Proposed Additions to Stack Overflow

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Hiding Responses

Lots of complicated and dangerous answers here, but it's actually easy:

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git revert --no-commit 0766c053..HEAD git commit



This will revert everything from the HEAD back to the commit hash, meaning it will recreate that commit state in the working tree *as if* every commit since had been walked back. You can then commit the current tree, and it will create a brand new commit essentially equivalent to the commit you "reverted" to.

(The --no-commit flag lets git revert all the commits at once- otherwise you'll be prompted for a message for each commit in the range, littering your history with unnecessary new commits.)

This is a **safe and easy way to rollback to a previous state**. No history is destroyed, so it can be used for commits that have already been made public.

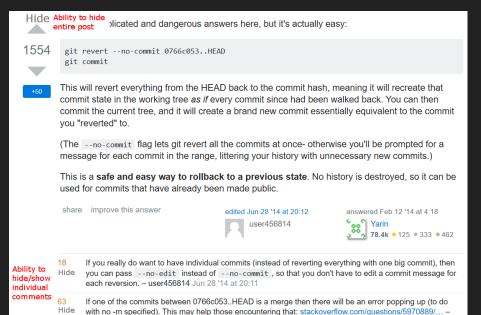
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answered Feb 12 '14 at 4:18



- 18 If you really do want to have individual commits (instead of reverting everything with one big commit), then you can pass --no-edit instead of --no-commit, so that you don't have to edit a commit message for each reversion. user456814 Jun 28 '14 at 20:11
- 63 If one of the commits between 0766c053..HEAD is a merge then there will be an error popping up (to do with no -m specified). This may help those encountering that: stackoverflow.com/questions/5970889/... timhc22 Nov 21 '14 at 11:55



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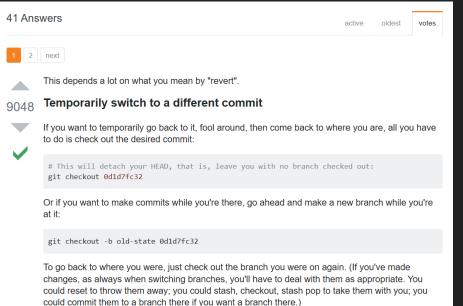
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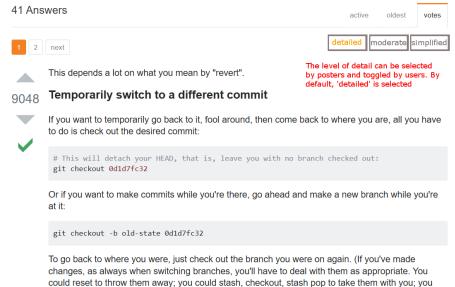
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Hiding Responses

- The ability to hide comments and responses would allow users to condense pages considerably
- Would lessen the amount people are attacked for "gratuitous" responses
 - Users can hide responses, so no reason to call out others for it
- If top answer is not helpful for users, they can easily narrow down their focus on more helpful information more quickly

Specificity Track





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could commit them to a branch there if you want a branch there.)

Specificity Track

- Lowers threshold for users to contribute
- Still maintains quality of information users expect from stack overflow
- Provides varying levels of detail that are helpful for different users
- Additional means of filtering information and making page more concise