

Git Workshop

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- Introductions
- We've got a lot to talk about today
- We've also got a lot of time
- Ask questions
- Tell me if I'm going too fast



This presentation is available at
`https://github.com/peterlundgren/git-workshop`

Download Git at `https://git-scm.com`

Learn more about Git at `https://progit.org`



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What is Git?

git *noun* \ˈgit\

British

: a foolish or worthless person



What is Git?

From the git README

Random three-letter combination that is pronounceable, and not actually used by any common UNIX command. The fact that it is a mispronunciation of "get" may or may not be relevant.



What is Git?

Official tagline of Git

Git is an open source,
distributed version control system
designed for speed and efficiency



What is Git?

Git is an **open source**,
distributed version control system
designed for speed and efficiency

- LGPL-2.1
- <https://github.com/git/git>



Linus Torvalds



*"I'm an egotistical bastard,
and I name all my projects after
myself. First 'Linux', now 'Git'"*

- Linus Torvalds

- First release was 7 April 2005 from Linus Torvalds
- Kernel hacker mentality. It was written to manage the Linux kernel. So, it won't stop you from shooting yourself in the foot.



- Maintained by Junio Hamano since since 26 July 2005



And Many More

- Just a few of Git's contributors
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distributed version control system
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Centralized Version Control

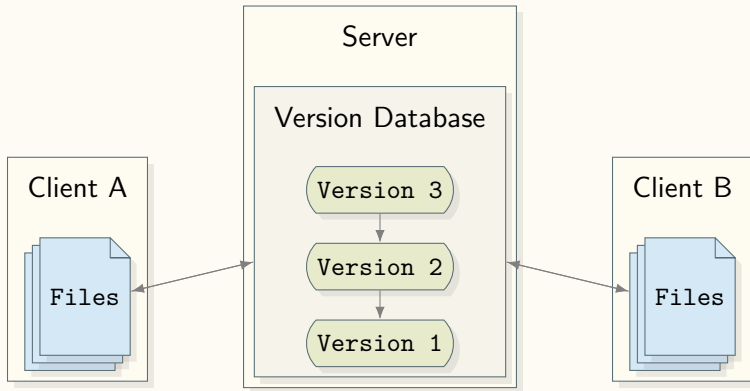


Figure 1: Centralized Version Control

- Client, server model
- Version database on only one server
- Download a snapshot
- Send incremental changes to the server
- Division of responsibility; some things only server can do, some things only client can do.

Distributed Version Control

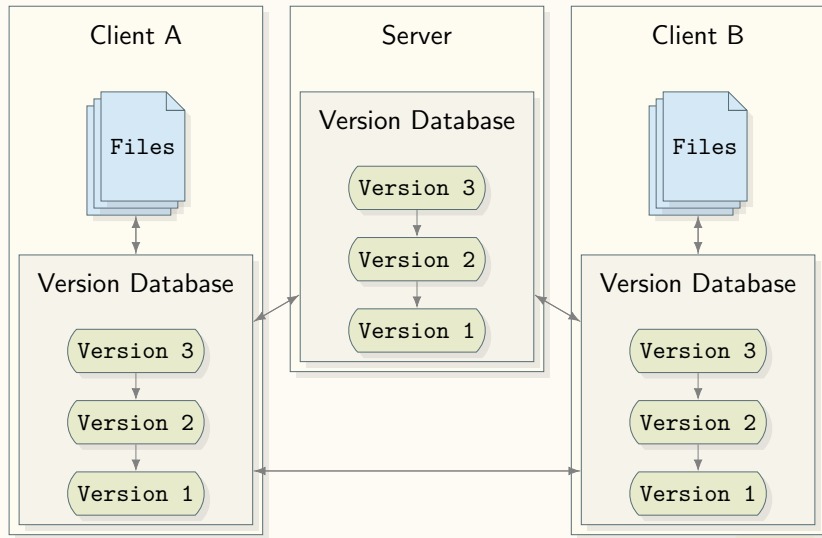


Figure 2: Distributed Version Control

- Peer to peer
- Version database on every machine
- Clients can talk to each other
- Download the entire repository
- Operate locally, share explicitly
- You can have a central server
- Servers are only different in that, as an optimization, they don't have working copies of the files. The clients are actually more featureful than the server.

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Git is Fast

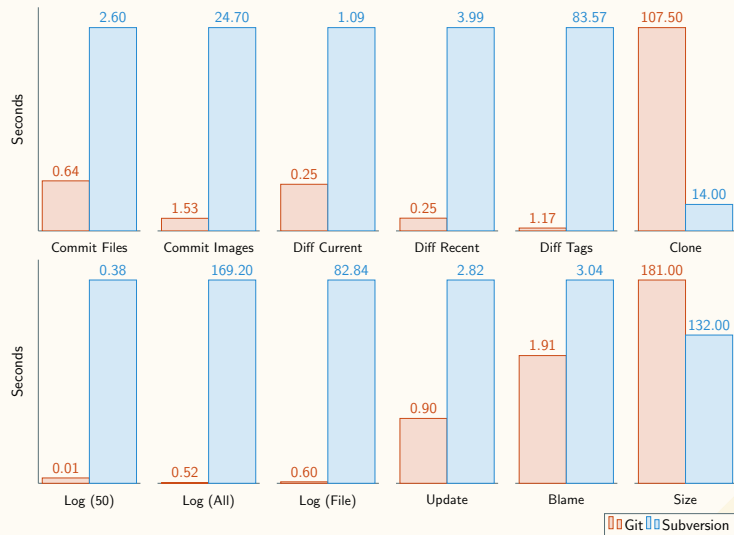


Figure 3: Runtime of Git and Subversion Commands

- Data from Scott Chacon <http://git-scm.com/about/small-and-fast>
- All operations are local except explicit synchronization
- No network access needed to:
 - Perform a diff
 - View file history
 - Commit changes
 - Merge branches
 - Switch branches
 - Checkout another revision
 - Blame a file
 - Search for the change that introduced a bug

What is Git?

Immutable

(almost) never removes data

- You will hear about rewriting history.
- **Question:** How many people have heard about rewriting history in Git?
- Git does not rewrite history.
- What Git does, is write a new history and move a pointer to it.
- Old history is still in the database.
- If you delete a branch, you're not deleting the work on that branch, you're deleting a pointer to it.
- Git keeps a log off all of this, so you can go back and find it.



What is Git?

Cryptographically **secure**

- Everything is hashed and addressed by its hash.
- Change content, change how you get that content.
- Sign tags and commits with PGP.
- Git can detect corruption.



Git is Popular

- Dip every Christmas

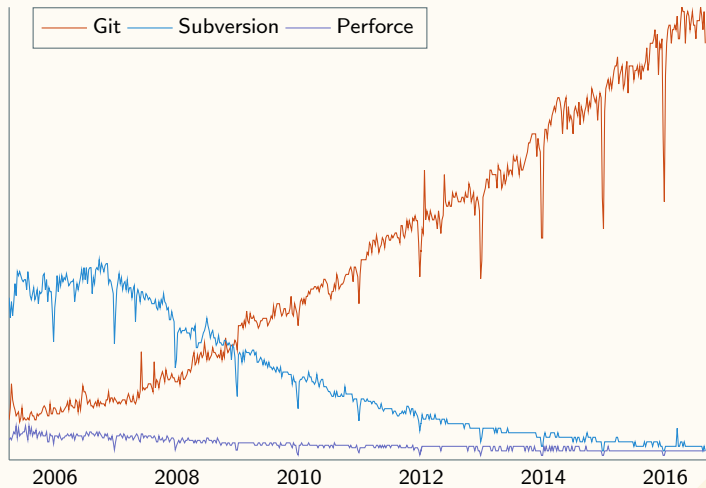


Figure 4: Google Trends Since First Git Release

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Objectives

- ▶ Understand how Git works and how to apply that to day to day development
- ▶ Learn the basic 12 everyday commands
- ▶ Know how to undo mistakes
- ▶ Learn how to use Git to collaborate
- ▶ Learn how to find help



12 Everyday Commands

- | | | |
|------------|---------|----------|
| ▶ add | ▶ diff | ▶ merge |
| ▶ branch | ▶ fetch | ▶ push |
| ▶ checkout | ▶ help | ▶ rebase |
| ▶ commit | ▶ log | ▶ status |

- Git has 160 subcommands in 2.9.3
- I'll cover about 20 of them
- These are the 12 you'll use daily



Demo 1: `git help`

- I'll cover one of them right now.
- **Demo 1:** `git help`



12 Everyday Commands

- ▶ add
- ▶ diff
- ▶ merge
- ▶ branch
- ▶ fetch
- ▶ push
- ▶ checkout
- ▶ **help**
- ▶ rebase
- ▶ commit
- ▶ log
- ▶ status

- One down, 11 to go.



Learn 4 Ways

- ▶ Conceptual
- ▶ Commands
- ▶ Implementation
- ▶ Try It

- Conceptual - Computer science lecture. Diagrams of directed acyclic graphs and reachability. I'll lecture. We'll watch some lectures from Scott Chacon (Author of "Pro Git", CIO GitHub).
- Commands - Practical. How to use common commands.
- Implementation - How Git works under the hood.
- Try It - Practice!



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Demo 2: `git init`

- **Demo 2:** `git init`



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Three Stage Thinking

- ▶ Edit
- ▶ Add
- ▶ Commit



Three Stage Thinking

Demo 3: Three Stage Thinking

- **Demo 3:** Three Stage Thinking



Lesson 1

Lesson 1: Three Stage Thinking

- Lesson 1: Three Stage Thinking



Commit Messages

The Conventional Bits

- ▶ Make your commits atomic
- ▶ Justify your changes; write detailed messages
- ▶ Write in the imperative: "Fix bug" and not "Fixed bug" or "Fixes bug"
- ▶ Present tense for current commit
- ▶ Past tense for earlier commits
- ▶ Future tense for later commits
- ▶ No period on subject line
- ▶ Meta-data at the bottom

- These are common expectations
- Like most social conventions, will be used to judge you more so than that they are technically superior
- I include them here so that you can understand and fit in
- Atomic: words like and, also, consider splitting commit
- Justify: open-source mailing list mentality; what, why, how
- Imperative style dates back to, at least, GNU changelogs
- Meta-data at the bottom: signed-off-by, change-id, issue tracker
- Look at a linux kernel log



12 Everyday Commands

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- ▶ **log**
- ▶ **status**

- You've already seen these

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Trees, Hashes, and Blobs

oh My!

- **Video:** <http://youtu.be/ZDR433b0HJY?t=13m17s> - 0:21:02
- By Scott Chacon (Author of "Pro Git", CIO GitHub)



Trees, Hashes, and Blobs

Demo 4: Trees, Hashes, and Blobs

- **Demo 4:** Trees, Hashes, and Blobs



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Branch and Merge

Video

- **Video:** <http://youtu.be/ZDR433b0HJY?t=21m05s> - 0:30:35



Branches

- By default, 'git init' will create a master branch
- Most repositories have a master branch because most people are too lazy to change defaults
- Branches are pointers that point to commits

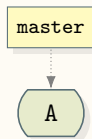


Figure 5: Branches are Pointers to Commits



HEAD

- HEAD points to current branch
- HEAD is what you have checked out on your filesystem
- HEAD is the parent of your next commit

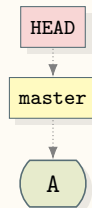


Figure 6: HEAD Points to Your Current Branch



git branch

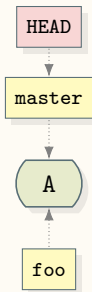


Figure 7: Creating a New Branch

```
$ git branch foo
```

- HEAD points to current branch
- HEAD is what you have checked out on your filesystem
- HEAD is the parent of your next commit
- Branches are cheap and fast. Writes 41 bytes to a file; that's it.
- `git branch foo` Creates a new branch called foo pointing to the same commit that HEAD is pointing to.

git checkout

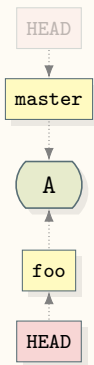


Figure 8: Switching Branches

```
$ git checkout foo
$ git branch
* foo
  master
```

- `git checkout` switches the current branch by changing what HEAD points to. If necessary, it will update your filesystem to match the commit pointed to by the branch.
- `git branch` will show you all of the local branches and put a star next to your current branch.

Make a Commit

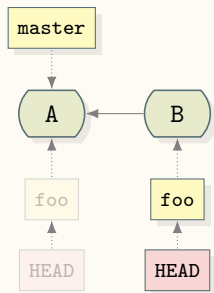


Figure 9: Make a Commit

```
$ git commit
```

- `git commit` Creates a new commit whose parent is whatever commit HEAD is pointing at. Then, it moves the branch HEAD is pointing at to the new commit.
- The only branch that moves is what HEAD points at.
- If you're ever scared about doing something, drop a branch behind. As long as you don't have a branch checked out, it's impossible to lose where it was.

Make Another Commit

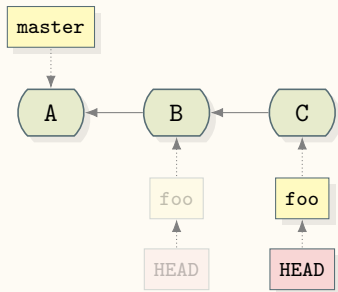


Figure 10: Make Another Commit

```
$ git commit
```

Checkout a New Branch

- `git checkout -b` is a shortcut for creating a branch and immediately checking it out.

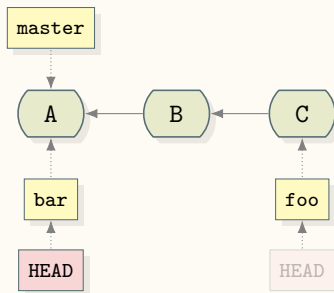


Figure 11: Checkout a New Branch

```
$ git checkout -b bar master
```

Work on a New Branch

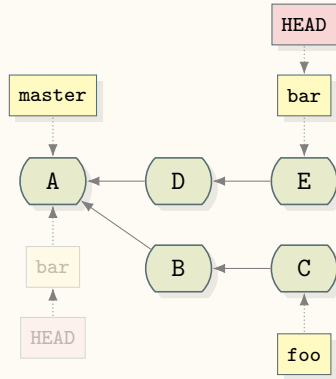


Figure 12: Work on a New Branch

```
$ git commit
$ git commit
```

- Make two commits on branch bar

Merging

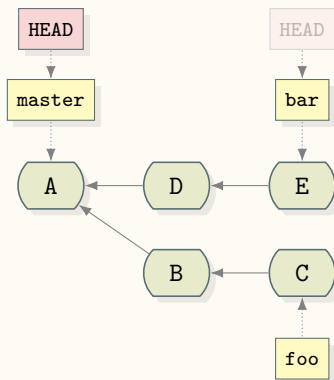


Figure 13: Checkout master

```
$ git checkout master
```

- Checkout the branch you want to modify / merge into
- Switch back to the master branch
- Next, I want the master have the changes on the bar branch
- **Question:** What should happen?
- Git checks to see if master is reachable from bar. If it is, it does the easiest possible thing.

Fast-Forward Merge

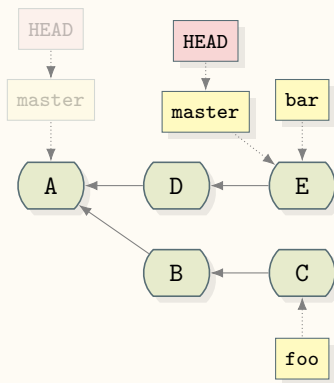


Figure 14: Fast-Forward Merge

```
$ git merge bar
```

- Want master to look like bar.
- It moves master up to the same commit that bar is at.
- Next, merge foo.
- **Question:** What should happen?
- It's going to do a non-fast-forward merge. It has to create a new tree. The snapshot with both master and foo doesn't exist yet.

Non-Fast-Forward Merge

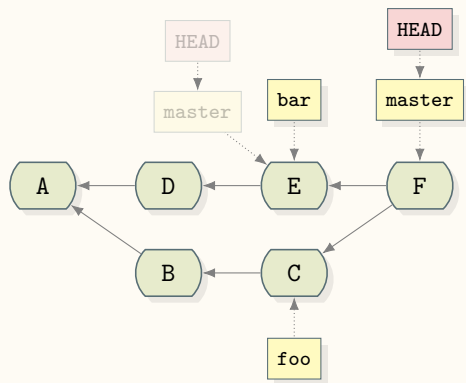


Figure 15: Non-Fast-Forward Merge

```
$ git merge foo
```

- Git created a new snapshot, F, and moved master to it.
- F now has both the changes on foo and bar.
- Git encodes this by having a commit with two parents.
- Neither foo nor bar moved. Branches that are not checked out will not move.

Lesson 2

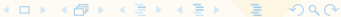

Lesson 2: Branching and Merging

- **Lesson 2:** Branching and Merging
- Demo lesson afterwards.
- `cat .git/HEAD`
- `cat .git/refs/heads/feature/change-name`
- Branches are just 41 byte files.



Tags

Branches that Don't Move



- If you understand branches, then tags are easy.

Lesson 3

Lesson 3: Tags

- **Lesson 3:** Tags
- Start discussion: Lightweight vs. annotated tags.



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- ▶ **add**
- ▶ **diff**
- ▶ **merge**
- ▶ **branch**
- ▶ **fetch**
- ▶ **push**
- ▶ **checkout**
- ▶ **help**
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- We've added branch, checkout, and merge

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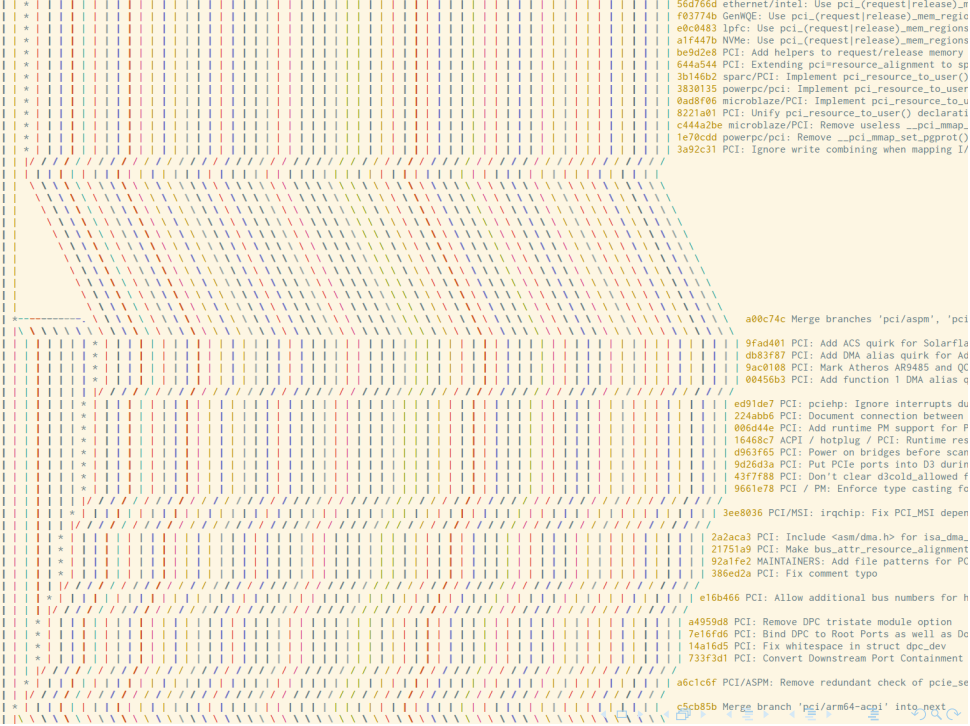
Rebase

- Swiss-army-knife of rewriting history
- The ability to edit or rewrite history sets Git apart from other version control systems

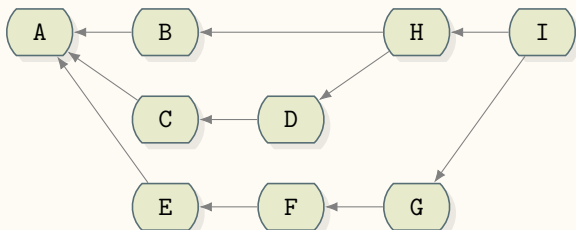
With great power comes great responsibility



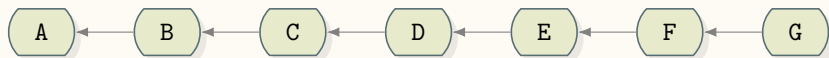
- Long running branches can be confusing
- This is from the linux kernel



Developing in Parallel or Taking Turns



(a) Multiple Concurrent Branches



(b) Linear History

Figure 16: Two Ways to Tell a Story

- What if we could use our version control tool to pretend that we took turns even when we develop in parallel
- Edit the top history to look like the bottom
- **Question:** Is this even a good idea?
- The first use of `git rebase` we will look at will do this

Rebase

- Instead of creating the merge commits H and I we'll rebase foo and bar onto master in order to create a linear history

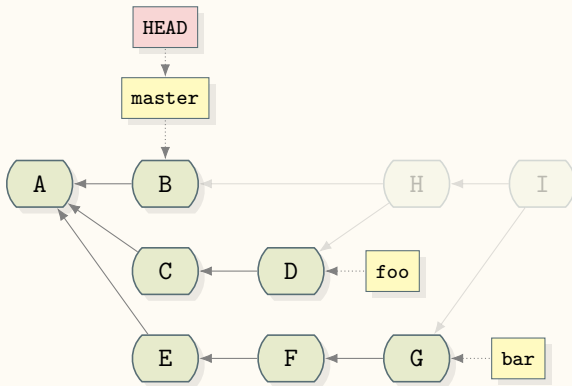


Figure 17: Two Branches to Rebase

Rebase

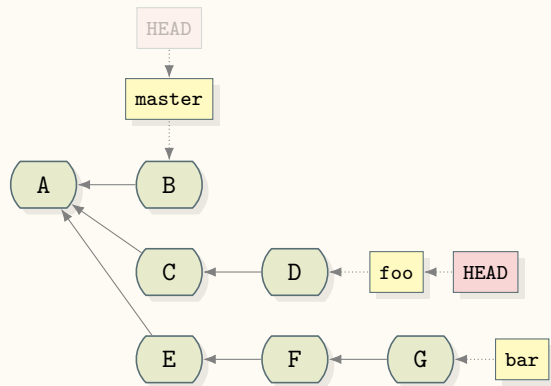


Figure 18: Checkout foo

```
$ git checkout foo
```

- First, we'll rebase foo onto master
- We must checkout foo first
- Remember Git will not touch branches you don't have checked out
- We want to take the branch foo, containing commits C and D, and reapply them after commit B

Rebase

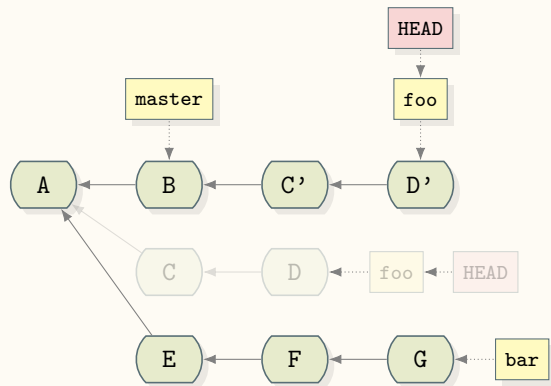


Figure 19: Rebase foo onto master

```
$ git rebase master
```

- ... to do that, we use the command `git rebase master`
- Commits C' and D' have the
 - same deltas as C and D,
 - same commit message,
 - same author,
- but different sha1sum because they have
 - different parents,
 - and different trees (different snapshots);
 - because the snapshots also contain the changes in B
- Rebase works by
 - first finding a common ancestor (A)
 - making patches for each commit in the source branch
 - and reapplying them on the destination branch

Rebase

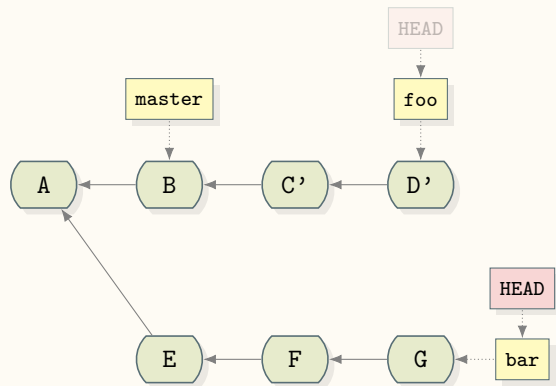


Figure 20: Checkout bar

```
$ git checkout bar
```

- Repeat the process for branch bar

Rebase

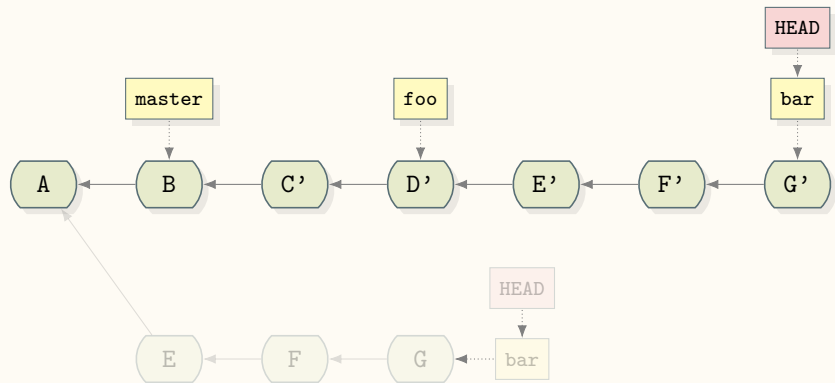


Figure 21: Rebase bar Onto foo

```
$ git rebase foo
```

- Reapply E, F, and G after D'

Rebase

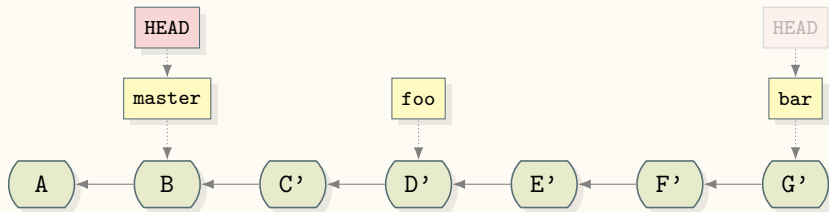


Figure 22: Update master

```
$ git checkout master
```

- Now that we have the version of history that we want, let's update master
- First checkout master

Rebase

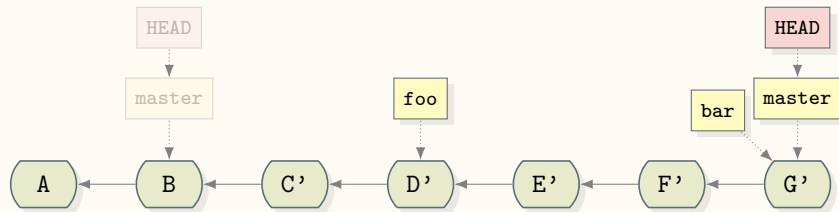


Figure 23: Merge Changes Into master

```
$ git merge bar
```

- Merge bar into master
- **Question:** What kind of merge is this? Fast-forward merge

Rebase

- If foo and bar are not needed anymore

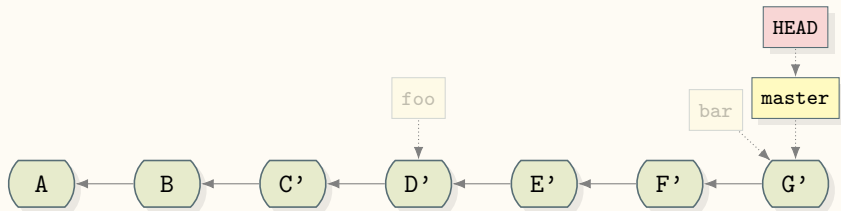


Figure 24: Delete Branches

```
$ git branch -d foo  
$ git branch -d bar
```

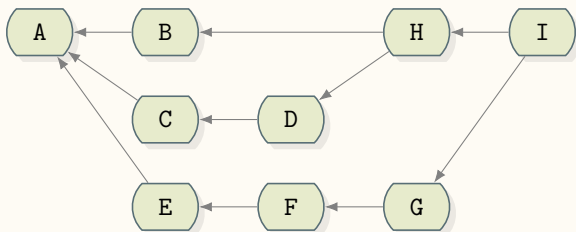
Lesson 4

- **Lesson 4:** Rebase

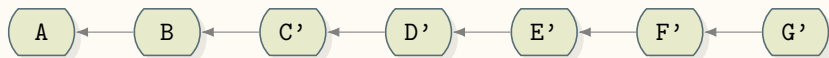
Lesson 4: Rebase

Merge vs. Rebase

- Two ways to apply your changes to the mainline
- Start discussion: Merge vs. Rebase



(a) Multiple Concurrent Branches



(b) Linear History

Figure 25: Two Ways to Tell a Story

Demo 5: `git rebase --interactive`

- **Demo 5:** `git rebase --interactive`
- Reorder, add, remove, edit, reword, squash commits



Lesson 5: Interactive Rebase

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- Now we've learned rebase

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Stash

```
$ git checkout foo
error: Your local changes to the following files would
be overwritten by checkout:
    a.txt
    b.txt
Please commit your changes or stash them before you
switch branches.
Aborting
$ git merge foo
error: The following untracked working tree files would
be overwritten by merge:
    a.txt
    b.txt
Please move or remove them before you merge.
Aborting
$ git rebase -i HEAD~3
Cannot rebase: You have unstaged changes.
Please commit or stash them.
```

- You'll run into these error message before too long
- Checkout, merge, and rebase all want clean working directories
- so that they don't mess with your unstaged and uncommitted work
- They recommend to commit or stash your changes. What is stash?

Demo 6: git stash

- **Demo 6:** git stash



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Managing Conflicts

- ▶ `git merge`
- ▶ `git rebase`
- ▶ `git stash pop`

- Merge, rebase, and stash pop can result in conflicts

Merge Conflict

```
$ git merge bugfixes
Auto-merging hello.c
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in hello.c
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then commit
the result.
$ git status
# On branch master
# You have unmerged paths.
#   (fix conflicts and run "git commit")
#   (use "git merge --abort" to abort the merge)
#
# Unmerged paths:
#   (use "git add <file>..." to mark resolution)
#
#       both modified:   hello.c
#
no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or
"git commit -a")
```

- If a merge conflicts, it will stop before creating the merge commit
- `git status` will remind you that you have conflicts (unmerged paths).
- Either abort or resolve the changes

Merge Conflict Markers

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
<<<<<< HEAD
    printf("Hello Class");
=====
    printf("Hello World\n");
    return 0;
>>>>>> bugfixes
}
```

- Traditional conflict markers.
- Same as in svn.

Merge Conflict Markers

```
$ git config --global merge.conflictstyle diff3
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
<<<<<< HEAD
    printf("Hello Class");
|||||| merged common ancestors
    printf("Hello World");
=====
    printf("Hello World\n");
    return 0;
>>>>>> bugfixes
}
```

- Alternatively, the diff3 style, which I highly recommend, adds the merge base in the middle

Merge Tools

```
$ git mergetool --tool=<tool>
```

- | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| ▶ araxis | ▶ emerge | ▶ p4merge |
| ▶ bc | ▶ examdiff | ▶ tkdiff |
| ▶ bc3 | ▶ gvimdiff | ▶ tortoisemerge |
| ▶ codecompare | ▶ gvimdiff2 | ▶ vimdiff |
| ▶ deltawalker | ▶ gvimdiff3 | ▶ vimdiff2 |
| ▶ diffmerge | ▶ kdiff3 | ▶ vimdiff3 |
| ▶ diffuse | ▶ meld | ▶ winmerge |
| ▶ ecmerge | ▶ opendiff | |

- If you'd like to use a merge tool,
- these are all supported out of the box
- Can use others with a little bit of configuration to tell git how to launch them

Merge Conflicts

Git stops before creating merge commit. Either:

1. Abort with `git merge --abort`

or

1. Resolve the conflicts
2. Mark files resolved with `git add <file>`
3. Finish the merge with `git commit`

- Easier said than done...
- Conflicts are recorded in merge commit message



Lesson 6: Merge Conflicts

- ... so let's do it
- **Lesson 6:** Merge Conflicts



Rebase Conflict

```
$ git rebase master
```

```
...
```

```
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in hello.c
```

```
error: Failed to merge in the changes.
```

```
Patch failed at 0002 Print newline
```

```
The copy of the patch that failed is found in:
```

```
.git/rebase-apply/patch
```

When you have resolved this problem, run

"git rebase --continue".

If you prefer to skip this patch, run

"git rebase --skip" instead.

To check out the original branch and stop rebasing, run

"git rebase --abort".

- Rebase applies each commit one at a time
- If a rebase conflicts, it will stop before creating the commit at whichever commit in the rebase conflicts

Rebase Conflict

```
$ git status
# rebase in progress; onto 71f26c3
# You are currently rebasing branch 'bugfixes' on '71f26c3'.
#   (fix conflicts and then run "git rebase --continue")
#   (use "git rebase --skip" to skip this patch)
#   (use "git rebase --abort" to check out the original branch)
#
# Unmerged paths:
#   (use "git reset HEAD <file>..." to unstage)
#   (use "git add <file>..." to mark resolution)
#
#       both modified:   hello.c
#
no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or
"git commit -a")
```

- git status will remind you that you have a rebase in progress with conflicts (unmerged paths).
- Either abort, skip, or resolve the changes
- The skip option is new
- Skip will not attempt to apply that change as if you had omitted it with a git rebase -i

Rebase Conflicts

Git stops before each conflicting commit. Either:

1. Abort with `git rebase --abort`

or

1. Skip one patch with `git rebase --skip`

or

1. Resolve the conflicts
2. Mark files resolved with `git add <file>`
3. Continue the rebase with `git rebase --continue`

- Similar process as a merge conflict but with the added option to skip
- Note that the command to continue is no longer `git commit`



Lesson 7: Rebase Conflicts

- **Lesson 7:** Rebase Conflicts
- After lesson: **Question:** How was this different than resolving the merge conflict?
- You can get similar one commit at a time merge conflict resolution with `git rerere`



Stash Conflict

```
$ git stash pop
Auto-merging hello.c
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in hello.c
$ git status
# On branch master
# Unmerged paths:
#   (use "git reset HEAD <file>..." to unstage)
#   (use "git add <file>..." to mark resolution)
#
#       both modified:   hello.c
#
no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or
"git commit -a")
```

- This is starting to look familiar

Stash Conflicts

Git applies the changes with conflict markers but leaves the change on the stack.

1. Resolve the conflicts
2. Mark files resolved with `git add <file>` or `git reset HEAD <file>`
3. If you don't need the stash anymore `git stash drop`
4. Go back to work

- Conflicting `git stash apply` is one of the difficult
- Will skip a lesson for stash, you get the idea



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Reachability and Garbage Collection

- **Question:** What is reachable from H if you follow the parent pointers?

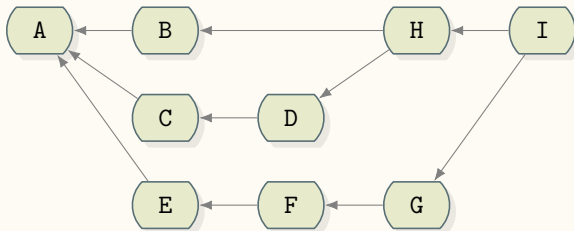


Figure 26: Reachability

Reachability and Garbage Collection

- Reachable from H

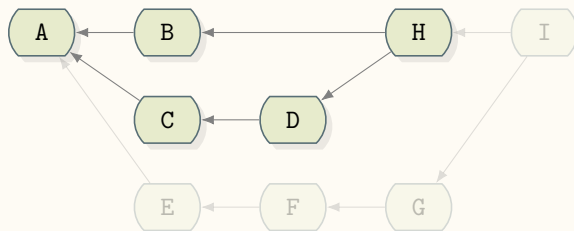


Figure 27: Reachable from H

Reachability and Garbage Collection

- Reachable from G

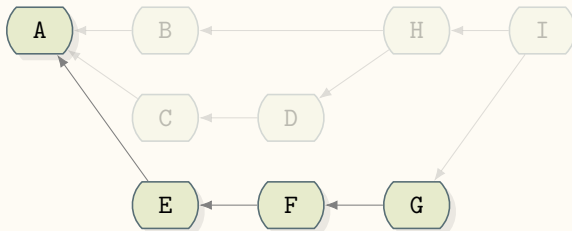


Figure 28: Reachable from G

Reachability and Garbage Collection

- Everything on this graph is reachable from I

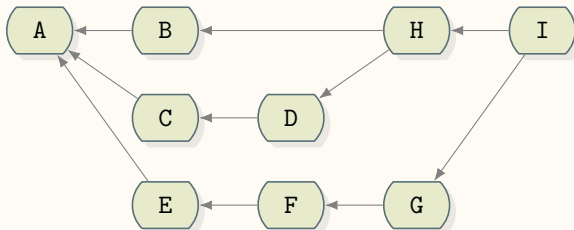


Figure 29: Reachable from I

Reachability and Garbage Collection

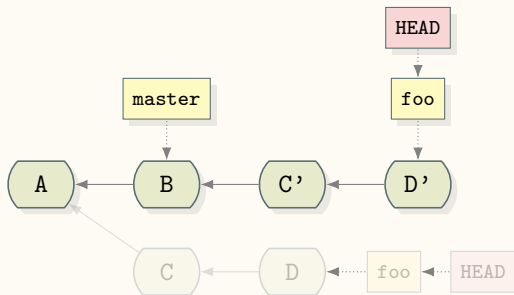


Figure 30: Rebase foo onto master

```
$ git rebase master
```

- Revisiting earlier rebase example
- Calling this rewriting history was a bit of a misnomer
- An alternate history C' and D' are created and HEAD and foo point to the alternate history
- The old history is still there. It is no longer referenced by foo
- `git log` doesn't show it
- `git log -all` doesn't show it
- But it's still in your database
- `git show <sha1sum>` of either C or D still works
- C and D won't be garbage collected for at least 30 days
- We'll come back to garbage collection later

Recovering Your Work

Made a mistake?

Need a change from several amends ago?

Messed up a rebase?

- ▶ `git reflog`
- ▶ `git fsck`
- ▶ `git reset`

- You can (almost) always recover your work
- If you've ever added a file, that snapshot is in your database
- We can recover it



Lesson 8: Recovering Your Work

- **Lesson 8:** Recovering Your Work



Reachability and Garbage Collection

Garbage Collection

- Objects that are not reachable from branches, tags, and 30 days old
- Reflog expires at 90 days, but objects may be garbage collected after 30
- That said, gc doesn't run very often in most use cases
- gc.auto (6700) loose objects
- gc.autoPackLimit (50) pack files
- Garbage collection can only happen if you run a git command
- All of this is configurable



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Playing with Others

- **Video:** <http://youtu.be/ZDR433b0HJY?t=58m45s> - 1:10:15



Lesson 9: Remotes

- **Lesson 9:** Remotes
- I apologize for how silly that was; you're not likely to ever have that many people trying to push at the same time
- If you haven't finished, don't worry about it
- It is important to recognize that Git does not do ANY merge resolutions on the remote
- While this is much safer than the alternative, it does present a bottleneck if too many people must push to the same remote
- Large, open source projects with many contributors tend to use more pull oriented workflows
- `git format-patch`, `git send-email`, GitHub pull requests, and so on



12 Everyday Commands

- ▶ **add**
- ▶ **diff**
- ▶ **merge**
- ▶ **branch**
- ▶ **fetch**
- ▶ **push**
- ▶ **checkout**
- ▶ **help**
- ▶ **rebase**
- ▶ **commit**
- ▶ **log**
- ▶ **status**

- Now we've covered all of them



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Demo 7: git submodule

- **Demo 7:** git submodule



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Pros and Cons

- ▶ What is Git good at?
- ▶ What is Git bad at?
- ▶ When should you use Git?
- ▶ When should you not use Git?
- ▶ How is Git different from other version control systems?

- **Discussion:** Pros and Cons
- Start Pros, Neutral, Cons list



Pros and Cons

Creating a new repository is trivial

- Here's a list of things that we might not have covered yet
- `git init`
- Don't need a dedicated server
- All you need is a file system



Pros and Cons

Staging Area

- More complicated
- Help you specify what changes belong in your next commit
- Distinction between whats on disk and what youre about to commit
- Commit part of some files changes



Pros and Cons

Peer-to-peer synchronization over several protocols

- ▶ git://
- ▶ ssh://
- ▶ http://
- ▶ https://
- ▶ file://
- ▶ nfs
- ▶ email
- ▶ RFC 1149

- Peer-to-peer, from anyone to anyone
- RFC 1149: A Standard for the Transmission of IP Datagrams on Avian Carriers
- Hashed, with commit messages, optionally cryptographically signed
- If you can transfer a file, you can share changes



Pros and Cons

- Branches are a fundamental part of version control
- A git branch is a 41 byte file
- Branches are local, can be messy
- They don't require permission
- They don't have to be public
- Merging algorithm was better than SVN's until 1.8 in 2013

Branching and Merging



Pros and Cons

Access Control

- SVN must be managed at the central server
- SVN can assign permissions per directory
- Git is all or nothing per repository, read or write access, that's it
- Can add a lot more control via other tools
- Can't partially limit read access at all



Pros and Cons

Obliterate

- Completely remove something from history
- This is an option you won't need often
- Accidentally added very large files
- Legal/security reasons
- Many copies of the history
- Changes are detectable



Pros and Cons

Locks

- No built-in way to do locks
- Locks require a central server
- Some git servers like gitolite support file locking



Pros and Cons

- Binaries don't compress well, all versions stored locally
- Entire repository must be cloned
- Binaries don't benefit from branching and merging

Binaries and Very Large Repositories



Pros and Cons

- Commits can be manipulated
- Edited, squashed, split, reordered, cherry-pick, share, signed-off
- Distinction between auditing your progress and publishing a finished work
- Implications for review
- Not a complete audit trail

First Class Commits and Rewriting History



- No linear list of revision numbers

Revision Hashes Instead of Revision Numbers



- Git is challenging
- We've been here for quite a few hours already

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