

Creating Snapshots

Initializing a repository git init

Staging files

```
git add file1.js           # Stages a single file
git add file1.js file2.js  # Stages multiple files
git add *.js               # Stages with a pattern
git add .                  # Stages current directory and all its content
```

Viewing the status

```
git status                 # Full status
git status -s              # Short status
```

Committing the staged files

```
git commit -m "Message"    # Commits with a one-line message
git commit                  # Opens default editor to type a long message
```

Skipping the staging area

```
git commit -am "Message"
```

Removing files

```
git rm file1.js            # Removes from working dir and staging area
git rm --cached file1.js   # Removes from staging area only
```

Renaming or moving files

```
git mv file1.js file1.txt
```

Viewing the staged/unstaged changes

```
git diff                   # Shows unstaged changes
git diff --staged          # Shows staged changes
git diff --cached          # Same as the above
```

Viewing the history

```
git log                    # Full history
git log --oneline          # Summary
git log --reverse          # Lists the commits from the oldest to the newest
```

Viewing a commit

```
git show 921a2ff           # Shows the given commit
git show HEAD              # Shows the last commit
git show HEAD~2            # Two steps before the last commit
git show HEAD:file.js      # Show version of file.js stored in last commit
```

Unstaging files (undoing git add)

```
git restore --staged file.js # Copy last version of file.js from repo
```

Discarding local changes

```
git restore file.js        # Copies file.js from index to working dir
git restore file1.js file2.js # Restores multiple files in working dir
git restore .              # Discards all local changes (except untracked)
git clean -fd              # Removes all untracked files
```

Restoring an earlier version of a file

```
git restore --source=HEAD~2 file.js
```

Viewing the history

```
git log --stat             # Shows the list of modified files
git log --patch            # Shows the actual changes (patches)
```

Filtering the history

```
git log -3                 # Shows the last 3 entries
git log --author="Mosh"
git log --before="2020-08-17"
git log --after="one week ago"
git log --grep="GUI"       # Commits with "GUI" in their message
git log -S"GUI"            # Commits with "GUI" in their patches
git log hash1..hash2       # Range of commits
git log file.txt           # Commits that touched file.txt
```

Formatting the log output

```
git log --pretty=format:"%an committed %H"
```

Creating an alias

```
git config --global alias.lg "log --oneline"
```

Viewing a commit

```
git show HEAD~2
git show HEAD~2:file1.txt # Shows the version of file stored in this commit
```

Comparing commits

```
git diff HEAD~2 HEAD      # Shows the changes between two commits
git diff HEAD~2 HEAD file.txt # Changes to file.txt only
```

Checking out a commit

```
git checkout dad47ed      # Checks out the given commit
git checkout master
```

Finding a bad commit

```
git bisect start           # Checks out the master branch
git bisect bad             # Marks the current commit as a bad commit
git bisect good ca49180    # Marks the given commit as a good commit
git bisect reset           # Terminates the bisect session
```

Finding contributors

```
git shortlog
```

Viewing the history of a file

```
git log file.txt           # Shows the commits that touched file.txt
git log --stat file.txt    # Shows statistics for file.txt
git log --patch file.txt   # Shows the patches applied to file.txt
```

Finding the author of lines

```
git blame file.txt         # Shows the author of each line in file.txt
```

Tagging

```
git tag v1.0               # Tags the last commit as v1.0
git tag v1.0 5e7a828       # Tags an earlier commit
git tag                    # Lists all the tags
git tag -d v1.0            # Deletes the given tag
```

Managing branches

```
git branch bugfix          # Creates a new branch called bugfix
git checkout bugfix        # Switches to the bugfix branch
git switch bugfix          # Same as the above
git switch -C bugfix       # Creates and switches
git branch -d bugfix       # Deletes the bugfix branch
```

Comparing branches

```
git log master..bugfix     # Lists commits in bugfix branch not in master
git diff master..bugfix    # Shows the summary of changes
```

Stashing

```
git stash push -m "New tax rules" # Creates a new stash
git stash list                    # Lists all the stashes
git stash show stash@{1}         # Shows the given stash
git stash show                   # shortcut for stash@{1}
git stash apply 1                 # Applies the given stash to the working dir
git stash drop 1                 # Deletes the given stash
git stash clear                  # Deletes all the stashes
```

Merging

```
git merge bugfix            # Merges bugfix branch into current branch
git merge --no-ff bugfix    # Creates merge commit even if FF is possible
git merge --squash bugfix   # Performs a squash merge
git merge --abort           # Aborts the merge
```

Viewing the merged branches

```
git branch --merged         # Shows the merged branches
git branch --no-merged      # Shows the unmerged branches
```

Rebasing

```
git rebase master           # Changes the base of the current branch
```

Cherry picking

```
git cherry-pick dad47ed     # Applies the given commit on current branch
```

Cloning a repository

```
git clone url
```

Syncing with remotes

```
git fetch origin master    # Fetches master from origin
git fetch origin            # Fetches all objects from origin
git fetch                  # Shortcut for "git fetch origin"
git pull                   # Fetch + merge
git push origin master     # Pushes master to origin
git push                   # Shortcut for "git push origin master"
```

Sharing branches

```
git branch -r              # Shows remote tracking branches
git branch -vv             # Shows local & remote tracking branches
git push -u origin bugfix  # Pushes bugfix to origin
git push -d origin bugfix  # Removes bugfix from origin
```

Sharing tags

```
git push origin v1.0       # Pushes tag v1.0 to origin
git push origin --delete v1.0
```

Managing remotes

git remote # Shows remote repos
git remote add upstream url # Adds a new remote called upstream
git remote rm upstream # Remotes upstream

Undoing commits

git reset --soft HEAD^ # Removes the last commit, keeps staged
git reset --mixed HEAD^ # Unstages the changes as well
git reset --hard HEAD^ # Discards local changes

Reverting commits

git revert 72856ea # Reverts the given commit
git revert HEAD~3.. # Reverts the last three commits
git revert --no-commit HEAD~3..

Recovering lost commits

git reflog # Shows the history of HEAD
git reflog show bugfix # Shows the history of bugfix pointer

Amending the last commit

git commit --amend

Interactive rebasing

git rebase -i HEAD~5

SETUP

Configuring user information used across all local repositories

git config --global user.name "[firstname lastname]"
set a name that is identifiable for credit when review version history

git config --global user.email "[valid-email]"
set an email address that will be associated with each history marker

git config --global color.ui auto
set automatic command line coloring for Git for easy reviewing

SETUP & INIT

Configuring user information, initializing and cloning repositories

git init
initialize an existing directory as a Git repository

git clone [url]
retrieve an entire repository from a hosted location via URL

STAGE & SNAPSHOT

Working with snapshots and the Git staging area

git status
show modified files in working directory, staged for your next commit

git add [file]
add a file as it looks now to your next commit (stage)

git reset [file]
unstage a file while retaining the changes in working directory

git diff
diff of what is changed but not staged

git diff --staged
diff of what is staged but not yet committed

git commit -m "[descriptive message]"
commit your staged content as a new commit snapshot

BRANCH & MERGE

Isolating work in branches, changing context, and integrating changes

git branch
list your branches. a * will appear next to the currently active branch

git branch [branch-name]
create a new branch at the current commit

git checkout
switch to another branch and check it out into your working directory

git merge [branch]
merge the specified branch's history into the current one

git log
show all commits in the current branch's history

INSPECT & COMPARE

Examining logs, diffs and object information

git log
show the commit history for the currently active branch

git log branchB..branchA
show the commits on branchA that are not on branchB

git log --follow [file]
show the commits that changed file, even across renames

git diff branchB...branchA
show the diff of what is in branchA that is not in branchB

git show [SHA]
show any object in Git in human-readable format

TRACKING PATH CHANGES

Versioning file removes and path changes history

git rm [file]
delete the file from project and stage the removal for commit

git mv [existing-path] [new-path]
change an existing file path and stage the move

git log --stat -M
show all commit logs with indication of any paths that moved

IGNORING PATTERNS

Preventing unintentional staging or committing of files

logs/ *.notes pattern*/
Save a file with desired patterns as .gitignore with either direct string matches or wildcard globs.

git config --global core.excludesfile [file]
system wide ignore pattern for all local repositories

SHARE & UPDATE

Retrieving updates from another repository and updating local repos

git remote add [alias] [url]
add a git URL as an alias

git fetch [alias]
fetch down all the branches from that Git remote

git merge [alias]/[branch]
merge a remote branch into your current branch to bring it up to date

git push [alias] [branch]
Transmit local branch commits to the remote repository branch

git pull
fetch and merge any commits from the tracking remote branch

REWRITE HISTORY

Rewriting branches, updating commits and clearing

git rebase [branch]
apply any commits of current branch ahead of specified one

git reset --hard [commit]
clear staging area, rewrite working tree from specified commit

TEMPORARY COMMITS

Temporarily store modified, tracked files in order to change branches

git stash
Save modified and staged changes

git stash list
list stack-order of stashed file changes

git stash pop
write working from top of stash stack

git stash drop
discard the changes from top of stash stack