

Merging Branches

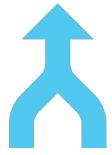
Merging Branches



Once the developer has finished his code/feature on his branch, the code will have to be combined with the master branch. This can be done using two ways:



Git Rebase







Git Merge



Git Rebase

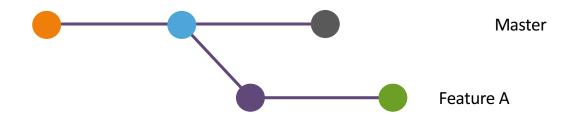
- If you want to apply changes from one branch to another branch, one can use merge command
- Should be used on remote branches, since history does not change
- Creates a new commit, which is a merger of the two branches
- Syntax: git merge <source-branch>







Imagine, you have a Master branch and a Feature A branch.
The developer has finished his/her work in the feature A
branch and wants to merge his work in the master.



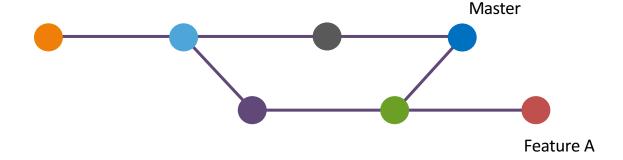






If he is using **git merge**, a new commit will be created, which will have the changes of Feature A and Master branch combined.

Any new commits to the Feature branch will be isolated from the master branch









This command can be executed using the syntax

git merge <source-branch-name>

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ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-5:~/devops$ ls
1.txt 2.txt 3.txt
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-5:~/devops$ git status
On branch branch1
nothing to commit, working tree clean
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-5:~/devops$ git checkout master
Switched to branch 'master'
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/master'.
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-5:~/devops$ ls
1.txt 2.txt
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-5:~/devops$ git merge branch1
Updating 6f13532..dd6974e
Fast-forward
 3.txt | 1 +
 1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
 create mode 100644 3.txt
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-5:~/devops$ ls
1.txt 2.txt 3.txt
ubuntu@ip-172-31-33-5:~/devops$
```



The history of the branch will look something like this, if we are using **git merge**









Git Merge



Git Rebase



This is an alternative to git merge command



Should be used on local branches, since history does change and will be confusing for other team members



Does not create any new commit, and results in a cleaner history



The history is based on common commit of the two branches (base)



The destination's branch commit is pulled from it's "base" and "rebased" on to the latest commit on the source branch



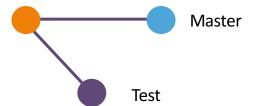


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Git Rebase

- Imagine, you have a Master branch and a test branch(local branch)
- The developer has finished his/her work in the test branch
- But the master moved forward, while the code was being developed
- Code being developed is related to the new commit added in master







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Git Rebase

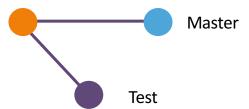


Therefore you want all the changes from master in feature.



Since, it is a local branch, you would want a cleaner or linear history, you decide to use git rebase

Syntax: git rebase <source branch>







This is how the output looks like:



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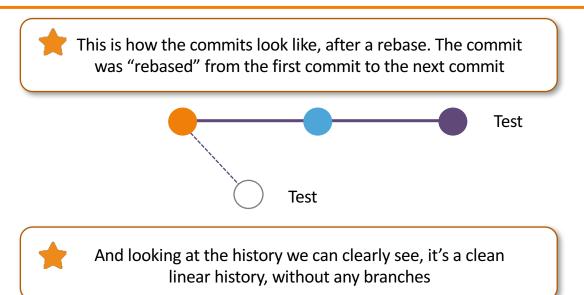
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[ubuntu@ip-172-31-26-120:~/n$ git checkout test
Switched to branch 'test'
[ubuntu@ip-172-31-26-120:~/n$ git rebase master
First, rewinding head to replay your work on top of it...
Applying: 1st in test
```





Git Merge





[ubuntu@ip-172-31-26-120:~/n\$ git log --graph --pretty=oneline
* 3885b20a7f8880acf4b7a785a638e95d1759dcf2 (HEAD -> test) 1st in test
* cce38fa142699171d08b08b27ed44f49052ac134 (master) 2nd in master
* 7d77f726ad1d0b64f6f20c2587560dc18123082d 1st in master













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