



# 10 GIT ANTI PATTERNS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF

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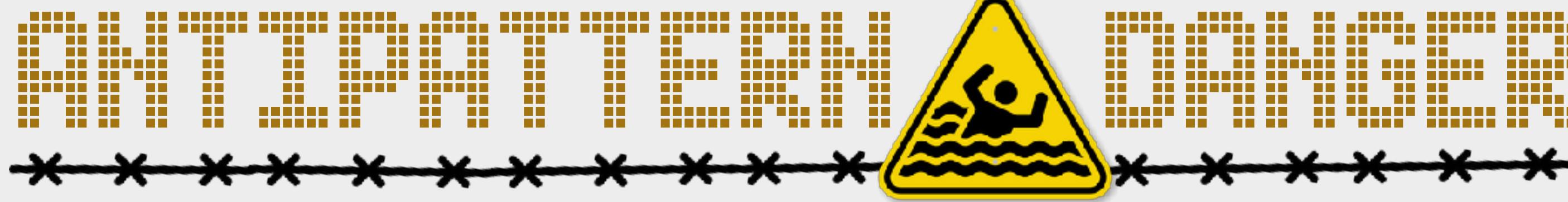
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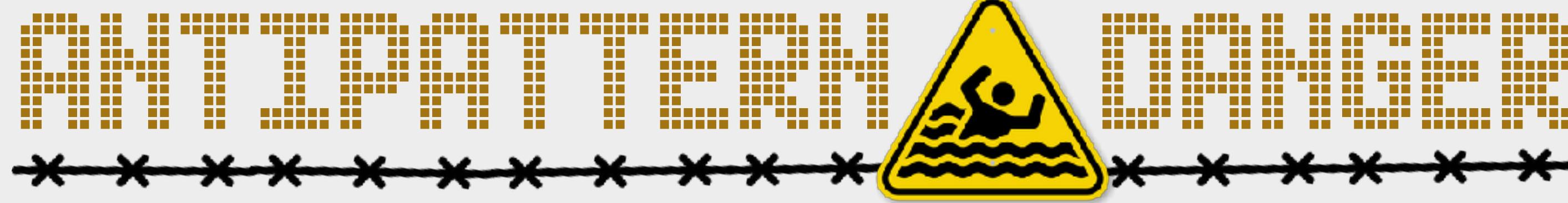
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**Do you push every commit  
just after you create ?**



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**if all you do is commit and immediate push**

**you lose the opportunity to organize your commits  
via reset, rebase, commit with amend safely**

**and you have to use force push at every time  
you organize your commits**

are you brave enough to  
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Nope. Usually tests do not pass, the application does not work, even the code does not compile in majority of commits.

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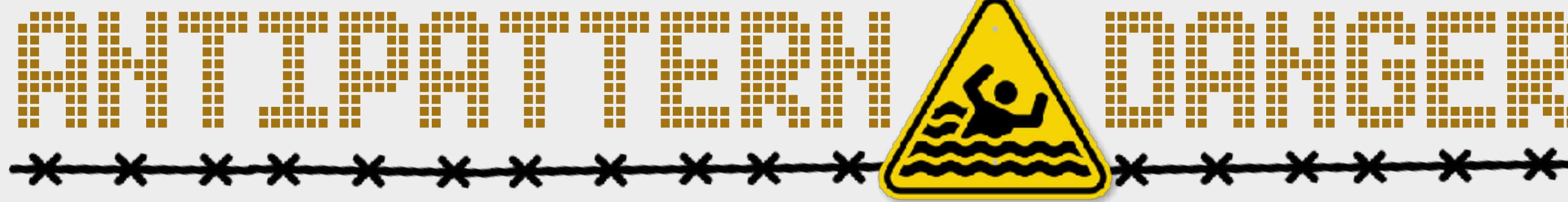
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Do you want me to  
help you about  
finding the last  
commit that finalizes  
the feature?



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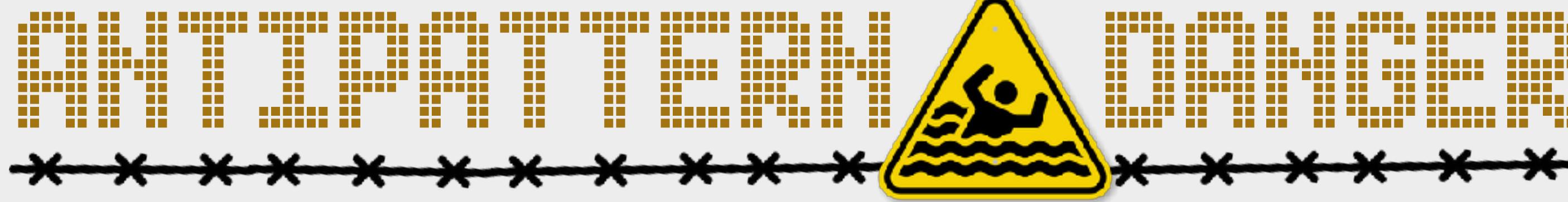
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welcome to  
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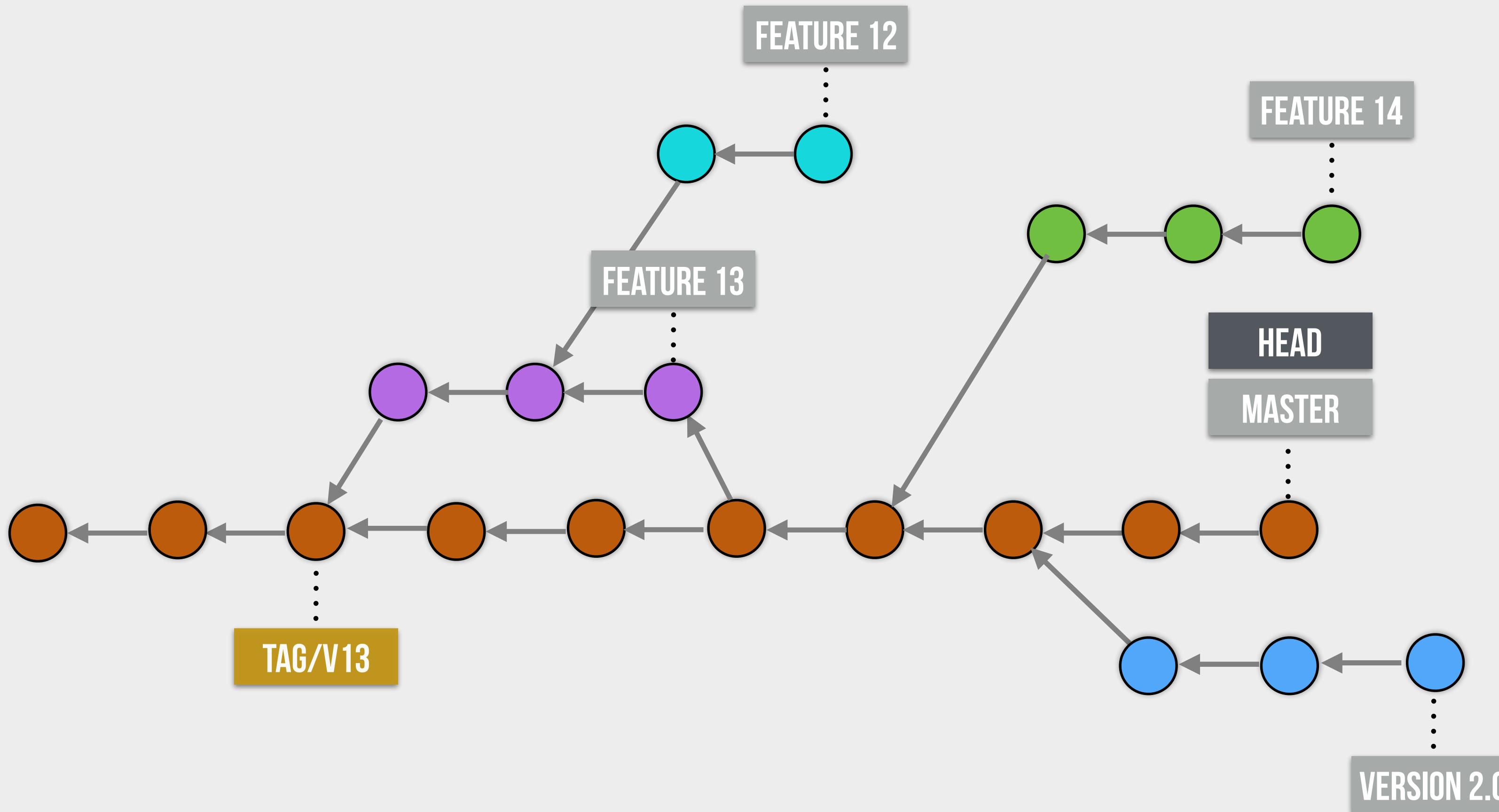


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* efd741981 - hybrid
* 0983f0a91 - Checko
* bf8c9be1a - hybrid
* 9e04c8f44 - tests |
* 438fb293b - checko
* bcb74afa1 - hybrid
* 0d410b7fa - assert:
* 4c329ec3f - checko
* bc792c4e1 - Checko
* 14d83675c - Hybrid
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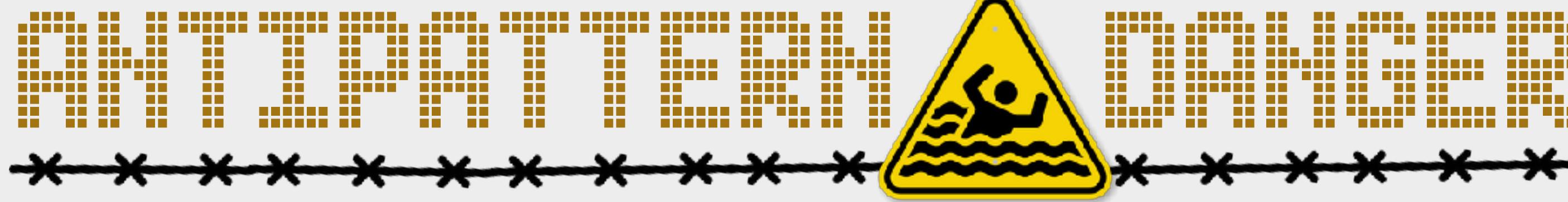
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\$ git cherry-pick Every-Single-Commit-We-Want-To-Deploy

CHERRY-PICK OVERDOSE ANTI-PATTERN

**do you fully understand  
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the commit graph ?**



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topic and shared branches, tracking branches, tags, HEADs, merge commits, reverted commits...

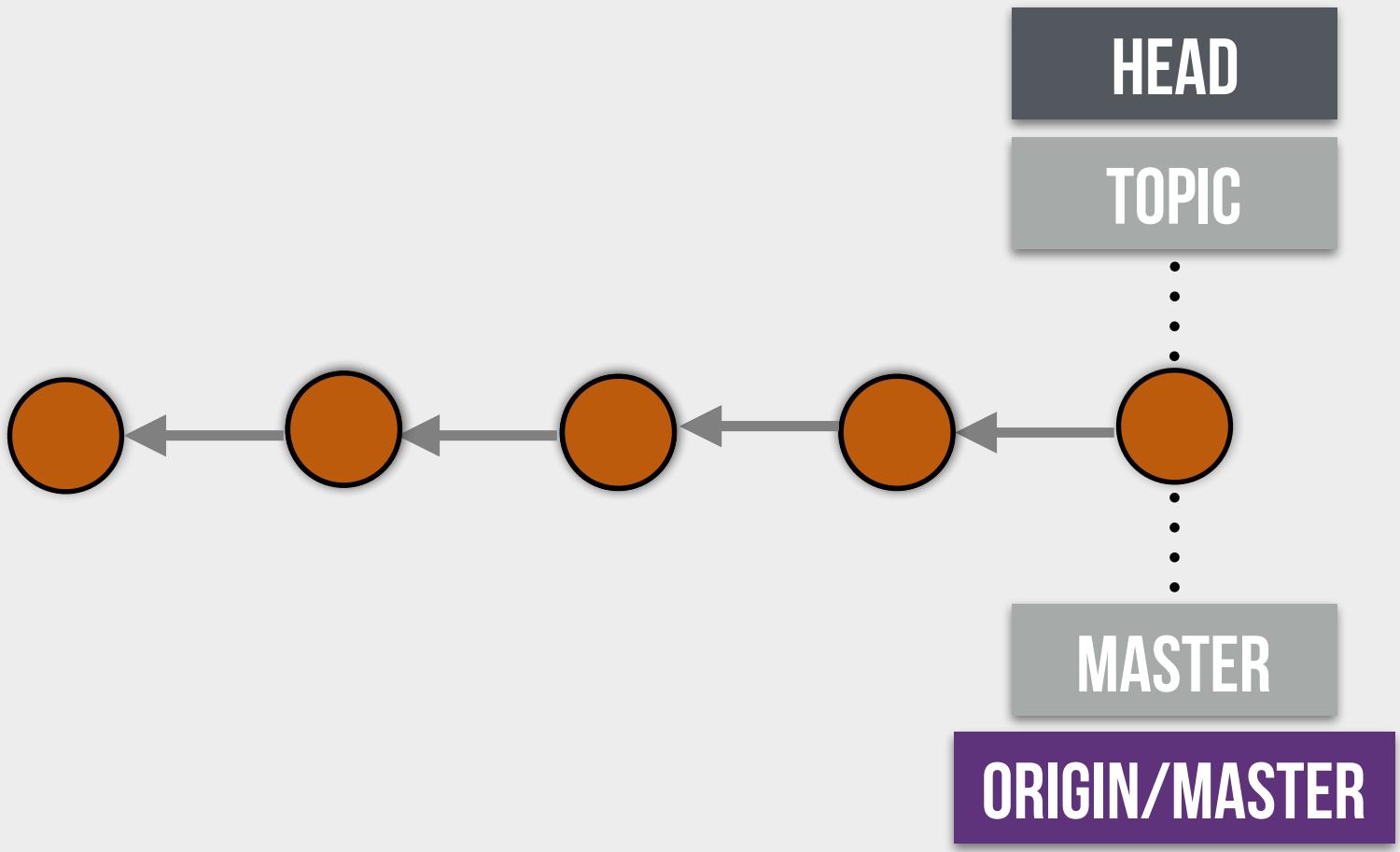
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* | \ \ \ \ \ f69367982 - (tag: v1.2.9.58) Merge branch 'master' into release/v1.2.9.58 (12 months ago) <api.admin>
* | \ \ \ \ \ 0bbcb3fb2 - (tag: v1.2.8.1.56, origin/release/v1.2.8.1.56) Automatic commit by Bamboo v1.2.8.1.56 (1 year ago)
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LOST IN COMMIT GRAPH ANTI-PATTERN

**Cure?**

**Commit Early, Commit Often  
Perfect Later, Publish Once**

PS: There are more than one way to achieve this



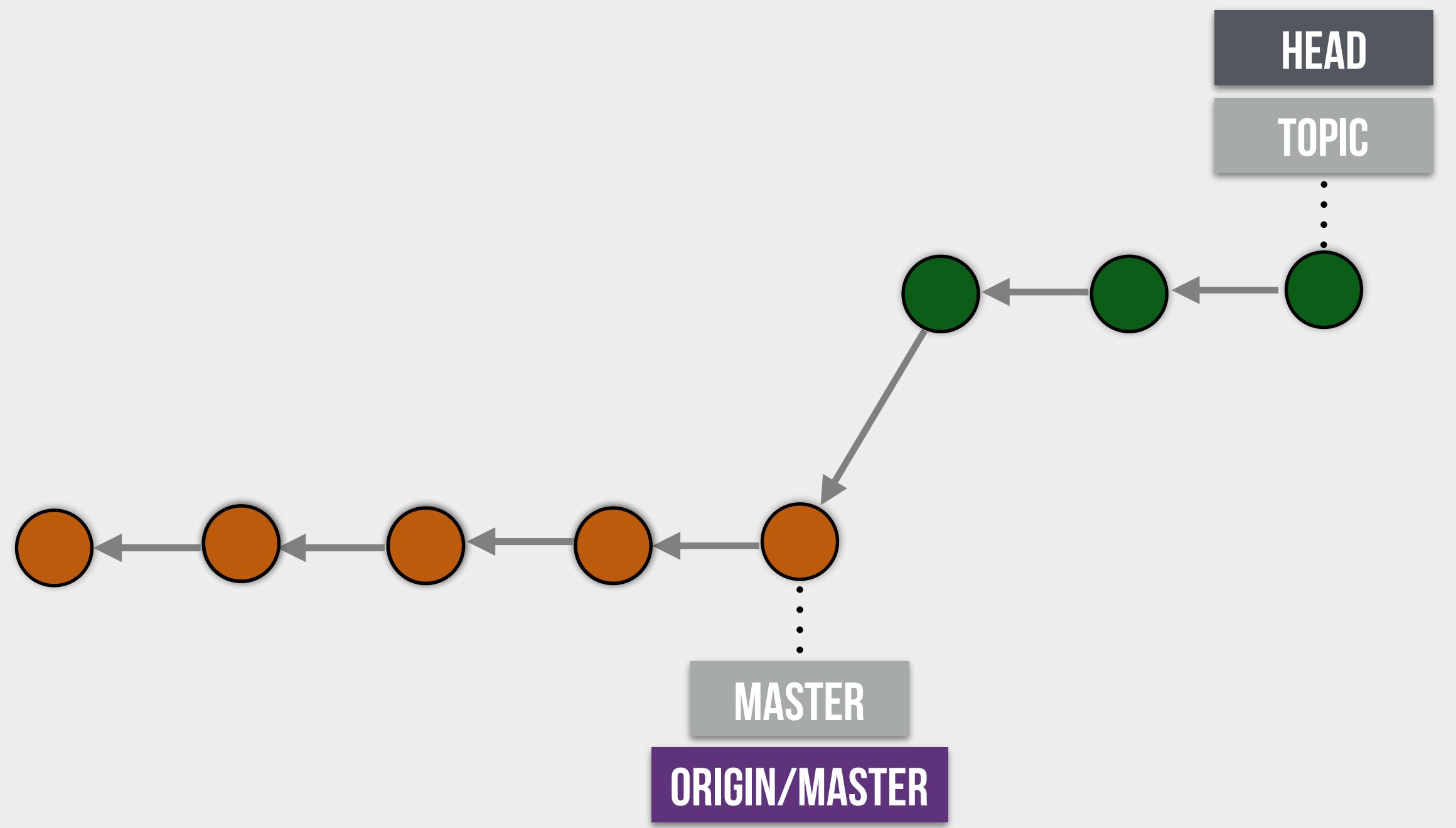
**Our very first step is  
defining a strategy to  
keep branches short**

**split your big feature into  
mini shippable tasks**

refactorings  
tasks, like rest endpoints  
**red-green-refactor**

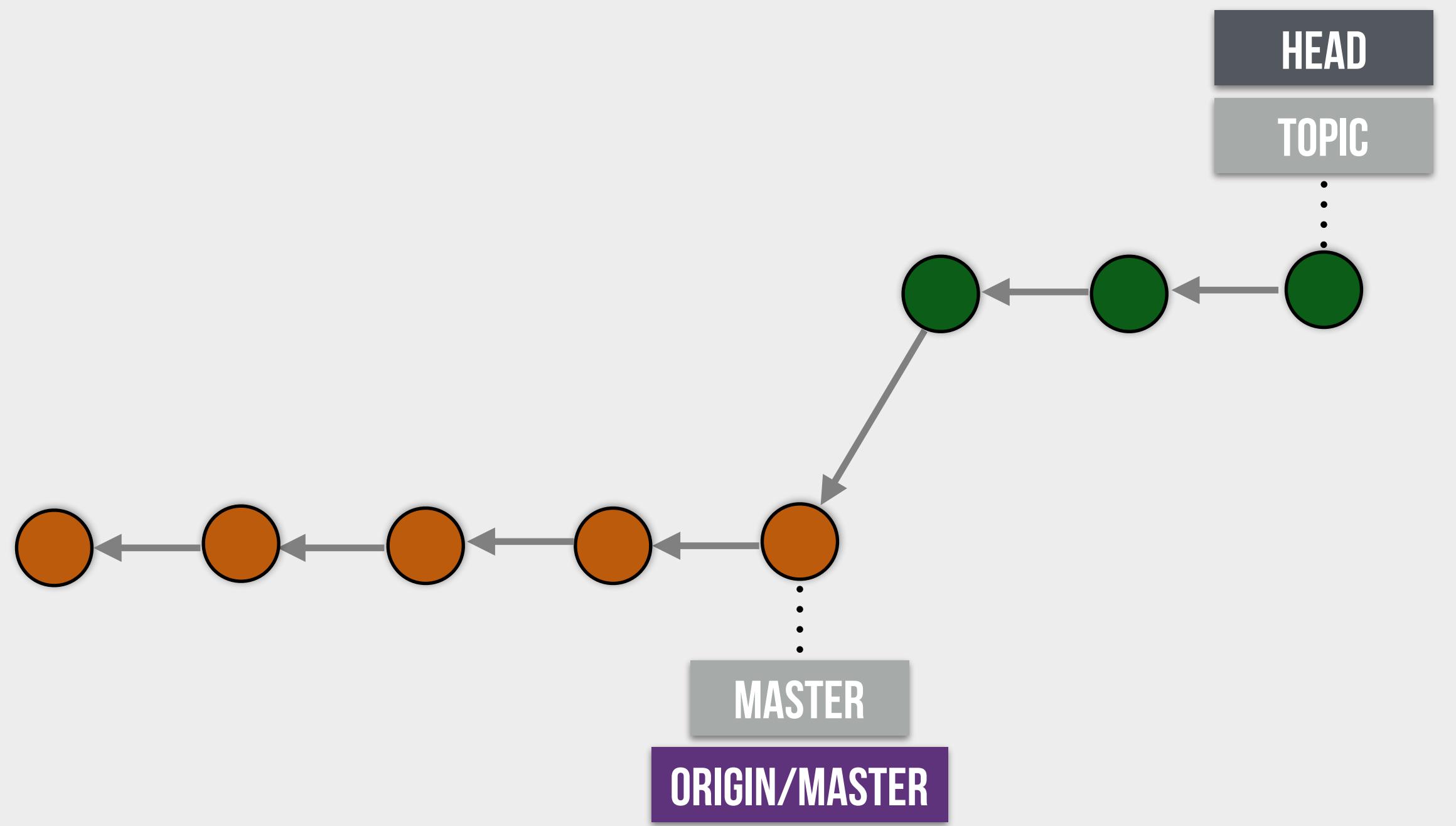
**each task will have a  
branch, not a feature**

**S T E P 0**



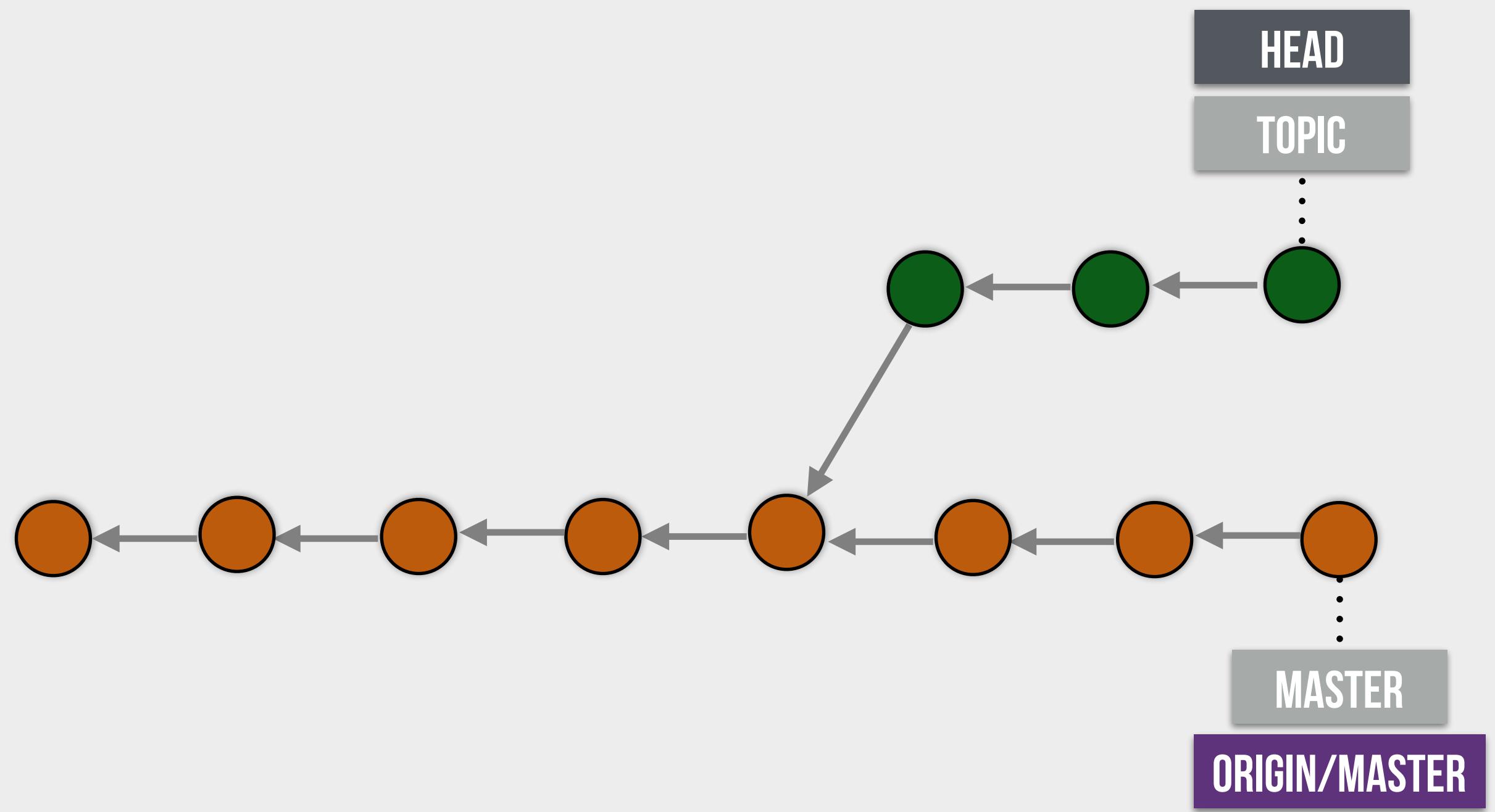
commit early  
commit often  
no need to compile  
no need for CI  
it's only for versioning

**do not push**



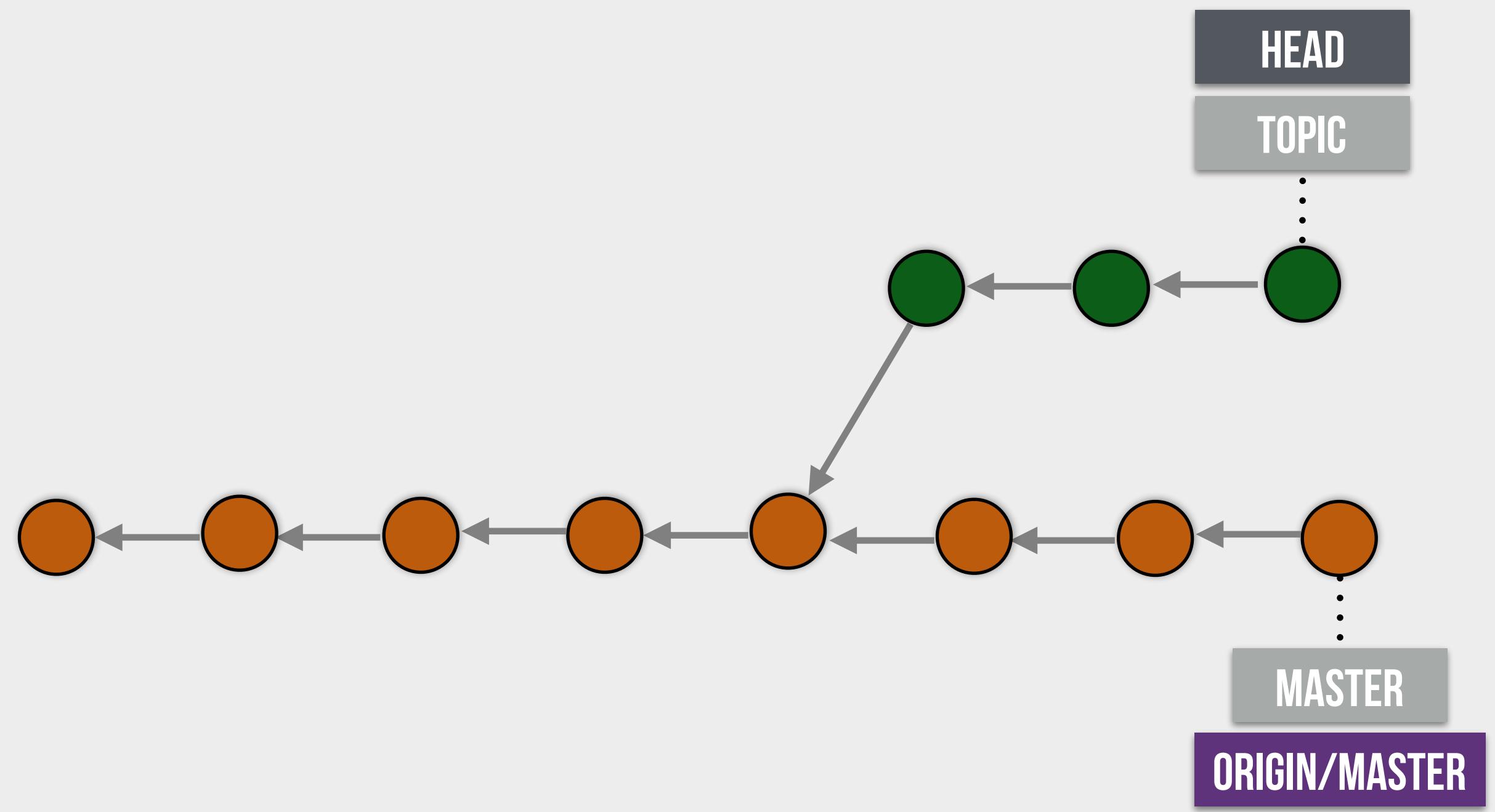
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Sync source branch  
with one simple command  
**\$ git fetch origin master:master**



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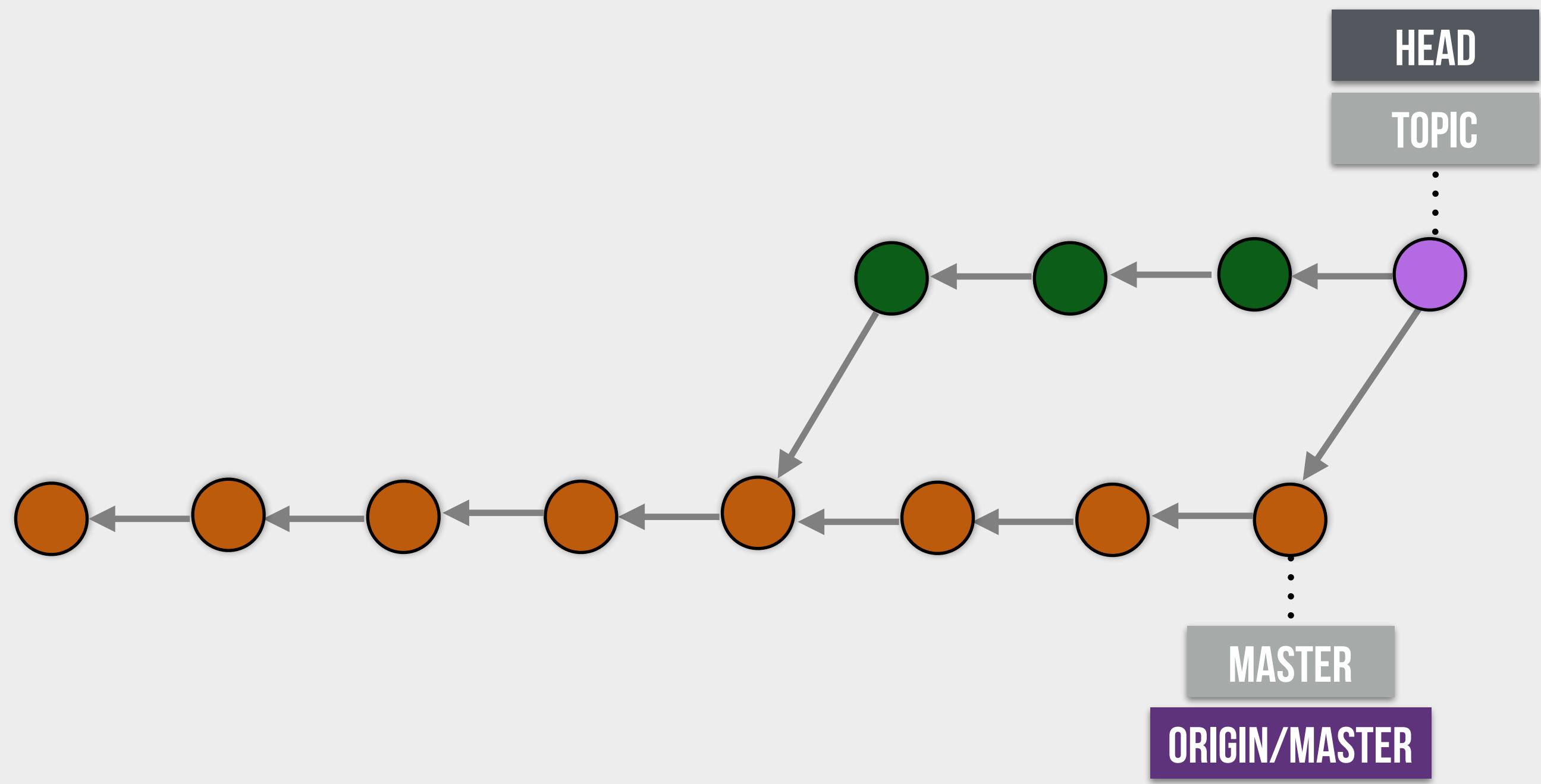
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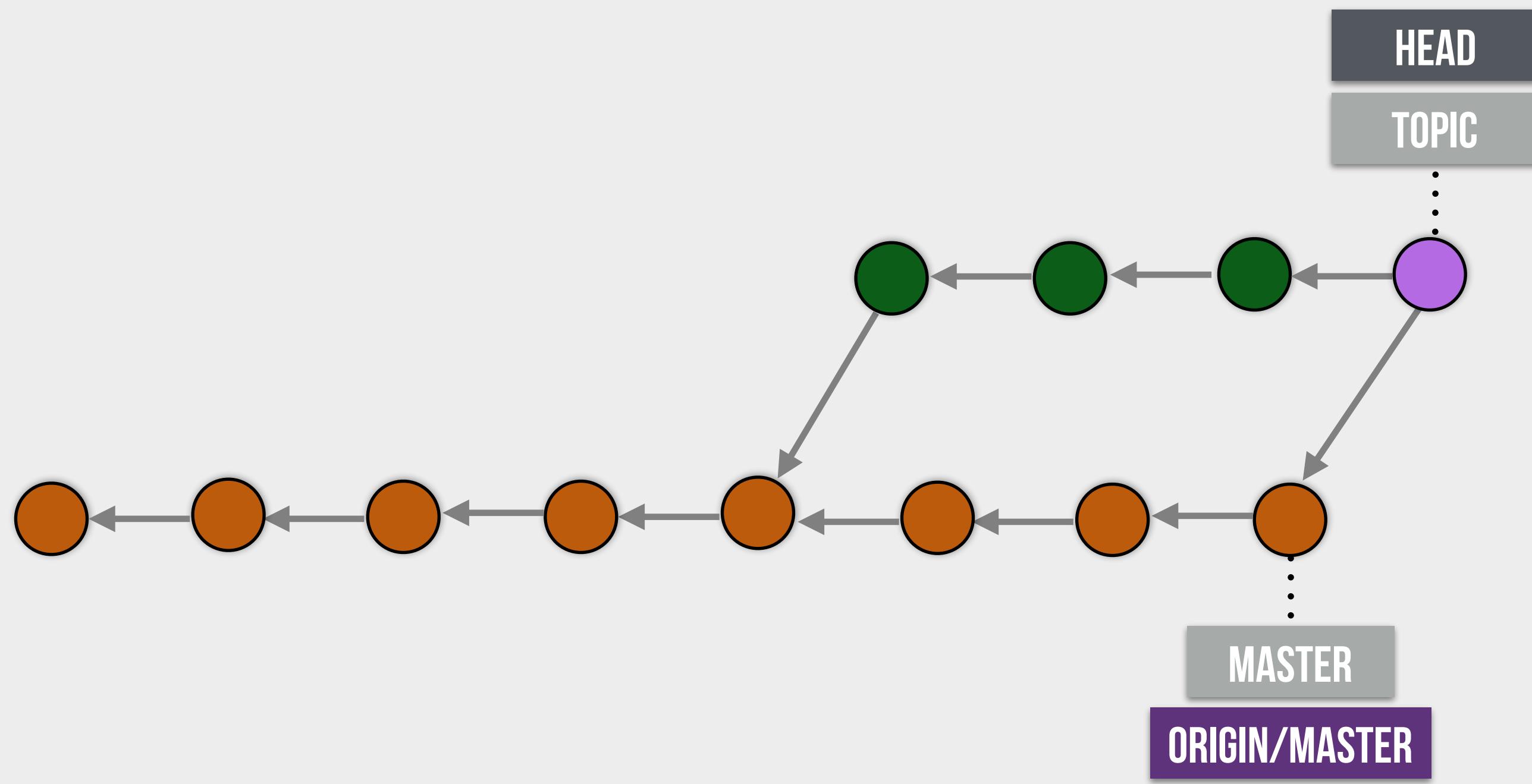
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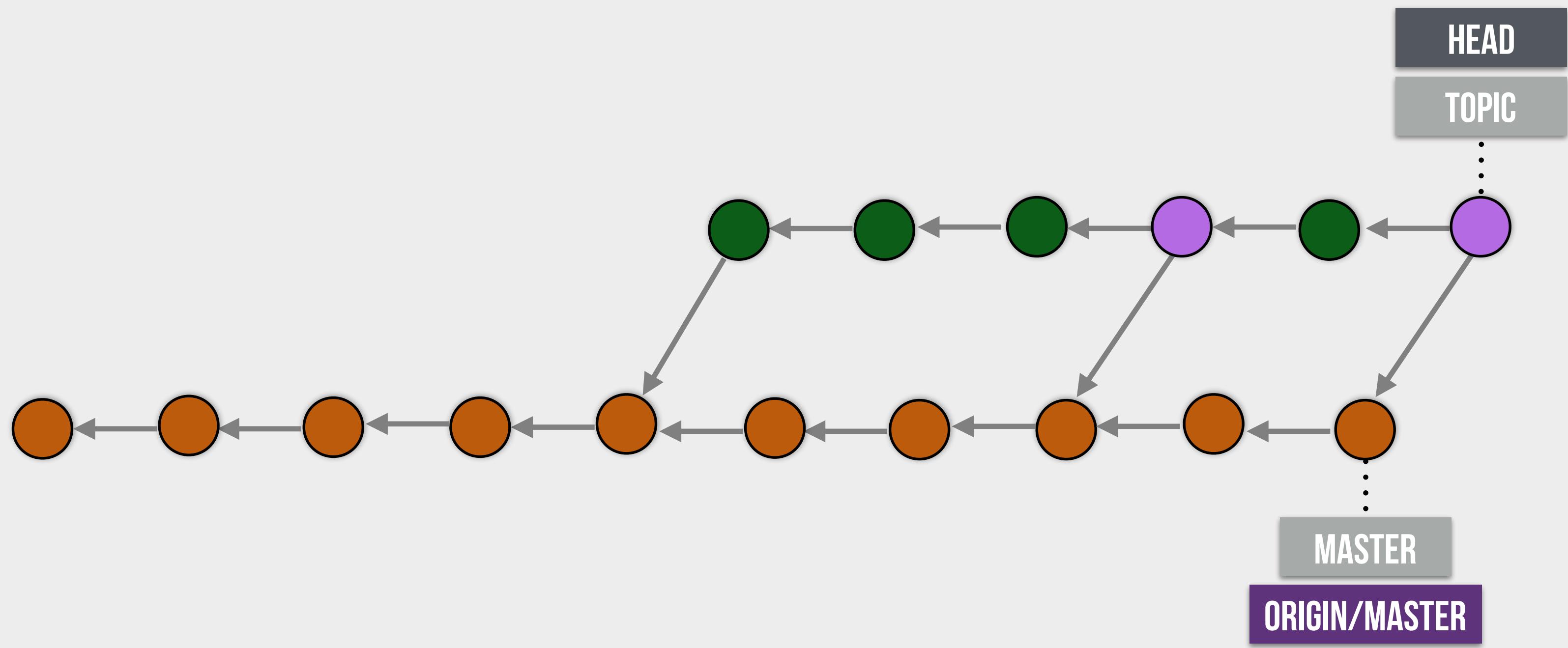
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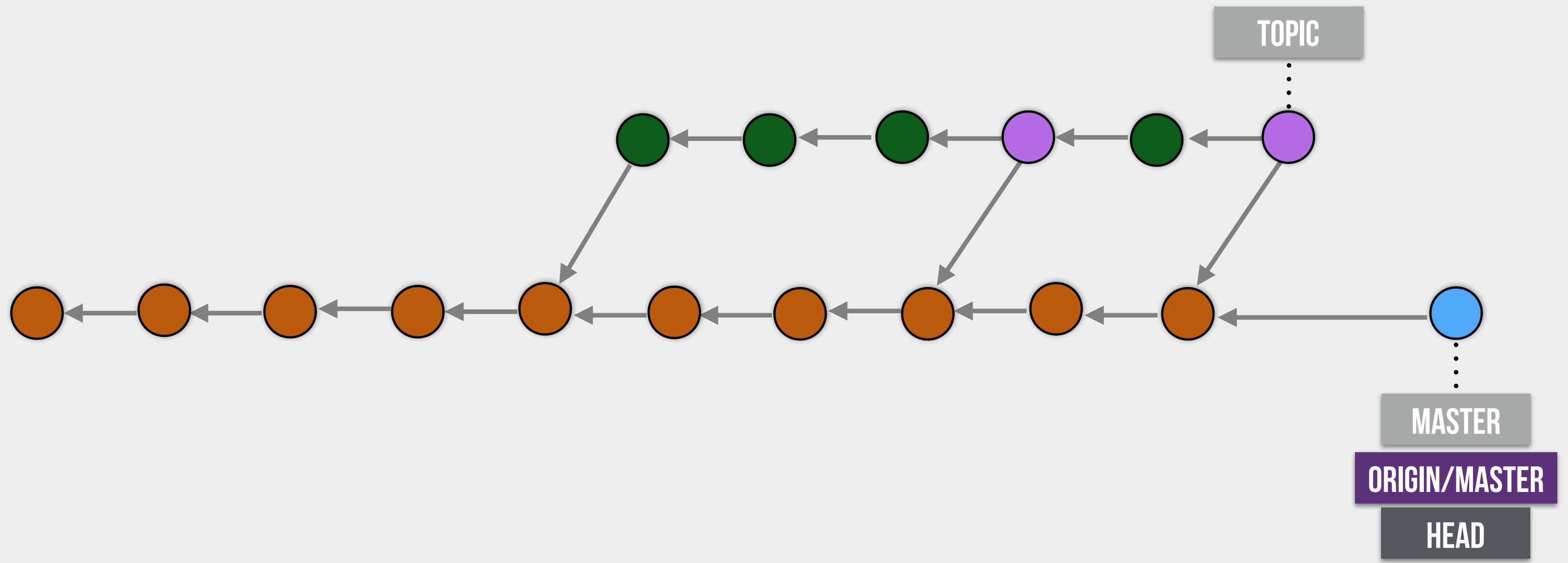


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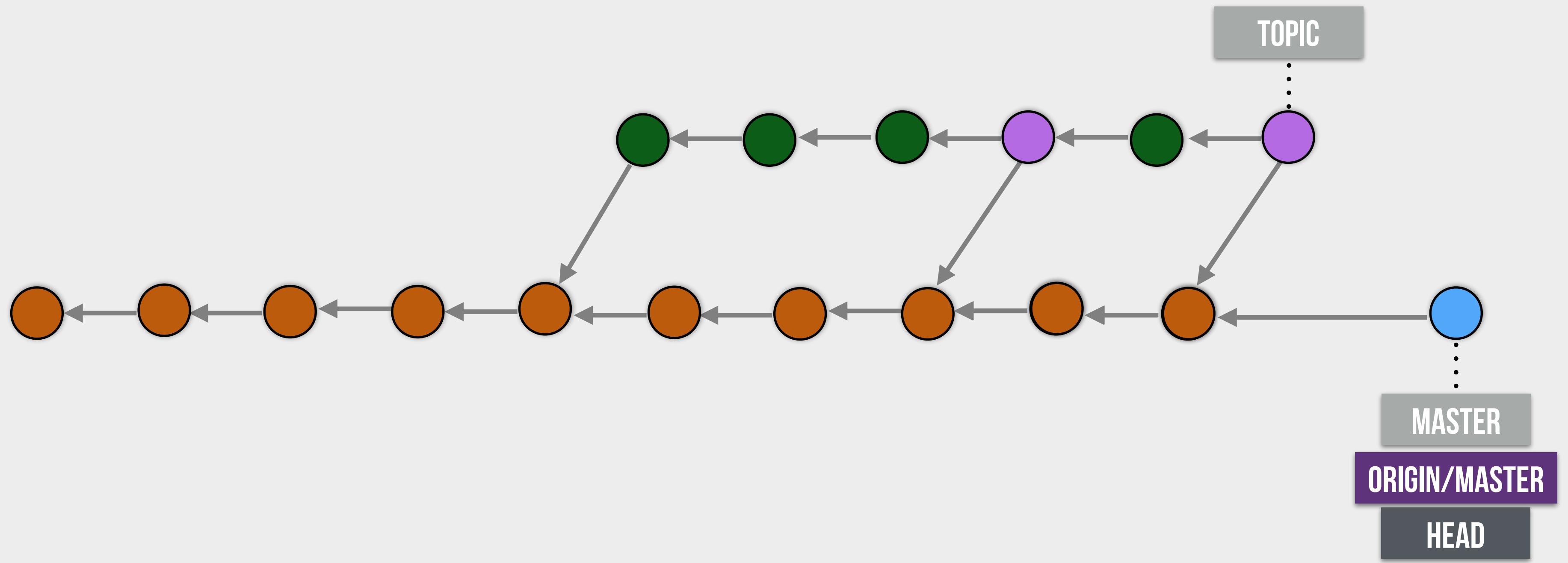
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merge back to source  
by squashing all commits  
in topic branch

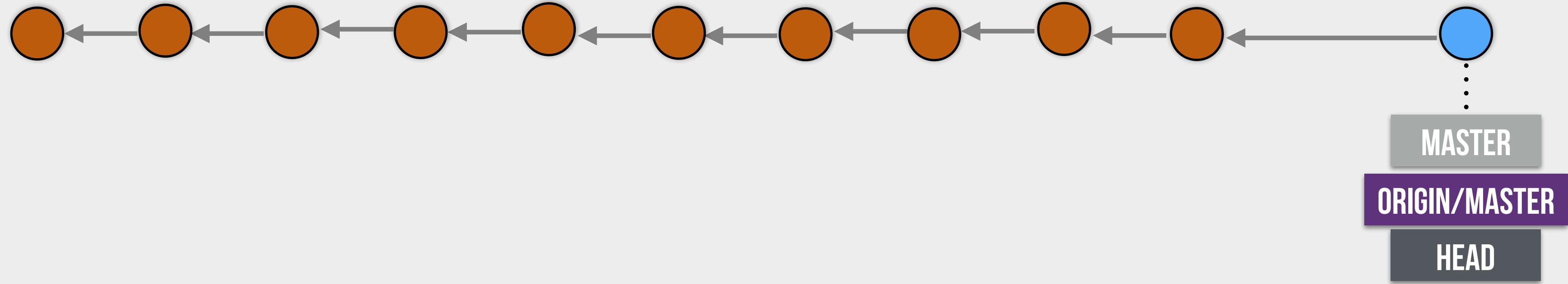
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$ git checkout master  
$ git merge --squash topic
```

STEP 4



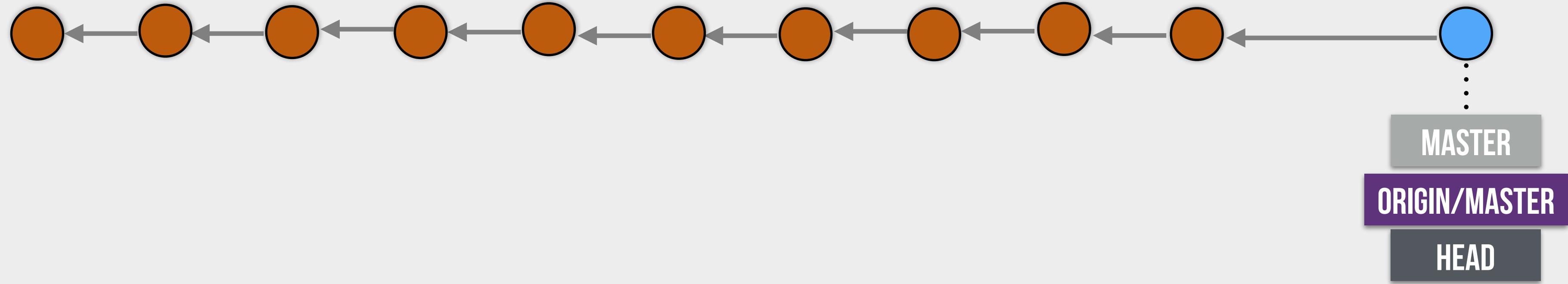
STEP 5

Delete the topic branch  
`$ git branch -D topic`



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Now you can push

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# TRUNK-BASED DEVELOPMENT

let's make git king again

**Commit early & often**  
perfect later, publish  
once philosophy

**Github Flow** can be  
used to govern overall

**Deliver frequently**  
be prepared to send  
every single commit

**Scrum tasks** are  
mapped to commits,  
not stories

**Deleting branches after merge** will make your commit graph readable

**Continuous Integration** validates master branch continuously

**Pull requests** can be used to review code and to validate before merging back to master

**Feature flags** should be used whenever possible

is it hard to learn  
**Git commands?**



# use terminal

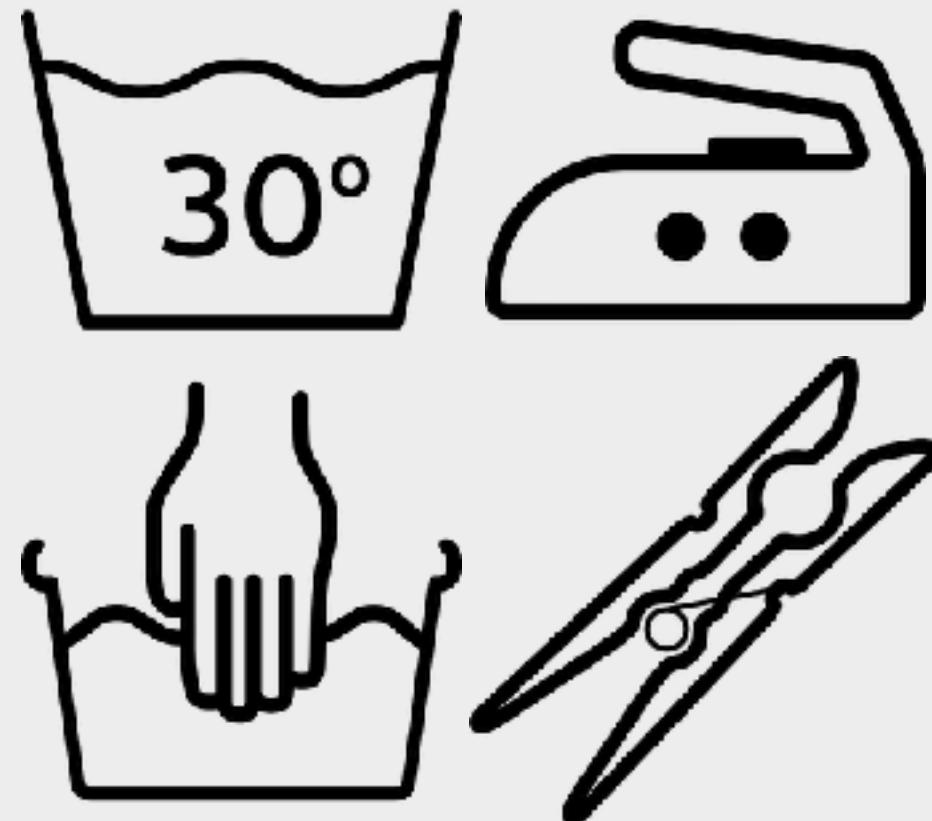
## GUIs are prison balls of developers

it's ok to use GUIs while checking diffs,  
resolving conflicts and viewing commit graph

**does each of your commit have  
one special purpose?  
or you commit anything you have changed**

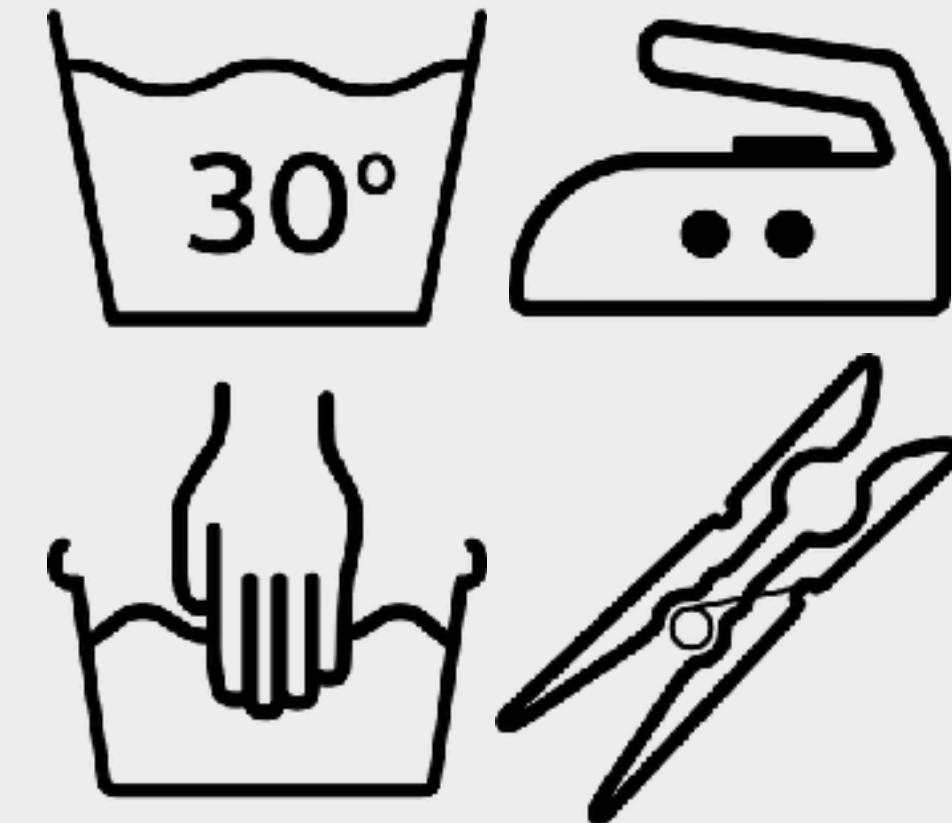
# ANTI-PATTERN DANGER

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**stop adding  
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prevent commits from being big ball of muds



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## local change sets at JetBrains IDEs

Version Control: Local Changes Log Console

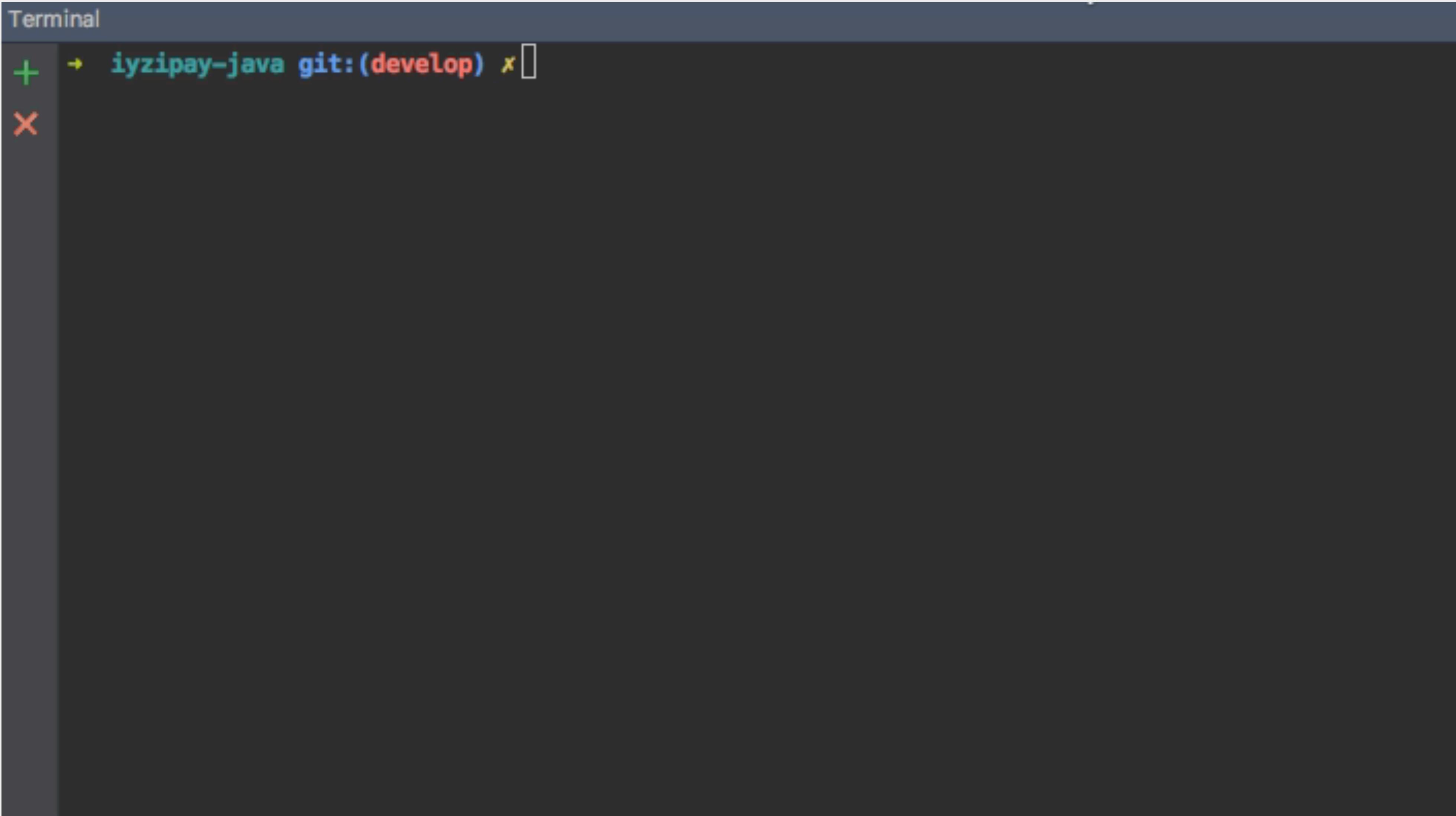
Default 4 files

- BinCheckResponseMapper.java ~/Code/lyzico/iyzipay-payment/iyzipay-payment-basic/iyzipay-payment-basic-rest/src/main/java/com/iyzipay/payment/basic/rest/mapper/
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- InstallmentControllerIT.java ~/Code/lyzico/iyzipay-payment/iyzipay-payment-api/src/test/java/com/iyzipay/payment/api/ecosystem/integration-test/
- InstallmentInfoResponseMapper.java ~/Code/lyzico/iyzipay-payment/iyzipay-payment-basic/iyzipay-payment-basic-rest/src/main/java/com/iyzipay/payment/basic/rest/mapper/

- bincheck-refactoring 4 files
- controller-endpoint 7 files
- payment-refactoring 5 files

# stop adding every change

partial add : git add -p



A screenshot of a terminal window titled "Terminal". The window shows a git status output. On the left, there is a vertical toolbar with a green plus sign icon and a red minus sign icon. The main area displays the following text:

```
+ → iyzipay-java git:(develop) ✘
```

The text is in a light blue color, indicating it is a command prompt or a specific section of the terminal output.

# do you really understand what's written in **commit messages?**

```
* f7c82af - (HEAD -> feature/message-system, origin/feature/message-system) ini dosyalari
* 5bac60a - bug fixes (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 9686b63 - Added MimeMessageFacade for inline emails (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 011f316 - Removed most of the classicalmailsender references (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 56b6e56 - Added immediate email and made refactorings (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 07bcc61 - Added reservation email templates (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* f3e8e91 - bug fix (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* f337760 - Added detailed auditing and receiver address types (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 4f7da2c - Messaging after some refactoring 2 (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 0c166d2 - Messaging after some refactoring (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* cc47338 - Messaging sent second email using new system (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* ba1bf16 - Messaging sent first email using new system (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 0b3acbd - Updated messaging and job architecture (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 6846a47 - db ye kayÄt yapan hali (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* a604198 - some refactoring (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* cf5d41b - Created DB tables and hibernate beans (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 4cdc6d2 - pom.xml' deki common-utils' den jcl-over-slf4j dependency' si exclude edildi.
* 239fc9f - Trying get tests working... (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 65abd42 - Spring ile JUnit test ornegi eklendi (SampleTest.java). spring-test dependency
* 95ec1c8 - Added Message Persister Interface (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* b176749 - Messaging system project created, email sending refactored out, new interface
* fc2e873 - Added rebel.xml to the ignore list (4 weeks ago) <fmatak>
```

# ANTI-PATTERN



# DANGER

commit  
messages  
are  
documents!

use git commit  
templates to  
create better  
commit messages

```
$ git config --global commit.template ~/.git-commit-template.txt  
$ git config --global commit.cleanup strip
```

```
# WHAT  
# <issue id> (this commit will...) <subject>  
  
# WHY and HOW  
# Explain why this change is being made  
  
# RELATED  
# Provide links or keys to any relevant issues or other resources  
  
# REMEMBER  
# use lower case in the subject line  
# start with a verb in imperative tone in the subject line  
# do not end the subject line with a period  
# separate subject from body with a blank line  
# use the body to explain what and why vs. how  
# can use multiple lines with "-" for bullet points in body
```

**Which of the following commands can cause  
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B

`git push --force`

C

`git merge`

D

`git pull`

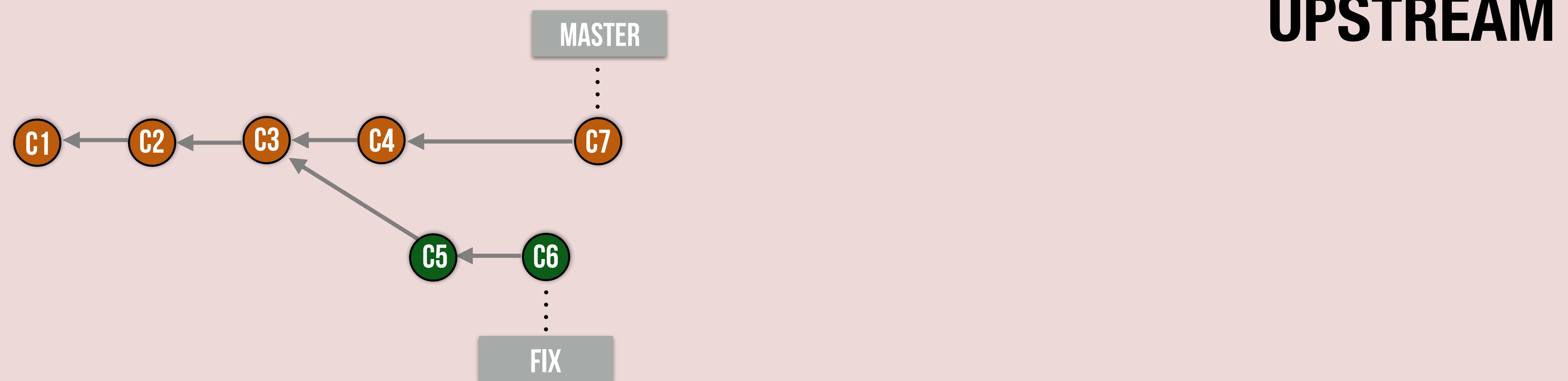
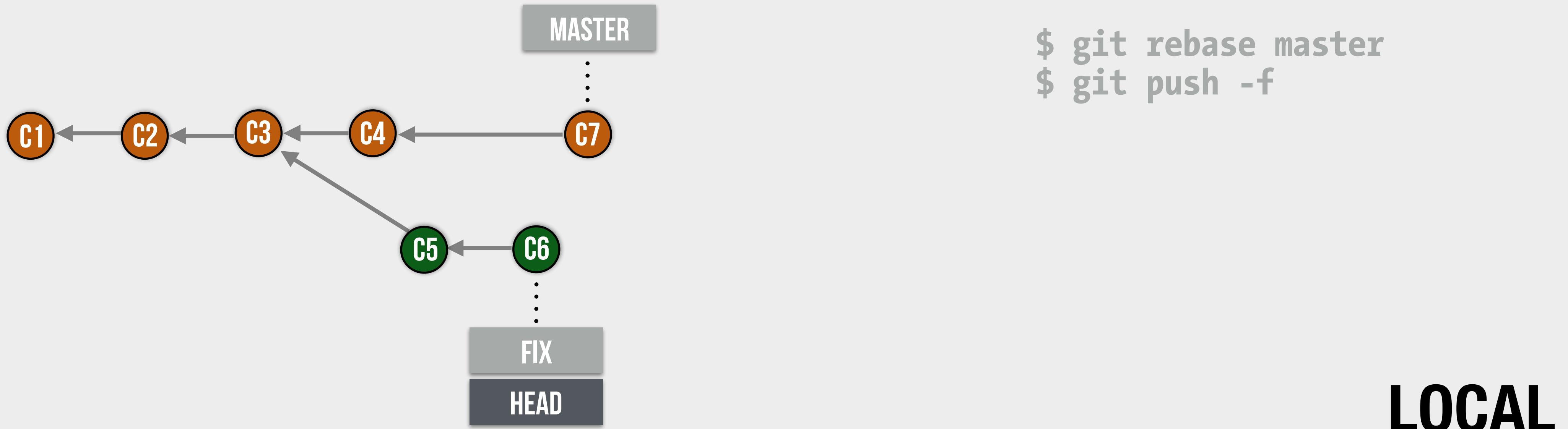
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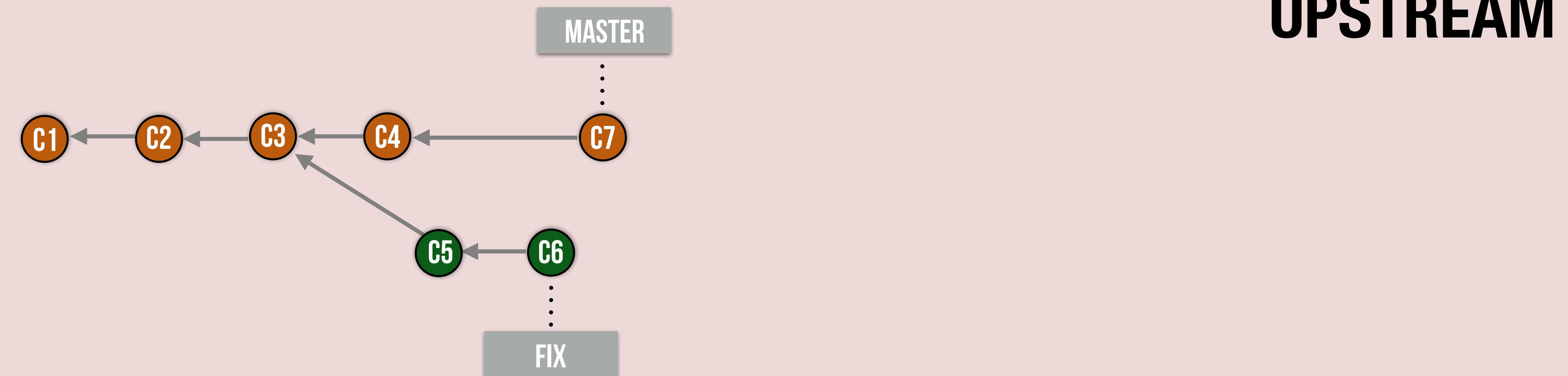
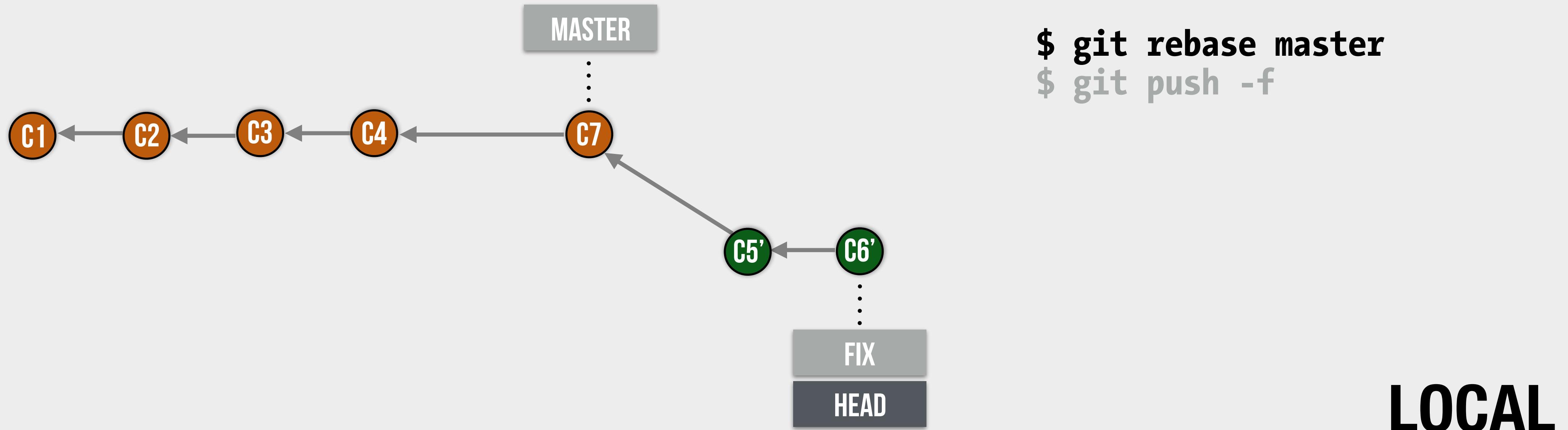
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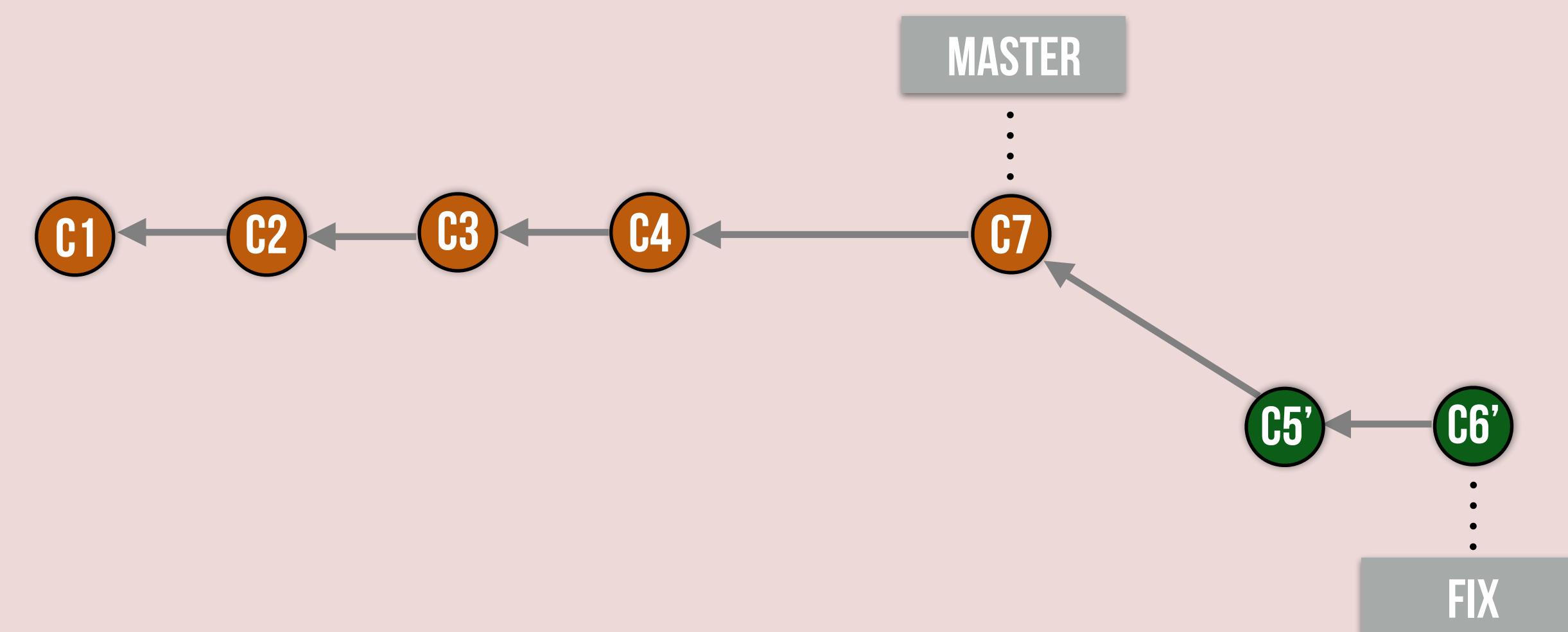
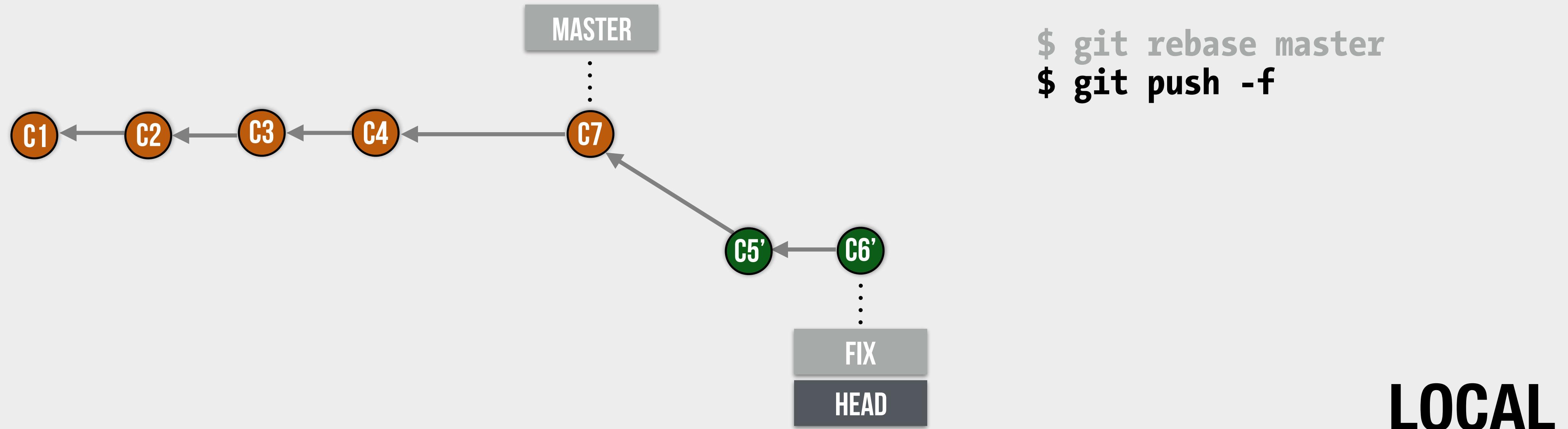
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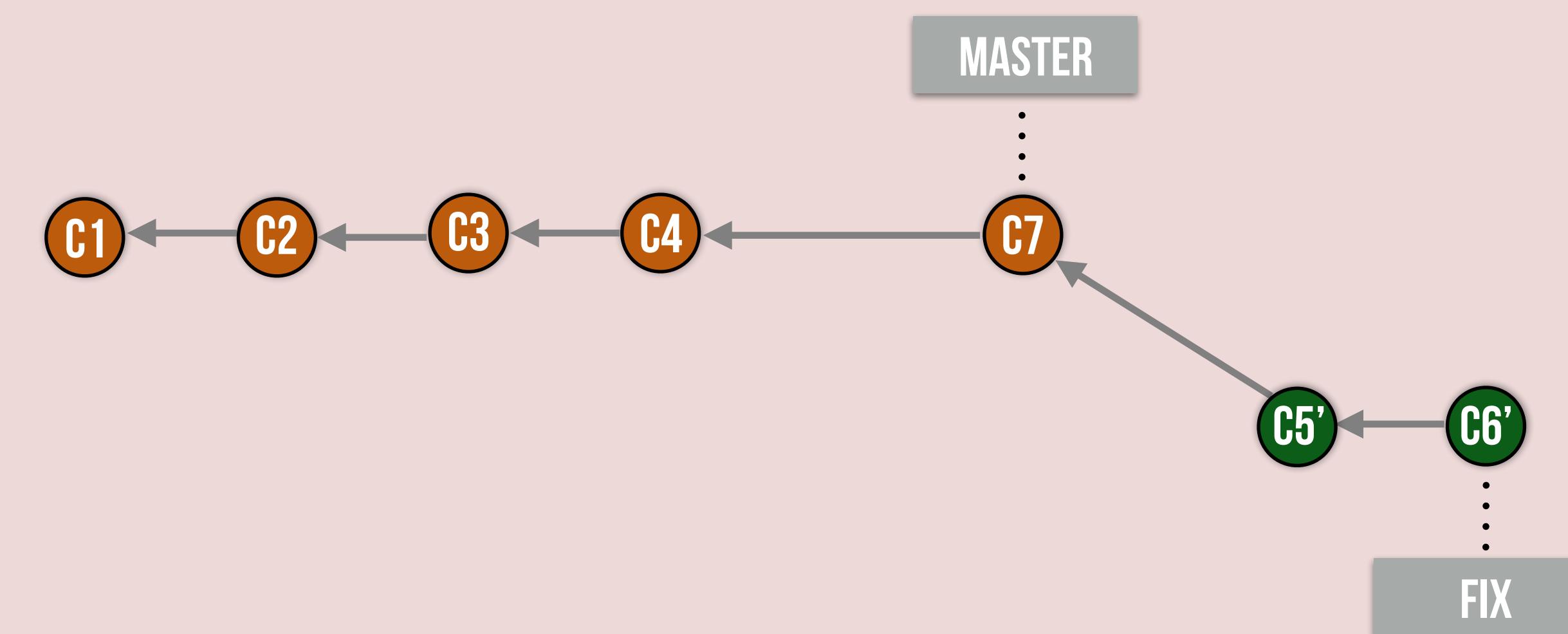
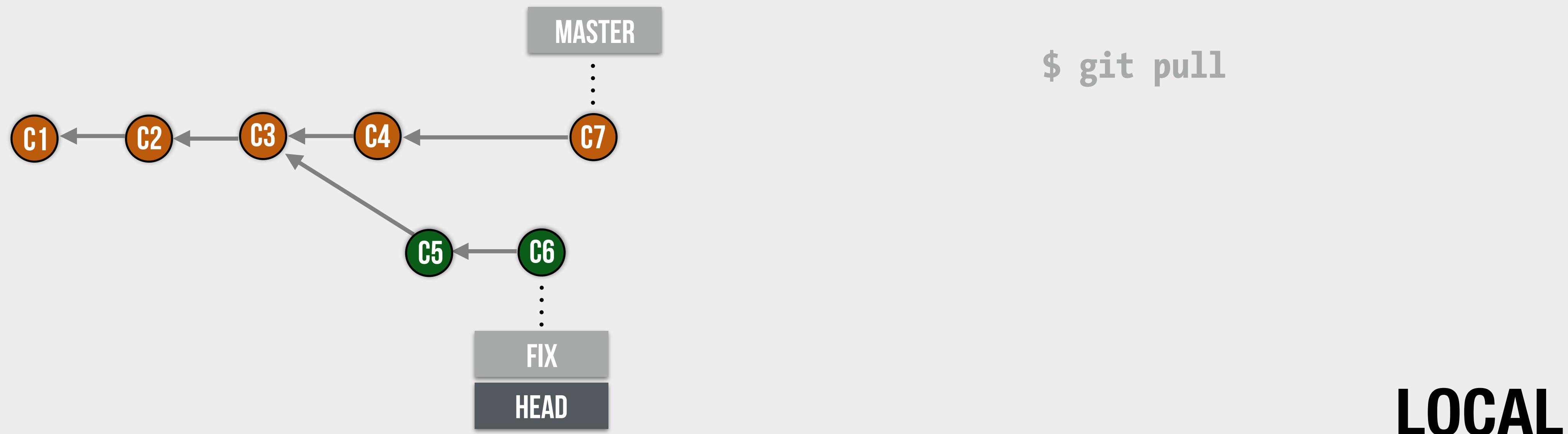
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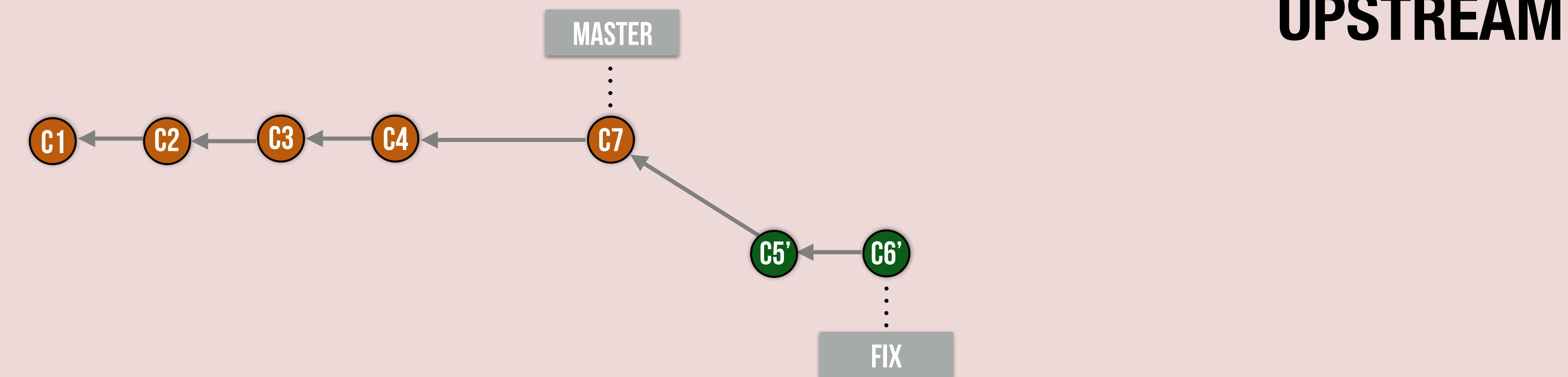
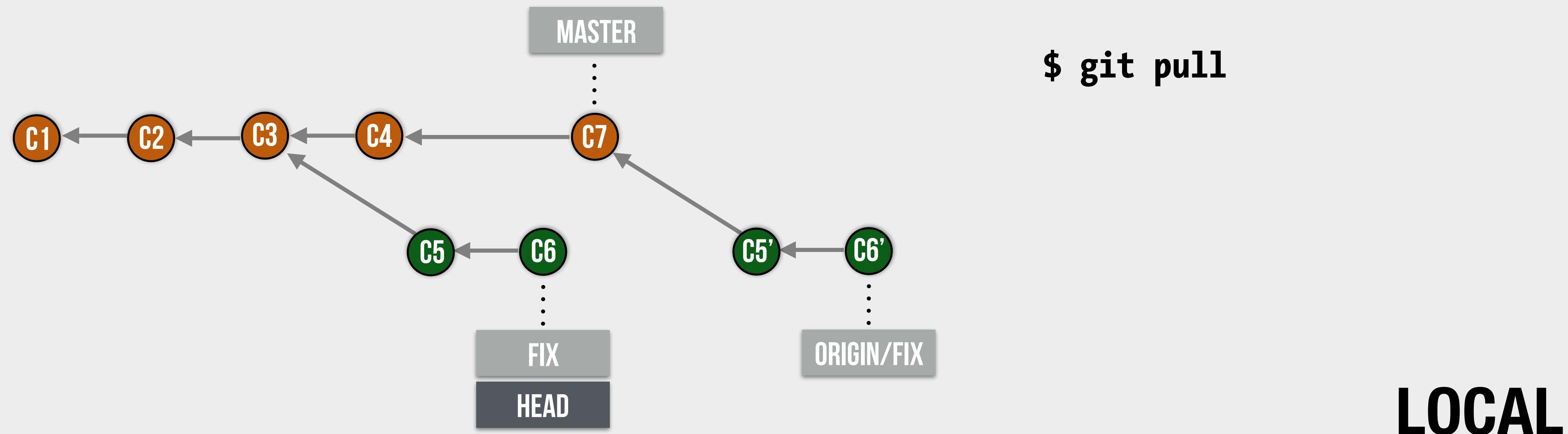
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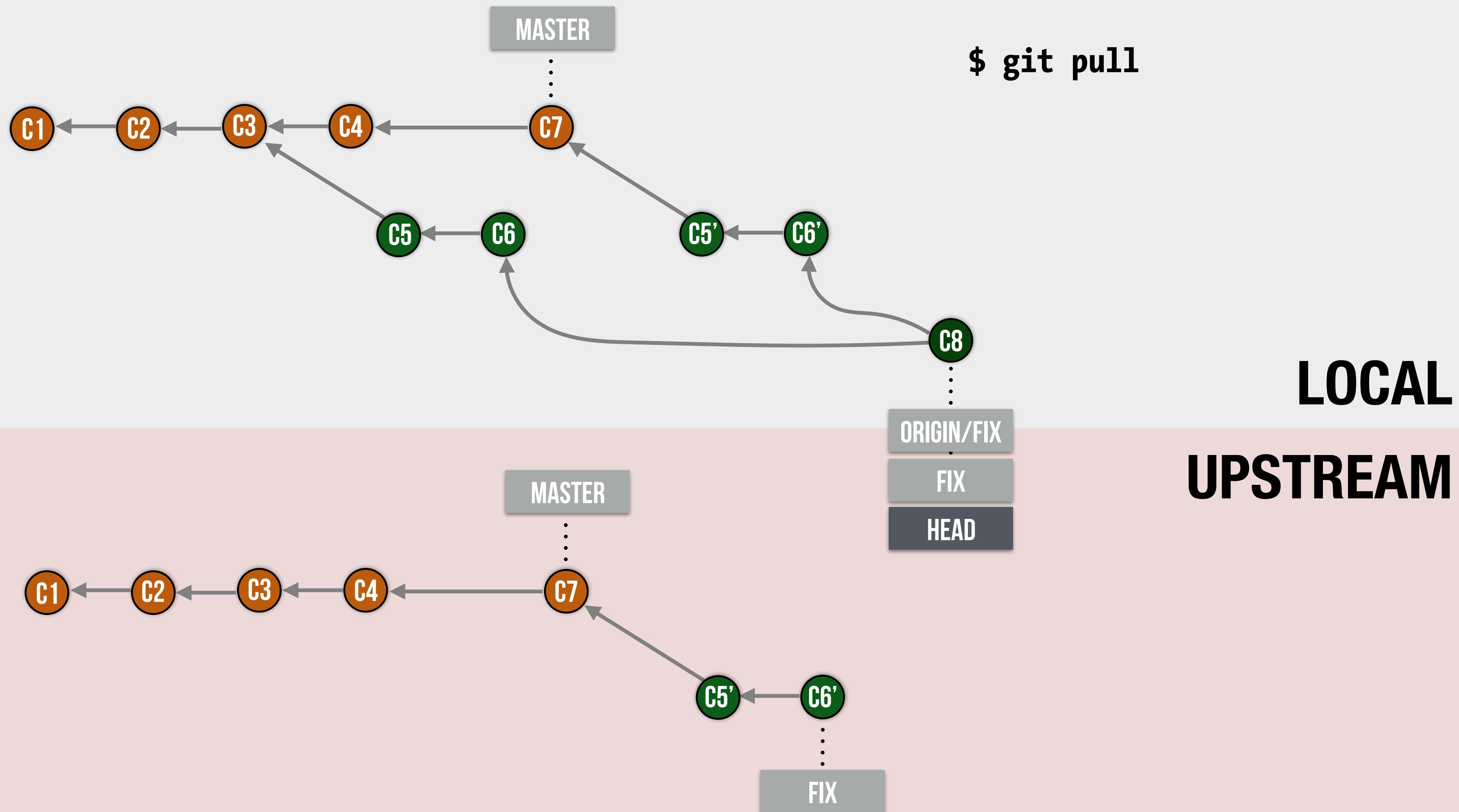
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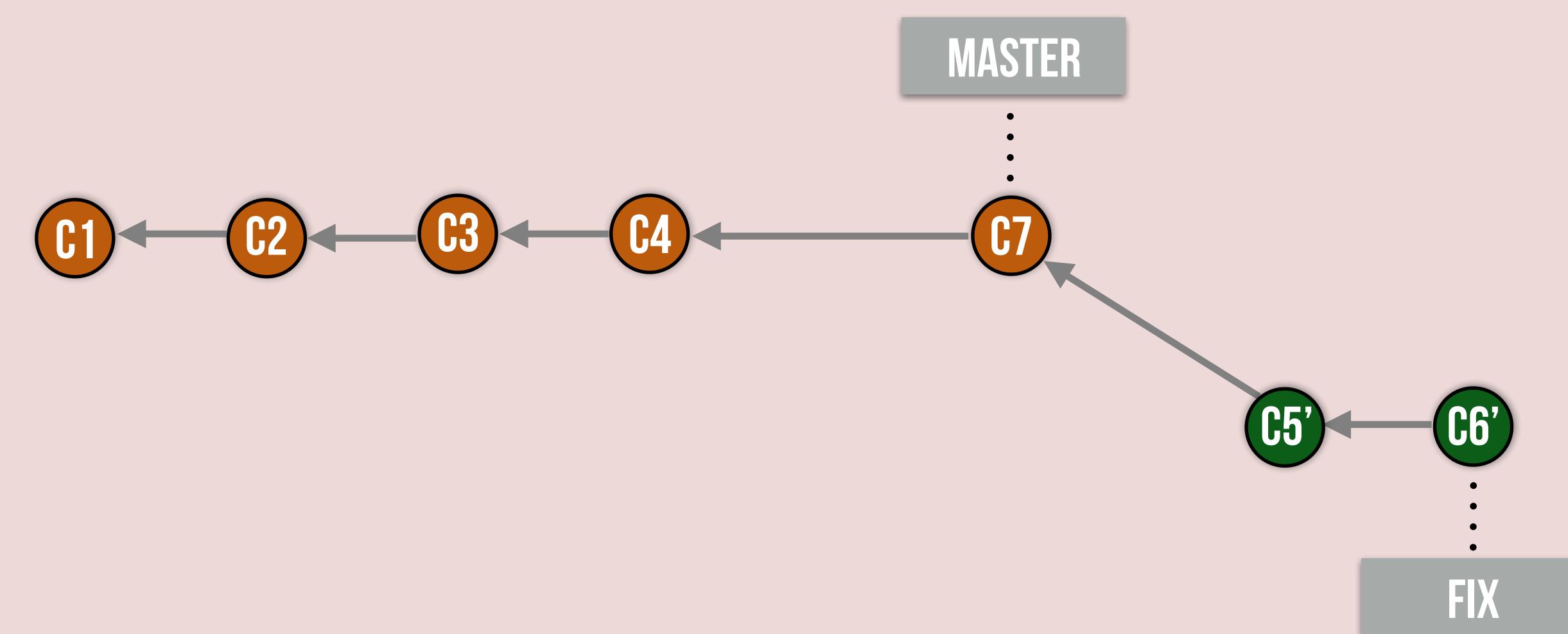
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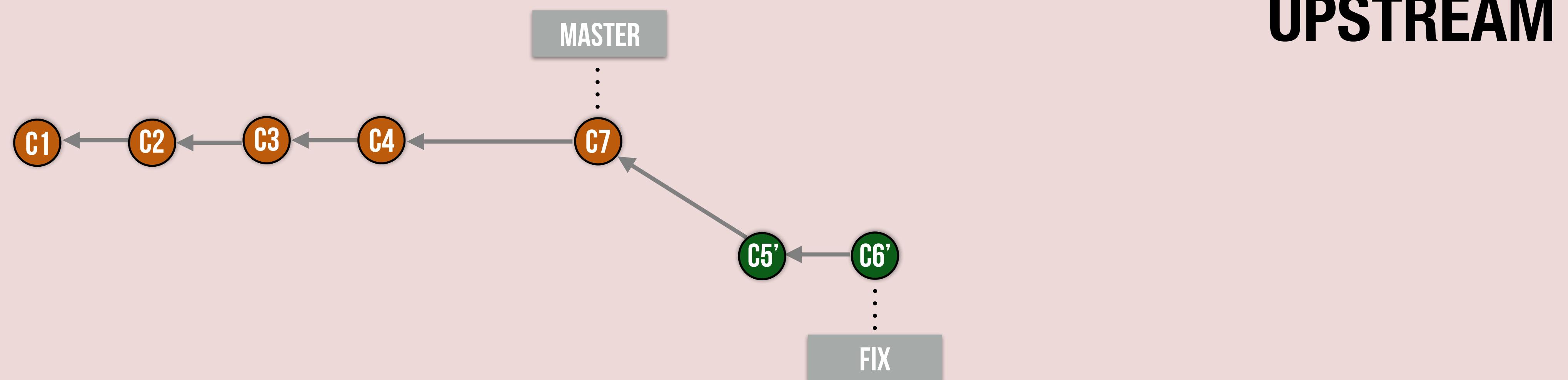
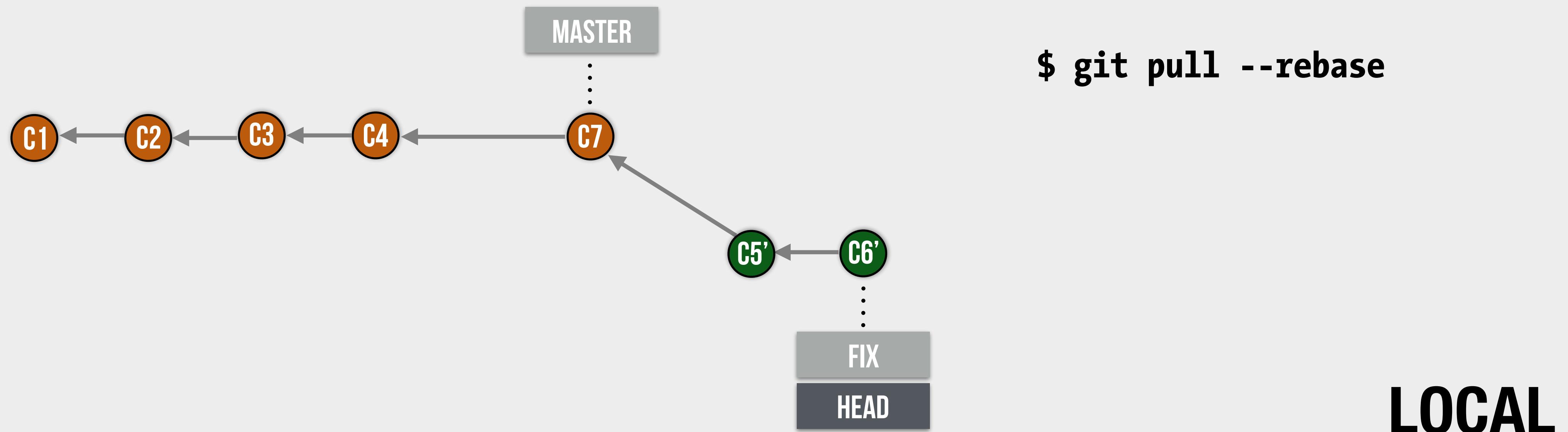
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# PULL WITH REBASE



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1. TORTURING GIT BY PUSH
2. BROKEN TIME MACHINE
3. LONG LIVING BRANCHES
4. TOO LATE TO VALIDATE
5. CHERRY-PICK OVERDOSE
6. LOST IN COMMIT GRAPH
7. BUTTON ADDICT
8. TRASH HOUSE
9. BIG BALL OF MUD
10. AMBIGUOUS COMMIT MESSAGES
11. ZOMBIE REBASE
12. CODE LOSING SYNDROME
13. MESS UP WITH THE ROLLBACK
14. CENTRALIZED GIT
15. MERGE FRATIC
16. BRANCH CEMETERY
17. UNCONTROLLED POWER
18. WEB OF REPOSITORIES
19. ORACLE SYNDROME
20. WAITING FOR HACKERS
21. EVIL MERGE
22. BRANCH OVERDOSE
23. CHUCKY THE COMMAND
24. NO HERO TO SAVE LIVES
25. DUPLICATE COMMITS
26. BIG FAT COMMIT
27. CONFLICT-FOBIA
28. MERGE HELL
29. F\*UCK UP WITH FORCE PUSH
30. LYING AT DETACHED HEAD STATE

# LET'S RECAP



what was really  
**happened** at that time?

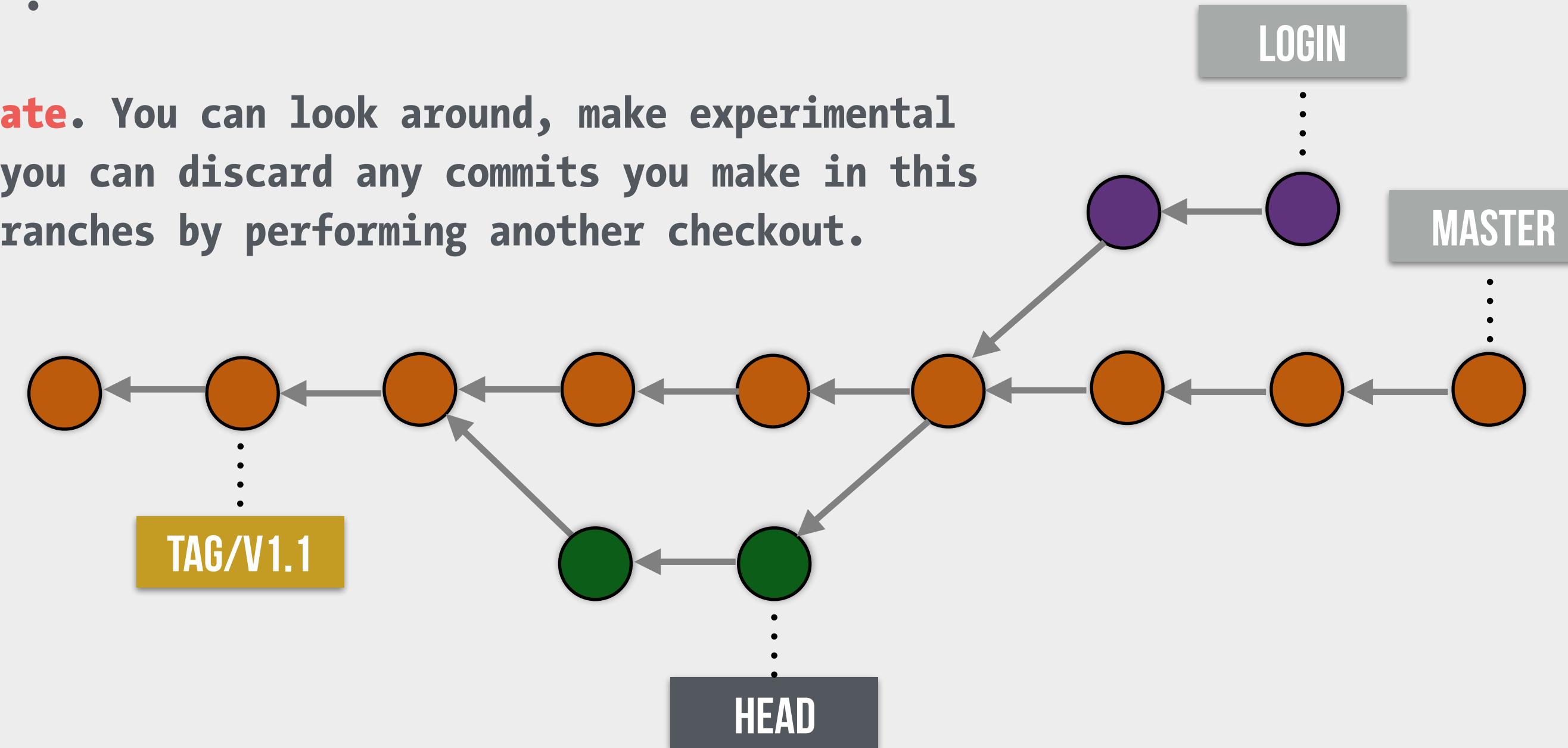
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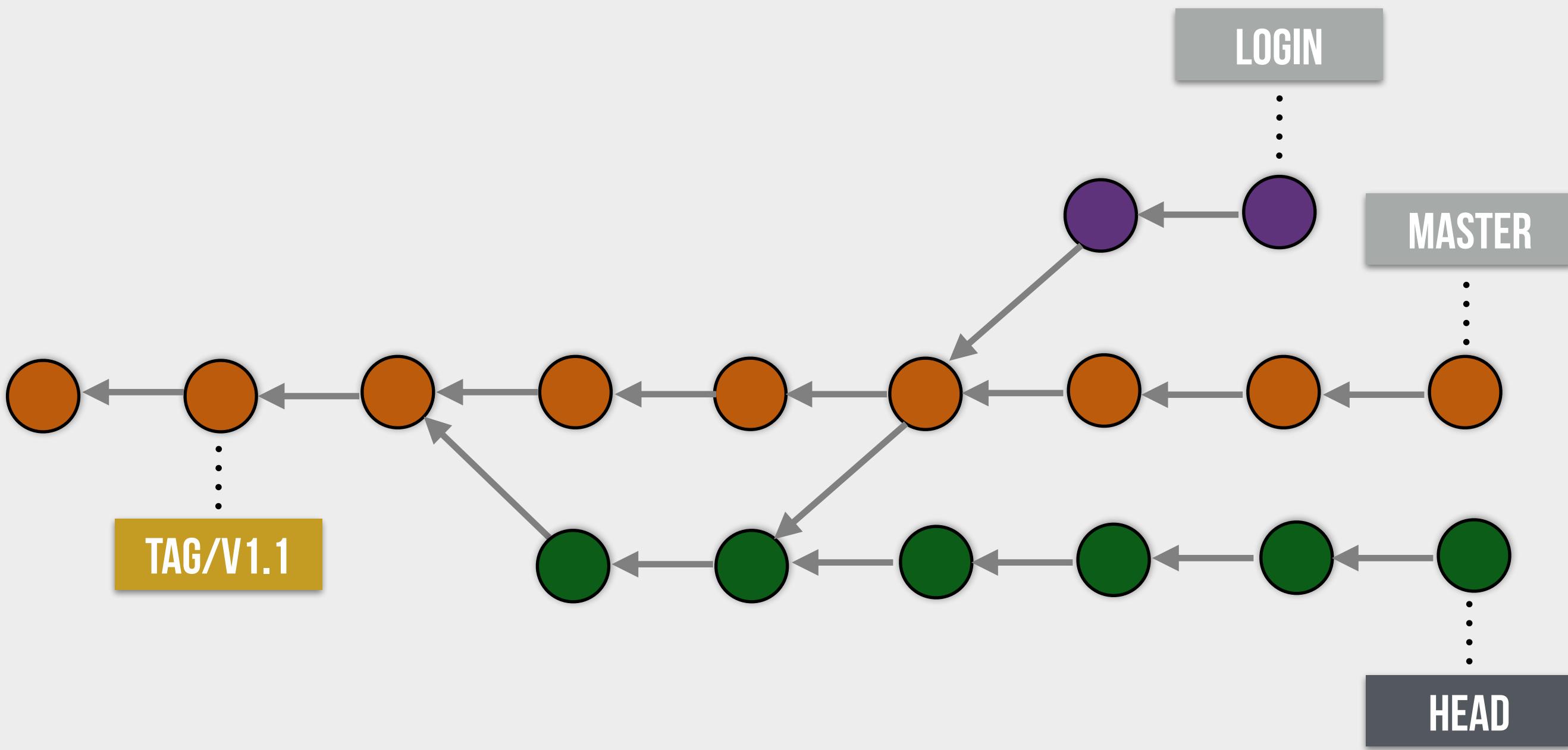
```
$ git checkout tags/v1.1
```

Note: checking out 'cecd95914'.

You are in 'detached HEAD' state. You can look around, make experimental changes and commit them, and you can discard any commits you make in this state without impacting any branches by performing another checkout.



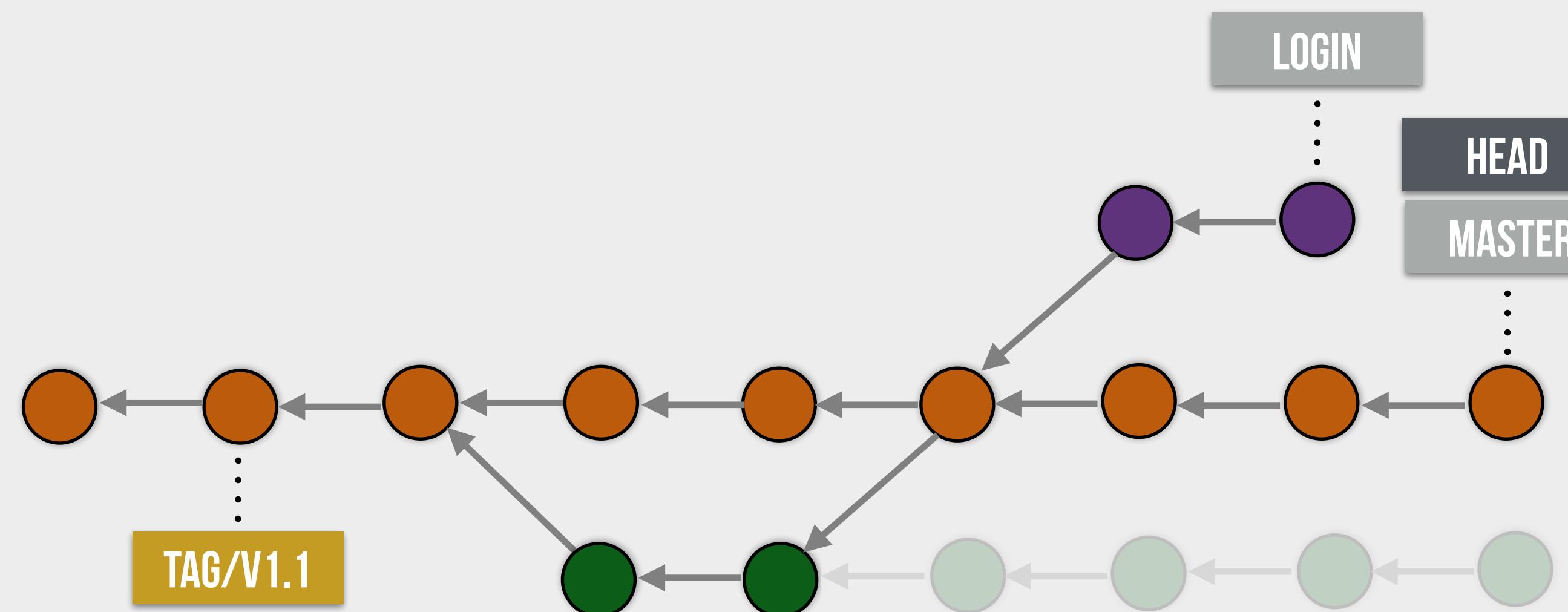
## DETACHED HEAD STATE



**my poor friend  
worked for  
3 long days**



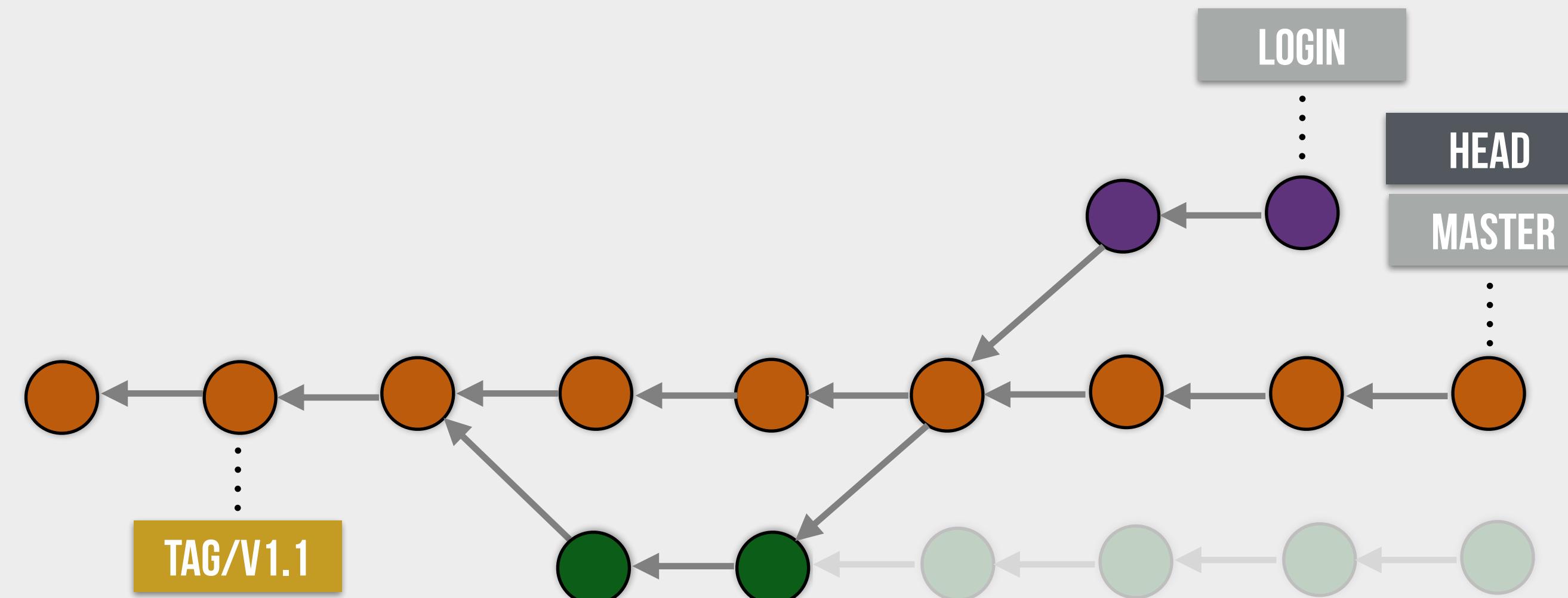
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when he moved to  
another branch, all  
commits were gone

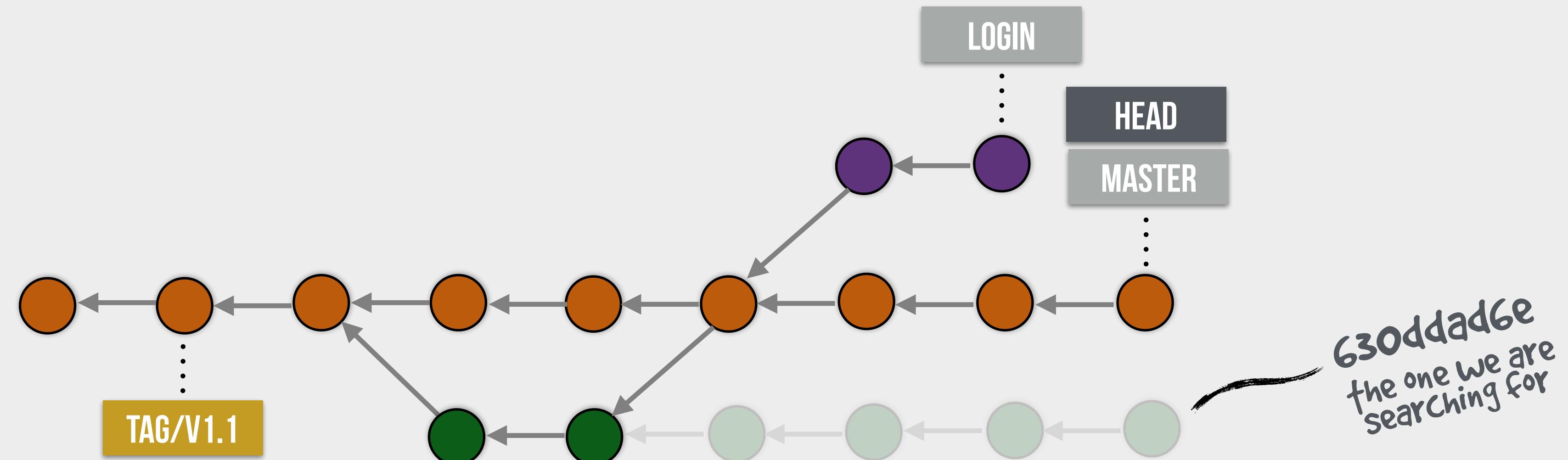


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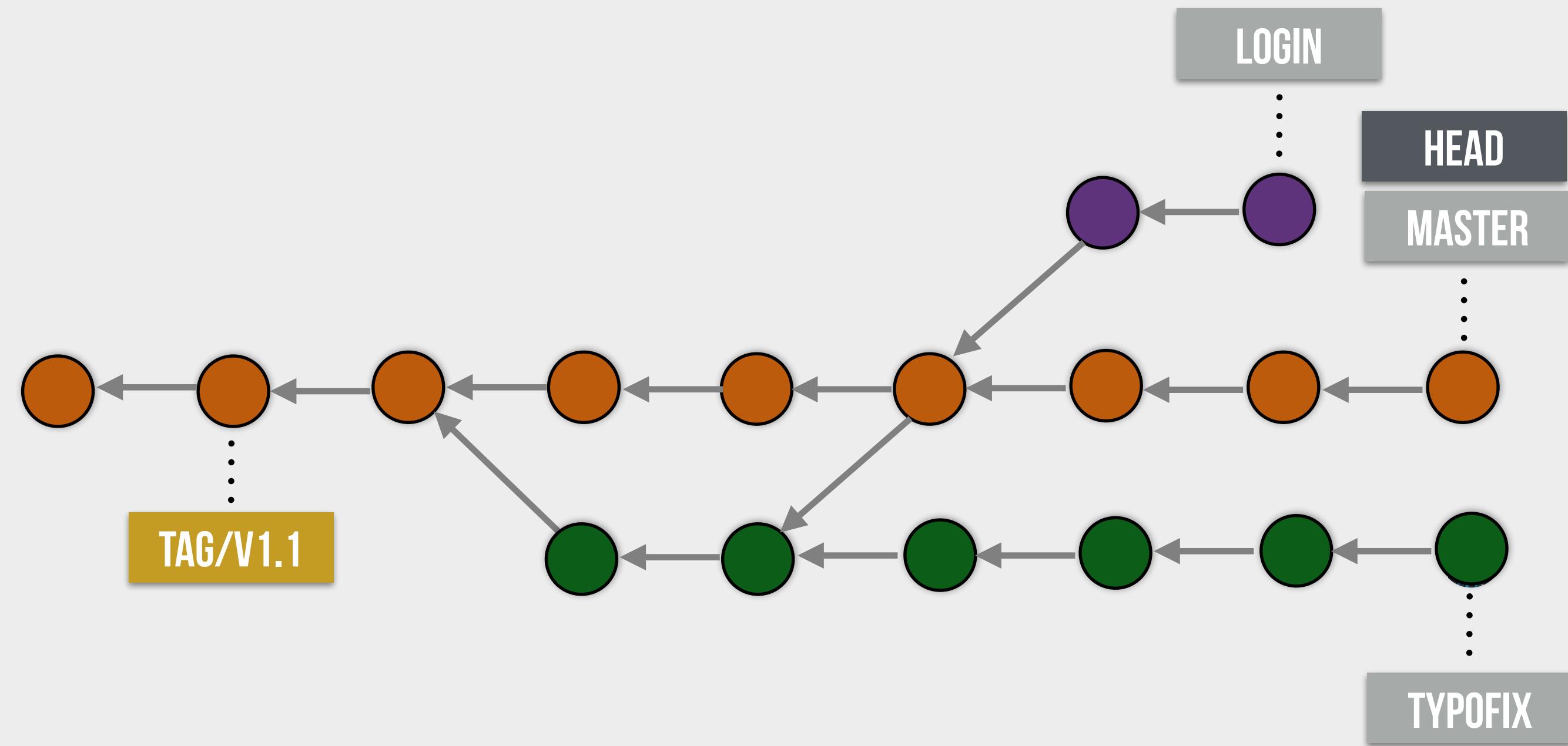


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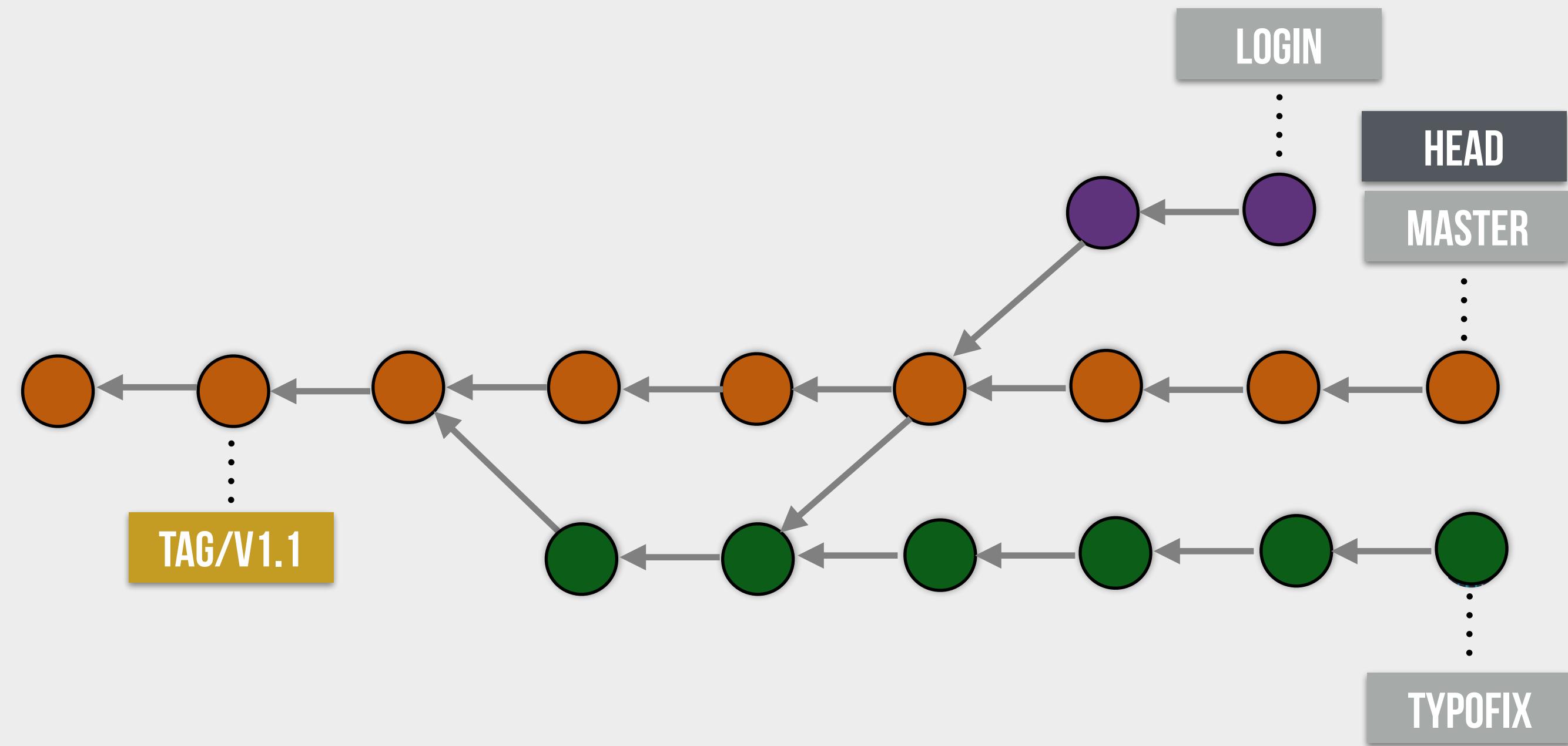
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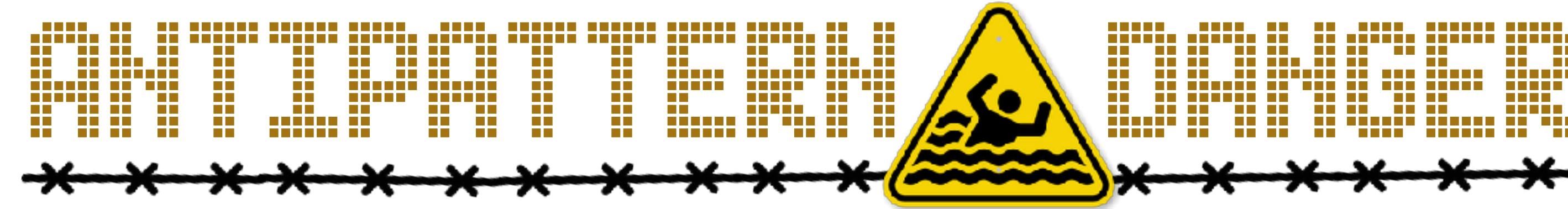
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