Git from the inside out

Talk structure

Git is a graph

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This graph dictates Git's behaviour

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If you understand this graph, you understand Git

Run Git commands on a repository

Observe how those commands change the graph

Create a project

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~ \$ mkdir alpha

Create a project

```
~ $ mkdir alpha
~ $ cd alpha
~/alpha $
```

Create data directory

~/alpha \$ mkdir data

Create data/letter.txt

```
~/alpha $ mkdir data
~/alpha $ printf 'a' > data/letter.txt
```

Project layout

```
~/alpha $ tree
    alpha
    data
    letter.txt
```

Initialize the repository

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```
~/alpha $ git init
Initialized repository
```

File layout

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Add a new file to Git

Add data/letter.txt to Git

~/alpha \$ git add data/letter.txt

Hashes

Hash of data/letter.txt content

~/alpha \$ git hash-object data/letter.txt
2e65

```
~/alpha $ git add data/letter.txt
~/alpha $ tree -a .git
          .git
          — objects
              ____ 2e
~/alpha $ cat .git/objects/2e/65
          xK??OROdH
~/alpha $ git cat-file -p 2e65
          a
```

2. Make an entry in the index

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Re-add a file to a repository

After data/letter.txt added



Create data/number.txt

```
~/alpha $ printf '1234' > data/number.txt
```

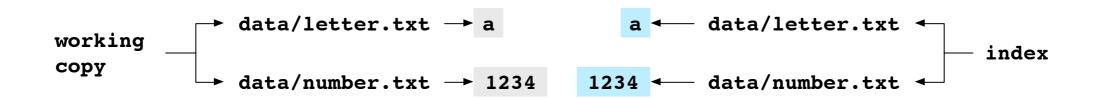
Create data/number.txt

~/alpha \$ printf '1234' > data/number.txt



Add data/number.txt

~/alpha \$ git add data/number.txt



Edit data/number.txt

~/alpha \$ printf '1' > data/number.txt



Add data/number.txt

```
~/alpha $ printf '1' > data/number.txt
~/alpha $ git add data/number.txt
```

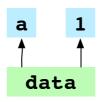


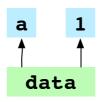
Make a commit

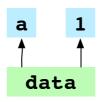
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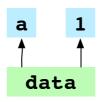
```
~/alpha $ git commit -m 'al' master 774b
```

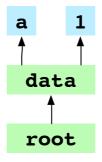
Before the commit

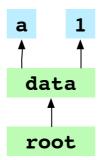


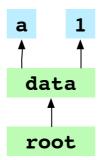


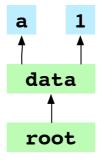


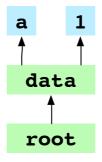


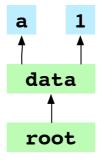


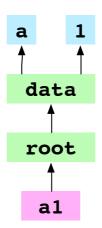


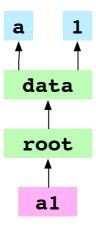


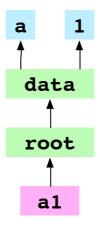






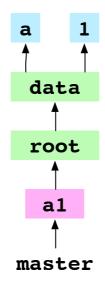


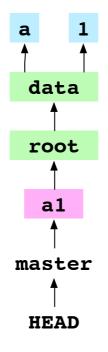




```
a 1
data
root
a1
```

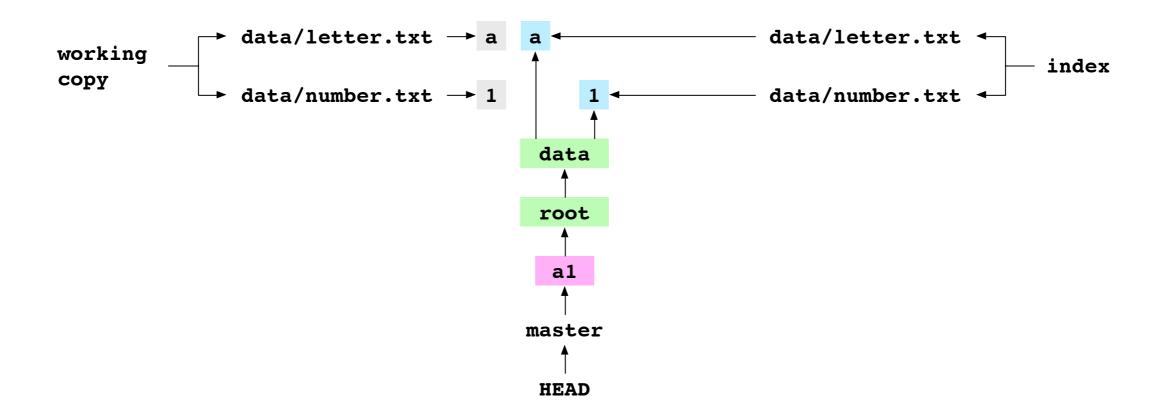
```
~/alpha $ git commit -m 'a1' master 774b
```





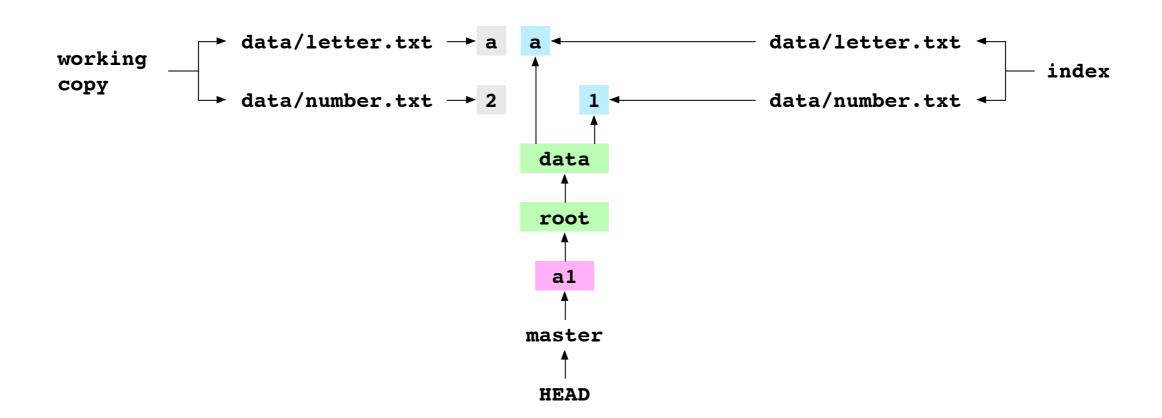
Make a commit that is not the first commit

After the first commit



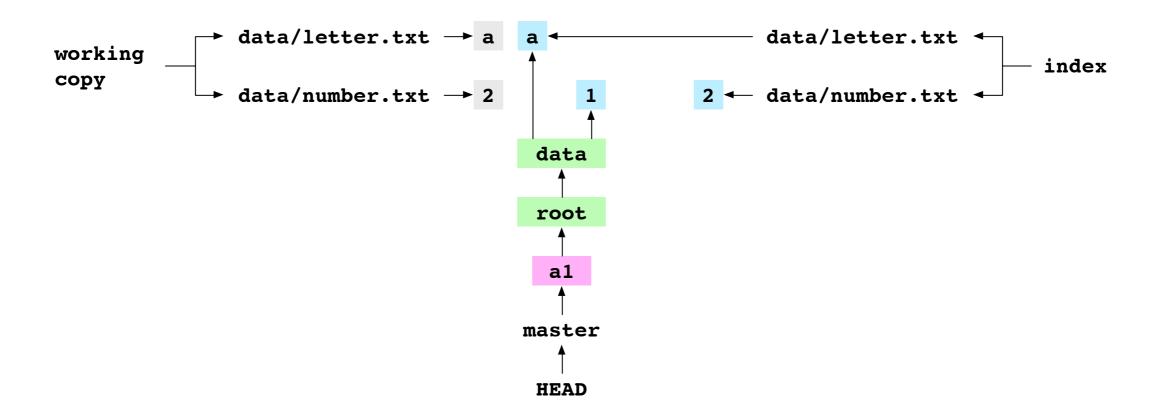
Edit number.txt

~/alpha \$ printf '2' > data/number.txt



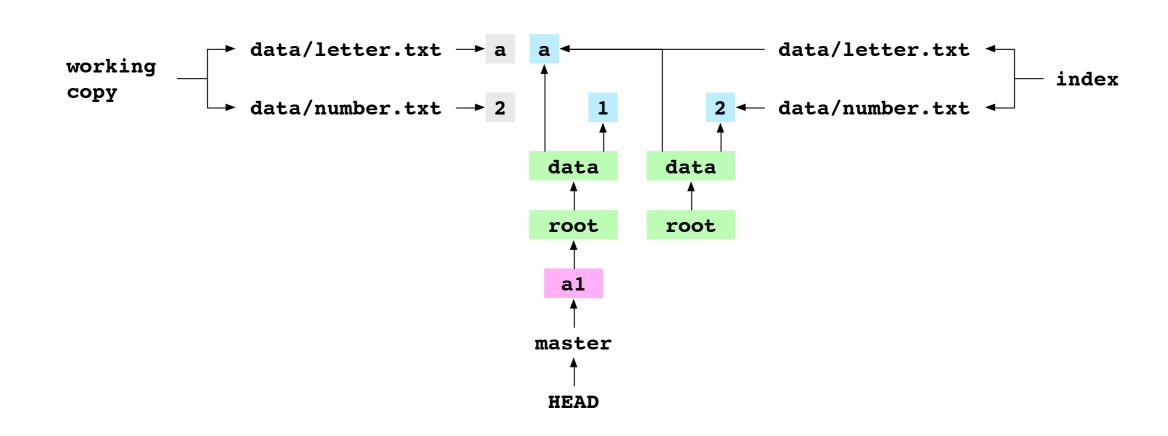
Add number.txt

~/alpha \$ git add data/number.txt

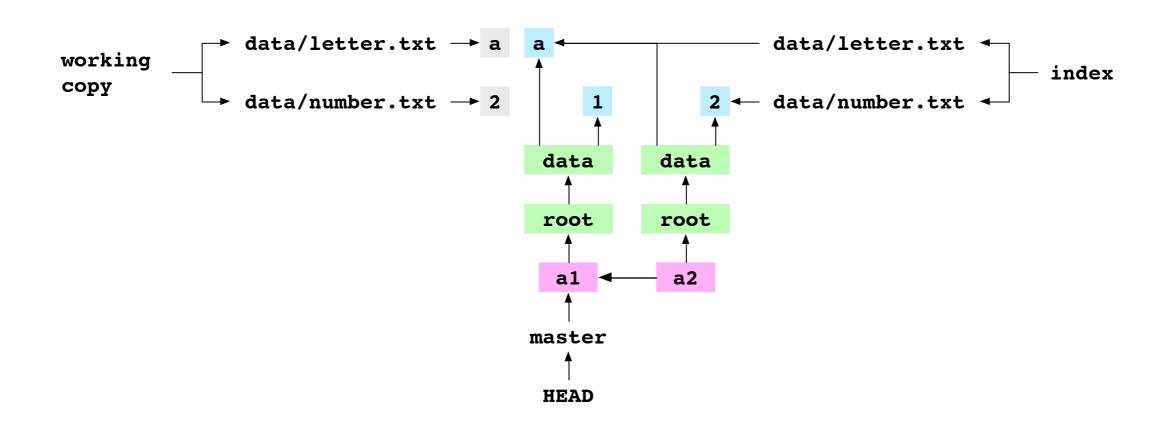


Make a 2 commit

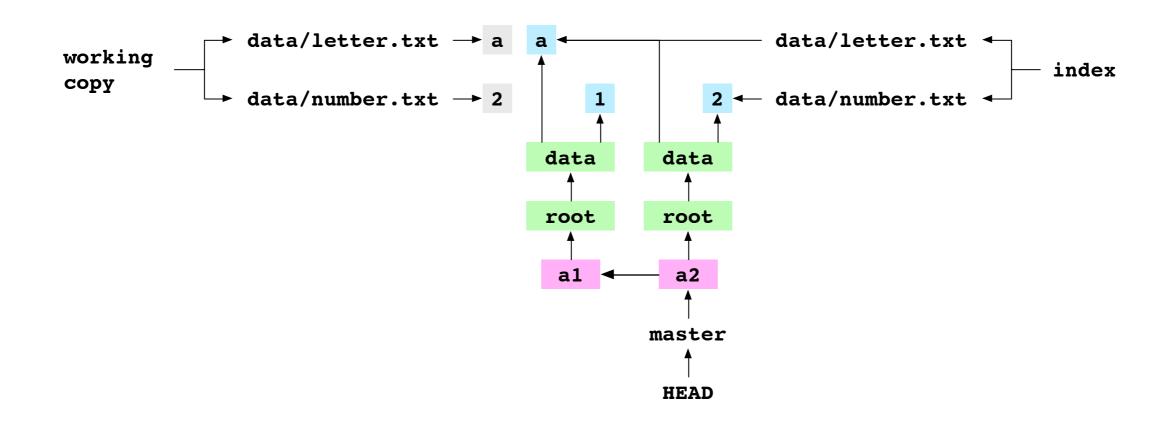
```
~/alpha $ git commit -m 'a2' master f0af
```



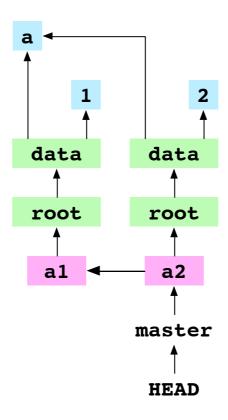
2. Create the commit object



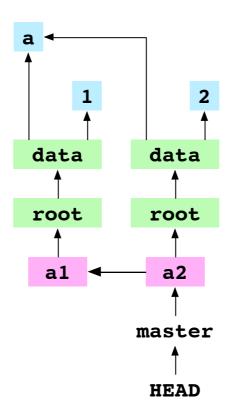
~/alpha \$ git commit -m 'a2' master f0af



Content is stored as trees

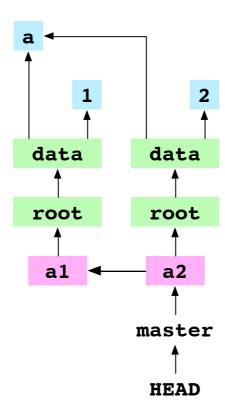


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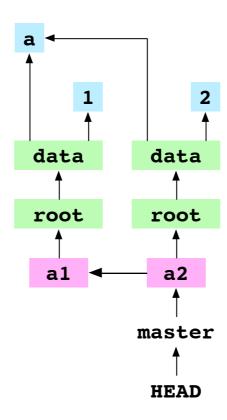


The objects database stores diffs

Each commit has a parent

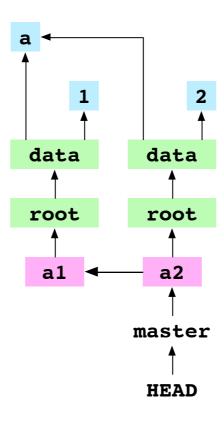


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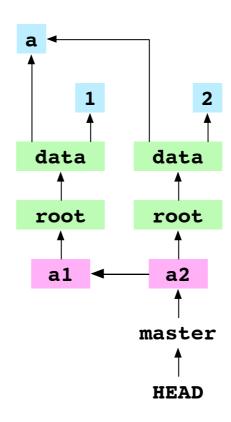


A repository stores the history of a project

Refs are entry points to the commit history



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Commits can be given meaningful names

Objects are immutable

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Content is edited, not deleted

Refs are mutable

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The meaning of a ref can change

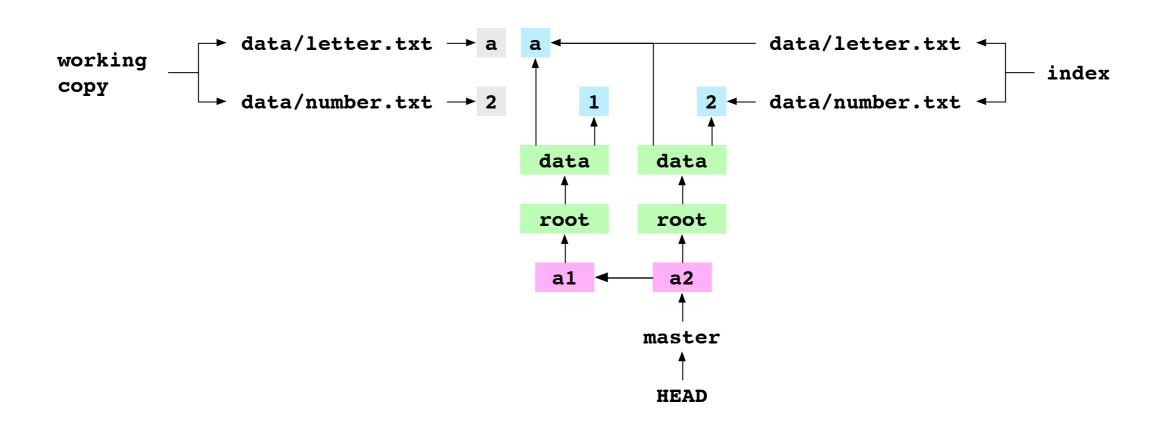
~/alpha \$ git checkout f0af HEAD is detached

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HEAD is detached
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~/alpha $ git checkout f0af
HEAD is detached
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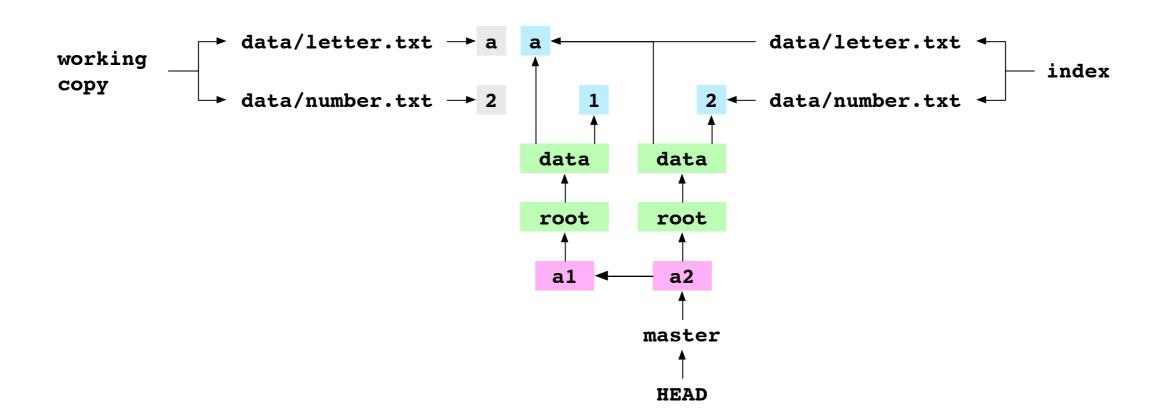
I. Write the commit tree to the working copy

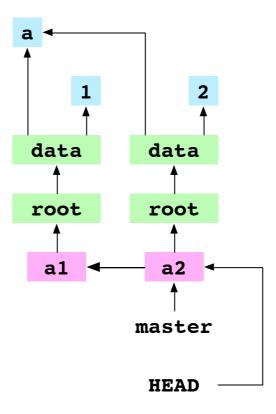
~/alpha \$ git checkout f0af HEAD is detached



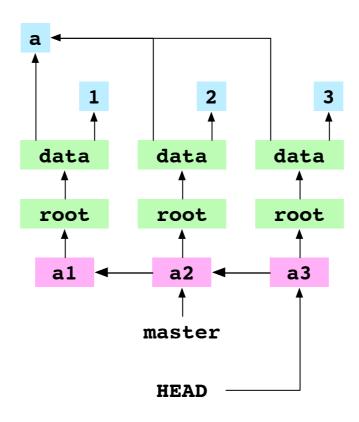
2. Write the commit tree to the index

~/alpha \$ git checkout f0af HEAD is detached





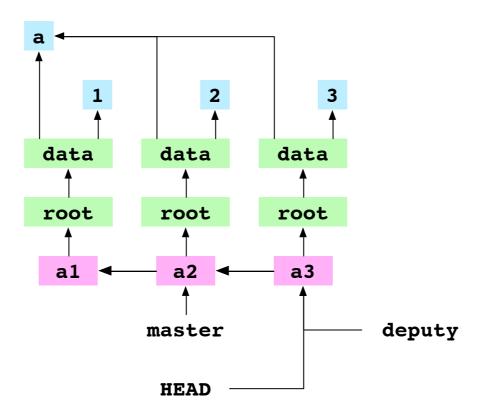
~/alpha \$ printf '3' > data/number.txt



~/alpha \$ git branch deputy

```
~/alpha $ git branch deputy
~/alpha $ cat .git/refs/heads/deputy
3645
```

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3645
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Branches are just refs, refs are just files

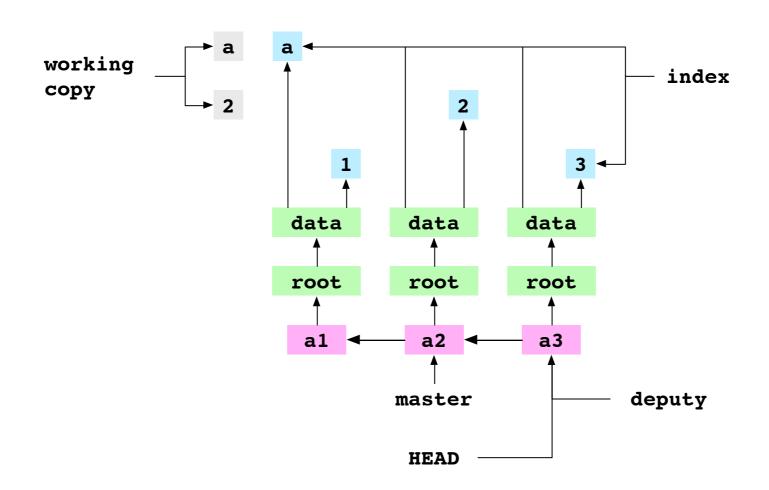
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Branches are lightweight

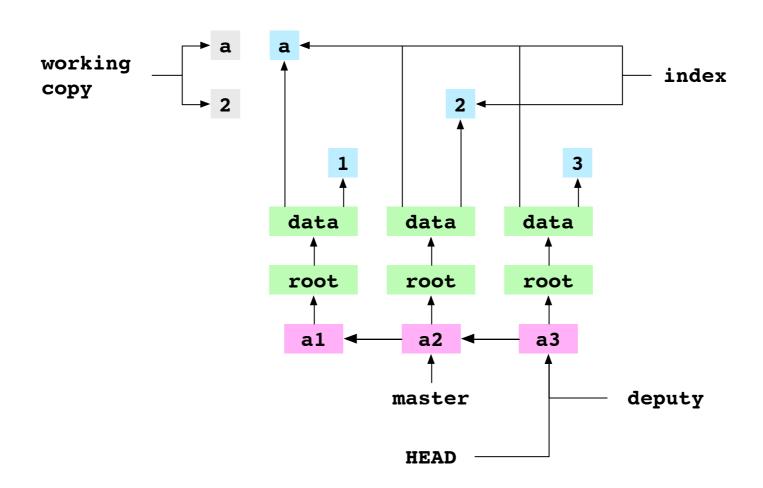
Check out a branch

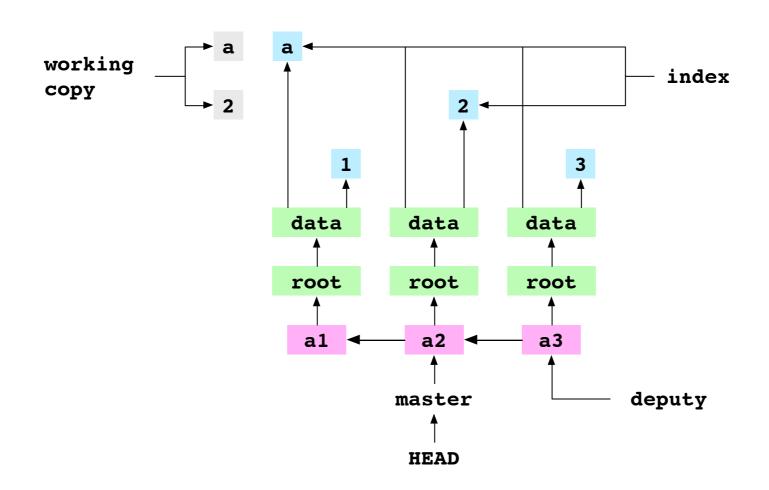
Check out master

I. Write the commit tree to the working copy



2. Write the commit tree to the index

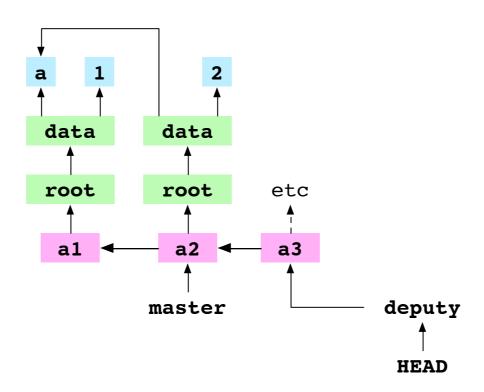




Merge an ancestor

Check out deputy

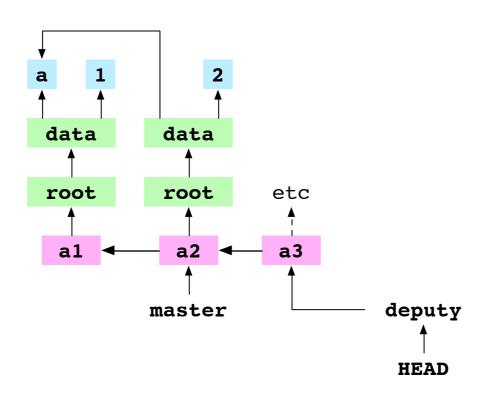
~/alpha \$ git checkout deputy
Switched to branch deputy



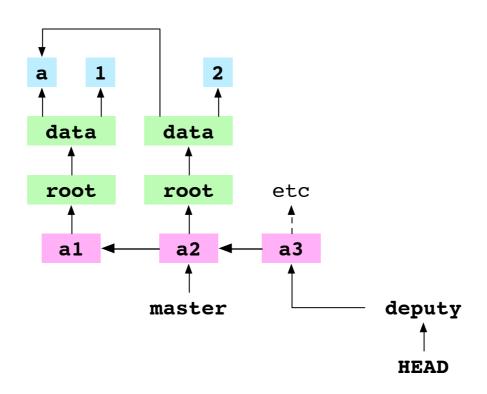
Merge master (a2) into deputy (a3)

```
~/alpha $ git merge master
Already up-to-date
```

A commit is a set of changes



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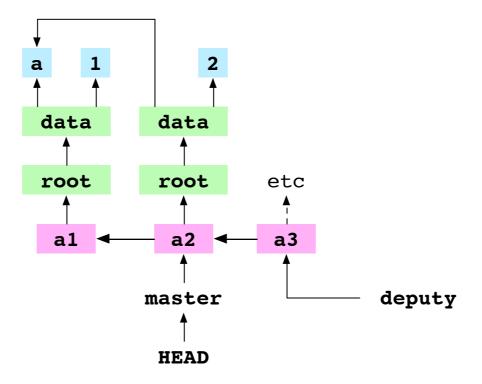


If an ancestor is merged into a descendent, Git does nothing

Merge a descendent

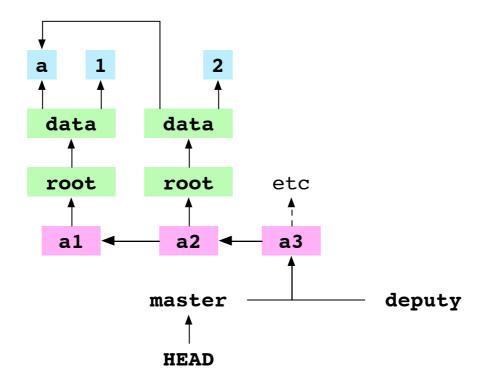
Check out master

~/alpha \$ git checkout master
Switched to branch master

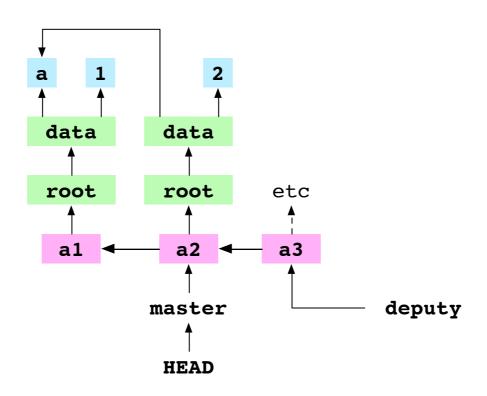


Merge deputy (a3) into master (a2)

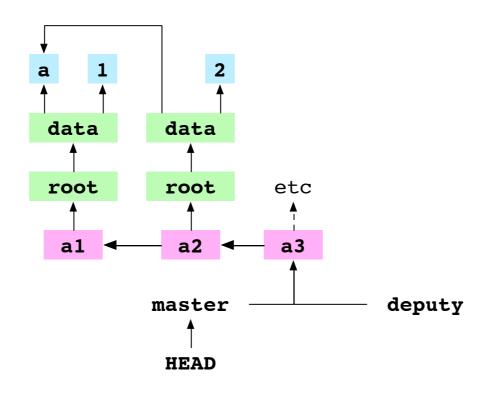
~/alpha \$ git merge deputy Fast-forward



A commit is a set of changes



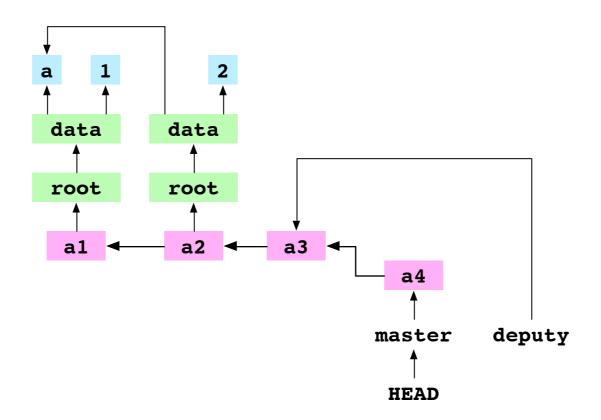
A commit is a set of changes



If a descendent is merged into an ancestor, history is not changed but HEAD is changed

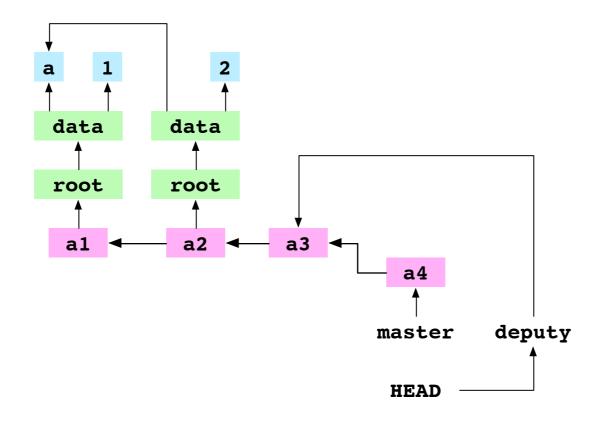
Make commit a 4 on master

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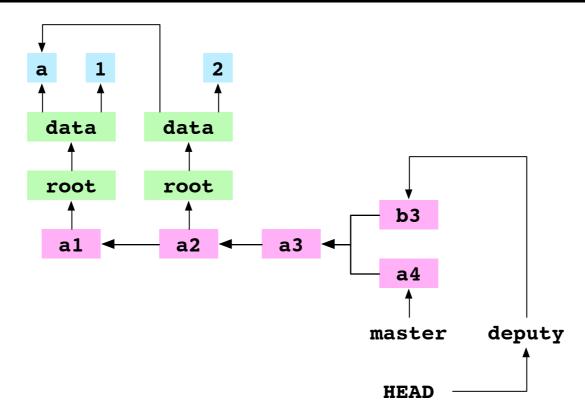
Check out deputy

~/alpha \$ git checkout deputy
Switched to branch deputy

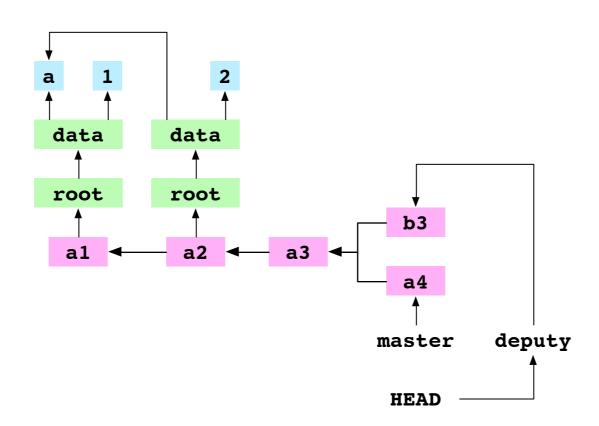


Make commit b3 to deputy

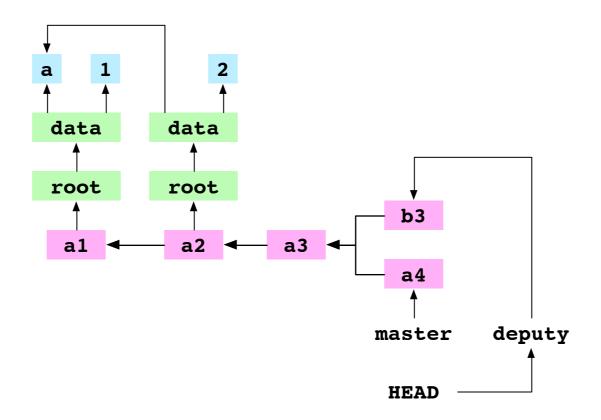
Make commit b3 to deputy



Commits can share parents



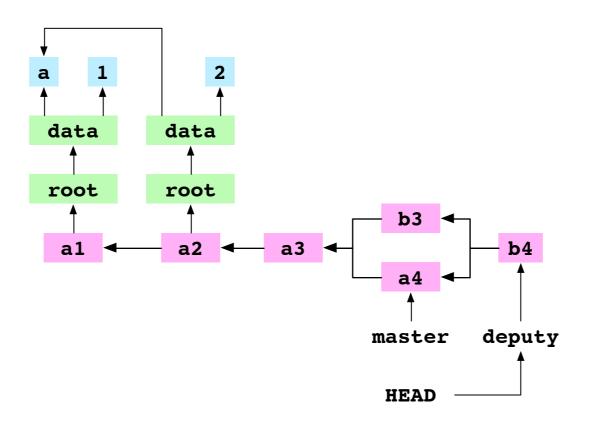
Commits can share parents



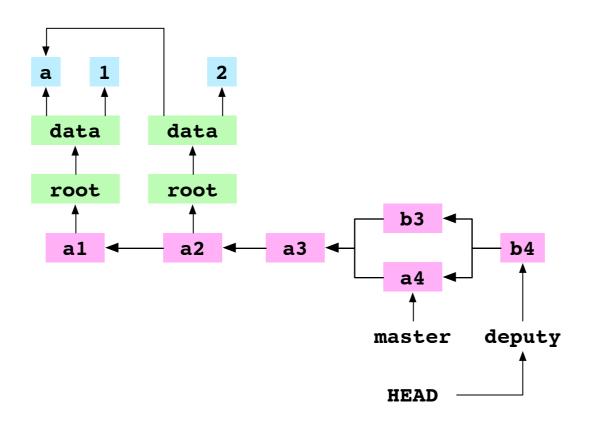
New lineages can be created

Merge two commits from different lineages

Commits can have multiple parents



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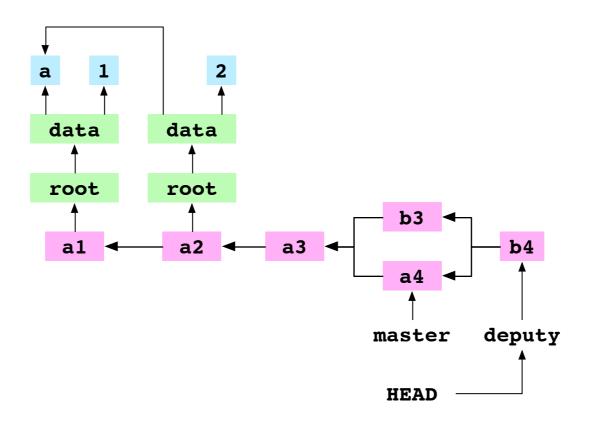
Lineages can be joined with a merge commit

Merge master (a4) into deputy (b3)

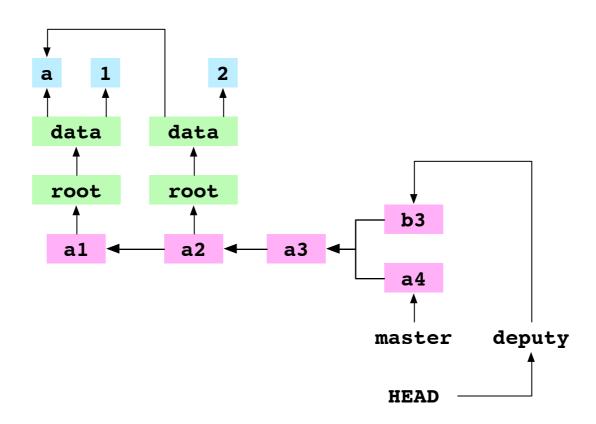
```
~/alpha $ git merge master -m 'b4'
Merged
```

Merge master (a4) into deputy (b3)

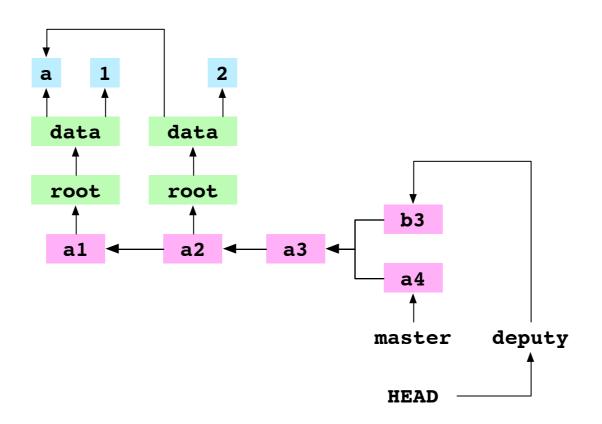
~/alpha \$ git merge master -m 'b4'
Merged



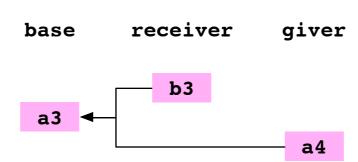
Commits have parents

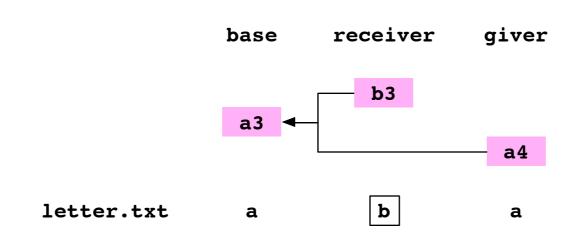


Commits have parents

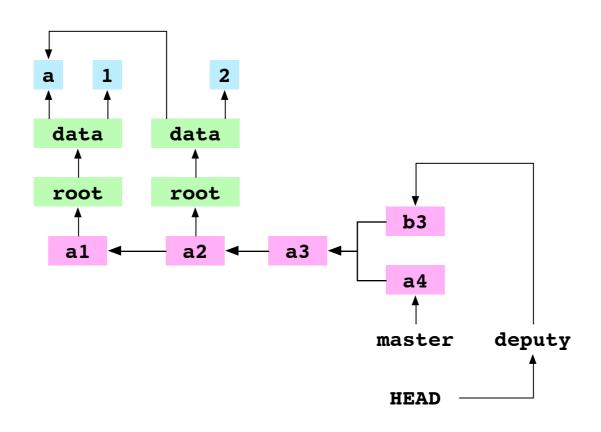


It is possible to find the point at which two lineages diverged

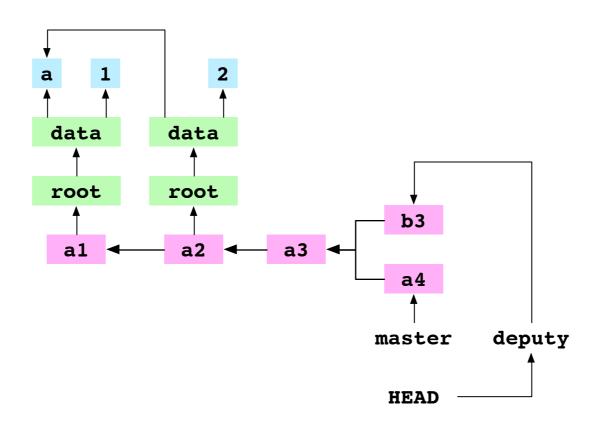




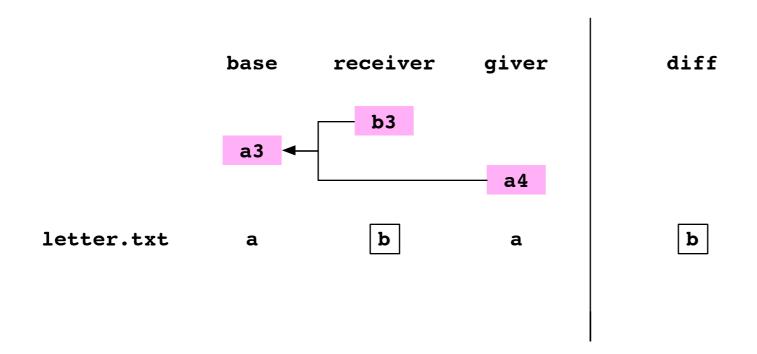
A merge has a base commit

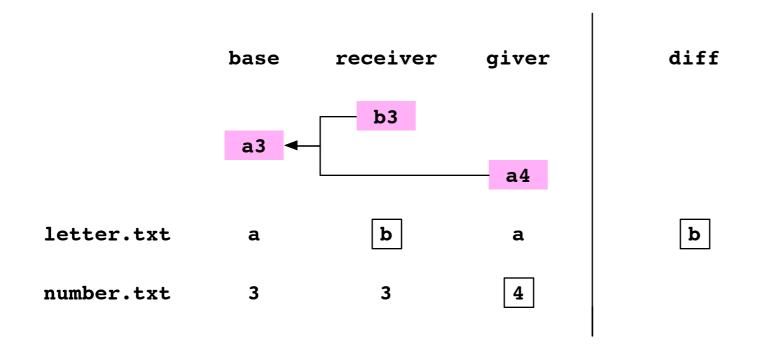


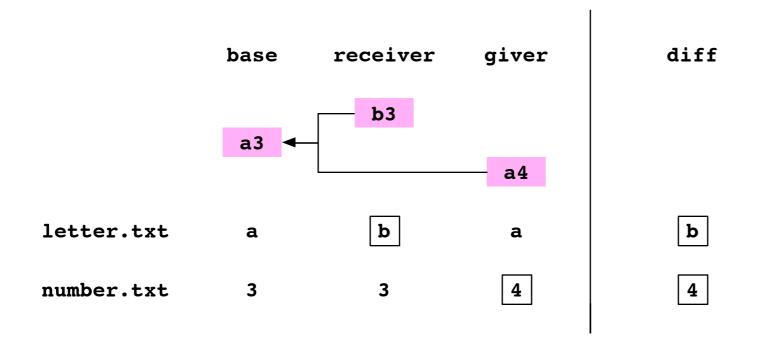
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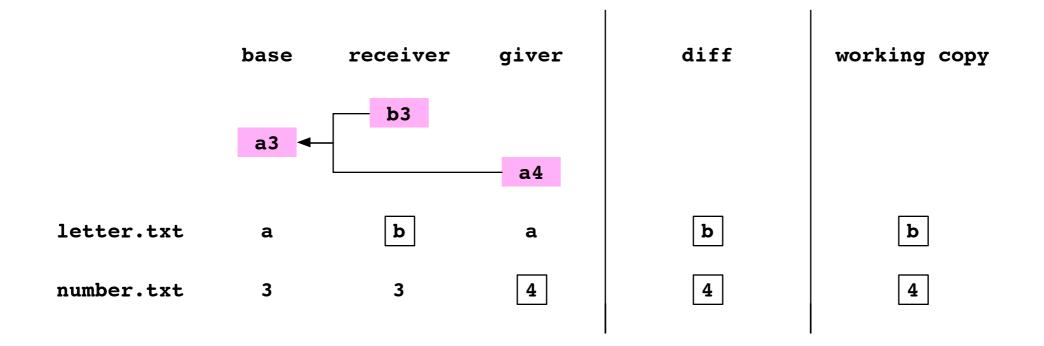
Git can automatically resolve the merge of a file that has changed from the base in only the receiver or giver



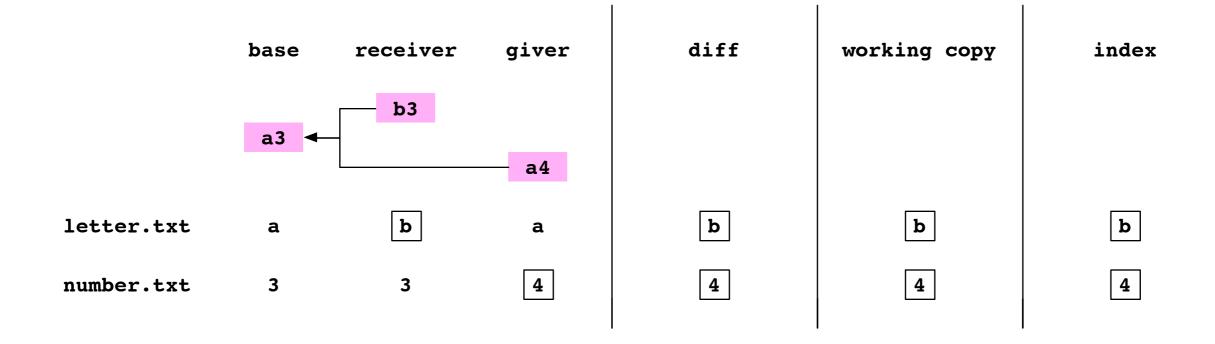




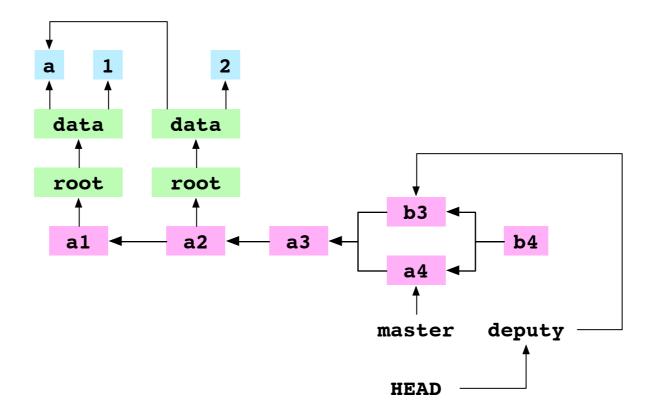
2. Apply the diff to the working copy



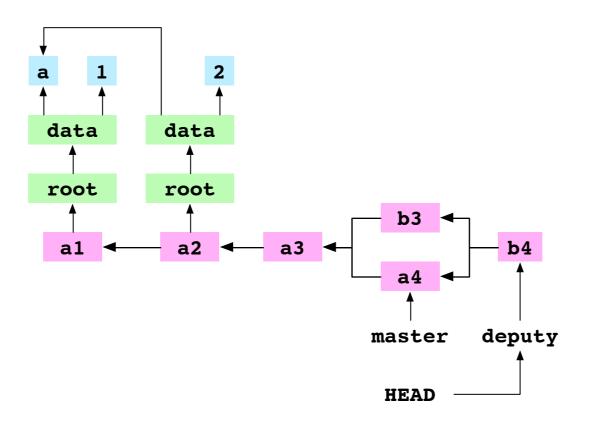
3. Apply the diff to the index



4. Commit the updated index



5. Point HEAD at the new commit



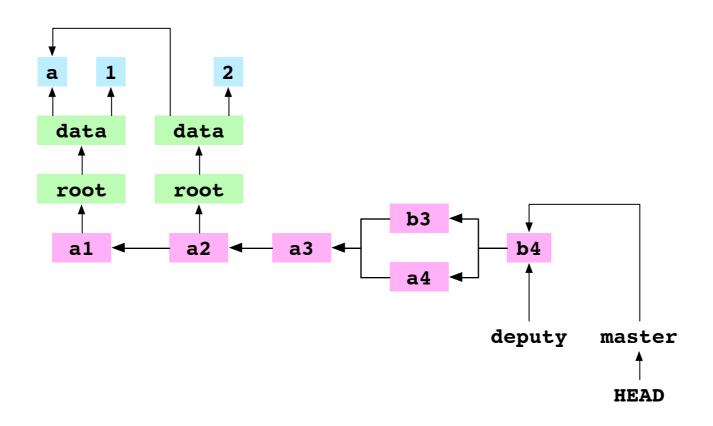
Merge commits from different lineages, where the commits both modify the same file

Check out master

~/alpha \$ git checkout master
Switched to branch master

Merge deputy into master to bring master up to date

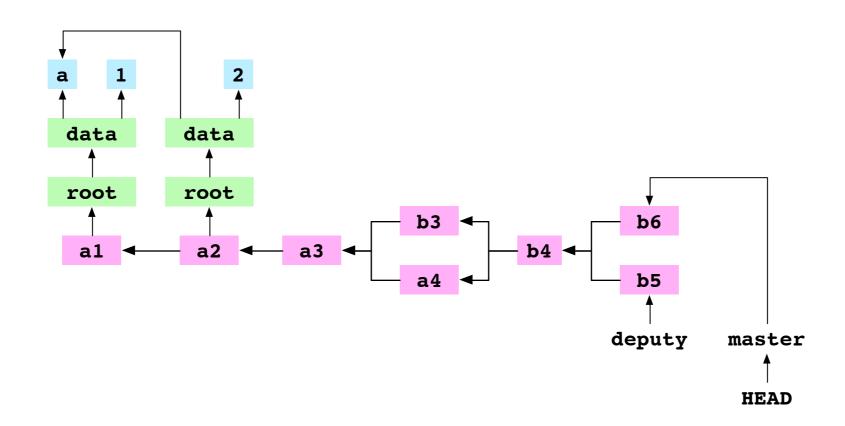
Merge deputy into master to bring master up to date



Make commit b5 to deputy

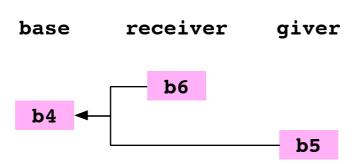
Make commit b6 to master

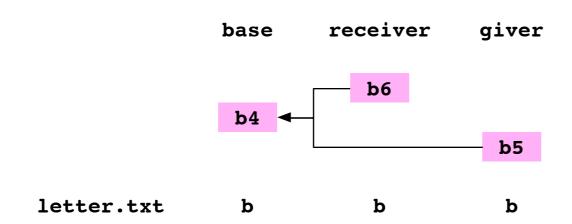
After making commits b5 and b6

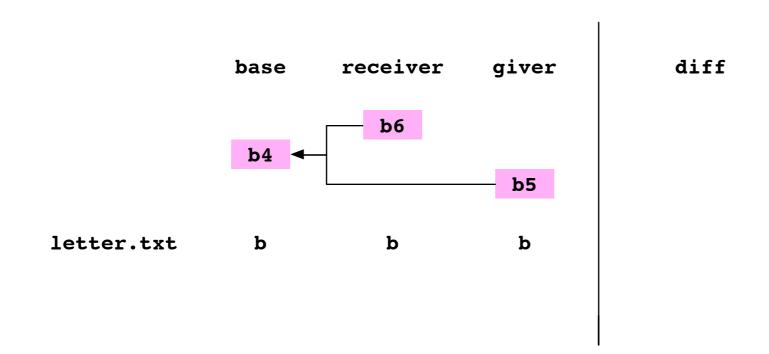


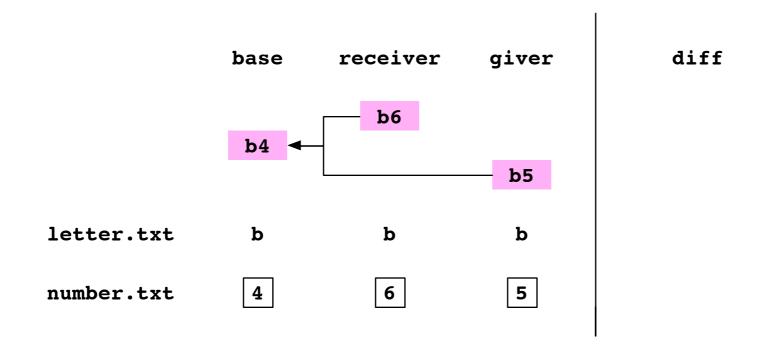
Merge deputy (b5) into master (b6)

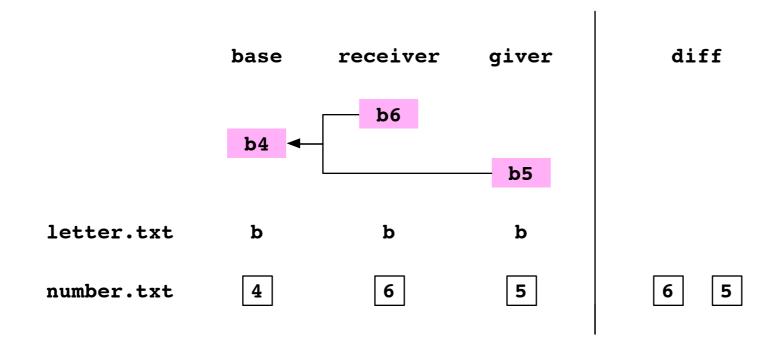
```
~/alpha $ git merge deputy
Conflict in data/number.txt
```



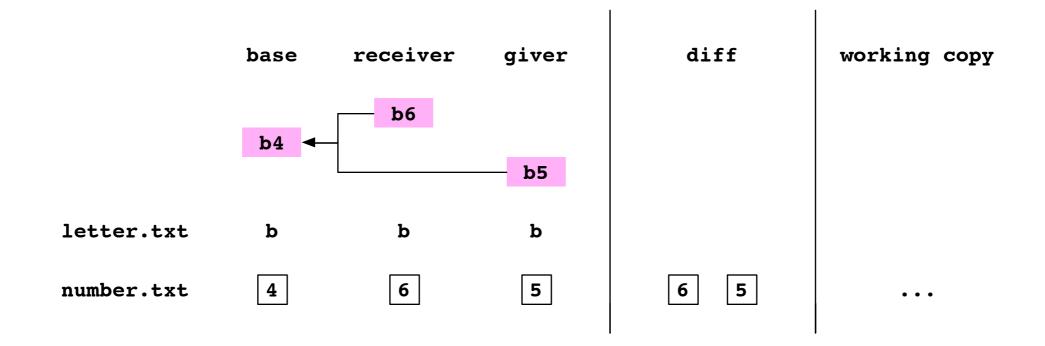








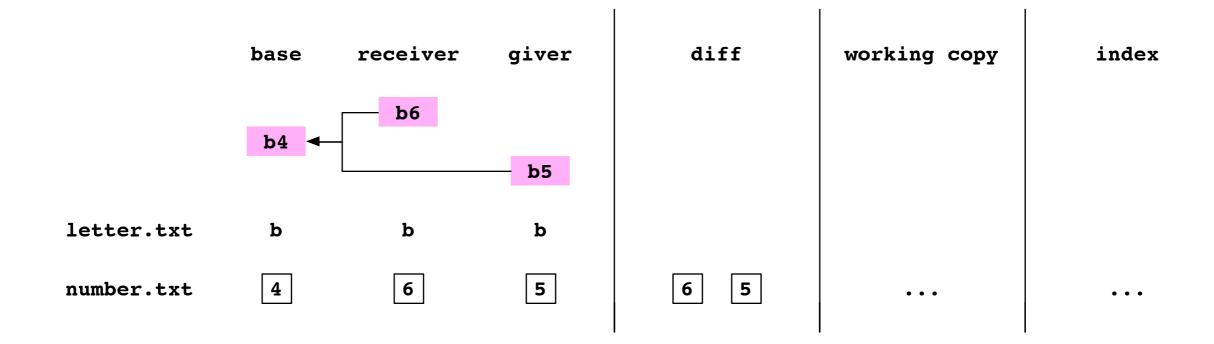
2. Apply the diff to the working copy



The number.txt conflict in the working copy

```
<<<<<< HEAD
6
=====
5
>>>>> deputy
```

3. Apply the diff to the index



The index before the merge

```
0 data/letter.txt 63d8
0 data/number.txt 62f9
```

The index before the merge

```
O data/letter.txt 63d8
O data/number.txt 62f9
```

```
0 data/letter.txt 63d8
1 data/number.txt bf0d
2 data/number.txt 62f9
3 data/number.txt 7813
```

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0 data/letter.txt 63d8
1 data/number.txt bf0d
2 data/number.txt 62f9
3 data/number.txt 7813
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0 data/letter.txt 63d8
1 data/number.txt bf0d
2 data/number.txt 62f9
3 data/number.txt 7813
```

4. The user resolves the conflicts in the working copy

~/alpha \$ printf '11' > data/number.txt

4. The user resolves the conflicts in the index

```
~/alpha $ printf '11' > data/number.txt
~/alpha $ git add data/number.txt
```

The index after the conflict in number. txt was resolved

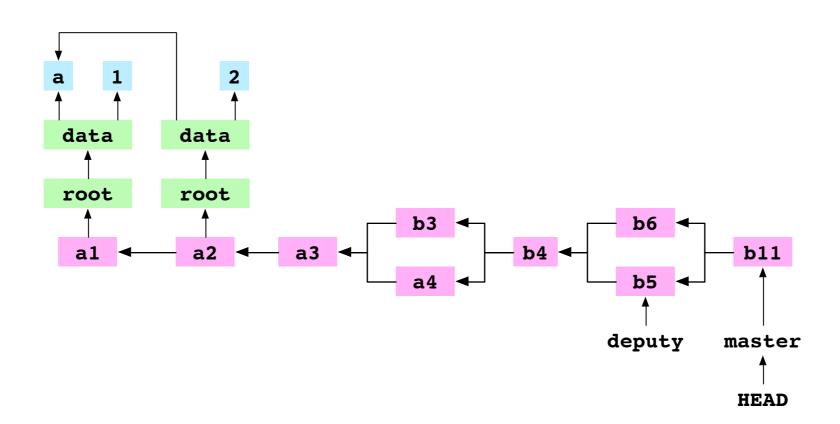
```
0 data/letter.txt 63d8
0 data/number.txt 9d60
```

6. The user commits the merge

```
~/alpha $ git commit -m 'b11' master 251a
```

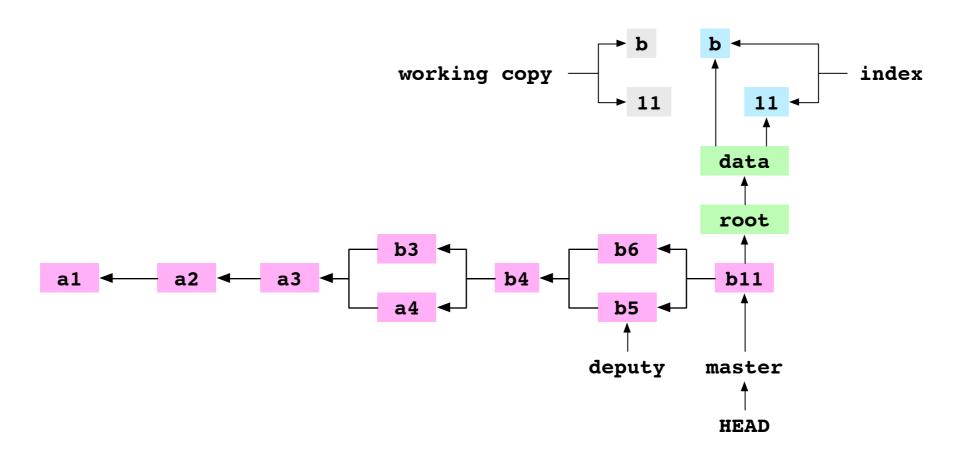
6. The user commits the merge

```
~/alpha $ git commit -m 'b11' master 251a
```



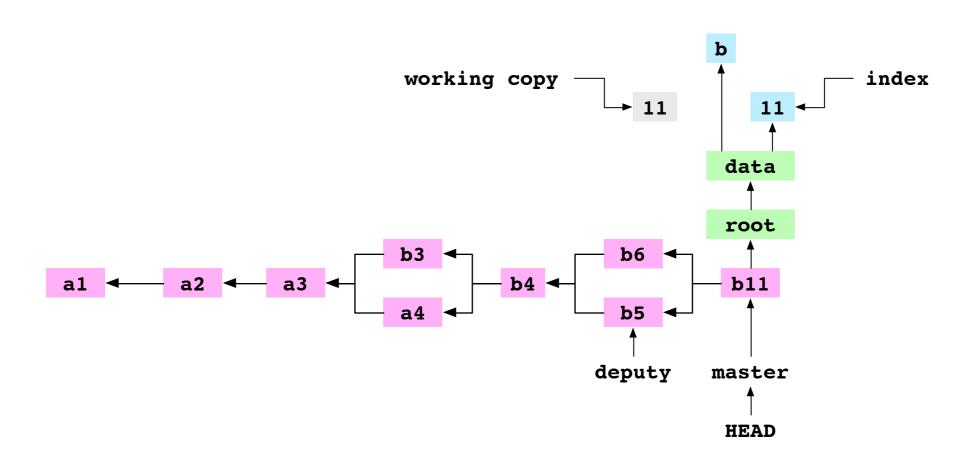
Remove a file

After the b11 commit



Remove letter.txt

Remove letter.txt

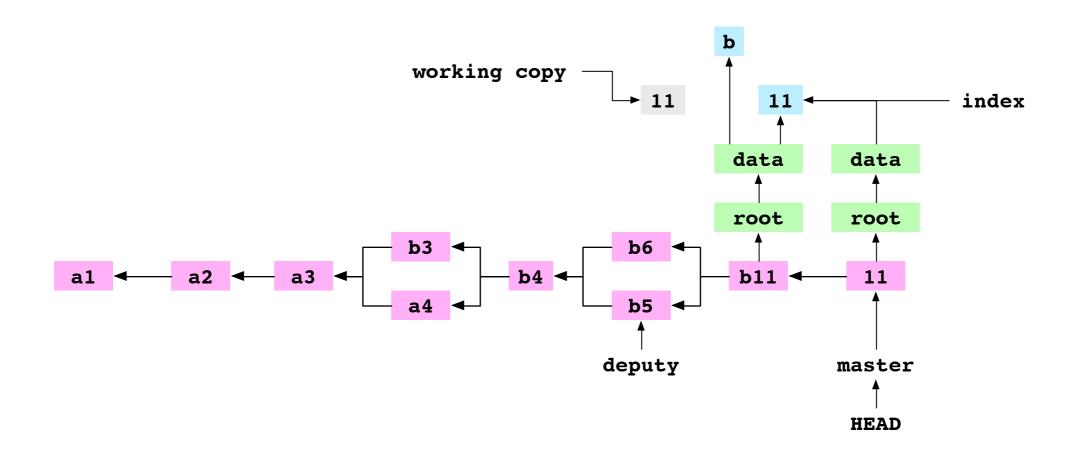


Commit the removal of letter.txt

```
~/alpha $ git commit -m '11' master d14c
```

Commit the removal of data/letter.txt

~/alpha \$ git commit -m '11' master d14c



Copy a repository

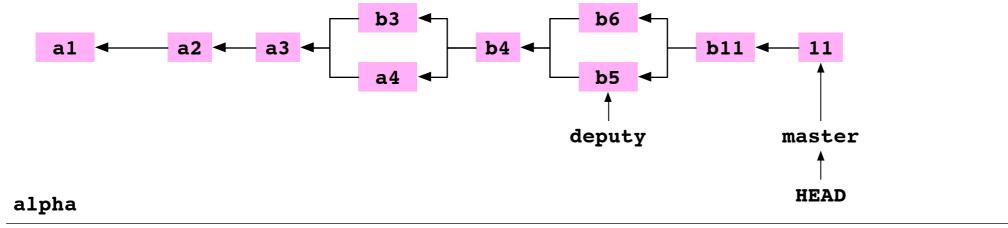
```
~/alpha $ cd ..
     ~ $ cp -R alpha bravo
     ~ $ tree -a
           - alpha
             — data
           umber.txt
             L- .git
                     etc...
             bravo
                data
                - number.txt
               - .git
                     etc...
```

```
~/alpha $ cd ..
      ~ $ cp -R alpha bravo
      ~ $ tree -a
             - alpha
               — data
                ___ number.txt
               ____.git
                       etc...
              bravo
                  data
                  - number.txt
                 - .git
                       etc...
```

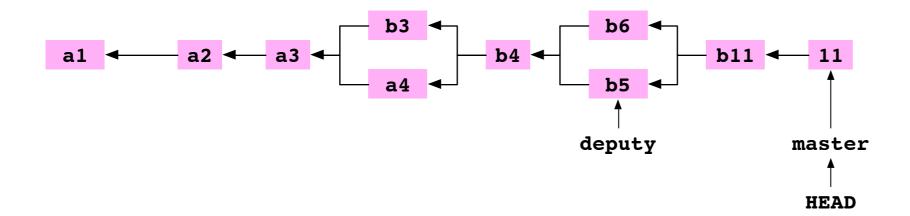
```
~/alpha $ cd ..
      ~ $ cp -R alpha bravo
      ~ $ tree -a
            - alpha
              — data
                ___ number.txt
              └─ .git
                      etc...
              bravo
                  data
                 __ number.txt
                 - .git
                      etc...
```

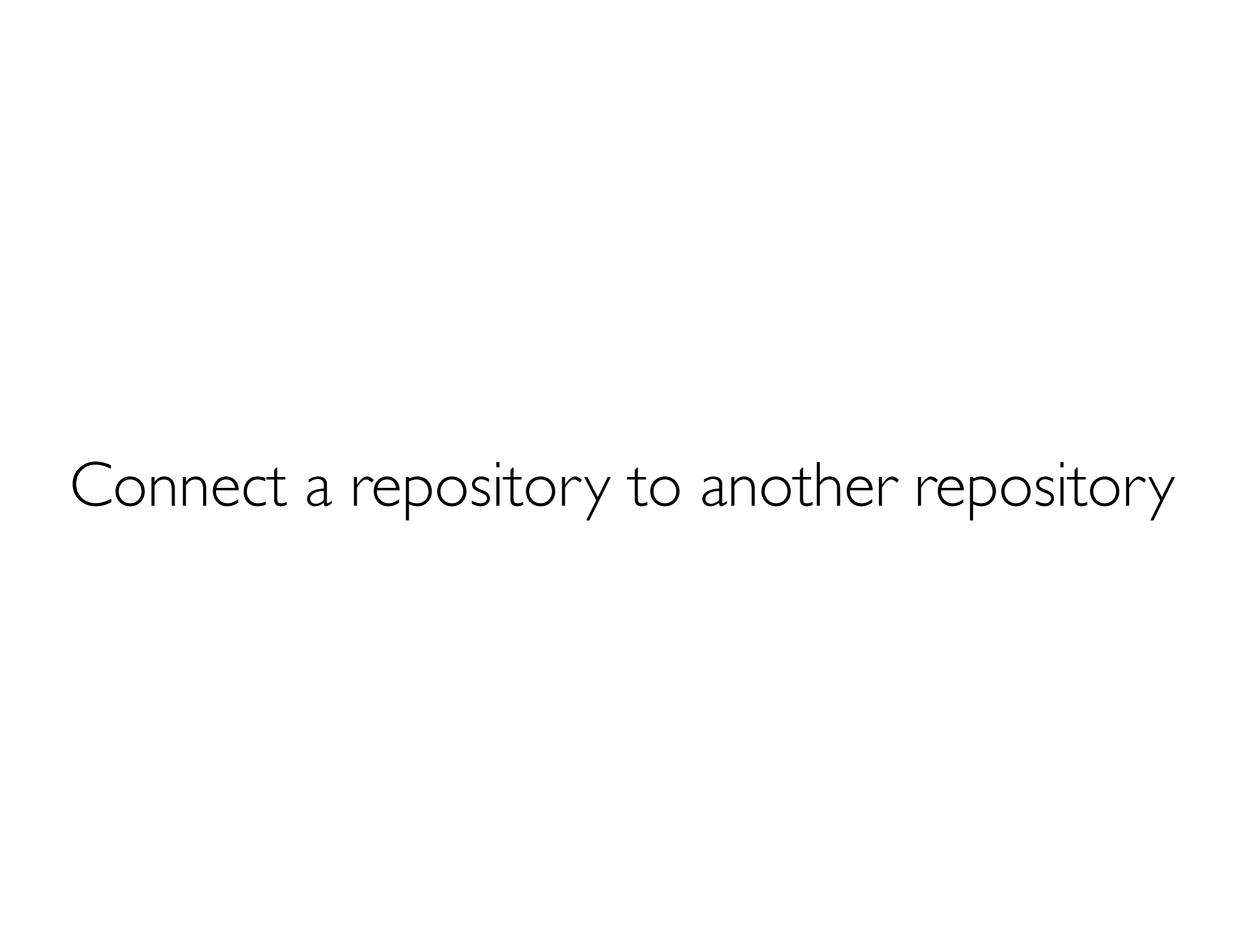
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                 umber.txt
                - .git
                      etc...
```

The alpha and bravo repositories



bravo





Move to the alpha repository

```
~ $ cd alpha
~/alpha $
```

Set bravo as a remote repository on alpha

```
~ $ cd alpha
~/alpha $ git remote add bravo ../bravo
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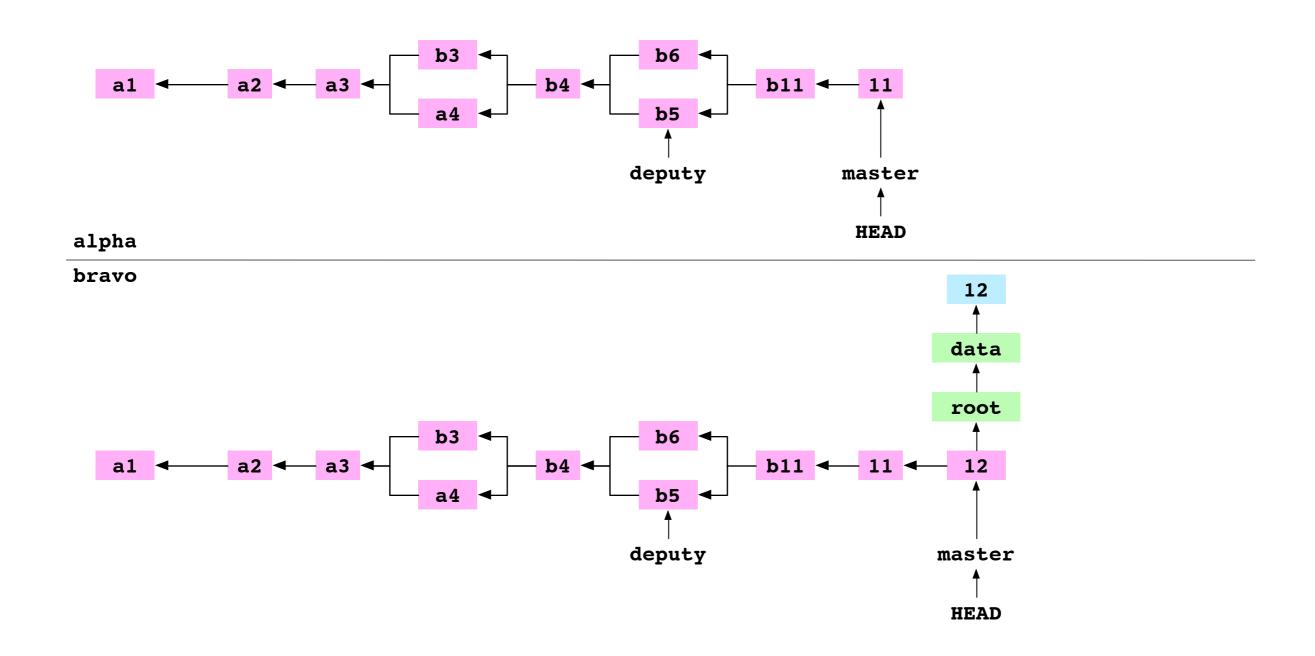
Fetch a branch from a remote repository

Move to the bravo repository

```
~/alpha $ cd ../bravo
~/bravo $
```

Set number.txt to '12' and commit

After the 12 commit made to bravo

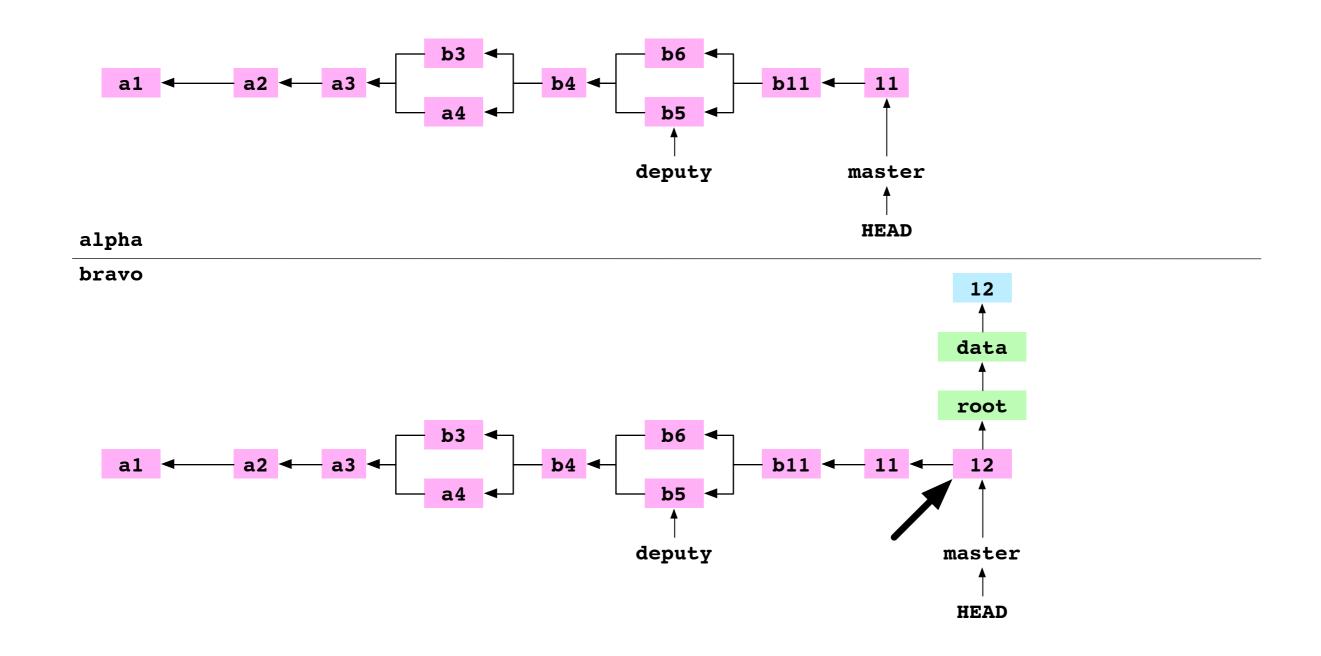


Move to the alpha repository

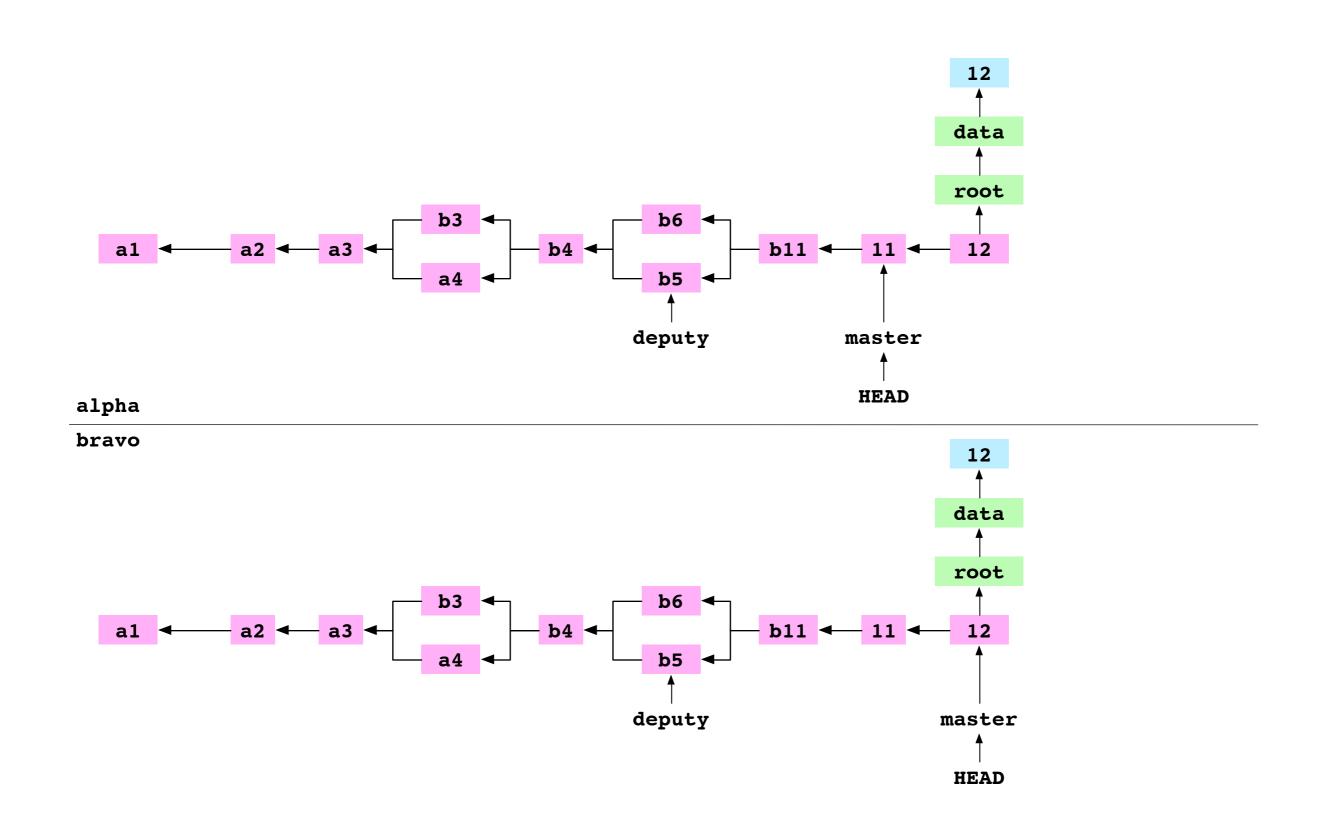
```
~/bravo $ cd ../alpha
~/alpha $
```

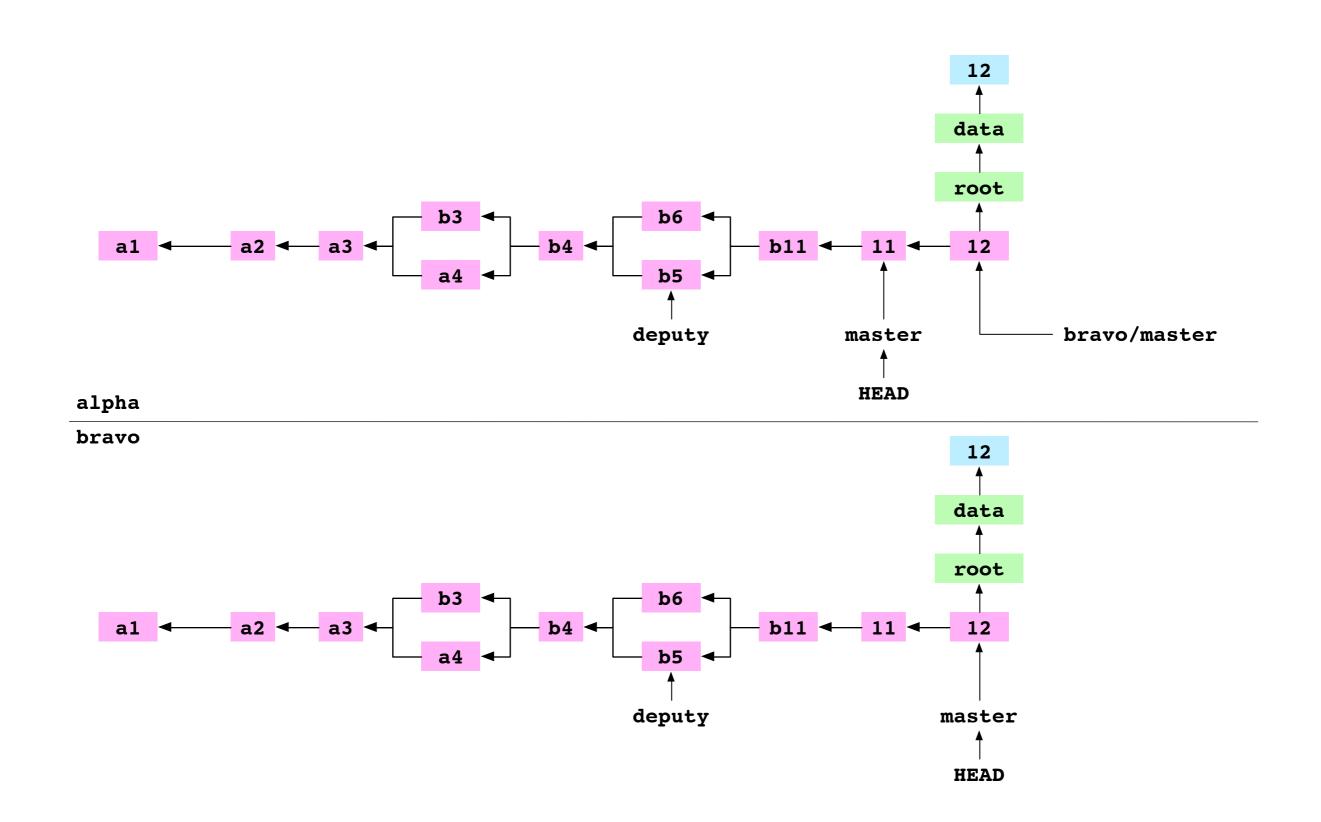
Fetch master from bravo into alpha

I. Find the HEAD commit on the repository being fetched

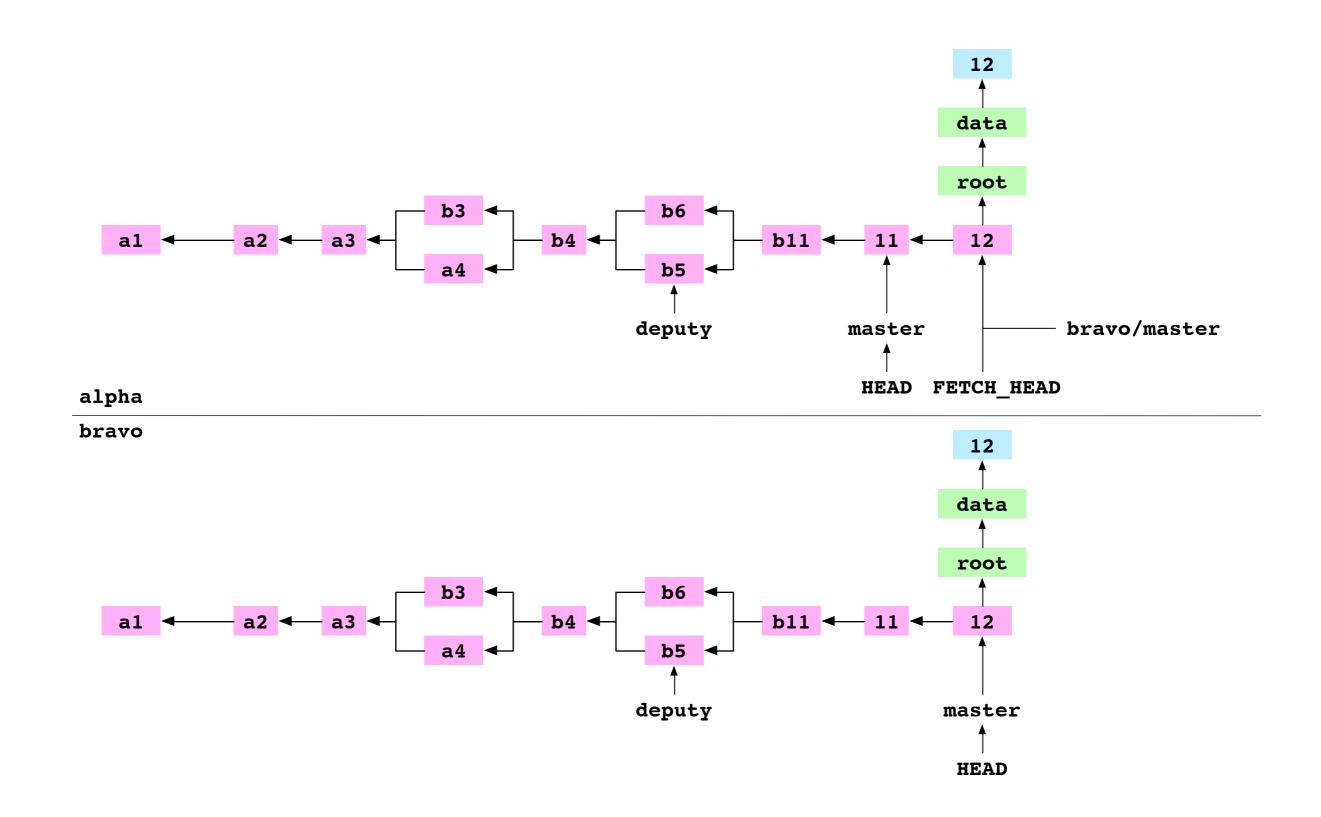


2. Copy to the fetching repository the HEAD commit and its dependent objects

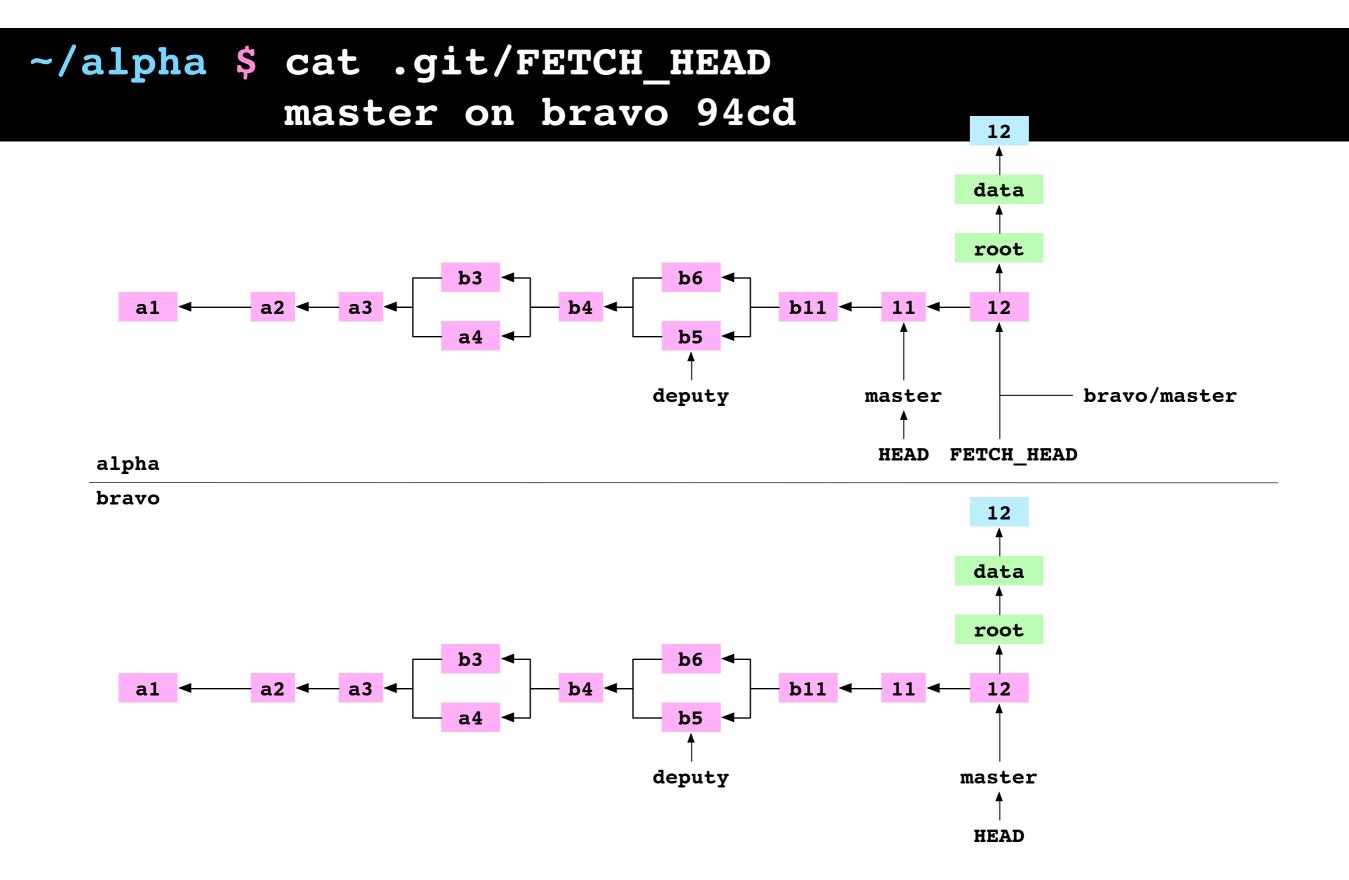




4. Point FETCH_HEAD at the fetched commit



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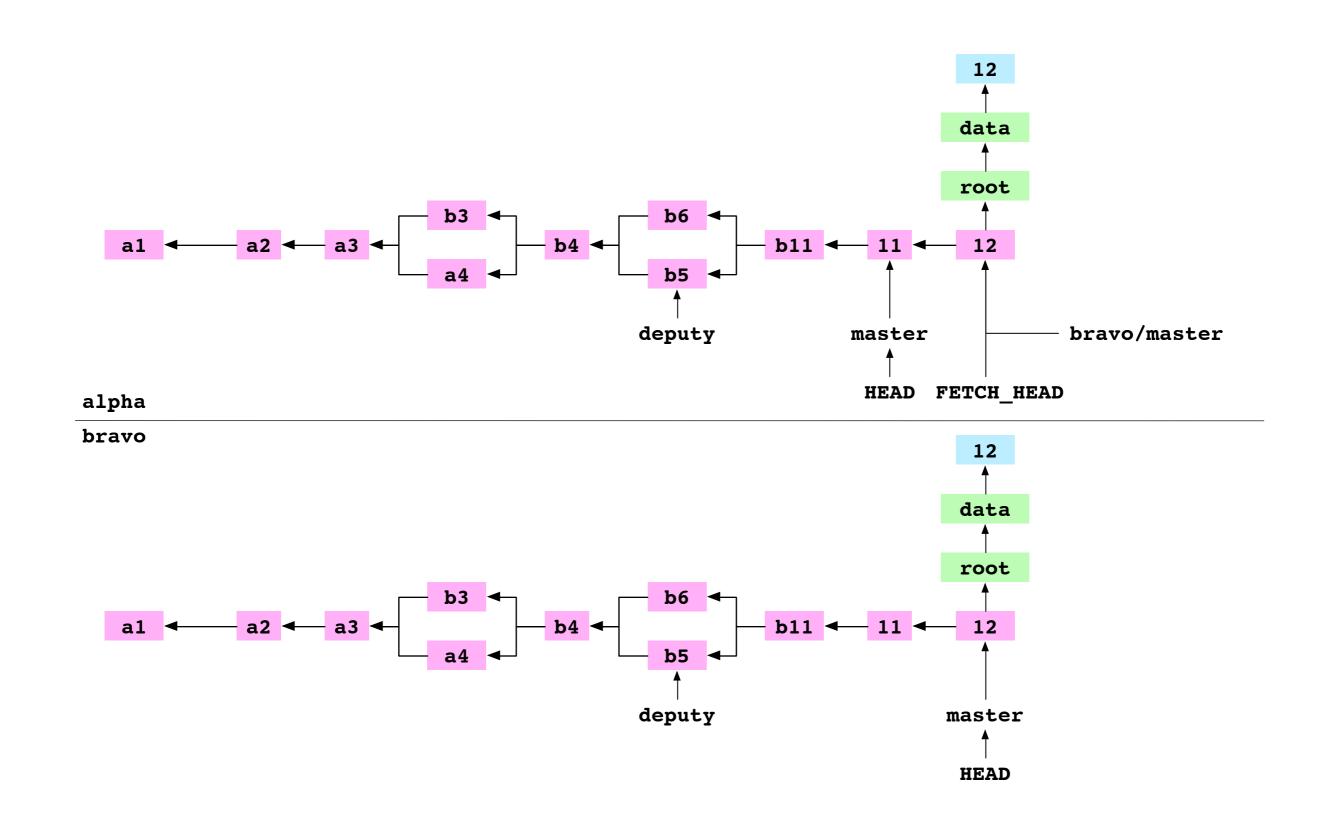
A repository can record locally the state of a branch on a remote repository

Merge FETCH_HEAD

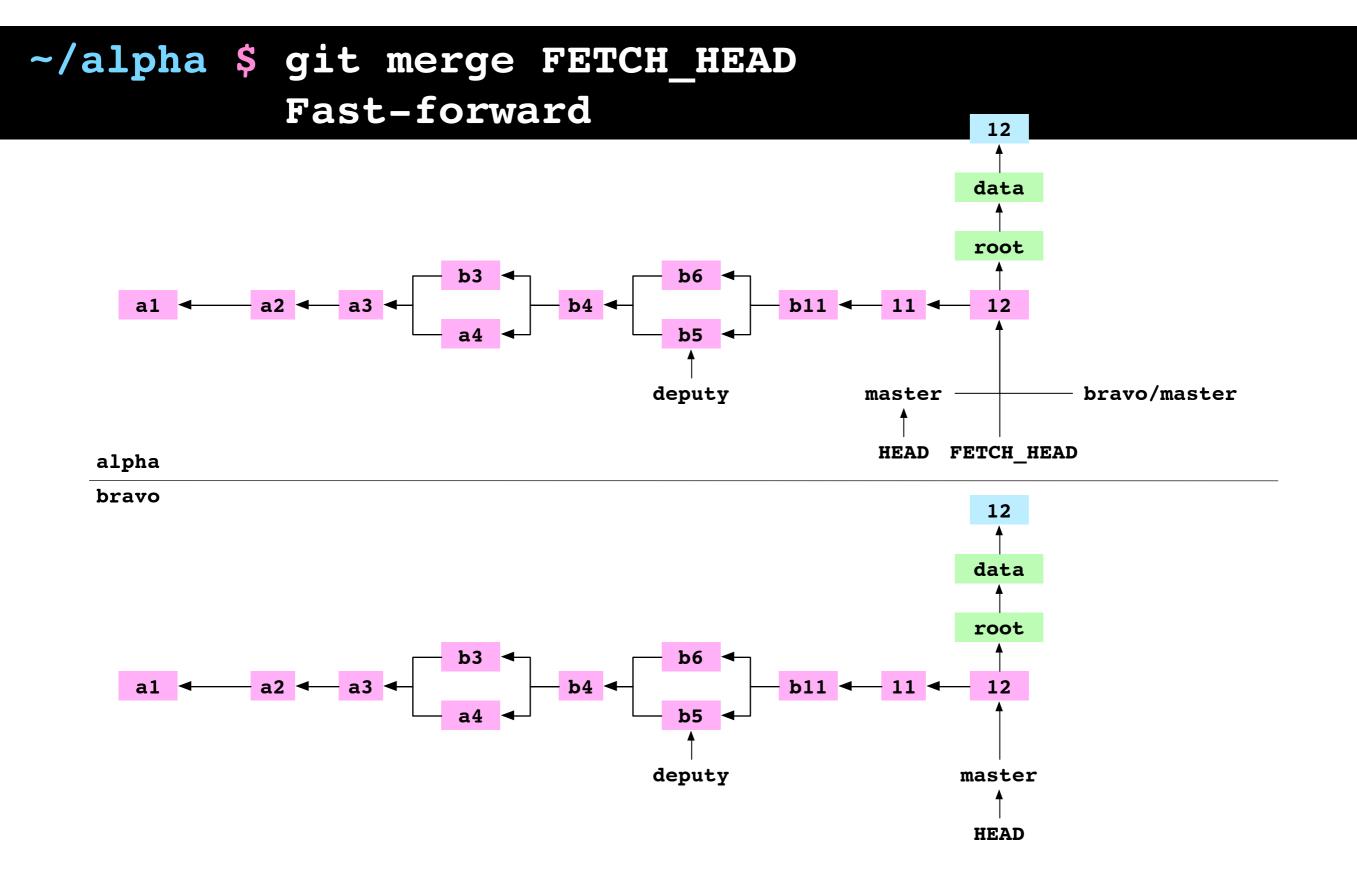
Merge FETCH_HEAD

~/alpha \$ git merge FETCH_HEAD
Fast-forward

Before merging FETCH_HEAD



After merging FETCH_HEAD



Pull a branch from a remote

Pull master from bravo into alpha

```
~/alpha $ git pull bravo master
Already up-to-date
```

Clone a repository

Clone alpha to charlie

I. Create the directory for the new repository

2. Move into the clone's directory

3. Initialize the clone's directory as a Git repository

```
~/alpha $ cd ..
        ~ $ git clone alpha charlie
            Cloned into charlie
        ~ $ 1s
            alpha
            bravo
            charlie
        ~ $ cd charlie
~/charlie $ tree .git
             └─ objects
                etc...
```

4. Check out the branch that was checked out on the repository being cloned

5. Pull the branch that was checked out on the repository being cloned

Move into alpha

```
~/charlie $ cd ../alpha
~/alpha $
```

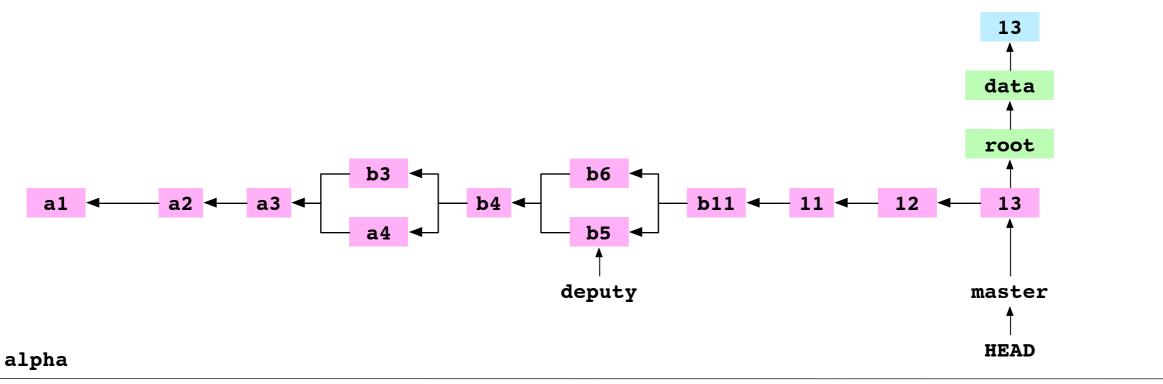
Set number.txt to '13' and commit to master

Set charlie as a remote repository on alpha

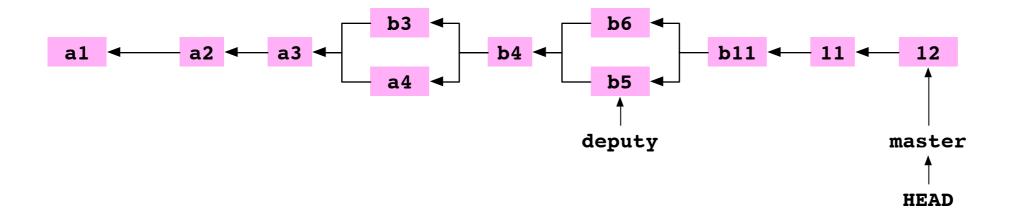
Push master to charlie

```
~/charlie $ cd ../alpha
  ~/alpha $ printf '13' > data/number.txt
  ~/alpha $ git add data/number.txt
  ~/alpha $ git commit -m '13'
            master 3238
  ~/alpha $ git remote add charlie ../charlie
  ~/alpha $ git push charlie master
            Writing objects.
            Refusing to update the checked out
            branch because it will make the index
            and working copy inconsistent
```

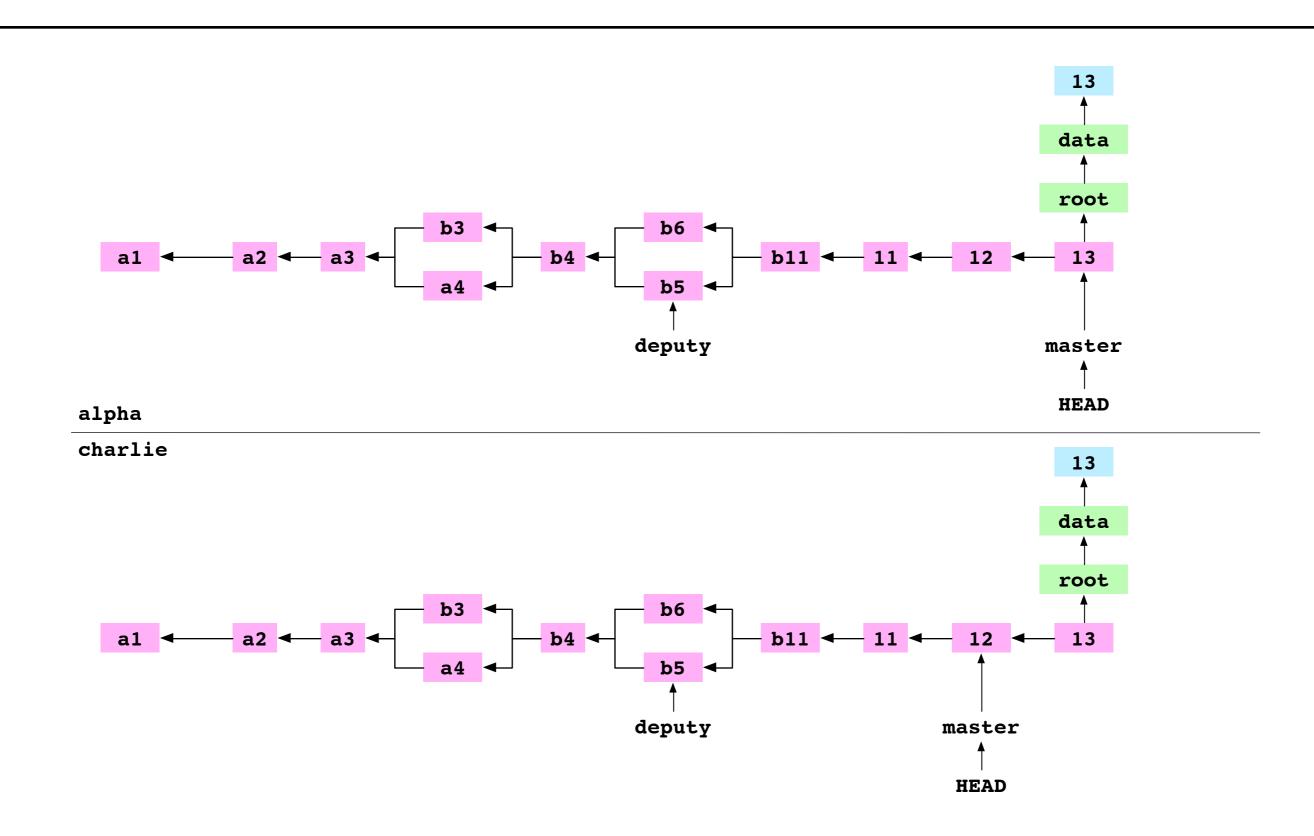
Before the push



charlie



After the push



Push master to charlie

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~/charlie $ cd ../alpha
  ~/alpha $ printf '13' > data/number.txt
  ~/alpha $ git add data/number.txt
  ~/alpha $ git commit -m '13'
            master 3238
  ~/alpha $ git remote add charlie ../charlie
  ~/alpha $ git push charlie master
            Writing objects.
            Refusing to update the checked out
            branch because it will make the index
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```

Push master to charlie

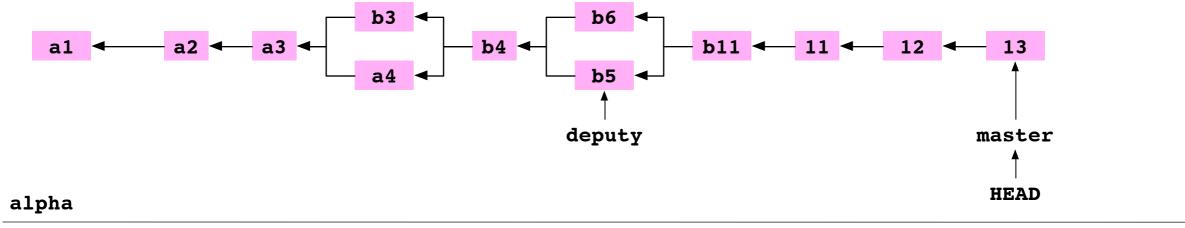
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            Writing objects.
            Refusing to update the checked out
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            and working copy inconsistent
```

Clone a bare repository

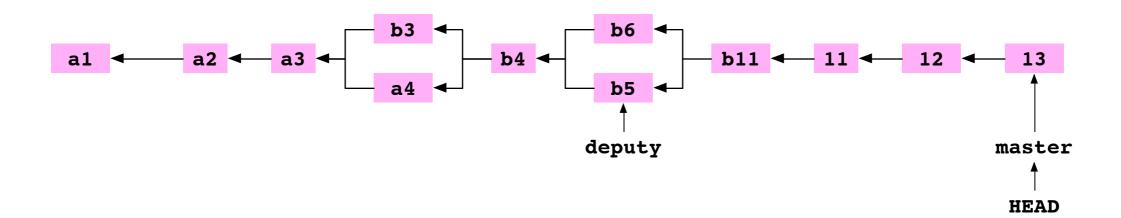
Clone alpha to bare repository delta

File layout of delta

The alpha and delta repositories



delta



Move into alpha

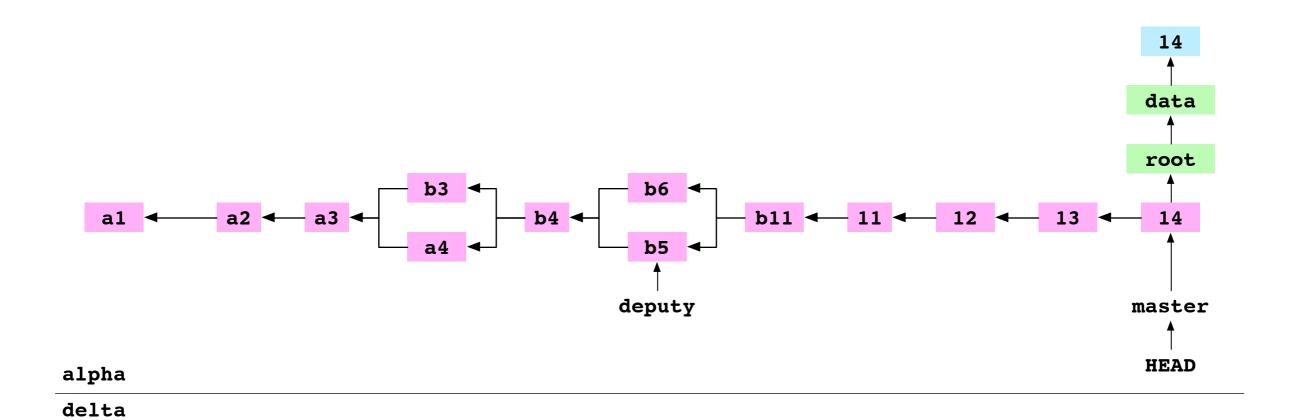
```
~ $ cd alpha
~/alpha $
```

Set delta as a remote repository on alpha

```
~ $ cd alpha
~/alpha $ git remote add delta ../delta
```

Set number.txt to '14' and commit

After the 14 commit made to alpha



a1

a2

a3

b4

b5

deputy

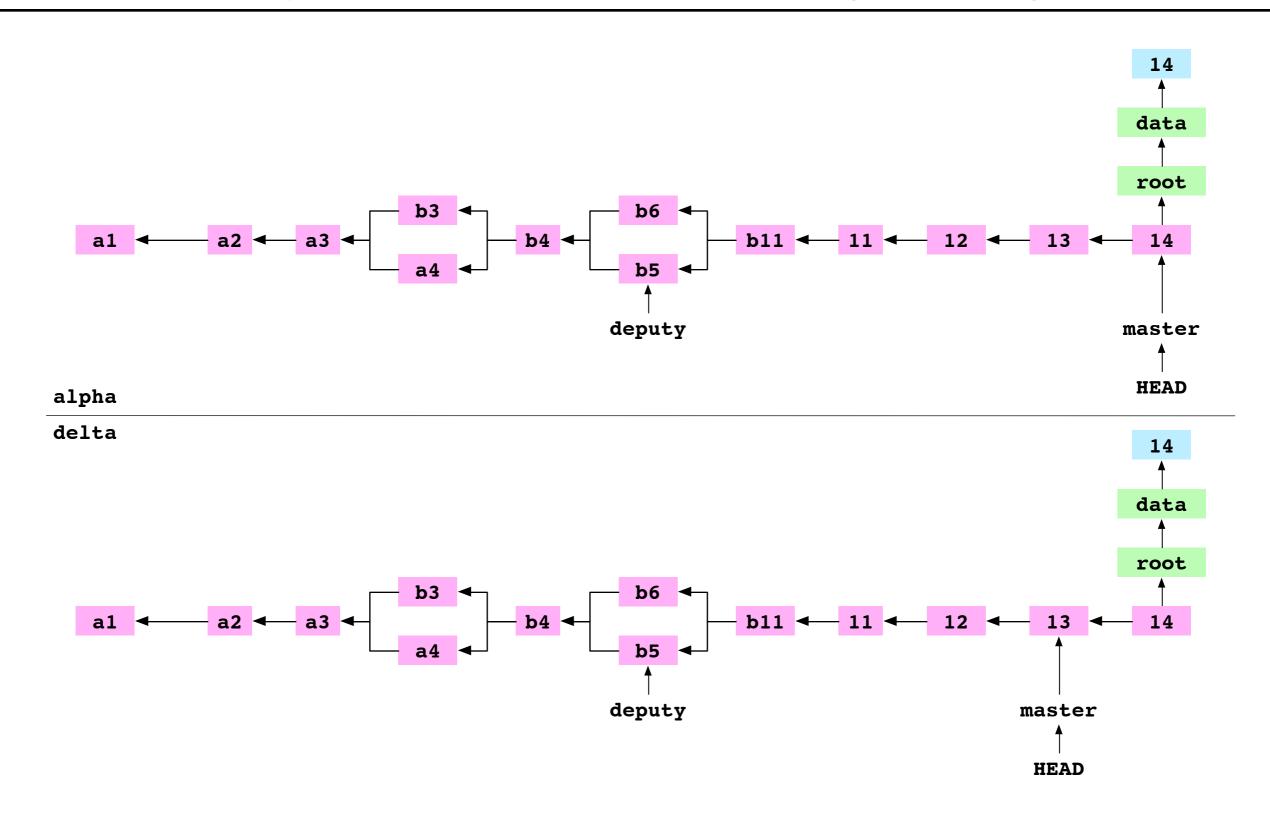
master

HEAD

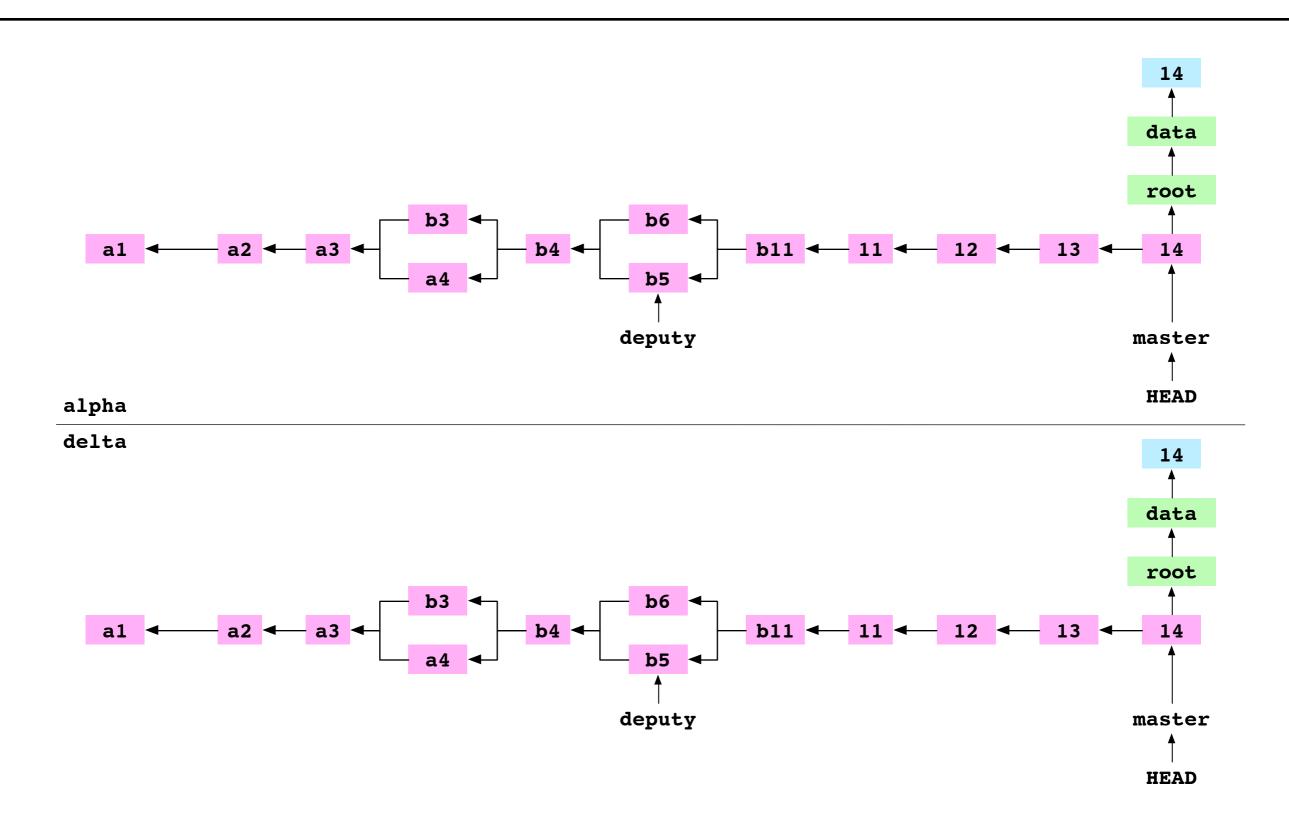
Push master to delta

```
~/alpha $ git push delta master
Writing objects
To ../delta
3238..cb51 master
```

I. Copy the commit at HEAD and its dependent objects to the remote repository



2. Point HEAD on the remote to the pushed HEAD commit



Phew

Git is a graph

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This graph dictates Git's behaviour

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If you understand this graph, you understand Git