Version Control with Git

- Before we start
  - Sign up at github.com

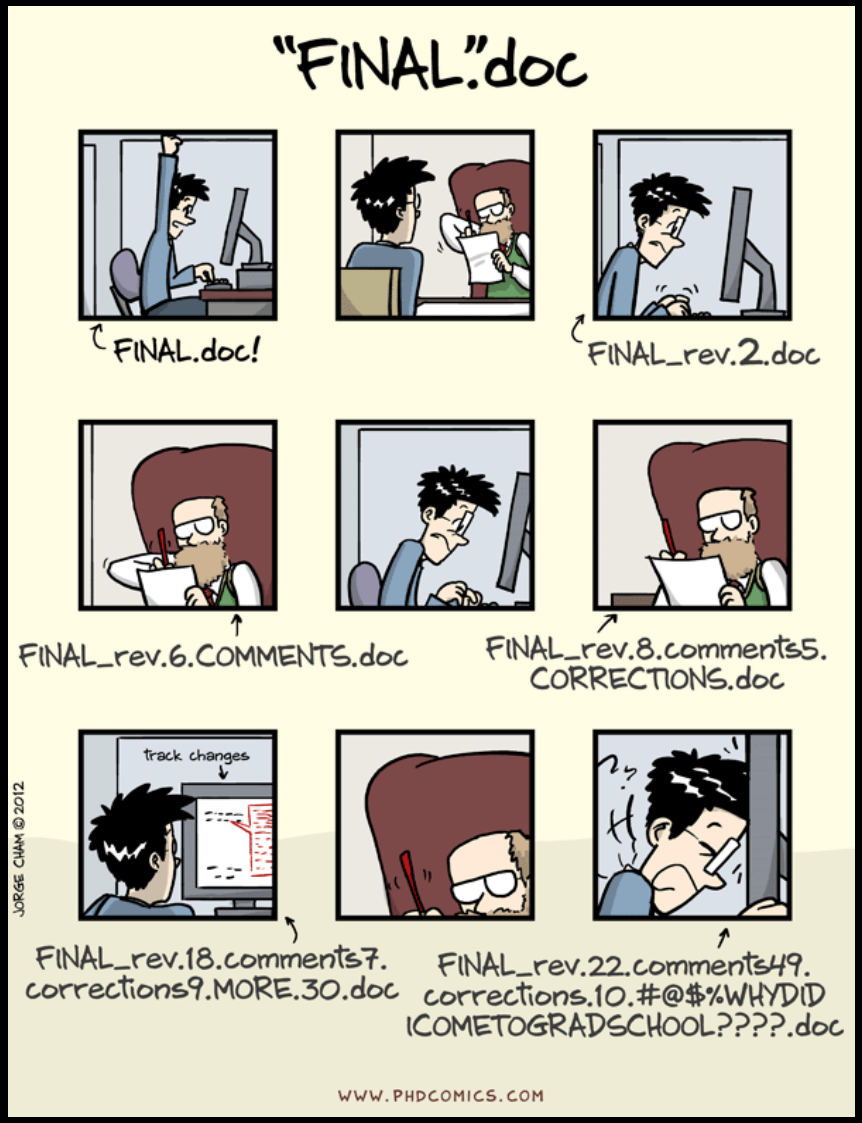
What is Version Control?

(AKA revision control, source control)

- Tracks changes to files
- Any file can be tracked
- Text (.txt, .csv, .py, .c, .r etc.) works best
    - These allow smart *diff* / *merge* etc.

Why Use Version Control? #1

- A more efficient backup
- Reproducibility



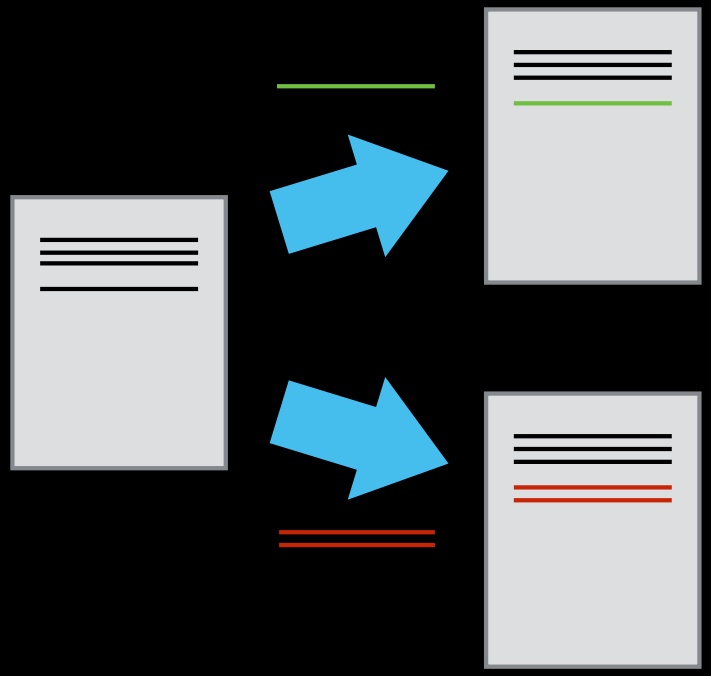
Why Use Version Control? #2

- Teamwork

Version Control Tracks Changes

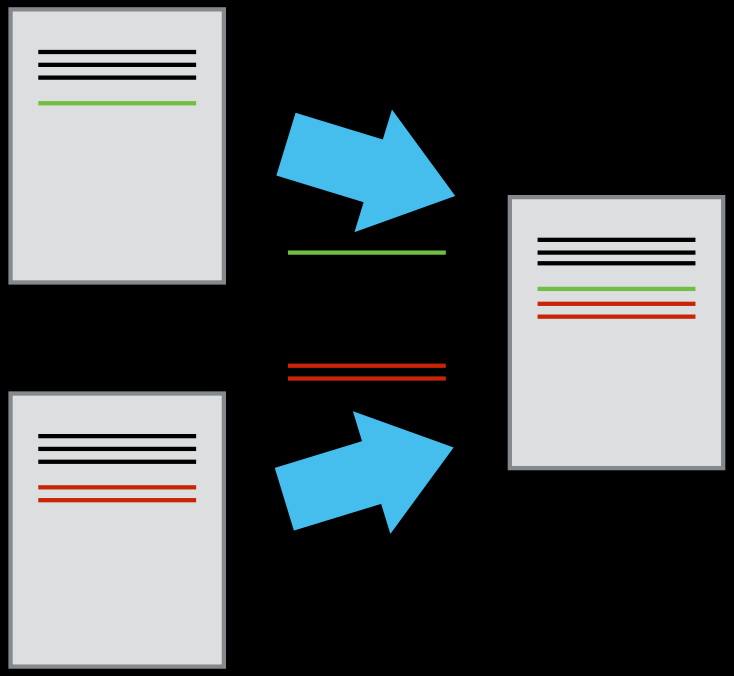
- Changes are tracked sequentially

Version Control Tracks Changes



- Different versions can be saved

Version Control Tracks Changes



- Multiple versions can be merged

Version Control Alternatives

- Subversion (svn) - Centralised
- Mercurial (hg) - Distributed
- Git (git) – Distributed
  - Most widely used in academia!

- N.B. GitHub != git
  - Alternatives like GitLab exist

Local Configuration

- git config

Getting Demo Files

- git clone https://github.com/softwaresaved/2020-04-30-ramp-swc

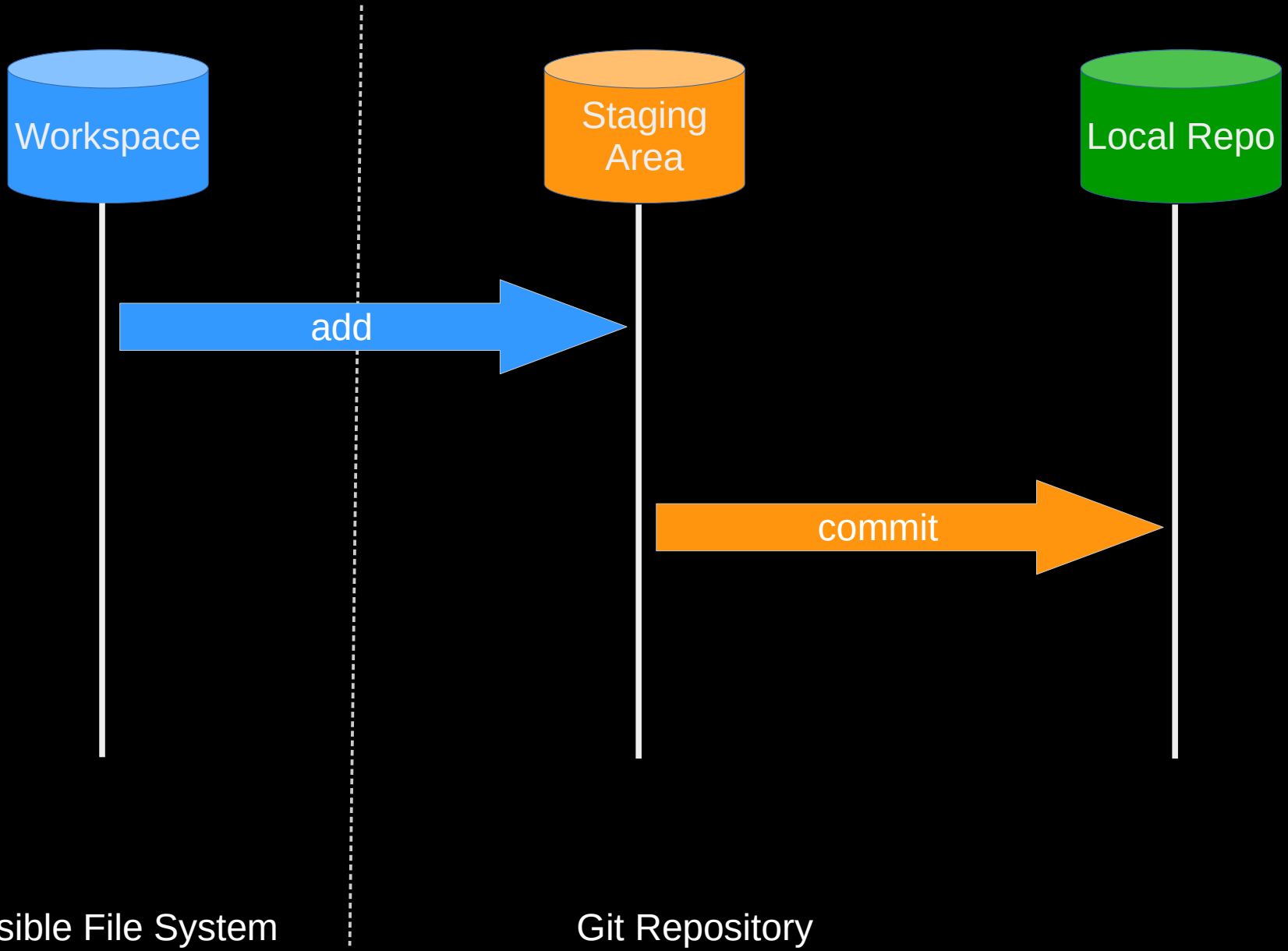
Creating a Repository

- git init
- git status

Tracking Changes to Files

- git add
- git commit

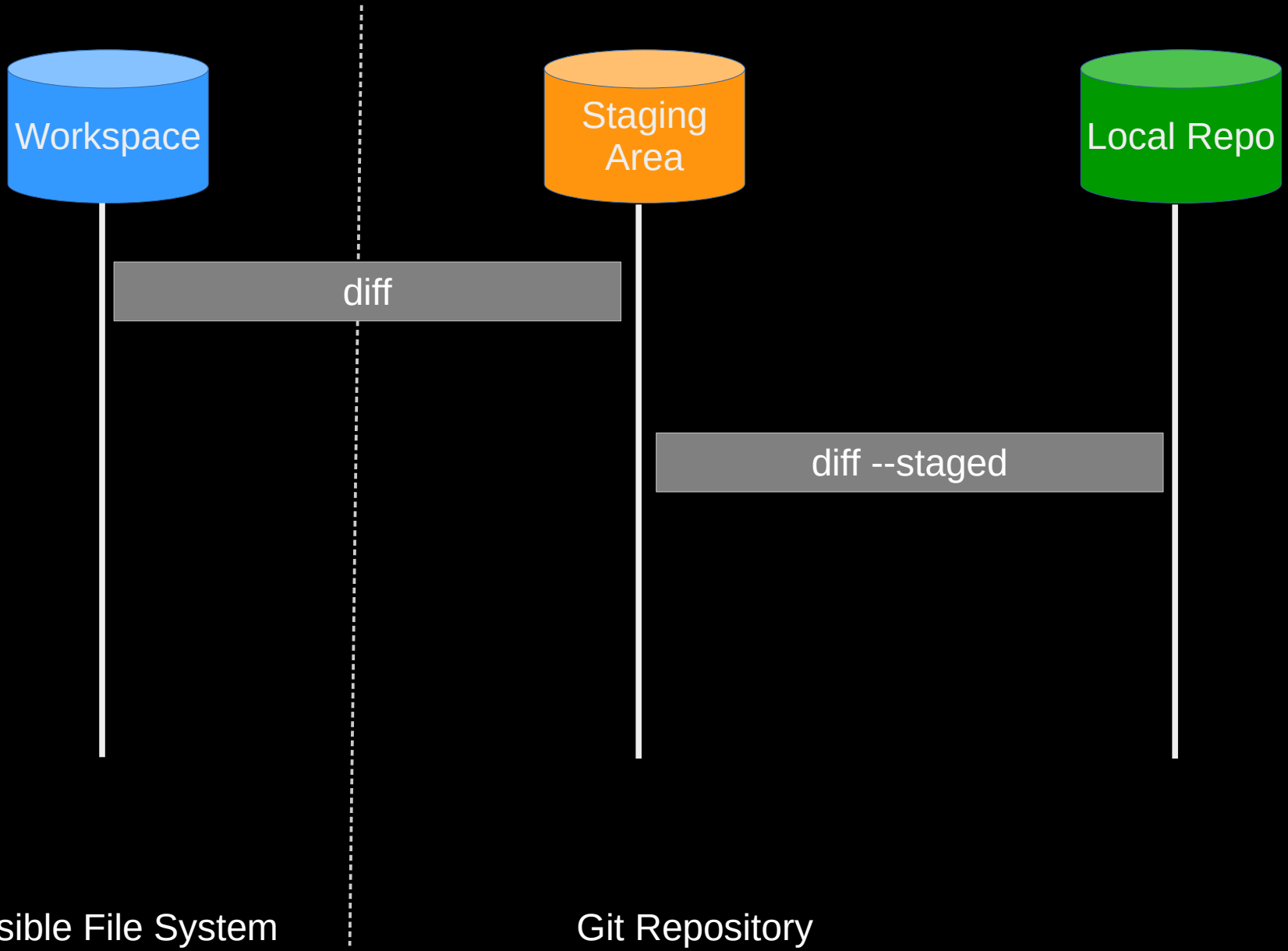
Git – add and commit



Exploring History #1

- git log
- git diff

Git – diff #1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Local Repo
diff
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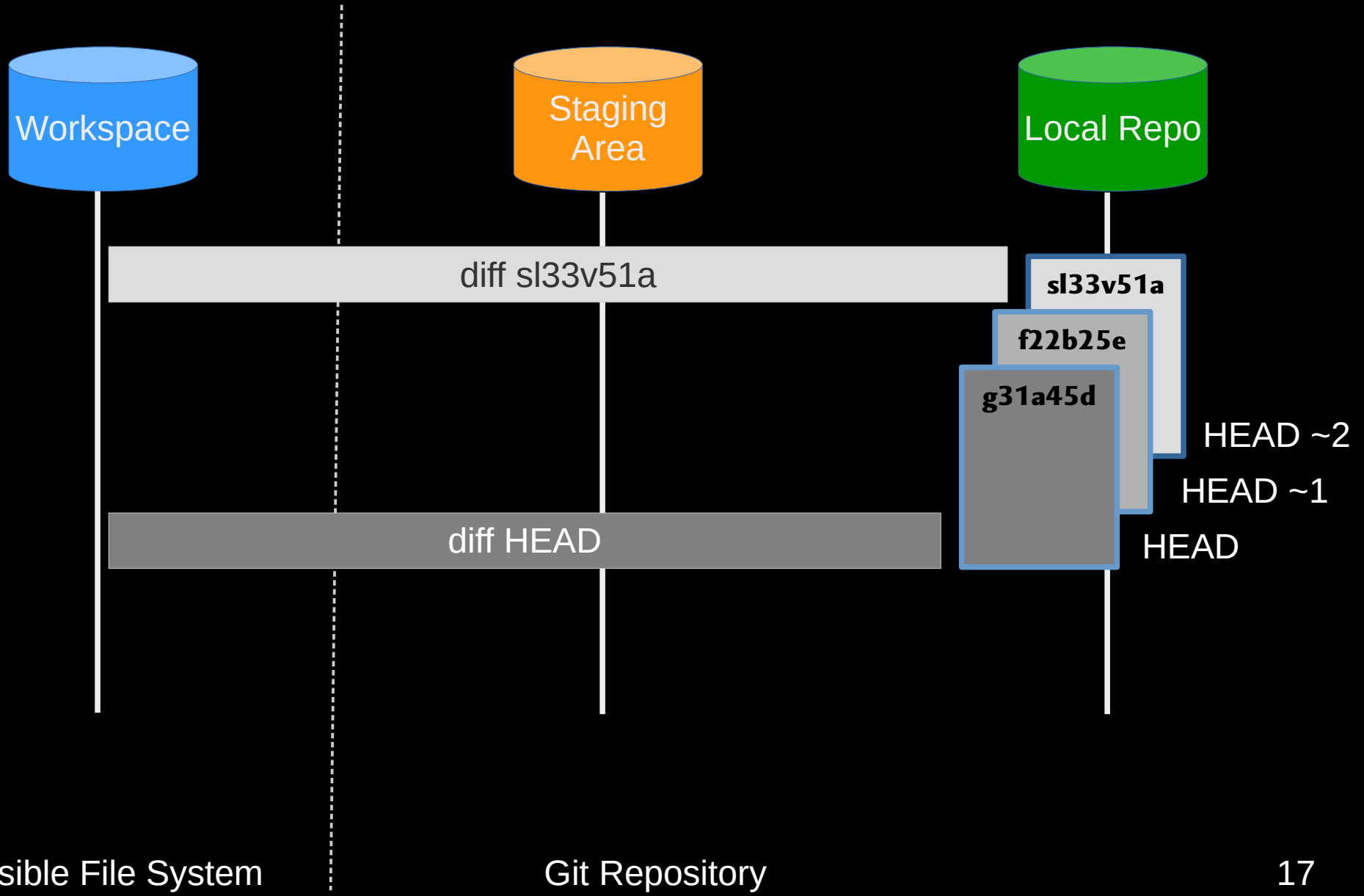
Visible File System
Git Repository

Git – diff #2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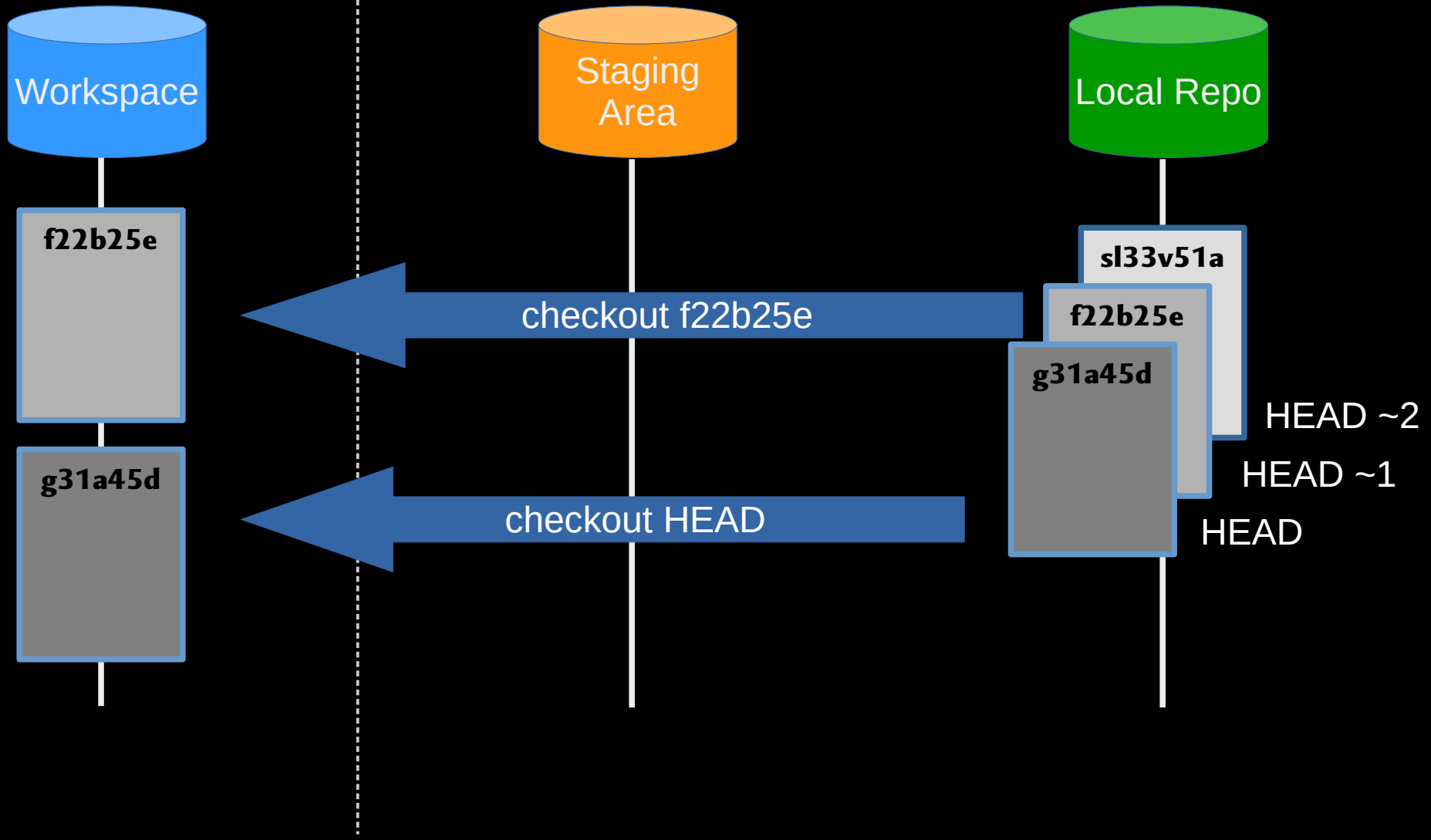
Git Repository

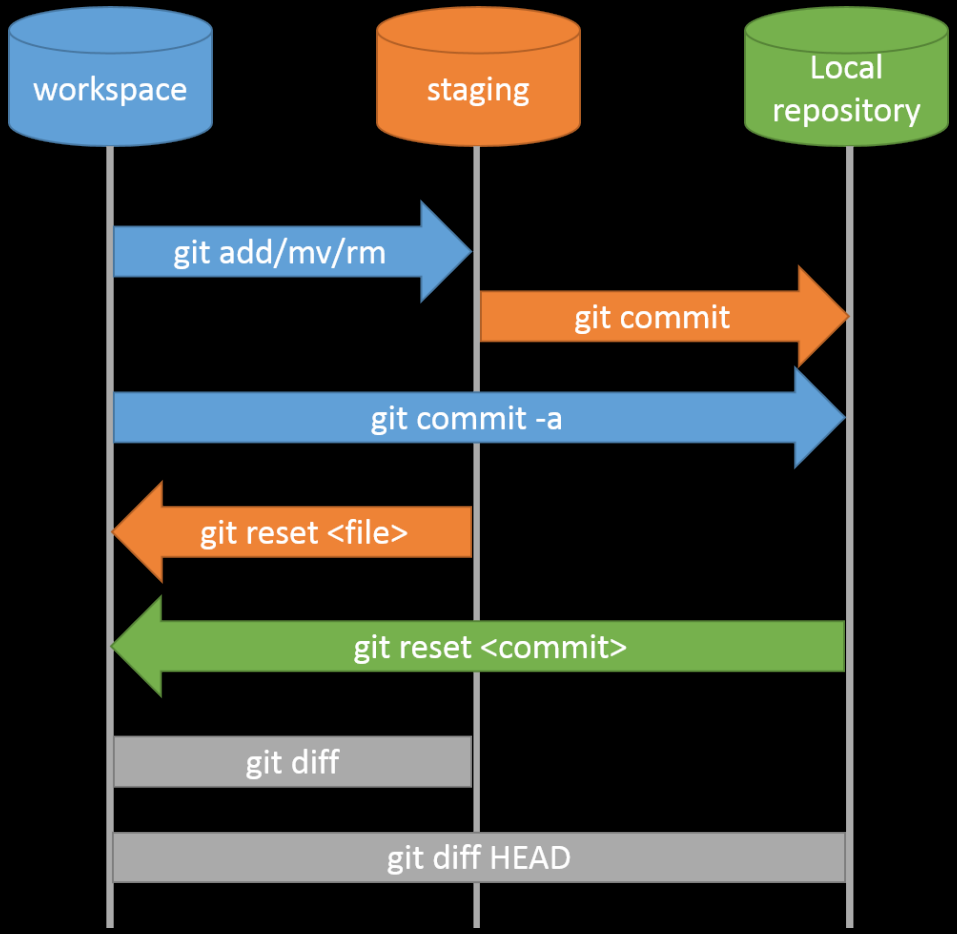
Restoring Files

- git checkout

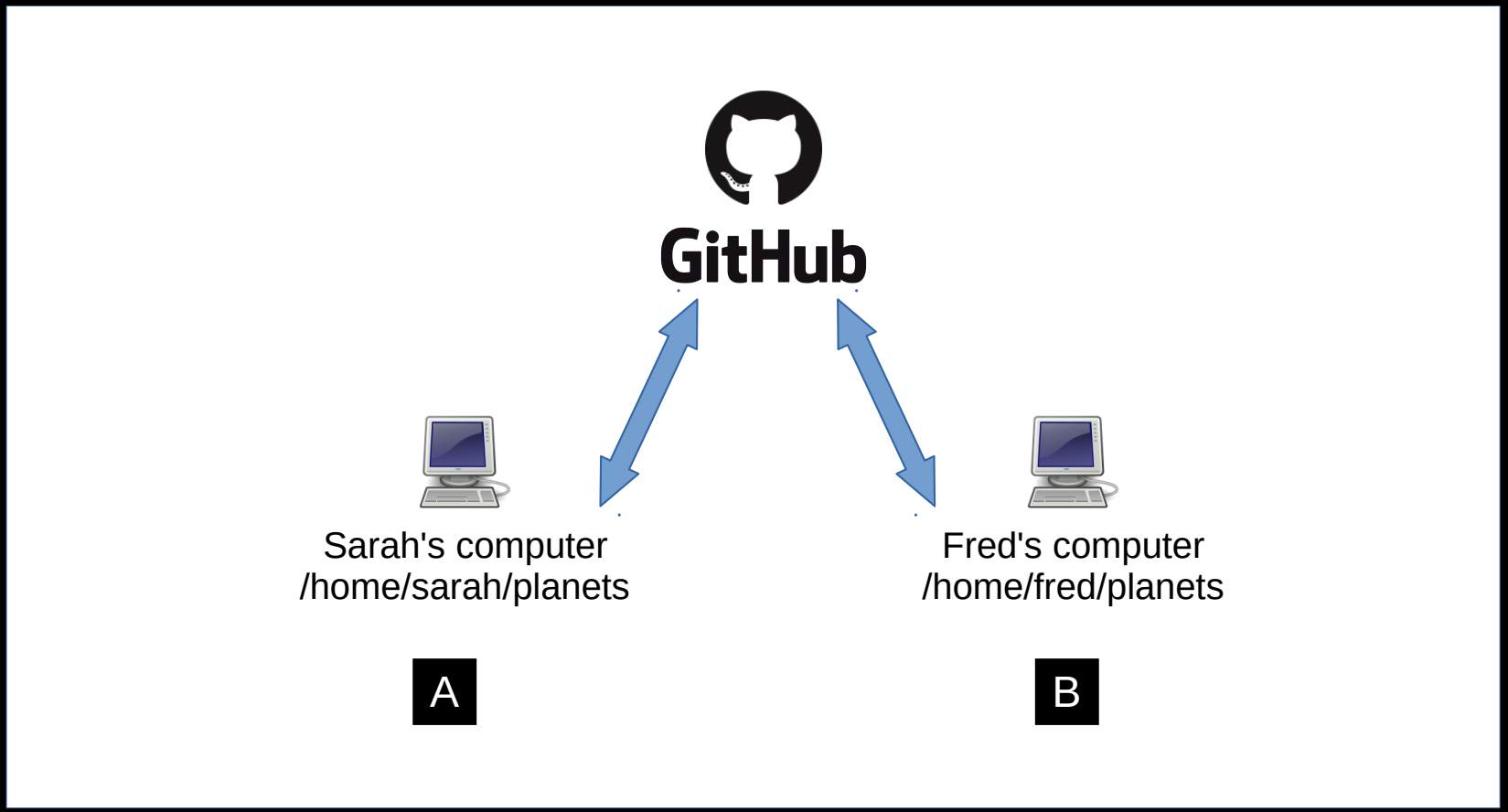
Git - restoration



Git Workflow – Local Repo.



Collaboration



Collaboration: Remote Repositories

- Sign in https://github.com/
- Create repository
- git remote add
- git push

Collaboration: Creating Branches

- git branch dev
- git checkout dev

Collaboration: Creating Branches 2

- Create rainfall_conversion.py
- git add rainfall_conversion.py
- git commit -m

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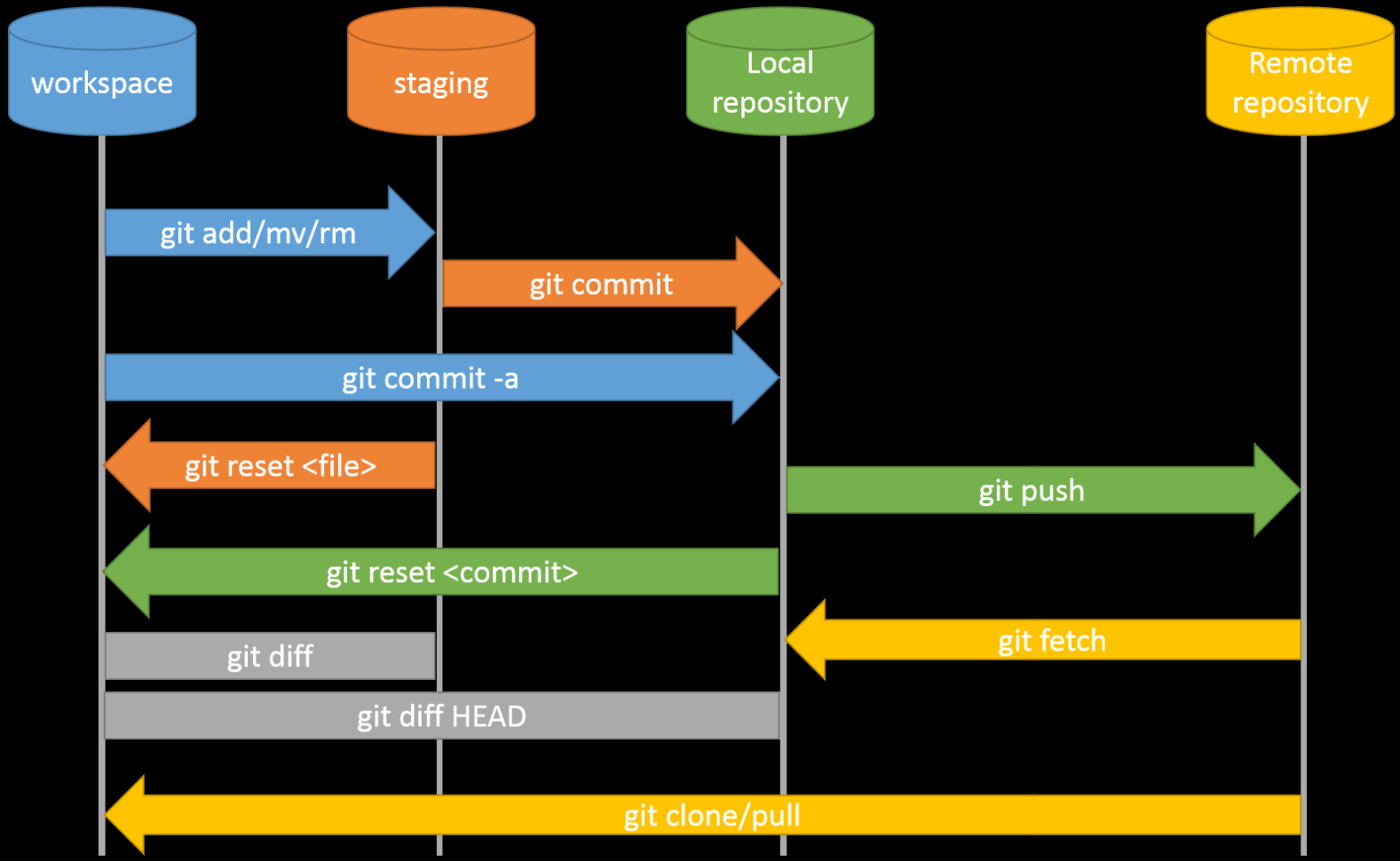

Collaboration: Feature Branch Exercise

- Check out ‘dev’
- Create a new branch called ‘docs’
- Create and add README.md
- Push to GitHub and merge back to ‘dev’
- Pull the changes back to your computer

What next?

- Ignore files / Merging
- https://software-carpentry.org