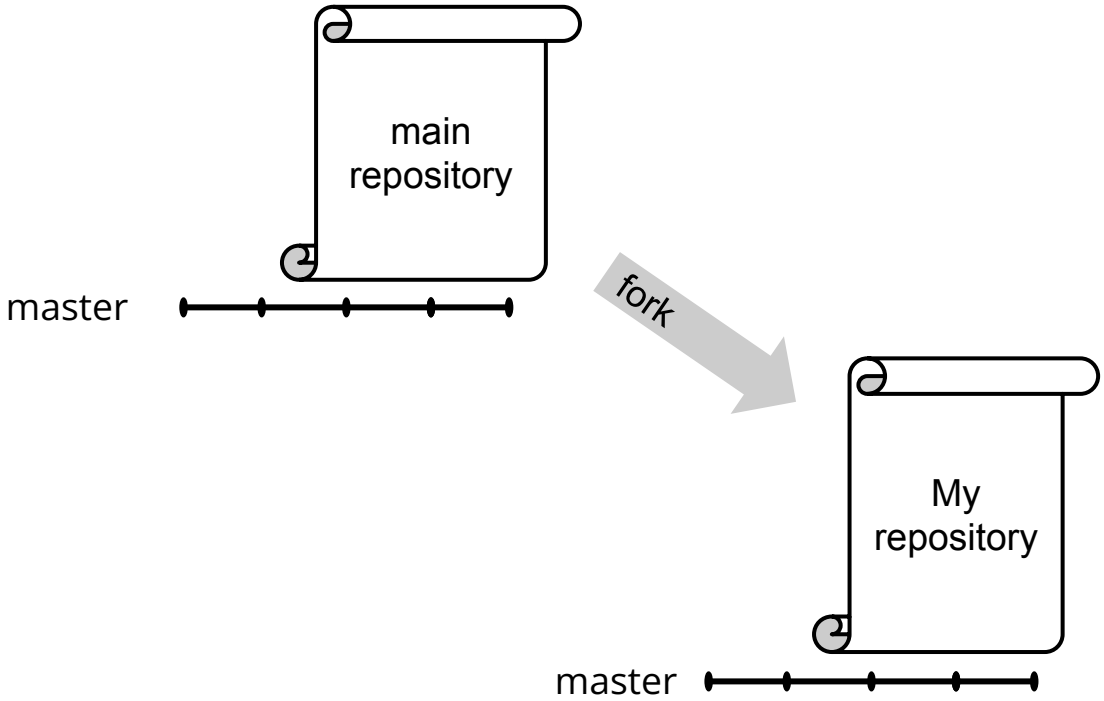
- Having merge commits and diamond shapes in the version history is confusing
- But it preserves both versions exactly as they are so it’s handy for public branches that others depend on (they won’t get conflicts)
- Commits should be logical steps in the creation of a code base. A merge commit on your local development branch for the time that you decided to keep it in sync does not align with that philosophy.
- Try rebasing instead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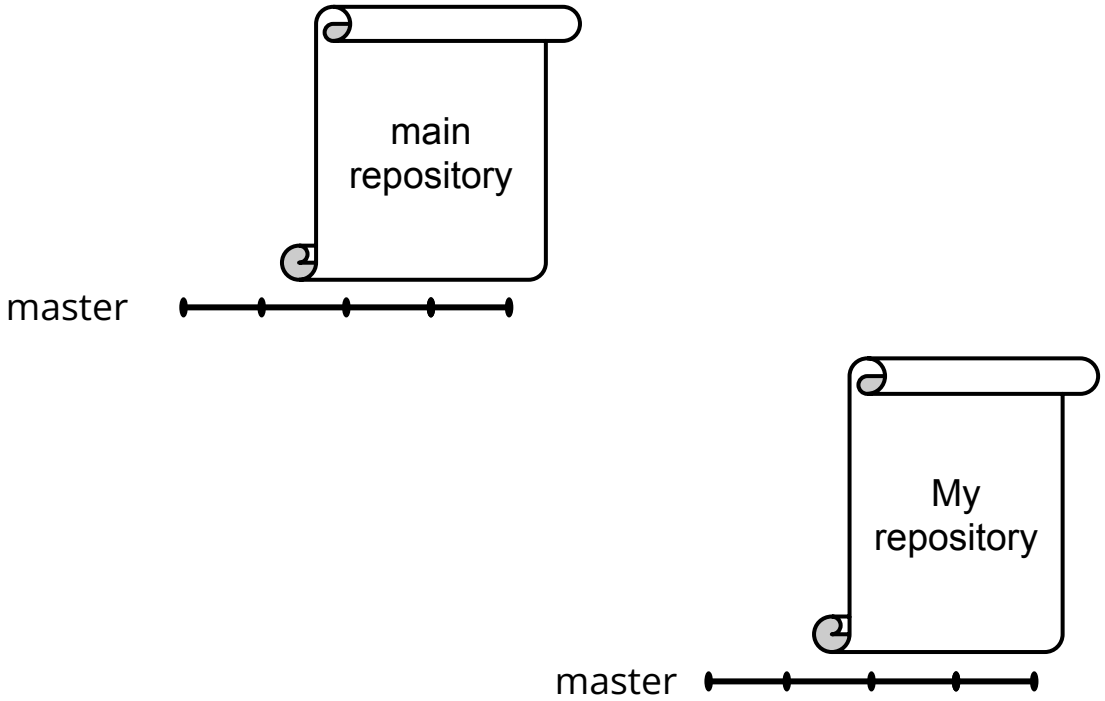
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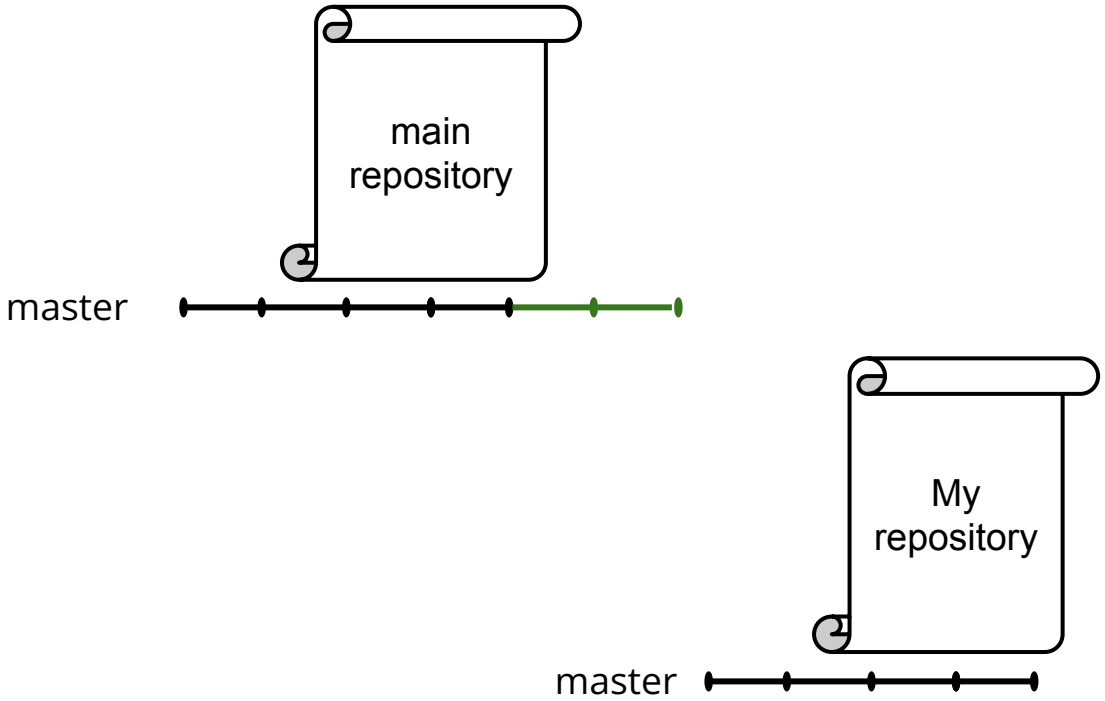
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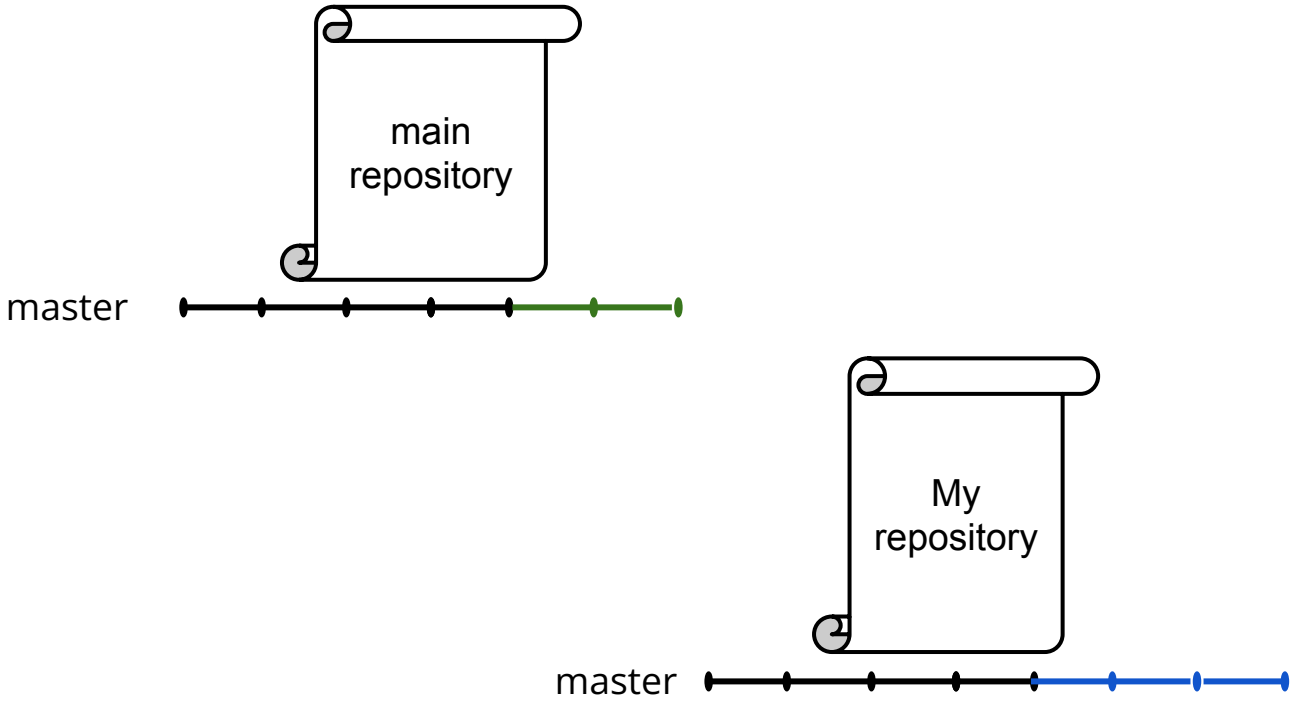
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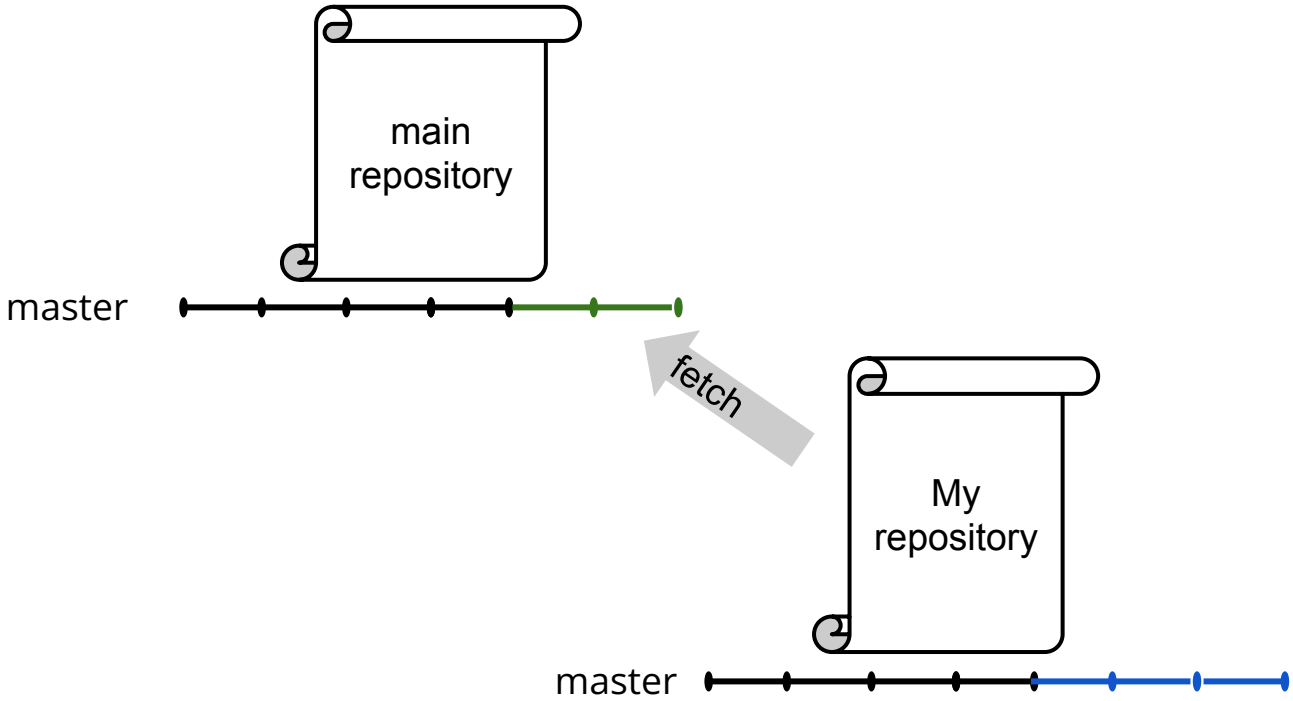
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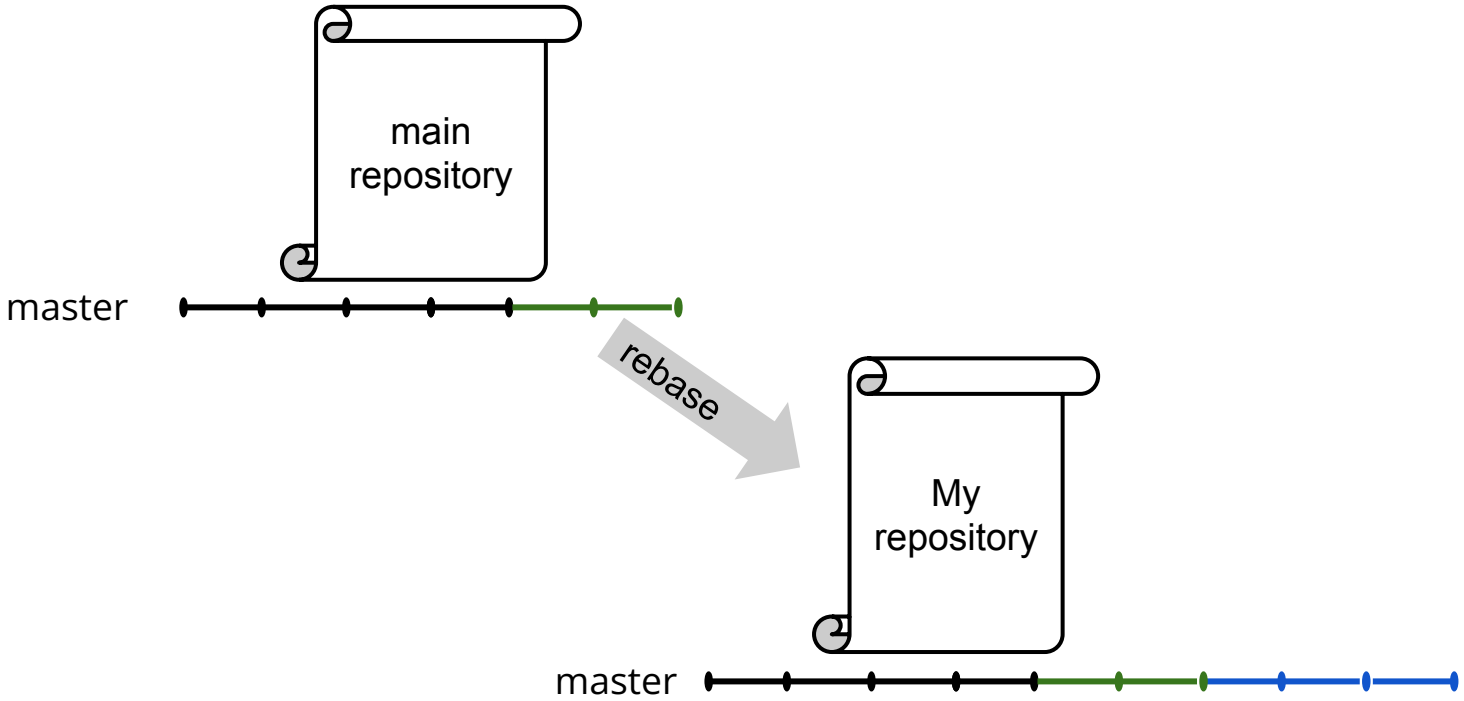
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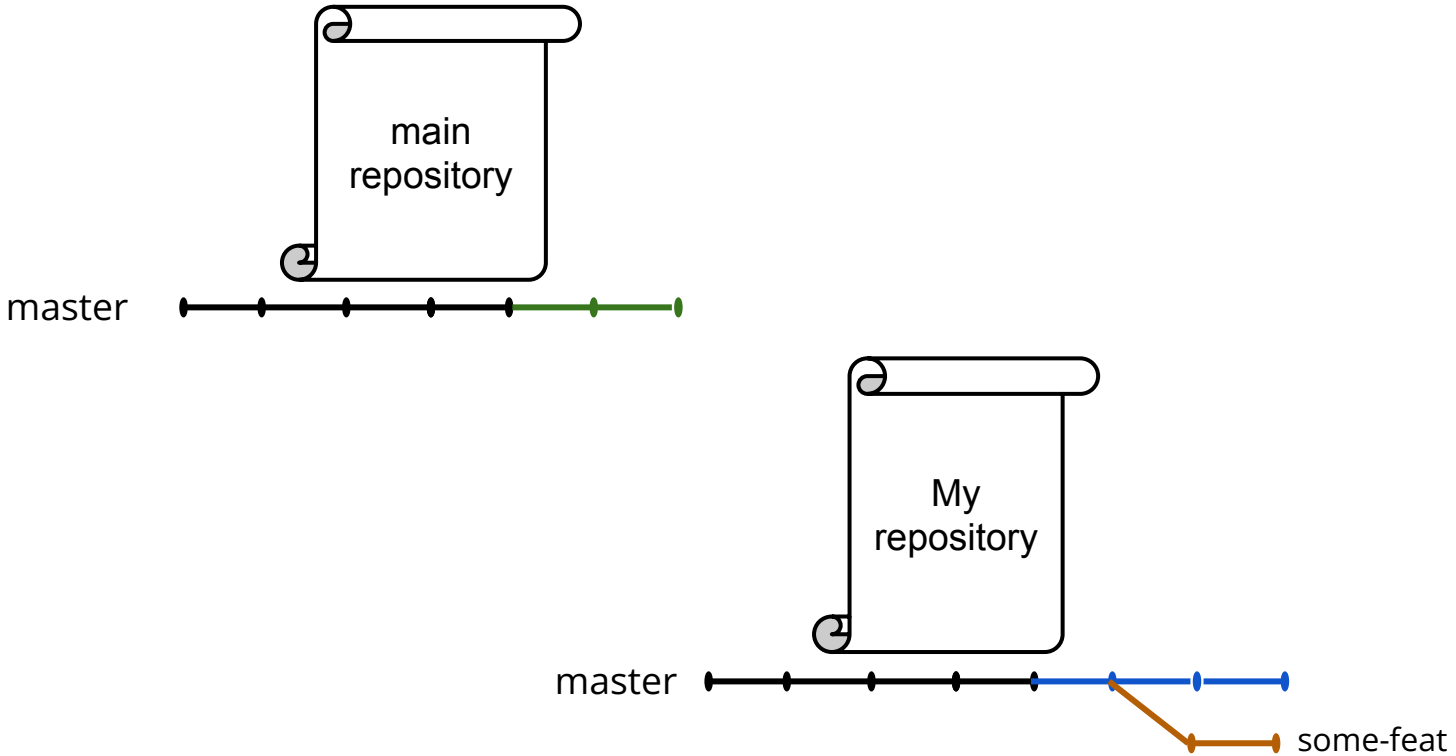
What happens to other branches?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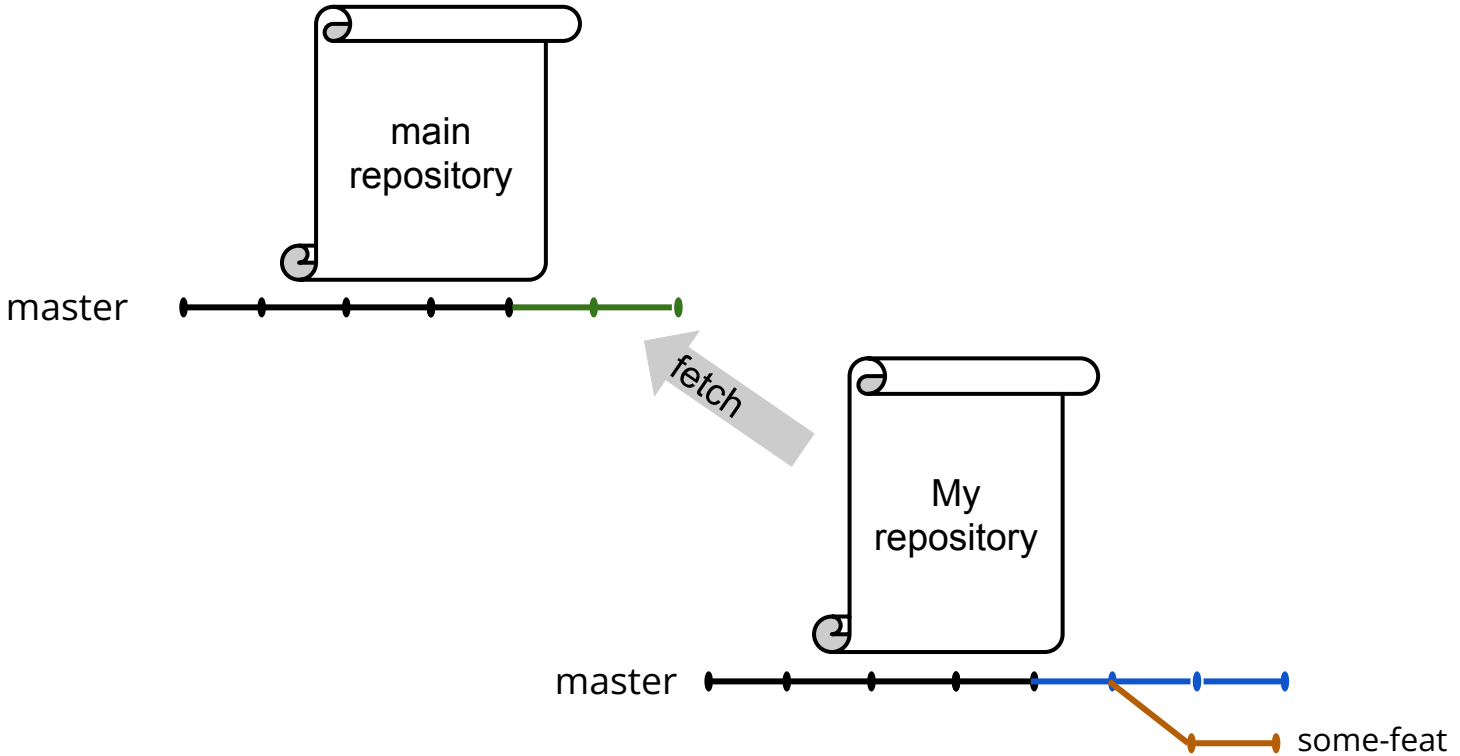
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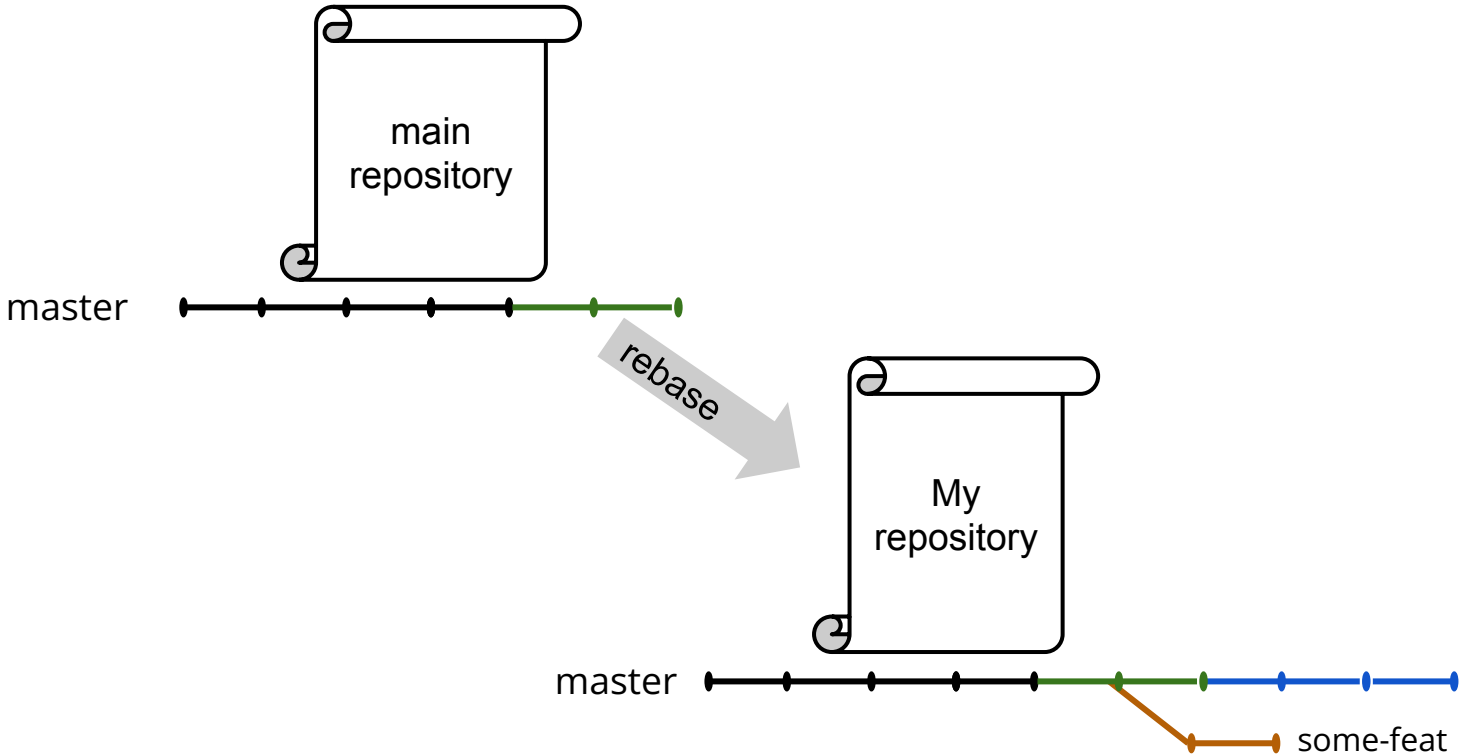
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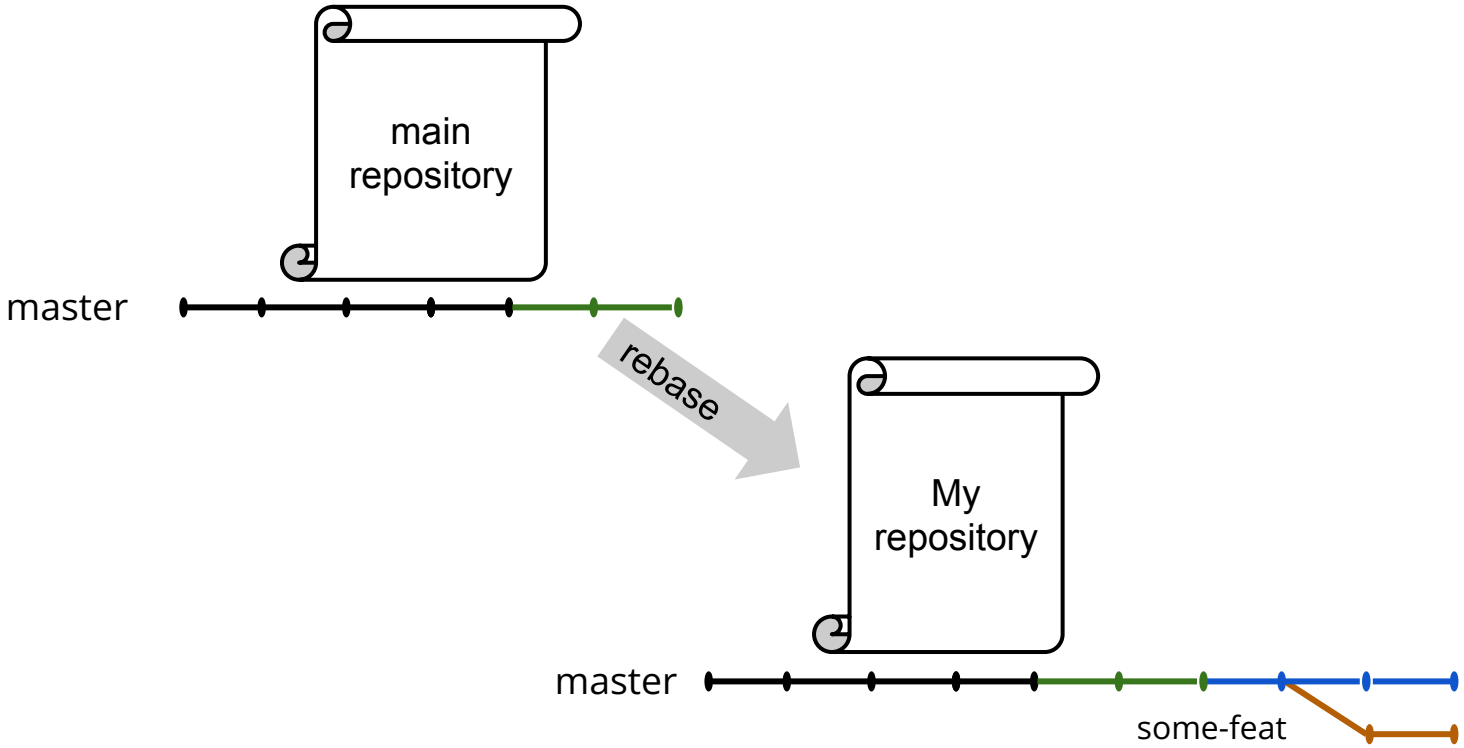
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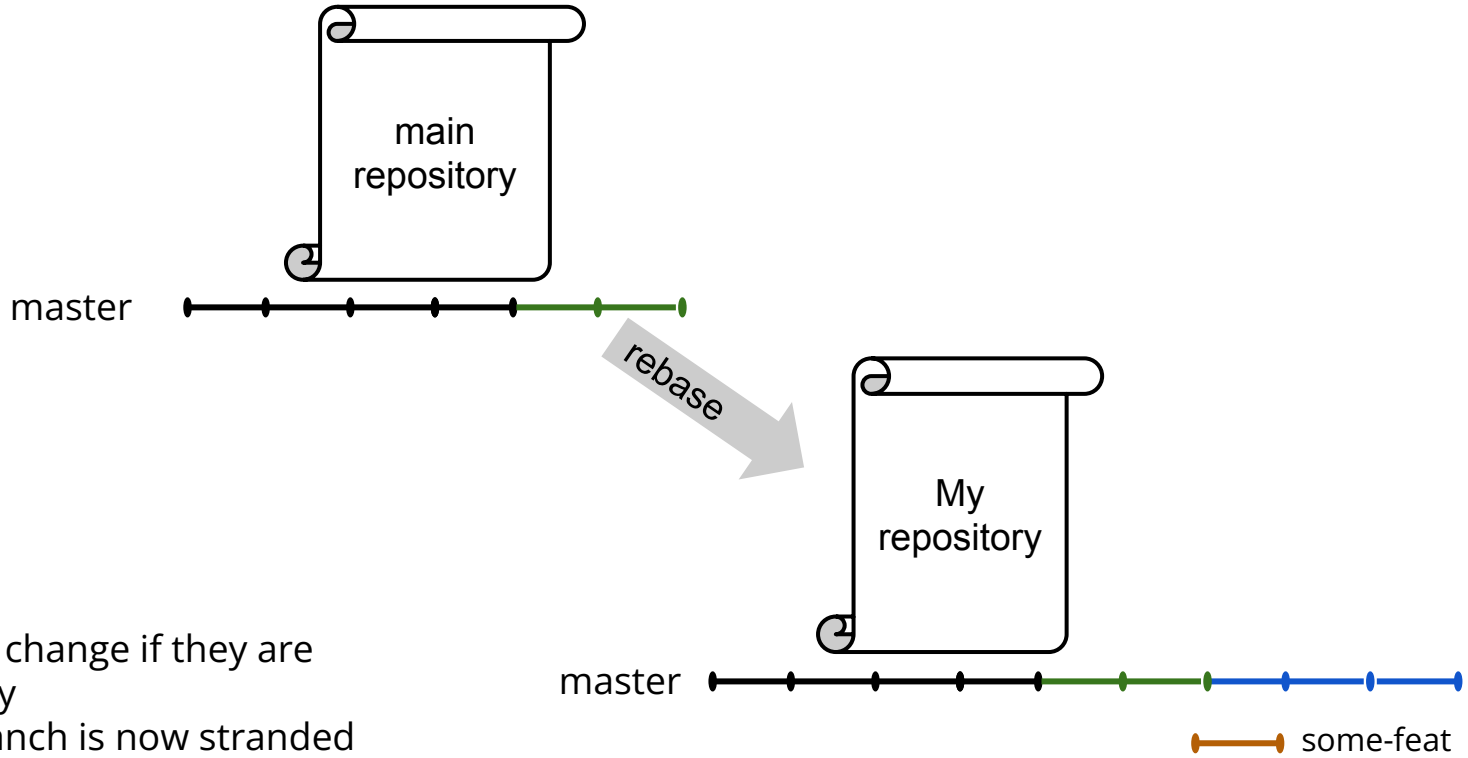

commit IDs (shas) change if they are ordered differently
The some-feat branch is now stranded