Using Git

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1. git commit
2. git push
3. leave building

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    ```
    (or better, copy to a remote machine like one of the university)
  - Keep history:
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    $ cp -r ~/project/ ~/backup/2024-09-01_project
    ```
  - ...

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  - Never two persons work at the same time. $\Rightarrow$ Doesn’t scale up! Unsafe.
  - People work on the same directory (same machine, NFS, ACLs . . .)
    $\Rightarrow$ Painful because of (2) above.
  - People work trying to avoid conflicts, and merge later.

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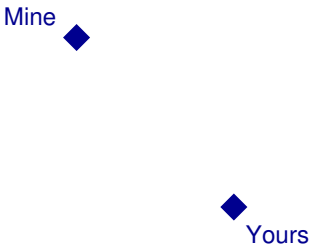

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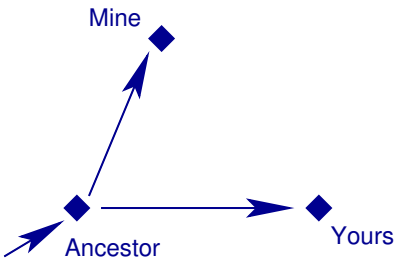

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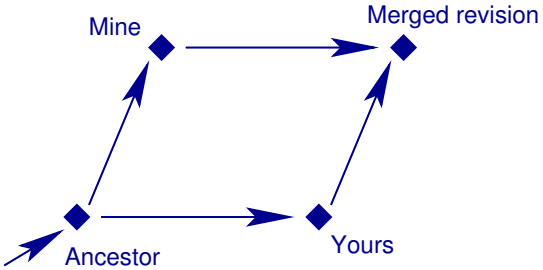

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- Efficient storage/compression ("delta-compression" $\approx$ incremental backup)

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Git: Basic concepts

- Each working directory contains:
  - The files you work on (as usual)
  - The history, or “repository” (in the directory `.git/`)
- Basic operations:
  - git clone: get a copy of an existing repository (files + history)
  - git commit: create a new revision in a repository
  - git pull: get revisions from a repository
  - git push: send revisions to a repository
  - git add, git rm and git mv: tell Git which files should be tracked
  - git status: know what’s going on
- For us:
  - Each team creates a shared repository, in addition to work trees

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(Image by: Francois Mori, AP, March 8th 2018,
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A bit of history

1986: Birth of CVS, centralized version system

2000: Birth of Subversion (SVN), a replacement for CVS with the same concepts

2005: First version of Git

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2007: Many young, but good projects for decentralized revision control: Git, Mercurial, Bazaar, Monotone, Darcs, ...

2014: Git is the most widely used according to Eclipse user's survey[1].

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Who Makes Git?

```
$ git shortlog -s -no-merges | sort -nr | head -30
  6136  Junio C Hamano ← Google (full-time on Git)
  1680  Jeff King ← GitHub (≈ full-time on Git)
  1289  Shawn O. Pearce ← Google
  1096  Linus Torvalds (No longer contributor)
   751  Nguyen Tha Ngoc Duy
   748  Johannes Schindelin ← Microsoft (full-time on Git)
   720  Jonathan Nieder ← Google
   520  Michael Haggerty ← GitHub (recent)
   514  René Scharfe
   511  Jakub Narebski
   487  Eric Wong
   414  Felipe Contreras
   401  Johannes Sixt
   348  Christian Couder ← Booking.com (50% on Git)
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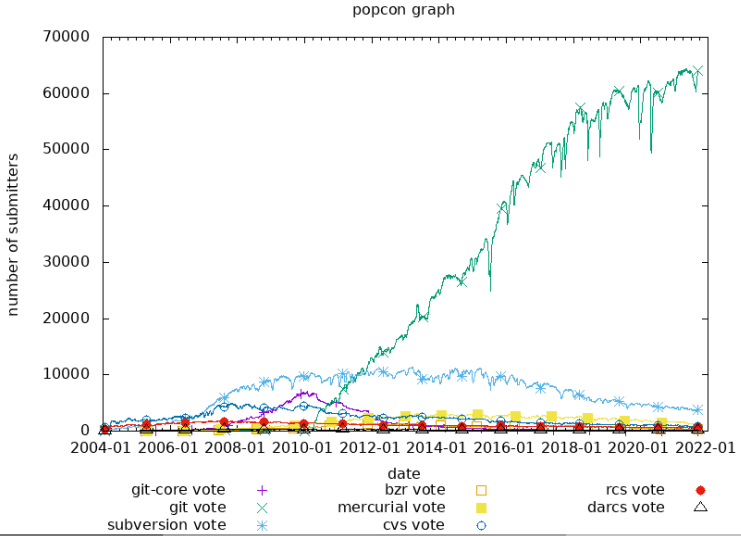

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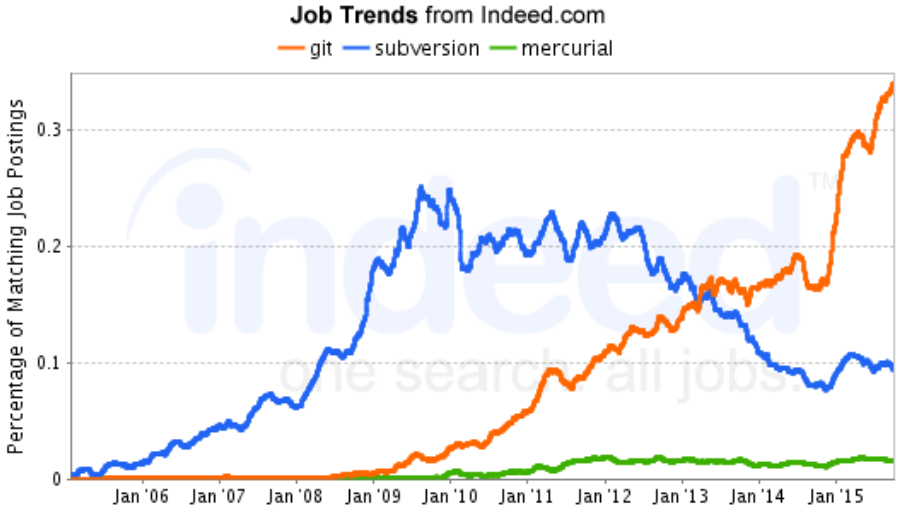

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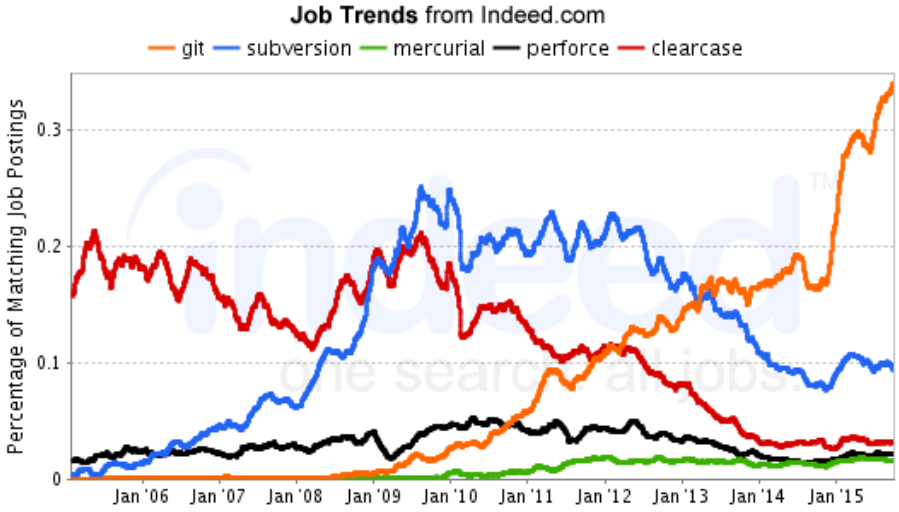
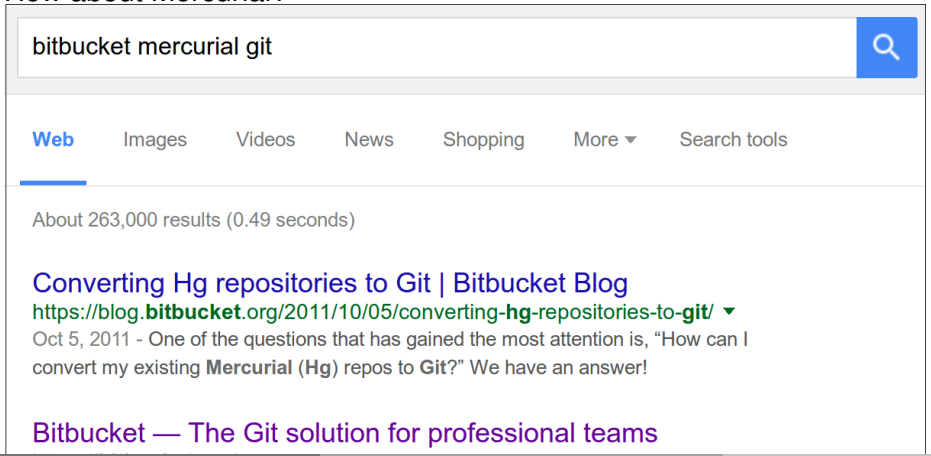


Git Adoption (Hosting)

- GitHub: 27 millions users, 76 millions projects hosted (`https://github.com/about/press`).
- How about Mercurial?



Summary of Available Options

- Centralized
  - RCS, CVS: Outdated
  - SVN: Does the job
- Decentralized
  - Git: Fast, powerful, popular
  - Mercurial (hg): Very similar to Git but designed to be simpler. Less popular but very active too.
  - Bazaar (bzr): Development stopped in 2013
  - Monotone (mtn): Invented the core concepts behind Git, slow, never took up
  - Darcs: Novel design, slow (exponential worst-case), never took up

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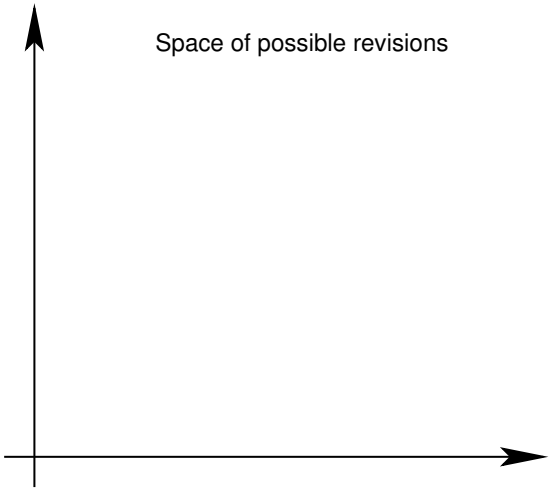

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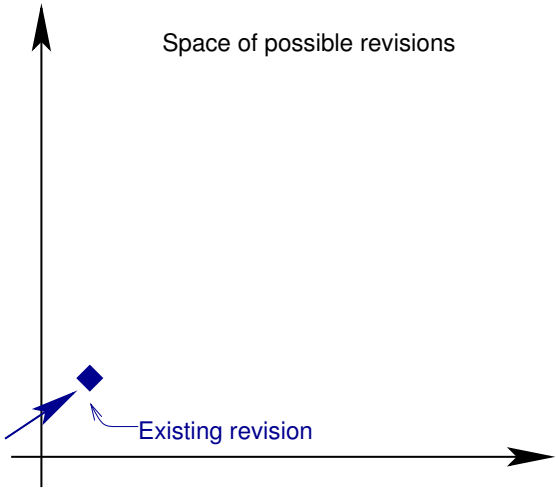

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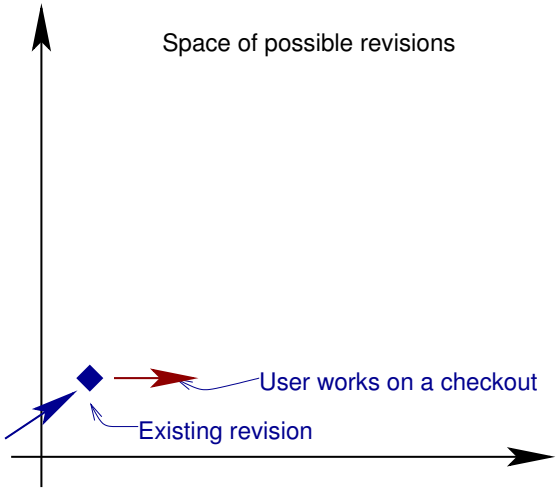

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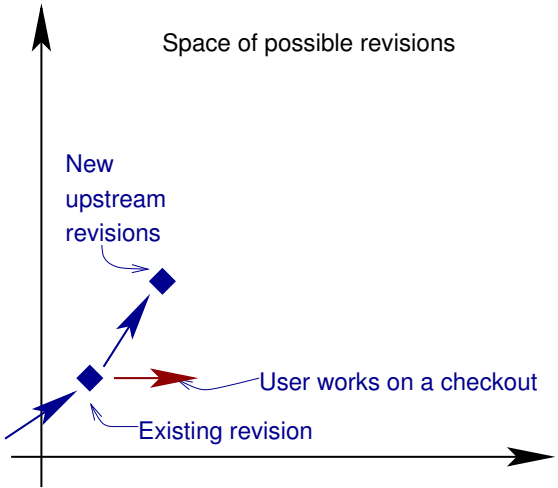

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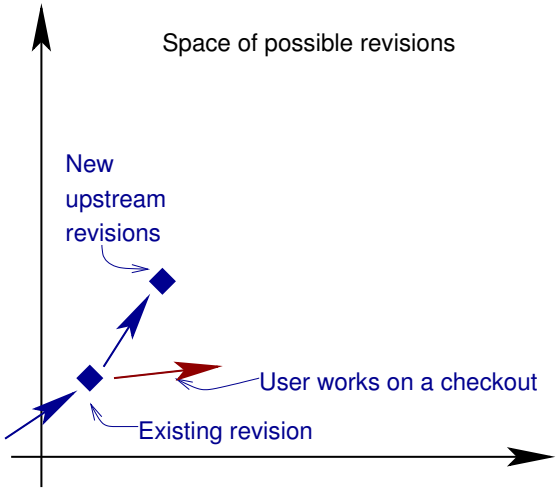

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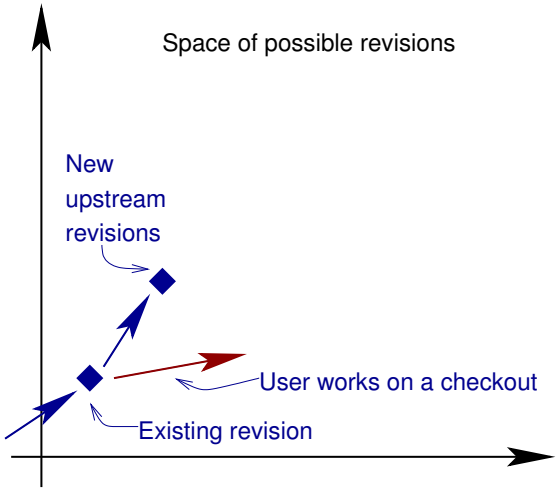

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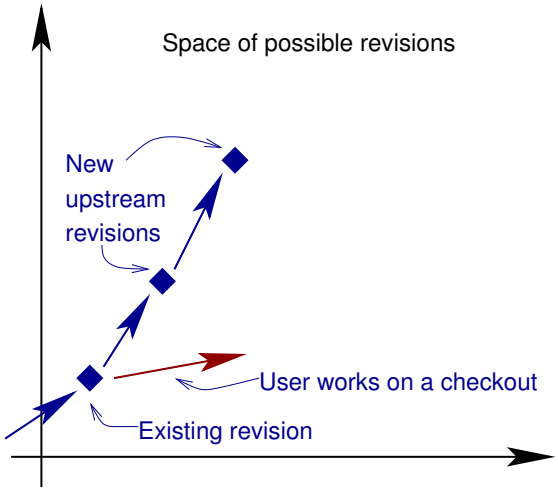

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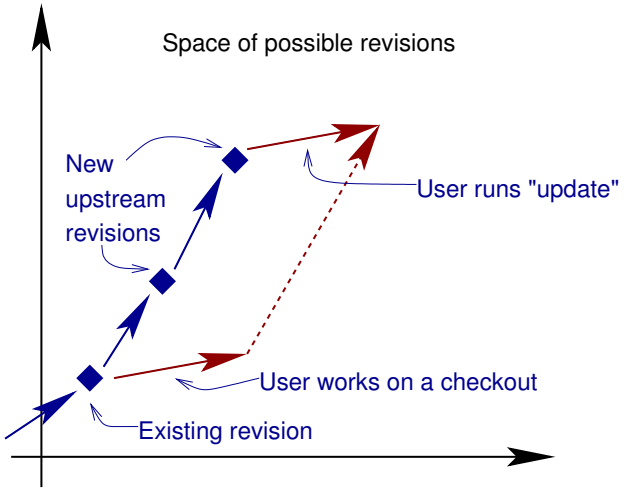

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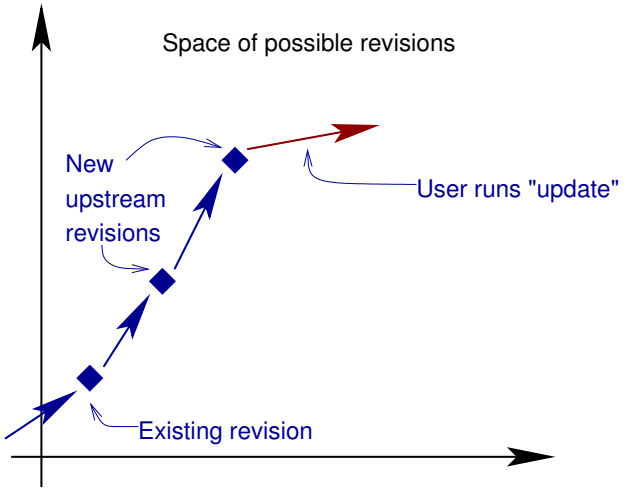

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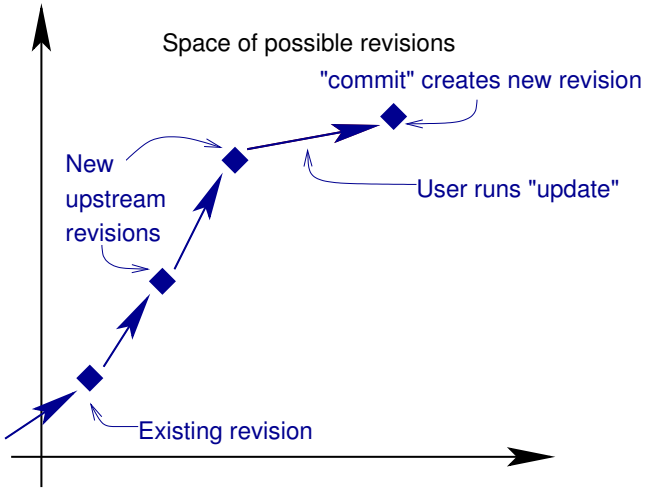

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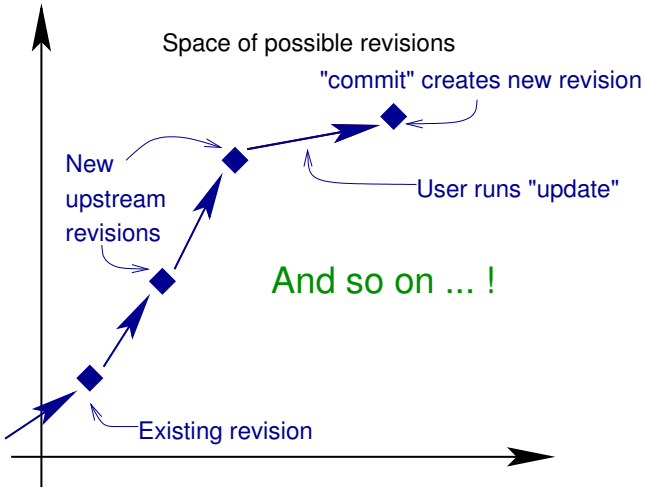

Commit/Update Approach: limitations

- A change is either “uncommited” or “cast in stone”
- Update before commit: what if the merge fails?
- No easy way to contribute to a repo without write permission

Decentralized Version Control

Each developer has its own repository

- Works offline, fast (I use `git` more than `ls` and `cd` !)
- Replicate data ($\Rightarrow$ safer)
- No need for a server, creating a repo is cheap (I have 200 repos on my account)
- Private space (draft, not cast in stone)
- Different workflows

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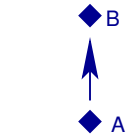

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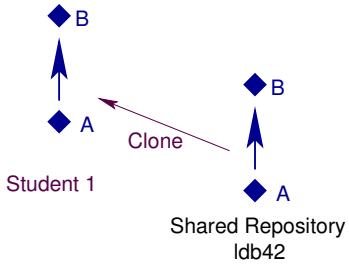

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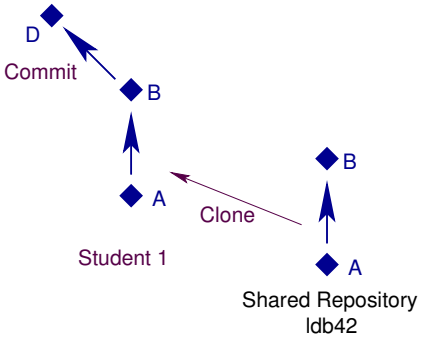

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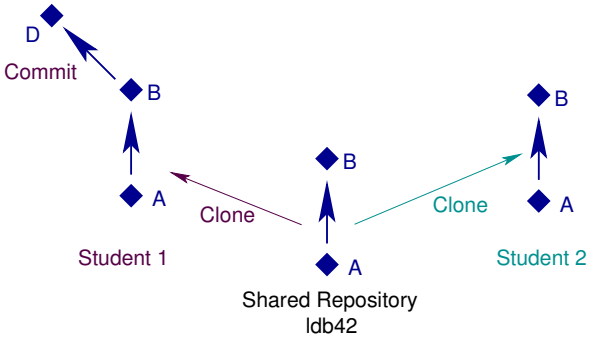

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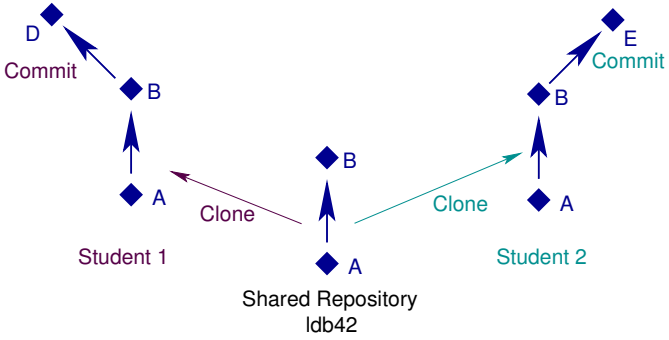

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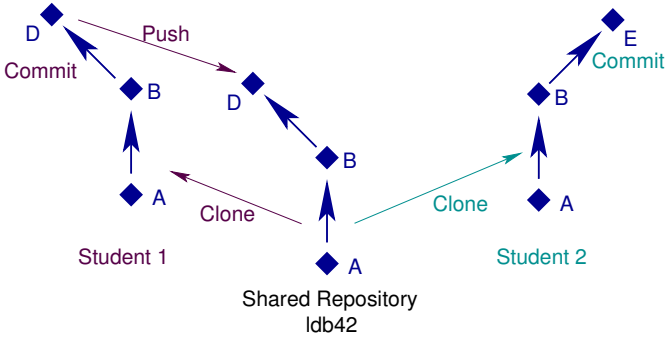

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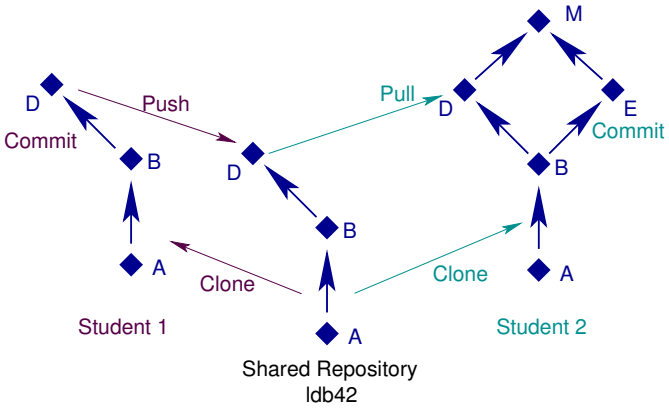

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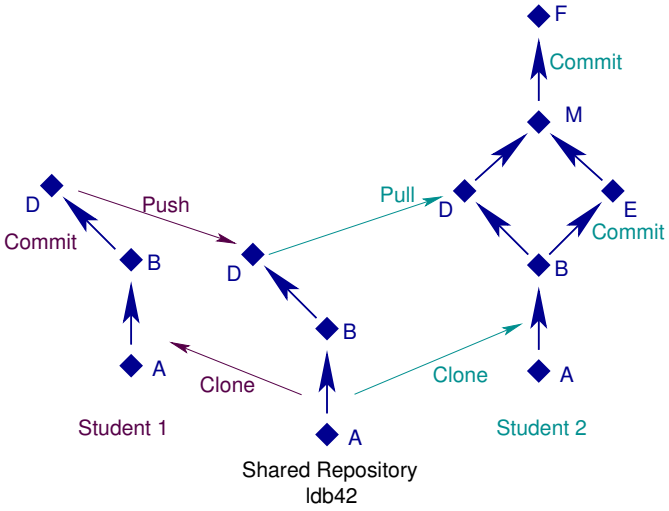

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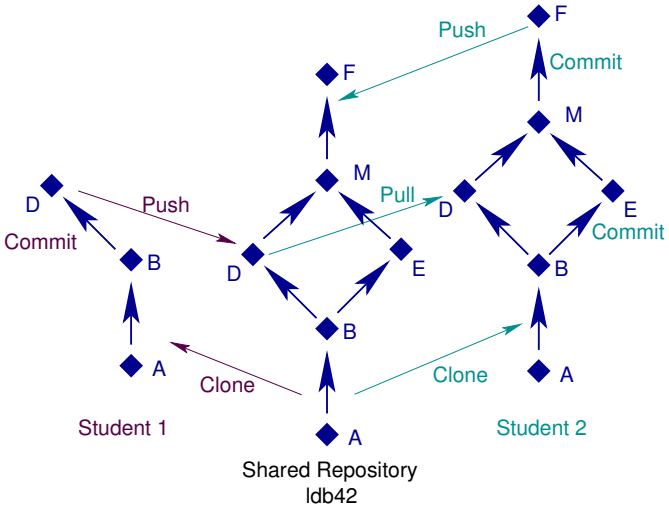

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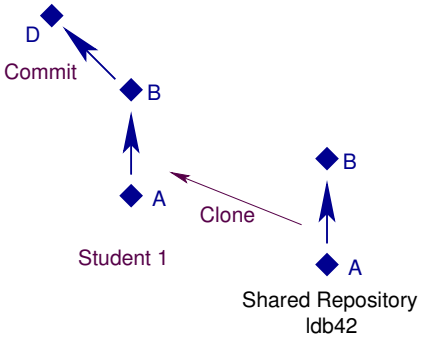

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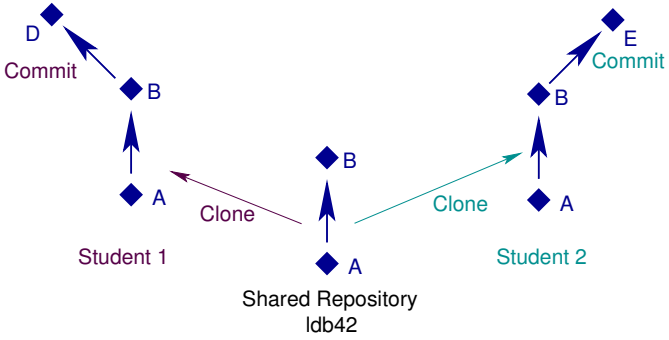


Starting the project with Git: in Practice

```
Bob$ git push
Counting objects: 9, done.
Delta compression using up to 16 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (4/4), done.
Writing objects: 100% (5/5), 432 bytes, done.
Total 5 (delta 2), reused 0 (delta 0)
To git@github.com:moy/git-training.git
   96e1dea..ae00028  master -> master
```

Starting the project with Git: in Practice

```
Bob$ git push

# back to Alice
Alice$ git push
To git@github.com:moy/git-training.git
 ! [rejected]        master -> master (non-fast forward)
error: failed to push some refs to 'git@github.com:moy/git-training.git'
hint: Updates were rejected because the tip of your current branch is
hint: behind its remote counterpart. Integrate the remote changes (e.g.
hint: 'git pull ...') before pushing again.
hint: See the 'Note about fast-forwards' in 'git push -help' for details.
```

Starting the project with Git: in Practice

```
Bob$ git push

# back to Alice
Alice$ git push
Alice$ git pull
Unpacking objects: 100% (5/5), done.
From git@github.com:moy/git-training.git
   96e1dea..ae00028  master     -> origin/master
Auto-merging sandbox/hello.c
Merge made by recursive.
 sandbox/hello.c |   10 -------
 1 files changed, 0 insertions(+), 10 deletions(-)
```

Starting the project with Git: in Practice

```
Bob$ git push

# back to Alice
Alice$ git push
Alice$ git pull
Alice$ vi hello.c
Alice$ git commit -a
[master ee9f864] Test
 1 files changed, 1 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
```

Starting the project with Git: in Practice

```
Bob$ git push

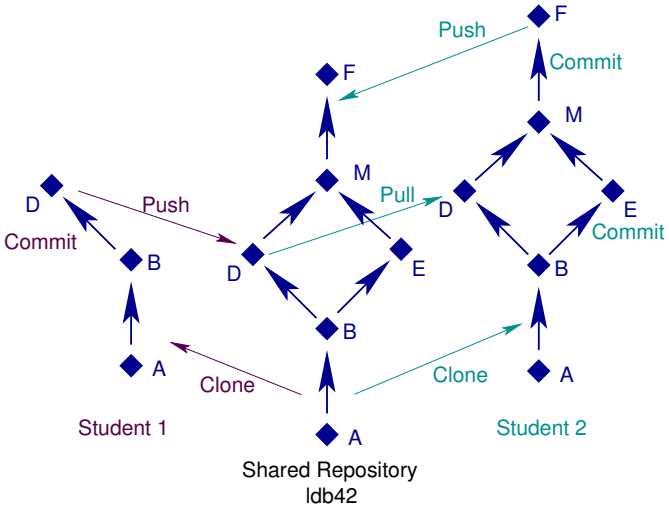
# back to Alice
Alice$ git push
Alice$ git pull
Alice$ vi hello.c
Alice$ git commit -a
Alice$ git log --graph --oneline
* ee9f864 Test
* 830a084 Merge branch 'master' of ...
|\
| * ae00028 Removed a piece of code.
* | d943af5 Added my name.
|/
* 96e1dea Personalisation du dépôt pour ldb42
```

Starting the project with Git: in Practice

```
Bob$ git push

# back to Alice
Alice$ git push
Alice$ git pull
Alice$ vi hello.c
Alice$ git commit -a
Alice$ git log --graph --oneline
Alice$ git push
Counting objects: 23, done.
Delta compression using up to 16 threads.
Compressing objects: 100% (12/12), done.
Writing objects: 100% (15/15), 1.20 KiB, done.
Total 15 (delta 6), reused 0 (delta 0)
To git@github.com:moy/git-training.git
   ae00028..ee9f864  master -> master
```

Starting the project with Git



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- Always use `git commit` with `-a`;
- Always use `git pull` with `--no-rebase`
- Make a `git push` after each `git commit -a` (use `git pull` if needed);
- Do `git pull` regularly, to remain synchronized with your teammates. You need to make a `git commit -a` before you can make a `git pull` (this is to avoid mixing manual changes with merges).
- Do not make useless changes to your code. Do not let your editor/IDE reformat code that is not yours.

Maintenant : séance machine

- Rendez-vous en salle de TP (Nautibus TP 103, Nautibus TP 105, Nautibus TD 116)
- Guide pas à pas dans `seance-machine-git.pdf` sur le site du lifprojet.
  - Installez-vous par équipe (ou trouvez un binôme temporaire)
  - Suivez les instructions et posez-moi des questions
  - Si vous connaissez déjà Git, lisez quand même rapidement, vous pourriez avoir raté des choses...