Advantages of Git

Distributed Version Control System (DVCS):-

Every developer has a full copy of the repository.

Work is not dependent on a central server; code history is always available locally.

• Faster Performance:-

Local commits, diffs, and logs make operations extremely fast compared to centralized systems.

Strong Branching and Merging:-

Git allows easy creation, merging, and deletion of branches.

Supports multiple workflows like feature branching, Git Flow, etc.

Data Integrity:-

Uses SHA-1 hashing for every commit and file; ensures integrity and prevents corruption.

• Efficient Collaboration:-

Enables parallel development through branches and pull requests. Merges changes from multiple developers effectively.

• Open Source and Free:-

No cost involved; large community support and frequent updates.

Cross-Platform Support:-

Available on Windows, macOS, Linux, and can be used with many tools like GitHub, GitLab, Bitbucket.

Staging Area (Index):-

Allows developers to review and selectively commit changes before making them permanent.

Lightweight and Scalable:-

Git repositories are smaller and more efficient than centralized systems like SVN or CVS.

Disadvantages of Git

Complexity for Beginners

Steep learning curve, especially when working with commands like rebase, merge conflicts, cherry-pick, etc.

• Large Binary File Handling

Git is inefficient with large binary files (e.g., images, videos, compiled code).

Workarounds like Git LFS are needed.

• Not Ideal for All Projects

For simple projects or non-developer teams, Git might feel overkill.

• Merge Conflicts

Frequent merges in large teams can lead to complex merge conflicts that require manual resolution.

• Requires Discipline

Improper branching or commit practices can lead to messy history or lost work.

• Initial Setup Can Be Tedious

Setting up remote repositories and configuring SSH keys may be confusing for new users