

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF **Git**



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- Branching is a key feature of Git that enables developers to work on different features, fixes or experiments simultaneously without interfering with each other's work.
- Creating a new branch means creating a copy of the current codebase, which can then be modified and tested without affecting the main (or "master") branch.
- Git's branching system is lightweight and flexible, making it easy to create and switch between branches, merge changes between branches, and collaborate with others.
- Branches can be used for various purposes, such as developing new features, fixing bugs, testing changes, experimenting with new ideas, and isolating changes that are not yet ready for production.
- When work on a branch is complete, it can be merged back into the main branch or other branches, with the changes being tracked and managed by Git.
- Git allows developers to visualize and manage branches using various tools, such as Git GUIs, command-line interfaces, and web-based interfaces like GitHub, GitLab, and Bitbucket.
- Branching in Git enables developers to work more efficiently, reduce conflicts and errors, and maintain

a clear history of their code changes over time.

- To use branching effectively in Git, developers should follow best practices such as creating descriptive branch names, keeping branches short-lived, reviewing and testing changes before merging, and communicating changes to other team members.

- Branching is an essential feature of Git that provides several benefits to developers and teams working on a codebase. Here are some reasons why developers use branching in Git:
 - **Isolate Changes:** Branching allows developers to isolate changes to a specific feature, bug fix, or experiment, without affecting the main codebase or other branches. This enables developers to work on different parts of the codebase simultaneously, without interfering with each other's work.
 - **Collaborate:** Branching allows multiple developers to work on the same codebase and collaborate on changes without disrupting each other's work. Branches can be used to manage different versions of the codebase, making it easy to merge changes and track the history of code changes.
 - **Test Changes:** Branching enables developers to test changes to the codebase without affecting the main branch or production environment. This allows developers to experiment with new features, fix bugs, and test changes in a safe and isolated environment.
 - **Rollback Changes:** Branching allows developers to revert changes to a previous version of the codebase if something goes wrong. This makes it easy to recover from mistakes and maintain the

stability and integrity of the codebase.

- **Release Management:** Branching can be used to manage releases of the codebase, allowing developers to create release branches and manage bug fixes and feature enhancements for specific versions of the codebase.

In Git, there are several types of branches that developers can use to manage their codebase. Here are the most common types of branches:

- Local
- Remote
- Tracking

- **Local Branches:**

- Local branches exist only on a developer's local machine.
- They are used to isolate changes and work on different features, bug fixes, or experiments without affecting the main codebase.
- Local branches are easy to create and manage in Git, making it simple for developers to switch between branches, create new branches, and merge changes.

- **Remote Branches:**

- Remote branches exist on a remote repository, such as GitHub, GitLab, or Bitbucket.
- They are used to collaborate with other developers and share changes to the codebase.
- Remote branches can be created from a local branch and pushed to a remote repository, where other developers can access and work on them.
- Remote branches can also be fetched from a remote repository to a local repository, allowing developers to view changes made by other developers and merge them into their local branches.

- **Tracking Branches:**

- Tracking branches are local branches that track changes to a remote branch. These keep a local copy of a remote branch up-to-date with changes made by other developers.
- Tracking are created automatically when developer clones a repository/checks out a remote branch.
- They can be used to push changes to a remote branch, merge changes from a remote branch, or pull changes from a remote branch.

- To create a new branch in Git, you can use the "git branch" command followed by the name of the new branch. Here is the syntax:

```
git branch [new-branch-name]
```

- For example, if you want to create a new branch named "feature-branch" in your local Git repository, you would run the following command:

```
git branch feature-branch
```

- This will create a new branch named "feature-branch" based on the current branch you are on. The new branch will not be checked out, so you can continue working on the current branch or switch to the new branch using the "git checkout" command:

```
git checkout feature-branch
```

- Alternatively, you can use the "git checkout -b" command to create a new branch and switch to it in one step. Here is the syntax:

```
git checkout -b [new-branch-name]
```

- Using the same example, to create and switch to the new "feature-branch" in one step, you would run the following command:

```
git checkout -b feature-branch
```

- This will create a new branch named "feature-branch" and switch to it, so you can start working on the new branch immediately.

- Using consistent and clear naming conventions for Git branches can help to keep your codebase organized and make it easier for other developers to understand what each branch is used for. Here are some common naming conventions for Git branches:
 - **Feature branches:** Feature branches are used to add new features or functionality to a codebase. A common naming convention for feature branches is to use the prefix "feature/" followed by a short description of the feature. For example, "feature/add-user-authentication".
 - **Bugfix branches:** Bugfix branches are used to fix bugs or issues in the codebase. A common naming convention for bugfix branches is to use the prefix "bugfix/" followed by a short description of the bug. For example, "bugfix/fix-login-redirect-issue".
 - **Release branches:** Release branches are used to prepare a codebase for release. A common naming convention for release branches is to use the prefix "release/" followed by the version number of the release. For example, "release/1.2.0".
 - **Hotfix branches:** Hotfix branches are used to fix critical issues in a codebase that require an

immediate release. A common naming convention for hotfix branches is to use the prefix "hotfix/" followed by a short description of the issue. For example, "hotfix/fix-security-vulnerability".

- **Experimental branches:** Experimental branches are used to test new ideas or approaches to the codebase. A common naming convention for experimental branches is to use the prefix "experiment/" followed by a short description of the experiment. For example, "experiment/try-new-design".
- By using clear and consistent naming conventions for Git branches, you can make it easier for yourself and other developers to understand the purpose of each branch and keep the codebase organized.

- In Git, you can create a branch from a specific commit or tag using the "git branch" command followed by the commit or tag ID. Here's how to do it:
- Creating a branch from a specific commit:
 - Identify the commit ID that you want to create a branch from by running the "git log" command.
 - Copy the commit ID.
 - Run the "git branch" command followed by the commit ID and the desired branch name. For example, to create a new branch named "feature-branch" based on the commit ID "abc123", run the following command:


```
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git log
commit 7650c4910fd52908cd41cbcb141f60a709e7ffee (HEAD -> master)
Author: siddhant <siddhant@ethans.co.in>
Date:   Wed May 3 13:46:20 2023 +0530

    Change #1 in Ethans.txt

commit 50a23e107106542c2da04a467a4c0e5e3d58e434
Author: siddhant <siddhant@ethans.co.in>
Date:   Wed May 3 10:15:46 2023 +0530

    Initial commit on master branch for Ethans Tech

C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git branch feature-branch 7650c4910fd52908cd41cbcb141f60a709e7ffee
```

- This will create a new branch named "feature-branch" based on the specific commit ID.
- Creating a branch from a specific tag:
 - Identify the tag ID that you want to create a branch from by running the "git tag" command.
 - Copy the tag ID.
 - Run the "git branch" command followed by the tag ID and the desired branch name. For example, to

create a new branch named "release-branch" based on the tag ID "v1.0.0", run the following command:

```
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git tag v1.0.0  
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git tag  
v1.0.0  
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git branch release-branch v1.0.0
```

NOTE: If you are trying to create a branch from a tag that was created in a remote repository, you may need to fetch the tags first using the "git fetch" command. For example, to fetch tags from the remote repository named "ethans", run the following command:

git fetch ethans --tags

When creating a branch from a specific commit or tag, Git creates a new branch that points to the specified commit or tag. This means that any changes made to the new branch will not affect the original branch or commit/tag.

Some of the best practices for creating branches in Git include:

- **Use clear and consistent naming conventions:** Use a naming convention that clearly identifies the purpose of the branch, such as prefixing the branch name with "feature/", "bugfix/", "hotfix/", or "release/". This will make it easier for you and other developers to understand the purpose of the branch.
- **Create branches from the latest code:** Always create branches from the latest version of the codebase to ensure that you are working with the most up-to-date code. This can help avoid conflicts and ensure that your changes are based on the latest version of the code.
- **Keep branch lifetimes short:** Avoid creating long-lived branches that are not merged or deleted for an extended period. Instead, create branches for specific features, fixes, or releases, and merge or delete them as soon as they are no longer needed.
- **Regularly merge changes:** Regularly merge changes from the main branch into your feature branches to keep them up to date. This can help to avoid conflicts and ensure that your changes integrate

smoothly with the latest version of the codebase.

- **Use descriptive commit messages:** Use descriptive commit messages that clearly explain the changes made in the commit. This can help you and other developers to understand the purpose of the commit and make it easier to identify relevant commits when merging branches.
- **Delete merged branches:** Once a branch has been merged into the main branch, delete it to avoid cluttering the repository with unnecessary branches. This can help to keep the repository organized and make it easier to navigate.

- To switch between branches in Git, you can use the "git checkout" command followed by the name of the branch you want to switch to. Here is the syntax:

```
git checkout <branch-name>
```

- For example, to switch to a branch named "feature/new-feature", run the following command:

```
git checkout feature/new-feature
```

- If the branch does not exist locally, Git will give an error message. In that case, you can use the "git fetch" command to retrieve the remote branch, followed by the "git checkout" command. Here is an example:

```
git fetch origin  
git checkout feature/new-feature
```

- This will fetch the latest changes from the remote repository and switch to the "feature/new-feature" branch.
- If you want to create a new branch and switch to it at the same time, you can use the "git checkout"

- command with the "-b" option followed by the name of the new branch. Here is the syntax:

```
git checkout -b <new-branch-name>
```

- For example, to create a new branch named "feature/awesome-feature" and switch to it, run the following command:

```
git checkout -b feature/awesome-feature
```

- This will create a new branch based on the current branch and switch to it.

- To check the current branch in Git, you can use the "git branch" command with the "--show-current" option. Here is the syntax:

cmd C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

```
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git branch --show-current  
master
```

- Alternatively, you can use the "git status" command to see the current status of the repository, including the name of the current branch. Here is the syntax:

```
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git status  
On branch master  
Untracked files:  
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)  
    .gitignore  
    Django_text_to_html/  
    LoginSignup/  
    ethans_django/  
  
nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
```

- To merge branches in Git, you can use the "git merge" command followed by the name of the branch you want to merge into the current branch. Here is the syntax:

```
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git branch
feature-branch
* master
release-branch

C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git merge feature-branch
Already up to date.
```

- This will merge the changes made in the "feature-branch" branch into the current branch i.e master. If there are any conflicts between the two branches, Git will prompt you to resolve them manually.
- Alternatively, you can also use the "git merge" command with the "--no-ff" option to create a merge commit even if the merge can be fast-forwarded. This can help to preserve the history of the merged branches. Here is the syntax:

```
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git merge --no-ff feature-branch  
Already up to date.
```

- This will create a new merge commit that merges the changes from the "feature-branch" branch into the current branch, even if the merge could be fast-forwarded.
- By using the "git merge" command, you can combine changes from different branches into a single branch, allowing you to integrate new features or bug fixes into your codebase.

In Git, there are two ways to merge branches: fast-forward merge and merge commit.

- **A fast-forward merge** occurs when the current branch can be updated with the changes made in the other branch without creating a new commit. This happens when the other branch is ahead of the current branch and there are no new changes in the current branch. The current branch simply moves forward to match the other branch.
- **A merge commit** is created when there are new changes in the current branch and the other branch cannot be fast-forwarded. In this case, Git creates a new commit that combines the changes from both branches. This commit has two or more parent commits, one for each branch that was merged.
- There are some differences between these two types of merges:
 - Fast-forward merges create a linear history with no branching. This can make it easier to track changes over time, but it can also make it harder to understand the different branches and changes that were made.

- Merge commits create a more complex history with branching. This can make it easier to understand the different branches and changes, but it can also make the history harder to read and navigate.
- Fast-forward merges are faster and cleaner than merge commits because they don't create an extra commit. However, they may not be possible if the other branch has changes that conflict with the current branch.
- Merge commits are necessary if you want to preserve the history of both branches. They allow you to see the changes made in each branch and how they were combined.
- In general, fast-forward merges are preferred when possible because they are simpler and cleaner. However, if you need to preserve the history of both branches, or if a fast-forward merge is not possible, then a merge commit is the way to go.

- When you merge two branches in Git, conflicts can arise if changes have been made to the same part of a file in both branches. Git will notify you of the conflict and prompt you to resolve it manually. Here are the steps to resolve conflicts during a merge:
 - Before you start the merge, ensure that your working directory is clean and you have committed all your changes.
 - Run the merge command to merge the other branch into your current branch:

```
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git merge feature-branch  
Already up to date.
```

- If there are any conflicts, Git will display a message indicating which files have conflicts. You can use the "git status" command to see which files need to be resolved.
- Open each conflicted file in your text editor and look for the conflict markers. Conflict markers are special comments that indicate the sections of code that conflict with each other. They look like this:


```
<<<<<<< HEAD  
Your changes  
=====  
Their changes  
>>>>>>> other-branch
```

- Edit the file to resolve the conflict. You can either keep your changes, keep the other branch's changes, or merge the changes together.
- Once you have resolved the conflict, remove the conflict markers and save the file.
- Add the file to the staging area using the "git add" command.
- Once you have resolved all conflicts and added the files to the staging area, run the "git commit"

- command to create a new merge commit by running the git commit command.
- Enter a commit message describing the changes and save the commit.
- After you have committed the merge, you can push the changes to the remote repository using the "git push" command:

In Git, there are two main strategies for merging branches: rebase and merge. Both strategies accomplish the same goal of combining changes from one branch into another, but they do so in different ways.

- **Rebasing** involves moving the changes from one branch onto the tip of another branch, effectively replaying the changes on top of the other branch. This results in a linear history with no branching, as if the changes were made directly on the other branch. Here are the steps to perform a rebase:
 - Checkout the branch you want to rebase
 - Rebase the branch onto the target branch
 - Resolve any conflicts that arise during the rebase process.
 - Once the rebase is complete, merge the changes into the target branch

```
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git checkout feature-branch
Switched to branch 'feature-branch'

C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git rebase master
Current branch feature-branch is up to date.

C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git checkout master
Switched to branch 'master'

C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git merge feature-branch
Already up to date.
```

- **Merging** involves creating a new merge commit that combines the changes from both branches. This results in a branching history that shows both branches and the merge commit that combines them. Here are the steps to perform a merge:
 - Checkout the branch you want to merge into
 - Merge the other branch into the target branch

- Resolve any conflicts that arise during the merge process.
- Commit the merge changes.

```
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git checkout master
Already on 'master'

C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git merge feature-branch
Already up to date.

C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git commit
On branch master
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
    .gitignore
    Django_text_to_html/
    LoginSignup/
    ethans_django/

nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
```

- The choice between rebasing and merging depends on the specific situation and the desired outcome. Here are some factors to consider:
- Rebase is best suited for small, short-lived feature branches where a linear history is desired. It can make it easier to track changes over time and avoid merge conflicts.
- Merge is best suited for larger, long-lived feature branches or branches with significant changes that cannot be easily replayed. It preserves the branching history and shows how the different branches were combined.
- Rebase can be risky if multiple people are working on the same branch because it rewrites the commit history. It's important to communicate and coordinate with other team members when using rebase.
- Merge is a safer option for collaborative work because it preserves the commit history and ensures that everyone's changes are included in the merge commit.

- In Git, you can delete both local and remote branches.
- Local branches are branches that exist on your local machine. To delete a local branch, you can use the following command:

```
git branch -d <branch-name>
```

- Here, replace <branch-name> with the name of the local branch that you want to delete. This will delete the branch from your local repository.
- Remote branches are branches that exist on a remote repository, such as on GitHub. To delete a remote branch, you can use the following command:

```
git push <remote-name> --delete <branch-name>
```

- Here, replace <remote-name> with the name of the remote repository (e.g. origin) and <branch-name> with the name of the remote branch that you want to delete. This will delete the branch from the remote repository.
- Note that deleting a remote branch will not affect any local copies of the branch that you may have. To

- remove a local copy of a deleted remote branch, use the following command:

```
git fetch --prune
```

- This will remove any local copies of deleted remote branches.
- It's important to be cautious when deleting branches, especially remote branches that may be shared with other team members. Make sure you communicate with your team and coordinate before deleting any branches.

- Here are some best practices for deleting branches in Git:
 - **Delete branches that are no longer needed:** Keeping old branches around can make your repository cluttered and harder to navigate. It's a good practice to delete branches that have been merged or are no longer needed.
 - **Coordinate with your team:** If you're working with a team, make sure to communicate before deleting branches. You don't want to accidentally delete a branch that someone else is still working on.
 - **Double-check before deleting:** Before deleting a branch, make sure you've checked it for any important changes that haven't been merged yet. Once a branch is deleted, it's gone for good.
 - **Use descriptive branch names:** Using descriptive branch names can make it easier to identify branches that can be deleted. For example, if you have a branch called "feature/new-login-page", you can easily tell that it's related to a specific feature and can be deleted once the feature is completed.

- **Keep a clean Git history:** Deleting branches can help keep your Git history clean and make it easier to find important information. By deleting branches that are no longer needed, you can keep your repository organized and reduce clutter.
- Remember, deleting branches in Git is a permanent action that cannot be undone. Make sure you're deleting the right branches and coordinating with your team before proceeding.

In Git, it is possible to recover deleted branches in some cases. Here are a few methods:

- **Use the Git reflog:** The Git reflog is a log of all the changes to the repository, including branch deletions. You can use the following command to see the reflog:

```
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git reflog
7650c49 (HEAD -> master, tag: v1.0.0, feature-branch) HEAD@{0}: checkout: moving from master to master
7650c49 (HEAD -> master, tag: v1.0.0, feature-branch) HEAD@{1}: checkout: moving from feature-branch to master
7650c49 (HEAD -> master, tag: v1.0.0, feature-branch) HEAD@{2}: checkout: moving from master to feature-branch
7650c49 (HEAD -> master, tag: v1.0.0, feature-branch) HEAD@{3}: checkout: moving from feature-branch to master
7650c49 (HEAD -> master, tag: v1.0.0, feature-branch) HEAD@{4}: checkout: moving from master to feature-branch
7650c49 (HEAD -> master, tag: v1.0.0, feature-branch) HEAD@{5}: reset: moving to 7650c4910fd52908cd41cbcb141f60a709e7ffee
7650c49 (HEAD -> master, tag: v1.0.0, feature-branch) HEAD@{6}: commit: Change #1 in Ethans.txt
50a23e1 HEAD@{7}: commit (initial): Initial commit on master branch for Ethans Tech
```

- **Look for the entry** where the branch was deleted, and you should see the commit hash of the last commit on the branch before it was deleted. You can then use the commit hash to create a new branch with the same name:

```
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git checkout -b
release-branch 7650c4910fd52908cd41cbcb141f60a709e7ffee
Switched to a new branch 'release-branch'
```

This will create a new branch with the same name as the deleted branch and the same commit history.

- **Check the remote repository:** If the deleted branch was a remote branch, it may still exist on the remote repository. You can use the following command to fetch the latest changes from the remote repository:

```
git checkout -b <branch-name> <commit-hash>
```

- In case of our earlier deleted release-branch, the command changes to:

```
C:\Users\siddhant\Desktop\Project recordings>git checkout -b  
release-branch 7650c4910fd52908cd41cbcb141f60a709e7ffee  
Switched to a new branch 'release-branch'
```

- If the deleted branch was a remote branch, it may still exist on the remote repository. You can use the following command to fetch the latest changes from the remote repository:
- This will update your local repository with any changes on the remote repository, including any deleted branches. You can then check out the deleted branch again:

```
git fetch
```

```
git checkout <branch-name>
```


- If the deleted branch still exists on the remote repository, previous command will check it out as a new local branch.
- **Use a Git recovery tool:** There are third-party tools available that can help recover deleted Git branches. These tools scan the Git repository for deleted data and can often recover deleted branches. However, they may be more difficult to use than the other methods and may not always be successful.

NOTE: These methods may not always work, especially if the branch was deleted a long time ago or if the repository has been heavily modified since the branch was deleted. It's always a good practice to keep backups of your Git repository to prevent data loss.

Q1. What is branching in Git?

A1. Branching is a way to create divergent paths of development within a Git repository. It allows multiple developers to work on different features or bug fixes simultaneously.

Q2. Why is branching important in Git?

A2. Branching helps teams to work collaboratively without interfering with each other's work. It also provides a way to experiment with new features or fixes without affecting the main branch of the code.

Q3. What are the types of branches in Git?

A3. There are three types of branches in Git: local branches, remote branches, and tracking branches. Local branches are created and managed on your local machine, remote branches are located on the server, and tracking branches are local branches that track remote branches.

Q4. How do I create a branch in Git?

A4. To create a new branch, you can use the command "git branch <branch-name>". This will create a new branch with the specified name. Alternatively, you can use the "git checkout -b <branch-name>" command to create a new branch and switch to it in one step.

Q5. How do I switch between branches in Git?

A5. To switch between branches, you can use the command "git checkout <branch-name>". This will switch your working directory to the specified branch. You can also create a new branch and switch to it in one step using the "git checkout -b <branch-name>" command.

Q6. What is a merge conflict in Git?

A6. A merge conflict occurs when Git is unable to automatically merge two branches due to changes in the same file or code block. Git will alert you to the conflict, and you will need to manually resolve it before merging the two branches.

Q7. How do I resolve a merge conflict in Git?

A7. To resolve a merge conflict, you will need to manually edit the conflicted files and resolve the differences. Once the conflicts are resolved, you can use the "git add" command to stage the changes and then commit the changes using "git commit".

Q8. How do I delete a branch in Git?

A8. To delete a local branch, you can use the command "git branch -d <branch-name>". To delete a remote branch, you can use the command "git push origin --delete <branch-name>".

1. What is branching in Git?

- A) A way to create divergent paths of development within a Git repository
- B) A way to combine two different Git repositories into one
- C) A way to clone a Git repository to your local machine
- D) A way to delete a Git repository from the server

1. What are the three types of branches in Git?

- A) Main, feature, bugfix
- B) Local, remote, tracking
- C) Master, develop, release
- D) Stable, testing, development

1. How do you create a new branch in Git?

- A) git commit
- B) git merge
- C) git branch
- D) git checkout

4. How do you switch to a different branch in Git?

- A) git commit
- B) git merge
- C) git branch
- D) git checkout

5. What is a merge conflict in Git?

- A) When two branches have different names
- B) When two branches have the same code
- C) When Git is unable to automatically merge two branches
- D) When two developers are working on the same branch

6. How do you resolve a merge conflict in Git?

- A) Use the "git merge" command to automatically resolve the conflict
- B) Use the "git rebase" command to automatically resolve the conflict
- C) Manually edit the conflicted files to resolve the differences
- D) Delete one of the branches to avoid the conflict

7. How do you delete a local branch in Git?

- A) git remove <branch-name>
- B) git delete <branch-name>
- C) **git branch -d <branch-name>**
- D) git push origin --delete <branch-name>

8. How do you delete a remote branch in Git?

- A) git remove <branch-name>
- B) git delete <branch-name>
- C) git branch -d <branch-name>
- D) **git push origin --delete <branch-name>**

9. What is a fast-forward merge in Git?

- A) A merge that creates a new commit
- B) **A merge that combines two branches with no divergent commits**
- C) A merge that combines two branches with divergent commits
- D) A merge that can only be done using the "git merge --ff-only" command

10. What is a tracking branch in Git?

- A) A local branch that tracks a remote branch
- B) A remote branch that tracks a local branch
- C) A branch that is used to track changes to a repository
- D) A branch that is used to create new branches