## Undo git, say whaaat!

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#### A look into the present & past

- In use for more than 15 years, 40+ releases
- Millions of users
- More than 100k Stack Overflow questions

What about Developer Experience?



#### A typical git user journey

"Oh wait, I deleted the auth-jwt branch without merging!! Damn it!"

Opens browser, Googles, "How to restore a deleted branch"

Wastes 5 minutes reading the SO thread,

Brain context switch, losses focus

Copies & Runs one of the mentioned commands

Tries to resume the work

By now, you have totally lost your focus on what you were doing or were supposed to do!

#### Hold on, there is still hope

- Every git command is an algorithm, every git command that fixes something wrong with git is also an algorithm
- Very few things that can't be undone\*
- Endless resources to refer from

#### So, what's the deal?

We need git tooling to solve the pain points of git!

#### Community already at work

- delta (<u>dandavison/delta</u>)
- git-standup (<u>kamranahmedse/git-standup</u>)
- git-extra-commands (unixorn/git-extra-commands)
- More than 1000 Stack Overflow questions about "undoing git", with more than 2000 answers to these questions
- Feelings resonate from Junior to Senior Developers
- You don't have to be a "git guru"

#### **Git Undo Concepts**

Executing an anti-git command

Browsing git reflog for commits and actions

Browsing git fsck for lost stuff

#### **Executing Anti-Git Commands**

- An atomic (or combination of) git command(s) which helps restore the actions/results of another git command
- Examples:
  - git reset to undo git reset
  - git stash show -p | git apply --reverse to undo git stash apply

#### Browsing git reflog

Records actions which modify the working tree (track the latest HEAD):

- commits
- pulls
- checkouts

Used for undoing following operations:

- git branch delete
- git reset
- recover deleted/lost stash entry
- recover deleted git tag

#### Browsing git reflog

```
git reflog

8a13b28 (HEAD -> master, origin/master, origin/HEAD) HEAD@{0}: commit: // ignore shellcheck warning for now 9a2b077 HEAD@{1}: commit: if fetch changelog after updating ugit c768d69 HEAD@{2}: commit: if fix shellcheck issues 84d0608 HEAD@{3}: commit: if getting ready for 5.0 release 3290483 (tag: v4.1) HEAD@{4}: commit: bump version 2878227 HEAD@{5}: commit: get rid of header + new guide command 6c09fcd HEAD@{6}: pull: Fast-forward e4d0854 (tag: v4.0) HEAD@{7}: commit: remove unnecssary stuff 2bef2f1 HEAD@{8}: commit: support for undoing all current uncommited changes aa7c3ef HEAD@{9}: clone: from https://github.com/Bhupesh-V/ugit.git
```

#### Browsing git fsck

Records and verifies lost & dangling commits which are lost due to:

- forced branch delete
- hard reset

Used for undoing following operations:

- recover deleted/lost stash entry
- recover deleted git tag

### So everything can be undone 😲

- 1. Unreachable objects get purged by git's garbage collector.
  - a. reflogExpire (default 90 days)
  - b. reflogExpireUnreachable (default 30 days)
  - c. worktreePruneExpire

#### ugit - your damage control git buddy

- Goal is to make undoing git commands easier and developer-friendly
- About a year-old project
- Can undo from 19+ git scenarios\*
- More stuff incoming!

Finally, a git undo?



## ugit playtime

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# Thank You!

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