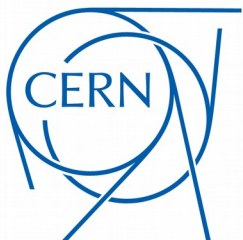


git(Lab) experience from ACTS project

Software TIM, Glasgow

June 2016



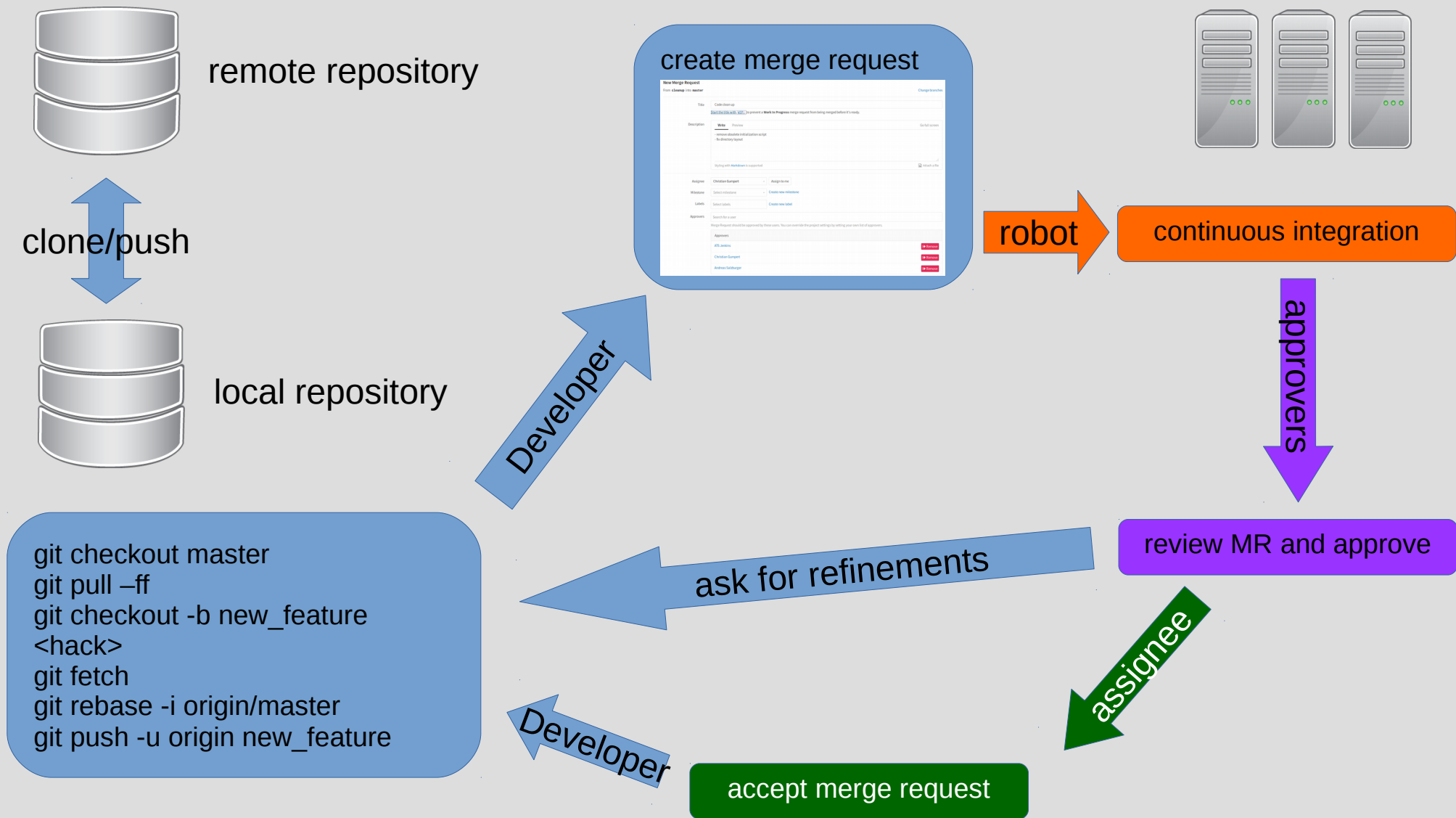
The ACTS project in a nutshell

- **A** Common **T**racking **S**oftware:
 - set of experiment independent tracking tools/algorithms
 - e.g. geometry navigation, extrapolation, Kalman Filter, Runge Kutta propagator
- code in [Gitlab repository](#) created November 2015
 - 36k LOC, 285 files in 61 directories
 - 609 commits, 113 MR
 - 3 (main) developers
 - file size:
 - master branch 4.5M
 - .git/ 230M

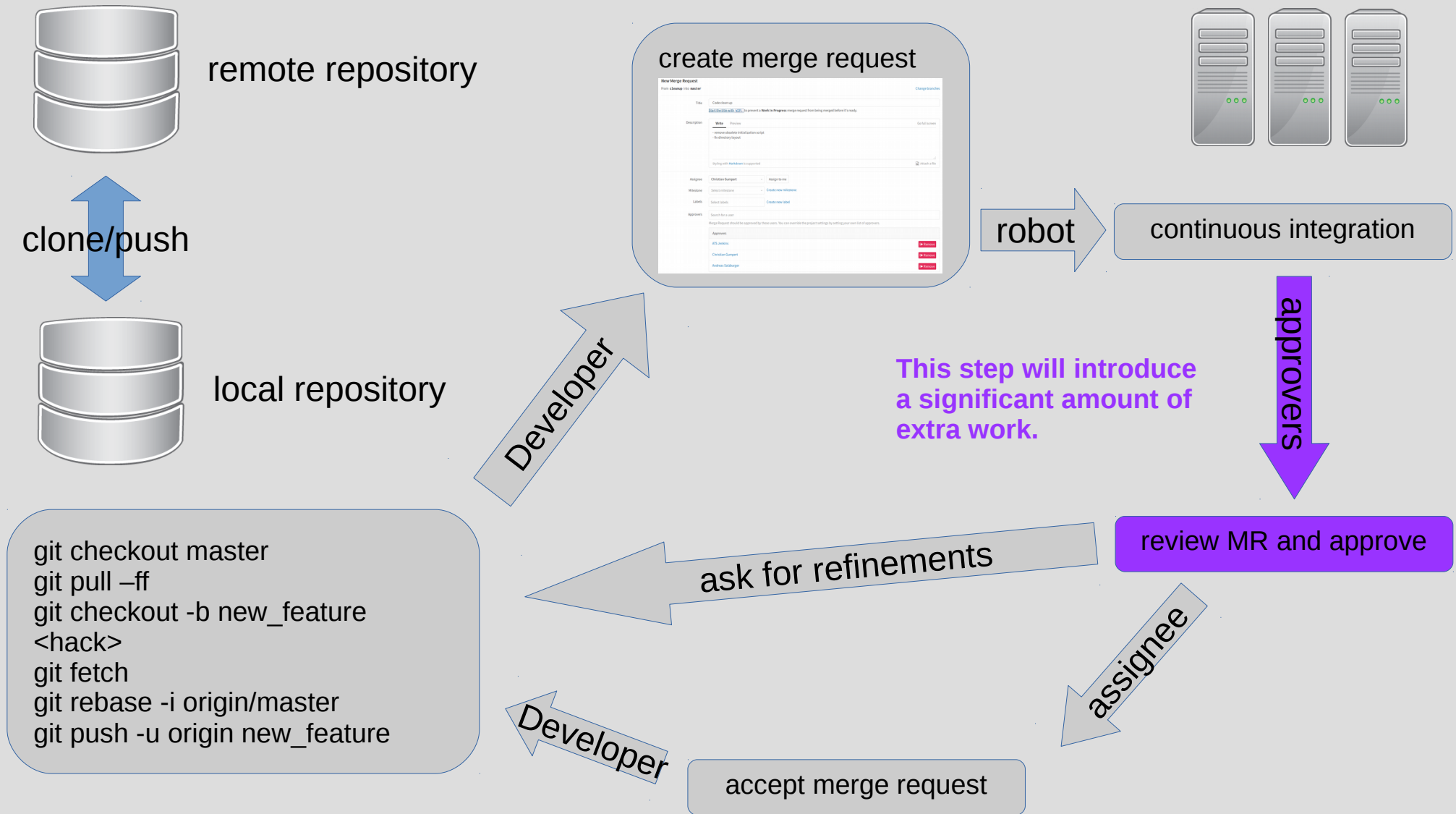
Commit statistics for **master** Nov 11 - Jun 07

- **609** commits during **209** days
- Average **2.9** commits per day
- Contributed by **9** authors

Workflow overview



Workflow overview



Create merge request

New Merge Request

From `cleanup` into `master`

[Change branches](#)

Title

short, meaningful title
label WIP to prevent merge

Start the title with WIP: to prevent a **Work In Progress** merge request from being merged before it's ready.

Description Write Preview

- remove obsolete initialization script
- fix directory layout

detailed description

[Go full screen](#)

Styling with [Markdown](#) is supported

[Attach a file](#)

Assignee [Assign to me](#)

Who should manage this MR?

Milestone [Create new milestone](#)

Labels [Create new label](#)

Approvers

Merge Request should be approved by these users. You can override the project settings by setting your own list of approvers.

Approvers
ATS Jenkins
Christian Gumpert
Andreas Salzburger

Who need to approve this MR?
- predefined list (project settings)
- individual users per MR

Remove

Remove

Remove

Approve merge request

Discussion 5 Commits 1 Builds 4 Changes 2

22 May, 2016

2 commits

silence warnings triggered by Eigen ...

by Christian Gumpert 15 days ago

fix implicit conversion from nullptr to bool

by Christian Gumpert 15 days ago

Request to merge `cleanup` into `master`

✓ CI build passed for bfd2879f. [View details](#)

Requires one more approval (from ATS Jenkins, Christian Gumpert or Andreas Salzburger)

Approve Merge Request

(no special permissions required)

- general discussion
- addition of new commits
- results of builds
- discussions on diff

- list of commits with message/build status
- links to individual commits

Valentin Volkl @vavolkl 27 days ago
Added 1 commit:
• 8a3681aa - Set more specific type of CMake variables.

ATS Jenkins @atsjenkins commented 27 days ago
🚫 Jenkins Build Failed
Results available at: [Jenkins \[ACTS-Cl-tests #240\]](#)

Valentin Volkl @vavolkl started a discussion on the diff 27 days ago

CMakeLists.txt

```
1 1 cmake_minimum_required (VERSION 2.6)
2 +
3 +
4 +
5 project (ACTS)
6
7 # set the current version of ACTS
8 set (ACTS_VERSION 0.0.1)
9
10 # default installation direction
11 -set (CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX "/opt/ACTS/${ACTS_VERSION}" CACHE STRING "installation directory")
12 +IF (CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX_INITIALIZED_TO_DEFAULT)
13 + set (CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX "/opt/ACTS/${ACTS_VERSION}" CACHE PATH "installation directory" FORCE)
```

Valentin Volkl @vavolkl commented 27 days ago
Right! As far as I can see, this will only make a difference when using a cmake gui, but still.

Reply...

Showing **2 changed files** with **5 additions** and **1 deletions**

📄 Core/include/ACTS/Extrapolation/detail/RungeKuttaEngine.icc

📄 Core/include/ACTS/Utilities/Definitions.hpp

📄 Core/include/ACTS/Extrapolation/detail/RungeKuttaEngine.icc

```
...    ...    @@ -23,7 +23,7 @@ template <class T> bool Acts::RungeKutta
23    23          else      {s[0]=-sTransform(0,2); s[1]=-sTransform(0,2);
24    24          // check for propagation failure
25    25          if (!propagateWithJacobian(eCell.navigationStep,
26    26          -      return nullptr;
27    27          +      return false;
28    28          } else if (sType == Surface::Line || sType == Surface::
29    29          // (ii) line-type surfaces
30    30          double s[6] ={sTransform(0,3),sTransform(1,3),sTransform(2,3),sTransform(3,3),sTransform(4,3),sTransform(5,3)};
...    ...
```

- list of changed files
- coloured diff
- ability to comment on individual lines of code

Accept merge requests

Code clean up

- remove obsolete initialization script
- fix directory layout

default message for merge commit can be changed here

Edited less than a minute ago

Request to merge **cleanup** into **master**

Check out branch

Download as

✓ CI build passed for bfd2879f. [View details](#)

Accept Merge Request

The source branch will be removed.

Modify commit message

Approved by



list of approvers

Request to merge **cleanup** into **master**

✓ CI build passed for bfd2879f. [View details](#)

Merged by **Christian Gumpert** less than a minute ago

The changes were merged into **master**. You can remove the source branch now.

Remove Source Branch

Revert







Cherry-pick

clean up

- assignees need commit rights for target branch
=> master permissions for protected branches
- limited number of people who can sign off on merge requests
- however, mostly administrative task
- largest part of work done by approvers during code review

Help code reviewers

- code review = significant amount of work, (imho) totally worth it
- help code reviewers by using available tools for diagnostics
- ACTS uses Jenkins as CI framework

S	W	Job
		ACTS-CI-tests
		<i>check</i>
		ACTS-check-license
		ACTS-apply-code-style
		<i>build</i>
		ACTS-gcc-build
		ACTS-clang-build
		ACTS-code-analysis
		<i>test</i>
		ACTS-unit-tests
		ACTS-test-coverage
		<i>documentation</i>
		ACTS-doxygen-check

- multistage Jenkins project
- check all files for license statement
- apply coding style (if needed)
- run builds for different compilers
- perform static code analysis
- run unit tests
- perform test coverage analysis
- check for undocumented functions/classes

The Jenkins view

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	ACTS-unit-tests	build #34 (0.1 sec)	Console Output
[Phase] - documentation			
	ACTS-doxygen-check	build #13 (0.66 sec)	Console Output

incremental builds

static code analysis

So how does it look like?



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Core/include/ACTS/Tools/ILayerCreator.hpp

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Tests/EventData/MeasurementTests.cpp

Tests/EventData/ParameterSetTests.cpp

Gaudi/Tests/ExtrapolationTest/ExtrapolationTest/PropagationEngineTest.hpp

Gaudi/Tests/ExtrapolationTest/ExtrapolationTest/ExtrapolationEngineTest.hpp

some files are missing license statements



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we should fix some documentation issues



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Results available at: [Jenkins \[ACTS-CI #54\]](#)

build result

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```
182  
183  
184
```

```
// now decide on the quality of the transformation  
double inttol = r * 0.0001;  
inttol      = (inttol < 0.01) ? 0.01 : 0.01; // ?
```

Identical expressions on both sides of ':' in conditional expression

```
66  
67
```

```
const Acts::NeutralParameters* pTp = &Tp;  
if (!pTp) return false;
```

This statement is never executed

ACTS-code-analysis - scan-build results

User:	jenkins@acts-ci
Working Directory:	/var/lib/jenkins/workspace/ACTS-code-analysis
Command Line:	make
Clang Version:	clang version 3.8.0-2ubuntu3 (tags/RELEASE_380/final)
Date:	Mon Jun 6 10:26:56 2016

Bug Summary

Bug Type	Quantity	Display?
All Bugs	20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cplusplus		
Call virtual function during construction or Destruction	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dead code		
Unreachable code	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Logic error		
Identical expressions in conditional expression	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use of identical expressions	9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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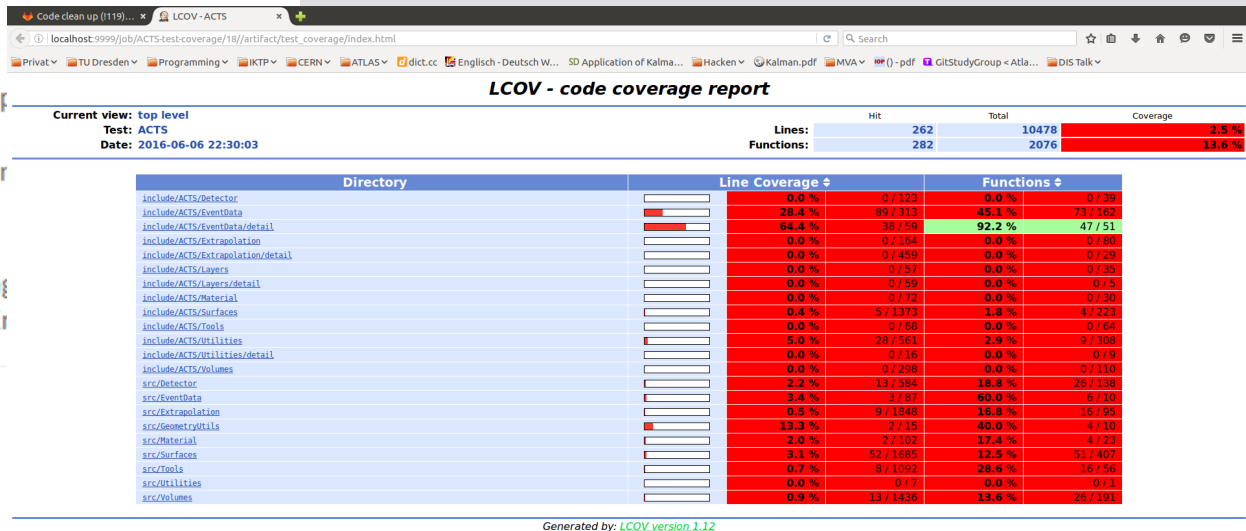
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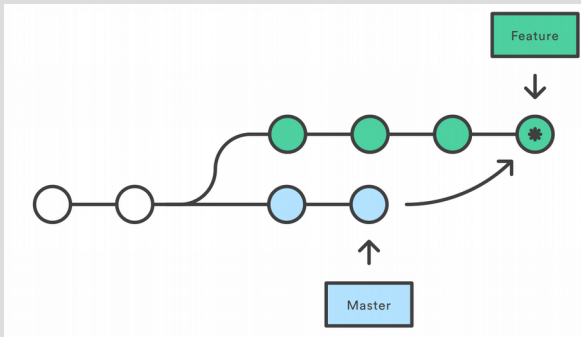
44 : static void
45 21 : init(ParSetType& parSet,
46 : const first_value_type& v1,
47 : const other_value_types&... values)
48 : {
49 21 : parSet.template setParameter<first>(v1);
50 21 : initialize_parset<T, others...>::init(parSet, values...);
51 21 : }
52 :
53 : template <typename ParSetType>
54 : static void
55 8010 : init(ParSetType& parSet,
56 : const typename ParSetType::ParVector_t& values,
57 : const unsigned int& pos = 0)
58 : {
59 8010 : parSet.template setParameter<first>(values[pos]);
60 8010 : initialize_parset<T, others...>::init(parSet, values, pos +
61 8010 : );
62 : };
63 :
64 : template <typename T, T last>
65 : struct initialize_parset<T, last>
66 : {
67 : template <typename ParSet_tType, typename last_value_type>
68 : static void
69 17 : init(ParSet_tType& ParSet_t, const last_value_type& v1)
70 : {
71 17 : ParSet_t.template setParameter<last>(v1);
72 17 : }
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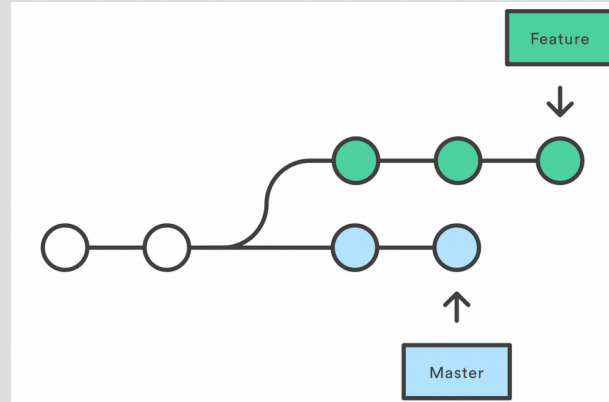
Merge vs. rebase workflow

- [Atlassian tutorial](#)

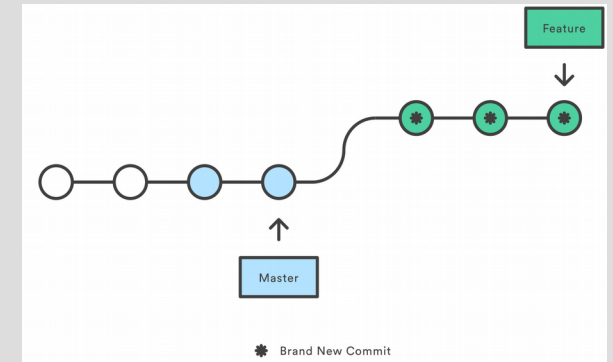
merge



- + non-destructive operation
- + shows exactly what was done
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- resolving conflicts leads to additional commits
- cluttered git log output



rebase (ff-merge)

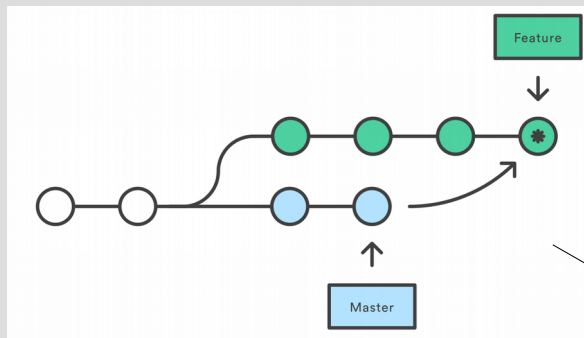


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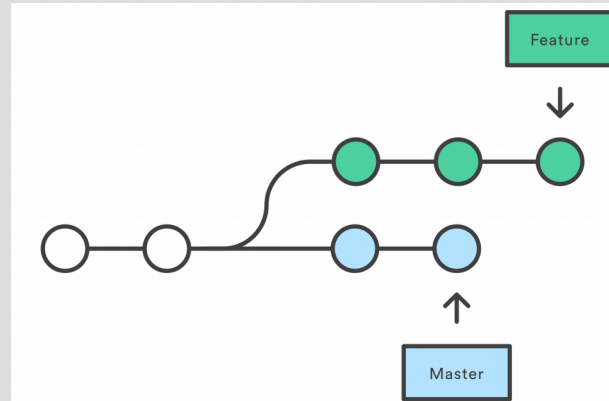
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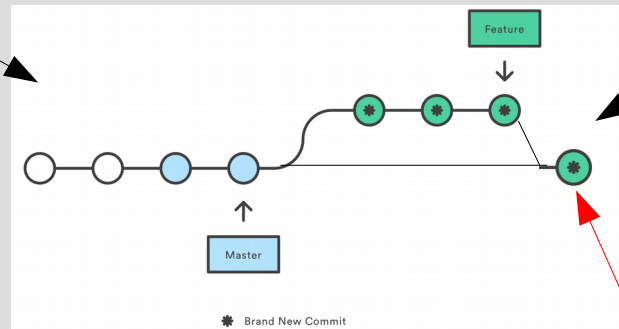
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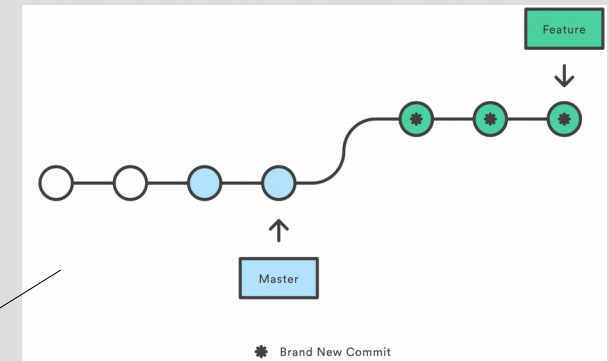
semi-ff



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all 3 strategies supported by GitLab

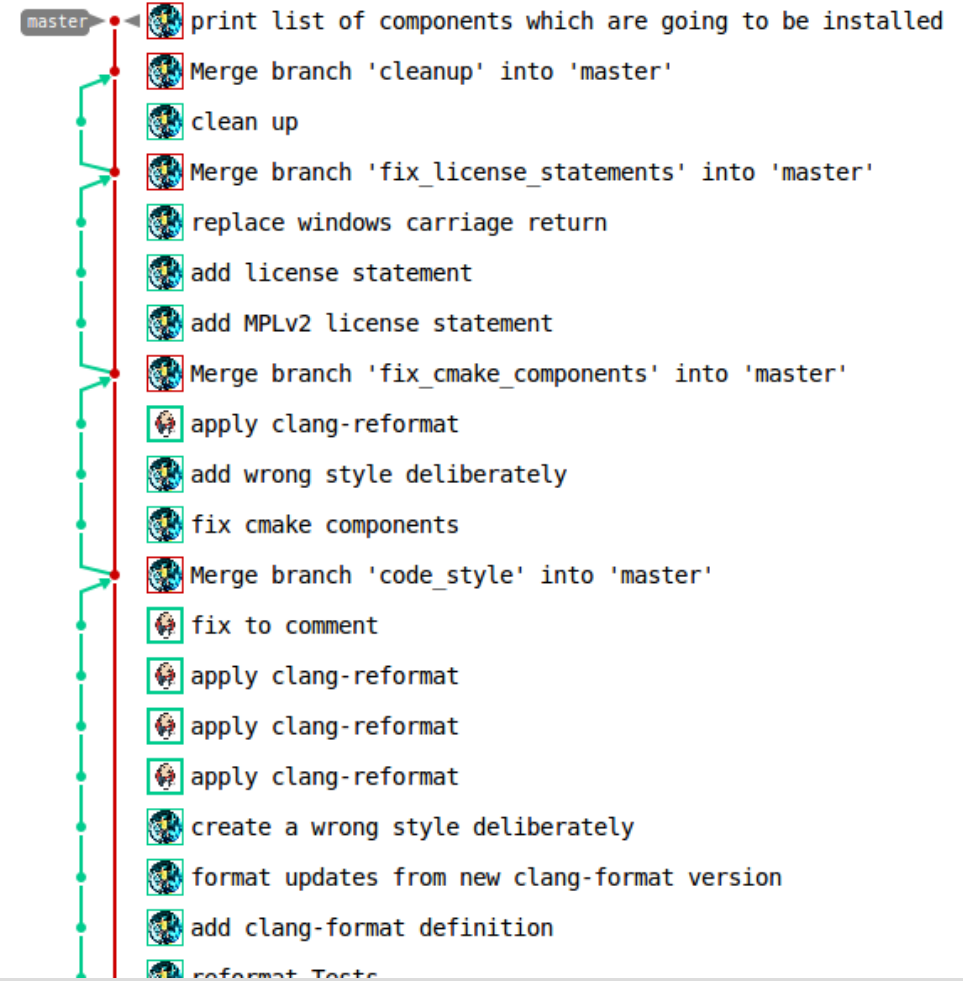
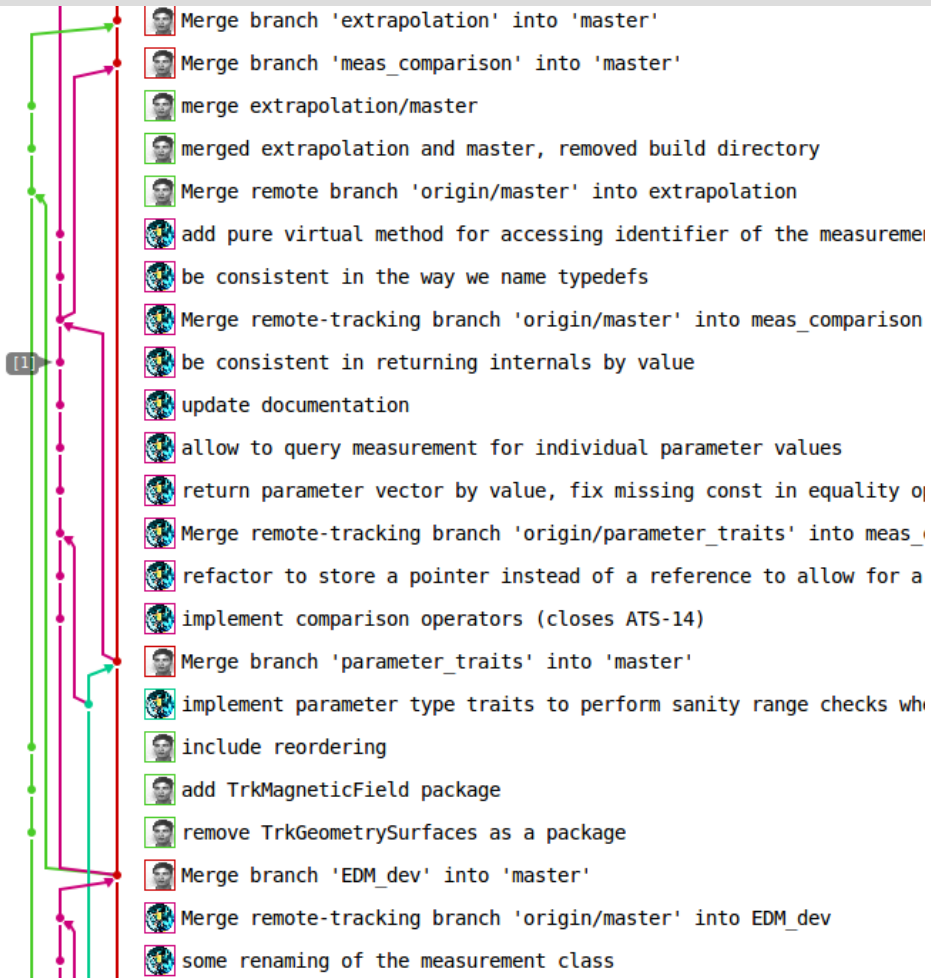
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overhead due to extra commit for CI tests is small

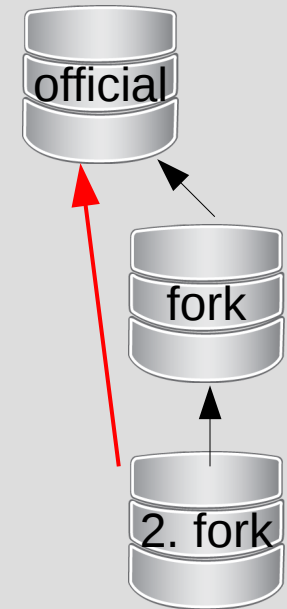
Merge vs rebase workflow



- semi-ff merge workflow works fine for ACTS, though it required some getting used to
- requires advanced understanding of git
 - => probably not feasible for projects with many developers with different levels of git experience
- compromise: recommend to rebase local feature branches before pushing them to the remote repo

Using forks or branches

- merge requests can be created from branches within in the same repository or from forks
 - problems:
 - fork relation is not inherited => no merge request to “grand-parent”
 - Jenkins setup for forked workflow a bit more involved
 - first push of a local branch to a fork triggers all JIRA references => duplicated comments in JIRA issues (one duplicate per fork...CMS has >1.5k forks)
 - forks do not really support a rebase workflow as the MR assignee needs developers permissions on the fork (for doing a git push -f)
 - advantages:
 - different forks can have different CI setups
 - different forks can have different roles/permissions/approver settings
- => for ACTS working with branches in one repo was found to be more convenient



Summary

- git is great, MR are **THE** place for code review
- support of code reviewers with automated tools is essential
- best workflow depends on number and experience of developers
- requires discipline and some change in mentality:
 - split development in many small work packages
 - keep features branches concise and short-lived
 - use one branch per feature
- GitLab provides (for us) all necessary features (Jenkins CI, JIRA integration)
- found some pitfalls:
 - non-CERN users can't commit to gitlab.cern.ch
 - make sure to set (otherwise, commits will be rejected)
git config --global user.email <login>@cern.ch
 - ...

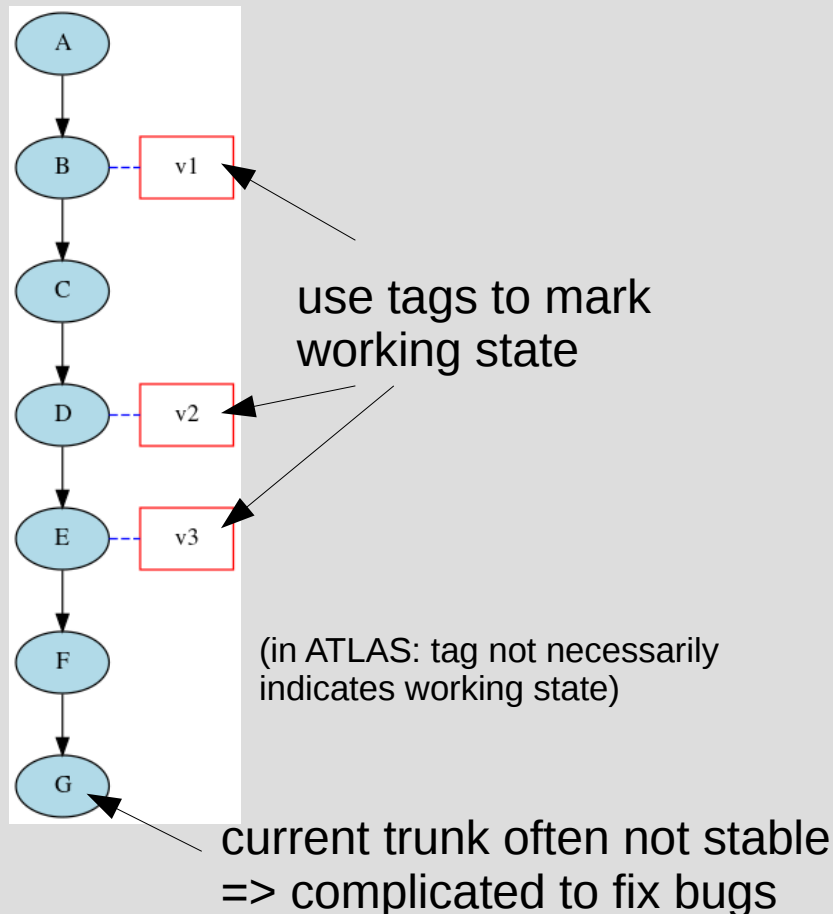
Backup

Changing habits

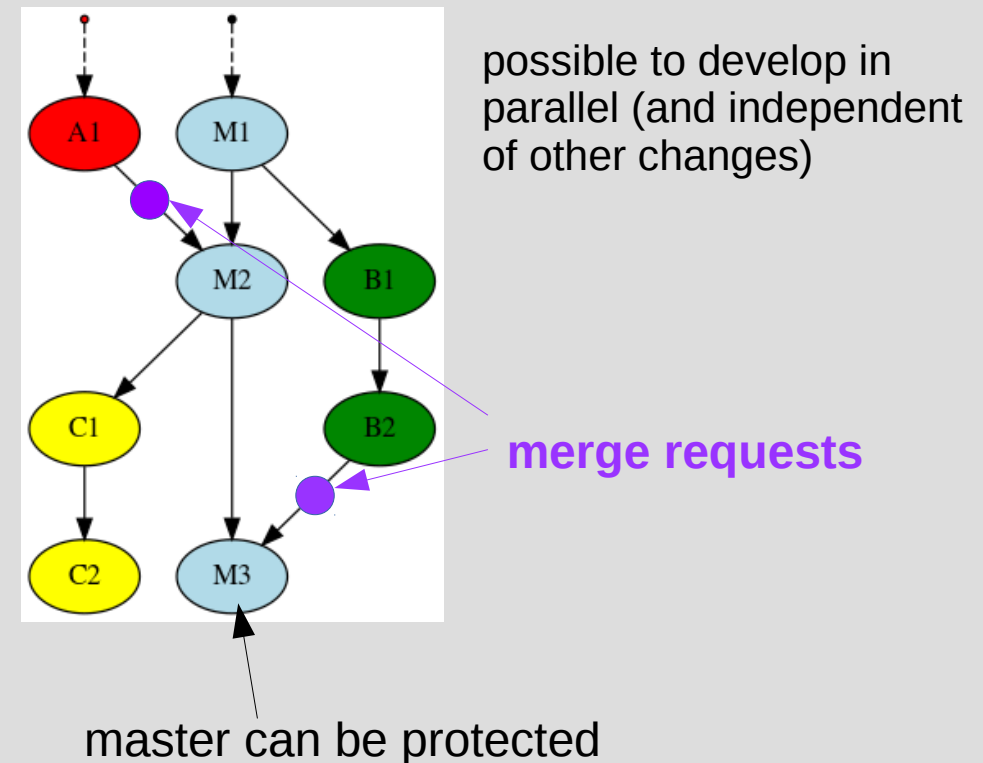


- branching/merging in git is simple, cheap and fast
=> use feature branches for developments/bug fixes

svn: merging can be a mess
=> develop on trunk



git: branches are fun

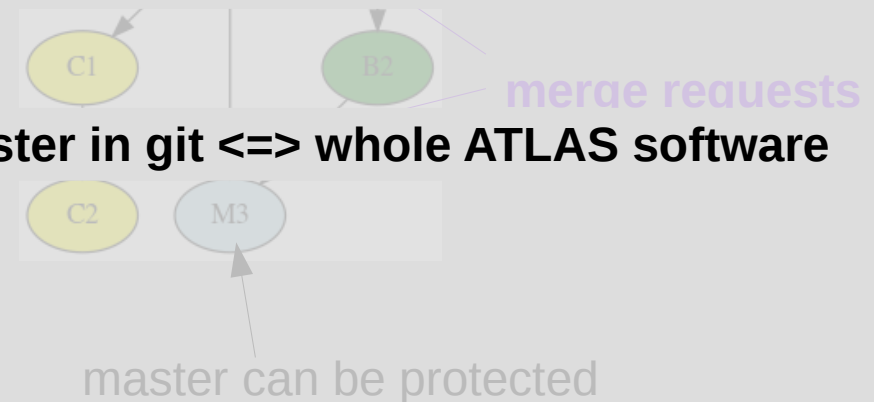
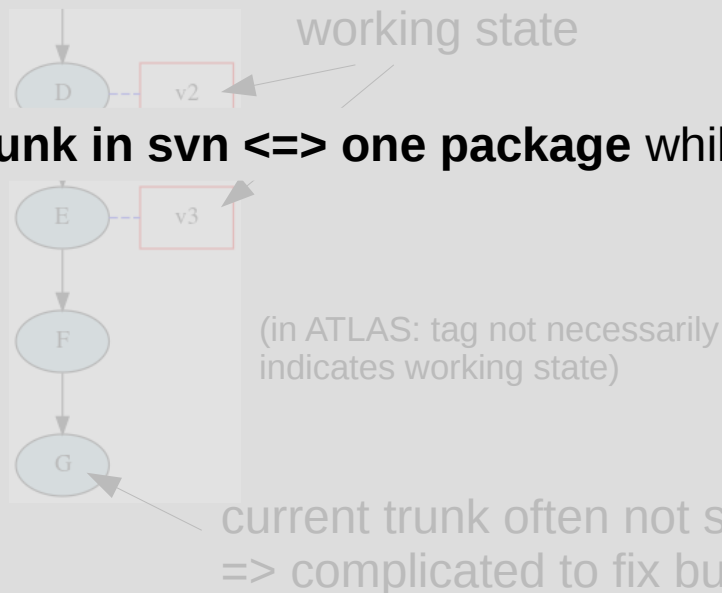


Changing habits – another layer

- branching/merging in git is simple, cheap and fast
 - => use feature branches for developments/bug fixes
- in ATLAS we currently have **ONE** svn repository **per package**
- svnl => => impossible to bundle logically connected changes in several packages into one commit

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ident

with git we may move to **ONE** repository **for all packages**
=> no problem committing changes spanning multiple packages



trunk in svn <=> one package while master in git <=> whole ATLAS software

GitLab web interface



Activity stream

Log with build status

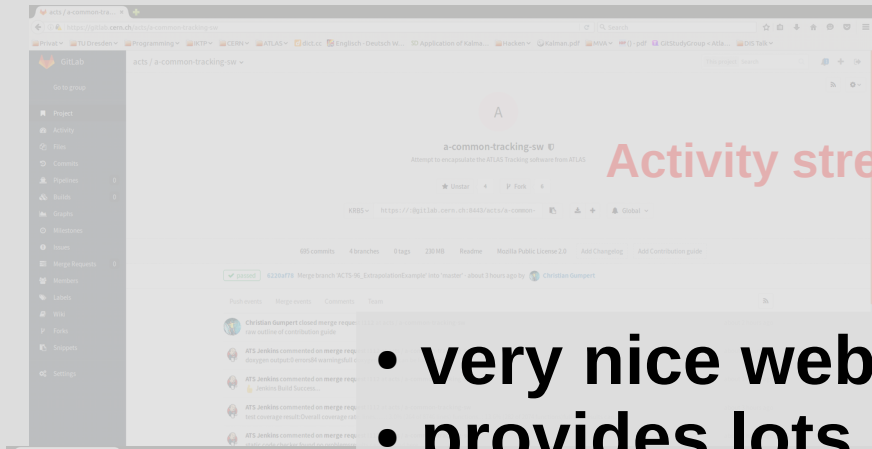
code viewer

network graph

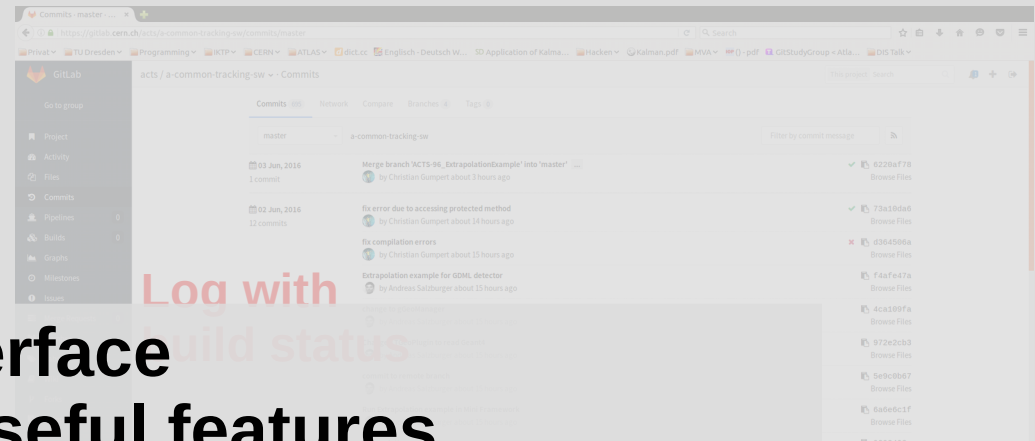
commit diff

- manage permissions
- creating merge request
- ...

GitLab web interface

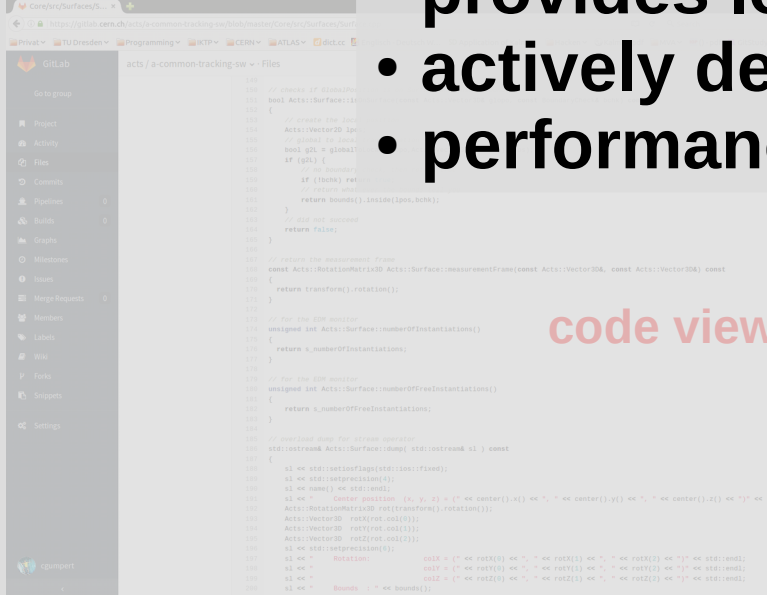


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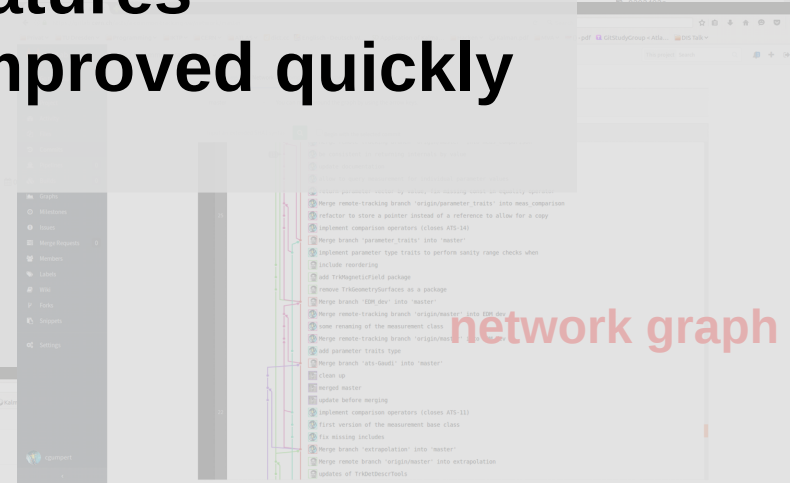


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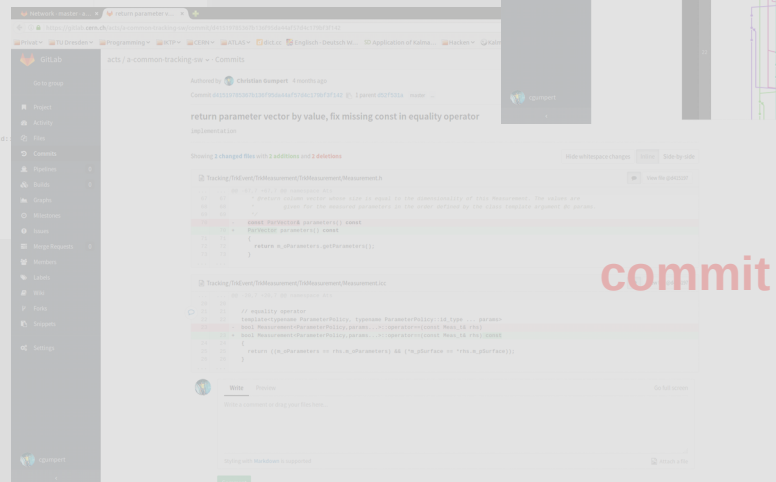
- very nice web interface
- provides lots of useful features
- actively developed and improved quickly
- performance ok-ish



code viewer



network graph



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CI jobs from merge request

CI jobs for subsequent push to target branch

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