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Git Version Control Strategy

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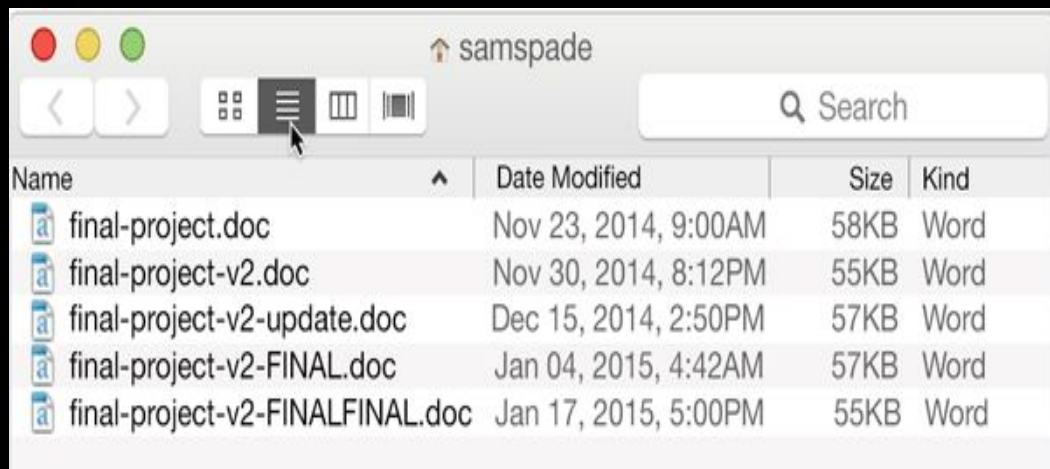
Use Case

Design a version control strategy using Git? Describe your approach for branching, merging, and handling different releases.

Version Control Strategy

- A systematic approach to managing code changes.
- Helps teams collaborate efficiently.
- Maintains project stability and history.

How Project are managed before version control

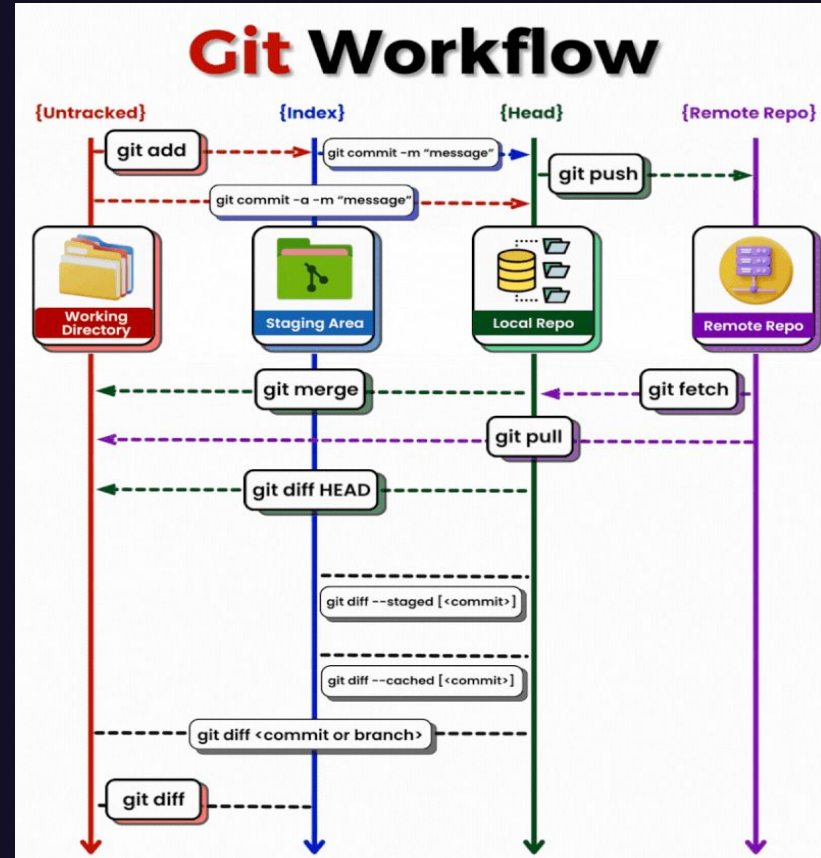


Why It is Important

- No Code Tracking
- No History
- Merge Conflicts
- No Accountability
- Collaboration Issues

Git Workflow

- Modify files in your working directory.
- Stage files, adding snapshots of them to your staging area.
- Commit changes to the Local Repository with git commit.
- Sync changes with the Remote Repository using git push.

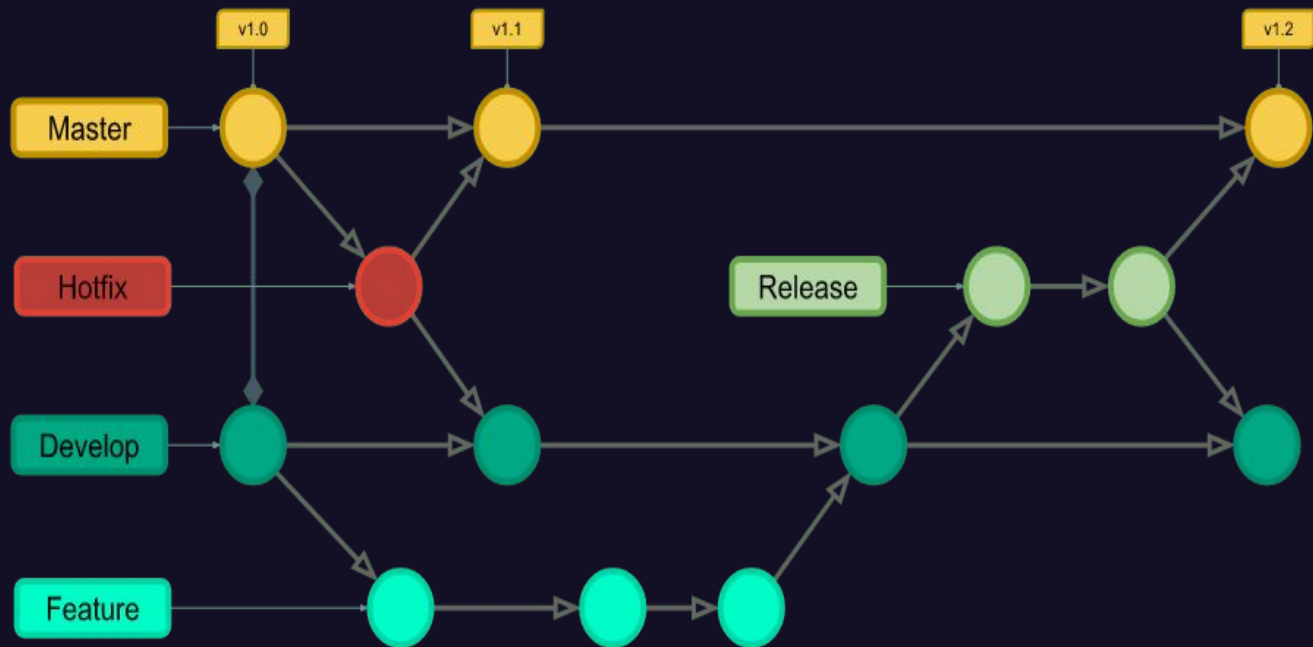


Branching Strategy

A branching strategy defines how branches are used to manage code development and collaboration in a Git repository.

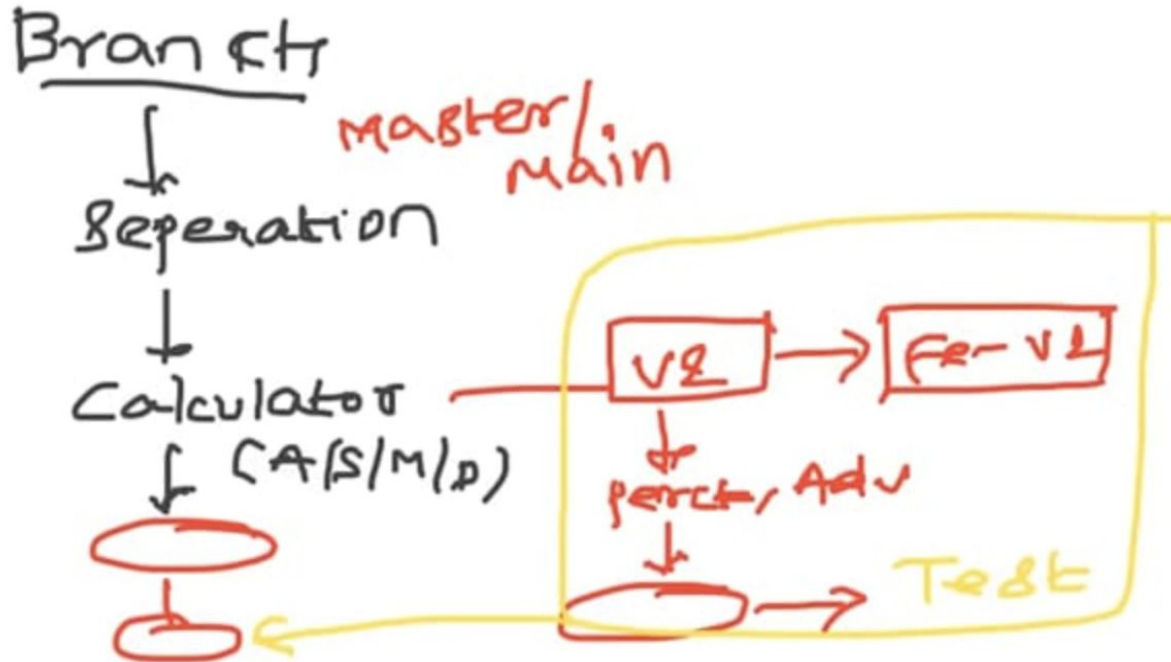
Common Git Branches:

- Main/Master
- Develop
- Feature Branch
- Release Branch
- Hotfix Branch



Example

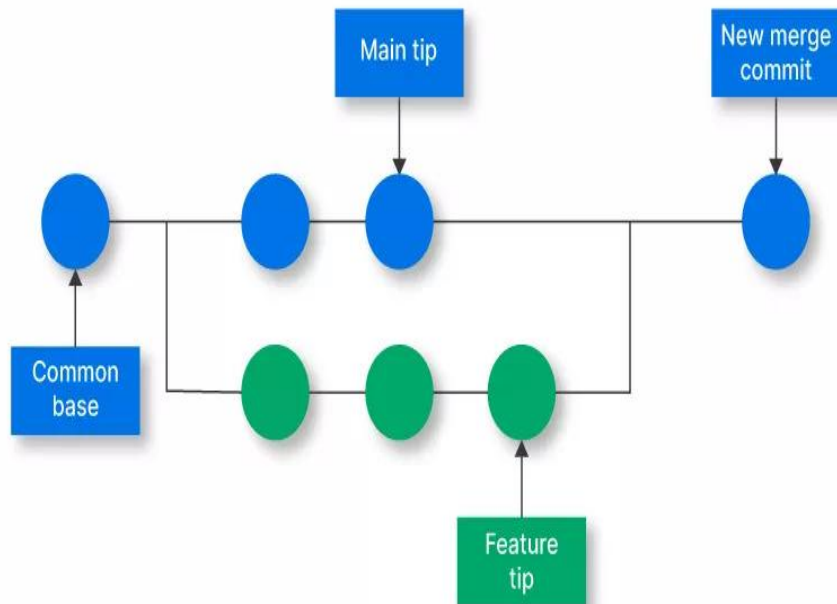
Branches - Master, Develop, Feature, Release, Hotfix



Merging Strategies

Various ways of merging in Git

- Fast Forward
- Squash
- Rebase and merge
- Three way merge



Fast Forward Merge

What is a fast-forward merge?

It will just shift the
master HEAD



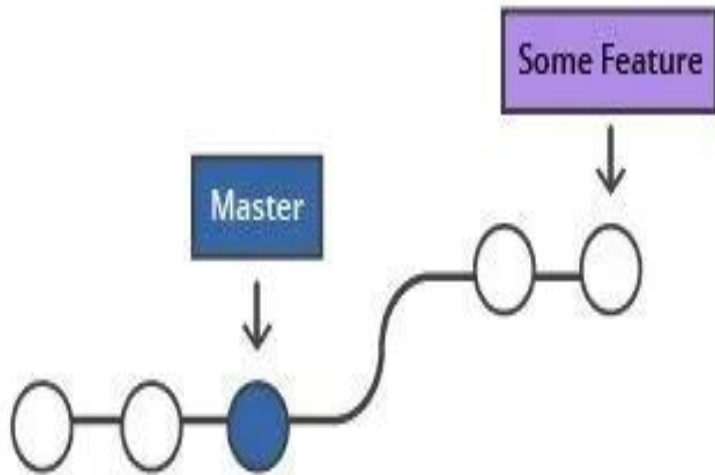
Happens when there are no commits on the base branch since the feature branch was created

Simply moves the pointer forward without creating a new commit.

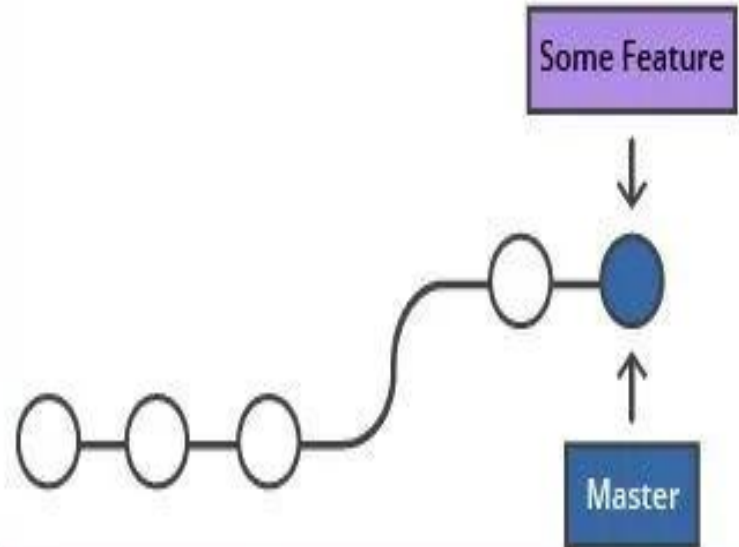
Advantage : It keeps the history clean and linear.

Example Scenario

Before Merging



After a Fast-Forward Merge



Squash Merge

- Combines all changes from a branch into a single commit before merging.
- Useful for keeping commit history clean.

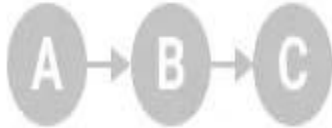
What is squash on merge?

It will compact feature commits into one before merging

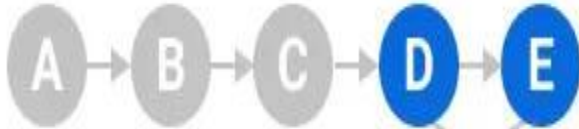


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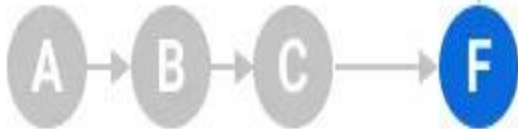
Main



Feature

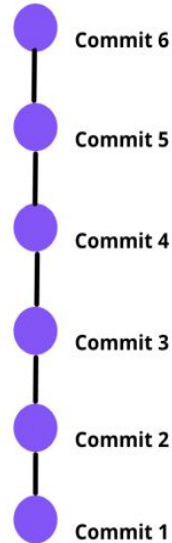


Main



Squash and merge: D + E into F in Main

Before Squash



Feature Branch

After Squash



Feature Branch

Rebase and Merge

- Replays commits from one branch onto another, then merges.
- Avoids merge commits and maintains a linear history.

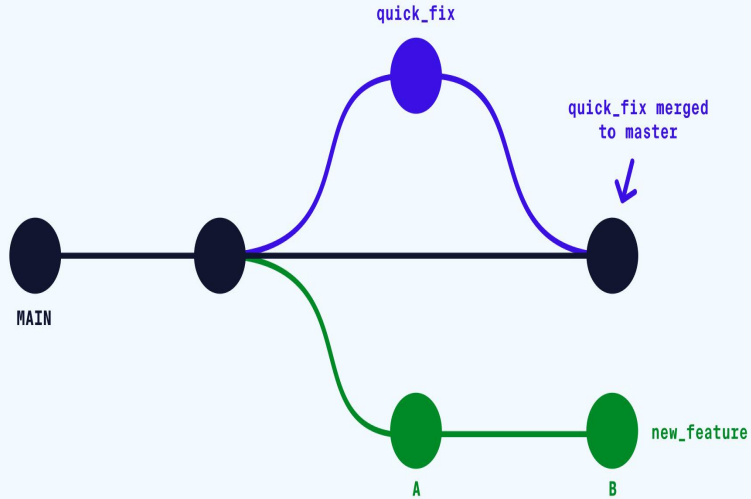
What is a **rebase**?

preserving the order
of change-sets

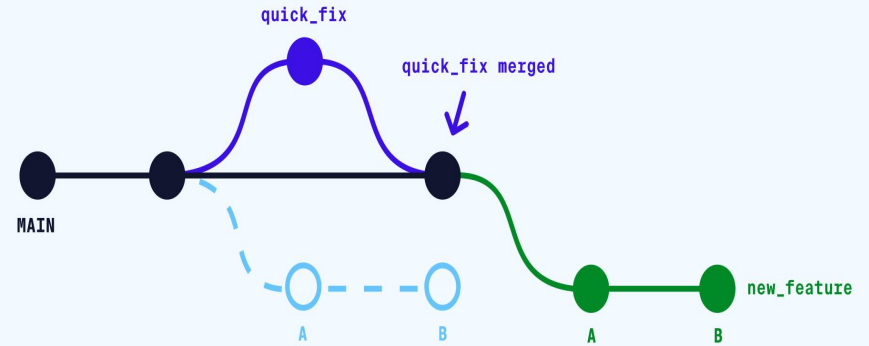


Example Scenario

Before Rebase

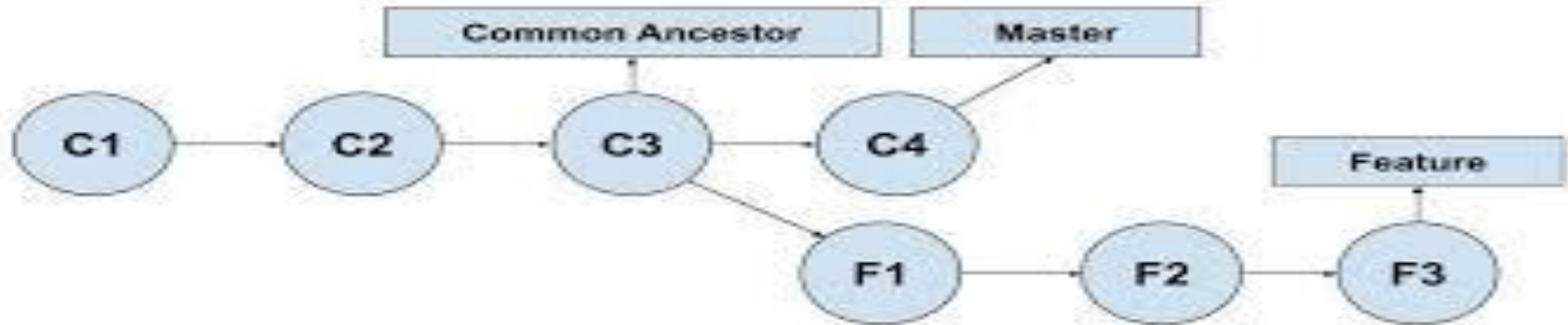


After Rebase



Three way Merge

- **Three-Way Merge** combines changes from two branches.
- Compares both branches to a **common ancestor** (version of the main branch from when you originally created the feature branch).
- **Resolves conflicts** if the same code is changed in both branches.



Example Scenario

index.html (rev. 0e78a4)

```
...
10 <main>
11 <h1>Welcome to My Website</h1>
12
13 <ul class="animals">
14 <li>Mouse</li>
15 <li>Cat</li>
16 <li>Horse</li>
17 </ul>
18 </main>
...
```

Ada

index.html (rev. 834e14)

```
...
10 <main>
11 <h1>Welcome to My Website</h1>
12
13 <ul class="animals">
14 <li>Moose</li>
15 <li>Cat</li>
16 </ul>
17 </main>
...
```

BASE

index.html (rev. 4b3bc6)

```
...
10 <main>
11 <h1>Welcome to My Website</h1>
12
13 <ul class="animals">
14 <li>Moose</li>
15 <li>Cat</li>
16 <li>Dog</li>
17 </ul>
18 </main>
...
```

Bob

index.html (rev. 41ccd7)

```
...
10 <main>
11 <h1>Welcome to My Website</h1>
12
13 <ul class="animals">
14 <li>Mouse</li>
15 <li>Cat</li>
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18 </ul>
19 </main>
...
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RESULT

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

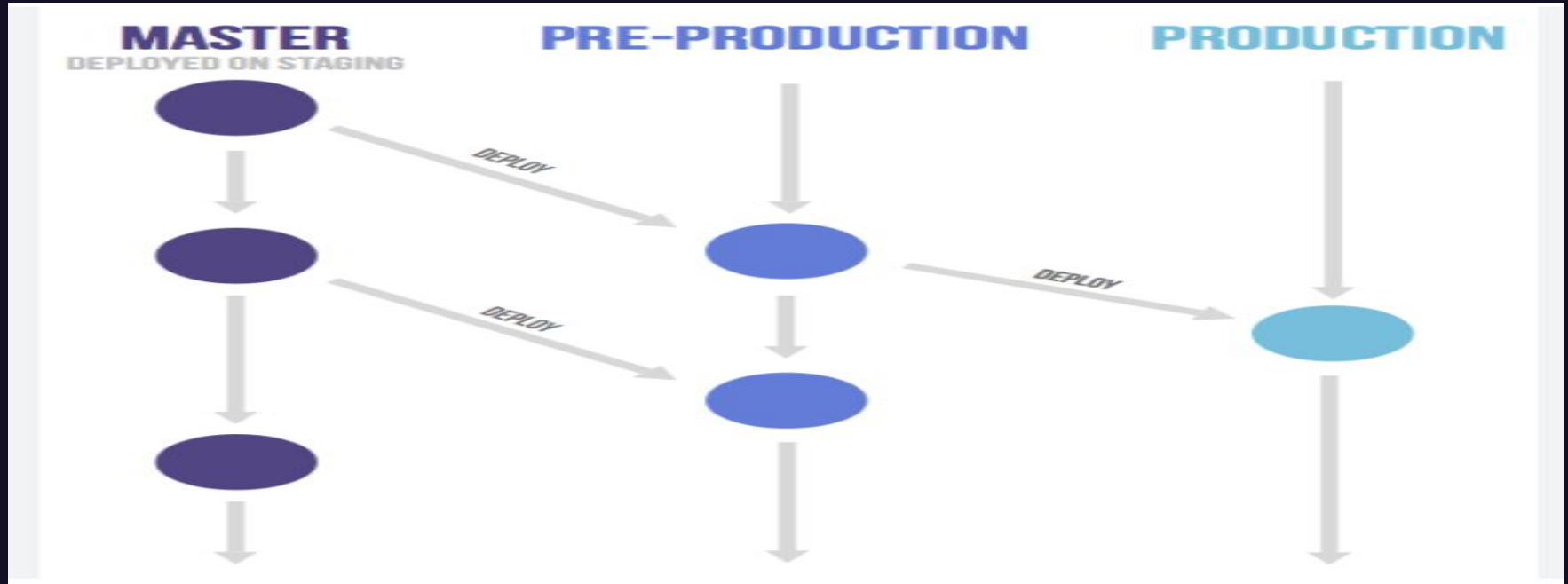
- ✓ **Automatic** — keep Ada, no changes from Bob
- ⚠ **Manual** — keep both, Ada and Bob made changes

Release Approaches

- GitLab Flow
- Trunk-Based Development
- Git Flow

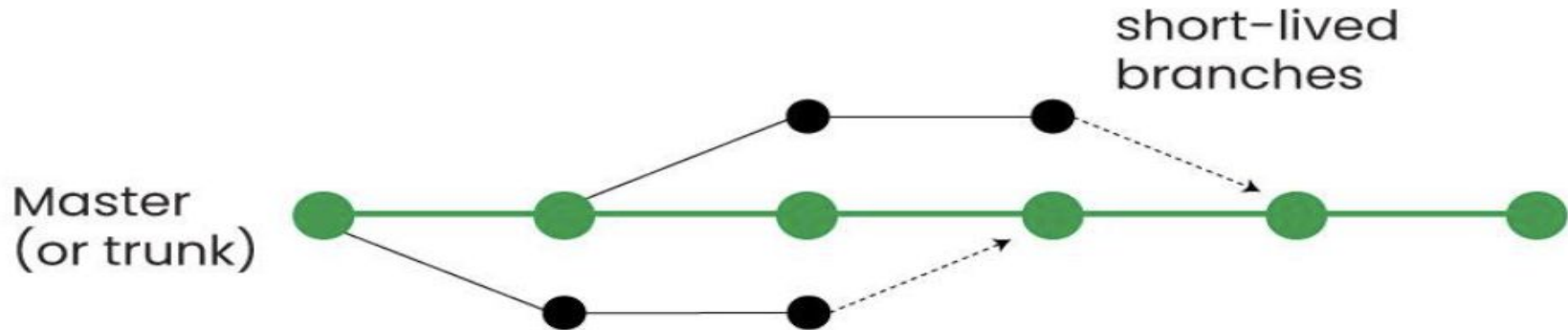
Gitlab Flow Approach

Branches - Master,Pre-production,Production.



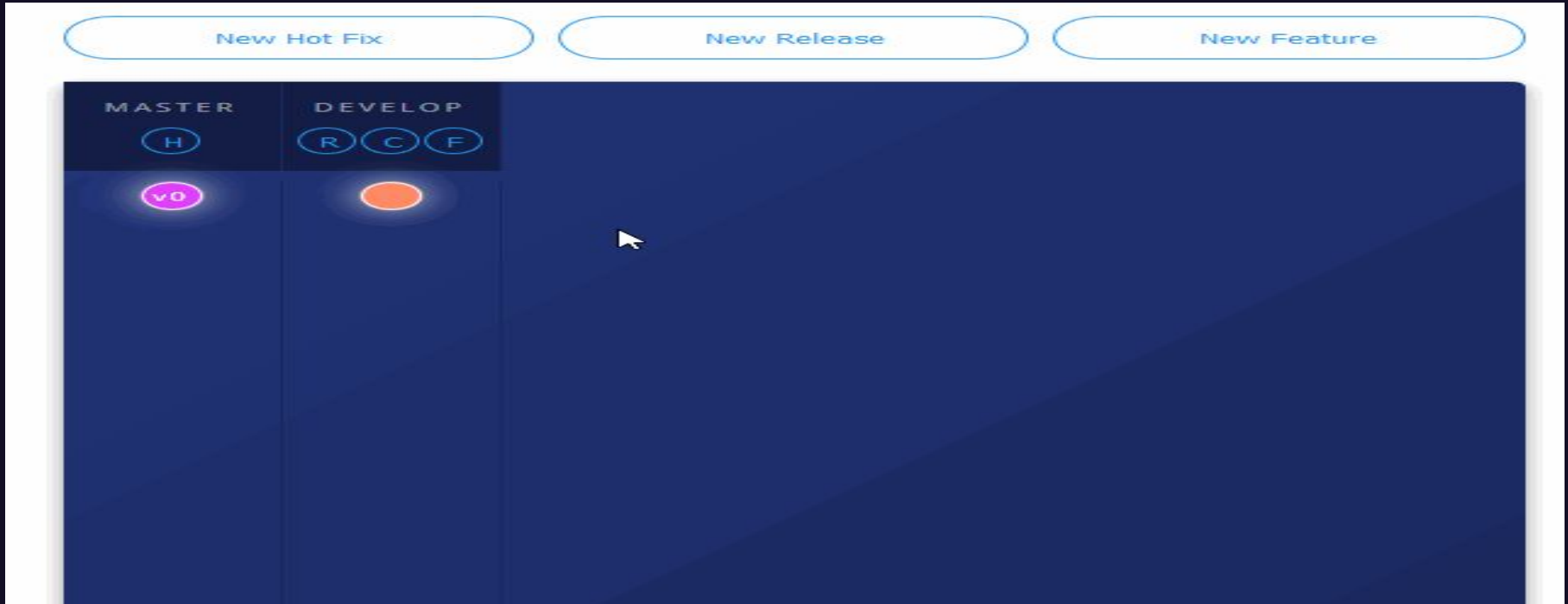
Trunk-Based Approach

Branches - Single main branch (trunk).



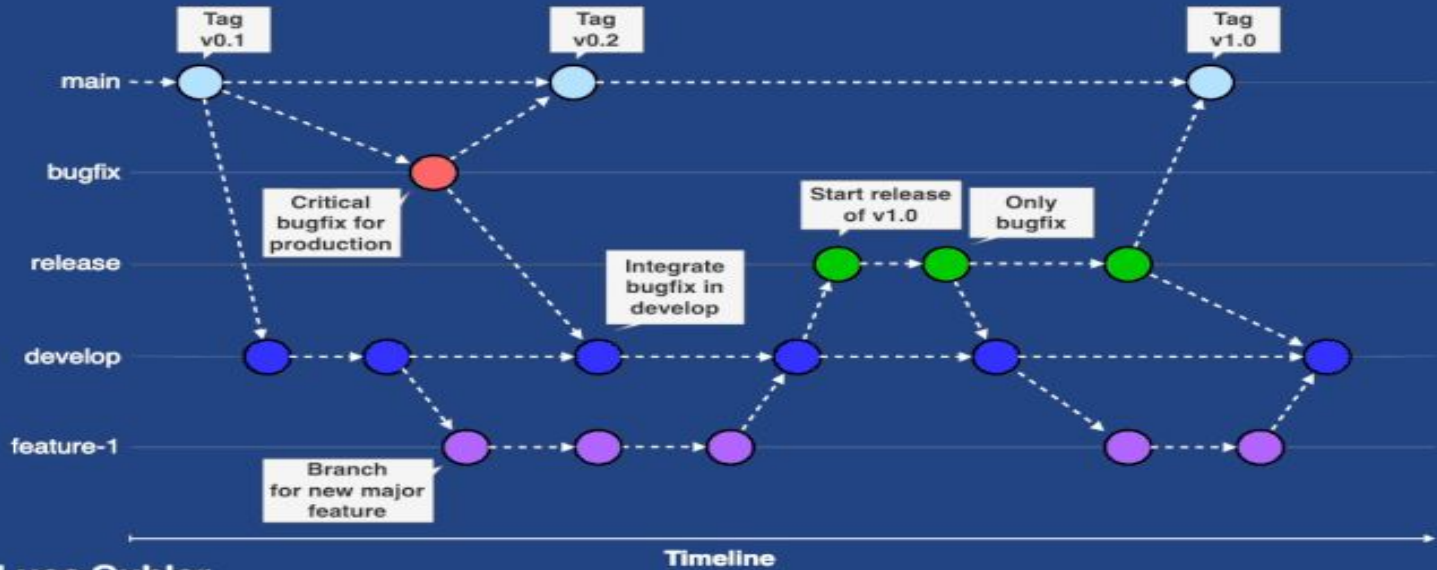
Git Flow Approach

Branches - Master, Develop, Feature, Release, Hotfix



Best Approach

GitFlow Workflow

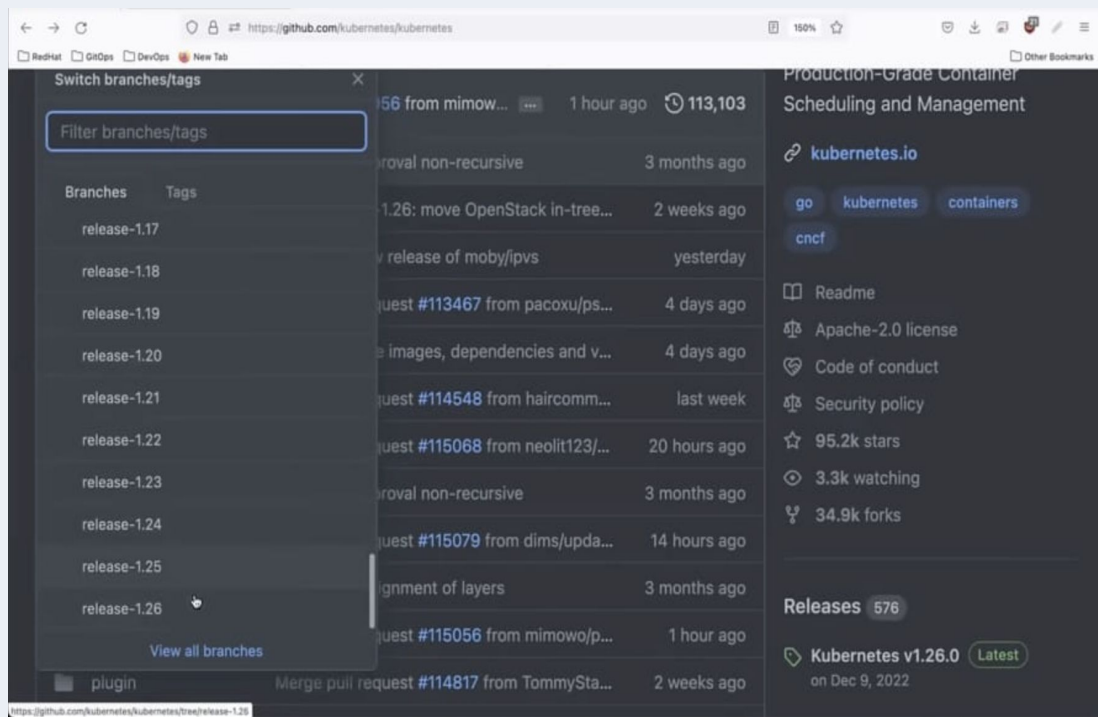
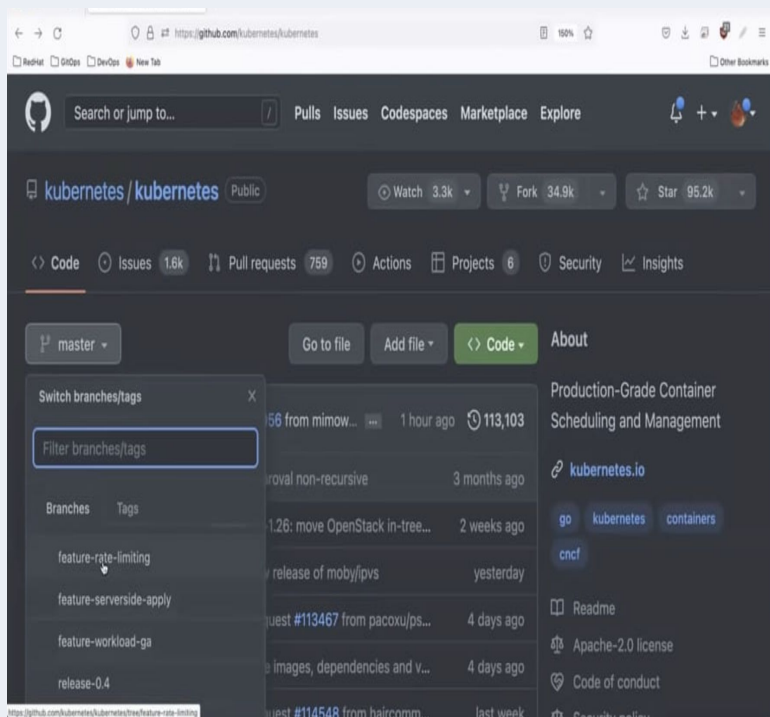


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Example - Git Flow

Branches - Master, Develop, Feature, Release, Hotfix





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