#### Git\_Commands.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 with its download.

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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.

## 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.

## 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 Basic 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 definitions section below.

Basic	Command	Description
1. help	<ul><li>1. git help</li><li>2. git help <command/></li><li>3. git help -a</li></ul>	<ol> <li>List common commands.</li> <li>Display help on git command.</li> <li>List all available commands.</li> </ol>
2. init	<pre>1. git init 2. git init -b <branch> 3. git init <subdir.> 4. git initbare <subdir.> 5. git inittemplate= <template-dir.> 6. git initshared [=(-options)]</template-dir.></subdir.></subdir.></branch></pre>	<ol> <li>Initialize git repo in folder.</li> <li>Override branch name (config. default set if none).</li> <li>Initialize a git repo inside a new subdir.</li> <li>Initialize a git bare repo inside new subdir.</li> <li>Specify dir. from which templates will be used.</li> <li>Make git readable/writable by users (see options).</li> </ol>
3. clone	<ol> <li>git clone <url></url></li> <li>git cloneno-hardlinks <dir.></dir.></li> <li>git clone <url> <dir.></dir.></url></li> <li>git clone <url>branch <branch> single-branch</branch></url></li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Clone remote         default branch with         URL .</li> <li>Clone local repo         for backup         purposes.</li> </ol>

Basic	Command	Description
	<pre>5. git clonebare 6. git clonemirror 7. git clonetemplate= <temp_dir.></temp_dir.></pre>	<ul> <li>3. Clone remote default branch in dir.</li> <li>4. Clone remote single branch with repo URL.</li> <li>5. Clone remote with no remote-tracking &amp; config.</li> <li>6. Clonebare with remote tracking &amp; config.</li> <li>7. Clone set template in dir. (see 2.git init).</li> <li>8. Clone truncated to a number of revisions.</li> </ul>
4. config	<ol> <li>git config</li> <li>git configglobal pull.rebase true</li> <li>git configglobal ff no</li> <li>git config ff no</li> <li>git config remote.origin.prune true</li> <li>git configglobal fetch.prune true</li> <li>git configglobal user.name <username></username></li> <li>git configglobal user.email <e-mail></e-mail></li> <li>git configsystem user.name <project></project></li> <li>git configget user.name</li> <li>git config</li> <li>git config</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Display git global config (create if none).</li> <li>Set the pull command as rebase globally.</li> <li>Disable fastforward merge for local repos.</li> <li>Disable fastforward merge in local repo.</li> <li>Set auto-prune with fetch &amp; pull.</li> <li>Set auto-prune w/ fetch for local repos.</li> </ol>

Basic	Command	Description
		<ul> <li>7. Set author to commits for local repos.</li> <li>8. Set email to commits for local repos.</li> <li>9. Set author for all git users.</li> <li>10. Get author/email from global/system.</li> <li>11. List all variables set in config. file.</li> <li>12. Edit config files from global/system</li> </ul>
5. checkout	<ol> <li>git checkout <branch></branch></li> <li>git checkout -b <feature></feature></li> <li>git checkout -b <branch></branch></li> <li><origin branch=""></origin></li> <li>git checkout <file></file></li> <li>git checkout -</li> <li>git checkout <branch>~n <file></file></branch></li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Switch to branch in working tree.</li> <li>Create and switch to feature (or any) branch.</li> <li>Clone remote branch and switch.</li> <li>Discard changes in file to match current branch.</li> <li>Switch to last checkout.</li> <li>Reverts local file in branch n commits (e.g. n=2).</li> </ol>
6. fetch	<ol> <li>git fetch <origin></origin></li> <li>git fetch <origin> <branch></branch></origin></li> <li>git fetchall</li> <li>git fetchdry-run</li> <li>git fetchappend</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Fetch all.</li> <li>Fetch branch.</li> <li>Fetch all branches in repo.</li> <li>Show output but without fetching.</li> </ol>

Basic	Command	Description
	6. git fetchdepth= <depth> 7. git fetch -f 8. git fetchprune</depth>	<ul> <li>5. Fetch without overwriting <ul><li>(.git/FETCH_HEAD).</li></ul></li> <li>6. Limit fetching to n depth commits (e.g. n=3).</li> <li>7. Fetch even if it's not descendant of remote branch.</li> <li>8. Remove unexistant remote-tracking branches.</li> </ul>
7.merge	<pre>1. git merge <branch> 2. git merge <branch> <target_branch> 3. git mergeno-ff <branch> 4. git mergecontinue 5. git mergeallow-unrelated-histories 6. git merge -base [-a] <commit_id></commit_id></branch></target_branch></branch></branch></pre>	<ol> <li>Fast-forward         merge branch with         HEAD (linear).</li> <li>Fast-forward         merge branch to         tip of target.</li> <li>Maintain commit         history, may not         fast-fwd.</li> <li>Conclude         conflicting merge.</li> <li>Merge indep.         projects by         overriding safeties.</li> <li>Find ancestor on n         commits for a 3-         way merge.</li> <li>3-way merge 2         branch HEADs.</li> <li>3-way merge &gt;1         common ancestors         for tree.</li> <li>Merges more than         2 branch HEADs.</li> </ol>

Basic	Command	Description
		<ul> <li>10. Merges multiple branches tip in HEAD.</li> <li>11. Reflect B tree structure as subtree of A.</li> </ul>
8. rebase	1. git rebase <base/> 2. git rebase -i <base/> 3. git rebasecontinue 4. git rebaseabort 5. git rebase -i HEAD~n 6. git rebaseonto <newbase> 7. git rebaseallow-empty 8. git rebaseedit-todo 9. git rebasestat 10. git rebase -p 11. git rebase <branch> -s <strategy> 12. git rebase <branch> -s <recursive> -X <option></option></recursive></branch></strategy></branch></newbase>	<ol> <li>Rebase branch into base.</li> <li>Rebase branch interactively on base.</li> <li>Continue rebase after resolving merge conflict.</li> <li>Abort &amp; return HEAD to original position.</li> <li>Interactive rebase of last n commits.</li> <li>Rebase branch into base other than upstream.</li> <li>Allow empty msg commits to be created.</li> <li>Edit the list of commits to be rebased.</li> <li>Show diffstat of what changed upstream.</li> <li>Recreate commits instead of flattening.</li> <li>Use the given merge strategy.</li> </ol>

Basic	Command	Description
		12. Use <b>recursive merge</b> with a valid <b>option</b> .
9. pull	<pre>1. git pull 2. git pull <url> 3. git pull <origin></origin></url></pre>	<ol> <li>Fetch &amp; merge remote-tracking with local.</li> <li>Clone, fetch &amp; merge remote's URL with local.</li> <li>Fetch &amp; merge remote branch with local.</li> <li>Fetch &amp; rebase branch without a merge commit.</li> <li>Pull &amp; commit even for fast-forwards (linear).</li> <li>Same strategies and options as for merge last 5.</li> </ol>
10. add	1. git add -A 2. git add . 3. git add <file> 4. git add -n <file> 5. git addv 6. git add -force 7. git add -p 8. git add -i 9. git add -e</file></file>	<ol> <li>Add all changes in files to stage.</li> <li>Add changes without deletions for stage.</li> <li>Add file to stage.</li> <li>Show if file is unexistant.</li> <li>Ignore indexing errors for git add.</li> <li>Allows to add ignored files.</li> </ol>

Basic	Command	Description
		<ul> <li>7. Patch hunks interactively from index to tree<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>8. Patch changes interactively from index to tree.</li> <li>9. Interactive patch mode vs diff editor.</li> </ul>
11. commit	1. git commit -m <msg> 2. git commitdate= <date> 3. commit -i <msg> 4. git commitdry-run 5. git commit -v 6. git commitamend 7. git commit -s</msg></date></msg>	<ol> <li>Overwrite commit msg.</li> <li>Override author's date in commit.</li> <li>Commit changes &amp; unstaged content.</li> <li>List only commited, uncommited &amp; untracked paths.</li> <li>Show differences between HEAD and commit.</li> <li>Modify the most recent commit msg.</li> <li>Add author signature at the end of commit msg.</li> </ol>
12.push	<ol> <li>git push</li> <li>git push -u <origin> <branch></branch></origin></li> <li>git pushall</li> <li>git push <origin>delete <branch></branch></origin></li> <li>git pushforce</li> <li>git pushforce-with-lease</li> <li>git pushprune <origin *="" heads="" refs=""></origin></li> <li>git pushmirror</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Push commits.</li> <li>Push commits and set as upstream.</li> <li>Push all commits.</li> <li>Delete remotetracking branch.</li> <li>Push commits and destroy all unmerged changes.</li> <li>Push and destroy personal unmerged</li> </ol>

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		changes. 7. Remove remote without local counterpart. 8. Overwrite remote with local branches.
13.pull request	1. git request-pull <branch> <url> <feature></feature></url></branch>	<ol> <li>Pull request for changes between tag and feature.</li> </ol>
14. branch	<ol> <li>git branch</li> <li>git branch -r</li> <li>git branch -a</li> <li>git branch <branch></branch></li> <li>git branch -d <branch></branch></li> <li>git branch -D <branch></branch></li> <li>git branch -f <branch> <feature></feature></branch></li> <li>git branchshow-current</li> <li>git branchset-upstream-to</li> <li>git branch / grep -v <branch(es)> / xargs git branch -D</branch(es)></li> </ol>	<ol> <li>See local branches.</li> <li>See remote branches.</li> <li>See local and remote branches.</li> <li>Create branch and name it.</li> <li>Delete unmerged branch.</li> <li>Delete merged &amp; unmerged branches.</li> <li>Rewrite local branch with feature branch.</li> <li>Show current branch in local.</li> <li>Make an existing git branch track a remote.</li> <li>Delete all branches excepting selected.</li> </ol>
15. diff	<ol> <li>git diff</li> <li>git diffstaged</li> <li>git diff HEAD</li> </ol>	1. <b>Check</b> for <b>differences</b> in <b>local</b> & <b>remote-tracking</b> .

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	<pre>4. git diffcolor-words 5. git diff  </pre>	<ol> <li>Check for differences in local &amp; staged changes.</li> <li>Check for differences in work dir. &amp; last commit.</li> <li>Highlight changes with color granularity.</li> <li>Check for differences in a file between two branches.</li> <li>Check for differences in a file between two commits.</li> <li>Show insertions &amp; deletions in staged and local.</li> <li>Compare files in the working tree<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>Compare stash n with branch.</li> </ol>
16. log	<ol> <li>git log -n</li> <li>git logoneline</li> <li>git log -pfollow <file></file></li> <li>git logonelinedecorate</li> <li>git logstats</li> <li>git shortlog</li> <li>git logpretty=format:"%cn committed %h on %cd"</li> <li>git logafter= <yyyy-m-d>before= <yyyy-m-d></yyyy-m-d></yyyy-m-d></li> <li>git logauthor= <username></username></li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Display logs from last 1,2,n commits.</li> <li>Show IDs from commits.</li> <li>Show commits on a file.</li> <li>Display commits ~ branches.</li> <li>Show insertions &amp; deletions.</li> <li>Display commits first coding line by</li> </ol>

Basic	Command	Description
		author. 7. Customized log (show author, hash & date). 8. Search for commits in range. 9. Search for commits by author.
17. revert	<pre>1. git revert <commit_id> 2. git revert <commit_id>no-edit 3. git revert -n <commit_id> 4. git revert -n <head>~n 5. git revert -n <head>~n <head>~m</head></head></head></commit_id></commit_id></commit_id></pre>	<ol> <li>Invert commit &amp; commit undone changes.</li> <li>Reverts without a new commit msg.</li> <li>Invert changes &amp; stage only.</li> <li>Revert n commits.</li> <li>Revert from n→m commits [n,m].</li> </ol>
18. reset	<pre>1. git reset <file> 2. git resetmixed <head>~n 3. git resetmixed <commit-id> 4. git resethard <head>~n 5. git resetsoft <head>~n 6. git resetp</head></head></commit-id></head></file></pre>	<ol> <li>Untrack file.</li> <li>Unmerge &amp; uncommit but don't unstage (default).</li> <li>Mixed with commit hash (default).</li> <li>Undo all n changes.</li> <li>Hard reset but able to recover changes with git commit.</li> <li>Patch interactively (git add -p inverse).</li> </ol>
19. stash	<ol> <li>git stash</li> <li>git stash push -m <msg></msg></li> <li>git stash list</li> <li>git stash liststat</li> </ol>	1. Saves work dir. from local & hard reset.

Basic	Command	Description
	5. git stash apply 6. git stash pop -n 7. git stash drop -n	<ol> <li>Saves work dir.         from local with         msg &amp; hard reset.</li> <li>List stashed         changes as an         index [n]</li> <li>Show summary of         changes in stash list</li> <li>Recover stash[0]         from work dir.</li> <li>Recover stash n &amp;         delete it from stash         list.</li> <li>Delete stash n         from stash list.</li> </ol>
20. status	<ol> <li>git status</li> <li>git status -s</li> <li>git status -b</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>List (un)staged,         (un)tracked         changes (work         dir.,stage &amp; modif.).</li> <li>Status in short         format.</li> <li>Status on a branch.</li> </ol>
21. touch	1. git touch <name.ext></name.ext>	1. <b>Create file</b> with <b>extension</b> (e.g test.txt).
22. switch	<pre>1. git switch <branch> 2. git switch -c <branch> 3. git switch -c <branch> <commit_id></commit_id></branch></branch></branch></pre>	<ol> <li>Switch to branch.</li> <li>Create a new branch and switch.</li> <li>Grow branch from commit.</li> </ol>
23. cd	1. cd ~/ <home> 2. cd ~/ <home> / <dir.> 3. cd ~/ <home> / <dir.> / <subdir.></subdir.></dir.></home></dir.></home></home>	<ol> <li>Change dir. to         home (e.g         ~/Desktop)</li> <li>Change dir. to a         folder in home.</li> </ol>

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		3. <b>Change dir.</b> to n <b>sub-folders</b> in home.
24. ls	1. ls 2. ls -la	<ol> <li>List subfolders in dir.</li> <li>List subfolders in dir with hidden files.</li> </ol>
25. rm	1. git rm <file> 2. rm <file></file></file>	<ul><li>1. Remove file from git tracking &amp; local.</li><li>2. Remove file from local only.</li></ul>
26. mv	<pre>1. git mv <file.ext> <new-filename.ext> 2. git mv <file.ext></file.ext></new-filename.ext></file.ext></pre>	<ol> <li>Rename file with the same extension.</li> <li>Move file from dir.1 to subdir. (inside dir.1)</li> </ol>
27. mkdir	<pre>1. mkdir ~/ <home> / <dir.> / <subdir.>/<new_dir.></new_dir.></subdir.></dir.></home></pre>	1. Create dir. in path.
28. remote	<ol> <li>git remote</li> <li>git remote -v</li> <li>git remote rename <old-name> <new-name></new-name></old-name></li> <li>git remote add <url></url></li> </ol>	<ol> <li>List remote         branches.</li> <li>List remote         branches with URL.</li> <li>Rename remote.</li> <li>Connection with         repo with URL.</li> </ol>
29. gitk	1. gitk 2. gitk HEADFETCH_HEAD	<ol> <li>Show Git GUI for commits.</li> <li>Show Git GUI for all users since last push.</li> </ol>

## **Installation Required:**

Basic	Command	Description
30. grip	<pre>1. gripexport 2. gripexport <file-name> .ipynb</file-name></pre>	<ol> <li>Export README.md to         README.html.</li> <li>Export file.ipynb to         file.html.</li> <li>Export file.ext to file.ext2</li> </ol>

!pip install grip

**Note**: Branches should be called by their names even if they weren't specified (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 1s-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 fastimport.
  - 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 <br/>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 Is-files ~ Show information about files in the index and the working tree.
   e.g: git 1s-files -u to show unmerged files.
- git Is-remote ~ List references in a remote repository.
   e.g: git 1s-remote <[URL]/refs> to display references in a remote repository URL associated with commits IDs.
- git Is-tree ~ List the contents of a tree object.
   e.g: git 1s-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 Is-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.q: 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 reduntant 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 stripspace** ~ Remove unnecessary whitespace.
  - **e.g:** git stripspace--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.

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- git upload-pack ~ Send objects packed back to git-upload-pack on the other end.

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- git var ~ Show a Git logical variable.
   e.g: git var -1 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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