

Git and GitHub

What is Git?

- Version Control System
 - Keep careful track of changes in your files
 - Collaborate with others on your projects more easily
 - Test changes without losing the original versions
 - Revert back to older versions when/if needed
- GitHub: web-based hosting service for git
 - Provides a "remote" location for storing your git workspaces
 - Useful if you lose/break your computer, etc.

Using Git

- Installation
 - <https://github.com/join>
 - <https://help.github.com/articles/set-up-git/>
- How it works
 - Create a "repository" (workspace) for your project
 - Add/remove/save/edit files
 - Push local files online to GitHub / pull remote files from GitHub to your local workspace
 - And more!

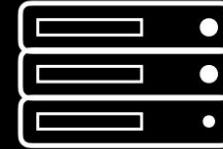
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- Downloads an existing repository from GitHub
- Creates a synced, local copy

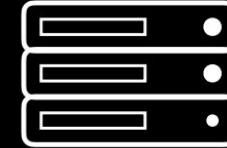
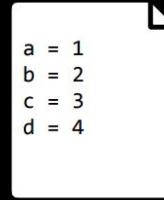
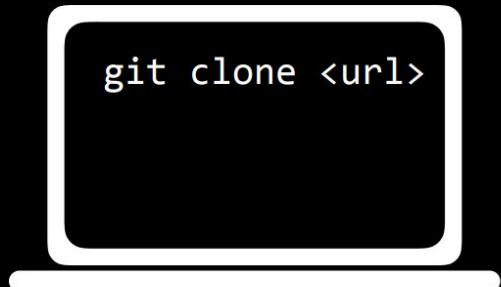
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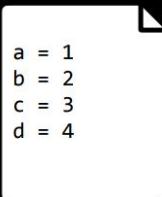
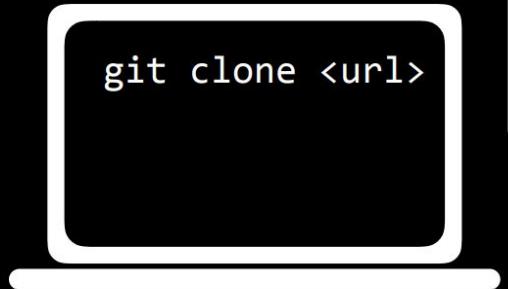
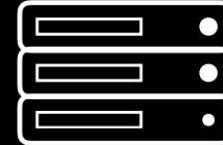
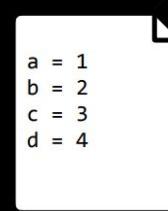
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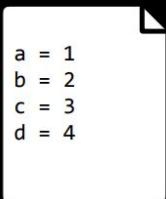
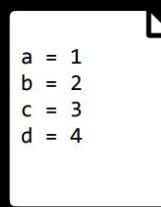
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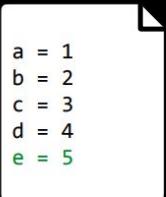
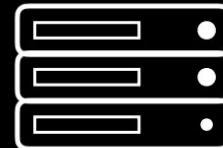
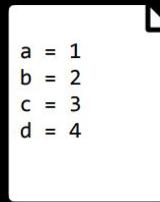
git add <filename>

- Signals to git that the specified file should be “tracked” for changes
 - Places modified file(s) in the “staging area”
- Files not added in this way are essentially ignored by git
- `git add -A` signals to git that it should track all existing files

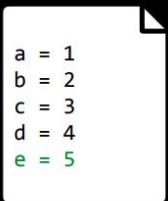
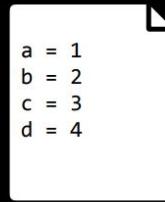
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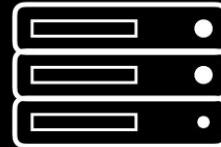
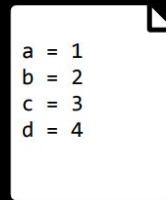
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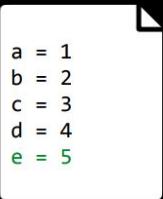
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git add foo.py
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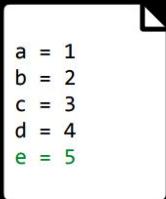
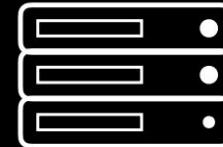
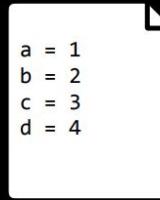
Changes to be committed:

modified: foo.py

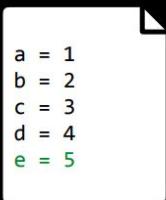
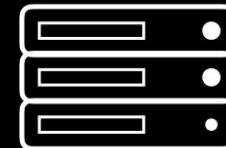
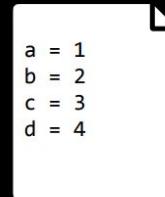
git commit -m "message"

- Takes a "snapshot" of all files currently on the staging area and commits it to git's memory
- The "snapshot" is captioned with the given message as a brief description for the commit

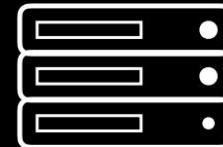
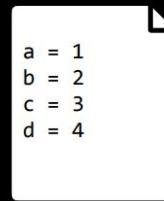
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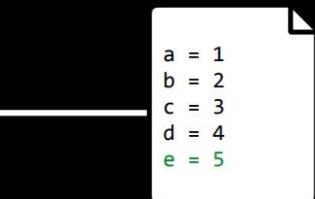
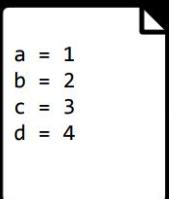
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git commit -m  
"Add line"
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Add line

git commit -am "message"

- Nearly identical to previous command, with the added step of applying git add to all existing tracked files first
 - Ignores untracked files

git status

- Displays useful information about your repository (e.g., current branch, tracked/untracked files, differences between local and remote versions)

git status

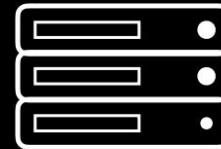


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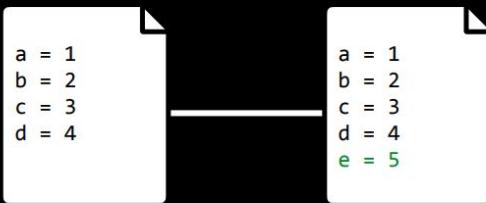
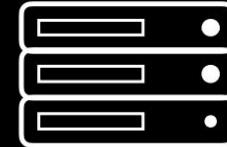
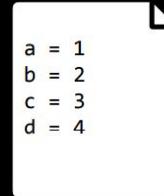
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e = 5
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Add line

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a = 1  
b = 2  
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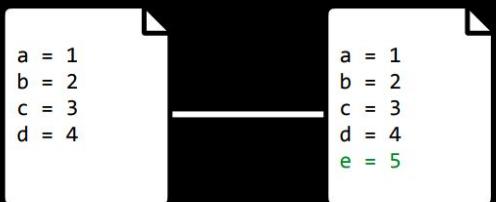
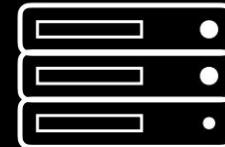
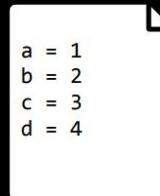
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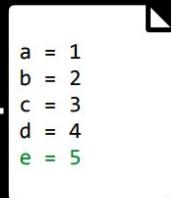
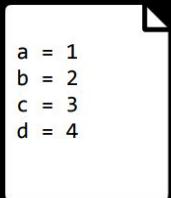
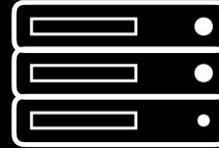
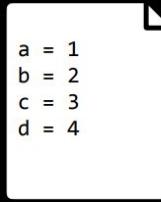


On branch master
Your branch is ahead of 'origin/master' by 1 commit.
(use "git push" to publish your local commits)

git push

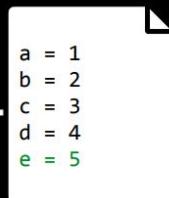
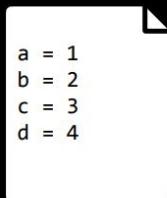
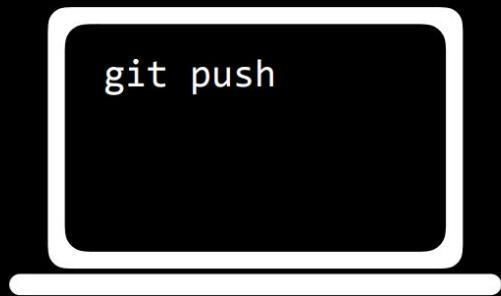
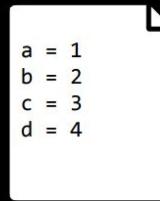
- Uploads local commits to the remote repository (i.e., from your computer to GitHub)

git push



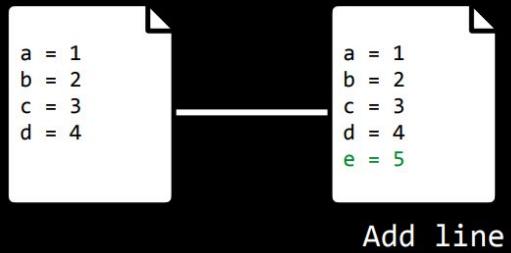
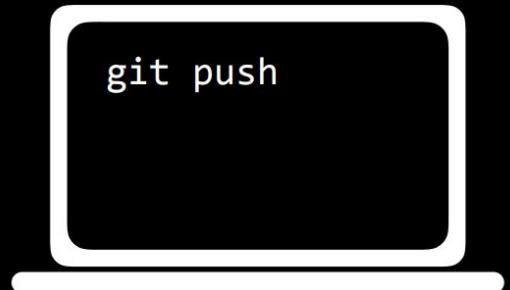
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git push

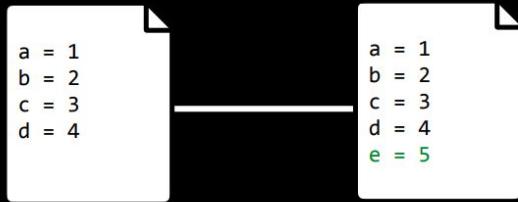


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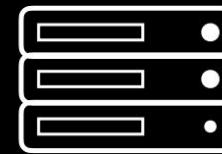
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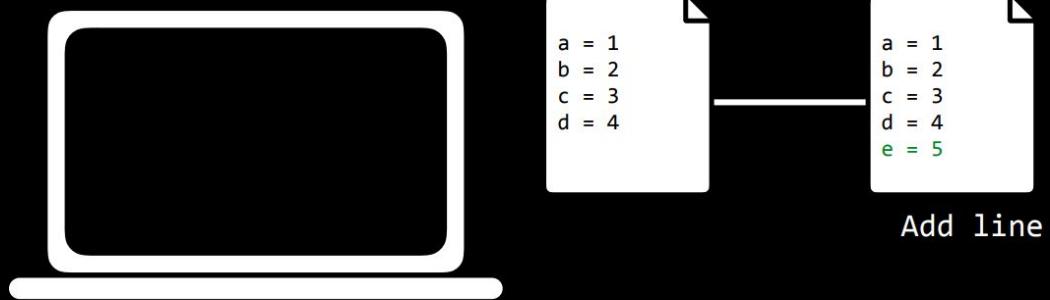
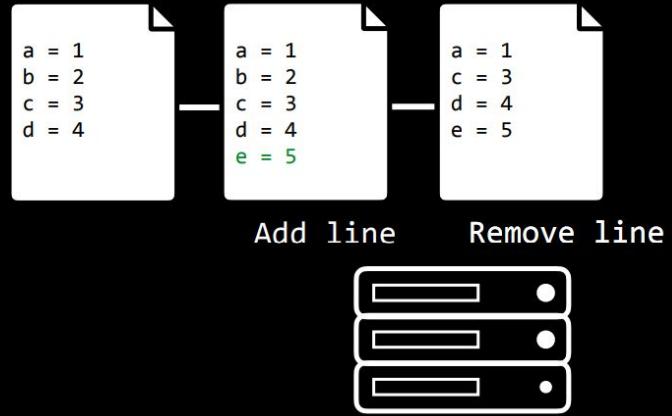
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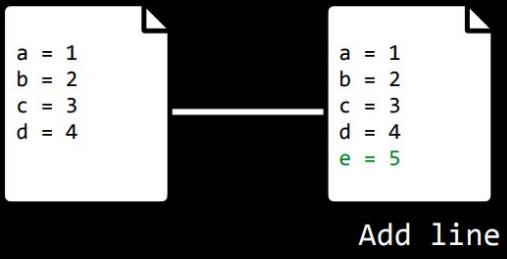
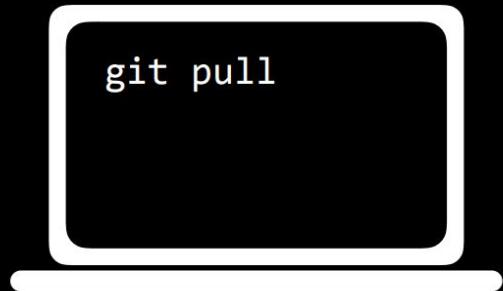
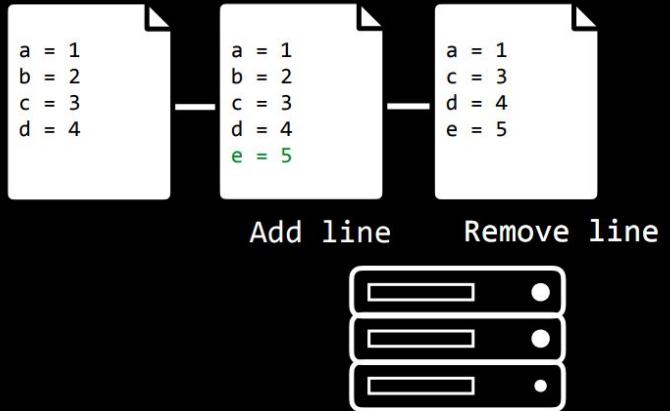
git pull

- Downloads remote commits to the local repository (i.e., from GitHub to your computer)

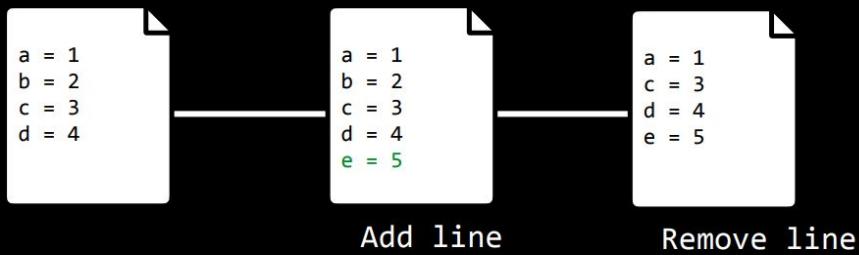
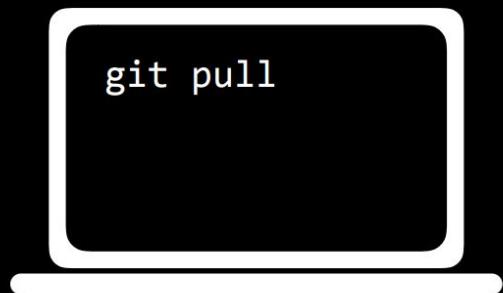
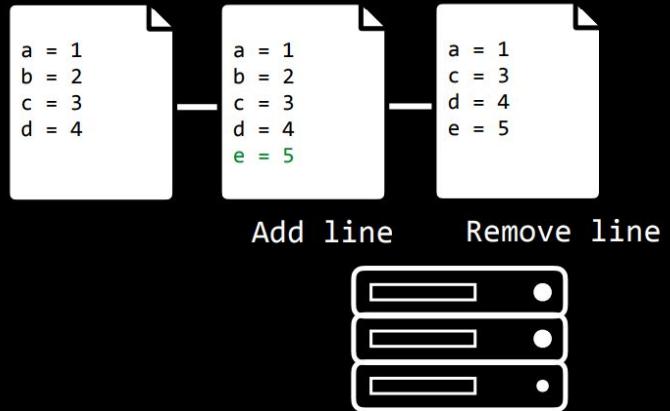
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Merge Conflicts

- When two collaborators make conflicting changes to the same file, a merge conflict may arise
- Git will complain when you attempt to `git pull` and you will need to manually resolve the conflict

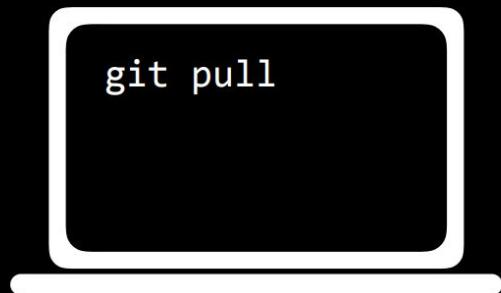
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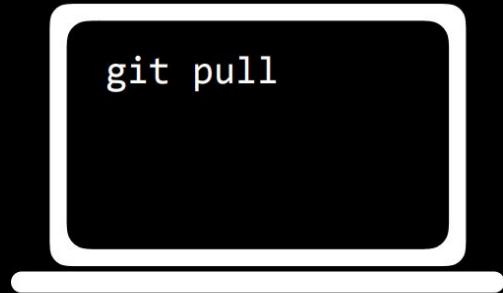
Merge Conflicts



```
git pull
```

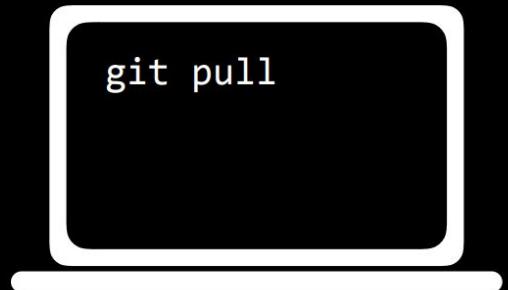
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in foo.py
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then
commit the result.

Merge Conflicts



```
a = 1
<<<< HEAD
b = 2
=====
b = 0
>>> 57656c636f6d6520746f20576562
c = 3
d = 4
e = 5
```

Merge Conflicts



your
changes

remote
changes

```
a = 1
<<<< HEAD
{
b = 2
=====
{
b = 0
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```

conflicting commit

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Merge Conflicts



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Merge Conflicts



```
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c = 3  
d = 4  
e = 5
```

Merge Conflicts



```
git pull
```

```
a = 1  
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e = 5
```

git log

- Displays history of commits made in the repository from newest to oldest

git log



git log



git log



```
commit 436f6d6d6974204d73672048657265  
Author: Brian Yu <brian@cs.harvard.edu>  
Date: Mon Jan 22 14:06:28 2018 -0400
```

Remove a line

```
commit 57656c636f6d6520746f20576562  
Author: Brian Yu <brian@cs.harvard.edu>  
Date: Mon Jan 22 14:05:28 2018 -0400
```

Add a line

Branching

- Each repository by default has a "master" branch where all your work lives
- Sometimes useful to create separate branches in your repository (to test new features, separate work among collaborators, etc.)



first
commit



first changes
commit

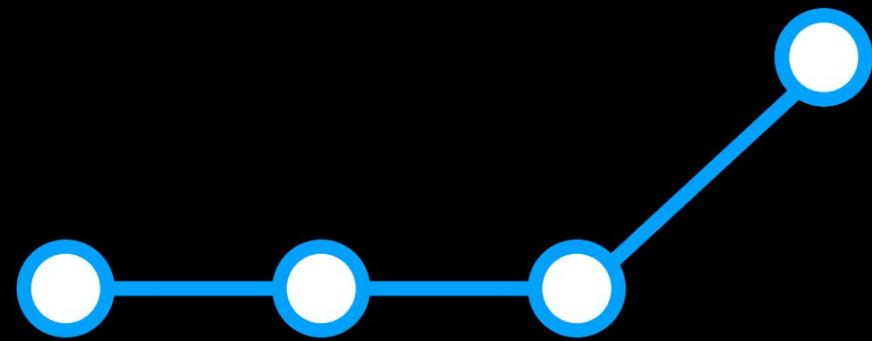


first
commit

changes

more
changes

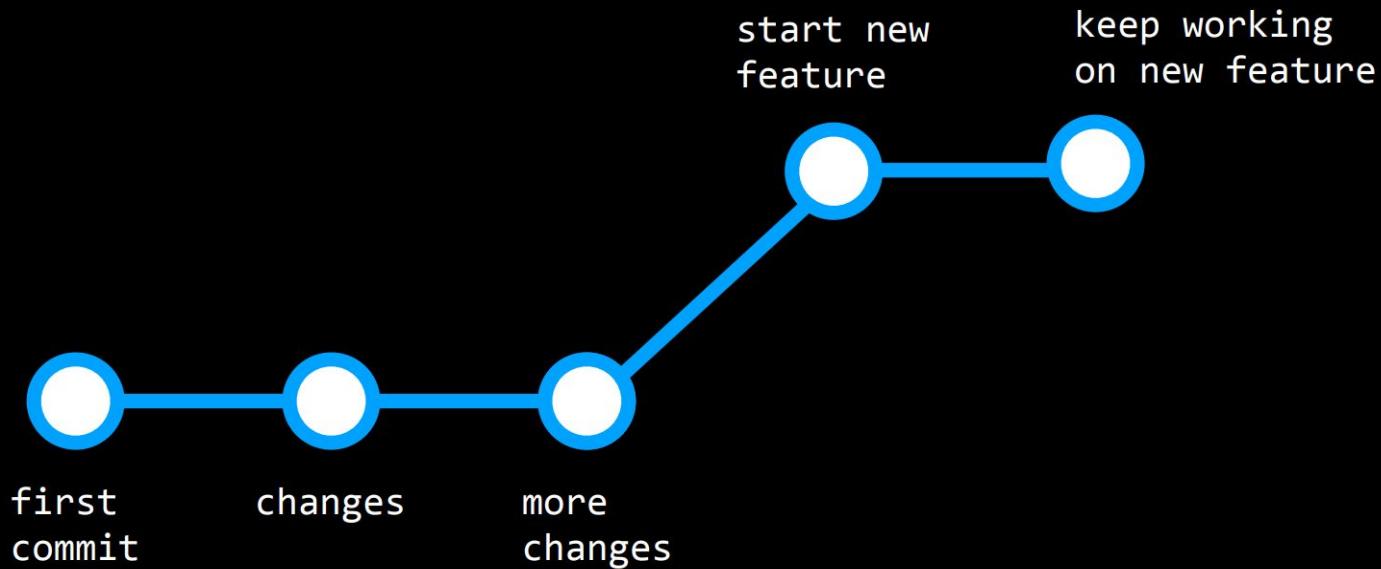
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feature

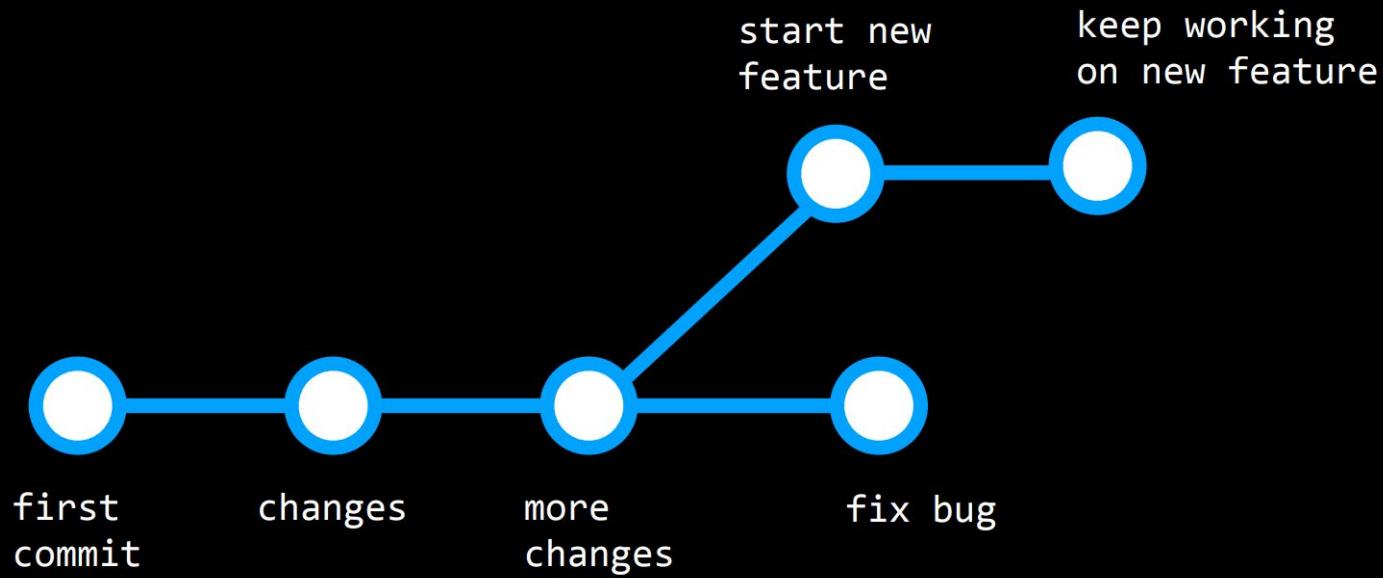


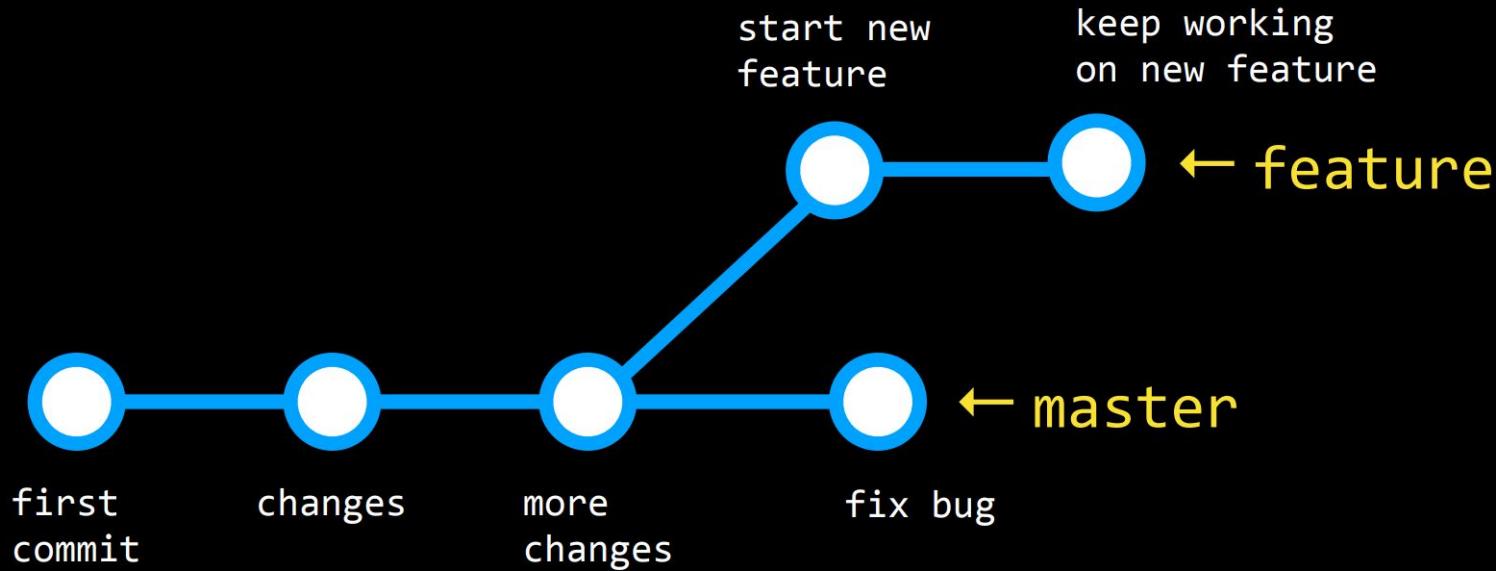
first
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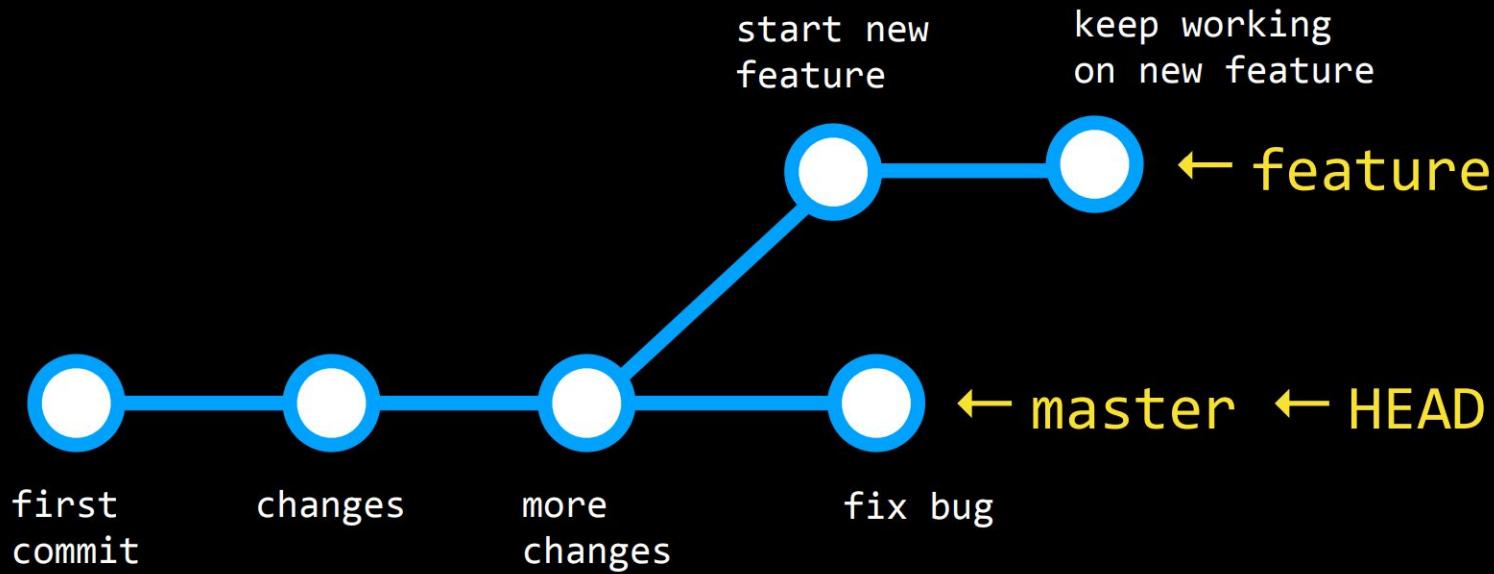
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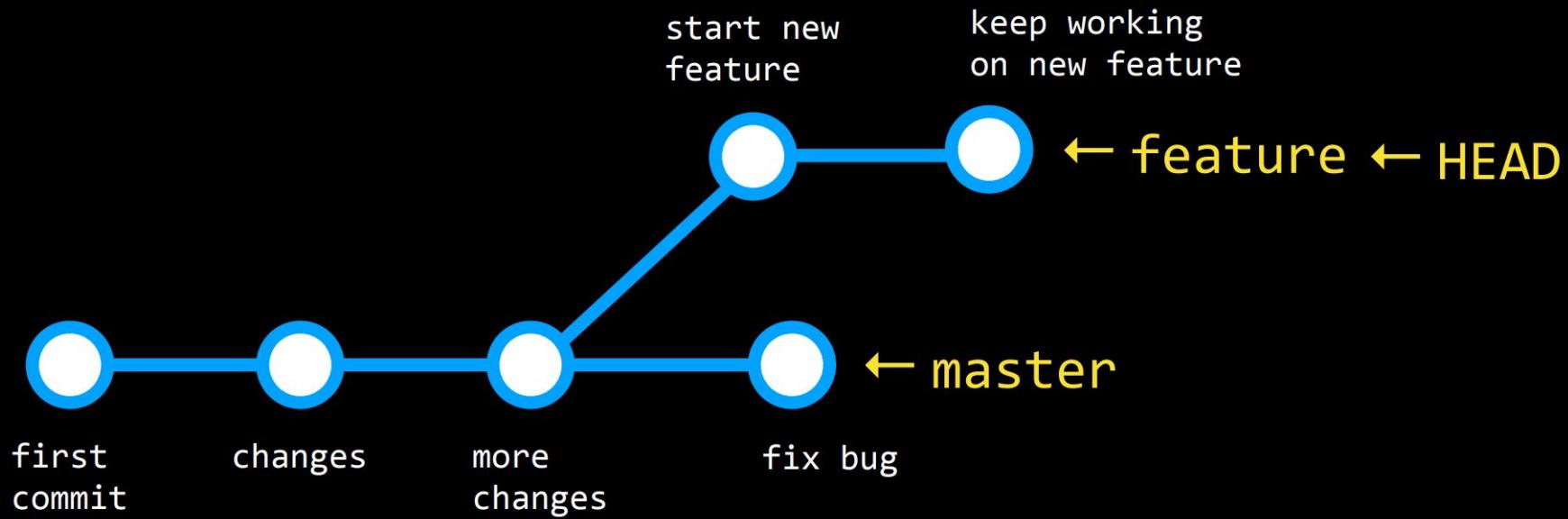
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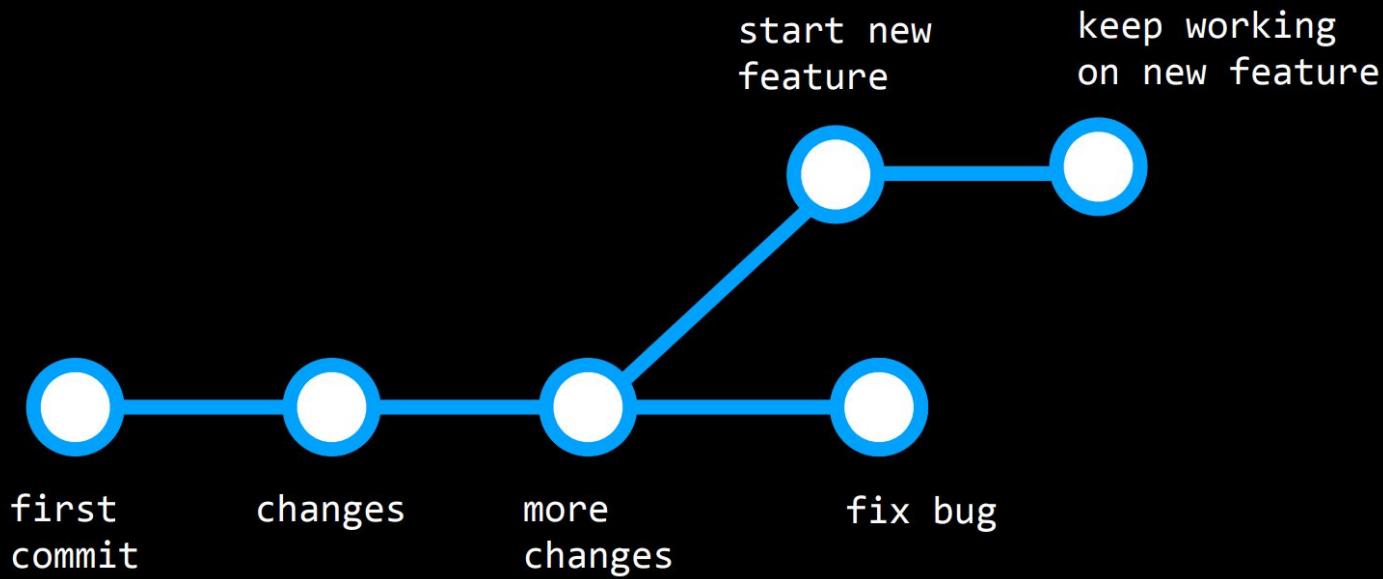


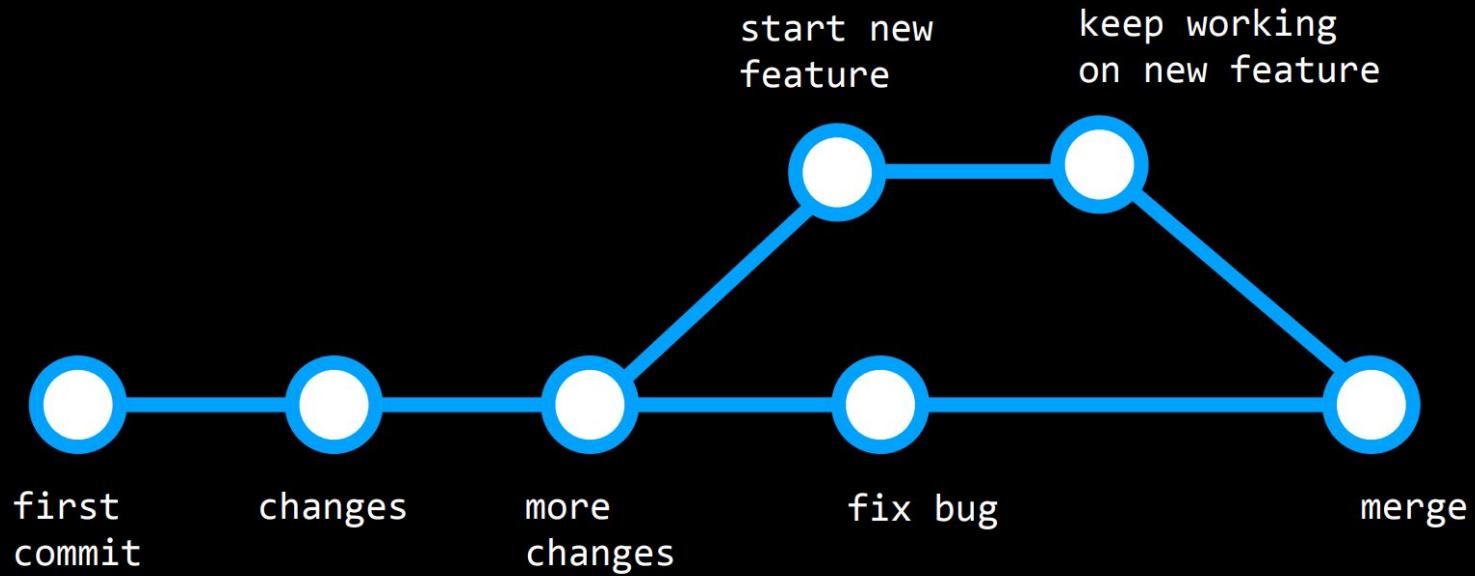












git branch

- By default, lists all of the branches in your repository, but has a few other variations:
- `git branch <branch>`
 - Creates a new branch with the given name
- `git branch -d <branch>`
 - Deletes the specified branch

git checkout <branch>

- Switches from the current branch to the specified branch (must already exist)

git checkout -b <branch>

- First creates a new branch with the given name, then switches to it

git merge <branch>

- Merges the specified branch to the current branch

Open Source

- GitHub is a popular home for "open source" projects (i.e., projects whose source code is freely available online and may be redistributed and modified).

Forking

- Create a copy of someone else's repository on your profile so that you can contribute to their project

Final questions?