

README.md

Description:

Introduction:

Github is an open-source code platform that allows us to collaborate with others developers through [Git](#), the most popular decentralized VCS (Version Control System), although, there are other VCS like [Subversion](#) for a more centralized approach.

This is **quick guide to collaborate** on Github through Git but mainly as a reference for **basic/other commands** which are meant to be used on a git terminal.

While not so user friendly, using the **terminal** allows us to use *more* commands, to *modify* their *syntax* and to provide them with many different

*options, arguments or objects and to chain several commands successively on **unix-like** systems.*

The most popular ones are MAC OS and Linux, but Windows users can also use the [Gitbash](#) emulator provided by Git.

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Github Contributions

Fork vs Clone:

- **Fork:** Merge with original repo is possible with a pull request.
 - **Clone:** Merge with original repo is only achieved by pushing to fork and then a pull request.
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Contributions without permissions:

Note: It is better to fork a repository before cloning it due to [copyrights](#) when the *user is NOT declared as a contributor*.

General steps:

1. [Fork](#) repository.
 2. [Clone](#) forked repository.
 3. Make Changes in Local.
 4. [Push](#) to Personal Remote.
 5. [Pull Request](#) to Original Remote.
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Contributions with permissions:

Note: It is a faster option to clone the original repository without a previous fork of the project if the *user IS declared as a contributor*.

General steps:

1. [Clone](#)
2. Make Changes in Local.
3. [Push](#) to Personal Remote.

Refer to Github official [documentation](#) for more information related to contributions.

Git Commands



The following is a list of common git commands based on the [Git Documentation](#).

Note: if you don't understand a term, check out the *definitons* section below.

Basic	Command	Description
1. help	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. git help2. git help <command>3. git help -a	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. List common commands.2. Display help on git command.3. List all available commands.
2. init	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. git init2. git init -b <branch>3. git init <subdir.>4. git init --bare <subdir.>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Initialize git repo in folder.2. Override branch name (config. default set if none).3. Initialize a git repo inside a new subdir.

Basic	Command	Description
	5. git init --template= <template-dir.> 6. git init --shared [=(-options)]	4. Initialize a git bare repo inside new subdir. 5. Specify <i>dir.</i> from which templates will be used. 6. Make git readable/writable by users (see options).
3. clone	1. git clone <URL> 2. git clone --no-hardlinks <dir.> 3. git clone <URL> <dir.> 4. git clone <URL> --branch <branch> --single-branch 5. git clone --bare 6. git clone --mirror 7. git clone --template= <temp_dir.> <dir.> 8. git clone --depth= <depth>	1. Clone <i>remote</i> default branch with URL . 2. Clone <i>local</i> repo for <i>backup</i> purposes. 3. Clone <i>remote</i> default branch in <i>dir.</i> 4. Clone <i>remote</i> single branch with repo URL . 5. Clone <i>remote</i> with no remote-tracking & config . 6. Clone --bare with <i>remote tracking</i> & <i>config</i> .. 7. Clone set template in <i>dir.</i> (see 2.git init). 8. Clone truncated to a number of revisions .
4. config	1. git config 2. git config --global pull.rebase true 3. git config --global ff no 4. git config ff no 5. git config remote.origin.prune true 6. git config --global fetch.prune true 7. git config --global user.name <username> 8. git config --global user.email <e-mail>	1. Display git global config (create if none). 2. Set the pull command as rebase globally. 3. Disable fast-forward merge for local repos. 4. Disable fast-forward merge in local repo. 5. Set auto-prune with fetch & pull . 6. Set auto-prune w/ fetch for local repos. 7. Set author to commits for local repos.

Basic	Command	Description
	9. git config --system user.name <project> 10. git config --get user.name 11. git config -l 12. git config -e	8. Set <i>email</i> to commits for <i>local</i> repos. 9. Set <i>author</i> for all git users. 10. Get <i>author/email</i> from <i>global/system</i> . 11. List all variables set in config. file. 12. Edit config files from <i>global/system</i>
5. checkout	1. git checkout <branch> 2. git checkout -b <feature> 3. git checkout -b <branch> <origin/branch> 4. git checkout -- <file> 5. git checkout - 6. git checkout <branch>~n <file>	1. Switch to <i>branch</i> in working tree. 2. Create and <i>switch</i> to <i>feature</i> (or any) branch. 3. Clone <i>remote</i> branch and <i>switch</i> . 4. Discard <i>changes</i> in file to <i>match current branch</i> . 5. Switch to <i>last checkout</i> . 6. Reverts local file in branch <i>n commits</i> (e.g. <i>n=2</i>).
6. fetch	1. git fetch <origin> 2. git fetch <origin> <branch> 3. git fetch --all 4. git fetch --dry-run 5. git fetch --append 6. git fetch --depth= <depth> 7. git fetch -f 8. git fetch --prune	1. Fetch <i>all</i> . 2. Fetch <i>branch</i> . 3. Fetch all <i>branches</i> in repo. 4. Show output but <i>without fetching</i> . 5. Fetch <i>without overwriting</i> (.git/FETCH_HEAD). 6. Limit fetching to <i>n depth</i> commits (e.g. <i>n=3</i>). 7. Fetch even if it's <i>not descendant</i> of remote branch.

Basic	Command	Description
		8. Remove <i>unexistant remote-tracking</i> branches.
7.merge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. git merge <branch> 2. git merge <branch> <target_branch> 3. git merge --no-ff <branch> 4. git merge --continue 5. git merge --allow-unrelated-histories 6. git merge -base [-a] <commit_id> <commit_id> 7. git merge -s resolve <branch-1> <branch-2> 8. git merge -s recursive -X ours OR theirs <branch> 9. git merge -s octopus <branch-1> <branch-n> 10. git merge -s ours <branch-1> <branch-n> 11. git merge -s subtree <branch-1> <branch-2> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fast-forward merge branch with <i>HEAD</i> (<i>linear</i>). 2. Fast-forward merge branch to tip of <i>target</i>. 3. Maintain commit <i>history</i>, may not fast-fwd. 4. Conclude <i>conflicting merge</i>. 5. Merge <i>indep. projects</i> by overriding safeties. 6. Find ancestor on <i>n commits</i> for a 3-way <i>merge</i>. 7. 3-way merge 2 branch <i>HEADs</i>. 8. 3-way merge >1 <i>common ancestors</i> for <i>tree</i>. 9. Merges <i>more than 2</i> branch <i>HEADs</i>. 10. Merges <i>multiple branches tip</i> in <i>HEAD</i>. 11. Reflect B tree <i>structure</i> as <i>subtree</i> of A.
8. rebase	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. git rebase <base> 2. git rebase -i <base> 3. git rebase --continue 4. git rebase --abort 5. git rebase -i HEAD~n 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rebase branch into <i>base</i>. 2. Rebase branch <i>interactively</i> on <i>base</i>. 3. Continue rebase after <i>resolving merge conflict</i>. 4. Abort & <i>return HEAD</i> to original <i>position</i>.

Basic	Command	Description
	6. git rebase --onto <newbase> 7. git rebase --allow-empty 8. git rebase --edit-todo 9. git rebase --stat 10. git rebase -p 11. git rebase <branch> -s <strategy> 12. git rebase <branch> -s <recursive> -X <option>	5. Interactive rebase of <i>last n commits</i> . 6. Rebase branch into <i>base</i> other than upstream. 7. Allow empty msg commits to be created. 8. Edit the list of commits to be rebased. 9. Show diffstat of what changed upstream. 10. Recreate commits instead of flattening. 11. Use the given merge strategy . 12. Use recursive merge with a valid <i>option</i> .
9. pull	1. git pull 2. git pull <URL> 3. git pull <origin> <branch> 4. git pull --rebase <origin> <branch> 5. git pull --ff-only 6. git pull --no-ff 7. git pull -s <strategy> -X <option>	1. Fetch & merge remote-tracking with local. 2. Clone, fetch & merge remote's <i>URL</i> with local. 3. Fetch & merge remote branch with local. 4. Fetch & rebase branch . 5. Update branch without a merge commit. 6. Pull & commit even for <i>fast-forwards (linear)</i> . 7. Same strategies and options as for merge last 5.
10. add	1. git add -A 2. git add . 3. git add <file> 4. git add -n <file> 5. git add --v	1. Add all changes in files to stage. 2. Add changes without <i>deletions</i> for stage. 3. Add file to stage. 4. Show if file is nonexistent . 5. Ignore indexing <i>errors</i> for git add.

Basic	Command	Description
	6. git add -force 7. git add -p 8. git add -i 9. git add -e	6. Allows to add <i>ignored</i> files. 7. Patch hunks <i>interactively</i> from <i>index</i> to <i>tree</i> ¹ . 8. Patch changes <i>interactively</i> from <i>index</i> to <i>tree</i> . 9. Interactive patch mode vs diff editor.
11. commit	1. git commit -m <msg> 2. git commit --date= <date> 3. commit -i <msg> 4. git commit --dry-run 5. git commit -v 6. git commit --amend 7. git commit -s	1. Overwrite commit <i>msg</i> . 2. Override author's <i>date</i> in commit. 3. Commit <i>changes</i> & <i>unstaged</i> content. 4. List only <i>committed</i>, <i>uncommitted</i> & <i>untracked</i> paths. 5. Show differences between <i>HEAD</i> and <i>commit</i> . 6. Modify the most <i>recent</i> commit <i>msg</i> . 7. Add author signature at the <i>end</i> of <i>commit msg</i> .
12.push	1. git push 2. git push -u <origin> <branch> 3. git push --all 4. git push <origin> --delete <branch> 5. git push --force 6. git push --force-with-lease 7. git push --prune <origin refs/heads/*> 8. git push --mirror	1. Push <i>commits</i> . 2. Push <i>commits</i> and set as <i>upstream</i> . 3. Push <i>all</i> <i>commits</i> . 4. Delete <i>remote-tracking</i> branch. 5. Push <i>commits</i> and <i>destroy all unmerged</i> changes. 6. Push and <i>destroy personal unmerged</i> changes.

Basic	Command	Description
		7. Remove remote without local counterpart. 8. Overwrite remote with local branches.
13. pull request	1. git request-pull <branch> <URL> <feature>	1. Pull request for changes between tag and feature.
14. branch	1. git branch 2. git branch -r 3. git branch -a 4. git branch <branch> 5. git branch -d <branch> 6. git branch -D <branch> 7. git branch -f <branch> <feature> 8. git branch --show-current 9. git branch --set-upstream-to 10. git branch / grep -v <branch(es)> / xargs git branch -D	1. See local branches. 2. See remote branches. 3. See local and remote branches. 4. Create branch and name it. 5. Delete unmerged branch. 6. Delete merged & unmerged branches. 7. Rewrite local branch with feature branch. 8. Show current branch in local. 9. Make an existing git branch track a remote . 10. Delete all branches <i>excepting</i> selected.
15. diff	1. git diff 2. git diff --staged 3. git diff HEAD 4. git diff --color-words 5. git diff <branch> <feature> <file> 6. git diff <commit_id> <commit_id> <file> 7. git diff --stats	1. Check for differences in local & remote-tracking . 2. Check for differences in local & staged changes. 3. Check for differences in work dir. & last commit . 4. Highlight changes with color granularity.

Basic	Command	Description
	8. git diff-files 9. git diff stash@{n} <code><branch></code>	5. Check for differences in a file between <i>two branches</i> . 6. Check for differences in a file between <i>two commits</i> . 7. Show <i>insertions</i> & <i>deletions</i> in staged and local. 8. Compare <i>files</i> in the working tree ² . 9. Compare stash <i>n</i> with <i>branch</i> .
16. log	1. git log -n 2. git log --oneline 3. git log -p --follow -- <code><file></code> 4. git log --oneline --decorate 5. git log --stats 6. git shortlog 7. git log --pretty=format:"%cn committed %h on %cd" 8. git log --after= <code><yyyy-m-d></code> --before= <code><yyyy-m-d></code> 9. git log --author= <code><username></code>	1. Display <i>logs</i> from last 1,2,..n commits. 2. Show <i>IDs</i> from commits. 3. Show <i>commits</i> on a <i>file</i> . 4. Display <i>commits~branches</i> . 5. Show <i>insertions</i> & <i>deletions</i> . 6. Display <i>commits</i> first coding line by author. 7. Customized log (show author, hash & date). 8. Search for <i>commits</i> in range. 9. Search for <i>commits</i> by author.
17. revert	1. git revert <code><commit_id></code> 2. git revert <code><commit_id></code> --no-edit 3. git revert -n <code><commit_id></code> 4. git revert -n <code><HEAD>~n</code> 5. git revert -n <code><HEAD>~n .. <HEAD>~m</code>	1. Invert commit & <i>commit</i> undone changes. 2. Reverts without a new <i>commit msg</i> . 3. Invert <i>changes</i> & <i>stage</i> only. 4. Revert <i>n</i> <i>commits</i> . 5. Revert from <i>n</i> → <i>m</i> <i>commits</i> [<i>n,m</i>].

Basic	Command	Description
18. reset	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. git reset <file> 2. git reset --mixed <HEAD>~n 3. git reset --mixed <commit-id> 4. git reset --hard <HEAD>~n 5. git reset --soft <HEAD>~n 6. git reset -p 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Untrack <i>file</i>. 2. Unmerge & uncommit but <i>don't unstage</i> (default). 3. Mixed with <i>commit hash</i> (default). 4. Undo all <i>n</i> changes. 5. Hard reset but able to <i>recover</i> changes with <i>git commit</i>. 6. Patch interactively (<i>git add -p</i> inverse).
19. stash	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. git stash 2. git stash push -m <msg> 3. git stash list 4. git stash list --stat 5. git stash apply 6. git stash pop -n 7. git stash drop -n 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saves work dir. from <i>local</i> & <i>hard</i> reset. 2. Saves work dir. from local <i>with msg</i> & <i>hard</i> reset. 3. List <i>stashed</i> changes as an <i>index [n]</i> 4. Show summary of <i>changes</i> in <i>stash list</i> 5. Recover <i>stash[0]</i> from <i>work dir</i>. 6. Recover <i>stash n</i> & delete it from <i>stash list</i>. 7. Delete <i>stash n</i> from <i>stash list</i>.
20. status	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. git status 2. git status -s 3. git status -b 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List (un)staged, (un)tracked changes (work dir., stage & modif.). 2. Status in <i>short</i> format. 3. Status on a <i>branch</i>.
21. touch	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. git touch <name.ext> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create file with <i>extension</i> (e.g <i>test.txt</i>).

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22. switch	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. git switch <branch> 2. git switch -c <branch> 3. git switch -c <branch> <commit_id> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Switch to branch. 2. Create a new branch and switch. 3. Grow branch from commit.
23. cd	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. cd ~/ <home> 2. cd ~/ <home> / <dir.> 3. cd ~/ <home> / <dir.> / <subdir.> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Change dir. to home (e.g ~/Desktop) 2. Change dir. to a folder in home. 3. Change dir. to n sub-folders in home.
24. ls	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ls 2. ls -la 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List subfolders in dir. 2. List subfolders in dir with <i>hidden files</i>.
25. rm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. git rm <file> 2. rm <file> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove file from git tracking & local. 2. Remove file from local only.
26. mv	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. git mv <file.ext> <new-filename.ext> 2. git mv <file.ext> ~/ <home> / <dir.1> / <subdir.> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rename file with the same extension. 2. Move file from dir.1 to subdir. (inside dir.1)
27. mkdir	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. git mkdir ~/ <home> / <dir.> / <subdir.>/<new_dir.> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create dir. in path.
28. remote	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. git remote 2. git remote -v 3. git remote rename <old-name> <new-name> 4. git remote add <URL> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List remote branches. 2. List remote branches with URL. 3. Rename remote. 4. Connection with repo with URL.

Basic	Command	Description
29. gitk	1. gitk 2. gitk HEAD...FETCH_HEAD	1. Show Git GUI for <i>commits</i> . 2. Show Git GUI for <i>all users</i> since last push.

Note: Remember to call branches by their names in your commands (see 14. *branch*).

Tip: `<main>` is the default name for remote repositories as `<master>` is for local.

Definitions:

- **Origin:** Primary *working dir. of remote* repositories by *default*.
- **Fetch:** Fetch is a *safe pull* version because local *files aren't merged* until they are reviewed, checked out & merged.
- **Revert:** Revert is *safer than reset*, checkout to *discard* (see 5.4 *checkout*), etc., because commit *history isn't erased* but an inverted commit is appended.
- **Feature:** Feature represents a *branch of developments* in progress with their descriptions.
- **Rebase:** Rebase is a *rewritten branch* from another but keep in mind it is *not a good practice to rewrite public commits history (remote repositories)*.
Creating a backup branch is a good idea. This would allow us to perform a hard reset if the resulting rebase is unexpected.
- **Base:** It is a commit *id, branch, tag*, or a relative *reference* to HEAD (e.g. HEAD~3).

See Also:

[Glossary](#)

If you are interested in learning more about git commands you can check out the list below and refer to [git documentation](#).

Other Commands:

- **git am** ~ Splits patches from a mailbox into commit msg, author and patches to apply them to branch.
e.g: `git am --keep-cr --signoff < a_file.patch` *to apply patch as commit.*
- **git apply** ~ Apply a patch to files and add them to the index.
e.g: `git apply < a_file.patch` *to apply patch to files.*
- **git archive** ~ Combine multiple files in a single file but removes git data.
e.g: `git archive --format=zip --output=archive.zip HEAD` *to create a zip file with all files in HEAD.*
- **git bisect** ~ Binary search algorithm to find commit in project history which caused a bug.
e.g: `git bisect start` *to start the search.*
- **git blame** ~ Show what revision and author last modified each line of a file.
e.g: `git blame <file>` *to show the last author of each line in file.*
- **git bugreport** ~ Create a report to send to git mailing list.
e.g: `git bugreport -o report.txt` *to create a report and save it to report.txt.*
- **git bundle** ~ Move objects and refs by archive.
e.g: `git bundle create <file> <branch>` *to create a bundle with branch.*
- **git cat-file** ~ Provide content or type and size information for repository objects.
e.g: `git cat-file -p <commit>` *to show the content of commit.*
- **git check-attr** ~ Display git attributes.
e.g: `git ls-files | xargs git check-attr myAttr` *to show if an attribute is set for all the files in repo & overcome limit of 1024 files.*
- **git check-mailmap** ~ Show canonical names and email addresses of contacts.
e.g: `git check-mailmap user1 <user1@domain.com>` *to show the canonical name and email address of user1.*
- **git check-ref-format** ~ Ensure that a reference name is well formed.
e.g: `git check-ref-format --branch @{-1}` *print the name of the previous branch.*
- **git check-ignore** ~ Debug gitignore files.
e.g: `git check-ignore -v <file>` *to show the gitignore file that ignores file.*

- **git cherry** ~ Find commits not merged upstream.
e.g: `git cherry -v <branch>` *to show the commits not merged in branch.*
- **git cherry-pick** ~ Apply the changes introduced by some existing commits.
e.g: `git cherry-pick <commit_id>` *to apply the changes of commit to current branch.*
- **git citool** ~ Graphical alternative to git-commit.
e.g: `git citool` *to open the graphical commit tool.*
- **git clean** ~ Remove untracked files from the working tree.
e.g: `git clean -i` *to interactively remove untracked files.*
- **git clone** ~ Clone a repository into a new directory.
e.g: `git clone <URL> <dir.>` *to clone a repo with URL into directory.*
- **git column** ~ Display data in columns.
e.g: `git column --mode=html <file>` *to display file in html columns.*
- **git commit** ~ Record changes to the repository.
e.g: `git commit -m <msg>` *to commit with msg.*
- **git commit-graph** ~ Write and verify a commit-graph file.
e.g: `git show-ref -s | git commit-graph write --stdin-commits` *to write a commit-graph file for reachable commits.*
- **git commit-tree** ~ Create a new commit object.
e.g: `git commit-tree <tree> -m <msg>` *to create a commit with tree and msg.*
- **git config** ~ Get and set repository or global options.
e.g: `git config --global user.name <name>` *to set the global user name.*
- **git count-objects** ~ Count unpacked number of objects and their disk consumption.
e.g: `git count-objects -v` *to show the number of objects and their size.*
- **git credential** ~ Retrieve and store user credentials.
e.g: `git credential fill` *attempt to add "username" and "password" attributes by reading config credential helpers.*
- **git credential-cache** ~ Helper to temporarily store passwords in memory.
e.g: `git config credential.helper cache` *to set credentials automatic authentication & returns username/password blanks to fill.*

- **git credential-store** ~ Helper to store credentials on disk to reduce time to fill.
e.g: `git config --global credential.helper store` to save credentials in plaintext PC disk, everyone in PC can read it (warning).
- **git cvsexportcommit** ~ Export a single commit to a CVS checkout.
e.g: `git cvsexportcommit <commit_id>` to export commit to a CVS directory.
- **git cvsimport** ~ Create a new git repository from a CVS checkout.
e.g: `git cvsimport -v -d <cvsroot> <module> <project>` to create a new git repository from a CVS checkout.
- **git cvsserver** ~ Server for CVS clients to connect to and use Git repositories.
e.g `git cvsserver --base-path=<path> <repo>` to start the git cvsserver.
- **git daemon** ~ A really simple server for Git repositories.
e.g: `git daemon --reuseaddr --base-path=<dir.> --export-all` to restart server & look for repos in dir. to export.
- **git describe** ~ Describe specific commits with their hash.
e.g: `git describe <commit_id>` to describe commit (HEAD by default).
- **git diff** ~ Show changes between commits, commit and working tree, etc.
e.g: `git diff --stat` to show the summary of the changed files.
- **git diff-files** ~ Show changes between index and working tree.
e.g: `--diff-algorithm={minimal}` to include the smallest possible diff are included.
- **git diff-index** ~ Compare a tree to the working tree or index.
e.g: `git diff-index --compact-summary HEAD` to show the summary of the changed files in HEAD.
- **git diff-tree** ~ Compares the content and mode of the blobs found via two tree objects.
e.g: `git diff-tree --s7hortstat HEAD` to show the summary of the changed files in HEAD.
- **git difftool** ~ Show changes using common diff tools.
e.g: `git difftool --tool-help` to show the list of available tools.
- **git fast-export** ~ Dumps the given revisions in a form suitable to be piped with fast-import.
e.g: `git fast-export --all` to export all data.
- **git fast-import** ~ Reads data stream from std. input and writes it into one or more packfiles.
e.g: `git fast-import --max-pack-size=1G` to import data into a packfile of size 1G (default is unlimited)

- **git fetch** ~ Download objects and refs from another repository.
e.g: `git fetch --dry-run` to show output without making any changes.
- **git fetch-pack** ~ Receive missing objects from another repository.
e.g: `git fetch-pack --prune --all` to fetch all objects and prune refs that are missing on the remote.
- **git filter-branch** ~ Rewrite branches.
e.g: `git filter-branch --tree-filter 'rm -f *.txt' HEAD` to remove all .txt files.
- **git filter-repo** ~ Quickly rewrite Git repository history.
e.g: `git filter-repo --invert-paths --path 'README.md'` to remove all files except README.md.
- **git fmt-merge-msg** ~ Produce a merge commit message.
e.g: `git fmt-merge-msg -m` Use msg instead of branch names for the first line of the log message.
- **git for-each-ref** ~ Iterate over references.
e.g: `git for-each-ref --format='%(refname)' refs/heads` to list all branches.
- **git format-patch** ~ Prepare patches for e-mail submission.
e.g: `git format-patch -root <commit>` to format everything up from start until commit.
- **git fsck** ~ Verifies the connectivity and validity of the objects in the database.
e.g: `git fsck --cache` to check the connectivity and validity of the objects in the cache.
- **git gc** ~ Cleanup unnecessary files and optimize the local repository.
e.g: `git gc --force` to force garbage collection.
- **git get-tar-commit-id** ~ Extract commit ID from an archive created using git-archive.
e.g: `git get-tar-commit-id <file>` to extract most recent commit ID from file.
- **git grep** ~ Print lines matching a pattern.
e.g: `git grep -n 'print' <file>` to print lines containing 'print' and their line numbers.
- **git gui** ~ A portable graphical interface to Git.
e.g: `git gui citool --nocommit` Checks for unmerged entries on index and exits gui without committing.
- **git hash-object** ~ Compute object ID and optionally creates a blob from a file.
e.g: `git hash-object -w --path <file>` to write the blob to the object database and print its hash.
- **git help** ~ Display help information about Git.
e.g: `git help -all` to display all git commands.

- **git http-fetch** ~ Download objects and refs from another repository via HTTP.
e.g: `git http-fetch -v <[URL]/refs>` *to report all refs downloaded in repo with URL.*
- **git http-backend** ~ Server side implementation of Git over HTTP.
e.g: `git http-backend --help` *to display help for http-backend.*
- **git imap-send** ~ Send a collection of patches from stdin to an IMAP folder.
e.g: `git imap-send git format-patch --cover-letter -M --stdout origin/master | git imap-send` *to send patches from origin/master to IMAP folder once the commits are ready to send.*
- **git index-pack** ~ Build pack index file for an existing packed archive.
e.g: `git index-pack --max-input-size=1G` *to build pack index file and die if the pack is larger than 1G (or any).*
- **git init** ~ Create an empty Git repository or reinitialize an existing one.
e.g: `git init -b <branch-name>` *to create an empty local Git repository with given branch name.*
- **git init-db** ~ Create an empty Git repository or reinitialize an existing one.
e.g: `git init-db --config <config-file>` *to create an empty local Git repository with given config file.*
- **git instaweb** ~ Instantly browse your working repository in gitweb.
e.g: `git instaweb --httpd=python --port=8080` *to start a python web server on port 8080.*
- **git interpret-trailers** ~ Parse trailer lines from text.
e.g: `git interpret-trailers --check <file>` *to check if file contains trailer lines (similar to RFC 822 e-mail headers)*
- **git log** ~ Show commit logs.
e.g: `git log --oneline --decorate --graph --all` *to display all commits in a nice format.*
- **git ls-files** ~ Show information about files in the index and the working tree.
e.g: `git ls-files -u` *to show unmerged files.*
- **git ls-remote** ~ List references in a remote repository.
e.g: `git ls-remote <[URL]/refs>` *to display references in a remote repository URL associated with commits IDs.*
- **git ls-tree** ~ List the contents of a tree object.
e.g: `git ls-tree -d <tree>` *to list the named tree only, without its children.*
- **git mailinfo** ~ Extracts patch and authorship from a single e-mail message.
e.g: `git mailinfo -k <msg> <patch>` *Removes unnecessary headers from msg and writes the result to patch.*

- **git mailsplit** ~ Splits a single mailbox into a list of files.
e.g: `git mailsplit -o<directory> <mbox>` to split given mbox file in directory as individual msg files.
- **git merge** ~ Join two or more development histories together.
e.g: `git merge --allow-unrelated-histories <branch>` override the check for unrelated histories with common ancestors and merge.
- **git merge-base** ~ Find as good common ancestors as possible for a merge.
e.g: `git merge-base --is-ancestor <commit_id> <commit_id>` to check if first commit_id is an ancestor of the second and return 0 if true and 1 if not.*
- **git merge-file** ~ Run a three-way file merge.
e.g: `git merge-file <current_file> <base_file> <other_file>` incorporate changes from other_file into current_file, using base_file as common base
- **git merge-index** ~ Run a merge for files in the index.
e.g: `git merge-index -o -a <file>` to run a merge for all files in index that need it & write result to file.
- **git merge-tree** ~ Show three-way merge without touching index.
e.g: `git merge-tree <base-tree> <branch1> <branch2>` Reads the trees & outputs the result of merge without storing results in index.*
- **git mergetool** ~ Run merge conflict resolution tools to resolve merge conflicts.
e.g: `git mergetool --tool-help` to list available tools.
- **merge-index** ~ Run a merge for files in the index.
e.g: `git merge-index -o <file>` to run a merge for files in the index that need merging and write the result to file.
- **git mktag** ~ Create a tag object.
e.g: `git mktag <mytag>` *to create a tag object with given tag name and die if the connection to the object store fails.
- **git mktree** ~ Build a tree-object from ls-tree formatted text.
e.g: `git mktree --batch <file>` to create more than one tree object from a file.
- **git mv** ~ Move or rename a file, a directory, or a symlink.
e.g: `git mv -v <source> <destination>` to move source to destination and display the result of the move.
- **git name-rev** ~ Find symbolic names for given revs.
e.g: `git log | git name-rev --annotate-stdin` to retrieve author, date and commit hash from the logs.

- **git notes** ~ Add or inspect object notes.
e.g: `git notes add -m <msg> <commit>` to add a note/msg to commit.
- **git pack-objects** ~ Create a packed set of objects from one or more packed archives compressed
e.g: `git pack-object --all-progress-implied` to create a packed set of objects from one or more packed archives compressed.
- **git pack-redundant** ~ Find redundant pack files for piping to xargs rm.
e.g: `git pack-redundant --all --i-still-use-this` to find all redundant pack files in repo (nominated for removal).
- **git pack-refs** ~ Pack heads and tags for efficient repository access.
e.g: `git pack-refs --all` to pack heads and tags that are already packed
- **git patch-id** ~ Compute unique ID for a patch.
e.g: `git patch-id <file>` to compute unique ID for a patch.
- **git prune** ~ Prune all unreachable objects from the object database.
e.g: `git prune --expire <time>` to prune all unreachable objects from the object database that are older than time.
- **git prune-packed** ~ Prune loose objects that are already in pack files.
e.g: `git prune-packed -n` to prune loose objects that are already in pack files and display what would be done.
- **git pull** ~ Fetch from and integrate with another repository or a local branch.
e.g: `git pull <remote> <local>` to fetch from and integrate with local branch.
- **git push** ~ Update remote refs along with associated objects.
e.g: `git push` to update remote refs along with associated objects.
- **git range-diff** ~ Show changes between two commit ranges.
e.g: `git range-diff <commit_1> <commit_2>` to show changes between two commit ranges
- **git read-tree** ~ Reads tree information into the index.
e.g: `git read-tree -m <tree-ish1> <tree-ish2> <tree-ish3>` to read tree information into the index and merge the trees.
- **git rebase** ~ Reapply commits on top of another base tip.
e.g: `git rebase -i <base> <branch>` to rebase interactively a branch on base.
- **git receive-pack** ~ Receive what is pushed into the repository.
Note: This command is not meant to be invoked directly.

- **git reflog** ~ Manage reflog information.
e.g: `git reflog show` to show the reflog for the current branch like log.
- **git remote** ~ Manage set of tracked repositories.
e.g: `git remote add <remote> <URL>` to add a remote named remote with URL.
- **git remote-ext** ~ External helper to communicate with a remote, used by default with clone, push, remote add & where.
Note: This command is not used normally by end users but it is instead invoked when interacting with remote repos.
- **git remote-fd** ~ Helper to communicate with a remote repository when calling git fetch, push or archive.
Note: This command is not invoked by end users but scripts calling commands to setup a bidirectional socket with remotes.
- **git repack** ~ Pack unpacked objects in a repository or for pack reorganization.
e.g: `git repack -a -d -f --depth=250 --window=250` Single pack repo by removing redundant packs & reusing existing deltas. Set up 250mb depth and window (default=10,50).
- **git replace** ~ Create, list, delete refs to replace objects.
e.g: `git replace --graft <commit_id> <new-parent>` to create a new commit with commit content but by replacing its parent with new-parent.
- **git request-pull** ~ Request upstream to pull changes into their tree.
e.g: `git request-pull <upstream_commit-id> <URL>` to make a pull-request starting from commit to repo URL to be pulled from.
- **git rerere** ~ Reuse recorded resolution of conflicting merges.
e.g: `git rerere diff` to show the recorded state of resolution, what you've started with and what you've ended up with.
- **git reset** ~ Reset current HEAD to the specified state.
e.g: `git reset --soft HEAD~n` *to make a hard reset n commits back but able to recover changes with git commit.
- **git rev-list** ~ Lists commits by building commit ancestry graphs. *e.g:* `git rev-list <commit_id> ^ HEAD --count` to count the number of commits between commit_id and HEAD.
- **git rev-parse** ~ Ancillary plumbing command for parameters.
e.g: `git rev-parse --short HEAD` to get the short version hash of HEAD.
- **git revert** ~ Revert some existing commits.
e.g: `git revert HEAD~n` to revert the last n commits.

- **git rm** ~ Remove files from the working tree and from the index.
e.g: `git rm <file>` to remove file from remote and local.
- **git send-email** ~ Send a collection of patches as emails.
e.g: `git send-email --from=<sender> --to=<recipient> --compose` to send email from sender adress to recipient by invoking a text editor.
- **git shortlog** ~ Summarize 'git log' output.
e.g: `git shortlog -s -n` to show the number of commits per author.
- **git show** ~ Show various types of objects.
e.g: `git show --expand-tabs=n` to show repository with tabs expanded to n.
- **git show-branch** ~ Show branches and their commits.
e.g: `git show-branch--all` to show all branches and their commits.
- **git stage** ~ Stage file contents for the next commit.
e.g: `git stage--clear` to clear the staging area.
- **git stash** ~ Stash the changes in a dirty working directory away.
e.g: `git stash--keep-index` to stash the changes in a dirty working directory away but keep the index.
- **git status** ~ Show the working tree status.
e.g: `git status--short` to show the working tree status in short format.
- **git strip-space** ~ Remove unnecessary whitespace.
e.g: `git strip-space--comment-lines` to remove unnecessary whitespace from comment lines.
- **git submodule** ~ Initialize, update or inspect submodules.
e.g: `git submodule--depth=1` to initialize, update or inspect submodules with depth 1.
- **git tag** ~ Create, list, delete or verify a tag object signed with GPG.
e.g: `git tag --annotate` to create, list, delete or verify a tag object signed with GPG.
- **git unpack-file** ~ Unpack a packed archive.
e.g: `git unpack-file --list` to list the contents of a packed archive.
- **git unpack-objects** ~ Unpack objects from a packed archive.
e.g: `git unpack-objects --all` to unpack all objects from a packed archive.

- **git update-index** ~ Register file contents in the working tree to the index.
e.g: `git update-index--refresh` *to register file contents in the working tree to the index.*
- **git update-ref** ~ Update the object name stored in a ref safely.
e.g: `git update-ref--no-deref` *to update the object name stored in a ref safely.*
- **git update-server-info** ~ Update auxiliary info file to help dumb servers.
e.g: `git update-server-info--force` *to update the file even if it is not necessary.*
- **git upload-archive** ~ Send archive back to git-upload-archive on the other end.
e.g: `git upload-archive` *to send archive back to git-upload-archive on the other end.*
- **git upload-pack** ~ Send objects packed back to git-upload-pack on the other end.
e.g: `git upload-pack` *to send objects packed back to git-upload-pack on the other end.*
- **git var** ~ Show a Git logical variable.
e.g: `git var -l` *to show a Git logical variable.*
- **git verify-commit** ~ Check the GPG signature of commits.
e.g: `git verify-commit <commit>` *to check the GPG signature of commits.*
- **git verify-pack** ~ Check the GPG signature of packed objects.
e.g: `git verify-pack` *to check the GPG signature of packed objects.*
- **git verify-tag** ~ Check the GPG signature of tags.
e.g: `git verify-tag <tag>` *to check the GPG signature of tags.*
- **git web--browse** ~ Show a file or directory from web browser.
e.g: `git web--browse <URL>` *to show a file or directory from a web browser.*
- **git whatchanged** ~ Show logs with difference each commit introduces.
e.g: `git whatchanged --stat` *to show logs with difference each commit introduces.*
- **git write-tree** ~ Create a tree object from the current index.
e.g: `git write-tree --missing-ok` *to create a tree object from the current index.*

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