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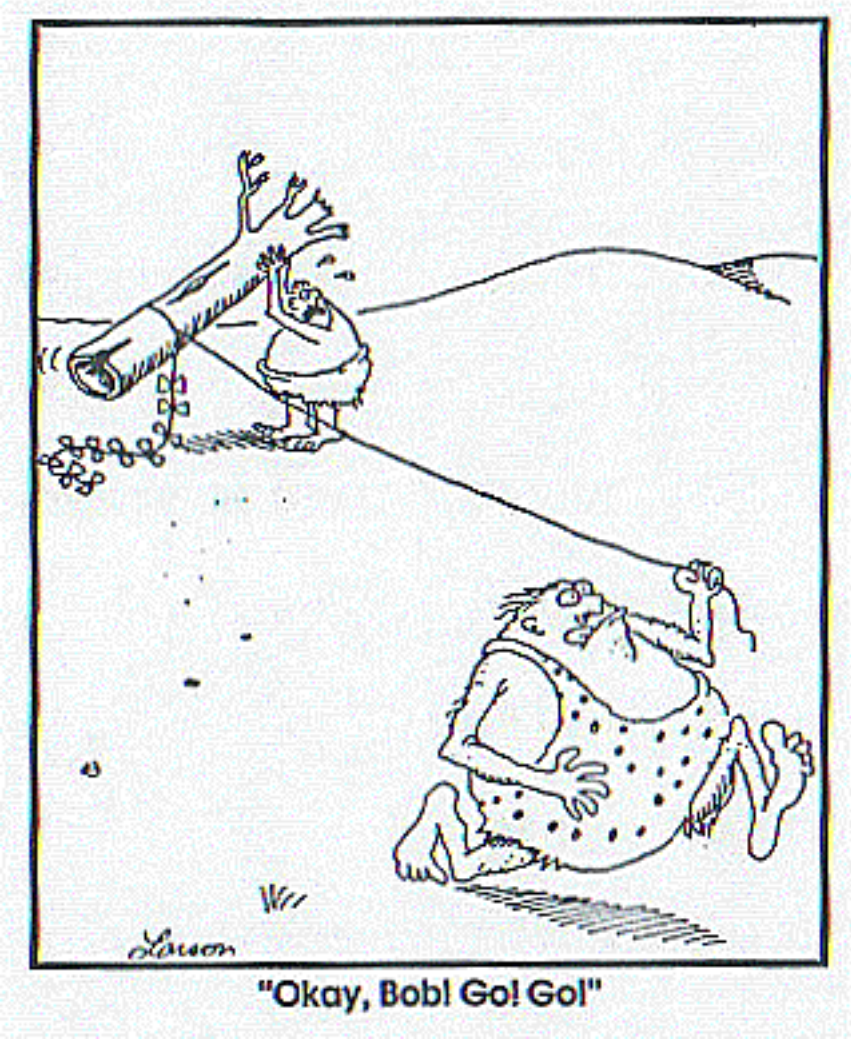
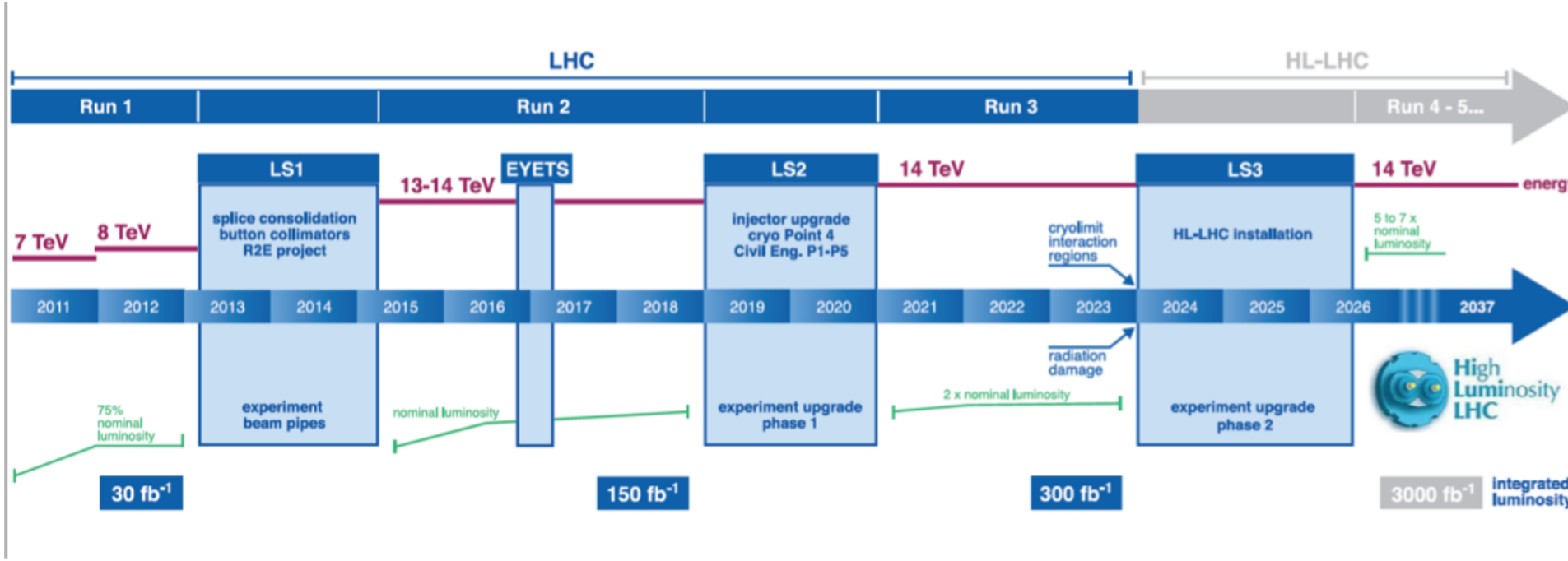


The life time of HEP software

Software is a long-term commitment



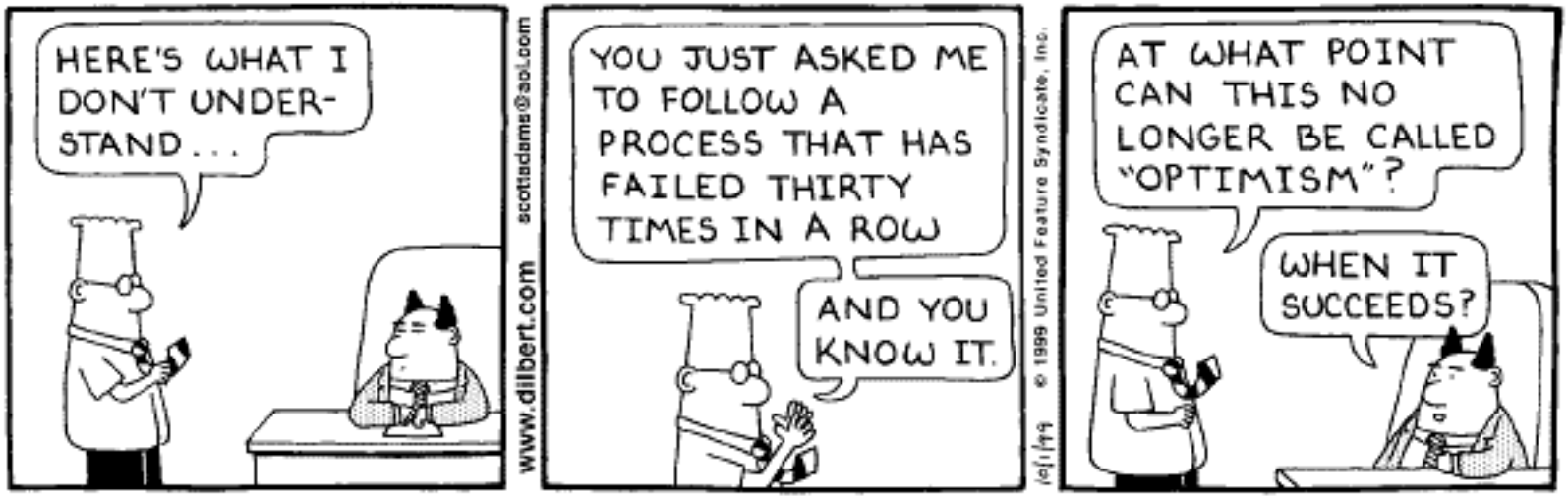
Many releases of the software are needed over its lifetime
to fix bugs, add new features, support new platforms etc

How do we cope?

We try to find a way of working that leads to success

- We create a "process" for building systems
- We devise methods of communicating and record keeping: "models"
- We use the best tools & methods we can lay our hands on

And we engage in denial:



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We've built a series of ever-larger tools to handle large code projects:

- **CVS, SVN, Git for controlling and versioning code**
- **Tools for building "releases" of systems**
- **Tools for "configuration management"**

But we struggle against three forces:

- **We're always building bigger & more difficult systems**
- **We're always building bigger & more difficult collaborations**
- **And we're the same old people**

Net effect: We're always pushing the boundary of what we can do

Stupidity got us into this mess; why can't it get us out? - Will Rogers

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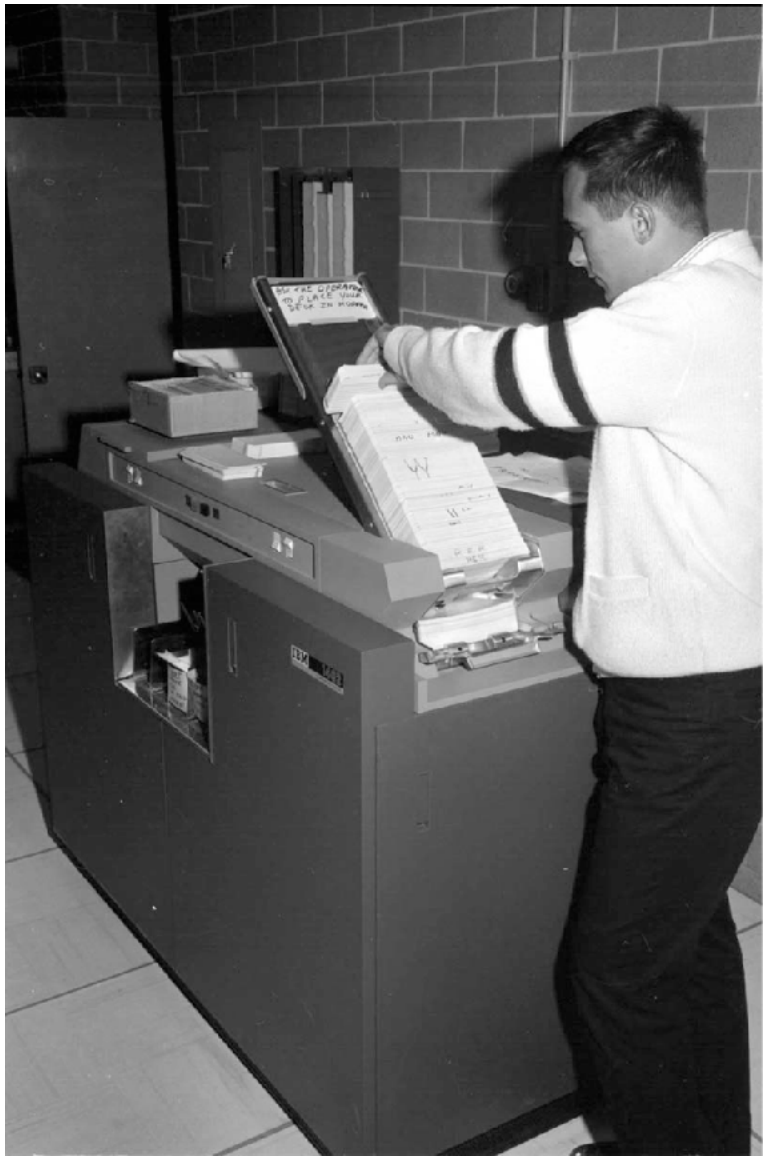

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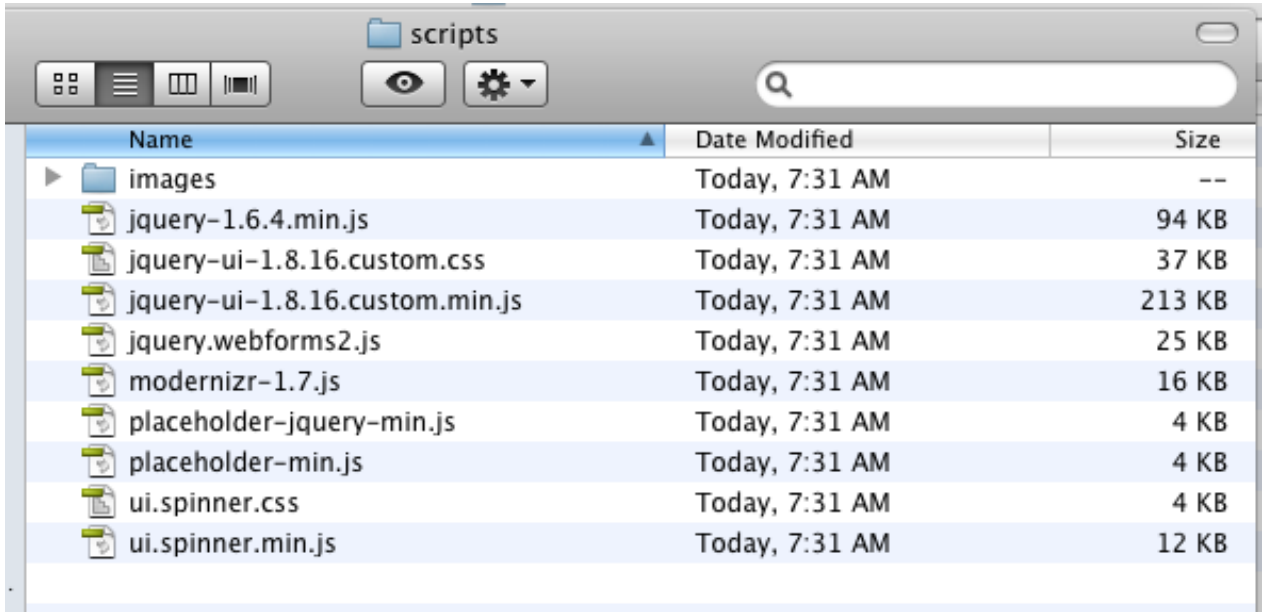

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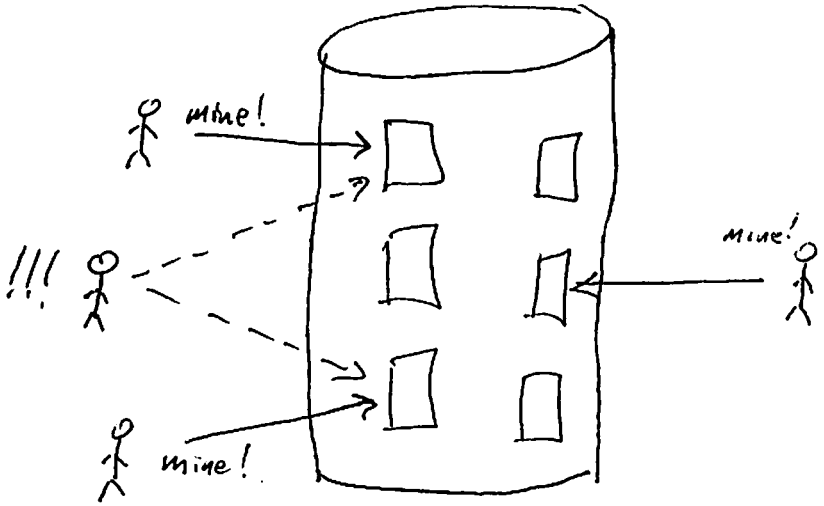

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- Allows users to check-out, edit, check-in changed text
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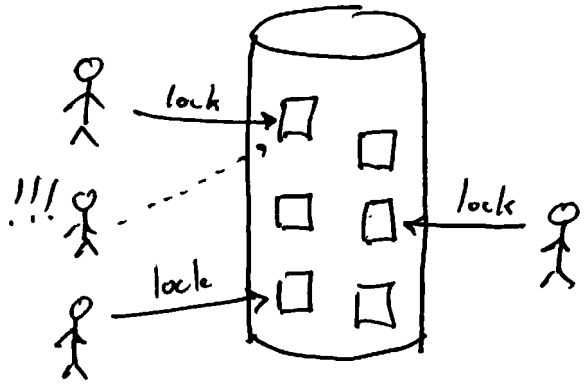

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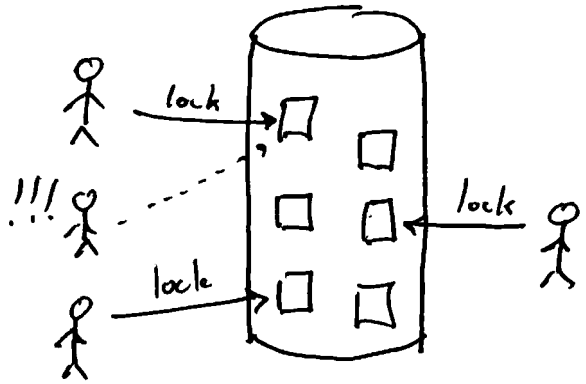

But only one person working on a file at a time!

Problem: This serializes development

Workarounds, but with problems of their own

Concurrent Versions System (CVS)

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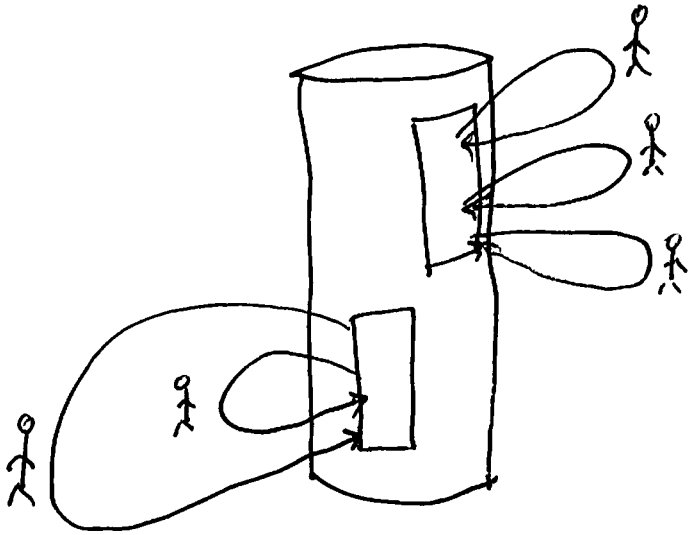
As systems & collaborations grow, efficiency goes down

"Version" idea: Track changes from one version to next



Big advantage: checkout is not exclusive

- More than one developer can have the same file checked out
- Developers can control their own use of the code for read, write
- Changes can come from multiple sources
- Tool handles (most) of the conflict resolution

And systems still grow

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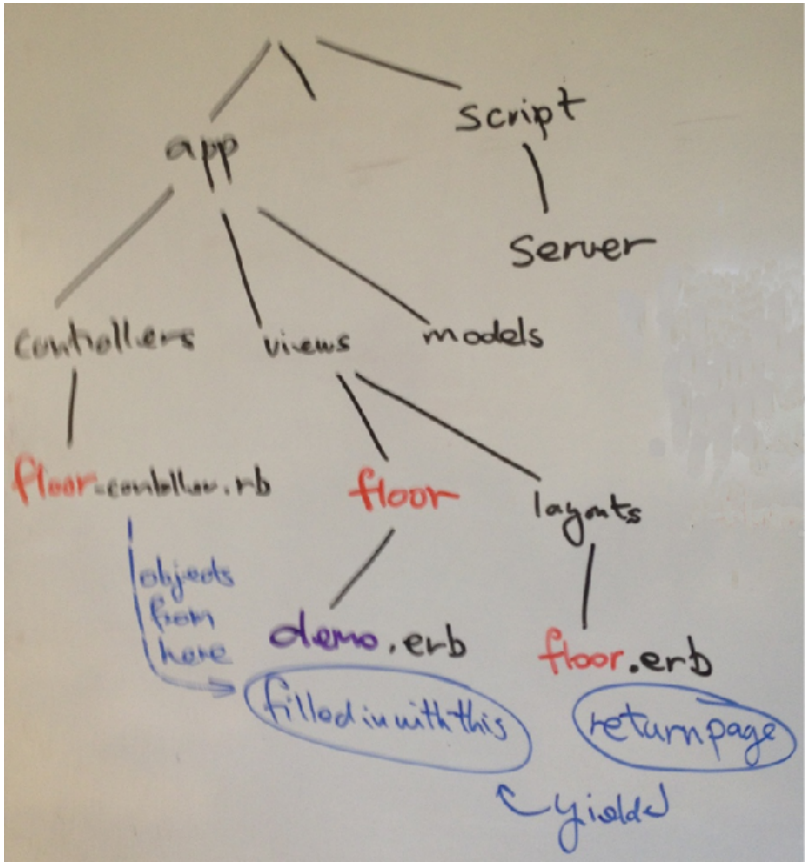

Directory Tree

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.
|-- code
|  |-- perl
|  |  |-- clean_fasta.pl
|  |  `-- run_glam2.pl
|  |-- R
|  |  |-- gse21350.R
|  |  |-- gse7275.R
|  |  `-- gse9589.R
|  |-- ruby
|  |  `-- seq2svm.rb
|  `-- sh
|       `-- ens_uniq.sh
|-- data
```

Subversion (svn)

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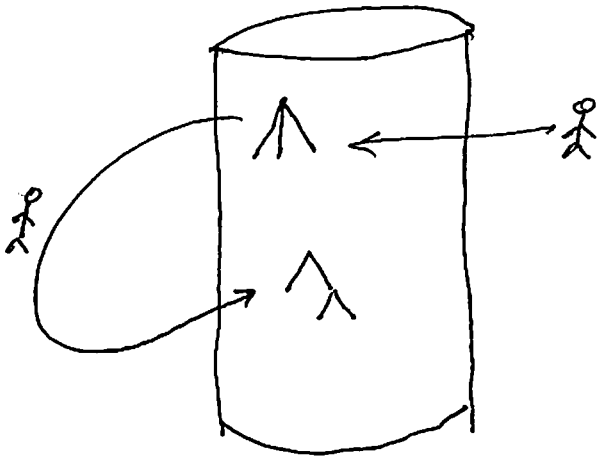
Want to be able to collaborate on that:



Subversion (svn) brings tools for doing that

Why isn't that enough?

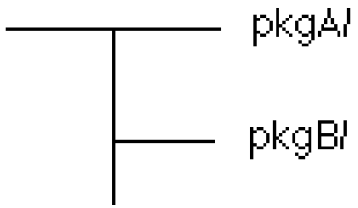
CVS, SVN lets me "check out" complete source code. Then just compile!

- Works great for small projects

Runs into several levels of scaling problems:

1) **Want to attach to external code**
   - We don't write everything (though tempted)
   - Sometimes don't get source for external code
   - Need some way to connect to specific external libraries:
     Both specific product, and a specific version of that product

2) **Want to separate code into multiple parts**
   - So people/institutions can take responsibility for parts
   - But software has cross-connections
   - Need structure that works for both

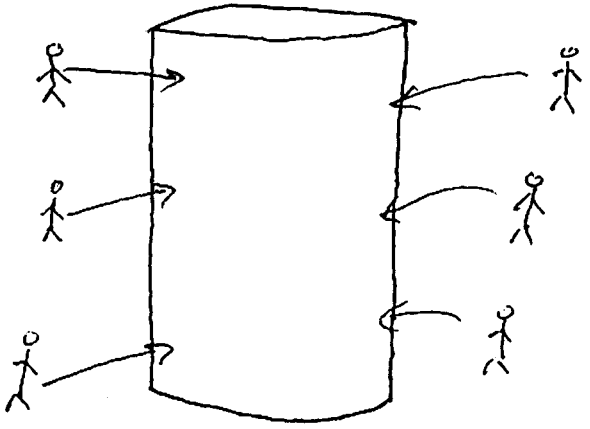


And still need to be able to build the code

Scaling is still an issue

Everybody is sharing a single repository

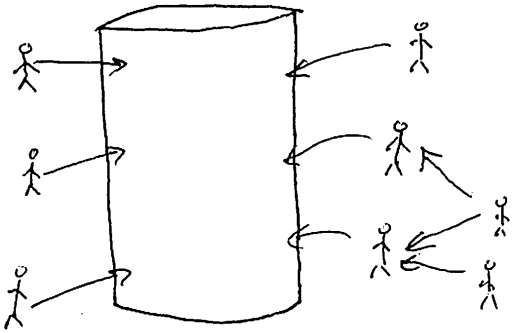
Every commit is immediately visible to everybody else



Development stands on shifting sand

Detailed records, but little understanding

Workarounds!



Tags and Branches

External record keeping tools

Package Coordinators

Scaling: Handling complicated builds

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Multiple "packages" require cross connects while compiling

- Typing the compile command gets boring fast

```
g++ -c -I"/afs/cern.ch/user/s/scherzer/public/1001/InstallArea/include/PixelDigitization"
-I"/afs/cern.ch/user/s/scherzer/public/1001/InstallArea/include/SiDigitization"
-I"/afs/cern.ch/atlas/software/dist/10.0.1/InstallArea/include/InDetSimEvent"
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-I"/afs/cern.ch/sw/lcg/external/cernlib/2003/slc3_ia32_gcc323/include"  -O2 -pthread
-D_GNU_SOURCE -pthread -pipe -ansi -pedantic -W -Wall -Wwrite-strings -Woverloaded-virtual
-Wno-long-long -fPIC -march=pentium -mcpu=pentium -pedantic-errors -ftemplate-depth-25
-ftemplate-depth-99  -DHAVE_ITERATOR -DHAVE_NEW_IOSTREAMS  -D_GNU_SOURCE
-o PixelDigitization.o  -DEFL_DEBUG=0 -DHAVE_PRETTY_FUNCTION -DHAVE_LONG_LONG
-DHAVE_BOOL -DHAVE_EXPLICIT -DHAVE_MUTABLE -DHAVE_SIGNED -DHAVE_TYPENAME
-DHAVE_NEW_STYLE_CASTS -DHAVE_DYNAMIC_CAST -DHAVE_TYPEID
-DHAVE_ANSI_TEMPLATE_INSTANTIATION -DHAVE_CXX_STDC_HEADERS '
-DPACKAGE_VERSION="PixelDigitization-00-05-16"'  -DNDEBUG  -DCLHEP_MAX_MIN_DEFINED
-DCLHEP_ABS_DEFINED -DCLHEP_SQR_DEFINED     ../src/PixelDigitization.cxx
```

Build tools: "make", "Ant", etc

- Manually create a "makefile" that forwards include options to the compiler

  g++ -IpkgA -IpkgB

- Lets you adapt to various internal structures

  g++ -IpkgA -IpkgB/include -IpkgC/headers

- Also lets you add other options to control localization, debugging, etc

Size keeps getting in the way

Small experiment (offline production code only):

- 430 directories (packages)
- 17,000 files
- 7 million lines of source

Some of these are large "for historical reasons"

But that's true of just about any project

Repository checkout: 13 minutes

Build from scratch: 6 hours

Spread across multiple production machines; never did complete on laptop

"gmake" with one change: about 4-12 minutes to think about dependencies

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And everybody will need multiple copies…

Old ones, new ones, …

"But I just want to run the program!"

Issue arises at large & small level

At the level of developers, needed way to manage this

- Both tools and procedures
  - We'll be discussing & exercising typical tools; many exist!
  - Individual collaborations have their own ways of sharing info

At the collaboration leveled, need procedures to ensure it all works

- "Nightly builds"
  - Now common in HEP - Gives early feedback on consistency problems
- "Continuous Integration", including automated testing
  - Only works when people actually integrate early and often
- Reduces problems, but integration is still a lot of work

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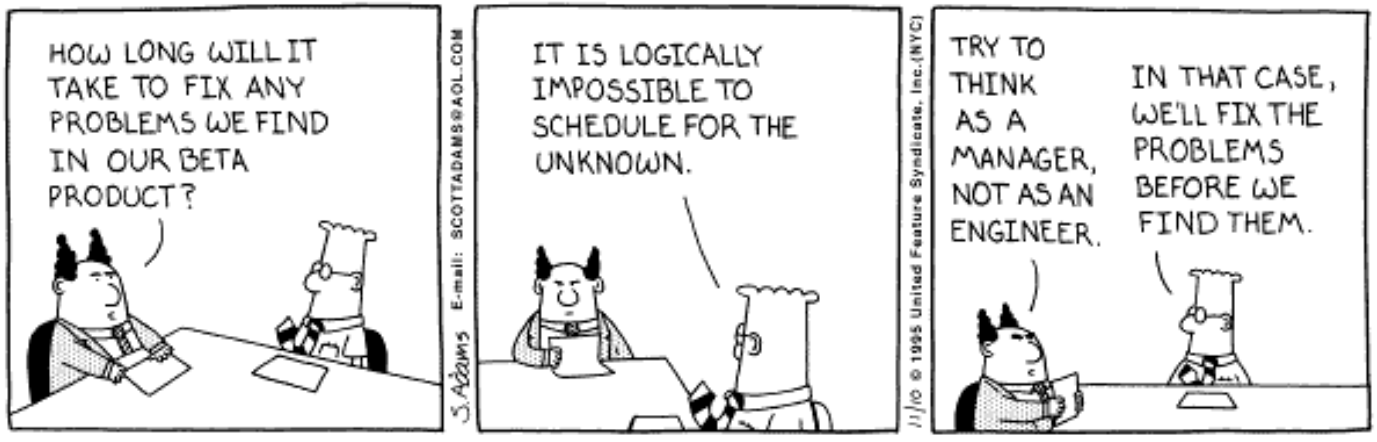

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What can we learn from this?

Two Approaches: (1) Organize people to match the work

Organize the code into "packages" that are separately controlled, then combined via an automated "release system"

Use tags in the repository to mark "package versions"

"Package Coordinators" are people with the local knowledge

Build tools that record relations between packages, external requirements:

- pull out proper consistent versions,
- combine make files,
- control the build

Complicated tools that need to know a bunch of stuff

Configuration Management Tool (CMT)

- Based on 'requirements file' with custom syntax and contests

Lots of others (SCRAM, ETICS, cloud-based tools)

- Optional exercise with CMT because easy to see how it works

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CMT: a simple release and consistency tool

Requirements file provides custom language for expressing our needs

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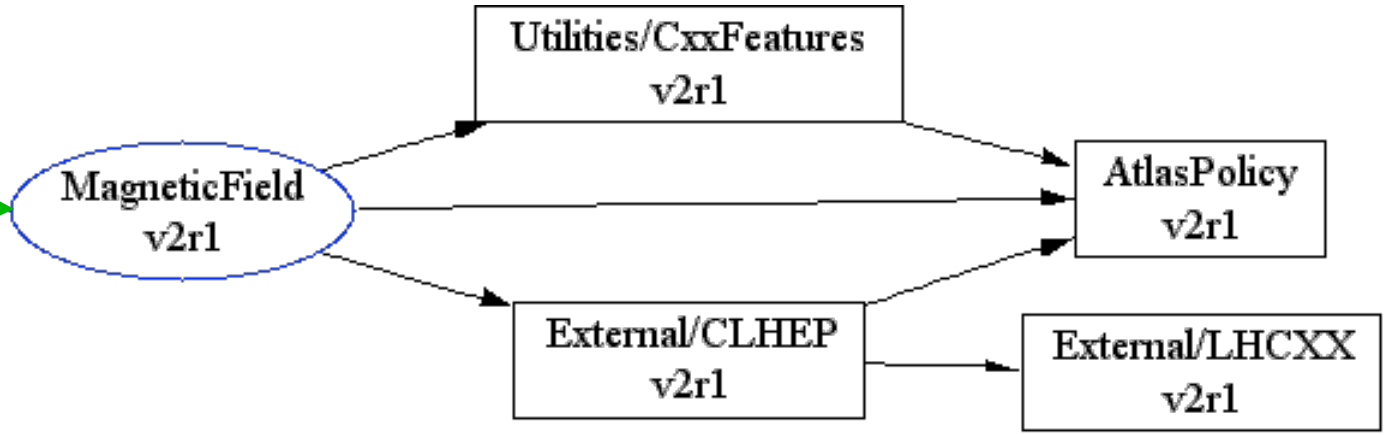


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package MagneticField

author  Laurent Chevalier <laurent@hep.saclay.cea.fr>
author  Marc Virchaux <virchau@hep.saclay.cea.fr>

use AtlasPolicy v2r1
use CxxFeatures v2r1 Utilities
use CLHEP v2r1 External

include_dirs $(MAGNETICFIELDROOT)/MagneticField

branches MagneticField doc src test
...
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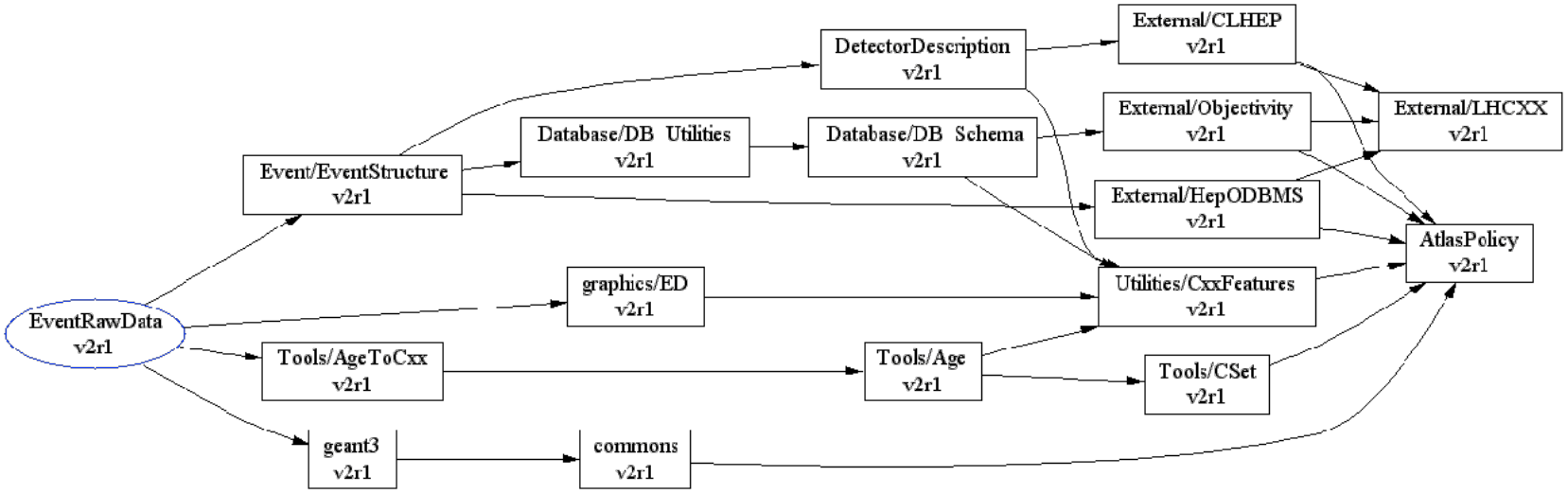
Example from C. Arnault (LAL and Atlas)

"Consistency" scales poorly

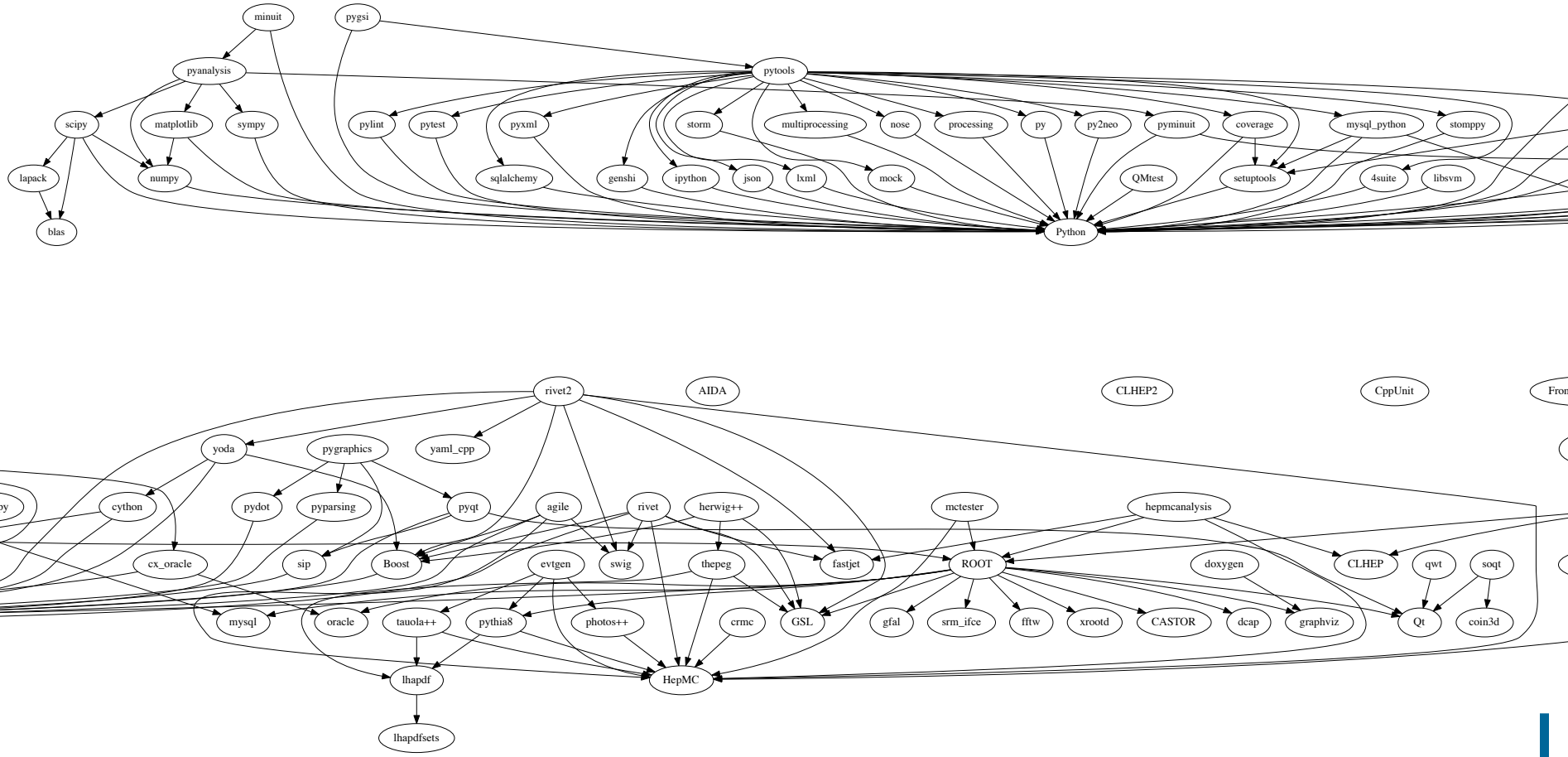


Software strongly depends on other software

- Usually managed at the package level

  (This can result in lots of packages, as you subdivide over and over)

- Expresses how changes in one piece can drive changes in another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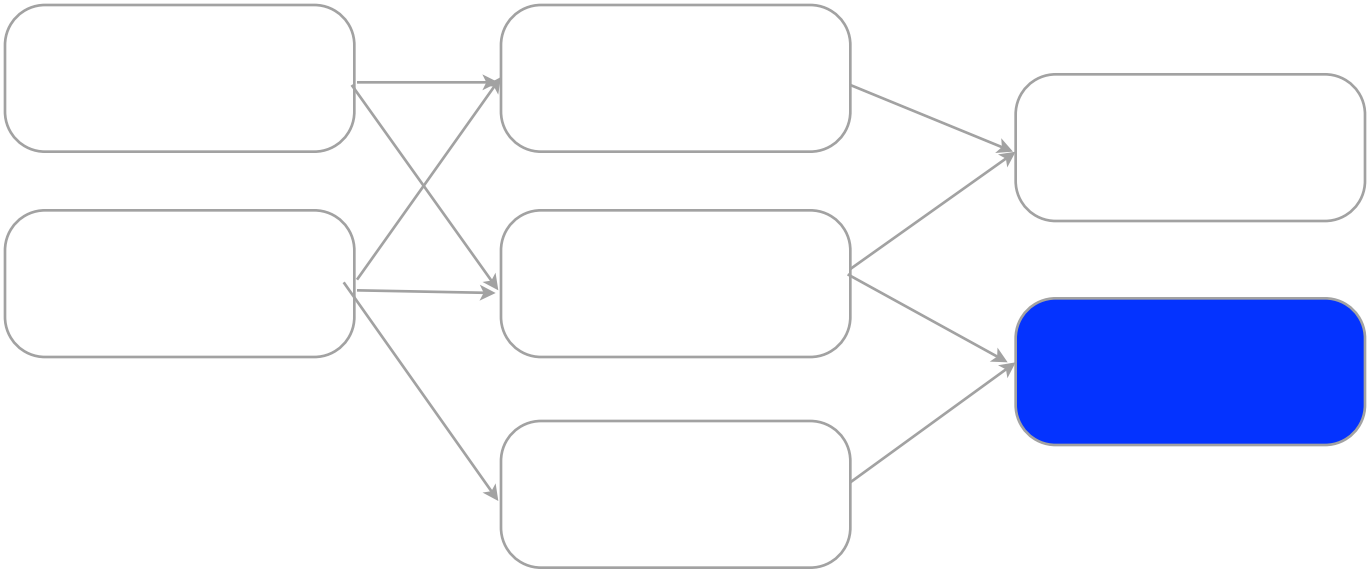

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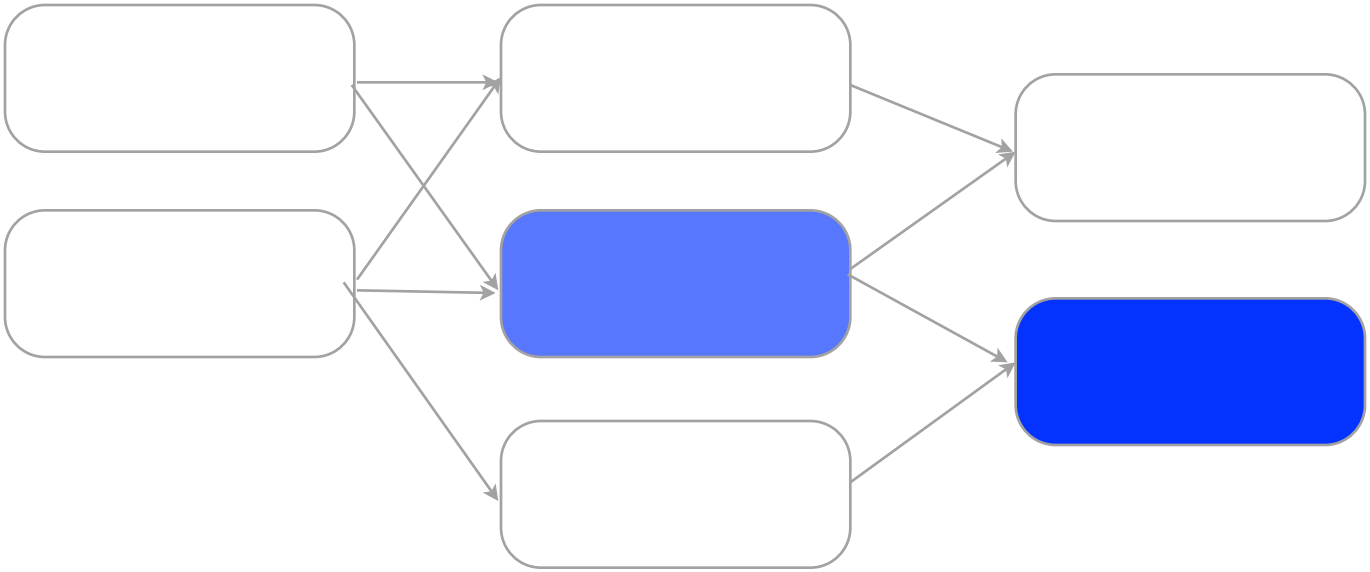

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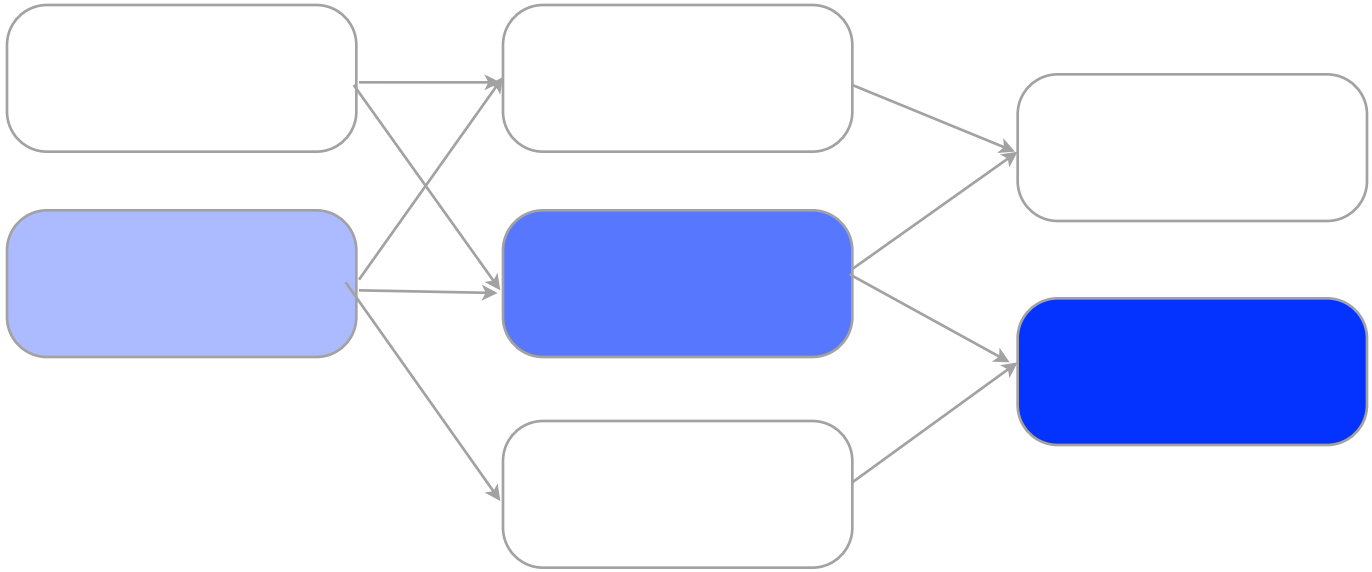

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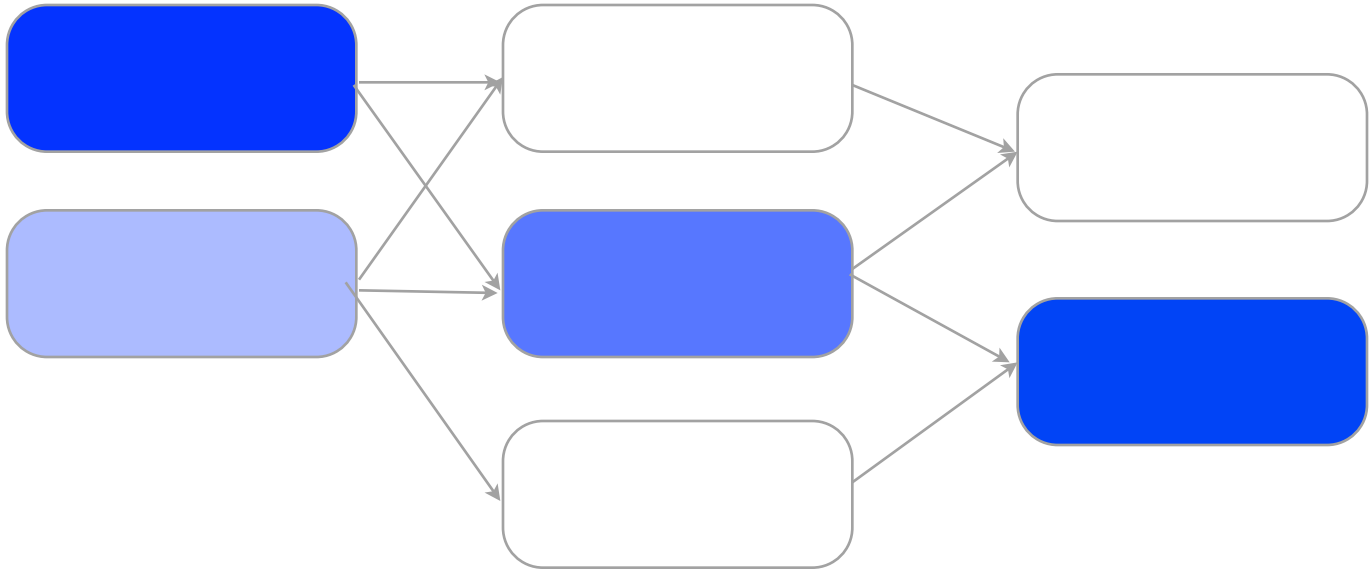

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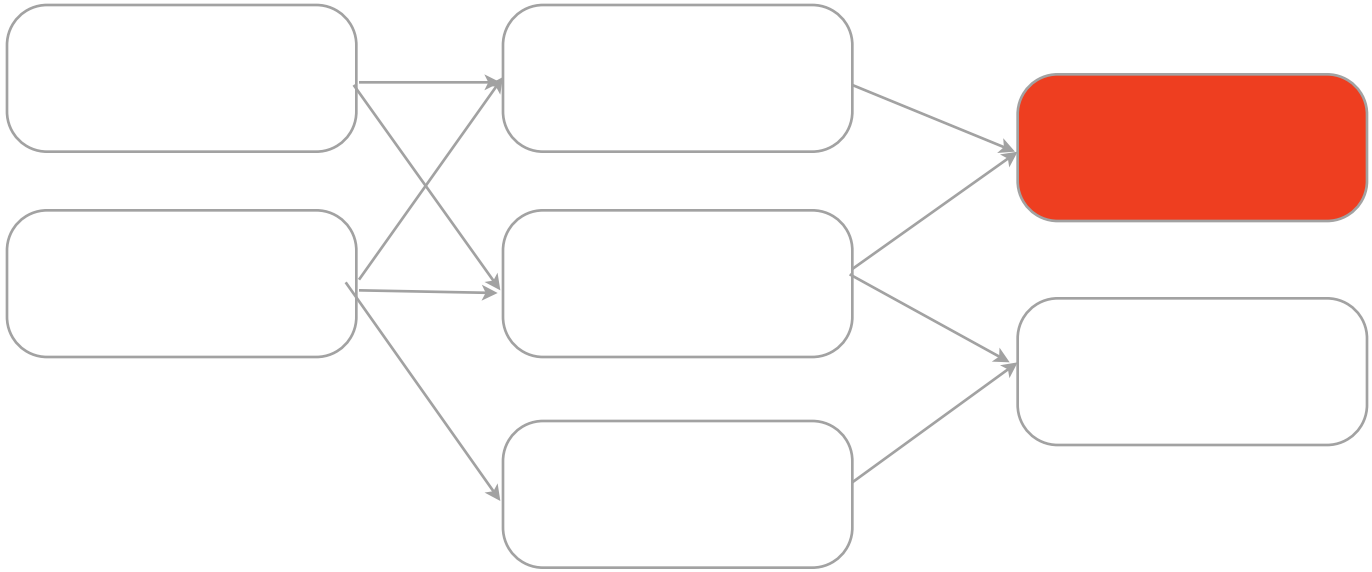

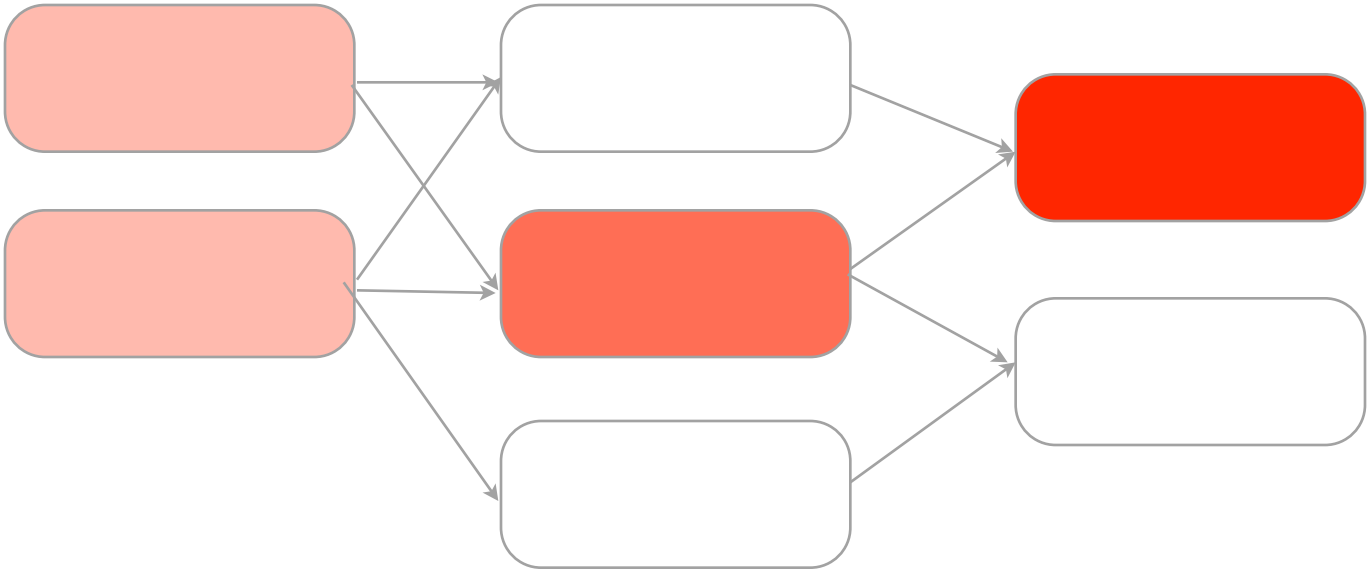

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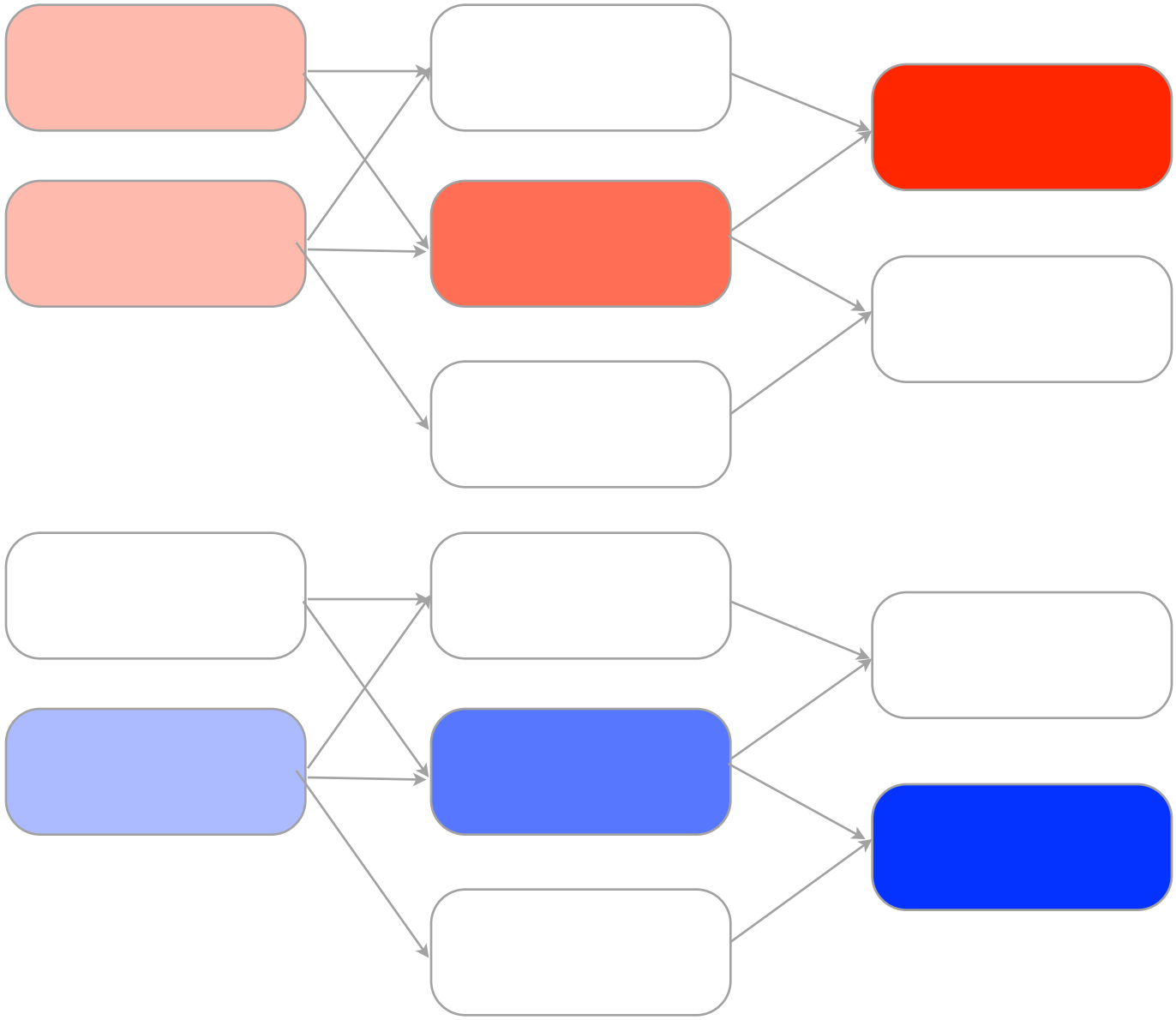

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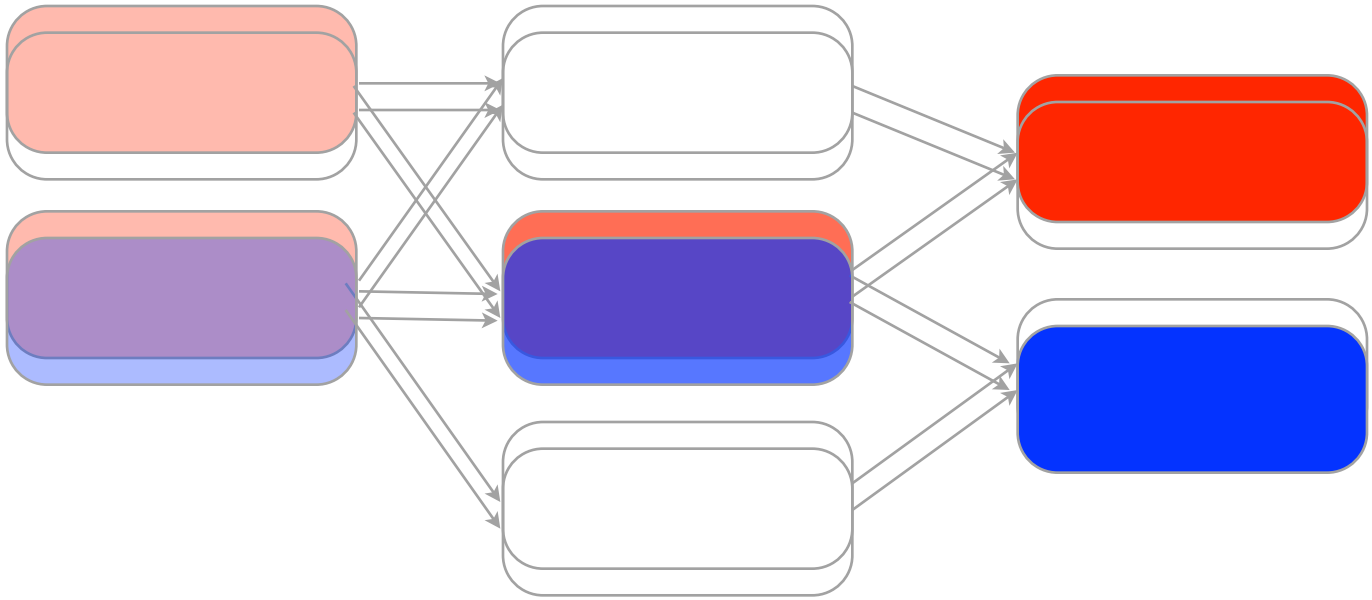


2nd approach: People handle consistency, machines build

The repository is where the code should be consistent

Create tools that are focused on helping you do that!

Allow developers to work on their own content until it's right

- Not every change should go to everybody

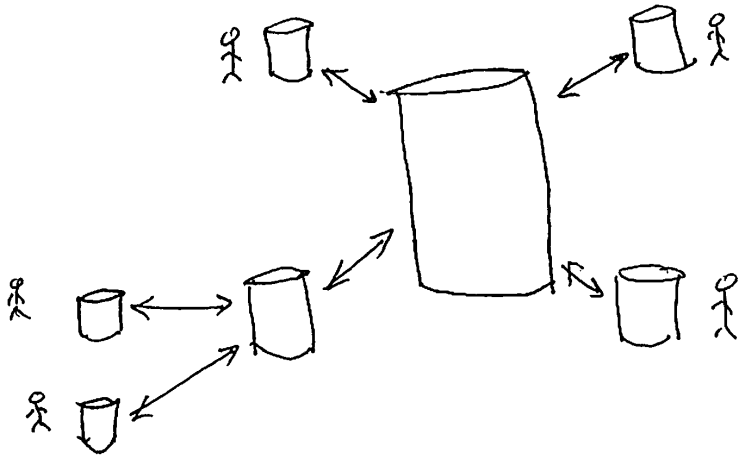
Allow developers to collaborate in small groups

- Put together a sub-system

It's not the file changes that are interesting, it's the updated system!

- Development becomes a story instead of a series of snapshots
- "Here's our complete contribution"

Enter Git (not an acronym)



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At first, Git looks like earlier tools…

You bring out a copy, work on it, and commit

Git repository contains all that history

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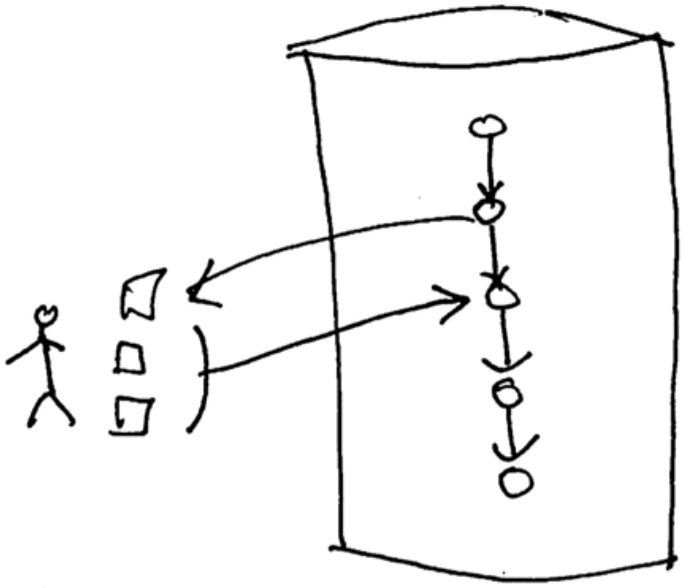

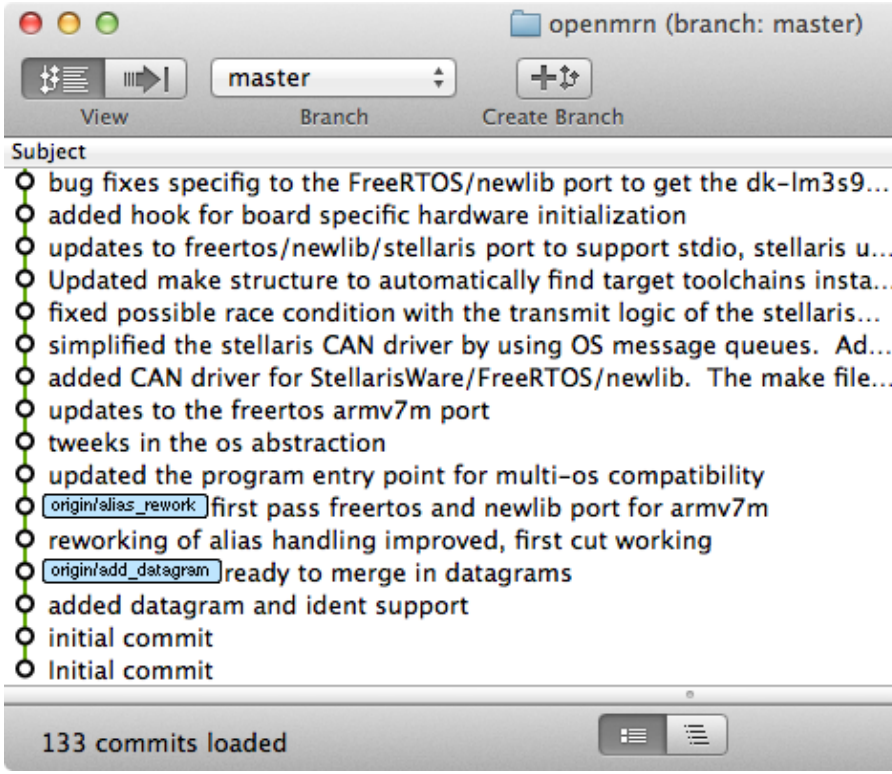

"Scratchpad" idea lets you control what you commit: Shaping the story

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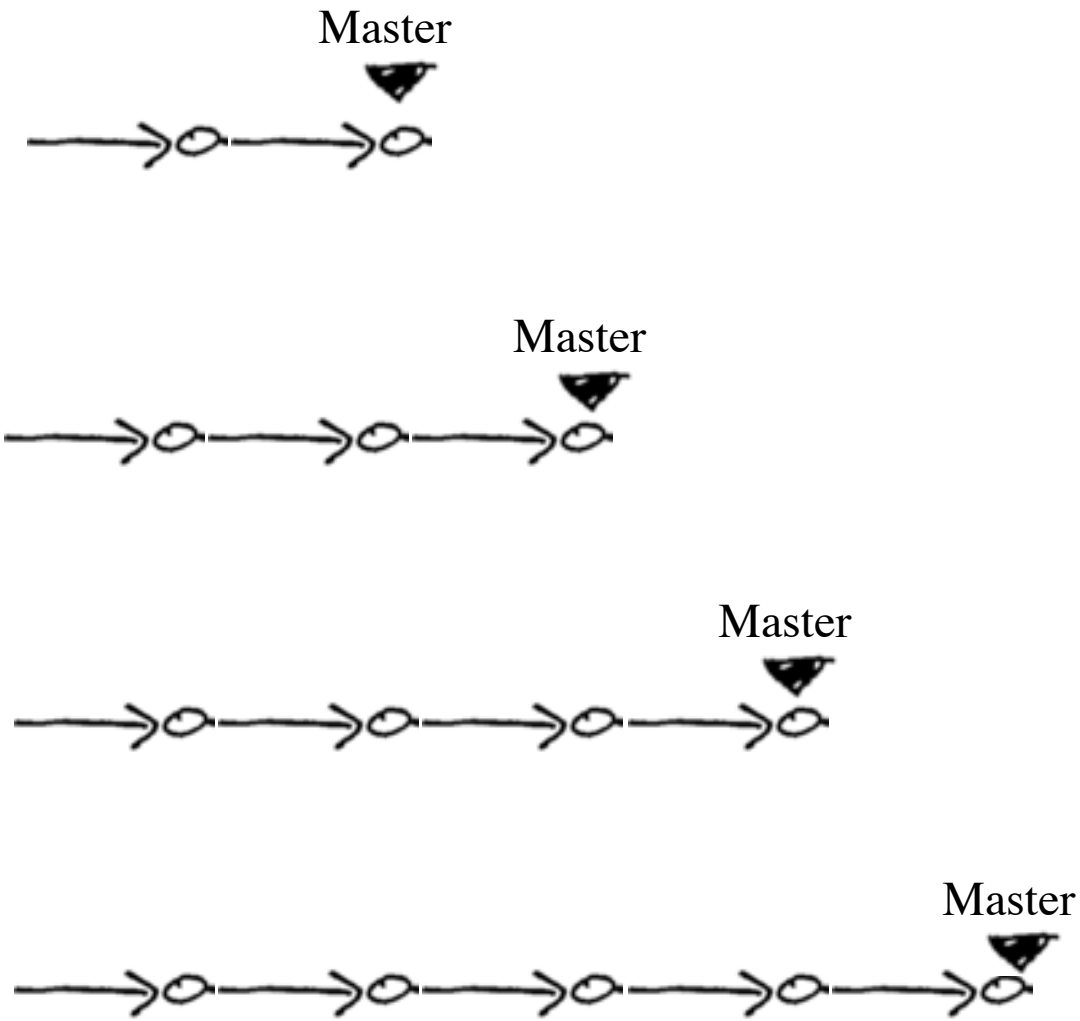

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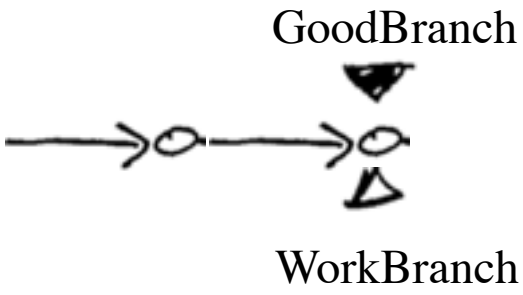

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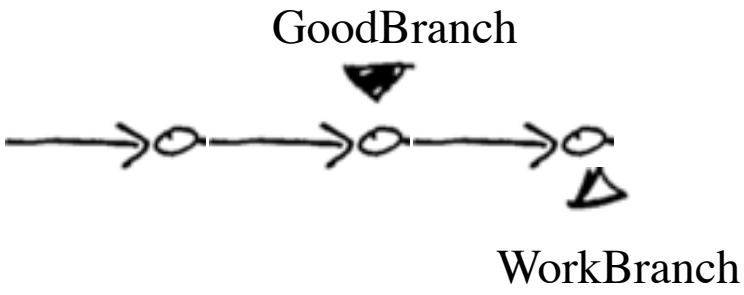

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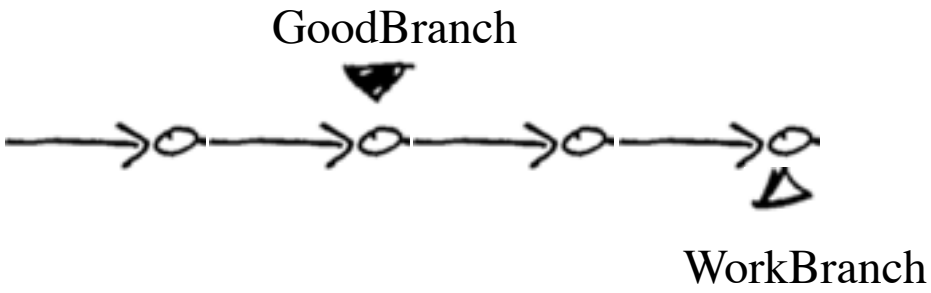

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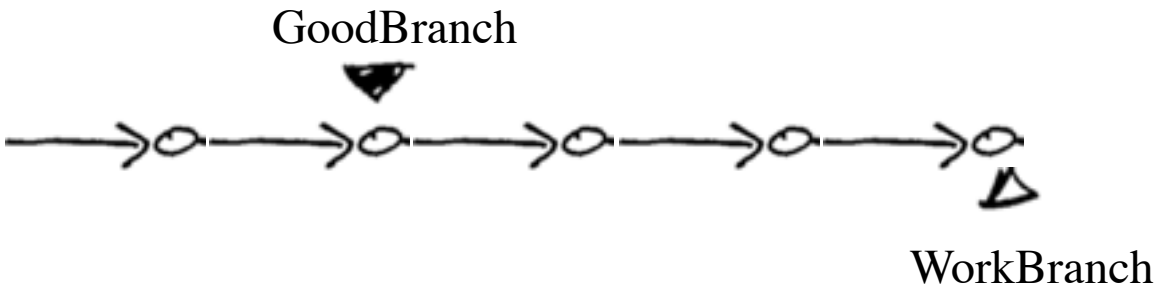

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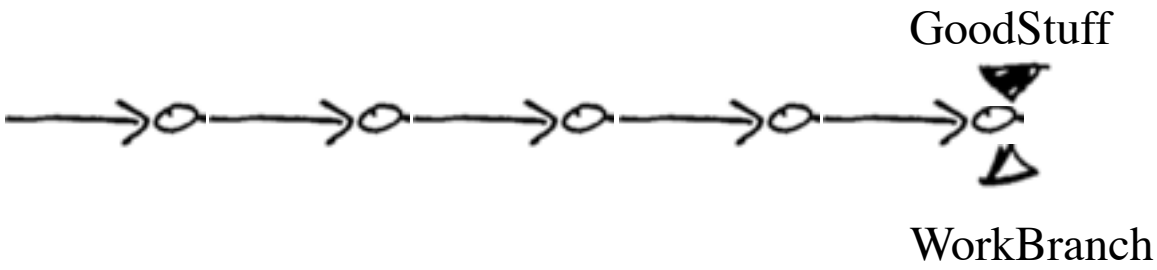

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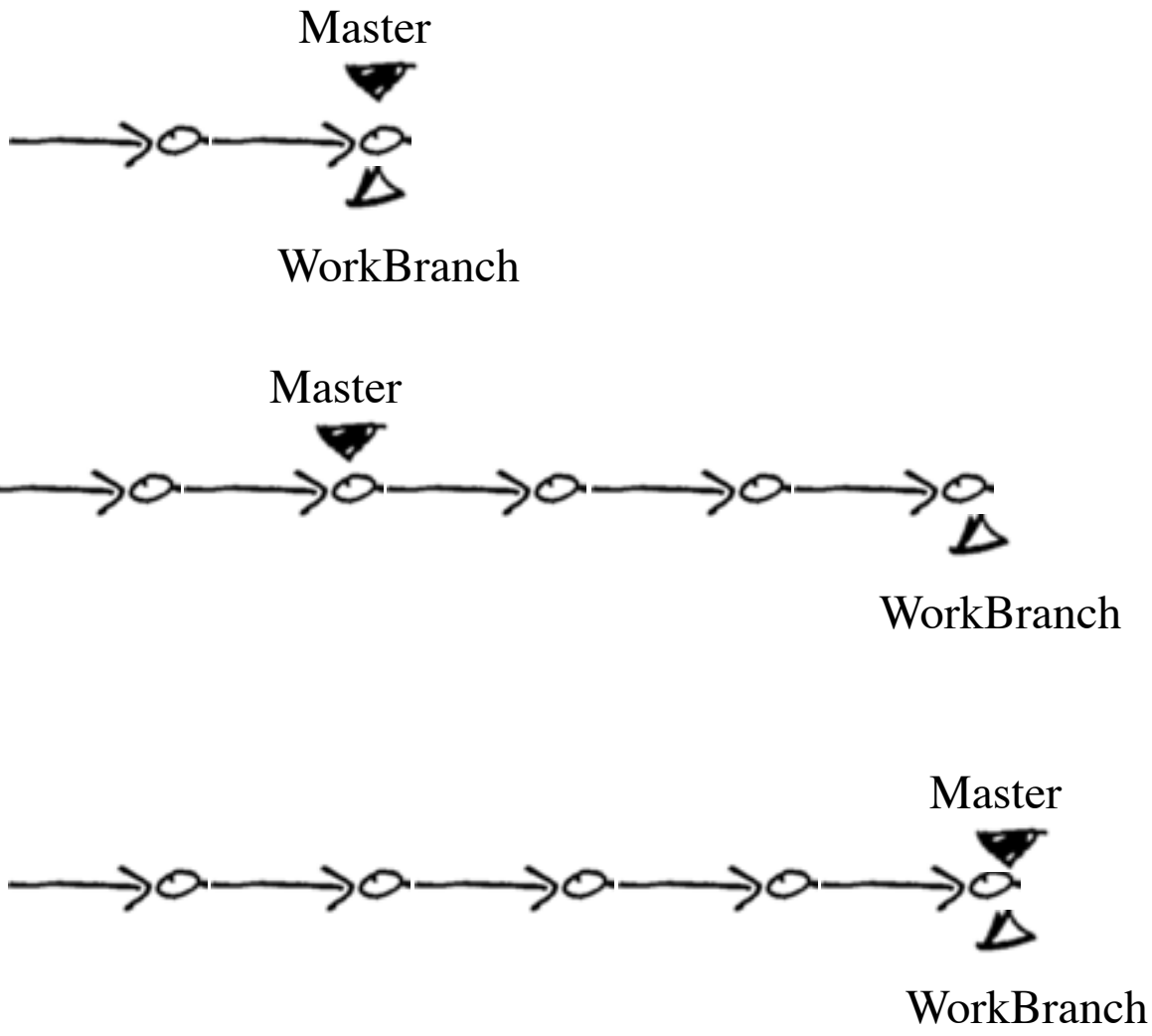

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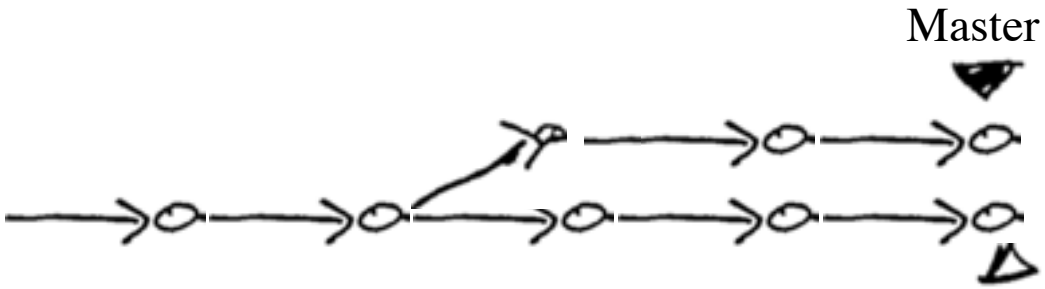

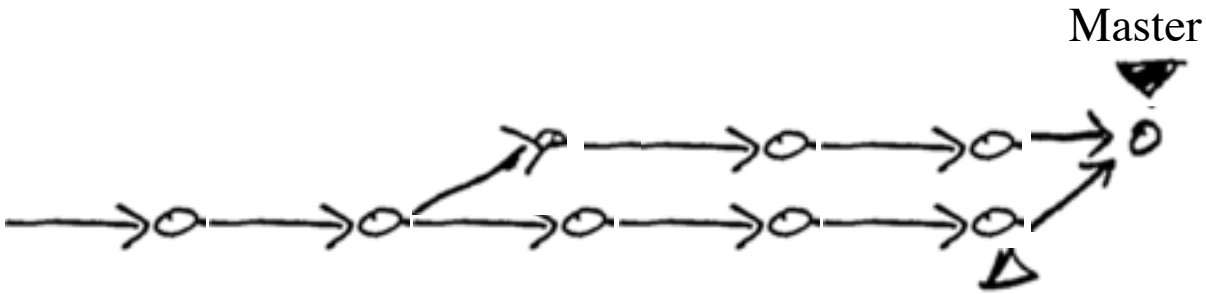

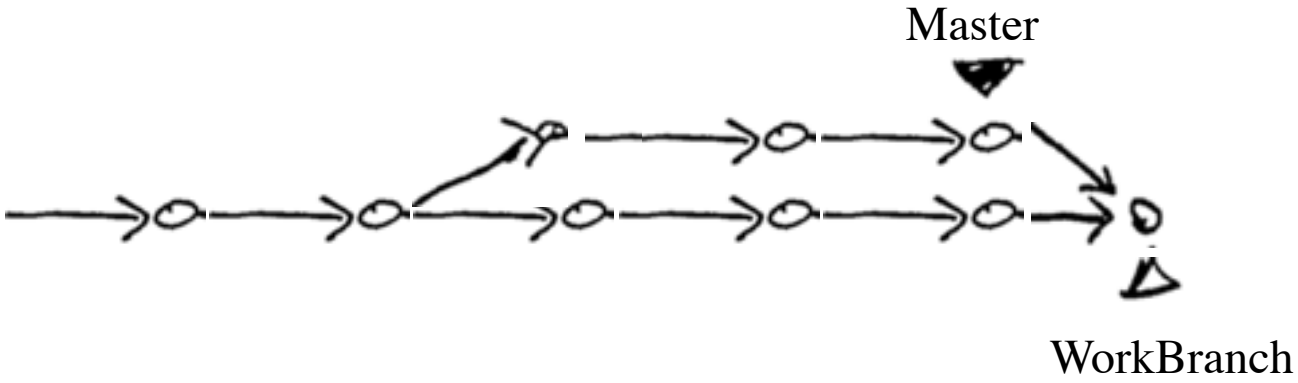

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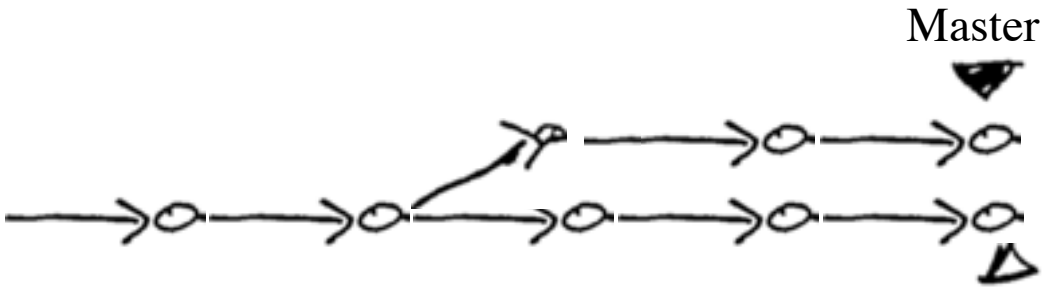

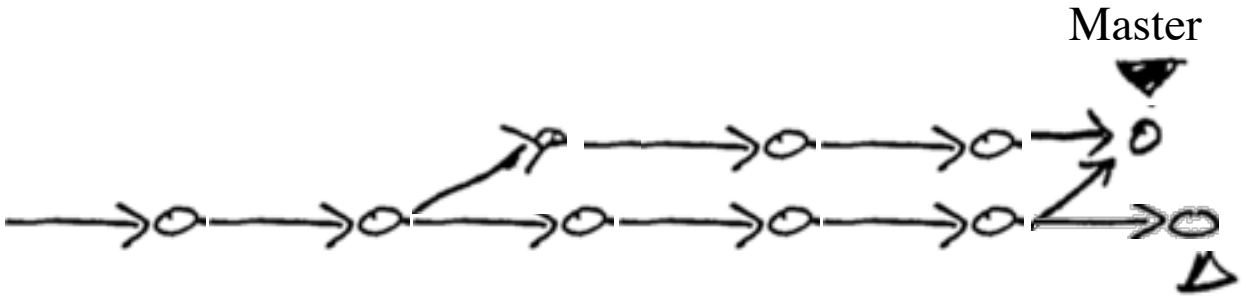

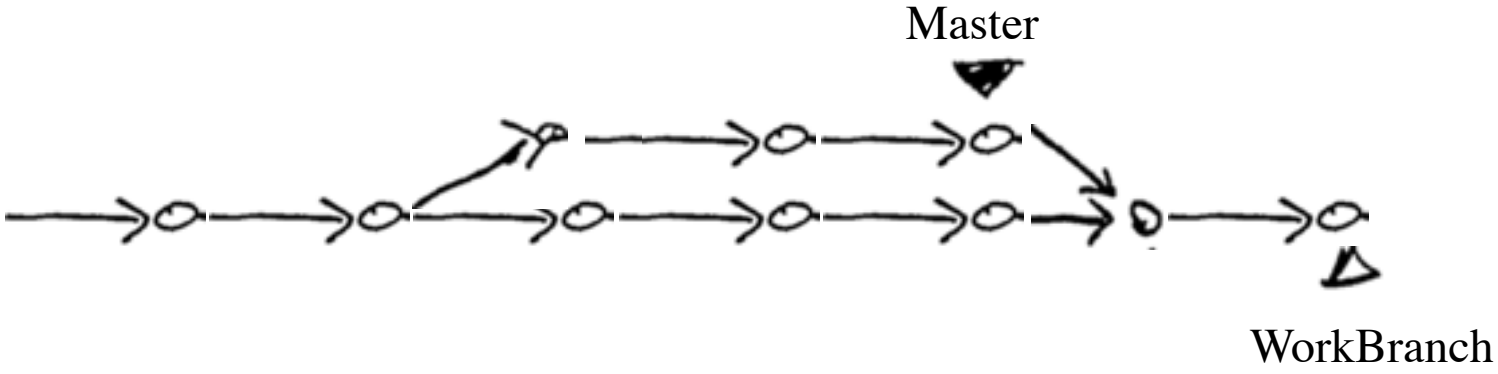

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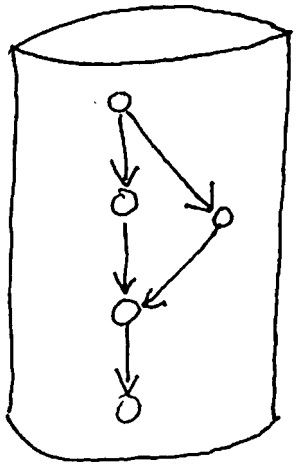

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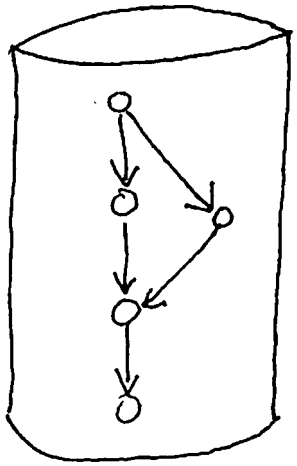

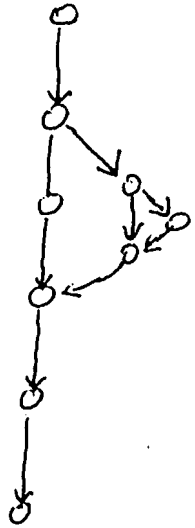

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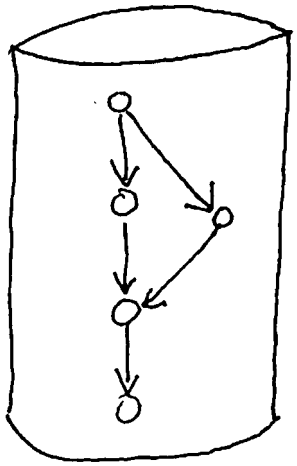

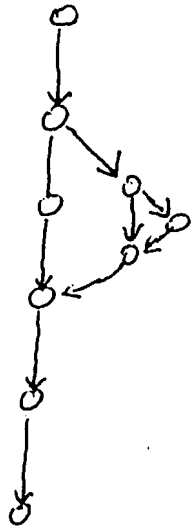

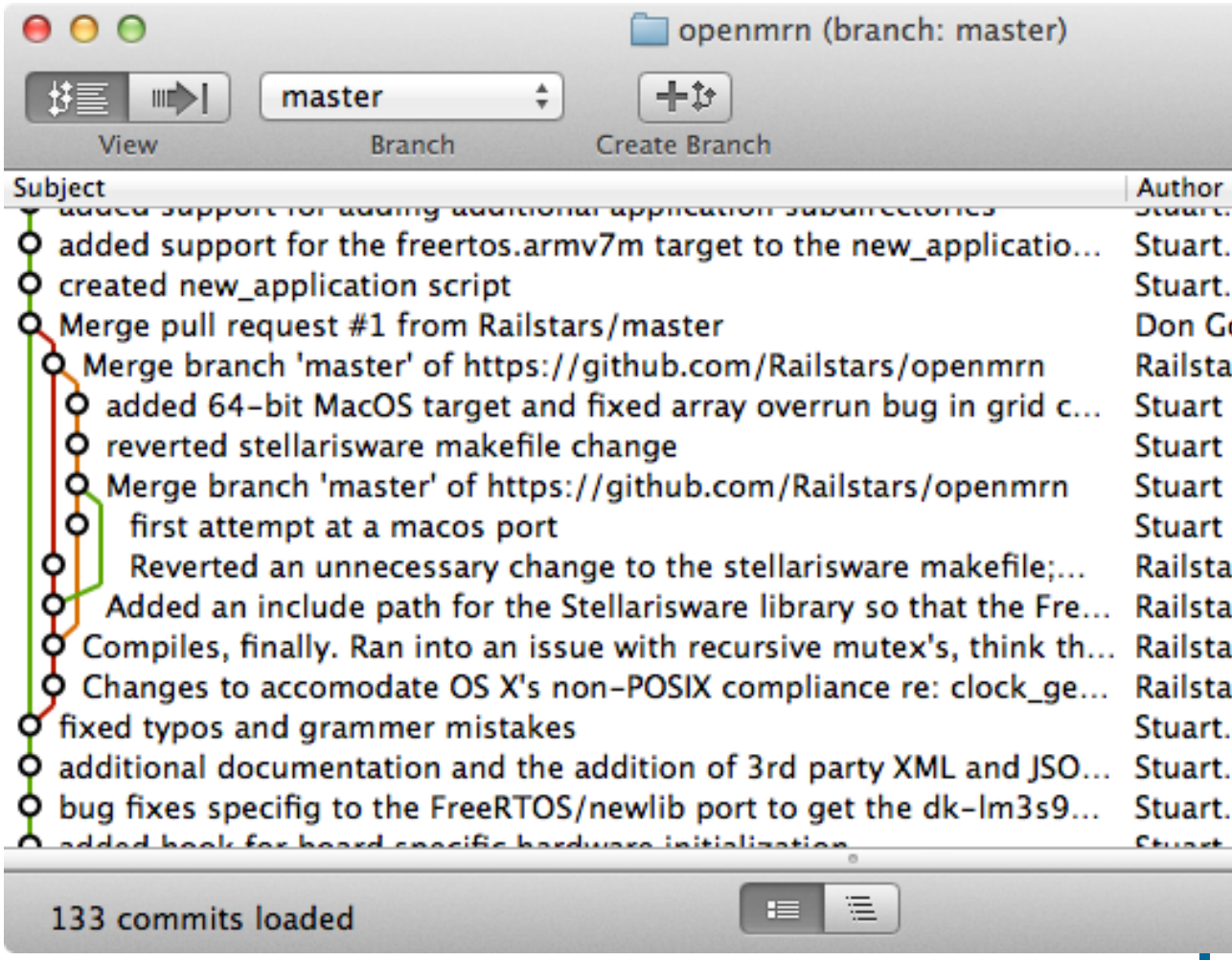

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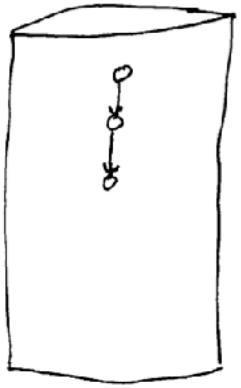

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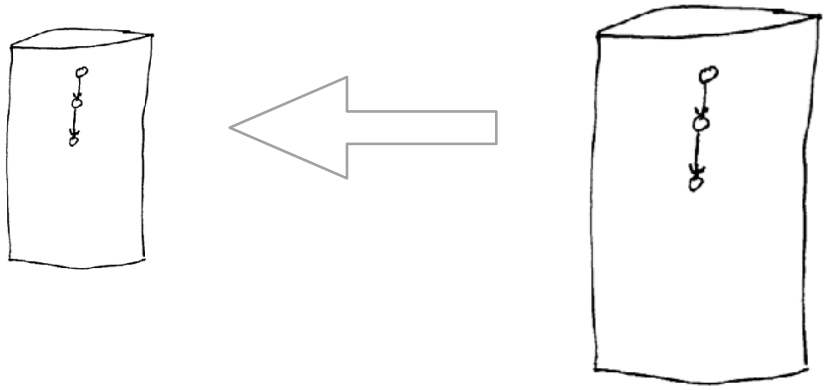

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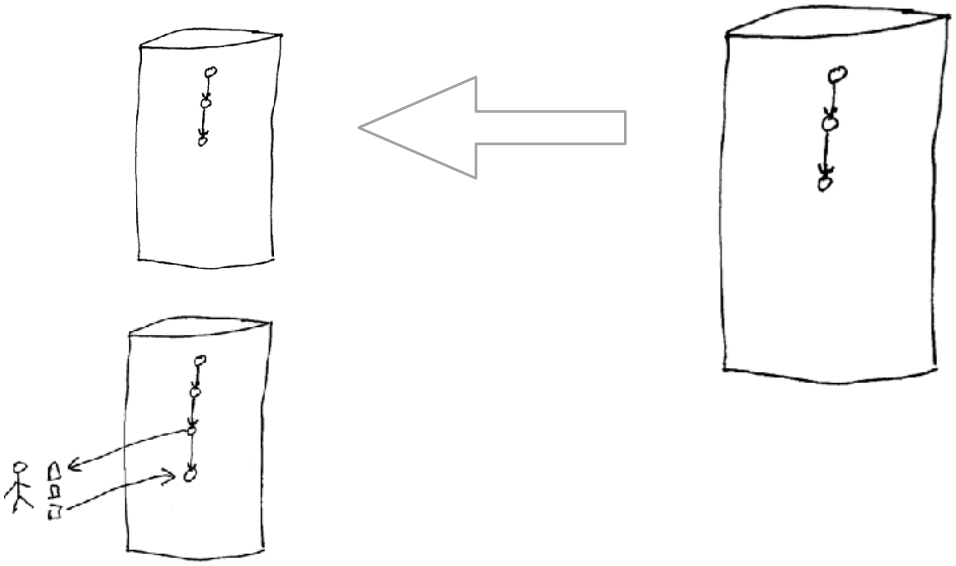

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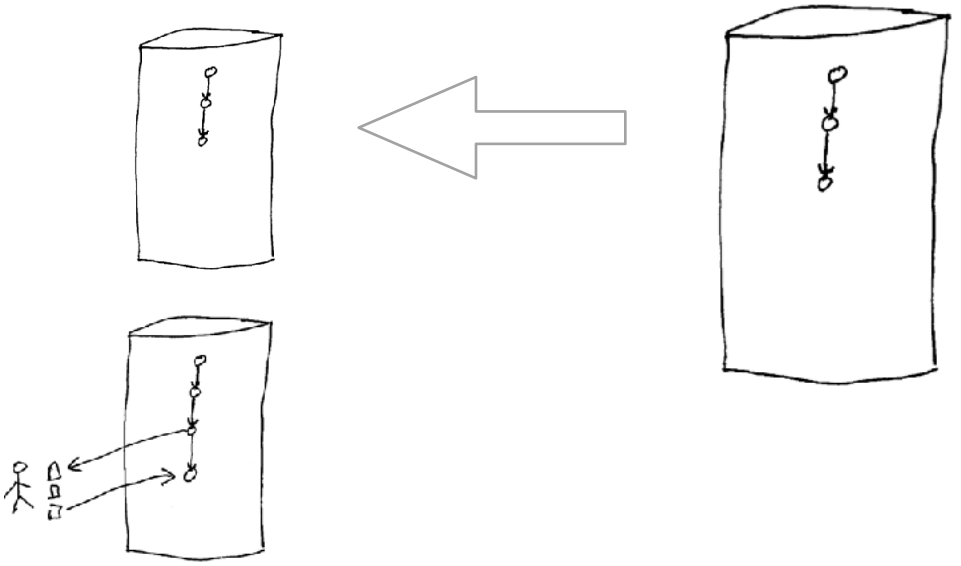

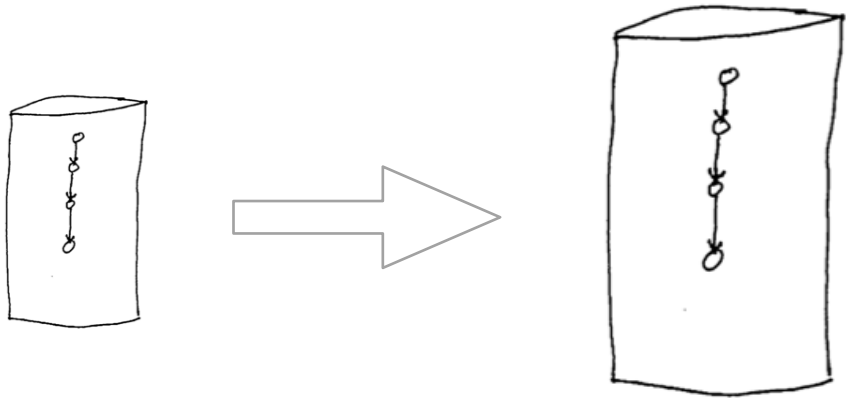

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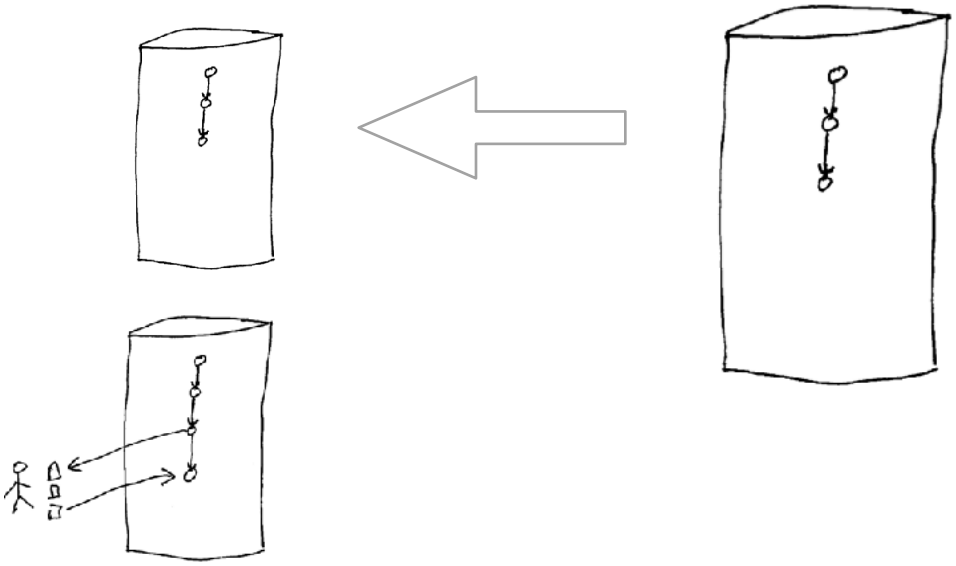

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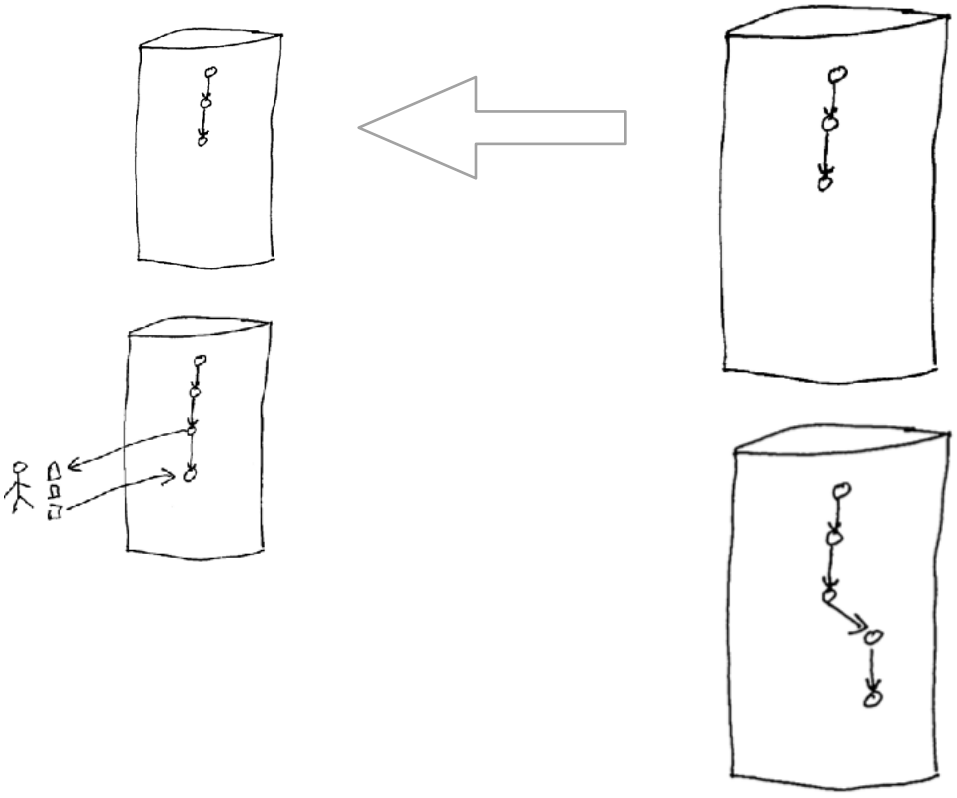

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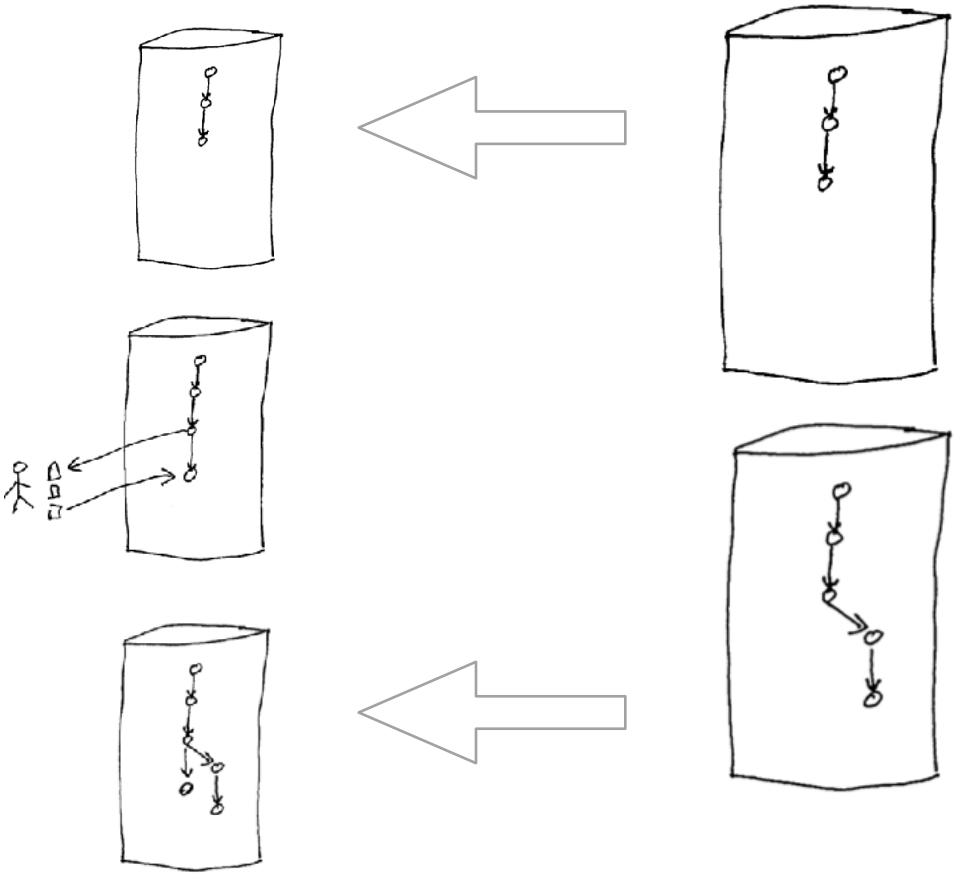

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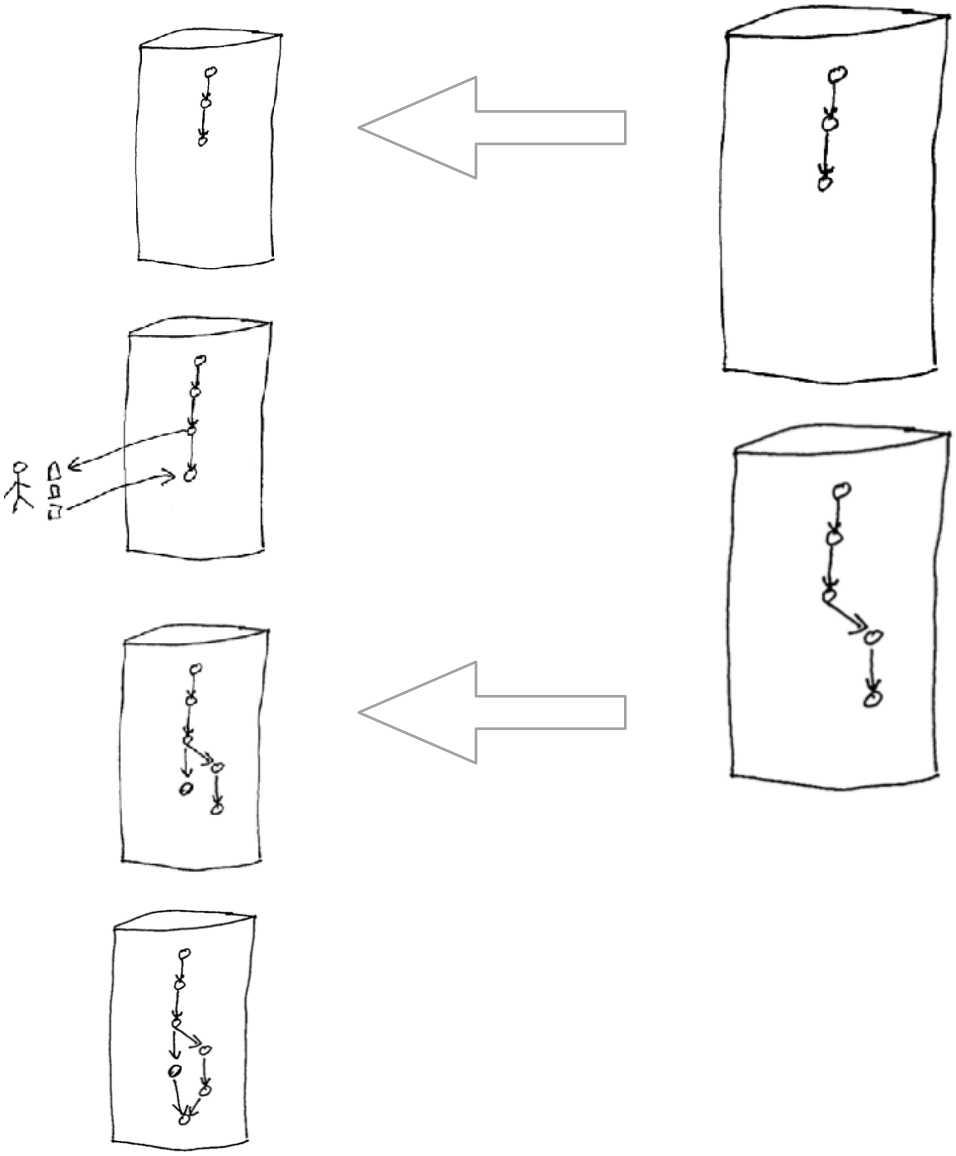

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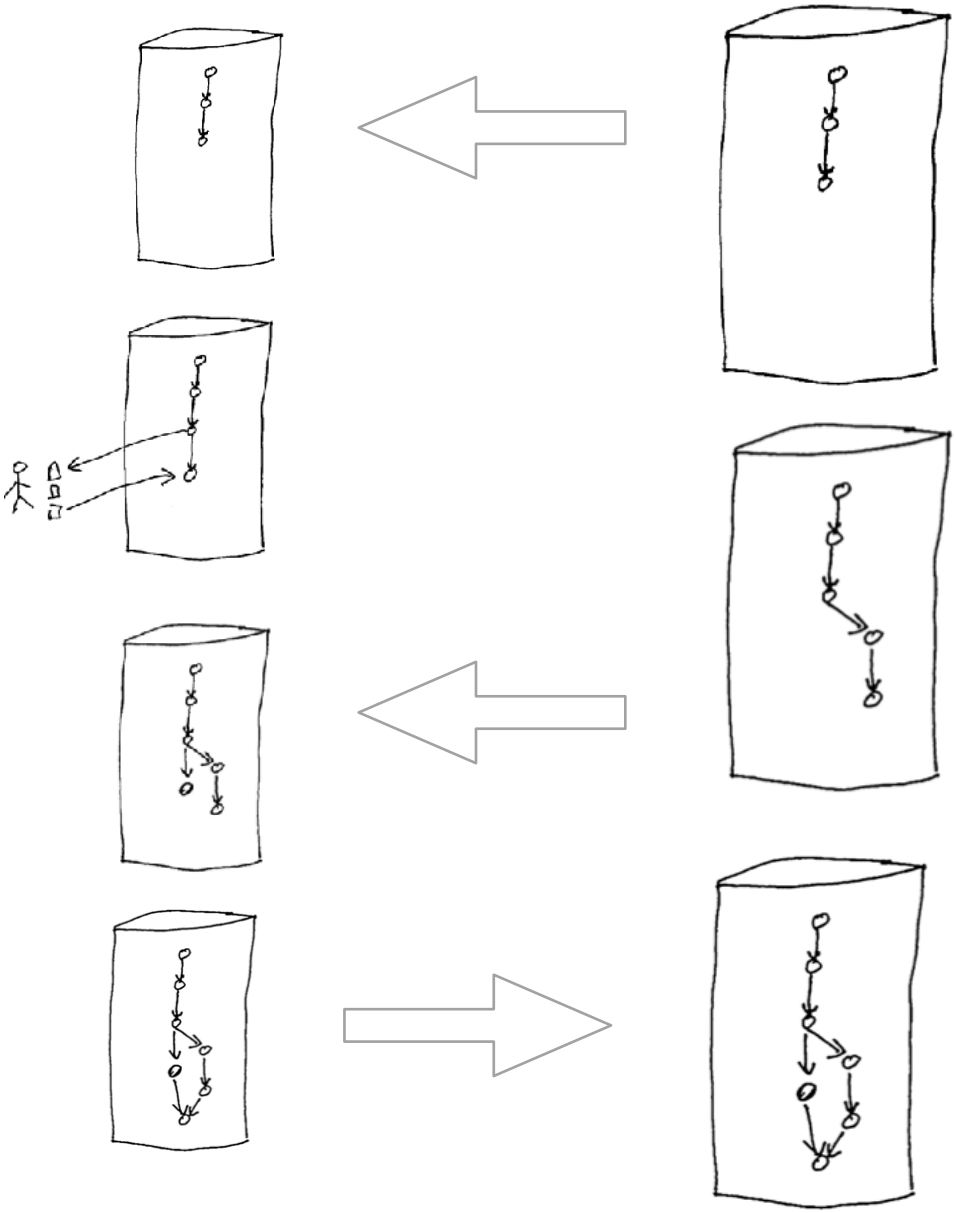

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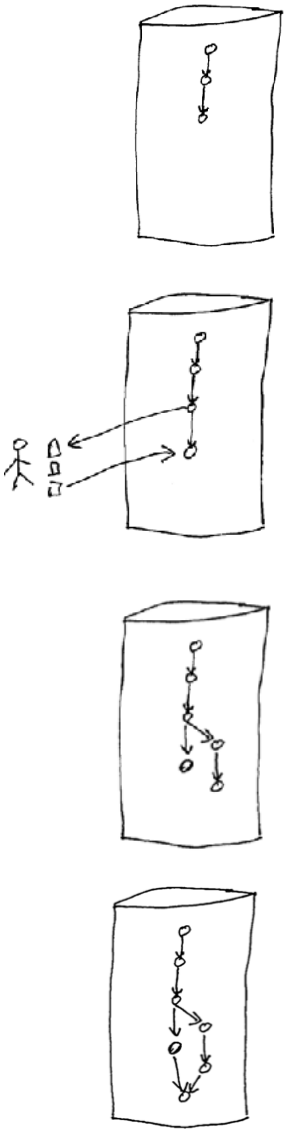

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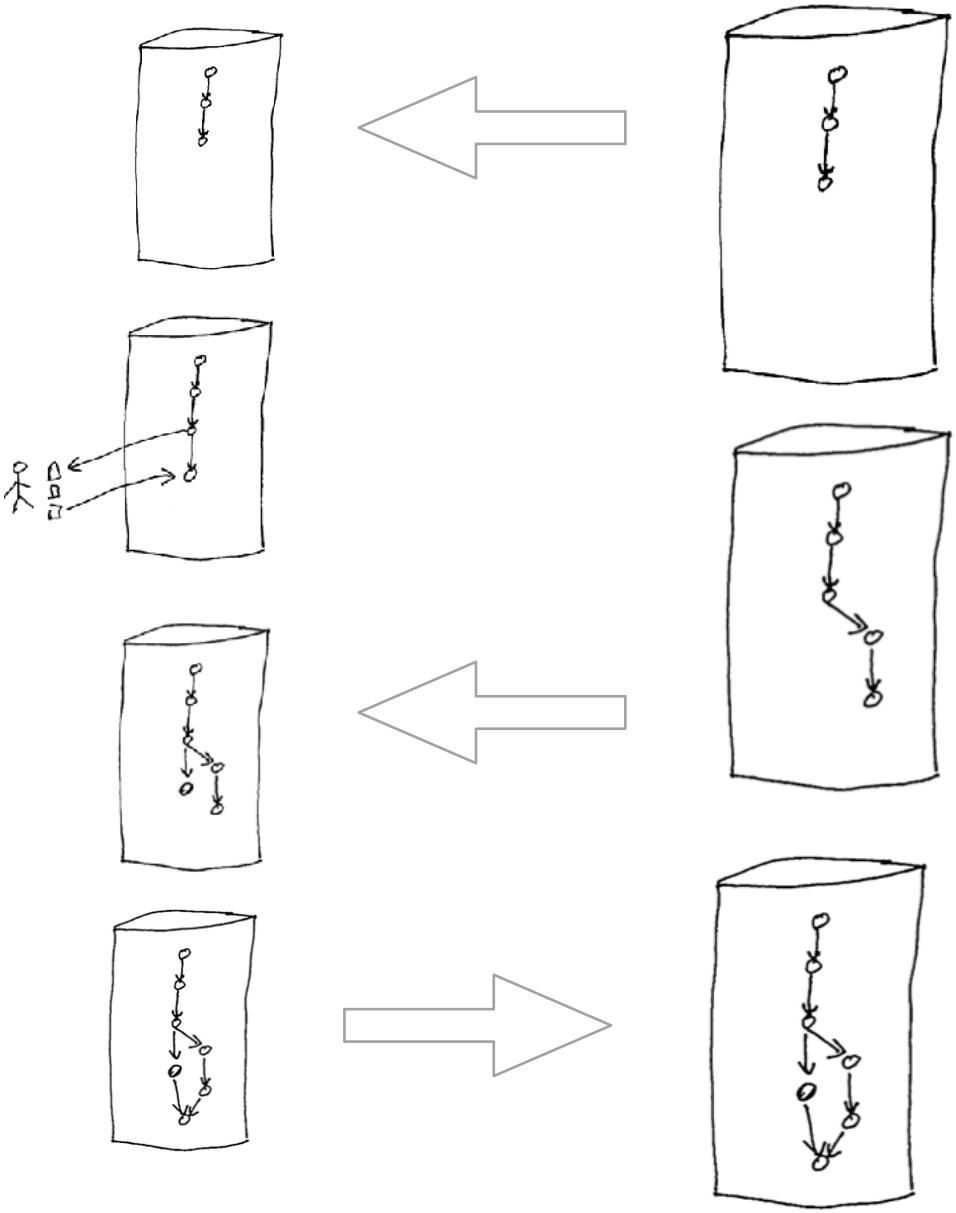

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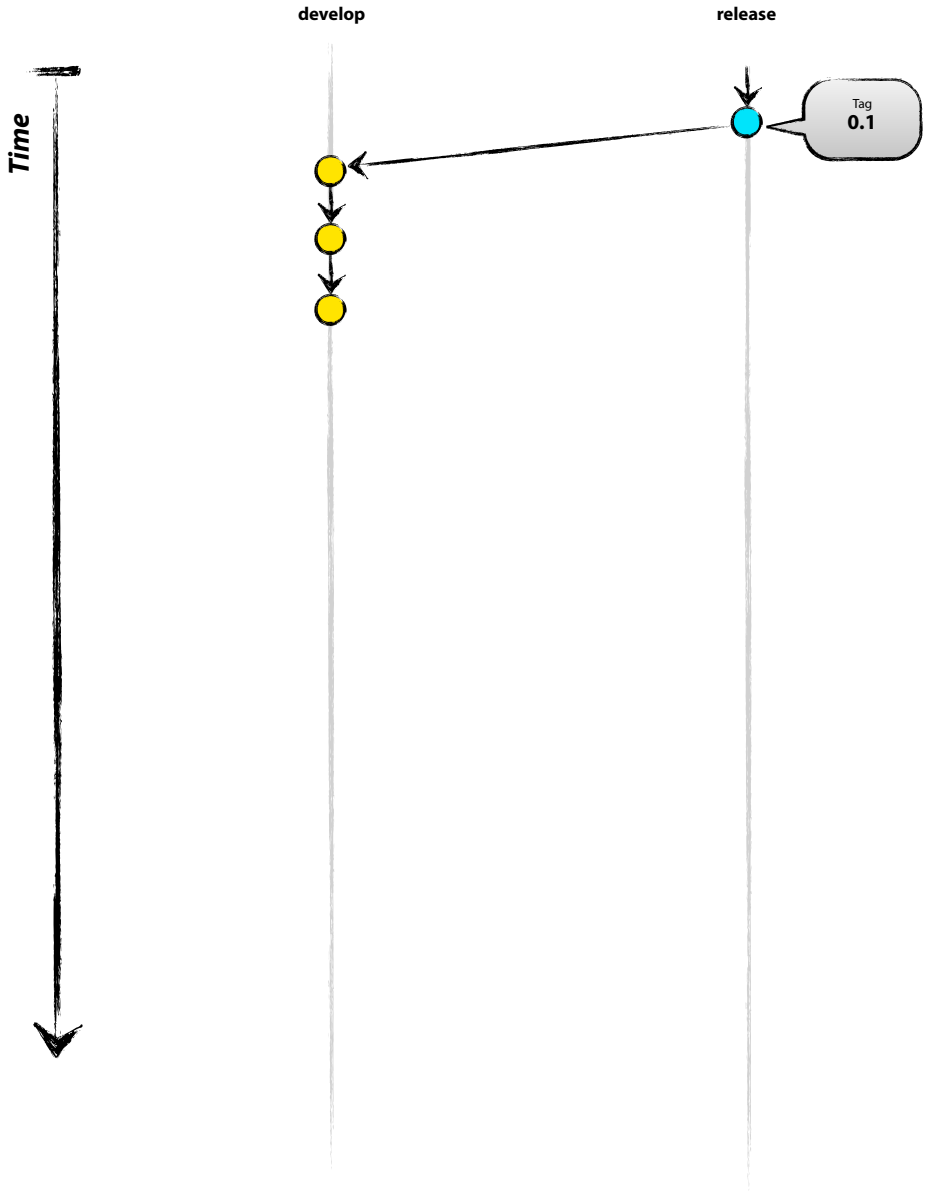

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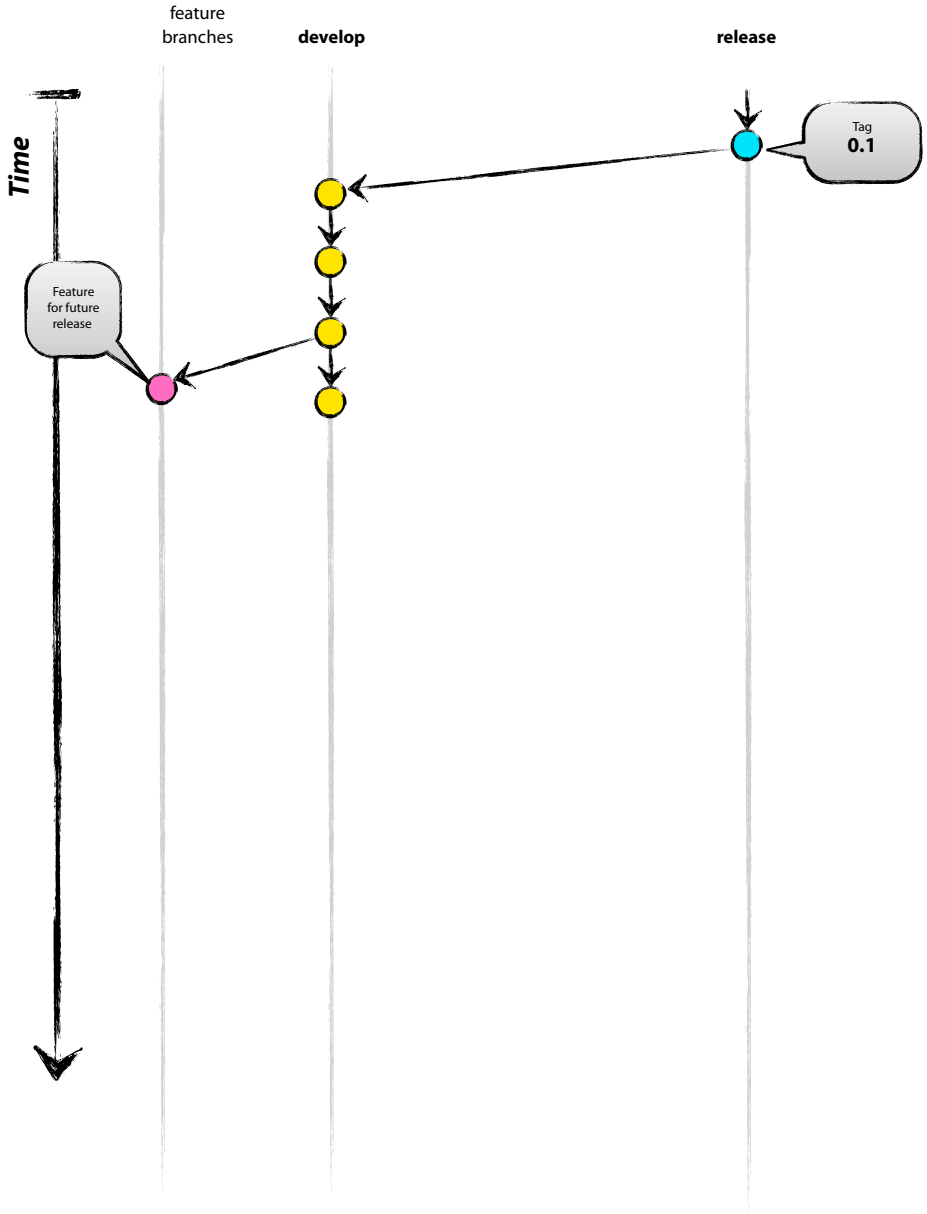

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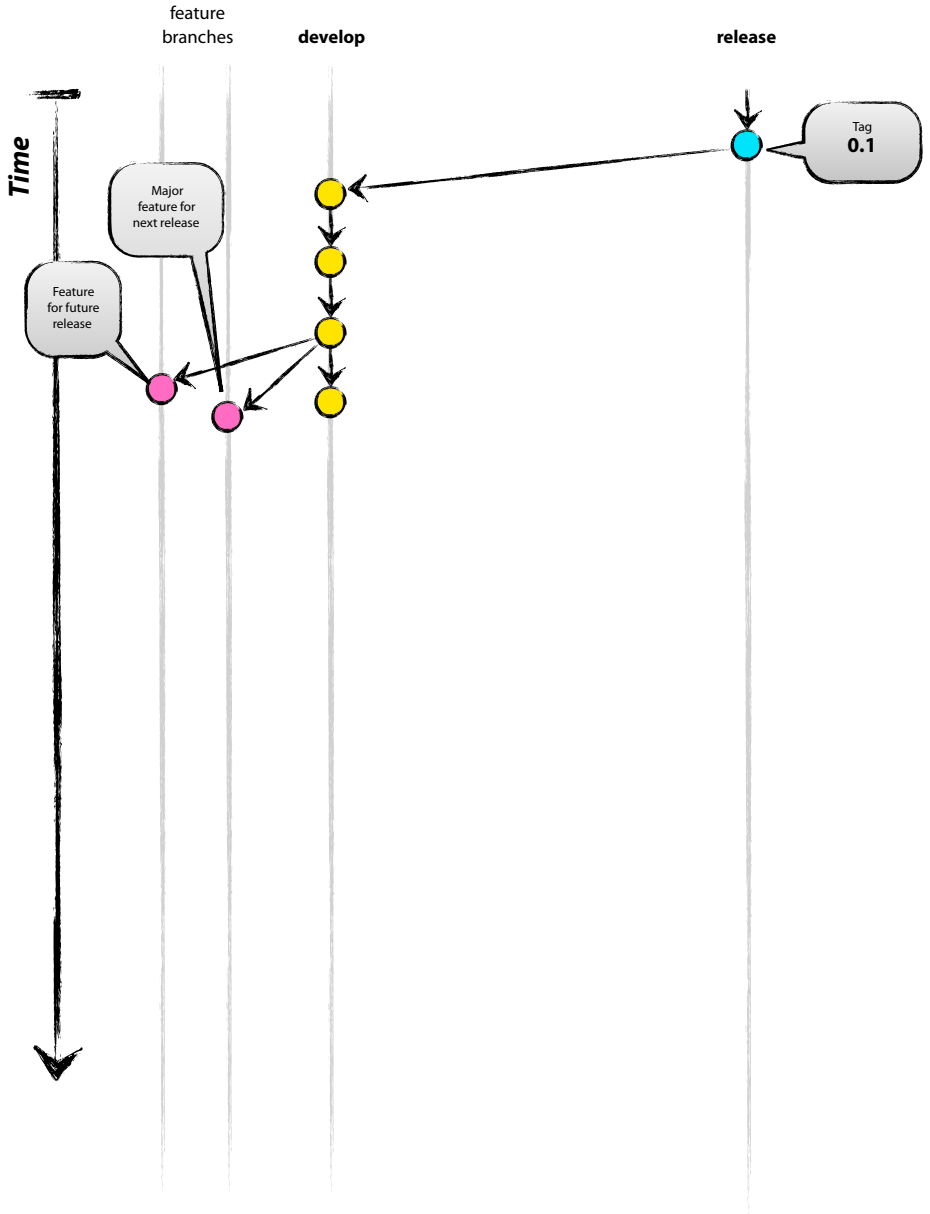

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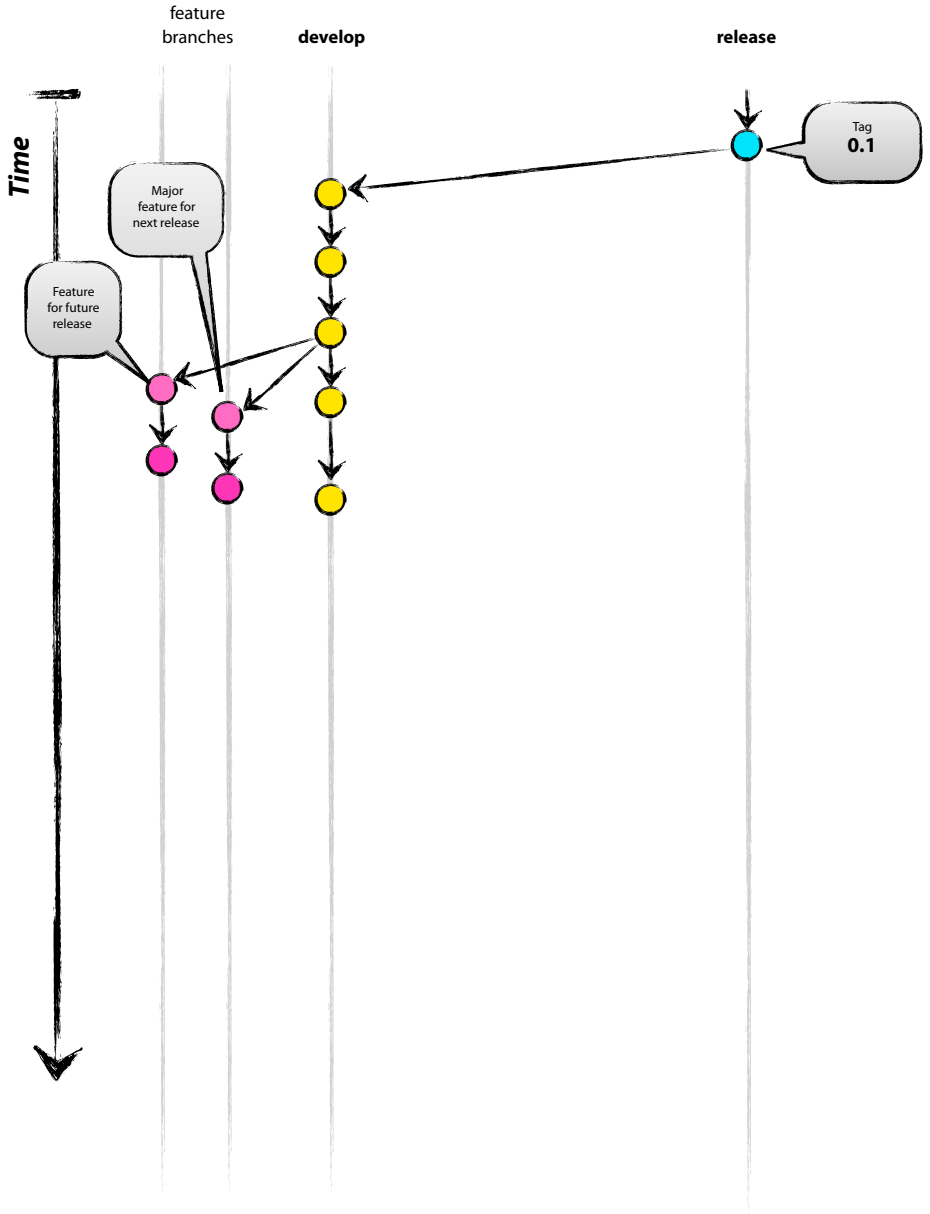

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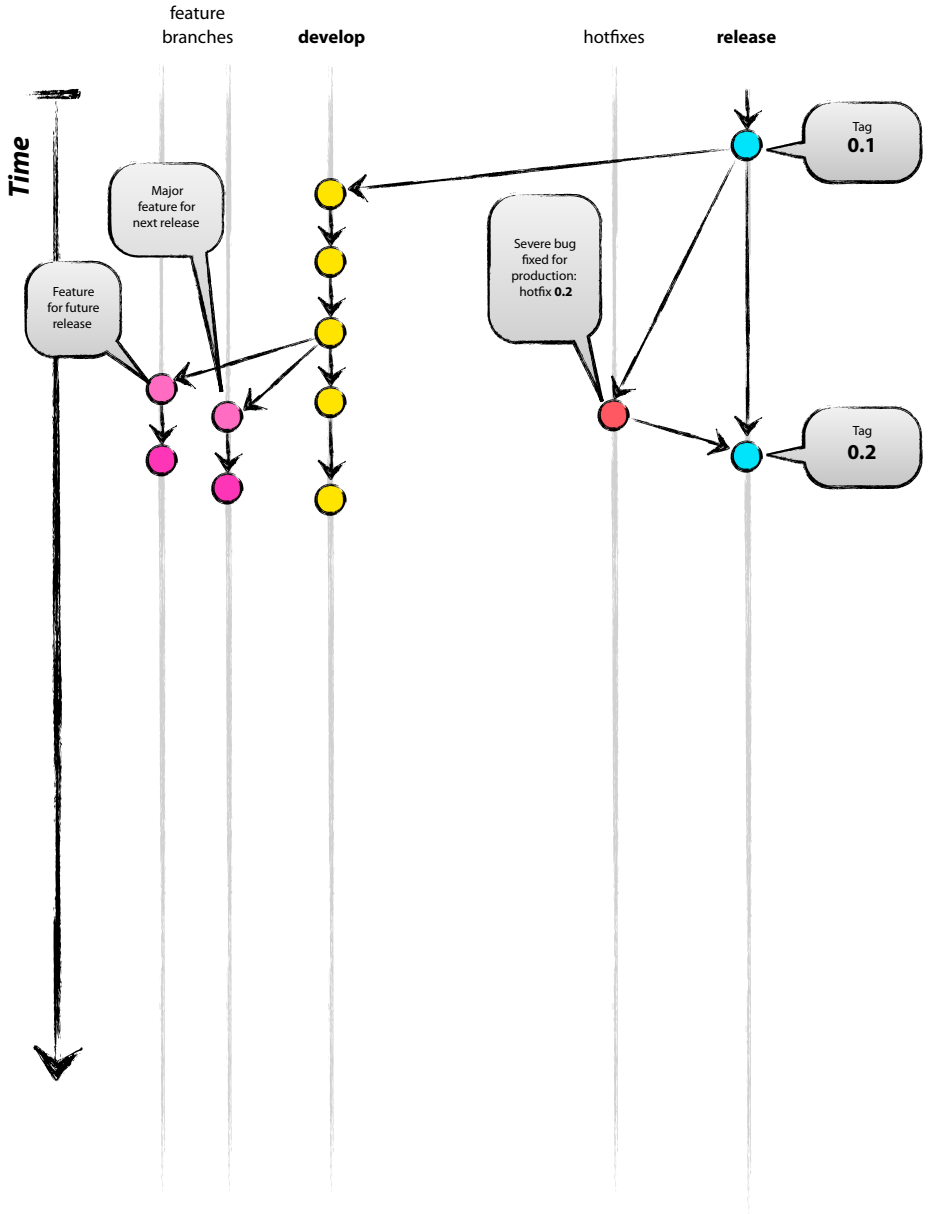

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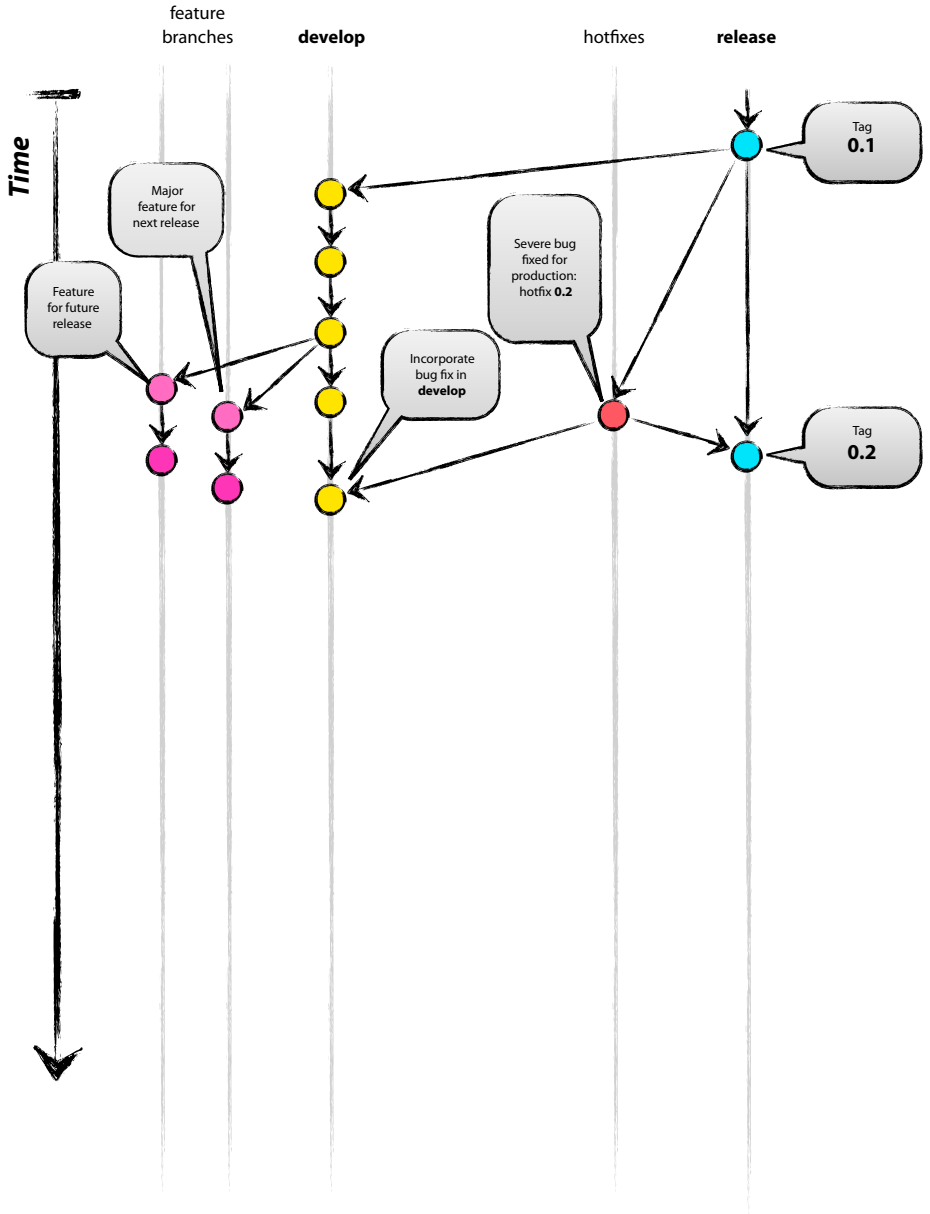

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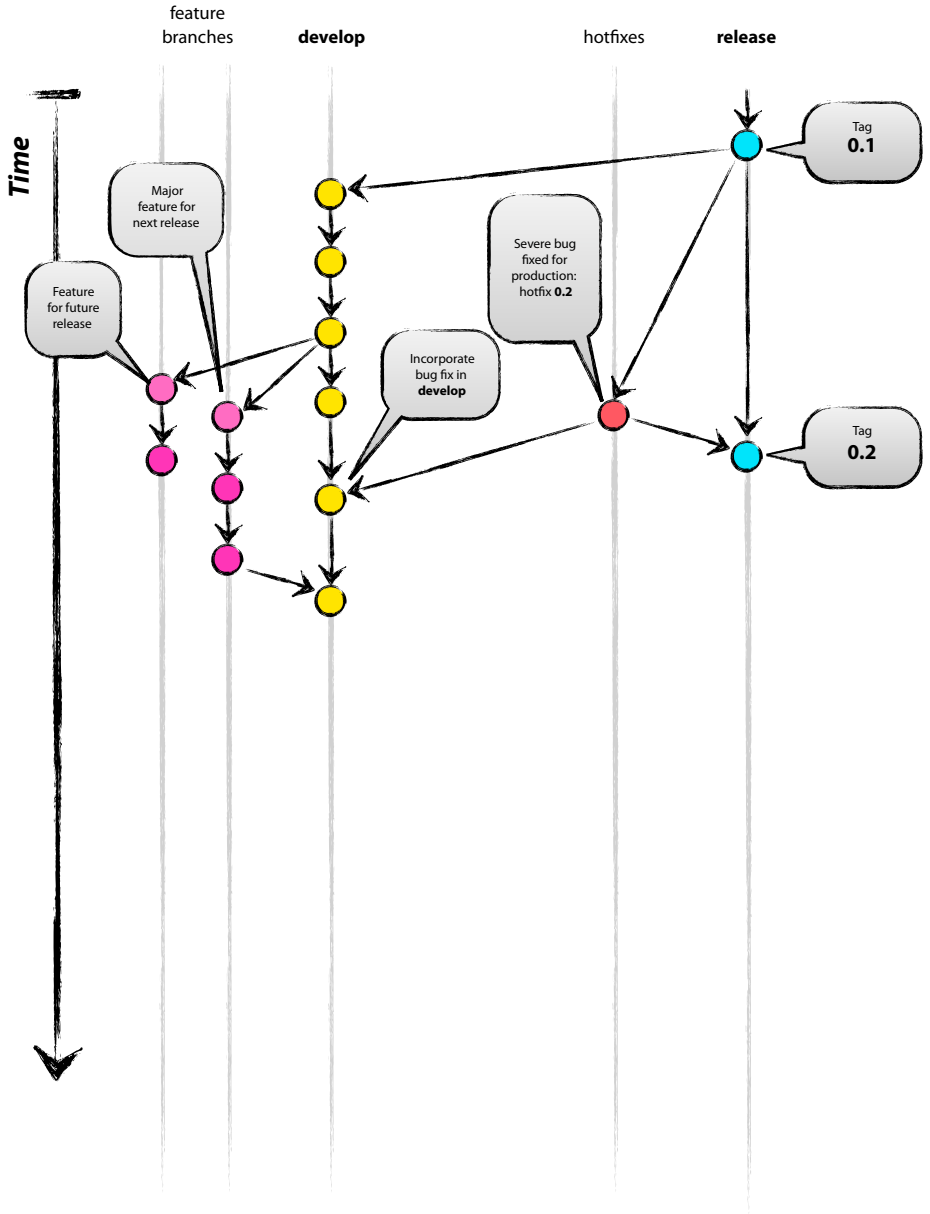

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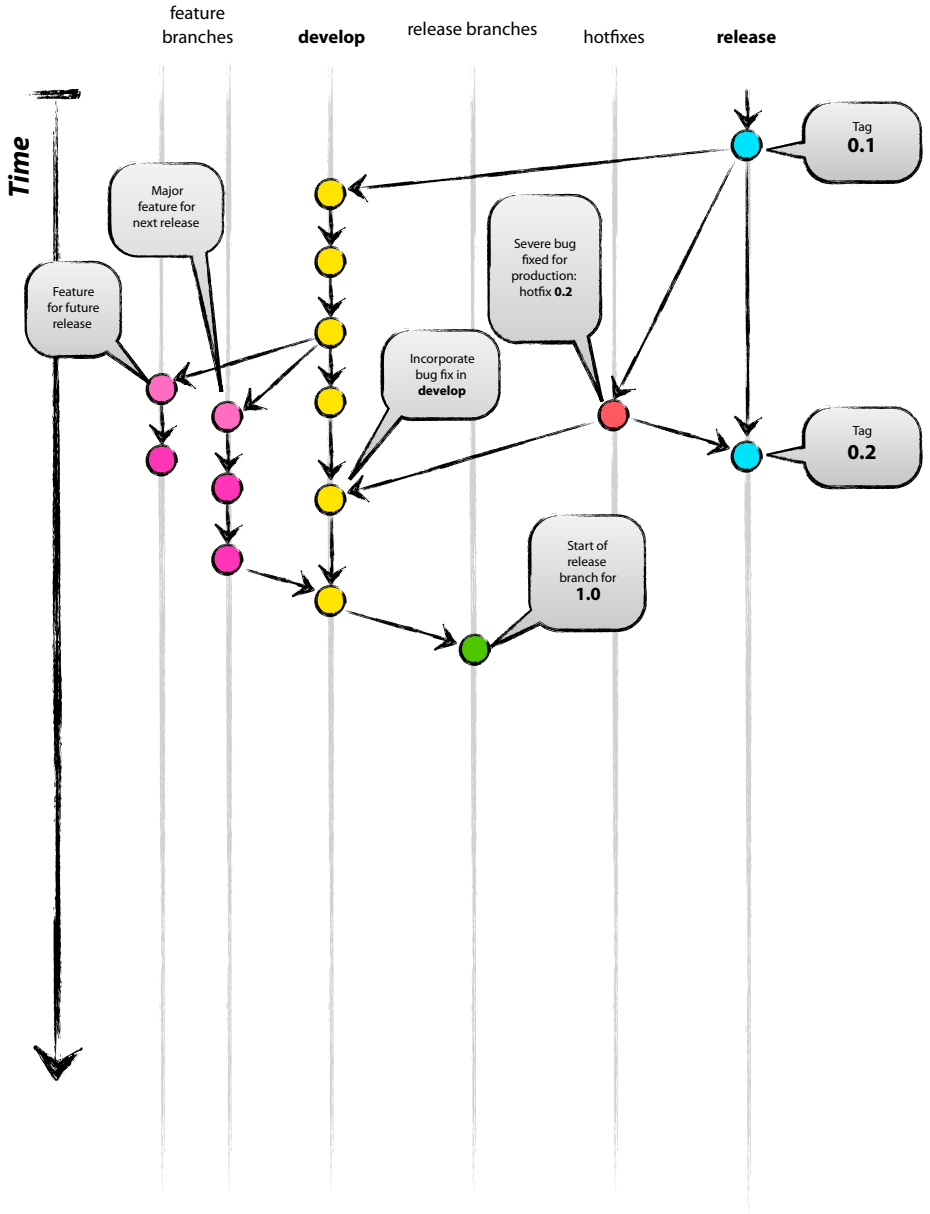

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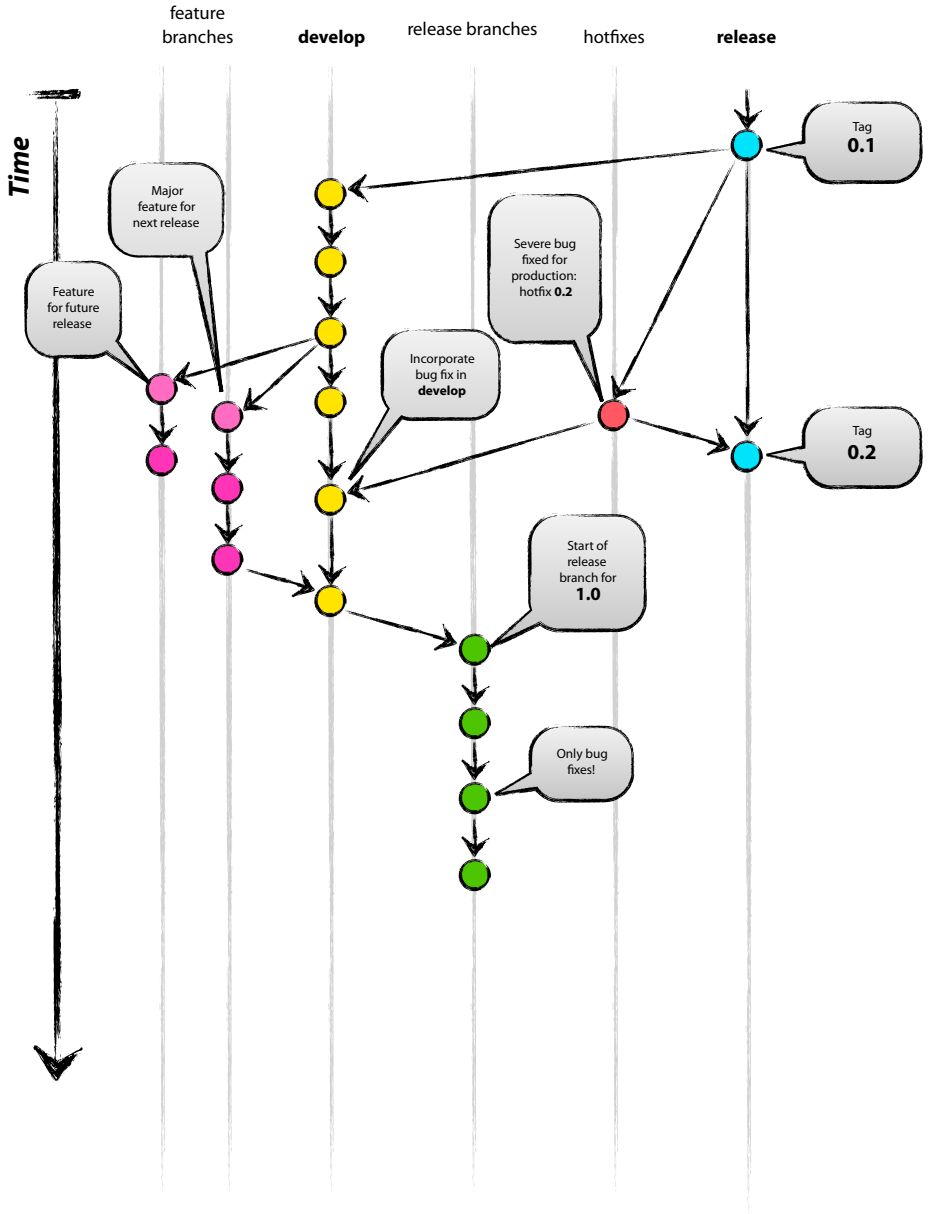

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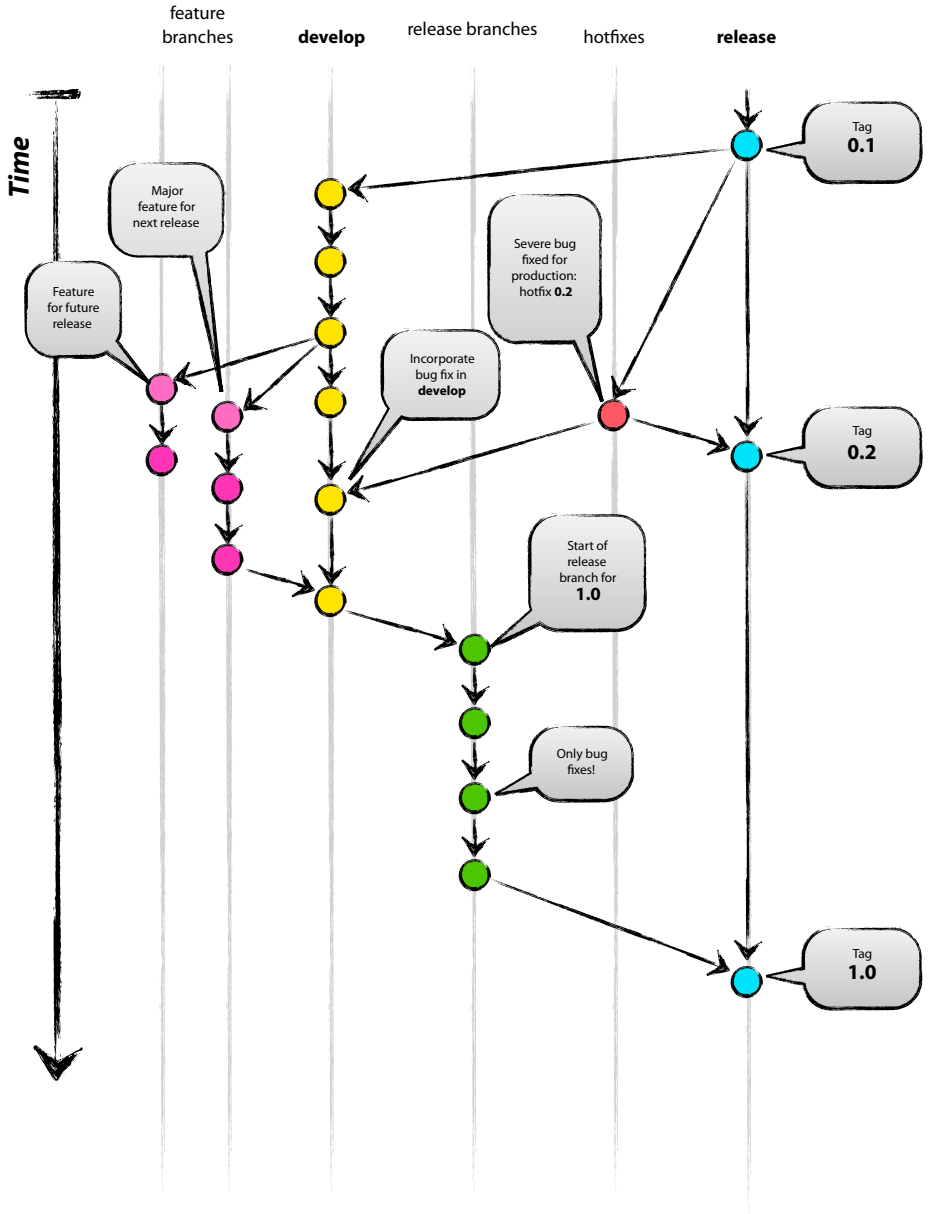

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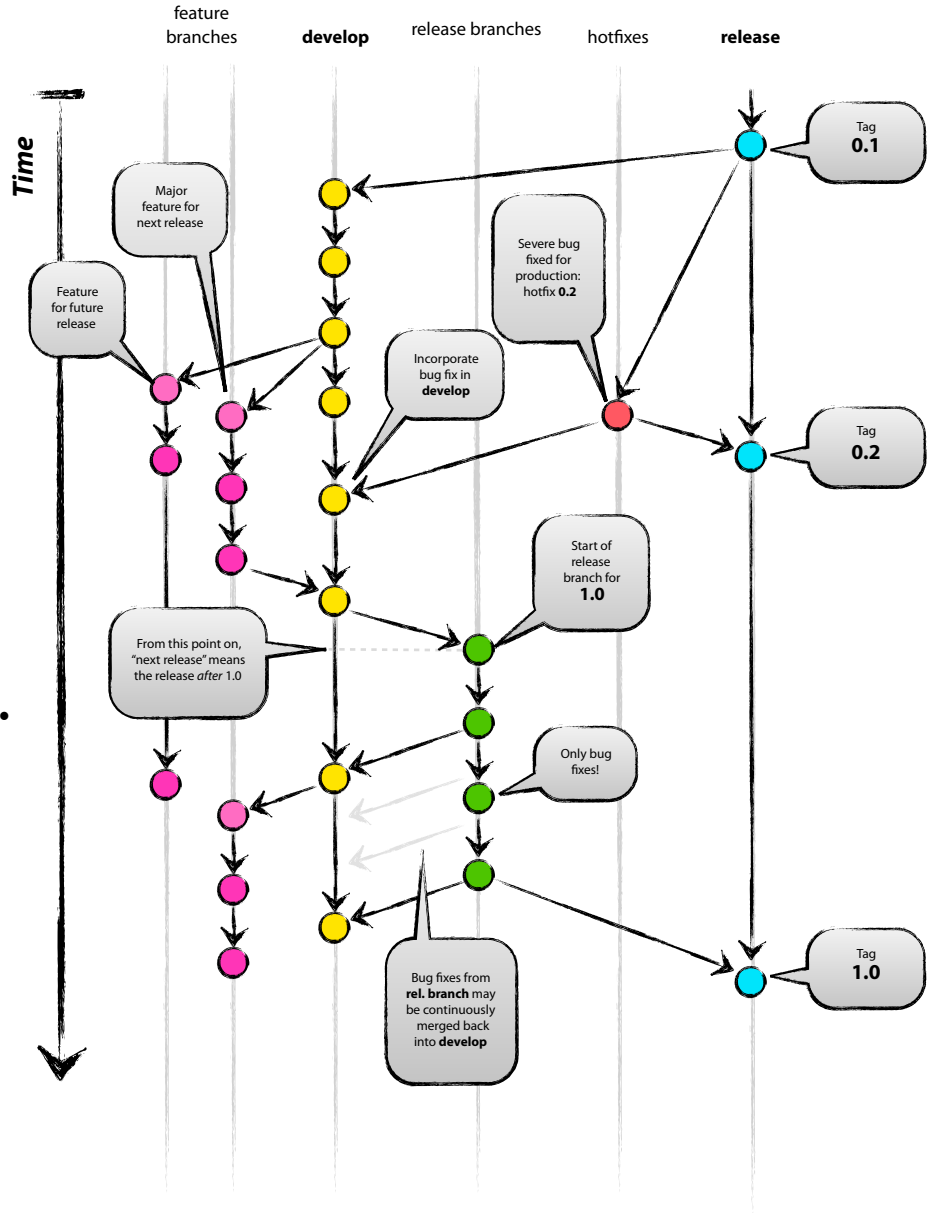

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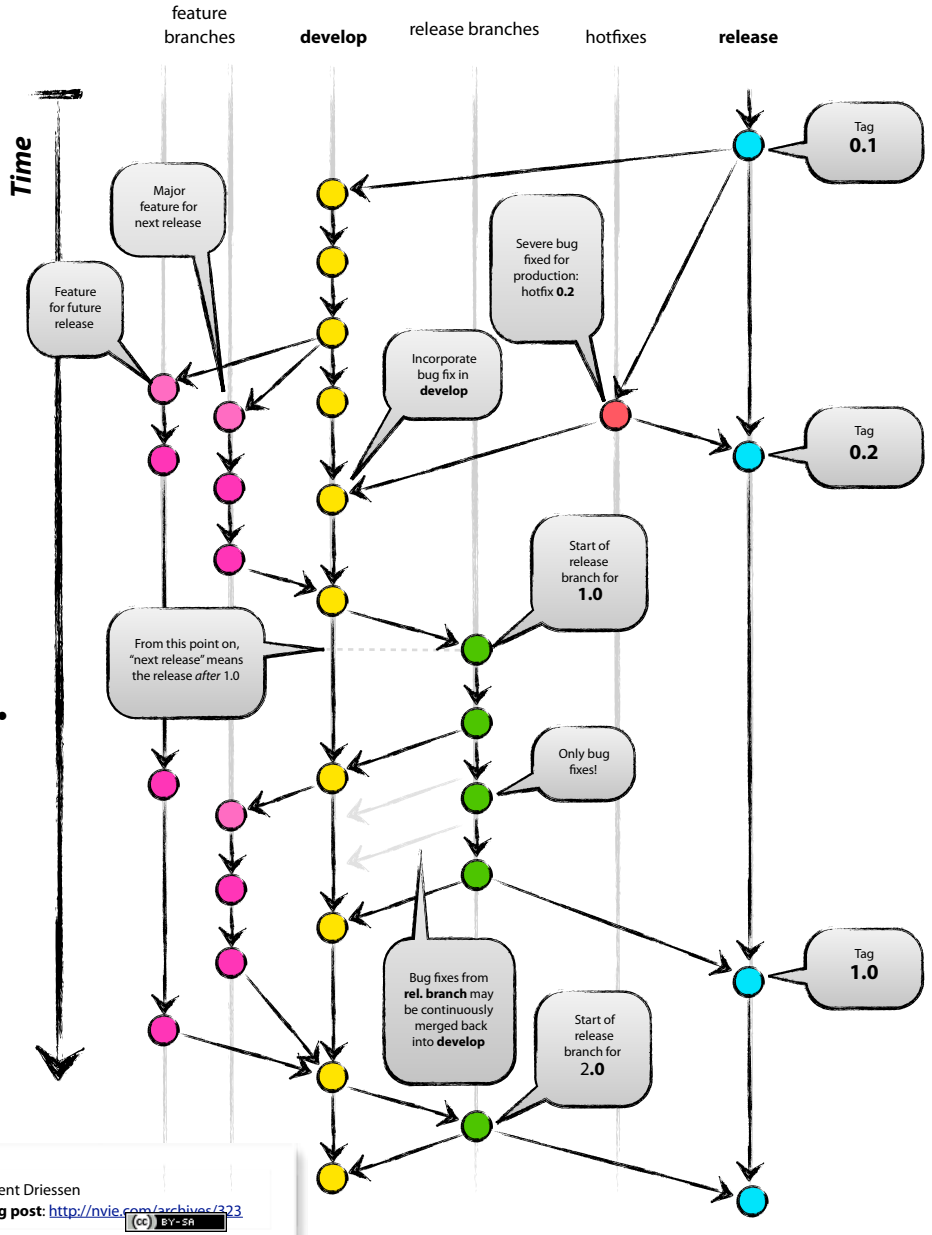

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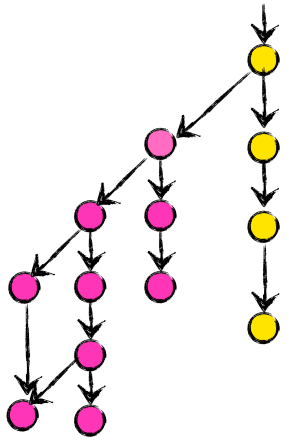

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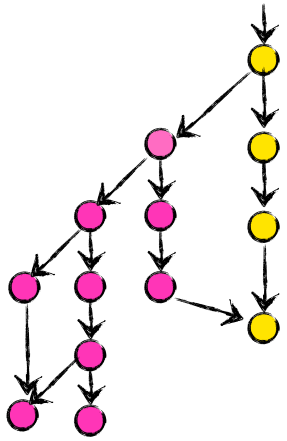

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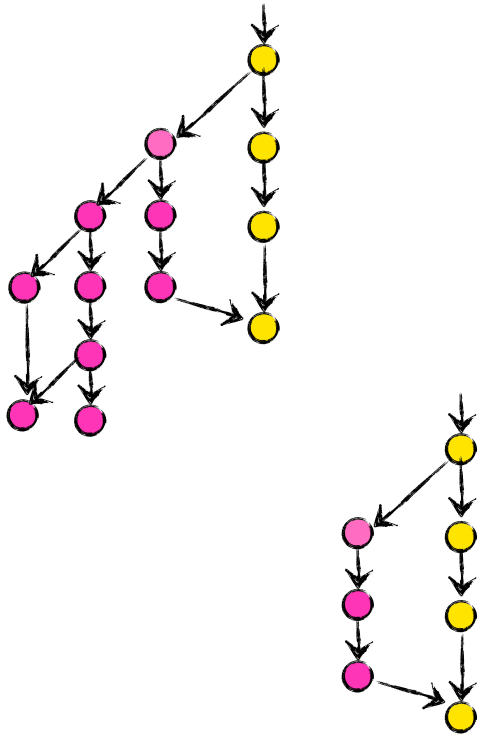

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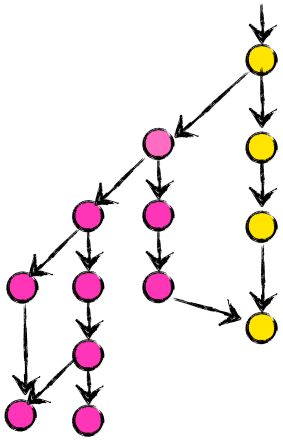

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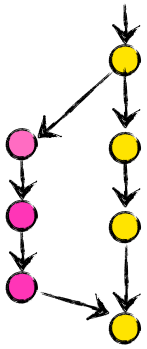

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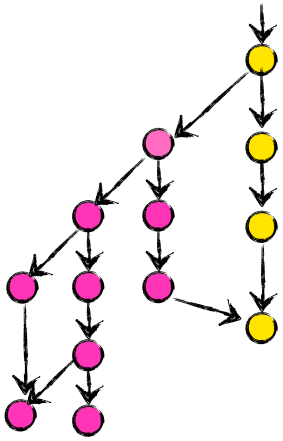

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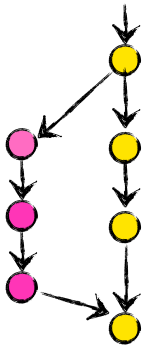

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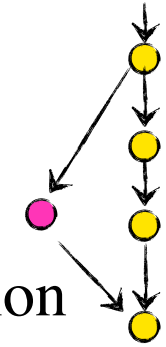

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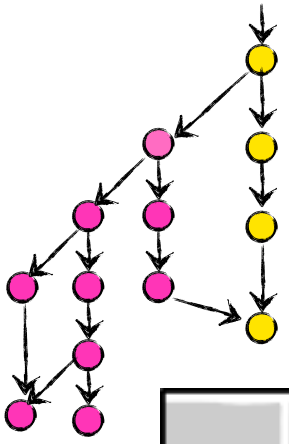

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A) Don't! Have them submit patches to Package Coordinators (PBs)

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Index: java/src/jmri/jmrix/openlcb/swing/downloader/LoaderPane.java
===================================================================
--- java/src/jmri/jmrix/openlcb/swing/downloader/LoaderPane.java        (revision 29731)
+++ java/src/jmri/jmrix/openlcb/swing/downloader/LoaderPane.java        (working copy)
@@ -186,18 +186,19 @@
          */
         void sendNext() {
             byte[] temp = new byte[SIZE];
-            int i;
-            for (i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
-                if (!inputContent.locationInUse(location+i))
+            int count;
+            for (count = 0; count < SIZE; count++) {
+                if (!inputContent.locationInUse(location+count)) {
+                    break;
-                temp[i] = (byte)inputContent.getLocation(location+i);
+                }
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             }
-            byte[] data = new byte[i];
-            System.arraycopy(temp, 0, data, 0, i);
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             int addr = location; // next call back might be instantaneous
-            location = location + i;
-            log.info("Sending write to 0x{}", Integer.toHexString(location).toUpperCase());
+            location = location + count;
+            log.info("Sending write to 0x{} length {}", Integer.toHexString(location).toUpperCase(), count);
             mcs.request(new MemoryConfigurationService.McsWriteMemo(destNodeID(), space, addr, data) {
                 public void handleWriteReply(int code) {
                     // update GUI intermittently
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Enough info for reliable commit, but not a lot of context, and no reliable way to merge back if commit is delayed

How can you share this as a work-in-progress?

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B) Find reliable people and give them access, log all their commits

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Revision: 29733
      http://sourceforge.net/p/jmri/code/29733
Author:  jacobsen
Date:    2015-08-09 23:20:19 +0000 (Sun, 09 Aug 2015)
Log Message:
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Better index variable name; improve logging message

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===================================================================
--- trunk/jmri/java/src/jmri/jmrix/openlcb/swing/downloader/LoaderPane.java     2015-08-08 23:10:01 UTC (rev 29732)
+++ trunk/jmri/java/src/jmri/jmrix/openlcb/swing/downloader/LoaderPane.java     2015-08-09 23:20:19 UTC (rev 29733)
@@ -186,18 +186,19 @@
          */
         void sendNext() {
             byte[] temp = new byte[SIZE];
-            int i;
-            for (i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
-                if (!inputContent.locationInUse(location+i))
+            int count;
+            for (count = 0; count < SIZE; count++) {
+                if (!inputContent.locationInUse(location+count)) {
                     break;
-                temp[i] = (byte)inputContent.getLocation(location+i);
+                }
+                temp[count] = (byte)inputContent.getLocation(location+count);
             }
-            byte[] data = new byte[i];
-            System.arraycopy(temp, 0, data, 0, i);
+            byte[] data = new byte[count];
+            System.arraycopy(temp, 0, data, 0, count);

             int addr = location; // next call back might be instantaneous
-            location = location + i;
-            log.info("Sending write to 0x{}", Integer.toHexString(location).toUpperCase());
+            location = location + count;
+            log.info("Sending write to 0x{} length {}", Integer.toHexString(location).toUpperCase(), count);
             mcs.request(new MemoryConfigurationService.McsWriteMemo(destNodeID(), space, addr, data) {
                 public void handleWriteReply(int code) {
                     // update GUI intermittently
```

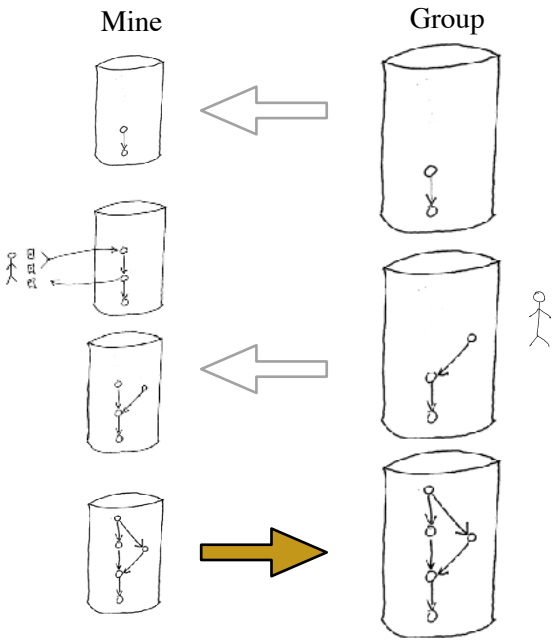
Solves the context & merge-back problem,

but do you really have 6,000 reliable friends?

You want me to trust how many people?

How do you give 6,000 people access to a central repository?

C) Use a distributed repository and "pull requests"



Git-based developers have a full local repository

Commits have full context

"Push" moves all that to target

A "pull request" sends all that to somebody at the target, who can accept or not

When accepted, the merge is completed & both repositories in sync

(Pull requests rarely rejected outright - usually it's "fix these things and resend")

Strong tools exist to make pull requests easy: CI test results, etc automated

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He's ready for that work to be reviewed, and wants to move it to a repository that's always online:

```
% git push
Counting objects: 8, done.
Delta compression using up to 4 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (7/7), done.
Writing objects: 100% (8/8), 1.07 KiB | 0 bytes/s, done.
Total 8 (delta 6), reused 0 (delta 0)
remote: Resolving deltas: 100% (6/6), completed with 6 local objects.
To https://github.com/bobjacobsen/JMRI.git
   3d35322e43..79c28b4c93  ctc-tools -> ctc-tools
```

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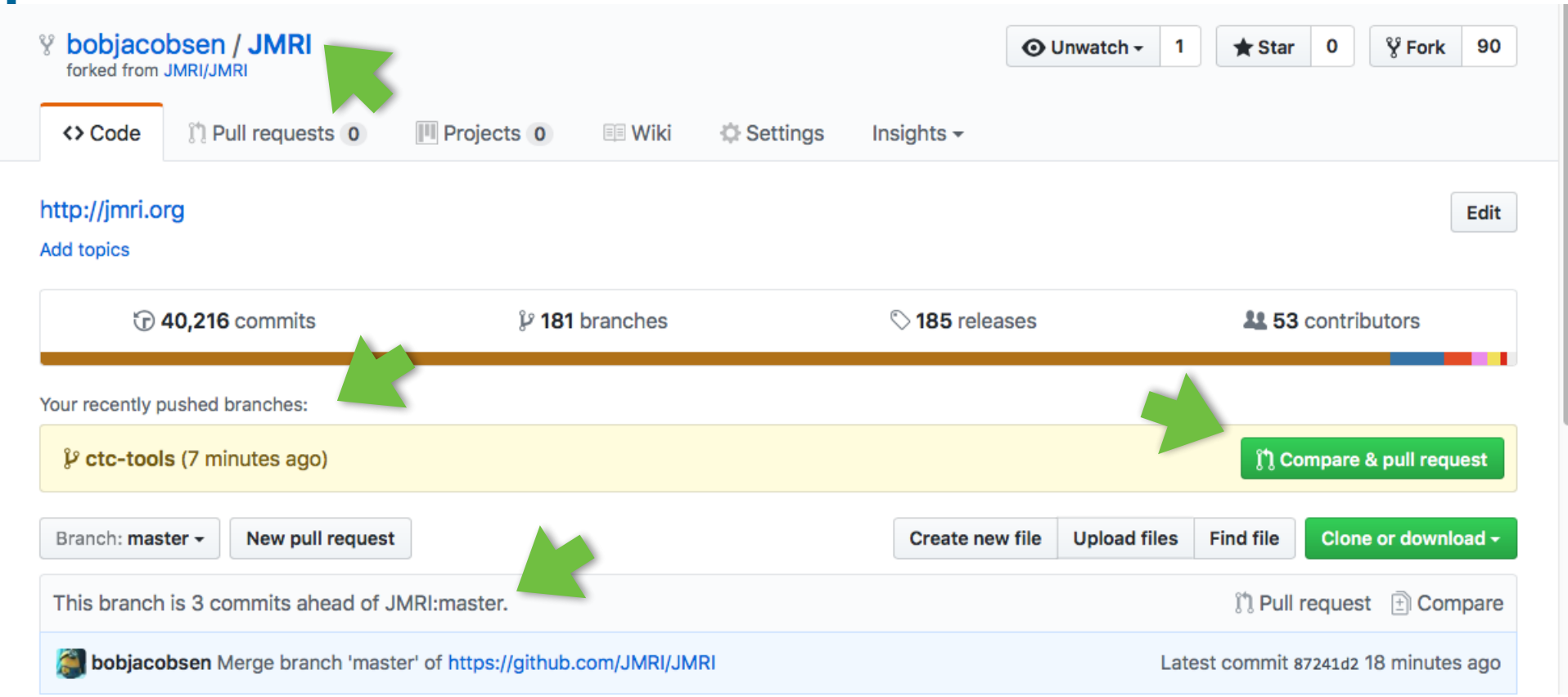


Open a pull request

Create a new pull request by comparing changes across two branches. If you need to, you can also compare across forks.

base fork: **JMRI/JMRI** ▾ base: **master** ▾ ... head fork: **bobjacobsen/JMRI** ▾ compare: **ctc-tools** ▾

✓ **Able to merge.** These branches can be automatically merged.

Update CTC tools based on user feedback

Write Preview

- Better handling of timing
- Locks can handle multiple segments
- Improved documentation

Attach files by dragging & dropping or selecting them.

☑ **Allow edits from maintainers.** Learn more

Create pull request

Reviewers
No reviews—request one

Assignees
No one—assign yourself

Labels
None yet

Projects
None yet

Milestone
No milestone

15 commits **20** files changed **0** commit comments **1** contributor

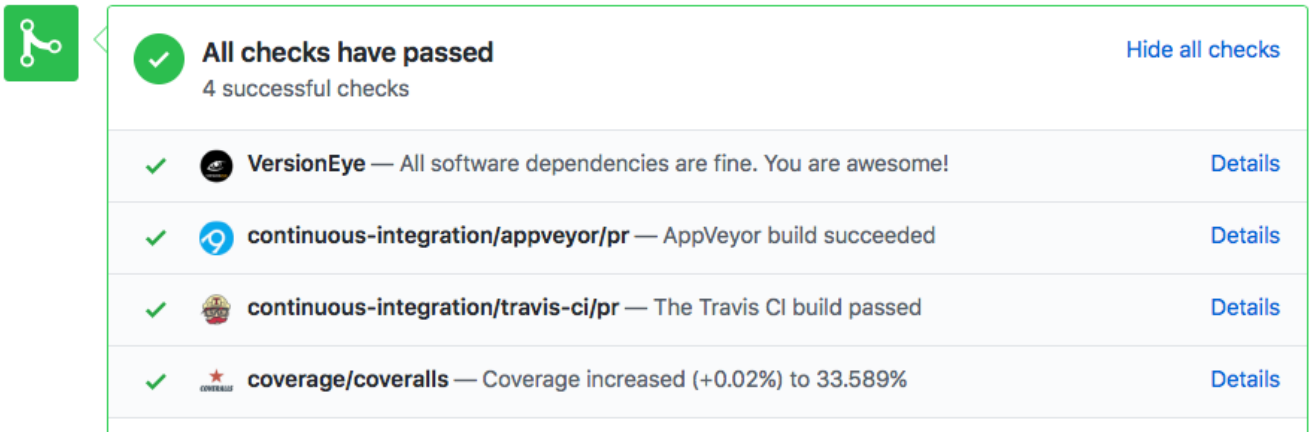
Commits on Jul 08, 2017

bobjacobsen	Merge branch 'master' into ctc-tools	d8b4fbf
bobjacobsen	Merge branch 'sensor-scripts' into ctc-tools	8dfd297
bobjacobsen	current sequences	d3cf209
bobjacobsen	log lock fails	acc23cd
bobjacobsen	sequencing and comments	26f2506

Life Cycle of a Pull Request

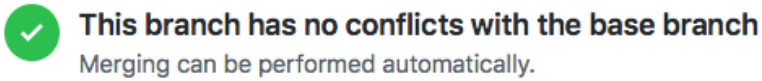
Once created:

Continuous integration tests are run



Reviews happen

Merge checks are done



And finally, somebody with authorization can click this:

to complete the merge onto the desired branch in the main repository.

2nd approach: People handle consistency, machines build

With consistency is managed in the repository, building can be automated

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Enter "CMake"

Two phase process:

- (Zeroth: Pull complete, consistent set of code from managed repository)
- First, automatically build localized control files - no judgement needed
- Second, do a platform-specific build using those files

```
cmake path
make
```

CMake:

- Scales very well (builds entire Linux distributions, LCGsoft LHC software)
- Well integrated with other tools (Eclipse, Visual Studio, the whole world)
- Powerful capabilities

Are you sure I don't need a version system for packages?

We use version control outside SVN because it's too hard to have lots of independent, controlled versions inside SVN.

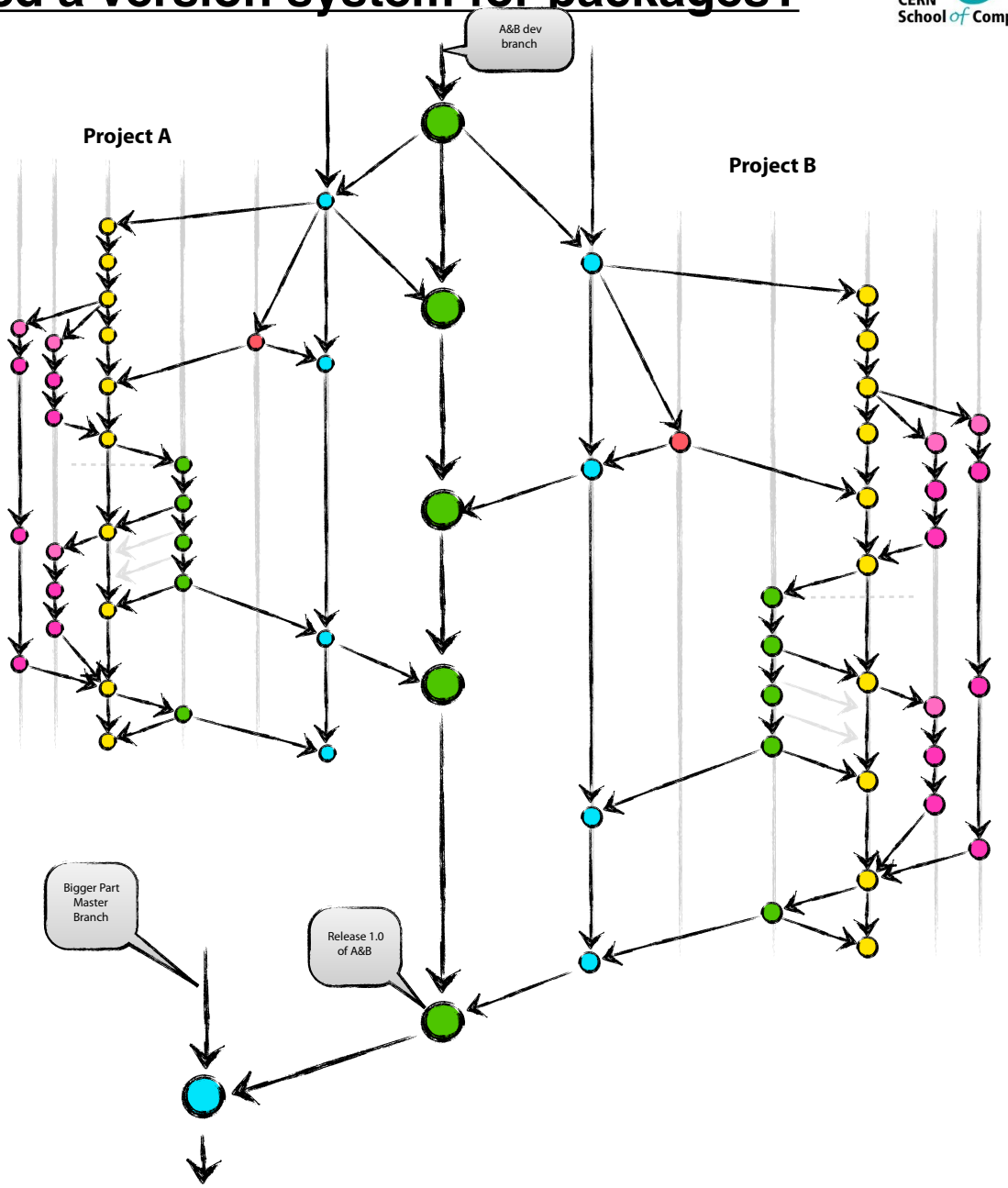
Git's "Lots of branches"

+

strong & easy merging

is

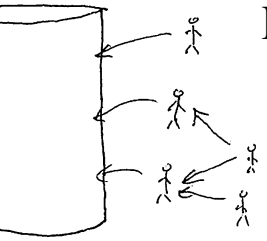
qualitatively different



Compare Approaches:

SVN & CMT

- **Code in repository**
- **Unit of organization: Package**



Package Coordinator decides:

- Release time & contents
- Dependency rules

- **Tools create releases**

Resolve dependencies

- At package level

Specify localization

- **Build and distribute**

Pre-made Makefiles

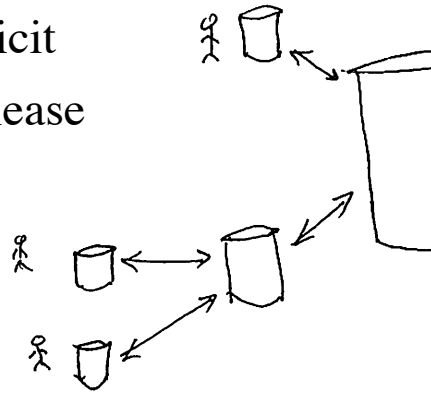
Git & CMake

- **Code in repository**
- **Unit of organization: Branch**

Fractal organization within

- Common time, contents
- Dependency implicit

Cooperate to define release



- **Check out and build**

Consistent release from branch

CMake handles localization

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Exercises

Test Frameworks

Performance Profiling

Memory Issues

Code Management

Release Management

Tuesday, 17 September 2019	
08:45	**Tools and Techniques E1** - Bob Jacobsen (UC Berkeley)
09:45	**Morning coffee**
10:15	**Tools and Techniques E2** - Bob Jacobsen (UC Berkeley)
11:15	**Tools and Techniques E3** - Bob Jacobsen (UC Berkeley)
12:15	**Announcements**

Instructions to get started on Indigo (Tools & Techniques E1)

https://indico.cern.ch/event/769356/contributions/3197065/

More

You'll work in pairs. Try to find somebody with complementary skills!

Learn about each topic, spend more time on the ones that interest you.

Speed is not the issue: no reward for first done, no complaint about last.

Think about what you're doing: There are larger lessons to be found!

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