

Hooks and Customization

- Implement a pre-commit hook to enforce specific coding standards or checks before each commit.
- Explore other Git hooks like post-commit, pre-push, etc., and understand their use cases

Pre-Commit Hook Implementation

A **pre-commit hook** is a script that Git runs before committing code. It can be used to enforce coding standards, validate code, or run tests. Below is a step-by-step guide to implementing a pre-commit hook.

Steps to Implement a Pre-Commit Hook

1. Create a Pre-Commit Hook File

- Navigate to the Git repository.
- Open the `.git/hooks` directory.
- Create or edit the pre-commit file:
- `touch .git/hooks/pre-commit`

2. Write the Script

- Add a script to check coding standards. For example:
- `#!/bin/bash`
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- `echo "Running pre-commit checks..."`
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- `# Example: Check for code formatting using Prettier`
- `if ! npx prettier --check .; then`
- `echo "Code formatting issues detected. Please fix them before committing."`
- `exit 1`
- `fi`
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- `# Example: Run tests`
- `if ! npm test; then`
- `echo "Tests failed. Fix the issues before committing."`
- `exit 1`
- `fi`
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- `echo "All checks passed!"`
- `exit 0`

3. Make the Script Executable

- Ensure the hook is executable:
- `chmod +x .git/hooks/pre-commit`

4. Test the Hook

- Try committing changes. The hook will run before the commit completes.
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Exploring Other Git Hooks

1. Post-Commit Hook

- Runs after a commit is made.
- Use case: Notify the team, update logs, or trigger CI/CD pipelines.
- `#!/bin/bash`
- `echo "Post-commit hook triggered!"`
- # Example: Notify team via Slack
- `curl -X POST -H 'Content-type: application/json' \`
- `--data '{"text": "A new commit has been made."}' \`
- `https://hooks.slack.com/services/your/webhook/url`

2. Pre-Push Hook

- Runs before pushing changes to a remote repository.
- Use case: Validate code or run tests to prevent broken builds.
- `#!/bin/bash`
- `echo "Running pre-push checks..."`
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- # Example: Run linting
- `if ! npm run lint; then`
- `echo "Linting failed. Fix issues before pushing."`
- `exit 1`
- `fi`
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- `echo "All checks passed!"`
- `exit 0`

3. Post-Checkout Hook

- Runs after checking out a branch.
- Use case: Set up environment-specific files or configurations.
- `#!/bin/bash`
- `echo "Post-checkout hook triggered!"`
- # Example: Load environment variables
- `if [-f .env]; then`
- `source .env`
- `fi`

4. Post-Merge Hook

- Runs after a merge is performed.
- Use case: Perform database migrations or update dependencies.
- `#!/bin/bash`
- `echo "Post-merge hook triggered!"`
- # Example: Install dependencies
- `npm install`

Use Cases and Best Practices

- **Pre-Commit:** Check code quality (e.g., linting, tests).
- **Post-Commit:** Notify teams or log commits.
- **Pre-Push:** Prevent broken builds from reaching remote repositories.
- **Post-Checkout/Merge:** Manage environment-specific configurations.

By using these hooks effectively, you can enforce coding standards, automate tasks, and improve collaboration.