Tutorial: Using a Git Repository on Ubuntu

This tutorial demonstrates how to install the Git client, clone a repository, perform basic Git operations, and handle changes. For learners who don't have write access to the repository, it includes instructions for forking the repository.

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Step 1: Install Git on Ubuntu

Update the System Packages

Open the terminal and run:

sudo apt update

1. Install Git

Install Git using:

sudo apt install git -y

2. Verify Installation

Confirm that Git is installed:

git --version

Step 2: Fork the Repository

Since learners do not have write access to the repository, they need to fork it.

1. Navigate to the Repository

Visit https://github.com/devopscert202/ckacoursenov24 in a web browser.

2. Fork the Repository

- Click the **Fork** button at the top-right corner of the repository page.
- The forked repository will now appear in your GitHub account.

Step 3: Clone the Repository

1. Copy the Forked Repository URL

From your GitHub account, copy the HTTPS URL of your forked repository.

Clone the Repository

Run the following command to clone the repository locally:

git clone <your-forked-repository-url> Example:

git clone https://github.com/<your-username>/ckacoursenov24.git

2. Navigate to the Cloned Directory

cd ckacoursenov24

Step 4: Configure Git

Set User Name

git config --global user.name "Your Name"

Set User Email

git config --global user.email "your-email@example.com"

Step 5: Basic Git Operations

Add a New File

Create a file:

echo "This is a test file" > testfile.txt

Add the file to staging:

git add testfile.txt

Commit Changes

Save the staged changes with a commit message:

git commit -m "Added testfile.txt"

Push Changes

Push the changes to your forked repository:

git push origin main

Step 6: Update the Repository

Pull Updates from the Forked Repository

Synchronize the local repository with the remote:

git pull origin main

Add Changes to an Existing File

Edit a file:

echo "Additional content" >> testfile.txt

Stage and commit the changes: git add testfile.txt

git commit -m "Updated testfile.txt"

Push the changes: git push origin main

Step 7: Sync with the Upstream Repository

If the original repository (upstream) has changes, you can sync your fork:

Add the Upstream Repository

git remote add upstream https://github.com/devopscert202/ckacoursenov24.git

1. Fetch Changes from Upstream

git fetch upstream

2. Merge Changes

git merge upstream/main

3. Push the Changes to Your Fork

git push origin main

Step 8: Additional Operations

View the Git Log

Display commit history:

git log --oneline

Create a Branch

Create and switch to a new branch:

git checkout -b feature-branch

Switch Between Branches

git checkout main

Delete a File

git rm testfile.txt git commit -m "Deleted testfile.txt" git push origin main

Note for Learners

- Fork First: Always fork the repository before cloning if you don't have write access.
- Stay Synced: Regularly sync your fork with the upstream repository to stay up-to-date.
- **Document Changes**: Add clear commit messages for better tracking.

By following this tutorial, you've learned how to manage a Git repository, handle updates, and contribute to a project while collaborating with others.