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Version control

CS-C2120, Programming studio 2

CS-C2105, Programming studio A

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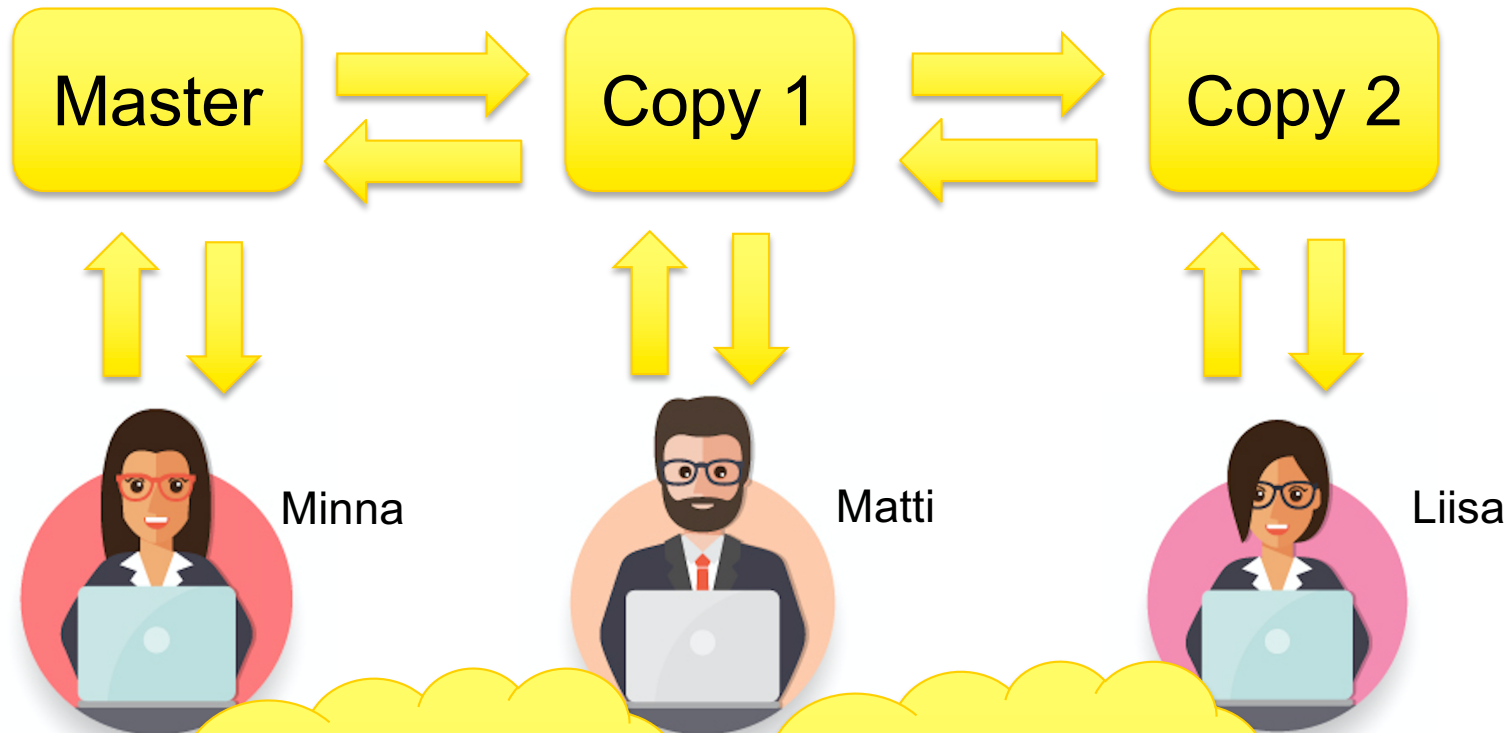
- Round 17 opens today
 - Project pages open today
 - More instructions published next week
 - Project topic selection by Feb 11th
 - Own topic suggestions to Lauri Malmi by Feb 9th
 - UML-task grading continues
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What is version control?

- Software projects (and many others) are typically carried out by several people.
- How to maintain consistency in project development when several people from different sites contribute to project documents (or software code)?

Copying and merging

Problems



Inefficient,
errors?

Manual
operations

One master copy?

Problems

No concurrent access

Master

No version history

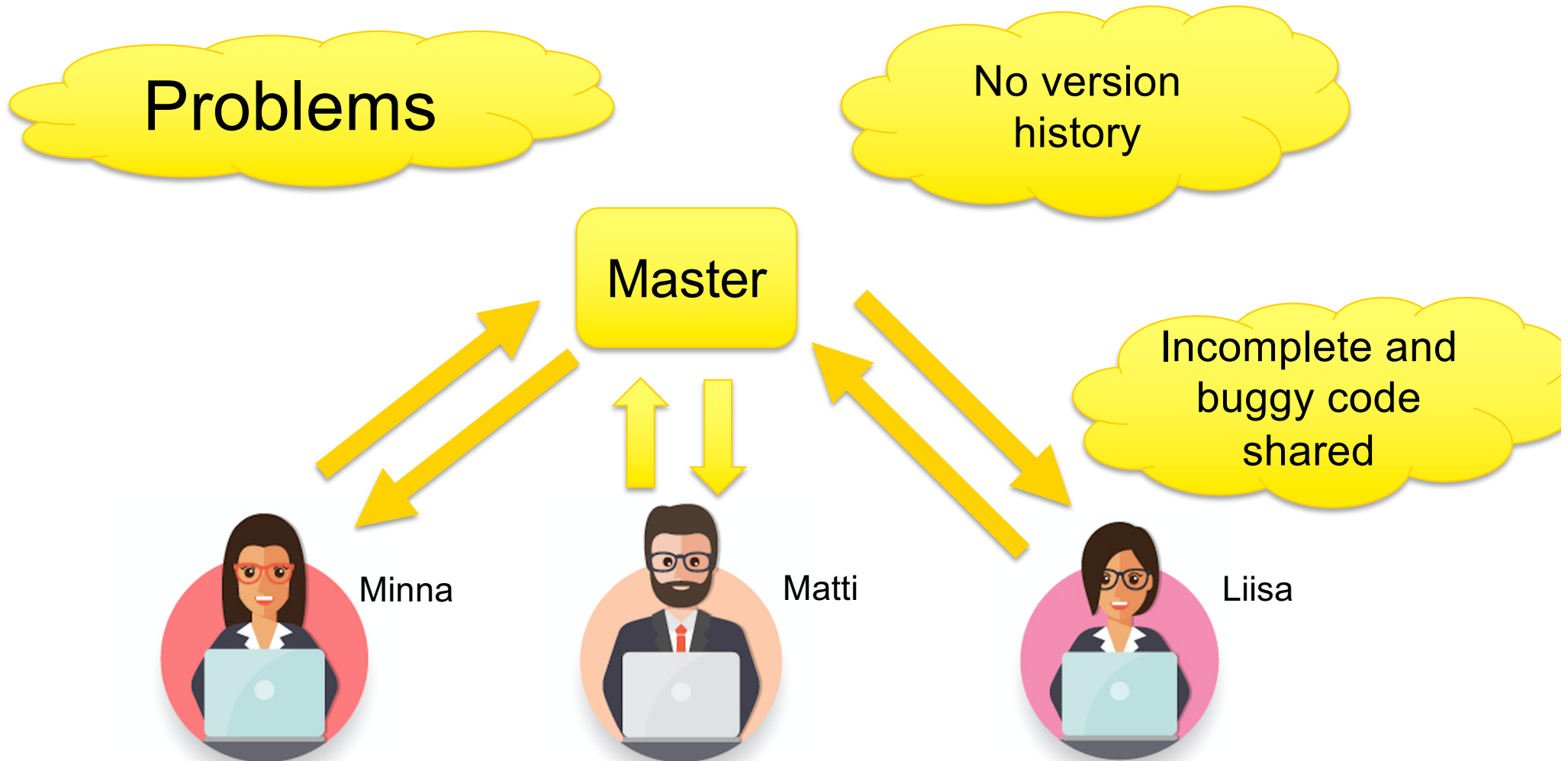
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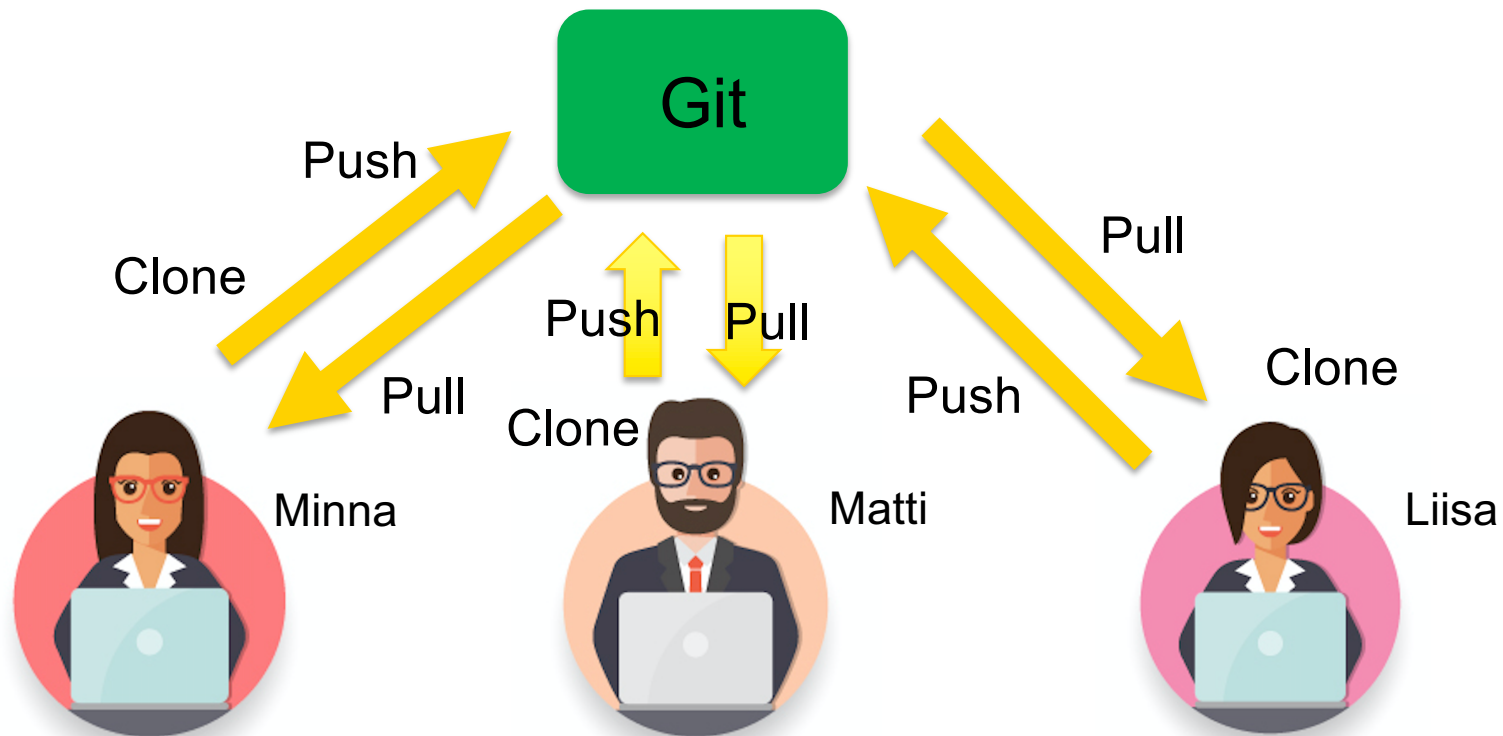
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Manual checking

Free access to master code?



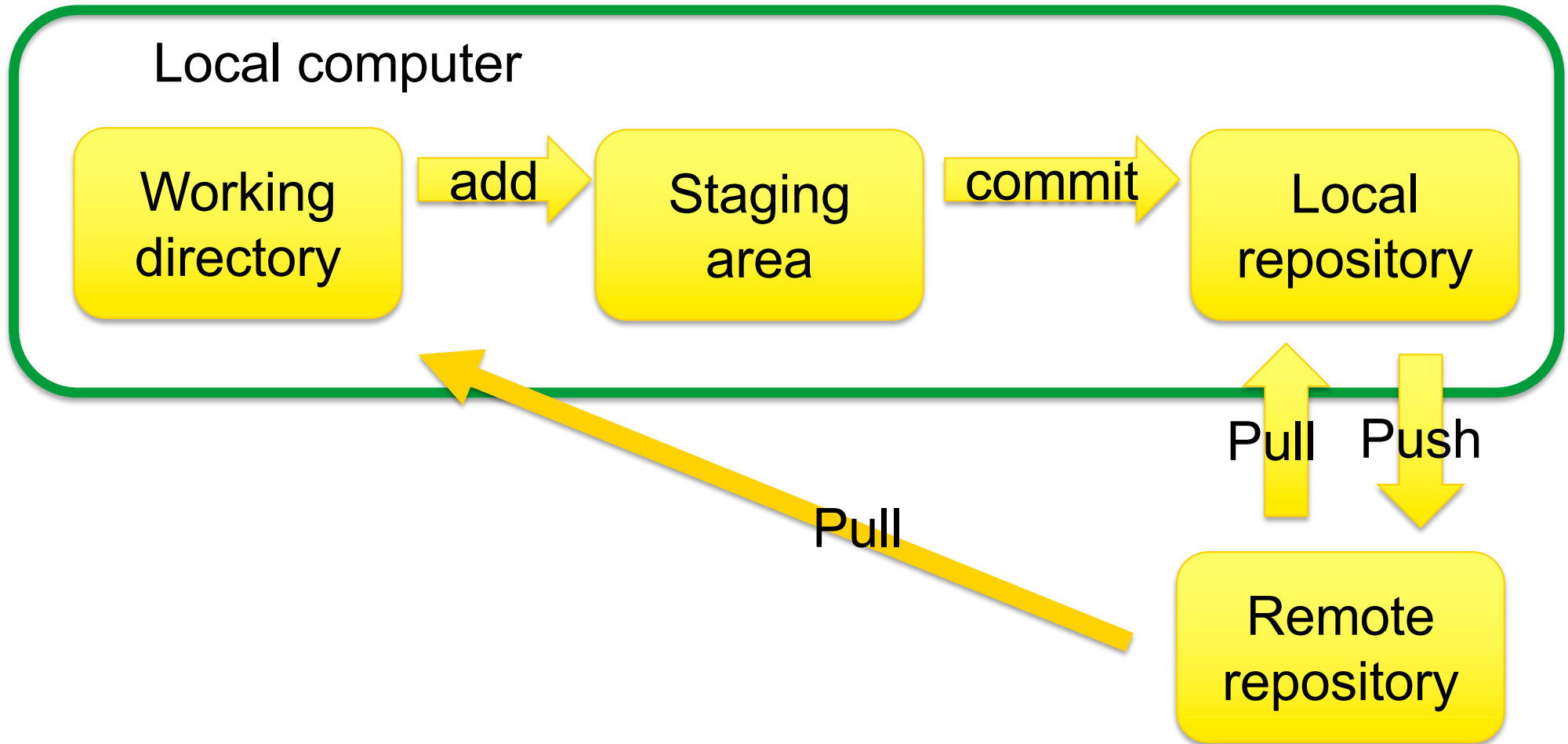
Version control system



Advantages

- Each person can work on their *local working copy* at their *local repository*
 - VCS (like Git) takes care of *master copy* at *remote repository*.
 - automatic tracking of changes in files (updates, added files, removed files)
 - Keeps version history
 - Can *merge* updates with the master sources
 - Identifies *conflicts* in merge requests
 - Allows cancelling changes (return to previous version)
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Concepts



Basic commands

- git clone
 - Copies remote repository to a local one
 - git add
 - Adds file(s) to staging area for version control
 - git commit
 - Registers the changes into version history
 - git push
 - Transfers committed changes to remote repository
 - git pull
 - Transfers changes in remote repository into local one and your working directory.
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Basic commands cont.

- git init
 - Registers a new (local) repository
 - git diff
 - Shows differences between working copy and registered copy
 - git status
 - Shows unregistered changes
 - git branch ... / git checkout ...
 - Manage version branches
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- Aalto's own git-repository
- Used in Studio-2:n projects
- Let us create a new project there and start using it locally
 - Here we look at this using command line interface.
 - In Section 17.1 you train yourself.