

## Git and Github

Git is a distributed version control system used for tracking changes in source code and collaborating on software development projects. It helps developers manage their codebases, keep track of changes, and collaborate effectively with others. Here's an overview:

### Key Features of Git:

1. **Version Control:** Git tracks changes made to files over time, allowing you to review and revert to previous versions if needed.
2. **Branching and Merging:** You can create branches to work on new features or bug fixes without affecting the main codebase. Later, branches can be merged back into the main branch.
3. **Distributed System:** Every developer's copy of the code is a complete repository, including the full history, so you can work offline and sync later.
4. **Collaboration:** Teams can work on the same project simultaneously, with tools to resolve conflicts when changes overlap.
5. **Staging Area:** Git has a staging area where you can review and organize changes before committing them to the repository.

### Common Git Commands:

1. **git init:** Initialize a new Git repository.
2. **git clone <repository\_url>:** Copy an existing repository to your local machine.
3. **git status:** Check the status of files in your working directory.
4. **git add <file>:** Stage changes for the next commit.
5. **git commit -m "<message>":** Commit staged changes with a descriptive message.
6. **git push:** Upload your changes to a remote repository.
7. **git pull:** Fetch and merge changes from a remote repository.
8. **git branch:** List, create, or delete branches.

9. **git merge <branch\_name>**: Merge changes from one branch into another.

## Why Use Git?

- **Collaboration**: Simplifies teamwork and manages contributions from multiple developers.
- **Accountability**: Maintains a detailed history of who made which changes and why.
- **Experimentation**: Enables trying out new ideas on separate branches without affecting the main project.

To write content into an existing file using Command Prompt (CMD) in Windows, you can use the following methods:

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### Method 1: Overwrite Content with the echo Command

If you want to replace all existing content in the file:

echo New content > filename.txt

- This will overwrite the content of filename.txt with New content.
- Example:
- echo Hello, World! > example.txt

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### Method 2: Append Content with the echo Command

If you want to add content to the end of the file without overwriting:

echo Additional content >> filename.txt

- The >> operator appends to the file instead of overwriting.
- Example:
- echo This is a new line >> example.txt

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### Method 3: Use copy con to Edit File Content

You can use the copy con command to write content interactively:

1. Type:
2. `copy con filename.txt`
3. Write your content. Press Enter after each line.
4. Press Ctrl + Z and then Enter to save the file.

Example:

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copy con example.txt
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```
This is a new line of text.
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```
Another line of text.
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^Z (Press Ctrl + Z)
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#### **Method 4: Use notepad Command**

1. Open the file in Notepad directly from CMD:
  2. `notepad filename.txt`
  3. Add your content and save the file.
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#### **Tips**

- Always double-check the use of > and >> operators, as > overwrites content while >> appends.
- Use the `type filename.txt` command to view the file's current content.

To view the content of a file in Command Prompt (CMD), you can use the following methods:

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#### **Method 1: Using the type Command**

The type command displays the content of a file.

`type filename.txt`

- Replace filename.txt with the name of your file.
  - Example:
  - `type example.txt`
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## **Method 2: Using the more Command**

If the file is large, use the more command to view it one page at a time.

`more filename.txt`

- Press Enter to scroll line by line.
  - Press Space to scroll page by page.
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## **Method 3: Using the notepad Command**

Open the file in Notepad from CMD to view its content.

`notepad filename.txt`

- This will open the file in Notepad where you can view and edit it.
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## **Method 4: Using PowerShell from CMD**

If you're in CMD but want more functionality, you can switch to PowerShell to view the content:

`powershell Get-Content filename.txt`

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## **Additional Notes**

- If the file is not in the current directory, navigate to the correct directory using the `cd` command or provide the full file path. Example:
- `type C:\path\to\your\file\filename.txt`

To remove a file in Command Prompt (CMD) on Windows, you can use the del (delete) command.

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### **Command to Delete a File**

del filename.txt

- Replace filename.txt with the name of the file you want to delete.
  - If the file is not in the current directory, specify the full file path:
  - del C:\path\to\file\filename.txt
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### **Additional Options with del**

**1. Confirm Before Deleting:**

2. del /p filename.txt

- The /p option prompts for confirmation before deleting.

**3. Force Deletion Without Prompt:**

4. del /f filename.txt

- The /f option forces the deletion of a read-only file.

**5. Delete Multiple Files:**

6. del \*.txt

- Deletes all .txt files in the current directory.
- You can use other wildcards like \*.\* to delete all files.

**7. Delete Files from Subdirectories:**

8. del /s filename.txt

- Deletes the specified file from the current directory and all subdirectories.
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## **Prevent Accidental Deletion**

If you're unsure about the files to delete, list them first:

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dir *.txt
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This displays all .txt files in the current directory.

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## **Alternative: File Explorer**

1. Navigate to the file's location using:
2. `explorer .`
3. Delete the file manually.