

# HELIX<sup>4GIT</sup> CONNECTOR

WITH ONE-WAY MIRRORING

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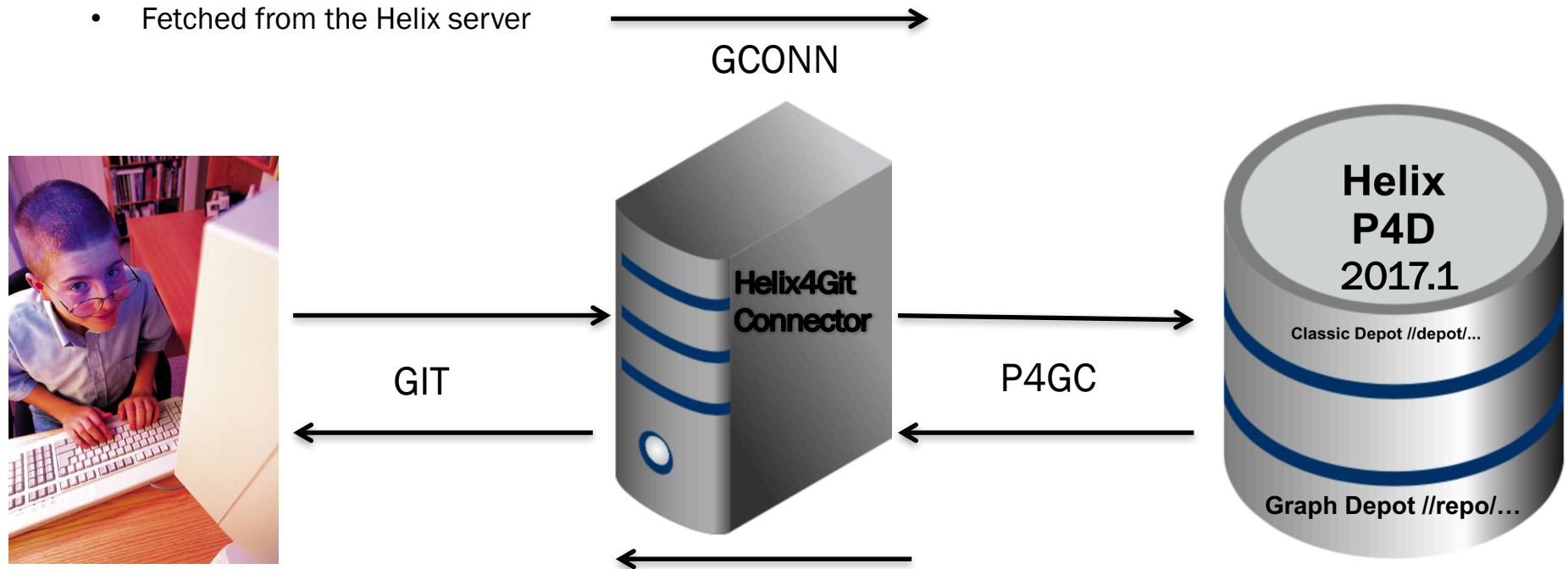
# **Helix4Git Connector**

## **Summary**

## HELIX4GIT

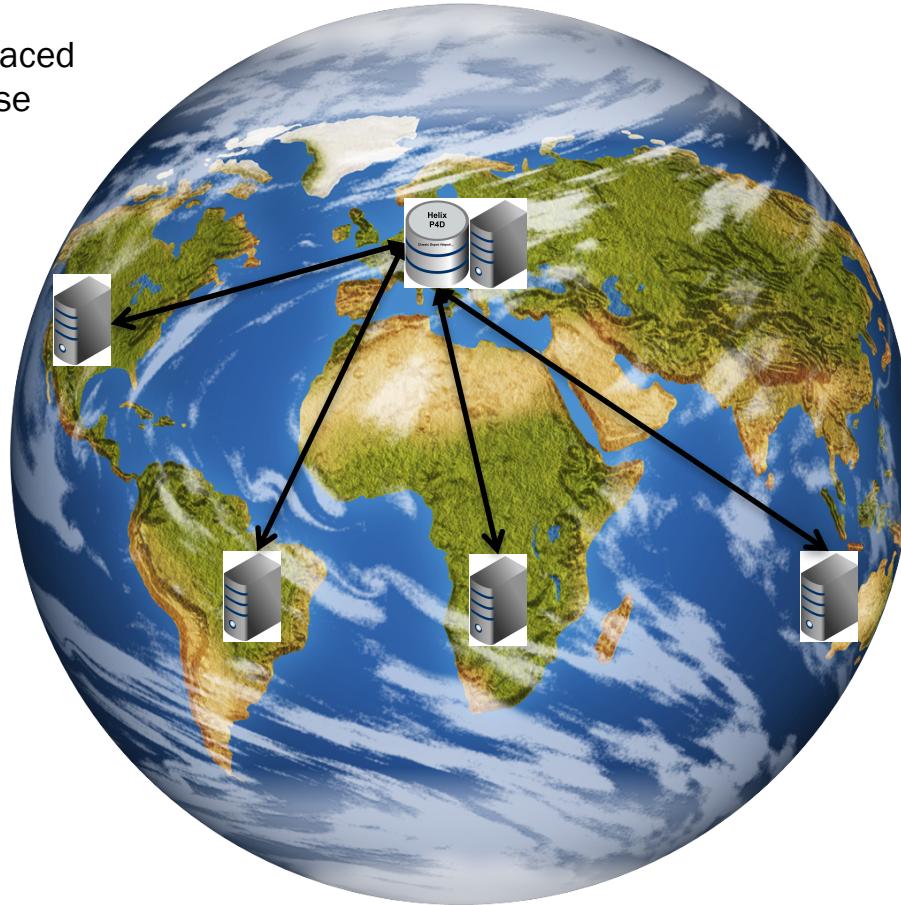
We have the new depot of type graph for git data, why do we need the Connector?

- The Connector serves as a remote Git server so that developers can seamlessly clone, pull and push using git commands and have their changes:
- Pushed to the Helix server
- Fetched from the Helix server



## HELIX4GIT

- The Connectors can be placed in remote locations in close proximity to the teams



# **Helix4Git Connector**

## **Components**



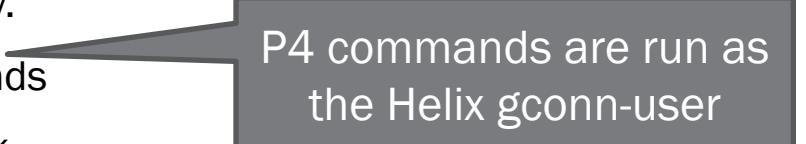
## CONNECTOR COMPONENTS - /OPT/PERFORCE/GIT-CONNECTOR/BIN

### gconn

- Handles authentication and permission checks, mirrorhooks, syncing of the SSH keys

### git-remote-p4gc

- Remote helper git-remote-p4gc invoked by git when it needs to interact with remote repositories git does not support natively.
- Converts the git commands into Helix graph commands
  - Push: git-receive-pack -> p4 graph receive-pack
  - Pull: git-upload-pack -> p4 graph pack-objects



P4 commands are run as the Helix gconn-user

### login-gconn-user.sh

- Useful if you change the gconn-user password or need to generate a new ticket

# **Installing the Helix4Git Connector**



## HELIX4GIT CONNECTOR PLATFORMS

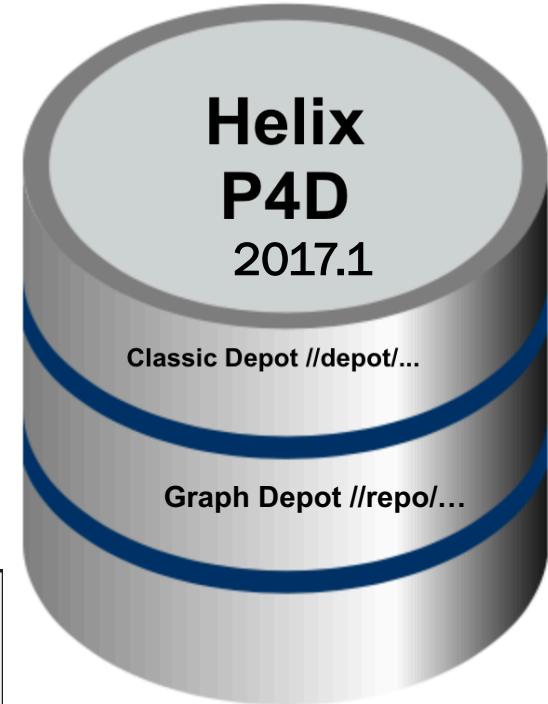
- Package installation is supported on the following OS platforms



- SSH supported
- HTTPS supported



- SSH support only
- May require manual installation of a newer version of Git, 1.8.3 or higher

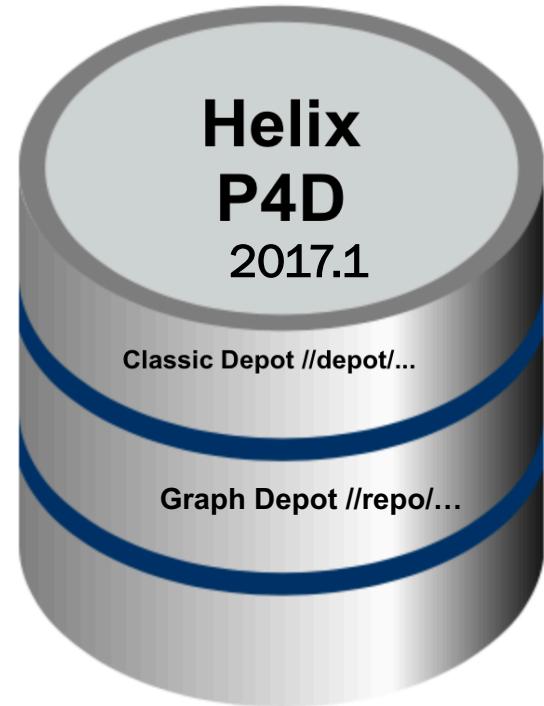


# HELIX4GIT CONNECTOR INSTALLATION

Installation requires the following steps:



- Upgrade Helix server to 2017.1
- ←
- Create package repository file pointing to  
<https://package.perforce.com/>
  - Import the packaging key
  - Install the Helix4Git Connector package



**Configuring the  
Helix4Git Connector  
using  
configure-git-connector.sh**

## Helix4Git Connector Configurations

```
UBU 16.04 GConn : perforce ~ 2 > sudo /opt/perforce/git-connector/bin/configure-git-connector.sh  
[sudo] password for perforce:
```

Summary of arguments passed:

Helix server P4PORT	[(not specified)]
Helix super-user	[(not specified)]
Helix super-user password	[(not specified)]
New Git depot name	[(not specified)]
GitConnector user password	[(not specified)]
Configure HTTPS?	[false]
Configure SSH?	[false]
GitConnector SSH system user	[git]
Home directory for SSH system user	[/home/git]
SSH key update interval	[10]
Server ID	[gconn-gconn-ubuntu16]

For a list of other options, type Ctrl-C to exit, and then run:

```
$ sudo /opt/perforce/git-connector/bin/configure-git-connector.sh --help
```

You have entered interactive configuration for GitConnector. This script will ask a series of questions, and use your answers to configure GitConnector for first-time use. Options passed in from the command line or automatically discovered in the environment are presented as defaults. You may press enter to accept them, or enter an alternative.

# HELIX4GIT CONNECTOR CONFIGURATION

## CONFIGURE-GIT-CONNECTOR.SH



Configure Helix Server P4PORT -  
perforce:1666

Located in /opt/perforce/git-  
connector/gconn.conf

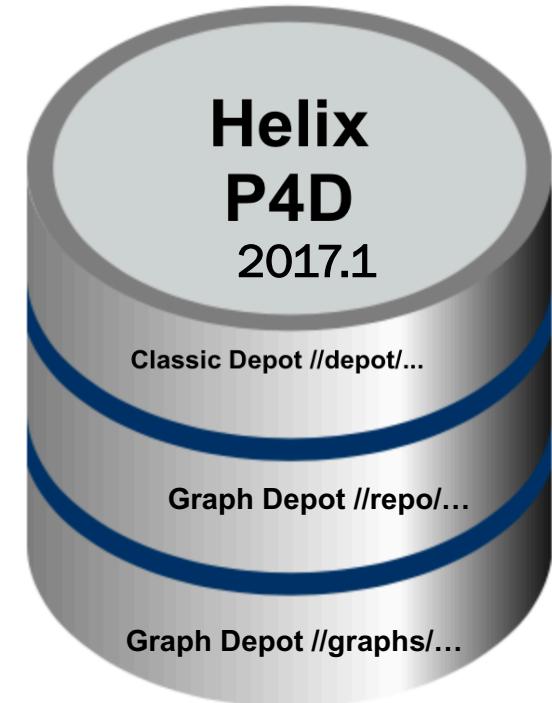
Create the Helix gconn-user

```
p4 grant-permission -u gconn-user -d //repo -p admin
```

Provides option to create another graph depot

```
p4 depot -o -t graph graphs
```

```
p4 grant-permission -d graphs -u gconn-user -p admin
```



# HELIX4GIT CONNECTOR CONFIGURATION

The Connector supports two transfer protocols

HTTP      SSH

Configure HTTPS

- Calls `configure-https-auth.sh` to install and configure Apache

Configure SSH

- Creates the git user: `/home/git`
- Sets up the gconn cronjob in `/etc/cron.d/gconn`
- The cron contains `sync-ssh-keys` to sync the pubkeys
  - From Helix
  - Into the Connector's `/home/git/.ssh/authorized_keys`



## Helix4Git Connector Configurations

```
/opt/perforce/git-connector/gconn.conf
gconn: {
    log: { path: /opt/perforce/git-connector/logs/gconn.log,
           levels: [ time=1, gconn=1 ] },
    reposDir: /opt/perforce/git-connector/repos,
    p4User: gconn-user,
    p4Port: perforce:1666,
    p4TicketsFile: /opt/perforce/git-connector/.p4tickets,
    p4TrustFile: /opt/perforce/git-connector/.p4trust,
    authKeysFile: /home/git/.ssh/authorized_keys,
    gitExecPath: /usr/bin,
    envPath: /usr/bin:/usr/local/bin:/opt/perforce/git-connector/bin,
    authGroup: gconn-auth },
p4gc: {
    log: { path: /opt/perforce/git-connector/logs/p4gc.log,
           levels: [ time=1, gconn=1 ] }
}
```

## Connector SSH Configurations

```
git@gconn-ubuntu16:~$ pwd
/home/git

git@gconn-ubuntu16:~$ ls -al
drwxr-xr-x 4 git  git  4096 Mar  6 15:35 .
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Aug  2  2016 ..
-rw-r---- 1 git  git   365 Apr 21 14:33 .bash_history
drwx----- 2 git  git  4096 Aug  8  2016 .cache
-rw-rw-r-- 1 git  git   128 Feb 13 11:10 .p4enviro
-r----- 1 git  git   119 Aug  2  2016 .p4tickets
drwx----- 2 git  git  4096 Apr 27 09:20 .ssh

git@gconn-ubuntu16:~$ head -1 /home/git/.ssh/authorized_keys
command="export GCONN_CONFIG=/opt/perforce/git-connector/gconn.conf
connector/bin; gconn ${SSH_ORIGINAL_COMMAND} --user=super",no-pubkey
c2EAAAAC<...>vkanczes@git-ubuntu14

git@gconn-ubuntu16:~$ cat /etc/cron.d/gconn
GCONN_CONFIG = /opt/perforce/git-connector/gconn.conf
# CAUTION: This file is updated by configure-git-connector.sh
# update auth keys every 10 minute(s)
*/10 * * * * git /usr/bin/gconn sync-ssh-keys
```

## Helix: server spec

```
p4 -ztag servers
...
... ServerID gconn-gconn-centos6
... Name
... Address
... Type connector
... Services git-connector
... Description This GitConnector service was configured on [Mon Feb 13 11:57:08 PST 2017] by user [vkanczes].
Configuration summary:
  Platform: [CentOS release 6.8 (Final)]
  HTTPS authentication: [true]
  SSH authentication: [true]
  SSH access system user: [git]

...
... User gconn-user

...
... ServerID gconn-gconn-centos7
... Name
... Address
... Type connector
... Services git-connector
... Description This GitConnector service was configured on [Mon Apr 24 15:09:30 PDT 2017] by user [super].
Configuration summary:
  Platform: [CentOS Linux release 7.2.1511 (Core) ]
  HTTPS authentication: [true]
  SSH authentication: [true]
  SSH access system user: [git]

...
... User gconn-user
```

**Helix4Git Connector**

**Configuration is Complete**

**Connector Commands**

# CONNECTOR COMMANDS

Set environment variable:

```
export GCONN_CONFIG=/opt/perforce/git-connector/gconn.conf
```

`gconn --help`

- Displays the commands and their uses

`gconn -V | --version`

- Displays the Connector version

Rev. GCONN/LINUX26X86\_64/2017.1. /1509248

`gconn -mirrorhooks add | remove | list`

- Configuration and listing of hooks required for one-way mirroring

`gconn sync-ssh-keys`

- Syncs the keys from Helix to the Connector



# Helix4Git Connector Commands

```
gconn --help
usage: gconn command [options...] [arguments...]

GCONN_CONFIG variable with the path to configuration file must be set.

options:
gconn --mirrorhooks list
Invalid mirror config: ./repo/http-mirror-test-14.git
http://gitlabee.das.perforce.com/vkanczes/repo3.git -> //repo/repo3.git
http://vkanczes:password11@vkanczes-gitlab-dr.das.perforce.com/vkanczes/repo4.git -> //repo/repo4.git
Invalid mirror config: ./repo/ssh-mirror-test-14.git
git@gitlabee.das.perforce.com:vkanczes/ssh-test.git -> //repo/ssh-test.git
git@gitlabee.das.perforce.com:vkanczes/ssh-test3.git -> //repo/ssh-test3.git
http://gitlabee.das.perforce.com/vkanczes/test-mirror1.git -> //repos/test-mirror1.git
http://vkanczes:password11@gitlabee.das.perforce.com/vkanczes/test2.git -> //repos/test2.git
git@gitlabee.das.perforce.com:vkanczes/test3.git -> //repos/test3.git
git@gitlabee.das.perforce.com:vkanczes/test4.git -> //repos/test4.git
git@gitlabee.das.perforce.com:vkanczes/test5.git -> //repos/test5.git
    --mirrorhooks remove repo/repoA
    --mirrorhooks list

commands:
  sync-ssh-keys          Force update of p4 pubkeys from Helix.
                        This command must be run from OS account
                        of user used for SSH authentication
                        (usually 'git').■
```

## **SSH KEY Configuration**

<http://kbportal.perforce.com/article/15174>

# CONNECTOR- SYNC SSH KEY



User can generate their SSH keys

- ssh-keygen

Admin uploads the user's SSH public key

- p4 pubkey -u vkanczes -s work -i < id\_rsa.pub

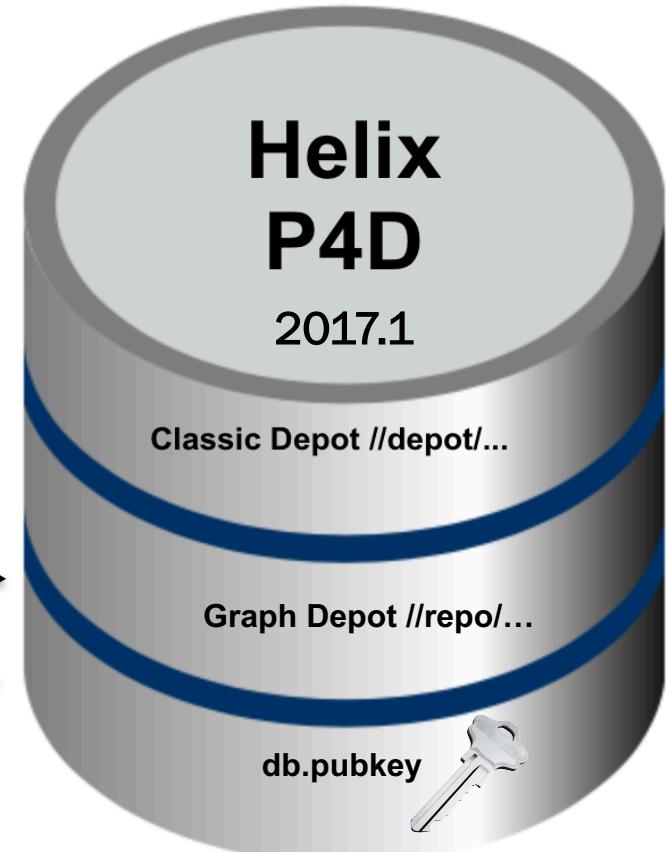
User uploads their own SSH public key

- p4 pubkey-s work -i < id\_rsa.pub

Git cron executes **sync-ssh-keys**

SSH public keys are added

- /home/git/.ssh/authorized\_keys



# **Git Push & Clone of Repos**

## **Using**

### **Helix4Git Connector**

## SSH PUSH to create a REPO with Helix4Git Connector

Requirements:

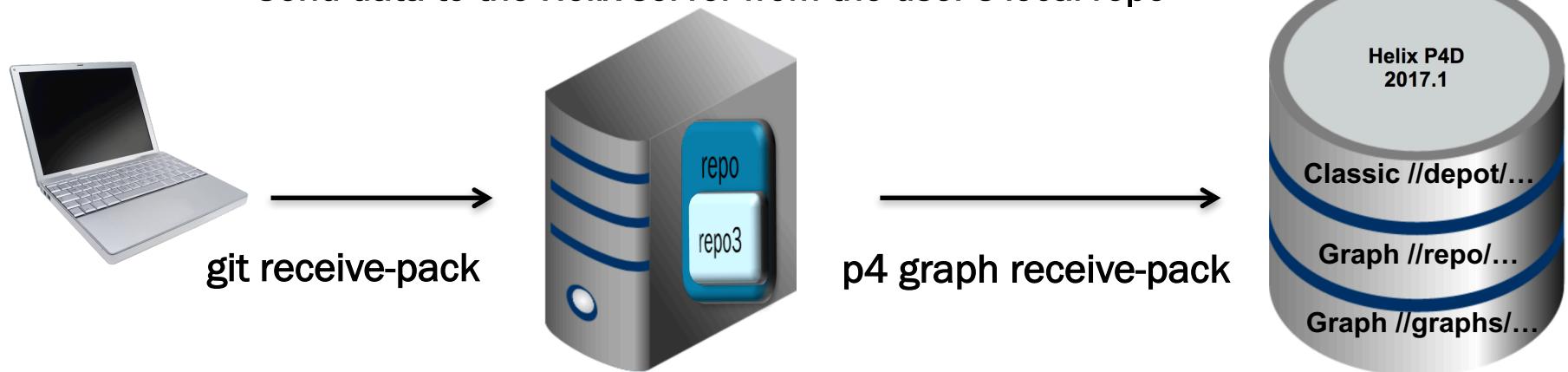
- User has the permission to ‘create-repo’  
**p4 grant-permission -u vkanczes -d repo -p create-repo**
- gconn-user has the admin permission for the graph depot  
**p4 grant-permission -u gconn-user -d repo -p admin**
- User’s SSH key has been added to the Connector
- Server configurable dm.repo.noautocreate: 0
  - Default setting is 0 (off)

# GIT -> GCONN -> GIT-REMOTE-P4GC -> GCONN -> GIT

Remote helper git-remote-p4gc invoked by git when it needs to interact with remote repositories git does not support natively.

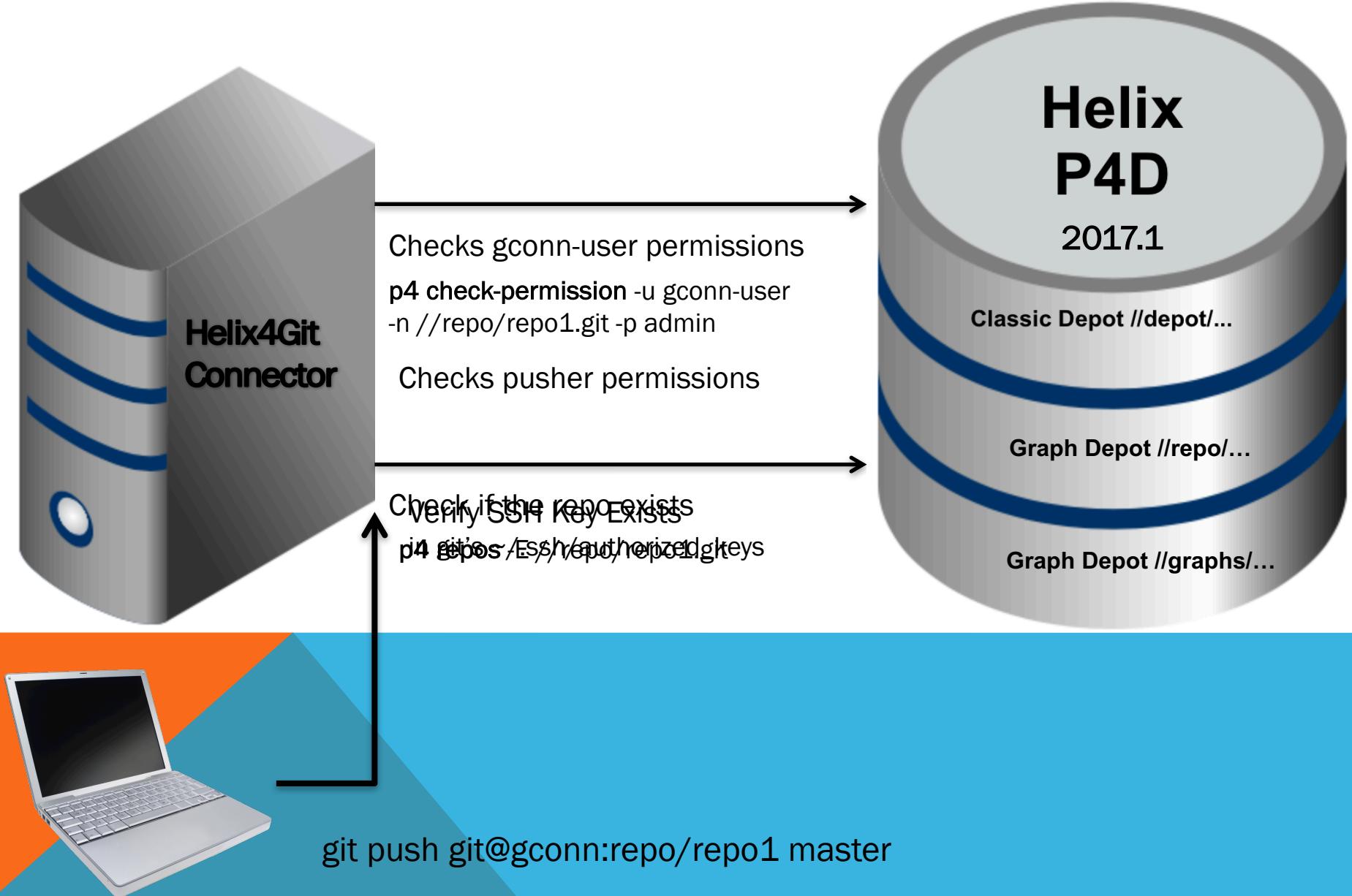
## git push

- Send data to the Helix server from the user's local repo

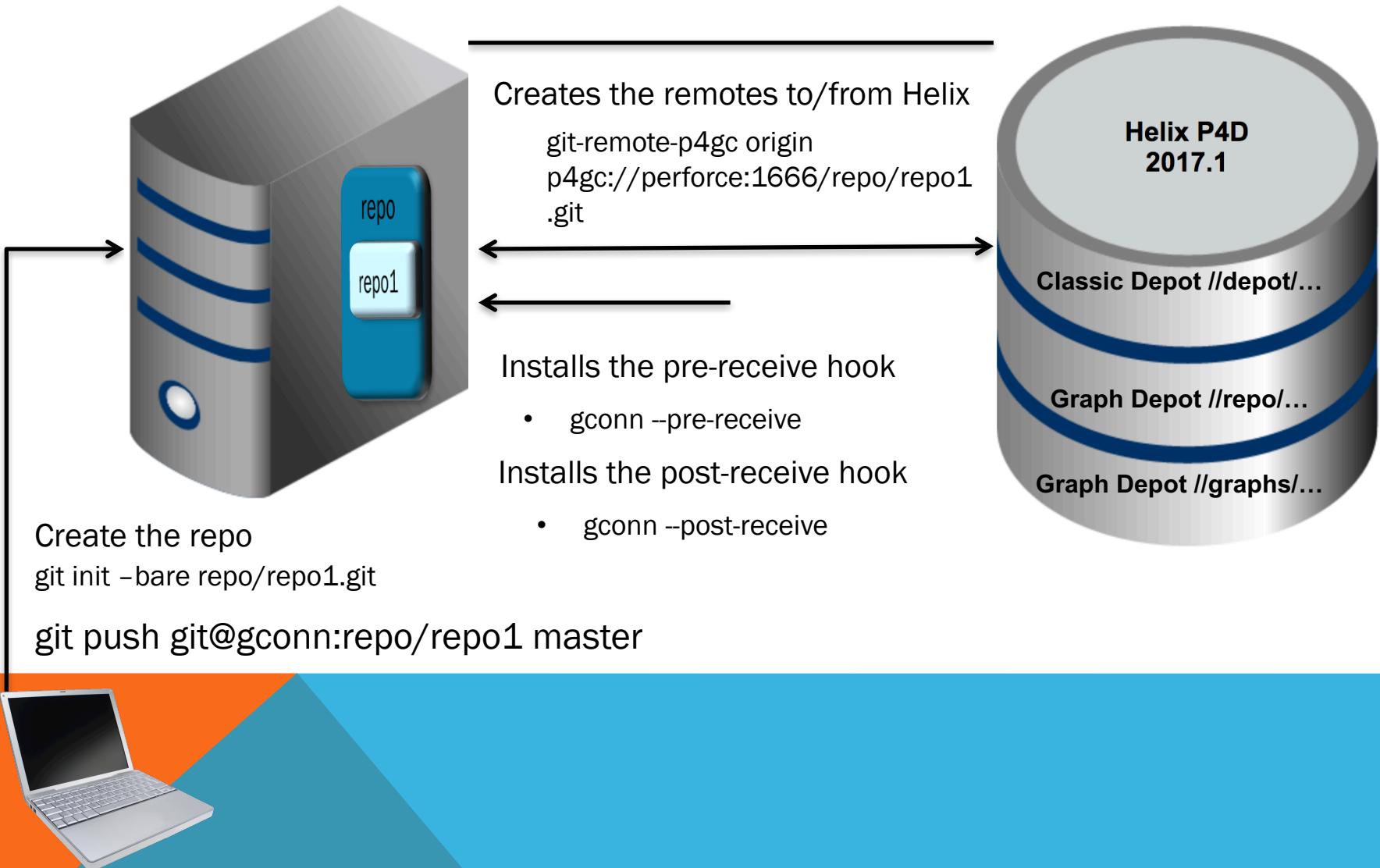


# HELIX4GIT

## GCONN AUTHENTICATION & PERMISSIONS



## PUSH THE REPO – GCONN/GIT ACTIONS



## CREATE THE REPO VIA PUSH GIT ACTIONS



`git-receive-pack /repo/repo1`

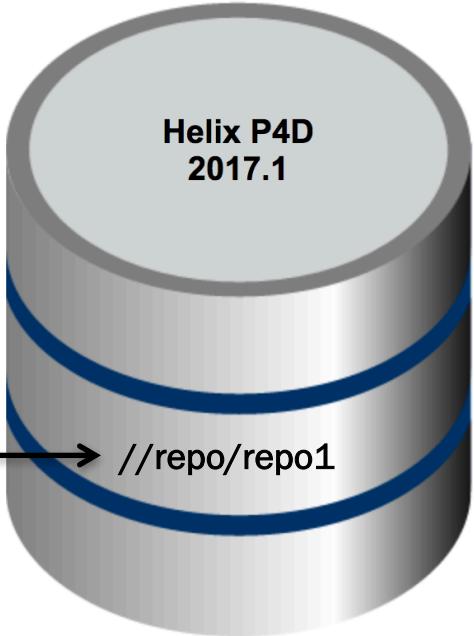
pre-receive hook executed

Calls p4gc to push into Helix

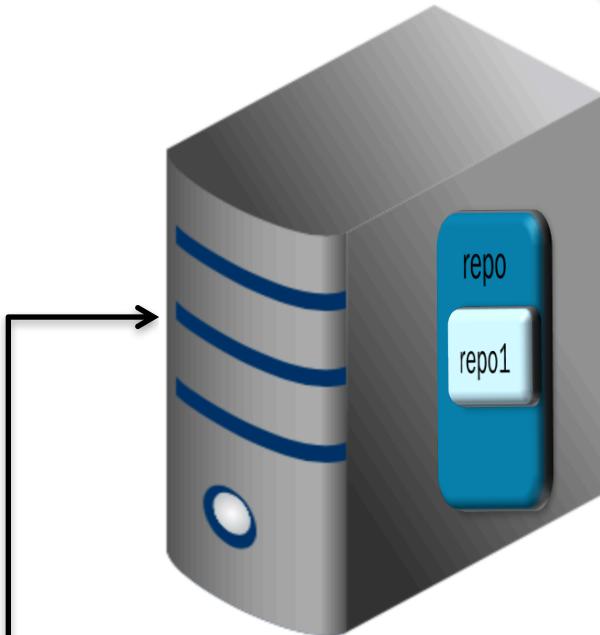
- `git push -force origin 32ce12a:refs/heads/master`
- Updates: `refs/heads/master`
- Create the repo in Helix
- `p4 repo -o //repo/repo1.git`

Calls the post-receive hook

`git push git@gconn:repo/repo1 master`



## CREATE THE REPO VIA PUSH P4GC ACTIONS



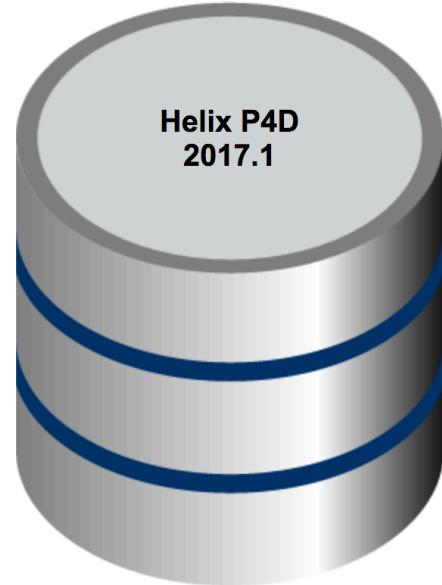
git push git@gconn:repo/repo1 master



- **p4 graph show-ref -n**  
  //repo/repo1.git

Creates the pack file to push to Helix

- **git pack-objects -q --revs**  
  ./gconn.Zw4T3w/p4gc-push



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```
graph LR; CheckBranch --> CreatePack[Creates the pack file to push to Helix]; CreatePack --> UpdateHelix[Updates Helix with the branch ref  
32ce12a, refs/heads/master} and  
sends the new pack files]
```

**p4 graph receive-pack -u vkanczes -n //repo/repo1.git -i**  
  **./gconn.Zw4T3w/p4gc-push-**  
  **18981f3acc6d6688cce6f38b9130c244a3bb3e2e.pack -p**  
  **./gconn.ugSqnw/refUpdateList**



## GConn Push Log

```
pid 2015: Commandline: gconn git-receive-pack 'repo/repo11' --user=vkanczes
pid 2015: IsAllowed: lookup user=vkanczes for perm=admin on repo: //repo/repo11.git
pid 2015: P4Client::RunCommand: {p4 -ztag -p 10.5.10.174:17100 -u gconn-user check-permission -u gconn-user -n //repo/repo11.git -p admin}
pid 2015: P4Client::RunCommand: {p4 -ztag -p 10.5.10.174:17100 -u gconn-user repos -E //repo/repo11.git}
pid 2015: system(/usr/bin/git init --bare repo/repo11.git > /dev/null) succeeded
pid 2015: Configured remote for port 10.5.10.174:17100
pid 2015: installed pre-receive hook
pid 2015: installed post-receive hook
pid 2015: Launching /usr/bin/git-receive-pack repo/repo11
pid 2036: Commandline: gconn --pre-receive
pid 2036: RunCmd(/usr/bin/git push --force origin f3956152bf5cbe cbd26a2e42ed82bca9c437d86f:refs/heads/master) succeeded
pid 2043: Commandline: gconn --post-receive
pid 2043: CmdPostReceive repo='repo/repo11.git', HEAD='refs/heads/master'
pid 2043: P4Client::RunCommand: {p4 -ztag -p 10.5.10.174:17100 -u gconn-user repo -o //repo/repo11.git}
pid 2043: Repo //repo/repo11.git spec:
pid 2043:   Repo --> //repo/repo11
pid 2043:   Owner --> vkanczes
pid 2043:   Created --> 2017/05/15 15:17:17
pid 2043:   Pushed --> 2017/05/15 15:17:17
pid 2043:   Description --> Automatically created by the initial push.
pid 2043: cmd="git show-ref refs/heads/master"
pid 2043: {git show-ref} <<< f3956152bf5cbe cbd26a2e42ed82bca9c437d86f refs/heads/master
pid 2015: RunCmd(/usr/bin/git-receive-pack repo/repo11) succeeded
```

## P4GC Log

```
pid 2026: git-remote-p4gc origin p4gc://10.5.10.174:17100/repo/repo11.git
pid 2026: P4Client::RunCommand: {p4 -ztag -p 10.5.10.174:17100 -u gconn-user graph show-ref -n //repo/repo11.git}
pid 2038: bool PushHelper::BuildPackFile() enter
pid 2038: cmd="git pack-objects -q --revs ./gconn.t5h7t0/p4gc-push"
pid 2038: {git pack-objects} <<< 1876255831be64124d0634fe7e328d262adde7c1
pid 2038: bool PushHelper::SendPackFile() enter
pid 2038: packfile = './gconn.t5h7t0/p4gc-push-1876255831be64124d0634fe7e328d262adde7c1.pack'
pid 2038: push refs/heads/master -> f3956152bf5cbe cbd26a2e42ed82bca9c437d86f force
pid 2038: P4Client::RunCommand: {p4 -ztag -p 10.5.10.174:17100 -u gconn-user graph receive-pack -u vkanczes
      -n //repo/repo11.git
      -i ./gconn.t5h7t0/p4gc-push-1876255831be64124d0634fe7e328d262adde7c1.pack
      -p ./gconn.Tb60zX/refUpdateList}

pid 2038: {write receive-pack f3956152bf5cbe cbd26a2e42ed82bca9c437d86f, refs/heads/master} >>>
```

## GConn Push Log

```
pid 2015: Commandline: gconn git-receive-pack 'repo/repo11' --user=vkanczes
pid 2015: IsAllowed: lookup user=vkanczes for perm=admin on repo: //repo/repo11.git
pid 2015: P4Client::RunCommand: {p4 -ztag -p 10.5.10.174:17100 -u gconn-user check-permission -u gconn-user -n //repo/repo11.git -p admin}
pid 2015: P4Client::RunCommand: {p4 -ztag -p 10.5.10.174:17100 -u gconn-user repos -E //repo/repo11.git}
pid 2015: system(/usr/bin/git init --bare repo/repo11.git > /dev/null) succeeded
pid 2015: Configured remote for port 10.5.10.174:17100
pid 2015: installed pre-receive hook
pid 2015: installed post-receive hook
pid 2015: Launching /usr/bin/git-receive-pack repo/repo11
pid 2036: Commandline: gconn --pre-receive
pid 2036: RunCmd(/usr/bin/git push --force origin f3956152bf5cbe cbd26a2e42ed82bca9c437d86f:refs/heads/master) succeeded
pid 2043: Commandline: gconn --post-receive
pid 2043: CmdPostReceive repo='repo/repo11.git', HEAD='refs/heads/master'
pid 2043: P4Client::RunCommand: {p4 -ztag -p 10.5.10.174:17100 -u gconn-user repo -o //repo/repo11.git}
pid 2043: Repo //repo/repo11.git spec:
pid 2043:   Repo --> //repo/repo11
pid 2043:   Owner --> vkanczes
pid 2043:   Created --> 2017/05/15 15:17:17
pid 2043:   Pushed --> 2017/05/15 15:17:17
pid 2043:   Description --> Automatically created by the initial push.
pid 2043: cmd="git show-ref refs/heads/master"
pid 2043: {git show-ref} <<< f3956152bf5cbe cbd26a2e42ed82bca9c437d86f refs/heads/master
pid 2015: RunCmd(/usr/bin/git-receive-pack repo/repo11) succeeded
```

## Helix Log

```
pid 3247 gconn-user@gconn-ubuntu16 10.5.10.224 [unknown/v82] 'user-check-permission -u gconn-user -n //repo/repo11.git -p admin'
pid 3248 gconn-user@gconn-ubuntu16 10.5.10.224 [unknown/v82] 'user-repos -E //repo/repo11.git'
pid 3249 gconn-user@gconn-ubuntu16 10.5.10.224 [unknown/v82] 'user-graph show-ref -n //repo/repo11.git'
pid 3250 gconn-user@gconn-ubuntu16 10.5.10.224 [unknown/v82] 'user-graph show-ref -n //repo/repo11.git'
pid 3251 gconn-user@gconn-ubuntu16 10.5.10.224 [unknown/v82] 'user-graph receive-pack
-u vkanczes
-n //repo/repo11.git
-i ./gconn.t5h7t0/p4gc-push-1876255831be64124d0634fe7e328d262adde7c1.pack
-p ./gconn.Tb60zX/refUpdateList'
Receive-pack: transfer ./gconn.t5h7t0/p4gc-push-1876255831be64124d0634fe7e328d262adde7c1.pack
to
repo/repo11.git/objects/pack/p4gc-push-1876255831be64124d0634fe7e328d262adde7c1.pack
Receive-pack: transfer ./gconn.t5h7t0/p4gc-push-1876255831be64124d0634fe7e328d262adde7c1.idx
to
repo/repo11.git/objects/pack/p4gc-push-1876255831be64124d0634fe7e328d262adde7c1.idx
pid 3252 gconn-user@gconn-ubuntu16 10.5.10.224 [unknown/v82] 'user-repo -o //repo/repo11.git'
```

## SSH CLONE a REPO from the Helix4Git Connector

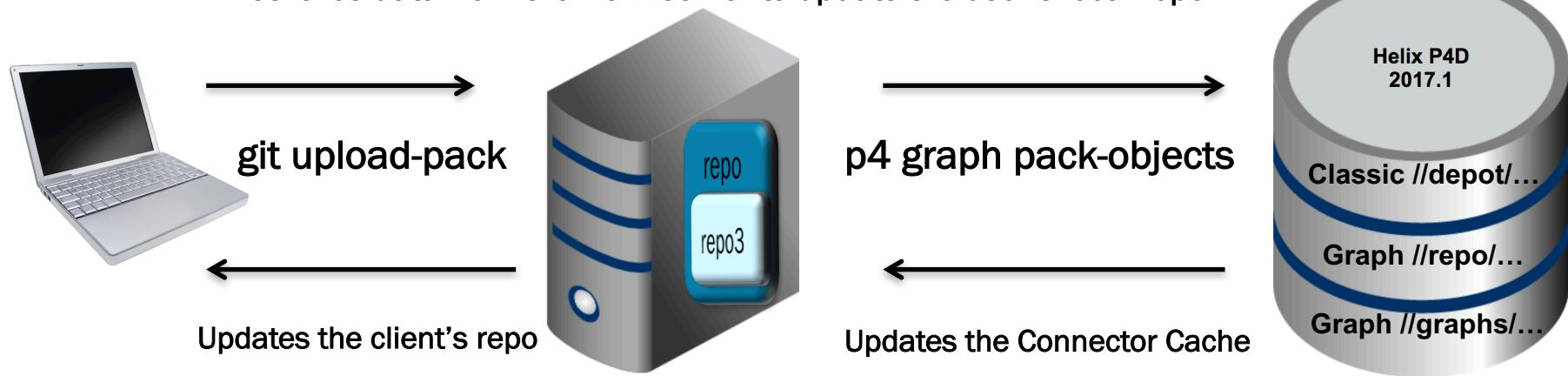
### Requirements:

- User has the permission to ‘read’  
**p4 grant-permission –u vkanczes –d repo –p read**
- Gconn-user has admin permission to the graph depot  
**p4 grant-permission –u gconn-user –d repo –p admin**
- User’s SSH key has been loaded in Helix and synced to the Connector

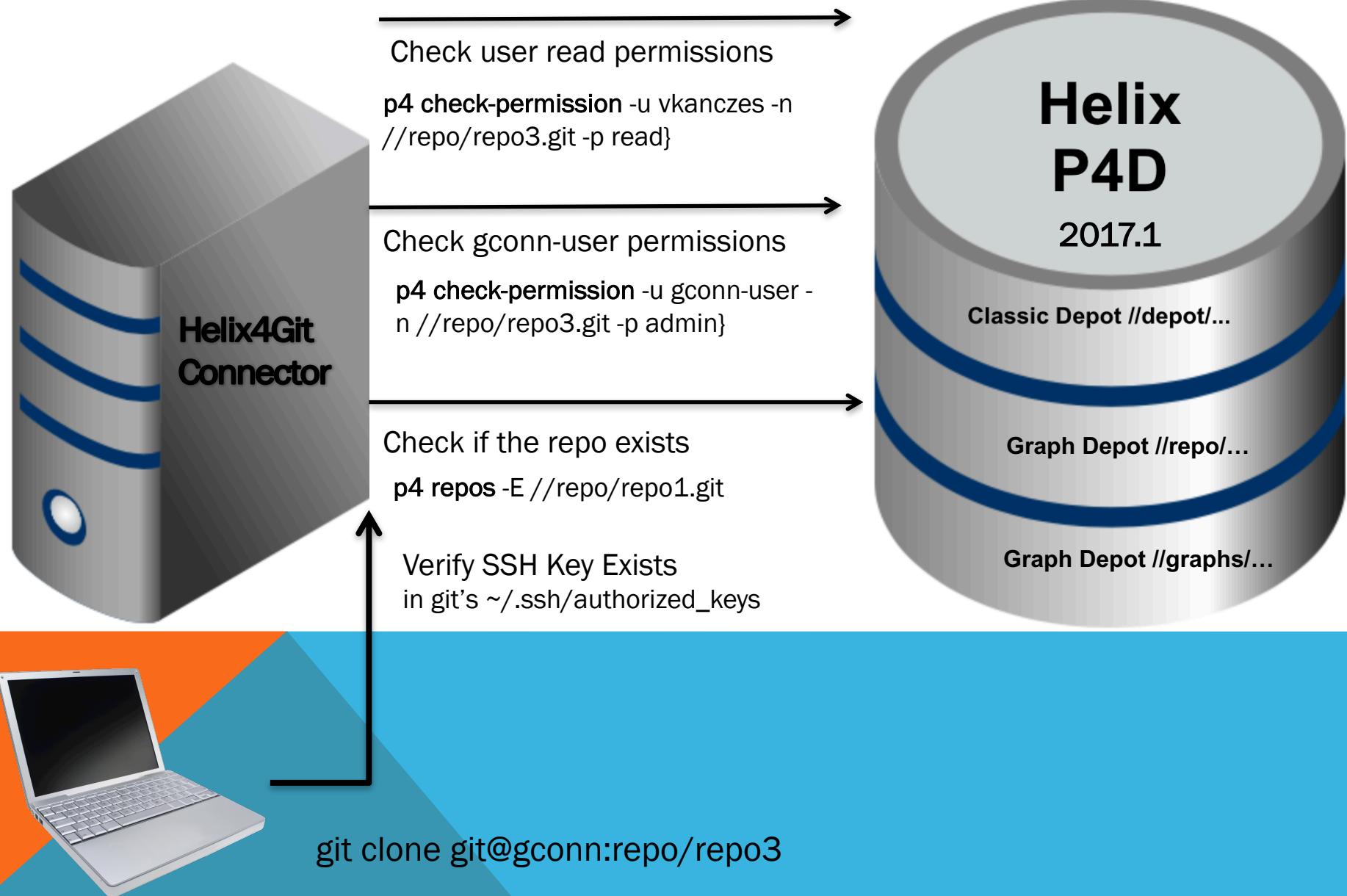
# GIT -> GCONN -> GIT-REMOTE-P4GC -> GCONN -> GIT

git pull | clone

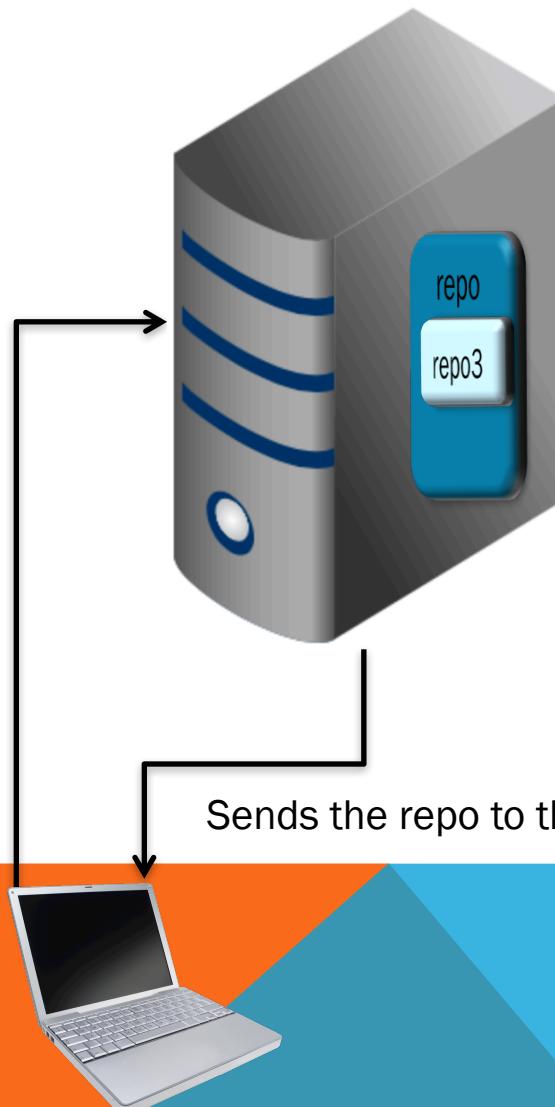
- Retrieves data from the Helix server to update the user's local repo



# HELIX4GIT CONNECTOR AUTHENTICATION & PERMISSIONS



## CLONE THE REPO – GCONN/GIT ACTIONS

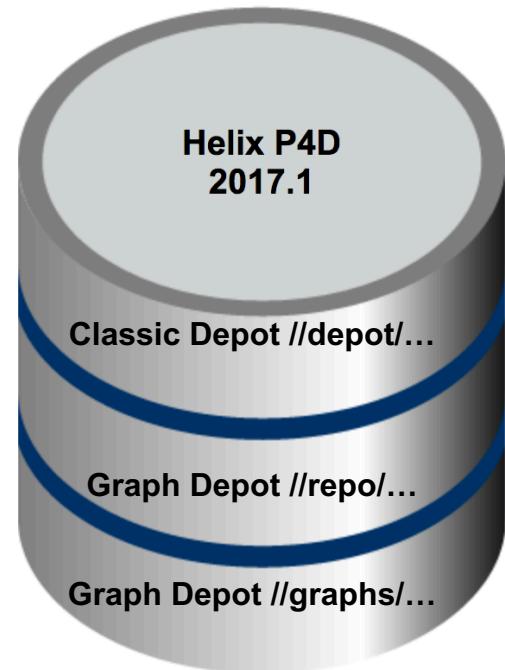


Git client calls gconn  
`git-upload-pack 'repo/repo3'`  
`' --user=vkanczes`

Syncs the repo

- `git-remote-p4gc origin`  
`p4gc://perforce:1666/repo/repo3.git`
- Updates Connector Cache

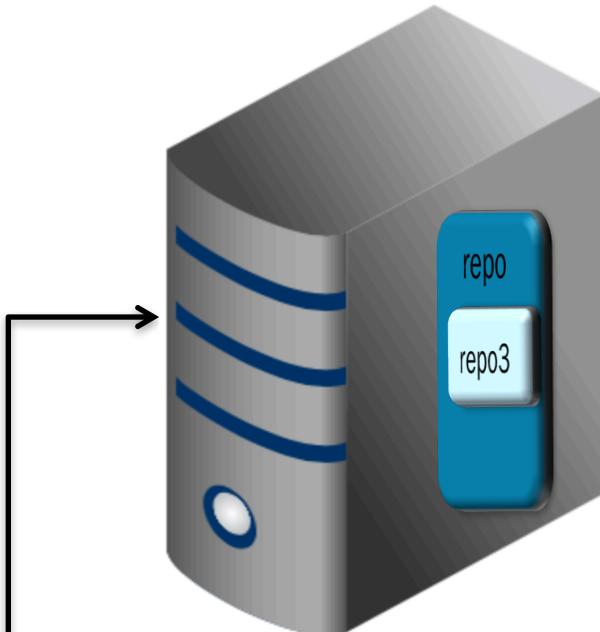
Sends the repo to the user's client



`git clone git@gconn:repo/repo3`

## CLONE THE REPO - P4GC ACTIONS

git-remote-p4gc origin p4gc://perforce:1666/repo/repo3.git

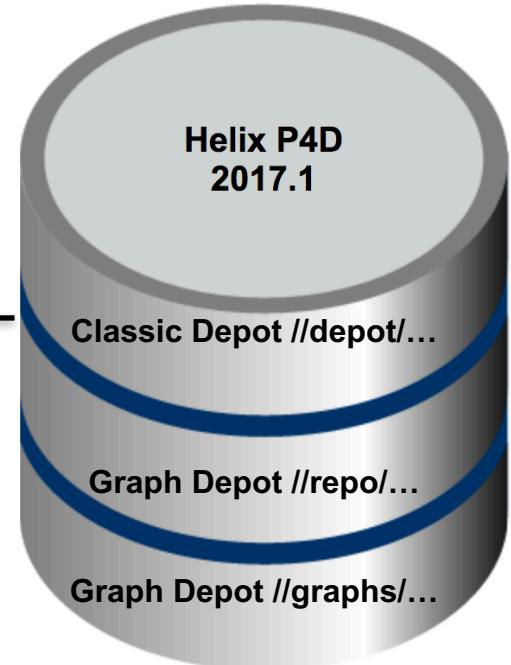


Check and fetch repo branches

- **p4 graph show-ref -n**  
//repo/repo3.git

Call graph pack-objects

- **p4 graph pack-objects -n**  
//repo/repo3.git -o ./gconn.ebbdvY  
11e80ee4cbcfd7a21be5d66ee7ac  
7252e368651
- **git index-pack /opt/perforce/git-**  
**connector/repos/repo/repo3.git/objects/pack**  
**/pack-**  
5522838bd2cb7b0993f33d71893942626e  
013b13.pack



git clone git@gconn:repo/repo3

## Gconn Log

```

2017/04/28 11:03:20 726708528 pid 23553: gconn git-upload-pack 'repo/repo3' --user=vkanczes
2017/04/28 11:03:20 727934143 pid 23553: {p4 -ztag -p 10.5.10.174:17100 -u gconn-user check-permission -u vkanczes -n //repo/repo3.git -p read}
2017/04/28 11:03:20 734769623 pid 23553: SyncRepo(/opt/perforce/git-connector/repos/repo/repo3.git)
2017/04/28 11:03:20 735227424 pid 23553: {p4 -ztag -p 10.5.10.174:17100 -u gconn-user check-permission -u gconn-user -n //repo/repo3.git -p admin}
2017/04/28 11:03:20 741797498 pid 23553: {p4 -ztag -p 10.5.10.174:17100 -u gconn-user repos -E //repo/repo3.git}
2017/04/28 11:03:20 769106245 pid 23553: system(/bin/git init --bare repo/repo3.git > /dev/null) succeeded
2017/04/28 11:03:20 774657852 pid 23553: Configured remote for port 10.5.10.174:17100
2017/04/28 11:03:20 774775857 pid 23553: installed pre-receive hook
2017/04/28 11:03:20 774869107 pid 23553: installed post-receive hook
2017/04/28 11:03:20 979987262 pid 23553: Launching /bin/git-upload-pack repo/repo3
2017/04/28 11:03:21 246631762 pid 23553: RunCmd(/bin/git-upload-pack repo/repo3) succeeded

```

## P4GC Log

```

2017/04/28 11:03:20 781949042 pid 23564: git-remote-p4gc origin p4gc://perforce:1666/repo/repo3.git
2017/04/28 11:03:20 782193331 pid 23564: >>> push
2017/04/28 11:03:20 782231574 pid 23564: >>> fetch
2017/04/28 11:03:20 783376730 pid 23564: p4 -ztag -p perforce:1666 -u gconn-user graph show-ref -n //repo/repo3.git
2017/04/28 11:03:20 790986780 pid 23564: {read fetch} <<< fetch 11e80ee4cbcfd7a21be5d66ee7ac7252e368651 refs/heads/master
2017/04/28 11:03:20 791030773 pid 23564: MkDir, /opt/perforce/git-connector/repos/repo/repo3.git
2017/04/28 11:03:20 791092115 pid 23564: MkDir, /opt/perforce/git-connector/repos/repo/repo3.git/objects
2017/04/28 11:03:20 791121179 pid 23564: MkDir, /opt/perforce/git-connector/repos/repo/repo3.git/objects/pack
2017/04/28 11:03:20 791261031 pid 23564: cmd="git show-ref"
2017/04/28 11:03:20 792889895 pid 23564: {p4 -ztag -p perforce:1666 -u gconn-user graph pack-objects -n //repo/repo3.git -o ./gconn.ebbdvY 11e80ee4cbcfd7a21be5d66ee7ac7252e368651}
2017/04/28 11:03:20 860137139 pid 23564: mv './gconn.ebbdvY/pack-5522838bd2cb7b0993f33d71893942626e013b13.pack' '/opt/perforce/git-connector/repos/repo/repo3.git/objects/pack/pack-5522838bd2cb7b0993f33d71893942626e013b13.pack'
2017/04/28 11:03:20 860212378 pid 23564: cmd="git index-pack /opt/perforce/git-connector/repos/repo/repo3.git/objects/pack/pack-5522838bd2cb7b0993f33d71893942626e013b13.pack"
2017/04/28 11:03:20 973860881 pid 23564: {git index-pack} <<< 860476462529f3d9466c6e1a174115275a76e229
2017/04/28 11:03:20 973944135 pid 23564: >>> lock pack-5522838bd2cb7b0993f33d71893942626e013b13.pack

```

# Special Client Connector Commands

- `git clone git@Connector:@help`
- `git clone git@Connector:@info`
- `git clone git@Connector:@list`
- `git clone git@Connector:@defaultbranch:depot/repo`
- `git clone git@Connector:@defaultbranch:depot/repo=`
- `git clone git@Connector:@defaultbranch:depot/repo=branch`

# Special Connector Commands

```
git clone git@Connector:@list
Cloning into '@list'...
graphDepots/repo12.git | Automatically created by the initial push.
repo/grepo1.git | DefaultBranch=refs/heads/main | Automatically created by the initial push.
repo/grepo2.git | Created by super.
repo/grepo3.git | Automatically created by the initial push.
repo/http-mirror-test-14.git | Mirror of http://gitlabee.das.perforce.com/vkanczes/http-mirror-test-14.git
repo/mark.git | DefaultBranch=main | Automatically created by the initial push.
repo/projectB.git | Automatically created by the initial push.
repo/repo1.git | Automatically created by the initial push.
repo/repo11.git | Automatically created by the initial push.
repo/repo17.git | Automatically created by the initial push.
repo/repo2.git | Automatically created by the initial push.
repo/repo3.git | Mirror of http://gitlabee.das.perforce.com/vkanczes/repo3.git
repo/repo4.git | Mirror of http://vkanczes-gitlab-dr.das.perforce.com/vkanczes/repo4.git
repo/repo5.git | Automatically created by the initial push.
repo/repo6.git | DefaultBranch=refs/heads/main | Created by gconn-user.
repo/repo7.git | Automatically created by the initial push.
repo/repox.git | Created by super.
repo/ssh-mirror-test-14.git | Mirror of git@gitlabee.das.perforce.com:vkanczes/ssh-mirror-test-14.git
repo/ssh-test.git | Mirror of git@gitlabee.das.perforce.com:vkanczes/ssh-test.git
repo/ssh-test3.git | Mirror of git@gitlabee.das.perforce.com:vkanczes/ssh-test3.git
repos/grepo1.git | Created by super.
repos/httpd.git | DefaultBranch=trunk | Created by super.
repos/repo11.git | Automatically created by the initial push.
repos/repo12.git | DefaultBranch=main | Automatically created by the initial push.
repos/repo4.git | Automatically created by the initial push.
repos/test-mirror1.git | Mirror of http://gitlabee.das.perforce.com/vkanczes/test-mirror1.git
repos/test2.git | Mirror of http://vkanczes:password11@gitlabee.das.perforce.com/vkanczes/test2.git
repos/test3.git | Mirror of git@gitlabee.das.perforce.com:vkanczes/test3.git
repos/test4.git | Mirror of git@gitlabee.das.perforce.com:vkanczes/test4.git
repos/test5.git | Mirror of git@gitlabee.das.perforce.com:vkanczes/test5.git
repos/thomas.git | DefaultBranch=refs/heads/dev | Automatically created by the initial push.
repos/thomas2.git | DefaultBranch=dev | Automatically created by the initial push.
```

# Special Connector Default Branch Commands

```
# A Perforce Repo Specification.  
#  
#   Name:      The name of this repo.  
#   Owner:     The user who created this repo.  
#   Created:   The date this specification was created.  
#   Pushed:    The date of the last 'push' to this repo.  
#   Description: A short description of the remote server (optional).  
#   MirroredFrom: Upstream URL that this repo is mirrored (readonly) from.  
#   DefaultBranch: The default branch to clone (eg, "refs/heads/trunk" or  
#                   "trunk"); it must begin with "refs/" if git is to use it.  
#  
#               See 'p4 help repo' for detailed information.  
  
Repo: //repo/apex  
  
Owner: vkanczes  
  
Created: 2017/04/06 10:29:14  
  
Pushed: 2017/04/06 10:29:14  
  
Description:  
           Automatically created by the initial push.  
  
DefaultBranch: /refs/heads/trunk
```

# **Configuring the Helix4Git One-Way Mirroring using HTTPS**

## **Requirements:**

Migration From GitSwarm to GitLab is complete  
Helix for Git Connector is installed and configured

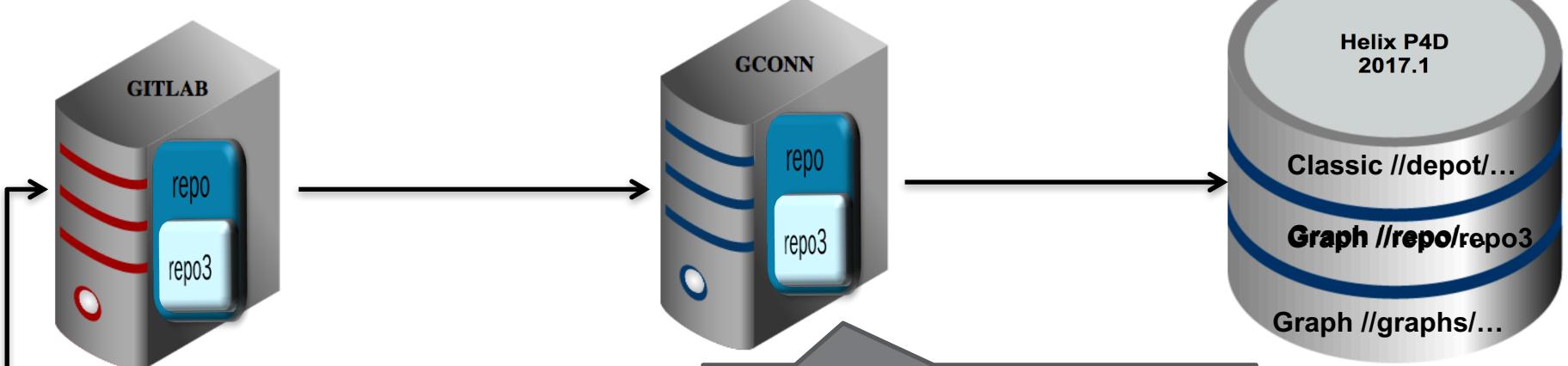
# ONE-WAY MIRRORING CONFIGURATION

Once one-way mirroring is configured, the repo can only be modified/pushed to GitLab.

Webhook is added in  
GitLab

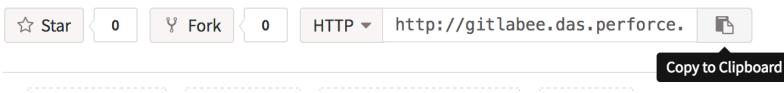
Mirror configured on Connector:  
`gconn -mirrorhook add`

Repo created with MirrorFrom: associated to  
the GitLab URL for the repository



On the GitLab server, create an access token

Copy the URL from GitLab server



On the Connector, setup environment  
as root

- `export GCONN_CONFIG=/opt/perforce/git-connector/gconn.conf`
- `cd /opt/perforce/git-connector`

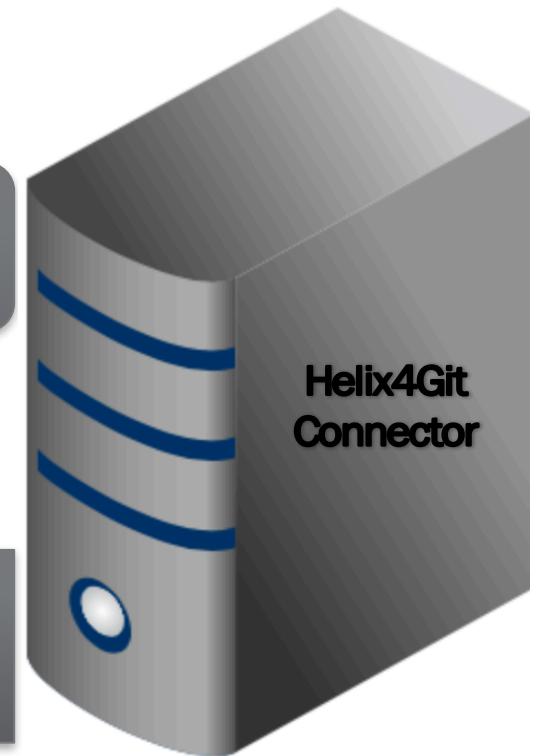
Use the access token instead of  
username:password when adding  
the mirrorhook

Create the mirror hook

- `./bin/gconn -mirrorhooks add repo/repo3  
https://gitlab-ci-  
token:secret@gitlab.com/project/repo3.git`

• Save the secret token that  
is outputted after  
generating the webhook

## HELIX4GIT ONE-WAY MIRRORING HTTP CONFIGURATION



## Helix4Git Mirror Hook Configuration

Mirroring configured for:

Upstream repo: http://gitlabee.das.perforce.com/vkanczes/repo3.git

Downstream repo: //repo/repo3.git

Webhook URL: /mirrorhooks

Webhook secret token: 4f1a52b4-3ad9-4e7c-9cda-f764bc9cc2ad

You must still add the webhook using the URL and token indicated before updates will be mirrored.

```
opt/perforce/git-connector/repos/repo/repo3.git# cat .mirror.config
```

```
{  
  "upstream_url": "http://gitlabee.das.perforce.com/vkanczes/repo3.git",  
  "downstream_repo": "//repo/repo3.git",  
  "secret_token": "4f1a52b4-3ad9-4e7c-9cda-f764bc9cc2ad",  
  "status": "enabled"  
}
```

## HELIX4GIT ONE-WAY MIRRORING VALIDATION

```
/opt/perforce/git-connector/repos/repo/repo3.git# ls -al
drwxrwsr-x 7 root      gconn-auth 4096 May  4 16:02 .
drwxrwsr-x 21 www-data gconn-auth 4096 May 15 15:17 ..
drwxrwsr-x 2 root      gconn-auth 4096 Apr 27 16:32 branches
-rw-rw-r-- 1 root      gconn-auth 222 Apr 28 15:09 config
-rw-rw-r-- 1 root      gconn-auth 73 Apr 27 16:32 description
-rw-rw-r-- 1 root      gconn-auth 132 May  4 16:02 FETCH_HEAD
-rw-rw-r-- 1 www-data gconn-auth 131 May  4 16:02 fetch_log
-rw-rw-r-- 1 root      gconn-auth 23 Apr 27 16:32 HEAD
drwxrwsr-x 2 root      gconn-auth 4096 Apr 27 16:32 hooks
drwxrwsr-x 2 root      gconn-auth 4096 Apr 27 16:32 info
-rw-rw-r-- 1 root      gconn-auth 198 May  2 16:51 .mirror.config
-rw-rw-r-- 1 root      gconn-auth  0 Apr 27 16:32 .mirror.lock
-rw-rw-r-- 1 root      gconn-auth 1825 May  4 16:02 .mirror.log
drwxrwsr-x 25 root     gconn-auth 4096 May  4 16:02 objects
-rw-rw-r-- 1 www-data gconn-auth 126 May  4 16:02 push_log
drwxrwsr-x 5 root      gconn-auth 4096 Apr 28 15:10 refs
root@gconn-ubuntu16:/opt/perforce/git-connector/repos/repo/repo3.git# head .mirror.log
sent request
daemon: started with pid=9758
received request
daemon: starting fetch from http://vkanczes-gitlab-dr.das.perforce.com/vkanczes/repo3.git
daemon: starting push to p4gc://gconn-user@10.5.10.174:17100/repo/repo3.git
daemon: request complete
no remaining requests
```

# **Configuring the Helix4Git One-Way Mirroring for SSH**

## **Requirements:**

Migration From GitSwarm to GitLab is complete  
Helix for Git Connector is installed and configured

CentOS web-user: apache  
Ubuntu web-user is www-data

## HELIX4GIT ONE-WAY MIRRORING SSH CONFIGURATION

As root on the Connector, setup the web service user's SSH keys

- Create the /var/www/.ssh directory for www-data
- Change owner of the directory
  - chown www-data:gconn-auth /var/www/.ssh

Switch to the web service user

- su -s /bin/bash - www-data

Generate the ssh keys

- ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -C www-data@connector.com

Copy the ssh public key to the GitLab

- add /var/www/.ssh/id\_rsa.pub key to user who can clone and fetch from the repository.



In GitLab go to Profile Settings

Click on SSH Keys

## HELIX4GIT ONE-WAY MIRRORING SSH CONFIGURATION

Be sure to add for a user who can clone/fetch from the repository.

Add the /var/www/.ssh/id\_rsa.pub public key

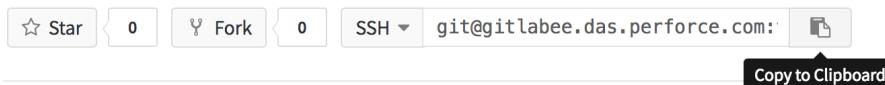
The screenshot shows the GitLab Profile Settings interface. The top navigation bar includes Profile, Account, Applications, Access Tokens, Emails, Password, Notifications, **SSH Keys**, Preferences, and Audit Log. A search bar and a green 'git' icon are also present. The SSH Keys section contains a sub-section titled 'Add an SSH key' with instructions to generate it. A large text input field contains a long public RSA key:

```
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAQABAAQDSDnuk6EMAztnYgGFG5Wf+c0UnAQJvfU6aZAfnsNSOLELYLI/+RW4VwhDIw
/SQKh+T8Q4PzbVftokw5NLpi8gLov7Ue+bGsoSrXnMC/XhATCl2rHHyHvaAe6YNybWgm4aBr43H8C9umCnVAxDqnbTwcQSoYBkLHEc
/Gh0gn3Am4UMrVKqhWaiFKNpqkwaw2+JQzs3ZRRzJcTTvKTrnX/Q+vUohiWazy8eAqosqMfY
/x6QinmNk1r9HgyoqpykIKBHYYnMcGNnqLoSbp+XrSdb/RKTlyt+EnHILM3W6zIRHZEs6bZXtSF7T0FDZXco4iPomNkJzcLipDKQmESSg0YHSRPQ
/tfAX7tete7gGugCt2eX/w3SuhBc1yY7NOUqSm10MU640ktpixeT6xmrQ0htg9wOM4MX
/BqbnnHBV1WFoWMFw69SUvwazifPrx+bQhLE4pU+d3di74l36n3+KDCxm1jYDzdg8VY1dRzGOloKnc3oa
/MocQGT25B9kY8HgJrTrfYfNjyKKyTxx6smulnkYnflZMoYh5ijUu5EISIH2Zs0zgJB7ERUJzJLwXrrUmMvJqbeOzE7V+KA2jaKeAET4mA6Rk2R1vgmtf1X
pL6InkiaKXxQIKPpYW+ueATexbLhcdl27ho4+eSmyxqfyQoafjerSpFUX1zUhvuFPSlQ= www-data@gconn-ubuntu16.das.perforce.com
```

The 'Title' field contains 'www-data@gconn-ubuntu16.das.perforce.com'. A green 'Add key' button is at the bottom of the form.

Click on 'Add key'

Copy the URL from the GitLab server



## HELIX4GIT ONE-WAY MIRRORING SSH CONFIGURATION

On the Connector, setup environment as web service user  
(www-data or apache)

- `export GCONN_CONFIG=/opt/perforce/git-connector/gconn.conf`

Create the mirror hook

- `./bin/gconn -mirrorhooks add repo/repo3  
git@gitlabServer.com/project/repo3.git`

- Save the secret token that is outputted after generating the webhook



# Configuring the Webhook in GitLab



# HELIX4GIT ONE-WAY MIRRORING CONFIGURATION ON GITLAB

Choose webhooks from project drop-down

The screenshot shows a GitLab repository page for 'Veronica / repo3'. The page includes a navigation bar with links for Project, Activity, Repository, Pipelines, Graphs, Issues (0), Merge Requests (0), and Wiki. Below the navigation is a repository summary with a profile picture containing a red 'R', the name 'repo3', and a description 'repo3'. It shows 0 stars and 0 forks. The SSH URL is listed as 'git@gitlabee.das.perforce.com:'. Below the summary are links for Files (120 KB), Commit (1), Branch (1), Tags (0), Add Changelog, Add License, Add Contribution guide, and Set Up CI. A recent commit message is displayed: '036f4c1b Add new readme.txt file · about an hour ago by Veronica'. A large orange arrow points from the text 'Choose webhooks from project drop-down' to the 'Webhooks' option in the dropdown menu on the right. The dropdown menu also lists Members, Groups, Deploy Keys, Services, Protected Branches, Runners, Variables, Triggers, CI/CD Pipelines, Push Rules, Mirror Repository, Pages, Audit Events, and Edit Project.

- Members
- Groups
- Deploy Keys
- Webhooks**
- Services
- Protected Branches
- Runners
- Variables
- Triggers
- CI/CD Pipelines
- Push Rules
- Mirror Repository
- Pages
- Audit Events
- Edit Project

# HELIX4GIT ONE-WAY MIRRORING CONFIGURATION ON GITLAB

The screenshot shows the 'Webhooks' configuration page for a project named 'Veronica / repo3'. The URL is set to <https://gconn-ubuntu16.das.perforce.com/mirrorhooks>. The secret token is `4f1a52b4-3ad9-4e7c-9cda-f764bc9cc2ad`. The 'Push events' checkbox is checked, and the 'Enable SSL verification' checkbox is unchecked. Annotations with arrows point to the URL field, the secret token field, the 'Push events' checkbox, and the 'Add Webhook' button.

Veronica / repo3

Project Activity Repository Pipelines Graphs Issues 0 Merge Requests 0 Wiki

**Webhooks**  
Webhooks can be used for binding events when something is happening within the project.

**URL**  
`https://gconn-ubuntu16.das.perforce.com/mirrorhooks`

**Secret Token**  
`4f1a52b4-3ad9-4e7c-9cda-f764bc9cc2ad`  
Use this token to validate received payloads. It will be sent with the request in the X-Gitlab-Token HTTP header.

**Trigger**

**Push events**  
This URL will be triggered by a push to the repository

**Tag push events**  
This URL will be triggered when a new tag is pushed to the repository

**Comments**  
This URL will be triggered when someone adds a comment

**Issues events**  
This URL will be triggered when an issue is created/updated/merged

**Confidential Issues events**  
This URL will be triggered when a confidential issue is created/updated/merged

**Merge Request events**  
This URL will be triggered when a merge request is created/updated/merged

**Build events**  
This URL will be triggered when the build status changes

**Pipeline events**  
This URL will be triggered when the pipeline status changes

**Wiki Page events**  
This URL will be triggered when a wiki page is created/updated

**SSL verification**

**Enable SSL verification**

**Add Webhook**

Webhooks (0)

Enter the Connector URL

Paste the secret token

Uncheck the 'Enable SSL verification'

Click on Add Webhook

# HELIX4GIT ONE-WAY MIRRORING CONFIGURATION ON GITLAB

≡ Veronica / repo3 ▾

Hook executed successfully: HTTP 200

Add Webhook

Webhooks (1)

<https://gconn-ubuntu16.das.perforce.com/mirrorhooks>

Push Events

Click on 'Test' to verify it

SSL Verification: disabled

Test



# HELIX4GIT ONE-WAY MIRRORING VALIDATION

Edit the readme.txt in GitLab and commit

master repo3 Filter by commit message

27 Apr, 2017 3 commits

**Update README.md** Veronica authored 3 minutes ago 11e80ee4

**adding presentation** vkanczes authored 17 minutes ago 330a9ec4 Browse Files

**Add new readme.txt file** Veronica authored about 2 hours ago 036f4c1b

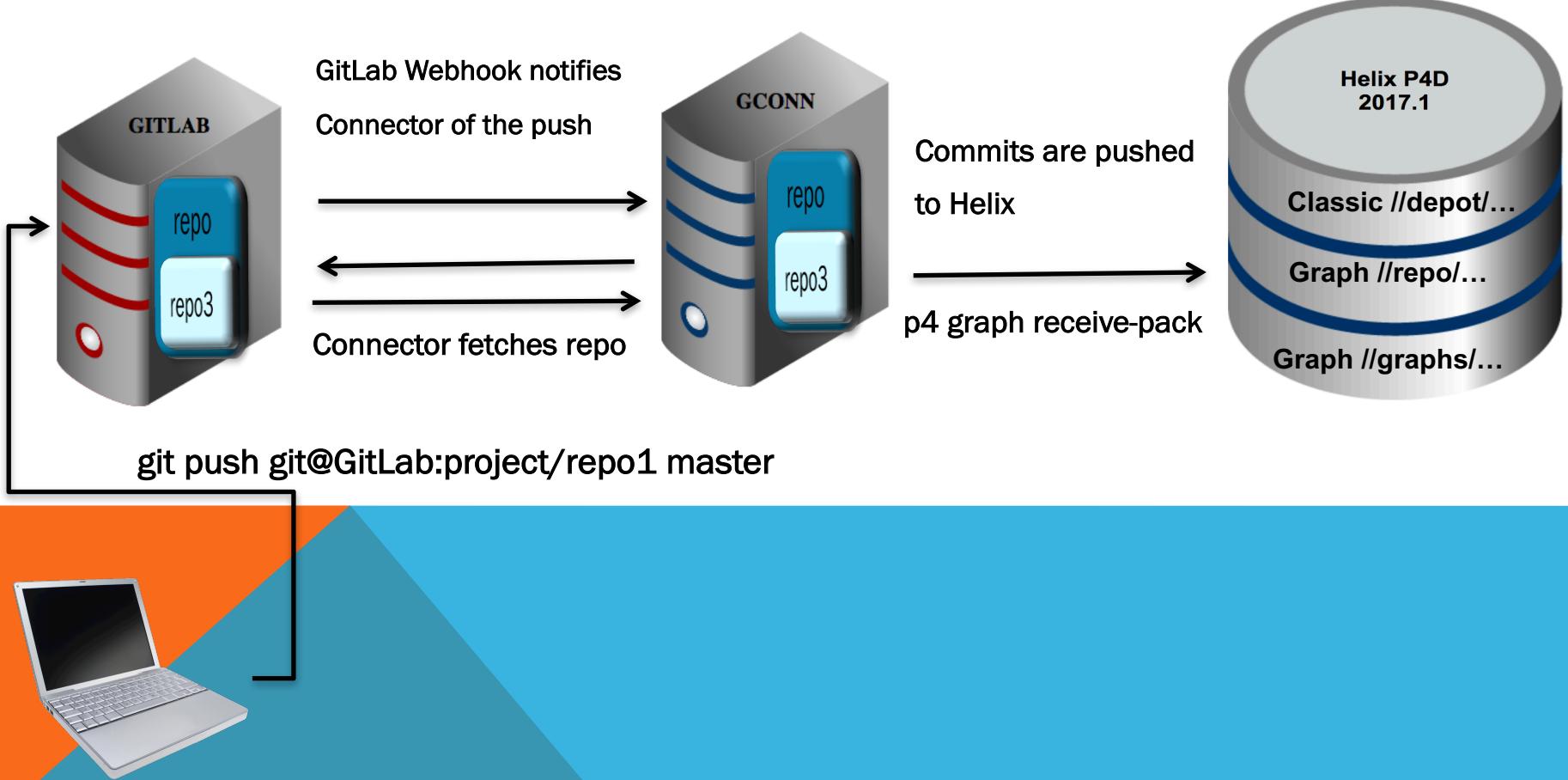
Check the file is in Helix

```
p4 sync  
//repo/repo3/GitConnector.pptx - added as /opt/perforce/servers/17100/ws/repo/repo3/GitConnector.pptx  
//repo/repo3/README.md - added as /opt/perforce/servers/17100/ws/repo/repo3/README .md
```

```
p4 graph log -n //repo/repo3 -m1  
commit 11e80ee4cbcfd7a21be5d66ee7ac7252e368651  
Author: Veronica <vkanczes@perforce.com>  
Date: 2017/04/27 16:42:37
```

Update README.md

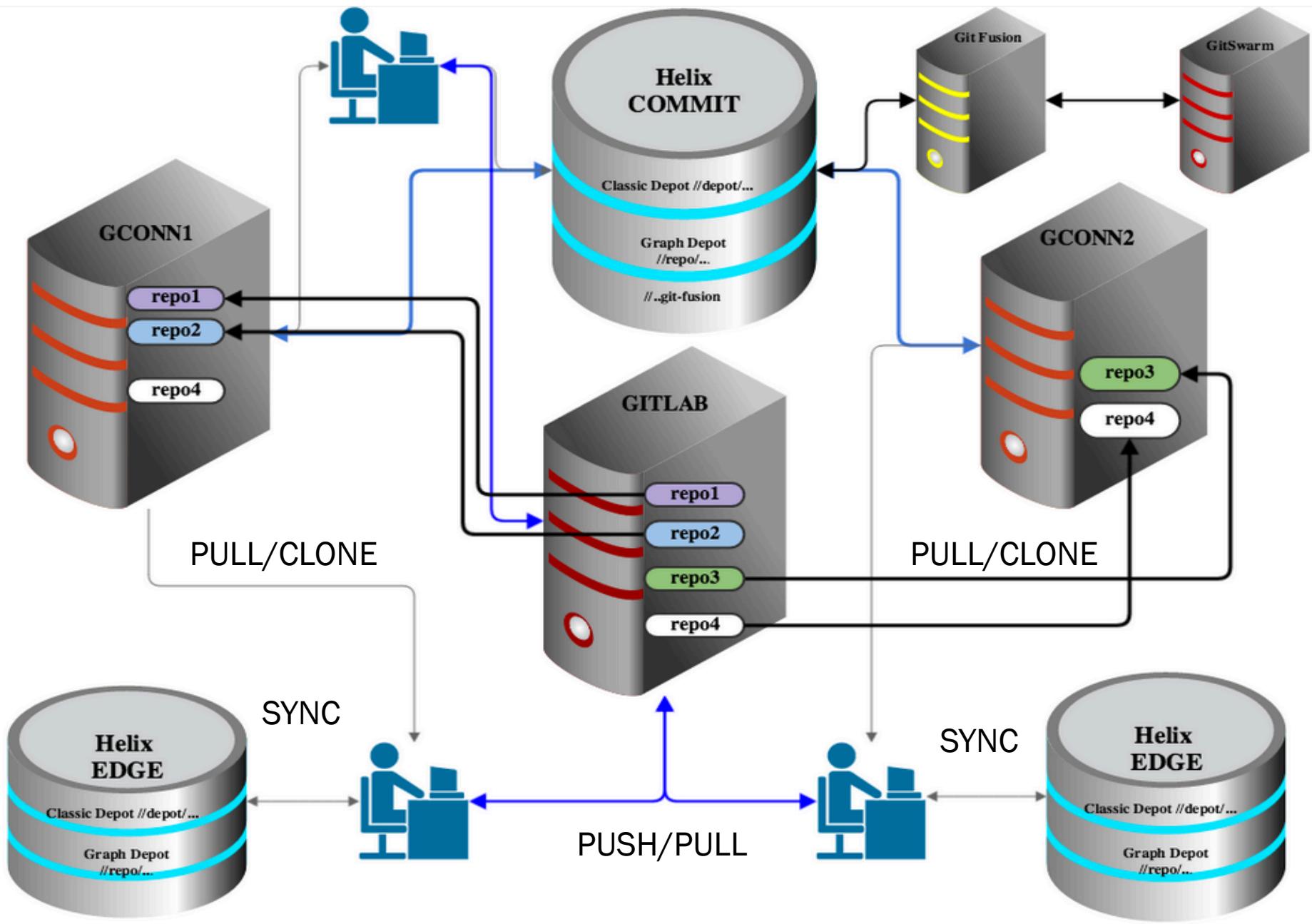
# ONE-WAY MIRRORING FROM GITLAB



# **Helix4Git Environments**



# Helix4Git Environment with One-Way Mirroring



This concludes the  
**Helix4Git Connector training session**

## Documentation

### Helix4Git 2017.1

- Installation and Configuration
- One-Way Mirroring
- Troubleshooting

### Helix Versioning Engine Administrator Guide: Triggers

### P4 Command Reference

## Helpful Links

[First 20 Minutes with Helix4Git Connector](#)

[Technical Support Helix4Git Connector Quickstart – VMs](#)

[Helix4Git QuickStart Guide](#)

[Helix4Git Connector SSH Setup and Validation](#)

[Helix4Git Connector HTTPS Setup and Validation](#)

[Migration From GitFusion/GitSwarm to GitLab and Helix4Git](#)

[Migrating Repos from Git Fusion to Helix4Git](#)

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# Q&A

