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## How to develop in LArSoft

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# Goals

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- Learn about
  - `gitflow`
  - how to contribute to LArSoft repositories
    - New code, modify existing code
  - how to add tests for the new and modified code

## What you know so far

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- Initial setup for the working environment
  - `ups, mrb, git, gitflow`
- Create a working area
  - `mkdir <workingdir>; cd <workingdir>`
  - `export MRB_PROJECT=larsoft`
  - `mrb newDev -v<> -q<>`
  - `source <localproducts>/setup; setup larsoft ...`
- Check out, build and install
  - `cd $MRB_SOURCE`
  - `mrb g <lar repo>`
  - `cd $MRB_BUILDDIR`
  - `mrbsetenv; mrb build -jN; mrb install -jN`

## What you would like to do next

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- Make changes to the code you checked out
- Add new code to any of LArSoft repositories
- Build and test your code
- Make it available
  - Merge
  - Publish

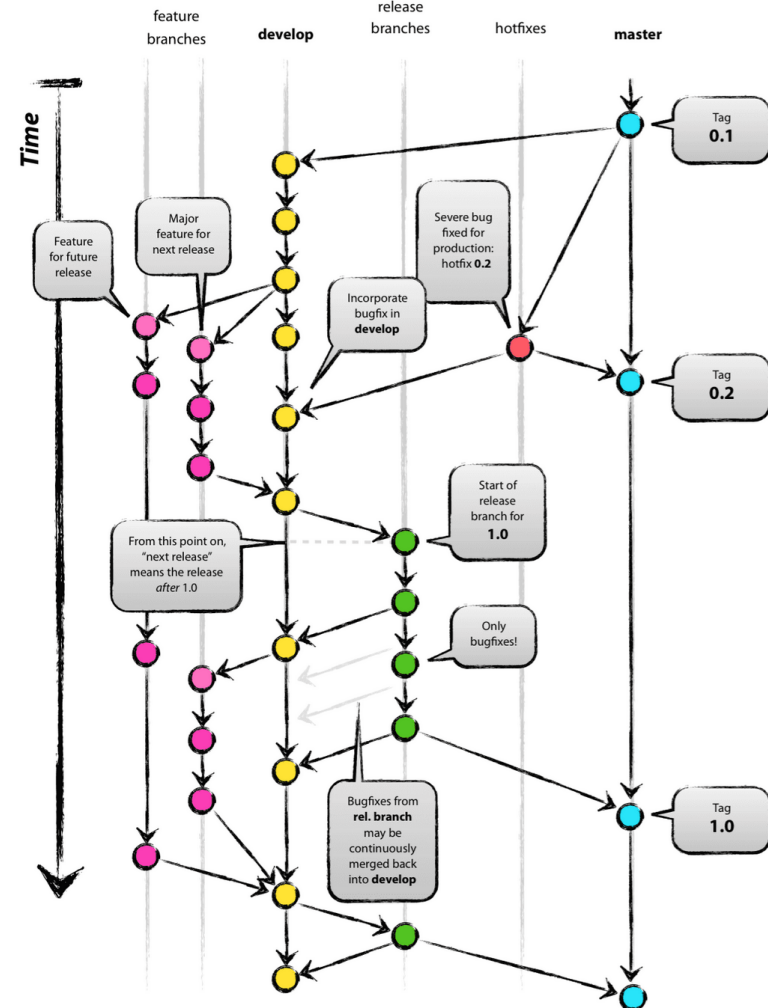
# Using gitflow – branch model used by LArSoft

## Main branches

- A **develop** branch that will have the working head of the repository.
  - Used by all developers.
- A **master** branch that will have only tagged releases.
  - Used only by the software manager.

## Supporting branches

- An arbitrary set of **feature** branches for on-going development.
  - In most cases, these branches will be in local repositories, although "publishing" them to the central repository is allowed whenever needed
- A **release** branch for the integration of specific tagged releases.
  - Used or authorized only by the software manager.
- A **hotfix** branch is used to develop patches to tagged releases.
  - By software manager



<http://nvie.com/posts/a-successful-git-branching-model/>

## Modifying existing code

- Assuming `$MRB_SOURCE/<lar repo>` has the checked out code, create a new feature branch e.g. `larexamples`
  - `cd $MRB_SOURCE/larexamples`
  - `git flow feature start ${USER}_testFeature`

```
-bash-4.1$ git flow feature start ss_testFeature
Switched to a new branch 'feature/ss_testFeature'
```

Summary of actions:

- A new branch 'feature/ss\_testFeature' was created, based on 'develop'
- You are now on branch 'feature/ss\_testFeature'

Now, start committing on your feature. When done, use:

```
git flow feature finish ss_testFeature
```

- `git branch -a`
  - It will show all branches including the current one you just created.
- `git branch`
  - Will just show local branches

```
-bash-4.1$ git branch -a
develop
* feature/ss_testFeature
master
...
remotes/origin/HEAD -> origin/master
remotes/origin/develop
remotes/origin/master
...
```

## Adding a new package

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- From previous lecture; `$MRB_SOURCE/<lar repo>` has the checked out code, create a new feature branch
  - `cd $MRB_SOURCE/<lar repo>`
  - `git flow feature start ${USER}_testFeature`
  - `git branch -a`
- Create a new package inside a repository
  - `mkdir <pkg_dir>`
  - **Modify/Edit** `CMakeLists.txt`
    - `add_subdirectory()`
  - `cd <pkg_dir>`
    - Create a new `CMakeLists.txt`
    - Create new files/sources
- Can create more sub directories
  - Follow the same procedure

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- You can now make all of your changes
  - You will need to create a new branch like this for every repository/package in which you are changing code!
    - Do not change code in “develop” branch!



## Using `mrB newDev -uv`

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### What to do when there is a new release

- Start in a new window (make sure UPS is setup)

- To check the list of available larsoft releases:

```
ups list -aK+ larsoft
```

- Make a new local products area for this release:

```
cd <working_dir>
```

```
mrB newDev -p -v <new version> -q <qualifiers>
```

- this creates a new `localProducts_<new version>` directory using the new larsoft release and the existing `srcs` directory

```
source localProducts_<version>/setup
```

- Make sure to use the new `localProducts` directory,
  - delete the old directory

## Update code when there is a new release

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Now deal with the code:

```
cd $MRB_SOURCE/<lar_repo>
git checkout develop
git pull
```

If you are working on a feature branch:

```
cd $MRB_SOURCE/<lar_repo>
git checkout develop
git pull
git checkout feature/${USER}_featureName
git merge develop
```

- **Repeat for each repository in \$MRB\_SOURCE**  
mrb uv larsoft <new version>
- **Resolve any conflicts and make a clean build**

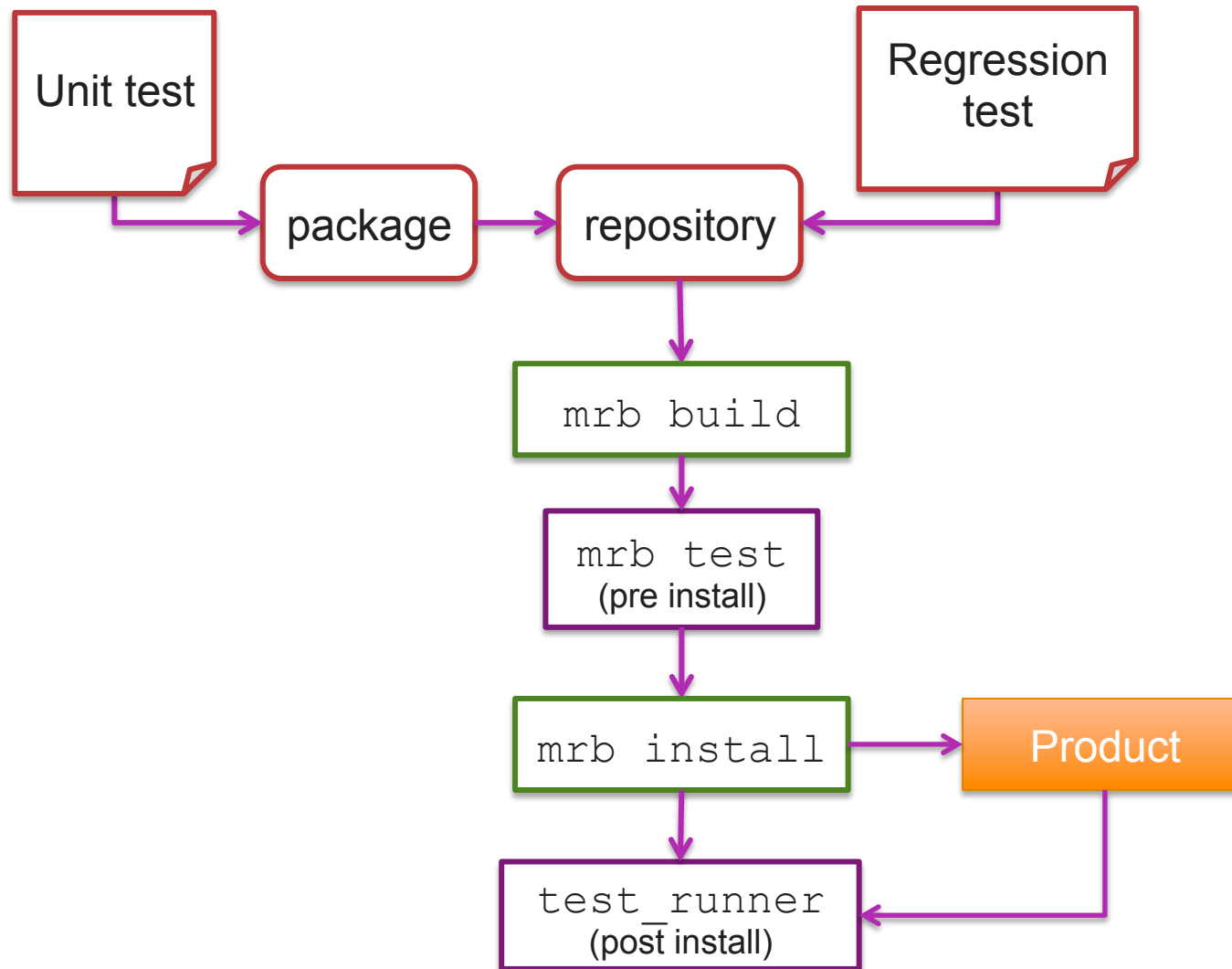
## Supply tests for your Code

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- You have to write/run tests to make sure
  - that your code works! (it does what it was programmed to do and it produces expected results)
  - that your code hasn't broken any other functionality
  - to catch problems caused by later changes to the code (Chris J)
- You are encouraged to
  - Write tests in the test directory for every piece of your code
    - Unit tests/Regression tests
    - Add your test using `cet_test` macro to `CMakeLists.txt` e.g.
      - `include(CetTest)`
      - `cet_test(OpFlashAlg_test... )`

<https://cdcvs.fnal.gov/redmine/projects/cetbuildtools/repository/revisions/master/entry/Modules/CetTest.cmake>
  - `cd $MRB_BUILDDIR`
  - `mrbs test -jN`
    - build and then run tests specified by `cet_test` inside a `CMakeLists.txt`
  - `setup lar_ci; test_runner <test/test suite name>`

# Sequence of test operations



## lar\_ci test\_runner

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- The `test_runner` is part of the `lar_ci` package, and its goals are to make it easy to:
  - run tests
  - add new tests
  - create suites of tests
- The test runner is driven by config files, e.g. `test/ci/ci_tests.cfg`
  - `test_runner` will read this file to help it find tests and test suites
  - `test/CMakeLists.txt`
    - `install_scripts(AS_TEST)`
      - Will install all unit tests and `ci_tests.cfg` and all binaries in `test/` that run those tests and suites of tests into `localProductsXYZ/product/<version>/test/`. The CI system will find them there.

## ci\_tests.cfg

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- Write stand alone test scripts
  - Pass/fail output
- Either write a new or modify the `ci_tests.cfg` file
  - Add test definition block for each of the stand alone scripts
    - `[test my_test]`
    - `script= ...`
    - `args= ...`
  - Running individual tests can lead to long command lines, so we recommend instead creating a **test suite**.
    - `[suite my_suite]`
- Now you can run `test_runner my_suite`
- See the following link for more information  
[https://cdcvs.fnal.gov/redmine/projects/lar-ci/wiki/Test\\_Runner\\_Introduction](https://cdcvs.fnal.gov/redmine/projects/lar-ci/wiki/Test_Runner_Introduction)

# Multiplatform continuous integration for LArSoft

## Multiplatform continuous integration for LarSoft

Select builds:		Build	Start Time	Platform	checkout	build	make_test	install	ci_tests	Progress Level
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## Add new code to LArSoft

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- Make changes and commit to feature branch
  - Create a new file `my_file.cc`, or make changes
  - Commit this change
    - Add the file first if it hasn't already been added to the repository

```
git add my_file.cc
```
    - Commit

```
git commit -m "commit message"
```

if you do not use `-m`, it will open a text editor and allow you to make a very long commit message
  - Add multiple files

```
git add file1.cc file2.cc
```
  - Add a directory

```
git add my_dir
```



## Things to remember!

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- Use `git status` frequently
- Keep your feature branch up-to-date with the develop branch
  - Make frequent commits
  - Update and rebase before pushing the commits

```
cd $MRB_SOURCE/<lar_repo>
git fetch origin
git rebase origin/develop
Fix rebase conflicts, continue rebase
git rebase --continue
Commit those changes
```
- You can undo `git rebase`
  - `git rebase --abort`

## Merge, declare your changes

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- Merging your changes back into the repository

```
cd $MRB_SOURCE/<lar_repo>/<package>
```

```
git fetch origin
```

```
git rebase origin/develop
```

```
git flow feature finish
```

- That will merge your feature branch back into **your** develop branch and delete your feature branch (remember, you have your own repository!).

- Push your changes in develop to the main (origin) repository:

```
git push origin develop
```

- In LArSoft world you need to follow the guidelines on next slide before you do so

- To publish a feature branch for collaboration (before feature finish):

```
git flow feature publish ${USER}_testFeature
```

You can not rebase after publishing

## Managing changes to develop branch

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- Most changes are coordinated through **bi-weekly coordination meeting** to
  - make sure there are no conflicts
  - make everyone aware of changes and behavior
  - make sure there is no breaking changes
    - **Never merge a breaking change into develop!!!**
    - Changes are merged by Software manager during release process
      - Makes sure develop always works
  - discuss any new code
- Some changes can be merged without discussion
  - Bug fixes, new code that nothing uses or depends up on
  - Other changes that have been agreed to on some other forums
- However it is a general practice to have a presentation of your code to be merged at the coordination meeting.

# Summary

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- Branch model used by LArSoft
- `gitflow`
- Use feature branch
  - to modify existing code
  - add new code
- Testing for your code