GITHUB CHEAT SHEET

SETUP A REPOSITORY

git init [project-name]

Creates a new local repository with the specified name



git clone [url]

Downloads a project and its entire version history

TYPICAL FLOW

You setup your repository. Now what?

git branch [branch-name]

Creates a new branch



git checkout [branch-name]

Switches to the specified branch and updates working directory



git add [file]

Snapshots the file in preparation for versioning



git commit -m "[descriptive message]"

Records file snapshots permanently in version history

git push [remote] [branch]

Uploads all local branch commits to GitHub



Create a pull request.

Discuss the code.

Merge it in.

SPECIAL CASES

git pull

Downloads bookmark history and incorporates changes

git status

Lists all new or modified files to be committed

git reset [file]

Unstages the file, but preserves its contents

Use when you want to see the

status of the repository.

Used when you need to import

project updates.

Unstages your file. It won't be committed.

git merge [branch-name]

Combines the specified branch's history into the current branch.

Ready to merge into the main branch?

Be sure to checkout the main branch first. Then use this command to merge in the feature branch