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, 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.

Additional Options +

GIT CONFIG

`git config --global user.name <name>`	Define the author name to be used for all commits by the current user.
`git config --global user.email <email>`	Define the author email to be used for all commits by the current user.
`git config --global alias. <alias-name> <git-command>`	Create shortcut for a Git command. E.g. `alias.glog "log --graph --oneline"` will set `"git glog"` equivalent to `"git log --graph --oneline.`
`git config --system core.editor <editor>`	Set text editor used by commands for all users on the machine. `<editor>` arg should be the command that launches the desired editor (e.g., vi).
`git config --global --edit`	Open the global configuration file in a text editor for manual editing.

GIT LOG

`git log -<limit>`	Limit number of commits by `<limit>`. E.g. `"git log -5"` will limit to 5 commits.
`git log --oneline`	Condense each commit to a single line.
`git log -p`	Display the full diff of each commit.
`git log --stat`	Include which files were altered and the relative number of lines that were added or deleted from each of them.
`git log --author= "<pattern>"`	Search for commits by a particular author.
`git log --grep="<pattern>"`	Search for commits with a commit message that matches `<pattern>`.
`git log <since>..<until>`	Show commits that occur between `<since>` and `<until>`. Args can be a commit ID, branch name, `HEAD`, or any other kind of revision reference.
`git log -- <file>`	Only display commits that have the specified file.
`git log --graph --decorate`	`--graph` flag draws a text based graph of commits on left side of commit msgs. `--decorate` adds names of branches or tags of commits shown.

GIT DIFF

`git diff HEAD`	Show difference between working directory and last commit.
`git diff --cached`	Show difference between staged changes and last commit

GIT RESET

`git reset`	Reset staging area to match most recent commit, but leave the working directory unchanged.
`git reset --hard`	Reset staging area and working directory to match most recent commit and **overwrites all changes** in the working directory.
`git reset <commit>`	Move the current branch tip backward to `<commit>`, reset the staging area to match, but leave the working directory alone.
`git reset --hard <commit>`	Same as previous, but resets both the staging area & working directory to match. **Deletes** uncommitted changes, and **all commits after** `<commit>`.

GIT REBASE

`git rebase -i <base>`	Interactively rebase current branch onto `<base>`. Launches editor to enter commands for how each commit will be transferred to the new base.

GIT PULL

`git pull --rebase <remote>`	Fetch the remote's copy of current branch and rebases it into the local copy. Uses git rebase instead of merge to integrate the branches.

GIT PUSH

`git push <remote> --force`	Forces the `git push` even if it results in a non-fast-forward merge. Do not use the `--force` flag unless you're absolutely sure you know what you're doing.
`git push <remote> --all`	Push all of your local branches to the specified remote.
`git push <remote> --tags`	Tags aren't automatically pushed when you push a branch or use the `--all` flag. The `--tags` flag sends all of your local tags to the remote repo.

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01 Git configuration

```
$ git config --global user.name “Your Name”
```

Set the name that will be attached to your commits and tags.

```
$ git config --global user.email “you@example.com”
```

Set the e-mail address that will be attached to your commits and tags.

```
$ git config --global color.ui auto
```

Enable some colorization of Git output.

02 Starting A Project

```
$ git init [project name]
```

Create a new local repository. If **[project name]** is provided, Git will create a new directory name **[project name]** and will initialize a repository inside it. If **[project name]** is not provided, then a new repository is initialized in the current directory.

```
$ git clone [project url]
```

Downloads a project with the entire history from the remote repository.

03 Day-To-Day Work

```
$ git status
```

Displays the status of your working directory. Options include new, staged, and modified files. It will retrieve branch name, current commit identifier, and changes pending commit.

```
$ git add [file]
```

Add a file to the **staging** area. Use in place of the full file path to add all changed files from the **current directory** down into the **directory tree**.

```
$ git diff [file]
```

Show changes between **working directory** and **staging area**.

```
$ git diff --staged [file]
```

Shows any changes between the **staging area** and the **repository**.

```
$ git checkout -- [file]
```

Discard changes in **working directory**. This operation is **unrecoverable**.

```
$ git reset [file]
```

Revert your **repository** to a previous known working state.

```
$ git commit
```

Create a new **commit** from changes added to the **staging area**.
The **commit** must have a message!

```
$ git rm [file]
```

Remove file from **working directory** and **staging area**.

```
$ git stash
```

Put current changes in your **working directory** into **stash** for later use.

```
$ git stash pop
```

Apply stored **stash** content into **working directory**, and clear **stash**.

```
$ git stash drop
```

Delete a specific **stash** from all your previous **stashes**.

04 Git branching model

```
$ git branch [-a]
```

List all local branches in repository. With **-a**: show all branches (with remote).

```
$ git branch [branch_name]
```

Create new branch, referencing the current **HEAD**.

```
$ git checkout [-b][branch_name]
```

Switch **working directory** to the specified branch. With **-b**: Git will create the specified branch if it does not exist.

```
$ git merge [from name]
```

Join specified **[from name]** branch into your current branch (the one you are on currently).

```
$ git branch -d [name]
```

Remove selected branch, if it is already merged into any other.
-D instead of **-d** forces deletion.

05 Review your work

```
$ git log [-n count]
```

List commit history of current branch. **-n count** limits list to last **n** commits.

```
$ git log --oneline --graph --decorate
```

An overview with reference labels and history graph. One commit per line.

```
$ git log ref..
```

List commits that are present on the current branch and not merged into **ref**. A **ref** can be a branch name or a tag name.

```
$ git log ..ref
```

List commit that are present on **ref** and not merged into current branch.

```
$ git reflog
```

List operations (e.g. checkouts or commits) made on local repository.

06 Tagging known commits

```
$ git tag
```

List all tags.

```
$ git tag [name] [commit sha]
```

Create a tag reference named **name** for current commit. Add **commit sha** to tag a specific commit instead of current one.

```
$ git tag -a [name] [commit sha]
```

Create a tag object named **name** for current commit.

```
$ git tag -d [name]
```

Remove a tag from local repository.

07 Reverting changes

```
$ git reset [--hard] [target reference]
```

Switches the current branch to the **target reference**, leaving a difference as an uncommitted change. When **--hard** is used, all changes are discarded.

```
$ git revert [commit sha]
```

Create a new commit, reverting changes from the specified commit. It generates an **inversion** of changes.

08 Synchronizing repositories

```
$ git fetch [remote]
```

Fetch changes from the **remote**, but not update tracking branches.

```
$ git fetch --prune [remote]
```

Delete remote Refs that were removed from the **remote** repository.

```
$ git pull [remote]
```

Fetch changes from the **remote** and merge current branch with its upstream.

```
$ git push [--tags] [remote]
```

Push local changes to the **remote**. Use **--tags** to push tags.

```
$ git push -u [remote] [branch]
```

Push local branch to **remote** repository. Set its copy as an upstream.

Commit	an object
Branch	a reference to a commit; can have a **tracked upstream**
Tag	a reference (standard) or an object (annotated)
Head	a place where your **working directory** is now

A Git installation

For GNU/Linux distributions, Git should be available in the standard system repository. For example, in Debian/Ubuntu please type in the **terminal**:

```
$ sudo apt-get install git
```

If you need to install Git from source, you can get it from git-scm.com/downloads.

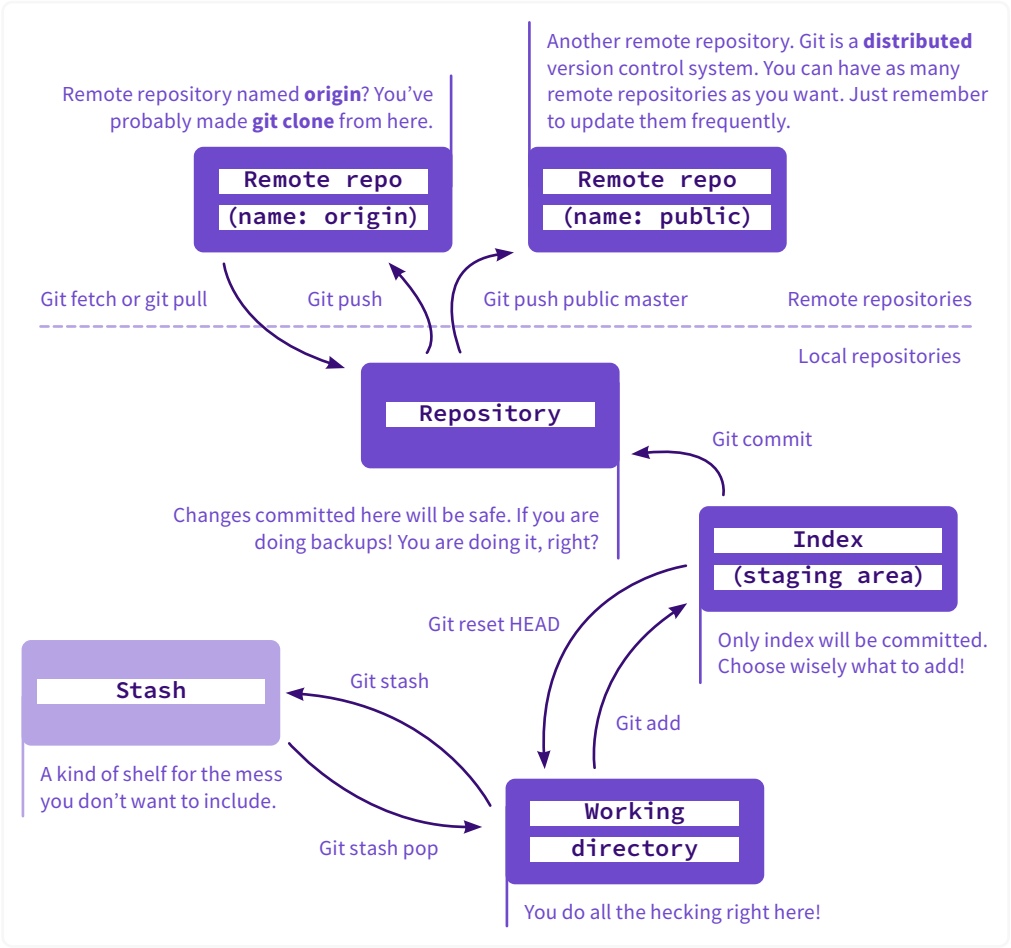
An excellent Git course can be found in the great **Pro Git** book by Scott Chacon and Ben Straub. The book is available online for free at git-scm.com/book.

B Ignoring Files

```
$ cat .gitignore
/logs/*
!logs/.gitkeep
/tmp
*.swp
```

Verify the .gitignore file exists in your project and ignore certain type of files, such as all files in **logs** directory (excluding the **.gitkeep** file), whole **tmp** directory and all files ***.swp**. File ignoring will work for the directory (and children directories) where **.gitignore** file is placed.

D The zoo of working areas



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