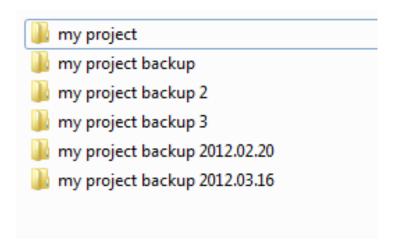
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Version Control With Git





Distributed Version Control System (DVCS)

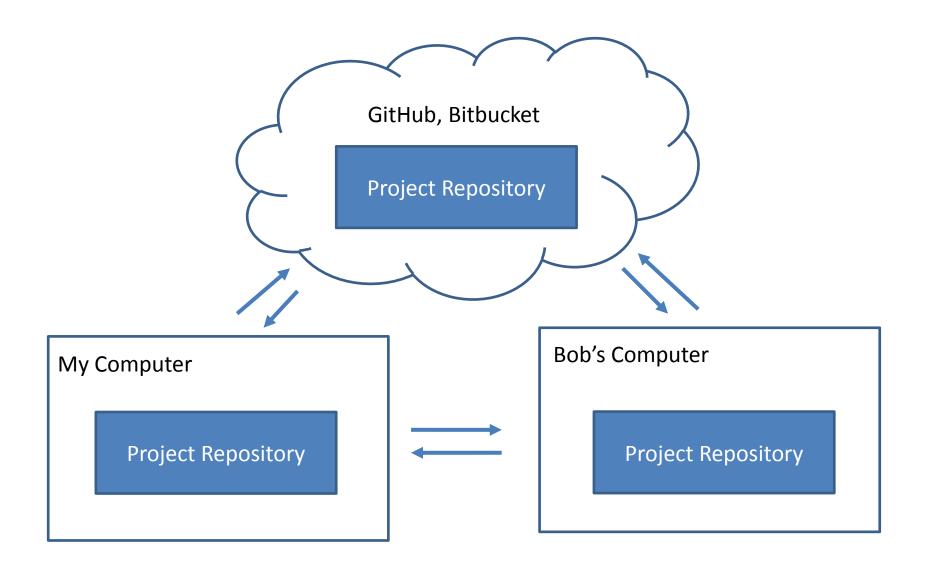


Keeps track of project changes

Distributed

- Share changes with other people.
- Every repository stores the whole history of a project.
- No repository is special, except for how you choose to treat it.

Distributed



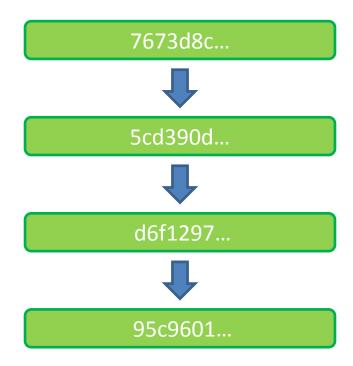
Personal Projects (eg. Thesis)

- Doesn't require a server, very easy to setup.
- Can backup to a Git hosting service (BitBucket, GitHub), or to another computer or USB drive.
- Work from different computers and merge changes.
- Works well with text files (eg. LaTeX, Matlab), not so suited to binary files (MS Word, Labview).

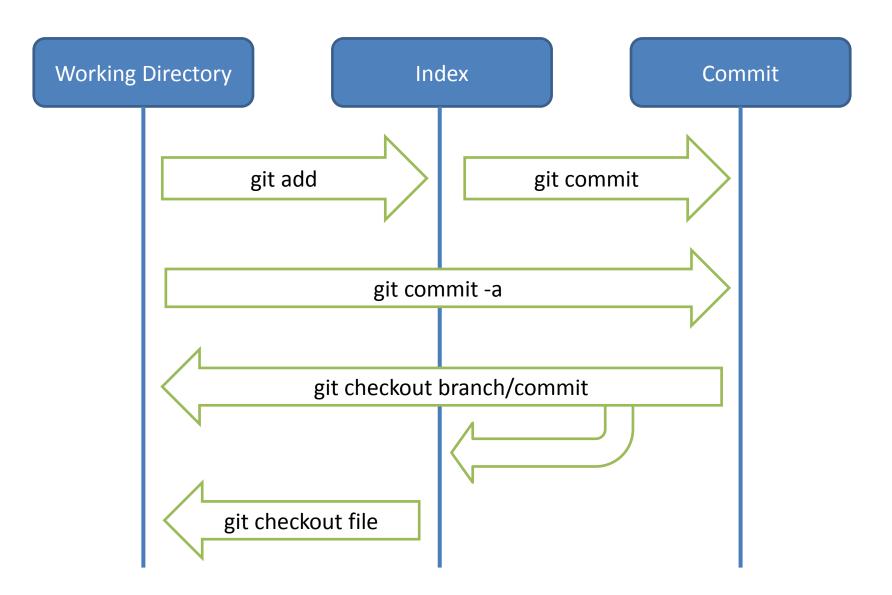
Commits

- Snapshot of all files in your project
- Author, committer
- Date and time
- Has a unique hash to identify it (eg. 7673d8cab3b5aa3144d3cdc7179fc594ec76cbfc)
- Has at least one parent

Commits



Index/Staging Area

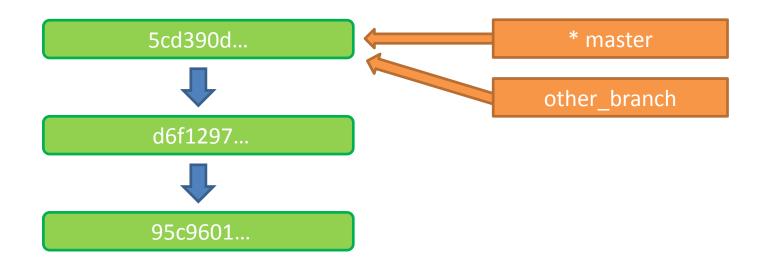


Index/Staging Area

- Have to be explicit about what you're committing, helps prevent accidents
- Can commit only some files, or only some parts of files (git add -p)
- Can build up a commit by adding changes when they're done

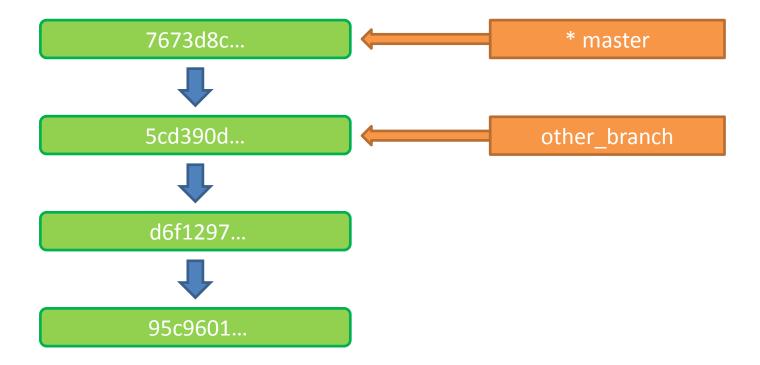
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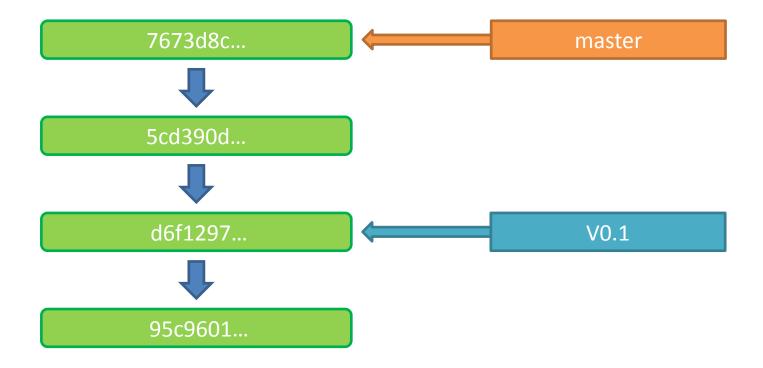
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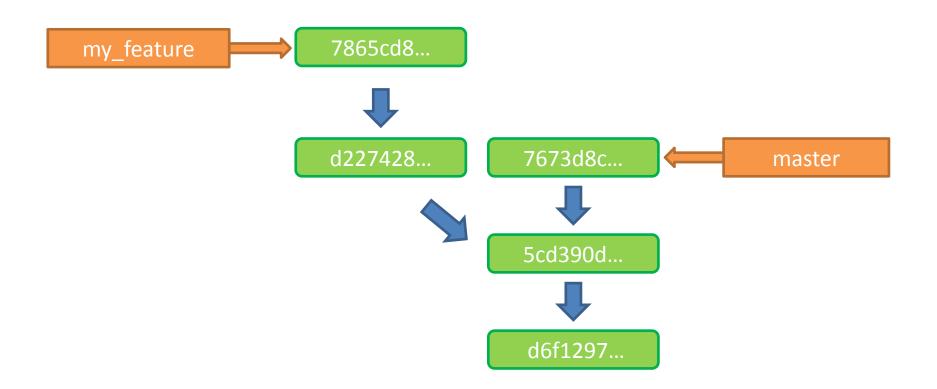
Tags

- Label that points to a commit
- Doesn't move



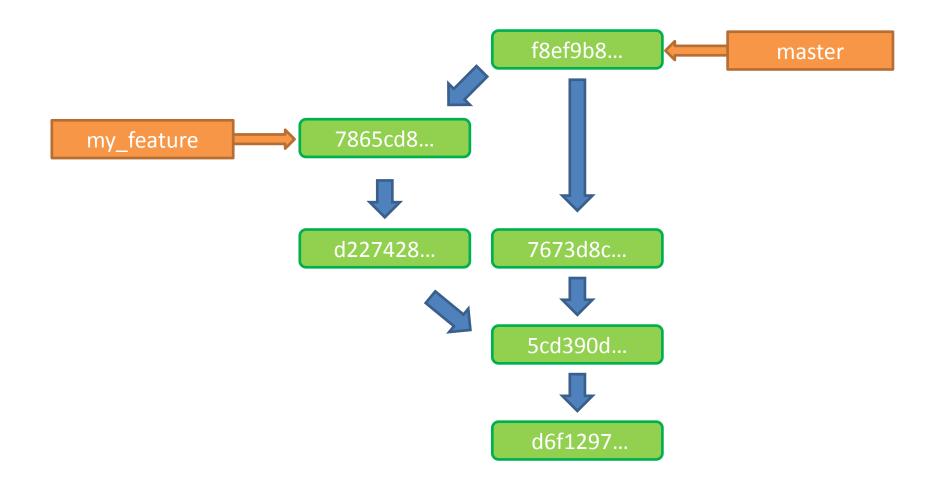
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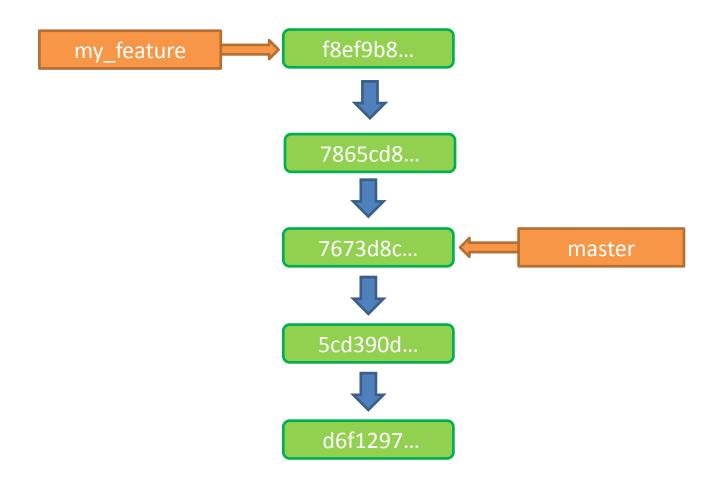
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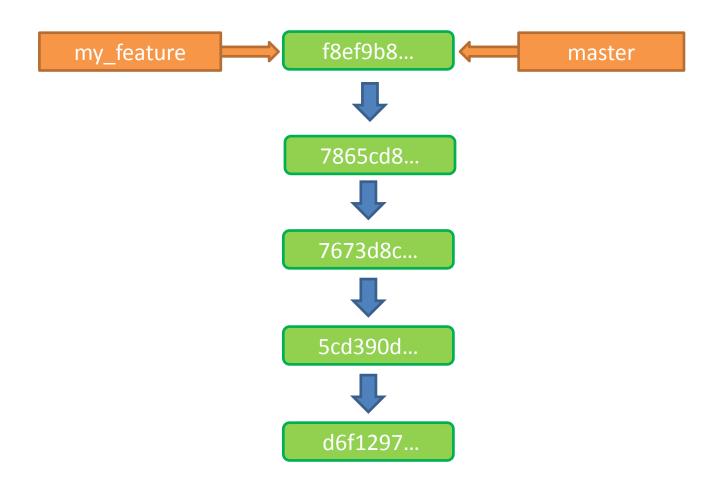
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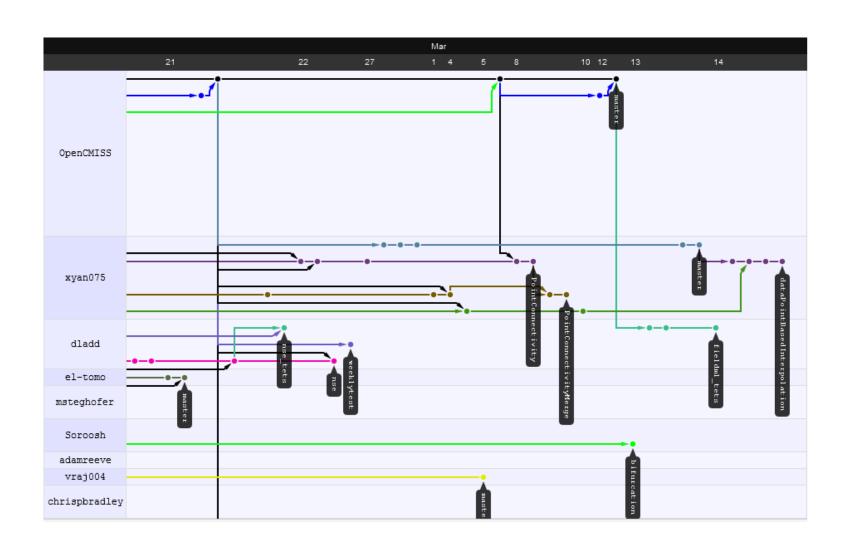
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Remote Repositories

- Git is distributed
- Add alias for a remote repository, eg origin, central, adam, bob
- Fetch and push commits
- Branches aren't shared
- Can checkout branch from remote repository but need to create a local branch to do work

Remote Repositories



Ignoring Files

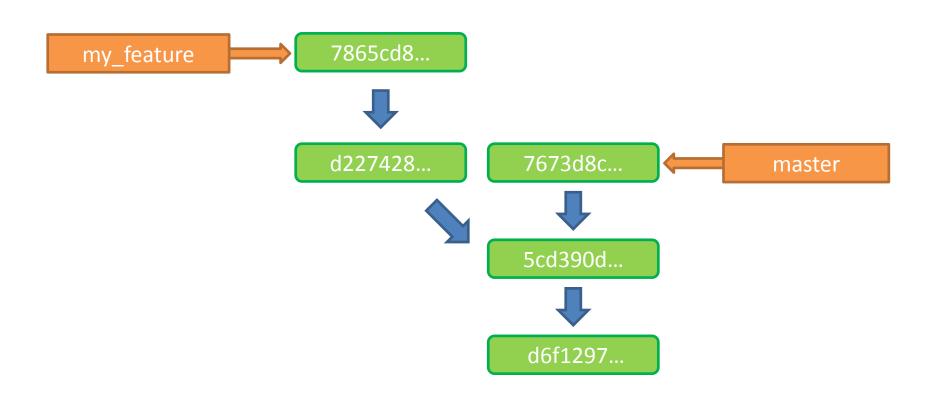
- Generated files shouldn't be tracked
- List them in a .gitignore file
- Can have .gitignore files in different directories
- Can also have a global ignore file for things like files created by your editor (eg. *~)

Rebasing

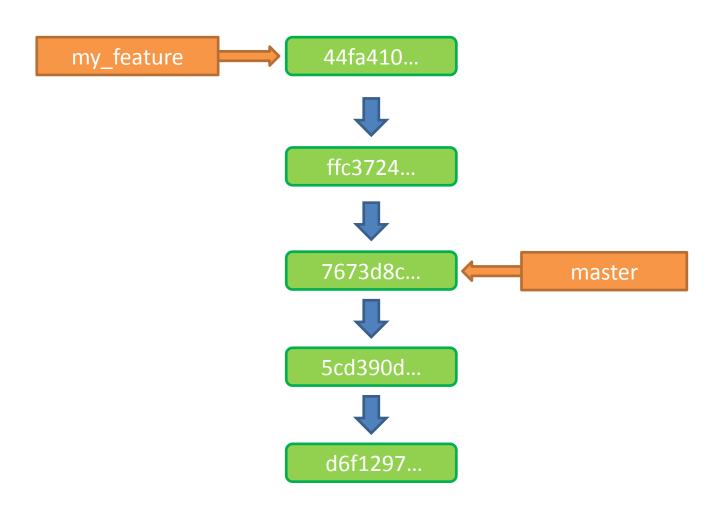
- Change base of branch
- Commits have new hash
- Can edit, reorder or squash commits with the interactive option
- Cleaner history (less merges)

Rebasing

On my_feature branch, "git rebase master"



Rebasing



Tutorial

- http://abi-git-tutorial.readthedocs.org
- Written with git commands but you should be able to follow along with a graphical application