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# Introduction to Git and GitHub

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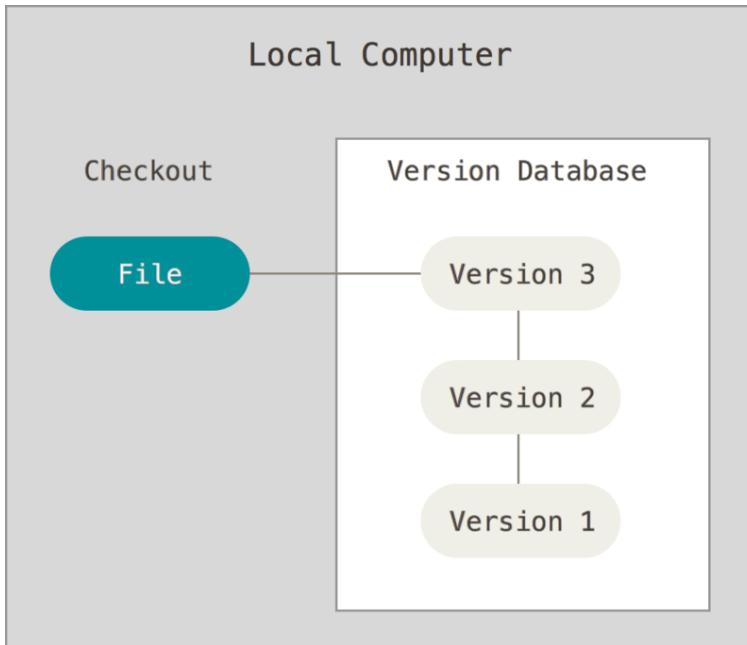
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# Version Control System (VCS)

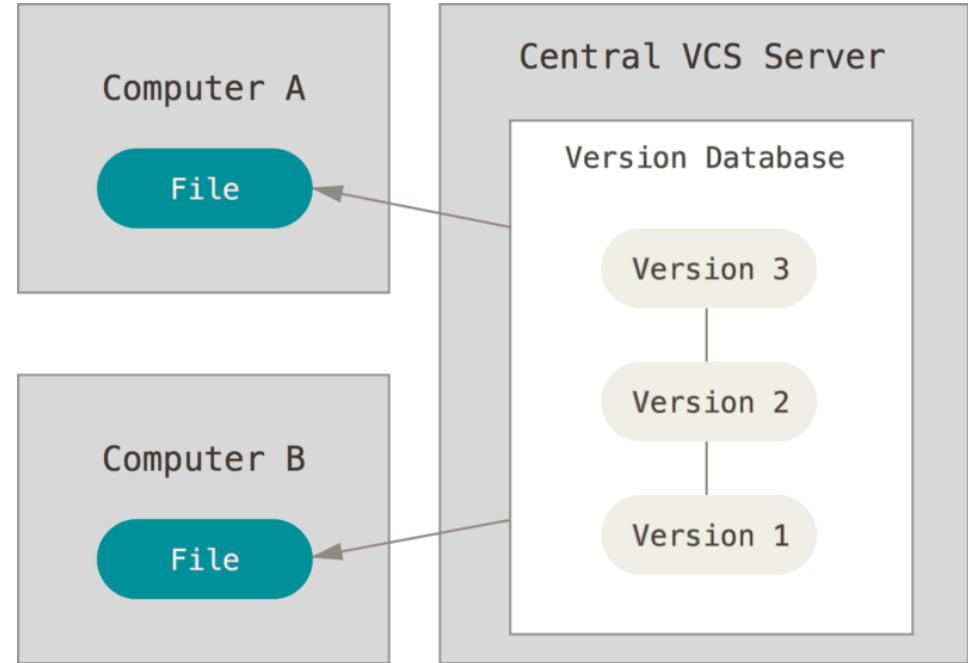
- VCS is a system that records changes to files over time
  - aims at supporting
    - incremental development
    - divergence
    - collaboration
- VCS basically provides
  - systematic back-up
  - time travelling
  - variant management
  - correct & convenient synch. with collaborators

# Three Types of VCS (1/2)



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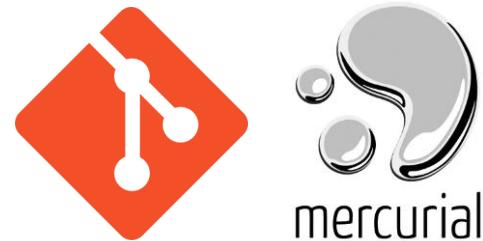
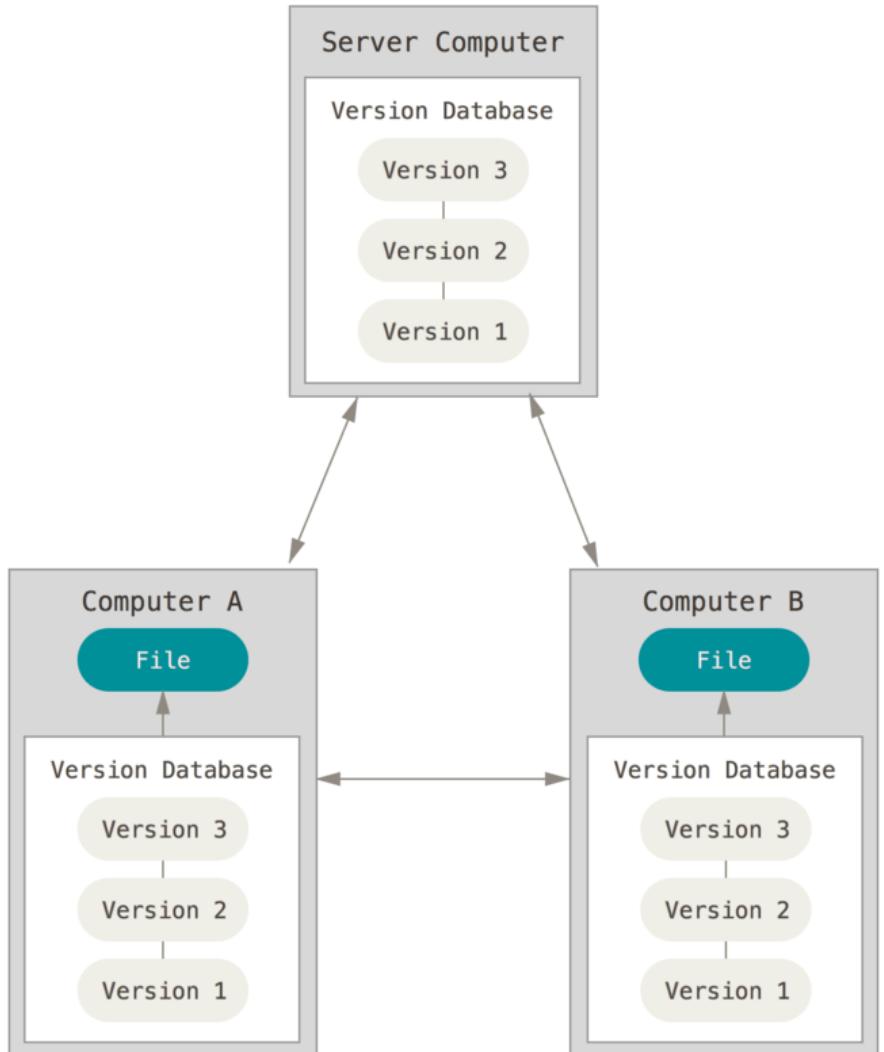
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<Centralized VCS>



# Three Types of VCS (2/2)



<Distributed VCS>



# Git

- Born in 2005 to support version control of Linux kernel
- Free and open sourced
- Fully distributed VCS
- Strong support for managing a large number of variants
- Efficient at handling large projects like Linux kernel

# Github

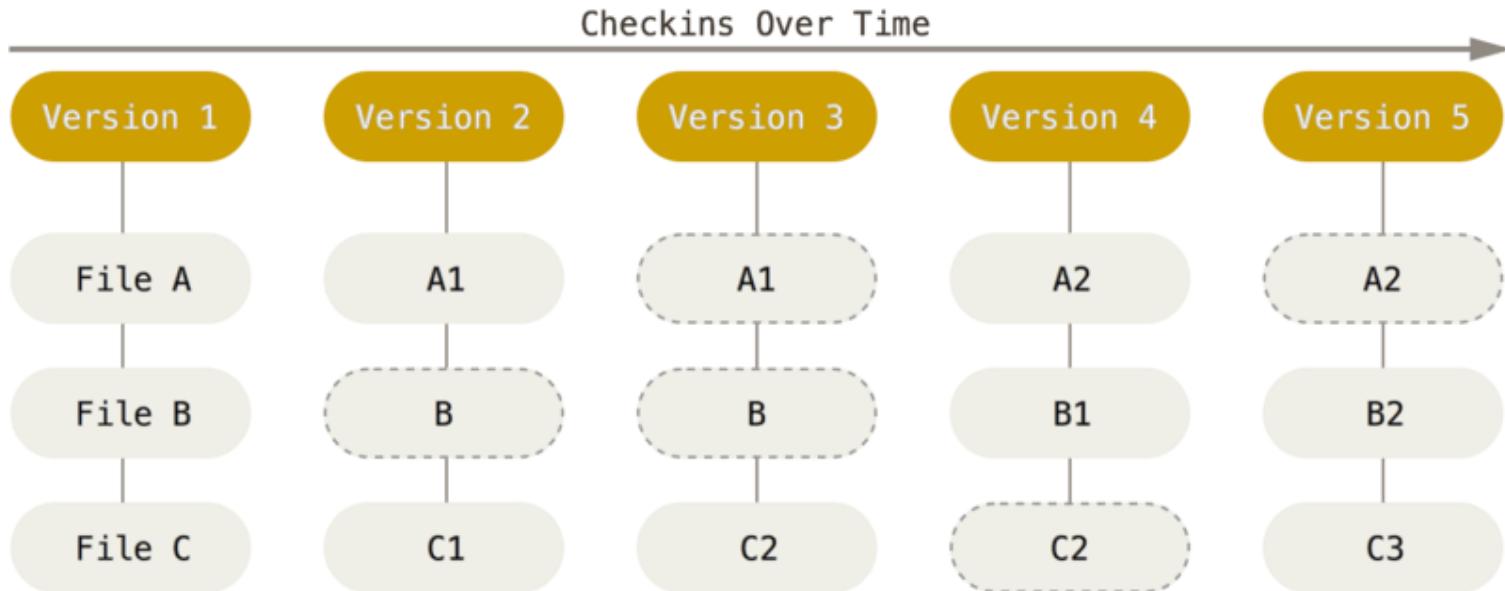


- Github  
<https://github.com>
- Get the Student Developer Pack from Github Education  
<https://education.github.com/>

# Git in a Nutshell

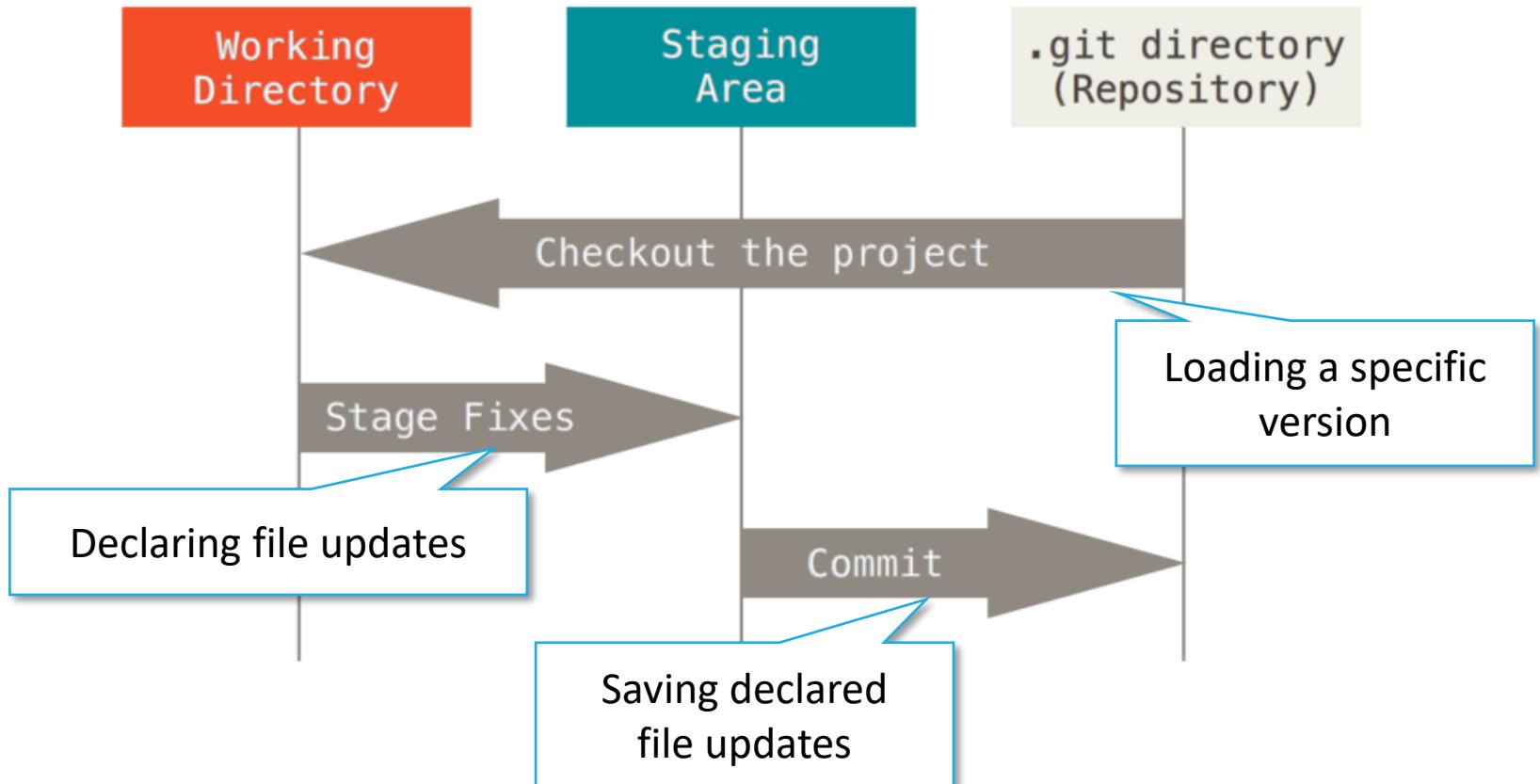
- Git works as if it is an application-level file system
- A user can declare a directory as a git repository
  - The directory becomes the working directory
  - The git directory (`.git`) is created to save the database
- A user can edit files in the working directory as usual
- A user can call git when it needs version control
  - store the history of each file in the directory
  - store the snapshot of the directory
  - switch to a specific version of the directory
  - synchronize the current version with another version

# Repository Version as a Snapshot of Files



- Git saves a file at every update declaration and stores the file images in sequences
- Git represents a version of a repository as [a map from file names to their specific versions of the files](#)
- Git calls a version of a repository by the checksum of the file contents and the metadata generated by SHA-1
  - 40 characters string of hexadecimal characters
  - E.g., "24b9da6552252987aa493b52f8696cd6d3b00373"

# Stage, Commit and Checkout



# Git Commands

- Basic commands
  - no variation, no collaboration
- Commands to work with remote
  - collaboration
- Commands to manage branches
  - variations

# Configuration

- Three configuration files
  - /etc/gitconfig: setting for every user on the system
  - ~/.gitconfig : setting for a specific user.
  - .git/config: setting for a particular project
- Important config values

```
$ git config --global user.name "John Doe"  
$ git config --global user.email johndoe@example.com
```

```
$ git config --global core.editor "'C:/Program  
Files/Notepad++/notepad++.exe' -multiInst -noSession"
```

# Initializing Git Repository

- Start to track an existing directory in git
- git init

```
$ ls  
README.md  
  
$ git init  
  
$ ls  
.git README.md
```

# Checking Repository Status

- Query the current status of the working directory and the git repository
- git status

```
$ git status

On branch master
Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.

Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be
committed)

    README.md

nothing added to commit but untracked files present
(use "git add" to track)
```

# Tracking a New File

- Start to track a file in Git
- git add <file name>

```
$ git add README.md  
$ git status  
On branch master  
Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.  
Changes to be committed:  
  
  new file:   README.md
```

# Staging a File Update

- Stage a modified file (declare a file update for next commit)
- git add <file name>

```
$ vim README.md
$ git status

On branch master
Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.
Changes not staged for commit:

modified:   README.md

$ git add README.md
$ git status

On branch master
Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.
Changes to be committed:

modified:   README.md
```

# Committing Staged Changes

- Save the staged files to the git directory
- Take a new snapshot of the working directory and save the snapshot as a commit (version)
- Every commit has pointers to its parent commits
- `git commit`

```
$ git commit
      # Please enter the commit message for your changes. Lines
[master]      starting
      # with '#' will be ignored, and an empty message aborts the
      # commit.
      # On branch master
      # Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.
      #
      # Changes to be committed:
      #       new file: README.md
      #       modified: README.md
      ~
      ~
      ".git/COMMIT_EDITMSG" 9L, 283C
```

# Removing a File from Tracking

- Erase a file and remove the file from the working directory

```
$ rm README.md
$ git status
On branch master
Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.
Changes not staged for commit:

  deleted:  README.md
```

- Remove a file from tracking and keep the file in the directory

```
$ git add README.html
$ git rm --cached README.html
$ ls
.git  README.md  README.html
```

# Renaming a Tracked File

- Rename a tracked file with a new name

```
$ ls
.git README.md README.html
$ git mv README.md README
$ ls
.git README README.html
```

# Checking Commit History

- Show the commit history at the working directory
- git log

```
$ git log

commit ca82a6dff817ec66f44342007202690a93763949
Author: Scott Chacon <schacon@gee-mail.com>
Date:   Mon Mar 17 21:52:11 2008 -0700

    changed the version number

commit 085bb3bcb608e1e8451d4b2432f8ecbe6306e7e7
Author: Scott Chacon <schacon@gee-mail.com>
Date:   Sat Mar 15 16:40:33 2008 -0700

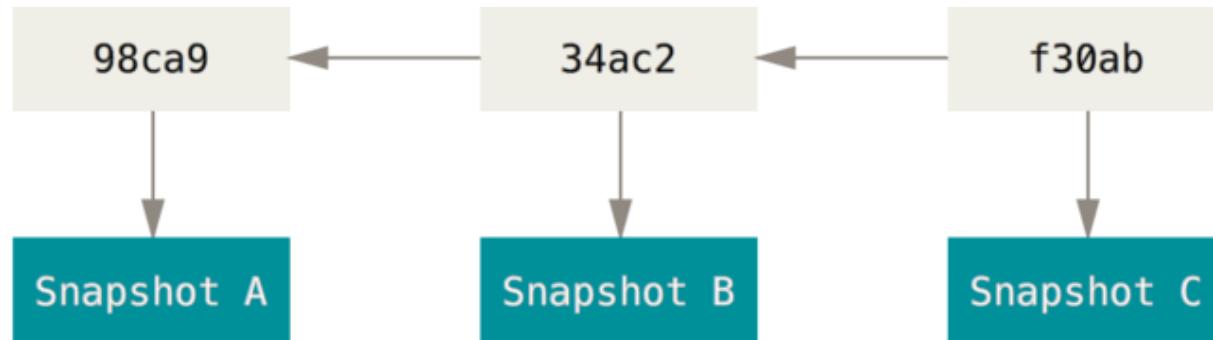
    removed unnecessary test

...
```

# Going Back to a Commit

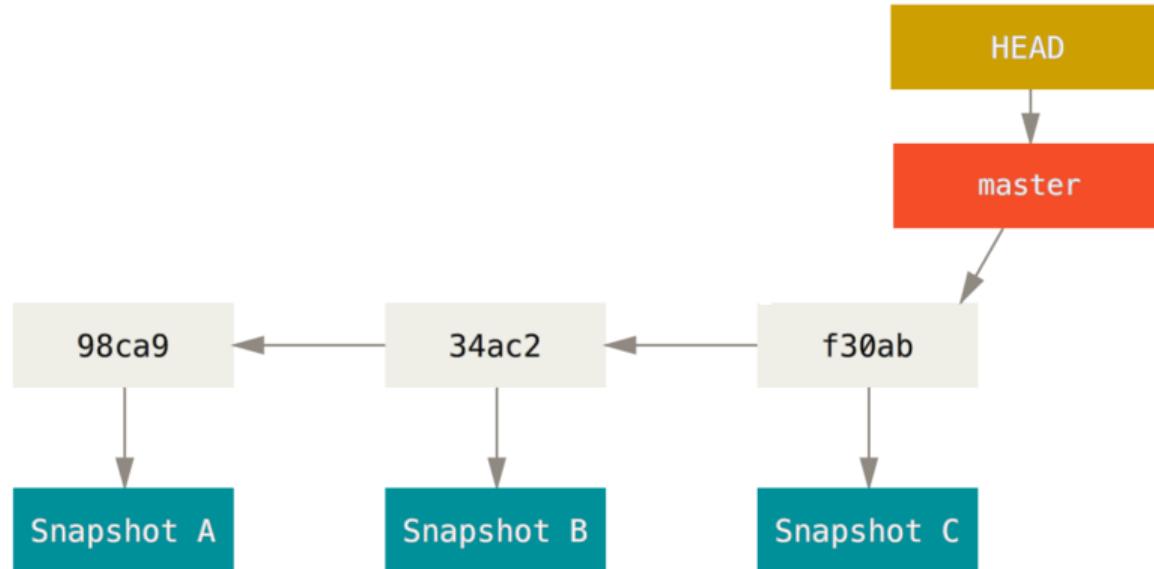
- Put the files at a specific commit to the working directory
- Must commit the staged files or stash them before a checkout
- git checkout

```
$ git checkout 34ac26dff817ec66f44342007202690a93763949
```



# Branch

- A branch is a movable pointer to one of commits.
  - Define a single stream of commits
- The default branch name is master.
  - For each commit, the master branch moves forward automatically.
- HEAD is a pointer to a commit (and its representing branch) that the current working directory is in

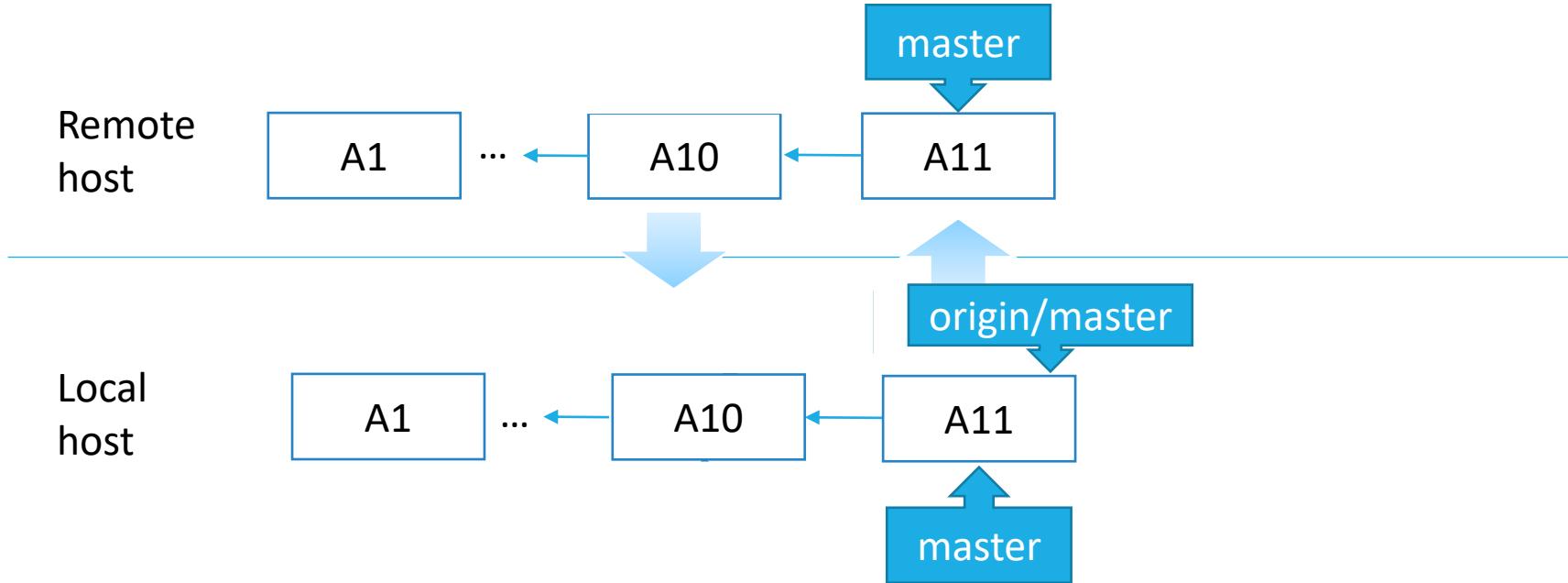


# Cloning an Existing Repository

- Get a copy of an existing repository from a remote site
  - Receive not only the up-to-date snapshot but also a full copy of all data of the repository
  - Name the cloned repository as `origin` (by default)
- `git clone`

```
$ git clone https://github.com/libgit2/libgit2
$ ls
.git    libgit2
$ git remote
origin
```

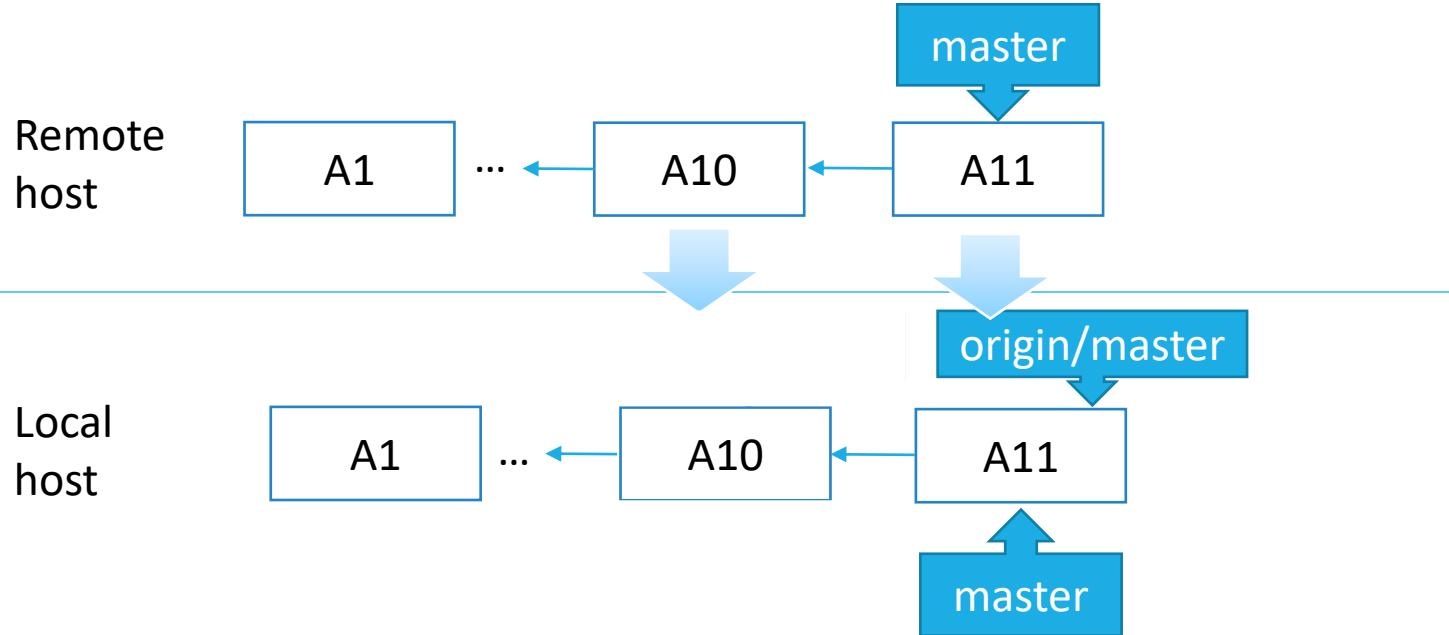
# Pushing to Remote



- Push the master branch to the origin server
- `git push`

```
$ vim libgit.c  
$ git commit  
$ git push origin master
```

# Fetching from a Remote Repository



- Update the recent changes of the remote repository
- **git fetch origin**

```
$ git fetch origin master
```

# Merging

```
$ git merge origin/master
Auto-merging index.html
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in index.html
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then commit
the result.

$ vim index.html
...
<<<<< HEAD:index.html
<div id="footer">contact :
email.support@github.com</div>
=====
$ git
$ git
<div id="footer">
please contact us at support@github.com
</div>
>>>>> origin/master:index.html
...
```

- `git pull` executes fetch and merge at once

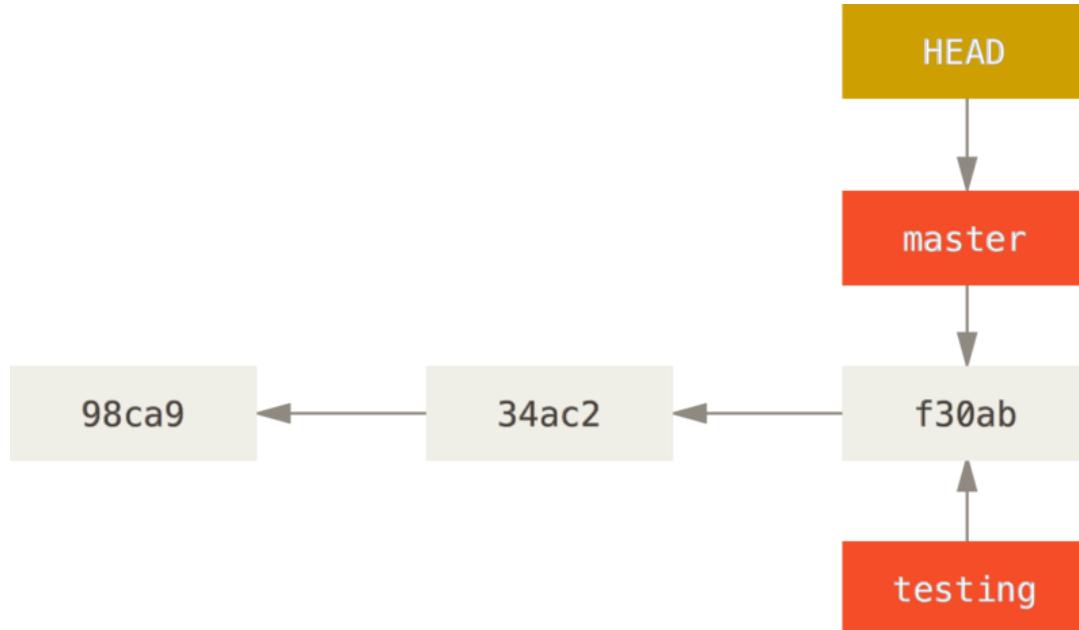
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# Creating a New Branch

- Create a new pointer to the same commit the working directory is on.
- `git branch`

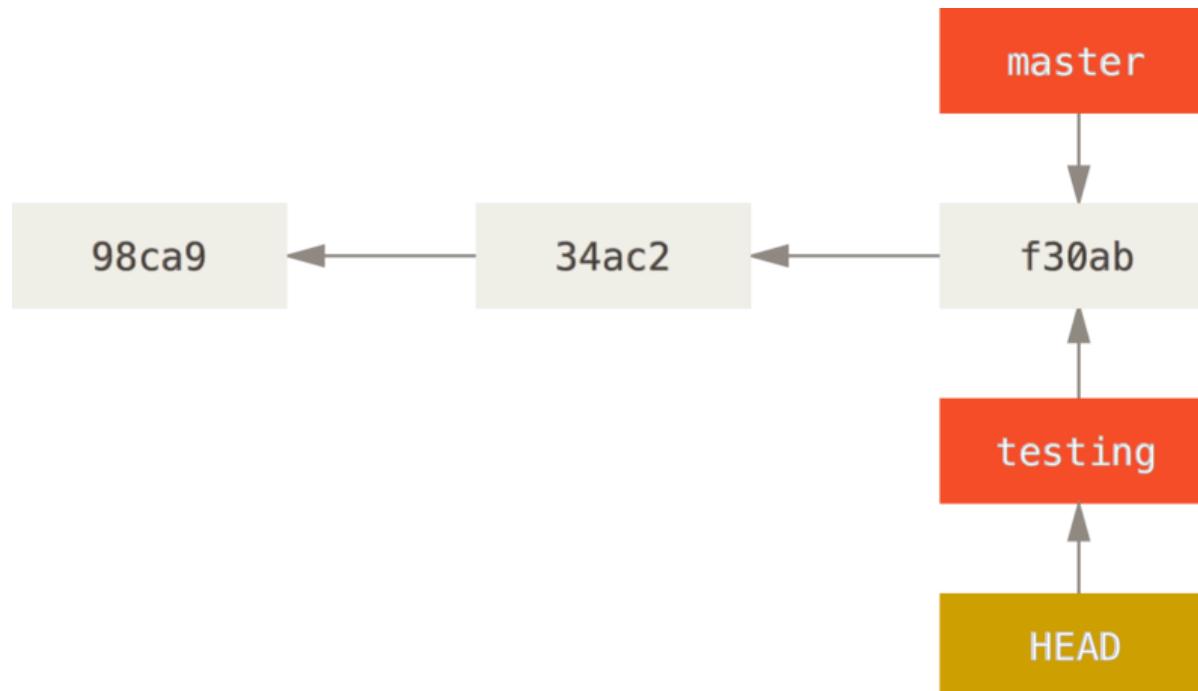
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$ git branch testing
```



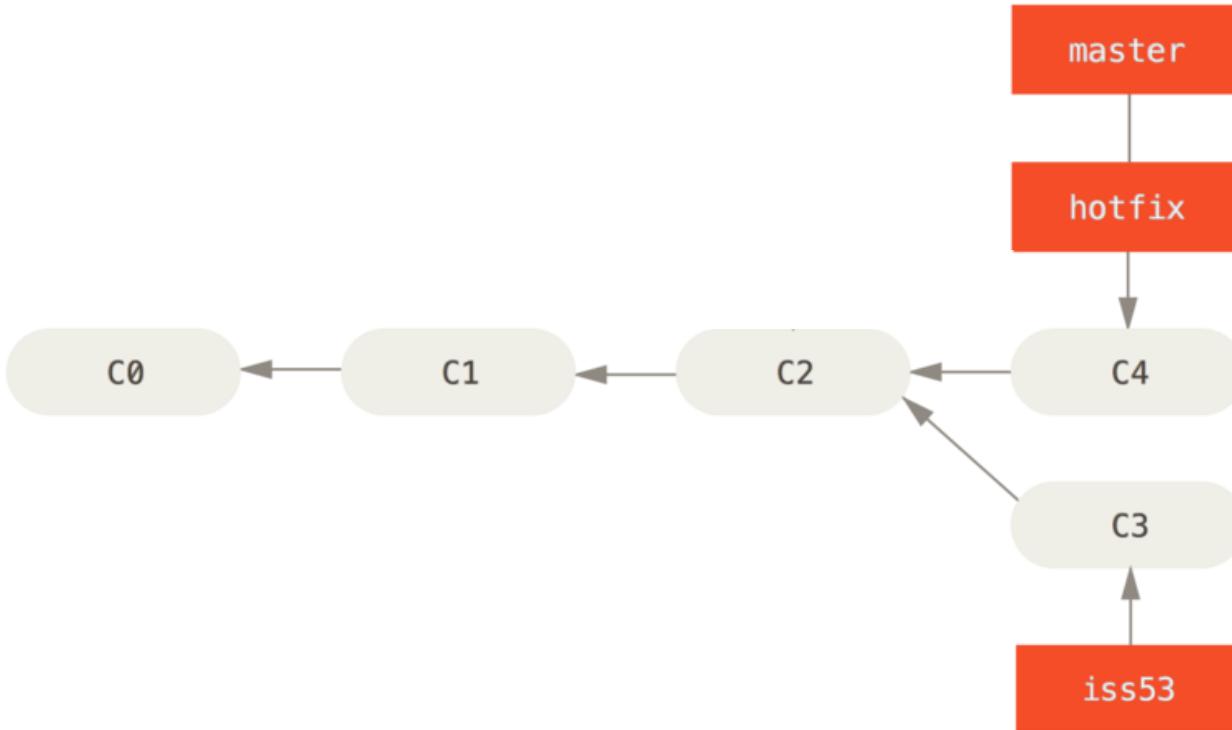
# Switching Branches

- Switch to a branch
- `git checkout`

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$ git checkout testing
```



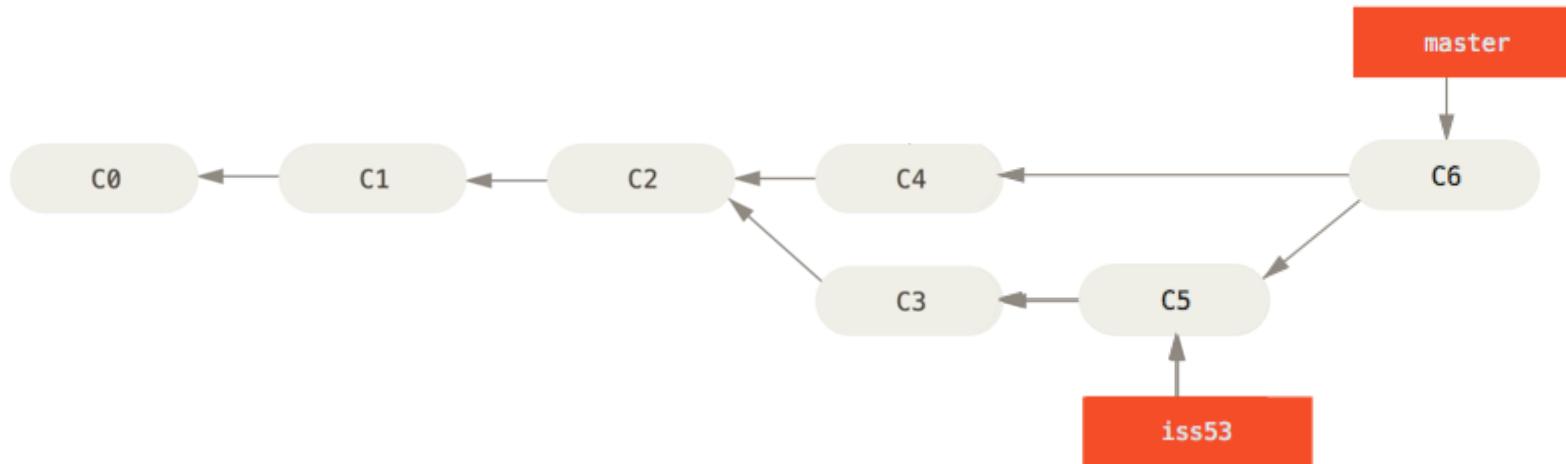
# Merging with a Branch (1/3)



- Merge the HEAD branch with a specific branch
- `git merge`

```
$ git checkout master
$ git merge hotfix
```

# Merging with a Branch (2/3)



```
$ git merge iss53
Auto-merging index.html
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in index.html
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then commit
the result.
```

# Merging with a Branch (3/3)

```
$ git merge iss53
Auto-merging index.html
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in index.html
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then commit
the result.

$ vim index.html
...
<<<<< HEAD:index.html
<div id="footer">contact :
email.support@github.com</div>
=====
$ gi: <div id="footer">
$ gi:   please contact us at support@github.com
</div>
>>>>> iss53:index.html
...
```

# Fork and Pull Request

- Fork is to clone a github repo at your github account
  - Need to clone a forked repo to work on codebase
  - Register the original repo as a remote to pull the original directly

```
git remote add upstream https://URL
```
- Pull request is to ask a github repository maintainer to merge the master with a given commit