



The Forge: Mission Launch Sequence

Preparing your local laboratory for professional development.



SYSTEM BOOT INITIATED

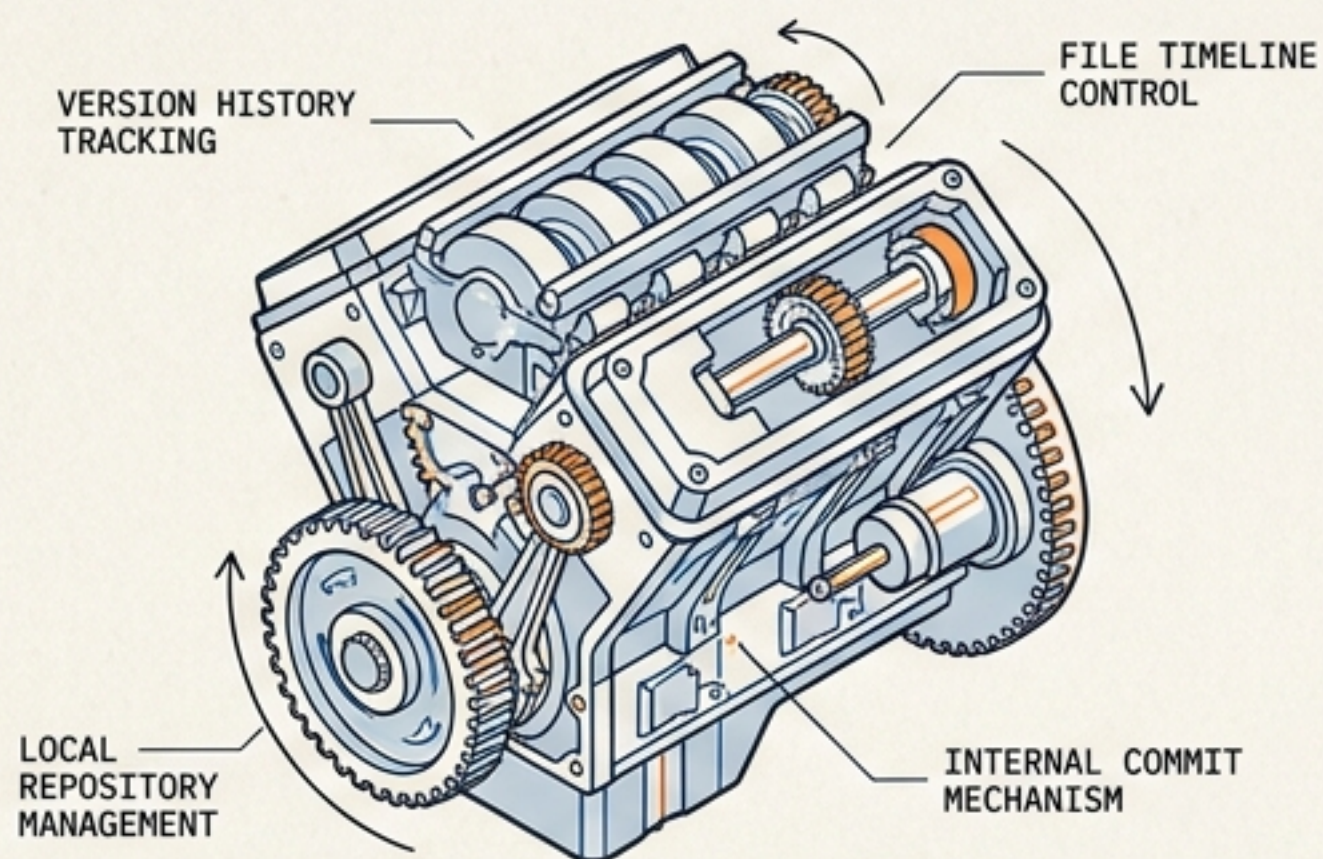
100% READY



Understand your toolkit before ignition.

Git

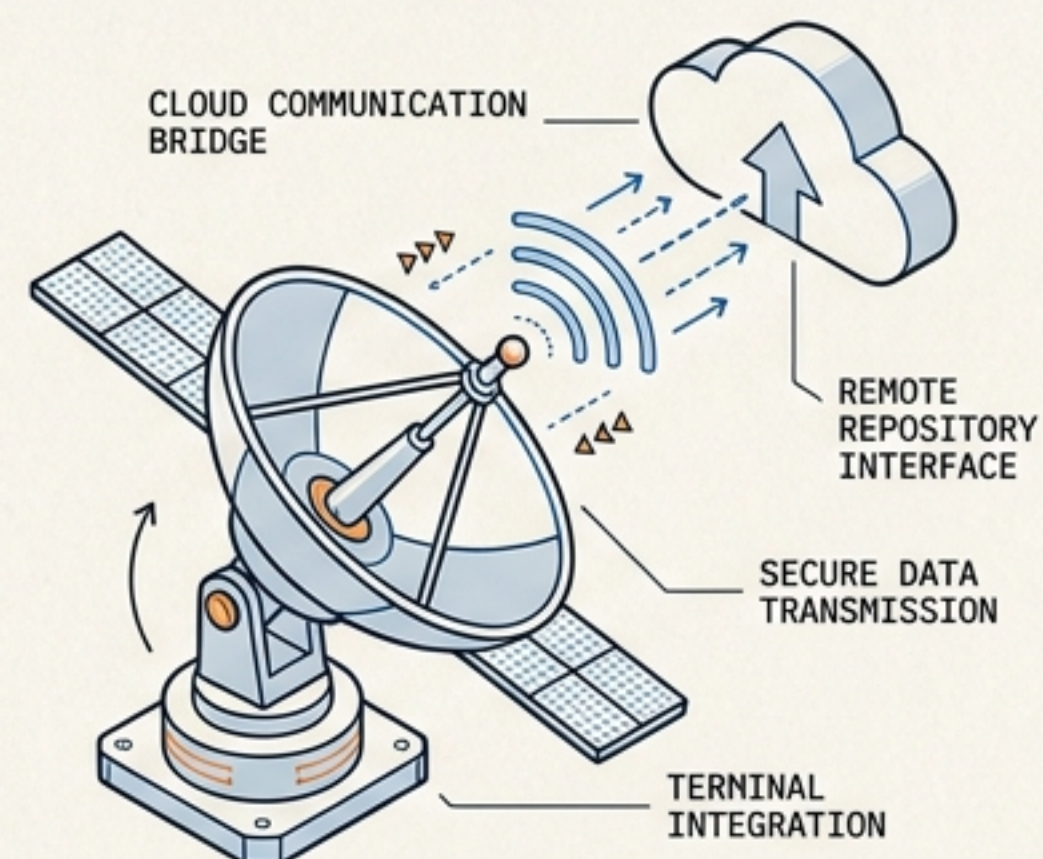
The Core Engine



Runs locally on your machine. The internal engine that tracks the history and timeline of your files.

GitHub CLI (gh)

The Pro Interface



Talks to the cloud. The professional bridge to manage remote repositories without leaving your terminal.

PHASE 1: INSTALLING THE CORE ENGINE (GIT)

Lock onto your operating system. Ignore the rest.

WINDOWS

Download from `git-scm.com` & run `.exe`.

THE NEXT RULE:

Keep clicking **Next** for all default options. They are optimized for beginners.

This installs **Git Bash**, your terminal for all future missions.

macOS

Open Terminal (Cmd + Space, type Terminal).

```
>_  
> git --version
```

If not installed, a popup asks for command line developer tools. Click **Install**.

LINUX

Open terminal and run:

```
>_  
> sudo apt update  
> sudo apt install git-all  
>
```

PHASE 2: INSTALLING THE COMMS (GITHUB CLI)

Deploy the interface to communicate with the cloud.

WINDOWS

Open CMD or PowerShell.

```
>_
> winget install --id
GitHub.cli
```

macOS

Open Terminal and use Homebrew.

```
>_
> brew install gh
```

LINUX

Distro-specific.

Follow the official Linux install guide for your specific distribution.

PHASE 3a: SYSTEM VERIFICATION

Close your current terminal and open a new one (Git Bash for Windows users).

```
>_
> git --version
git version 2.x.x
> gh --version
gh version 2.x.x
```



If you see **'command not found'**, your system is misaligned.
Go back to Phase 1.

PHASE 3b: UPLINK TO THE MOTHERSHIP

```
>_  
> gh auth login
```

What account? → GitHub.com

Protocol? → HTTPS

Stick to HTTPS for
the easiest setup


Authenticate? → Login with your browser



Click **Authorize** and enter your
GitHub password if asked.

Phase 4: Pilot Registration

Tell Git who you are so your snapshots (commits) always have your name on them.



```
git config --global user.name  
Your Name  
  
git config --global user.email  
your-email@example.com
```

Signature

```
>_
```

```
> git config --global  
user.name "Your Name"  
  
> git config --global  
user.email "your-email@exa-  
mple.com"
```

The Architecture of a Commit



Your Machine

Git operates here, tracking local history and creating the snapshots.



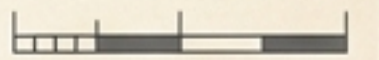
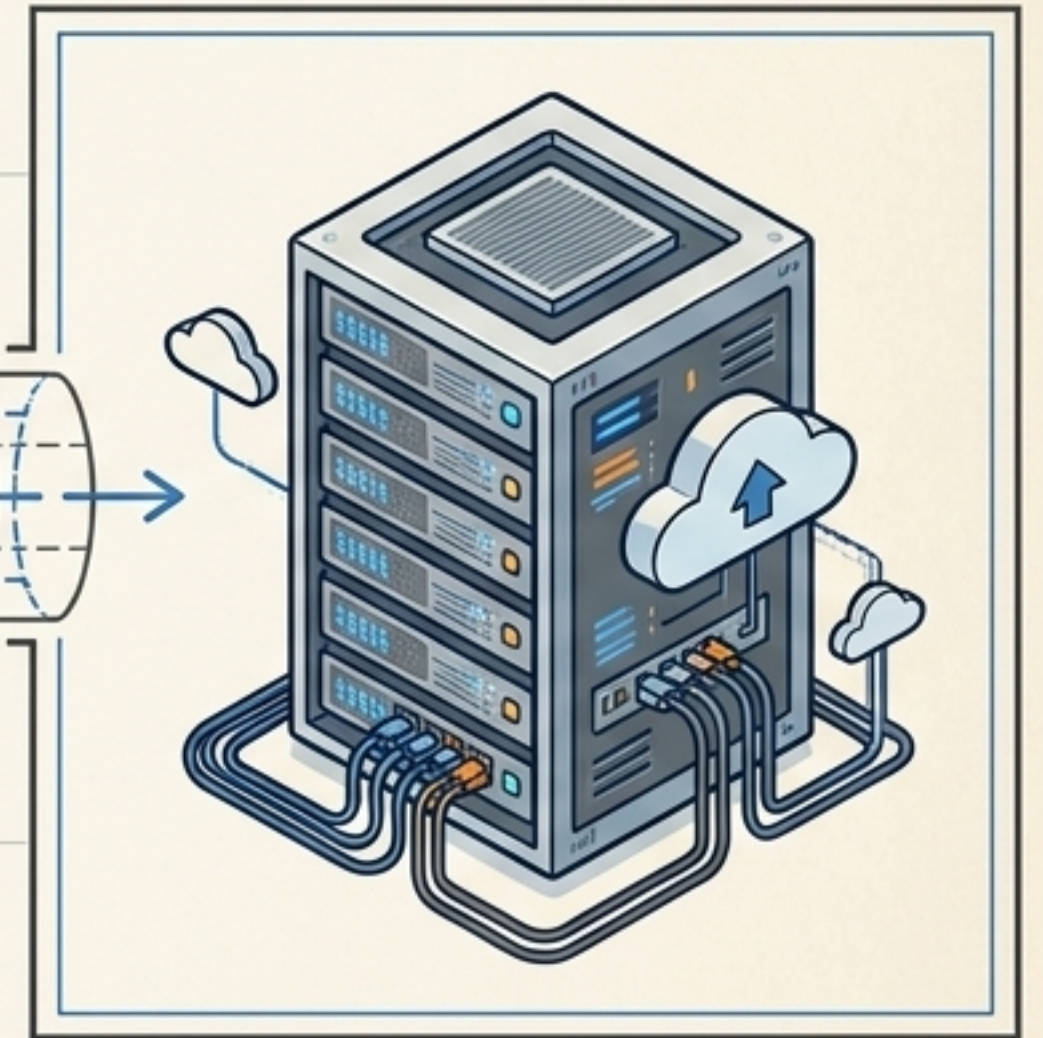
GitHub CLI (gh)

The encrypted bridge handling authentication and commands.



GitHub.com

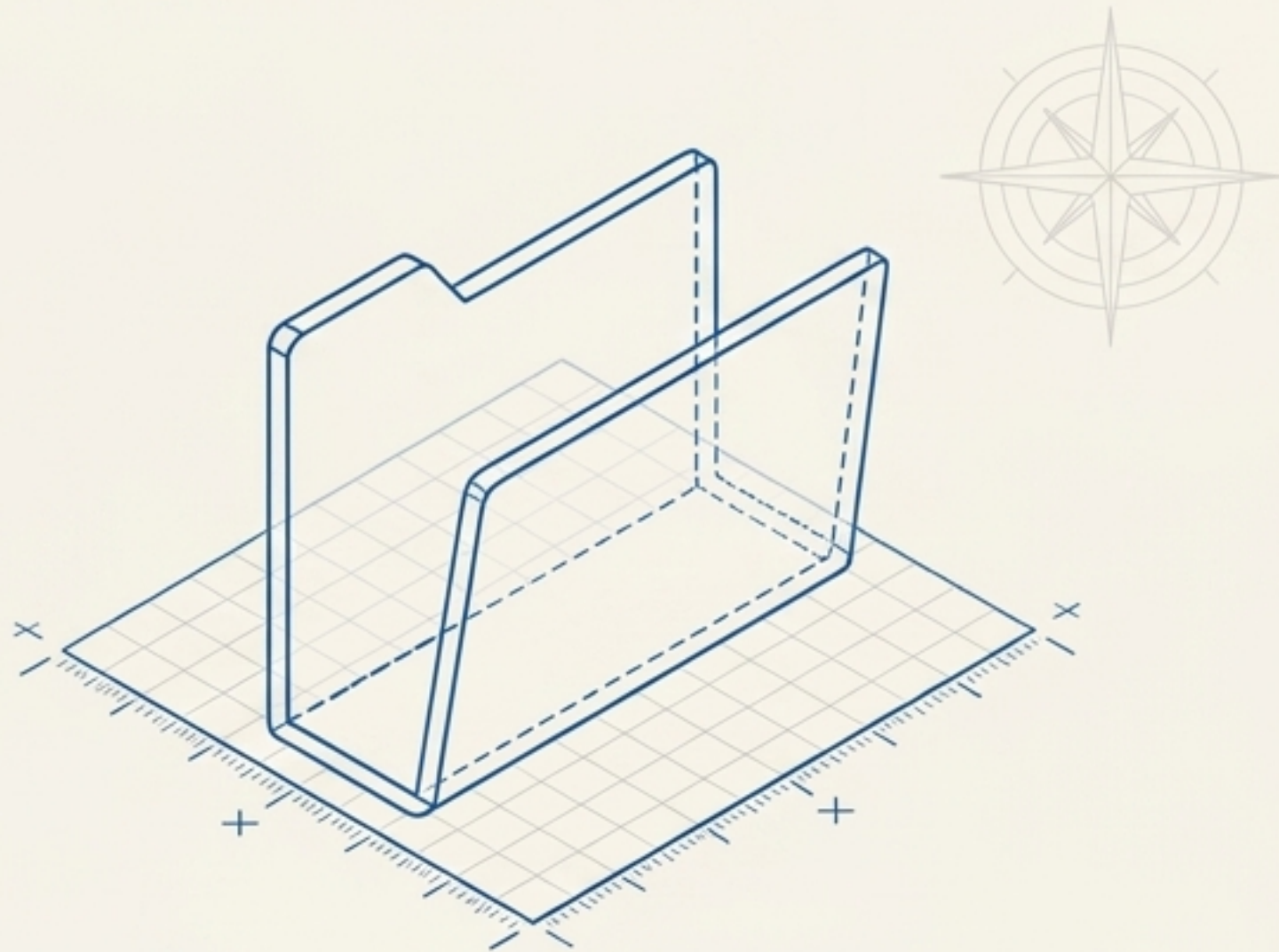
The remote destination storing your parallel universes.



The Test Flight: 1. Building the Hull

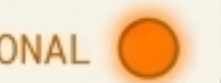
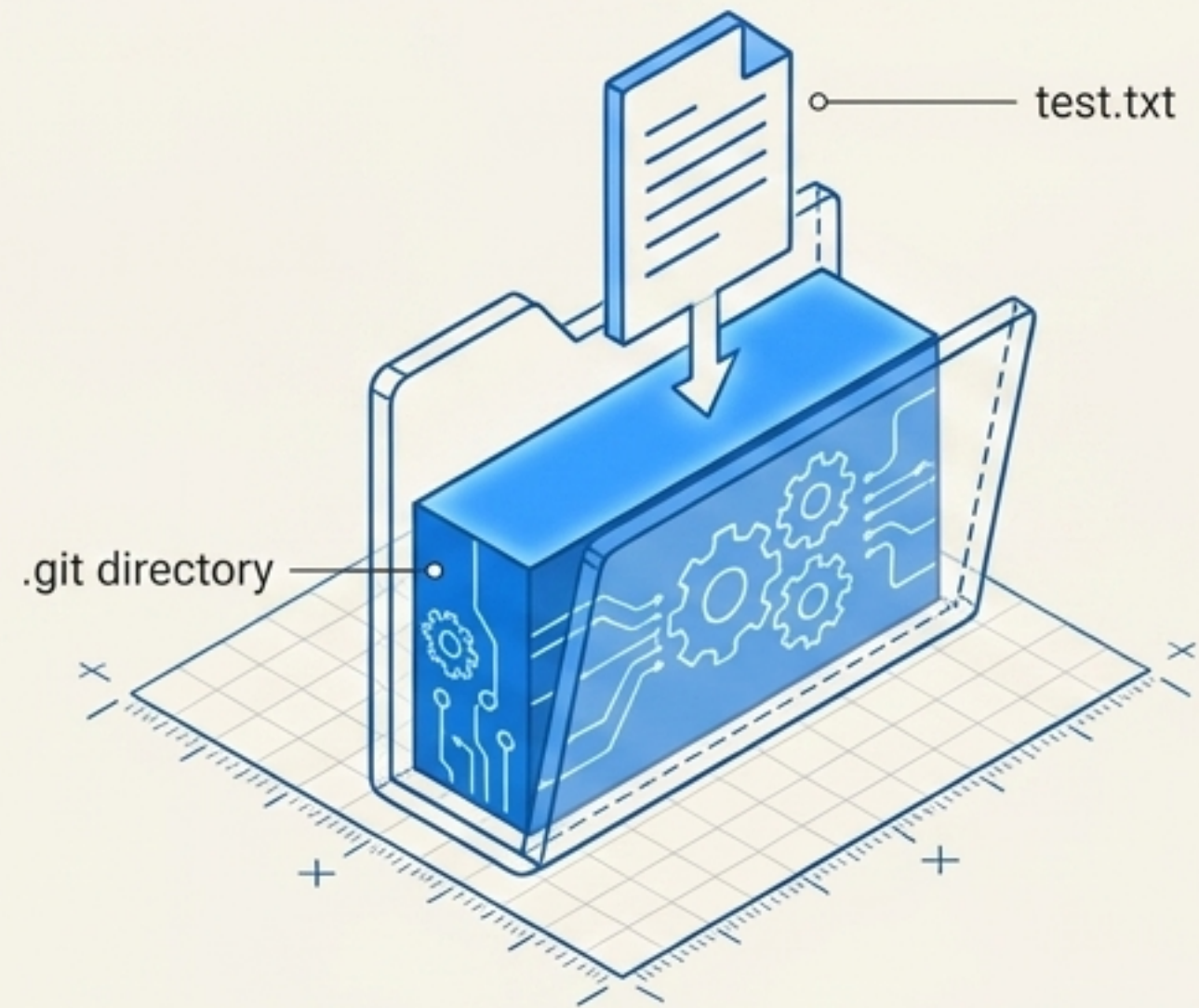
Step A: Create Workspace

```
> mkdir skill-wanderer-test  
> cd skill-wanderer-test
```



Step B: Initialize Engine & Add Cargo

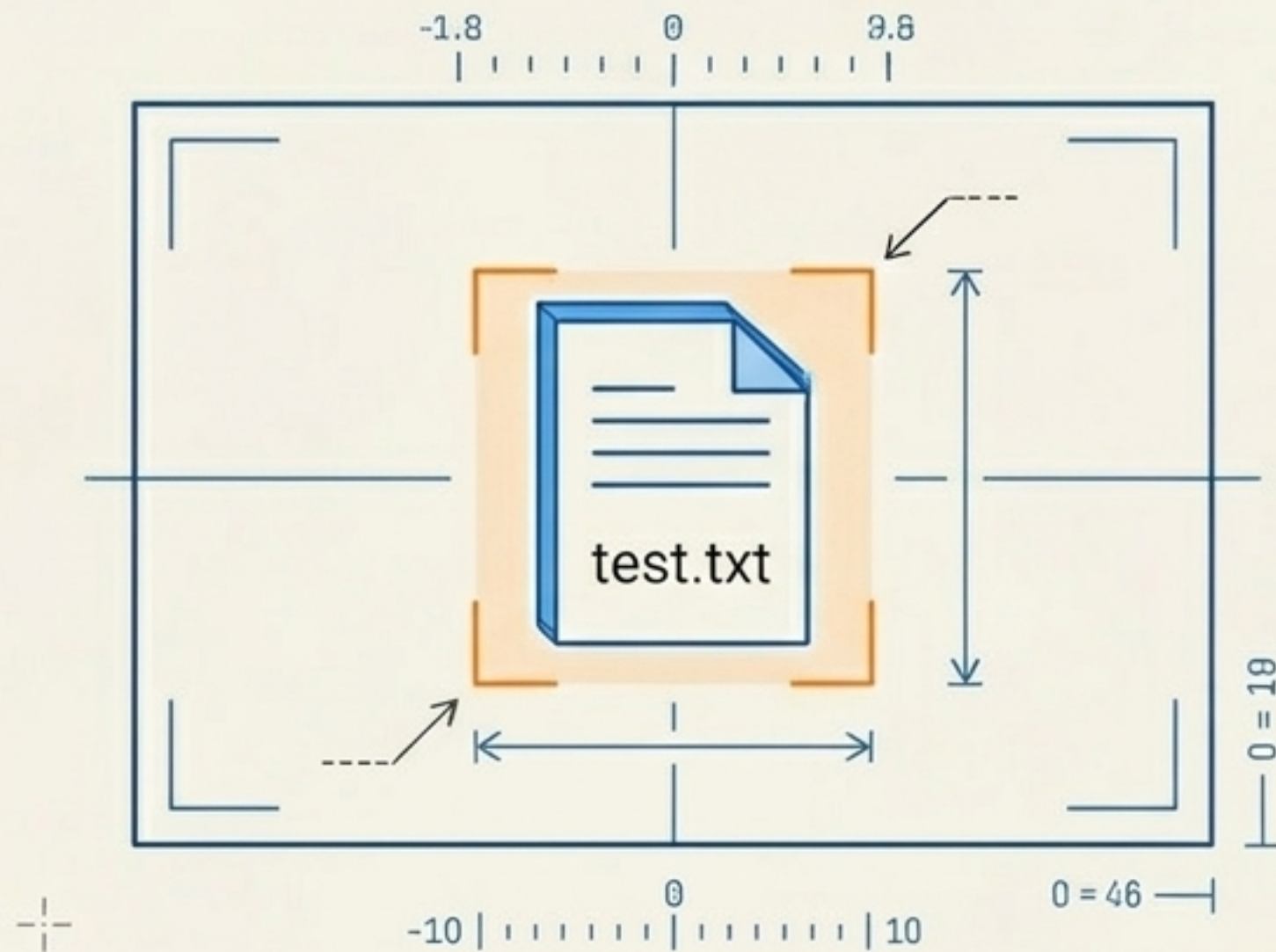
```
> git init  
> echo "Hello Skill-Wanderer" > test.txt
```



The Test Flight: 2. The First Snapshot

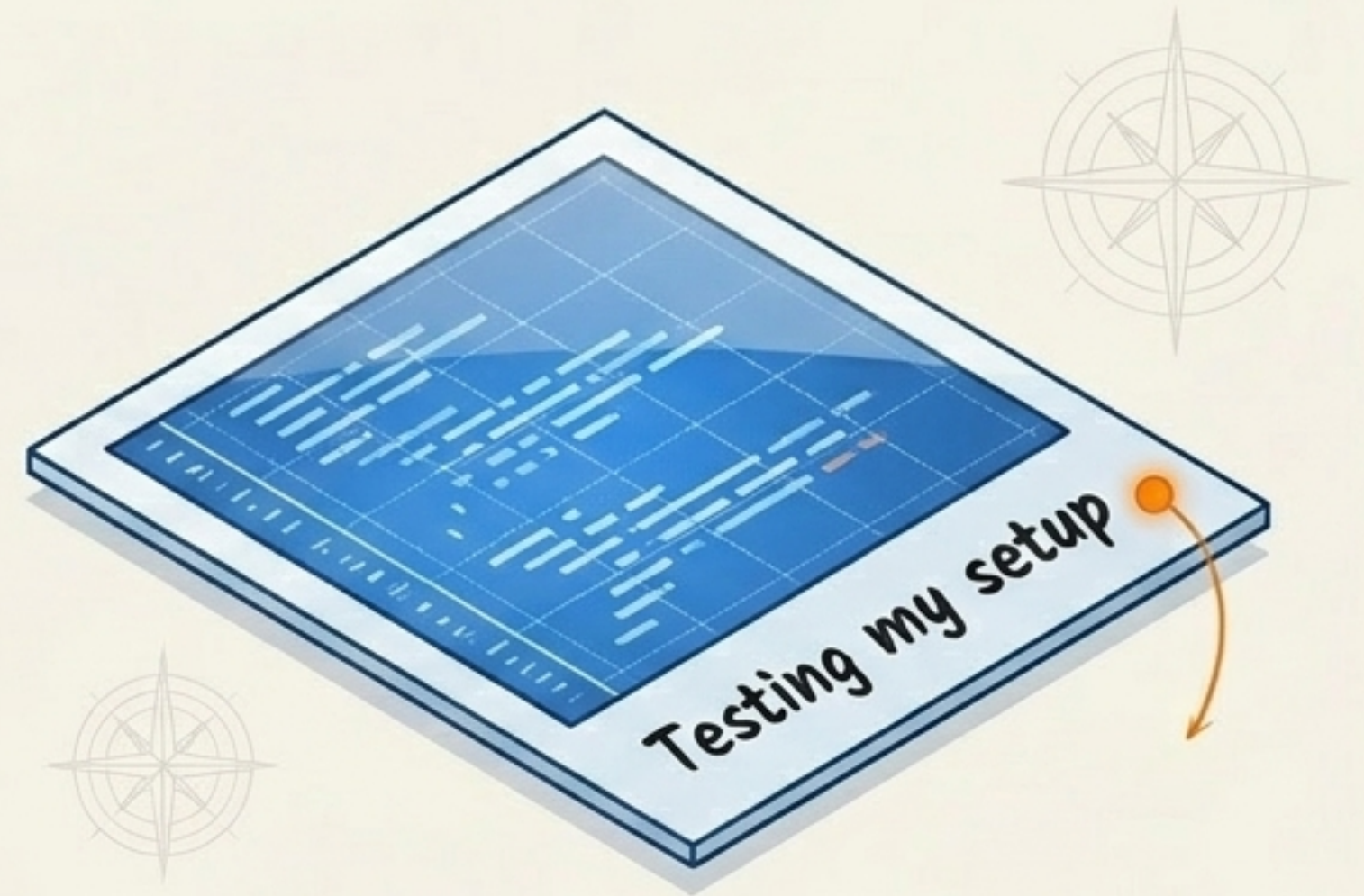
Step 1: Frame the Shot

```
> git add .
```



Step 2: Take the Photo

```
> git commit -m "Testing my setup"
```



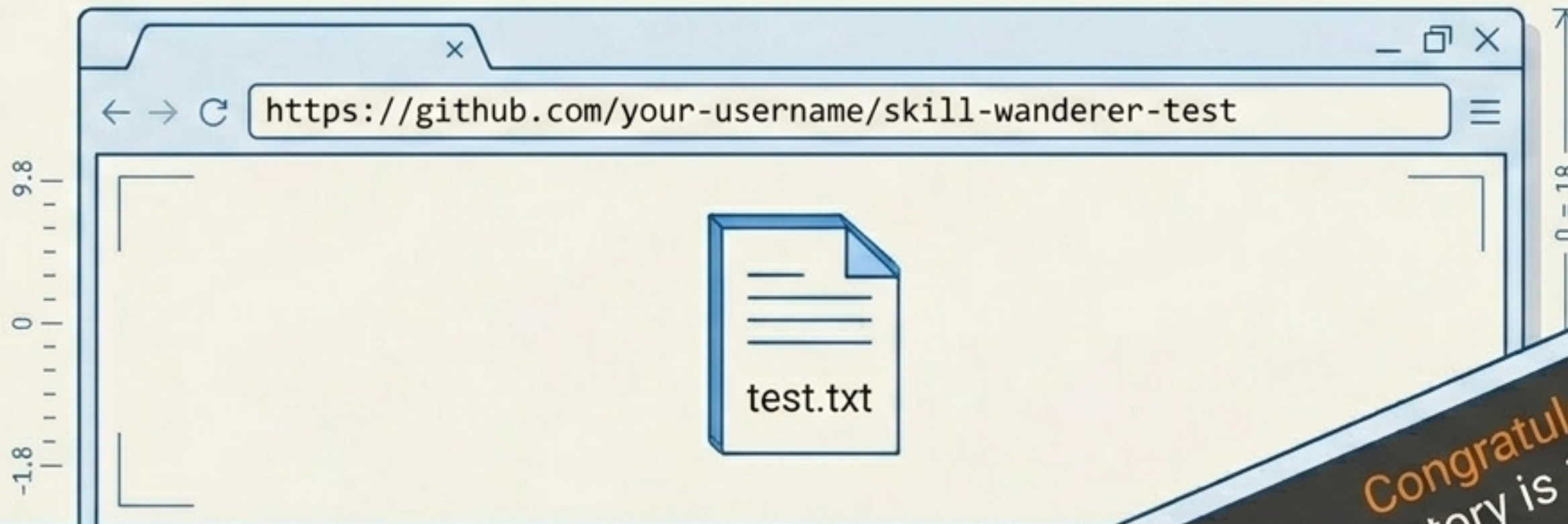
Saves the snapshot locally with your attached message.

The Test Flight: 3. Pushing to Orbit

This tests if your authentication from Phase 3b was successful.

```
> gh repo create skill-wanderer-test --public --source=. --remote=origin --push
```

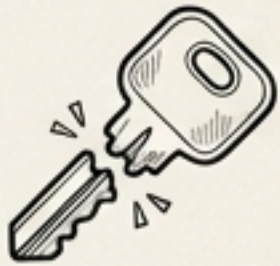
If successful, your terminal will output a URL. Open it to verify.



Congratulations!
Your laboratory is 100% operational.

Mission Control Diagnostics

Troubleshooting common blank slate anomalies.

Symptom (Error)	Diagnosis (Meaning)	Treatment (Fix)
'git' is not recognized...	Git isn't in your computer's PATH.	Restart your Terminal. If that fails, re-install and check 'Add to PATH'.
Permission denied (publickey)	SSH or Authentication misconfiguration.	Stick to HTTPS during the 'gh auth login' process. 
Author identity unknown	Git doesn't know who is attempting to save the code.	Go back to Phase 4 and run the 'git config' commands. 