

rctl - Research Beyond the Lab

Literate Programming with R Markdown

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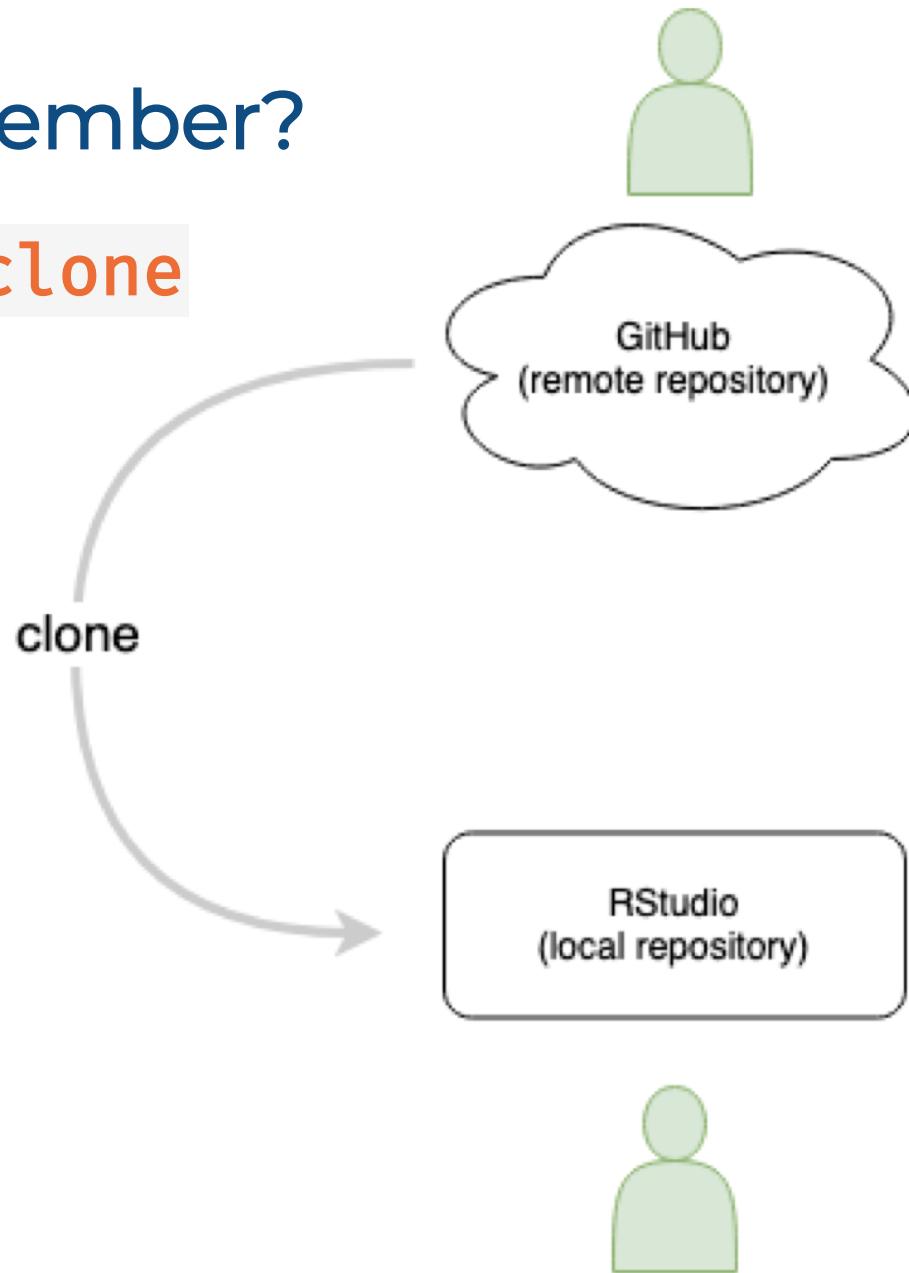
1. Homework Assignment 3 - How to get solutions?
2. R Markdown
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Homework Assignment 3 - Solutions

A new git command

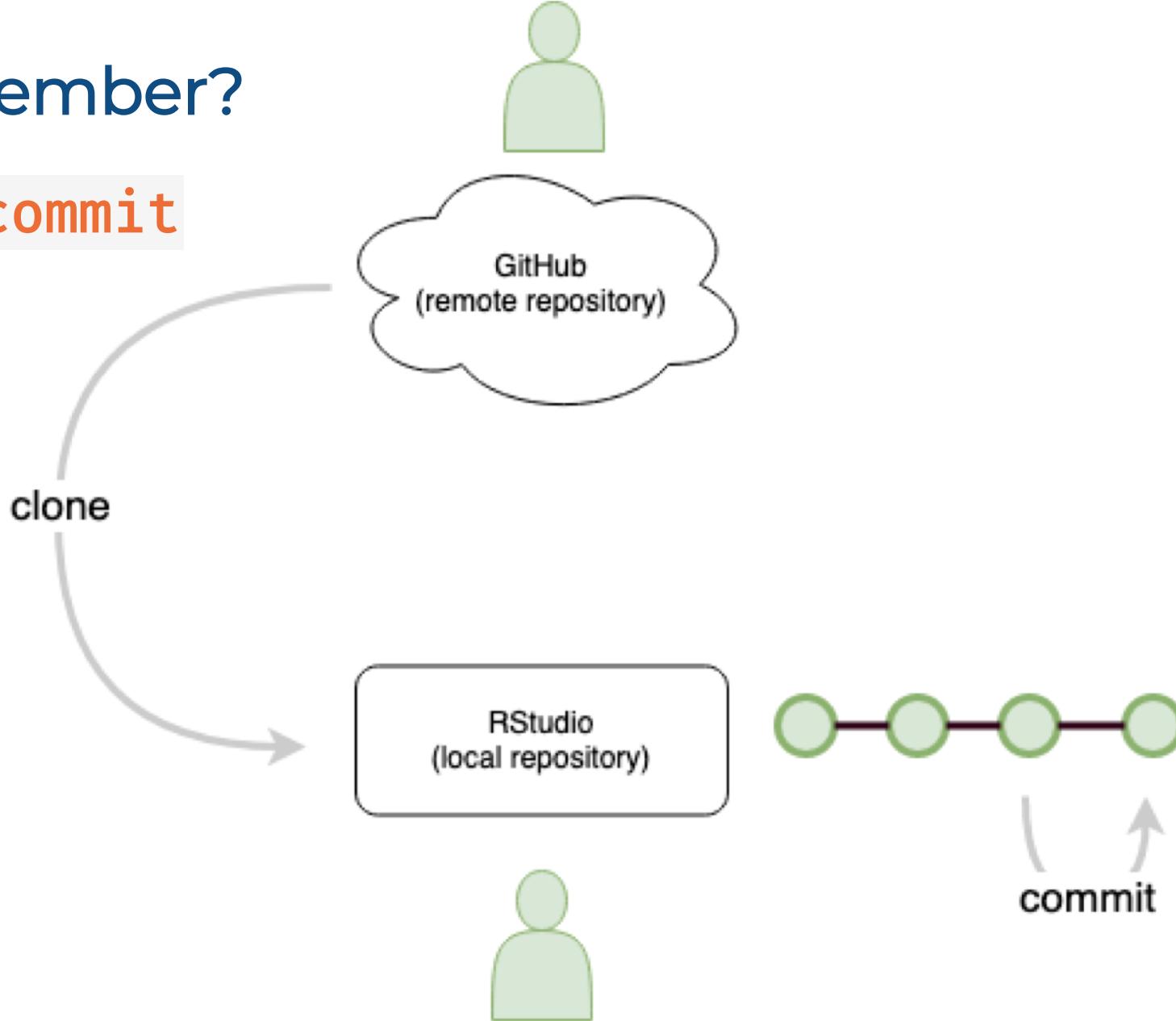
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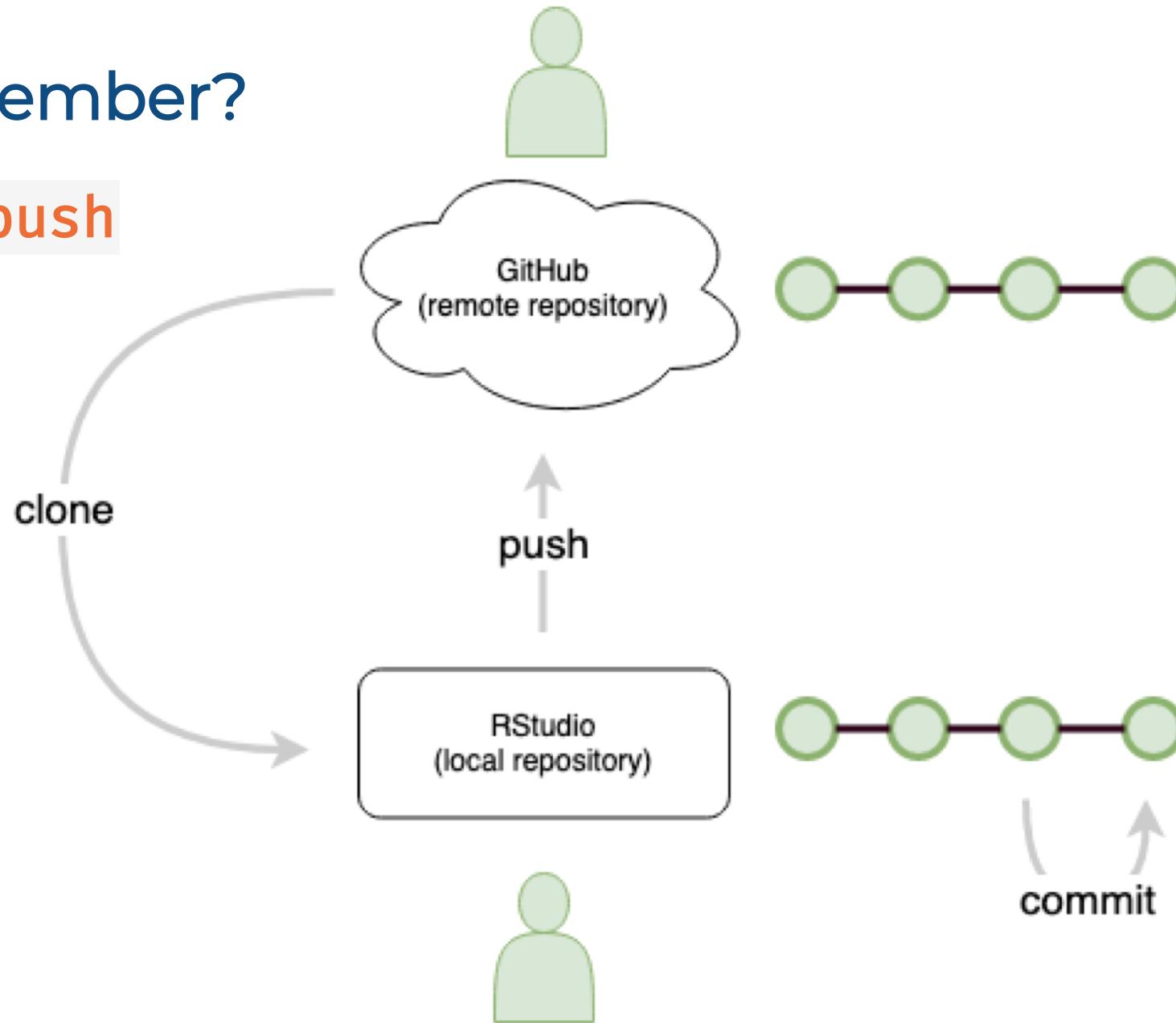
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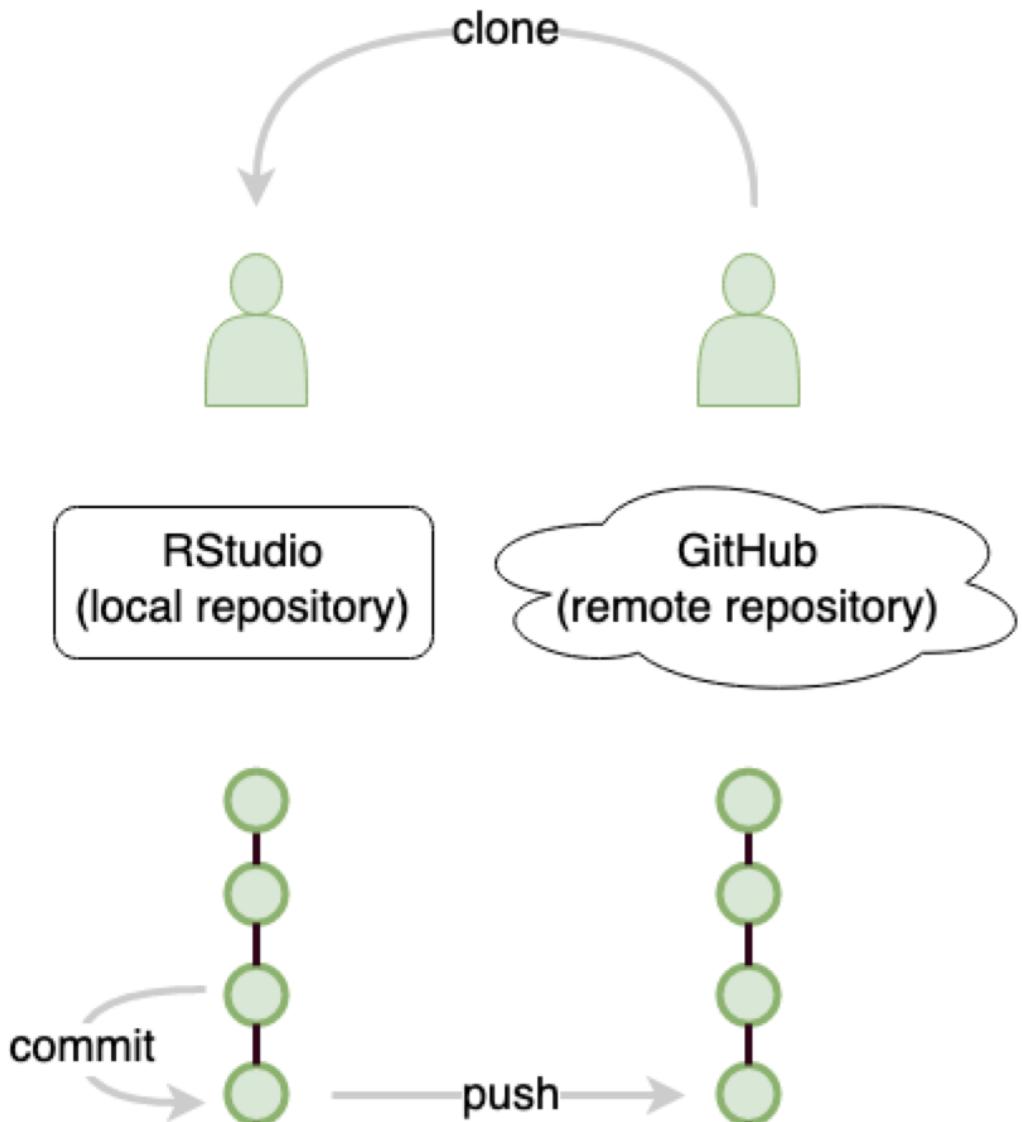
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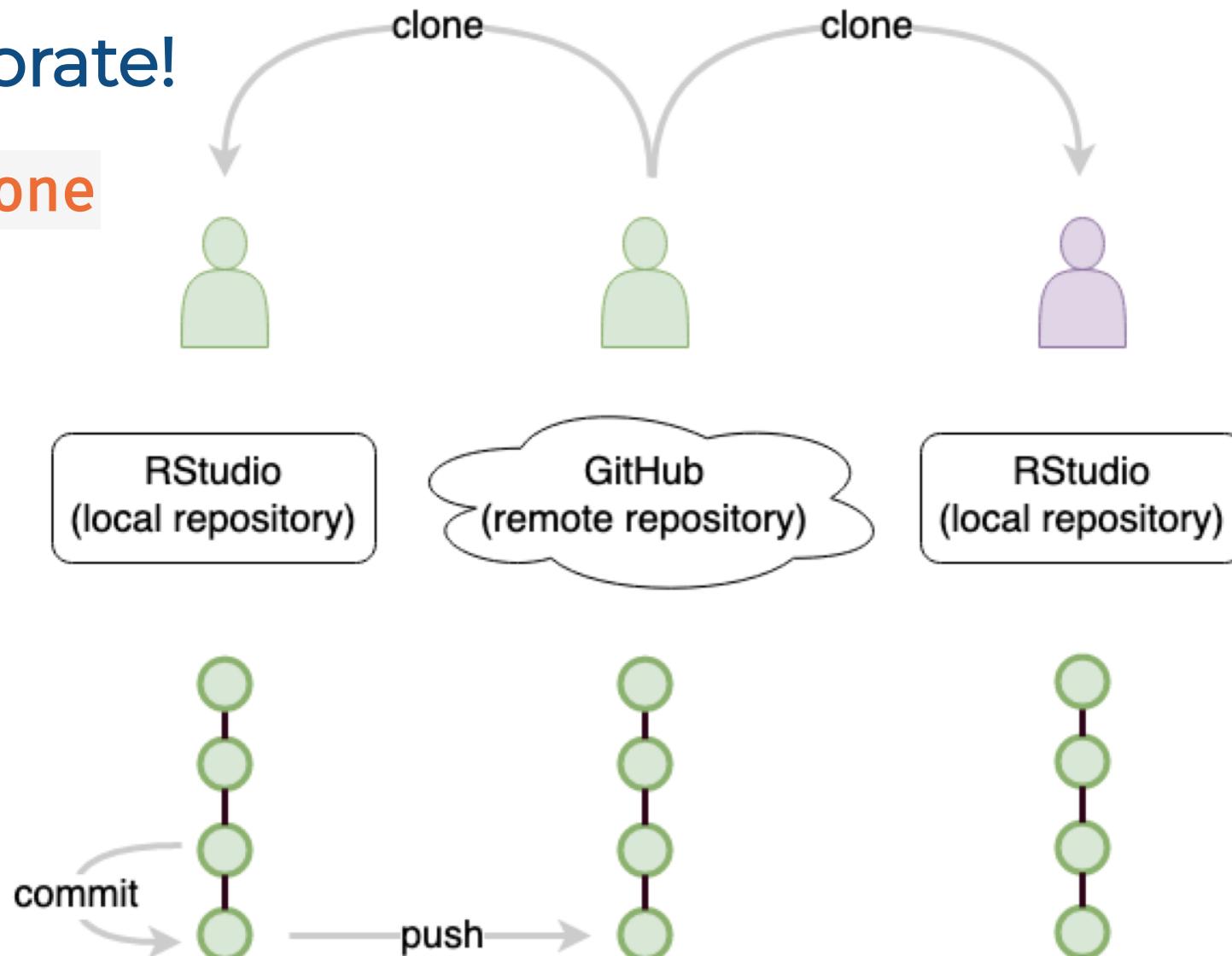
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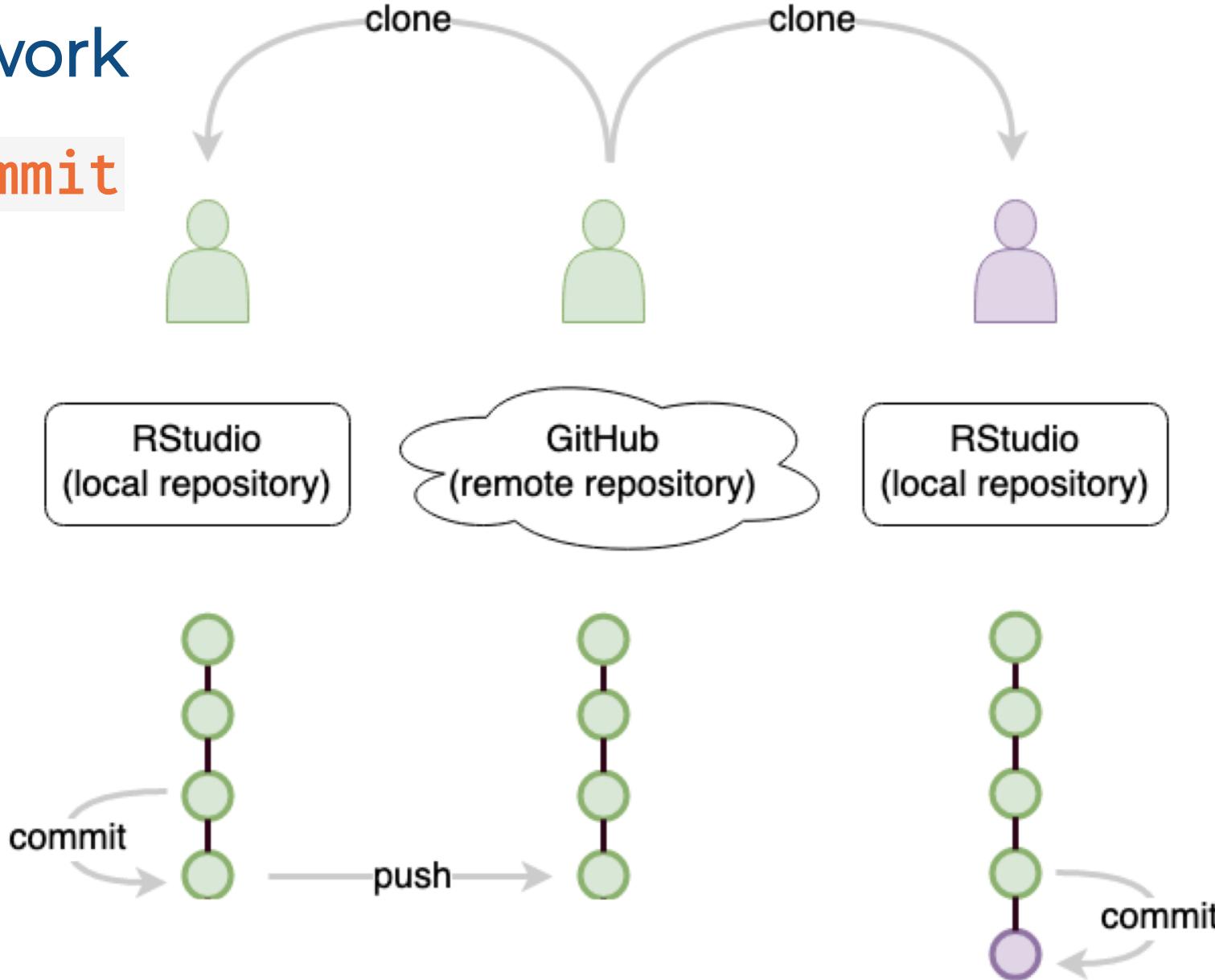
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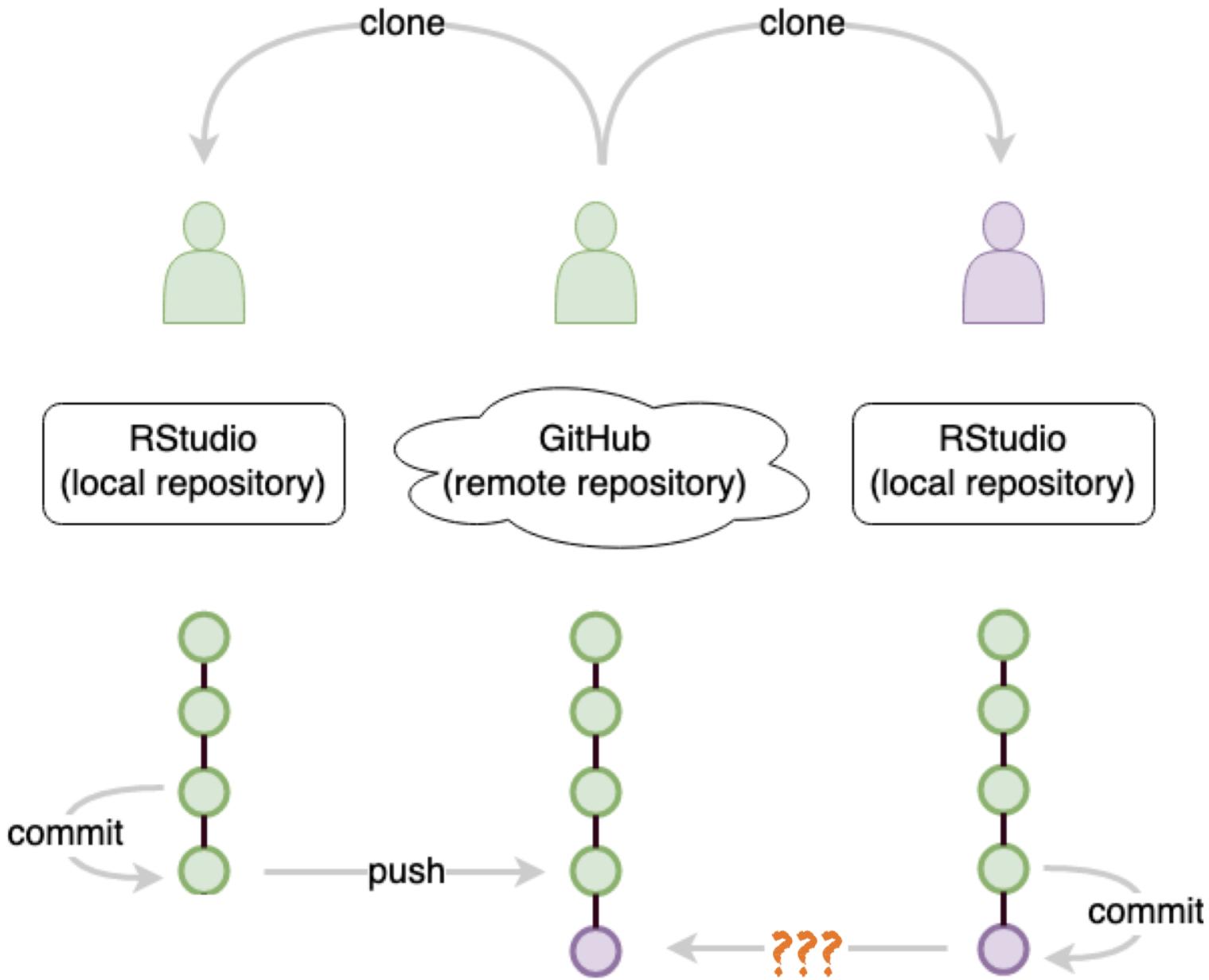
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Track work

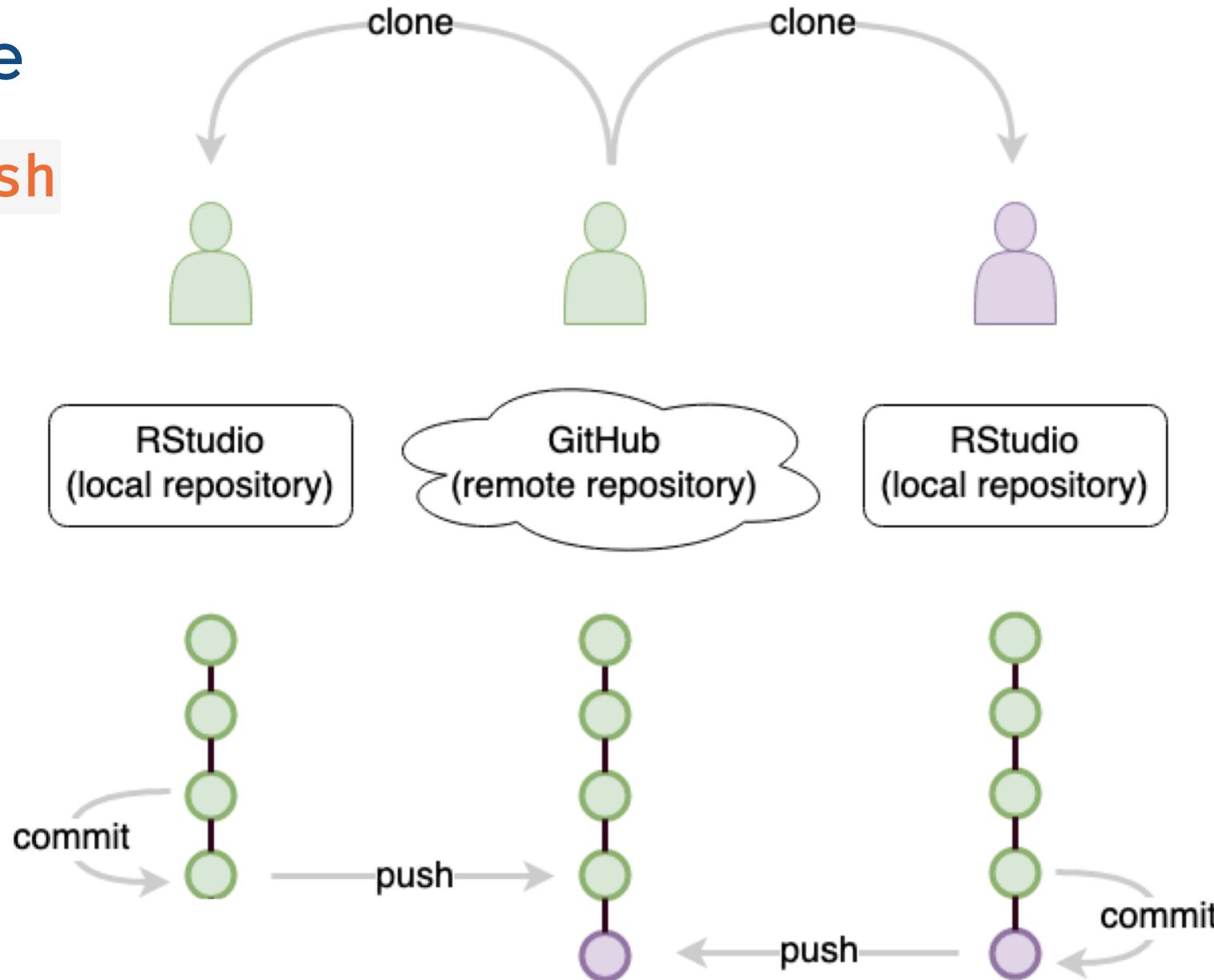
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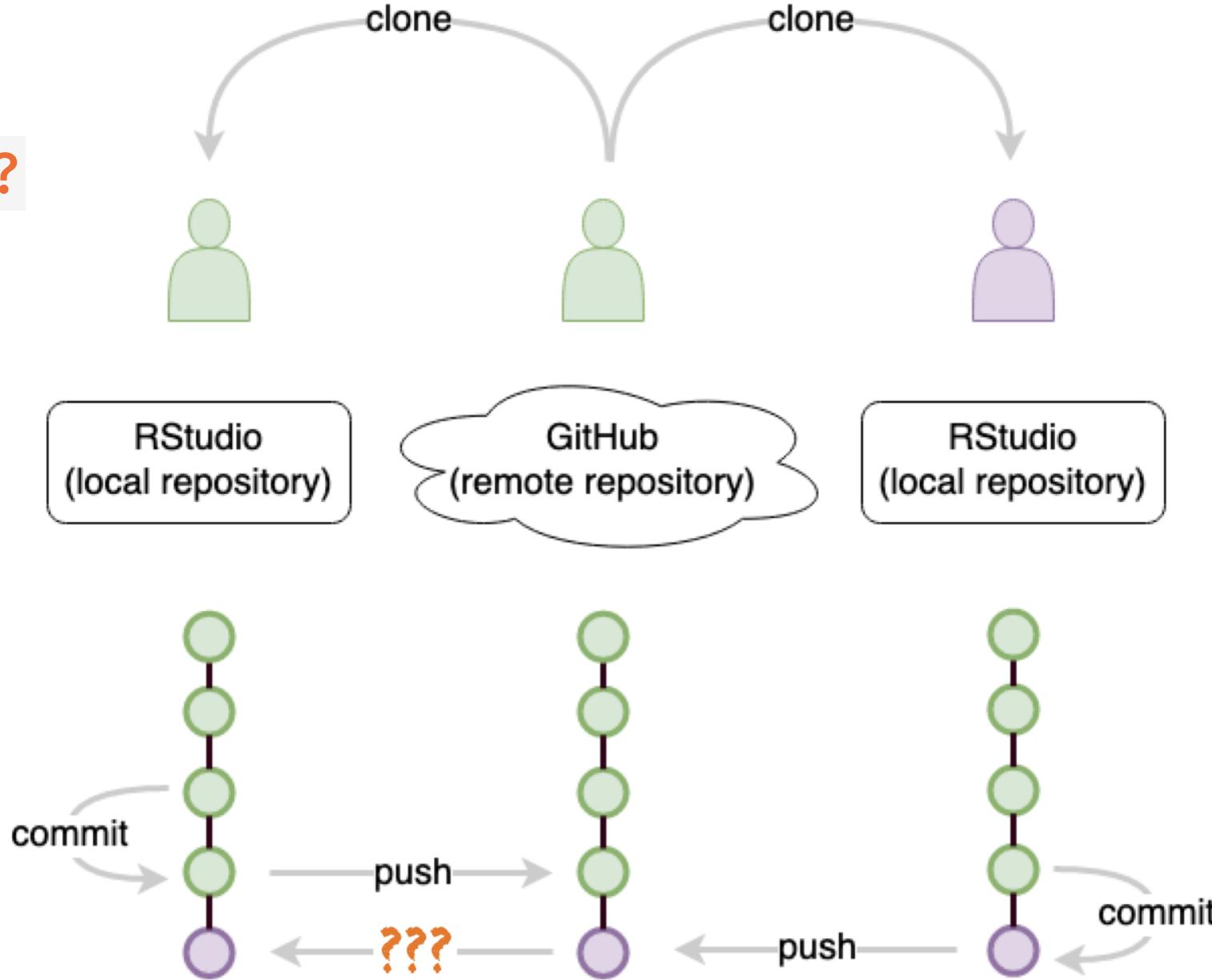
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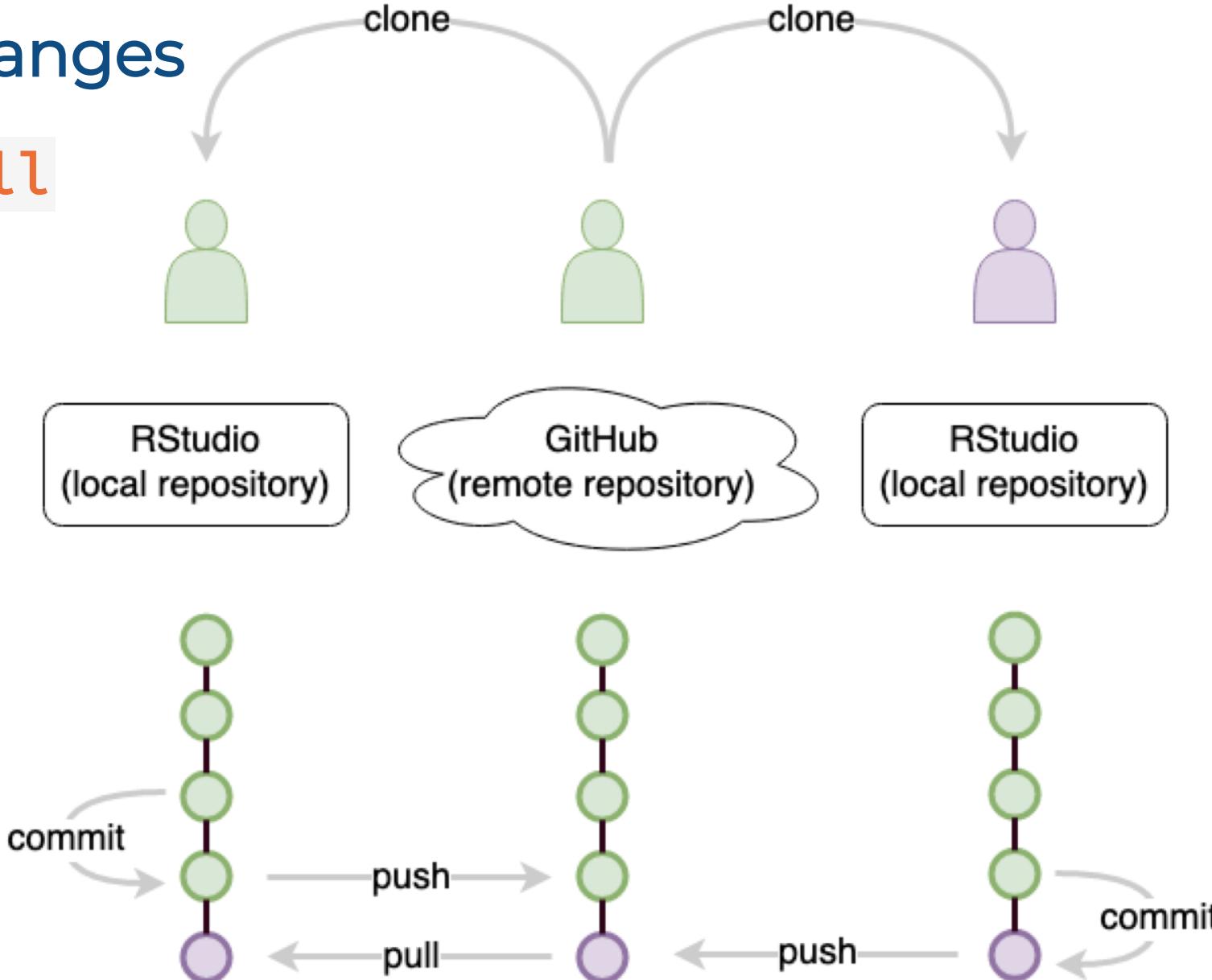
New!

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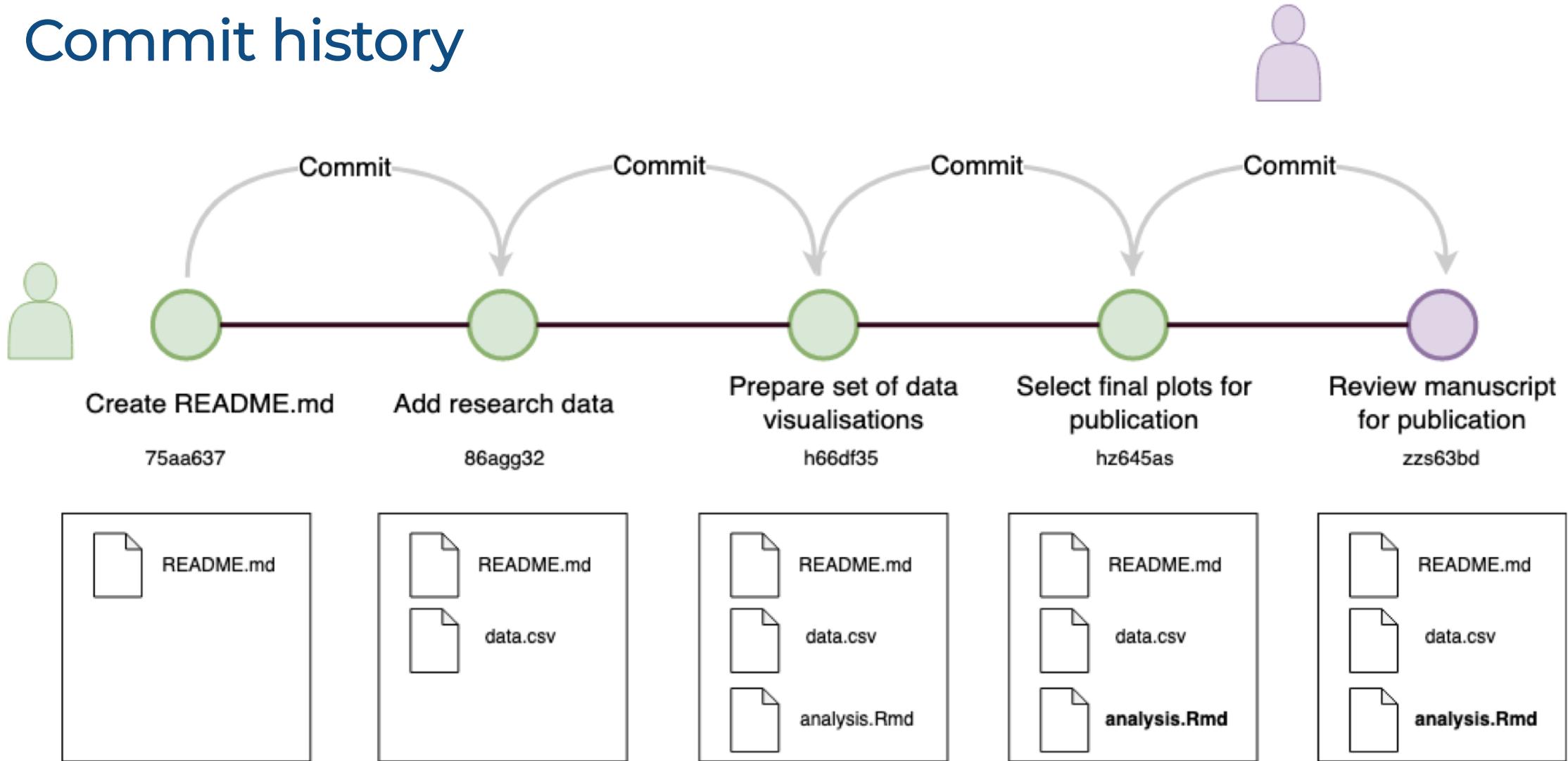


Get changes

git pull



Commit history



R Markdown

R markdown

On the input side...

- Write text in markdown
- Insert code using R
- Write "metadata" with YAML
- Insert equation with LaTeX

On the output side...

- Output to HTML
- Output to PDF
- Output to Word
- Many other variations too

Lots of little things to learn!
We'll start with markdown...

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Word document window titled "Document1". The ribbon menu is visible at the top, with the "Home" tab selected. The toolbar below the ribbon contains icons for Paste, Bold, Italic, Underline, and other text and paragraph formats. The main content area of the document includes:

- A heading labeled "Heading Level 1" in blue.
- A paragraph containing text with bold and italic styles, followed by a bullet list:
 - Point 1
 - Point 2
 - Point 3
- A hyperlink text "reference the slides" in blue.
- A heading labeled "Heading Level 2" in blue.
- A simple text statement "This looks simple."

At the bottom of the screen, the status bar displays "Page 1 of 1", "47 words", "English (United States)", and zoom controls.

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Word documents are complicated

- A .docx file is a compressed folder with lots of files
- A .docx file is proprietary file format
- Your text is buried in with a lot of formatting information

HTML documents are complicated

- Looks simple because I removed most formatting
- Still unpleasant to look at

What do we want?

- Something that... you can write in **plain text**
- Something that... is **human readable**
- Something that... allows **formatting**
- Something that... can **build** to something pretty

markdown to the rescue!

markdown file format

A markup language with a simple syntax intended as a replacement for
HTML - [Definition](#)

- Is a **markup language** - [Definition](#)
- Is an **open format** - [Defintion](#)
- Is **non proprietary** - [Definition](#)

Here's an example of a markdown document...

Introduction

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Why should you care?

- Markdown is simple and reproducible
- You can make it pretty if you want to
- The R Markdown variant lets you add R code

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Here's what the output looks like...

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Let's dive into the details...

Emphasising text

What you type...

```
this is *italics*
```

```
this is **bold**
```

```
this is ***bold italics***
```

What you get...

this is *italics*

this is **bold**

this is ***bold italics***

Creating lists

What you type...

- unnumbered lists
 - look like this
-
1. numbered lists
 2. look like this

What you get...

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 - look like this
-
1. numbered lists
 2. look like this

Creating headings

What you type...

```
# Level 1 heading  
## Level 2 heading  
### Level 3 heading
```

What you get...

Level 1 heading

Level 2 heading

Level 3 heading

And R markdown?

R markdown

- Something that... lets you write text in **markdown**
- Something that... lets you include **R code** (e.g. for data vis)
- Something that... can **build** to HTML, PDF, Word, etc

Rmarkdown

TEXT. CODE. OUTPUT.
(GET IT TOGETHER, PEOPLE.)



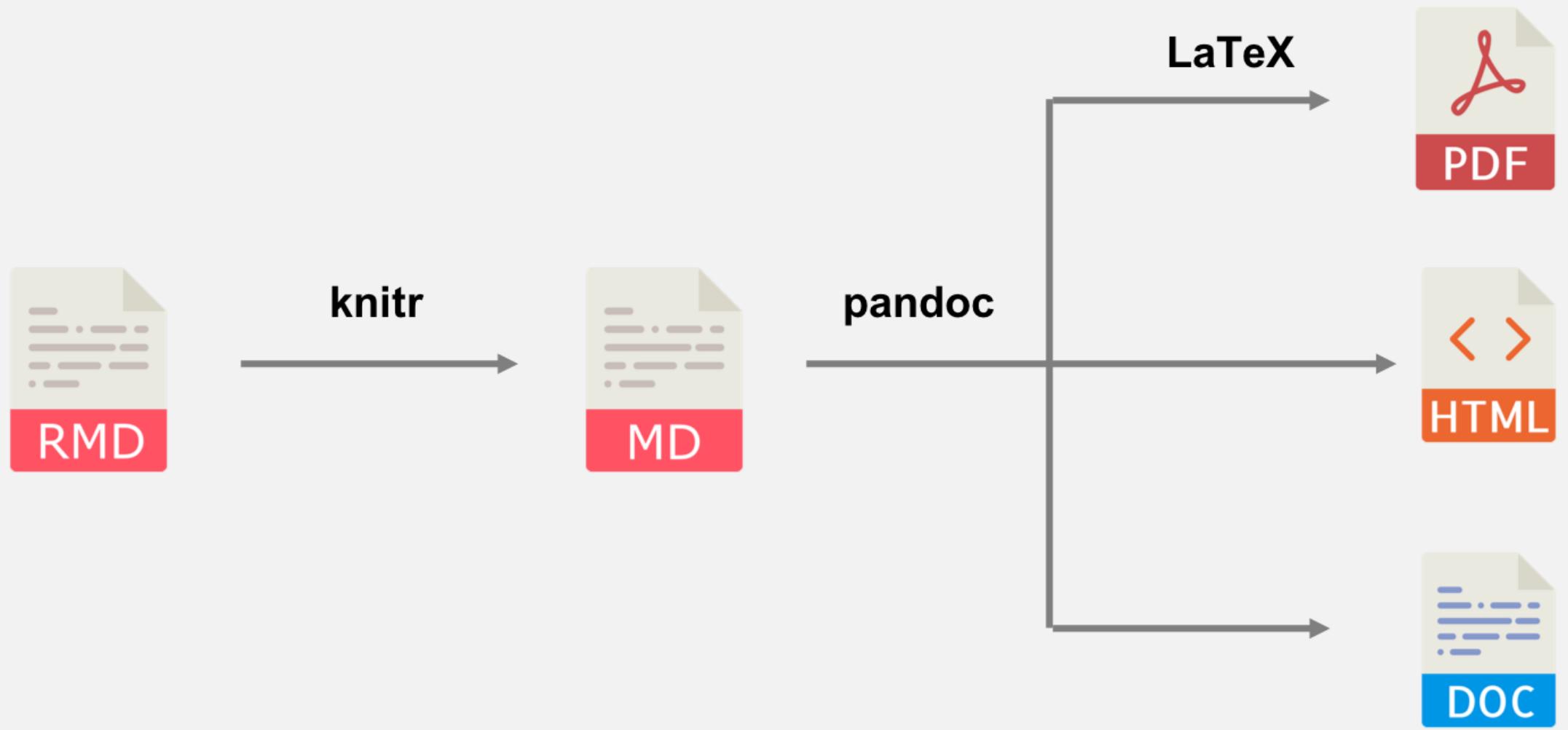
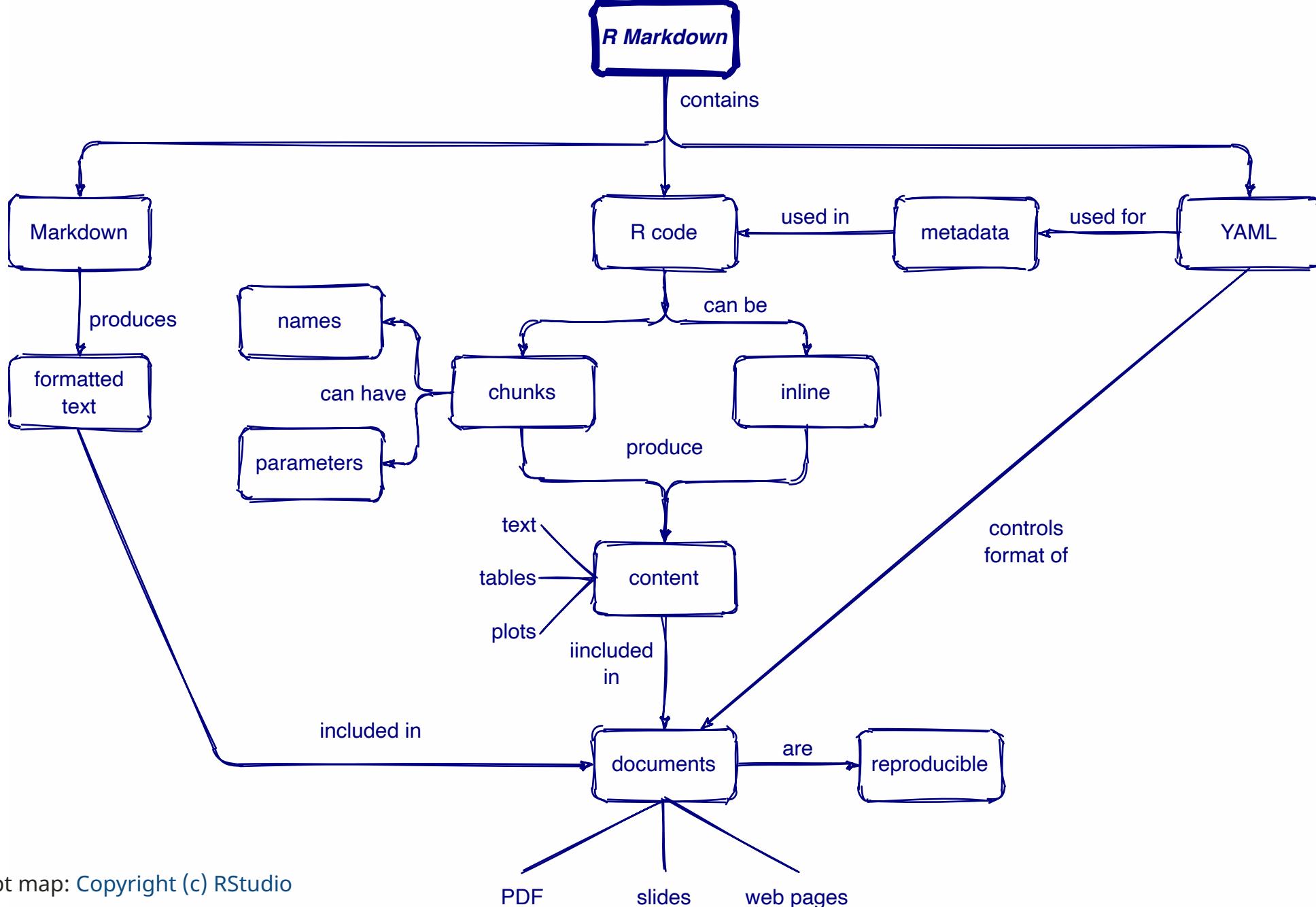


Image from: [R Markdown Cookbook](#)



Homework Assignment 4 - Learning Objectives

These learning objectives are related to the assignment for this week.

- Learners can explain the difference between the markdown (.md) and R Markdown (.Rmd) file format
- Learners can paraphrase how a file written in a markup language like markdown (.md) differs from a file written in a proprietary file format like DOCX
- Learners can identify four components of an R markdown file (YAML, code chunk, R code, markdown)

Homework Assignment 4 - Group work submission

- Due on **22nd March**

Exercise 2: Each ~~group~~ person will

1. Add the research questions that you and/or your group have worked on.
2. Write up the research design you are planning to use for your data collection.
3. Write up the variables that are needed, together with the respective questions and possible response values.

Thanks! 🌻

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