# Безупречная история в Git или Mercurial

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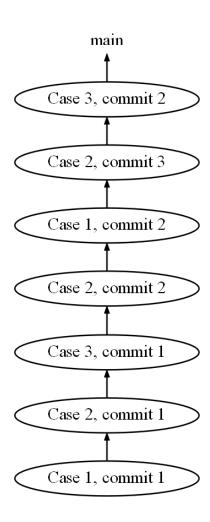
#### Plan

- Why branching, rebasing and squashing
- HowTo: concrete Git & Hg commands
- Release branches and delivering fixes to several branches
- Bonus 1: Pseudoproblem: too many branches
- Bonus 2: Merge conflicts and Matrix merge

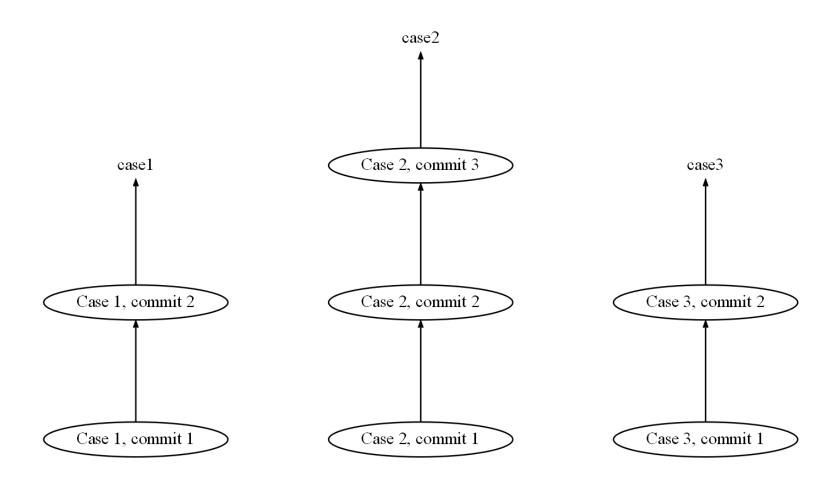
### Why branching

- You can freely experiment without affecting others
- Others' experiments do not affect you
- You make better history in VCS

#### Without branches: chaos



#### With branches: order



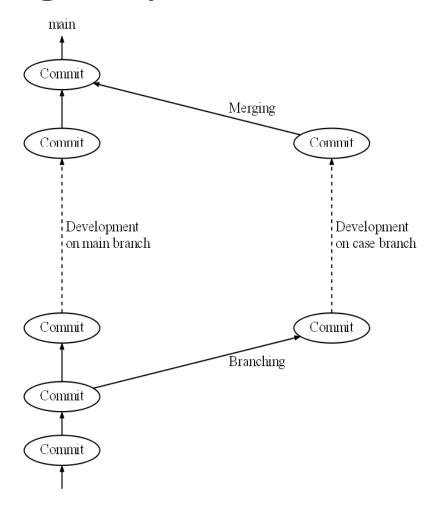
# Why rebasing

- Rebasing during development:
  - Up to date with mainline
  - Smaller merge conflicts
  - Testing against updated mainline
  - Contrary to popular belief, possible without forcing after pushing

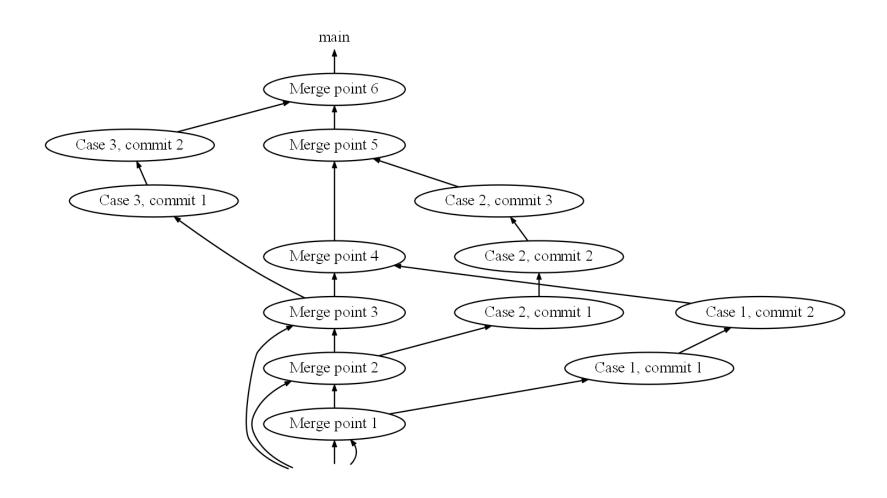
#### Rebase instead of merge

- Delivery to mainline by rebase instead of merge:
  - Linear history
  - Much easier to read
  - Non-problematic blame and bisect
  - Easier reversal
  - Possibility to remove too old branches (performance)

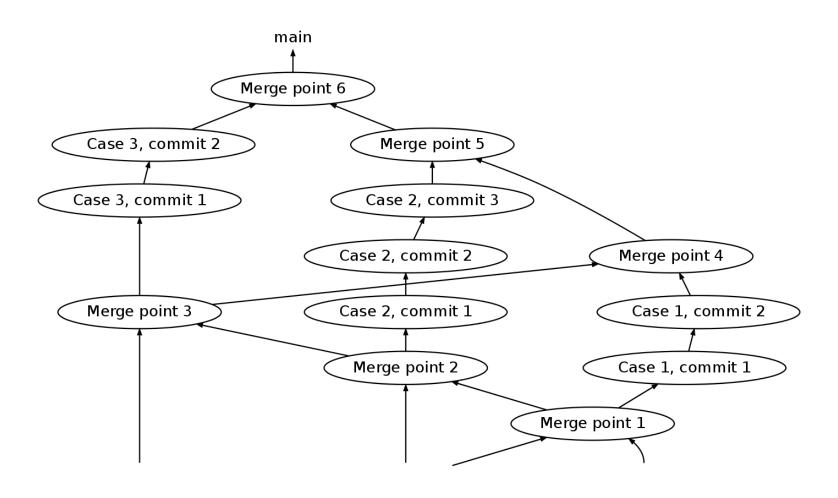
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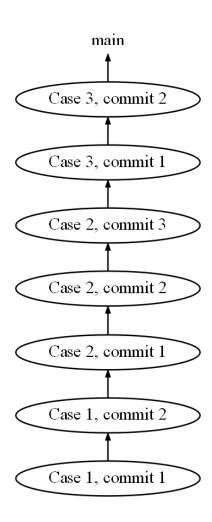
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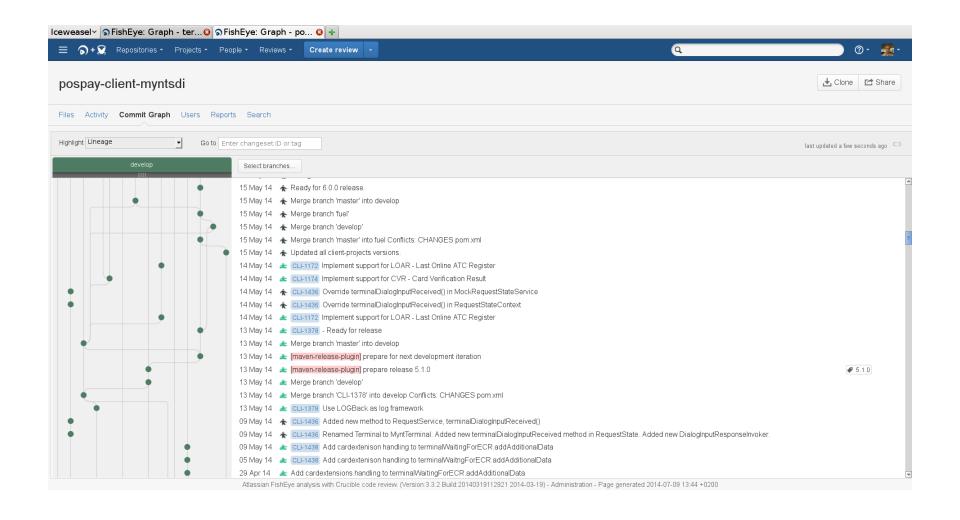
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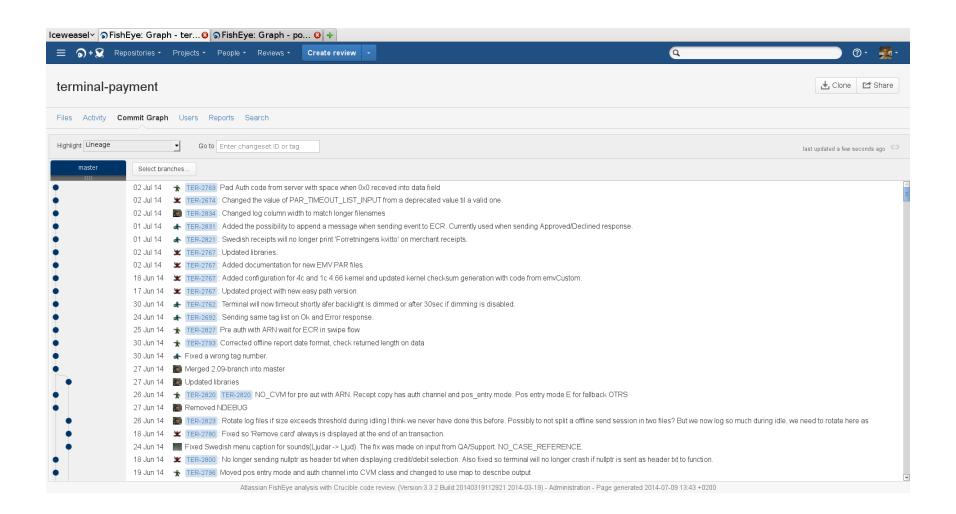
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# Merging IRL



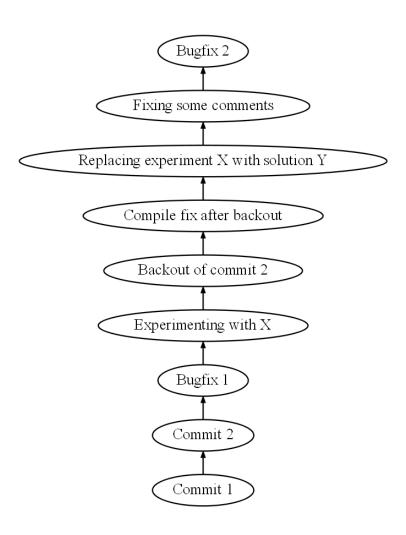
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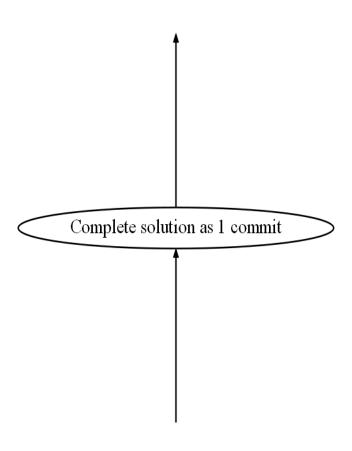
# Why squashing

- Compact history
- No garbage in history
- Much more readable history
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# Not squashing: chaos



# Squashing: order

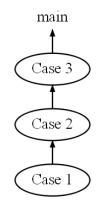


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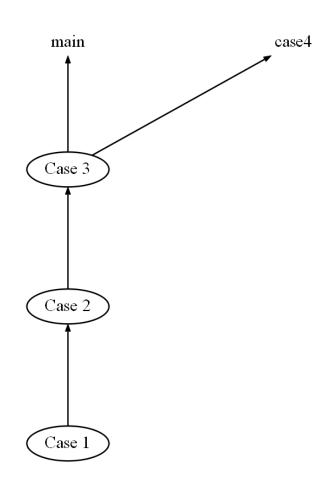
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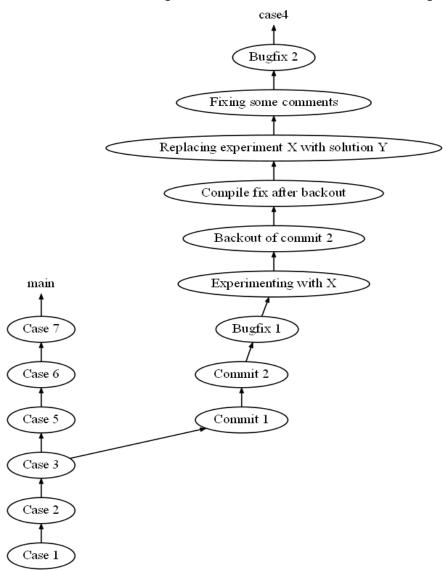


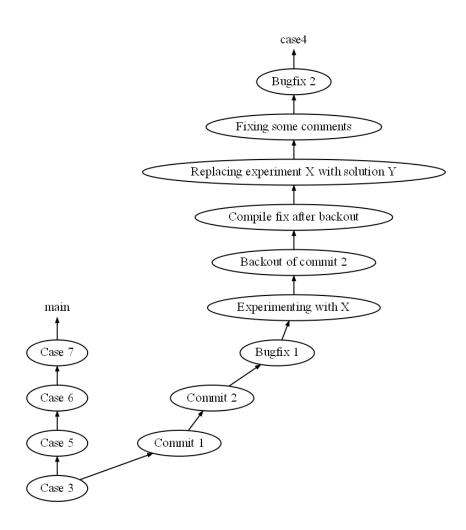
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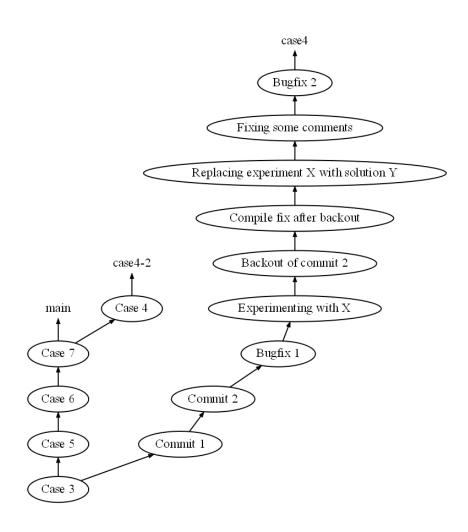
- Git
  - git checkout –b case4

- Mercurial
  - hg book case4

# Step 2: develop







- Git
  - git checkout –b case4-2
  - git rebase --interactive main
- Mercurial
  - You need Rebase and Histedit extension
  - hg rebase --keep --dest main
  - hg histedit main
  - hg book case4-2

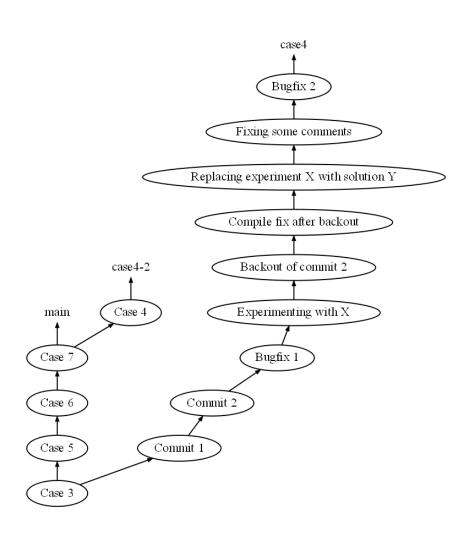
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  s, squash = use commit, but meld into previous commit
  f, fixup = like "squash", but discard this commit's log message
  x, exec = run command (the rest of the line) using shell
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# However, if you remove everything, the rebase will be aborted.
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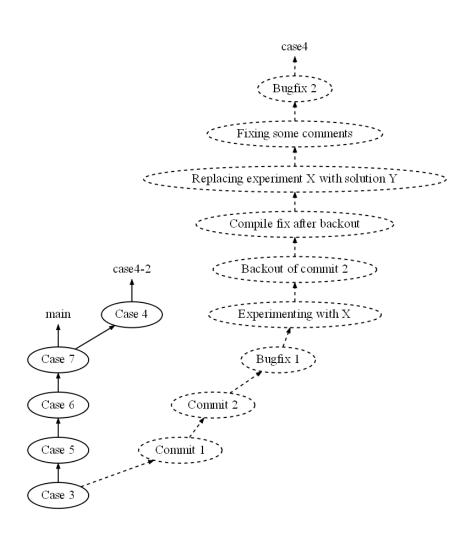
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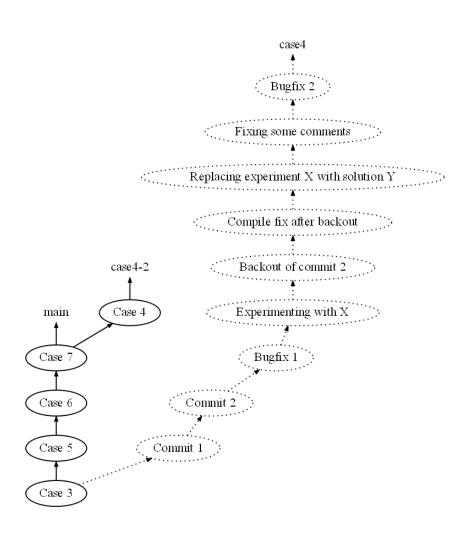
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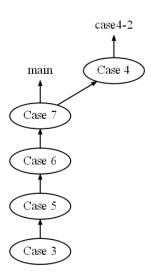
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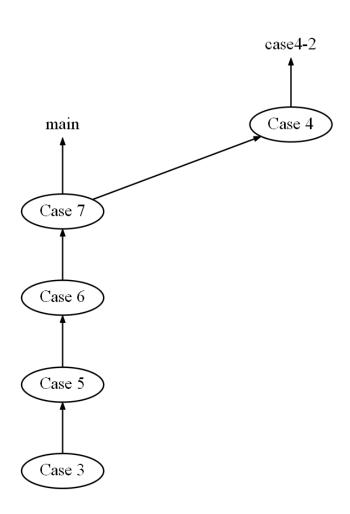
- Mercurial and rebasing
  - Rebase extension can not squash without rebasing
  - Collapse extension «collapses» with an error, i.e. does not work
  - MQ extension removes the original commits
  - Histedit extension annoys you with invocation of editor for every squashed commit
  - Transplant and Graft extensions do not squash
  - «hg diff -r rev1:rev2 | patch -p1» works

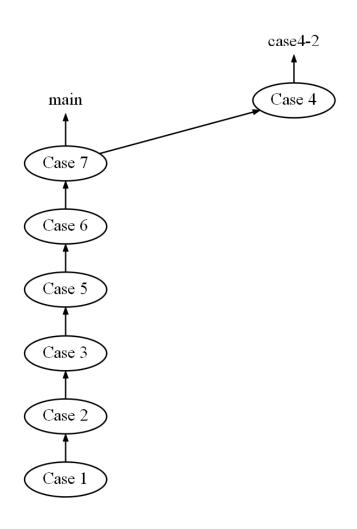












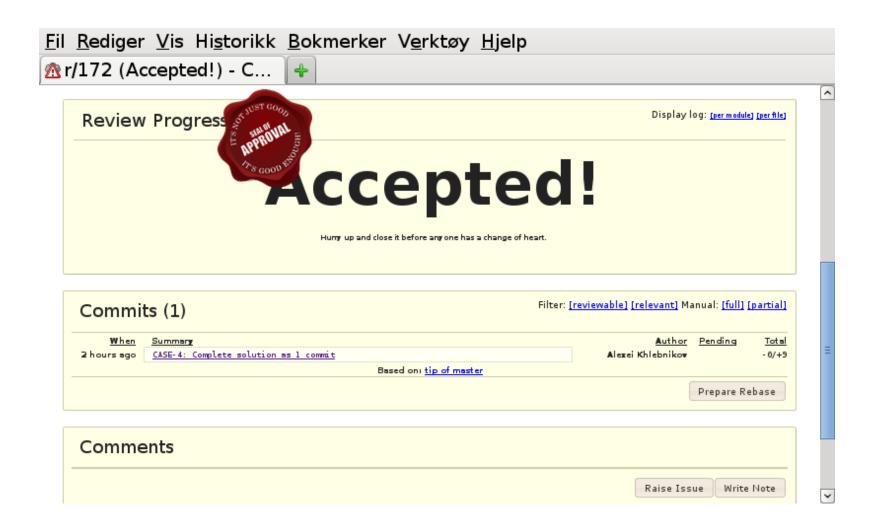
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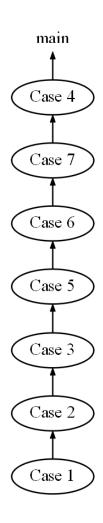
- Submit code for review
  - git push critic case4-2:r/case4
- Eventually fix things during review
  - git commit -m 'Code review fixes'
  - git commit -m 'More fixes'
  - git push critic case4-2:r/case4
- Rebase and squash more if needed
  - git checkout -b case4-3
  - git rebase -i main

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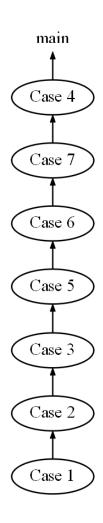




- Git
  - git push . case4-2:main

- Mercurial
  - (hg update case4-2)
  - hg book main

- Alternative solutions for git
  - Prerequisite: git checkout main
  - Alt 1: git reset --hard case4-2
  - Alt 2: git rebase case4-2
  - Alt 3: git cherry-pick --ff main..case4-2
  - Alt 4: git merge --ff-only case4-2

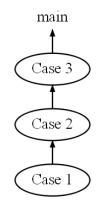


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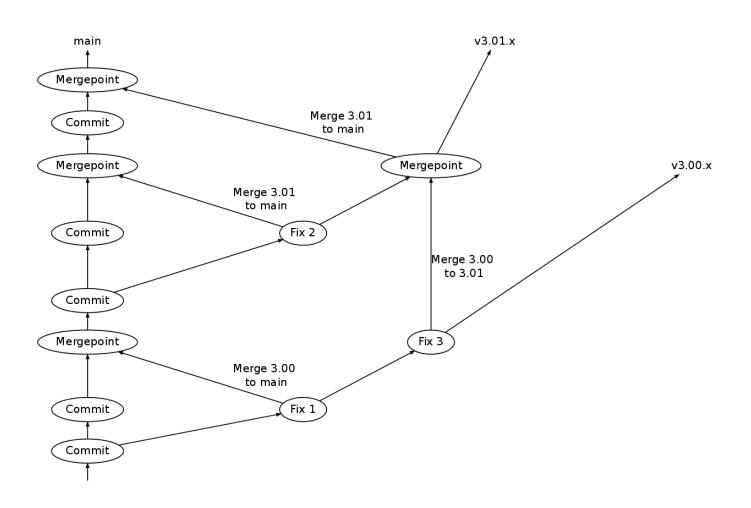
#### Release branches

- Make release
  - git checkout main
  - git checkout -b v3.00.x
  - git commit ...
  - git tag v3.00.01

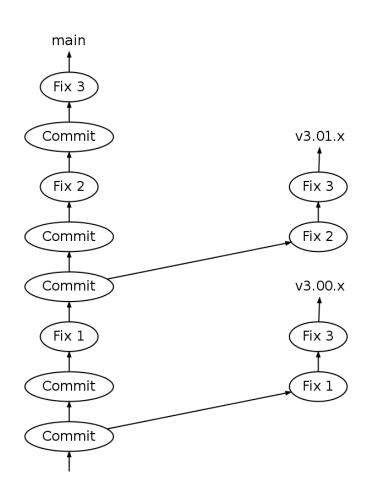
#### Fix on several branches

- Fix needed for branches:
  - -v3.00.x
  - -v3.01.x
  - main
- Branch from the oldest release branch
  - git checkout v3.00.x
  - git checkout -b case-123
  - git commit ...

# Delivery by merge



### Delivery by cherry-pick



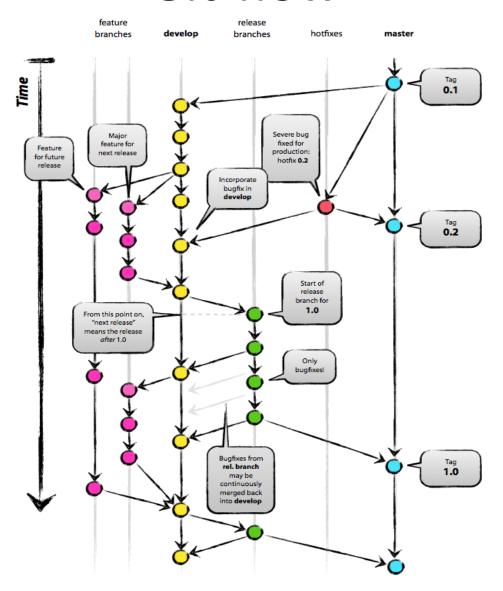
#### Fix on several branches

- Delivery to v3.00.x
  - git checkout -b case-123-2
  - git rebase -i v3.00.x
  - git push . case-123-2:v3.00.x
- Delivery to v.3.01.x by merge
  - git checkout v3.01.x
  - git merge v3.00.x
- Delivery to main by merge
  - git checkout main
  - git merge v3.01.x

### Fix on several branches

- Delivery to v.3.01.x by cherry-pick
  - git checkout v3.01.x
  - git cherry-pick a1b2c3..case-123-2
- Delivery to main by cherry-pick
  - git checkout main
  - git cherry-pick a1b2c3..case-123-2

### Git-flow



- Merge:
  - Delivers "all or nothing"
    - For example, can not deliver:
      - Fix 1 only to v3.00.x and main
      - Fix 2 only to v3.01.x and main
- Cherry-pick
  - Allows for granular delivery
    - Whatever needed in whatever order
    - Can also deliver all, if needed

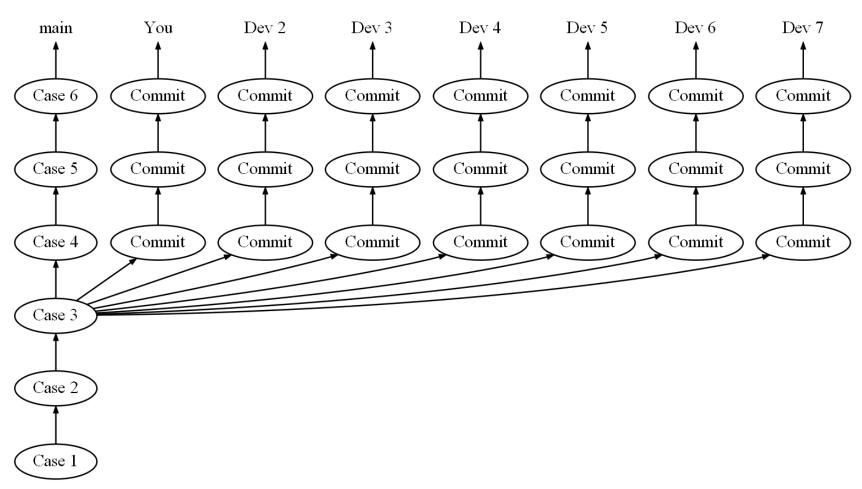
- Merge:
  - Delivers "all or nothing"
    - More delivery more merge conflicts
  - Forces to resolve all merge conflicts at once
- Cherry-pick
  - Allows for granular delivery
    - Less merge conflicts
  - Allows to resolve merge conflicts in smaller chunks

#### Merge:

- Delivers only from older branch to newer
  - Otherwise delivers unwanted changes and makes a mess
- Original fix can only be developed against the oldest branch
- Cherry-pick
  - Delivers from any branch to any
  - Original fix can be developed on any branch
  - Allows customer-specific branches
  - More flexible

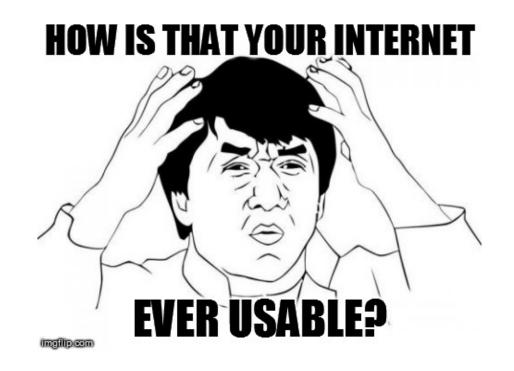
- Merge:
  - Makes multi-parent commits
    - Complicates history
    - Hinders eventual future cherry-pick and rebase
- Cherry-pick
  - Makes single-parent commits
    - History of any release branch becomes linear, i.e. easier to read
    - Does not hinder eventual future cherry-pick, rebase or even merge
    - Tree is simpler than graph

# Pseudoproblem: too many branches/bookmarks



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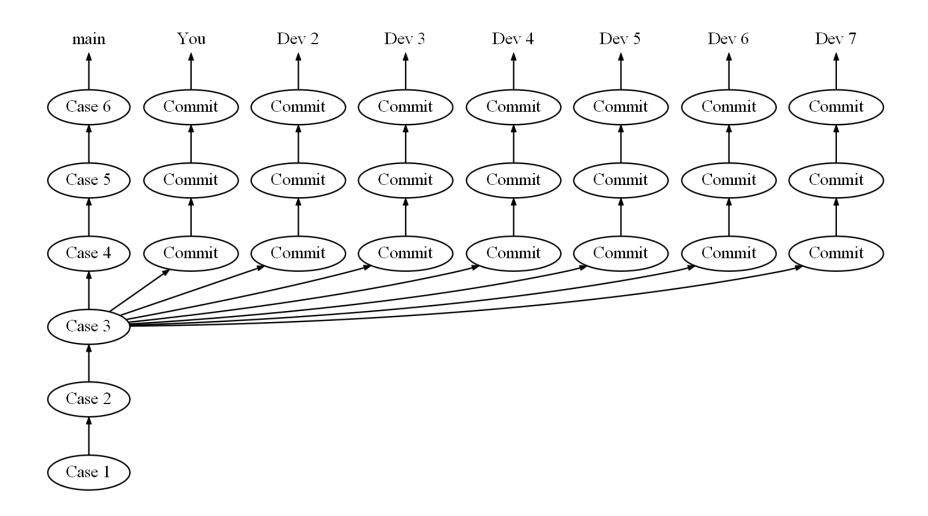
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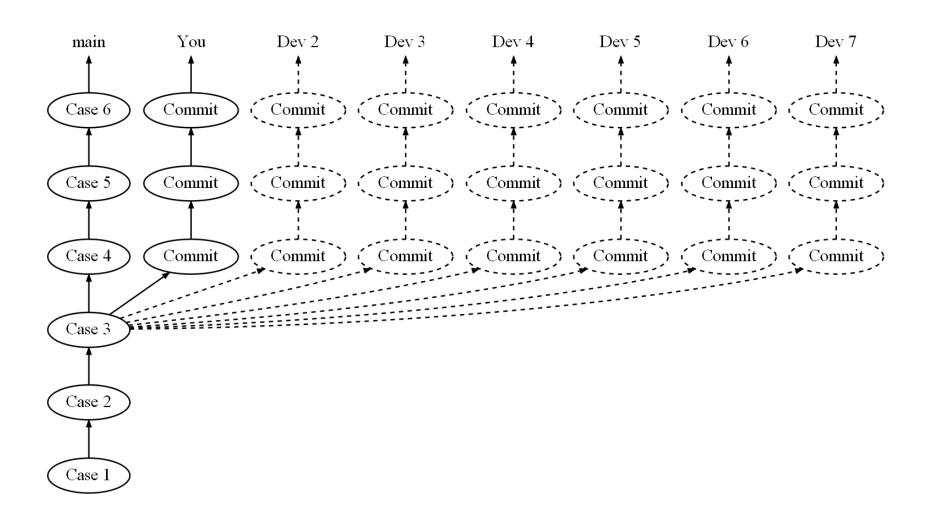


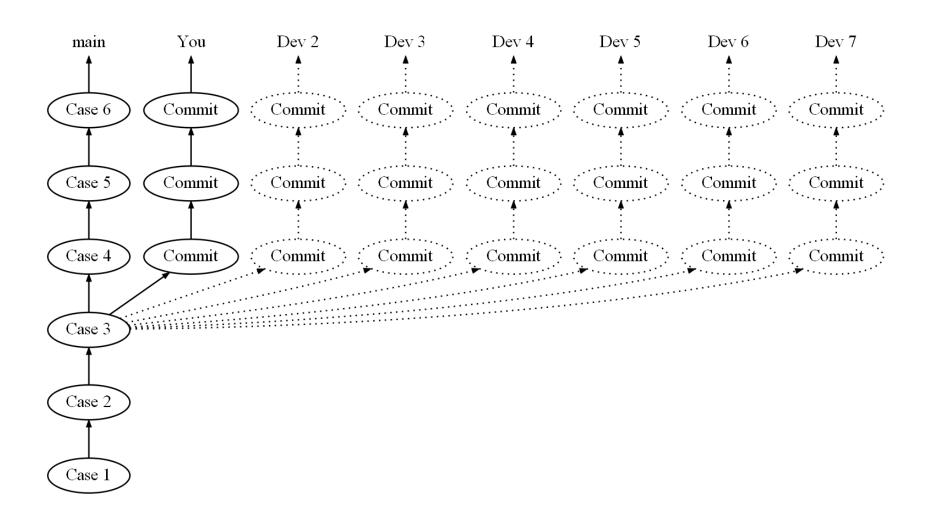
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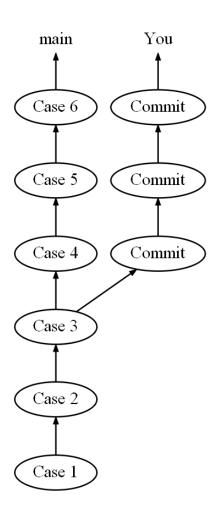


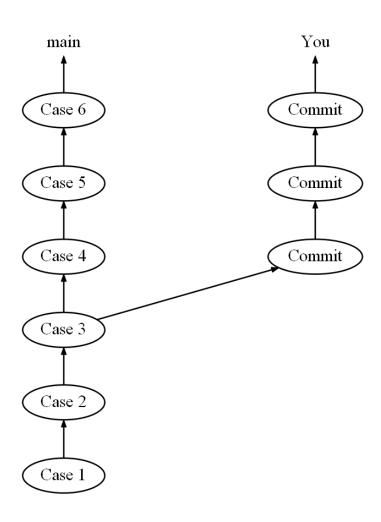
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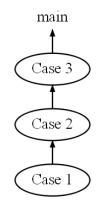


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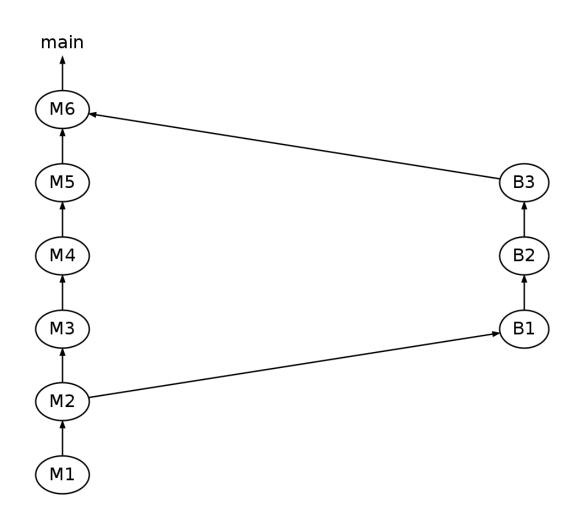
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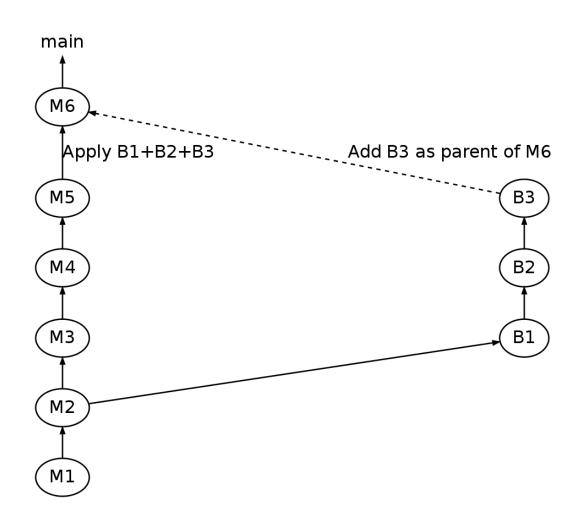
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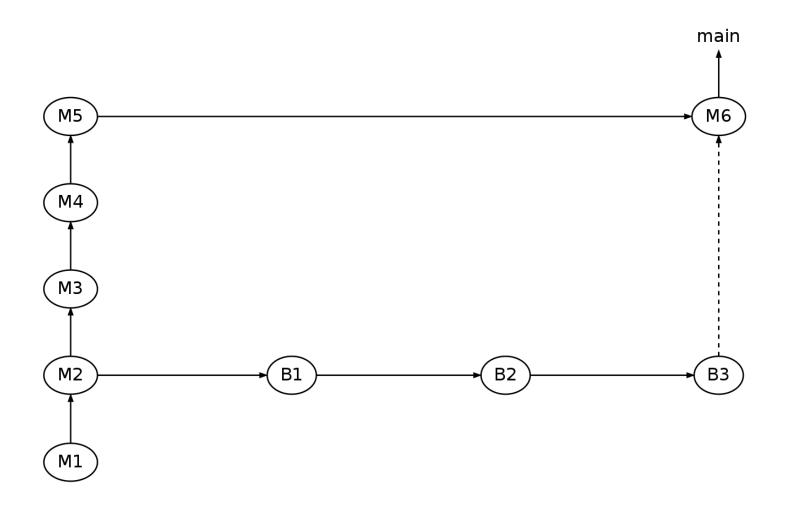
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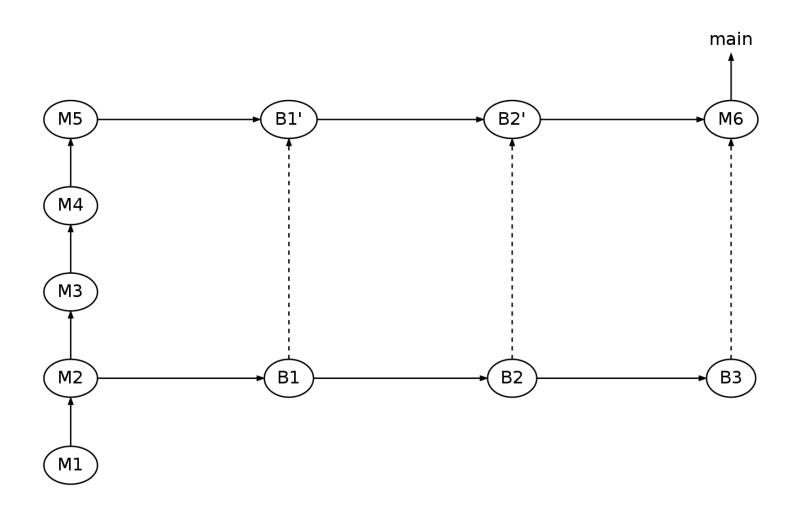
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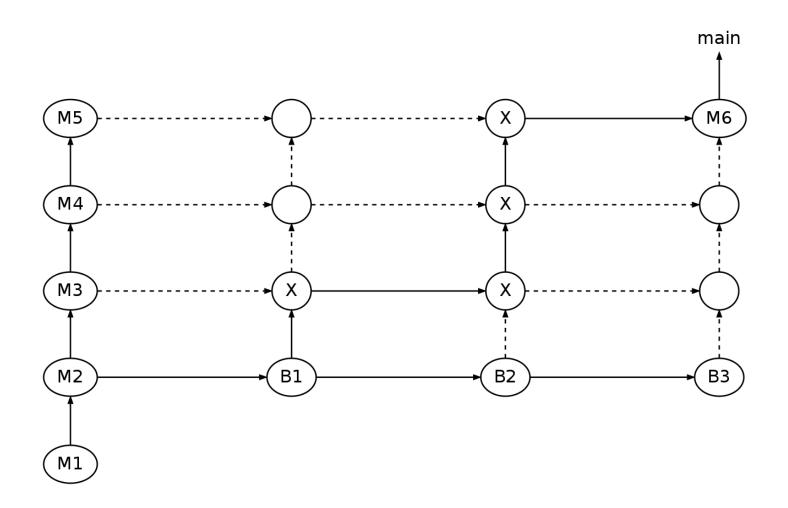
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### Merge conflicts: rebase



# Matrix merge



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### Merge conflicts: strategies

- Merge: merging all at once
- Rebase/cherry-pick: merging step by step
- Matrix merge:
  - Idea so far, not implemented in any tool
  - Merging step by step
  - Along (hopefully) optimal path that minimizes conflicts
  - Can merge more automatically
    - May be dangerous?
  - Does not support linear history, unlike Rebase

### Спасибо за внимание

# Вопросы?

(Вбросы?:)