What is there in .git?

Remove the file fruits.c using the command **rm fruits.c**We do not have any files in this dir. Now we will check the output of few git commands in this empty dir.

git status will give the status of the files if they are being tracked by git or not.

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$
fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ git status
On branch master
No commits yet
nothing to commit (create/copy files and use "git add" to track)
fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$

git branch will give the list of local branches

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ git branch fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$

git log will give the list of commits made on the current branch

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ git log
fatal: your current branch 'master' does not have any commits yet
fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$

git diff will give the difference between the local workspace and the staging area

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ git diff fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$

git show will give the details of the latest/specified commit

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ git show fatal: your current branch 'master' does not have any commits yet fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$

We will learn more about them. For time being, we need to understand how to issue the git commands and what parameters to pass.

Now let us focus on creating revisions using git.

A developer (dev_fruits) has created a file fruits.c with one line 'Apple'.

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ vi fruits.c fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ cat fruits.c Apple fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$

Since git is initialized in this directory, git starts to track this file.

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ git status
On branch master
No commits yet

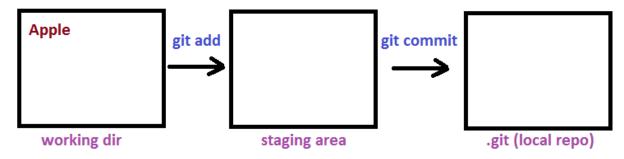
Untracked files:

(use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed) fruits.c

nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track) fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$

git status says that the file fruits.c is under 'Untracked' files. So any changes made to this file will not get tracked until we add the file to git.

Snap shot of the file fruits.c in 3 different versions



Let us add this file to staging area using git add. Staging area is nothing but index file in .git



- 1. In working area we have all our files/directories (items in the racks).
- 2. Whichever file we want to track can be placed in staging area (cart).
 - If we do not want to track any of those files in staging area or if we would like modify the file which is already in the staging area, we can always reset it and put it back in the working area. This is something like selecting and deselecting the items in the cart before going to the bill counter.
- 3. Local repo is like bill counter. Once we do a commit, it is like paying the bill. All the commits will be in .git and the history or order of these commits cannot be changed later.

With this understanding, let us go ahead and add the file to staging area.



fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ git add fruits.c

fms@git practice:~/dev fruits\$

fms@git practice:~/dev fruits\$ git status

On branch master

No commits yet

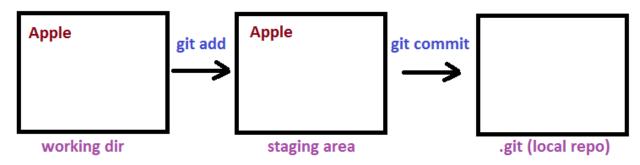
Changes to be committed:

(use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)

new file: fruits.c

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$

Snap shot of the file fruits.c in 3 different versions



Now we will move the file to local repo by using git commit. Git commit expects a commit message. First line of the commit should be in one line explaining why the commit is being made (what bug you are fixing). It can be followed by a paragraph to explain in detail.

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ git commit -m "created a file fruits.c"

*** Please tell me who you are.

Run

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git config --global user.email "you@example.com" git config --global user.name "Your Name"
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to set your account's default identity.

Omit --global to set the identity only in this repository.

fatal: unable to auto-detect email address (got 'fms@git_practice.(none)') fms@git practice:~/dev fruits\$

git is unable to identify who is committing the changes. So configure your name and email using below 2 commands before doing your first commit.

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fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits$ git config --global user.email "dev_fruits@FRUITS.com" fms@git practice:~/dev fruits$
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fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ git config --global <u>user.name</u> "Dev-Fruits"
fms@git practice:~/dev fruits\$

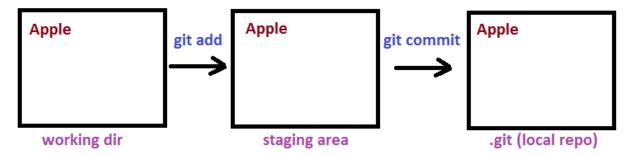
Now try to commit the changes as below with a commit text.

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ git commit -m "created a file fruits.c" [master (root-commit) 36c5a24] created a file fruits.c

1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
create mode 100644 fruits.c
fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$

This is how it looks.

Snap shot of the file fruits.c in 3 different versions



Ok. Check git log for the commit we made just now.

fms@qit practice:~/dev fruits\$ qit loq

commit 36c5a24d35f6103fb391139008161f938bcefbaf (HEAD -> master)

Author: Dev-Fruits <dev fruits@FRUITS.com>

Date: Mon Nov 5 17:33:09 2018 +0530

created a file fruits.c

fms@git practice:~/dev fruits\$

commit number is too long right. It is called sha number which is unique for every commit. It makes use of SHA1 algorithm to generate this unique number.

It also shows the author of this commit along with the time stamp. With this we can identify who changed what.

Since the file that is modified/created is committed, git status should be clean.

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ git status

On branch master

nothing to commit, working tree clean

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$

Now after making this commit, we will see if .git is tracking these revisions.

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ cd .git fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits/.git\$

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total 52

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drwxr-xr-x 8 fms fms 4096 Nov 5 17:33.
drwxr-xr-x 3 fms fms 4096 Nov 5 17:30 ...
drwxr-xr-x 2 fms fms 4096 Nov 5 17:29 branches
-rw-r--r-- 1 fms fms 24 Nov 5 17:33 COMMIT EDITMSG
-rw-r--r-- 1 fms fms 92 Nov 5 17:29 config
-rw-r--r-- 1 fms fms 73 Nov 5 17:29 description
-rw-r--r-- 1 fms fms 23 Nov 5 17:29 HEAD
drwxr-xr-x 2 fms fms 4096 Nov 5 17:29 hooks
-rw-r--r-- 1 fms fms 137 Nov 5 17:31 index
drwxr-xr-x 2 fms fms 4096 Nov 5 17:29 info
drwxr-xr-x 3 fms fms 4096 Nov 5 17:33 logs
drwxr-xr-x 7 fms fms 4096 Nov 5 17:33 objects
drwxr-xr-x 4 fms fms 4096 Nov 5 17:29 refs
fms@git practice:~/dev fruits/.git$
/* commit message is displayed here */
fms@git practice:~/dev fruits/.git$ cat COMMIT EDITMSG
created a file fruits.c
/* config details */
fms@git practice:~/dev fruits/.git$
fms@git practice:~/dev fruits/.git$ cat config
[core]
  repositoryformatversion = 0
  filemode = true
  bare = false
  logallrefupdates = true
fms@git practice:~/dev fruits/.git$
/* description of the project */
fms@git practice:~/dev fruits/.git$ cat description
Unnamed repository; edit this file 'description' to name the repository.
fms@git practice:~/dev fruits/.git$
/* current branch info */
fms@git practice:~/dev fruits/.git$ cat HEAD
ref: refs/heads/master
fms@git practice:~/dev fruits/.git$
/* index that stores the last commit */
fms@git practice:~/dev fruits/.git$ cat index
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fms@git practice:~/dev fruits/.git\$

/* list of branches and the info related to each branch */

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits/.git\$ cd branches/

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits/.git/branches\$

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits/.git/branches\$ Is

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits/.git/branches\$

/* log info */

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits/.git/branches\$ cd ../logs

fms@git practice:~/dev fruits/.git/logs\$

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits/.git/logs\$ Is

HEAD refs

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits/.git/logs\$ cat HEAD

36c5a24d35f6103fb391139008161f938bcefbaf Dev-Fruits

<dev_fruits@FRUITS.com> 1541419389 +0530 commit (initial): created

a file fruits.c

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits/.git/logs\$

Notice that this number stored in HEAD is same as the commit number we got in git log

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$ git log

commit 36c5a24d35f6103fb391139008161f938bcefbaf (HEAD -> master)

Author: Dev-Fruits <dev fruits@FRUITS.com>

Date: Mon Nov 5 17:33:09 2018 +0530

created a file fruits.c

fms@git_practice:~/dev_fruits\$

So with this evidence, we are now sure that git tracks every git operation we perform on the files in this directory (where we initialized git). Entire history of the files is stored in .git. We can now push our first commit to github.

