A brownbag workshop at



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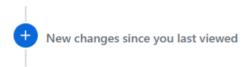
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...a PR under review counts as shared.

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```
% git fetch
Fetching origin
remote: Enumerating objects: 56, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (56/56), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (19/19), done.
remote: Total 34 (delta 25), reused 23 (delta 14), pack-reused 0
Unpacking objects: 100% (34/34), 12.73 KiB | 3.18 MiB/s, done.
From github.com:some-org/some-repo
    a0fa5d45..6a419b3f cockatoo -> origin/cockatoo
* [new branch] talks -> origin/talks
+ 1dc7050b..3e399553 nunneries -> origin/nunneries (forced update)
    1f4cd98c..d6cf5f39 disoriented -> origin/disoriented
* [new tag] v5.0 -> v5.0
* [new tag] v9.0 -> v9.0
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D---E---F---G master

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# Move your commits on top of other commits (like `master`):
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...or both.

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```
# Rebase 39da67d..1c71051 onto 39da67d (2 commands)
#
# Commands:
# p, pick <commit> = use commit
# r, reword <commit> = use commit, but edit the commit message
# e, edit <commit> = use commit, but stop for amending
# s, squash <commit> = use commit, but meld into previous commit
# f, fixup [-C | -c] <commit> = like "squash" but keep only the previous
#
                     commit's log message, unless -C is used, in which case
                     keep only this commit's message; -c is same as -C but
                     opens the editor
# x, exec <command> = run command (the rest of the line) using shell
# b, break = stop here (continue rebase later with 'git rebase --continue')
# d, drop <commit> = remove commit
# l, label <label> = label current HEAD with a name
# t, reset <label> = reset HEAD to a label
# m, merge [-C <commit> | -c <commit>] <label> [# <oneline>]
          create a merge commit using the original merge commit's
# .
         message (or the oneline, if no original merge commit was
          specified); use -c <commit> to reword the commit message
# These lines can be re-ordered; they are executed from top to bottom.
# If you remove a line here THAT COMMIT WILL BE LOST.
# However, if you remove everything, the rebase will be aborted.
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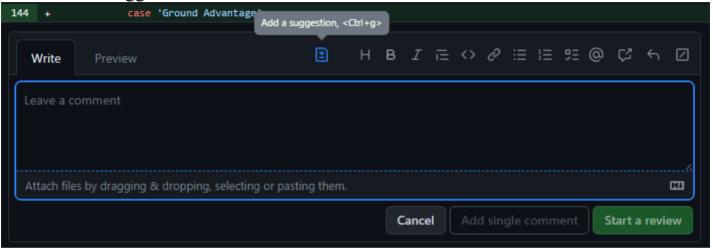
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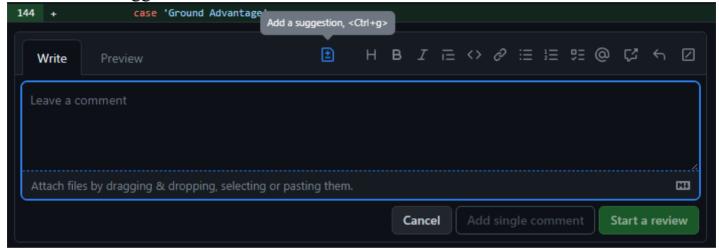
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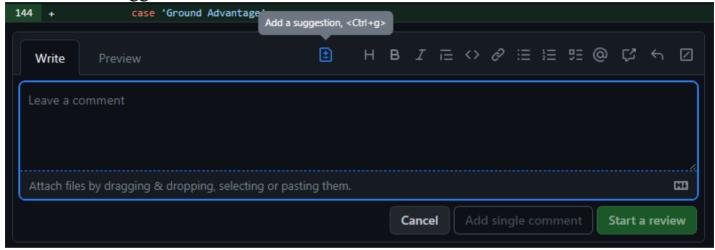


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- Email a fixup! patch file (applied with git am).

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#### Automatically reorder commits:

```
pick becb6d4 Add-B
fixup 3f2cd38 fixup! Add-B
pick 6a7clef Add-C
fixup 8974cd7 fixup! Add-C
pick c394de8 Add-D

# Rebase 2074d52..8974cd7 onto 2074d52 (5 commands)
# [...]
```

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### Rebase flowchart

- Has the PR already been reviewed?
  - $\circ$  No
  - Are there merge conflicts with master?
    - No
      - An out-of-date branch is not a problem if there are no conflicts.
      - Rebase against merge-base or against master are both fine.
    - Yes
      - Rebase against master & resolve conflicts.
  - Yes
    - Are there merge conflicts with master?
    - No
      - Rebase fixup commits against merge-base after approval.
    - Yes
      - Has the PR been approved?
        - No
          - Discuss with your reviewer.
        - Yes
          - 1. Rebase fixup commits against merge-base.
          - 2. Merge master into your branch and resolve the conflicts.
          - 3. The conflict resolution will require re-approval: git show -m -p

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