



# 10 GIT ANTI PATTERNS

## YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF

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TORTURING GIT BY PUSH ANTI-PATTERN





**if all you do is commit and immediate push**

**you lose the opportunity to organize your commits  
via reset, rebase, commit with amend safely**

**and you have to use force push at every time  
you organize your commits**

TORTURING GIT BY PUSH ANTI-PATTERN



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Nope. Usually tests do not pass, the application does not work, even the code does not compile in majority of commits.



# are you brave enough to jump to any commit?

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Do you want me to  
help you about  
finding the last  
commit that finalizes  
the feature?





do you have  
**loooooong** living  
topic branches ?





ANTIPATTERN  DANGER

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LONG LIVING BRANCHES ANTI-PATTERN



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welcome to  
merge hell



```
* efd741981 - hybrid
* 0983f0a91 - Checko
* bf8c9be1a - hybrid
* 9e04c8f44 - tests
* 438fb293b - checko
* bcb74afa1 - hybrid
* 0d410b7fa - assert:
* 4c329ec3f - checko
* bc792c4e1 - Checko
* 14d83675c - Hybrid
* 3b83f608a - Hybrid
* 2af81c237 - forceC
* 2c7fe20f4 - (ori
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* 373fabe25 - Chec
* | 4b1f7978c - chec
|/
* 8e583f74a - checko
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LONG LONG BRANCHES LONG LONG PATTERNS



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to prepare releases ?

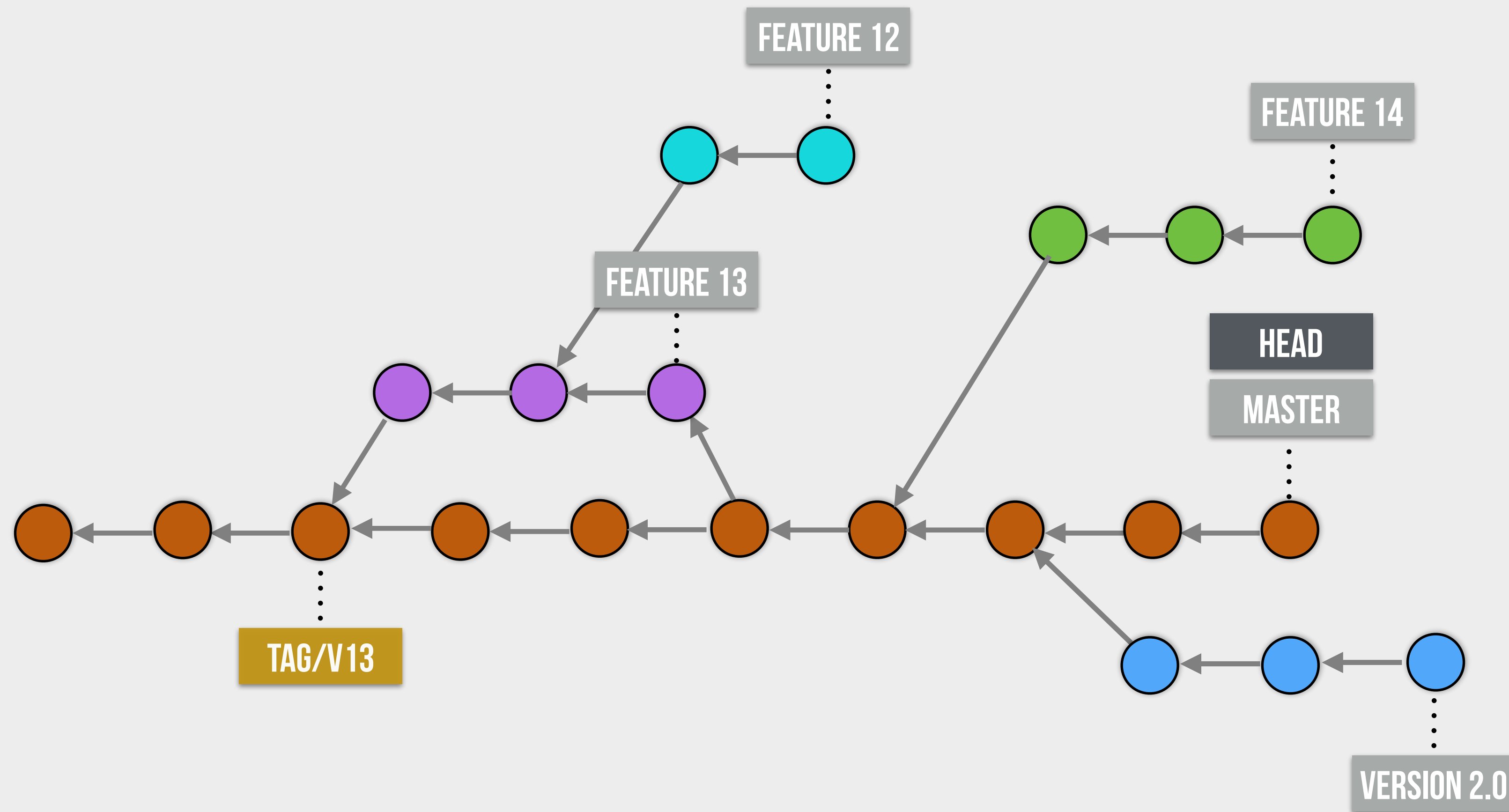




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CHERRY-PICK OVERDOSE ANTI-PATTERN





\$ git cherry-pick **Every-Single-Commit-We-Want-To-Deploy**

CHERRY-PICK OVERDOSE ANTI-PATTERN

do you fully understand  
when you read  
**the commit graph ?**



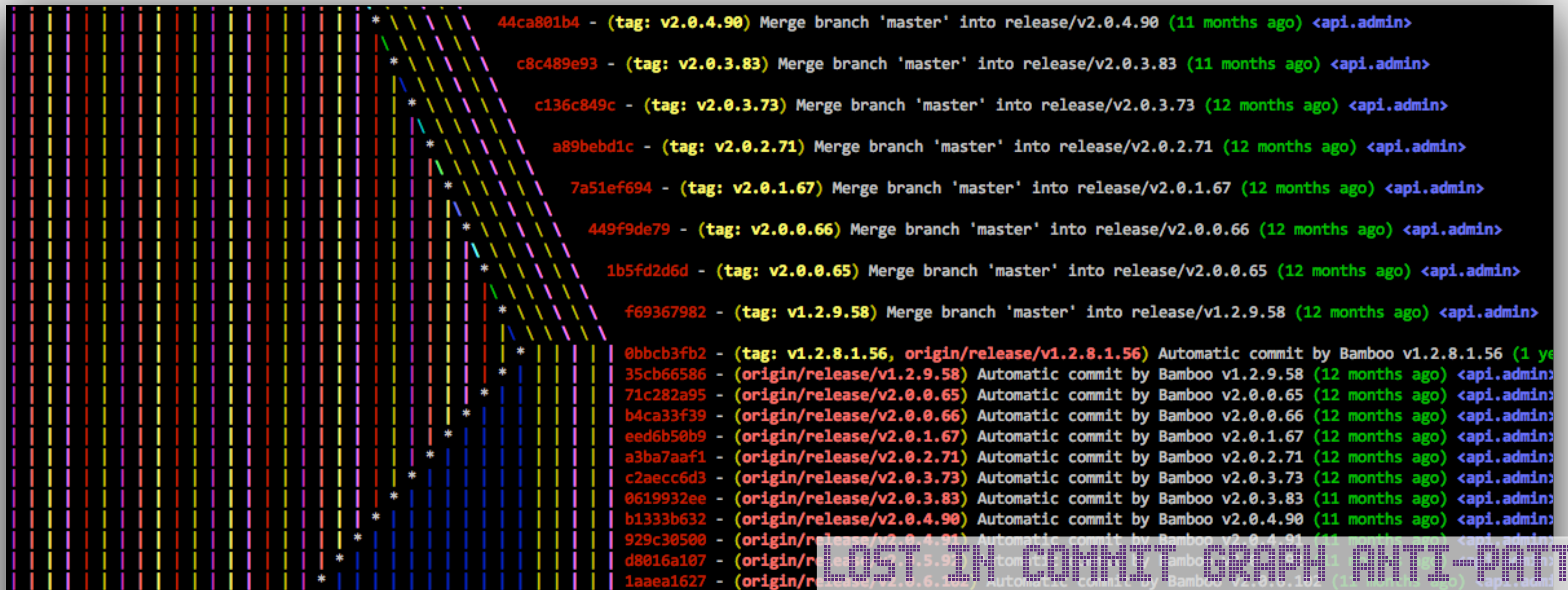


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LOST IN COMMIT GRAPH ANTI-PATTERN

# do you fully understand when you read **the commit graph** ?

topic and shared branches, tracking branches, tags, HEADs, merge commits, reverted commits...



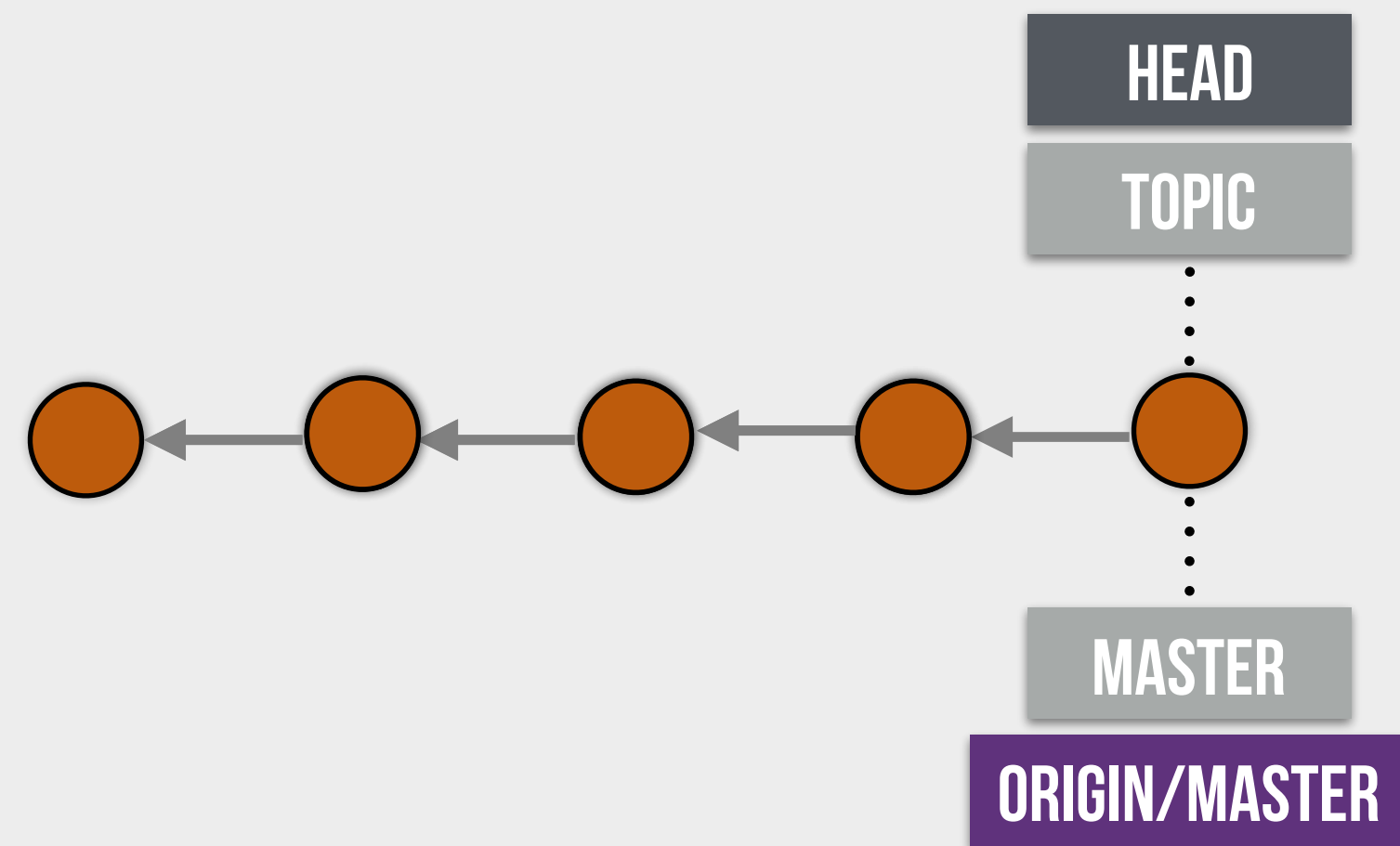


**Cure?**

**Commit **Early**, Commit **Often**  
Perfect **Later**, Publish **Once****

PS: There are more than one way to achieve this





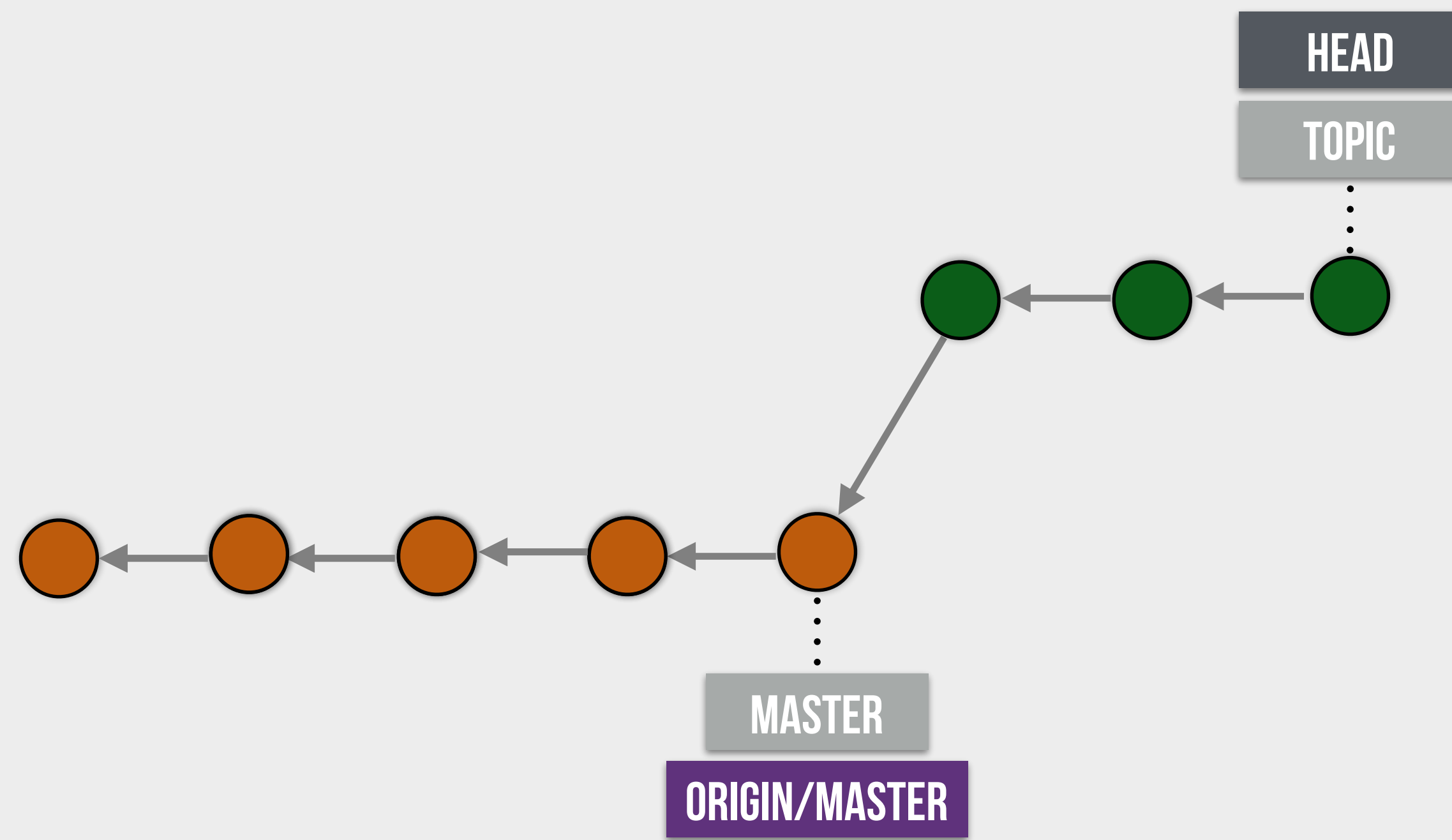
Our very first step is  
defining a strategy to  
**keep branches short**

split your big feature into  
mini shippable tasks

refactorings  
tasks, like rest endpoints  
**red-green-refactor**

each task will have a  
branch, not a feature

STEP 0

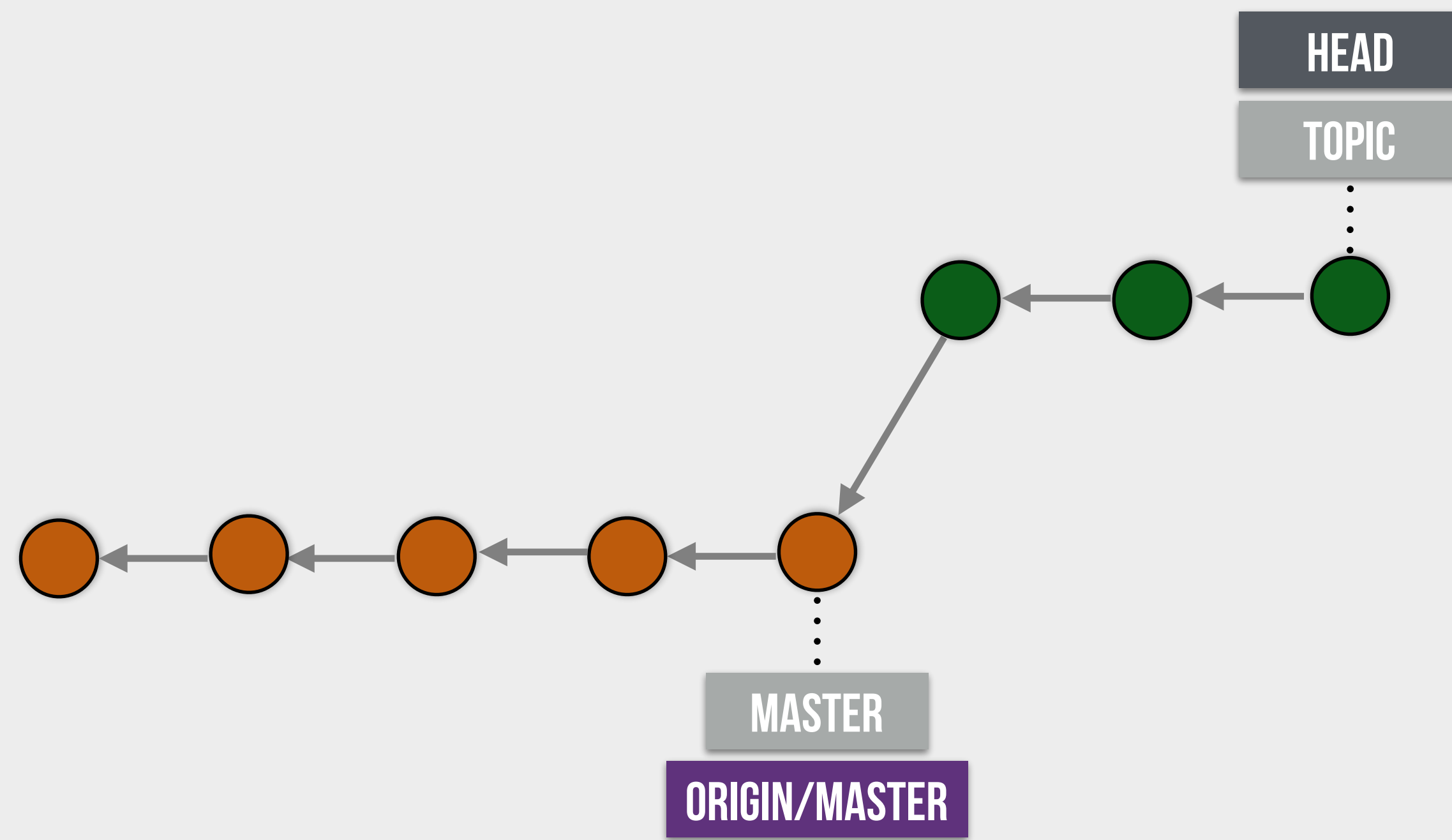


commit early  
commit often  
no need to compile  
no need for CI  
it's only for versioning

STEP 1

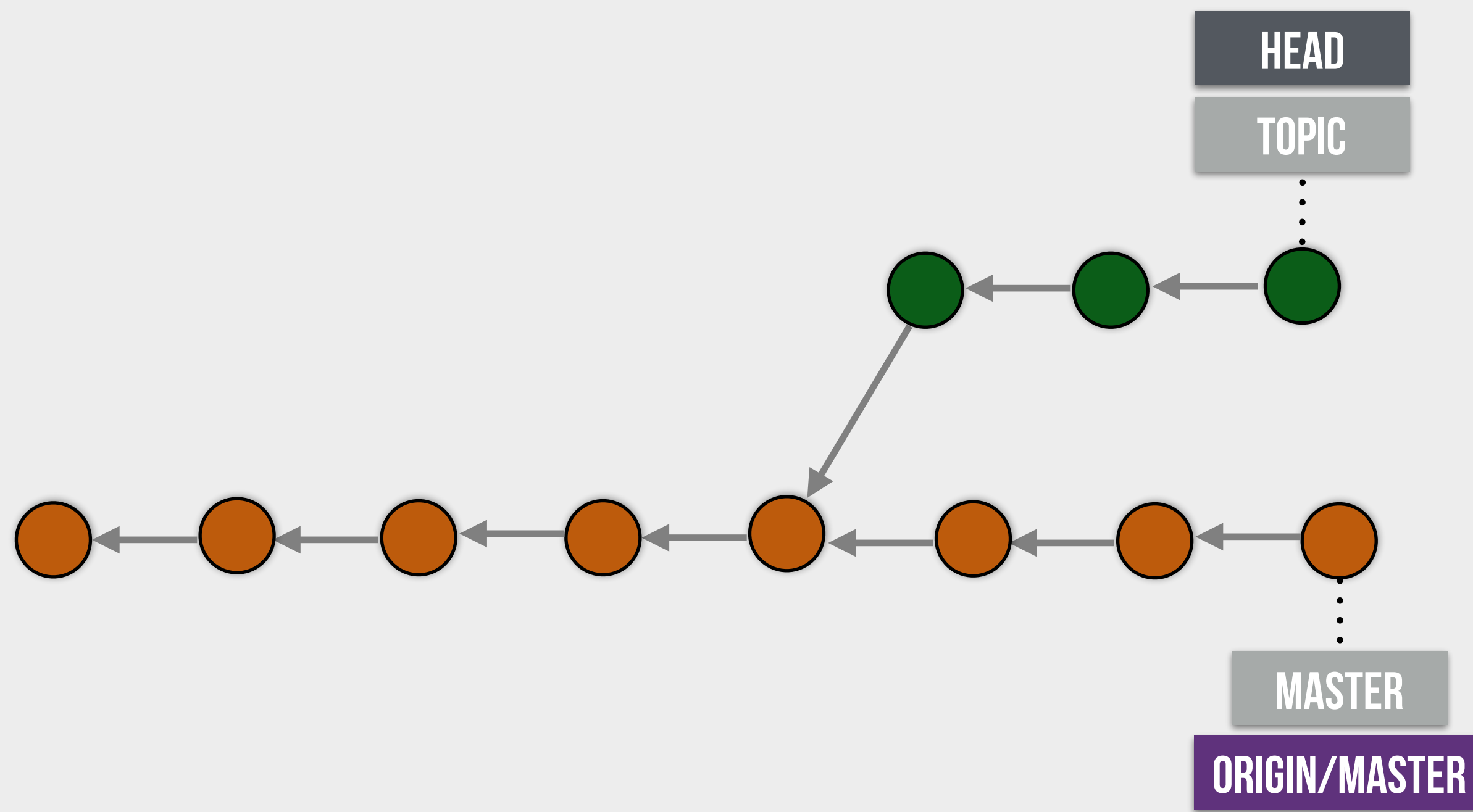
**do not push**





STEP 2

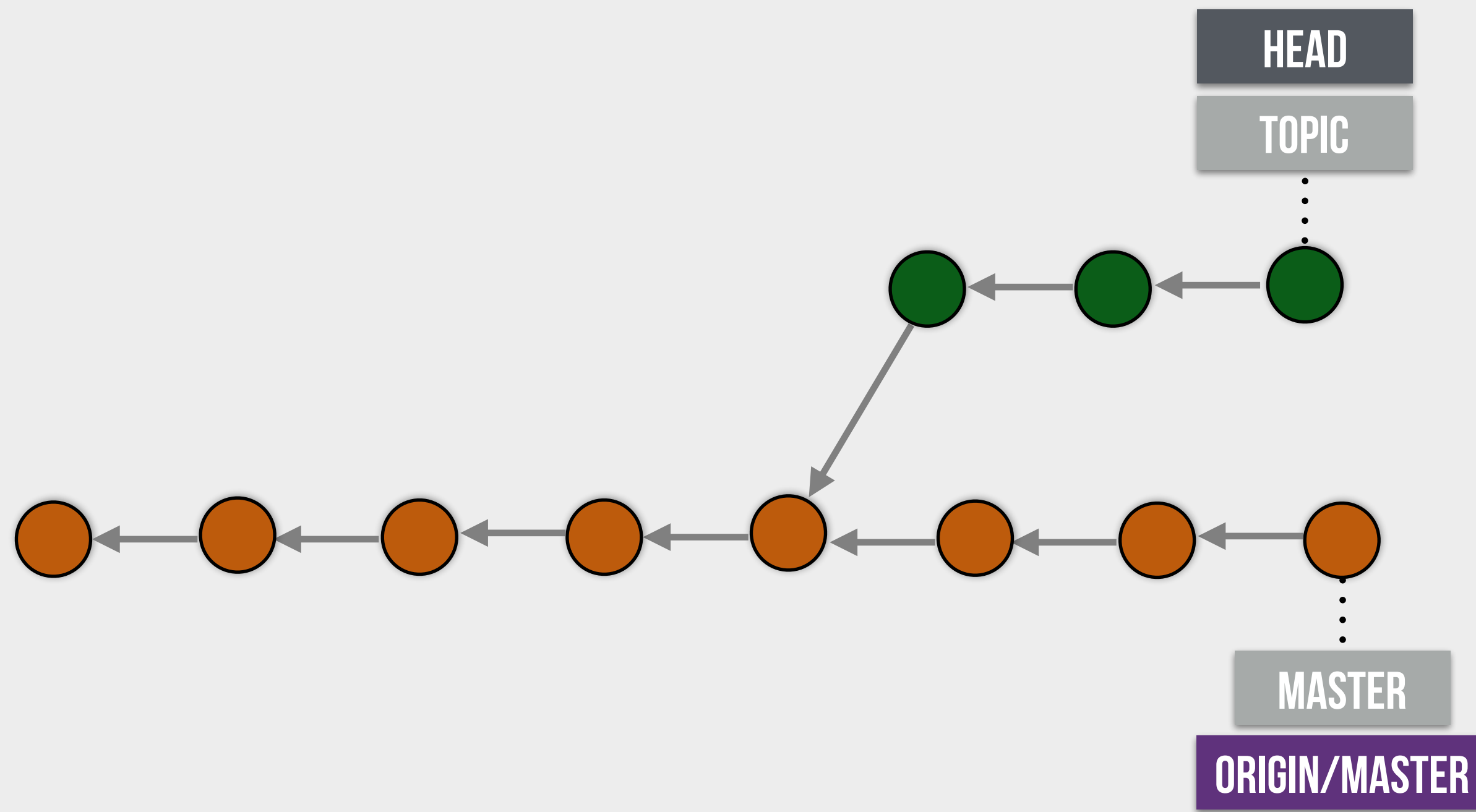
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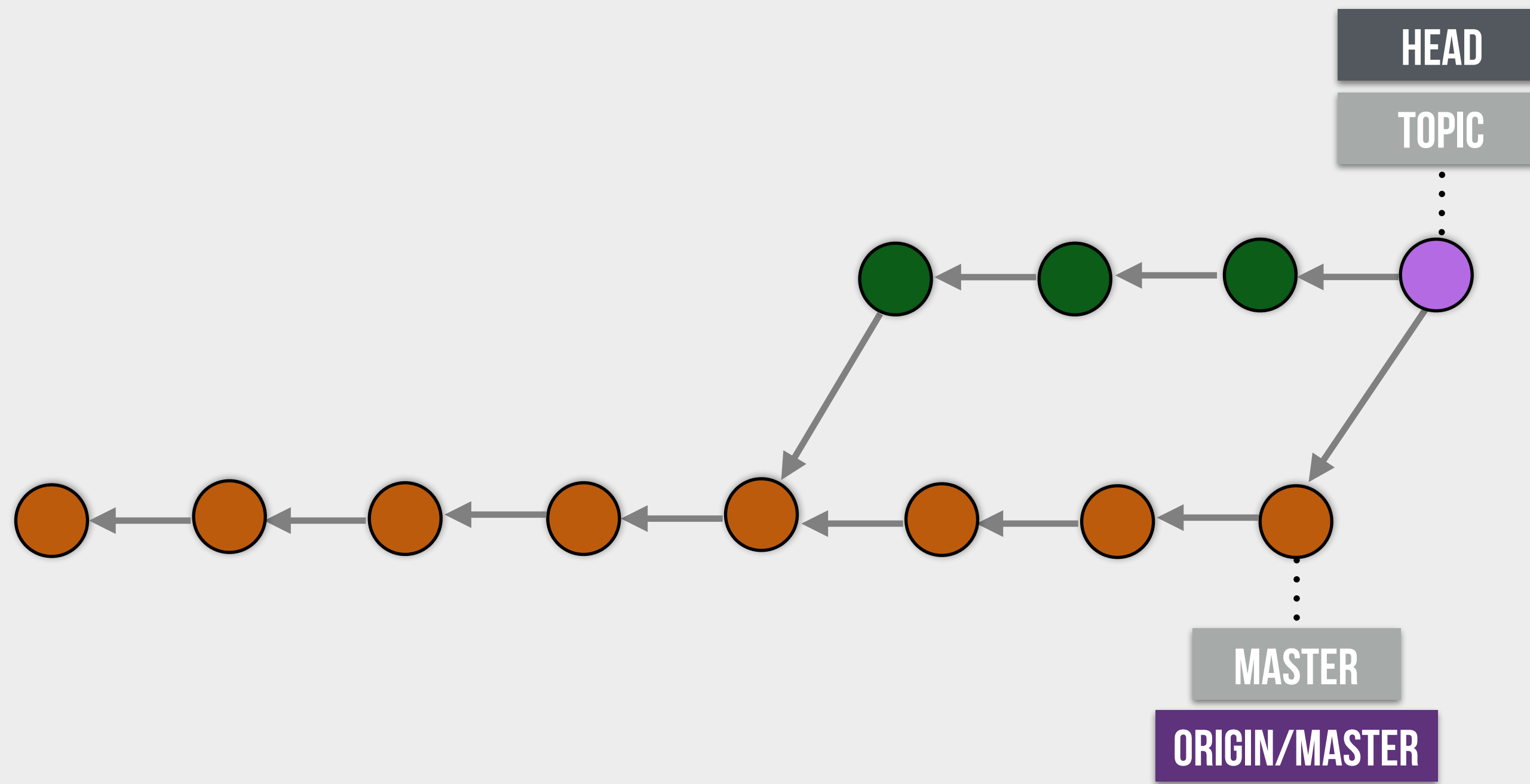




STEP 3

Get incoming change sets  
from source to topic  
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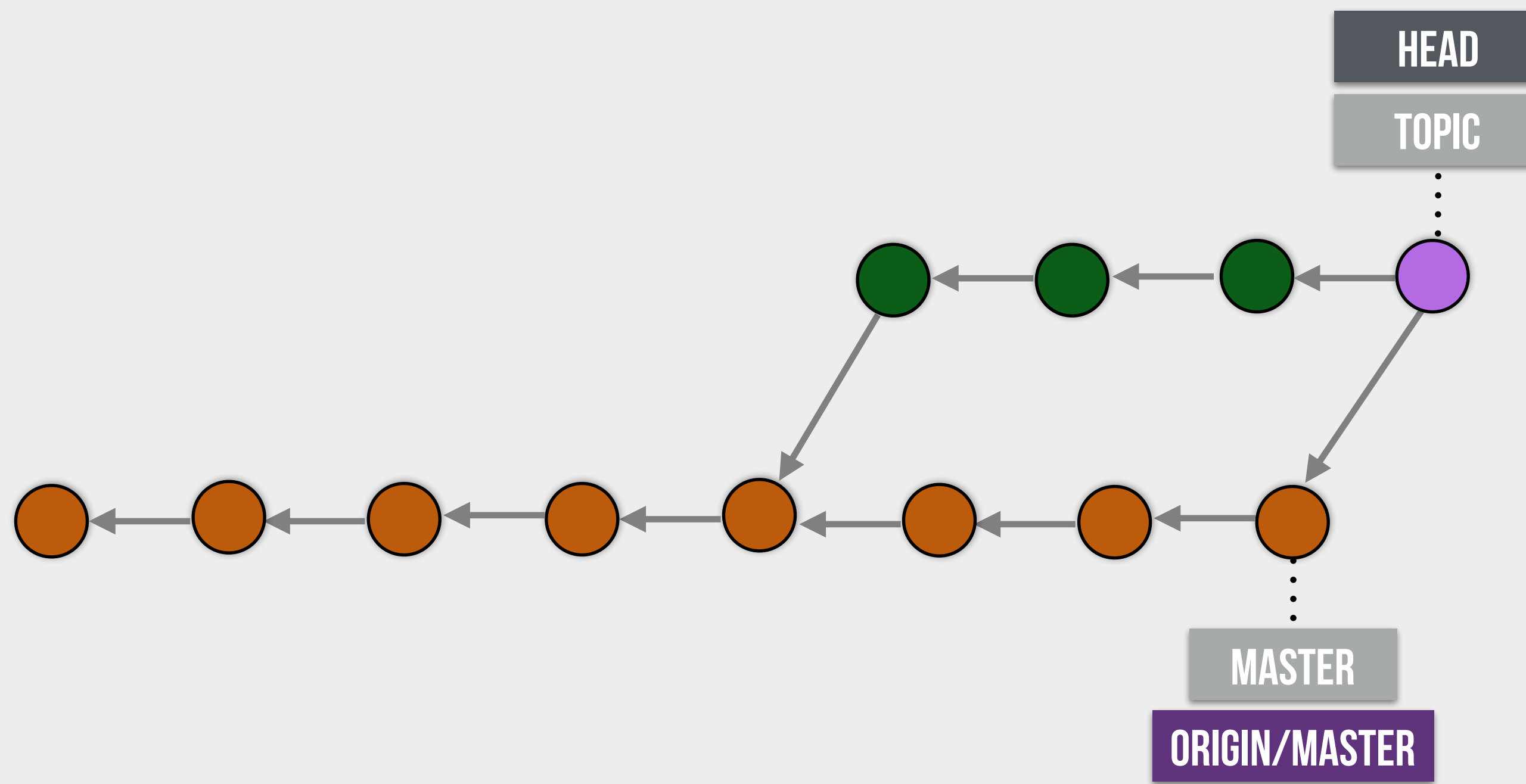
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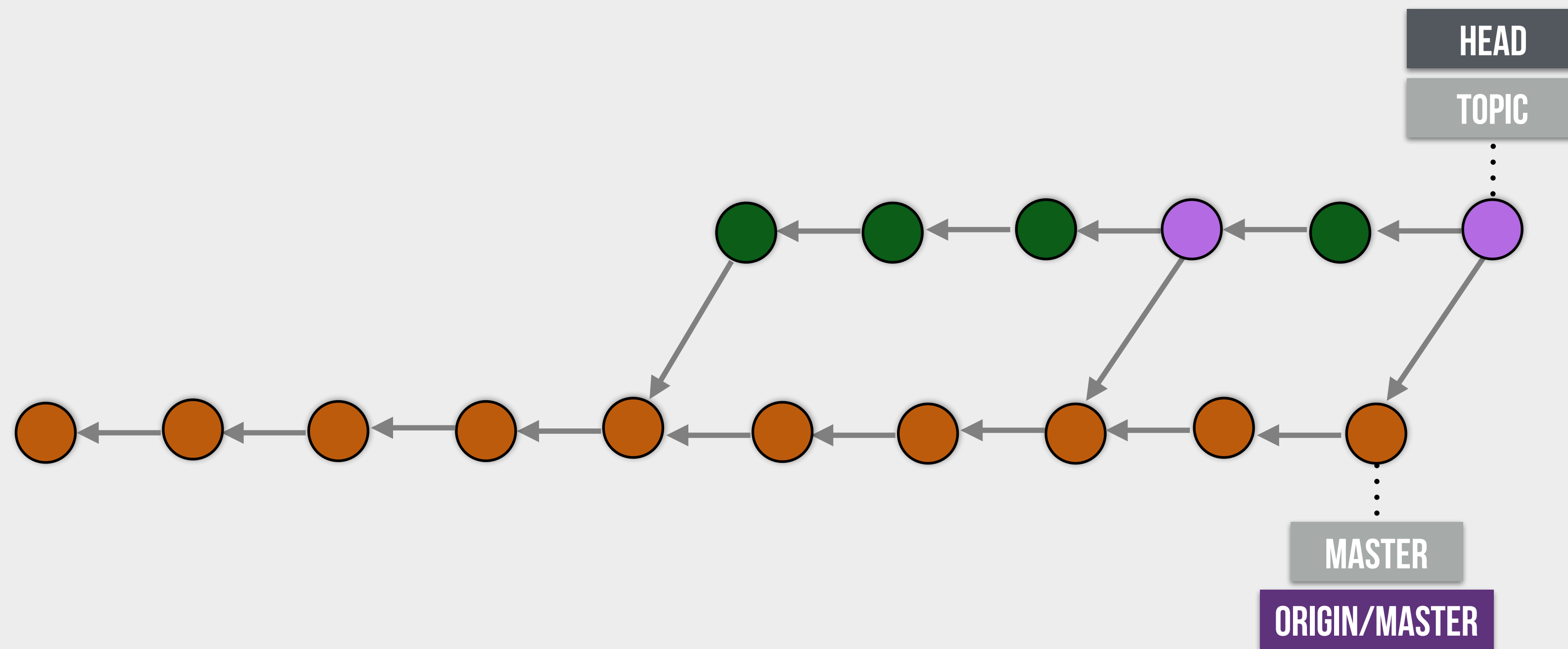
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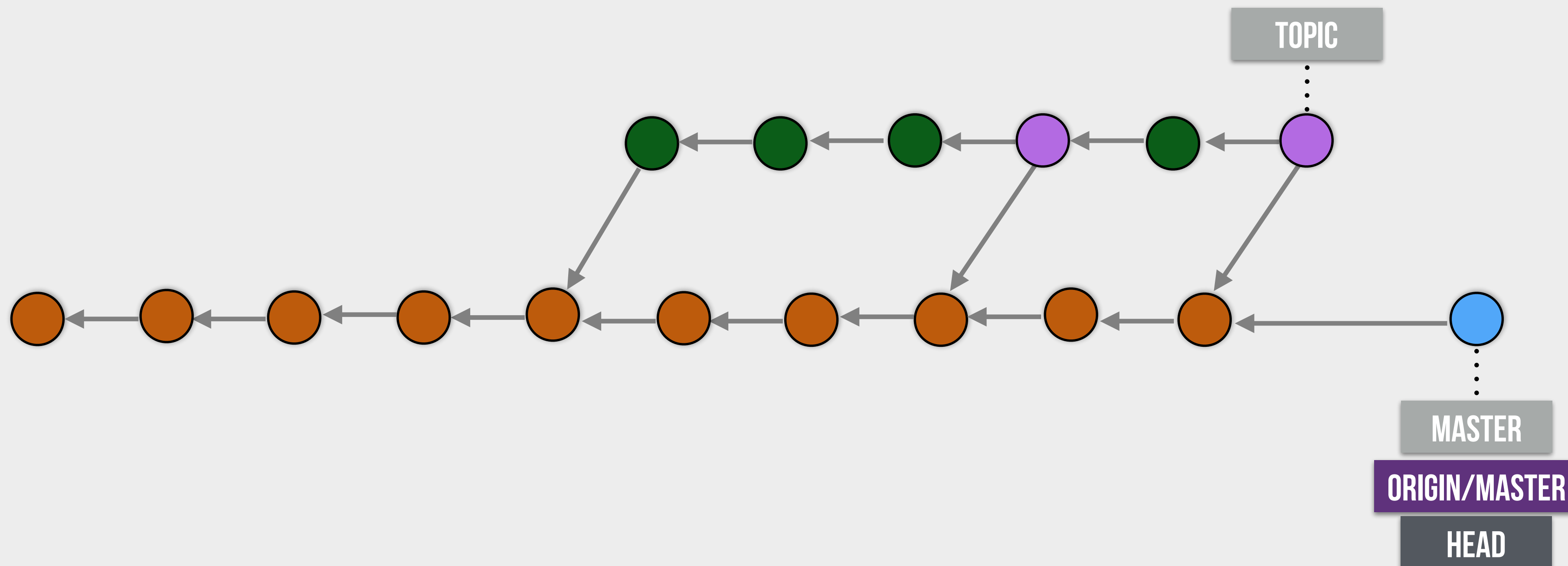


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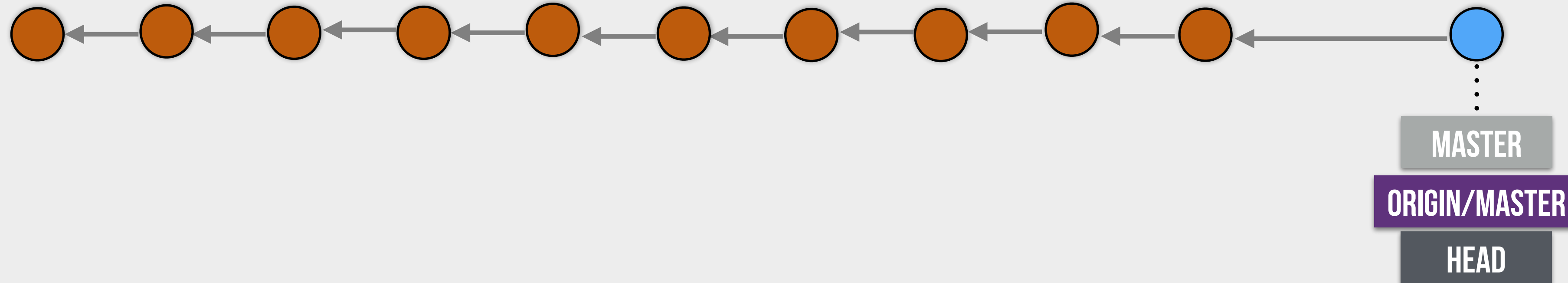
merge back to source  
by squashing all commits  
in topic branch

```
$ git checkout master  
$ git merge --squash topic
```

STEP 4



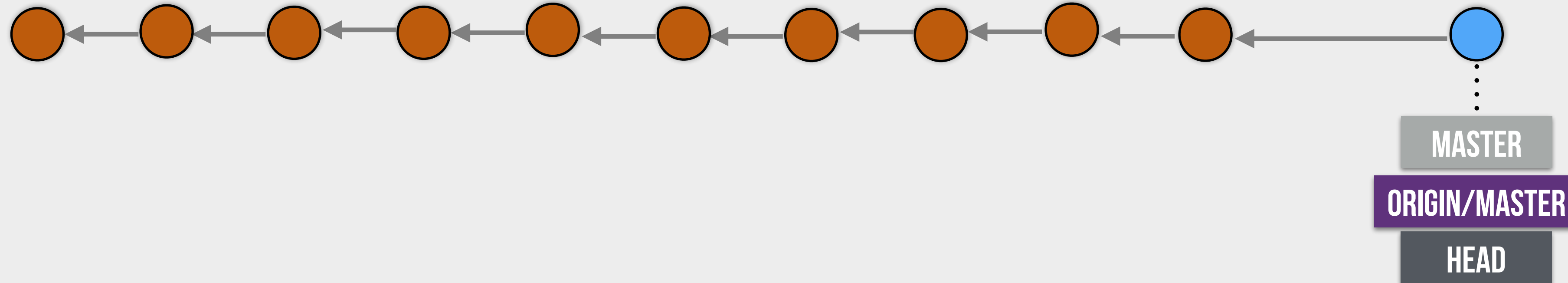




STEP 5

Delete the topic branch

`$ git branch -D topic`



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Now you can push



# TRUNK-BASED DEVELOPMENT

let's make git king again

**Commit early & often**  
perfect later, publish  
once philosophy

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**Github Flow** can be  
used to govern overall

**Deliver frequently**  
be prepared to send  
every single commit

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**Scrum tasks** are  
mapped to commits,  
not stories

**Deleting branches after  
merge** will make your  
commit graph readable

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**Continuous Integration**  
validates master branch  
continuously

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**Pull requests** can be  
used to review code  
and to validate before  
merging back to master

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**Feature flags** should be  
used whenever possible



is it hard to learn  
**Git commands?**

ANTI-PATTERN  DANGER



# use terminal

GUIs are prison balls of developers

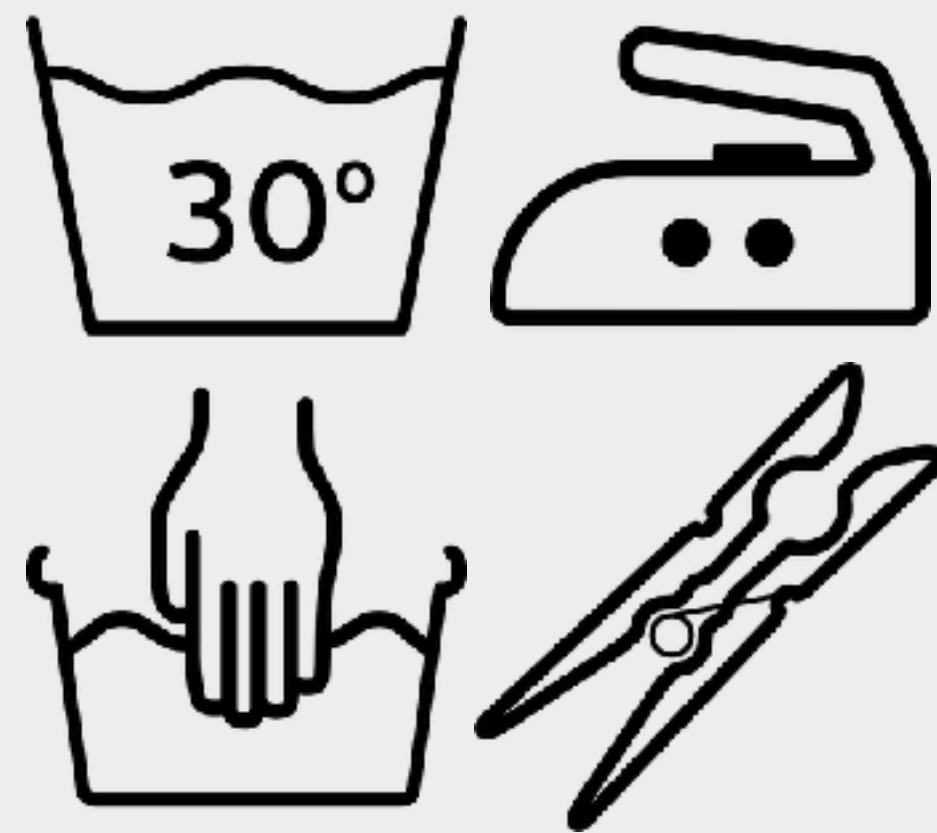
it's ok to use GUIs while checking diffs,  
resolving conflicts and viewing commit graph

BUTTON ADDICT ANTI-PATTERN

**does each of your commit have  
one special purpose?**  
or you commit anything you have changed



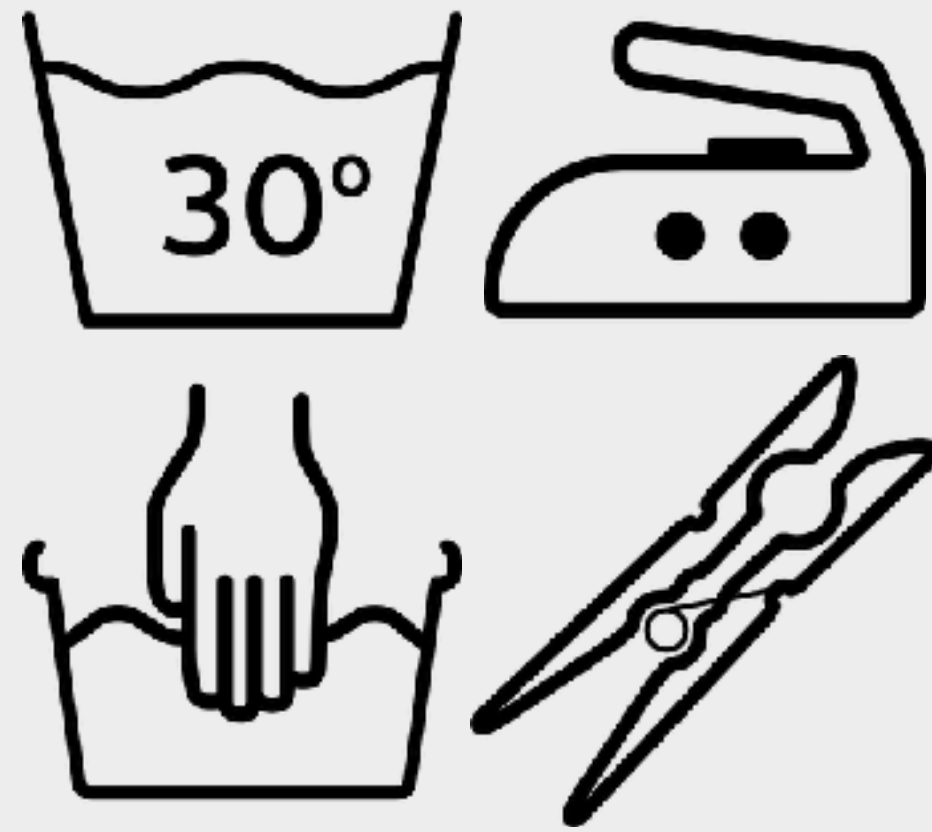
# ANTI-PATTERN DANGER



**stop adding  
every change**

prevent commits from being big ball of muds

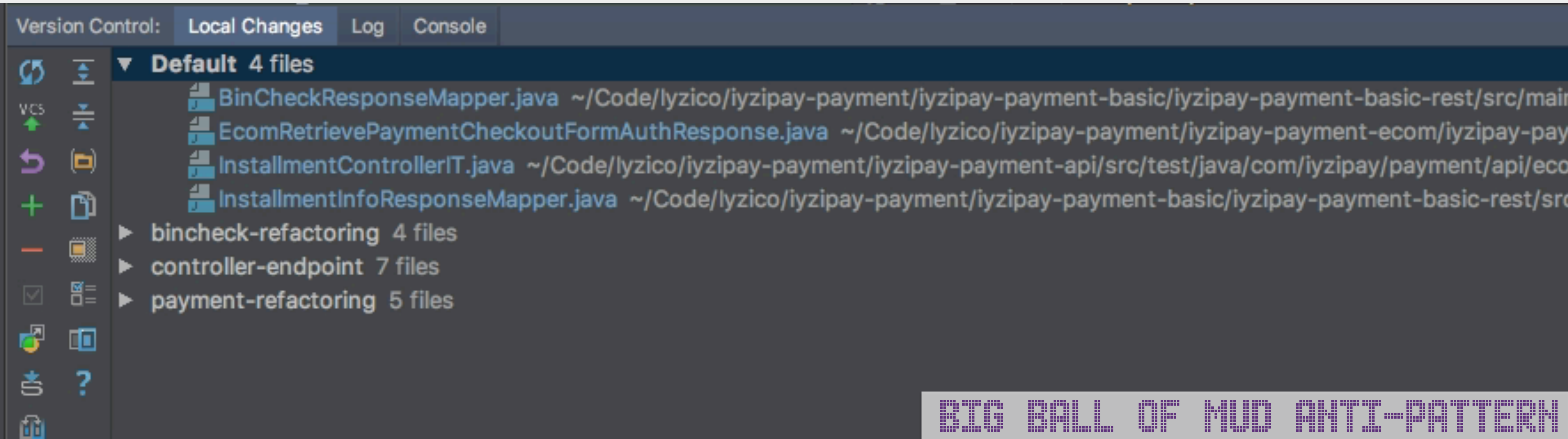
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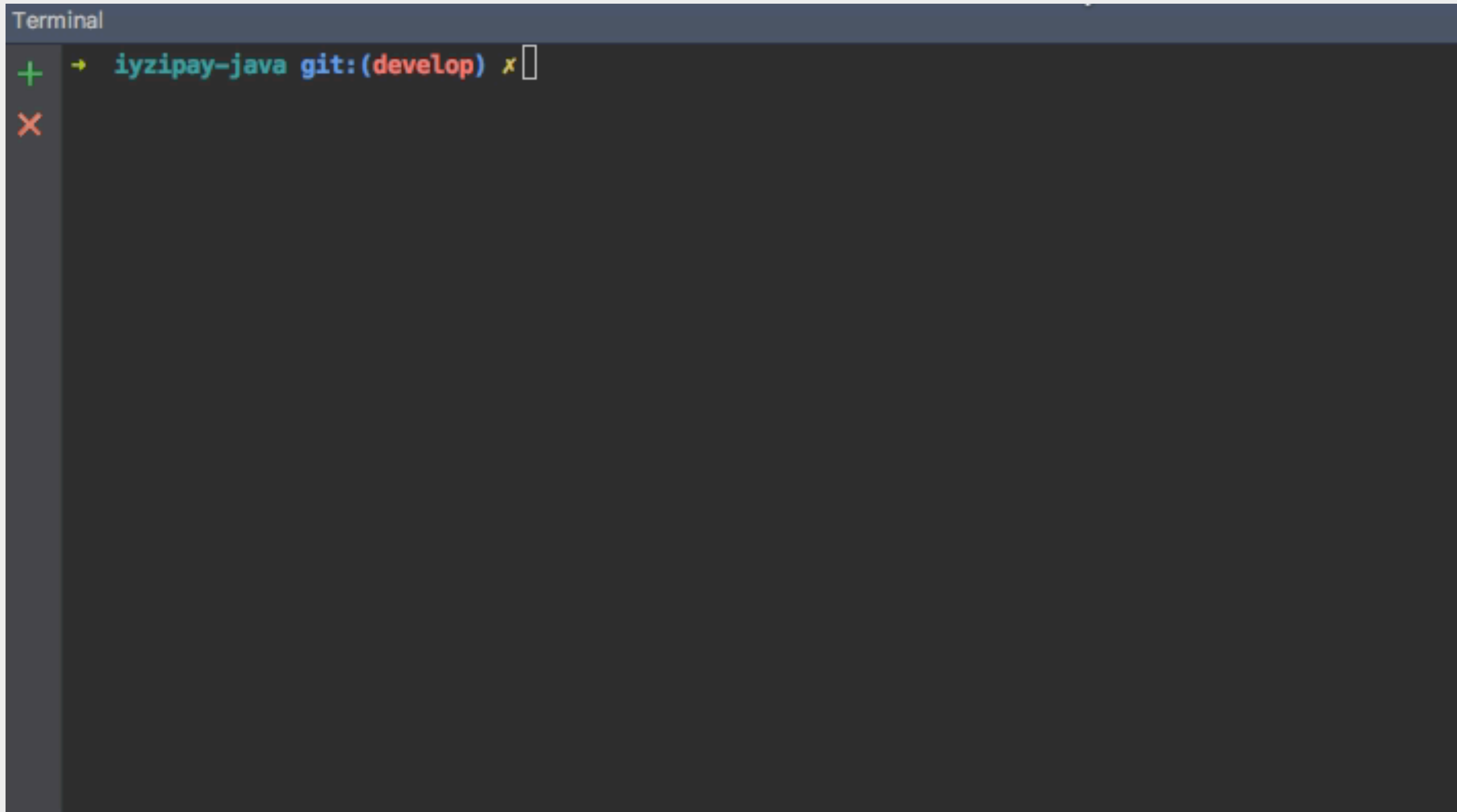
local change sets at JetBrains IDEs



BIG BALL OF MUD ANTI-PATTERN

# stop adding every change

partial add : `git add -p`





# do you really understand what's written in commit messages?

```
* f7c82af - (HEAD -> feature/message-system, origin/feature/message-system) ini dosyaları
* 5bac60a - bug fixes (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 9686b63 - Added MimeMessageFacade for inline emails (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 011f316 - Removed most of the classicalmailsender references (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 56b6e56 - Added immediate email and made refactorings (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 07bcc61 - Added reservation email templates (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* f3e8e91 - bug fix (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* f337760 - Added detailed auditing and receiver address types (20 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 4f7da2c - Messaging after some refactoring 2 (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 0c166d2 - Messaging after some refactoring (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* cc47338 - Messaging sent second email using new system (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* ba1bf16 - Messaging sent first email using new system (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 0b3acbd - Updated messaging and job architecture (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 6846a47 - db ye kayÄt yapan hali (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* a604198 - some refactoring (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* cf5d41b - Created DB tables and hibernate beans (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 4cdc6d2 - pom.xml' deki common-utils' den jcl-over-slf4j dependency' si exclude edildi.
* 239fc9f - Trying get tests working... (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* 65abd42 - Spring ile JUnit test ornegi eklendi (SampleTest.java). spring-test dependency
* 95ec1c8 - Added Message Persister Interface (26 hours ago) <fmatak>
* b176749 - Messaging system project created, email sending refactored out, new interface
* fc2e873 - Added rebel.xml to the ignore list (4 weeks ago) <fmatak>
```



# commit messages are documents!

use git commit  
templates to  
create better  
commit messages

```
$ git config --global commit.template ~/.git-commit-template.txt  
$ git config --global commit.cleanup strip
```

```
# WHAT  
# <issue id> (this commit will...) <subject>  
  
# WHY and HOW  
# Explain why this change is being made  
  
# RELATED  
# Provide links or keys to any relevant issues or other resources  
  
# REMEMBER  
# use lower case in the subject line  
# start with a verb in imperative tone in the subject line  
# do not end the subject line with a period  
# separate subject from body with a blank line  
# use the body to explain what and why vs. how  
# can use multiple lines with "-" for bullet points in body
```

AMBIGUOUS COMMIT MESSAGES ANTI-PATTERN

Which of the following commands can cause **duplicate commits** in the commit graph?

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**C** `git merge`

**B** `git push --force`

**D** `git pull`



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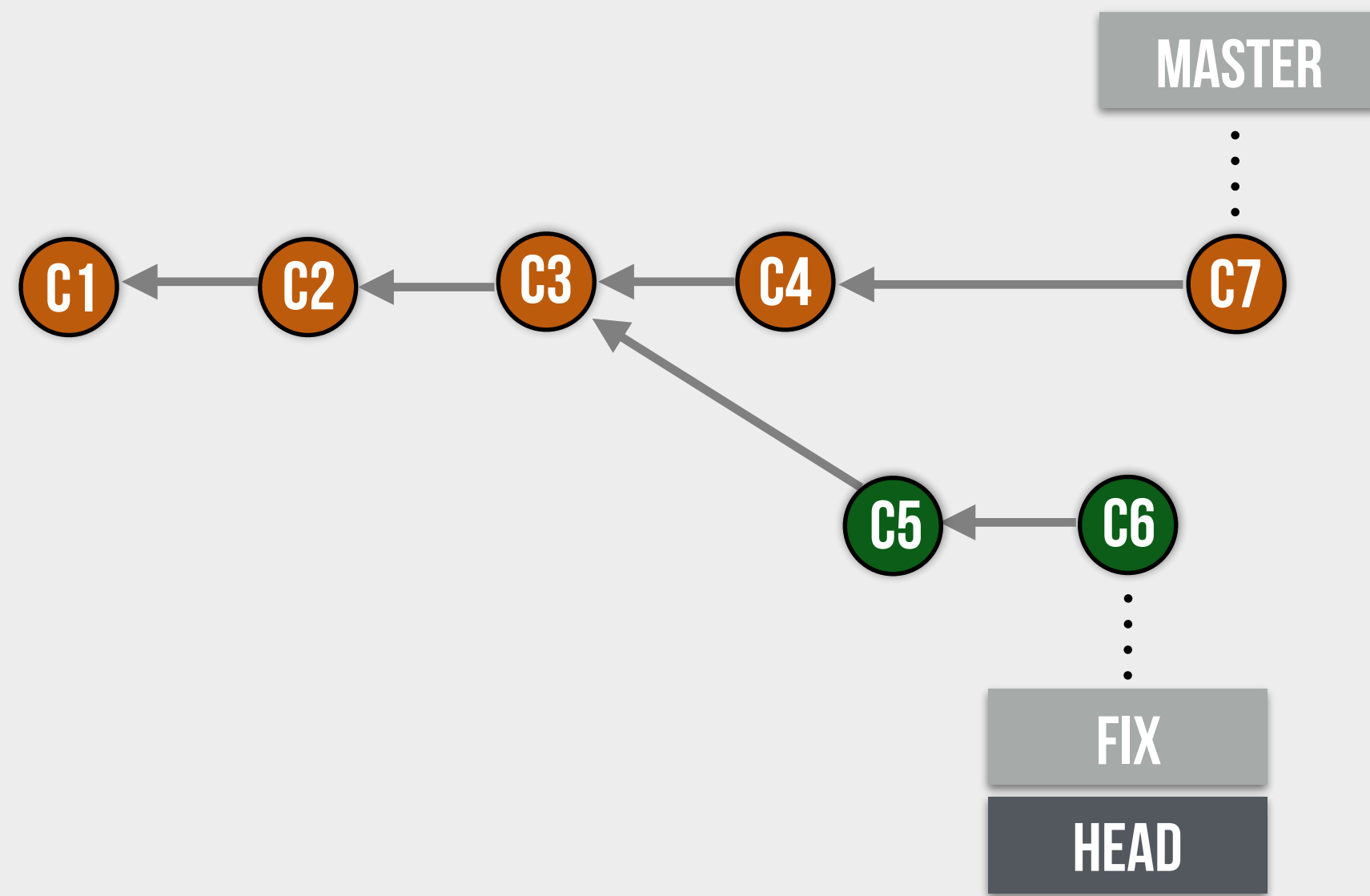
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DUPLICATE COMMITS ANTI-PATTERN

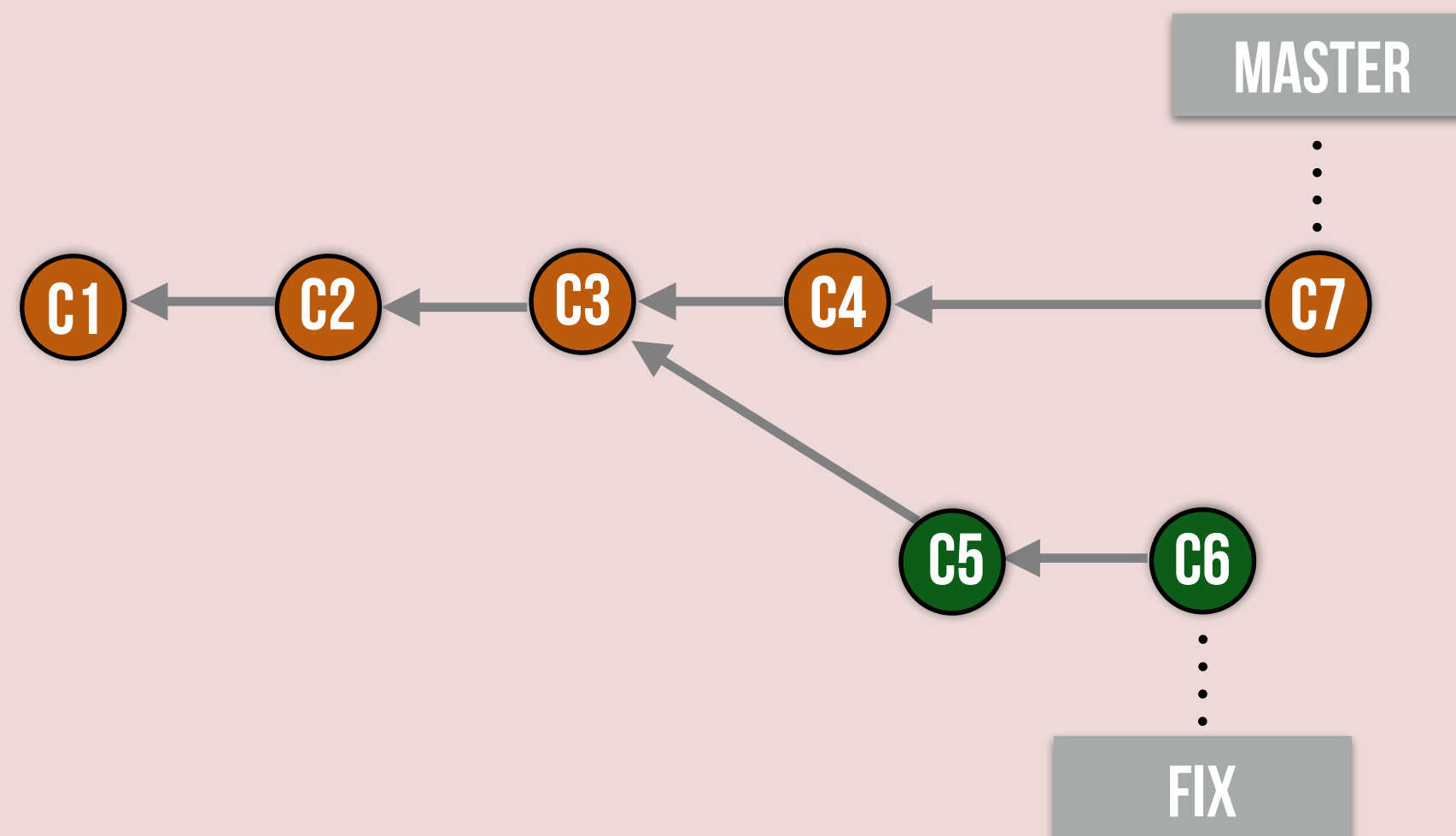


# REBASE & FORCE PUSH



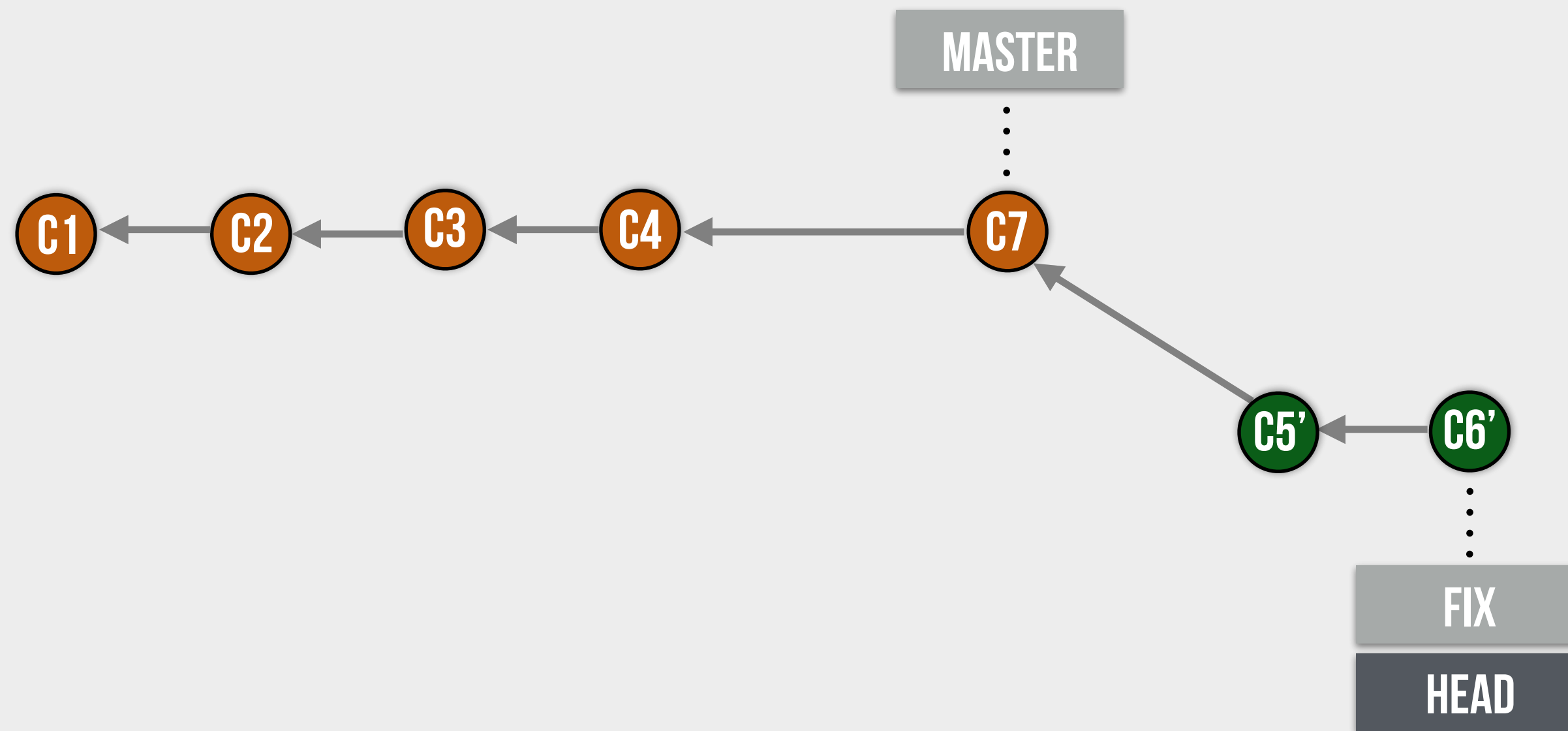
```
$ git rebase master  
$ git push -f
```

**LOCAL**



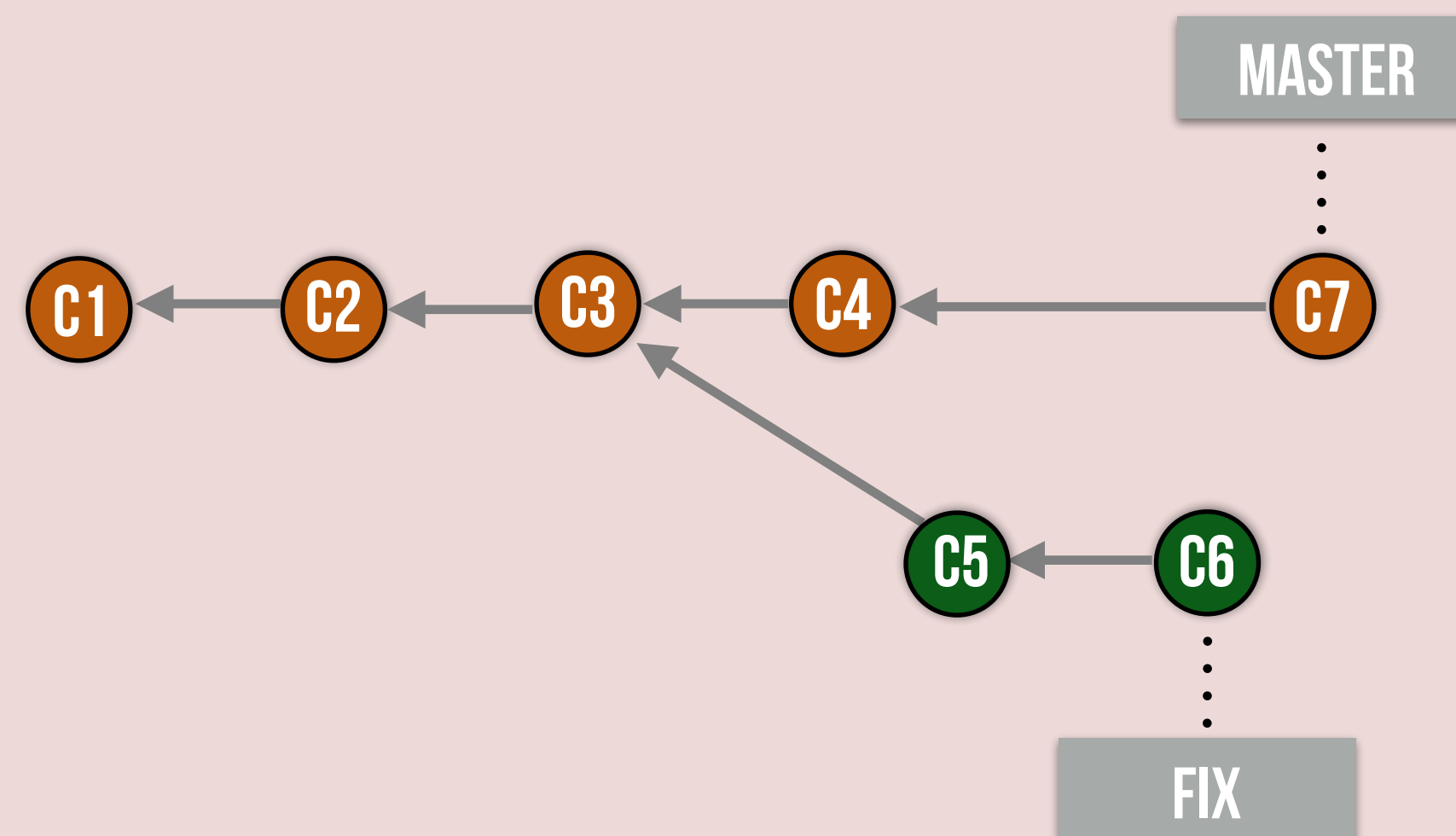
**UPSTREAM**

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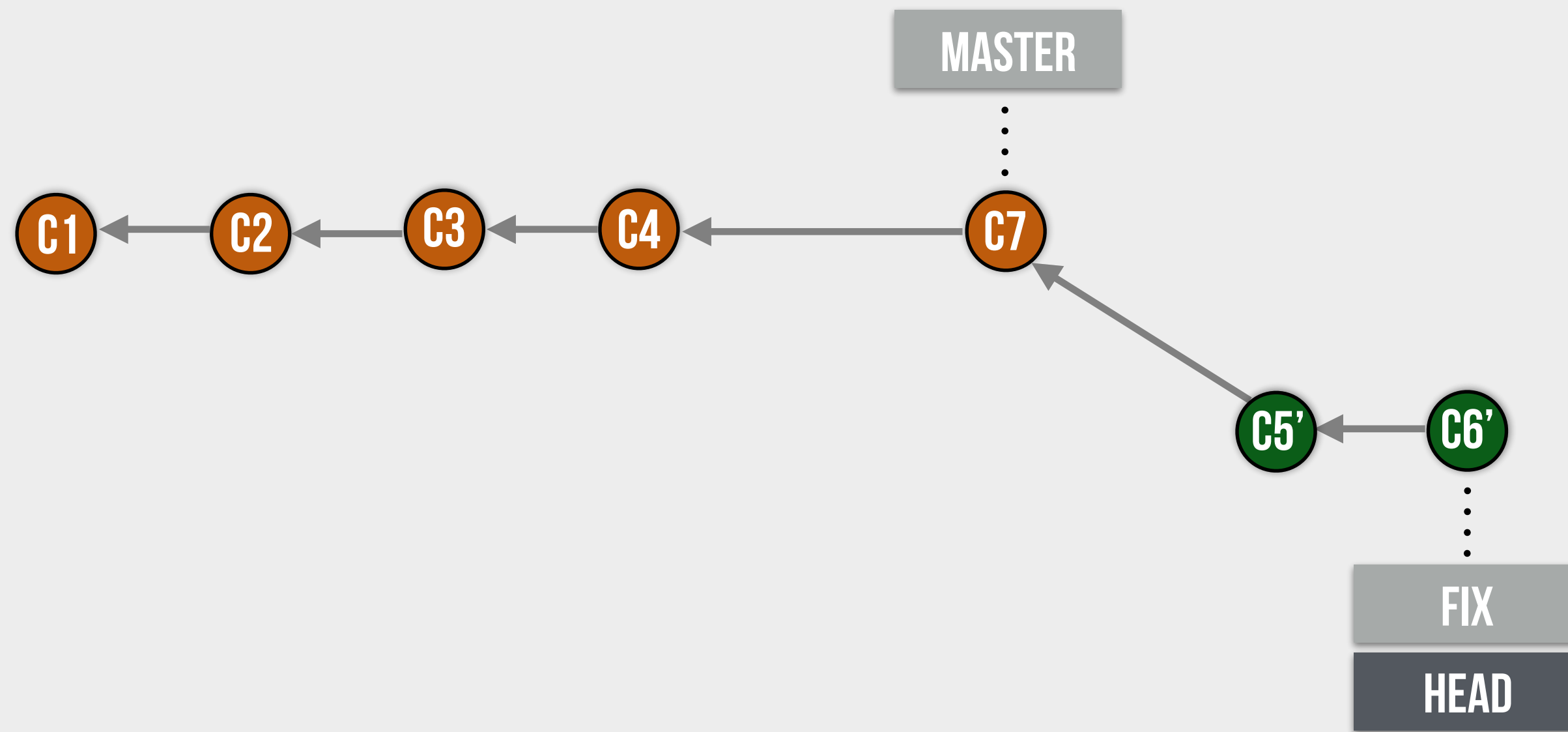
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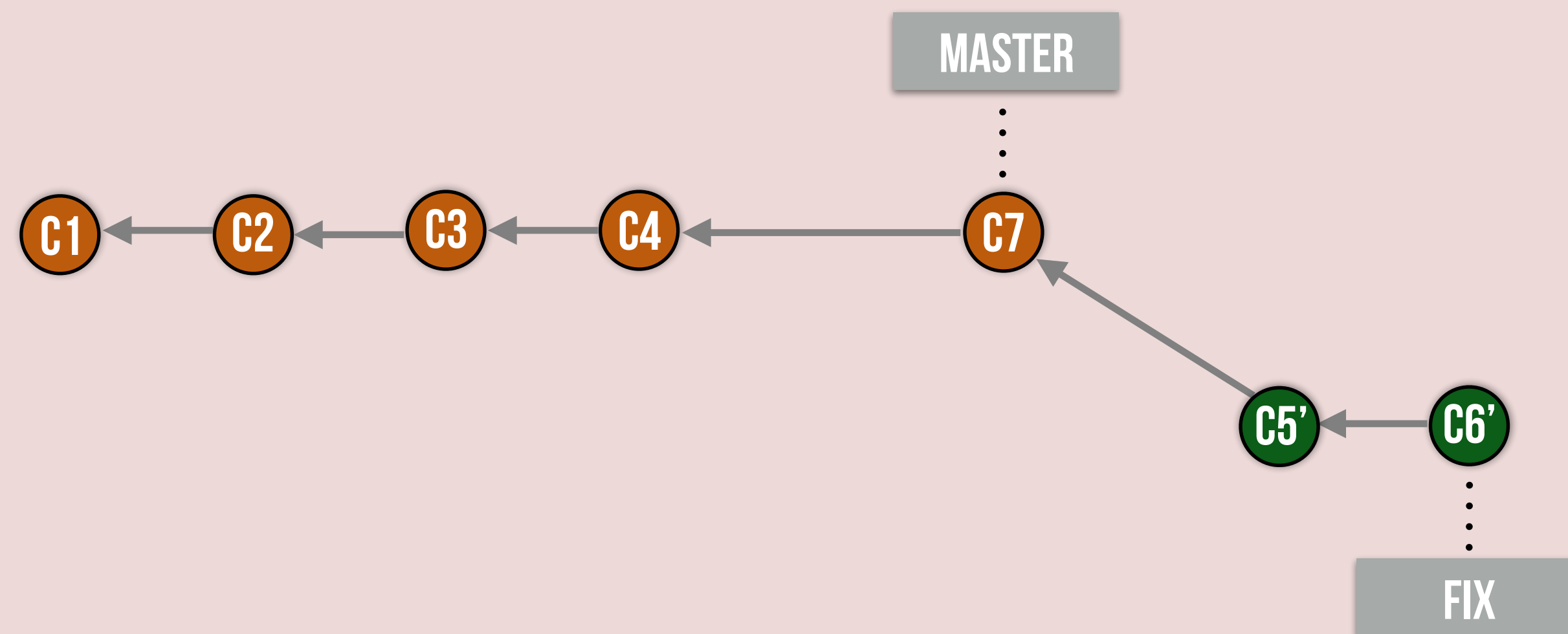
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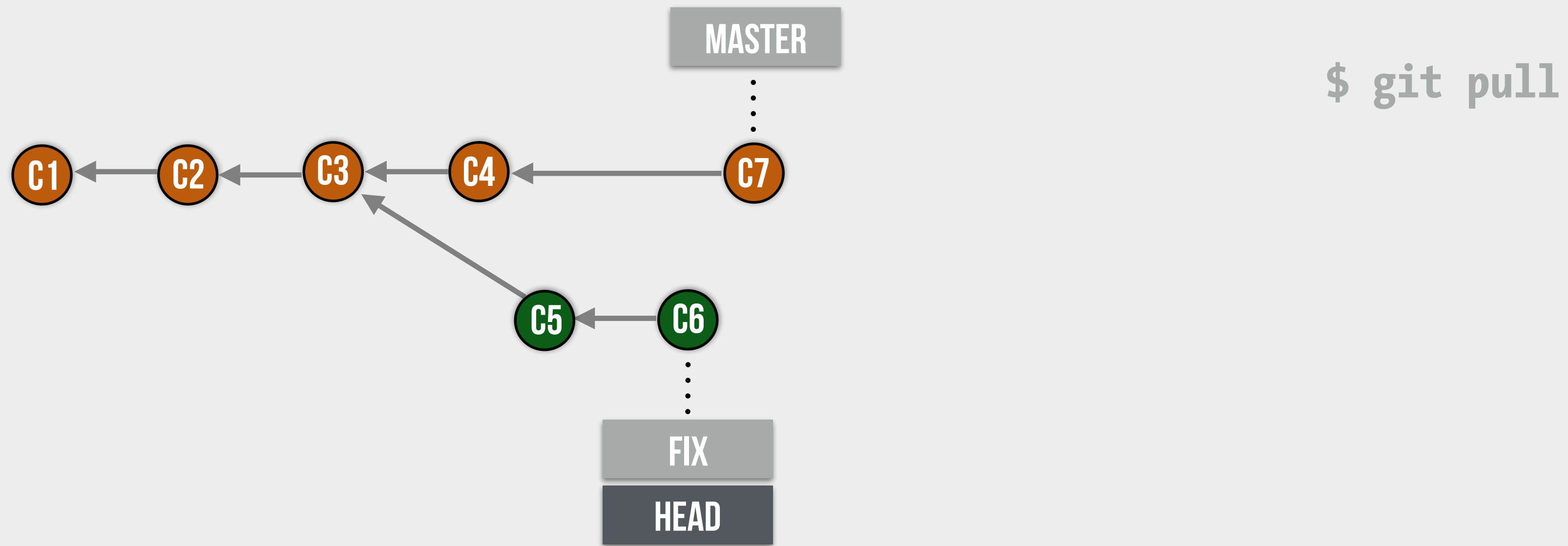
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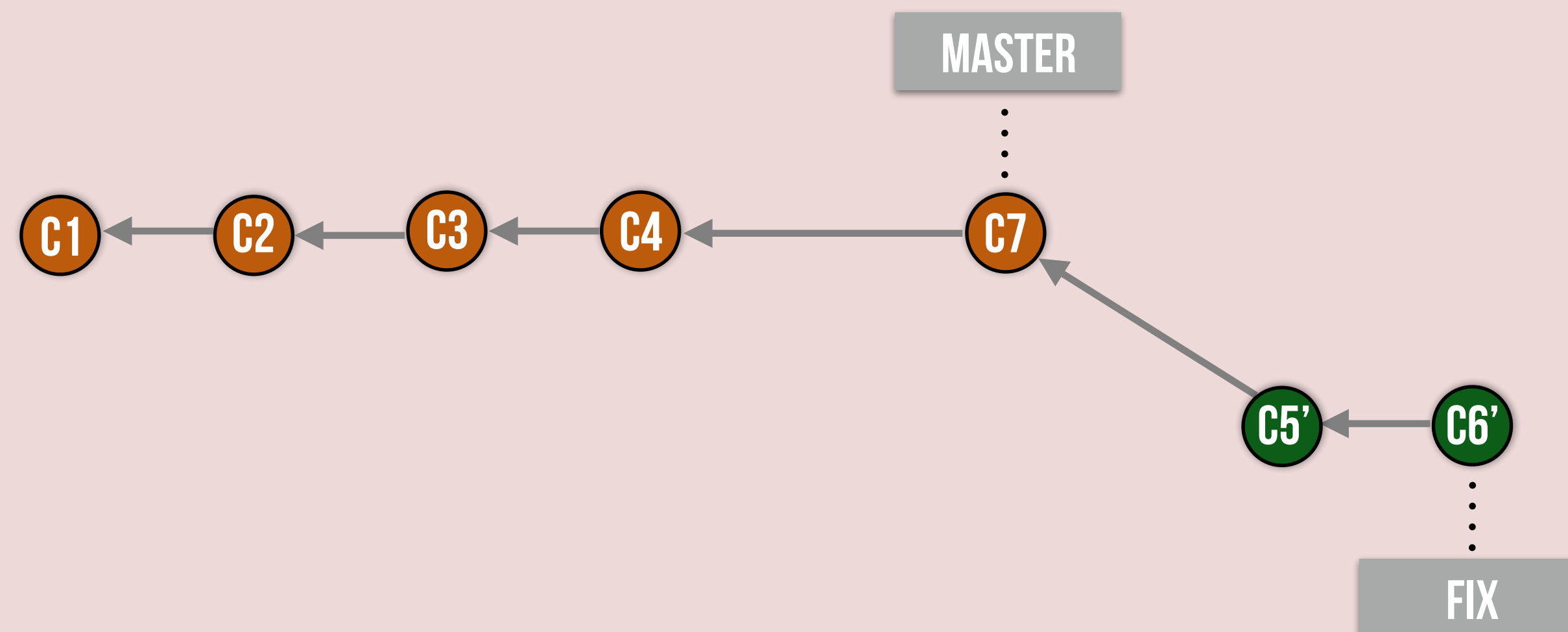


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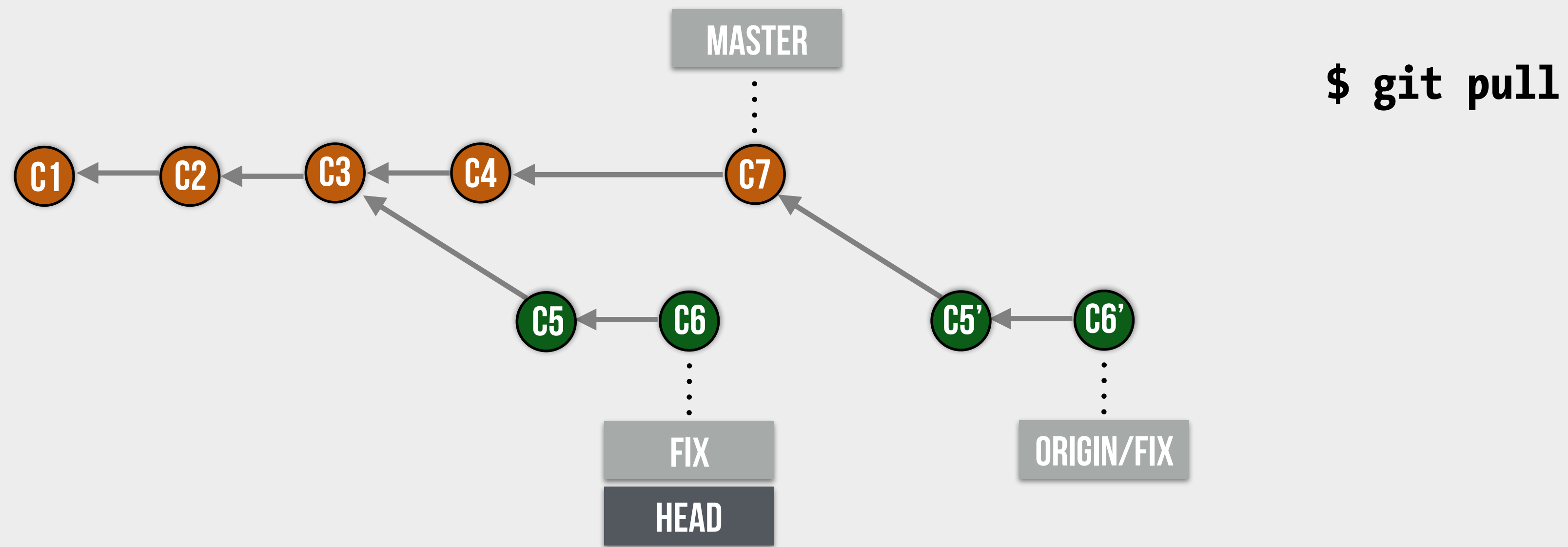
**LOCAL**



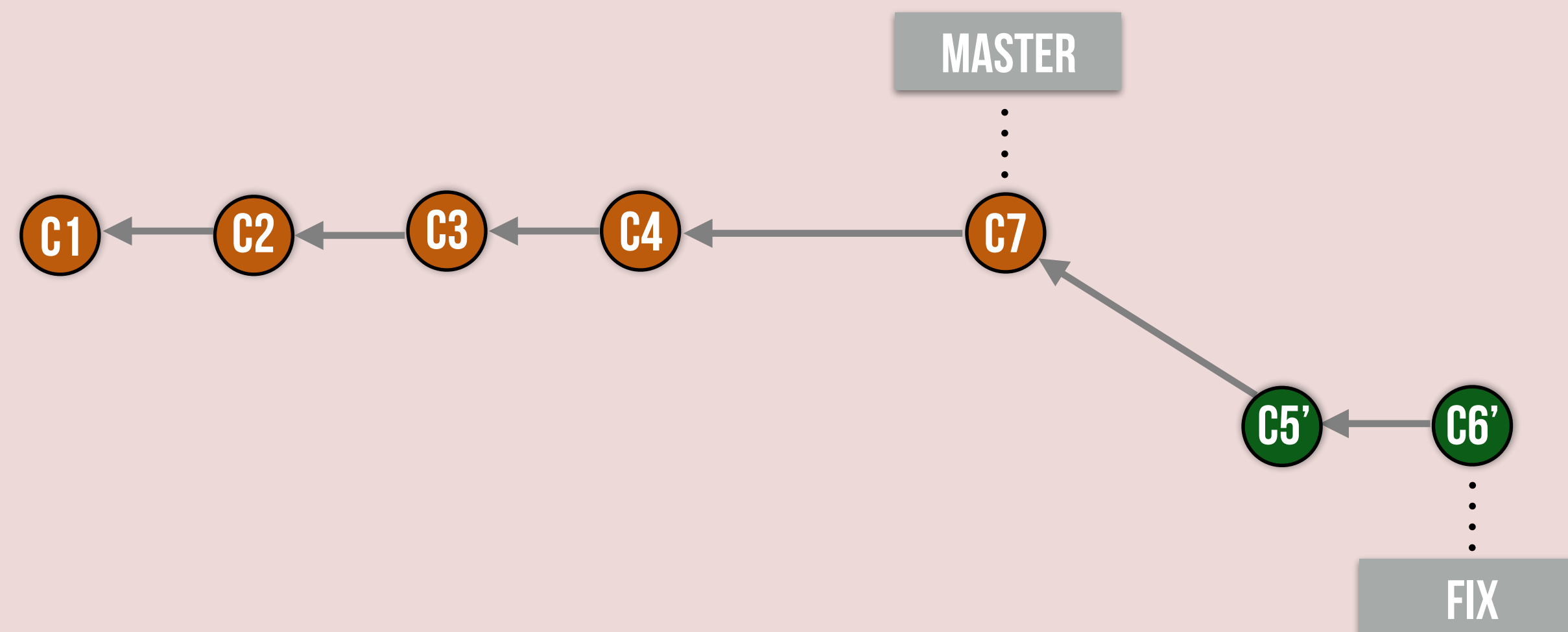
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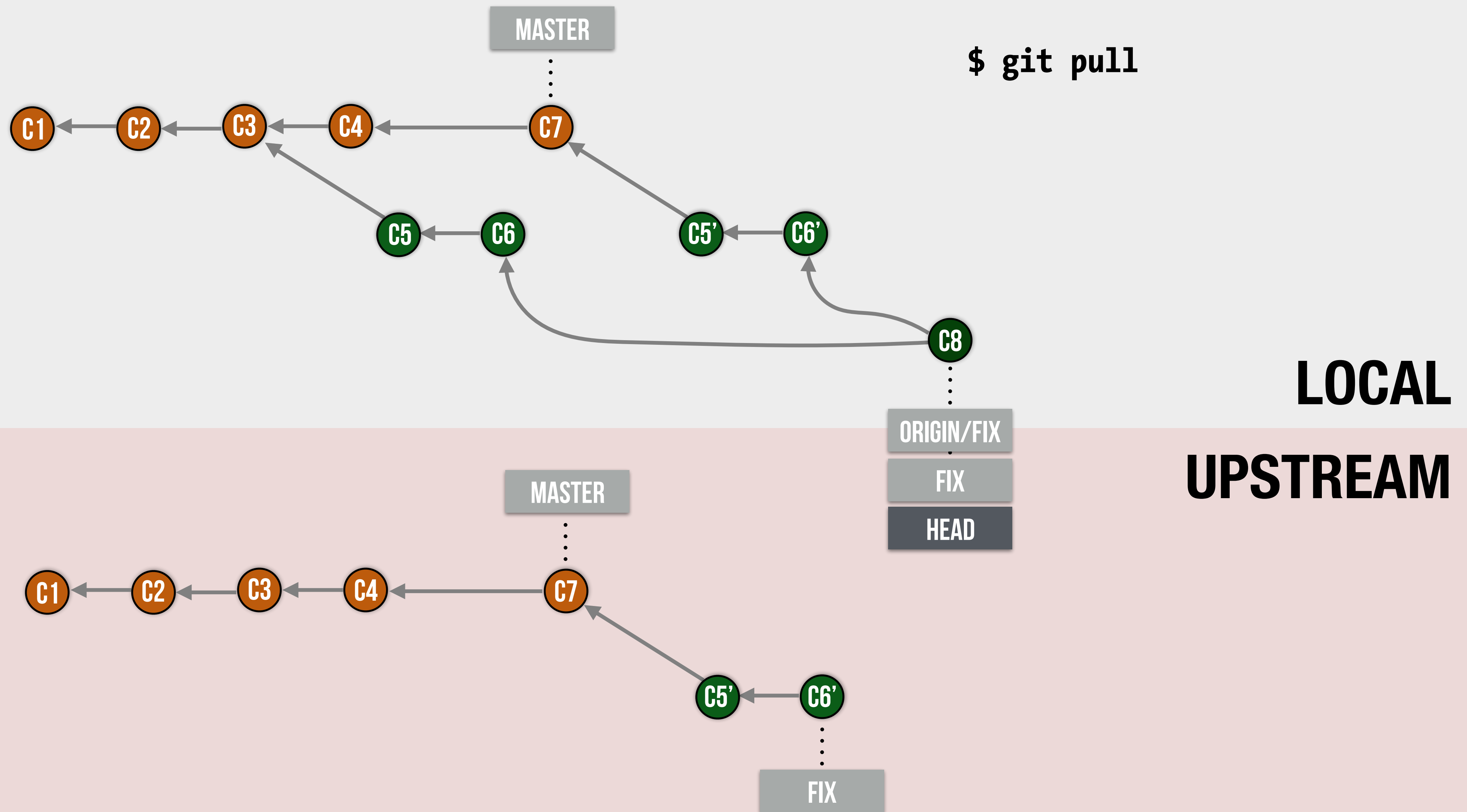


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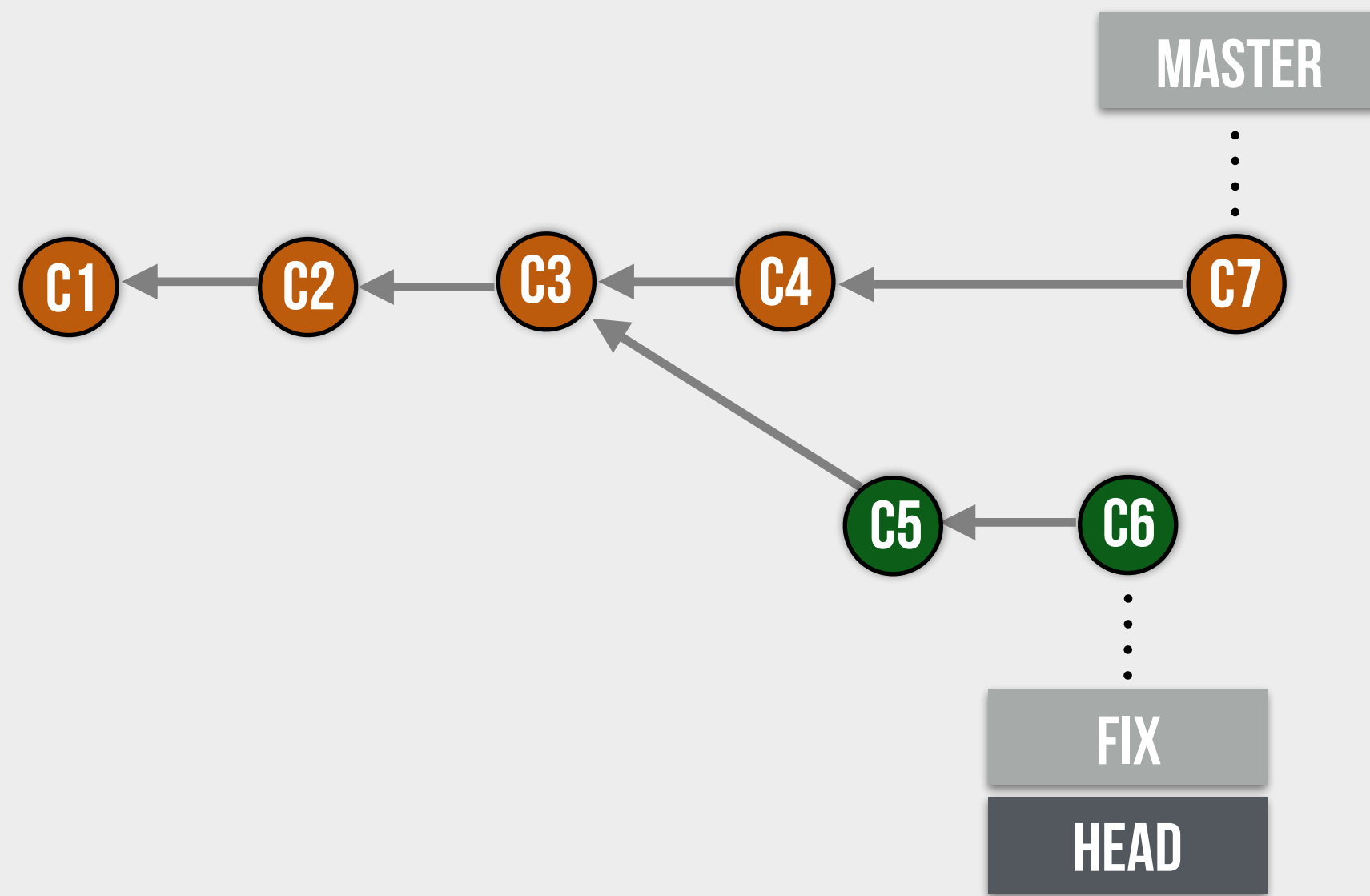


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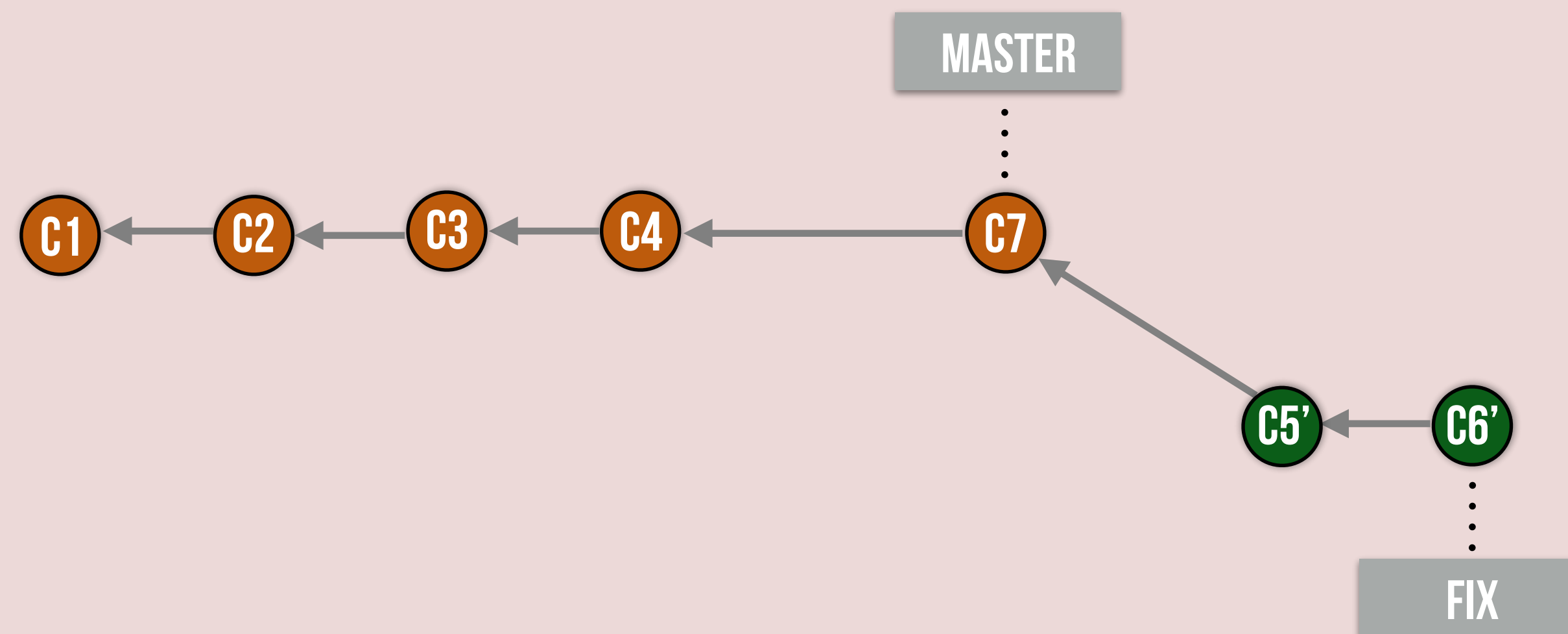


# PULL WITH REBASE



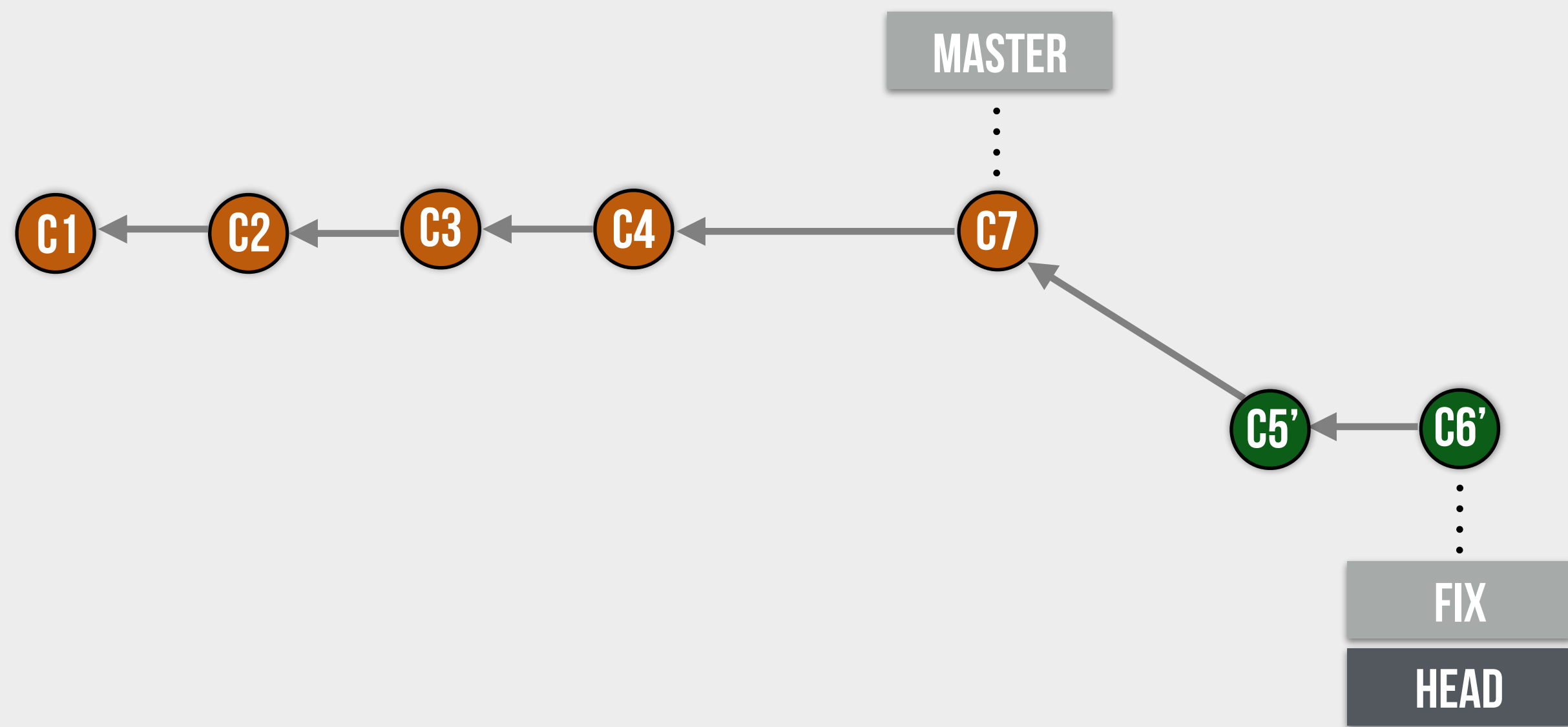
`$ git pull --rebase`

**LOCAL**



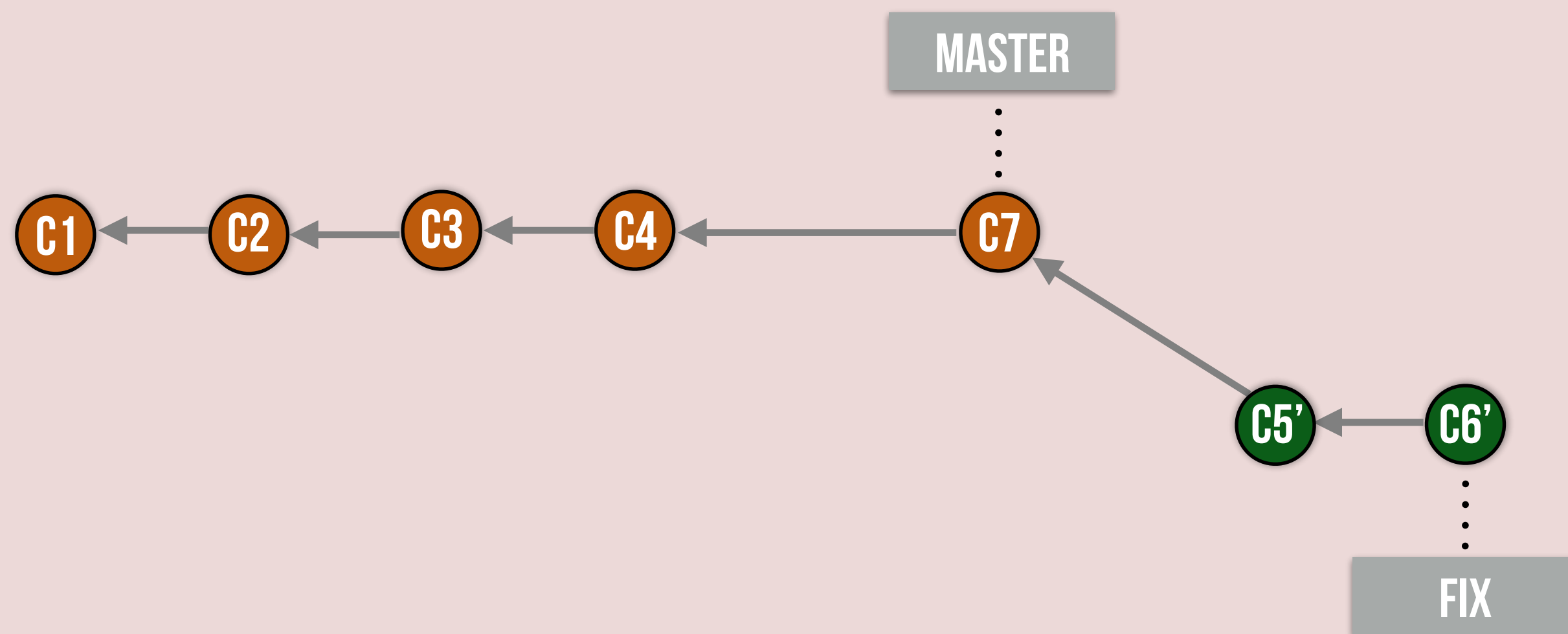
**UPSTREAM**

# PULL WITH REBASE



`$ git pull --rebase`

**LOCAL**



**UPSTREAM**



1. TORTURING GIT BY PUSH  
2. BROKEN TIME MACHINE  
3. LONG LIVING BRANCHES  
4. TOO LATE TO VALIDATE  
5. CHERRY-PICK OVERDOSE  
6. LOST IN COMMIT GRAPH  
7. BUTTON ADDICT  
8. TRASH HOUSE  
9. BIG BALL OF MUD  
10. AMBIGUOUS COMMIT MESSAGES  
11. ZOMBIE REBASE  
12. CODE LOSING SYNDROME  
13. MESS UP WITH THE ROLLBACK  
14. CENTRALIZED GIT  
15. MERGE FANATIC

16. BRANCH CEMETERY  
17. UNCONTROLLED POWER  
18. WEB OF REPOSITORIES  
19. ORACLE SYNDROME  
20. WAITING FOR HACKERS  
21. EVIL MERGE  
22. BRANCH OVERDOSE  
23. CHUCKY THE COMMAND  
24. NO HERO TO SAVE LIVES  
25. DUPLICATE COMMITS  
26. BIG FAT COMMIT  
27. CONFLICT-FOBIA  
28. MERGE HELL  
29. F\*UCK UP WITH FORCE PUSH  
30. LIVING AT DETACHED HEAD STATE



# LET'S RECAP



what was really  
**happened** at that time?

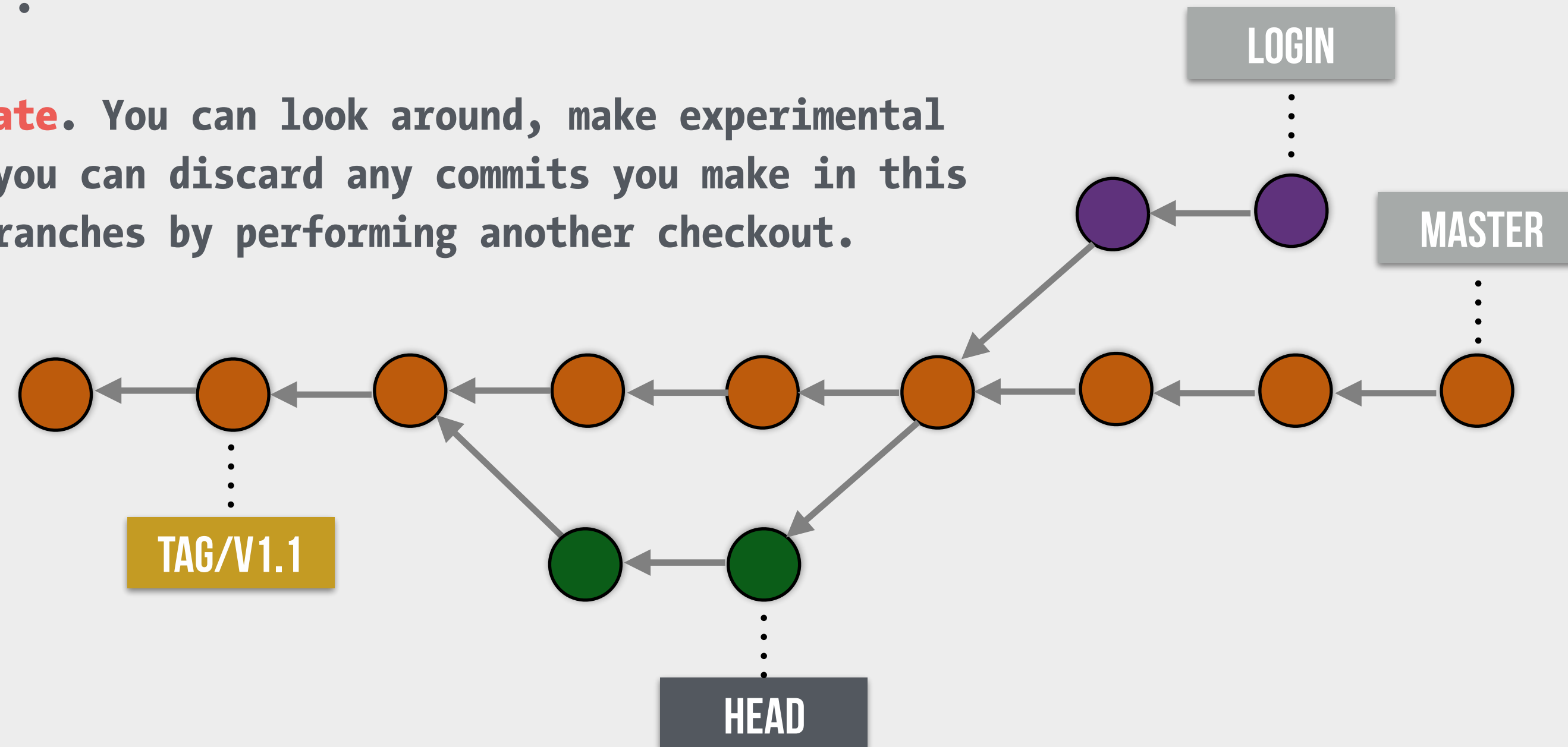


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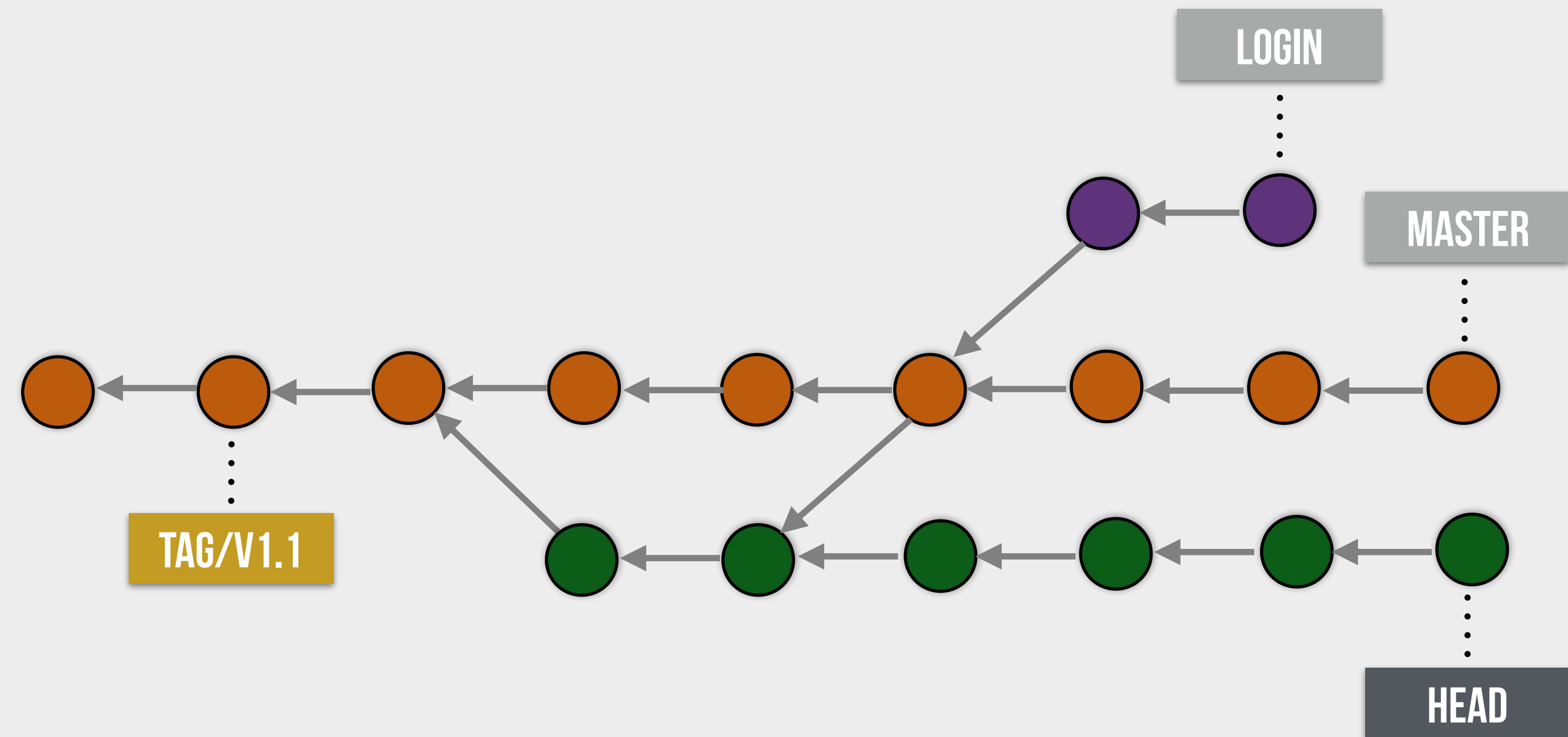
```
$ git checkout tags/v1.1
```

Note: checking out 'cecd95914'.

**You are in 'detached HEAD' state.** You can look around, make experimental changes and commit them, and you can discard any commits you make in this state without impacting any branches by performing another checkout.



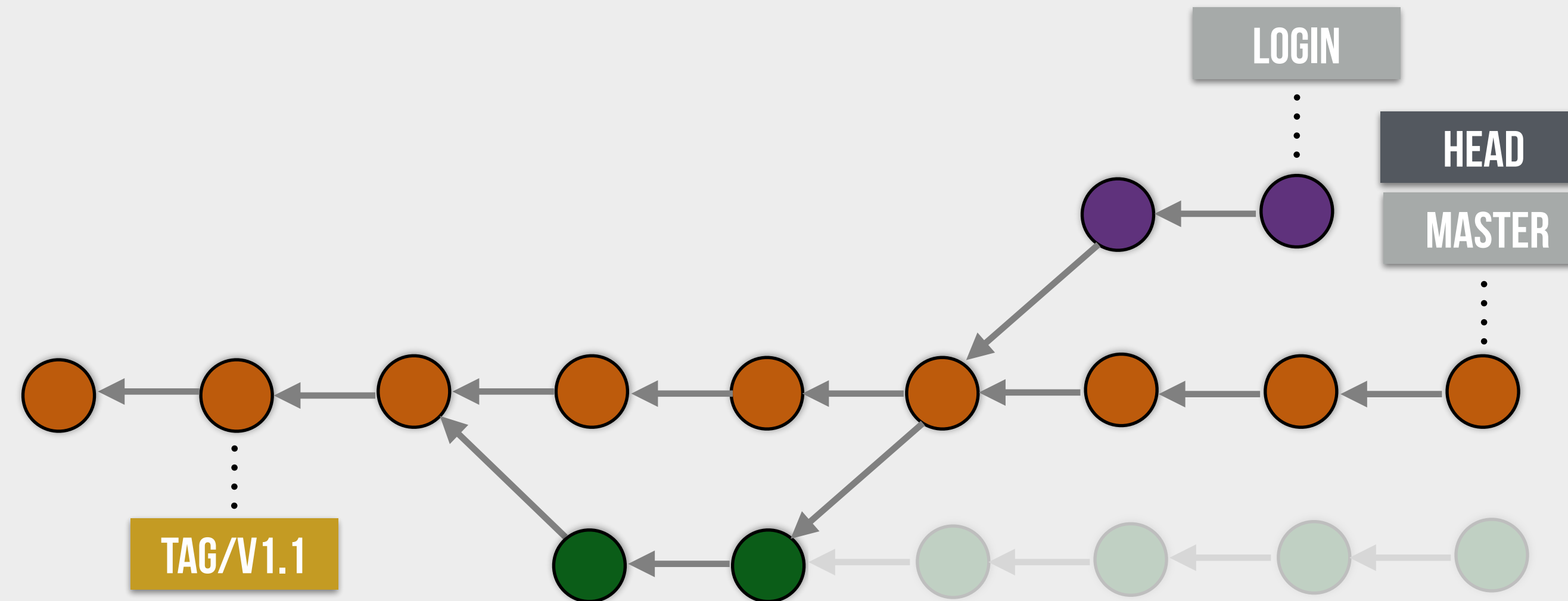
## DETACHED HEAD STATE



**my poor friend  
worked for  
3 long days**



**\$ git checkout master**

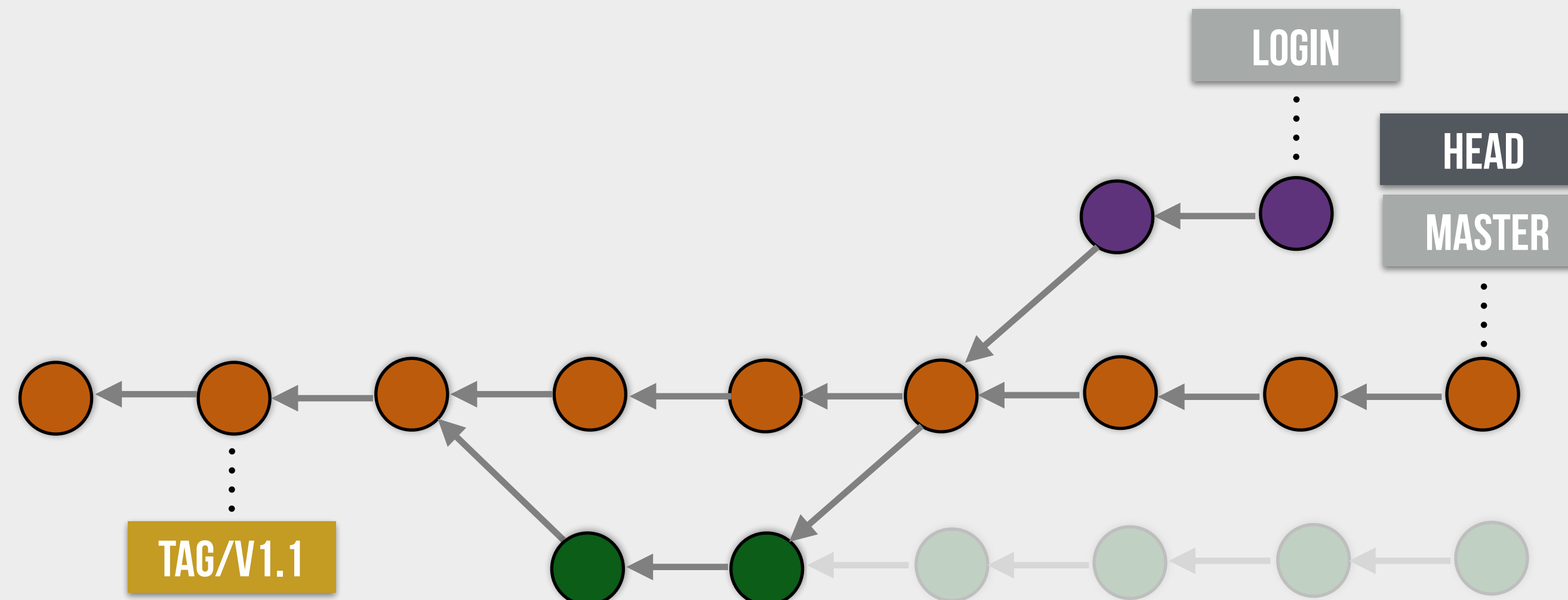


**when he moved to  
another branch, all  
commits were gone**



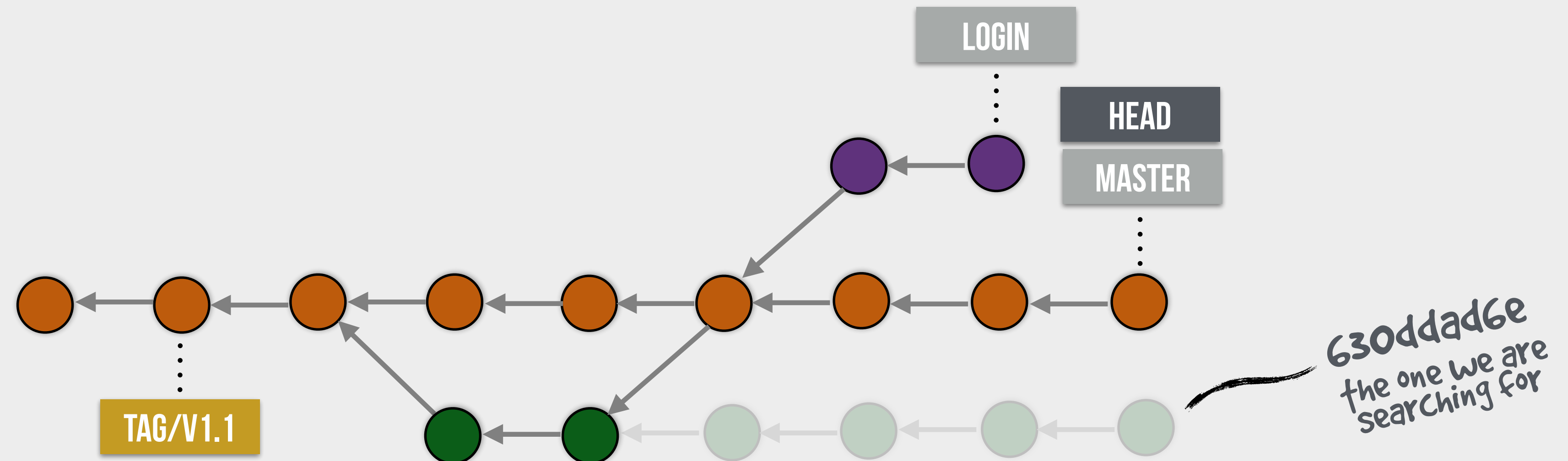


```
$ git reflow
```

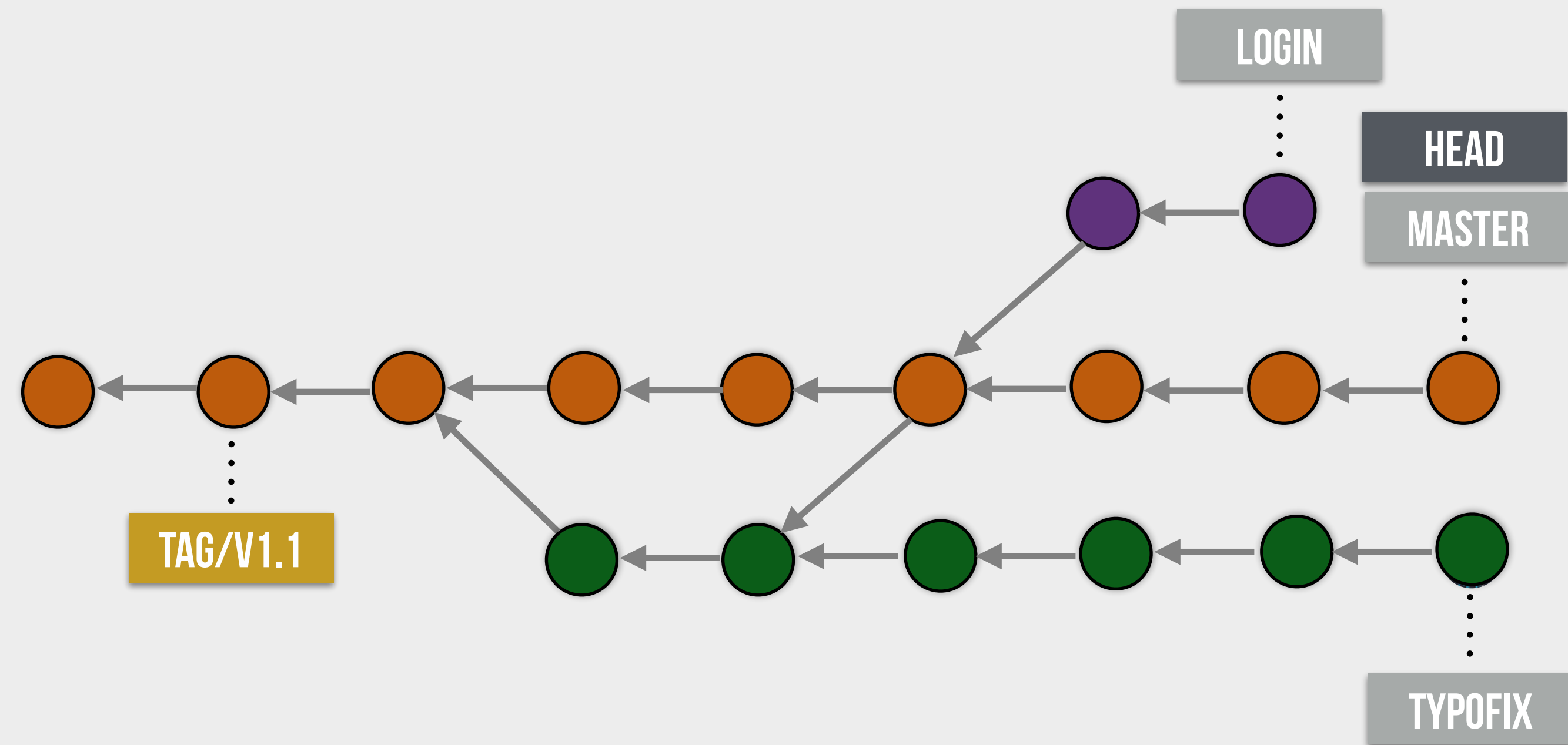


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a45f3c4e5 HEAD@{2}: rebase: checkout develop
630ddad6e HEAD@{3}: checkout: moving from develop to fix/java-sql-Date-violates-LSR
b26cf7a1a HEAD@{4}: rebase: checkout develop
630ddad6e HEAD@{5}: checkout: moving from develop to fix/java-sql-Date-violates-LSR
b26cf7a1a HEAD@{6}: pull: Fast-forward
8b59f8f50 HEAD@{7}: checkout: moving from fix/java-sql-Date-violates-LSR to develop
630ddad6e HEAD@{8}: rebase: updating HEAD
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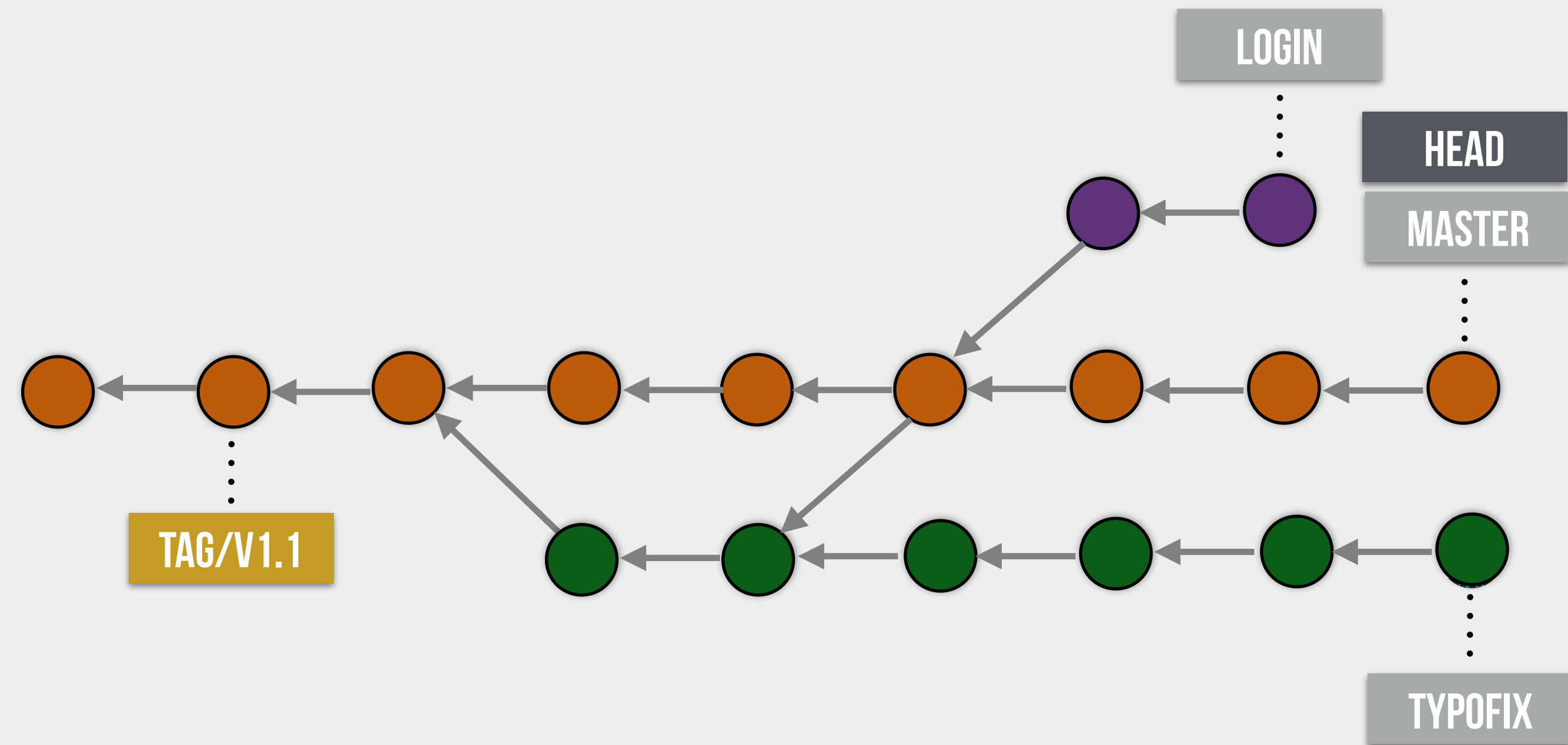
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```
$ git branch typofix 630ddad6e
```



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```



# KEEP CALM, NOTHING WILL BE LOST





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