GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRO TO DATA SCIENCE

SESSION 2.1: VERSION CONTROL, GIT

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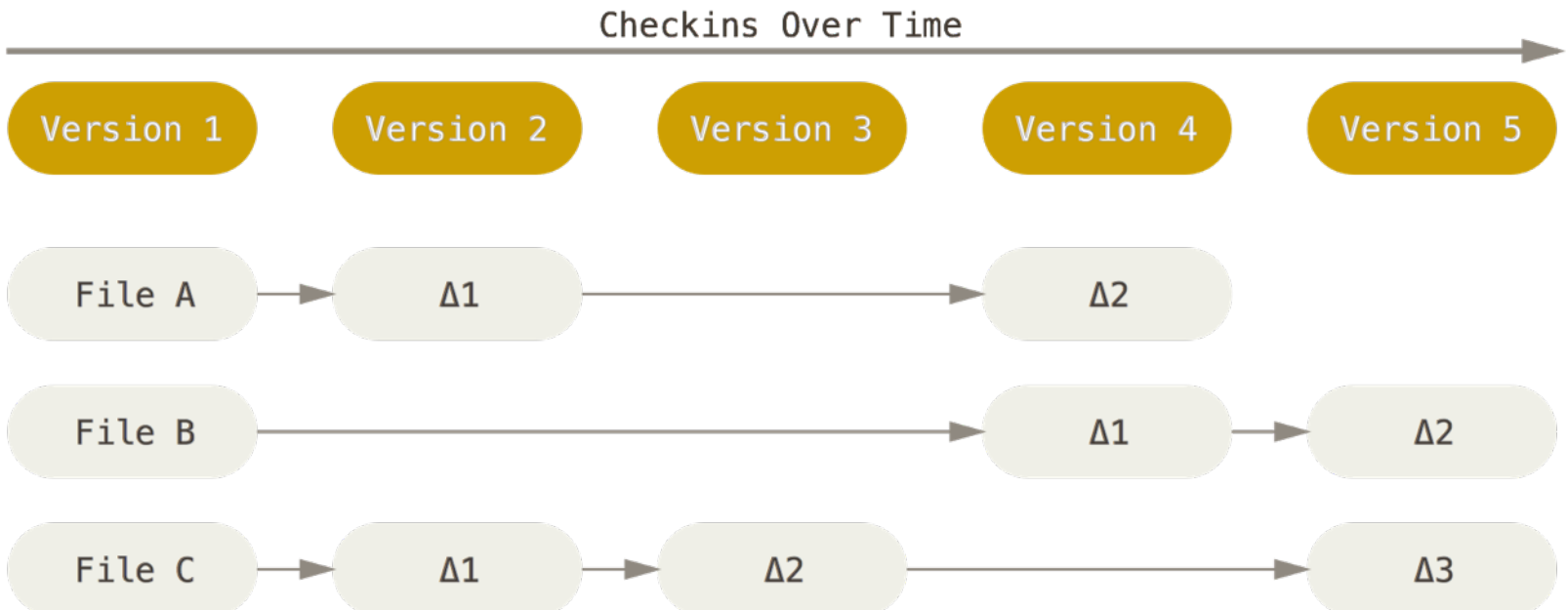
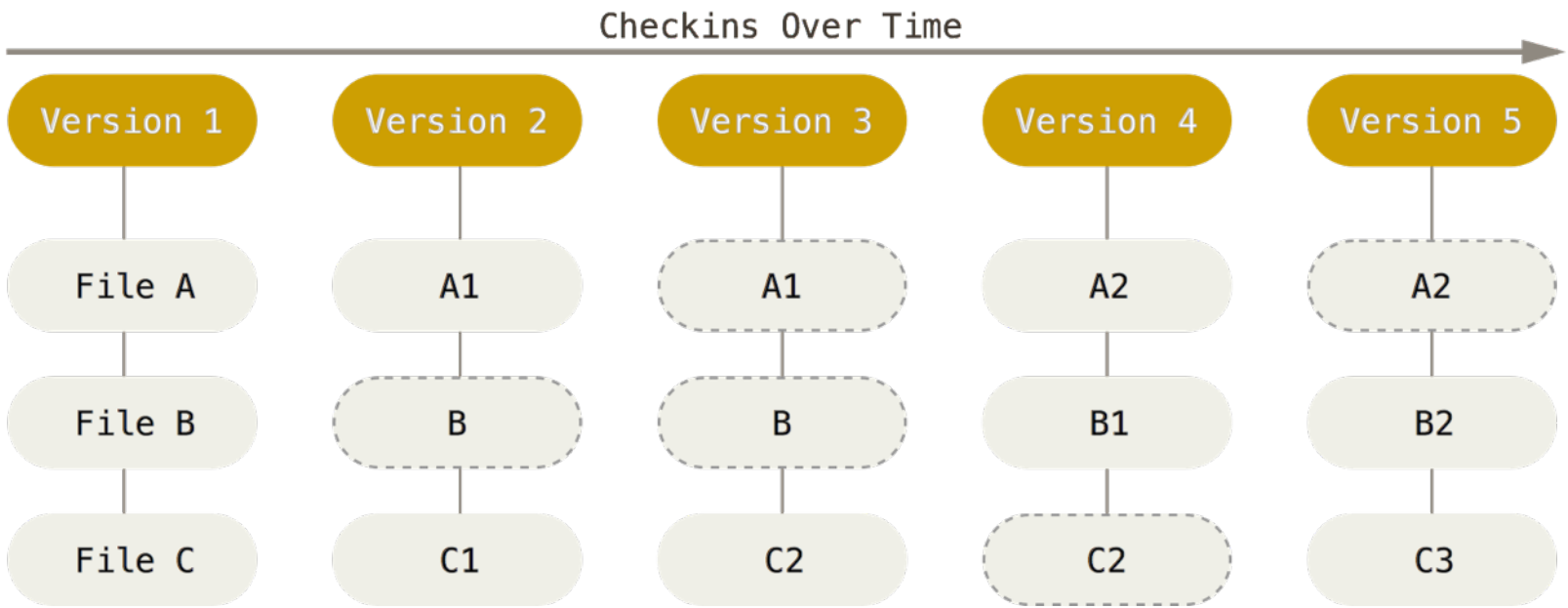
Version control is a system that records changes to a file or set of files over time so that we can recall specific versions later.

(Think of Time Machine for your Mac)

Traditional VCS' work in terms of files and differences

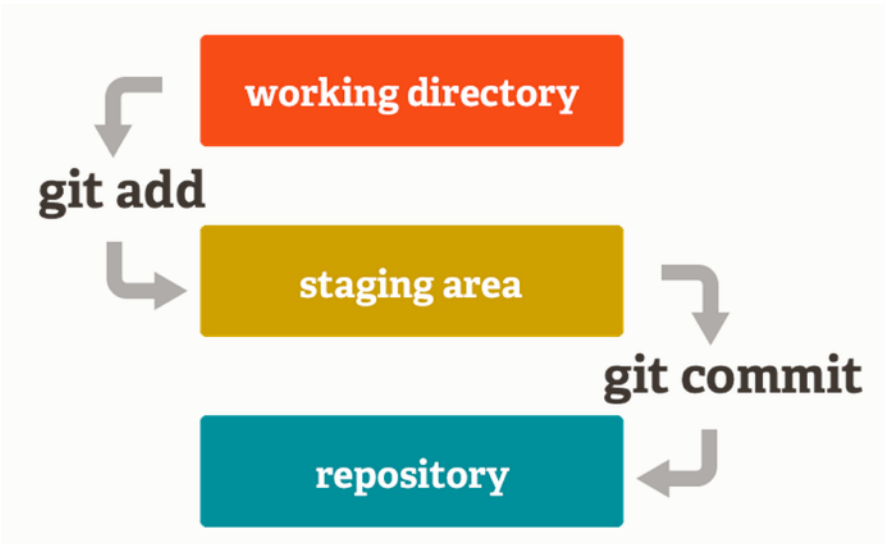


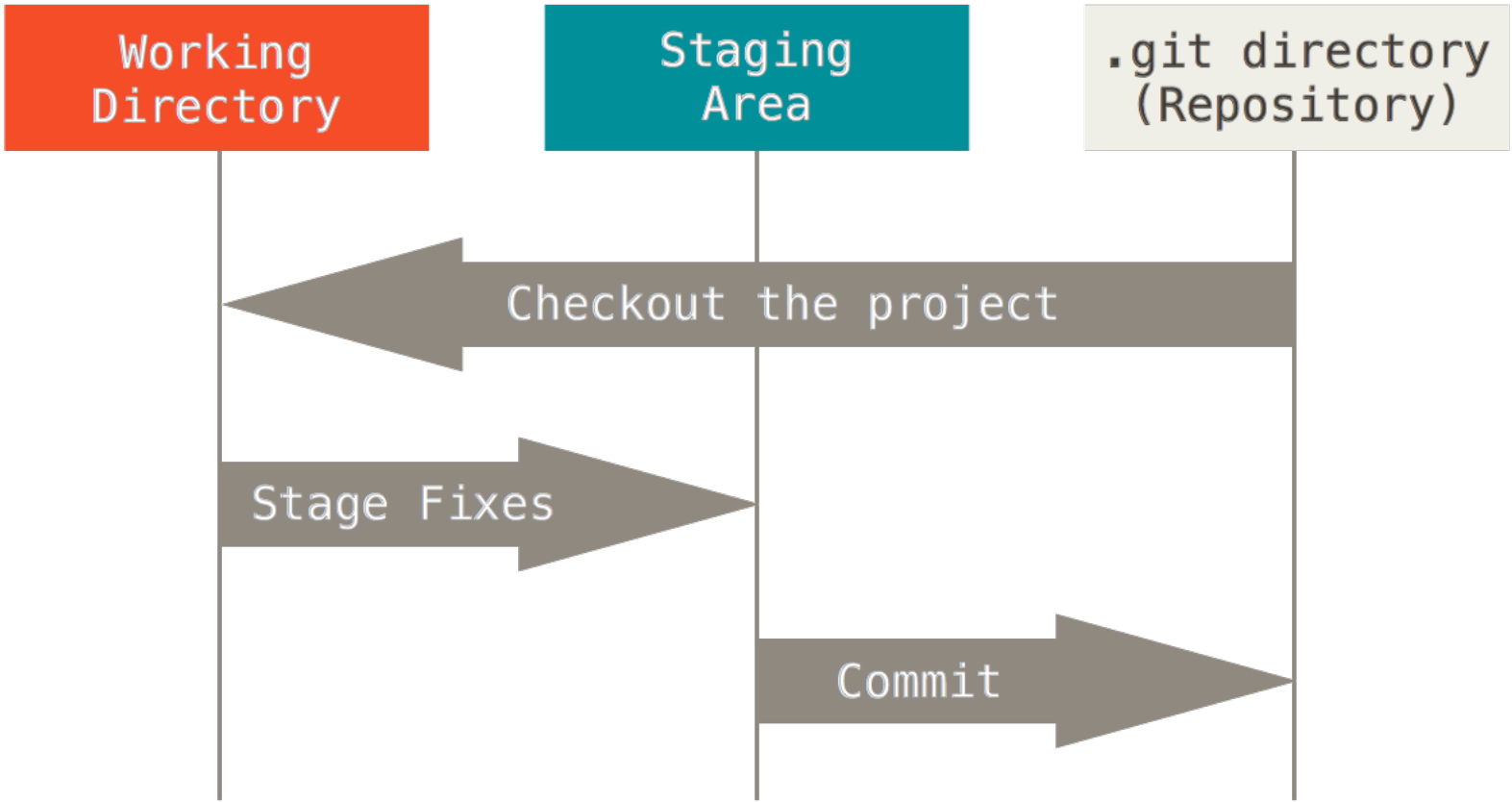
Git stores data more like a stream of snapshots of the project over time



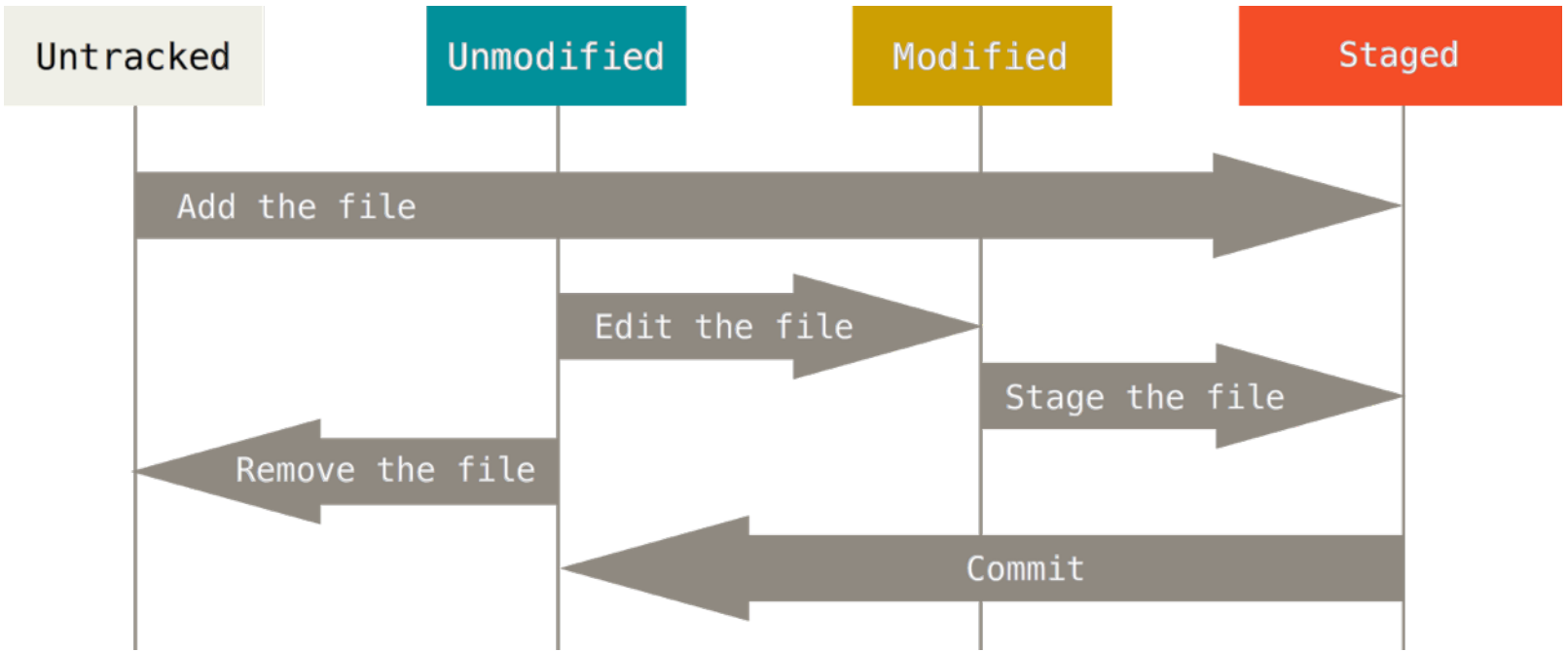
The basic Git workflow

1. *Modify files in your working directory.*
2. *Add them to your staging area to prepare to snapshot a version.*
3. *You do a commit, which takes a snapshot of ALL the files in the staging area and stores that snapshot permanently to your Git directory. This version can be referenced later by its SHA-1 hash.*




Working Directory
Staging Area
.git directory (Repository)
Checkout the project
Stage Fixes
Commit

VERSION CONTROL



GIT COMMANDS

Main

git clone – clone a repo
git status – get status
git add – add changes to be pushed
git commit – commit the change with a comment
git push – push the change to github
git pull – pull remote changes from github

Others

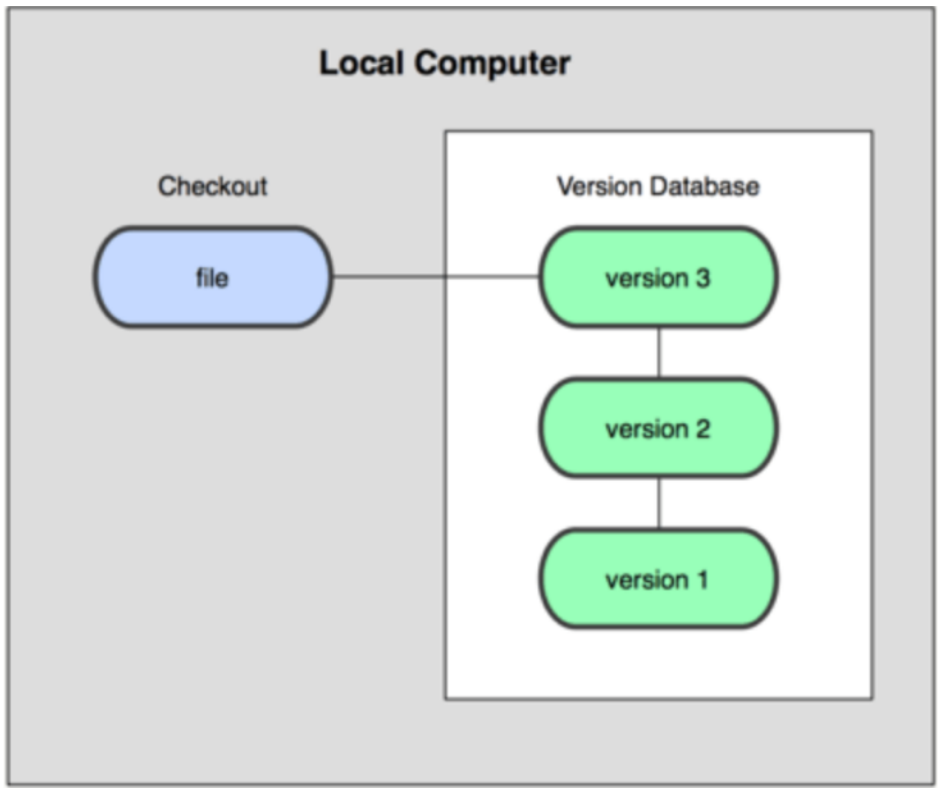
git branch – see all branches
git checkout – checkout a branch
git merge – merge in another branch
git stash – stash changes
pull request – remote changes requested to be merged in

BONUS MATERIAL

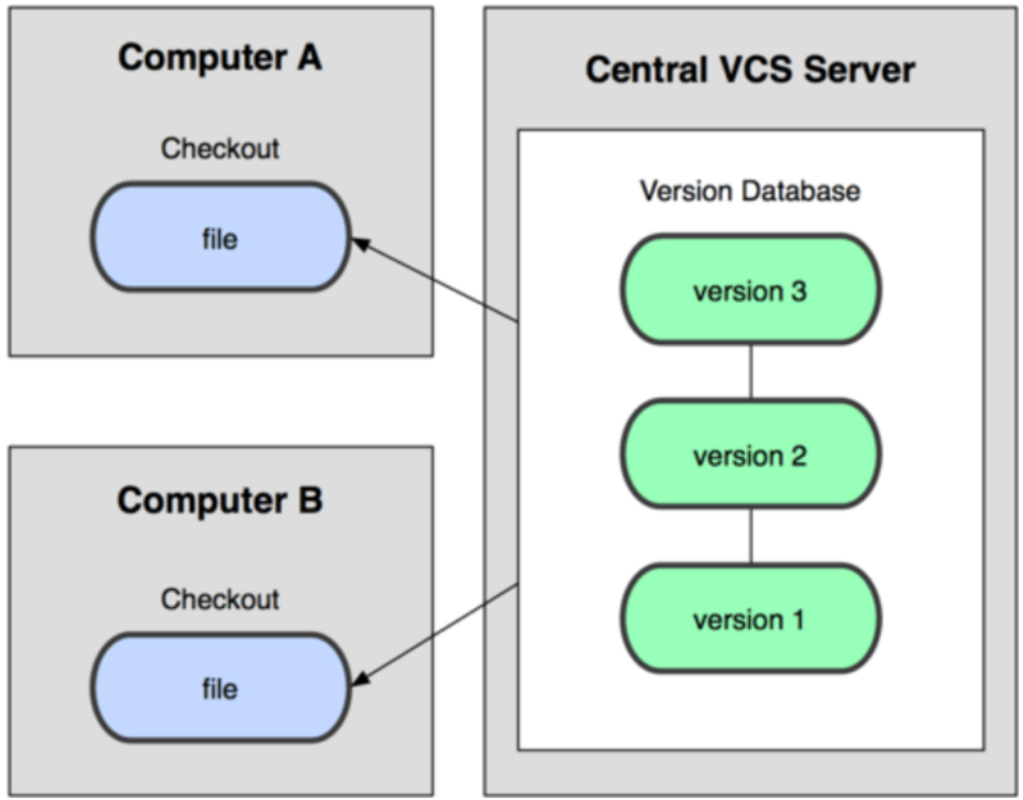
Version control systems (VCS) can be:

- *Local*
- *Centralized*
- *Distributed*

Local version control:



Centralized version control:



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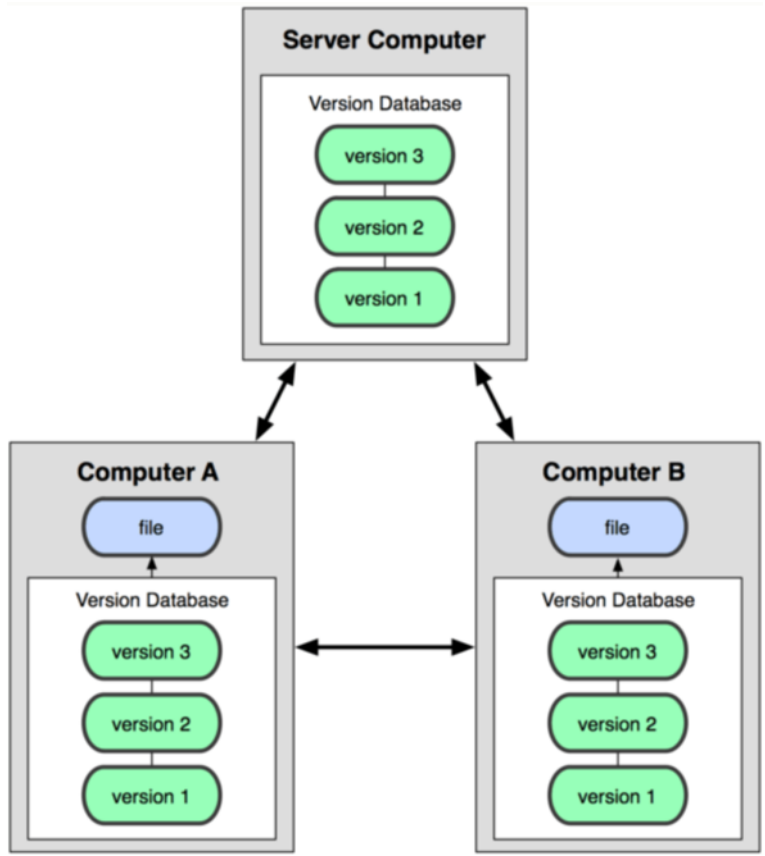

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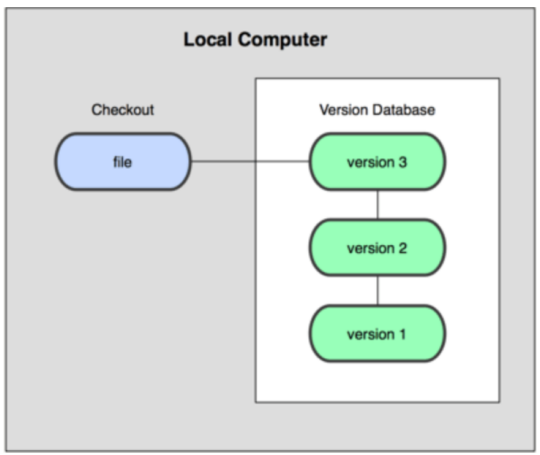

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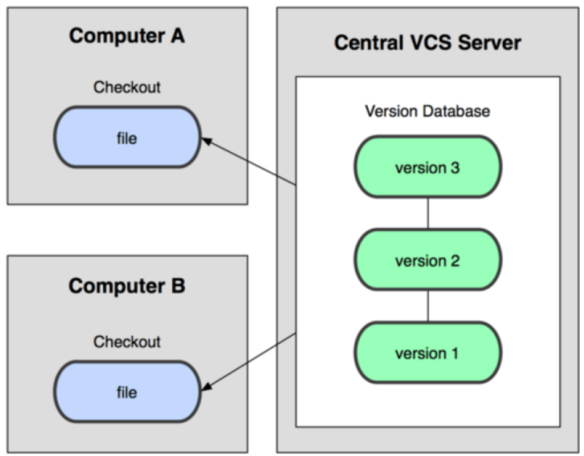

Distributed