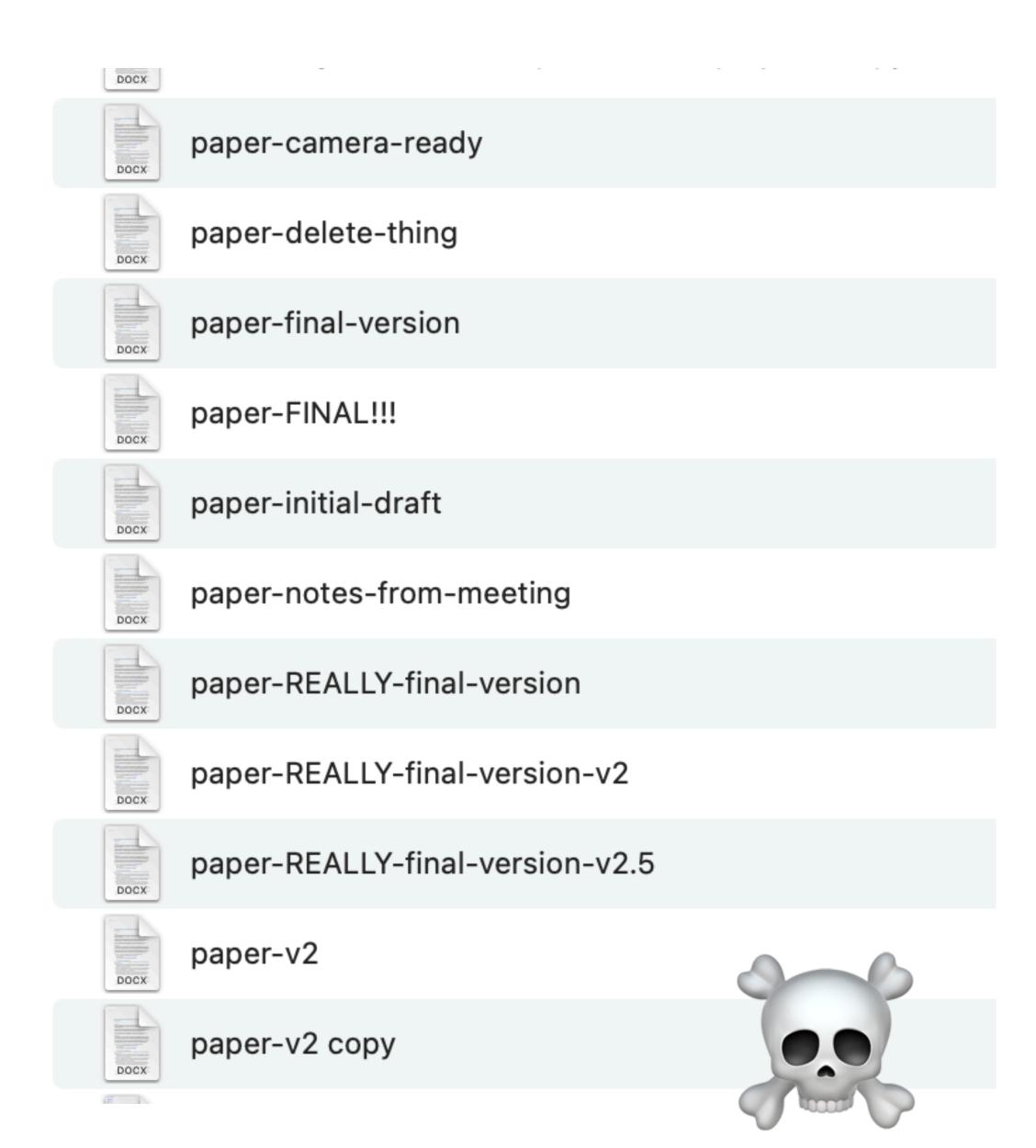
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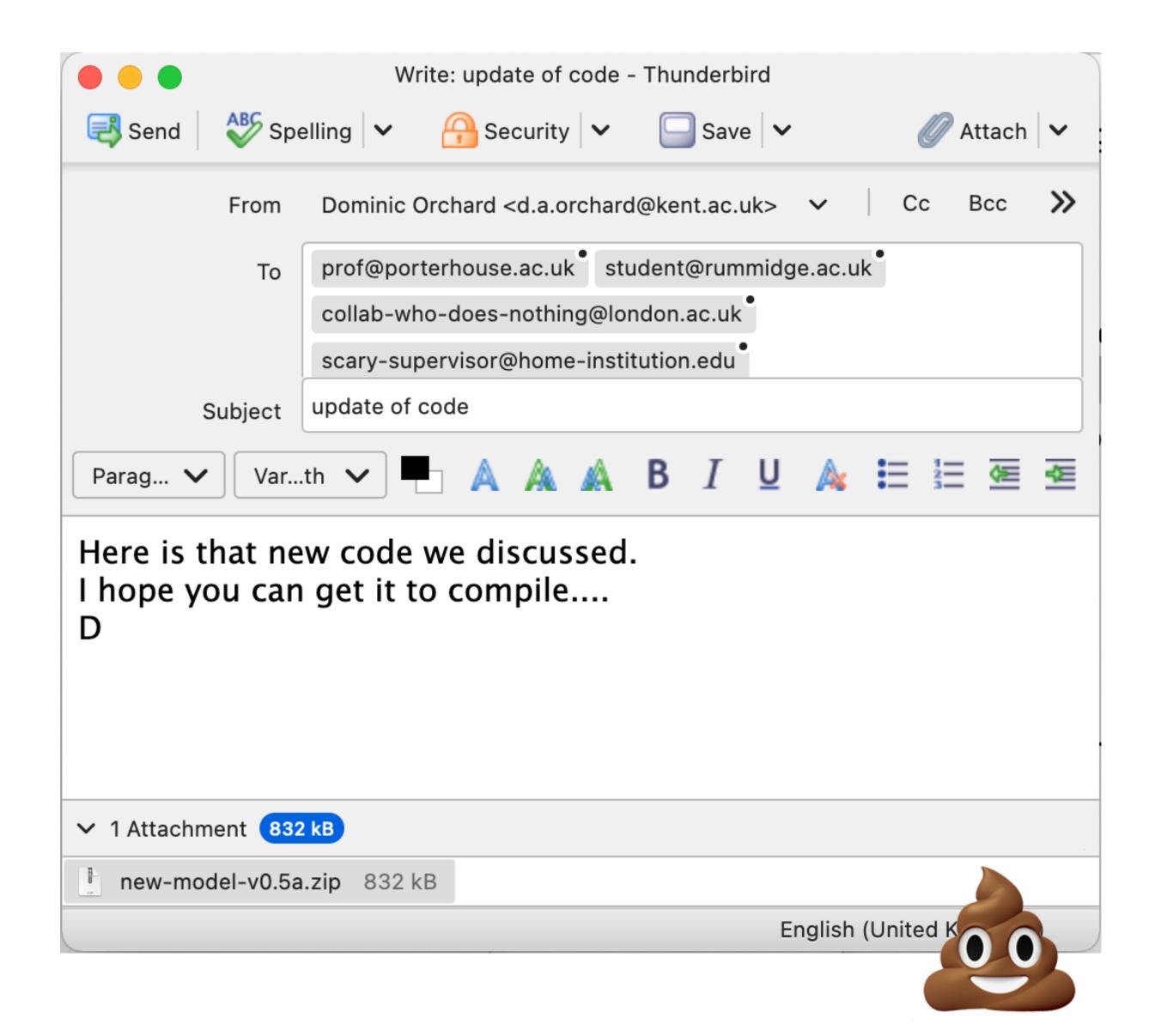
Using Git and GitHub effectively

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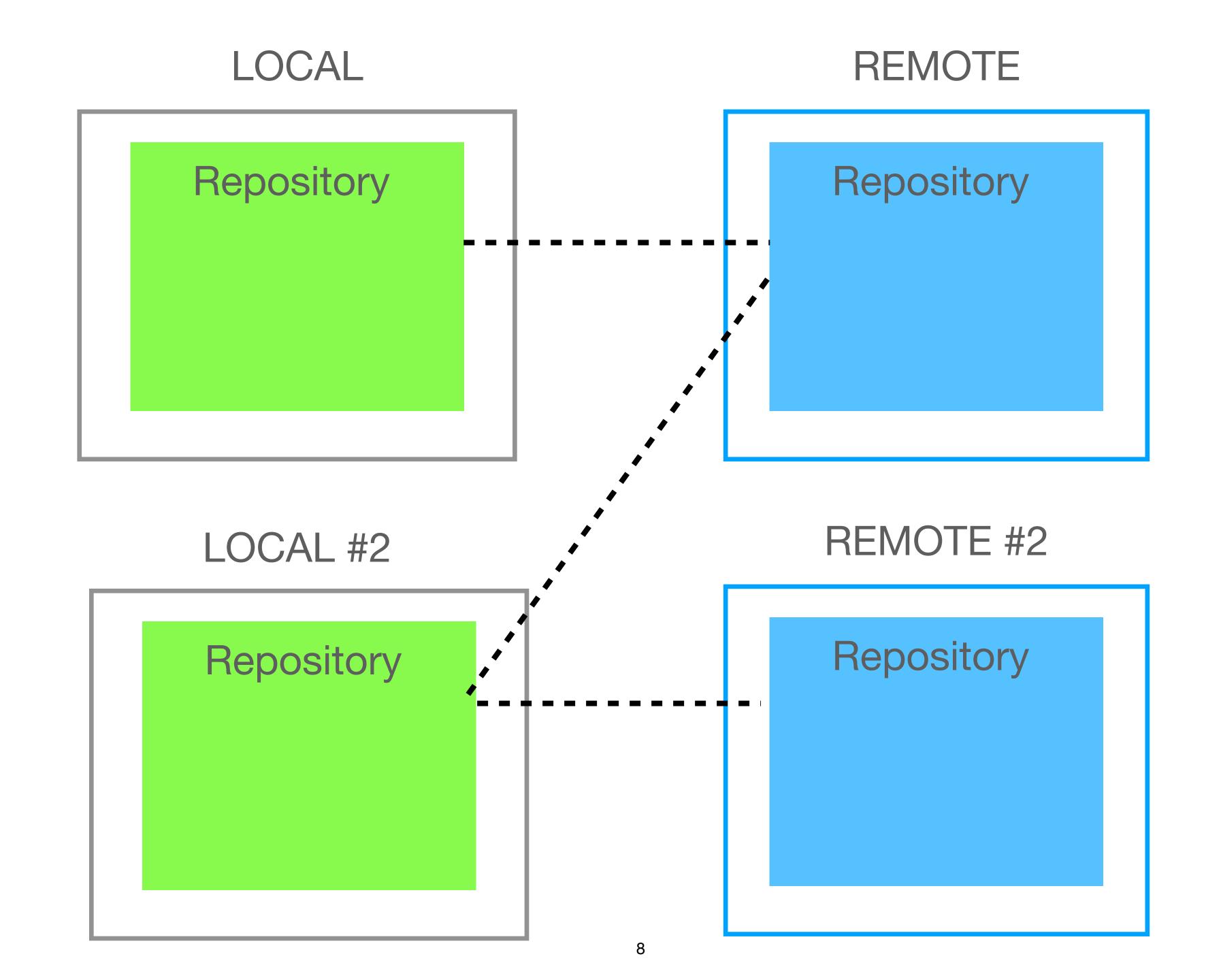


"It is easy to shoot your foot off with git, but also easy to revert to a previous foot and merge it with your current leg."

Jack William Bell

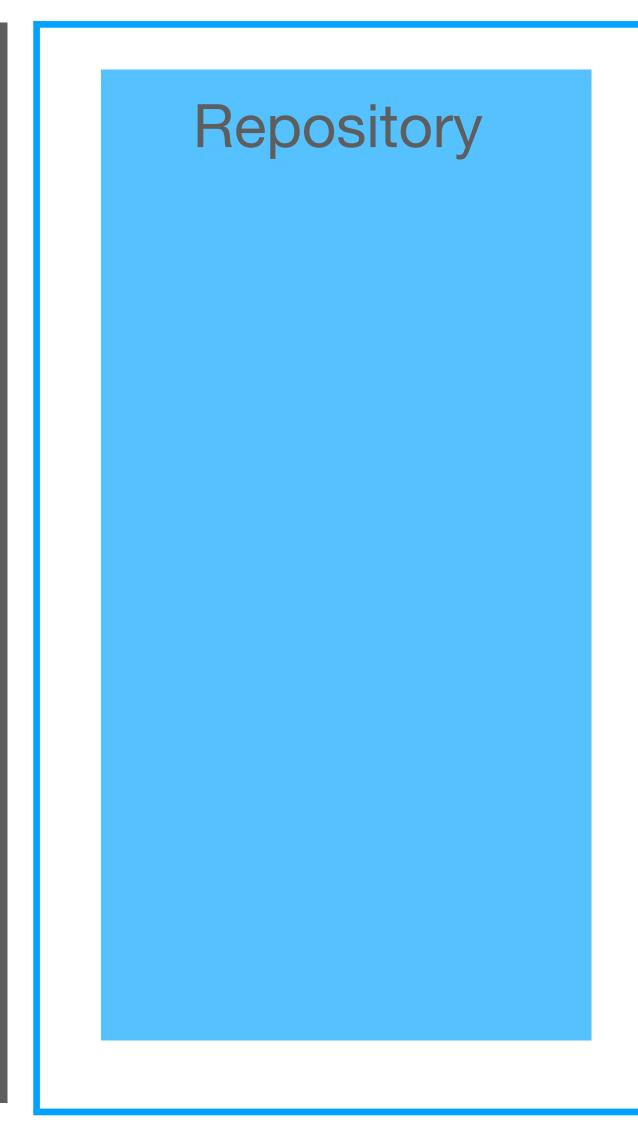
Plan and learning outcomes

- Basis of git paradigm and improving accountability
- Lesser known corners: stash, rebase
- GitHub's view and its organisational aspects
- + Do some practice



Repository

git clone https://...git

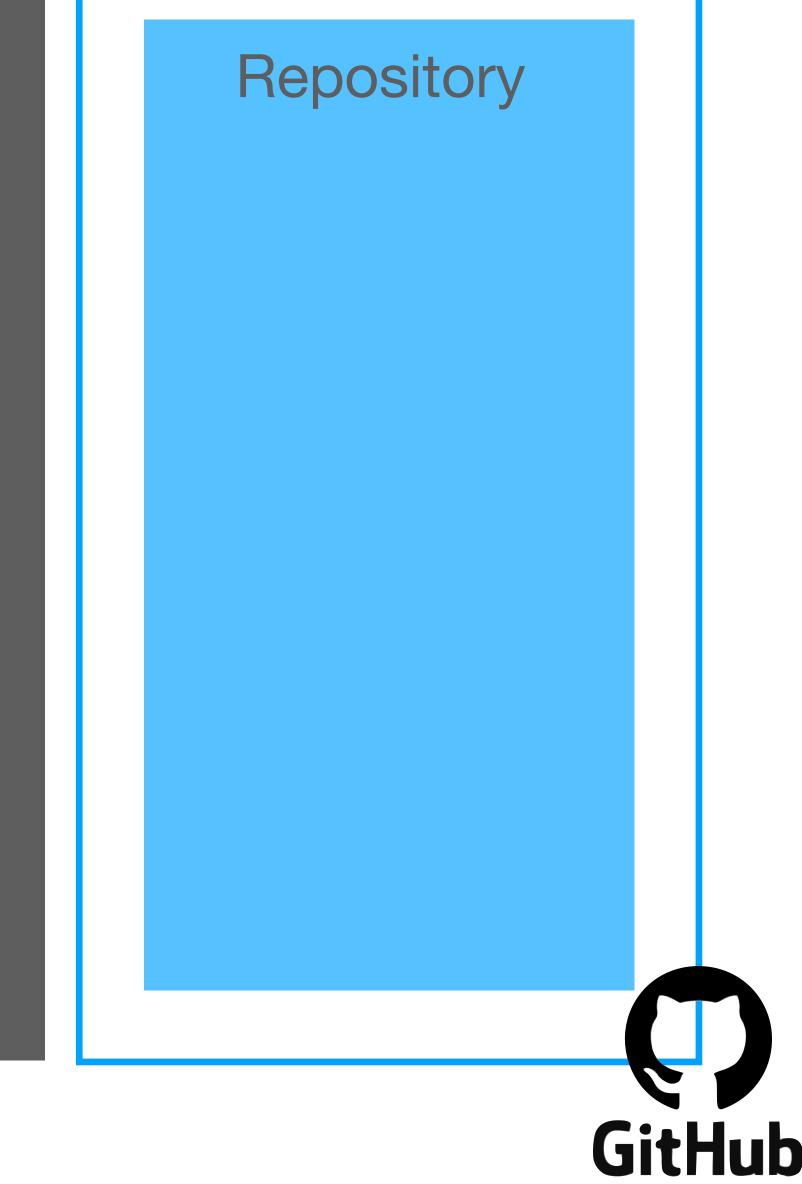




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Repository

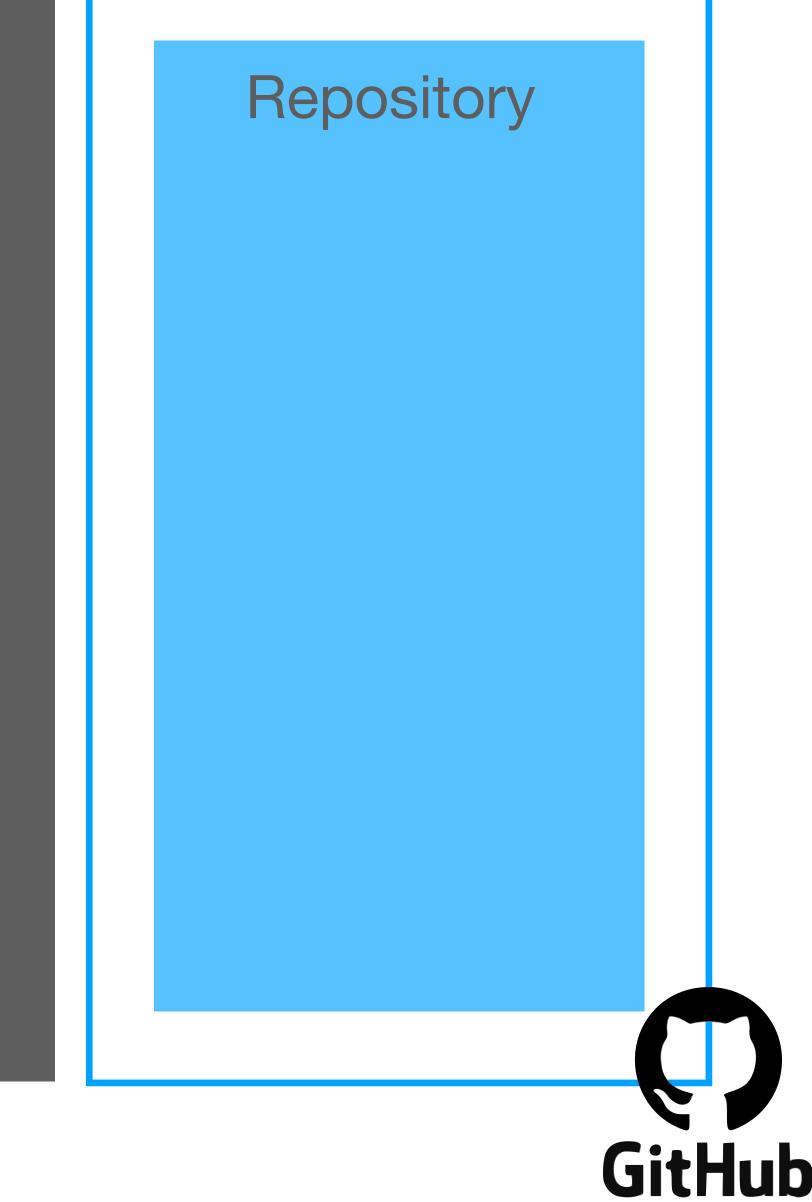
mkdir tuesday
cd tuesday
git init
git add remote origin https://...git

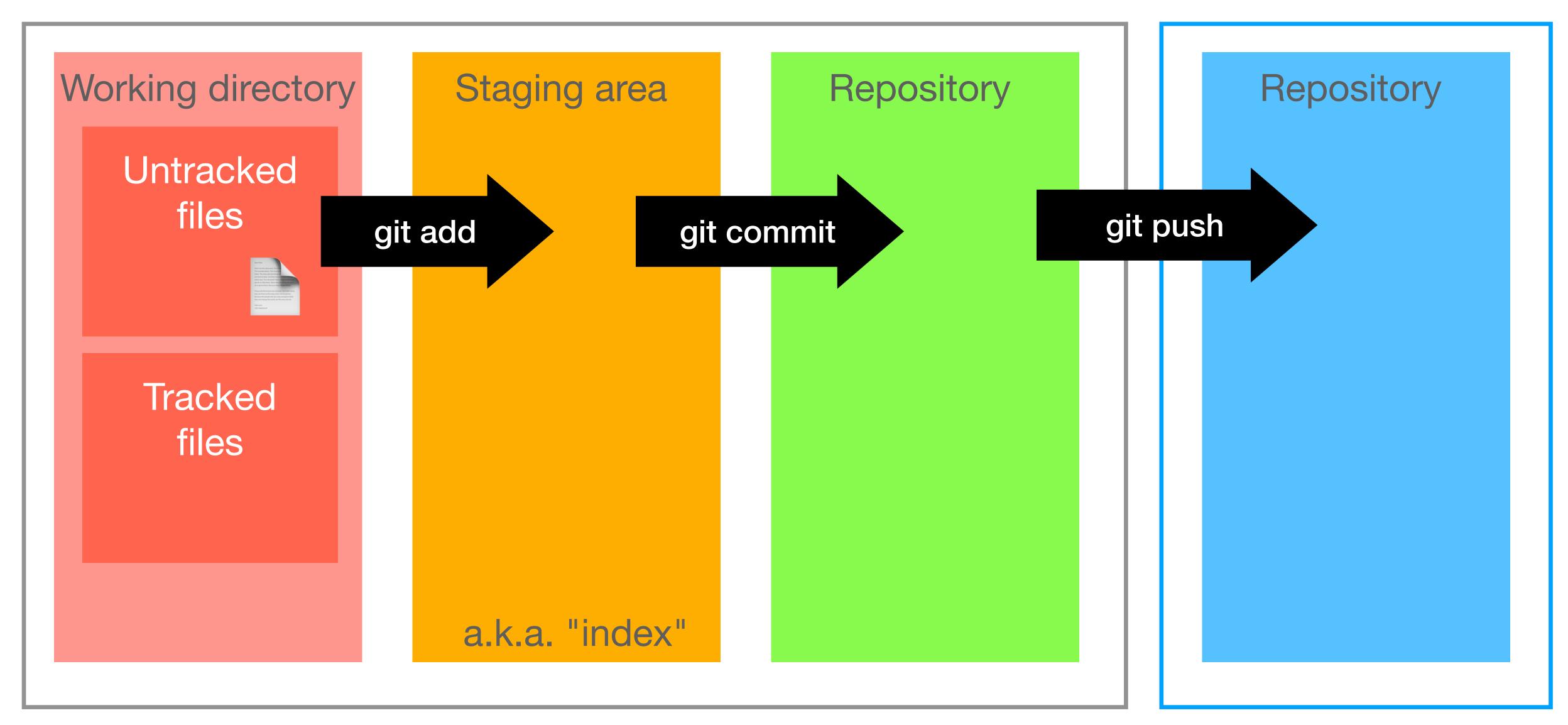


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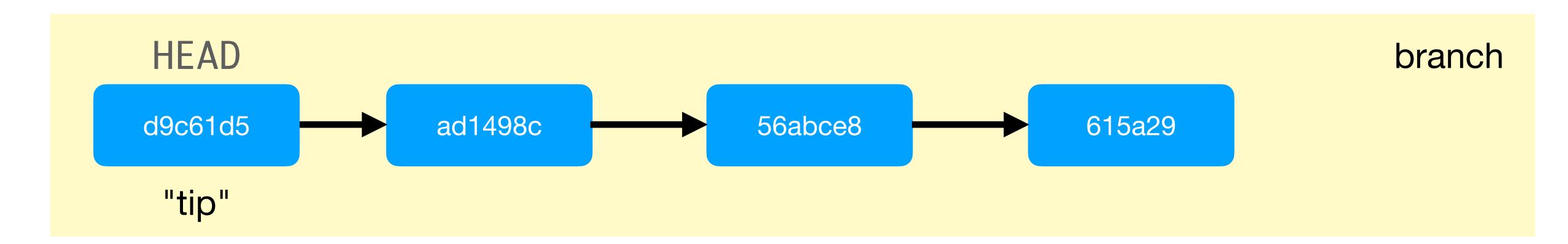
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git remote add origin https://...git





Version history: chain of commits



7-digit prefix of "hash"

d9c61d5b916b34ad06085b336688a230c3485a41

Aside on git commit messages

```
git commit -m "..."
```

- Be descriptive but concise
- Trace ideas back (and filter unrelated things)

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git commit -m "adds feature X"
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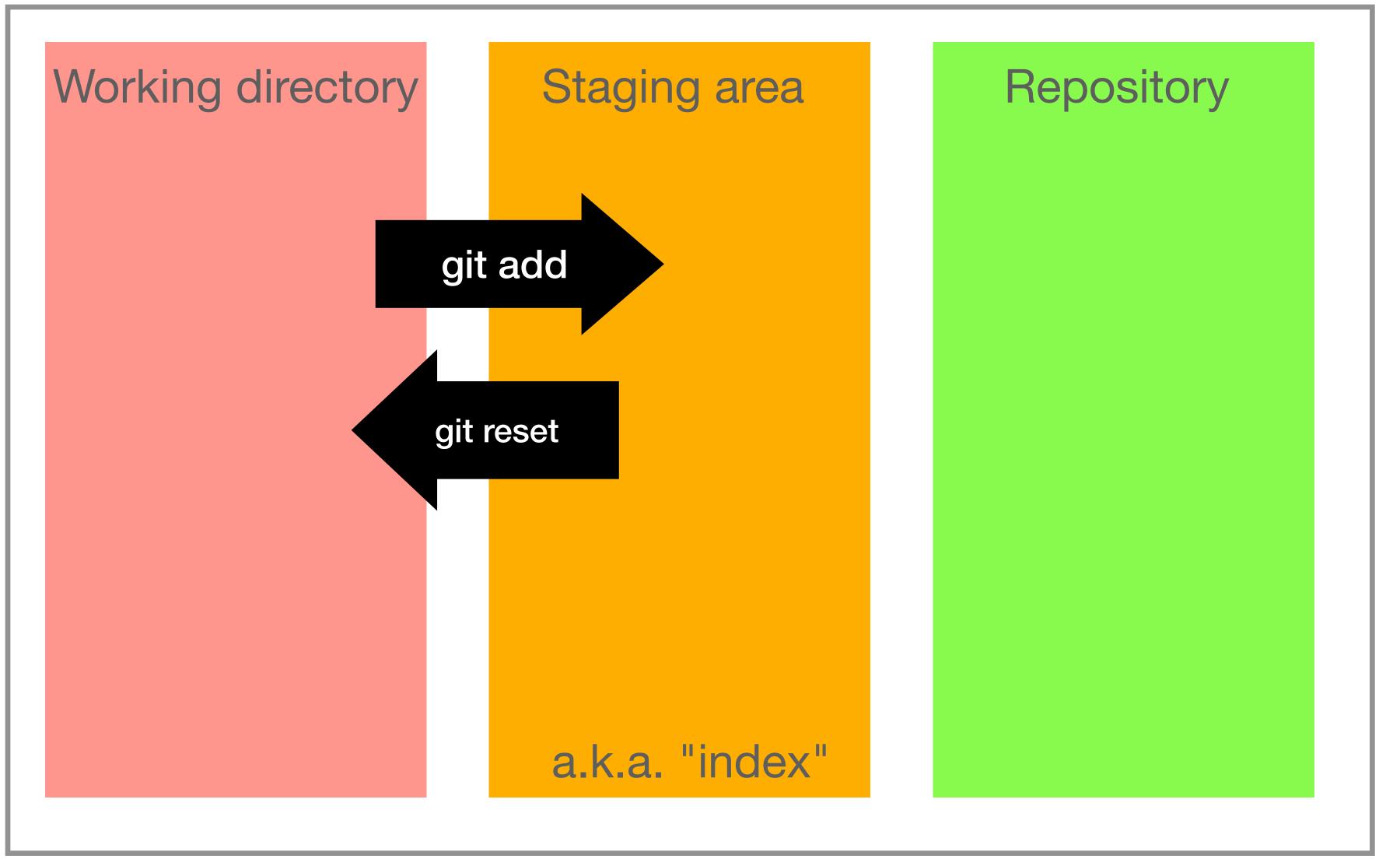
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git commit -m "fix bug #152"
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git commit --amend
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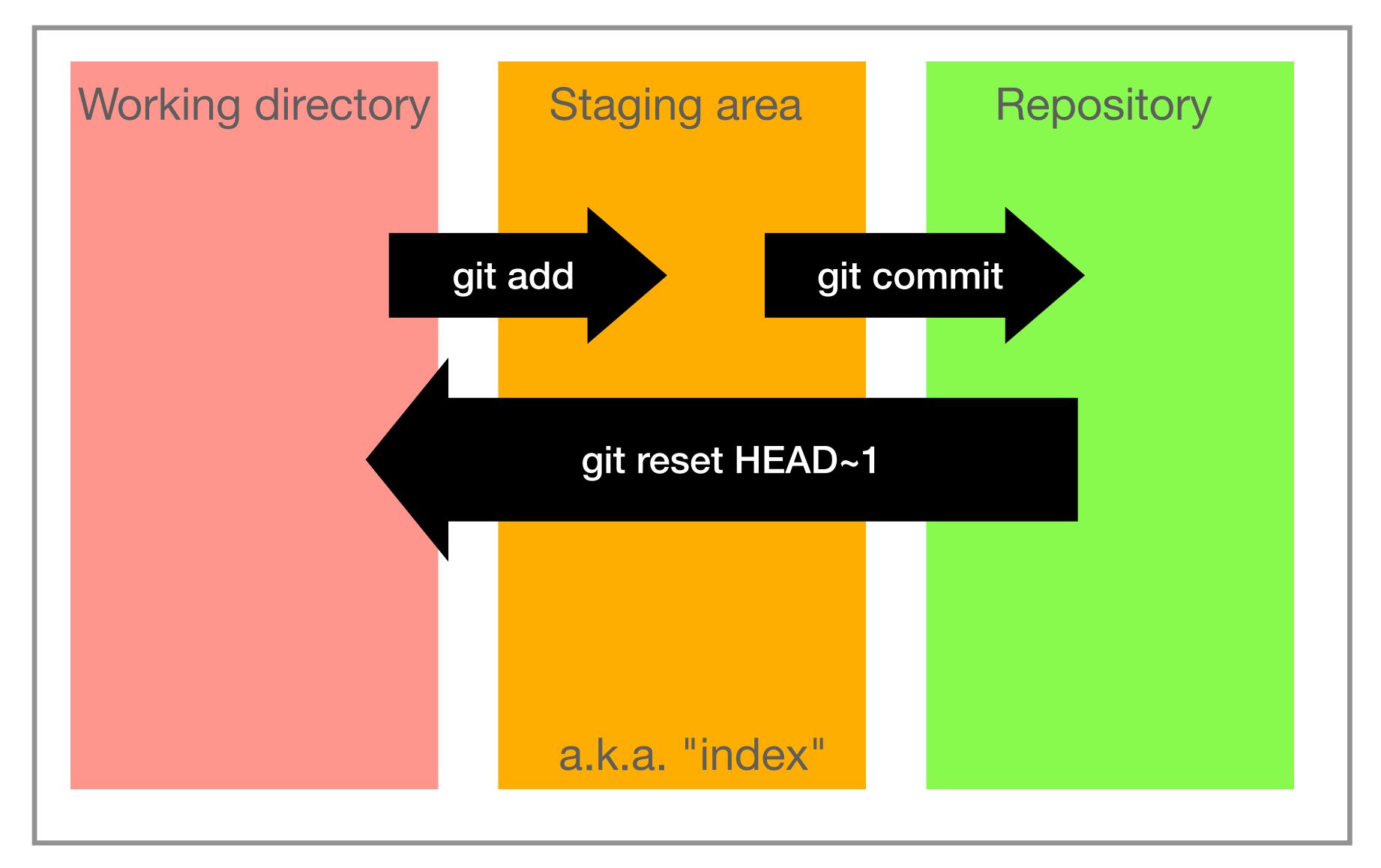
	COMMENT	DATE
Q	CREATED MAIN LOOP & TIMING CONTROL	14 HOURS AGO
φ	ENABLED CONFIG FILE PARSING	9 HOURS AGO
φ	MISC BUGFIXES	5 HOURS AGO
þ	CODE ADDITIONS/EDITS	4 HOURS AGO
Q.	MORE CODE	4 HOURS AGO
þ	HERE HAVE CODE	4 HOURS AGO
	AAAAAAAA	3 HOURS AGO
0	ADKFJ5LKDFJ5DKLFJ	3 HOURS AGO
φ	MY HANDS ARE TYPING WORDS	2 HOURS AGO
♦	HAAAAAAAANDS	2 HOURS AGO

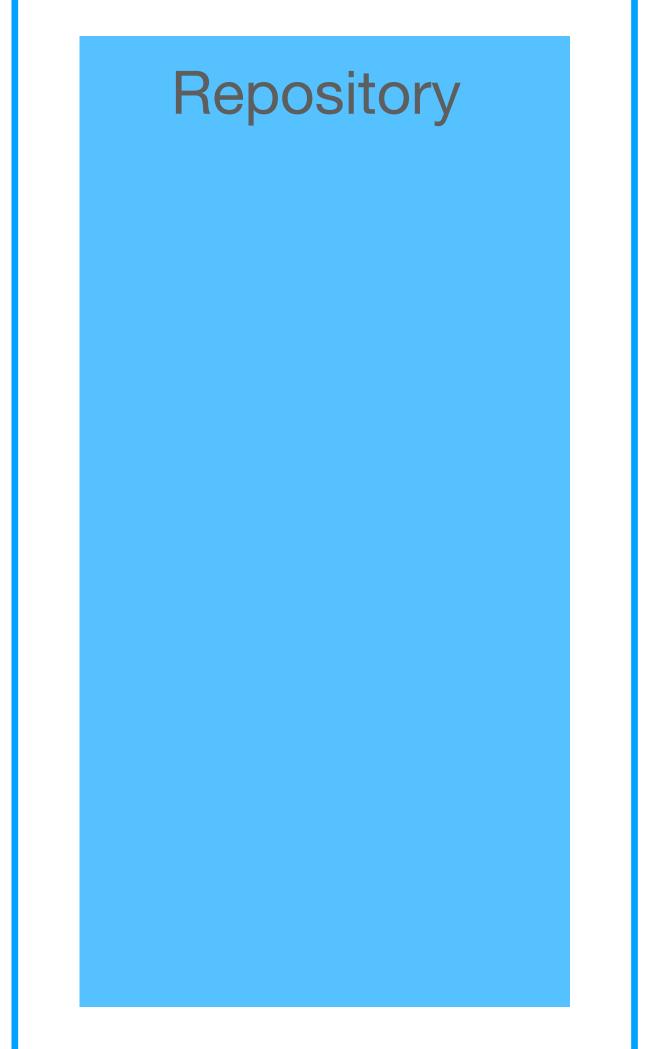
AS A PROJECT DRAGS ON, MY GIT COMMIT MESSAGES GET LESS AND LESS INFORMATIVE.

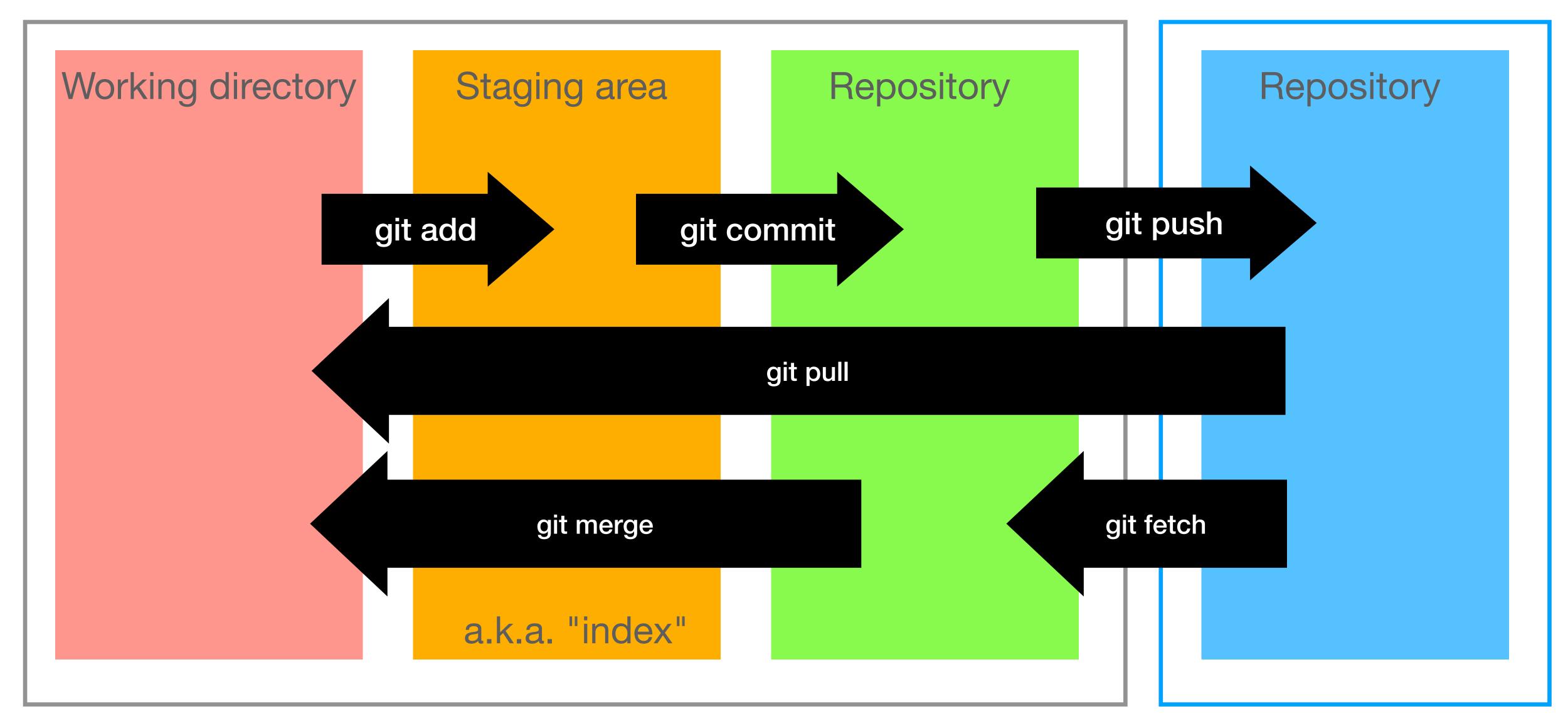
https://xkcd.com/1296/



Repository







Why git pull (fetch-then-merge) is bad....

- May generate a "merge" commit (if both changed)
 - Muddies history
 - Merge commit misattributes changes

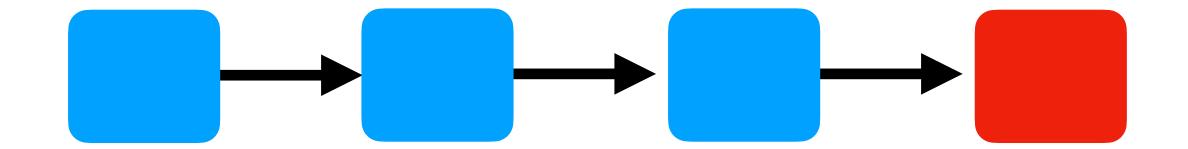
Instead: fetch-then-rebase

Changes in two places....

Local



Remote



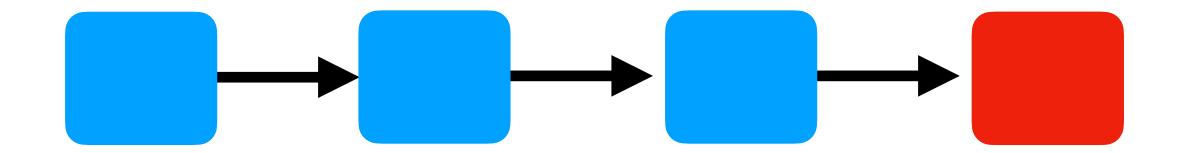
git pull -rebase to the rescue!

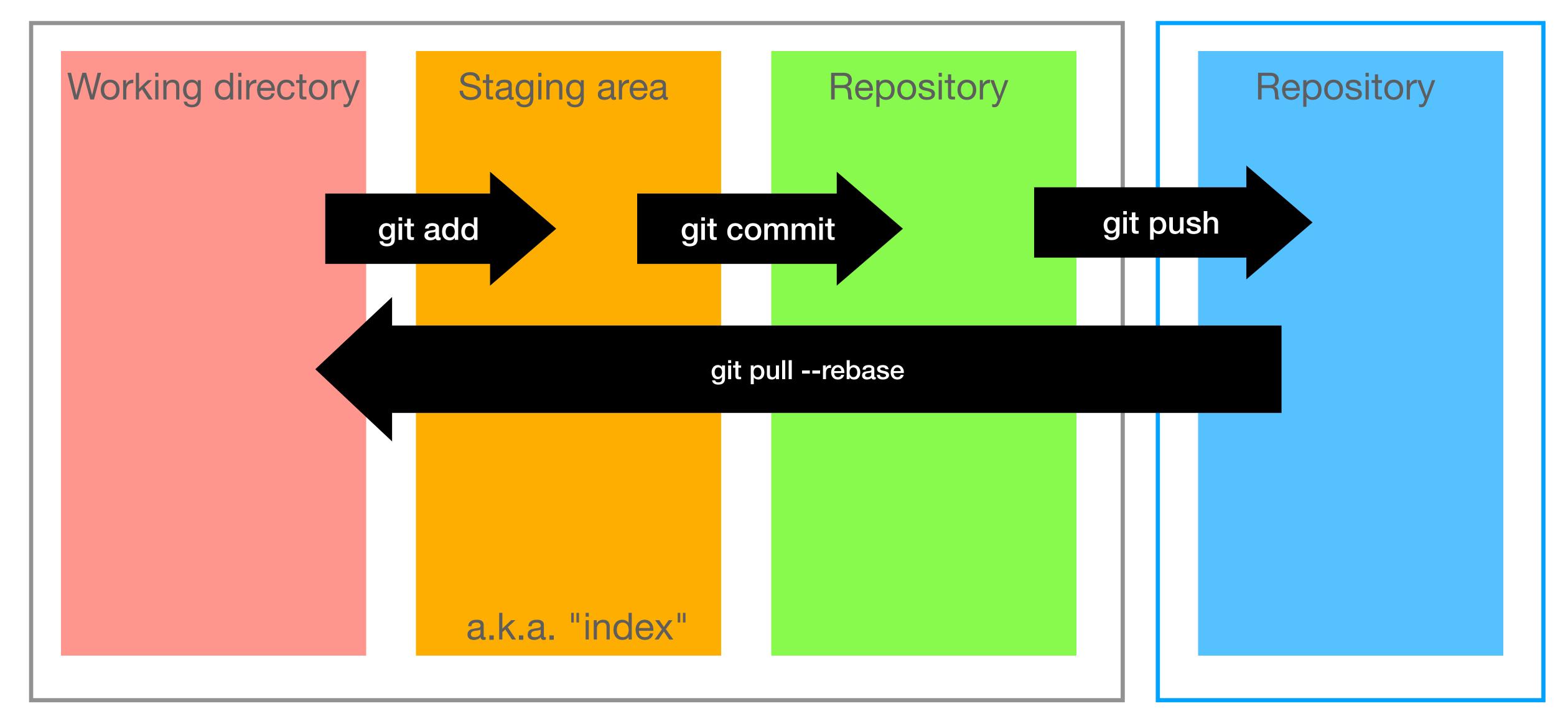
Local



Note: order of commits is not time-dependent

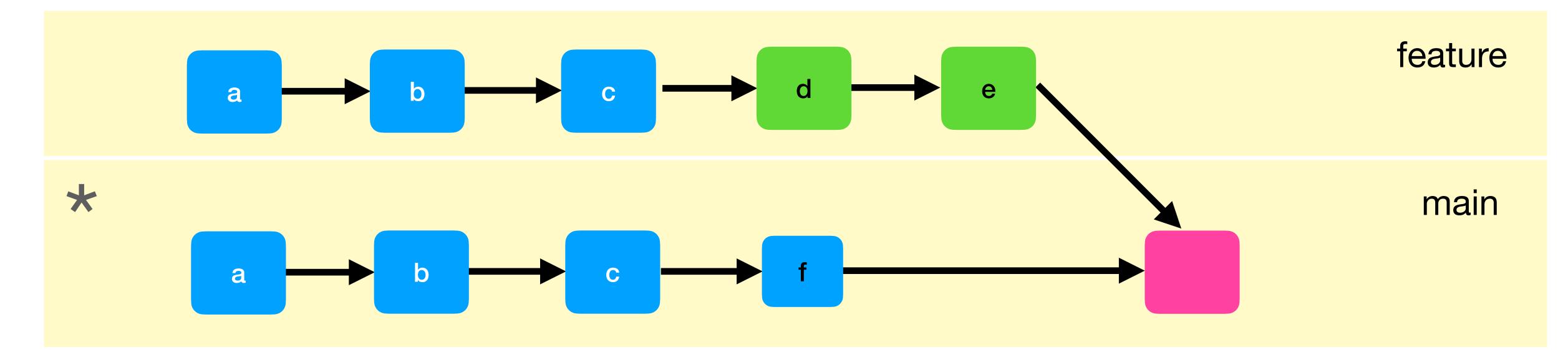
Remote





Branches

Merge commit created if changes in both



git branch
git branch feature
git checkout feature
....
git checkout main
git merge feature

see branches create new branch switch branch

switch branch merge branches

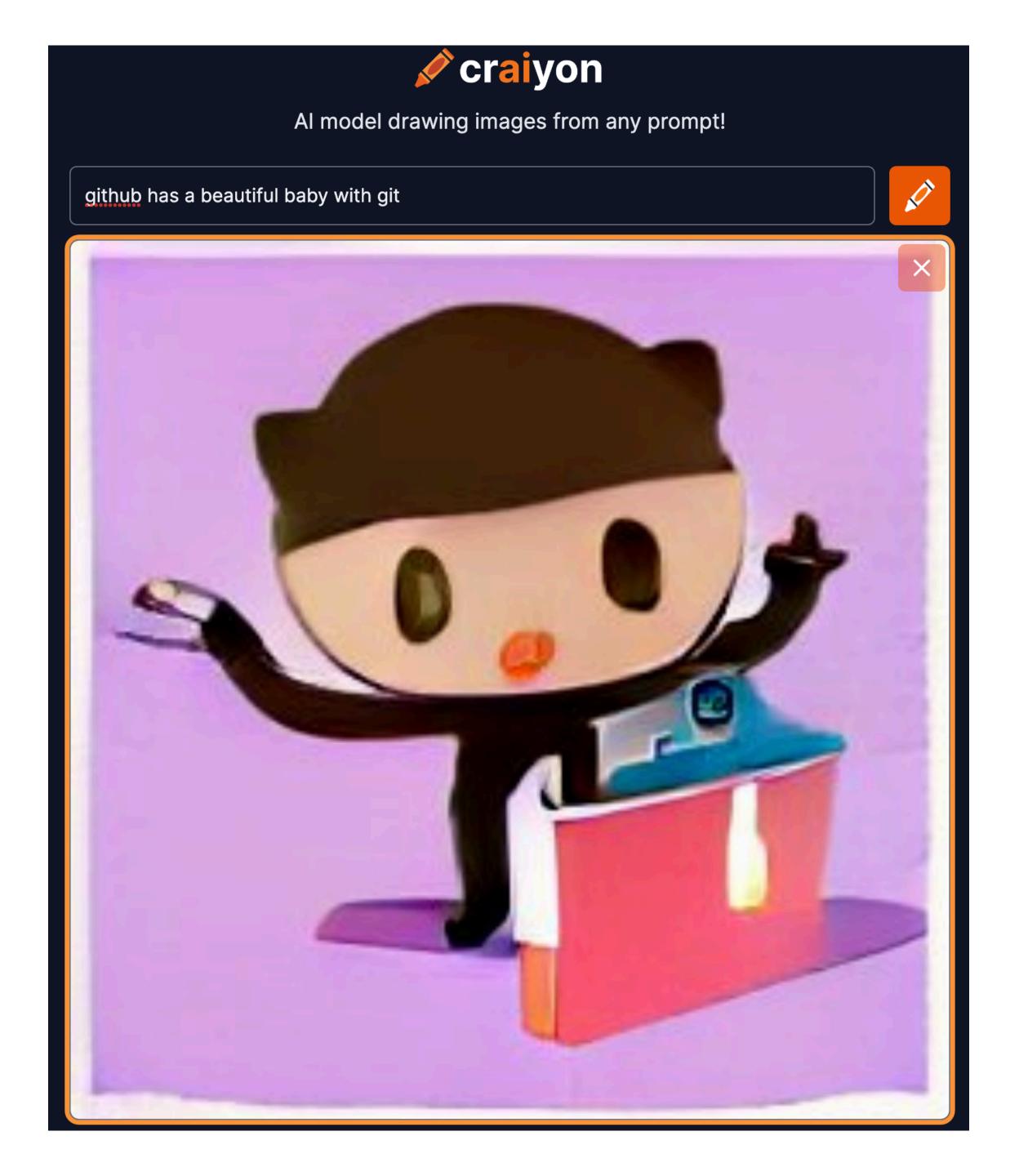
Git commands (so far)

- git status
- git log
- git show
- git add (-p)
- git reset
- git commit
- git push

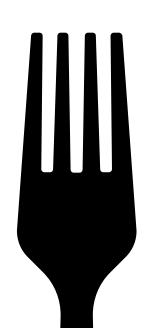
- git pull —rebase
- git branch
- git checkout
- git merge







Forking and pull requests



← Even if forked to other accounts



← Maintain single point of (linked) origin

- Don't copy, fork!
- Fork if you actually anticipate contributing
- Follow-up on intention with PR changes back

Issues - live demo

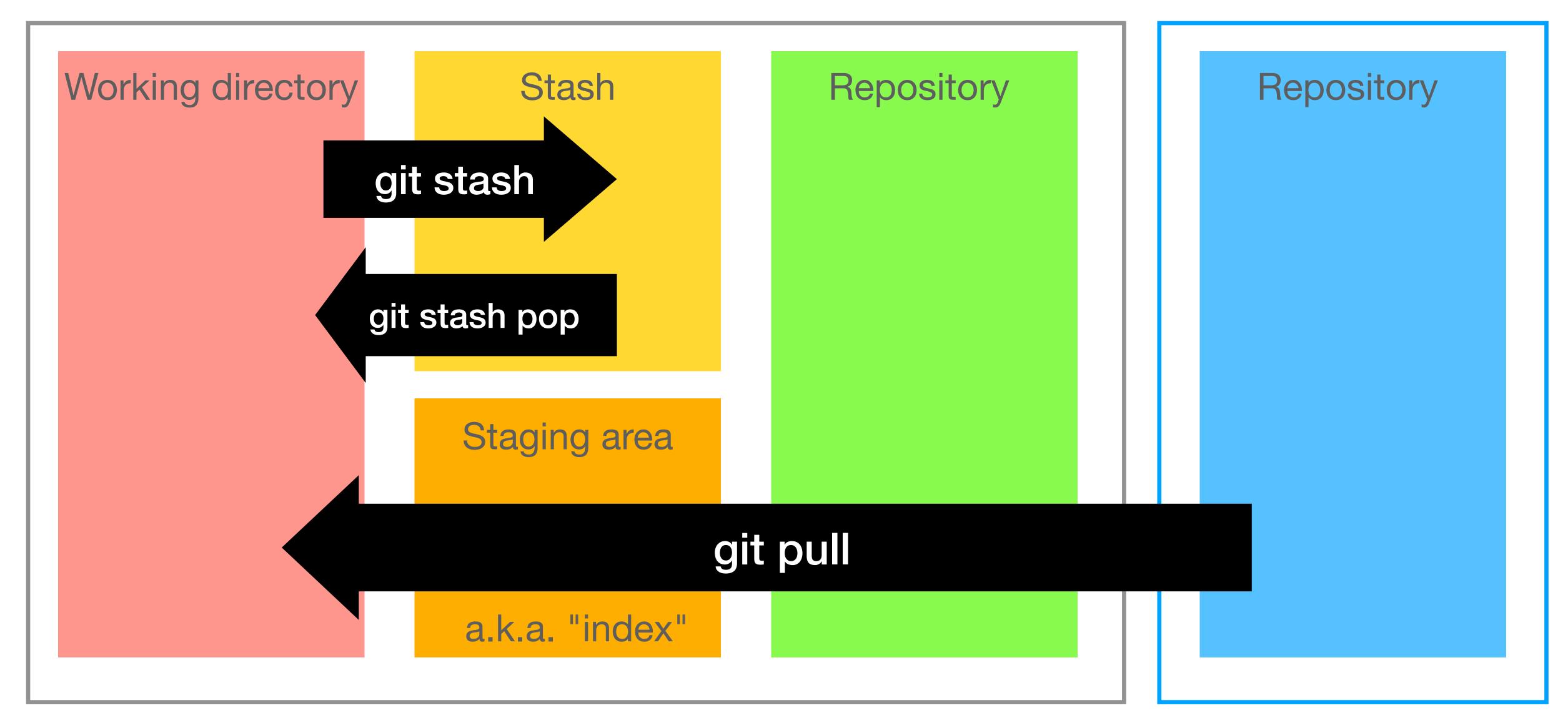
- Good organising principle
- Recall git commit -m "working on bug #152"
- Auto close using words fix, close, or resolve (and most conjugations)

Tags (git) and releases (github) - live demo

- git tag
- git tag name
- git push -tag



Working directory Staging area Repository Repository a.k.a. "index"

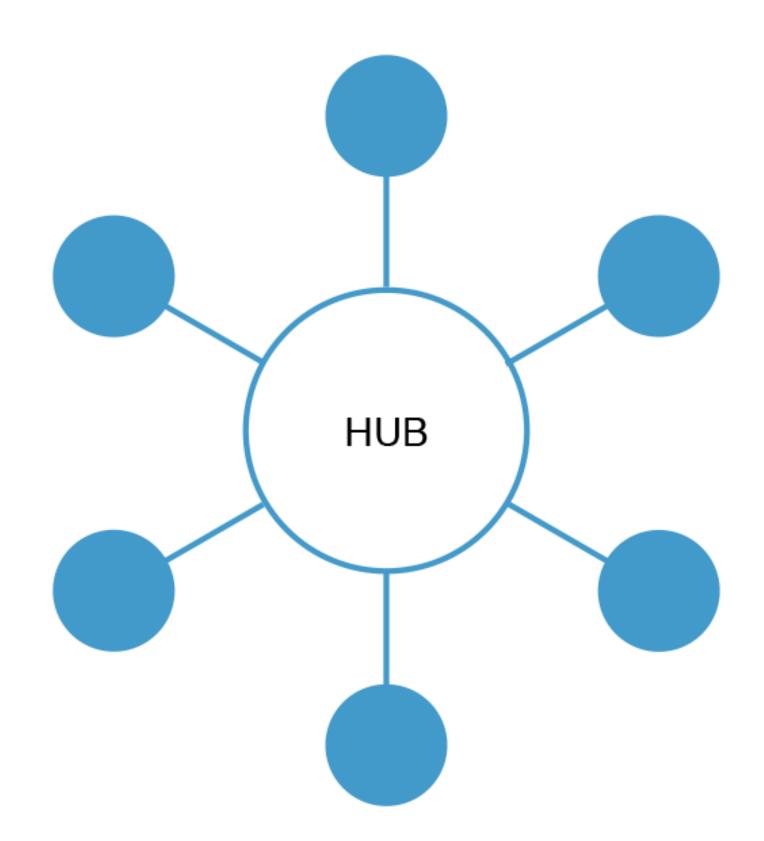


Exercise and break

Project management

Summary

- Forks and PRs for hub-and-spoke model
- Organisation with
 - Issues
 - PRs
 - Project board
- Accountability and traceability



Later in the week...much more

- Code review via PRs
- GitHub "Actions" for CI/CD (continuous integration/deployment)