Commit early! Commit often!
A gentle introduction to the joy of Git and GitHub

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Who gits it?

Raise Your Hand if...

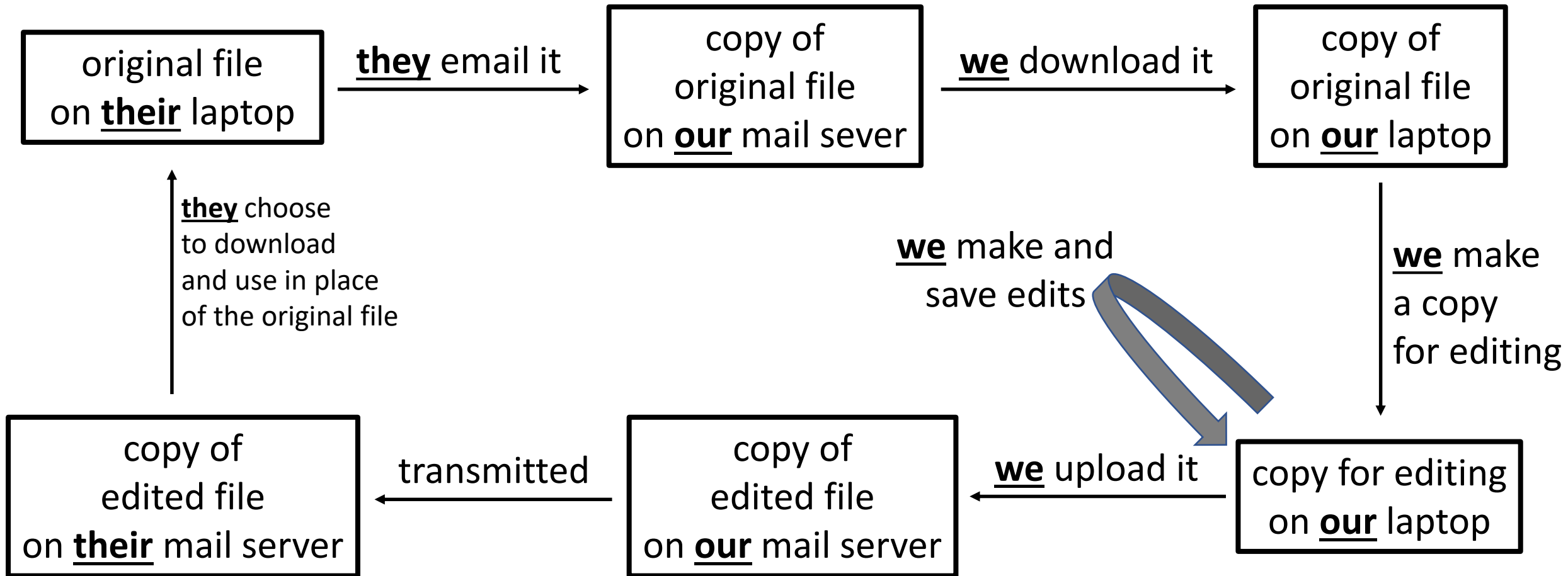you've ever written SAS code?

Keep Your Hand up if...

you've ever collaborated on SAS code?

Keep Your Hand up if...

you've ever had issues collaborating?

One Way to Collaborate on Project Files

original file
on **their** laptop

they email it →

copy of
original file
on **our** mail sever

we download it →

copy of
original file
on **our** laptop

they choose
to download
and use in place
of the original file

we make and
save edits

we make
a copy
for editing

copy of
edited file
on **their** mail server

← transmitted

copy of
edited file
on **our** mail server

← **we** upload it

copy for editing
on **our** laptop

A Better Way to Collaborate … using Git!

original repo
on **their** GitHub

we **fork** it →

fork of
original repo
on **our** GitHub

we **clone** it →

local clone of
forked repo
on **our** laptop

they choose
to **merge**
the PR

we make and
commit edits

we make
a **branch**
for editing

PR summarizing
all changes that
would occur
on **their** GitHub
if they merge it

we **open** a
Pull Request
(aka a PR)

copy of
edited branch
on **our** GitHub

we **push** it

branch for editing
on **our** laptop

Common Scenarios for using Git/GitHub

Theme. Always work in branches and merge changes via PRs.

Scenario 1. Fork a GitHub repo to make a personal copy.

Make a branch to work in.

Merge changes using PRs within the personal copy.

Scenario 2. Collaborate via the *Git Flow* using both the Git CLI and GitHub.

(Fork -> Branch -> Clone -> Commit Changes -> Open PR)

Call to Action!

- **Takeaway**. Git and GitHub are amazing tools for collaboration --- even when collaborating with yourself!

- **Just Do It**. Start putting code for personal projects on GitHub, even if it's not polished!

- **Embrace the Open Source Ethos**. Fork a GitHub repo, make a small change, and open a PR!

- **Keep in Touch**. Contact info and additional resources for learning Git/GitHub in HOW repo!