

# git recitation, htm 204

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will be demoing – if interested in following along, install [git cli](#) ->  
(can't stop to get people running, slides + site available)



# goals

- basic functional background
- get you configured and committing to your repos if not already
  - follow along if you like, slides and website docs will be available
- conceptual backing at the end as/if we have time

# what exists

one repo per child – these get deployed to the web (linked in people page)

site for each section (cba, harv, arch, csail)

individual assignments go in your site

group assignments go in section site – document your contributions on your site

sites hosted on gitlab

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- \* first round of edits, restructuring (-> final)
- \* grammar and spelling cleanup (-> final final)
- \* more revisions (-> revised)
- \* fix date (-> (Copy))

# version control

- manages this versioning for you
- "time traveling"
- collaboration

\* first draft (paper.tex, created by alice)

\* first round of edits (paper.tex, modified by bob)

# git?

ubiquitous version control for software development

initially developed for linux kernel dev (learning curve)

popular centralized hosting (GitHub, GitLab)

# how does it work

```
$ git add paper.tex
```

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$ git push # git@gitlab.cba.mit.edu:846/...
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```
$ git push # git@gitlab.cba.mit.edu:846/...
```

```
# make some changes
```

```
$ git add paper.tex
```

```
$ git commit -m "first round of edits"
```

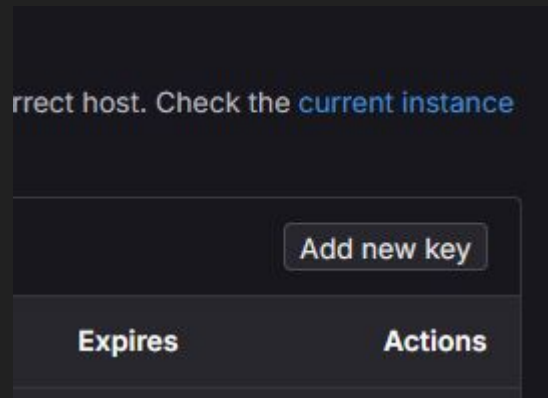
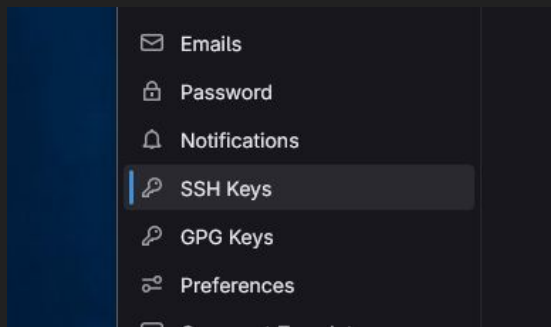
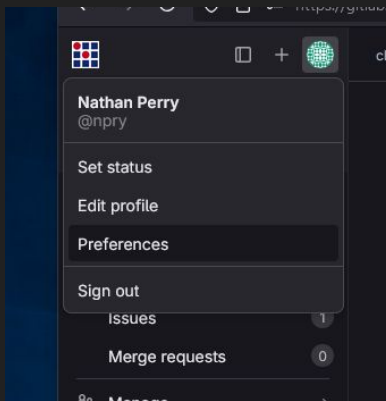
```
$ git push
```

# getting started (ssh keys)

```
$ ls ~/.ssh # id_rsa.pub, id_ed25519.pub?
```

```
$ ssh-keygen # if not
```

```
$ cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
```



# getting started (ssh keys)

## Add an SSH key

Add an SSH key for secure access to GitLab. [Learn more.](#)

**Key**

Begins with 'ssh-rsa', 'ecdsa-sha2-nistp256', 'ecdsa-sha2-nistp256@openssh.com'.

**Title**

Example: MacBook key

Key titles are publicly visible.

**Usage type**

Authentication & Signing ▼

**Expiration date**

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Optional but recommended. If set, key becomes invalid on the s

Add keyCancel

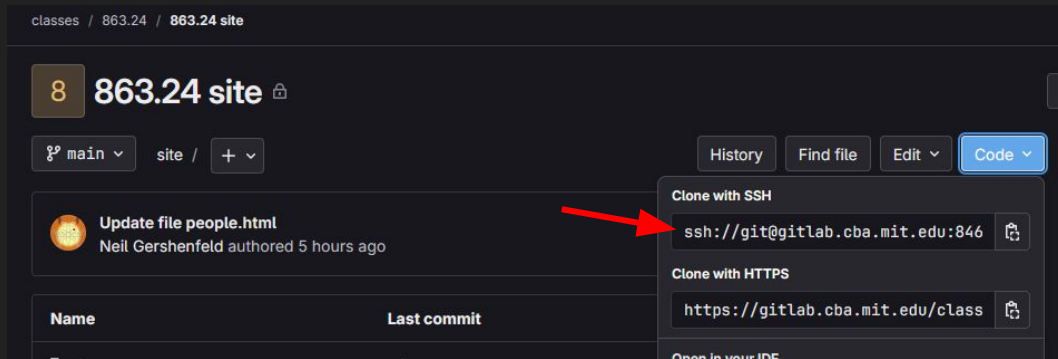


# getting started (git config)

```
$ git config --global user.name "$yourname"
```

```
$ git config --global user.email "$email"
```

```
$ git clone $REPO_URL
```



The screenshot shows a GitLab repository page for '863.24 site'. The page includes a breadcrumb 'classes / 863.24 / 863.24 site', a repository name '863.24 site' with a lock icon, and a dropdown menu for the current branch 'main'. Below this, there is a commit history entry: 'Update file people.html' by Neil Gershenfeld, authored 5 hours ago. A red arrow points to the 'Clone with SSH' option in the 'Code' dropdown menu, which displays the SSH URL 'ssh://git@gitlab.cba.mit.edu:846'. Other options include 'Clone with HTTPS' with the URL 'https://gitlab.cba.mit.edu/class' and 'Open in your IDE'.

# first commit

```
$ vim index.html
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
```

```
<html>
```

```
    <head></head>
```

```
    <body>I edited my site!</body>
```

```
</html>
```

# first commit

```
$ git add index.html
```

```
$ git commit -m 'update site index'
```

```
$ git push
```

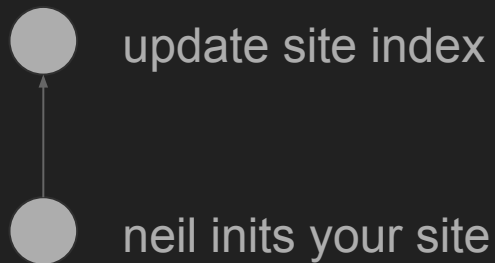
```
# go look at your site!
```

```
# (may take a minute to build)
```

[people page](#) ->



# commit graph



# staging changes

```
$ git add index.html; touch ignored_file
```

```
$ git status
```

On branch master

Changes to be committed:

```
    modified:   index.html
```

Untracked files:

```
    ignored_file
```

# branches

```
$ git branch
```

```
* main
```

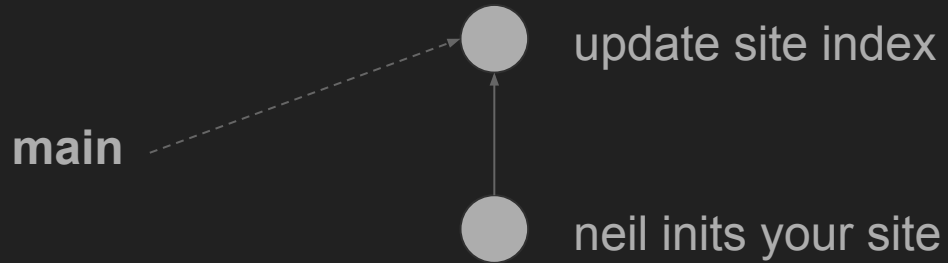
# commit graph

main



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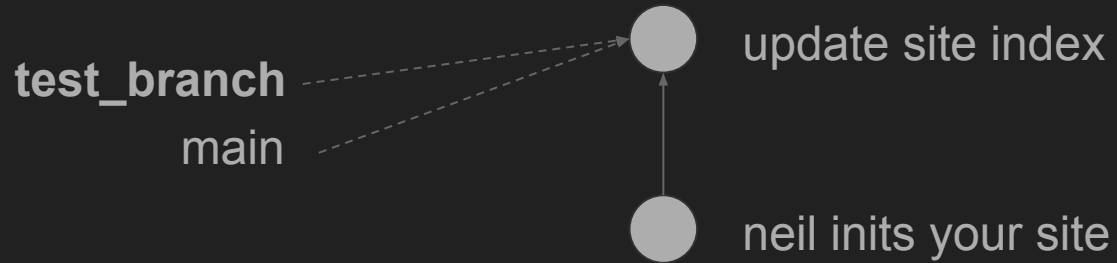
```
$ git checkout -b test_branch
```

```
$ git branch
```

```
* test_branch
```

```
main
```

# commit graph



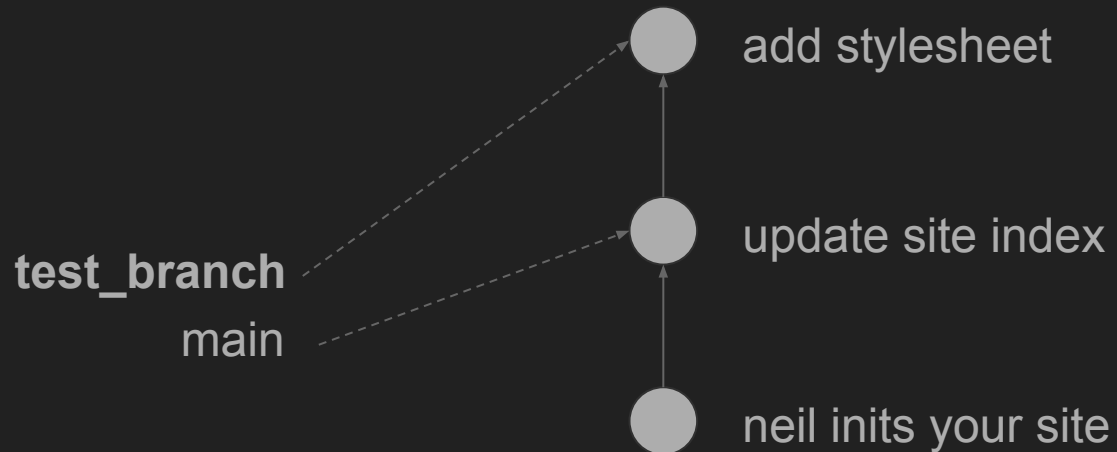
# branches

```
$ touch style.css
```

```
$ git add style.css
```

```
$ git commit -m 'add stylesheet'
```

# commit graph



# branches

```
$ touch style.css
```

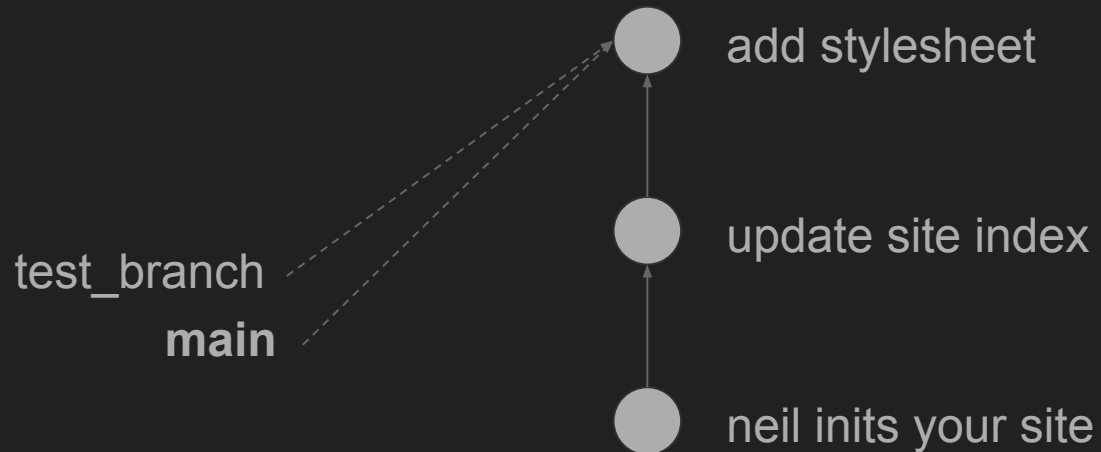
```
$ git add style.css
```

```
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```

```
$ git checkout main
```

```
$ git merge test_branch
```

# commit graph



## branches (merge conflict)

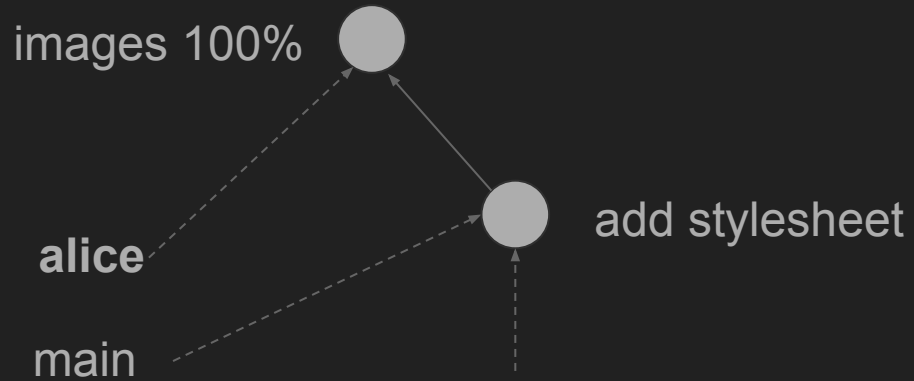
```
$ git checkout -b alice
```

```
$ echo 'img { width: 100%; }' > style.css
```

```
$ git commit -m 'set images to 100% width'
```



# commit graph



## branches (merge conflict)

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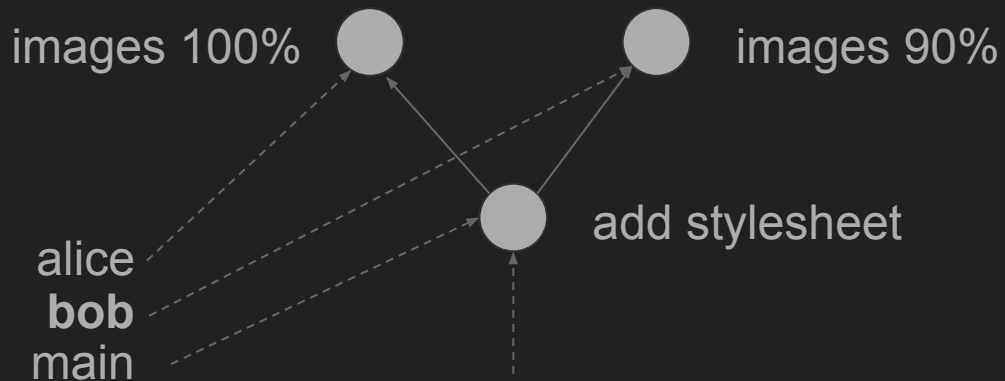
```
$ git commit -m 'set images to 100% width'
```

```
$ git checkout main; git checkout -b bob
```

```
$ echo 'img { width: 90%; }' > style.css
```

```
$ git commit -m 'set images to 90% width'
```

# commit graph



# branches (merge conflict)

```
$ git merge alice
```

```
$ git merge bob
```

```
Auto-merging style.css
```

```
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in  
style.css
```

```
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and  
then commit the result.
```

# merge conflict

```
$ cat style.css
```

```
<<<<<<< HEAD
```

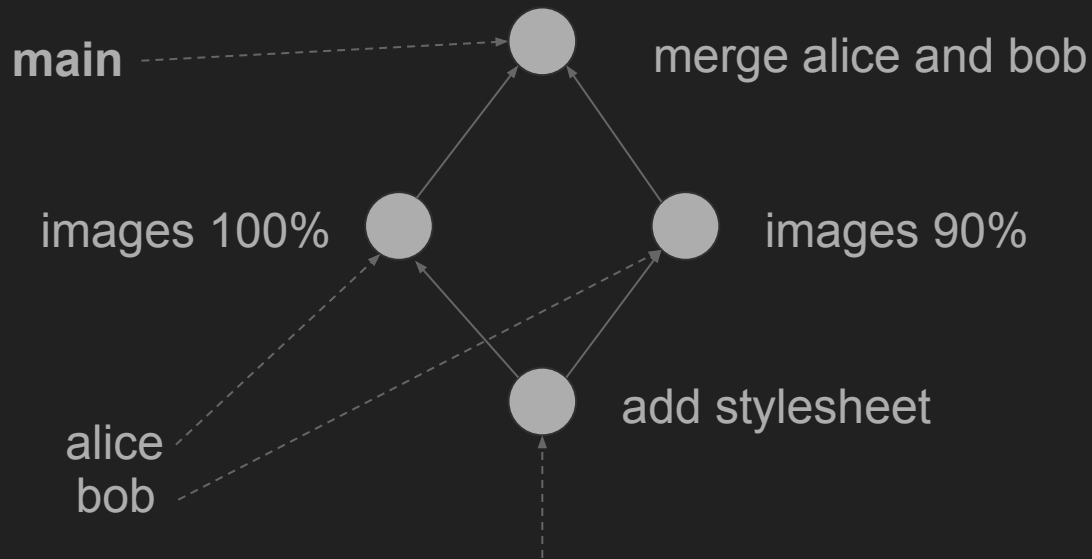
```
img { width: 100%; }
```

```
=====
```

```
img { width: 90%; }
```

```
>>>>>>> bob
```

# commit graph



# git log --graph

```
$ git log --graph --oneline --all
*    40de3c5 (HEAD -> master) Merge branch 'bob'
|\
| * 07f637b (bob) images 90%
* | 6916dcc (alice) images 100%
|/
* 5b5d349 add stylesheet
* c3ad4e1 initial commit
```

# git history browsers

gitk

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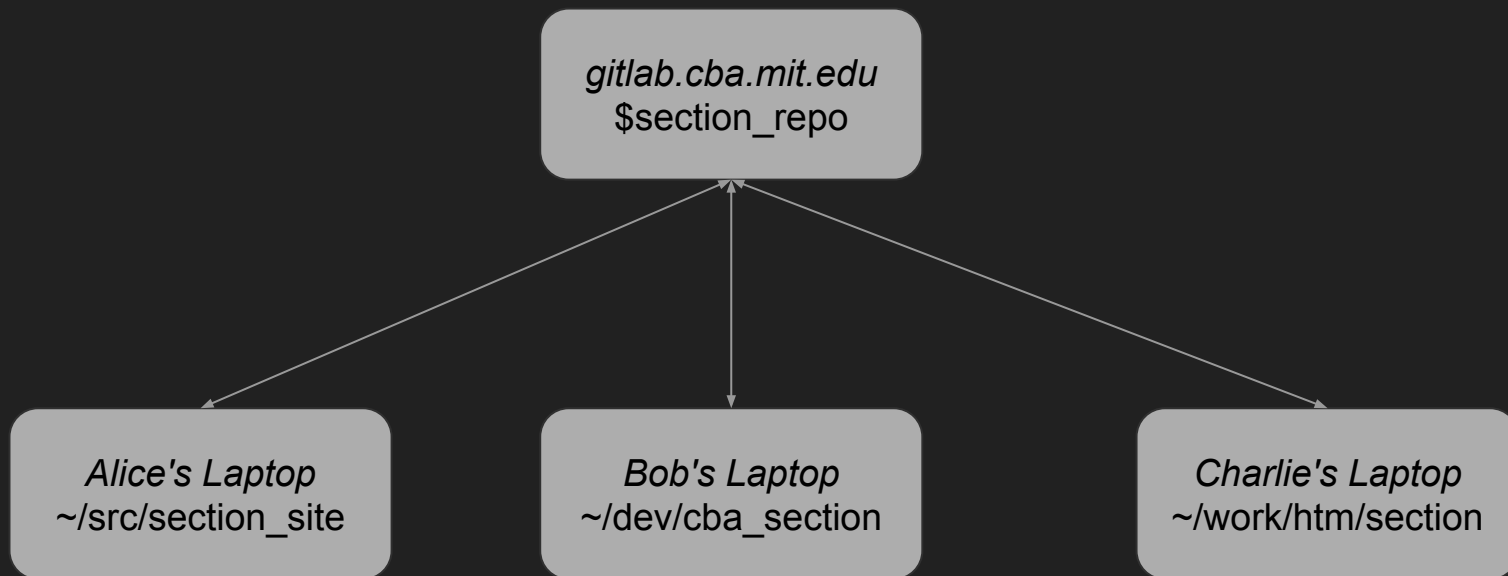
gitkraken

vs code

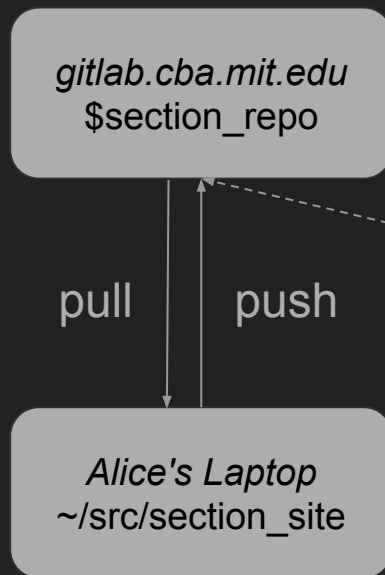
gitlab ui



# remotes



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# push

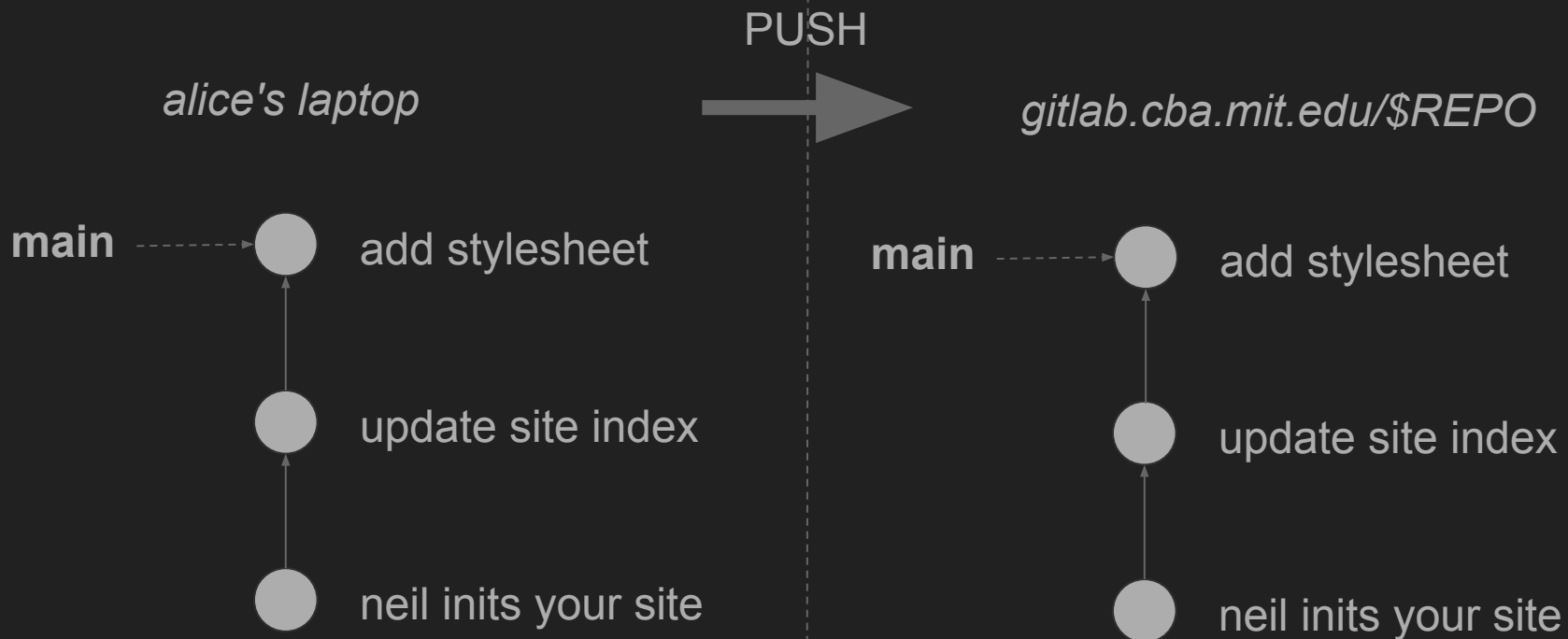
*alice's laptop*



*gitlab.cba.mit.edu/\$REPO*



# push



# push (merge conflict)



# pull

*alice's laptop*

**main**



update site index



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**main**



add stylesheet

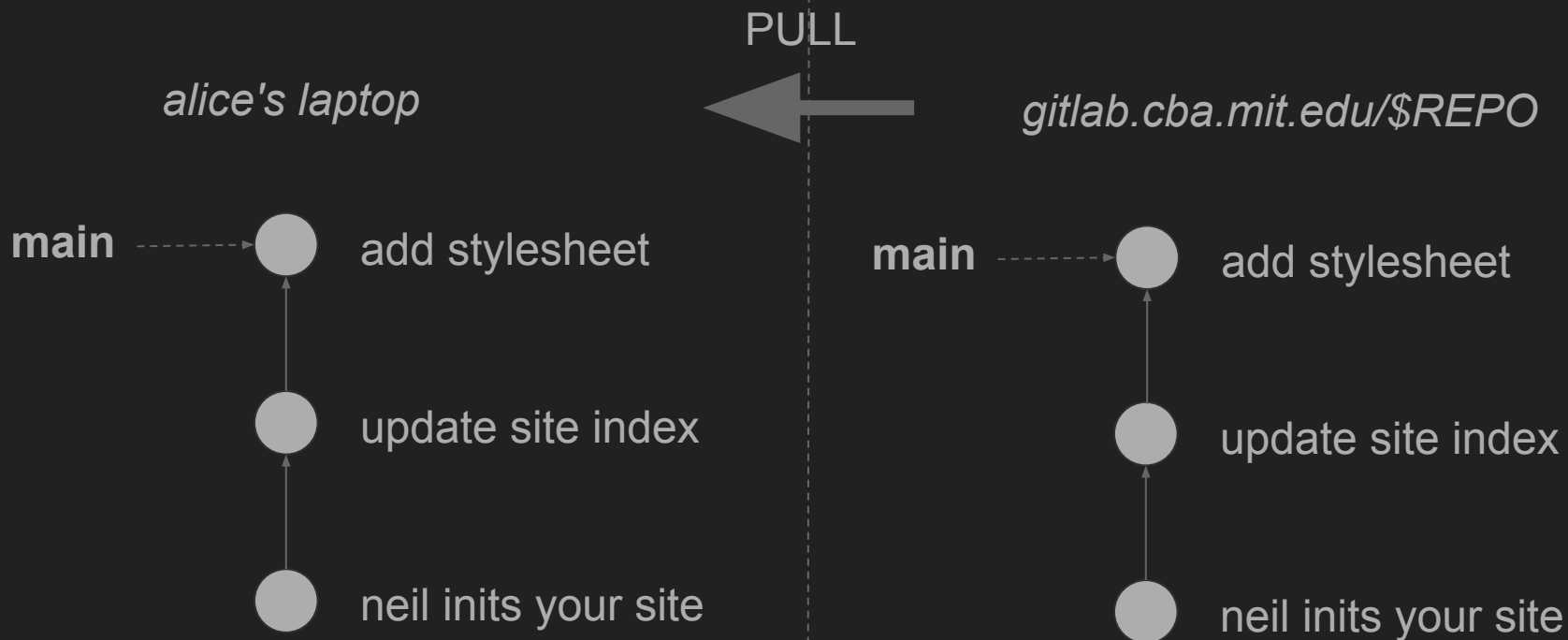


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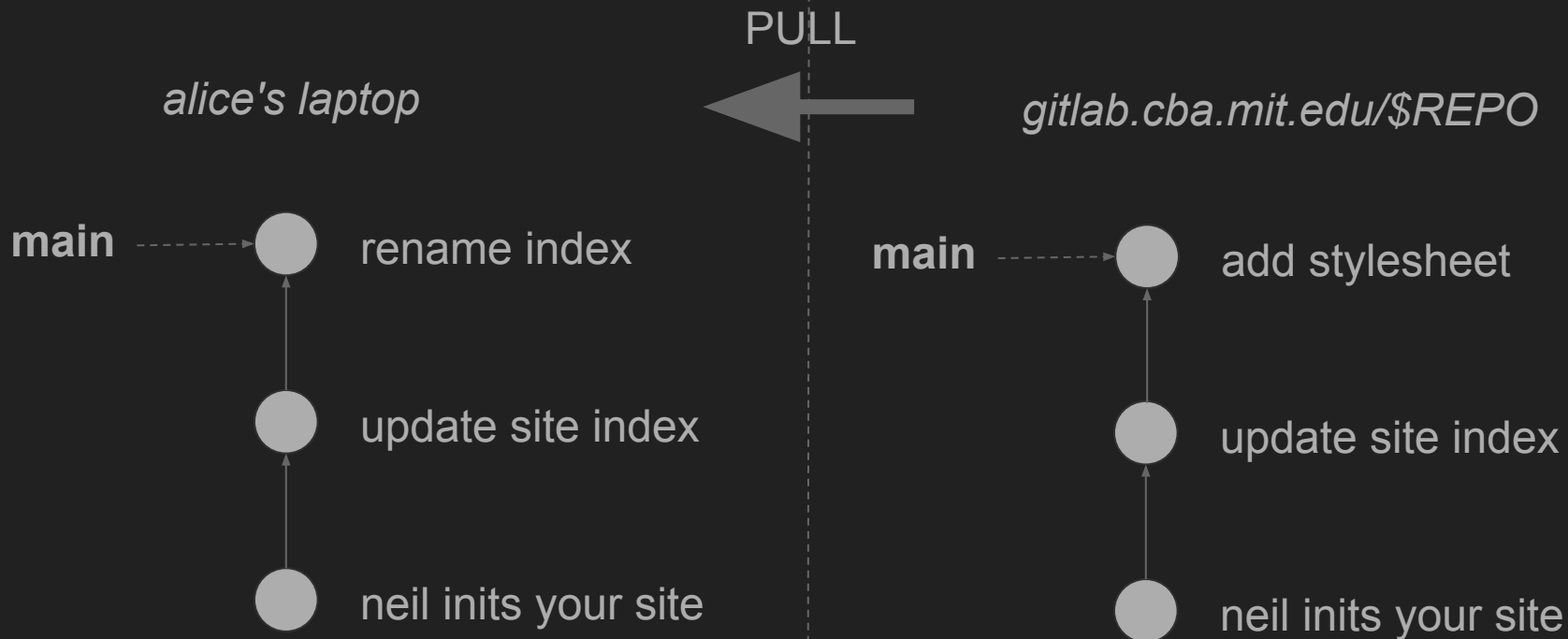


neil inits your site

# pull

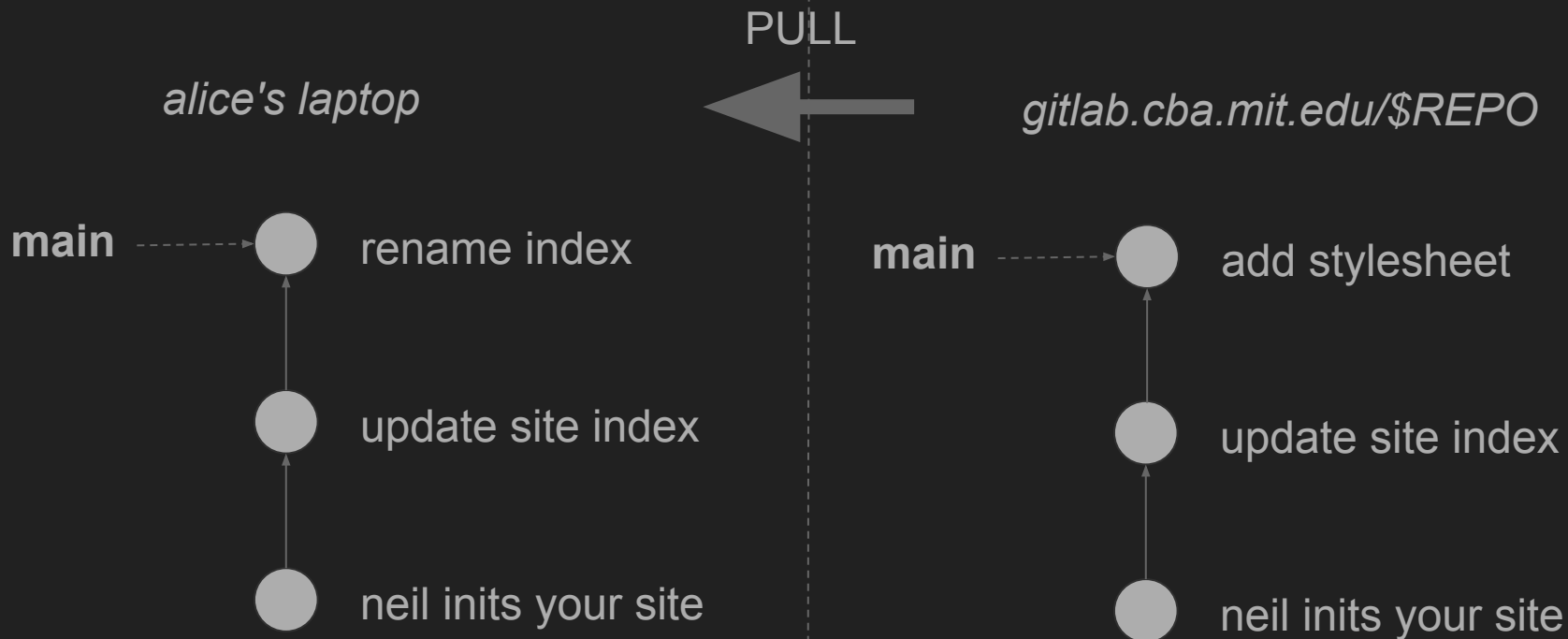


# pull (merge conflict)





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# troubleshooting

If you run into errors you don't know how to resolve, don't panic! It is hard to actually lose (committed) data in git.

Easiest ugly fix: reclone repo and copy files from broken one, recommit changes, push