

Git, GitHub, and Jupyter

Lecture Notes

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Learning objectives:

- Understand **version control** and its role in collaborative software development.
- Learn to effectively use **Jupyter notebooks** for data analysis and collaborative documentation.
- Develop skills to set up and manage **collaborative workflows** with Git/GitHub and Jupyter for group projects.

An introduction to version control

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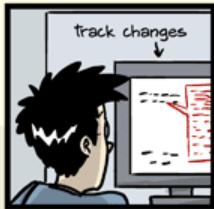
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“ Version control is the practice of tracking and managing changes to software code. ”

Git

- Git: version control system
 - tracks changes to code over time
 - enables recall of specific versions
- Makes it easier for developers to work together
 - Lets users create *branches* to work independently and then *merge* the changes back into the main code
 - Each developer has a local copy of the code

Git basics

1. Add file(s) to a staging area.

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git add somefile.py
```

2. Save changes to a *local* repository.

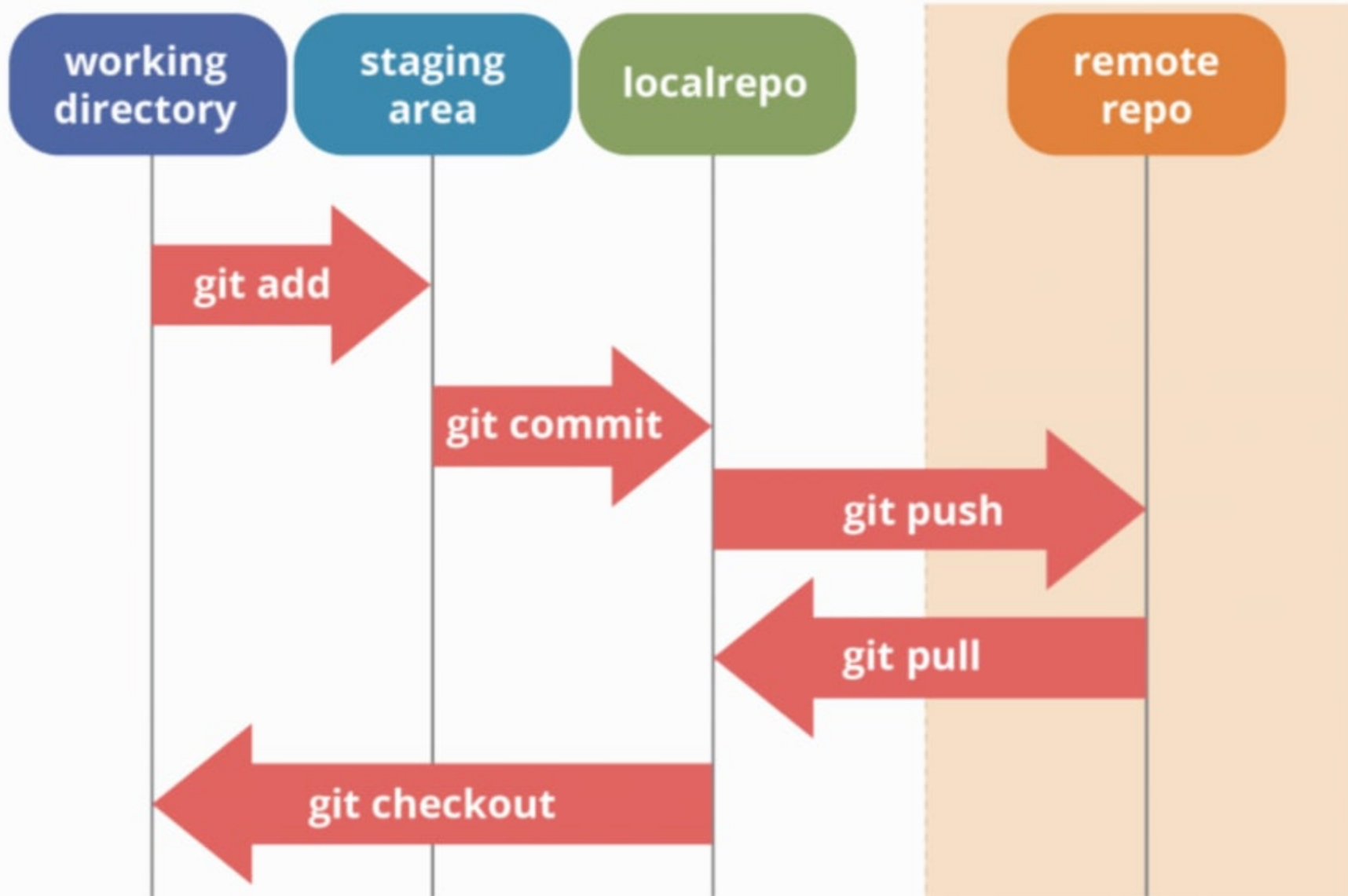
```
git commit -m "Made some awesome changes!"
```

3. (Opt.) Upload changes to *remote* repository.

```
git push
```

Local

Remote



Git is helpful on its own

**But it really shines when used with
GitHub!**

GitHub

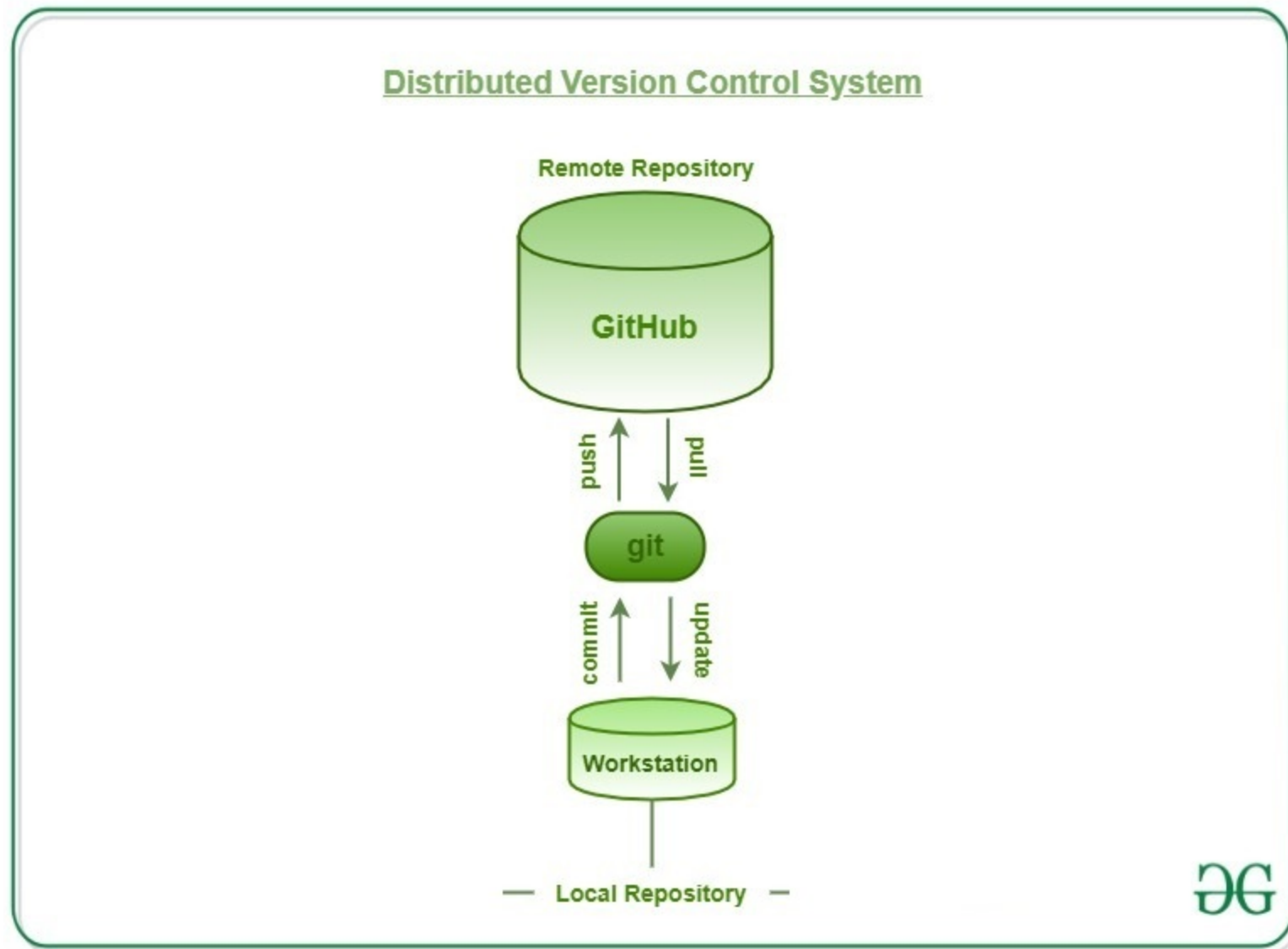


GitHub

GitHub is a website where you can host your code & files in databases called "repositories."

I don't fully understand how GitHub gets money but they offer tons of services for free.

Typical GitHub workflow



We can go the other way, too.

- `git clone github.com/somerepository.git`
 - Creates a copy of an entire remote repository
- `git pull`
 - "Pulls" the latest changes and commits from the remote repository to your local working copy

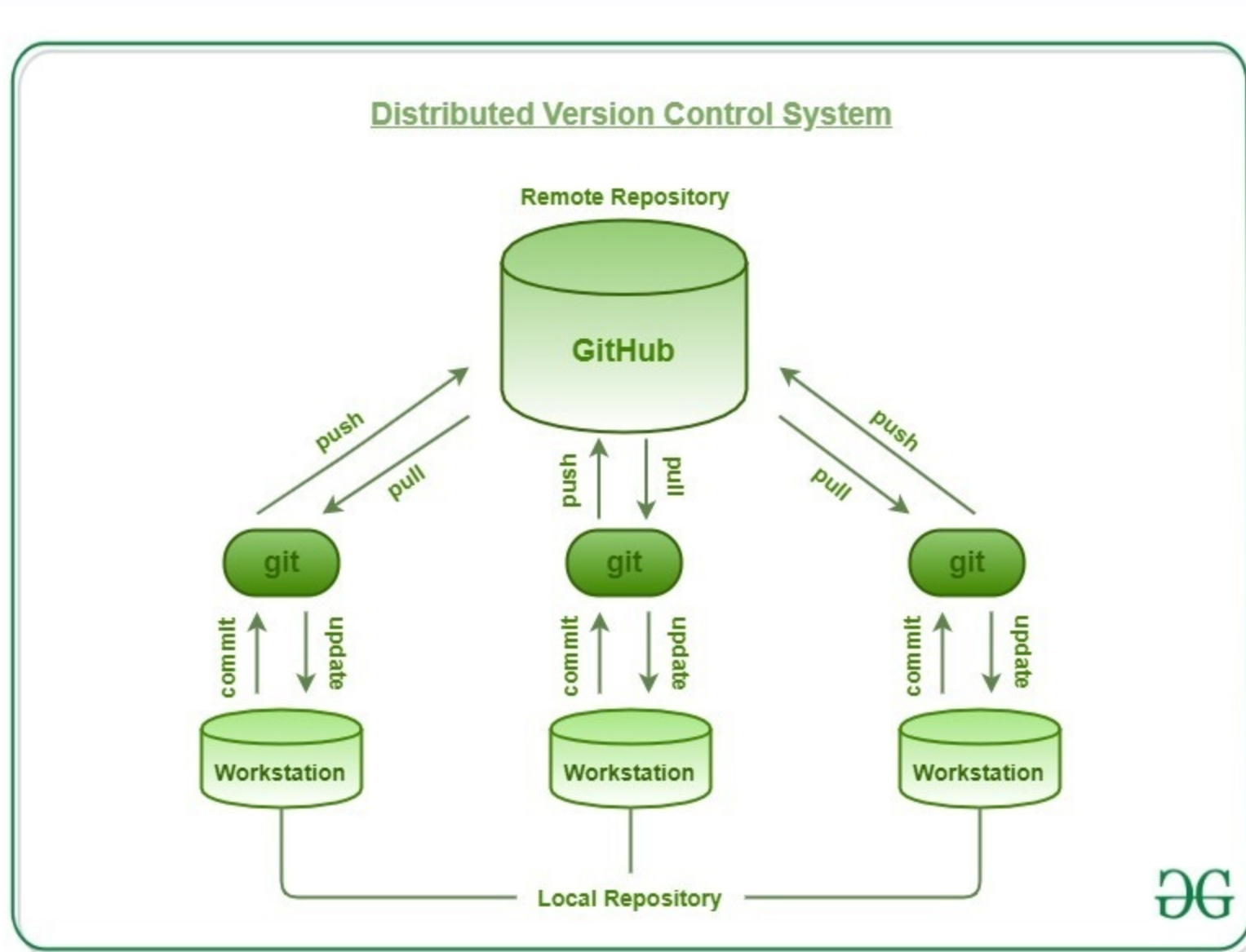
Typically, you only `clone` once but `pull` many times.

**So far, the workflows we've described
are good for people working by
themselves, but in this class and in the
future, you will be working on a team.**

Branching

In Git/GitHub, branching creates **a parallel version of the code** to work on new features or fixes *without affecting the main codebase*. It allows developers to isolate their work, make changes, and then merge those changes back into the main code when they are ready.

Branching



Branching workflow

- Create and switch to branch
`git checkout -b new-branch`

- Add changes and commit
`git add ...`
`git commit -m "..."`

- Push branch to GitHub
`git push -u origin new-branch` *

* after the first push, you can just use `git push`

If you want to merge changes from a branch to the main code...

- Start a **pull request**
- Review & merge

Pull requests

A pull request is a way to propose changes from a branch in a repository to the main code. It allows developers to notify others about the changes they've made, discuss modifications, and eventually merge the changes into the main code.

Pull requests



Other helpful git tools

- `git status` = check status of your files
- `git branch` = list branches
- `git rm` = delete a file
- `git stash` = temporarily store your changes
- `git checkout <branchname>` = switch branches
- `git stash pop` = apply changes to current branch

Version control with Git and GitHub can be confusing.
You don't need to understand everything right now to
develop a collaborative workflow for this class 😊.

Resources/References

- [Learn git branching](#)
- [Git/GitHub Lecture by Madicken Munk](#)
- [GitHub Docs](#)
- [The Git book](#)