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# Introduction to GIT

## Understanding your timeline

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# Agenda



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- Daily GIT workflows
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# Looking back in time

- History of changes
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- Local and Remote
  - GIT and Gitea / GitHub
- Authentication with SSH / HTTPS
  - Creation of SSH key / PAT
- Creating a Repo and pushing
  - init
  - add
  - status
  - commit
  - push



# Configuring your workspace



- Identity
  - `git config --global user.name`
  - `git config --global user.email`
- Default editor
  - `git config --global core.editor vim`
- Default branch
  - `git config --global init.defaultBranch main`
- Credential helper

# Configuring your workspace



- ~/.gitignore
  - \*.log
  - .env
  - \_\_pycache\_\_/
  - .idea/
  
- GIT tracks changes.
  - .gitignore tells Git which files should not be tracked

# Understanding the Repository

## A normal folder versus a Git repository

→ `~ mkdir research_project`

→ `~ cd research_project`

→ `research_project touch notes.txt`

→ `research_project ls -la`

```
drwxr-xr-x@   3 bruhn_b  staff    96 May 11 12:42 .
drwxr-x---+ 108 bruhn_b  staff  3456 May 11 12:42 ..
-rw-r--r--@   1 bruhn_b  staff     0 May 11 12:42 notes.txt
```

# Understanding the Repository



## A normal folder versus a Git repository

→ research\_project git init

Initialized empty Git repository in /Users/bruhrn\_b/research\_project/.git/

→ research\_project git:(main) X ls -la

total 0

```
drwxr-xr-x@  4 bruhrn_b  staff   128 May 11 12:43 .
drwxr-x---+ 108 bruhrn_b  staff  3456 May 11 12:43 ..
drwxr-xr-x@  9 bruhrn_b  staff   288 May 11 12:43 .git
-rw-r--r--@  1 bruhrn_b  staff    0 May 11 12:42 notes.txt
```

# Understanding the Repository

## What is inside .git?



```
→ research_project git:(main) X ls -la .git
```

```
total 24
```

```
drwxr-xr-x@ 9 bruhn_b  staff  288 May 11 12:43 .
drwxr-xr-x@ 4 bruhn_b  staff  128 May 11 12:43 ..
-rw-r--r--@ 1 bruhn_b  staff  137 May 11 12:43 config
-rw-r--r--@ 1 bruhn_b  staff   73 May 11 12:43 description
-rw-r--r--@ 1 bruhn_b  staff   21 May 11 12:43 HEAD
drwxr-xr-x@ 16 bruhn_b  staff  512 May 11 12:43 hooks
drwxr-xr-x@ 3 bruhn_b  staff   96 May 11 12:43 info
drwxr-xr-x@ 4 bruhn_b  staff  128 May 11 12:43 objects
drwxr-xr-x@ 4 bruhn_b  staff  128 May 11 12:43 refs
```

# Understanding the Repository

## create



```
→ research_project git:(main) X echo "experiment 1" > notes.txt
```

```
→ research_project git:(main) X git status
```

On branch main

No commits yet

Untracked files:

(use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)

**notes.txt**

nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)

# Understanding the Repository stage

→ `research_project git:(main) X git add notes.txt`

→ `research_project git:(main) X git status`

On branch main

No commits yet

Changes to be committed:

(use "`git rm --cached <file>...`" to unstage)

`new file: notes.txt`

# Understanding the Repository commit



```
→ research_project git:(main) X git commit -m "add experiment notes"  
[main (root-commit) 842a938] add experiment notes  
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)  
create mode 100644 notes.txt
```

```
→ research_project git:(main) git log -oneline
```

```
842a938 add experiment notes
```

# Understanding the Repository



## Why staging exists

→ `research_project git:(main) echo "important result" >> notes.txt`

→ `research_project git:(main) X echo "temporary debug" > debug.log`

→ `research_project git:(main) X git status`

On branch main

Changes not staged for commit:

(use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)

(use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)

**modified: notes.txt**

no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")

→ `research_project git:(main) X git add notes.txt`

# Daily Git workflows

## the golden loop



change -> review -> stage -> commit -> push

- `git status`
- `git diff`
- `git add`
- `git commit -m "message"`
- `git push`

# Daily Git workflows

## review before committing

→ `research_project git:(main) X echo "new experiment" >> notes.txt`

→ `research_project git:(main) X git diff`

```
diff --git a/notes.txt b/notes.txt
```

```
index 107b070..4a49b71 100644
```

```
--- a/notes.txt
```

```
+++ b/notes.txt
```

```
@@ -1,2 +1,3 @@
```

```
experiment 1
```

```
important result
```

```
+new experiment
```

```
(END)
```

# Daily Git workflows

## selective staging

→ `research_project git:(main) X touch debug_script.py`

→ `research_project git:(main) X git add notes.txt`

→ `research_project git:(main) X git status`

On branch main

Changes to be committed:

(use "`git restore --staged <file>...`" to unstage)

`modified: notes.txt`

Untracked files:

(use "`git add <file>...`" to include in what will be committed)

`debug_script.py`

# Daily Git workflows

## selective staging

Undo a change in a file

```
git restore notes.txt
```

Undo all unstaged local files (panic button)

```
git restore .
```

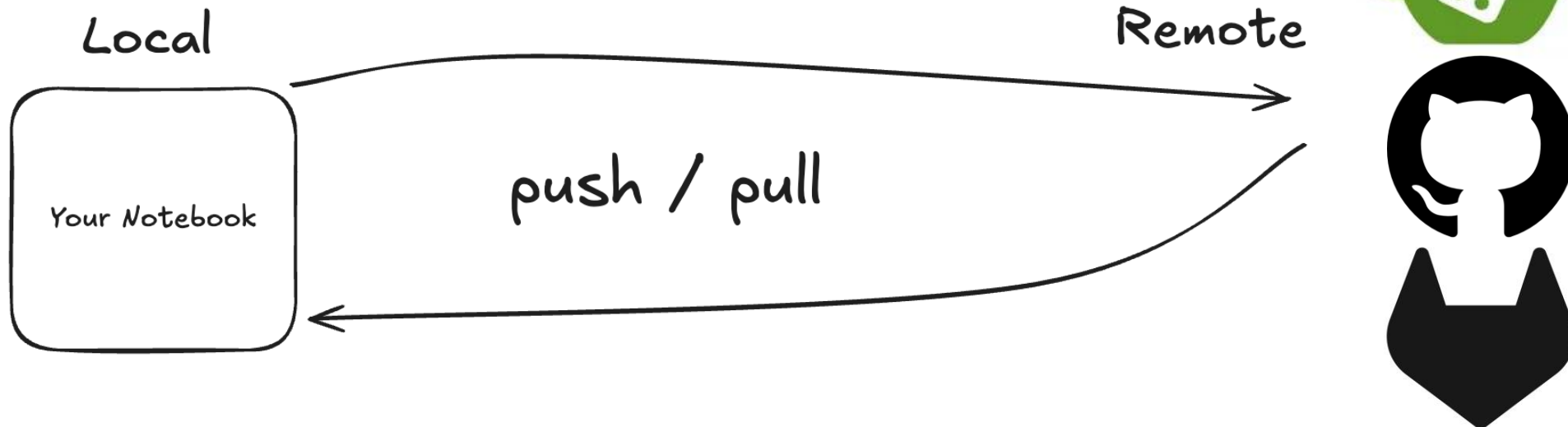
Remove a file from staging

```
git restore --staged notes.txt
```

# Working with remotes

## Git is decentralized

Every developer has their own full repository copy.

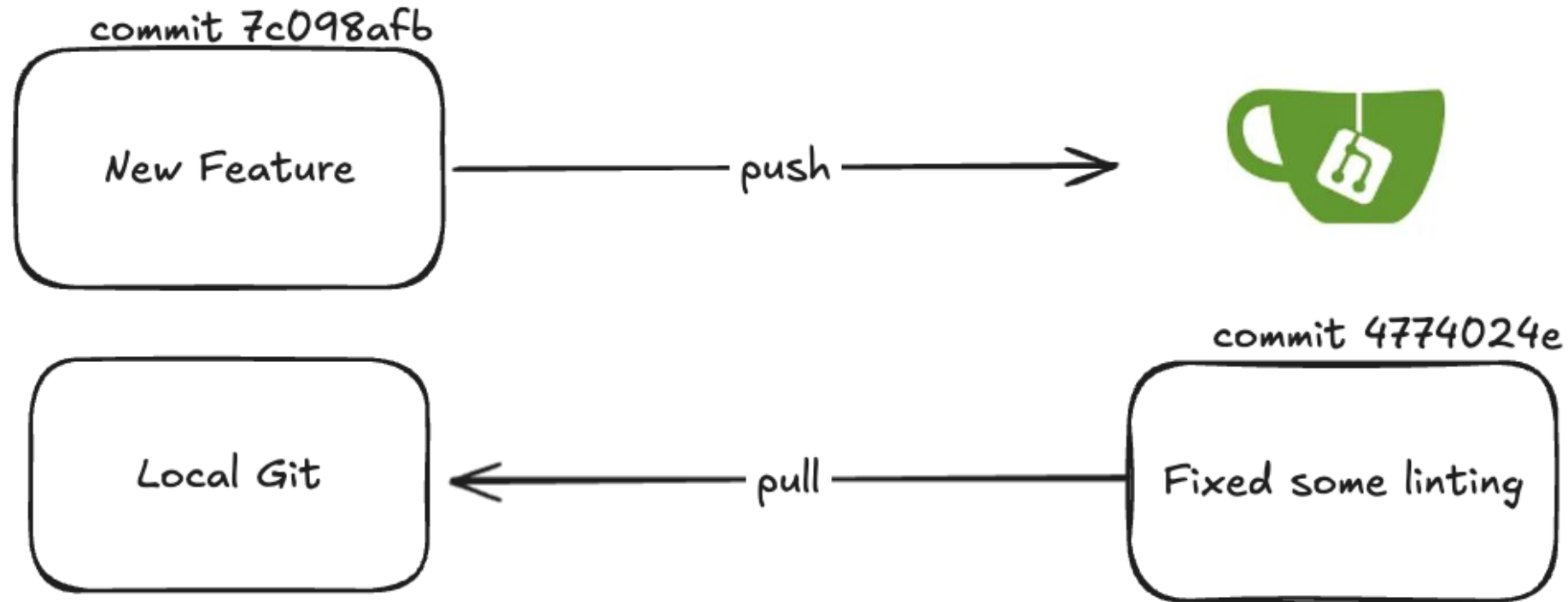


# Working with remotes origin?

- `research_project git:(main) X git remote -v`
  
- `research_project git:(main) X git remote add origin  
git@gitea.psi.ch:bruhn_b/research_project.git`
  
- `research_project git:(main) X git remote -v`  
`origin git@gitea.psi.ch:bruhn_b/research_project.git (fetch)`  
`origin git@gitea.psi.ch:bruhn_b/research_project.git (push)`

# Working with remotes

## push vs pull



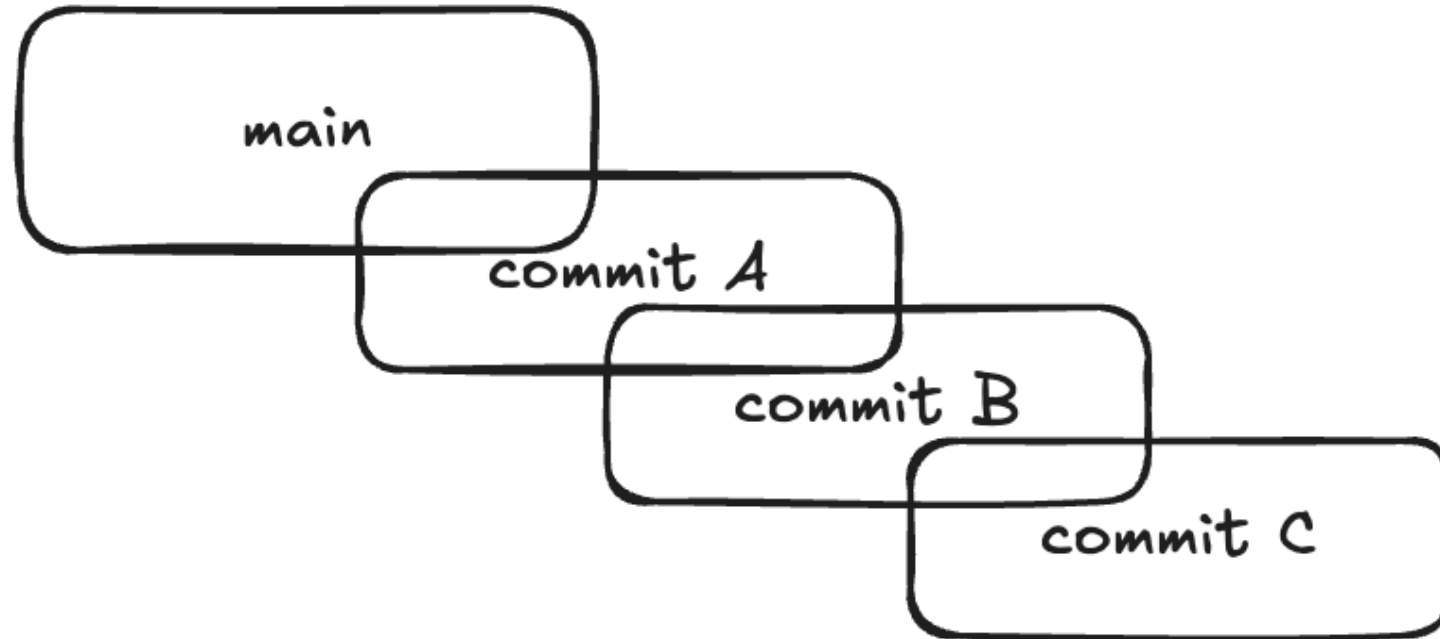
# Branches and Collaboration



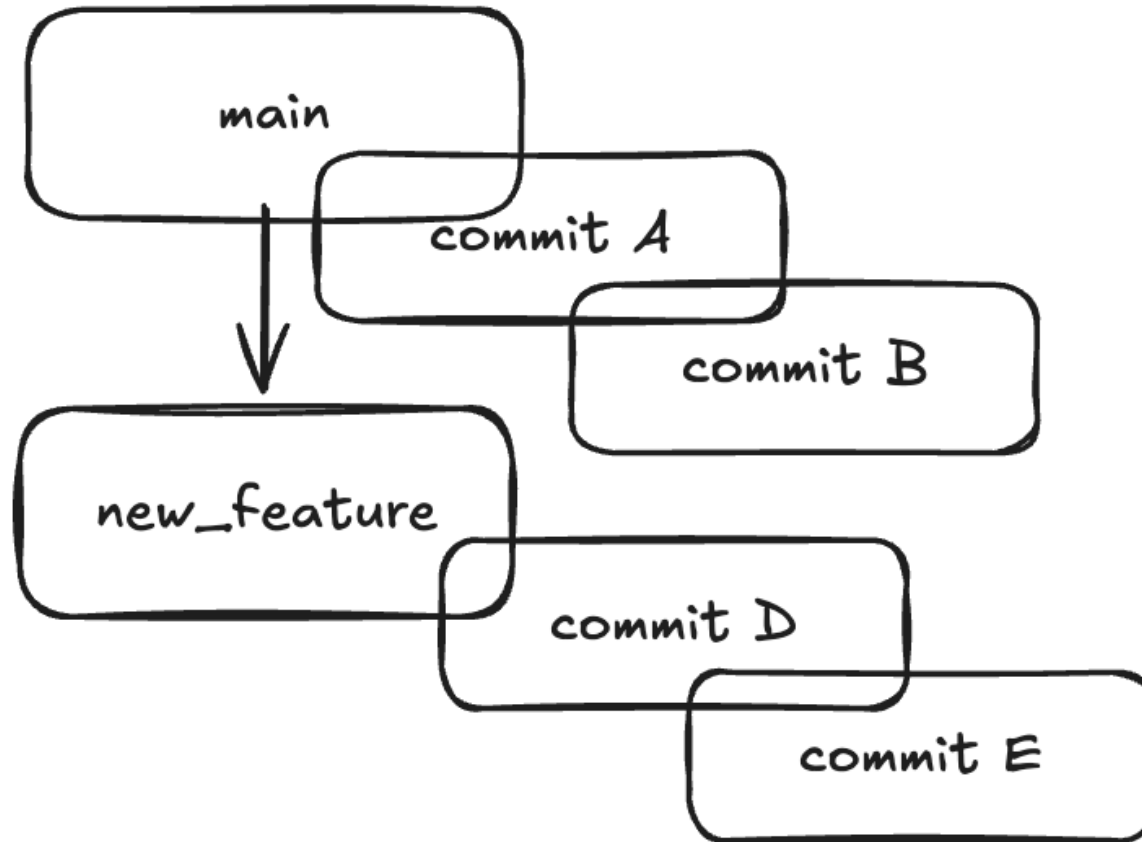
## Real life Scenario

- Multiple people push
- Everyone pulls
- History stays synchronized

# Branches and Collaboration



# Branches and Collaboration



- `research_project git:(main) X git switch -c feature-x`
- `research_project git:(feature-x) X echo "new feature" >> notes.txt`
- `research_project git:(feature-x) X git add notes.txt`
- `research_project git:(feature-x) X git commit -m "add feature"`  
[feature-x a28a03a] add feature  
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)

# Branches and Collaboration



```
→ research_project git:(feature-x) git switch main  
Switched to branch 'main'
```

```
→ research_project git:(main) cat notes.txt  
experiment 1  
important result
```

# Branches and Collaboration



```
→ research_project git:(main) git merge feature-x
```

```
Updating 842a938..a28a03a
```

```
Fast-forward
```

```
notes.txt      | 1 +
```

```
 1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
```

```
→ research_project git:(main) cat notes.txt
```

```
experiment 1
```

```
important result
```

```
new feature
```

# Merge conflicts



```
→ research_project git:(main) git switch -c feature_a  
Switched to a new branch 'feature_a'
```

```
→ research_project git:(feature_a) echo "hello universe" > code.txt
```

```
→ research_project git:(feature_a) X git add code.txt
```

```
→ research_project git:(feature_a) X git commit -m "new feature"  
[feature_a f7eb4e4] new feature  
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)  
create mode 100644 code.txt
```

# Merge conflicts



→ research\_project git:(main) X git switch -c feature\_b

Switched to a new branch 'feature\_b'

→ research\_project git:(feature\_b) echo "hello world" > code.txt

→ research\_project git:(feature\_b) X git add code.txt

→ research\_project git:(feature\_b) X git commit -m "another feature"

[feature\_b 2c89e14] another feature

1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)

create mode 100644 code.txt

# Merge conflicts



```
→ research_project git:(main) git merge feature_a
```

```
Updating a28a03a..f7eb4e4
```

```
Fast-forward
```

```
code.txt | 1 +
```

```
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
```

```
create mode 100644 code.txt
```

```
→ research_project git:(main) git merge feature_b
```

```
Auto-merging code.txt
```

```
CONFLICT (add/add): Merge conflict in code.txt
```

```
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then commit the result.
```

# Merge conflicts



```
→ research_project git:(main) X nvim code.txt
```

```
<<<<<<< HEAD
hello universe
=====
hello world
>>>>>>> feature_b
```

```
→ research_project git:(main) X git add code.txt
```

```
→ research_project git:(main) git commit -m "using more refined feature"
[main db35705] using more refined feature
```

# Taking a glance into the future



- rebasing
- cherry-picking
- recovering lost commits
- Stashing / Worktree
- fixing history
- Fetch forked repos / bring branches from forks to our own repo
- git reset
- Record the course

- git init
- git status
- git add .
- git commit -m "message"
- git log
- git remote add origin <url>
- git push
- git pull
- git remote -v
- git restore file.txt
- git restore --staged file.txt
- git diff
- git switch -c branch
- git merge branch
- git branch

# Questions!

