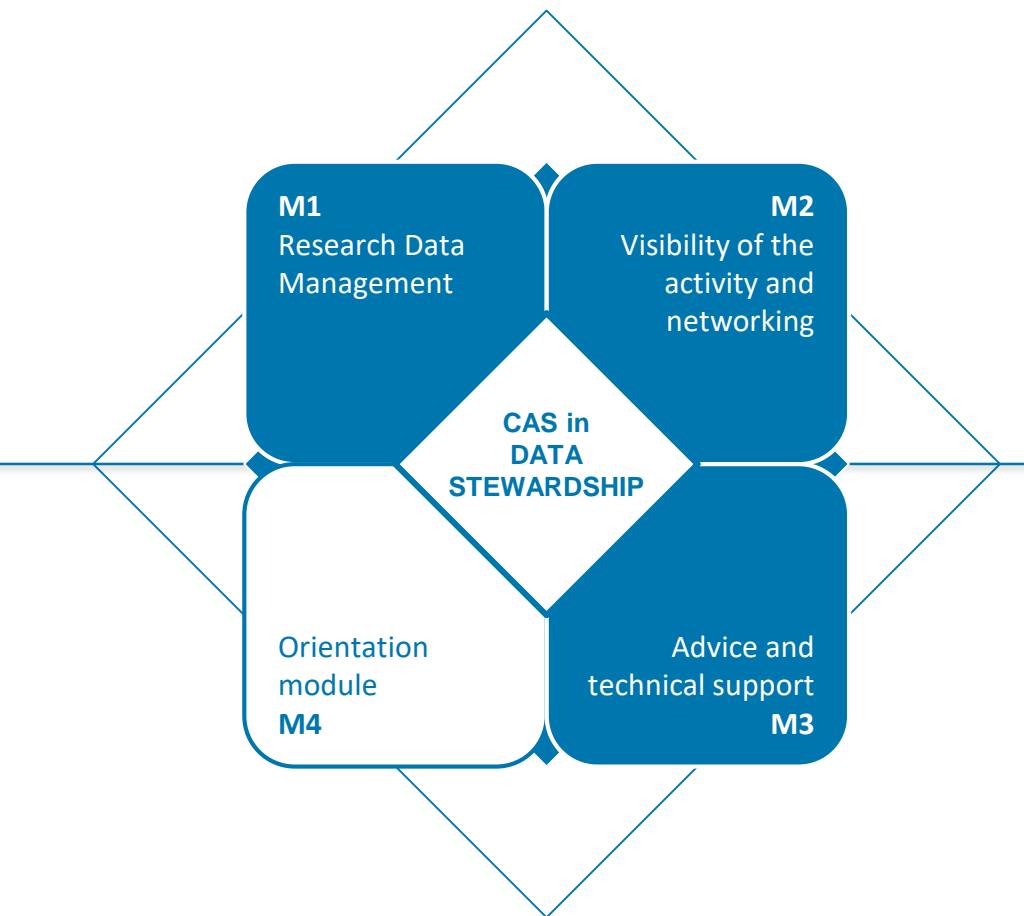


# DAY TO DAY MANAGEMENT INTRODUCTION TO VERSION CONTROL WITH GIT



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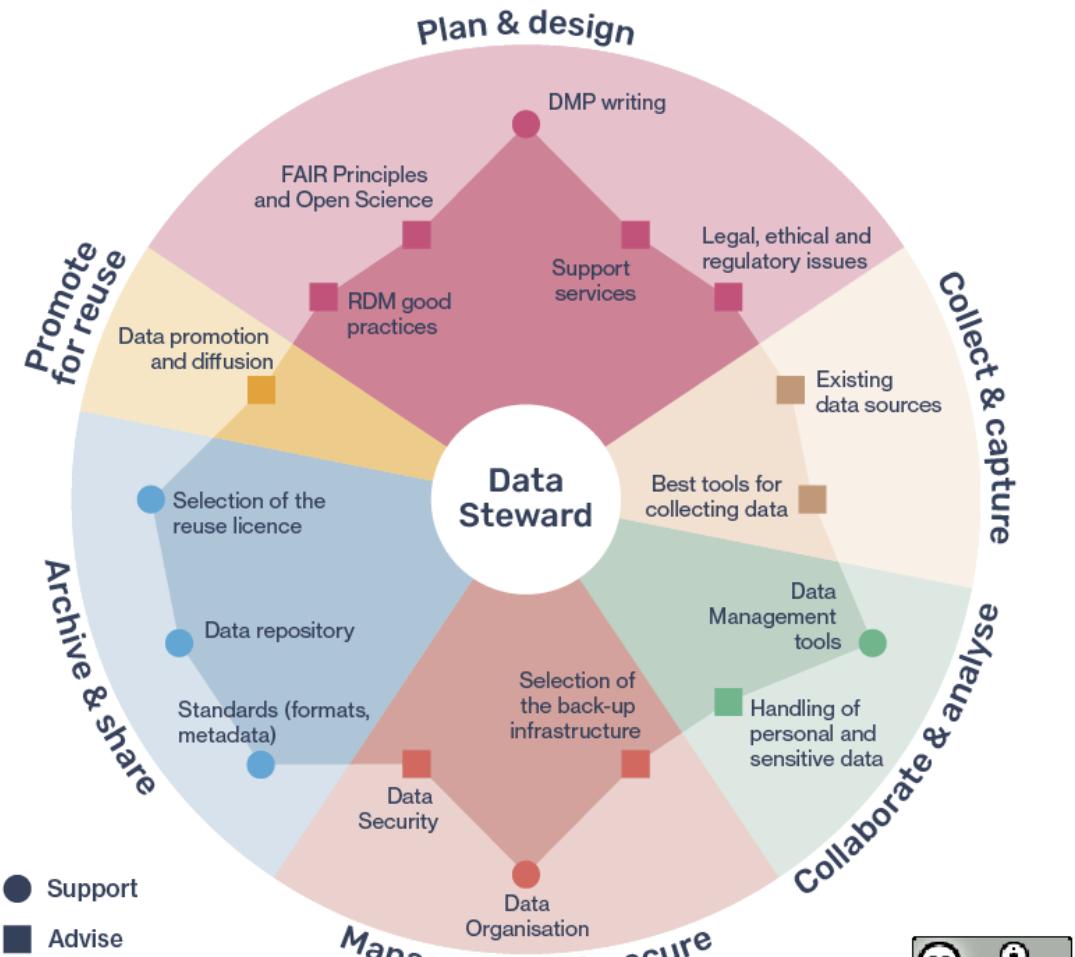


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# PEDAGOGICAL OBJECTIVES

In this lesson we will work on these competencies:

- PS1 - Understand the functioning and challenges of the research process in an institutional context, including policies, organization and strategy.
- PS1 - Be familiar with research-related professions and their interaction within an institution.
- PS8 - Understand the challenges of Open Science and Open Research Data and what they mean for research data management



SwissDS-ENV project: Data Stewards tasks and contributions at each step of the data lifecycle (lifecycle adapted from FORS).

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## Introduction to Git: course outline

- **Git basics:** creating a Git repository, making commits, and displaying a repository's history.
- **Git concepts:** commits, the HEAD pointer and the Git index.
- **Git branches:** introduction to branched workflows and collaborative workflow examples.
- **Branch management:** create and merge branches.
- **Working with remotes:** collaborating with Git and GitHub.

## Course resources

**Course home page:** Slides, exercises, exercise solutions, command summary (cheat sheet), setting-up your environment guide.

<https://github.com/sib-swiss/CAS-UNIL-intro-to-git>

**Shared online doc:** Register for the collaborative exercises. Link in the CAS Data Steward Moodle.

**Questions:** feel free to interrupt at anytime to ask questions.

# Course slides

- 3 categories of slides:

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Slide covered in detail  
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material  
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Not formally covered in the course.  
We are of course happy to discuss it with you if you have questions.

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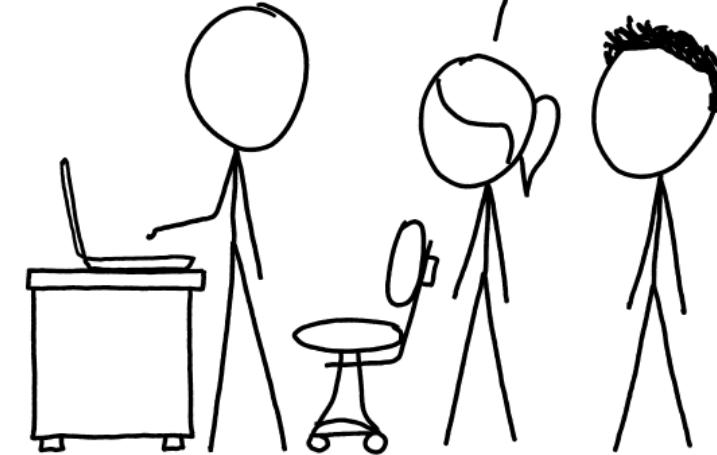
## Learning objectives

- Learn the concepts behind Git.
- Understand when and why to use each command.
- Collaborative workflows using GitHub/GitLab.

THIS IS GIT. IT TRACKS COLLABORATIVE WORK ON PROJECTS THROUGH A BEAUTIFUL DISTRIBUTED GRAPH THEORY TREE MODEL.

COOL. HOW DO WE USE IT?

NO IDEA. JUST MEMORIZIZE THESE SHELL COMMANDS AND TYPE THEM TO SYNC UP. IF YOU GET ERRORS, SAVE YOUR WORK ELSEWHERE, DELETE THE PROJECT, AND DOWNLOAD A FRESH COPY.



## Command line vs. graphical interface (GUI)

- This course focuses exclusively on **Git concepts** and **command line** usage.
- Many GUI (graphical user interface) software are available for Git, often integrated with code or text editors (e.g. Rstudio, Visual Studio Code, PyCharm, ...).  
It will be easy for you to start using them (if you wish to) once you know the command line usage and the concepts of Git.

## Part I

# Git basics

Working principle, definitions, and  
making your first commit

## Why use version control ?

**Version control systems** (VCS), sometimes also referred to as *source control/code managers* (SCM), are software designed to:

- **Keep a record of changes** made to (mostly) text-based content by recording specific states of a repository's content.
- **Associate metadata to changes**, such as author, date, description, tags (e.g. version).
- **Share files** among several people and **enable collaborative work**.
- **Backup strategy**:
  - Repositories under VCS can typically be mirrored to more than one location.
  - The database allows to retrieve older versions of a document: if you delete something and end-up regretting it, the VCS can restore past content for you.
- In the case of Git, entire ecosystems such as GitHub or GitLab have emerged to offer **additional functionality**:
  - **Distribute software and documentation**.
  - **Run automated pipelines** for code testing and deployment (CI/CD).
  - **Project management features** (e.g. issue tracking, continuous integration).

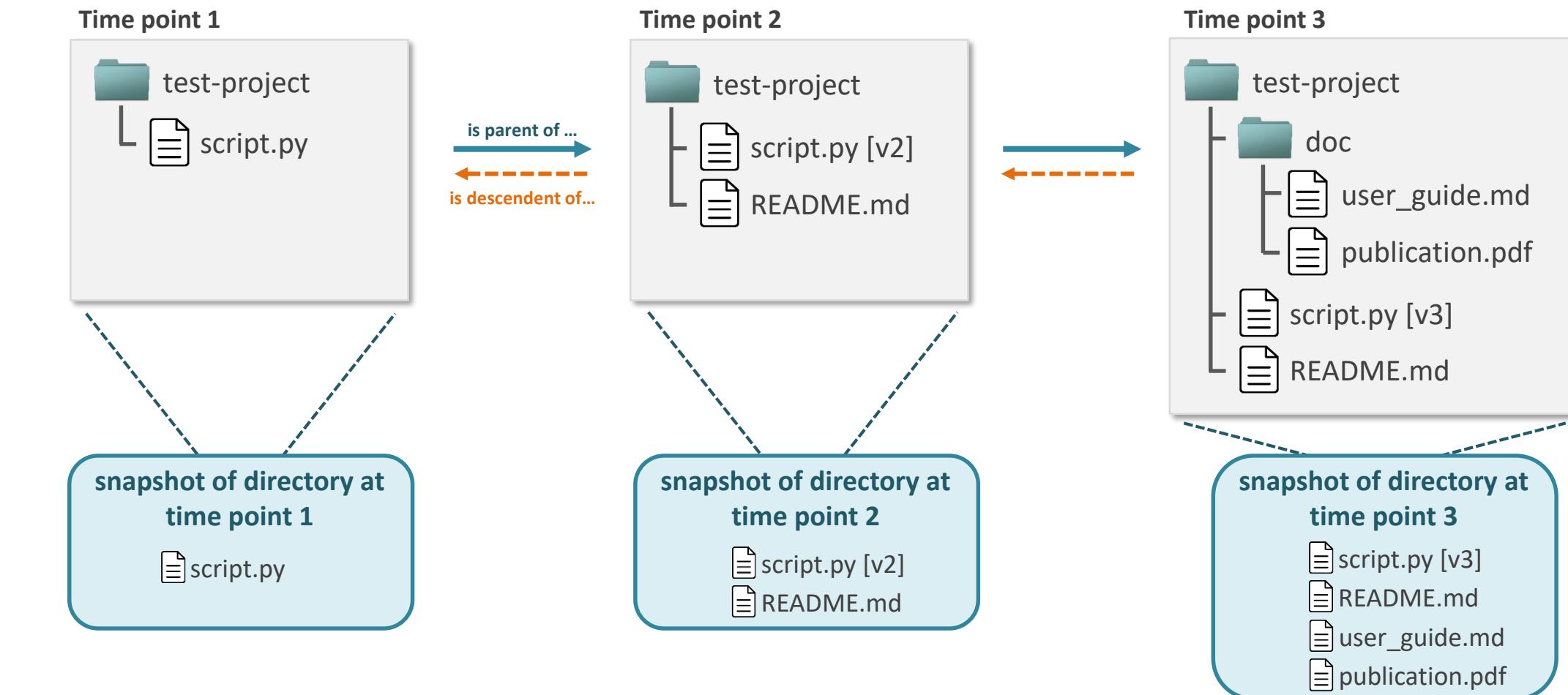
# Git working principles and definitions

## Basic principle of Git

Our objective: record the changes made to the content of a directory on our local machine.

How we proceed:

- Take **snapshots** (current content of files) at user defined time points – they are not taken automatically.
- Keep track of the order of snapshots (the relation between them) so their history can be recreated.
- Associate **metadata** with each snapshot: who made it, when, description, ...

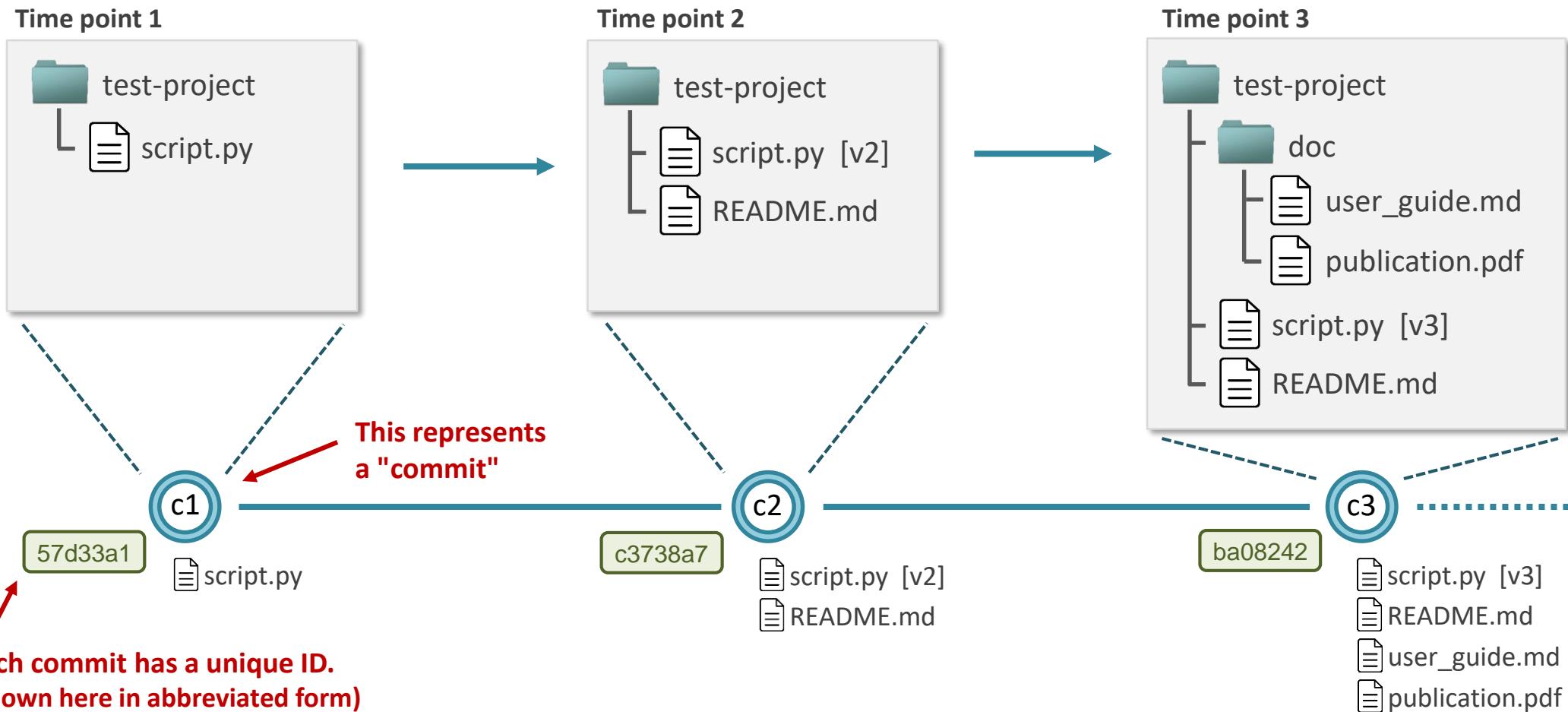


Git can track any types of files (text or binary), but is optimized to work with not-too-large text files.

## Definition: snapshots are called “commits”

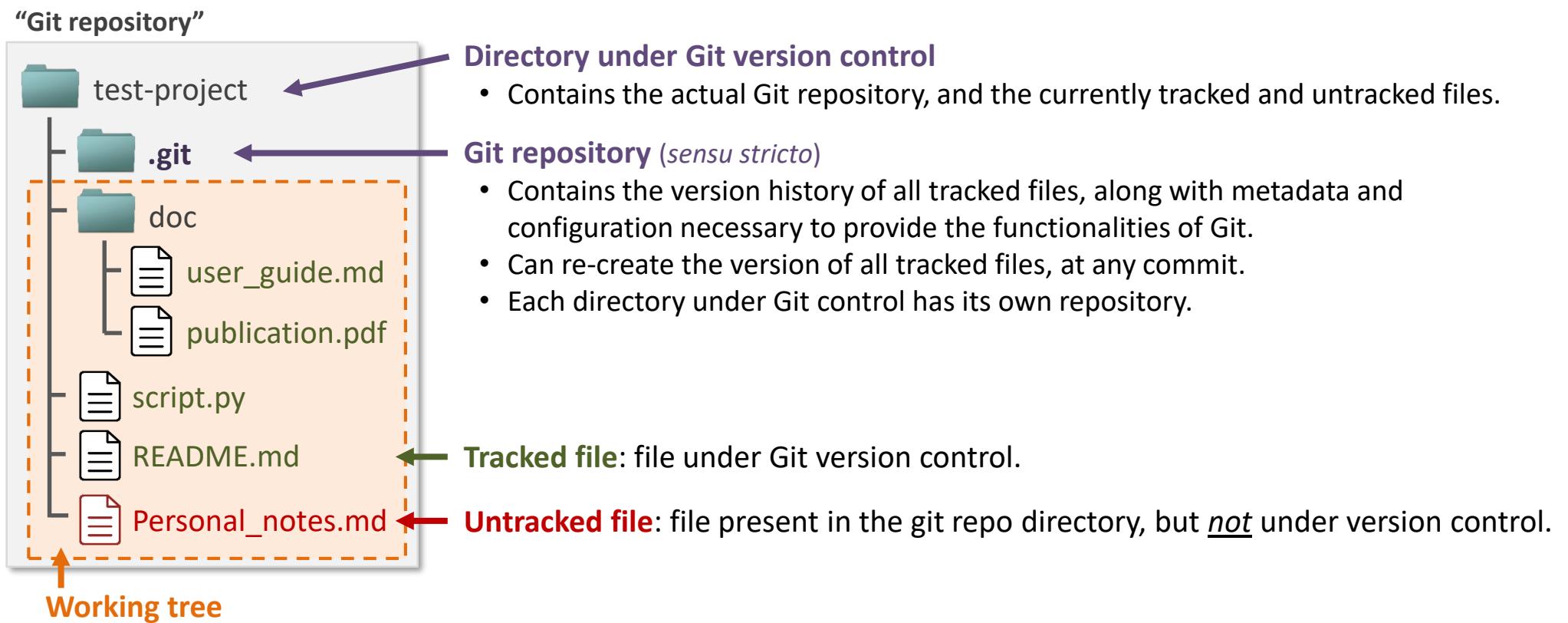
\* As will be seen in later slides, **this statement is not 100% correct**, but is a good-enough approximation for now.

- **Commit = snapshot + metadata** (author, time, commit message, parent commit ID, etc. ...).
- Create a new commit = record a new state of the directory’s content \*.
- Each commit has a unique **ID number / hash** (40 hexadecimal characters): **3c1bb0cd5d67dddc02fae50bf56d3a3a4cbc7204** commit ID



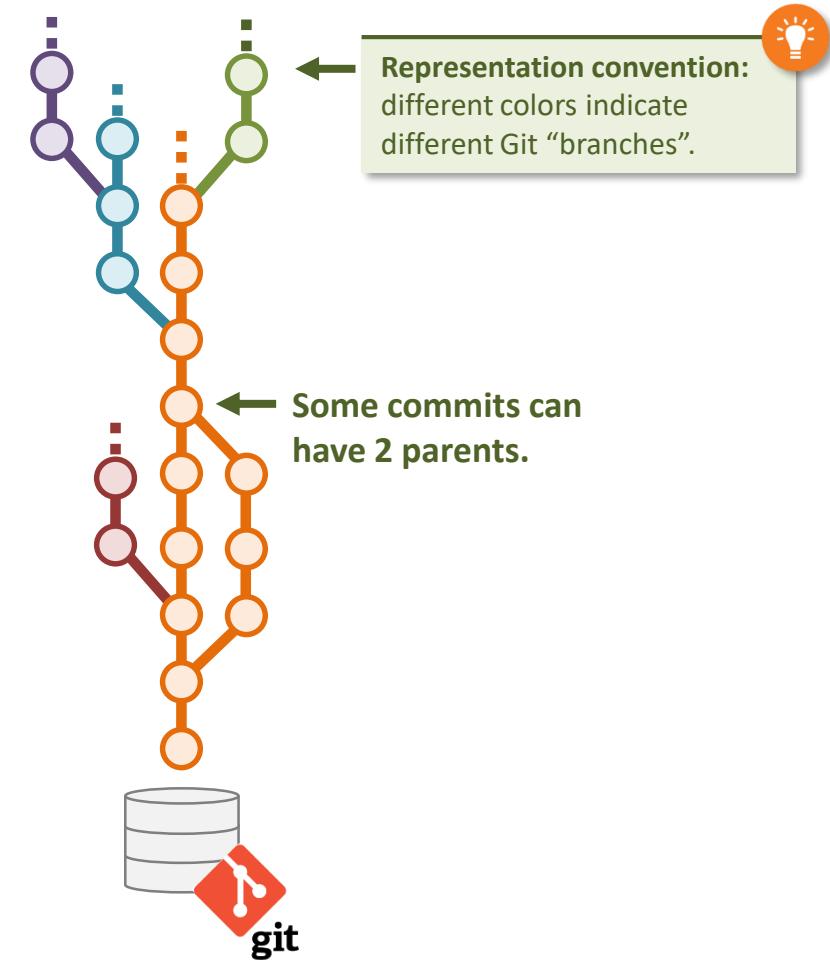
## Definition: commits are stored in a repository (or “repo”)

- **Git repository/repo:** version history of files in a directory under Git version control, along with metadata, and configurations necessary for version tracking and collaboration.
  - Technically, a Git repository is only the hidden “.git” directory (see figure below), but often the term is also used to refer to the entire directory under Git control (“test\_project” in the example below).
  - Not all files in a directory under Git control have to be tracked: there can be a mix of **tracked** and **untracked** files.
- **Working Tree:** current content (on your computer) of a directory under Git control.
  - More exhaustive definition: state of the project files corresponding to the branch/commit that is currently checked out, augmented with uncommitted changes made to files, as well as untracked files.



## Definition: branches

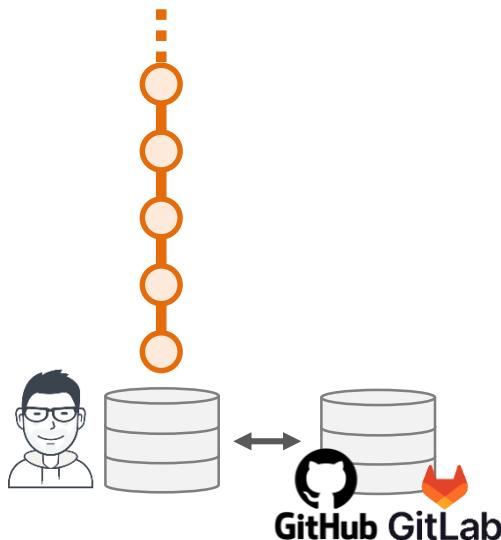
- **Repository history:** history of commits (chronology of commits).
- **Branch:** refers to a “line of development” within the commit history.
  - Technically a branch is simply a reference to a commit.



# Git use cases: examples

## Exercise 1

### Single repo, single branch



#### Use case

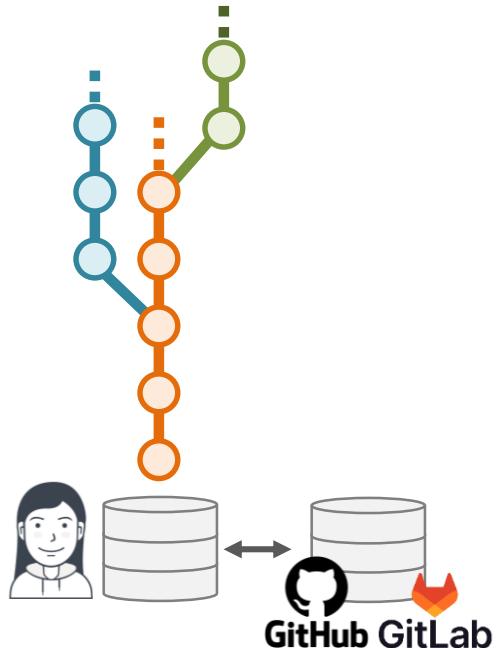
- Keep a documented log of your work.
- Go back and compare to earlier versions.
- See what changed since last commit.
- Backup (if a paired with a remote).
- Distribute your code (if paired with remote)



**The local repo must be associated to a remote repository to provide backup functionality (and new commits must be regularly pushed). Highly recommended.**

## Exercises 2 and 3

### Single repo, branched workflow (multiple development lines)

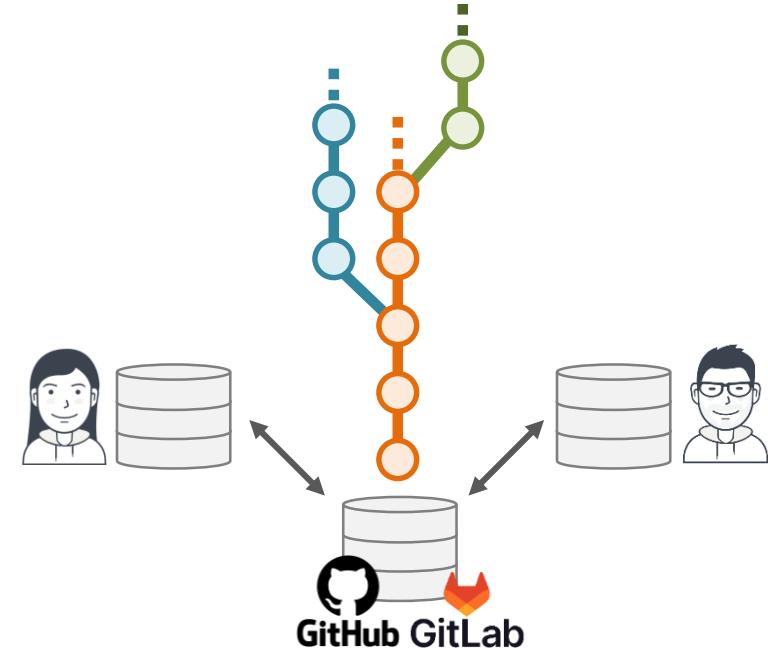


#### Use case

- Service in production with continued development in parallel (e.g. adding new feature).
- + all benefits of the previous use case.

## Exercise 4

### Collaboration with distributed and central repos.



#### Use case

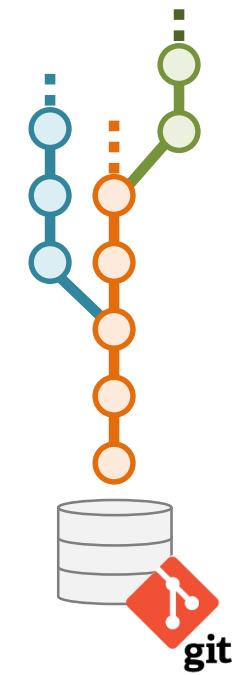
- Collaborate with others (distributed development).
- + all benefits of the previous use case.

**Each user has a full copy of the data\*.**

\* Provided they regularly sync their local repo.

## Local vs. Remote repository

- When creating a new Git repository on your computer, **everything is only local**.
- To get a copy of your repository online, you must take the active steps of:
  - **Creating** a new repository on a hosting service (e.g. GitHub, GitLab, Bitbucket, ...).
  - **Associate** the online repository with your local repo.
  - **Push** your local content to the remote.
- By design, Git **does not automatically synchronize** a local and remote repo. Download/upload of data must be triggered by the user.



# Git configuration

```
git config
```

# Configuring Git

The minimum configuration is setting a **user name** and **email**. These will be used as default author for each commit.

- Setting user name and email:

```
git config --global user.name <user name>
git config --global user.email <email>
```

The **--global** option/flag tells Git to store the setting at the “global” (user wide) scope. Global settings apply to all Git repos on your machine. Without the **--global** option, the setting will only apply to the current Git repo.

Global settings are stored in the following config file:

- Linux: `/home/$USER/.gitconfig`
- Mac OS: `/Users/<user name>/.gitconfig`
- Windows: `C:/Users/<user name>/.gitconfig`



- Config values can be retrieved by using the **--get** option.

```
# Set user name and email at the global (user-wide) scope.
> git config --global user.name "Alice"
> git config --global user.email alice@redqueen.org

# Retrieve setting values.
> git config --get user.name
Alice
> git config --get user.email
alice@redqueen.org
```

## Configuring Git: changing the default text editor

On most systems, the default editor that Git uses is “**vim**”.

However, this can be configured with the following **git config** command:

```
git config --global core.editor <editor cmd>
```

- Display the current default editor used by Git:

```
git config --global --get core.editor
```

- Example: changing the default editor to “nano” (another command line editor).

```
# Change the default editor to "nano".  
$ git config --global core.editor nano  
  
# Change the default editor to "VS Code".  
$ git config --global core.editor "code --wait"  
  
# Display the current default editor.  
$ git config --global --get core.editor  
nano
```

# Creating a **new repo**

```
git init
```

```
git clone
```

## Obtaining a new Git repo: two main ways...

### Turn a local directory into a Git repo (start from scratch)

Enter the directory to version-control, then run:

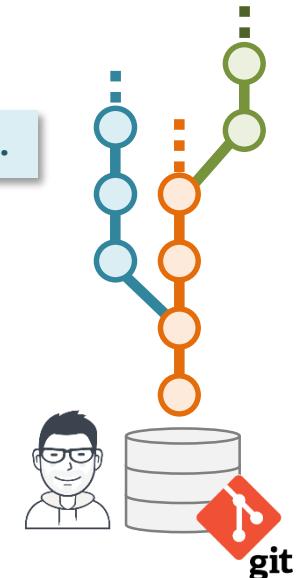
```
git init
```



- A new, empty, Git repository is created in the current directory.
- Files present in the directory can now be version-controlled. However, version-control of files is not automatic – more on that later.
- At this point there is no online remote associated with the new repo. Everything is only local.

### Clone a repo from an online source (start from an existing repo)

```
git clone https://github.com/...
```



- The entire content of the online Git repository is “cloned” (i.e. downloaded) to the local machine.
- The online repo is automatically linked (i.e. setup as a “remote”) for the local repo: we can push commits with no additional setup.
- Starting a new project on GitHub/GitLab and cloning it can also be a way to create a new empty local repository and immediately link it to a remote.

Cloning and working with remotes will be presented in more details later in these slides.

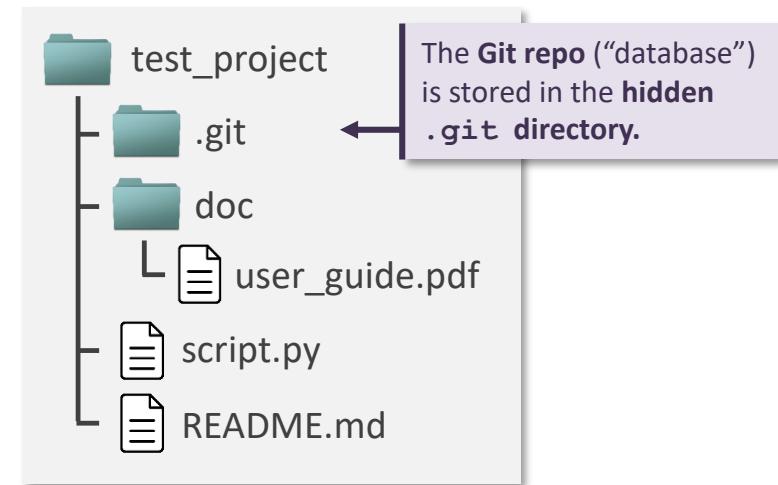
# Creating a new Git repository (from scratch)

**git init**

Initializes a Git repository in the current working directory, turning it into a version controlled directory.

**Example**

```
# Enter directory to version control and initialize a new repo.  
› cd /home/alice/test_project  
› git init  
Initialized empty Git repository in /home/alice/test_project/.git/  
  
# List the content of our directory: we now see a new .git directory.  
› ls -a  
./ ../.git/ doc/ src/ README.md
```



- You must be located at the root of the directory to version control before typing **git init**
- **git init** creates a hidden **.git** directory at the root of the directory.
- **Everything is stored in this single **.git** directory:**
  - Complete version history of all tracked files.
  - All other data associated to the Git repository (e.g. branches, tags).
  - The content of **.git** can re-create the exact state of all your files at any versioned time - e.g. if you delete a file accidentally or want to go back to an earlier version.



**Never delete the **.git** directory**

Unless you intend to start again your repo from scratch, and accept to lose all its history.

## State of the working directory (here just after `git init`)

Useful commands to assess the current status of a Git repo:

- Show status of files in project directory (working tree).

```
git status
```

```
> git status  
On branch main  
No commits yet  
Untracked files:  
  doc/  
    README.md  
  script.py
```

“main” is the default branch name.

Red = untracked files

How it looks in the file system



- Commit history: show log of commits, i.e. the history of the repo.

```
git log
```

```
> git status  
fatal: your current branch 'main'  
does not have any commits yet
```

Since we just created a new repo there are no commits yet, which is why we get this error.

## Summary: when creating a new Git repo...

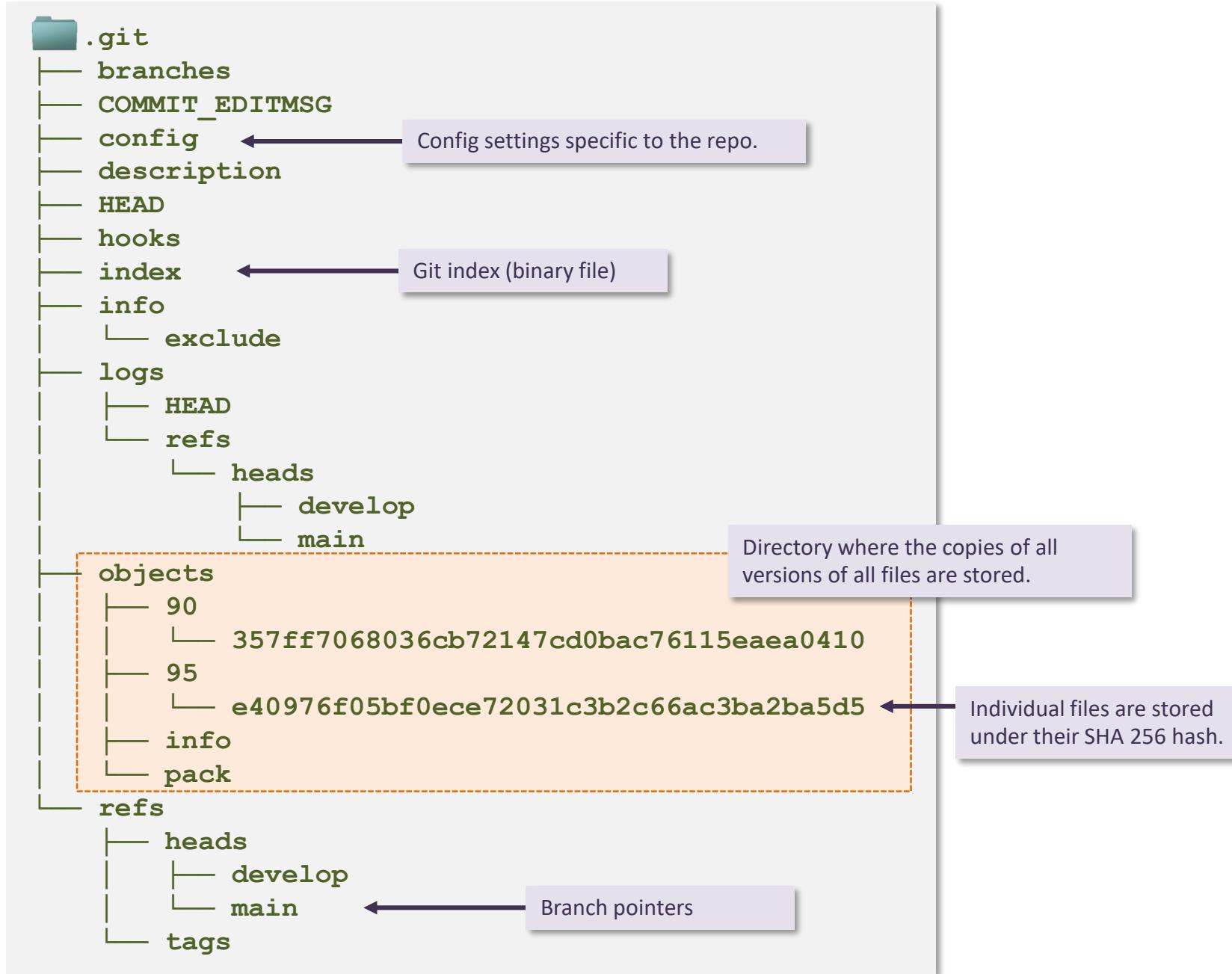
- It does not matter whether the directory is empty or already contains files/sub-directories.
- Files in a project directory (working tree) are not automatically tracked by Git (files are untracked by default).
- You can have both tracked and untracked files in a project directory.
- Only files located in the project directory – or one of its sub-directories – can be tracked.
- Project directories are self-contained – you can rename them or move them around in your file system.
- You can (should) have multiple Git repositories on your system – typically one per project or per code/script you develop \* - don't use a single Git repo to track the entire content of your computer!
- Nesting Git repositories (i.e. having one repo inside another) is technically possible, but should be avoided unless there is a clear use-case for it.



Never delete the ``.git` directory`, you would lose the entire versioning history of your repository (along with all files not currently present in the working tree).

\* An exception is the case of multiple projects that are tightly linked to another: in such cases it can be useful to have them all in a single repo – this is known as a **monorepo**.

## Behind the scenes: the content of the .git directory



# Making a **commit**

git add

git commit

## Definition: the Git index (staging area)

In Git, creating a commit is a 2-step process:

**Git index (staging area):** “virtual space” where files are gathered before committing them to the repository. Acts as a buffer between the working tree and the repository, allowing to select changes to include in the next commit.  
*Technical note:* in practice, the Git index is a file in Git’s database.

### Step 1 – Staging files

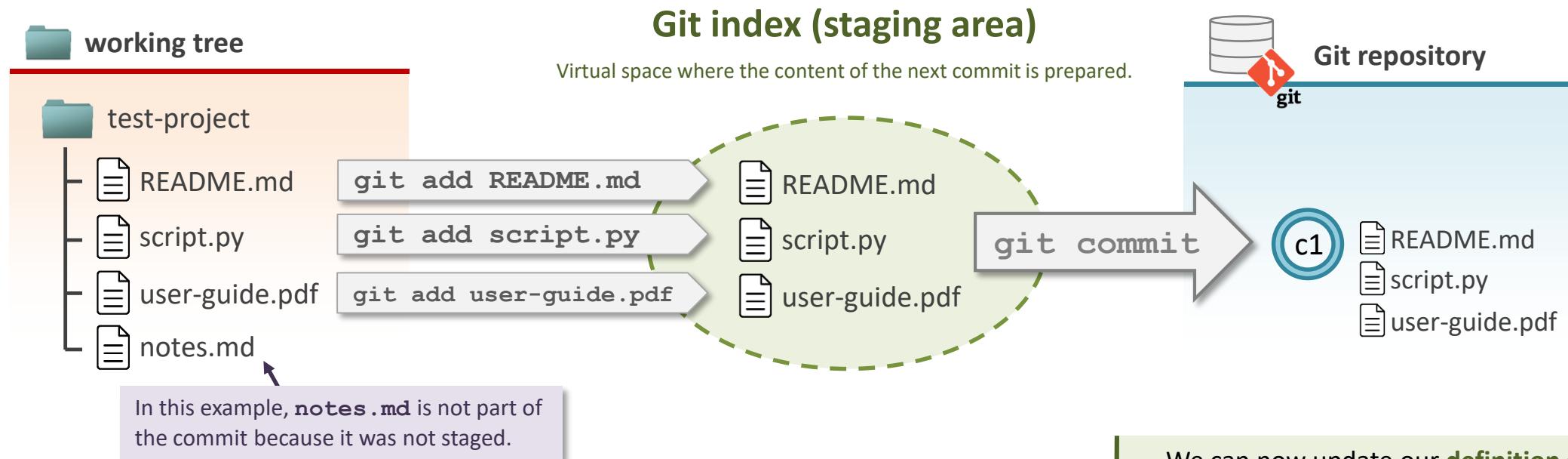
**Selection of files to commit.** To make a new or modified file part of the next commit, it must be added to the **Git index** (also known as the **staging area**).

```
git add <file or directory>
```

### Step 2 – Commit

**Create a commit with the current content of the Git index.** A new commit (containing the current content of the Git index) is added to the repository.

```
git commit -m "commit message..."
```



We can now update our **definition of a commit**.

**Commit** = snapshot of the Git index at a given time.

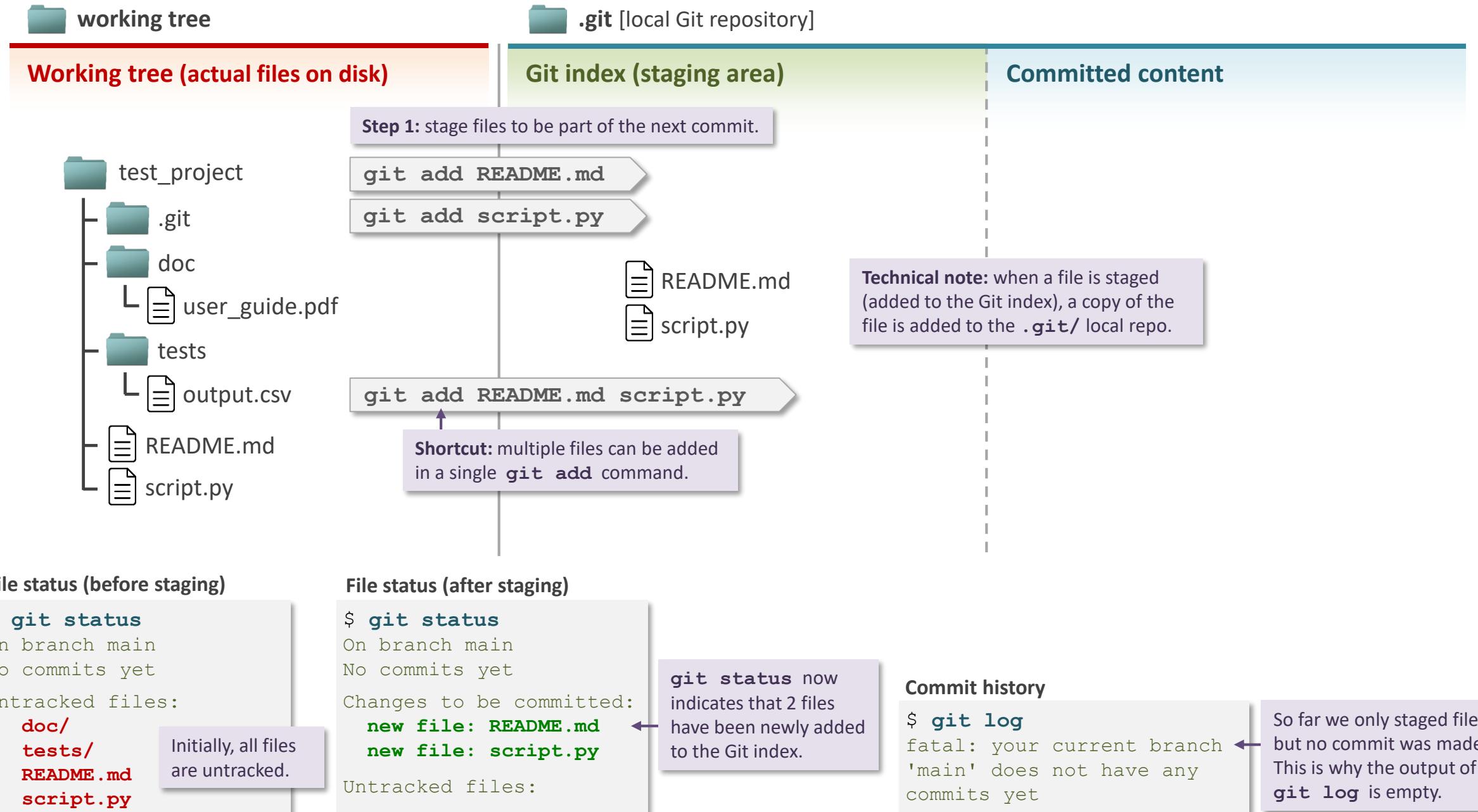
**Git index** = content of your next commit.

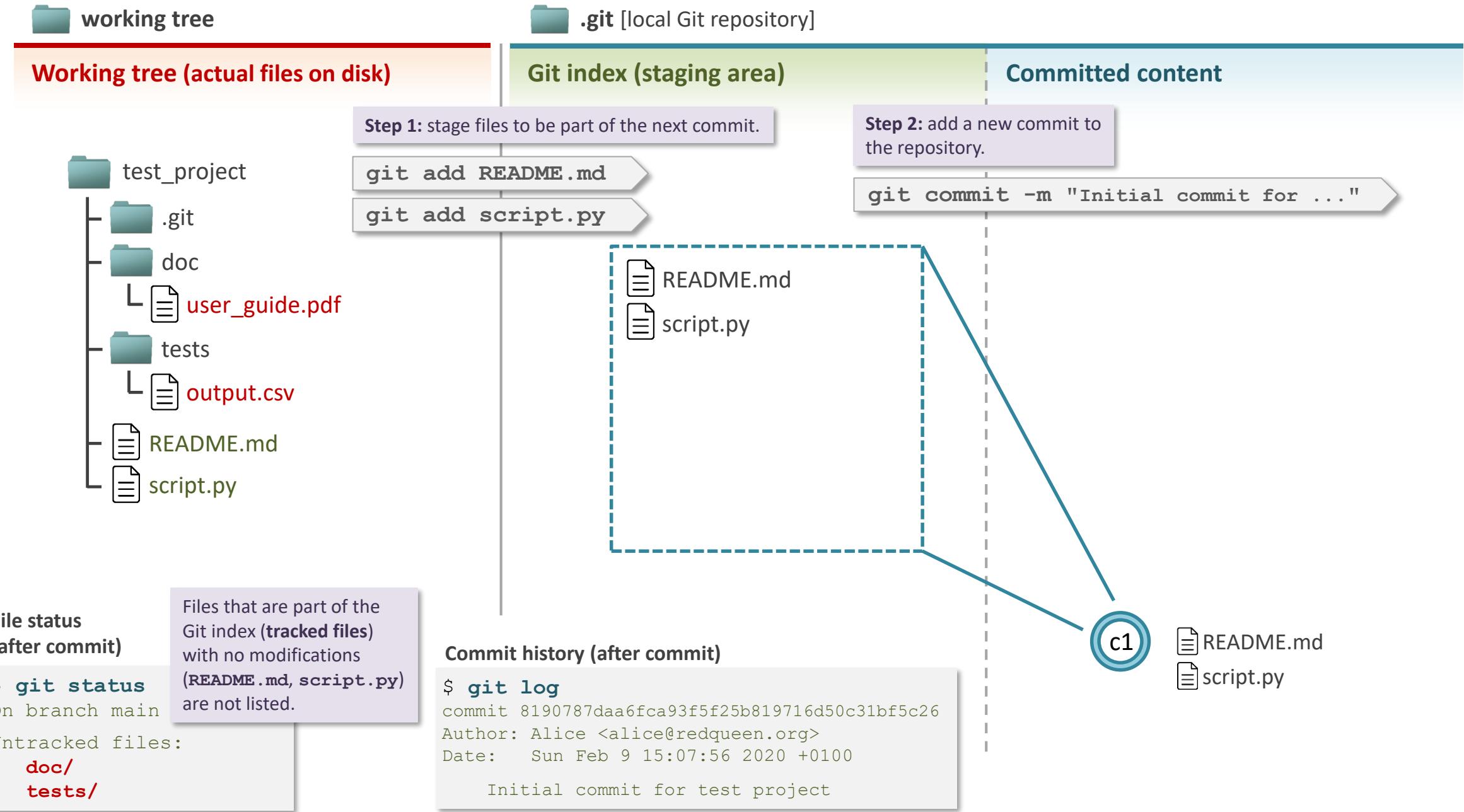
## Why do we need this 2-step process ?

- Why do we need the Git index ?
  - Why not simply commit the entire content of our directory ?
- ➡ The objective of this 2-step procedure is to let users craft “well thought” commits.
- Commits are meant to be meaningful units of change in your code base (or the content you track).
  - Not all current changes in the working tree need to be part of the next commit.

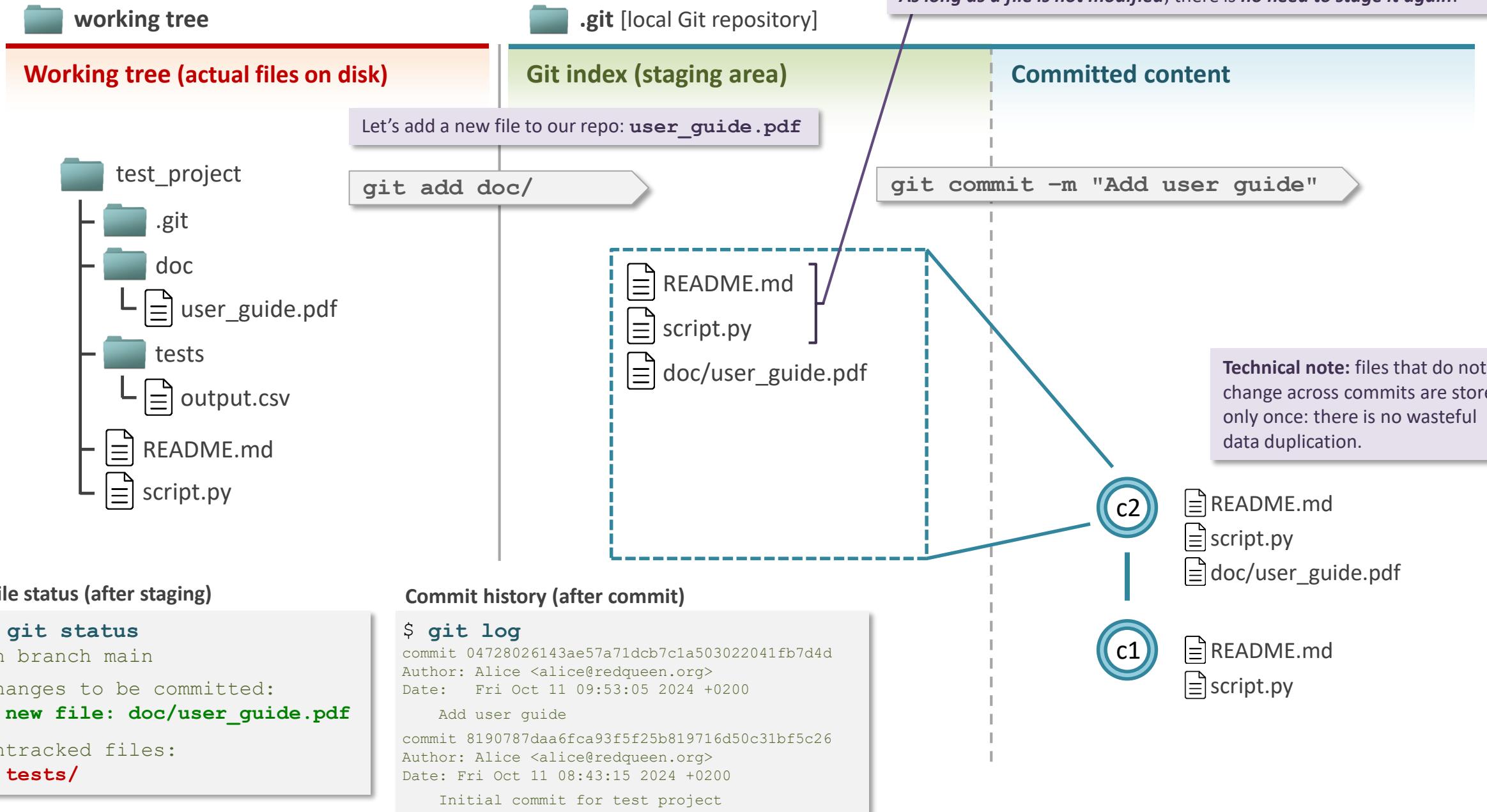


## Staging and making a commit: a step-by-step example

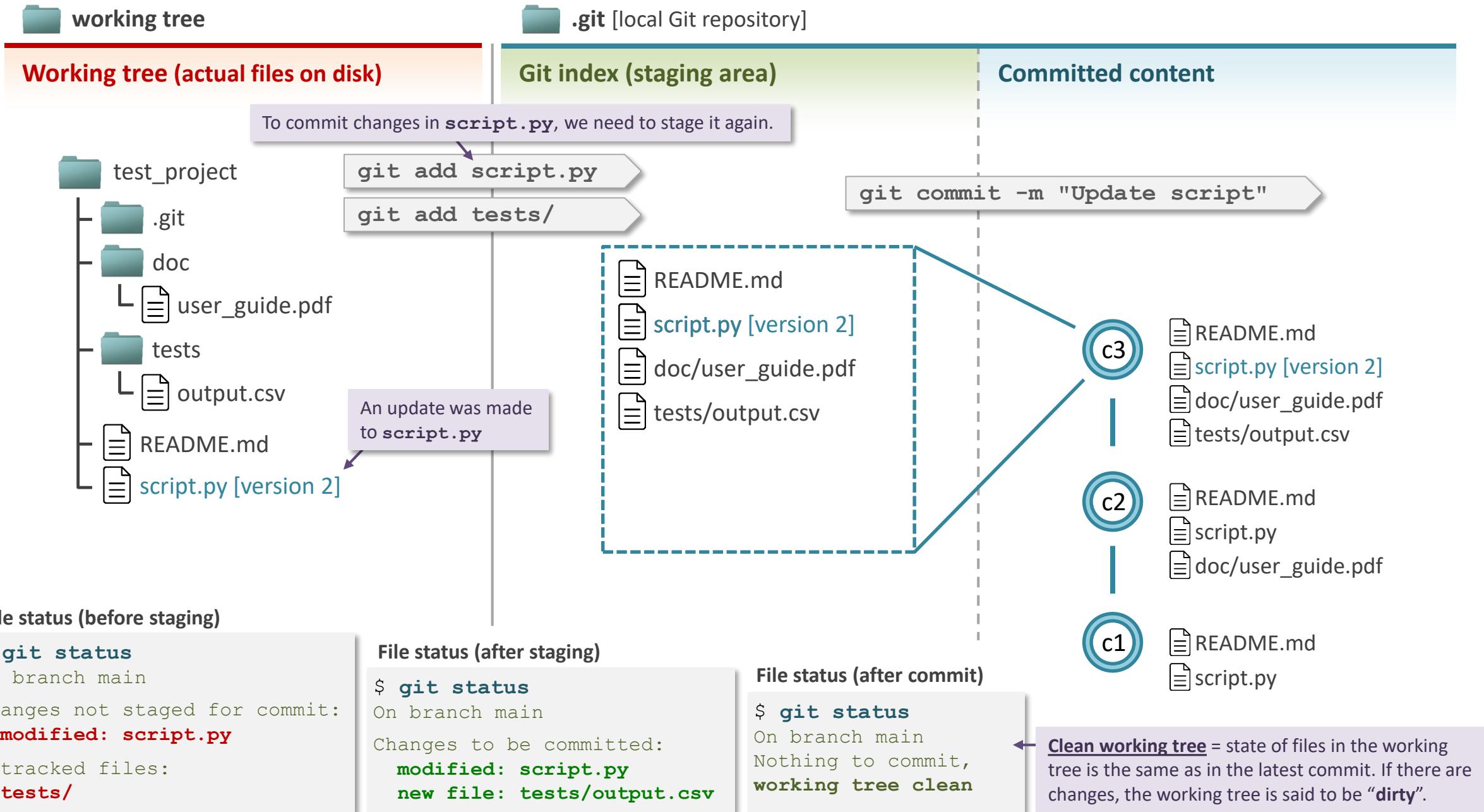




## Staging and making a commit: a step-by-step example



## Staging and making a commit: a step-by-step example



## Summary: staging (`git add`) and committing (`git commit`) files

- By default, files in a directory under Git control are **untracked**.
- To include a file (in its current state) – or a change in file content – in the next commit, the file **must be added to the Git index (staged)** with:

```
git add <file or directory>      # Add the specified files/directories to the Git index.
```

- Multiple files/directories can be added in a single command (by passing multiple file/directory names).
- By default, the entire content of a file is added.  
Adding only part of a file is possible with the `--edit` or `--patch` options.

- Staged files remain staged, unless explicitly removed (with `git rm` or `git rm --cached`).
- **Modified files must be staged (added to the index) again**, if the new content is to be added to the next commit.
- To create a new commit, the command is:

```
git commit -m/--message "your commit message"  
git commit
```



If no commit message is given, Git will open the default editor and ask you to enter a message **interactively**.

### Reminder

**commit = snapshot of the Git index**

The Git index (staging area) can be thought of as a “virtual space” where the content of the next commit is prepared.

## Shortcuts: for staging (`git add`) and committing (`git commit`) files

### ▪ `git add` shortcuts:

```
git add -u / --update      # Stages all already tracked files, but ignore untracked files.  
git add -A / --all        # Stages all files/directories in the working tree (except ignored files), including file deletions.  
git add .                 # Stages entire content of the current directory, except file deletions.
```

### ▪ `git commit` shortcuts:

```
git commit -m "commit message" <files or dirs>    # Stage and commit the specified files/directories in a single command.  
git commit -a / -all -m "commit message"             # Stage and commit all modified tracked files in a single command.
```

-a / --all is a shortcut for:

```
git add -u  
git commit -m "commit message"
```

It will not stage/commit untracked files.

This is a shortcut for:

```
git add <file or directory>  
git commit -m "commit message"
```

## Making commits: some advice

Git does not impose any restrictions on what and when things can be committed. \*

However, it's best to:

- Make commits at *meaningful points* of your code/script development, for instance:
  - When a new feature was added (or a few related functions).
  - When a bug was fixed.
- Make *multiple small commits instead of a large one* if you are making changes that affect different functionalities of your code (this can make it easier to e.g. revert changes).
- *Don't commit broken code on your main/master branch*, as this is the branch that others might use to get the latest version of your code.  
If you have partial work, you can commit it to a *temporary/feature* branch, and later merge it into *main/master* (more on branch management will follow later).

\* One exception being that, by default, commits with zero changes are not allowed, but they are possible by using the `--allow-empty` option: `git commit --allow-empty`

## Committing content: interactive commit message with the “vim” editor

```
$ git commit
```

### Initial commit for test\_project

```
# Please enter the commit message for your changes. Lines starting
# with '#' will be ignored, and an empty message aborts the commit.
#
# On branch main
# Changes to be committed:
#   new file: README.md
#   new file: script.py
#   new file: doc/quick_start.md
#
```



When no commit message is specified,  
Git automatically opens a text editor.  
By default, this editor is “vim”.

- In the “vim” editor, press on the key “i” to enter edit mode
- In edit mode, you can now type your commit message.

## Committing content: interactive commit message with the “vim” editor

```
Initial commit for test_project
```

```
This is the very first commit in this Git repo.
```

```
Way to go!
```

```
# Please enter the commit message for your changes. Lines starting
# with '#' will be ignored, and an empty message aborts the commit.
#
# On branch main
# Changes to be committed:
#       modified: README.md
#       new file: script.py
#       new file: doc/quick_start.md
#
~
~
:wq
```

- Commit message can be entered over multiple lines.
- By convention, try to keep lines reasonably short (<= 80 chars)

- Press “**Esc**” to exit “edit” mode.
- Type “**:wq**” in the vim “command” mode.



Press “**Enter**” to exit vim and save your commit message.

- You are now back in the shell and your commit is done.

```
[main (root-commit) 8190787] Initial commit for test_project
3 files changed, 6 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 README.md
create mode 100644 script.py
create mode 100644 doc/quick_start.md
```

## Demo

- Initializing a new Git repo.
- Adding content to the Git repo.
- Making a commit with interactive commit message.

# exercise 1 – part A

Your first commit



This exercise has helper slides

## Exercise 1 help: bash (shell) commands you may need during this course

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>cd &lt;directory&gt;</b>              | Change into directory (enter directory).                  |
| <b>cd ..</b>                             | Change to parent directory.                               |
| <b>ls -l</b>                             | List content of current directory.                        |
| <b>ls -la</b>                            | List content of current directory including hidden files. |
| <b>pwd</b>                               | Print current working directory.                          |
| <b>cp &lt;file&gt; &lt;dest dir&gt;</b>  | Copy a file to directory “dest dir”.                      |
| <b>mv &lt;file&gt; &lt;new name&gt;</b>  | Rename a file to <new name>.                              |
| <b>mv &lt;file&gt; &lt;directory&gt;</b> | Move a file to a different directory.                     |
| <b>cat &lt;file&gt;</b>                  | Print a file to the terminal.                             |
| <b>less &lt;file&gt;</b>                 | Show the content of a file (type “q” to exit).            |
| <b>vim &lt;file&gt;</b>                  | Open a file with the “vim” text editor.                   |
| <b>nano &lt;file&gt;</b>                 | Open a file with the “nano” text editor.                  |

# Inspecting file status

git status

git diff

# Display file status

**git status**

Display the status of files in the working tree.

- \* **Modified files:** files with changes in content as compared to the latest commit.
- \*\* **Staged files that have not been modified since the last commit (unmodified files)** are not listed, but they are still in the index and will be part of the next commit.
- **Ignored files** are also not listed.

```
$ git status
```

On branch main

#### Changes to be committed:

(use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>new file:</b> <code>LICENSE.txt</code>         | ← new file = file is not present in latest commit.                   |
| <b>modified:</b> <code>README.md</code>           | ← modified = file is modified compared to latest commit.             |
| <b>modified:</b> <code>script.py</code>           |  |
| <b>deleted:</b> <code>test/test_output.csv</code> | ← deleted = file is present in latest commit and will now be removed |

Staged files \*\*

**Green = files with (changes in) content (compared to the latest commit) that has been staged and will be part of the next commit.**

**Red = files with (changes in) content (compared to the latest commit) that is not staged. These changes will not be part of the next commit.**

#### Changes not staged for commit:

(use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)

(use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>modified:</b> <code>README.md</code>         | ← modified = file is modified compared Git index.   |
| <b>modified:</b> <code>doc/user_guide.md</code> |   |
| <b>deleted:</b> <code>test/log.txt</code>       | ← deleted = file is deleted on disk, but is still present in the Git index (and the latest commit). |

Unstaged files

#### Untracked files:

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

`untracked_file.txt`

untracked files

 **Note:** the (new) content of a file can be **partially staged**: some changes in the file are staged (added to the index), while some remain unstaged. This is the case in the example above for the `README.md` file (which is why it's listed in both the staged and unstaged sections). **Only the staged content will become part of the next commit.**

## File status in Git: summary

Possible statuses for files in Git:

- **Tracked** – file that is currently under version control. More specifically, it is currently part of the Git index (staging area) and therefore also generally part of the latest commit \*. Tracked files can be further categorized as:
  - **Unmodified** – the file is part of the latest commit \* (and the Git index), and no change was made to the file since then. In other words, the content of the file in the working directory (working tree) is the same as in the latest commit. Unmodified files are not listed by the `git status` command.
  - **Modified** – the content of the file in the working directory (working tree) differs from the latest commit \*. Modified files can be staged, unstaged, or partially staged.
    - **Staged**: the difference in content has been added to the Git index (staging area), and will therefore be committed with the next commit.
    - **Unstaged**: the difference in content has not been staged (not part of the Git index), and will therefore not be part of the next commit.
    - **Partially staged**: some differences (but not all) have been staged (added to the Git index). Only the staged differences will be part of the next commit.
- **Untracked** - file present in the project directory (working tree), but not currently under version control by Git. More specifically, the file is not currently present in the Git index – but could be part of an earlier commit.
- **Ignored** - untracked file that is part of the repository's "ignore list" (`.gitignore` or `.git/info/exclude` file). Ignored files are not listed by the `git status` command.

\* more precisely: the commit to which the HEAD pointer is currently pointing – this concept is explained later in the slides.

# How do I know what changed and which changes are staged ?

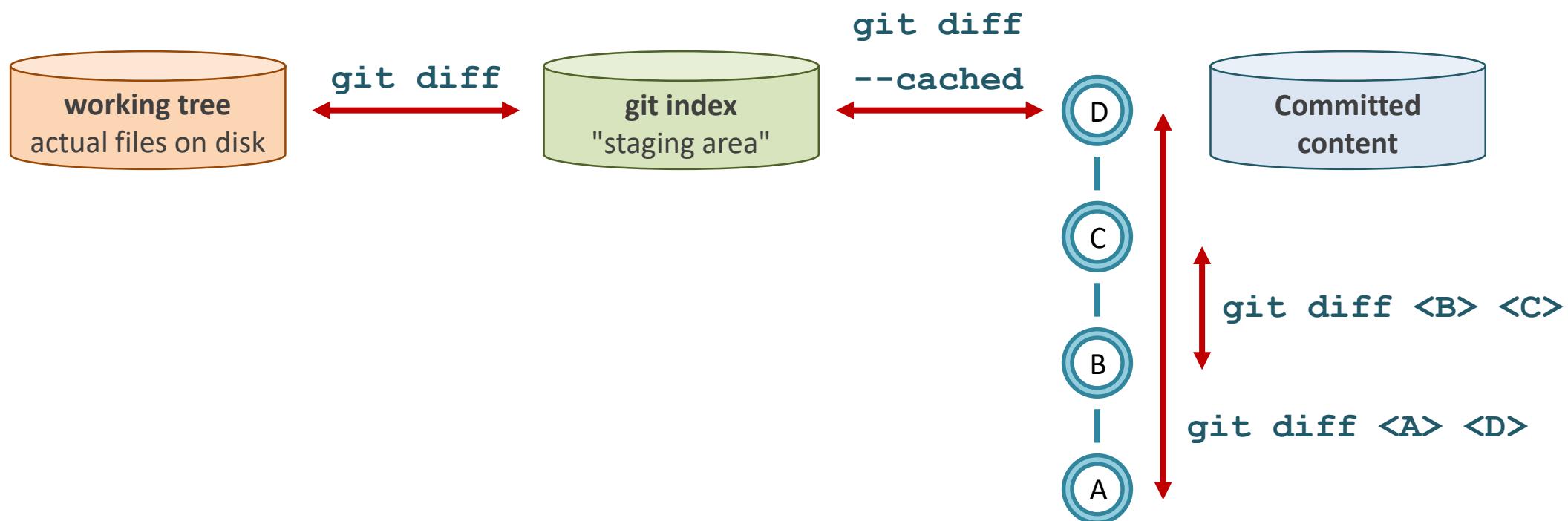
## git diff

Show differences between two states of a Git repo.

```
git diff file          # Show diff for a specific file between working tree and index.  
git diff <older commit> <newer commit>  # show diff between 2 commits.  
  
git diff --cached      # Show diff between index and last commit.  
git diff --name-only    # Show only file names, not the changes.
```

## Example output

```
> git diff  
diff --git a/README.md b/README.md  
index f5e333d..844d178 100644  
--- a/README.md  
+++ b/README.md  
@@ -1,2 +1,3 @@  
Project description:  
-This is a test  
+This is a demo project  
+and it's pretty useless
```



# Inspecting **commits** and **history**

`git show`

`git log`

## Display the “content” of a commit

**git show** Display the changes in file content introduced by a commit.

**git show <commit reference>**

**git show**

with no argument, the latest commit on the current branch is shown (i.e. HEAD)

### Example:

```
$ git show 89d201f
commit 89d201fd01ead6a499a146bc6da5aa078c921ecf
Author: Alice <alice@redqueen.org>
Date:   Wed Feb 19 14:00:02 2020 +0100

    Add stripe color option to class Cheshire_cat

diff --git a/script.sh b/script.sh
index d7bfdcc8..fa99250 100755
--- a/script.sh
+++ b/script.sh
@@ -7,13 +7,28 @@
# def Cheshire_cat():
-  def __init__(self, name, owner="red queen"):
+  def __init__(self, name, owner="red queen", stripe_color="orange"):
+    self.stripe_color = stripe_color
```

### Examples of commit references:

- A commit ID (hash): **89d201f**
- A branch name: **develop**
- A tag name: **1.0.7**
- The **HEAD** pointer.
- A relative reference: **HEAD~3**

If no commit reference is given, **HEAD** is used as default.



The detail of changes can only be shown for plain text files.

**git show --name-only <ref>**

Only display file names (without the changes)

```
$ git show --name-only 89d201f
commit 89d201fd01ead6a499a146bc6da5aa078c921ecf
Author: Alice <alice@redqueen.org>
Date:   Wed Feb 19 14:00:02 2020 +0100
```

Add stripe color option to Cheshire\_cat

script.sh

## Display commit history

Print the commit history of the repository, newest commit to oldest (i.e. newest commit at the top)



`git log` has many options to format its output.  
See `git log --help`

```
git log  
git log --oneline  
git log --all --decorate --oneline --graph
```

Example: default view (detailed commits of current branch).

```
$ git log  
commit f6ceaac2cc74bd8c152e11b9c12ada725e06c8b9 (HEAD -> main, origin/main)  
Author: Alice alice@redqueen.org  
Date:   Wed Feb 19 14:13:30 2020 +0100  
  
        Add stripe color option to class Cheshire_cat  
  
commit f3d8e2280010525ba29b0df63de8b7c2cd7daeaf  
Author: Alice alice@redqueen.org  
Date:   Wed Feb 19 14:11:56 2020 +0100  
  
        Fix off_with_their_heads() so it now passes tests  
  
commit cfd30ce6e362bb4536f9d94ef0320f9bf8f81e69  
Author: Mad Hatter mad.hatter@wonder.net  
Date:   Wed Feb 19 13:31:32 2020 +0100  
  
        Add .gitignore file to ignore script output
```

## Example: compact view of current branch

```
$ git log --oneline
f6ceaac (HEAD -> main, origin/main) peak_sorter: add authors to script
f3d8e22 peak_sorter: display name of highest peak when script completes
cf30ce Add gitignore file to ignore script output
f8231ce Add README file to project
821bcf5 peak_sorter: add +x permission
40d5ad5 Add input table of peaks above 4000m in the Alps
a3e9ea6 peak_sorter: add first version of peak sorter script
```

## Example: compact view of entire repo (all branches)

```
$ git log --all --decorate --oneline --graph
* fc0b016 (origin/feature-dahu, feature-dahu) peak_sorter: display highest peak at end of script
* d29958d peak_sorter: add authors as comment to script
* 6c0d087 peak_sorter: improve code commenting
* 89d201f peak_sorter: add Dahu observation counts to output table
* 9da30be README: add more explanation about the added Dahu counts
* 58e6152 Add Dahu count table
| * f6ceaac (HEAD -> main, origin/main) peak_sorter: add authors to script
| * f3d8e22 peak_sorter: display name of highest peak when script completes
|
* cf30ce Add gitignore file to ignore script output
* f8231ce Add README file to project
| * 1c695d9 (origin/dev-jimmy, dev-jimmy) peak_sorter: add check that input table has the ALTITUDE and PEAK columns
| * ff85686 Ran script and added output
|
* 821bcf5 peak_sorter: add +x permission
* 40d5ad5 Add input table of peaks above 4000m in the Alps
* a3e9ea6 peak_sorter: add first version of peak sorter script
```



## Adding custom shortcuts to Git

Some git commands can be long and painful to type, especially when you need them often!

To shorten a command, you can create **custom aliases**:

```
git config --global alias.<name of your alias> "command to associate to alias"
```

Example:

```
git config --global alias.adog "log --all --decorate --oneline --graph"
```

With the alias set, you can now simply type:

```
git adog
```



# Ignoring files

- By default, files that are not added to a Git repo are considered **untracked**, and are always listed as such by `git status`.
- To stop Git from listing files as **untracked**, they can be added to one of the following "ignore" files:

## .gitignore

- For files to be **ignored by every copy of the repository**.
- `.gitignore` is meant to be tracked: `git add .gitignore`
- Examples:
  - outputs of tests
  - `.Rhistory`, `.RData`
  - `.pyc` (compiled version of python code)

Most of the time, this is the method you will want to use to ignore files.

### Example of a `.gitignore` file

```
my_tests.py
.Rdata
.Rhistory
*.pyc
test_outputs/
```

- Files to ignore are added by manually editing the two above-mentioned files.
- Files can be ignored based on their full name, or based on glob patterns (see next slide for examples).
  - `*.txt` ignore all files ending in ".txt"
  - `*.[oa]` ignore all files ending either in ".o" or ".a"
  - `logs/` appending a slash indicates a directory. The entire directory and all of its content are ignored.
  - `!dontignorethis.txt` adding a ! In front of a file name means it should not be ignored (exception to rule).

## .git/info/exclude

- For files that should be **ignored only by your own local copy of the repository**.
- Not versioned and not shared.
- Examples:
  - Files with some personal notes.
  - Files specific to your development environment (IDE).

Use this method for **special cases** where a file should **only be ignored in your local copy of the repo**.

# exercise 1 – part B and C

Your first commit

Part II

# Git branches

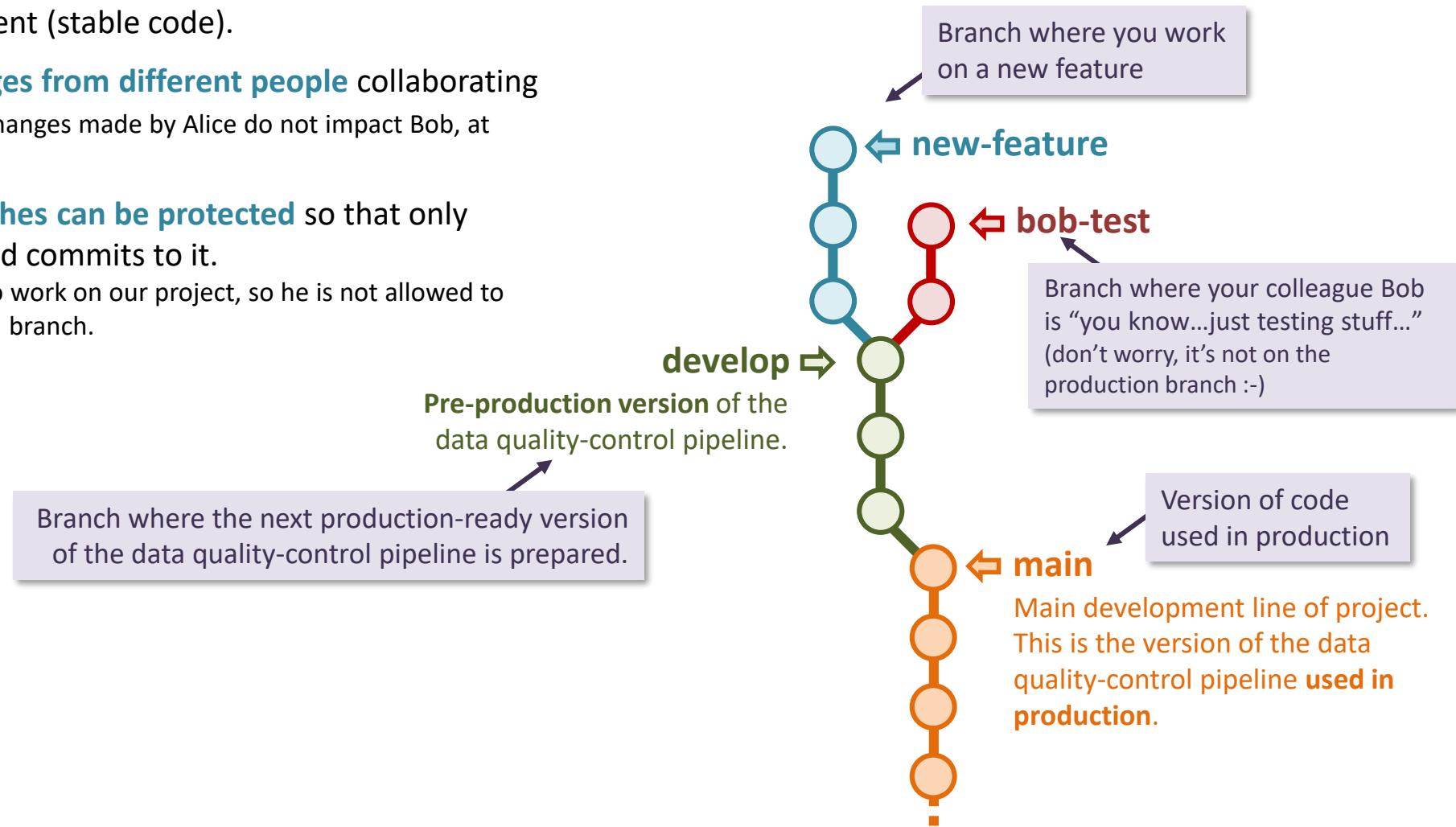
Managing multiple lines of development

# Why branches? An illustration with a data quality-control pipeline project

“Branching” means to **diverge from the main line of development**.

- Branches **isolate new changes** (work in progress) from the main line of development (stable code).
- Branches **isolate changes from different people** collaborating on a same project (so changes made by Alice do not impact Bob, at least not immediately).
- On online repos, **branches can be protected** so that only selected people can add commits to it.

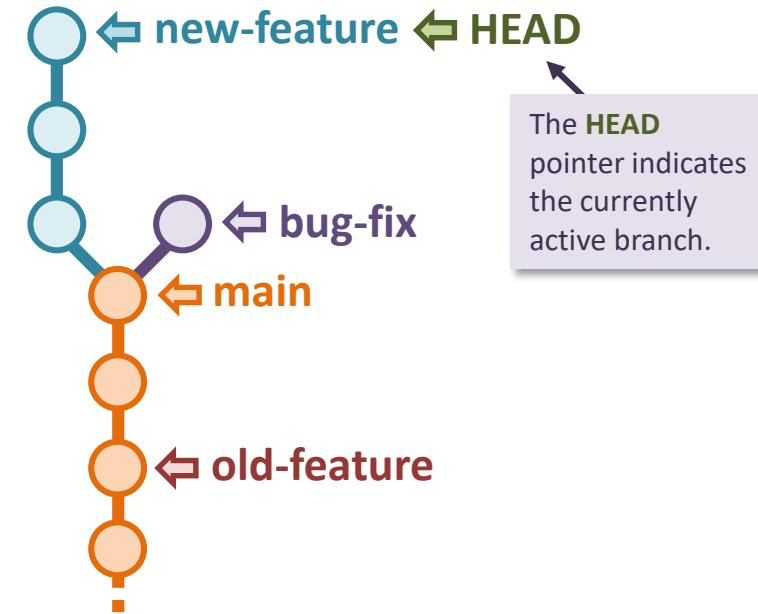
Use case: Bob just started to work on our project, so he is not allowed to make changes to the “main” branch.



Git is designed to encourage branching: branches are “cheap” (don’t take much disk space) and switching between them is fast.

# What are branches?

- A branch is just a pointer to a commit.
- A branch is **very lightweight** (41 bytes).
- By convention, the **main** branch is the branch representing the stable version of your work.
- To know which is the currently active branch, Git uses the **HEAD** pointer. The **HEAD** pointer always points to the currently active branch (except for the special case of “detached HEAD” mode, discussed later in the second part of this course).
- New commits are always added at the top of the currently active branch\* (except for the special case of “detached HEAD” mode).



The **main** branch is no special branch. It is simply the default name given to the branch created when initializing a new repo [`git init`]. It has become a convention to use this branch as the stable version of a project.

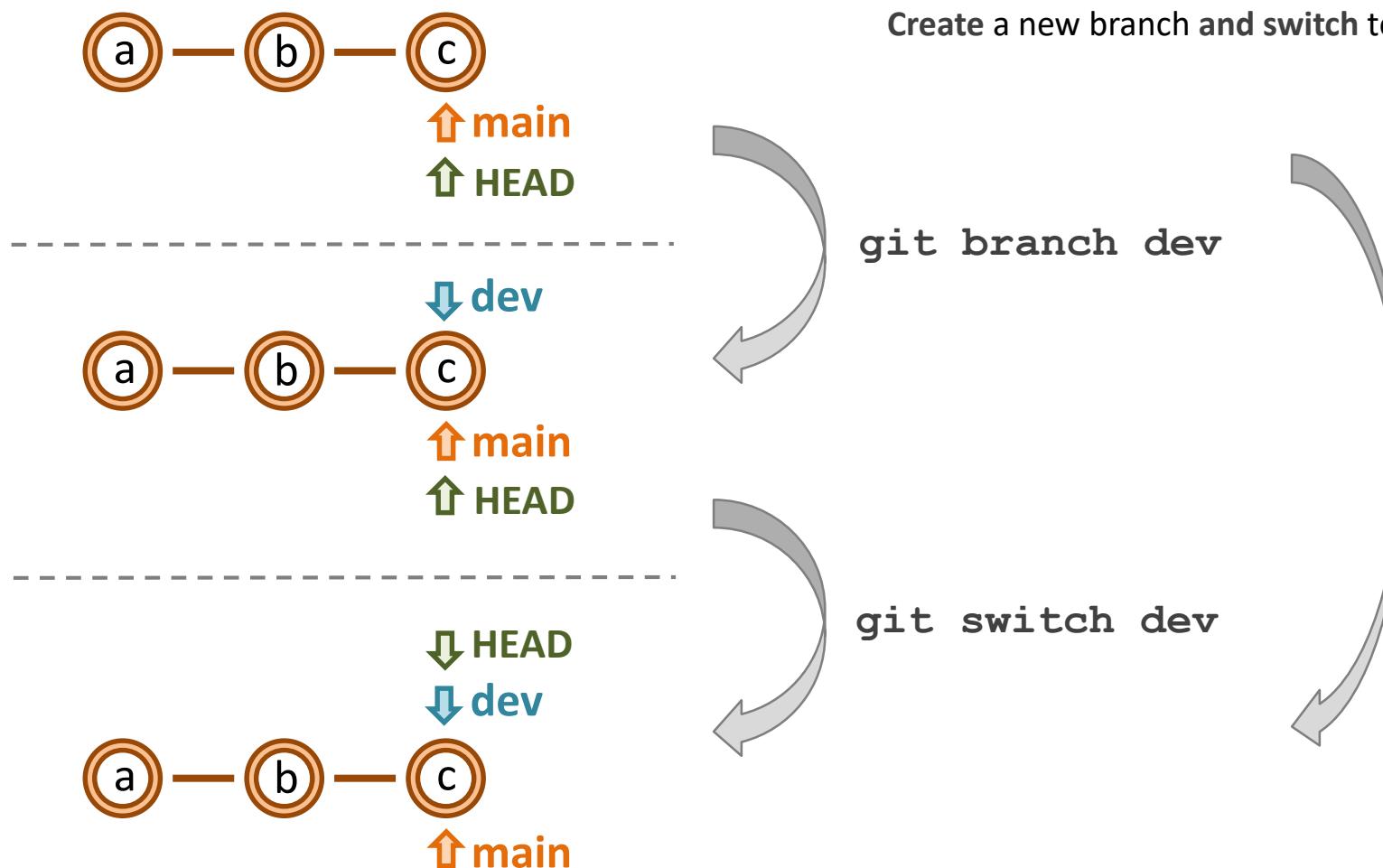
Note: in earlier versions, the “**main**” branch used to be called the “**master**” branch.



## Illegal characters in branch names

Spaces and some characters such as `, ~^: ?* [ ] \` are not allowed in branch names. It is strongly recommended to stick to lowercase letters, numbers and the “dash” character `[ - ]`.

## Create and switch branches



Create a new branch: `git branch <branch name>`

Switch to another branch: `git switch <branch name>`

Create a new branch and switch to it: `git switch -c <branch name>`

The **-c** option is to create and switch to the new branch immediately.

`git switch -c dev`

### switch vs. checkout

On older Git versions the `git switch` command does not exist.

Instead, `git checkout` is used to switch branches:

`git checkout <branch name>`  
`git checkout -b <branch name>`

The `git switch` command was introduced in Git version 2.23 as a replacement to `git checkout` for switching branches. This was done because the `checkout` command already has other uses (e.g. to extract older files from the Git database), and it was deemed confusing that a same command would have multiple usages. It remains nevertheless possible to switch branches with the `git checkout` command in recent Git versions.

## Create and switch branches (continued)

- By default new branches are created at the current position of the **HEAD** pointer (i.e. the current commit).
- But they can be created at any specified reference.

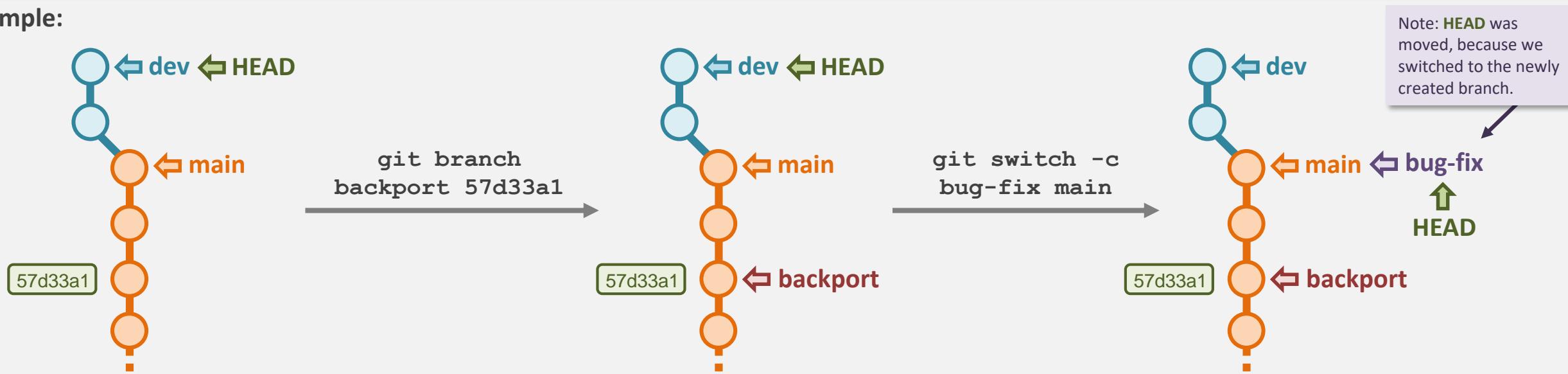
Reference to a commit, branch or tag.  
The default reference is **HEAD**.

↓

Create a new branch: `git branch <branch name> <reference>`

Create a new branch and switch to it: `git switch -c <branch name> <reference>`

### Example:



## List branches and identify the currently active branch

`git branch`

List local branches

`git branch -a`

List local and remote branches

### Examples

```
> git branch  
devel  
* main  
new-feature
```

The \* denotes the currently checked-out (active) branch. Generally displayed in green.

```
> git branch -a  
devel  
* main  
new-feature  
remotes/origin/main  
remotes/origin/devel
```

Remote branches (to be precise, pointers to remote branches) are shown in red and are named `remotes/<remote name>/<branch name>`

A convenient alternative: `git adog (git log --all --decorate --oneline --graph)` will also show all branches.

The currently active branch can be identified as it has the `HEAD` pointing to it.

```
* 351dca6 (HEAD -> main, origin/main, origin/HEAD) peak_sorter: added authors to script  
* f3d8e22 peak_sorter: display name of highest peak when script completes  
| * 076aa80 (origin/feature-dahu, feature-dahu) peak_sorter: display highest peak at end of script  
| * d29958d peak_sorter: added authors as comment to script  
| * 6c0d087 peak_sorter: improved code commenting  
| * 89d201f peak_sorter: add Dahu observation counts to output table  
| * 9da30be README: add more explanation about the added Dahu counts  
| * 58e6152 Add Dahu count table  
/  
* cfd30ce Add gitignore file to ignore script output
```

## Demo: git switch

- What happens in the working directory when switching branches

# git merge

get branches back together

# Merging branches

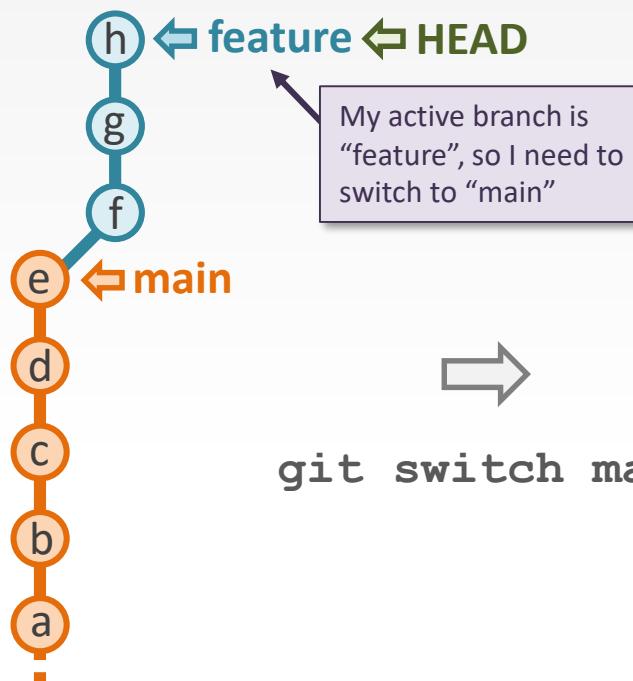
- **Merge:** incorporate changes from the specified branch into the currently active (checked-out) branch.

```
git merge <branch to merge into the current branch>
```

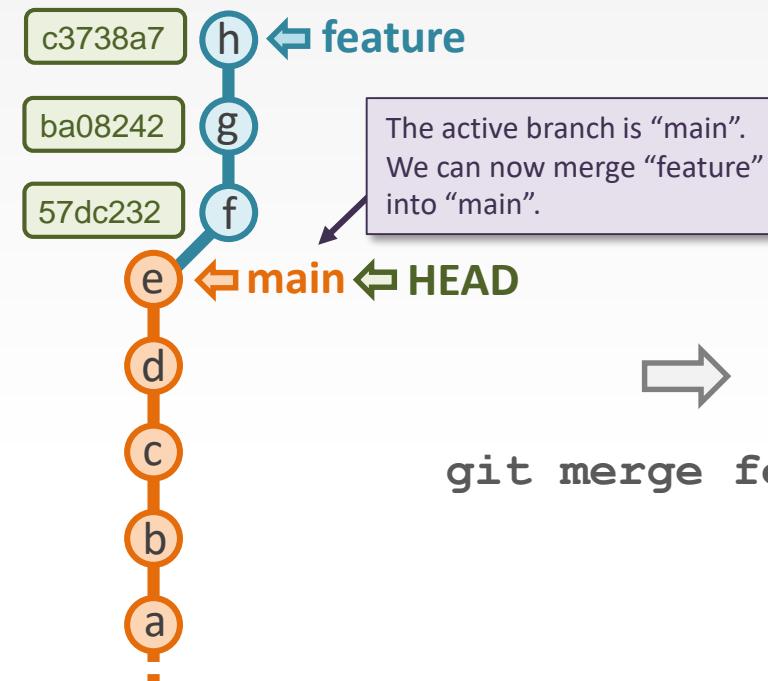


**Before running the command, make sure that the branch into which the changes should be merged is the currently active branch. If not, use `git switch <branch>` to checkout the correct branch.**

Example: merge changes made on branch **feature** into the branch **main**.



`git switch main`



`git merge feature`

Merging has not made any changes to my commit history. All my commits remain the same (no change in hash).

At this point, the "feature" branch can be deleted.  
`git branch -d feature`



## Two types of merges

- **Fast-forward merge:** when branches have not diverged.

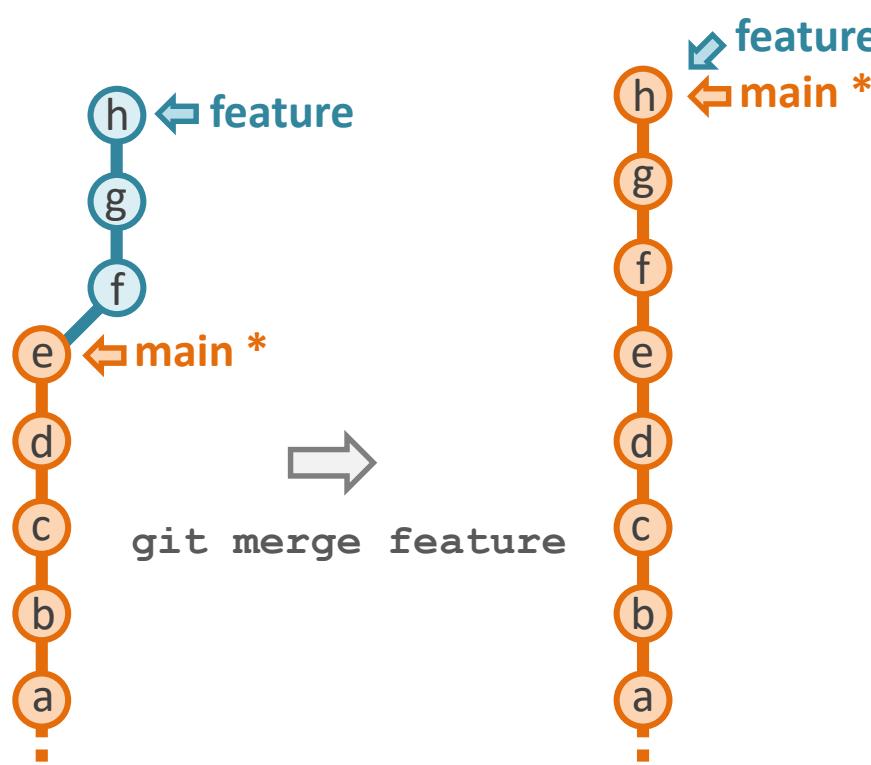
The branch that is being merged (here **feature**) is rooted on the latest commit of the branch that it is being merged into (here **main**).

- **3-way merge:** when branches **have diverged**. This introduces an extra “merge commit”.

The **common ancestor** of the 2 branches is not the last commit of the branch we merge into (here **main**).

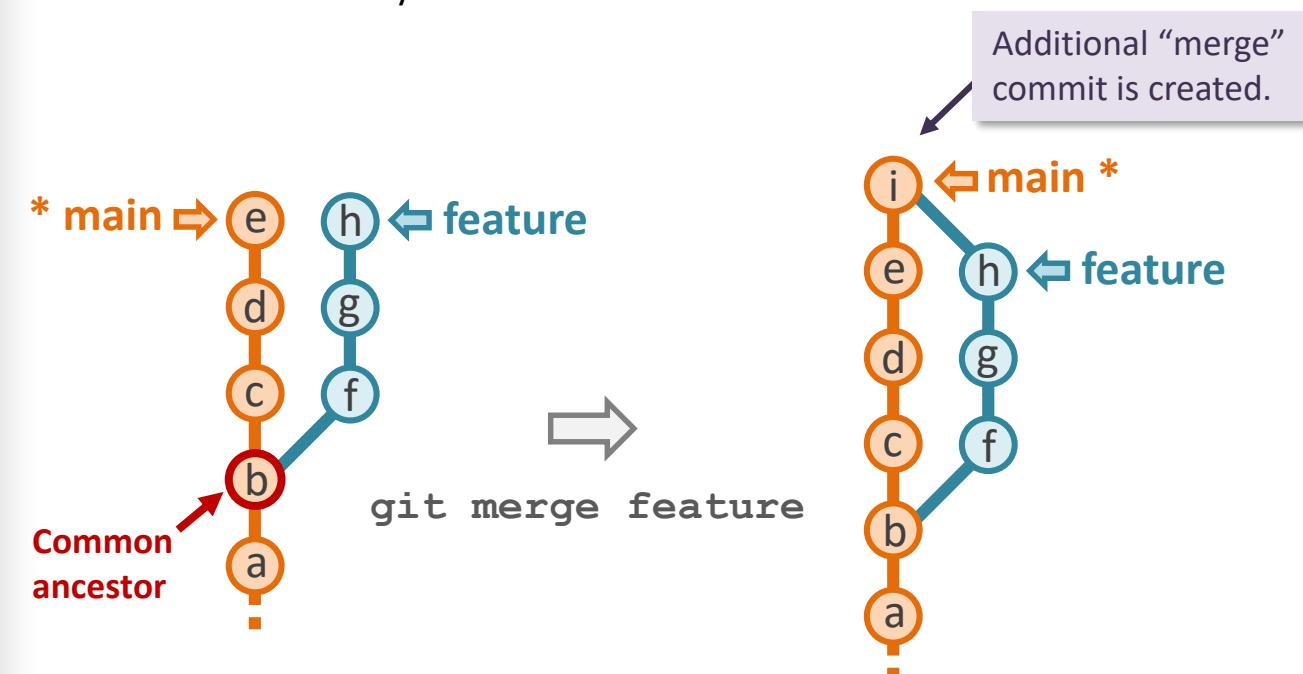
### Fast-forward merge

- Guaranteed to be conflict free.



### 3-way merge (non-fast-forward)

- Creates an additional “merge commit” (has 2 parents).
- Conflicts may occur.



\* denotes the currently active (checkout-out) branch.

## Demo

- Merging branches (fast-forward and 3-way merge)

## Deleting branches

Branches that are merged and are not used anymore can (should) be deleted.

```
git branch -d <branch name>
```

← **safe option:** only lets you delete branches that are fully merged.

```
git branch -D <branch name>
```

← **YOLO option:** lets you delete any branch.

- Note: A currently active (checked-out) branch cannot be deleted. You must switch to another branch before deleting it.

### Examples

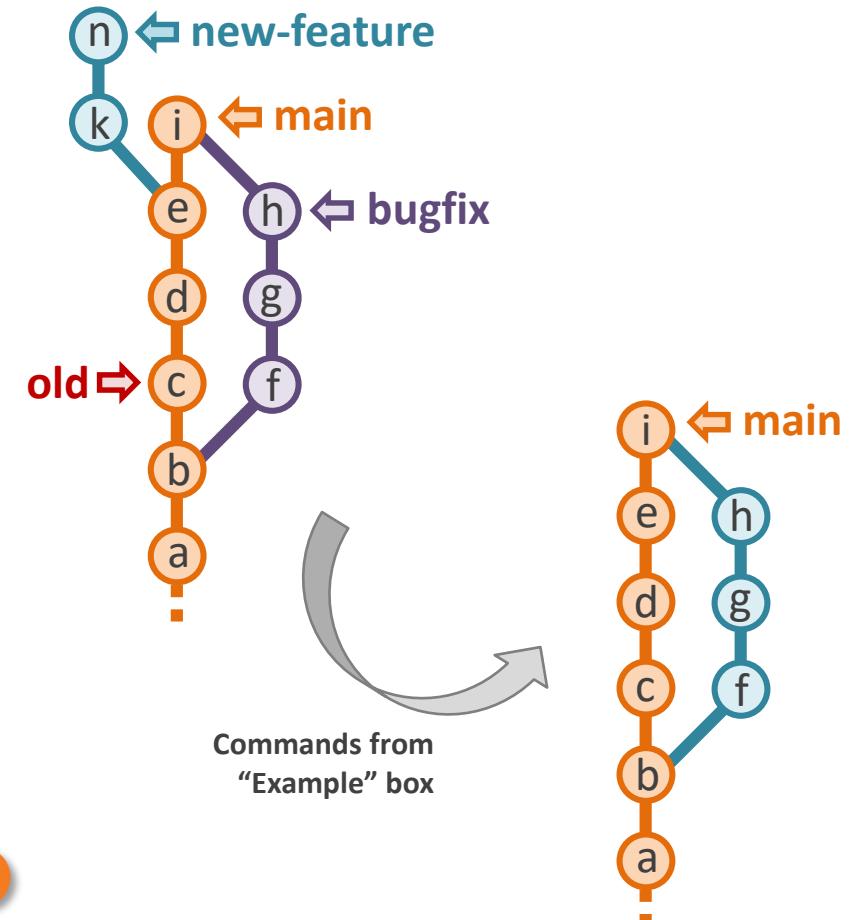
```
# The 'bugfix' and 'old' branches are fully merged. We can use -d.
> git branch -d bugfix
Deleted branch bugfix (was bd898dc)

> git branch -d old
Deleted branch old (was 75d3fed)

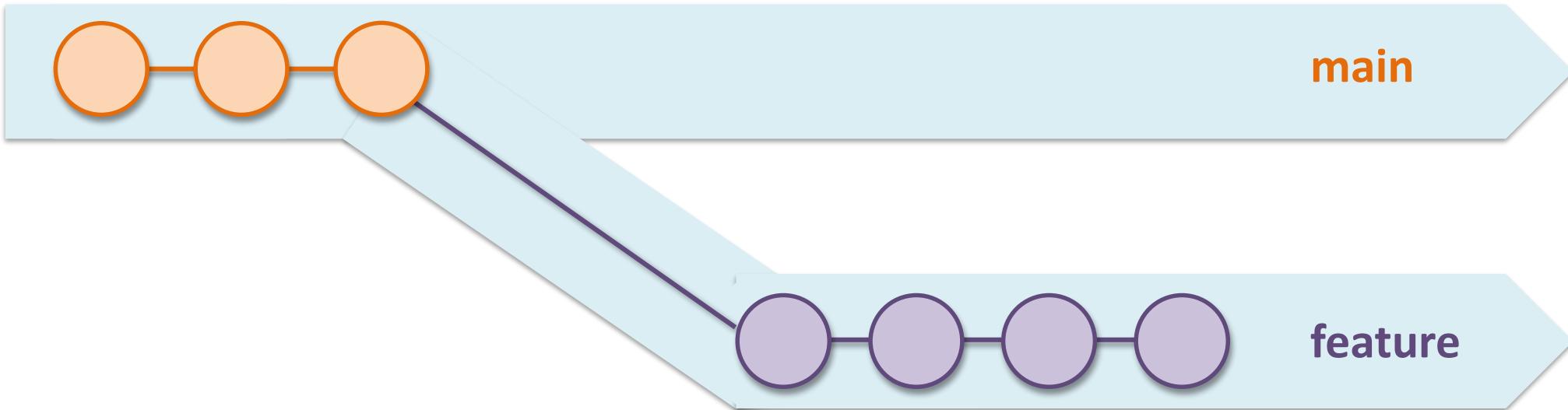
# Trying to delete a non-merged branch with -d will fail.
> git branch -d new-feature
error: The branch 'testing' is not fully merged.
If you are sure you want to delete it, run 'git branch -D testing'.

# -D allows deletion of a non-merged branch.
> git branch -D new-feature
Deleted branch new-feature (was f2a898b)
```

Deleted a branch by mistake ? – no panic !
This hash can be used to re-create it:
git branch new-feature f2a898b



## Branch management: best practices

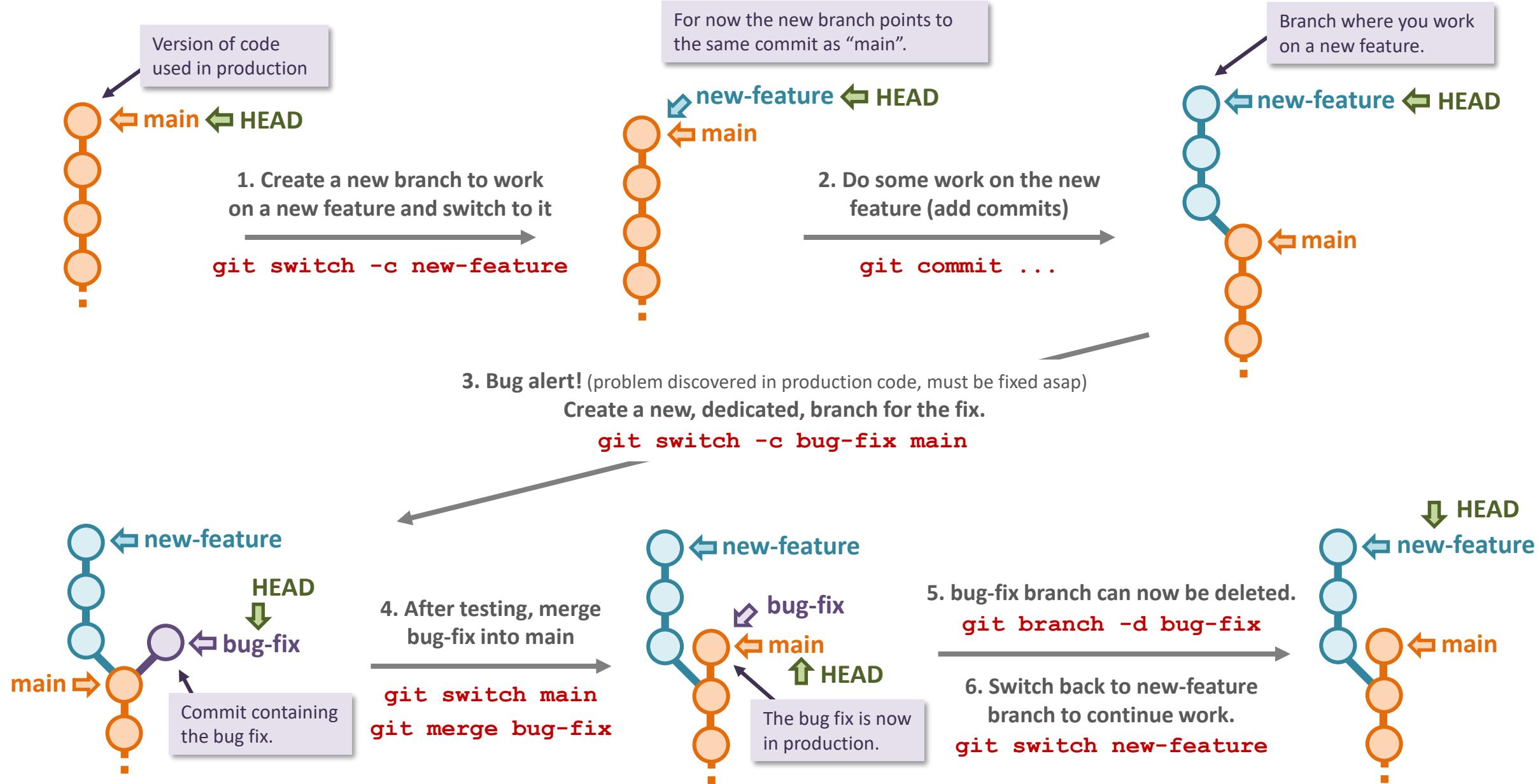


- **Use branches** to develop and tests new changes to your code/scripts - don't test directly on main.
- **Don't hesitate to create branches**, they are “cheap” (they don't add much overhead to the git database).
- Delete branches that are no longer used.



**Don't change the history on the main branch** if your project is used by others.

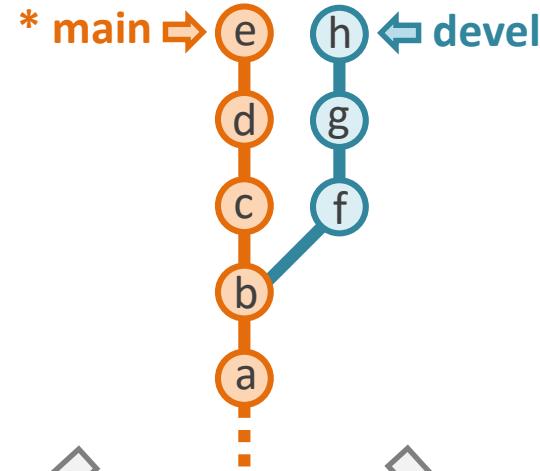
## Recap - example of branched workflow: adding a new feature to an application and fixing a bug



# Branch reconciliation strategies when history has diverged: merge vs. rebase

## merge (3-way merge)

- + Preserves history perfectly.
- + Potential conflicts must be solved only once.
- Creates an additional merge commit.
- Often leads to a "messy" history.

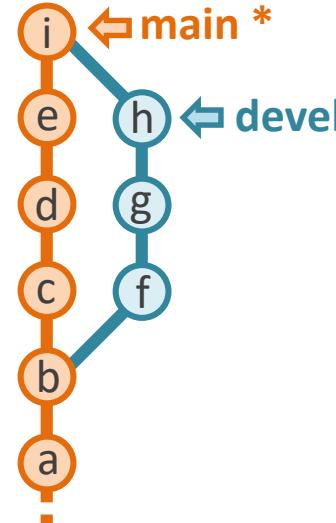


## rebase + fast-forward merge

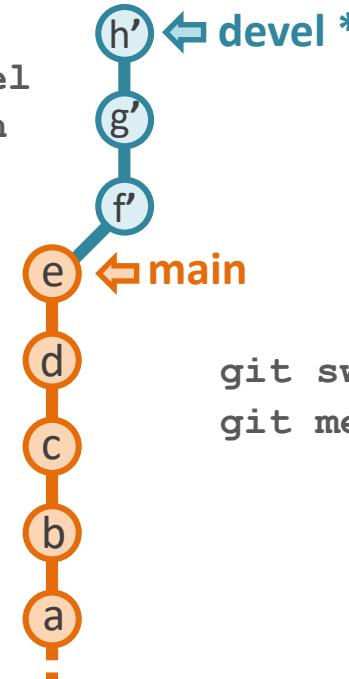
- + Cleaner history = easier to read and navigate.
  - Conflicts may have to be solved multiple times.
  - Loss of branching history.
- History of rebased branch is rewritten, not a problem in general.

Additional "merge commit".

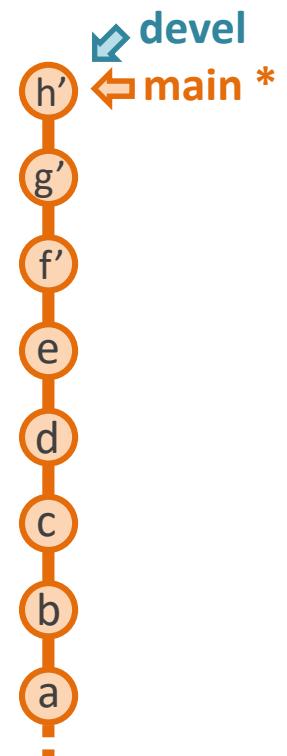
git merge devel



git switch devel  
git rebase main



git switch main  
git merge devel



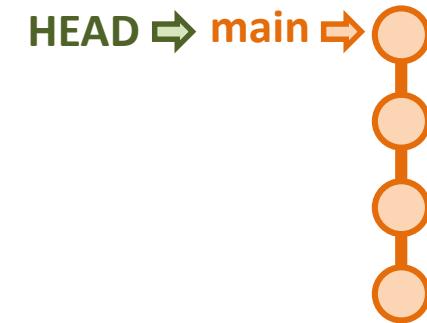
# exercise 2

The Git reference webpage

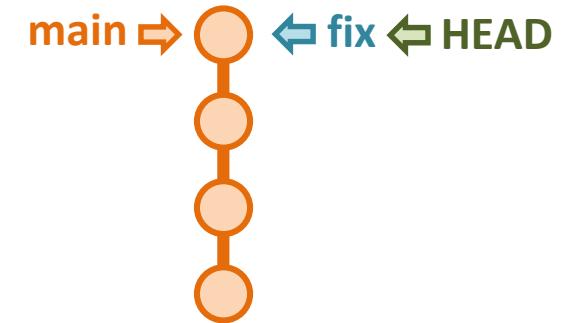


This exercise has helper slides

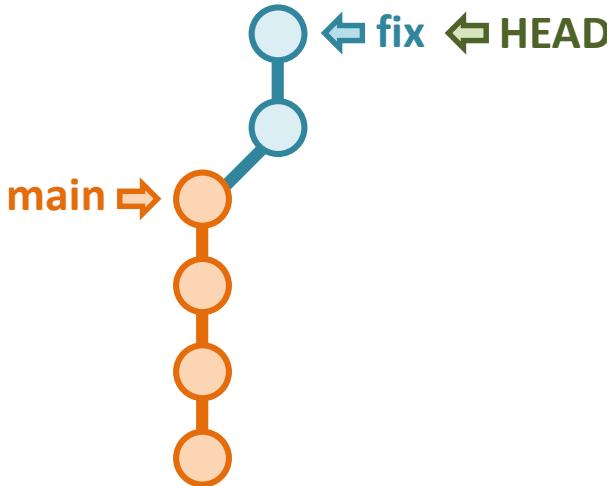
## Exercise 2 help: workflow summary



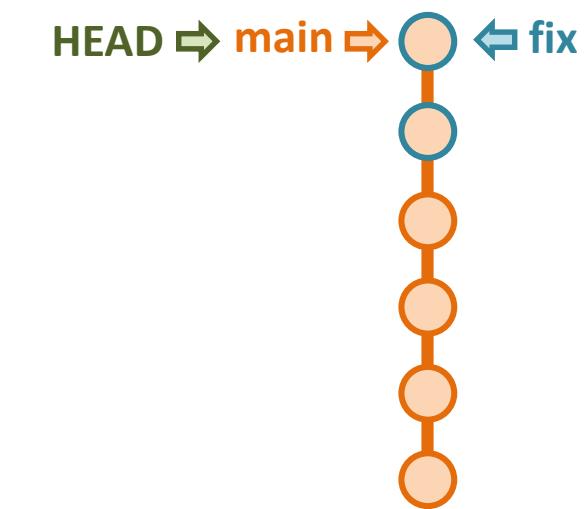
1. Create new branch *fix* and switch to it.



2. Do some work, add commits.



3. Test new feature, then merge branch *fix* into *main*.



## Part III

# Working with remotes

Linking your local repo with an  
online server

# What is a “remote” ?

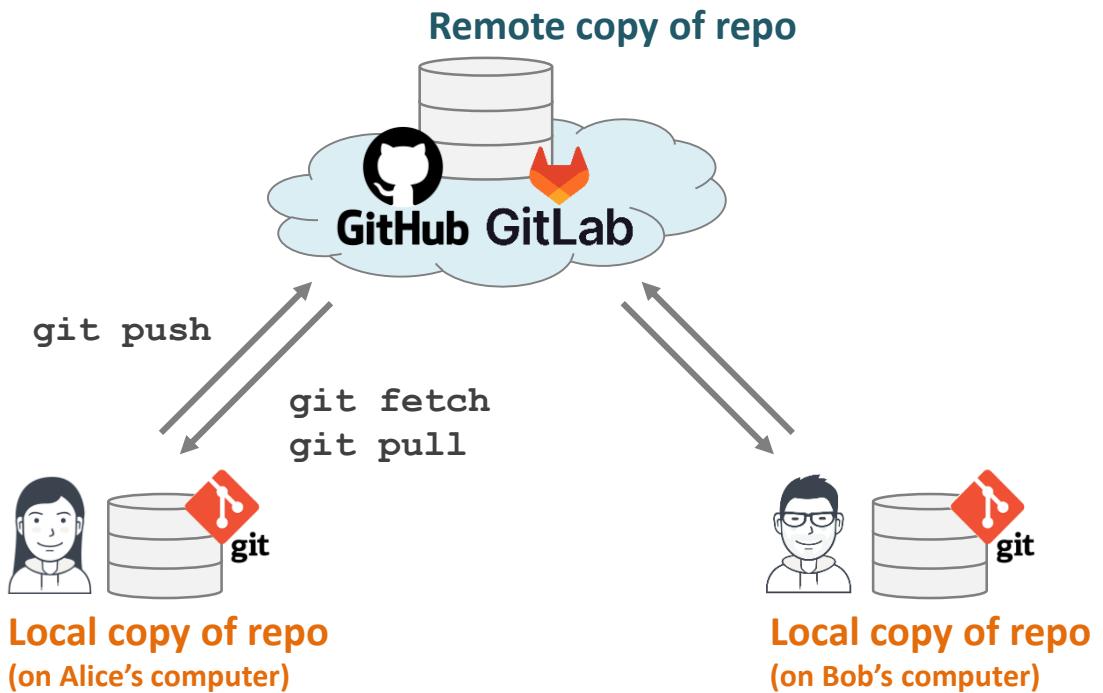
A **remote** is a copy of a Git repository that is stored on a server (i.e. online).

Remotes are very useful, as they allow you to:

- **Backup** your work.
- **Collaborate** and synchronize your repo with other team members.
- **Distribute** your work – i.e. let other people clone your repo (e.g. like the repo of this course).

## Good to know:

- Each copy of a Git repo (local or online) is a **full copy of the entire repo’s history** (provided it has been synced).
- Git does not perform any automatic sync between the local and remote repos. All **sync operations must be manually triggered**.



Remotes are generally hosted on dedicated servers/services, such as GitHub, GitLab (either gitlab.com or a self-hosted instance), BitBucket, ...

## Example – part 1: creating a new remote and pushing new branches



Alice's computer

GitHub GitLab Remote



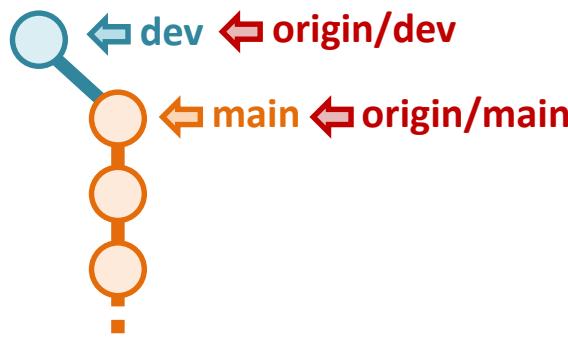
Alice has a Git repo with 2 branches: **main** and **dev**. She now wants to store her work on GitHub, to collaborate and have a backup.

1. She creates a remote on GitHub and links it to her local repo using `git remote add origin <URL of remote>`
2. She pushes her branch **main** to the remote using `git push -u origin <branch name>`  
(at this point the branch has no upstream, so the `-u/--set-upstream` option must be used).
3. She pushes her branch **dev** to the remote.

## Example – part 2: cloning a remote and checking-out branches

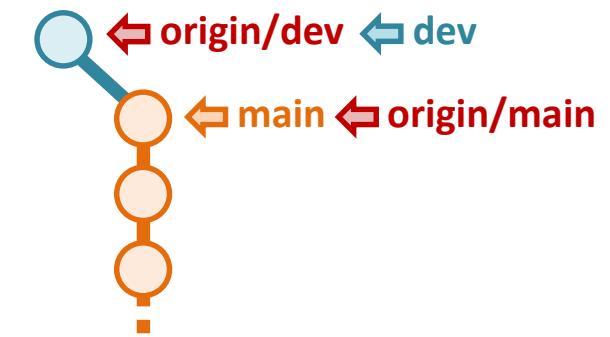
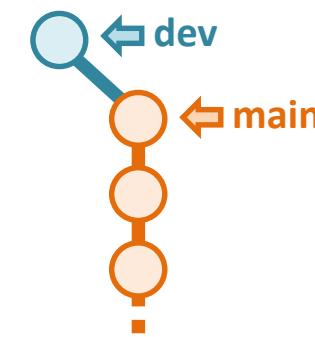


Alice's computer



Bob's computer

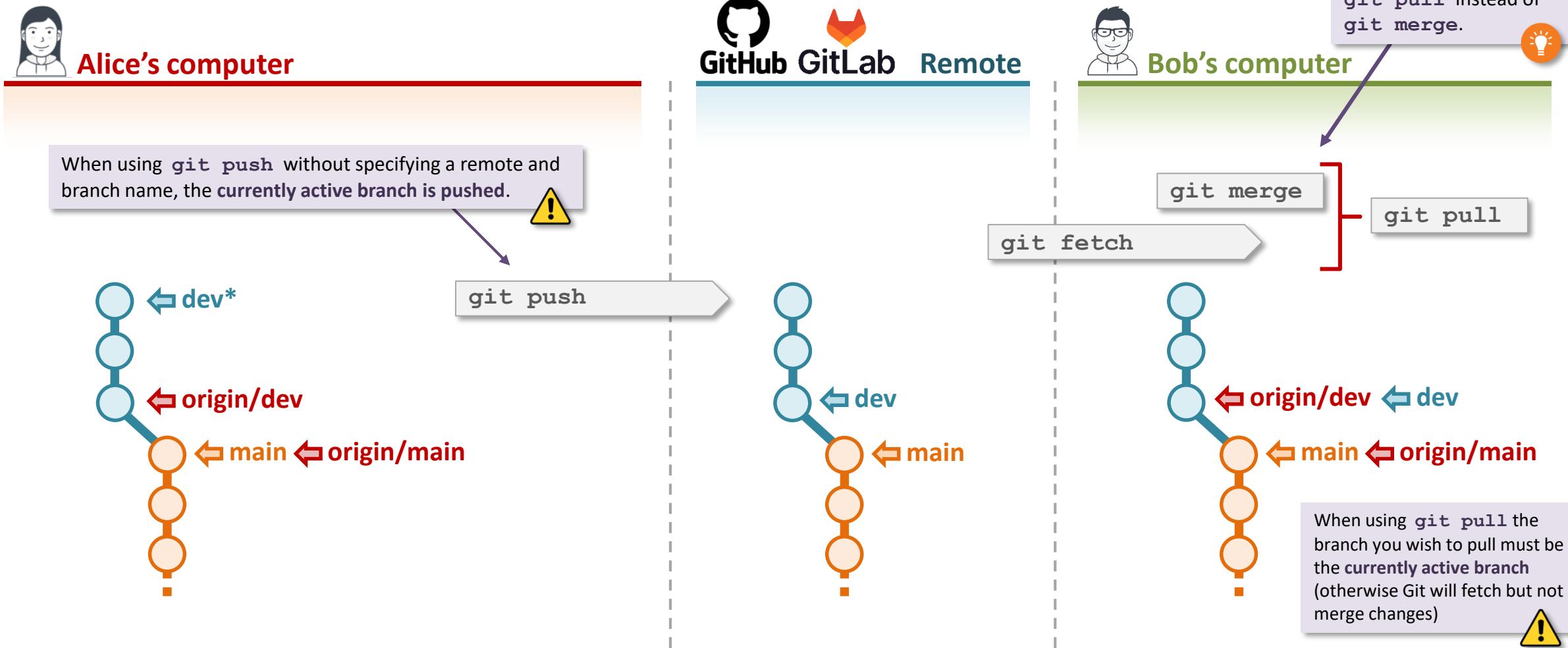
```
git clone https://github.com/...  
git switch dev
```



Bob has now joined the team to work with Alice.

1. He **clones** the repo from GitHub using `git clone <URL of remote>`. At this point, Bob has no local **dev** branch - only a pointer to **origin/dev**.
2. Bob checks-out the **dev** branch to work on it. Because there is already a remote branch **origin/dev** present, Git automatically creates a new local branch **dev** with **origin/dev** as upstream (no need add the `--create/-c` option to `git switch`).

## Example – part 3: pushing and pulling changes



1. In the mean time, Alice added 2 new commits to `dev`. She pushes her changes to the remote using `git push` (since her `dev` branch already has an upstream, there is no need to add the `-u/--set-upstream` option this time).
  2. To get Alice's updates from the remote, Bob runs `git pull`, which is a combination of `git fetch + git merge`.  
**Important:** `git fetch` downloads all new changes/updates from the remote, but does not update your local branches.

## Example – part 4: deleting branches on the remote

The `--prune` option also works with `git pull --prune`.



Alice's computer

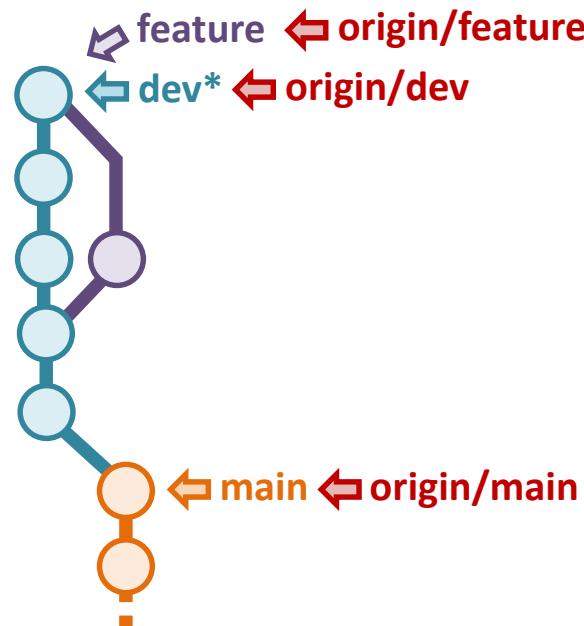


Remote

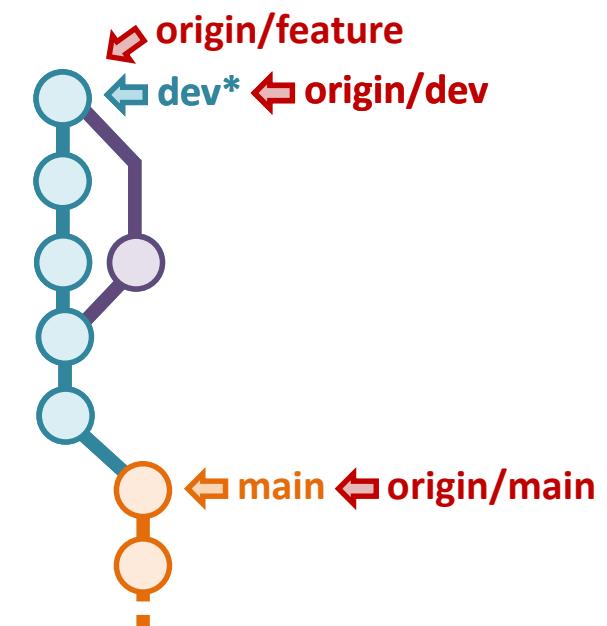
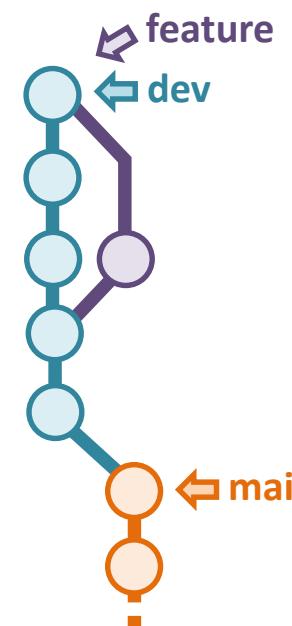


Bob's computer

```
git push origin --delete feature  
git branch -d feature
```



```
git fetch --prune  
git fetch
```



We are now at a later point in the development... Alice has just completed a new feature on her branch `feature`, and merged it into `dev`. She now wants to delete the `feature` branch both locally and on the remote.

1. Alice deletes her local branch with `git branch -d <branch name>`.
2. Alice deletes the feature branch on the remote with `git push origin --delete <branch name>`. This also deletes her `origin/feature` pointer.
3. Bob runs `git fetch`, but this does not delete references to remote branches, even if they no longer exist on the remote.
4. To delete his local reference to the remote feature branch (`origin/feature`), Bob has to use `git fetch --prune`.

# Interacting with remotes: commands summary

| <u>Command</u> | <u>What it does</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|
|----------------|---------------------|

`git clone <URL>`

Create a local copy from an existing online repo. Git automatically adds the online repo as a remote.

By convention, the `<remote name>` is generally set to `origin`, but it could be anything.

`git remote add origin <remote url>`

Add a new remote to an existing local repo.

`git remote set-url origin <remote url>`

Change/update the URL of a remote associated to a local repo.

`git remote -v`

Display the remote(s) associated to a repo.

```
$ git remote -v
origin  https://github.com/alice/test-project.git (fetch)
origin  https://github.com/alice/test-project.git (push)
```

The fetch and push URLs should be the same.  
To use different URLs (different remotes) for push and fetch, add two different remotes.

`git branch -vvva`

List branches of repo and their associated upstream (if any).

```
$ git branch -vvva
manta-dev 18d8de0 [origin/manta-dev] manta ray: add animal name
main       6c8d731 [origin/main] Merge pull request #44 from sibgit/dahu-dev
* sunfish   18d8de0 manta ray: add animal name
```

We can see that the branches `main` and `manta-dev` have an upstream branch. The `sunfish` branch does not.

# Interacting with remotes: commands summary

## Command

## What it does

## Where to run and comments

### git push

push new commits on the current branch to the remote.

**Run on the branch that you wish to push.**

(only changes on the active branch are pushed)

`git push -u origin <branch-name>`

Same as git push, but additionally sets the upstream branch to **origin/branch-name**. Only needed if no upstream is set.

`-u` option is only needed when pushing a branch to the remote for the very first time. It is not needed if you initially created the local branch from a remote branch.

`git push origin <branch-name>`

Push new commits on the specified branch to the remote.

When the remote (here **origin**) and branch names are specified, the push command **can be run from anywhere**.

`git push --force`

Overwrite the branch on the remote with the local version.

**Warning:** this deletes data on the remote!

### git fetch

Download all updates from the remote to your local repo (even for non-active branches or branches for which there is no local version).

**Can be run from any branch.**

Does not update your local branch pointer to **origin/branch-name**.

### git pull

Download all updates and **merge changes** the upstream **origin/branch-name** into the active branch (i.e. update the active branch to its version on the remote).

**Run on the branch that you wish to update.**

`git pull` is a shortcut for  
`git fetch + git merge origin/branch-name`

`git pull --no-rebase`

Fetch + 3-way merge active branch with its upstream **origin/branch-name**.

On recent versions of Git (>= 2.33), the default pull behavior is to abort the pull if a branch and its upstream are diverging.

`git pull --rebase`

Fetch + rebase active branch on its upstream **origin/branch-name**.

On older versions, the default behavior is to merge them (same as `git pull --no-rebase`).

`git pull --ff-only`

Fetch + fast-forward merge active branch with its upstream **origin/branch-name**. If a fast-forward merge is not possible, an error is generated.



# GitHub / GitLab

collaborate and share your work



## GitHub / GitLab – an online home for Git repositories

- GitHub [[github.com](https://github.com)] and GitLab [[gitlab.com](https://gitlab.com)] are hosting platforms for Git repositories.
- Very popular to share/distribute software.
- Allows to host public (anybody can access) and private (restricted access) repos.
- Hosting of projects is free, with some paid features.
- Popular alternatives include:
  - A local instance of GitLab, the same as GitLab.com but hosted by someone else.
  - BitBucket [[bitbucket.org](https://bitbucket.org)].



# Project home page on GitHub

Example of the “home page” of a repository on GitHub

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'sibgit/test'. The top navigation bar includes 'Pull requests', 'Issues', 'Marketplace', 'Explore', and a search bar. Below the header, the repository name 'sibgit / test' is shown, along with a 'Code' tab (highlighted with an orange arrow), 'Issues (1)', 'Pull requests (1)', 'Actions', 'Projects (1)', 'Wiki', 'Security', 'Insights', and 'Settings'.

Annotations on the left side:

- Code tab: the “home” page of your repo.** (Orange arrow pointing to the 'Code' tab)
- Branch you are currently viewing** (Purple arrow pointing to the 'master' dropdown)
- List of files present in the repo.** (Purple arrow pointing to the file list)
- If you have a README.md file, it is displayed here (with markdown rendering).** (Purple arrow pointing to the 'README.md' content area)

Annotations on the right side:

- About** (Green button) (Purple arrow pointing to the 'About' section)
- No description, website, or topics provided.** (Dashed arrow from the 'About' section to the empty description area)
- Clone** (Purple box around the cloning options)
  - HTTPS** **SSH** **GitHub CLI** (Text)
  - To copy the repo’s URL.** (Text with a purple arrow pointing to the URL field)
  - https://github.com/sibgit/test.git** (URL field with a copy icon)
  - Use Git or checkout with SVN using the web URL.** (Text)
- Download ZIP** (Purple box around the download link)

## Repository settings (only available to project owner)

Here you can set diverse settings concerning your repository, e.g. :

- Invite **collaborators**.
- Setup **branch protection**.

### View with no collaborator added yet

Who has access

PRIVATE REPOSITORY  
Only those with access to this repository can view it.  
[Manage](#)

DIRECT ACCESS  
0 collaborators have access to this repository. Only you can contribute to this repository.

Manage access

You haven't invited any collaborators yet

 Click here to add a collaborator

[Add people](#)

Search or jump to... / Pull requests Issues Marketplace Explore

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Code Issues Pull requests Actions Projects Wiki Security Insights Settings

General

Access

**Collaborators** (highlighted)

Moderation options

Code and automation

Branches

Tags

Actions

Webhooks

Environments

Pages

Security

Code security and analysis

Deploy keys

Secrets

Integrations

GitHub apps

Email notifications

Who has access

PUBLIC REPOSITORY

This repository is public and visible to anyone.

Manage

DIRECT ACCESS

26 have access to this repository.  
17 collaborators. 9 invitations.

Click here to add a collaborator

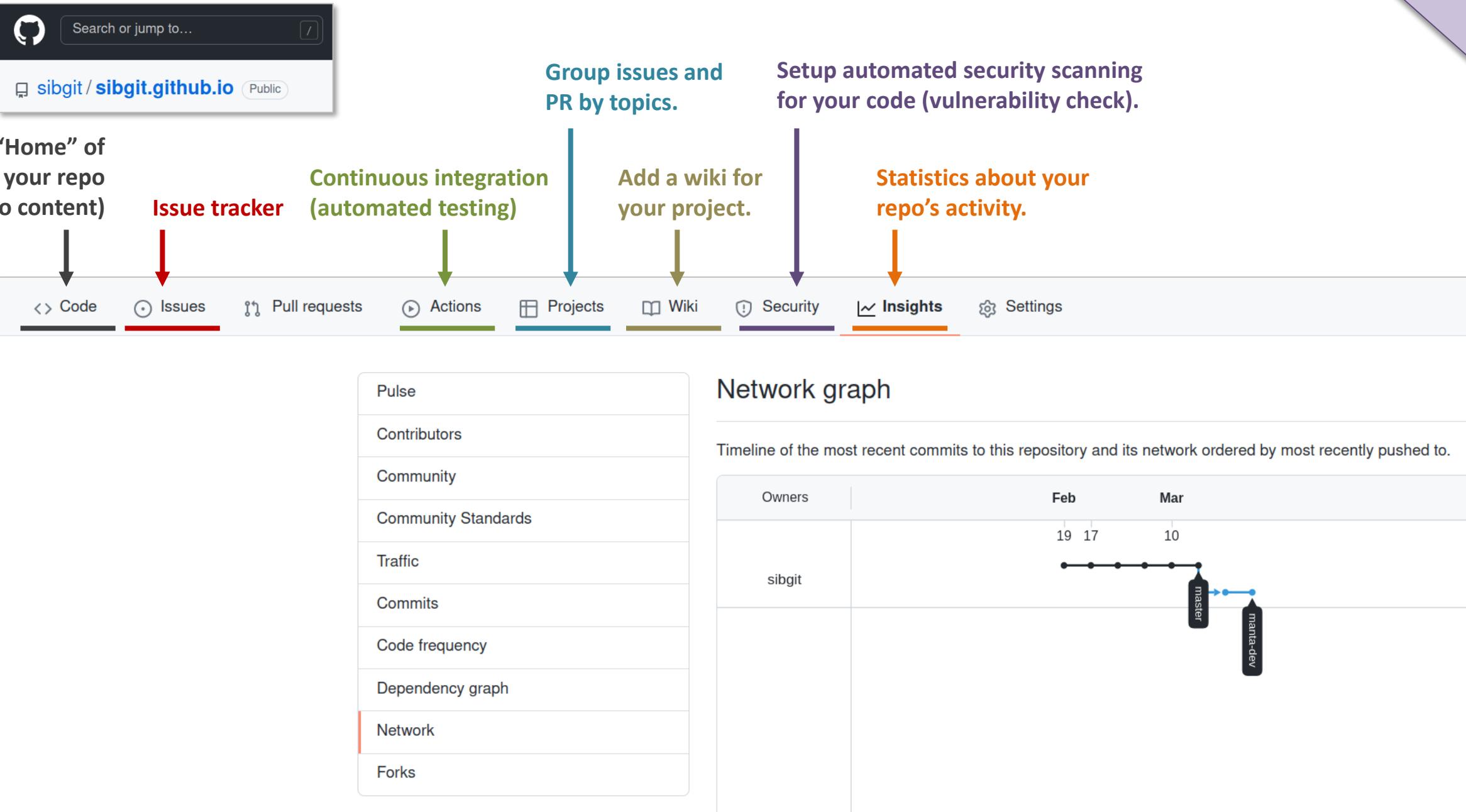
Add people

Select all

Find a collaborator...

| alinefuchs | Awaiting alinefuchs's response      | Pending Invite | ⋮ |
|------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| AmirKH     | Awaiting AmirKhalilzadeh's response | Pending Invite | ⋮ |
| AurelieLen | Awaiting AurelieLen's response      | Pending Invite | ⋮ |
| Burulca    | burulca • Collaborator              |                | ⋮ |
| christec5  | Awaiting christec5's response       | Pending Invite | ⋮ |

## Other GitHub features (some of them)



The diagram illustrates the various features available on a GitHub repository page, such as the "Home" of your repo (repo content), Issue tracker, Continuous integration (automated testing), Group issues and PR by topics, Add a wiki for your project, Setup automated security scanning for your code (vulnerability check), and Statistics about your repo's activity.

Key features highlighted:

- "Home" of your repo (repo content)
- Issue tracker
- Continuous integration (automated testing)
- Group issues and PR by topics.
- Add a wiki for your project.
- Setup automated security scanning for your code (vulnerability check).
- Statistics about your repo's activity.

Below the navigation bar, a sidebar lists additional features:

- Pulse
- Contributors
- Community
- Community Standards
- Traffic
- Commits
- Code frequency
- Dependency graph
- Network
- Forks

On the right, a Network graph shows the timeline of recent commits, ordered by most recently pushed to. It includes a legend for branches: master (black) and manta-dev (blue). The timeline shows commits on Feb 19, 17, 10, and Mar 1, with a blue arrow pointing to the March commit.

# Creating a new repository on GitHub / GitLab

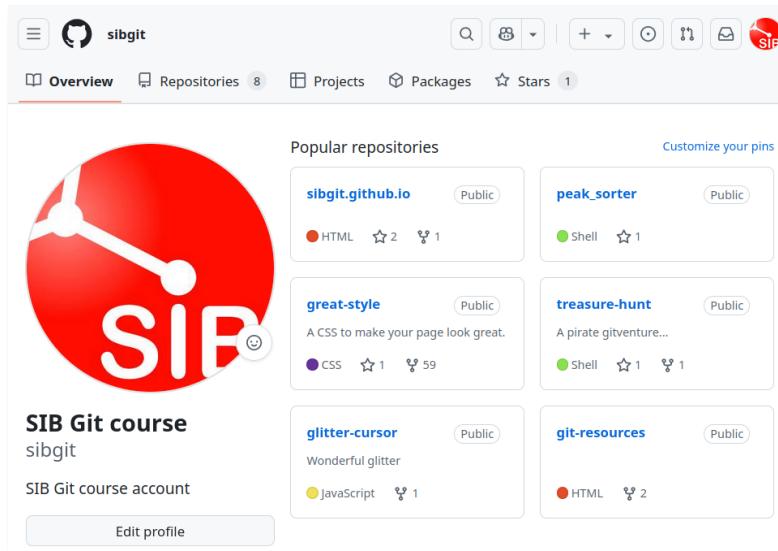
## Repositories on GitHub / GitLab

In **exercises 3** you will need to create a new repository on GitHub / GitLab.

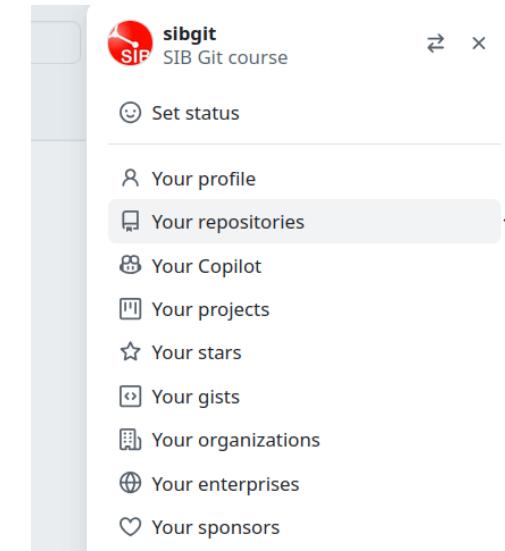
**Let's create it now together...**

## Creating a new repository on GitHub (1/3)

1. Sign-in to your user account on <https://github.com>.
2. Click on your user icon (top right), and select Your repositories.

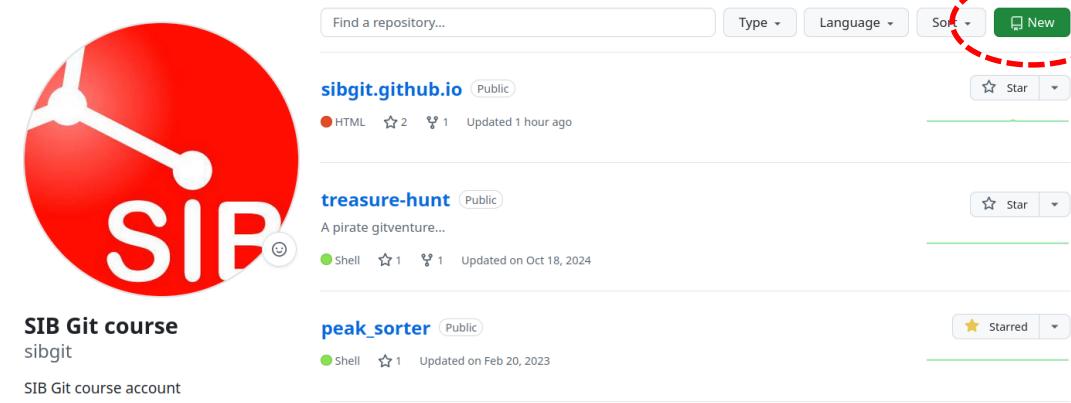


User icon



Your repositories

3. To create a new repo, click on  New



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# Creating a new repository on GitHub (2/3)

## Create a new repository

A repository contains all project files, including the revision history. Already have a project repository elsewhere? [Import a repository](#).

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (\*).

Owner \*      Repository name \*

 sibgit / test-project

 test-project is available.

Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about [legendary-lamp](#) ?

Description (optional)

A test project on GitHub

 Public

Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit.

 Private

You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

Initialize this repository with:

Add a README file

This is where you can write a long description for your project. [Learn more about READMEs](#).

Add .gitignore

.gitignore template: None ▾

Choose which files not to track from a list of templates. [Learn more about ignoring files](#).

Choose a license

License: None ▾

A license tells others what they can and can't do with your code. [Learn more about licenses](#).

This will set `main` as the default branch. Change the default name in your [settings](#).

 You are creating a public repository in your personal account.

Create repository

Enter a name for your new repository.

Add a project description (optional).

Select whether your repo should be:

- **Public** - anyone can access it (read from it).
- **Private** - only people you authorize can read from it.

Note: even if a repo is public, only authorized members can push changes to it.

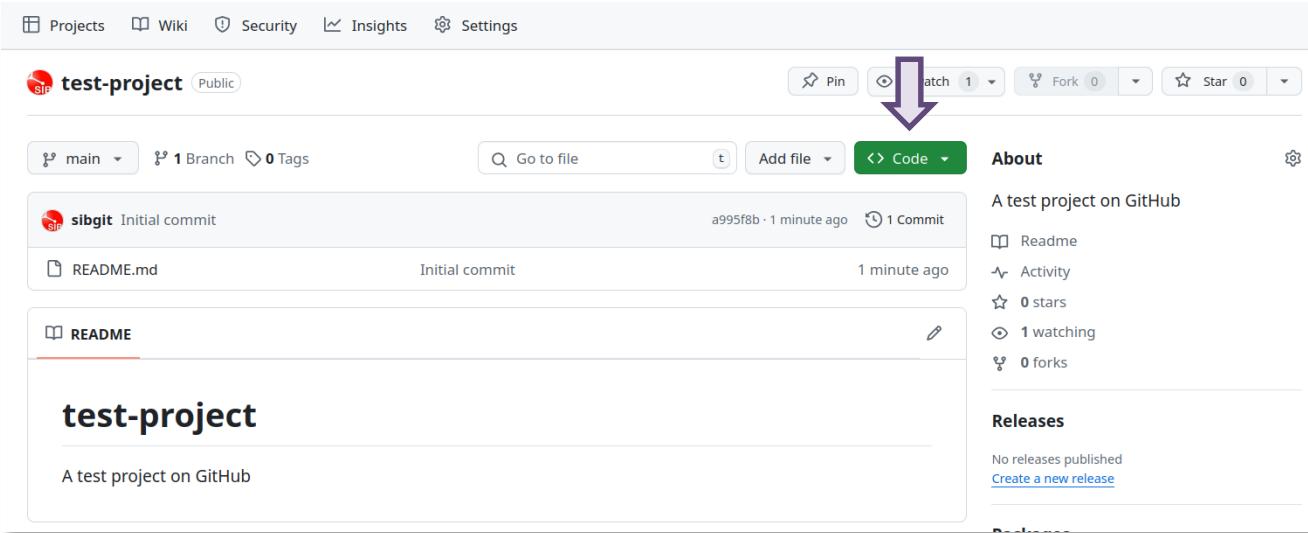
Pre-fill the repository with some files (optional).

- Don't do this if you already have a local repo you want to push.
- In this example, a "README.md" file will be added to the newly created repo. Adding a file allows you to clone the repo immediately.

Click Create repository.

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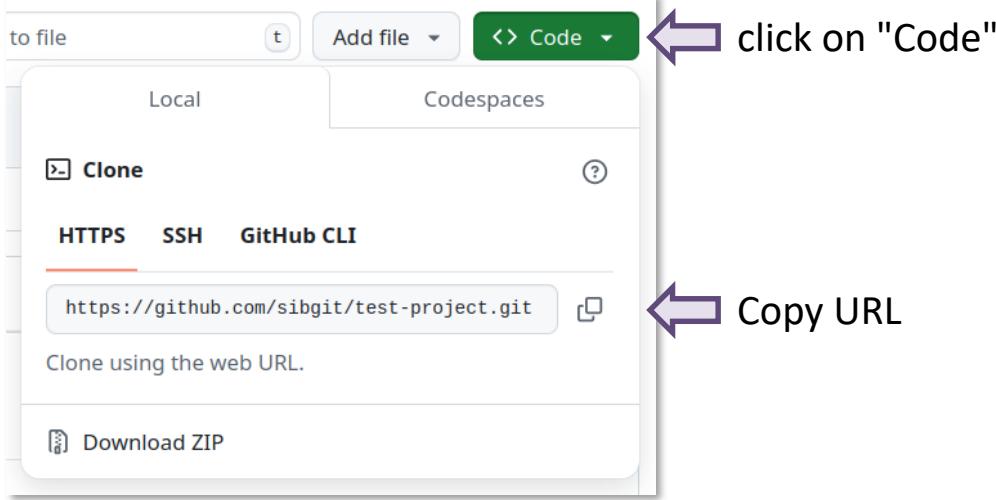
## Creating a new repository on GitHub (3/3)



A screenshot of a GitHub repository page for 'test-project'. The repository is public and contains one branch ('main') and one commit ('Initial commit' by 'sibgit'). The README file is present. On the right side, there's an 'About' section with details like 'A test project on GitHub', 'Readme', 'Activity', '0 stars', '1 watching', and '0 forks'. A large purple arrow points from the 'Code' button in the top navigation bar down to the 'About' section.

**Done:** your new repository is setup and ready to be used.

To retrieve the URL of your repository (e.g. to clone it):

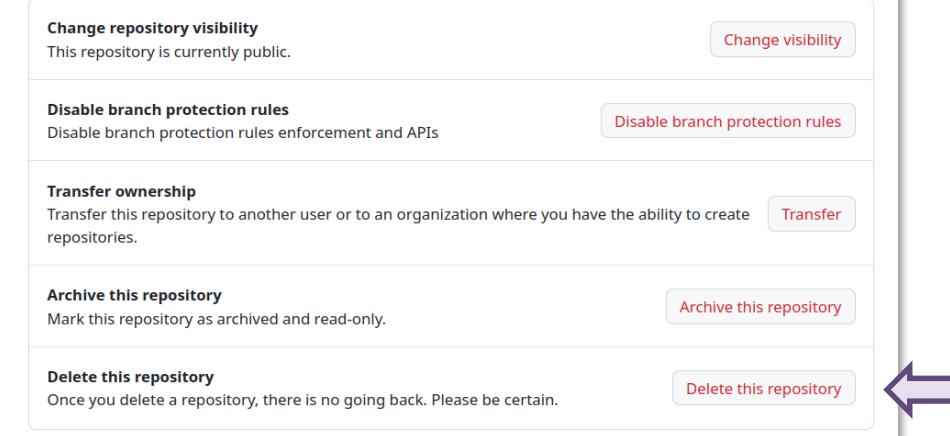


A screenshot of the 'Code' dropdown menu. It shows two tabs: 'Local' and 'Codespaces'. Under the 'Clone' section, there are three options: 'HTTPS', 'SSH', and 'GitHub CLI'. The 'HTTPS' option is selected, and its URL ('https://github.com/sibgit/test-project.git') is highlighted with a purple box. A purple arrow points from the text 'click on "Code"' to the 'Code' button in the top navigation bar. Another purple arrow points from the text 'Copy URL' to the highlighted URL in the dropdown.

To permanently delete a repository:

Settings > General (scroll to bottom) > Danger zone > Delete this repository

Danger Zone



A screenshot of the 'Danger Zone' settings section. It includes several options: 'Change repository visibility' (repository is currently public), 'Disable branch protection rules' (branch protection rules enforcement and APIs), 'Transfer ownership' (transfer repository to another user or organization), 'Archive this repository' (mark repository as archived and read-only), and 'Delete this repository' (a large red button). A purple arrow points from the 'Delete this repository' button to the bottom right corner of the screen.



# Personal Access Tokens (PAT)

## on GitHub / GitLab

# Personal access tokens (PAT) on GitHub/GitLab

Pushing data to a remote requires **some form of authentication...**  
... otherwise anyone could push anything to your remotes!

For security reasons, GitHub does not allow using your user name and password for authentication when running a git push command. Instead you need to use a **personal access token (PAT)**.

In **exercises 3 and 4** you will need a PAT to push commits to GitHub/GitLab \*

**Let's generate a PAT together now...**

\* Alternatively, you can also authenticate to GitHub/GitLab using SSH keys. If your account is already setup to use SSH keys, then you don't need a PAT.

## Select scopes

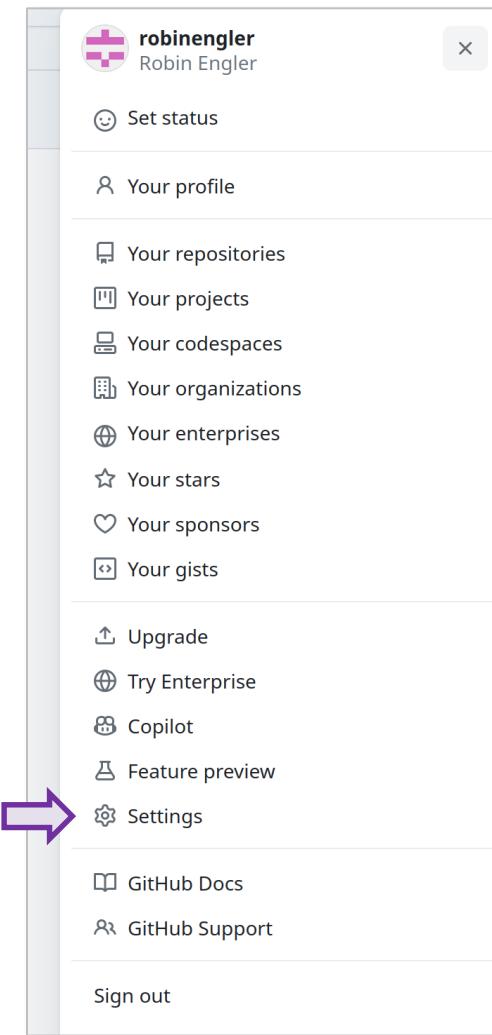
Scopes define the access for personal tokens. [Read more about OAuth scopes.](#)

|  |   |
|--|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> repo:status               | Access commit status  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> repo_deployment           | Access deployment status  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public_repo               | Access public repositories  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> repo:invite               | Access repository invitations                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> security_events           | Read and write security events                                      |
| <br>   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>workflow</b>           | Update GitHub Action workflows                                      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>write:packages</b>     | Upload packages to GitHub Package Registry                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> read:packages             | Download packages from GitHub Package Registry                      |
| <br>   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>delete:packages</b>    | Delete packages from GitHub Package Registry                        |
| <br>   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>admin:org</b>          | Full control of orgs and teams, read and write org projects         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> write:org                 | Read and write org and team membership, read and write org projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> read:org                  | Read org and team membership, read org projects                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> manage_runners:org        | Manage org runners and runner groups                                |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>admin:public_key</b>   | Full control of user public keys                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> write:public_key          | Write user public keys  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> read:public_key           | Read user public keys   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> read:repo_hook            | Read repository hooks   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>admin:org_hook</b>     | Full control of organization hooks                                  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>gist</b>               | Create gists  |
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| <br>   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>user</b>               | Update ALL user data  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> read:user                 | Read ALL user profile data  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> user:email                | Access user email addresses (read-only)                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> user:follow               | Follow and unfollow users   |
| <br>   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>delete_repo</b>        | Delete repositories   |
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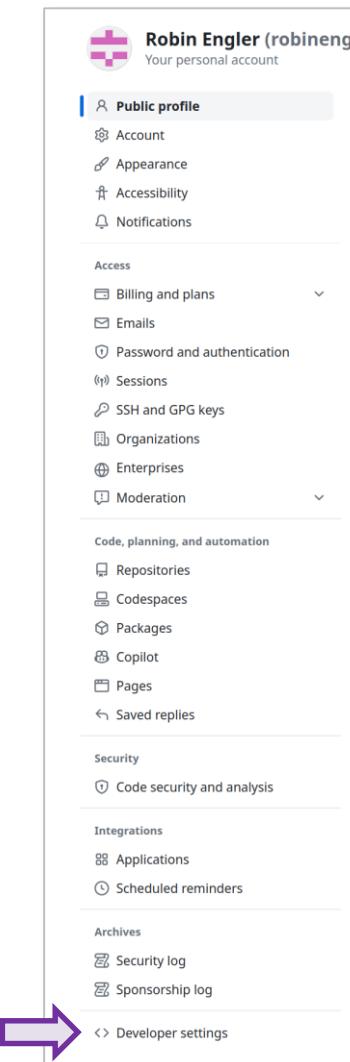
# Generating a “personal access token” (PAT) on GitHub

In order to push data (commits) to GitHub, you will need a **personal access token (PAT)**.

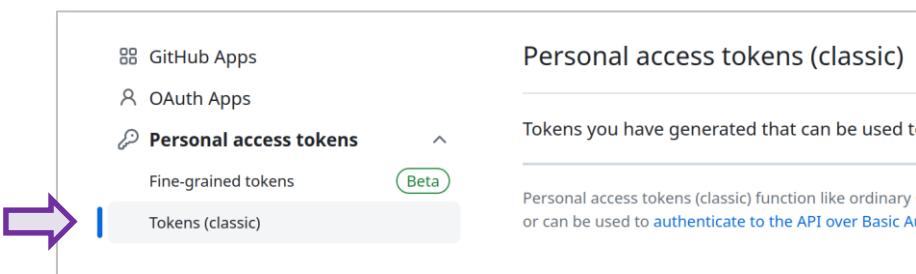
1. In your user profile (top right), click on **Settings**.



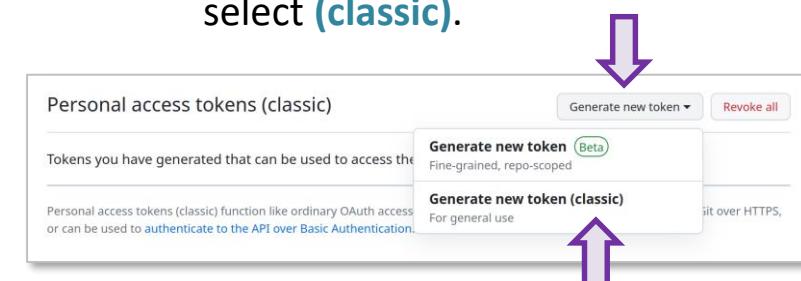
2. In your Account settings, click on **Developer settings** (at the very bottom of the list)



3. In **Developer settings**, click on **Personal access tokens**, and select **Tokens (classic)**.



4. Click on **Generate new token**, and select **(classic)**.



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5. Add a **Note** (description) to your token and select the **repo** scope checkbox. Then click **Generate token**.

New personal access token (classic)

Personal access tokens (classic) function like ordinary OAuth access tokens. They can be used instead of a password for Git over HTTPS, or can be used to [authenticate to the API over Basic Authentication](#).

**Note**

Repo access token

What's this token for?

**Expiration \***

30 days The token will expire on Thu, Nov 2 2023

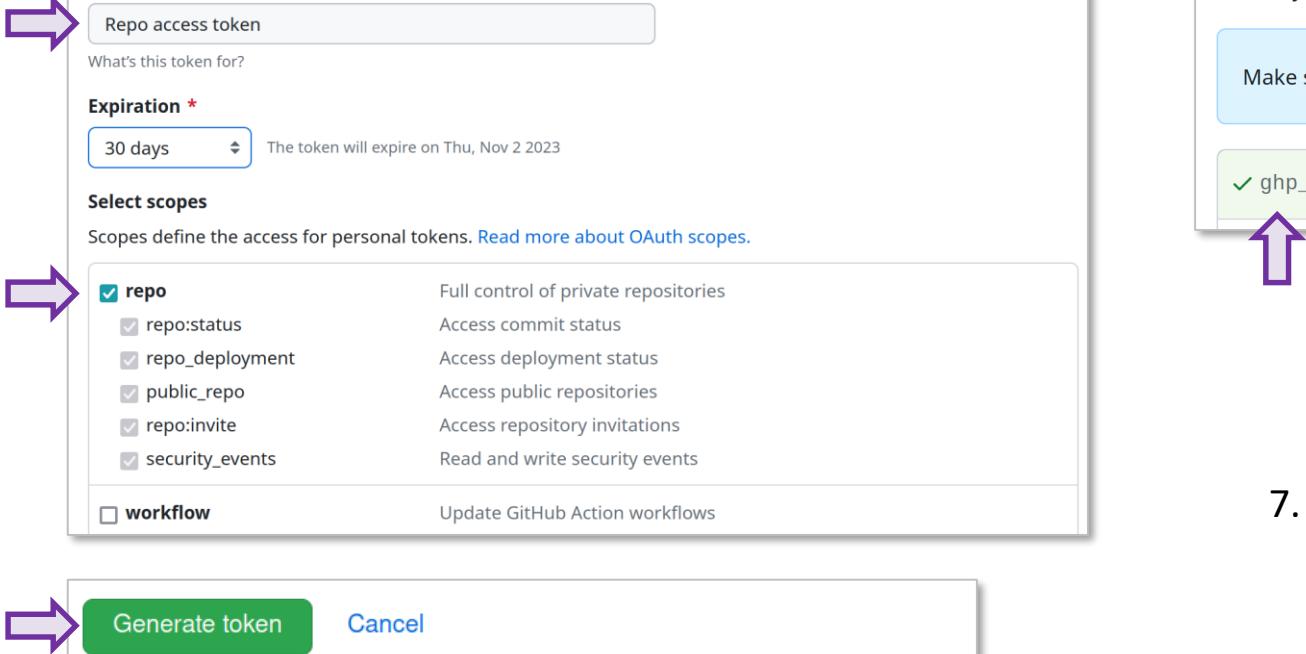
**Select scopes**

Scopes define the access for personal tokens. [Read more about OAuth scopes](#).

repo Full control of private repositories  
 repo:status Access commit status  
 repo\_deployment Access deployment status  
 public\_repo Access public repositories  
 repo:invite Access repository invitations  
 security\_events Read and write security events

workflow Update GitHub Action workflows

**Generate token** Cancel



6. **Copy the personal access token** to a safe locations (ideally in a password manager). You will not be able to access it again later.

Personal access tokens (classic)

Generate new token ▾ Revoke all

Tokens you have generated that can be used to access the [GitHub API](#).

Make sure to copy your personal access token now. You won't be able to see it again!

✓ ghp\_GY9IbuAsGDH4REh4tDc16CxicIWXJe0uMNpx 

Delete



7. When you will push content to GitHub for the first time in the project, you will be asked for your user name and password. **Instead of the password**, enter the **personal access token** you just created.

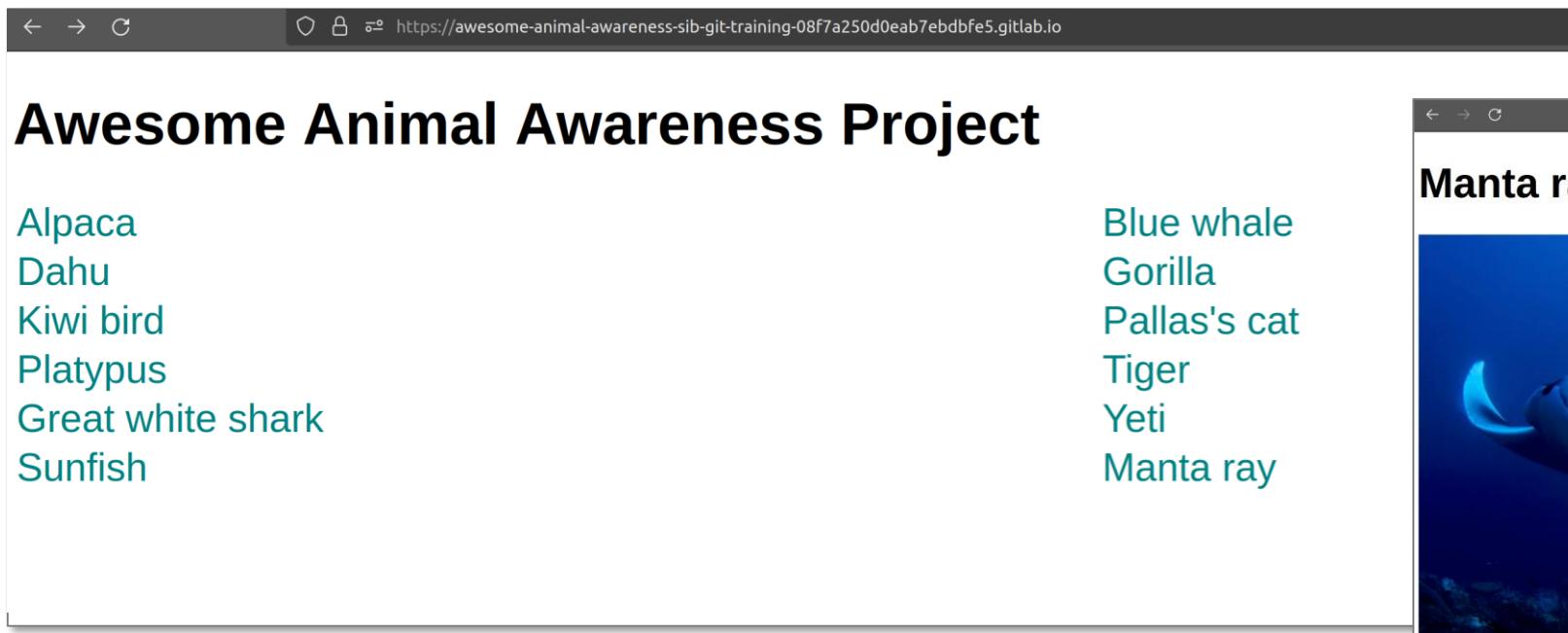
# exercise 3

The markdown cheat-sheet

# Pull Requests (GitHub) and Merge Requests (GitLab)

## An introduction to the upcoming exercise 4...

In exercise 4, we will all work together on building a website for the **Awesome Animal Awareness project!**

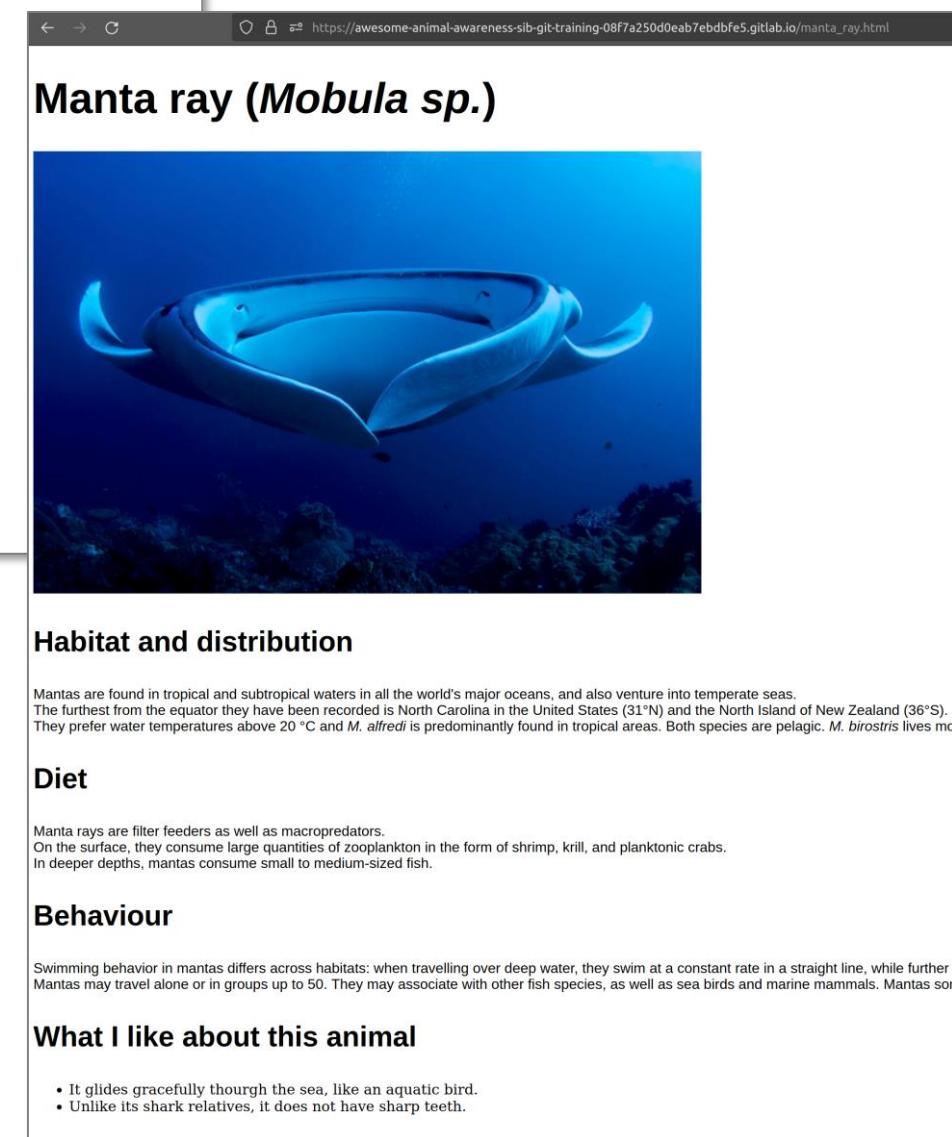


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://awesome-animal-awareness-sib-git-training-08f7a250d0eab7ebdbfe5.gitlab.io>. The page title is "Awesome Animal Awareness Project". On the left, there is a list of animals: Alpaca, Dahu, Kiwi bird, Platypus, Great white shark, Sunfish. On the right, there is another list: Blue whale, Gorilla, Pallas's cat, Tiger, Yeti, Manta ray.

### How we will work:

- We will split into teams of 2-3 people.
- Each team will be responsible for creating the page of an (awesome!) animal \*.
- Within a team, each person will work on a different part of the animal's page (e.g. one person works on the "Habitat and distribution" section, while another works on the "Diet" or "Behavior").

\* Note: every animal in the list is awesome – you can't go wrong!



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [https://awesome-animal-awareness-sib-git-training-08f7a250d0eab7ebdbfe5.gitlab.io/manta\\_ray.html](https://awesome-animal-awareness-sib-git-training-08f7a250d0eab7ebdbfe5.gitlab.io/manta_ray.html). The page title is "Manta ray (*Mobula* sp.)". It features a large, high-quality photograph of a manta ray swimming in deep blue water. Below the image, there are sections for "Habitat and distribution", "Diet", "Behaviour", and "What I like about this animal".

**Habitat and distribution**  
Mantas are found in tropical and subtropical waters in all the world's major oceans, and also venture into temperate seas. The furthest from the equator they have been recorded is North Carolina in the United States (31°N) and the North Island of New Zealand (36°S). They prefer water temperatures above 20 °C and *M. alfredi* is predominantly found in tropical areas. Both species are pelagic. *M. birostris* lives more

**Diet**  
Manta rays are filter feeders as well as macropredators. On the surface, they consume large quantities of zooplankton in the form of shrimp, krill, and planktonic crabs. In deeper depths, mantas consume small to medium-sized fish.

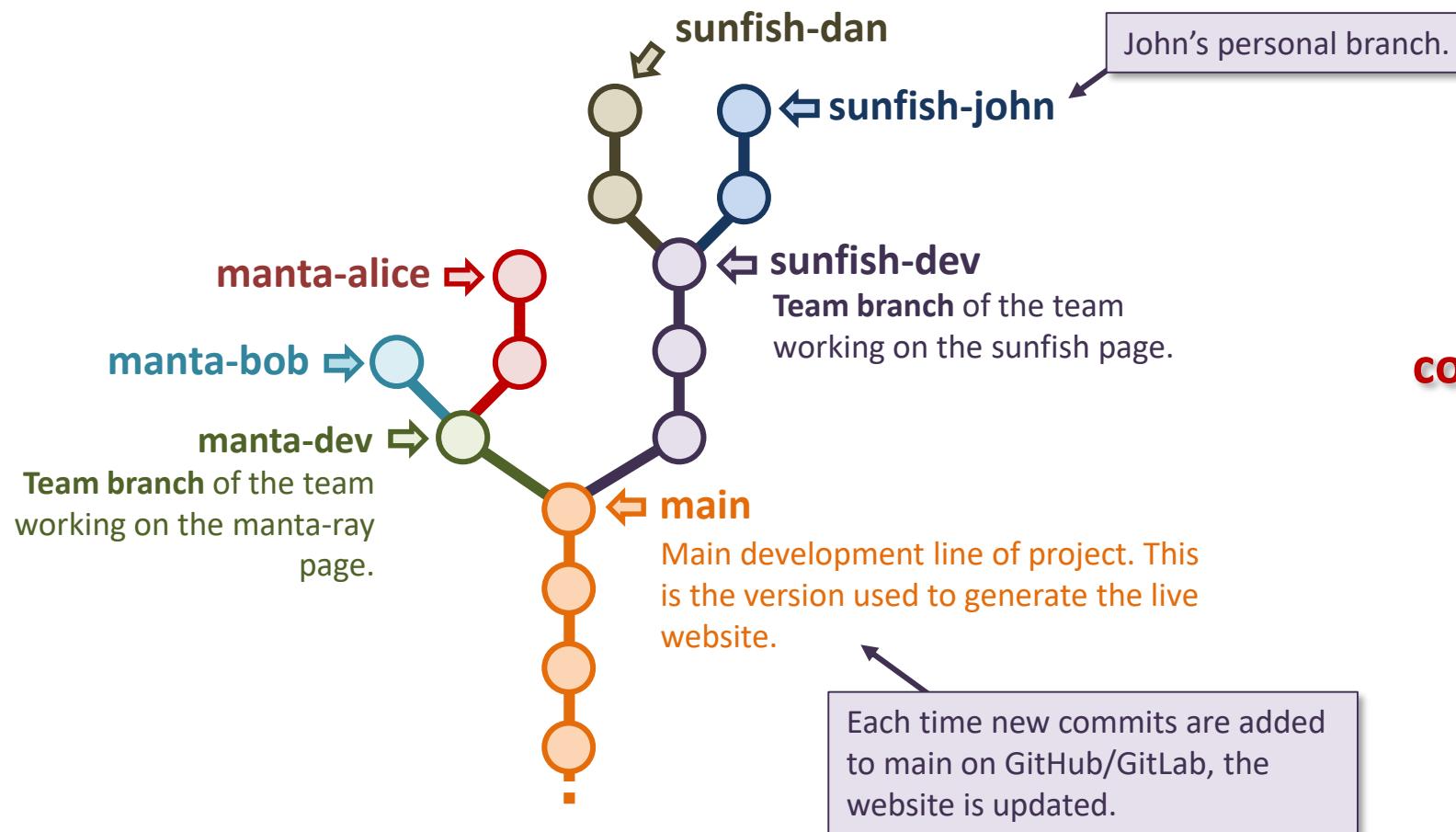
**Behaviour**  
Swimming behavior in mantas differs across habitats: when travelling over deep water, they swim at a constant rate in a straight line, while further Mantas may travel alone or in groups up to 50. They may associate with other fish species, as well as sea birds and marine mammals. Mantas son

**What I like about this animal**

- It glides gracefully through the sea, like an aquatic bird.
- Unlike its shark relatives, it does not have sharp teeth.

## An introduction to the upcoming exercise 4...

- This is how (more or less) our shared repository will look on GitHub/GitLab...
- Changes made to the **main** branch are directly reflected in the production website – so we don't want to mess-up **main** !!
- => You are **not allowed to push directly to main**.

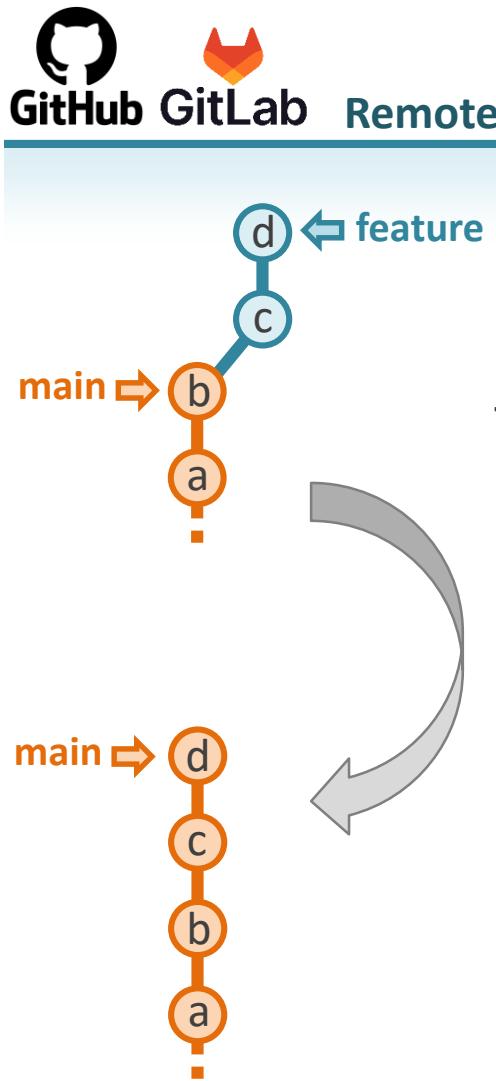
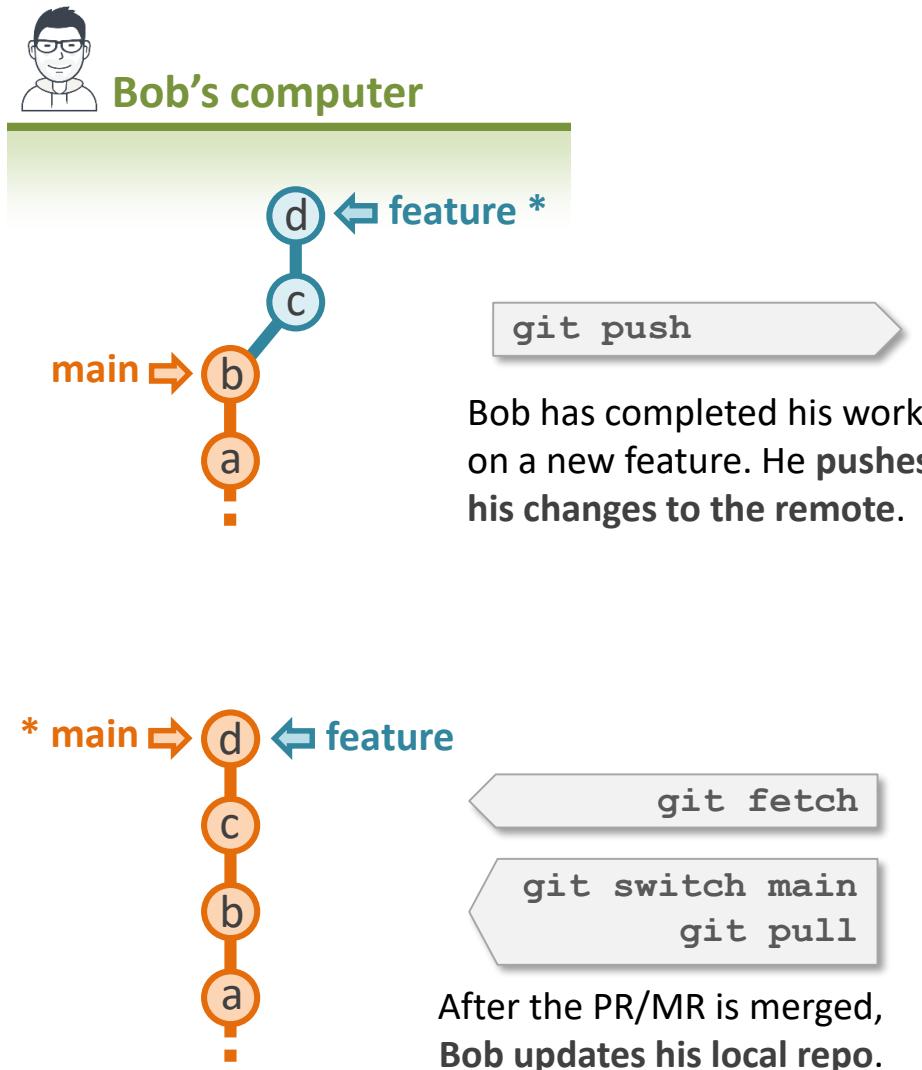


**How are we going to contribute changes from our team branches ?**

# Pull Requests (GitHub) / Merge Requests (GitLab)

**Pull Requests (PR) and Merge Requests (MR)** are a way to perform a merge operation on the remote (on GitHub/GitLab) instead of in your local copy of the repository.

PR/MR are the same thing, they just have different names on GitHub/GitLab.



**Why use a PR/MR instead of a local merge (and push) ?**

- The branch you want to merge into (e.g. main) is **protected** \*.
- Gives the opportunity to the repository owner(s) to **review changes** before merging them.
- Makes it easy to merge changes from a **forked** \*\* repository.

\* **Protected** branches are branches where push operations are limited to users with enough privileges.

\*\* A **fork** is a copy of an entire repository under a new ownership.

**The PR/MR workflow:**

- Bob opens a PR/MR on GitHub/GitLab.
- Alice reviews the changes made by Bob on branch **feature**.
- Alice approves the PR/MR.
- Bob (or Alice) merges the PR/MR.
- On the remote, the **feature** branch is now merged into **main**. Optionally, **feature** is then deleted.



After the PR/MR is merged, you can pull the changes from the remote to update your local repo (at this point the merge is only on the remote).

```
> git log --all --decorate --oneline --graph
* 9af6e4 (HEAD -> manta-dev, origin/manta-dev) manta-ray: add behavior information
* ba11531 manta-ray: add distribution and image
* 7b0516b manta-ray: add animal name and diet
* 65cb84f (origin/main, origin/HEAD, main) cicd: add .gitlab-ci.yml file
* 90c5dbe web: rename home page to Awesome Animal Awareness Project
* 4401bd7 web: add animal page templates
* 11a7390 styles: change paragraphs fonts
* 30b07cf styles: add styles.css file
* f1828a1 doc: add README.md
* 998ea08 first commit
```

```
> git log --all --decorate --oneline --graph
* 13c625f (origin/main, origin/HEAD) Merge branch 'manta-dev' into 'main'
|\ 
| * 9af6e4 (HEAD -> manta-dev) manta-ray: add behavior information
| * ba11531 manta-ray: add distribution and image
| * 7b0516b manta-ray: add animal name and diet
|/
* 65cb84f (main) cicd: add .gitlab-ci.yml file
* 90c5dbe web: rename home page to Awesome Animal Awareness Project
* 4401bd7 web: add animal page templates
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* 90c5dbe web: rename home page to Awesome Animal Awareness Project
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```

Using `git fetch` is optional, it's useful if you want to preview the position of `origin/main` before merging it into your local `main` with `git pull`.

`git fetch --prune`

--prune deletes local references to remote branches (`origin/manta-dev` has been deleted).

`git switch main`

`git pull --prune`

`git branch -d manta-dev`

`git switch main`

`git pull`

`git branch -d manta-dev`



# Open a Pull Request on GitHub: step-by-step

You will need to do this in exercise 4 !



1. On the project's page on GitHub, go to the **Pull requests** tab.

The screenshot shows a GitHub project page for 'sibgit / sibgit.github.io'. The 'Pull requests' tab is selected, indicated by a red underline and a purple callout box labeled 'Pull requests tab' with an upward arrow. A modal message 'Label issues and pull requests for new contributors' is displayed, with a 'Dismiss' button. Below the modal, a yellow banner shows a recent push from 'manta-dev'. The main area displays filters ('is:pr is:open'), a summary of 0 Open and 25 Closed pull requests, and a message stating 'There aren't any open pull requests.' with a search link.

Pull requests tab

Label issues and pull requests for new contributors

manta-dev had recent pushes 8 minutes ago

Filters is:pr is:open

0 Open 25 Closed

There aren't any open pull requests.

Pending pull requests will be listed here...

2. Click on **New pull request**.



### 3. Select the branches to merge:

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for comparing branches. Two dropdown menus are highlighted with orange boxes and purple arrows pointing to them:

- base: master** (Branch to merge into)
- compare: manta-dev** (Branch to merge (your contribution))

Branch to merge into  
Branch to merge (your contribution)

List of commits that will be merged ➔

In this example, there are 2 commits on branch "manta-dev" that will be merged into "master".

Summary of changes introduced by the pull request.

Green lines = new content.  
Red lines = deleted content.

### 4. Click on **Create pull request**.

The screenshot shows the "Comparing changes" page on GitHub. At the top, it says "Able to merge. These branches can be automatically merged." A green arrow points from this text to the "Create pull request" button on the right. Below this, the commit history and file changes are listed.

**Commits on Mar 10, 2022**

- Add info on habitat and behavior for manta ray (sibgit committed 18 minutes ago)
- Add image for manta ray (sibgit committed 17 minutes ago)

**Showing 2 changed files with 14 additions and 6 deletions.**

```

 20 manta_ray.html
 ...
 4 4 <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
 5 5 </head>
 6 6 <body>
 7 - <h1>?? Animal name</h1>
 7 + <h1>Manta Ray - <i>Mobula sp.</i></h1>
 8 8
 9 - 
 9 + 
 10 10
 11 11 <h3>Habitat and distribution</h3>
 12 12 <p>
 13 - ?? Replace this with a few lines on the animal's habitat and distribution.
 13 + Mantas are found in tropical and subtropical waters in all the world's major oceans,
 14 + and also venture into temperate seas.
 15 + <br>
 16 + The furthest from the equator they have been recorded is North Carolina in the
 17 + United States, and the North Island of New Zealand.
 18 + <br>
 19 + They prefer water temperatures above 68 °F (20 °C)
 14 20 </p>

```

If there are conflicts, you probably need to rebase your branch and resolve them.



5. Optionally, enter ➔  
a **message** for the  
people that will  
review your pull  
request.

## Open a pull request

Create a new pull request by comparing changes across two branches. If you need to, you can also [compare across forks](#).

base: master ▾ ← compare: manta-dev ▾ ✓ **Able to merge.** These branches can be automatically merged.

Manta dev

Write Preview

I worked hard to add these awesome changes to the manta ray page.  
Please merge :smiley\_cat:

Attach files by dragging & dropping, selecting or pasting them.

Create pull request ▾

Reviewers  
sibgit

Assignees  
No one—assign yourself

Labels  
None yet

Projects  
None yet

Milestone  
No milestone

Development  
Use [Closing keywords](#) in the description to automatically close issues

Remember, contributions to this repository should follow our [GitHub Community Guidelines](#).

6. Submit your pull request by clicking  
**Create pull request**.

The pull request is now **created**, and **awaiting approval** from an authorized person.  
(e.g. the repo owner or a colleague)

The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request page for a repository named 'manta-dev'. The pull request has been opened by 'robinengler' to merge two commits from the 'manta-dev' branch into the 'master' branch. The commit history shows two commits from 'sibgit': one adding info on habitat and behavior for manta ray (commit d0a01b1) and another adding an image for manta ray (commit 0677d8c). A comment from 'robinengler' encourages merging with a smiley face emoji. The status bar at the bottom indicates that merging is blocked because a review is required.

Manta dev #27

Open robinengler wants to merge 2 commits into master from manta-dev

Conversation 0 Commits 2 Checks 0 Files changed 2

robinengler commented now

I worked hard to add these awesome changes to the manta ray page.  
Please merge 😊

sibgit added 2 commits 31 minutes ago

Add info on habitat and behavior for manta ray  
Add image for manta ray

d0a01b1  
0677d8c

Add more commits by pushing to the manta-dev branch on sibgit/sibgit.github.io.

This branch has not been deployed  
No deployments

Review required  
At least 1 approving review is required by reviewers with write access. [Learn more](#).

Merging is blocked  
Merging can be performed automatically with 1 approving review.

Merge pull request or view command line instructions.

The **reviewer** of your PR will then have a look at your changes (the modifications introduced with your commits) and **approve them or request changes**.

The screenshot illustrates the GitHub pull request review process:

- Top Bar:** Shows the GitHub logo, search bar, and navigation links: Pull requests, Issues, Marketplace, Explore.
- Pull Requests List:** Shows 1 open and 26 closed pull requests. One open pull request, #27 titled "Manta dev", is highlighted with a purple dashed box and a purple arrow pointing from the main list to its detailed view.
- Detailed View of Pull Request #27:**
  - Header:** Shows the pull request is open and was created by **robinengler** 2 minutes ago, requiring review.
  - Comments:** A comment from **robinengler** says: "I worked hard to add these awesome changes to the manta ray page. Please merge 😊".
  - Commits:** Shows two commits from **sibgit**:
    - Add info on habitat and behavior for manta ray (commit hash: d0a01b1)
    - Add image for manta ray (commit hash: 0677d8c)
  - Deployment Status:** States "This branch has not been deployed" with "No deployments".
  - Review Requirements:** Shows "Review required" (At least 1 approving review is required by reviewers with write access) and "Merging is blocked" (Merging can be performed automatically with 1 approving review).
  - Action Buttons:** Includes "Merge pull request" and "or view command line instructions".
- Review Modal:** A modal window titled "Finish your review" with "Review changes" button. It contains a "Write" tab with the message "Looking good, thanks for the contribution !", a rich text editor toolbar, and a "Comment" section with options:
  - Comment**: Submit general feedback without explicit approval.
  - Approve**: Submit feedback and approve merging these changes.
  - Request changes**: Submit feedback that must be addressed before merging.A "Submit review" button is at the bottom.

## Manta dev #27

[Open](#) robinengler wants to merge 2 commits into `master` from `manta-dev`

Conversation 1 Commits 2 Checks 0 Files changed 2

 robinengler commented 7 minutes ago Collaborator

I worked hard to add these awesome changes to the manta ray page.  
Please merge 😊

 sibgit added 2 commits 38 minutes ago

- o  Add info on habitat and behavior for manta ray d0a01b1
- o  Add image for manta ray 0677d8c

  sibgit approved these changes 1 minute ago

 View changes

sibgit left a comment Owner

Looking good, thanks for the contribution !

Add more commits by pushing to the `manta-dev` branch on [sibgit/sibgit.github.io](https://sibgit/sibgit.github.io).

 This branch has not been deployed

No deployments

 Changes approved

1 approving review by reviewers with write access. [Learn more](#).

 1 approval

 This branch has no conflicts with the base branch

Merging can be performed automatically.

[Merge pull request](#) or view [command line instructions](#).



Now that the pull request is approved, it can be merged (either by the reviewer or by you) by clicking **Merge pull request**.

## Manta dev #27

[Open](#) robinengler wants to merge 2 commits into `master` from `manta-dev`

Conversation 1 Commits 2 Checks 0 Files changed 2

 robinengler commented 9 minutes ago Collaborator

I worked hard to add these awesome changes to the manta ray page.  
Please merge 😊

 sibgit added 2 commits 40 minutes ago

- o  Add info on habitat and behavior for manta ray d0a01b1
- o  Add image for manta ray 0677d8c

  sibgit approved these changes 3 minutes ago

 View changes

sibgit left a comment Owner

Looking good, thanks for the contribution !

  sibgit merged commit `a8501b0` into `master` 40 seconds ago

 Pull request successfully merged and closed

You're all set—the `manta-dev` branch can be safely deleted.

[Delete branch](#)



Completed ! Optionally, you can **delete your branch** on the remote (this will not delete it locally).

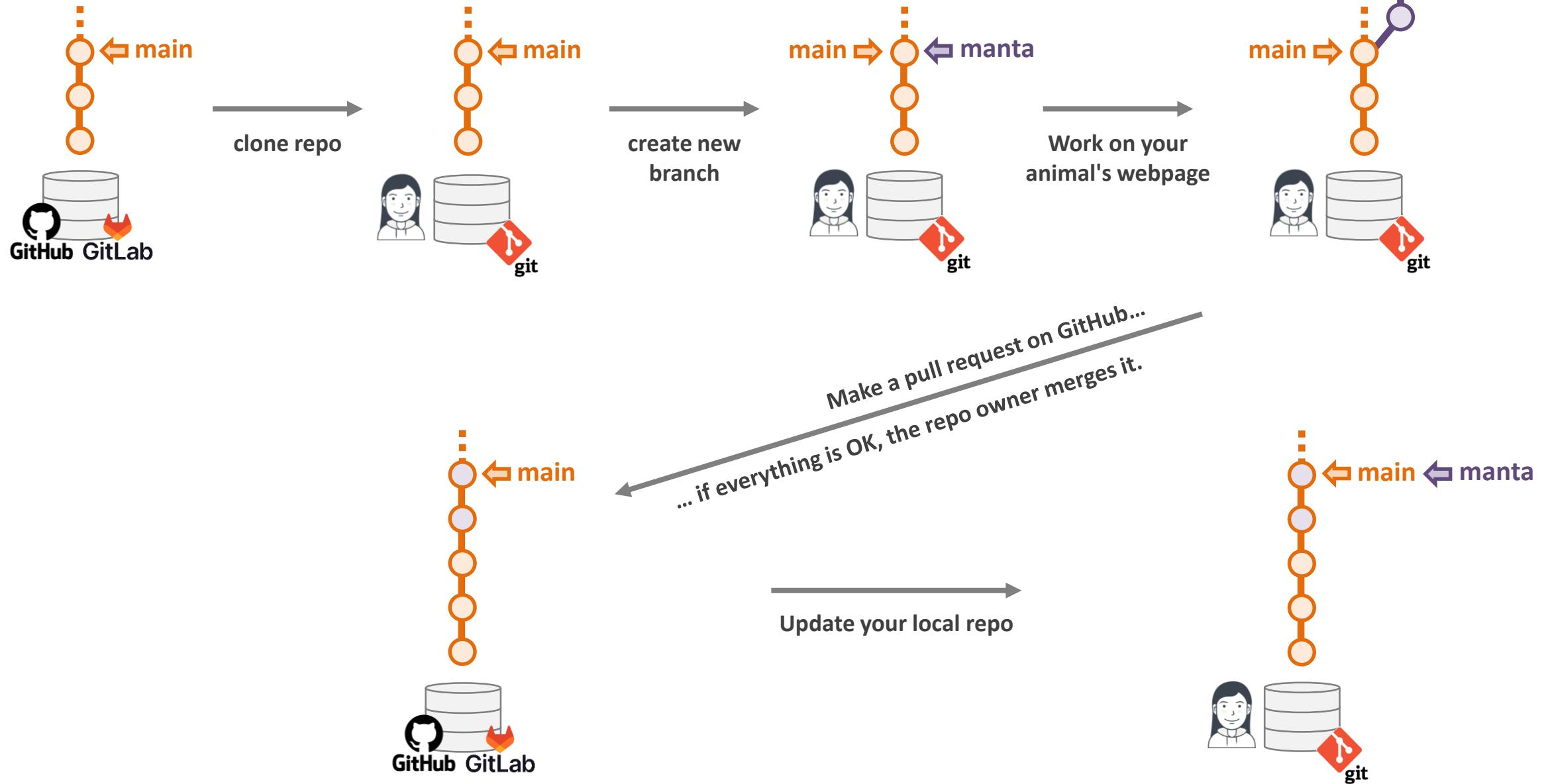
# exercise 4

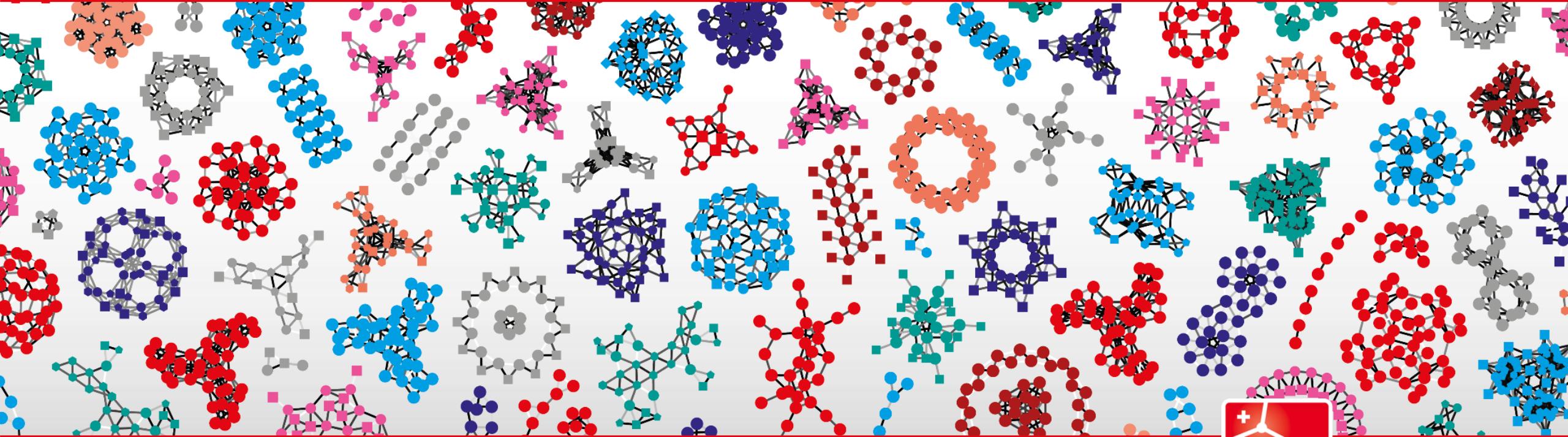
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This exercise has helper slides

## Exercise 4 help: workflow summary





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