

Git Cheat Sheet



Git Basics

git init <directory>	Create empty Git repo in specified directory. Run with no arguments to initialize the current directory as a git repository.	
git clone <repo>	Clone repo located at <repo> onto local machine. Original repo can be located on the local filesystem or on a remote machine via HTTP or SSH.	
git config user.name <name>	Define author name to be used for all commits in current repo. Devs commonly use --global flag to set config options for current user.	+
git add <directory>	Stage all changes in <directory> for the next commit. Replace <directory> with a <file> to change a specific file.	
git commit -m "<message>"	Commit the staged snapshot, but instead of launching a text editor, use <message> as the commit message.	
git status	List which files are staged, unstaged, and untracked.	
git log	Display the entire commit history using the default format. For customization see additional options.	+
git diff	Show unstaged changes between your index and working directory	+

Undoing Changes

git revert <commit>	Create new commit that undoes all of the changes made in <commit>, then apply it to the current branch.	
git reset <file>	Remove <file> from the staging area, but leave the working directory unchanged. This unstages a file without overwriting any changes.	+
git clean -n	Shows which files would be removed from working directory. Use the -f flag in place of the -n flag to execute the clean.	

Rewriting Git History

git commit --amend	Replace the last commit with the staged changes and last commit combined. Use with nothing staged to edit the last commit's message.	
git rebase <base>	Rebase the current branch onto <base>. <base> can be a commit ID, a branch name, a tag, or a relative reference to HEAD.	+
git reflog	Show a log of changes to the local repository's HEAD. Add --relative-date flag to show date info or --all to show all refs.	

Git Branches

git branch	List all of the branches in your repo. Add a <branch> argument to create a new branch with the name <branch>.	
git checkout -b <branch>	Create and check out a new branch named <branch>. Drop the -b flag to checkout an existing branch.	
git merge <branch>	Merge <branch> into the current branch.	

Remote Repositories

git remote add <name> <url>	Create a new connection to a remote repo. After adding a remote, you can use <name> as a shortcut for <url> in other commands.	
git fetch <remote> <branch>	Fetches a specific <branch>, from the repo. Leave off <branch> to fetch all remote refs.	
git pull <remote>	Fetch the specified remote's copy of current branch and immediately merge it into the local copy.	+
git push <remote> <branch>	Push the branch to <remote>, along with necessary commits and objects. Creates named branch in the remote repo if it doesn't exist.	+