Git and Github, as collaboration tools

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Agenda

- ★ What is a Version Control System?
- ★ What is Git?
- ★ Git vs GitHub, are they the same?
- ★ How to configure Git for the first time
- ★ Git Internals (git objects, references, branches, forks)
- ★ Git Commands (pull, add, commit, push, stash, reset, restore)
- ★ Merge Strategies (merge vs rebase)
- ★ Git Branching Workflows
- ★ Hands-on Practice
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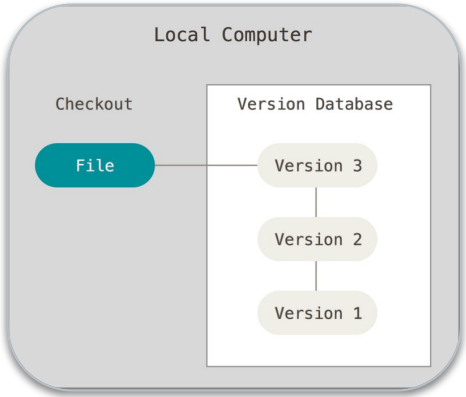

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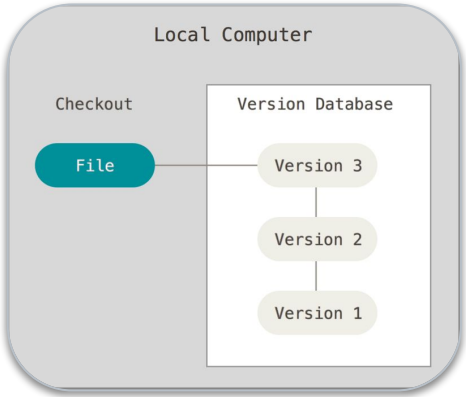

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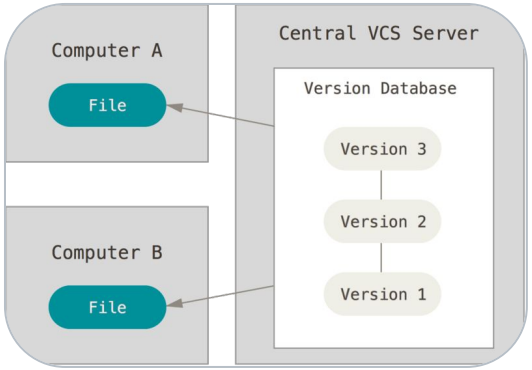

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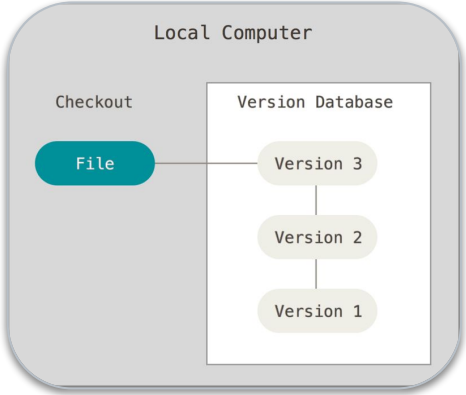

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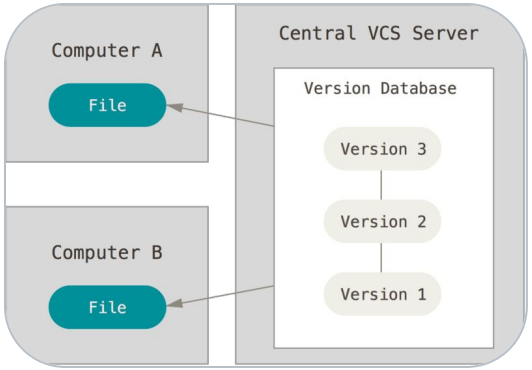
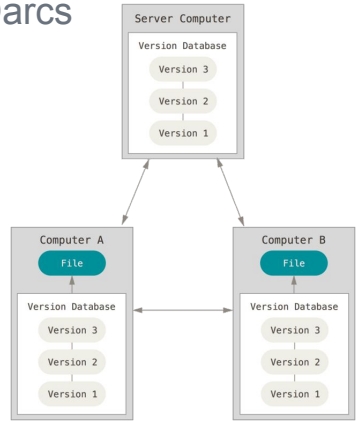


Distributed VCS

Git, Mercurial, Bazaar or Darcs



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Git

A version control system used for tracking file changes.

GitHub

A web-based platform for developers to store code in the cloud.

Installing and configuring Git

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Install Git

https://github.com/git-guides/install-git

Configuring Git

for the 1st Time

Identity

```
$ git config –global
user.name <full name>

$ git config –global
user.mail <email>
```

Set your username and email address

Editor

```
$ git config –global “code
–wait”

$ git config –global
“core.editor "nano"
```

Set your preferred code editor

Check settings

```
$ git config –list
user.name=Leonor Loureiro
user.email=leonor-loureiro@git
hub.com
core.editor=code
```

Check your configuration settings

Git Fundamentals

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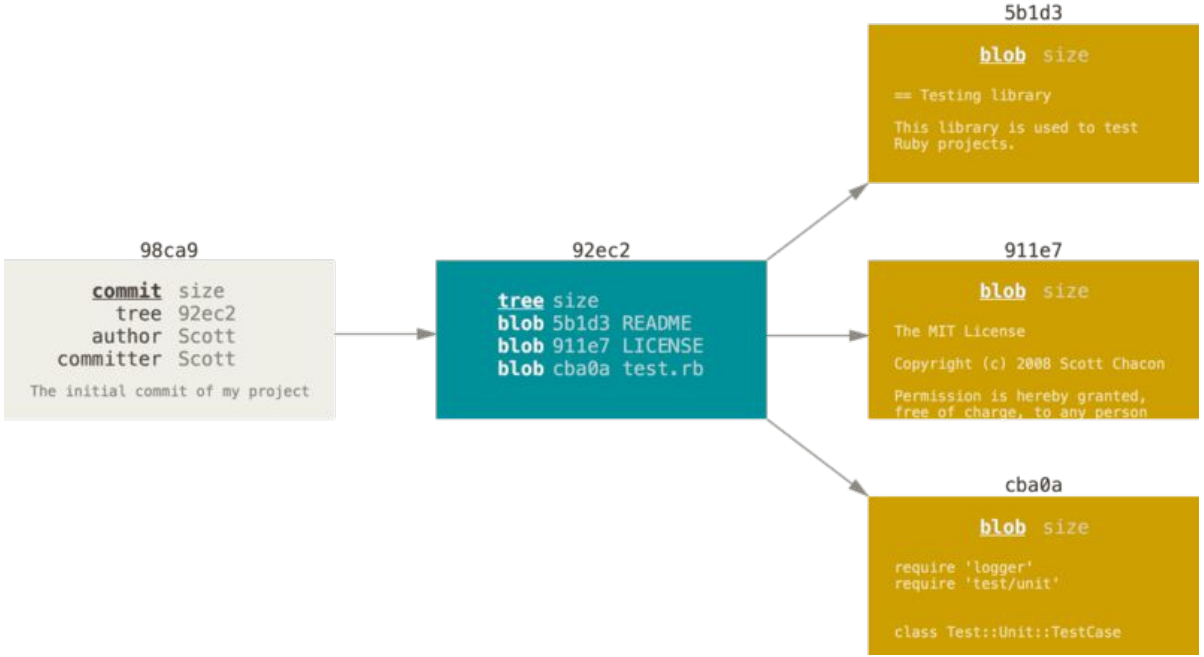
Git Object Store

Git is key-value datastore (maps keys to values), that is persistent (i.e. stored in disk)

```
$ git init lip-workshop

$ ls .git/objects
info/  pack/

$ echo "Hello LIP" | git hash-object -w --stdin
8d05afb7cca6c65de29de3dd3b80fea3685d445a

$ ls .git/objects
8d  info  pack

$ git cat-file -p 8d05afb7cca6c65de29de3dd3b80fea3685d445a
Hello LIP

$ git cat-file -t 8d05afb7cca6c65de29de3dd3b80fea3685d445a
blob
```


Git Object Model



- **Blob**: represent file contents
- **Tree**: represent directory listings, and provide the mapping between file names and their contents (i.e blobs).
- **Commit**: are snapshots in time

Let’s create our first commit

```
$ echo "LIP Workshop" > README.md
$ mkdir src && echo "echo 'Hello World'" > src/hello.sh
$ tree .
.
├── README.md
└── src
    └── hello.sh
$ git status
On branch main

No commits yet

Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
     README.md
     src/
```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```
$ git add .
< changes are added to the staging area >

$ git status
On branch main

No commits yet

Changes to be committed:
  (use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)
     new file:   README.md
     new file:   src/hello.sh
$ git commit -m “First commit!”
```


Let’s create our first commit

```
$ git log
commit e679a195d655c640b8ed4fbc146d673ff7223e6c (HEAD -> main)
Author: Leonor Loureiro <leonor-loureiro@github.com>
Date:   Sun Jul 2 16:04:41 2023 +0000

    First commit!
$ find .git/objects/ -type f
.git/objects/1f/9112685f31563969cec721058678199a1afb1f
.git/objects/0f/caeb1f6b4bdd9c5d206c0da09e5616fb39b26d
.git/objects/e6/79a195d655c640b8ed4fbc146d673ff7223e6c
.git/objects/8d/05afb7cca6c65de29de3dd3b80fea3685d445a
.git/objects/15/50528077df971a998c5a5d106c03b630255e91
.git/objects/cc/609ca9fd3039068e12621a6623d0964a02cf20
```

Let’s analyze the objects in the repo

```
$ git cat-file e679a19 -t
commit

$ git cat-file e679a19 -p
tree 0fcaeb1f6b4bdd9c5d206c0da09e5616fb39b26d
author Leonor Loureiro <leonor-loureiro@github.com> 1688313881 +0000
committer Leonor Loureiro <leonor-loureiro@github.com> 1688313881 +0000

First commit!
```


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tree

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100644 blob 1550528077df971a998c5a5d106c03b630255e91   README.md
040000 tree cc609ca9fd3039068e12621a6623d0964a02cf20   src

$ git cat-file cc609ca9fd3039068e12621a6623d0964a02cf20 -p
100644 blob 1f9112685f31563969cec721058678199a1afb1f   hello.sh

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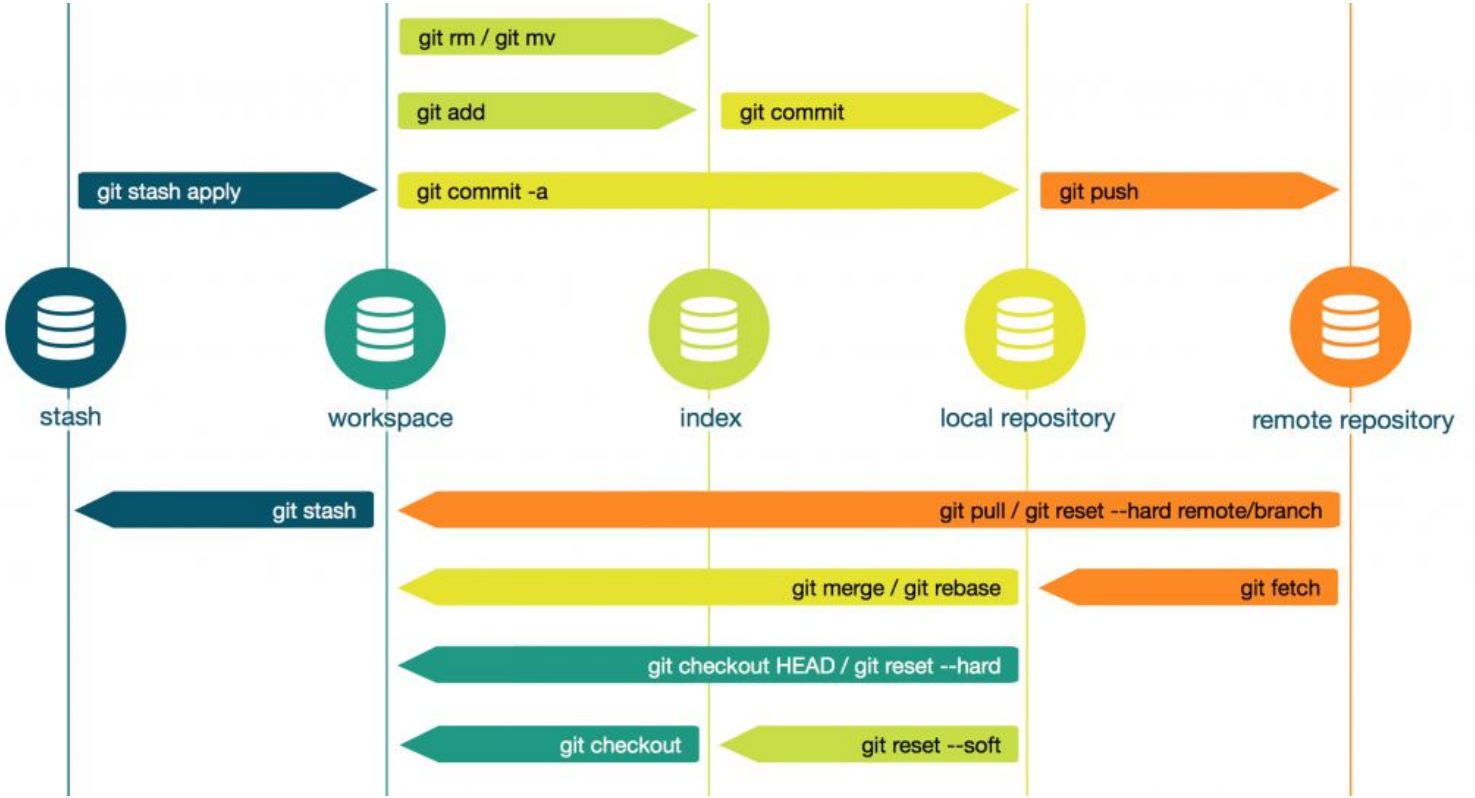
echo 'Hello World'
```


Basic Git Commands



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Git References

Refs are simple ways to refer to commits, using a simple, easy to remember name.

- .git/refs/heads directory defines all of the local branches in your repository.
- .git/refs/tags directory defines all the tags in your repository.

```
$ tree .git/refs/
.git/refs/
├── heads
│   └── main
└── tags
$ git show main
commit e679a195d655c640b8ed4fbc146d673ff7223e6c (HEAD -> main)
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    First commit!

diff --git a/README.md b/README.md <...>
```


Let’s create a dev branch

HEAD is a special reference that points to the current branch always.

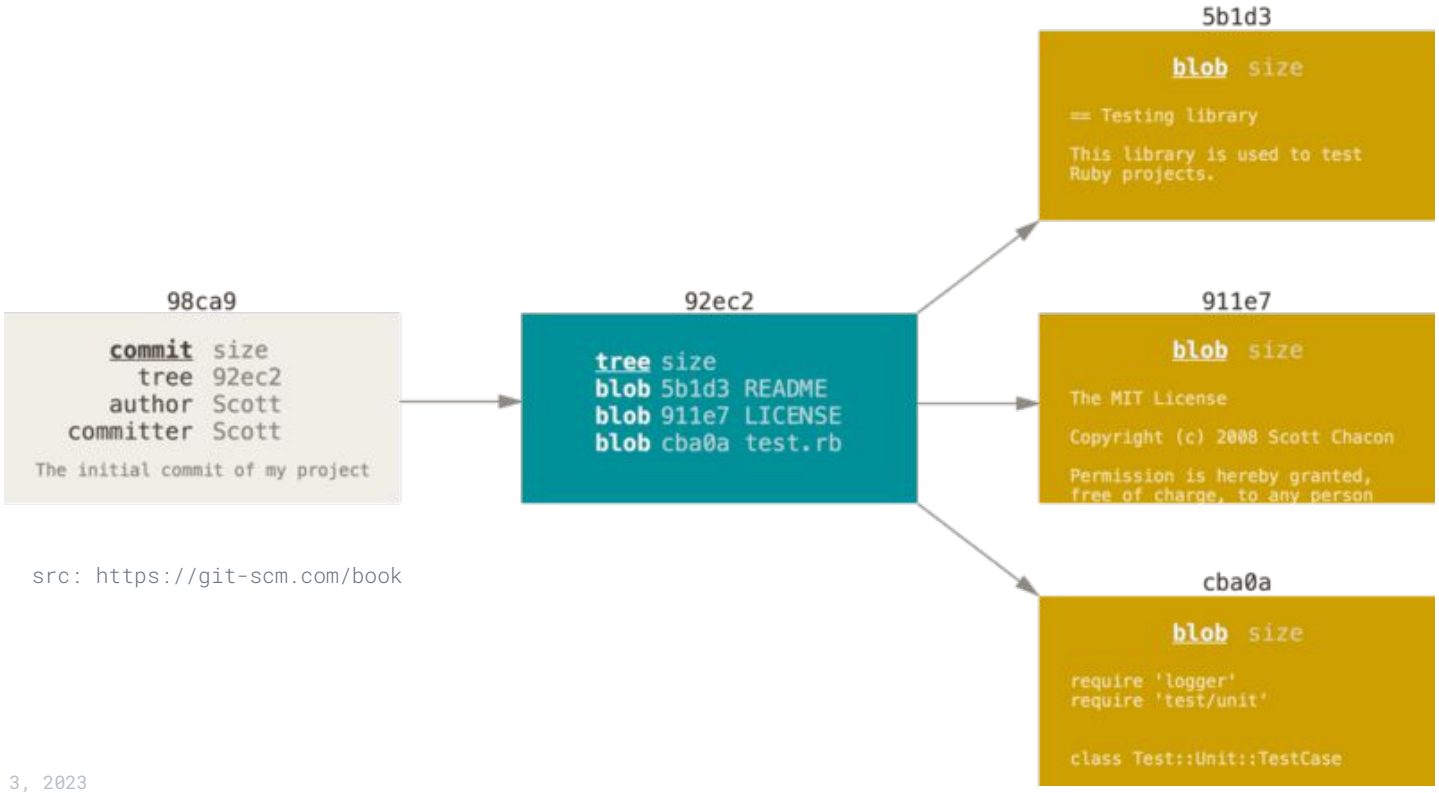
```
$ cat .git/HEAD
ref: refs/heads/main

$ git branch -c dev
$ tree .git/refs
.git/refs/
├── heads
│   ├── dev
│   └── main
└── tags

$ git checkout dev
Switched to branch 'dev'

$ cat .git/HEAD
ref: refs/heads/dev
```


Git Branches



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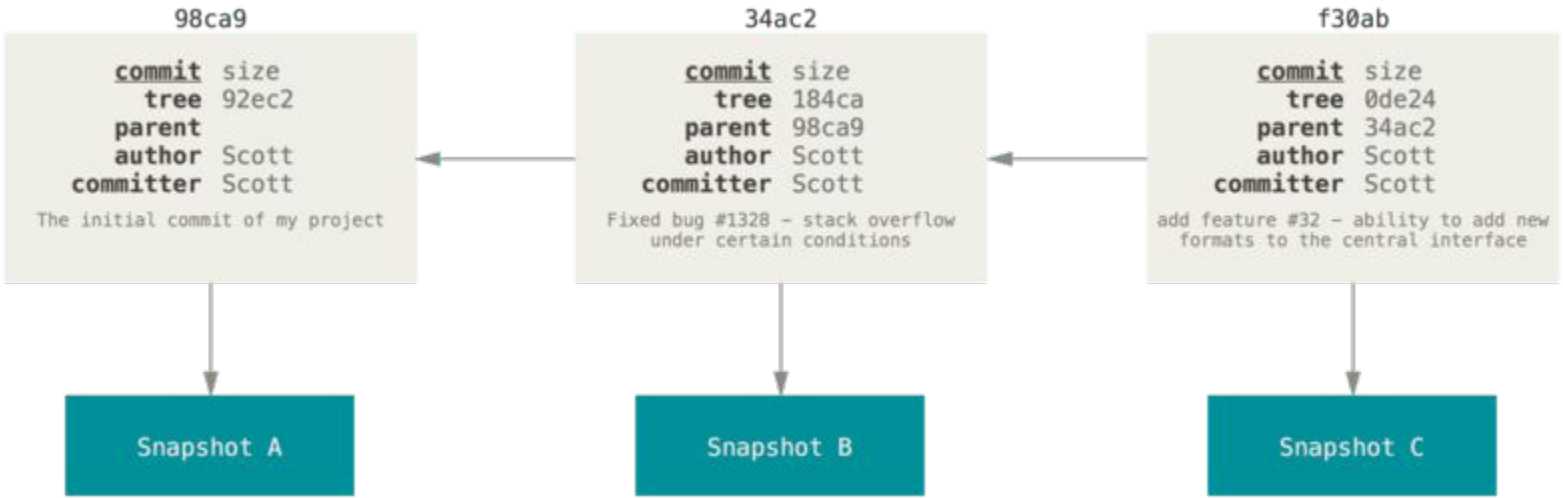

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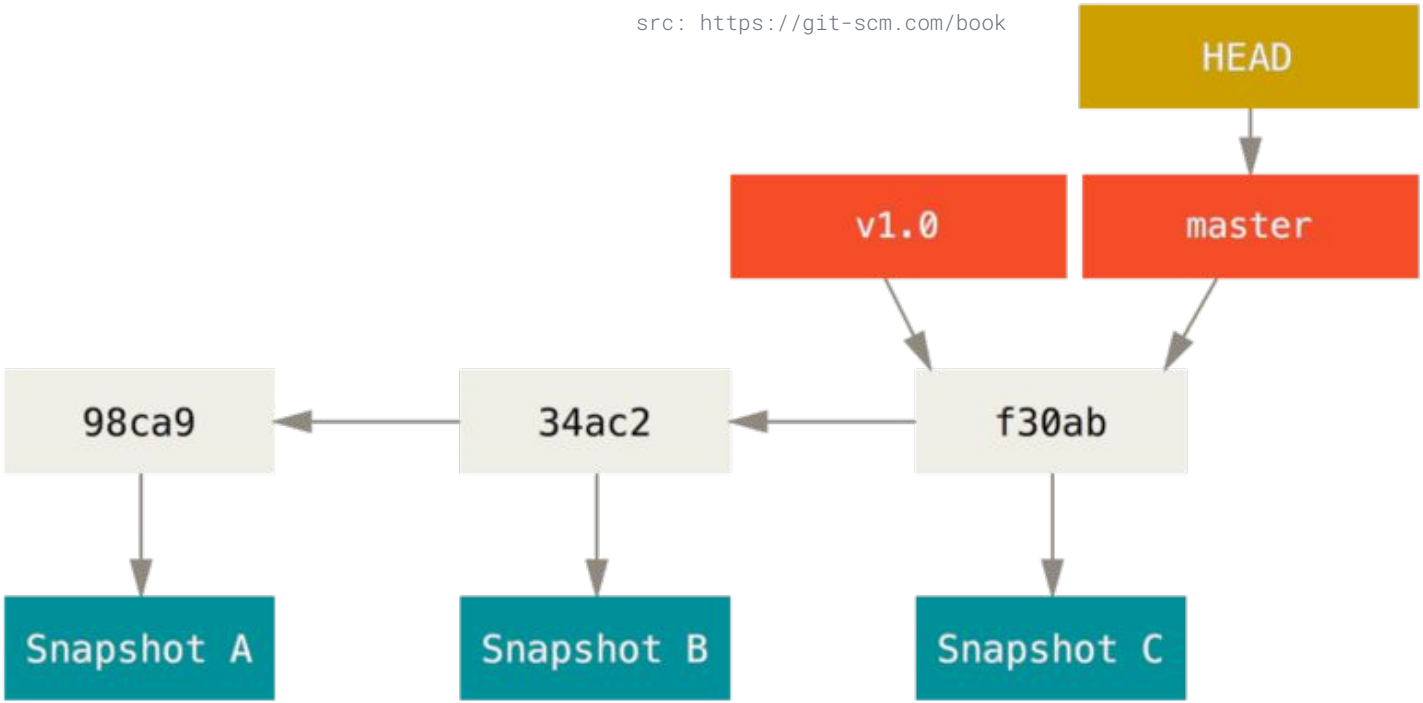

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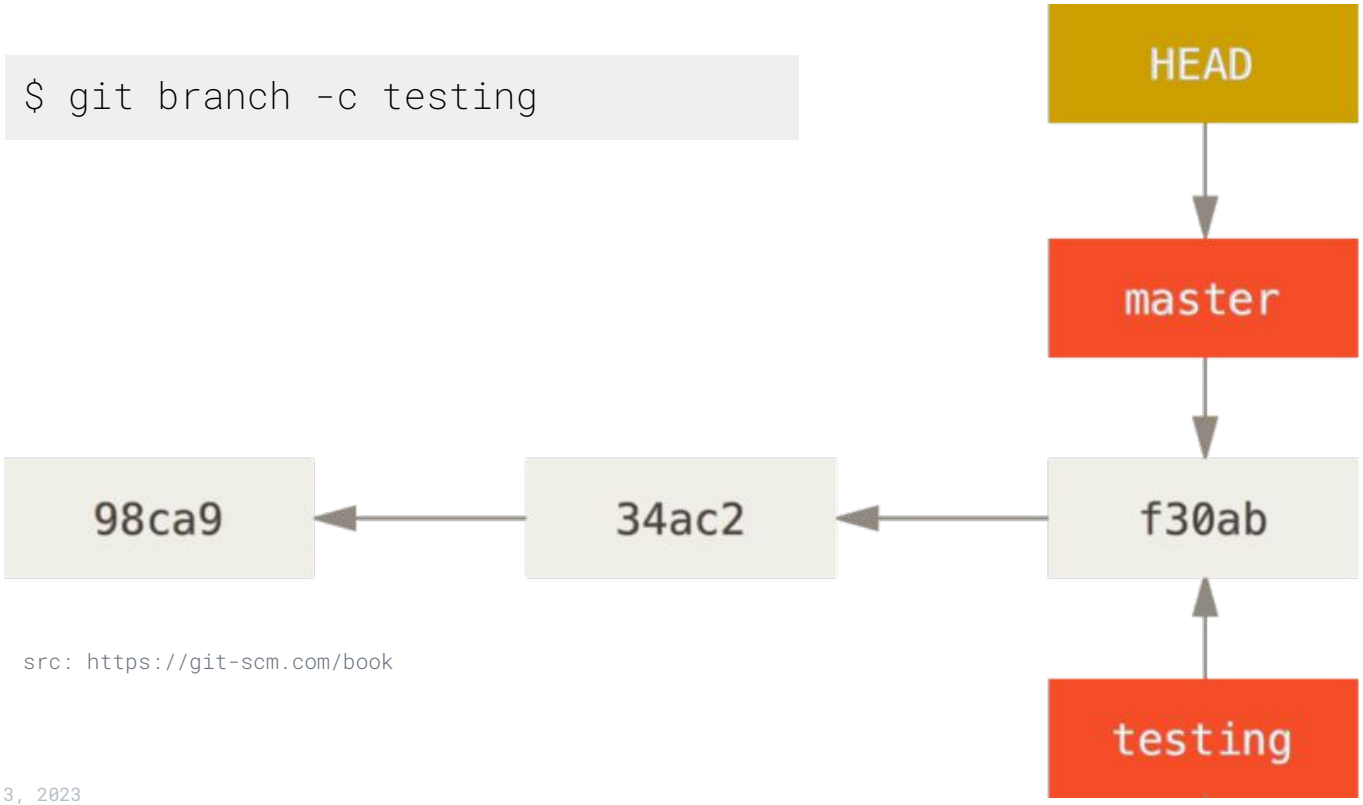
```
$ git branch -c testing
```



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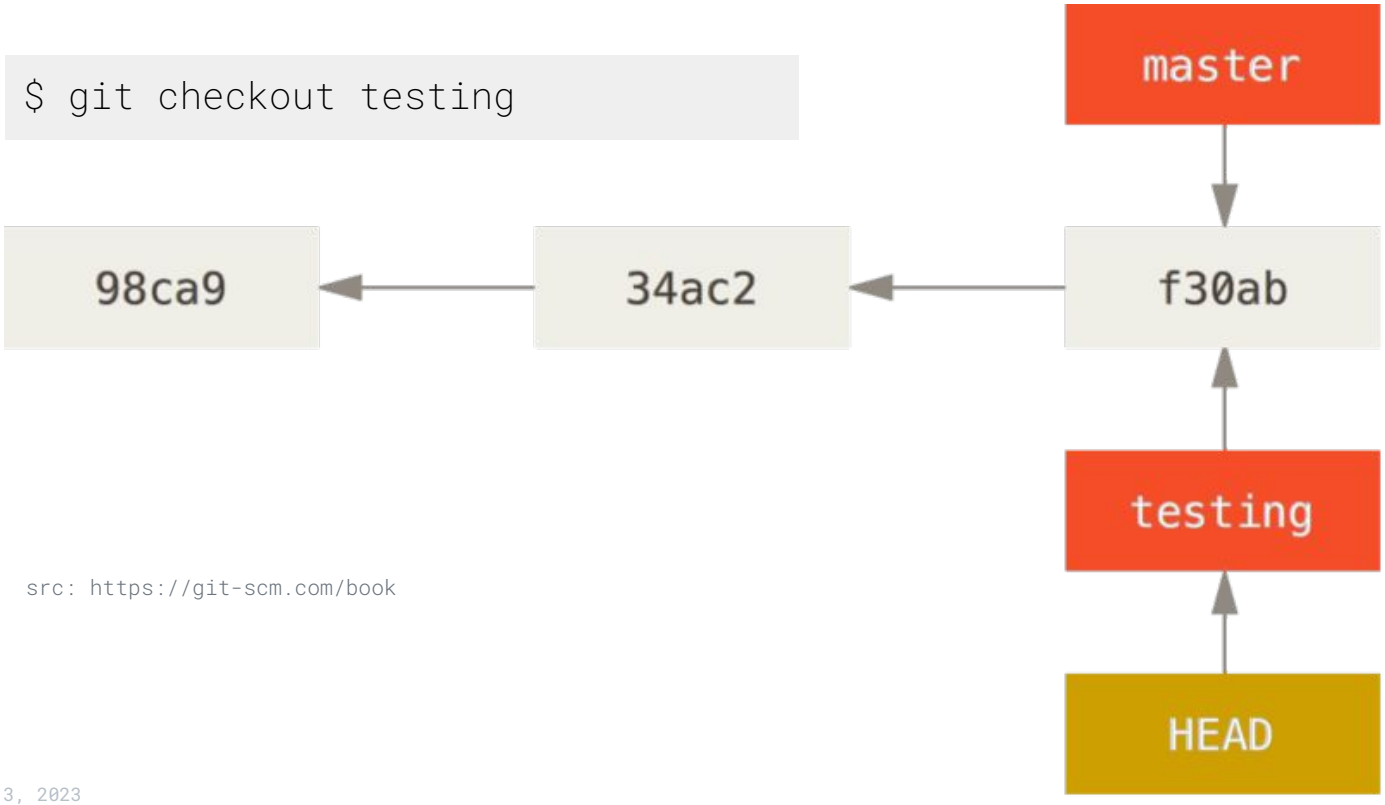

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$ vim test.rb
$ git commit -a -m 'made a change'
```

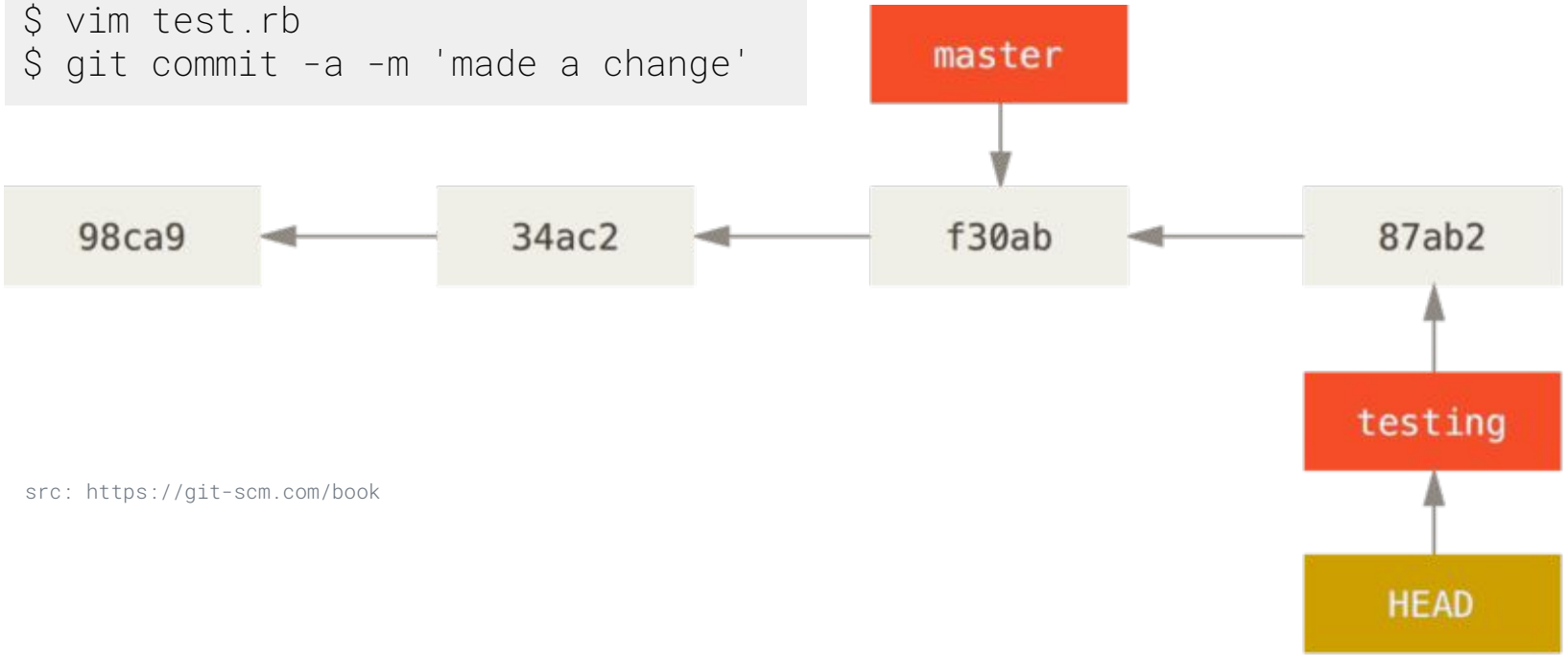

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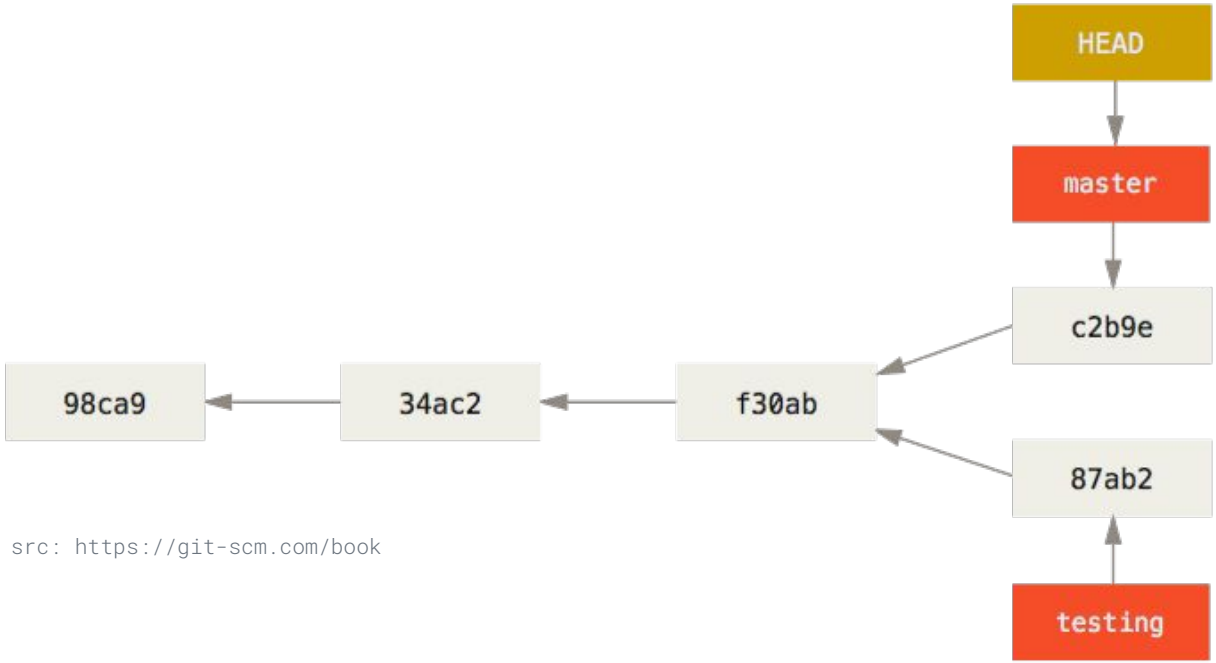

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Git Merge

Join two or more development histories together

```
$ git checkout master
$ git merge topic
```

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Git Rebase

Re-apply commits on top of another base tip

```
$ git checkout topic
$ git rebase master
```

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Git Workflows

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Basic Git Workflow

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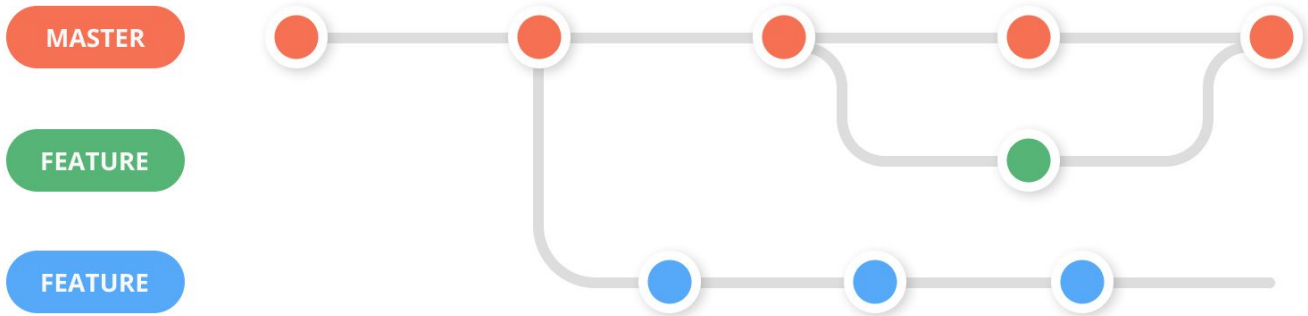
Git Feature Branch Workflow



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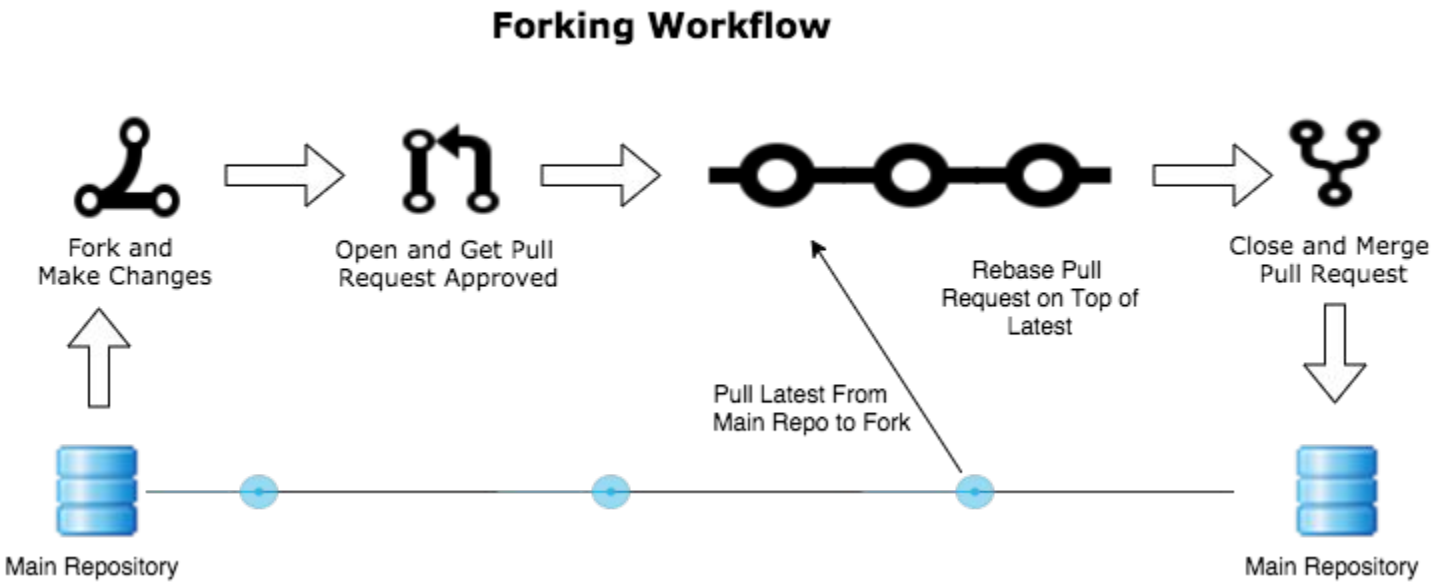
Forking Workflow



https://docs.rhodecode.com/RhodeCode-Enterprise/collaboration/workflow-fork.html

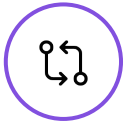
Best Practices

Write short, detailed commit messages

Why is a change being made, how does it address the issue and what effects does it have.

Use branches

Avoid pushing directly to master/main. Every a separate branch for every logically different feature.



Update working branch frequently

Prevent bugs, rework and minimize conflicts.

Request feedback early and often

Ensure code and decision quality.

Hands-on Practice

- ★ Fork a public repository
- ★ Push a change to a new feature branch
- ★ Open a Pull Request against the original repository
- ★ Resolve a merge conflict
- ★ Merge the Pull Request

GitHub Codespaces

Instant, cloud-based development environment that uses a container to provide you with common languages, tools, and utilities for development.

Easy setup and configuration

Faster onboarding

Consistent & customizable development environments

Enhanced security

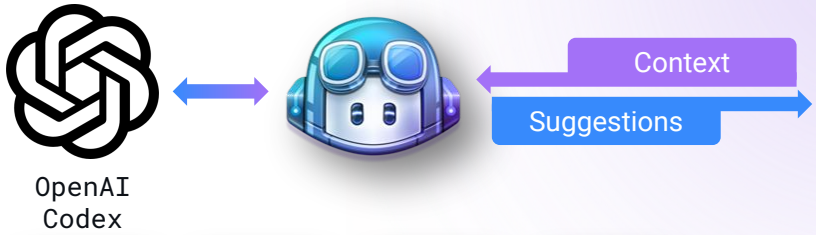
GitHub Copilot

Offers code suggestions, contextualized to your project

Convert comments to code

Autofill for repetitive code

Show alternatives



runtime.go | course.rb | time.js | IsPrimeTest.java

```go
package main

type Run struct {
    Time int // in milliseconds
    Results string
    Failed bool
}

// Get average runtime of successful runs in seconds
func averageRuntimeInSeconds(runs []Run) float64 {
    var totalTime int
    var failedRuns int
    for _, run := range runs {
        if run.Failed {
            failedRuns++
        } else {
            totalTime += run.Time
        }
    }

    averageRuntime := float64(totalTime) / float64(len(runs) - failedRuns) / 1000
    return averageRuntime
}
```

Copilot

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Q&A

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Resources & Links

- Pro Git Book - https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2
- Git Cheat Sheet - https://training.github.com/downloads/github-git-cheat-sheet/
- GitHub Skills -https://skills.github.com/
- GitHub Standard Fork & Pull Request Workflow - https://gist.github.com/Chaser324/ce0505fbed06b947d962
- Resolve Merge Conflicts Workshop - https://github.com/skills/resolve-merge-conflicts
- Copilot Codespaces Integration - https://github.com/skills/copilot-codespaces-vscode
- Getting started with Codespaces: https://docs.github.com/en/codespaces
- Copilot documentation: https://docs.github.com/en/copilot

Let’s make a change in branch dev

```
$ echo "Learning to use branches" >> README.md

$ git add -p

$ git commit -m “Update README.md”

$
```


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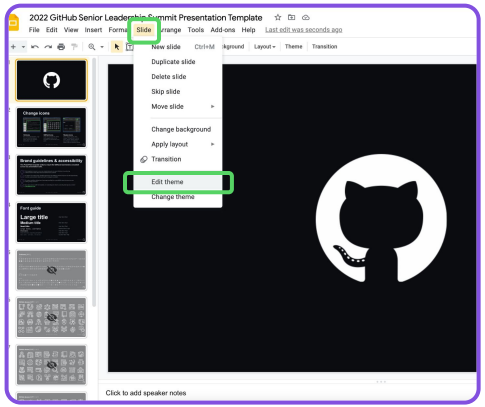

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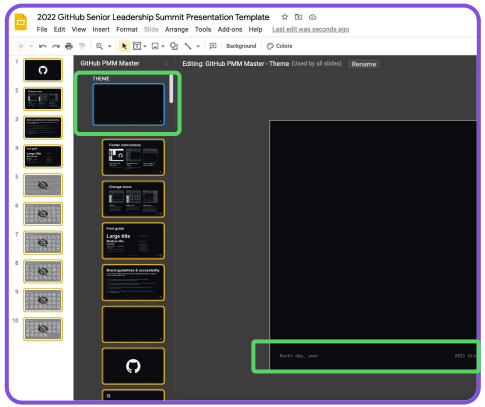

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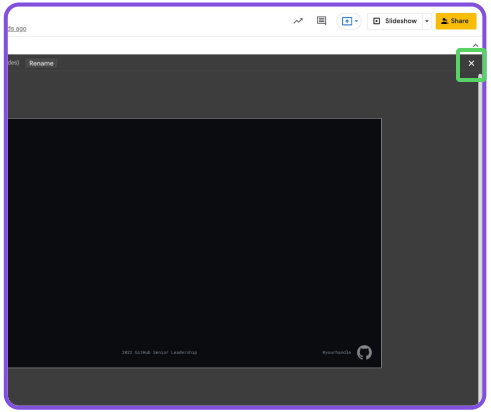

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Color palette

You can also always find the color palette here! ➡️

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#FFFFFF

Text

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Gray-09 #0d1117

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Gray-03 #6a737d

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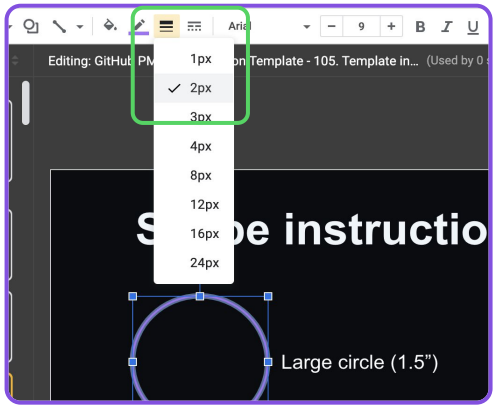

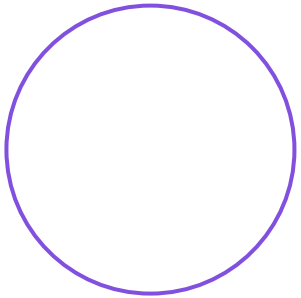

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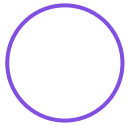

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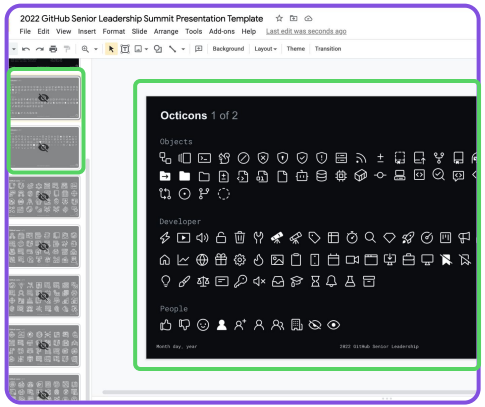

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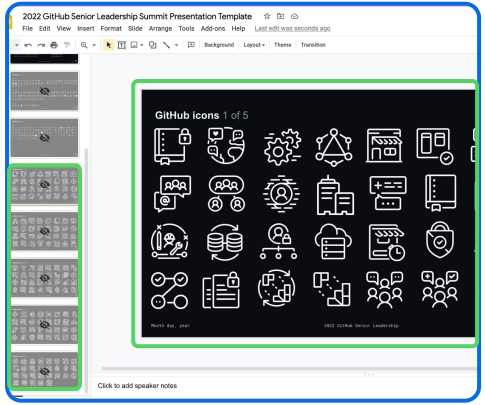

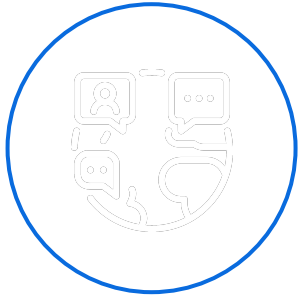

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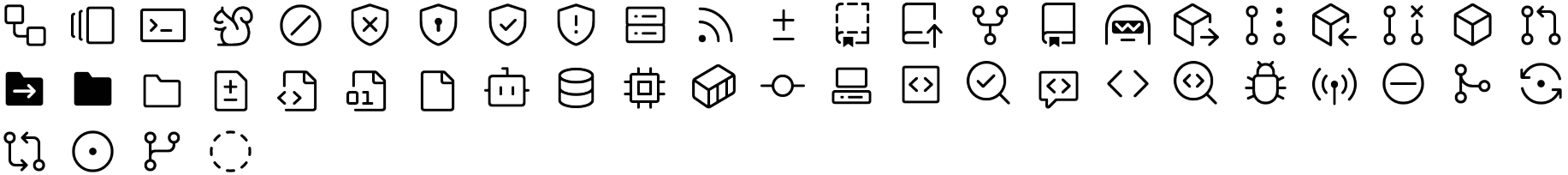

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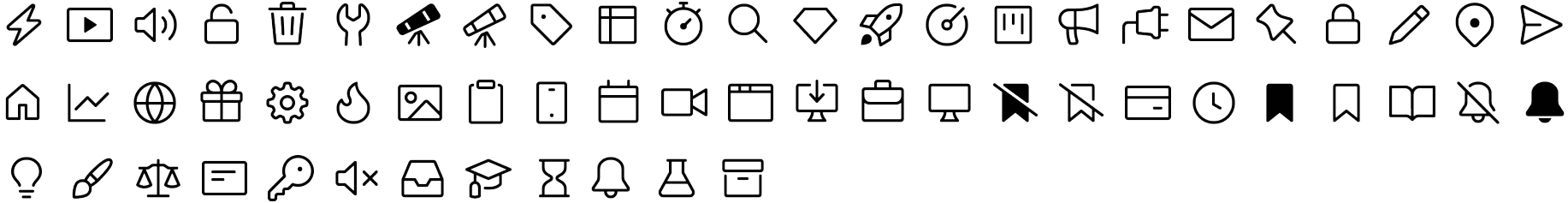

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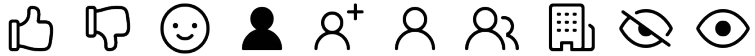

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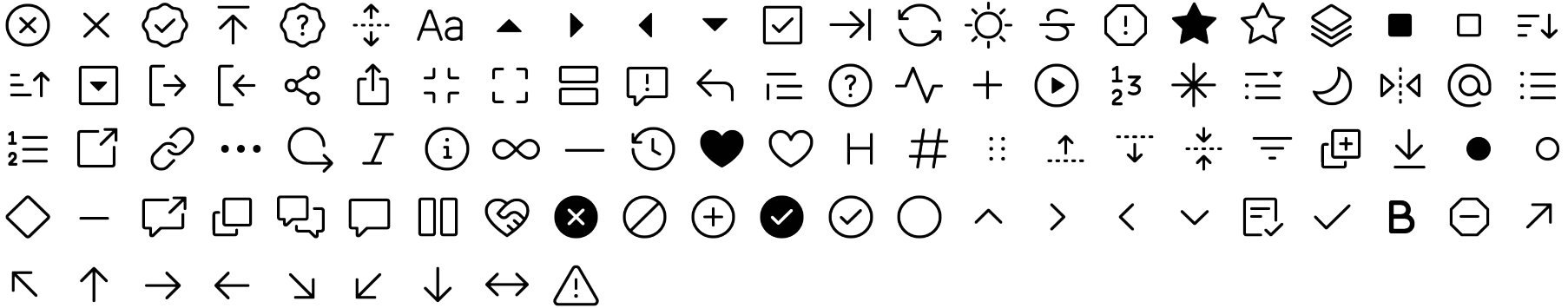

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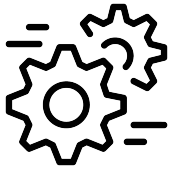
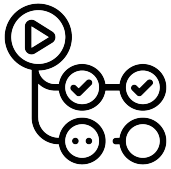

API


Accelerated SDLC


Access and permission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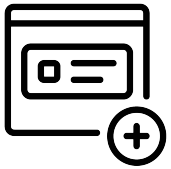
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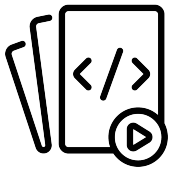
Admin mentoring


Administration


All for one


Any language


Augmented reality


Automate your workflow


Autonomous coding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Build


Business


CLI easy creation


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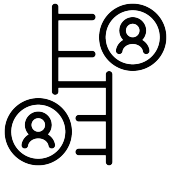
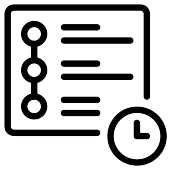

Career Ladder


Celebration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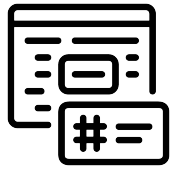
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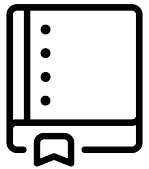
Code alert


Code as data


Code diff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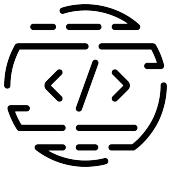
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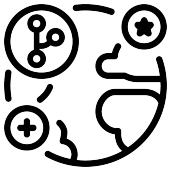
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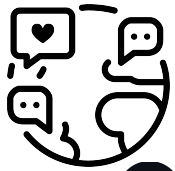
Community forum

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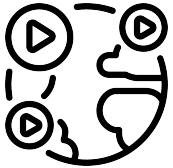
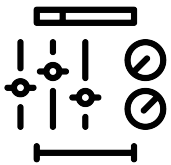
Community management


Community-led security approach

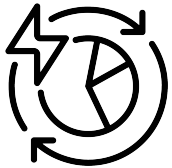

Community-powered


Configuration as code


Continuous integration


Customized training


Data-driven recommendations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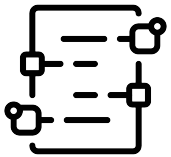
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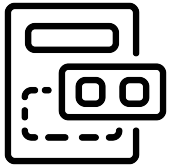
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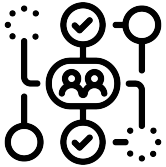
Dependency insight dashboard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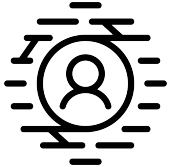
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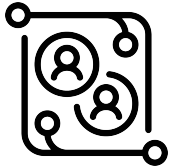
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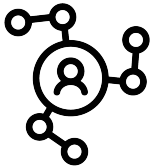
Disaster recovery


Documentation


Double ship it

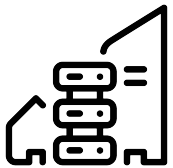

Dreamlifter


Ecosystem


Education


Enterprise Cloud


Enterprise Observability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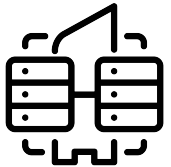
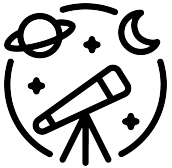

Enterprise availability


Enterprise dinner


Enterprise


Existing vulnerability


Explore


Finish your project


Flexible permission


Forum


Get organized

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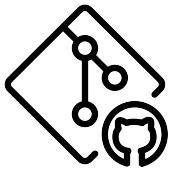
Git + GitHub


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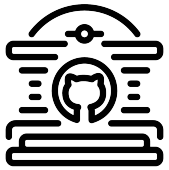
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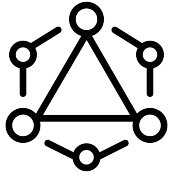
GraphQL


Hosting


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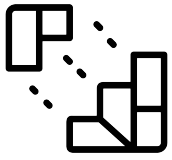
Ideas


Implementation


Innersource starter

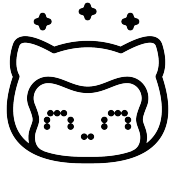

Innersource


Insights


Integrations


Internal repos


Learning GitHub


Learning Lab for Orgs


Learning Lab


Live logs


Locked documents


Locked repo


Machine learning


Magnifying glass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Marketplace trial


Marketplace

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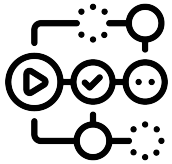
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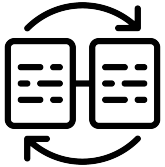
Metrics implementation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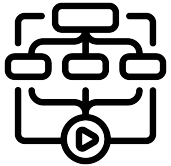
Migrations


Multi-container testing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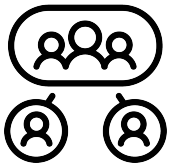
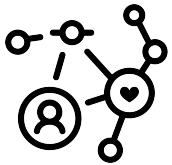
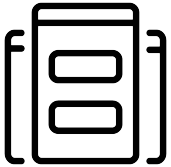

Nested teams


New user


Newsfeed


Org insights dashboard


Org wide security policies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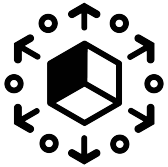
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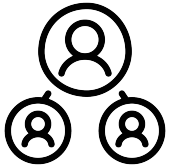
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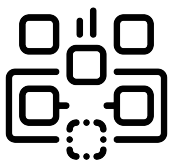
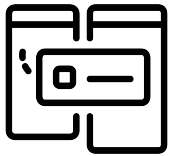

Platform


Premium support


Private pages


Private repos


Project management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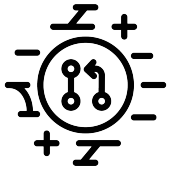
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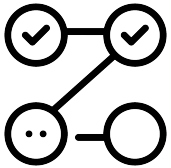
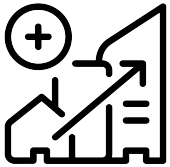

Required status check


Responsible vulnerability report


Revolutionary security engine


Scale


Secret store


Security advisory API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Security alert


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Security researcher

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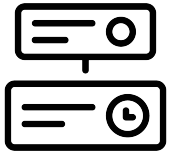
Security

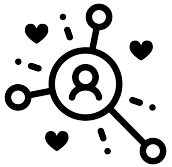

See project activity


Service account engineer


Share work


Skywalker


Sponsors in product


Sponsors


Suggested changes


Team activity


Team discussions


Team mentions


Team metrics


Token scanning


Topic


Track progress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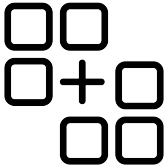
Unified business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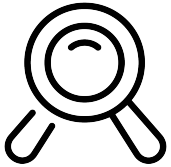
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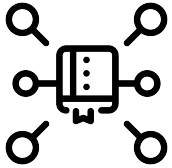
Used by


Virtual reality


Vulnerability data


Webhooks


Workflow consultation

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