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Introduction to code versioning

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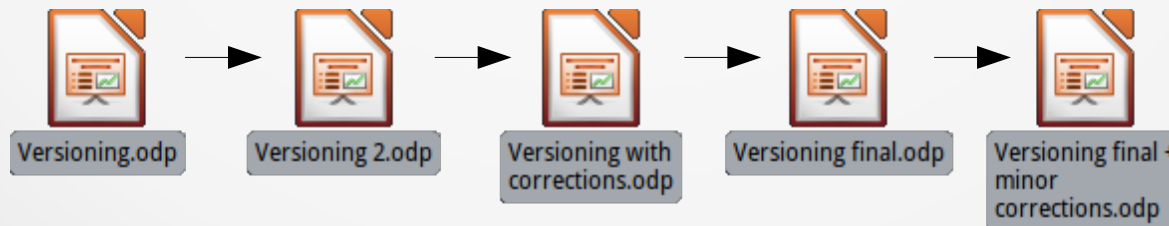
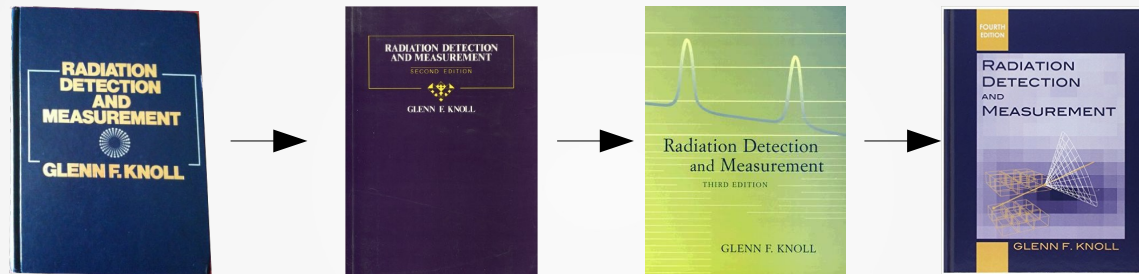
Introduction to code versioning



- Notions of code versioning
 - Local Data Model
 - Client-Server Model
 - Distributed Model
- Working with Git and Mercurial
- Workflows

Notions of code versioning

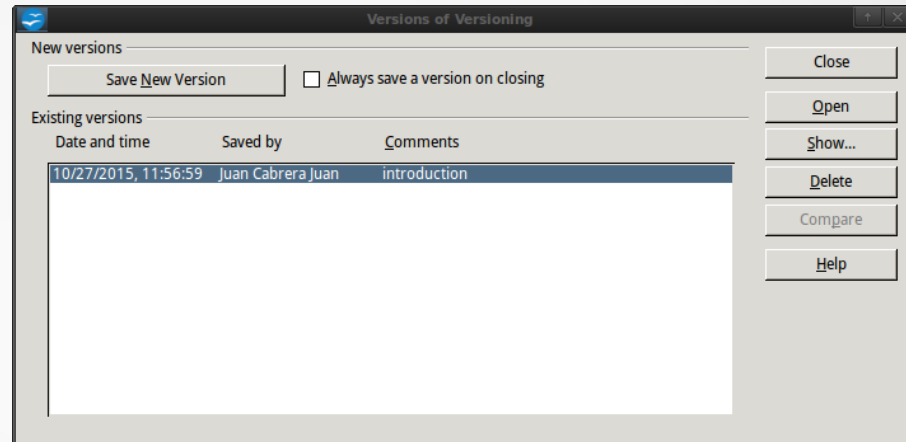
Versions have existed for almost as long as writing has existed



Notions of code versioning



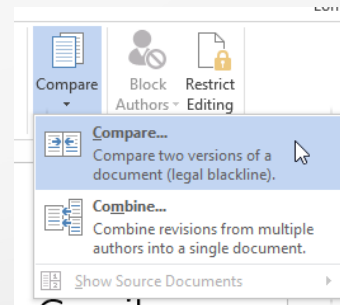
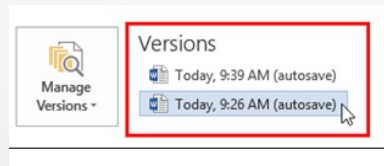
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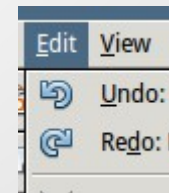
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Undo-Redo



Synonyms



- Version control
- Source control
- Revision control
- Source code management

Notions of code versioning



- Track the history and evolution of the project
- Who, what, when, why
- Benefits:
 - team work
 - tracking bugs
 - recovering from mistakes

Evolution of technology

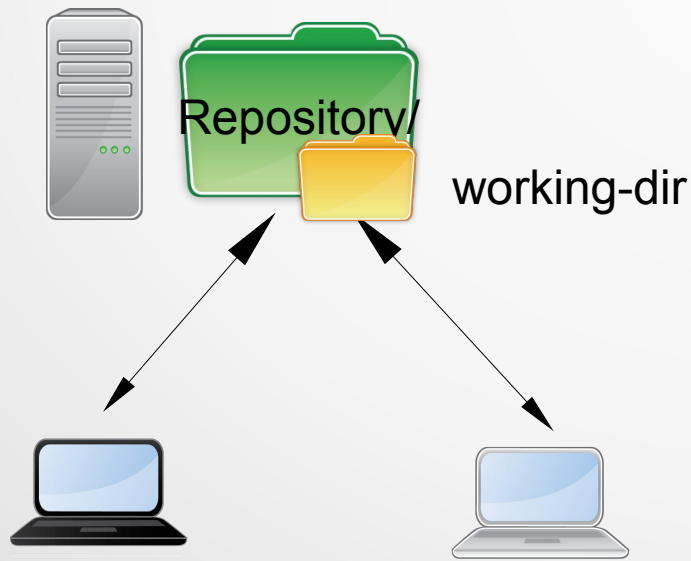


- Local model
- Client-server model
- Distributed model

Local Version Control System



- Source Code Control System (SCCS)
- Revision Control System (RCS)
 - Repository is in a shared folder ; every one works there
 - Operates on individual files, checked out and in
 - Delta files are in a RCS sub-directory (repository or store)



Working directory

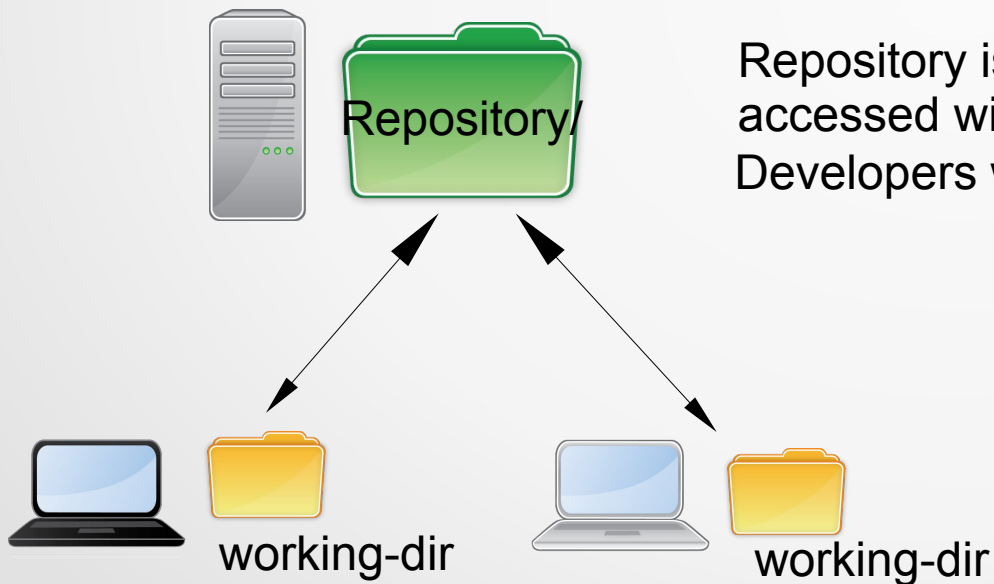
Repository

```
testRCS
├── file1.c
├── file2.c
├── file3.c
├── files
├── RCS
│   ├── file1.c,v
│   ├── file2.c,v
│   ├── file3.c,v
│   ├── files,v
│   └── README,v
├── README
├── subdir
│   ├── file10.txt
│   ├── file11.txt
│   ├── file12.txt
│   ├── file13.txt
│   └── RCS
│       ├── file10.txt,v
│       ├── file11.txt,v
│       ├── file12.txt,v
│       └── file13.txt,v
└── 3 directories, 18 files
```


Centralized Version Control System



- Concurrent Versions System (CVS)
- Subversion (SVN)



Repository is shared folder in remote machine accessed with ssh, http+web_dav or cvs/svn server
Developers work locally on their computer

Centralized Version Control System



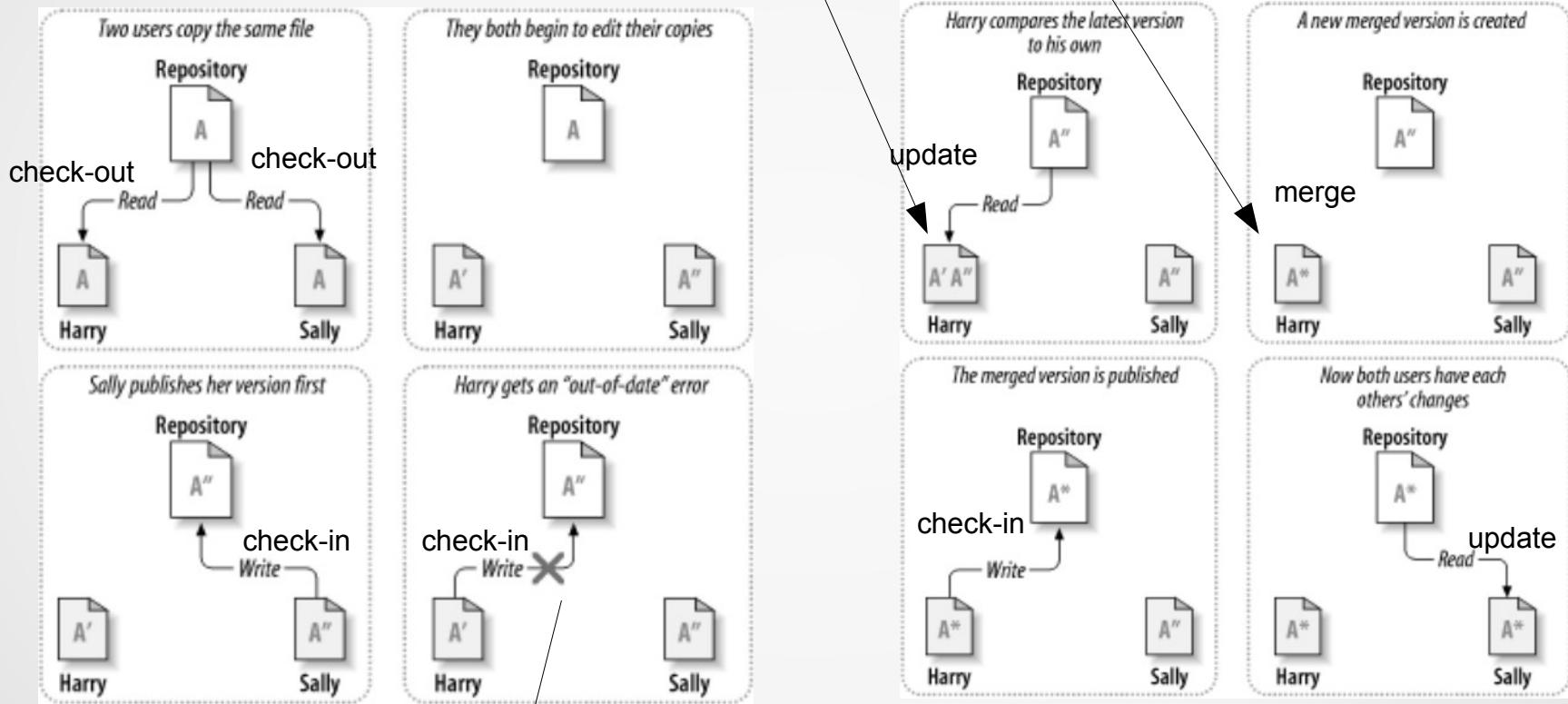
```
repos
├── conf
│   ├── authz
│   ├── passwd
│   └── svnservice.conf
├── db
│   ├── current
│   ├── ...
│   ├── revprops
│   ├── revs
│   └── ...
├── format
├── hooks
│   ├── post-commit.tmpl
│   ├── ...
│   └── start-commit.tmpl
├── locks
│   ├── db.lock
│   └── db-logs.lock
└── README.txt
```

```
project1/
├── branches
│   └── rel1-0
│       ├── hello_c.c
│       ├── hello_c.h
│       ├── Makefile
│       ├── README
│       └── .svn
├── .svn
│   ├── entries
│   ├── format
│   ├── pristine
│   ├── tmp
│   └── wc.db
├── tags
├── trunk
│   ├── hello_c.c
│   ├── hello_c.h
│   ├── Makefile
│   └── README
```

Centralized Version Control System



copy-modify-merge solution



cvcs commit: Up-to-date check failed for A

Distributed Version Control System

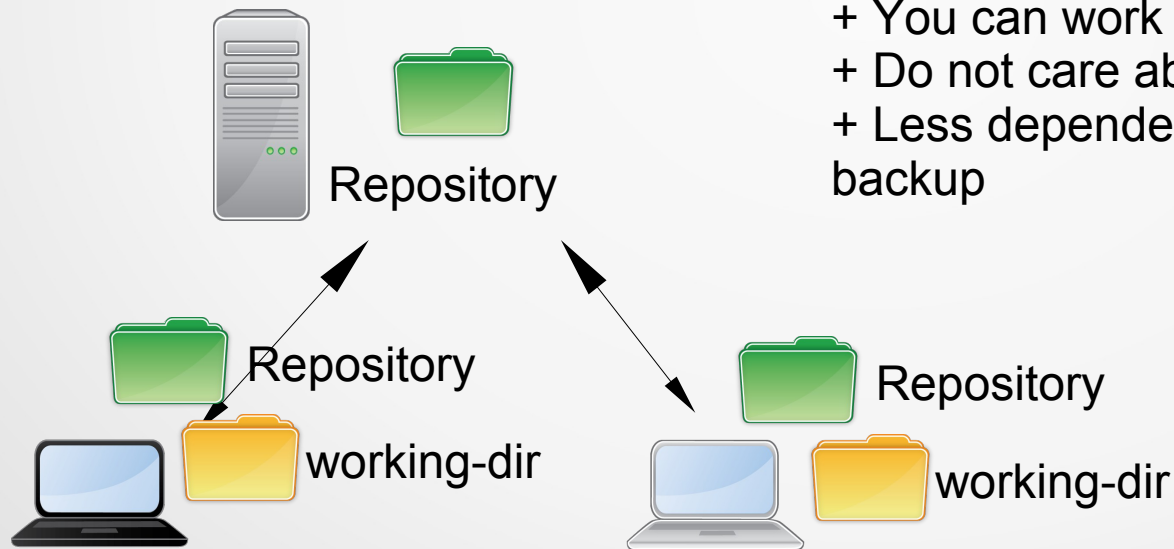


- Mercurial
- Git

Full copy of the repository

- Repository are cloned on multiple machines:
- Shared folder in remote machine with:
ssh, http protocol
- No technical difference between repositories
only policy says which one is the reference

- + You can work locally and make draft copies
- + Do not care about network for commits
- + Less dependent on backups every clone is a backup



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Global configuration



Before the use of hg or git set configuration

Edit ~/.hgrc file

```
[ui]
username = John Doe <johndoe@example.com>
```

Set global options for git

```
$ git config --global user.name "John Doe"
$ git config --global user.email johndoe@example.com
```

You can set other parameters as editor, merge tool ...

Ignore files

Use .gitignore or .hgignore files to select files and folders you do not want to track

```
# Backup files left behind by the Emacs and vim editor.
*~
# Temporary files used by the vim editor.
*.swp
# compiled objects
*.pyc
*.o
# directory fileter example (case sensitive)
# ignore log dir
Logs/
```

Single project single user



```
$ hg init
```

```
$ git init
```



Single project single user



working-dir

Repository

```
$ vim test.c
$ vim test.h
$ hg status
? test.c
? test.h
```

```
$ vim test.c
```

```
$ vim test.h
```

```
$ git status
```

On branch master

Initial commit

Untracked files:

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

test.c

test.h

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

Single project single user



working-dir

Repository

```
$ hg add *  
$ hg st  
A test.c  
A test.h
```

hg add is used to
start tracking files

```
$ git add test.c  
$ git status  
On branch master
```

Initial commit

Changes to be committed:
(use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)

new file: test.c

Untracked files:

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

test.h

git add is used to
stage files i.e. mark
them for next commit

Single project single user



working-dir

Repository

```
$ hg commit test.c -m'Add test.c'  
$ hg st  
A test.h
```

```
$ git commit -m'Add test.c'  
[master (root-commit) 46ef322] Add test.c  
1 file changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)  
create mode 100644 test.c  
$ git status  
On branch master  
Untracked files:  
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
```

test.h

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

Single project single user



working-dir

Repository

```
$ hg commit test.h -m'Add test.h'
$ hg log
changeset: 1:bb105d00ed3a
tag:      tip
user:     Damien Francois <damien.francois@uclouvain.be>
date:     Tue Oct 25 10:57:35 2016 +0200
summary:  Add test.h

changeset: 0:97d3b6e78985
user:     Damien Francois <damien.francois@uclouvain.be>
date:     Tue Oct 25 10:55:44 2016 +0200
summary:  Add test.c
```

Single project single user



working-dir

Repository

```
$ git add test.h
$ git commit -m'Add test.h'
[master 56bdae9] Add test.h
 1 file changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
 create mode 100644 test.h
$ git log
commit 56bdae9399a8d9d74232ee69c2a535d460acf02f
Author: Damien François <damien.francois@uclouvain.be>
Date: Tue Oct 25 10:58:17 2016 +0200
```

Add test.h

```
commit 46ef3222fadc9d4a50fe6e5ba2f9bfa6345ae719
Author: Damien François <damien.francois@uclouvain.be>
Date: Tue Oct 25 10:56:20 2016 +0200
```

Add test.c

Single project single user



working-dir

Repository

Cancel with hg revert

Go back to a specific revision with hg up -r ...

```
$ vim test.c
$ hg diff
diff -r 79fa9e722a59 test.c
--- a/test.c   Wed Nov 09 14:46:51 2016 +0100
+++ b/test.c   Wed Nov 09 14:48:08 2016 +0100
@@ -1,4 +1,4 @@
 int main()
 {
-  int a=5;
+  int a=6;
 }
$
```

Single project single user



working-dir

Repository

Cancel with git revert

Go back to a specific version with git checkout...

```
$ vim test.c
$ git diff
diff --git a/test.c b/test.c
index 0197793..0c7f097 100644
--- a/test.c
+++ b/test.c
@@ -1,4 +1,4 @@
 int main()
 {
- int a=5;
+ int a=6;
 }
$
```

Single project single user + backup



working-dir

Repository

```
$ ssh hall "mkdir -p bcktestgit && cd bcktestgit && git init --bare"  
Initialized empty Git repository in /home/pan/dfr/bcktestgit/  
$ ssh hall "mkdir bcktesthg && hg init"
```



working-dir

Repository



hall



Repository
(empty)

Single project single user + backup



working-dir

Repository



hall



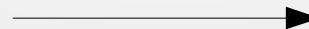
Repository
(empty)

```
$ echo -e '[paths]\nhall=ssh://hall/bcktesthg' >> .hg/hgrc
$ hg path
hall = ssh://hall/bcktesthg
$ hg push hall
pushing to ssh://hall/bcktesthg
searching for changes
remote: adding changesets
remote: adding manifests
remote: adding file changes
remote: added 2 changesets with 2 changes to 2 files
```



working-dir

Repository



hall



Repository (full)

Single project single user + backup



working-dir

Repository



hall



Repository
(empty)

```
$ git remote add hall ssh://hall/bcktestgit
$ git remote -v
hall ssh://hall/bcktestgit (fetch)
hall ssh://hall/bcktestgit (push)
$ git push hall --all
Counting objects: 5, done.
Delta compression using up to 8 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (3/3), done.
Writing objects: 100% (5/5), 439 bytes | 0 bytes/s, done.
Total 5 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
To ssh://hall/~bcktestgit
* [new branch] master -> master
```



working-dir

Repository



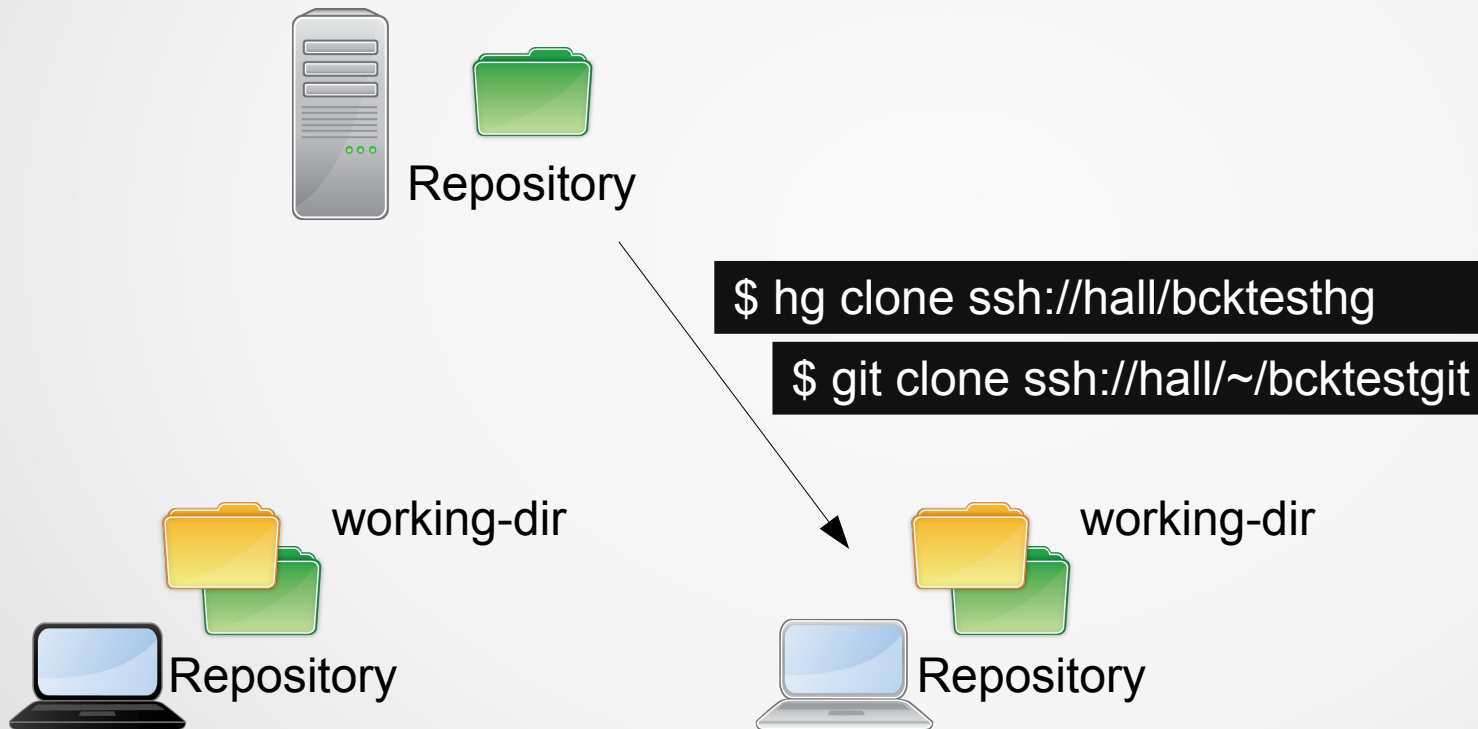
hall



Repository (full)

Multiple users central server

- Cloning



Multiple users central server

- Working + committing



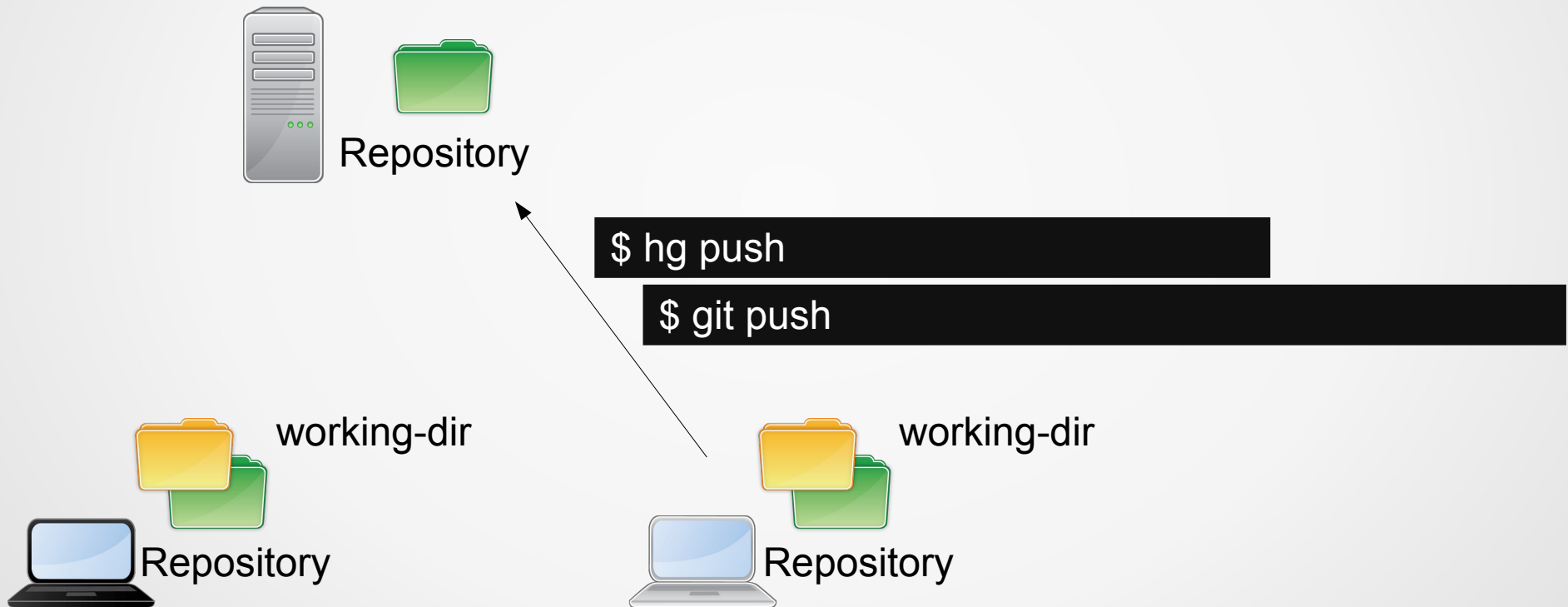
```
$ hg commit ...
```

```
$ git commit
```



Multiple users central server

- Pushing



Multiple users central server



- Conflict resolution

```
$ hg push hall
pushing to ssh://hall/bcktesthg
searching for changes
remote has heads on branch 'default' that are not known locally: 7aaa042c0373
abort: push creates new remote head 5a984c5a3005!
(pull and merge or see "hg help push" for details about pushing new heads)
$ hg pull
pulling from ssh://hall/bcktesthg
searching for changes
adding changesets
adding manifests
adding file changes
added 2 changesets with 2 changes to 1 files (+1 heads)
(run 'hg heads' to see heads, 'hg merge' to merge)
$ hg merge
merging test.c
warning: conflicts while merging test.c! (edit, then use 'hg resolve --mark')
0 files updated, 0 files merged, 0 files removed, 1 files unresolved
use 'hg resolve' to retry unresolved file merges or 'hg update -C .' to abandon
```

- Conflict resolution

```
$ cat test.c
<<<<<< local
line you wanted to push
=====
current version of the line on the server
>>>>>> other
$ vim test.c
$ hg resolve --mark
(no more unresolved files)
$ hg commit -mmerge
$ hg push
pushing to ssh://hall/bcktesthg
searching for changes
remote: adding changesets
remote: adding manifests
remote: adding file changes
remote: added 2 changesets with 2 changes to 1 files
```

Multiple users central server



- Conflict resolution

```
$ git push origin master
To ssh://hall/~/.bcktestgit
 ! [rejected]      master -> master (fetch first)
error: failed to push some refs to 'ssh://hall/~/.bcktestgit'
hint: Updates were rejected because the remote contains work that you do
hint: not have locally. This is usually caused by another repository pushing
hint: to the same ref. You may want to first integrate the remote changes
hint: (e.g., 'git pull ...') before pushing again.
hint: See the 'Note about fast-forwards' in 'git push --help' for details.
$ git pull
remote: Counting objects: 5, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
Unpacking objects: 100% (3/3), done.
From ssh://hall/~/.bcktestgit
 a547735..7f32455 master -> origin/master
Auto-merging test.c
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in test.c
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then commit the result.
```

Multiple users central server



- Conflict resolution

```
$ cat test.c
<<<<<< HEAD
line you wanted to push
=====
current version of the line on the server
>>>>>> 7f32455dbe6bea745bc94efd6b3d5f473446d581
$ vim test.c
$ git add .
$ git commit -m merge
[master 6b884f0] merge
$ git push origin master
Counting objects: 6, done.
Delta compression using up to 8 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (5/5), done.
Writing objects: 100% (6/6), 676 bytes | 0 bytes/s, done.
Total 6 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
To ssh://hall/~bcktestgit
7f32455..6b884f0 master -> master
```


Multiple users central server



- To avoid trouble when merging, pull often
- These commands merge automatically if possible

```
$ hg pull --update  
$ git pull --rebase
```

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One-off patch submission

- You do not have write access to the repository



```
$ hg clone https://...
```

```
$ git clone https://...
```

Clone, then edit, commit, and extract a patch to send by email for instance



```
$ hg export tip > patch.diff  
$ git format-patch -1 > patch.diff
```

Feature Branch Workflow



- Develop features in separate 'branches'

```
$ hg branch new-feature-name ; git commit -m'Create new branch'  
$ git checkout -b new-feature-name master
```

- You can list branches and choose one with:

```
$ hg branches ; git update branch-name  
$ git branches ; git checkout branch-name
```

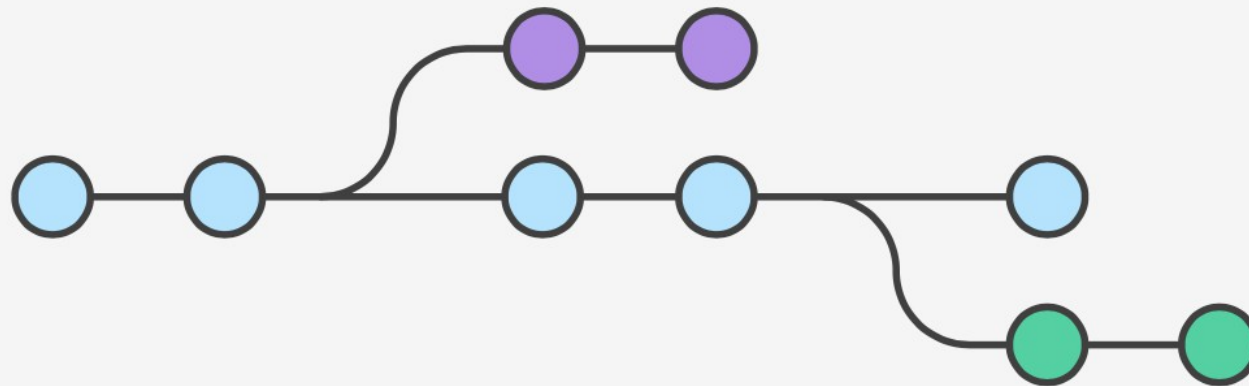
- Merge the main branch into your as often as possible

```
$ hg up new-feature-name ; hg merge default ; hg commit -m'Merge default'  
$ git checkout new-feature-name ; git merge master; git commit
```

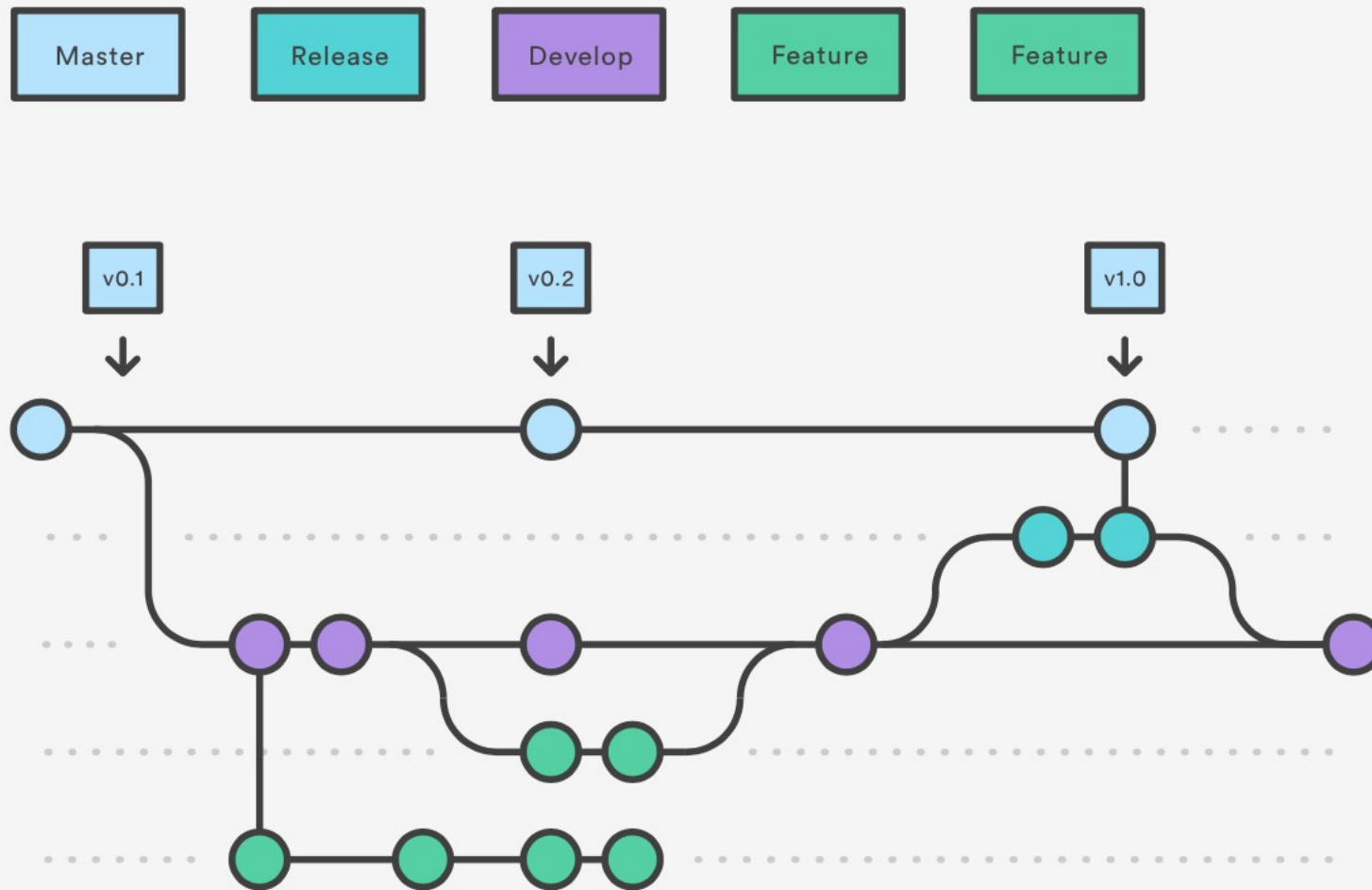
- When new-feature is finished, merge in the opposite direction

```
$ hg up default ; hg merge new-feature-name ; hg commit -m'Merge new-feature'  
$ git checkout master; git merge new-feature-name
```

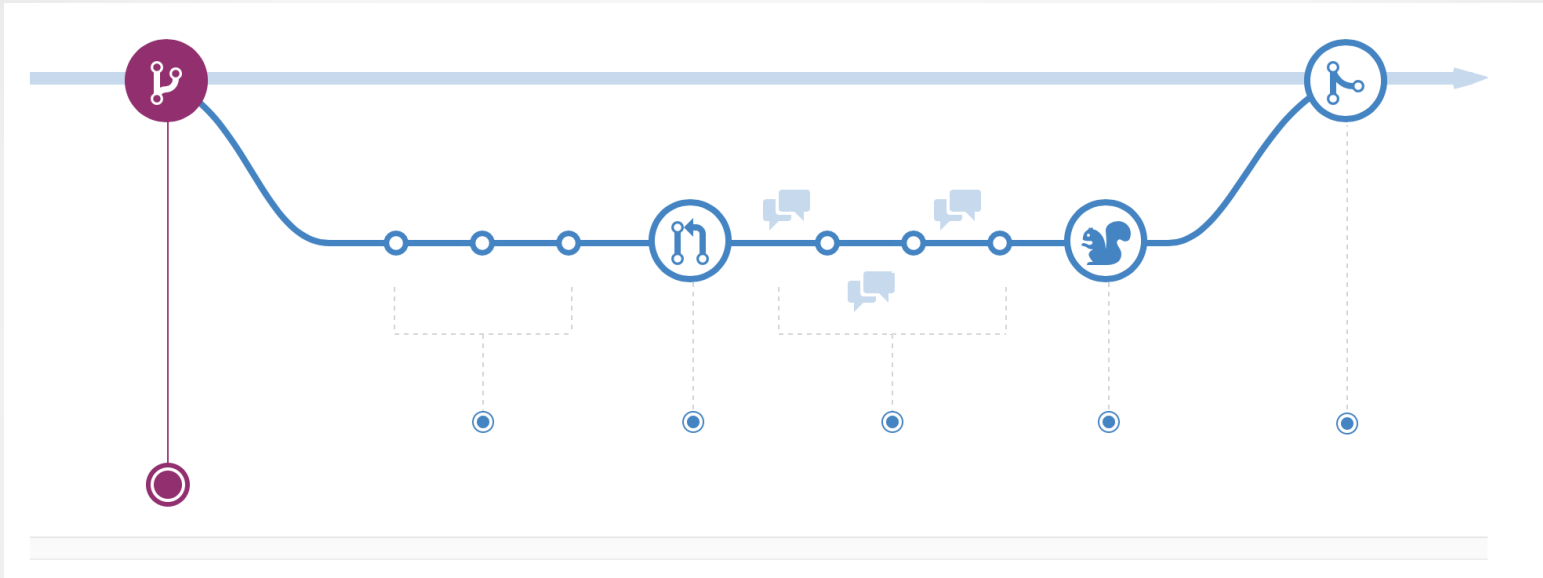
Feature Branch Workflow



Gitflow Workflow

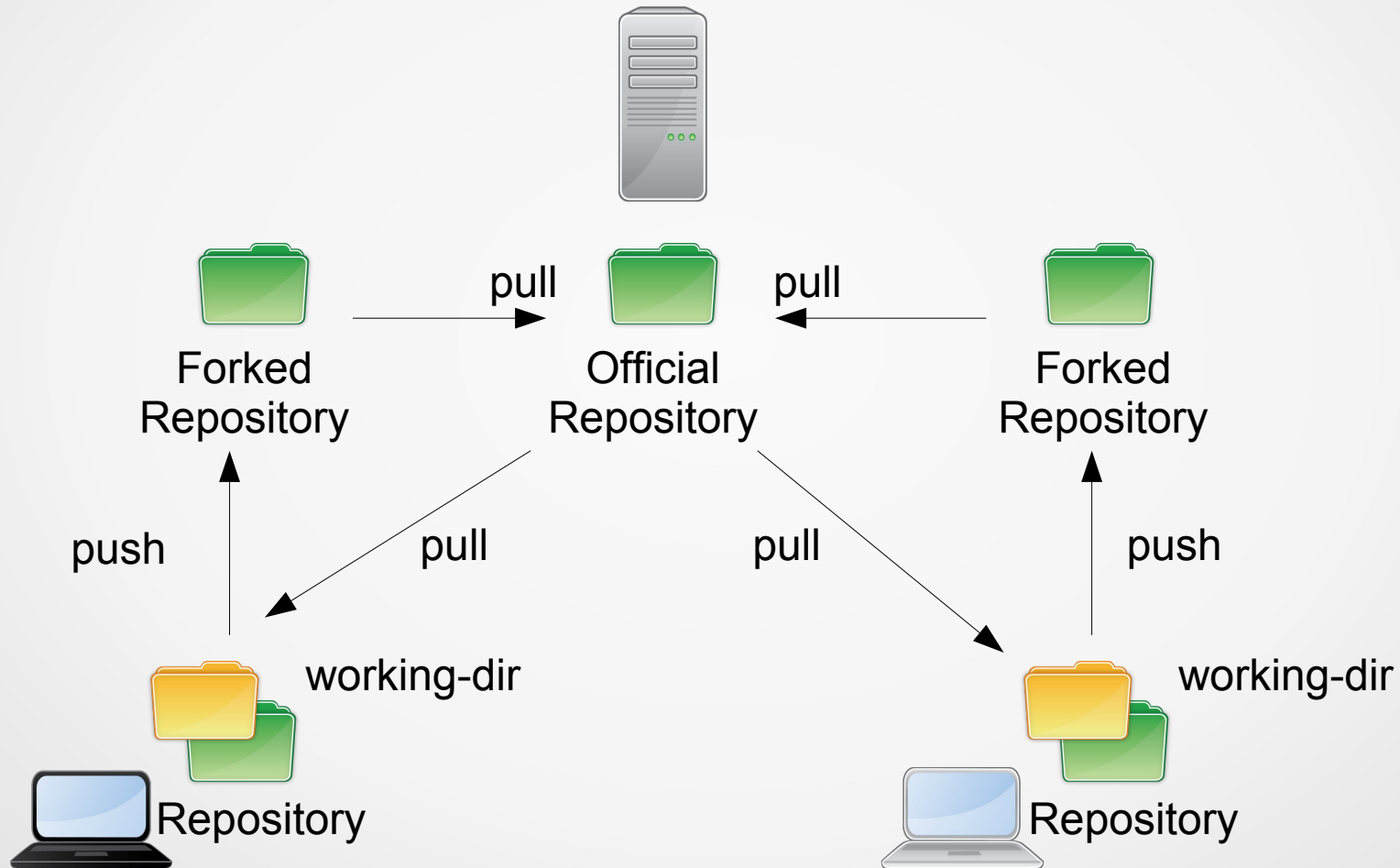


Github flow

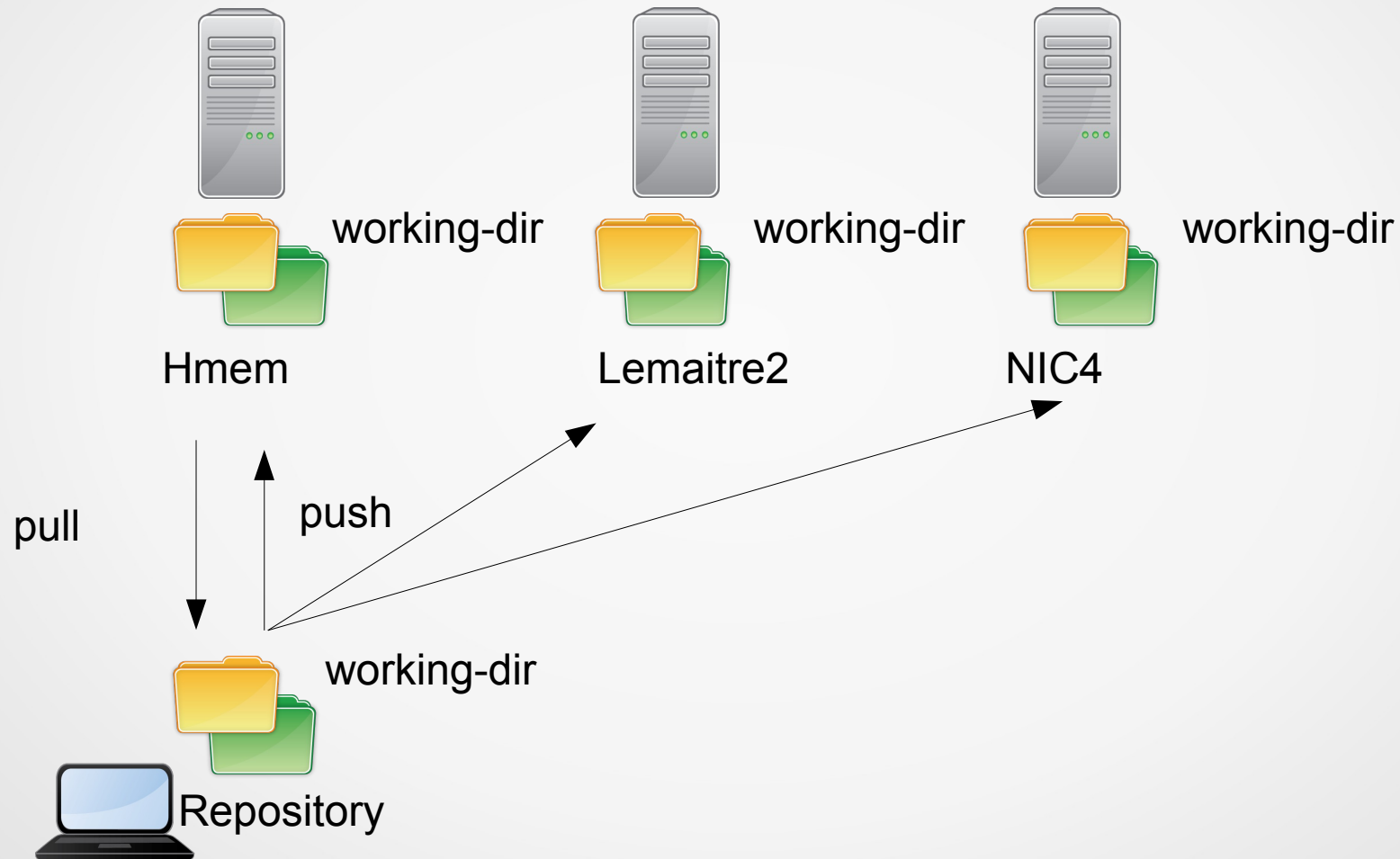


One main branch ('trunk') that is always deployable (protect your new feature with a switch if the feature is not ready for production yet) and issue a pull request very early.

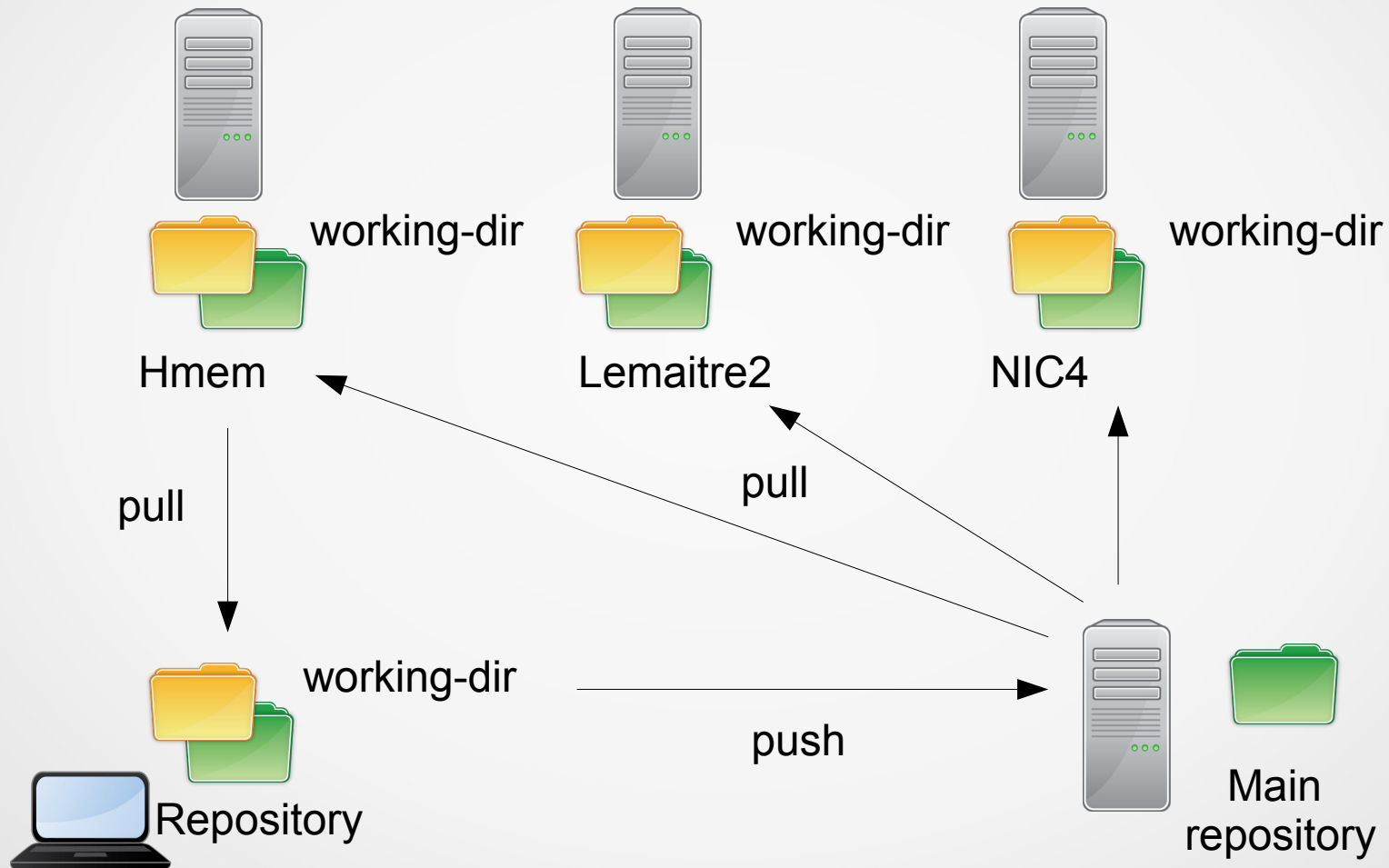
Forking Workflow



Working with several clusters



Working with several clusters



Final messages



- Use Git or Mercurial to manage your code
- Have a remote copy of the repository
- Version everything ! (data.csv, code.c, thesis.tex, .bashrc, submit.sh, todo.txt, etc.)
- Learn enough Mercurial to be able to manage a repository
- Learn enough Git to be able to collaborate with others

Final messages

Mercurial



very easy to
handle

cannot do
everything

Git



a solution for
every situation

more changes to
hurt yourself