**1. Set Up Git Locally**

* **Install Git**: Download and install Git if you haven’t already from [Git’s official site](https://git-scm.com/).
* **Create a GitHub/GitLab/Bitbucket account**: Sign up for a Git repository hosting service, if you don’t have one, to store your project online.

**2. Initialize a Git Repository in Unity**

* Open your Unity project.
* Go to **Edit > Project Settings > Editor**.
* Under **Version Control Mode**, select **Visible Meta Files**. This allows Git to track all Unity files properly.
* Set **Asset Serialization** to **Force Text** (also in the Editor settings). This makes it easier to merge changes, as text-based files are version-control-friendly.

**3. Prepare the Project for Git**

* **Create a .gitignore file**:
  + In your project’s root folder, create a .gitignore file (or download one specifically for Unity from [GitHub’s Unity .gitignore template](https://github.com/github/gitignore/blob/main/Unity.gitignore)).
  + The .gitignore file tells Git which files to ignore, such as temporary Unity files and library files that are automatically generated.

**4. Initialize Git in Your Project Folder**

* Open a terminal (or Git Bash on Windows) and navigate to your Unity project folder.
* Run the following commands:

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git init

git add .

git commit -m "Initial commit"

* This initializes a local Git repository and creates your first commit.

**5. Create a Remote Repository and Connect It**

* Go to your Git hosting platform (GitHub, GitLab, Bitbucket) and create a new repository. Don’t initialize it with a README or .gitignore file, since you've already created those locally.
* Copy the remote URL for your repository.
* In the terminal, link your local repository to the remote one:

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git remote add origin <REMOTE\_URL>

* Push your project to the remote repository:

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git push -u origin main

* Replace main with master if that’s your default branch.

**6. Collaborate with Your Team**

* Now that your project is on Git, invite team members to collaborate via your Git hosting platform.
* Use a branching workflow to allow team members to work on separate branches, then merge changes back to the main branch.

**7. Regularly Commit and Push Changes**

* Make small, regular commits for each change or feature.
* After committing locally, push your changes to the remote repository:

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git push

* When pulling or merging, resolve any conflicts that might arise due to changes from different team members.

**8. Working with Unity Scene and Prefab Files**

* To minimize merge conflicts, avoid multiple people working on the same scene or prefab files simultaneously, as these are difficult to merge.
* Consider splitting scenes and working on different assets to reduce conflicts.

**9. Pull and Merge Changes Regularly**

* Make sure to frequently pull updates from the main branch:

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git pull

* Resolve any merge conflicts in your code editor, and commit the resolved files.

Following these steps should help you set up and start using Git effectively for version control in your Unity project.