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Chapter 1 - Introduction to Git

Objectives

In this chapter, we will discuss:

- What is Git
- Some Basic Git Concepts

1.1 What is Git

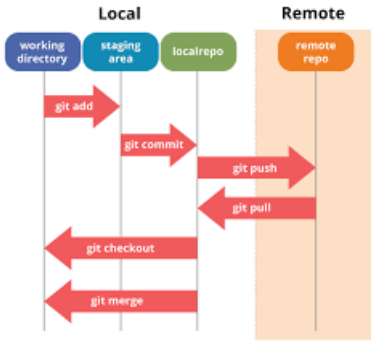
- Brief History
  - The Linux kernel was initially stored in a proprietary VCS called BitKeeper
  - In 2005, there was a falling-out when BitKeeper became a pay-to-play product
  - Up until then, BitKeeper had been provided free to the Linux kernel team
  - Linus Torvalds decided to create his own VCS
    - Git

1.2 Git's Design Goals

- Essentially, Git was designed with a view towards running the Linux development process.
- Which is...
  - Big
  - Distributed responsibilities
  - Ability to selectively apply patches
  - Spread across thousands of developers
  - Non-linear development (thousands of parallel branches)
  - Did we mention big?

1.3 Git's Design Goals (cont'd)

- Torvalds had specific design goals for git
  - Speed
  - Simplicity
  - Fully Distributed Development
  - No dependency on centralized availability



1.4 Branching and Merging

- Centralized Systems have one central repository
  - Developer checks out a working copy, does work, then commits changes back to central repository
  - What if developers are working on different things? e.g.
    - Different features being added for next release
    - Bug fix to released code
    - Bug fix to a legacy version (n-2)

1.5 Branching and Merging (cont'd)

- Solution is “Branching”
  - System has multiple streams of development, e.g.
    - Main branch
    - Release Branch
    - Development Branch
    - Feature Branches
  - Then, you also need to be able to copy changes from one branch to another
    - Merge
  - These have historically been “hard”

1.6 Centralized Version Control

- Even with branches, you have the problem of working offline
  - Developers now work from home, on airplanes, at coffee shops, etc
  - We'd like to be able to store changes as we work
    - Commit early, commit often!
    - Allowing rollback out things that don't work
    - At the same time, we don't want to "break the build"

1.7 Distributed Version Control

- Proprietary
  - Sun WorkShop TeamWare – 1990s
  - BitKeeper -1998
- Started to appear as open-source in mid-2000's
  - Arch -2001
  - Monotone – 2003
  - Darcs - 2003
  - Git – 2005
  - Mercurial (Hg) – 2005
  - Bazaar (2005)

1.8 Git Basics

- Git doesn’t track files, it takes snapshots
  - Traditional systems track files individually, store deltas
  - git takes snapshots of the whole directory, stores the whole snapshot
  - With some optimizations so as not to duplicate data!
- Git maintains a database of your file tree
  - Generally only adds data to the database
  - The data added for a commit naturally forms a chunk that can be moved around

1.9 Git Basics (Cont'd)

- Branching is easy and cheap
  - No longer a rare occurrence, it’s part of daily workflow
- Many “workflows” are possible in git
  - You can keep on doing things as though you had a central repo
  - Feature branches?
  - “Gitflow”
  - “Forking” workflow

1.10 Git Basics (cont'd)

- Push
  - Takes changes committed to the local repository (branch) and applies them to a remote repository (branch)
- Pull
  - Takes changes committed to a remote repository (branch) and applies them to a local repository (branch)
- Push and Pull are the mechanisms that allow distributed collaboration
- Important - You will have a distributed workflow!
  - It isn't possible to "commit" to a central repository
  - All commits are done against a local repository
  - Then pushed to a remote repository (or pulled)

1.11 Getting Git

- http://git-scm.com
- But have a look first – you might already have it
  - Shipped with many Linux distributions
  - Included in Apple Xcode
  - Included in Microsoft Visual Studio
  - Embedded in Eclipse, Netbeans, etc
  - But may require a local install as well

1.12 Git on the Server

- Easiest way is to just allow ssh access to the server
  - “Server” functionality is built into the cmd-line tools
  - Can also access repos in shared file systems
    - But often, ssh will be faster
- Git protocol
  - built-in but not authenticated
  - Won’t route through proxies, etc
- Http/https
  - Easy to setup for read/pull
  - Push can be done, but rarer – usually use ssh

1.13 Git Repository Managers

- Non-Exhaustive List
  - GitLab
  - Atlassian Stash
  - GitHub Enterprise
  - GitBlit
  - scm-manager
  - Perforce
  - There are probably others...

1.14 Git on Somebody Else's Server

- The rise of Git has coincided with the emergence of hosted Git repositories
  - GitHub
  - BitBucket
- These repositories have brought workflow and collaboration along with them, e.g.
  - Pull requests
  - Code review
  - Documentation sites
- Also, there are in-house versions of git repos
  - Atlassian Stash
  - GitHub Enterprise

1.15 Summary

- DVCS is the new way!
- Git is one of the leading options
- There’s a lot to learn!
- Workflow decisions to be made
- You can use hosted repositories or in-house

Chapter 2 - Basic Git Operations

Objectives

In this chapter, we will discuss:

- Definitions
- Getting Started with Git

2.1 Using Git

- Git is fundamentally a Linux command line utility
  - 'git'
- Same functionality is often put into IDEs
- Git for Windows ships with
  - Bash shell that runs under Windows
    - derived from Cygwin
  - GUI
  - Explorer integration (context menu)

2.2 Definitions

- Developer's Work Area
  - Terminology is a little loose.
  - A folder on disk can contain a repository
  - As a hidden folder called ".git"
  - Typically thought of as three areas:
    - Working Copy
    - Repository
    - Staging Area

2.3 Definitions (cont'd)

- Repository
  - A repository is an area that stores a version-controlled image of a folder on disk
  - Recall that Git doesn't track files exactly, it stores snapshots of a repository
  - Repository contains a complete version history
  - Casually, we might say a folder contains a git repository
  - A repository can also exist on a remote server (or actually just anywhere besides 'here')
  - Repository can be 'bare', meaning it doesn't have a working copy

2.4 Repository (cont'd)

- 'git init' creates a repository in the current directory
  - stored in a hidden folder called '.git'
- 'git init --bare' creates a bare repository in the current directory
  - Bare repository is used as a remote repository
  - Similar to the server-side repo in cvs or svn.
  - Doesn't have '.git' folder - repository files are in current directory.

2.5 Definitions (cont'd)

- Working Copy
  - The files and folders contained in the developer's work area, apart from the Git repository
  - We edit and manipulate files in the Working Copy
  - We use git commands (or a gui) to move files between the working copy, staging area and repository

2.6 Definitions (cont'd)

- Staging Area
  - Sometimes called the "Index"
  - Basically the list of files that are part of the next commit
  - 'git add <file>' adds a file to the staging area
  - 'git add .' or 'git add --all' adds everything
  - 'git rm --cached <file>' removes from the index
  - 'git status' shows status of staging area and working copy

2.7 Commit

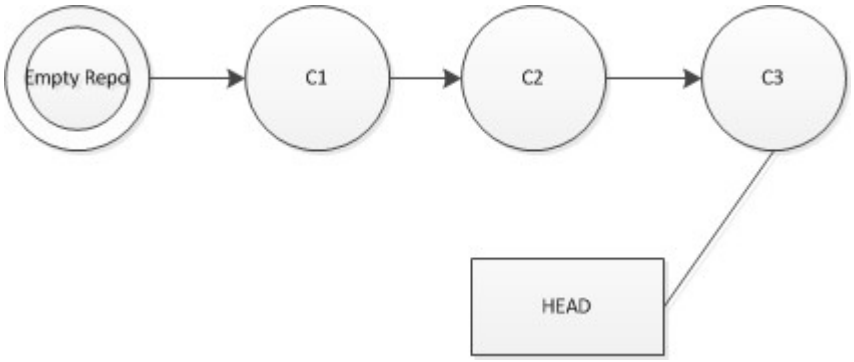
- A snapshot of the working area at a point in time
- Add files to the staging area, then commit --> Files go to repository
- 'git commit' sends files to the repository from the staging area
  - Requires a 'commit message' that is stored with the commit
    - Displays an editor to edit the message
      - 'git config core.editor <editor-exe>' configures which editor
      - Ships with 'vim'
    - 'Use git commit -m "message here"' to supply message on cmd line

2.8 Commit (continued)

- Each commit, when complete, is identified by an SHA-1 hash value
  - e.g. d11b35f57881f7665a16a3195eeaf722fd156e67
  - We can usually use a shortened version of the hash
- Each commit has a "parent" commit, so the history is viewed as a chain of commits.
  - Actually, some commits have two parents - a "merge" commit
- The commit represents a snapshot of the working copy
- We can return to any snapshot at any time
  - 'git checkout <commit-id>'
- The current parent commit is called the "HEAD".

2.9 How to Think About Commits

- The repository is a collection of snapshots, or "Commits"
- Each commit has a parent
- The current parent is the "HEAD"



2.10 Viewing History

- 'git log'
  - Show history
- 'git log -p'
  - Show history with patches

2.11 Configuring Git

- There are a few things git needs to know...
  - Developer's name and email
  - Preferred editor
  - PGP Signing key
    - What? - we'll get to that...
  - Default behaviors
    - e.g. what to do about end-of-line characters
  - Files of interest, files to ignore
  - Activity "hooks"
    - Code that we can execute as part of git's operations

2.12 Configuration Scope

- We can configure Git at a few different scopes
  - System Global - Settings for all users
    - 'git config --system <attr-name> <attr-value>'
  - Global - Settings for the current user (all repositories)
    - 'git config --global <attr-name> <attr-value>'
  - Local
    - 'git config <attr-name> <attr-value>
    - Per-repository

2.13 User Identification

- Think about this for a minute - in a distributed version control system, we have a little problem
  - We can't count on operating system ids or logins, because we're going to be moving commits from one repository to another
  - Repositories could be on different systems (remotes)
  - These systems may not be directly connected
  - Systems may not share an authentication store
- Git needs to record the user's identity information with each commit
- At the very least, you need to be rigorous about email address standards
  - If you have multiple email addresses, be very careful!
- You might need cryptographic verification of contributors' identity

2.14 User Identification (cont'd)

- To configure user id across all the user's repositories

```
git config --global user.name "Jane Doe"
git config --global user.email jane@doe.com
```

- To configure for a local repository only (execute in your working copy)

```
git config user.name "Jane Doe"
git config user.email jane@doe.com
```

2.15 GPG Signing

- An obvious problem with the user identification!
  - Anybody could do 'git config --global user.name billg@microsoft.com'
- Even if it were practical to have git look at user authentication, what about moving commits between different repositories?
  - The only information is what's in the repository.
  - System context can't move with the commit data.
- The solution is GPG signing of commits and tags

2.16 Gnu Privacy Guard

- GPG is Gnu Privacy Guard
- Open-source implementation of RFC4880, PGP (Pretty Good Privacy)
- It's a little out-of-scope for this document

2.17 GPG Basics

- Dual-Key Encryption
- Generate a key pair
- Publish your public key to one or more key servers
- Keys are identified by their "Key Fingerprint" or "Key ID"
  - Key ID is the last 8 digits of the Key Fingerprint
- There is no central authority, unlike X.509 certificates
- "Web of Trust"
  - People "sign" other people's keys, certifying that they know that person and that person owns that key

2.18 GPG and Git

- Git can calculate and record a digital signature for a commit or a tag
- Advantage - committer is positively identified
- Identification is recorded in the repository, can't be repudiated
- To use:
  - Setup GPG
  - Generate a key pair
  - 'git config --global user.signingkey <key-id>' or
  - 'git config user.signingkey' (per-repository)
  - On commit, 'git commit -S'
    - Note Capital-S!

2.19 .gitignore

- Quite often, there are files that we don't want to put in version control
- e.g.
  - Build artifacts
  - Binaries
  - Editor's temporary files
  - Generated source code
- '.gitignore' lets us exclude files from 'git add' etc
- Contains a list of patterns to ignore
- Version-controlled and distributed when we clone a repo
- For non-shared, edit "$GIT_DIR/info/exclude"
  - $GIT_DIR in a working copy is ".git"
  - In a bare repository is just the repository folder

2.20 Other Useful Configurations

- 'man git-config' - tells you the options
- core.editor - Preferred text editor
- commit.template - points to a file for commit messages

2.21 Summary

- Git is a powerful version control system
- Basic concepts
  - Commit records a snapshot of everything that's staged
  - Entire commit history is stored in a repository
  - Working copy is a selected snapshot, expanded out into the file system

Chapter 3 - Branching, Merging and Remotes

Objectives

In this chapter, we will discuss:

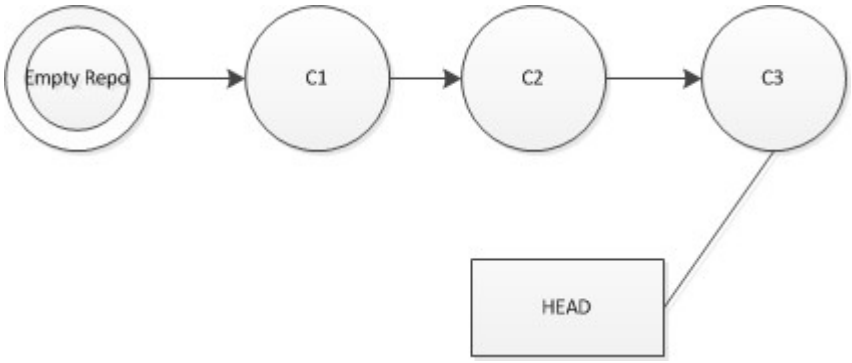
- Branching
- Merging
- Dealing with Remote Repositories

3.1 Branching

- A repository usually corresponds to a project or a development product
- Quite often, there are multiple versions of a product that are "current" at once
  - e.g. v1.0 is in support, 2.0 in development
- Also, there might be multiple development streams going
  - e.g. experimental features that might end up being abandoned
- Traditionally, branches have been difficult to maintain
  - Not so in git!

3.2 Branches in Git

- Recall that the Git repository stores a series of snapshots

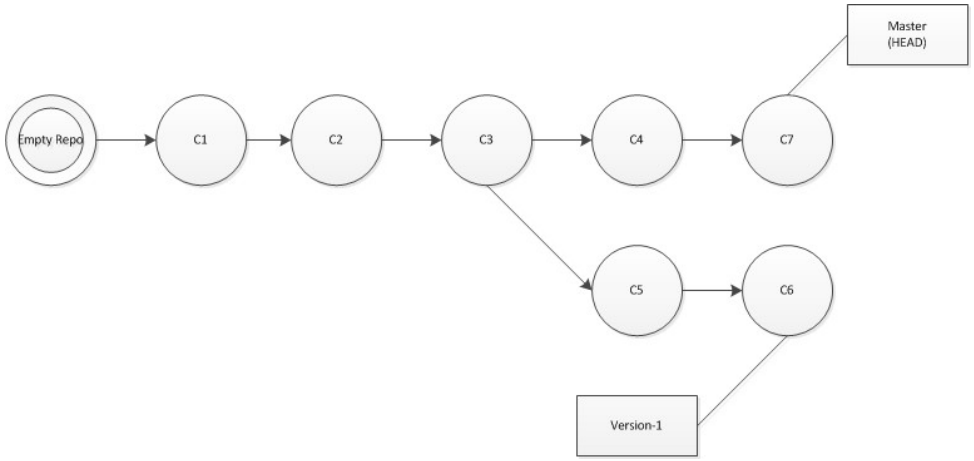


- HEAD is an alias for the "current parent" commit
  - in other words, the commit that will be recorded as the parent of the next commit
  - Usually the last commit

3.3 Branches in Git (cont'd)

- We can actually have more than one "HEAD"
  - I.e. branches
- A "Branch" is just a named alias for another "HEAD"
- So really, HEAD is an alias for the current branch
- Other branches point to other commits
- When you create a repo, git creates a branch called 'master'

3.4 Branches in Git (cont'd)



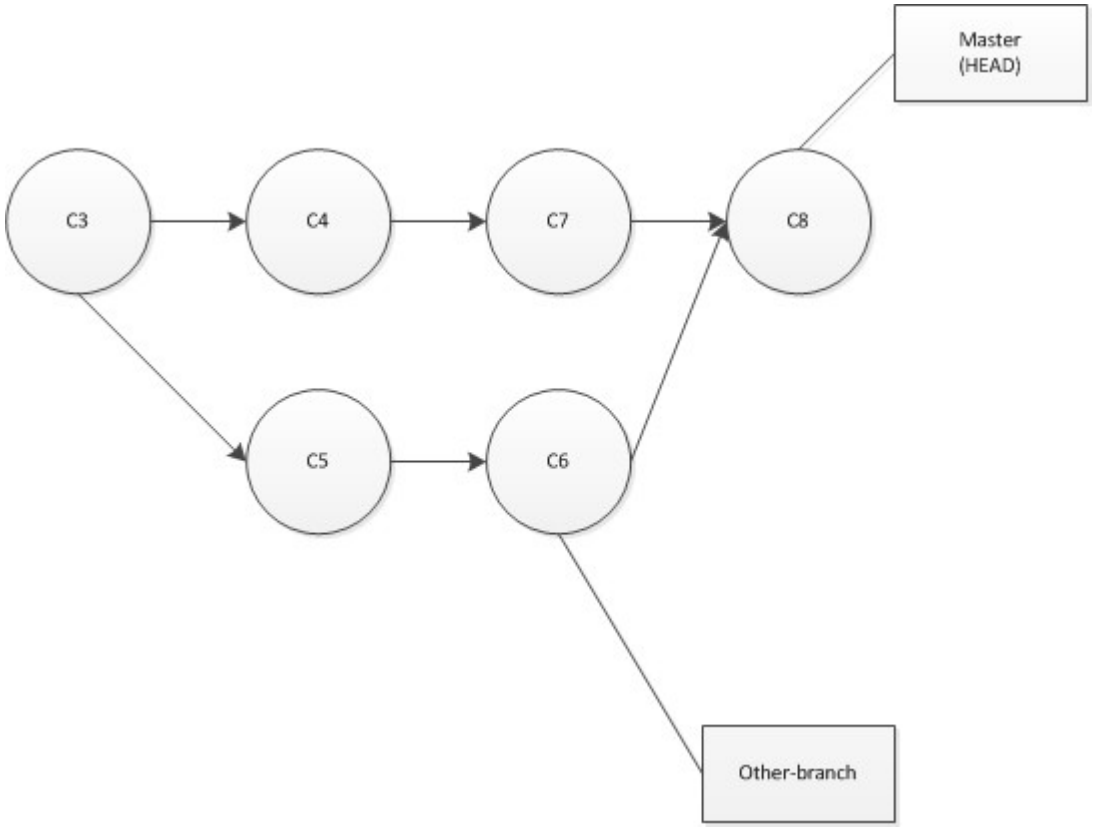
3.5 Branches in Git (cont'd)

- Create a branch:
  - 'git branch <new-branch-name>'
- Switch working copy to a branch
  - 'git checkout <branch-name>'
- Do both
  - 'git checkout -b <branch-name>'

3.6 Merge

- Branches represent different paths of development
  - e.g. V1.x, V2.x, etc
- So, there are changes that happen on each path
- Sometimes, we want to copy changes onto another path
  - e.g. a bug fix in V1.x path, copied onto v2.x
- "Merging" copies all the changes on one branch to another branch
  - doesn't actually end the branch

3.7 Merge (cont'd)



3.8 Merge (cont'd)

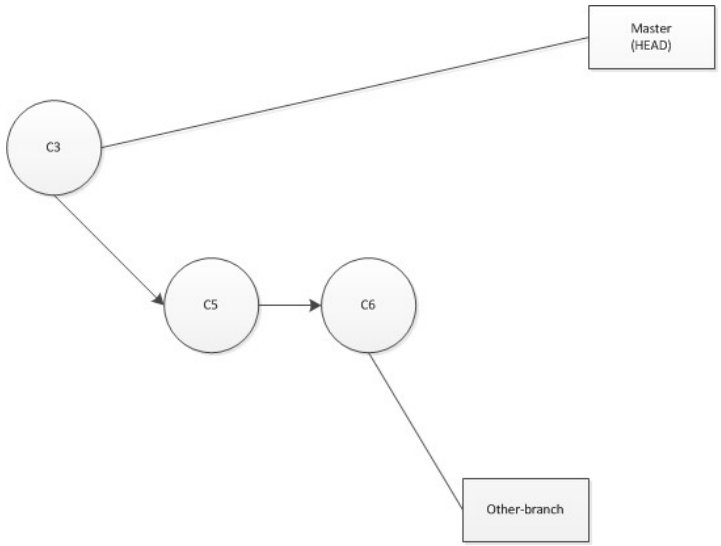
- What's involved in merging?
  - Added files
  - Deleted files
  - Updated files
- Possible conflicts
  - File added on both paths
  - File deleted on one path, but updated on the other
  - File updated on both paths

3.9 Merge (cont'd)

- Checkout your target branch
  - 'git checkout master'
- Merge from the desired branch
  - 'git merge bug-fix'
- Conflicts need to be resolved
- git uses an external tool for this
  - to run 'git mergetool'
- For text files, the tool can often figure things out
- When it can't, it asks the user to resolve the conflicts
  - 'git add <file>' to confirm that you're done.
  - git commit' to finish off the merge

3.10 Fast Forward Merge

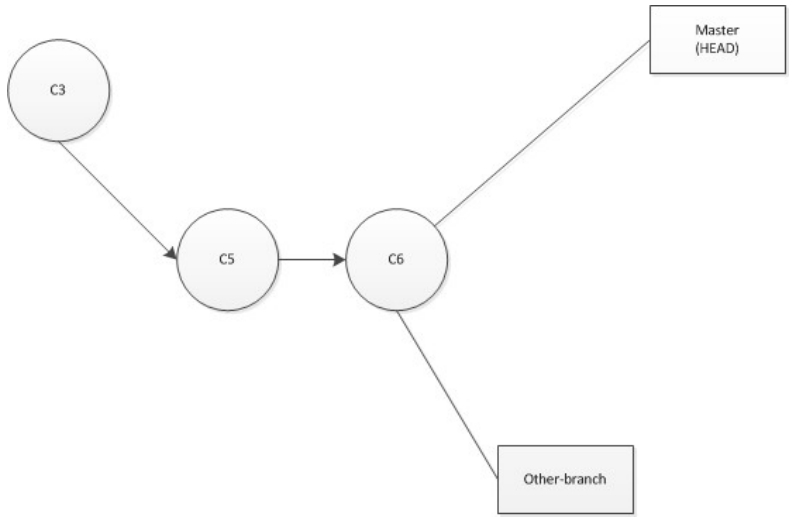
- When the “branch to merge” is a direct descendant of the current HEAD



- Git will simply advance the HEAD

3.11 Fast Forward Merge

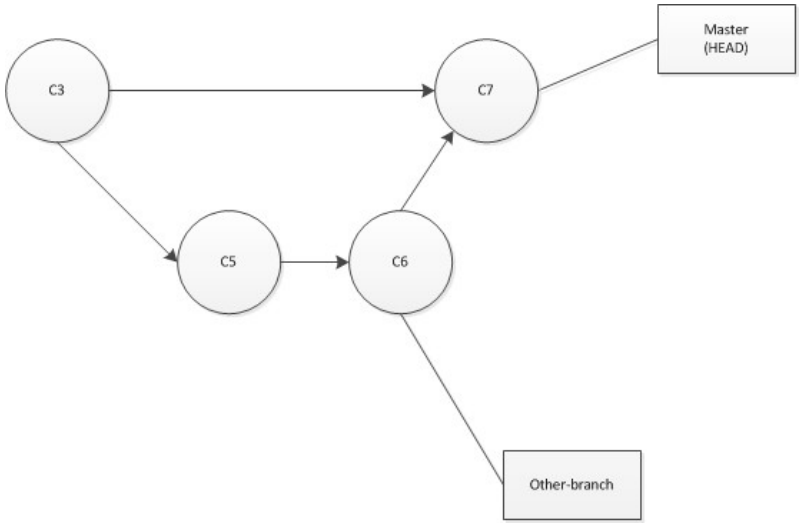
- This is a “Fast Forward” merge



- There's no commit message for a fast-forward merge
  - i.e. no indication that a merge actually happened

3.12 --no-ff

- To make sure that there **is** a commit message, specify '--no-ff' when you issue the merge command



3.13 More Than One Repository

- Git allows for "remote" repositories
- "Remote" could actually be on the same machine, or really remote
- 'git clone <repo-url>' to create a new local repository that has all the information from an original repository
- Remote repositories are referenced by a name
  - 'origin' is setup automatically by 'git clone'
- "Remote branches" are branches in a remote repository
  - 'origin/master' refers to the 'master' branch in the 'origin' repo

3.14 Working with Remotes

- 'git remote add <remote-name> <remote-url>'
  - adds a new remote repository
- 'git remote remove <remote-name>'
  - removes a remote repository
- git remote set-url <remote-name> <url>

3.15 Fetch and Pull

- 'git fetch <remote-name>' gets everything from the remote repository that you don't already have
  - Recall that commits are identified by a hash code, so there's no overlap
    - and actually, everything in git is stored by hash code
- You can then merge a remote branch onto your current branch
- Very common case is where you essentially want to work on a remote branch
  - e.g I have a local branch called 'master' and I'd like to keep it updated with a remote branch like 'origin/master'
  - 'git fetch origin' followed by 'git merge origin/master'
  - So common, this is called a 'tracking branch'
  - 'git pull origin' is a shortcut

3.16 Push

- 'git push <remote-name> <branch>' sends our current branch to the remote server branch
- Pushes the current branch to the named branch on the named remote
  - Think of it like a merge to the remote branch.
    - Hence, subject to conflict resolution

3.17 Pull Requests

- A pull request is simply a request that we send to another developer to "pull" from a branch on our public repository
  - Conceptually, could be a phone call or an email
- Central repository managers often have a built-in capability for pull requests
- Git also has a command to generate a pull request that can be sent over email.
  - git request-pull <starting commit> <url> [<ending commit>]

3.18 Tagging a Commit

- A branch is a pointer to the last commit on that branch
  - This will be the parent of the next commit
- The branch gets “moved forward” every time we do a commit
- A commit is a snapshot of the repository at a particular instant
- Sometimes, we'd like to flag and preserve a particular commit/snapshot as “special”
  - e.g. for a release version
- For this, git offers 'tags'
- There are two kinds of tags in git, 'lightweight' and 'annotated'

3.19 Lightweight Tags

- Just like a branch, except..
  - It doesn't get moved forward on commits
  - It's just a pointer to a particular commit
  - No additional information
- Creating a lightweight tag:

```
git tag v1.0
```

- The tag points to the head of the current branch

3.20 Annotated Tags

- Has additional information stored with it
  - Identity of the tagging user
  - Date
  - Checksum
  - A tagging message
  - Can be signed and verified with GPG
- Creating an Annotated Tag:

```
git tag -a v1.1
```

- Git will open an editor for you to enter a tagging message
  - You can supply the message with '-m <message>'

3.21 Sharing Tags

- Tags aren't included by default when you push to a different repo
  - That's because we're normally pushing a branch
- To push a tag,

```
git push origin v1.0
```

- To push all your tags,

```
git push origin --tags
```

3.22 Checking Out a Tag

- A tag is essentially short-form for a commit id
- So...you can check out a tag, but you can't really do anything with it
  - You end up in “detached head” state
  - You would lose any commits you made, because they aren't referenced by any branch
- Create a branch starting from the tagged commit

```
git checkout -b v1-branch v1.0
```

  - Creates a new branch called 'v1-branch' that starts from tag 'v1.0'

3.23 Summary

- Branches are not overly special - just a moving pointer to a commit
- Current branch is called "HEAD"
- Remotes contain other versions and data that we can pull from or push to
- Tags let us mark a commit for posterity

Chapter 4 - Git Work Flows

Objectives

In this chapter, we will discuss:

- Centralized Repository Work Flow
- Integration Manager Work Flow
- Localized Work Flows

4.1 Work Flows

- Usually, we have more than one developer
  - Developer has a local repository
- We can have more than one repository
- Repositories can have different purposes
  - git really doesn't care what you use a repository for
- How to manage collaboration, publishing, release, maintenance, etc?
  - There are many possibilities, or work flows

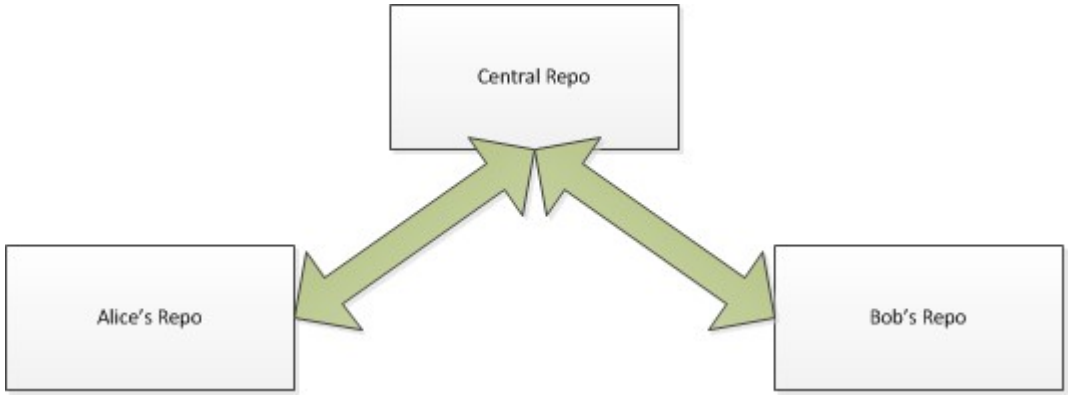
4.2 Local Work Flow

- Traditionally, branching and merging has been hard
- Developers usually worked on a "development" branch
  - common variation - "develop on trunk"
- With git (and other dvcs) branching is much "cheaper"
- Now, it's common to do our work on a branch, then merge back to the mainline when a chunk of work is "done"
- Sometimes known as "feature branches"
- Especially useful combined with remote tracking branches

4.3 Feature Branches

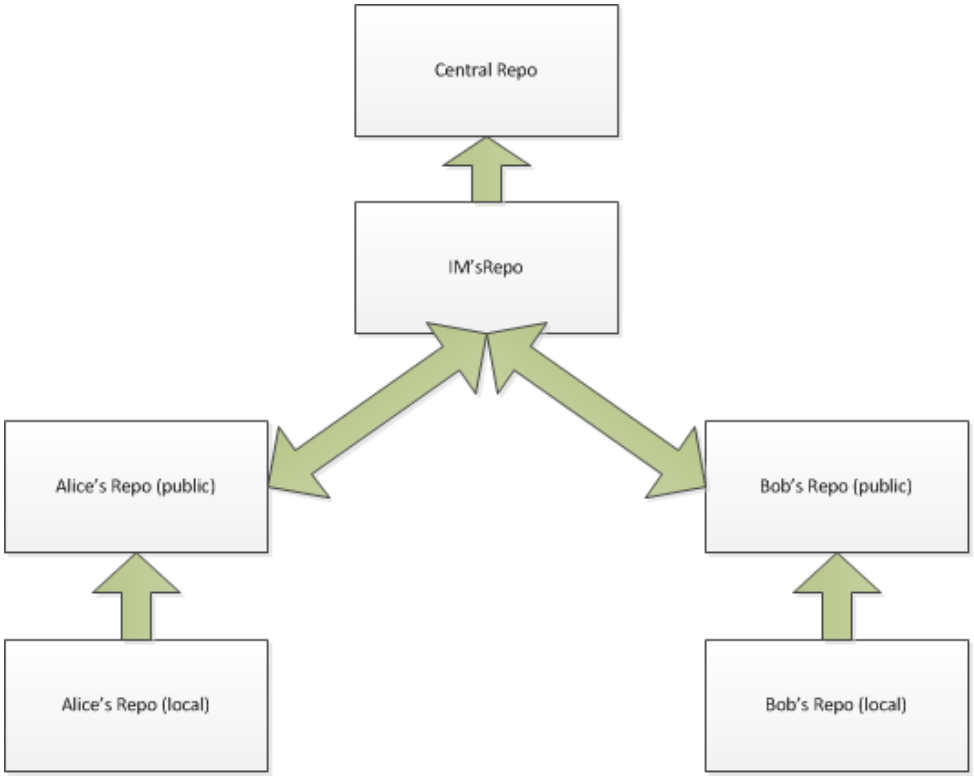
- Develop locally on a feature branch
  - 'git checkout -b new-feature'
  - add/commit...
- Update local master branch
  - 'git checkout master'
  - 'git pull origin'
- Merge
  - 'git merge new-feature'
- Then push to somewhere - subject to overall workflow

4.4 Centralized Workflow



- Use a centralized repository just like you currently do with a non-distributed VCS
- Individual developers are responsible to merge to the remote VCS' master (or other) branch
- Individual developers will see the latest work by other developers, and need to deal with it.

4.5 Integration Manager Work Flow



4.6 Integration Manager Work Flow (cont'd)

- Developers work in their local repo
- Developers publish to a repo that the Integration Manager can see
- Developers tell IM to pull revisions
- IM Pulls from Developer's repos, integrates
- Developers don't have to work together
- IM makes all the integration decisions

4.7 Other Work Flows Are Possible

- Dictator/Lieutenants
- Deployment Stream
- GitFlow
- etc.

4.8 Summary

- Given combinations of branches and multiple repositories, many different work flows are possible
- You need to consider and document the workflow that you'll use

Chapter 5 - Introduction to GitFlow

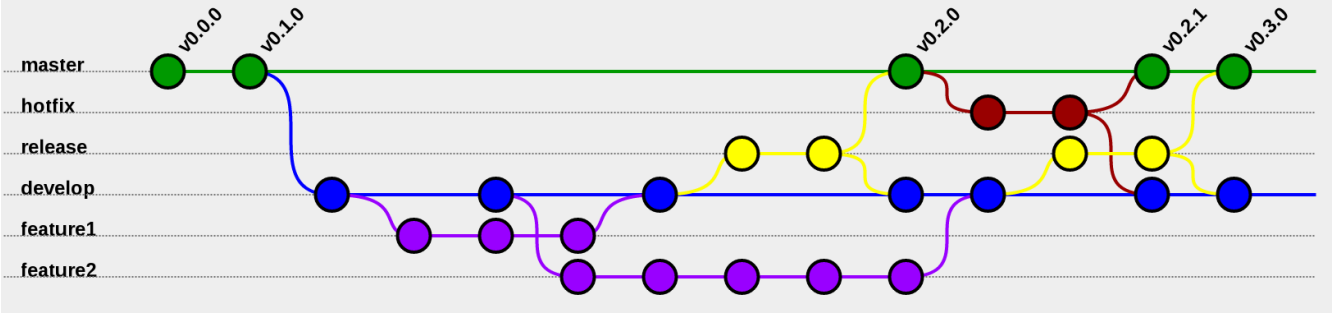
Objectives

Key objectives of this chapter

- Understanding GitFlow
- Understanding Features
- Understanding Releases
- Understanding Hotfixes

5.1 What is GitFlow

- GitFlow is a branching model for Git.



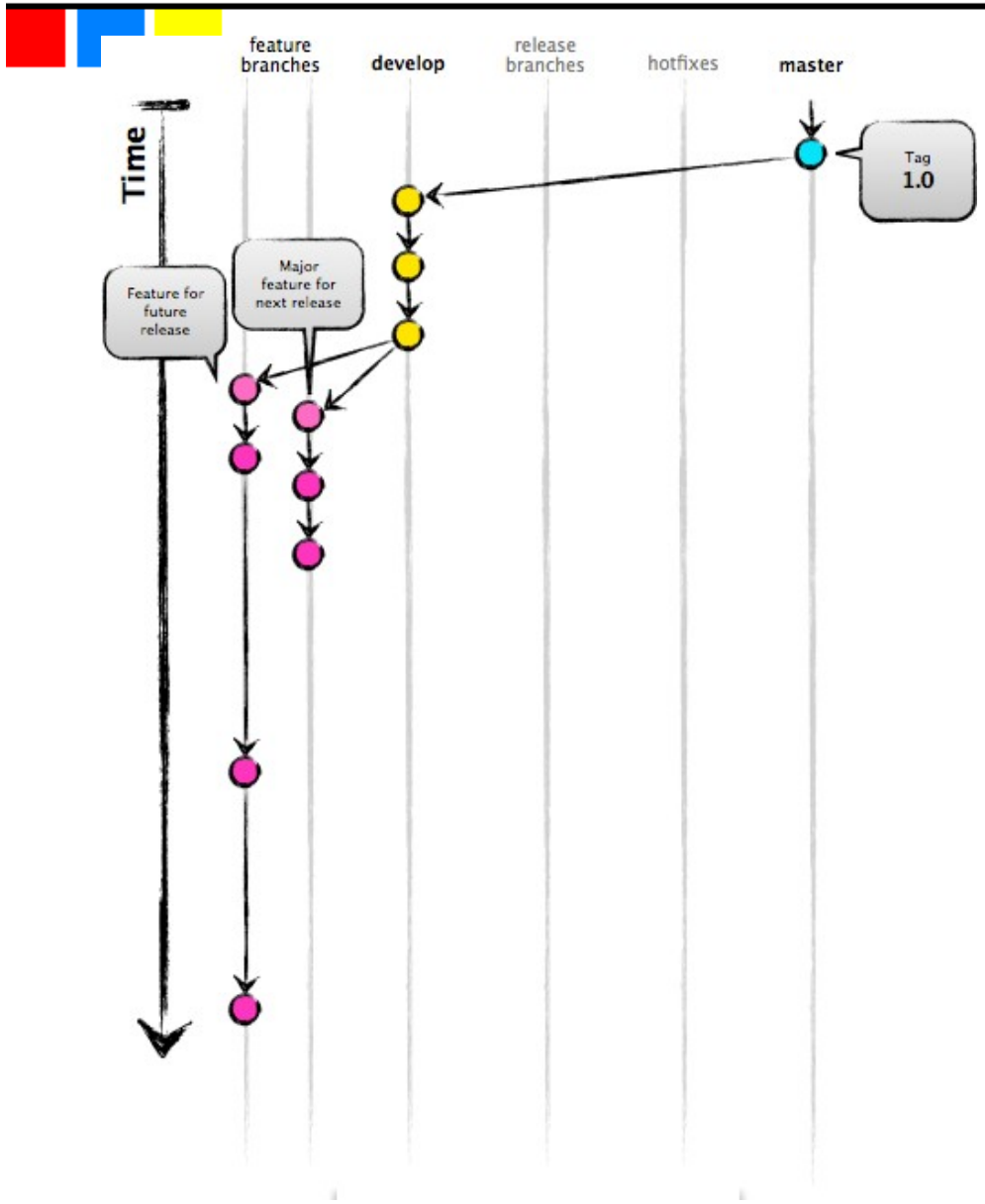
- Created by Vincent Driessen and widely adopted by many organizations
- A set of git extensions to provide high-level repository operations.
- The model is scalable.
- Well suited to collaboration due to the isolation of code across branches
- Maps to the Continuous Integration (CI) and Continuous Delivery (CD) models of code being consistently buildable and deployable in the release and master branches

5.2 Benefits

- Parallel development
  - Isolates new development work from finished work
  - Code is merged back into main body of code when developers are happy that code is ready for release.
- Collaboration
- Release Staging Area
  - New development work is merged back into the develop branch
  - 'Develop' branch is a staging area for all completed features that haven't yet been released.
- Support for hotfixes
  - Hotfix branches – branches made from a tagged release which can be used to make an emergency change.

5.3 How GitFlow works?

- New development are built in **feature** branches.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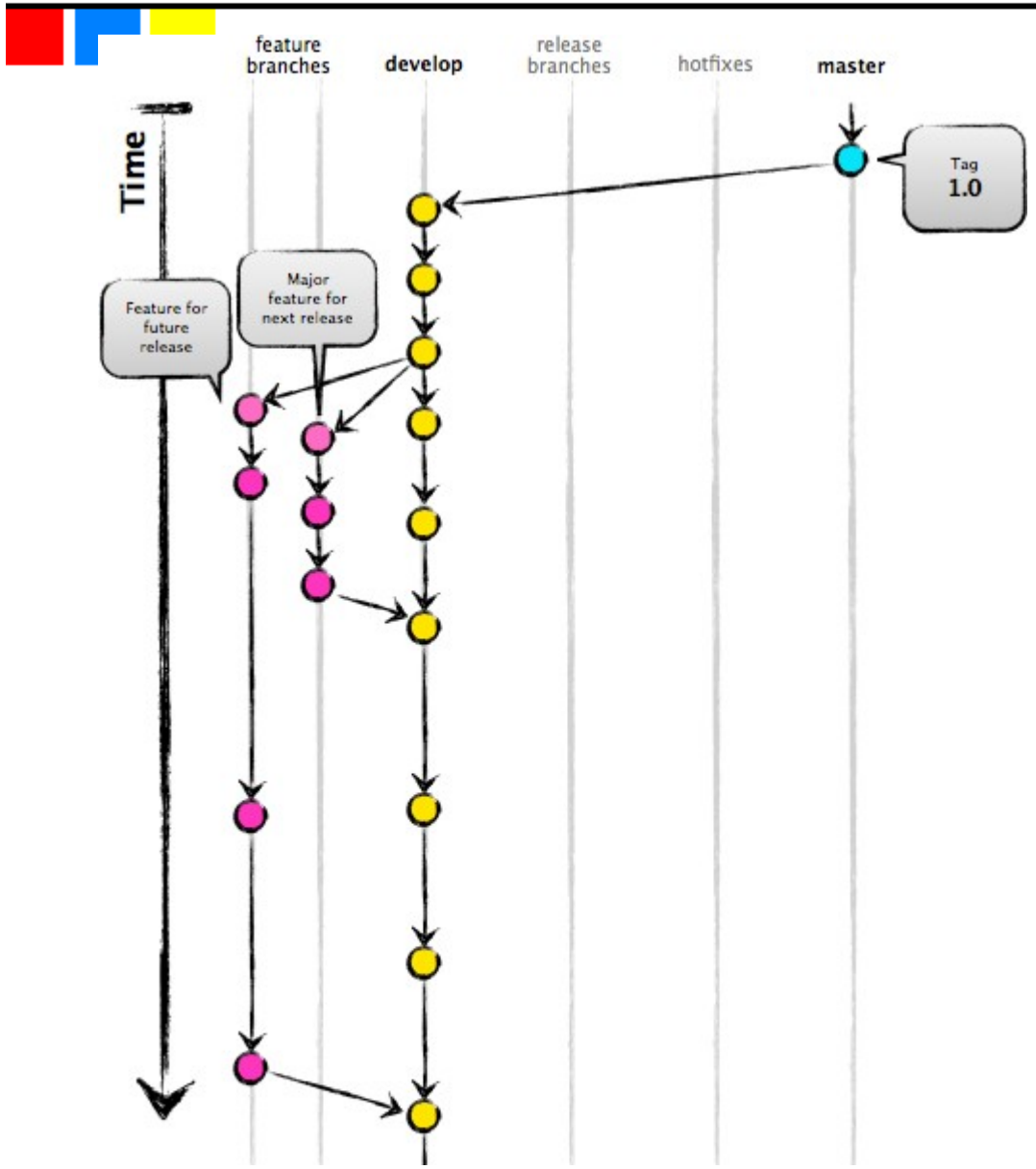
5.4 How GitFlow works? (Contd.)

- Feature branches are branched off of the **develop** branch.
- Finished features are merged back into the **develop** branch.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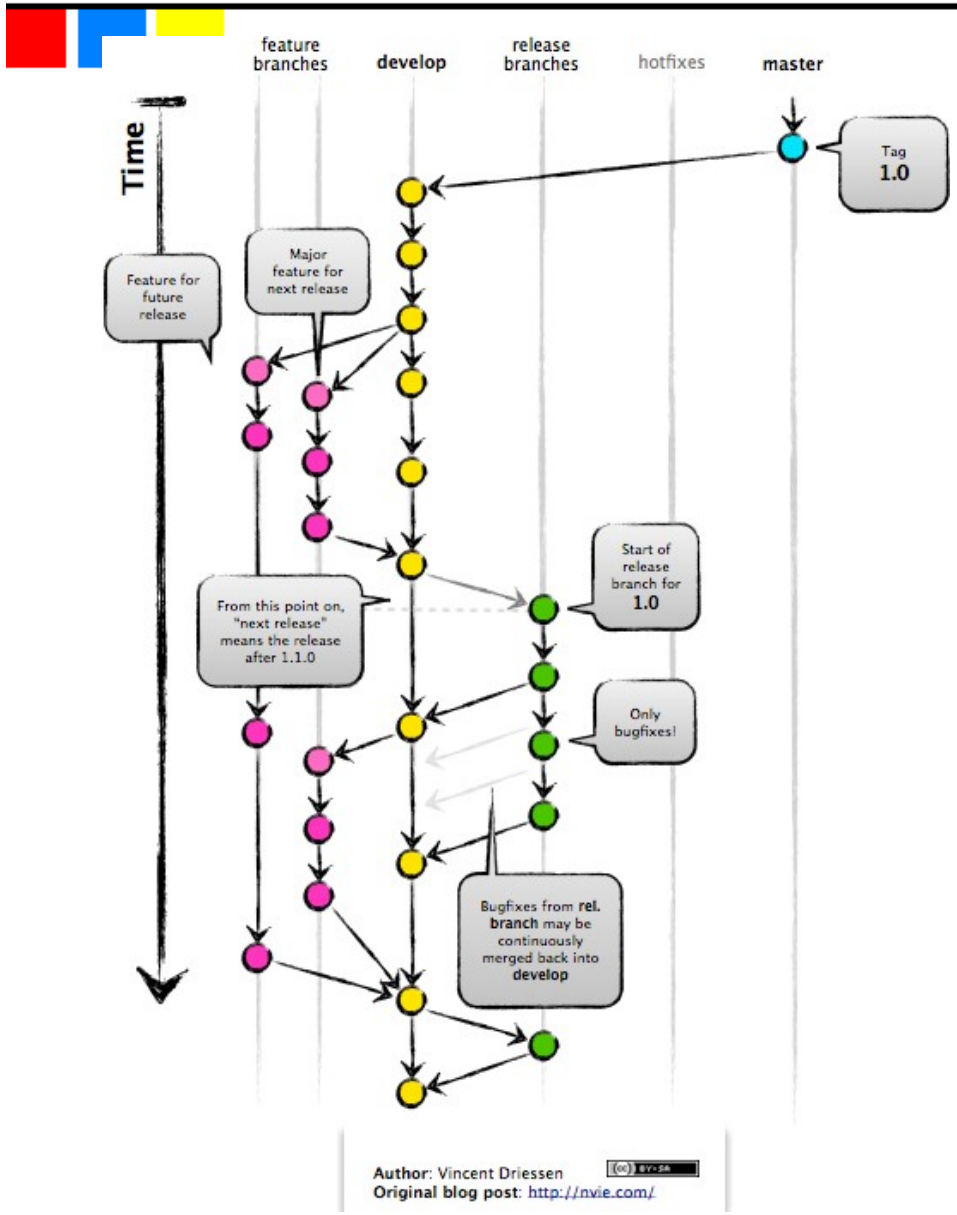
5.5 What is GitFlow? (Contd.)

- When features are completed, a **release** branch is created off of **develop** branch.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Only bugfixes!
Bugfixes from rel. branch may be continuously merged back into develop
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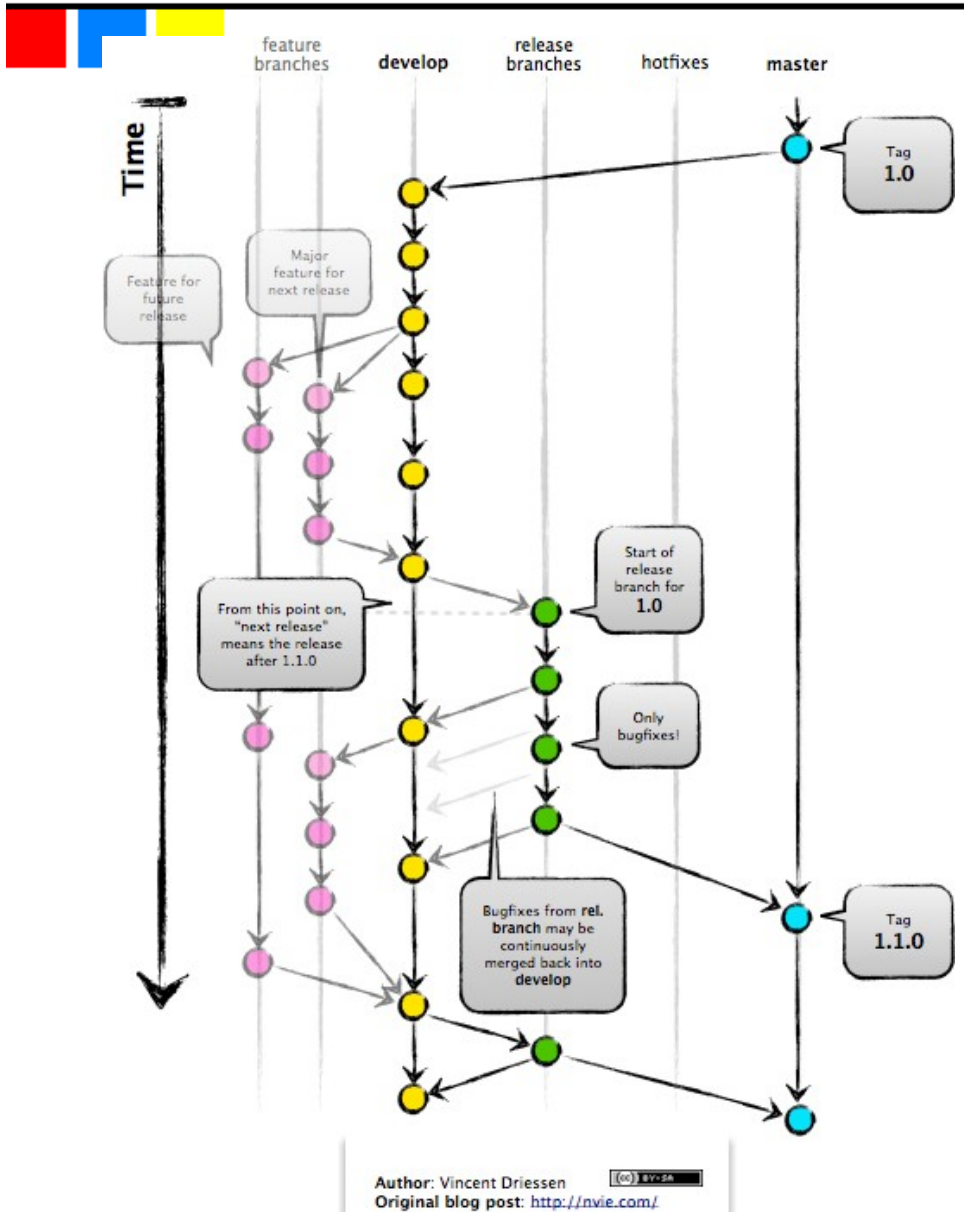
5.6 How GitFlow works? (Contd.)

- The code in the release branch is deployed, tested, fixed, redeployed, and retested.
- Release branch is merged into master and into develop branch.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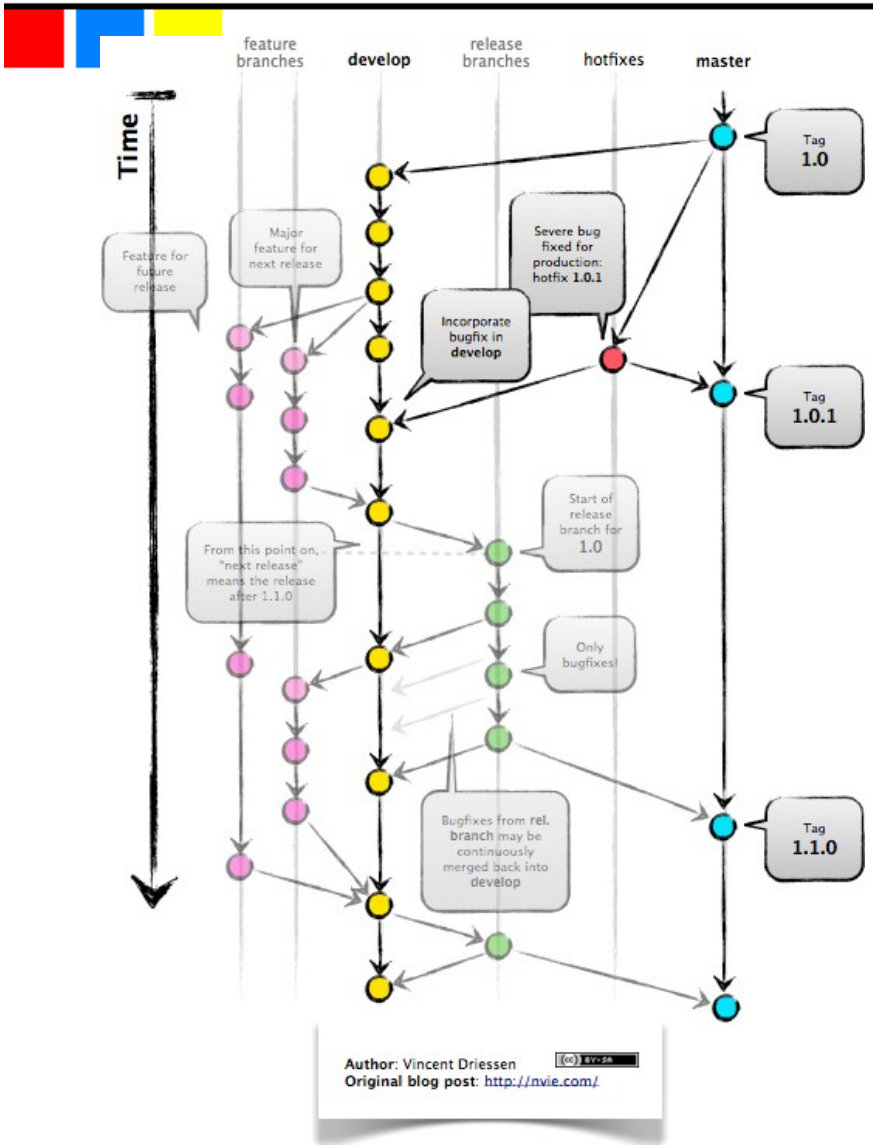
5.7 How GitFlow works? (Contd.)

- The master branch contains released code only.
- The only commits to master are merges from **release** branches and **hotfix** branches.
- Hotfix branches are branched directly from a tagged release in the master branch.
- Hotfixes, when finished, are merged back into both master and develop to ensure the hotfixes aren't accidentally lost when next release occurs.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Incorporate bugfix in develop
Tag 1.0.1
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5.8 GitFlow Extension

- All the above can be implemented using Git's inbuilt branching and merging
- To simplify a little, there's an “extension” to Git called “GitFlow”
- The extension is shipped by default with “Git for Windows”
- Available through package managers
  - e.g. 'sudo apt-get install git-flow'

5.9 Initializing GitFlow

- Initialized inside an existing git repository

```
git flow init
```

- Recommended to use the default values for branches

5.10 Features

- New development is organized in the form features
- Typically exist in developers repository only
- Start a new feature

```
git flow feature start FEATURE_NAME
```

- Finish up a feature
  - Merges feature into develop branch
  - Removes the **feature** branch (unless you use -k switch to keep it)
  - Switches back to **develop** branch

```
git flow feature finish FEATURE_NAME
```

- Published feature
  - Useful for pushing a feature to the remote repository so it can be used by other users

```
git flow feature publish FEATURE_NAME
git flow feature pull origin FEATURE_NAME
```

5.11 Release

- Finalized features are merged into a release branch
- Allow for minor bug fixes
- Start a release
  - **Release** branch is created from the **develop** branch

```
git flow release start RELEASE [BASE]
e.g.
git flow release start REL_1.0 develop
```

- Finish up a release
  - Merges the release branch back into 'master'
  - Tags the release with its name
  - Back-merges the release into 'develop' branched
  - Removes the release branch unless you use -k switch to keep it

```
git flow release finish RELEASE -m "tag"
```

- Publish a release
  - For collaboration, a release can be published to a remote repository

```
git flow release publish RELEASE
```

5.12 Hotfixes

- Changes required to fix an undesired state of a live production version
- Hotfixes can be branched off from the corresponding tag on the master branch that marks the production version
- Create a hotfix branch

```
git flow hotfix start VERSION [BASENAME]
```

- e.g.

```
git flow hotfix start 'REL_1.0.1' develop
```

- Finish a hotfix
- Finishing a hotfix gets merged back into **develop** and **master** branches.
- Master merge is tagged with the hotfix version

```
git flow hotfix finish VERSION
```

- e.g.

```
git flow hotfix finish REL_1.0.1
```

5.13 Summary

- GitFlow is a branching model for git
- It is a set of extensions for git.
- The branching model supports features, releases, and hotfixes.

Chapter 6 - Introduction to Gradle

Objectives

In this module we will discuss

- What is Gradle
- Build Scripts and Tasks
- Multi-project Build
- Testing
- Integrating with Eclipse

6.1 What is Gradle

- Gradle is a flexible general purpose build tool like ANT.
- Powerful dependency management
- Full support for your existing Maven or Ivy repository infrastructure
- Ant tasks are also supported
- Groovy language is supported for writing scripts
- It is free and an open source project, and licensed under the Apache Software License (ASL)
- Gradle can increase productivity, from single project builds to huge enterprise multi-project builds.

6.2 Why Groovy

- ANT uses declarative XML based style
- Uses DSL based on Groovy which makes it more powerful.
- Gradle's main focus is on Java projects, but it's still a general purpose build tool
- Groovy offers transparency for Java people.
- Groovy's base syntax is the same as Java's

6.3 Tasks

- Tasks are units of work in Gradle
  - Similar to functions
- Each Task is a sequence of Actions
- Actions in a Task are executed sequentially
- Tasks are *normally* executed sequentially

6.4 Task Dependency

- A task can depend on one or more tasks
- If a dependent task already exists then following syntax can be used

```
task <task_name>(dependsOn: dependentTask)
```

- Tasks with dependencies cannot run until after their dependencies have completed

6.5 Build Script

- build.gradle file
- Written in Groovy (or Kotlin)
- Composed of tasks.
  - Similar to ANT target.

6.6 Sample Build Script

```
task hello1 << {
   println 'Hello World!'
}

task hello2 {
   doFirst {
      print 'This is '
   }
   doLast {
      println 'a test!'
   }
}
```

6.7 Multi-Project Build

- Allows projects to share common configuration
  - Prevents duplication and maintains consistency across projects
  - Common features in root project *settings.gradle*
- Projects are arranged hierarchically
- Example: Parent project that contains multiple web applications

6.8 Plugins

- A plugin is a collection of tasks
  - Reusable
- Two types of plugins:
  - Script – build scripts
  - Binary – classes that implement the plugin interface
- Plugins can be defined in build script to make more tasks available to Gradle
- e.g. apply plugin: 'java'

6.9 Dependency Management

- A project can make use of additional libraries that are not already part of current project.
- Java projects can connect to various repositories, such as Maven Central and JCenter.
- Repositories can be defined like this:

```
repositories {
    mavenCentral()
}
```

- Dependencies can be defined like this:

```
dependencies {
    testCompile "junit:junit:4.12"
}
```

6.10 Gradle Command-Line Arguments

- gradle tasks : displays tasks defined in build script, including plugin provided tasks
- gradle -q : suppresses log messages and runs default tasks
- gradle build: compiles code, generates jar file, and runs unit tests.
- gradle clean: cleans the build directory
- gradle test: runs unit tests

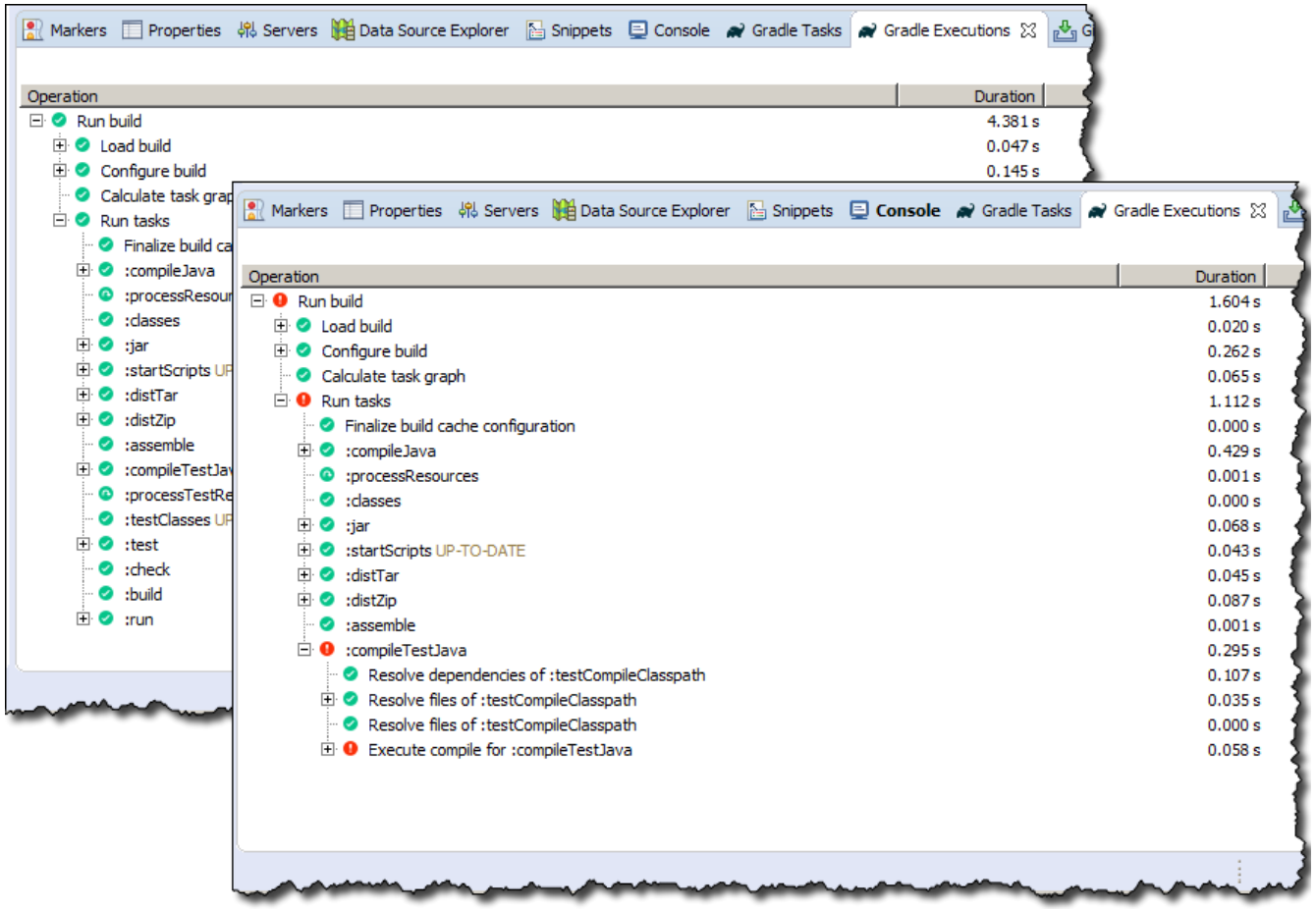
6.11 Testing

- Gradle natively supports JUnit
- Test task executes JUnit test suites
- Test locations
  - Code **src/test/java**
  - Resource **src/test/resources**
- Gradle produces and XML report of text runs

6.12 Eclipse Integration

- Provided through the Eclipse Buildship plugin
  - Now included in base Eclipse distribution
- Create different build configurations to run different tasks
- Run Gradle tests
- Tools to quickly examine the progress of build process

6.13 Successful and Unsuccessful Builds



6.14 Summary

- In this module we discussed
  - What is Gradle
  - Build Scripts and Tasks
  - Multi-project Build
  - Testing
  - Integrating with Eclipse

Chapter 7 - Rewriting History

Objectives

In this chapter, we will discuss:

- Altering the Commit History
- Squashing Commits
- Rebasing
- The Reset Command

7.1 Rewriting History

- Rewriting history sounds like it's a bad thing
- Think of it more like editing
  - You wouldn't publish the first draft of your novel, would you?
- It's common to change or alter your commit history before publishing to a remote repository
- In particular, squash commits so you have one set of changes

7.2 Squashing Commits

- DVCS encourages us to "commit early and often"
- Developers will often have a multitude of branches and commits
  - Feature branches
  - Experimental branches
  - Things that didn't work out
  - Tests, regressions, etc
- We tend to commit work-in-progress, not just finished product
  - This doesn't fit with commandments like "Never break the build"

7.3 Squashing Commits (cont'd)

- When sending work for integration, the integration manager doesn't want to see every step
  - she just wants to evaluate the accumulated work
  - Much like in the old days we'd look at a patch
- So, we'd like to be able to take a series of commits and rewrite them into a single commit
  - I.e. "Squash" them
- Then we can push that single commit to a repository for the IM to pull from.

7.4 Squashing Commits (cont'd)

- Figure out what commit we want to start from
  - 'git log'
- Then we use the 'rebase' command
- 'git rebase -i <commit-id>'
  - generates a script file and opens an editor to edit that file
    - Each commit is listed
    - You edit the script to either leave the commit as-is, or squash (add to previous commit)
  - Executes when we exit the editor

7.5 Squashing Commits (cont'd)

```
pick bf359f6 Added stuff
pick 799d84d Added stuff
pick fd3a60a Changed stuff

# Rebase d11b35f..fd3a60a onto d11b35f (       3 TODO item(s))
#
# Commands:
# p, pick = use commit
# r, reword = use commit, but edit the commit message
# e, edit = use commit, but stop for amending
# s, squash = use commit, but meld into previous commit
# f, fixup = like "squash", but discard this commit's log message
# x, exec = run command (the rest of the line) using shell
#
```

7.6 Rebase vs Merge

- Merge does a three-way merge (two-in, one-out)
- Rebase calculates patch files, then applies successive patches
  - Sometimes a cleaner history
  - Also lets us replay a set of changes onto a branch
  - 'git rebase <other-branch>
    - replays every change from the point the branches diverged
- Many, many possibilities

7.7 Amending Commits

- Extremely common to say "Oops!" after a commit
- e.g. "missed a file", or "should have a better commit message"
- 'git commit --amend' causes whatever was going to be in this commit to be added to the last commit.

7.8 Reset

- Current location of the HEAD can be changed
- 'git reset <commit-id>'
  - '--soft' just changes HEAD
  - '--mixed' updates the index, but not the working copy
  - '--hard' updates the working copy

7.9 Summary

- Although it sounds bad, rewriting history is very common
- Squashing commit is a regular occurrence.