

CHEATSHEET: GIT

- Git's user interface has become simpler in recent releases, so I strongly suggest installing version 1.8 or later. You can check which version of git you're running using the `git --version` command.
- Use `git config user.name 'First Last'` and `git config user.email 'name@domain.com'` to tell git what name and email to use in commit messages; you *must* run these commands before you run git for the first time.
- If using git 1.8 or later, I strongly suggest running `git config --global push.default simple` so `git push` behaves a bit more intuitively.

Basic git commands

Command	Effect
<code>git init .</code>	Create a new git repository in the current directory
<code>git clone <url> foo</code>	Copy the repository at <url> into directory foo. If dir. name foo is omitted, clone will generate one based on <url>.
<code>git add foo</code>	Stage changes to file foo (if existing) or add it to repository (if new). Must run <code>git commit</code> for changes to take effect.
<code>git rm foo</code>	"Remove" file foo from the repository. Must run <code>git commit</code> for changes to take effect.
<code>git mv foo bar</code>	Rename file from foo to bar. Must run <code>git commit</code> for changes to take effect.
<code>git commit</code>	Commit staged changes to repository
<code>git commit -a</code>	Stage all changes to tracked files and commit them to repository
<code>git status</code>	Show changes in repository relative to last commit
<code>git diff foo</code>	Show diff of unstaged changes in file foo made since last commit. If file name foo is omitted, show unstaged changes in all tracked files.
<code>git log -<N></code>	Show messages for last <N> commits; if -<N> is omitted, show entire repository history.

Working with branches and remotes

Command	Effect
<code>git checkout -b foo</code>	Create a new local branch named foo and switch to it
<code>git checkout foo</code>	Switch to an existing local branch named foo
<code>git branch</code>	List all local branches; current branch indicated with an '*'.
<code>git branch -vv</code>	List local branches with last commit info and upstream branch (if any)
<code>git merge foo</code>	Merge changes from local branch foo into current branch.
<code>git remote add baz <url></code>	Add url as a remote named baz
<code>git fetch baz</code>	Get changes from all branches in remote repository baz. NOTE: this does <i>not</i> actually merge remote changes into the current branch.
<code>git fetch baz bar</code>	Get changes from remote branch bar in remote repository baz. NOTE: this does <i>not</i> actually merge remote changes into the current branch.
<code>git checkout -t baz/bar</code>	Create a new local branch named bar with remote branch baz/bar as its upstream
<code>git merge baz/bar</code>	Merge changes from remote branch 'baz/bar' into the current local branch.
<code>git pull</code>	fetch and merge changes from remote upstream into current local branch.
<code>git push</code>	Send updates from current local branch to its remote upstream.
<code>git push baz bar</code>	Create (or update) remote branch 'baz/bar' with local HEAD (last commit).