



Git For DevOps Study Material



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Introduction to DevOps



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1.1) What is Devops?

- Devops is not a new tool/Technology in the market.
- It is a new culture or process to develop, release and maintain software products/projects/applications with high quality in very faster way.
- We can achieve this in devops by using several automation tools.
- For any software development, release and maintenance, there are two groups of engineers will work in the company.
 - 1) Development Group
 - 2) Non-Development Group or Operations Group or Administrators Group.

Again this classification can be divided into small sets of groups.

1) Development Group:

The people who are involving

- 1) planning
- 2) coding
- 3) build
- 4) Testing

are considered as Development Group.



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Eg:

Business Analyst(BA)
System Analyst(SA)
Design Architech(DA)
Developers/coders
Build Engineer
Test Engineers/QA

2) Operations Group:

The people who are involving

- 1) Release
- 2) Deploy
- 3) Operate
- 4) Monitor

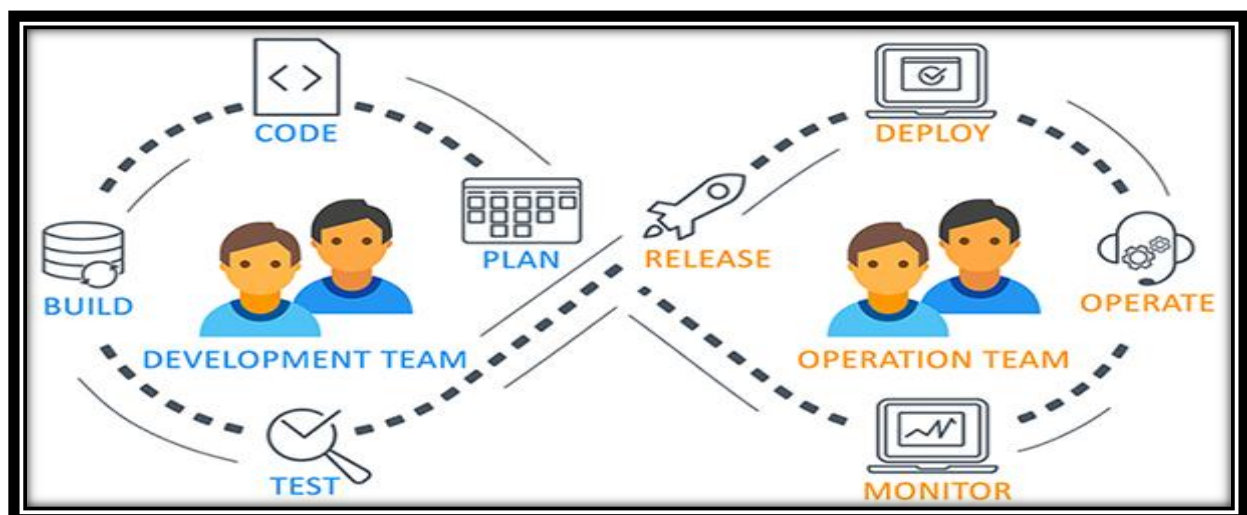
are considered as Operations Group.

Eg:

Release Engineers
Configuration Engineer
System Admin
Database Admin
Network Admin
etc

Devops is combination of development and operations.

The main objective of devops is to implement collaboration between development and operations teams.





To understand this new Devops culture, we have to aware already existing SDLC Models.

SDLC → Software Development Life Cycle

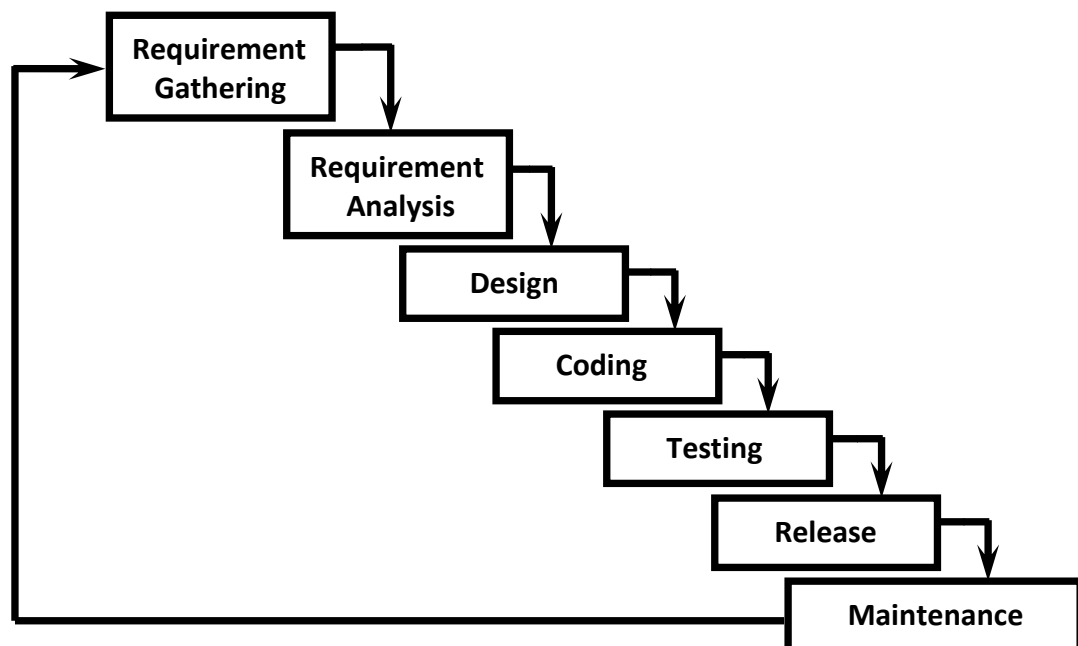
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- 6) Big-Bang Model

- 7) Fish Model
- 8) V Model
- 9) Agile Model

- 10) Devops Culture

1.2) Water Fall Model:

- It is the oldest SDLC Model.
- It is also known as Linear sequential Model.
- In this model, each phase must be completed before the next phase can begin and there is no overlapping of phases. i.e all phases will be performed one by one just like flowing of water fall downwards.





Advantages:

- 1) It is very simple and easy to implement.
- 2) Phases won't be overlapped and hence there is no ambiguity.
- 3) All phases will be executed one by one which gives high visibility to the project managers and clients about the progress of the project.
- 4) Best suitable if the requirements are fixed.
- 5) Best suitable for small projects.

Disadvantages:

- 1) It is very rigid model b'z it won't accept requirement changes in the middle.
- 2) Client satisfaction is very low because most of the times client will add new requirements in the middle, which won't be supported.
- 3) Total project development time is more because testing should be done after complementing development only.
- 4) The cost of bug fixing is very high because we cannot identify bugs in the early stages of life cycle.
- 5) Not suitable if the requirements keep on changing.
- 6) Not suitable for large projects.

1.3) Agile Model:

This is the most frequently used and hot cake model for software development.

Agile Model is divided into several sub models

- 1) Rational Unify Process (RUP)
 - 2) Adaptive Software Development (ASD)
 - 3) Feature Driven Development (FDD)
 - 4) Crystal Clear
 - 5) Dynamic Software Development Method (DSDM)
 - 6) Extreme Programming (XP)
 - 7) Scrum
- etc

Among all these models Scrum model is the most popular and frequently used model. Scrum is derived from Rugby Game.



- It is light weight process.
- It is an iterative /incremental model and it accepts changes very easily.
- It is people based model but not plan based model.
- Team Collaboration and Continuous feedback are strengths of this model.

1.4) Water fall vs Scrum:

- 1) In water fall model ,before starting next phase,the previous phase should be completed. It is very rigid model and won't accept requirement changes in the middle.
- 2) But scrum model is not linear sequential model. It is iterative model. Total software will be developed increment by increment and each increment is called a sprint. Sprint is a deliverable/shippable product in scrum model.

Points to Remember:

- 1) Scrum is an agile model that allows us focus on delivering highest quality software in shortest time.
- 2) In this model software development follows increment by increment
- 3) Each increment will take one to 3 weeks duration.
- 4) 7 to 9 members are responsible in every sprint.

The art of doing the twice work in half time is nothing but scrum model → Juff sutherland

Advantages of Scrum Model:

- 1) There is maximum chance for quality
- 2) It ensures effective use of time and money
- 3) Requirement changes will be accepted so that maximum chance for client satisfaction
- 4) There is a possibility for the client involvement in every stage.



- 5) Project status Tracking is very easy
- 6) Team gets complete visibility through scrum meetings.

Limitations:

- 1) The chances of project failure is very high if individuals are not committed or cooperative
- 2) Adapting scrum model for large teams is very big challenge
- 3) Must required experienced and efficient team members
- 4) If any team member leaves in the middle of project, it can have a huge negative impact on the project.

1.5) Devops vs Agile Models:

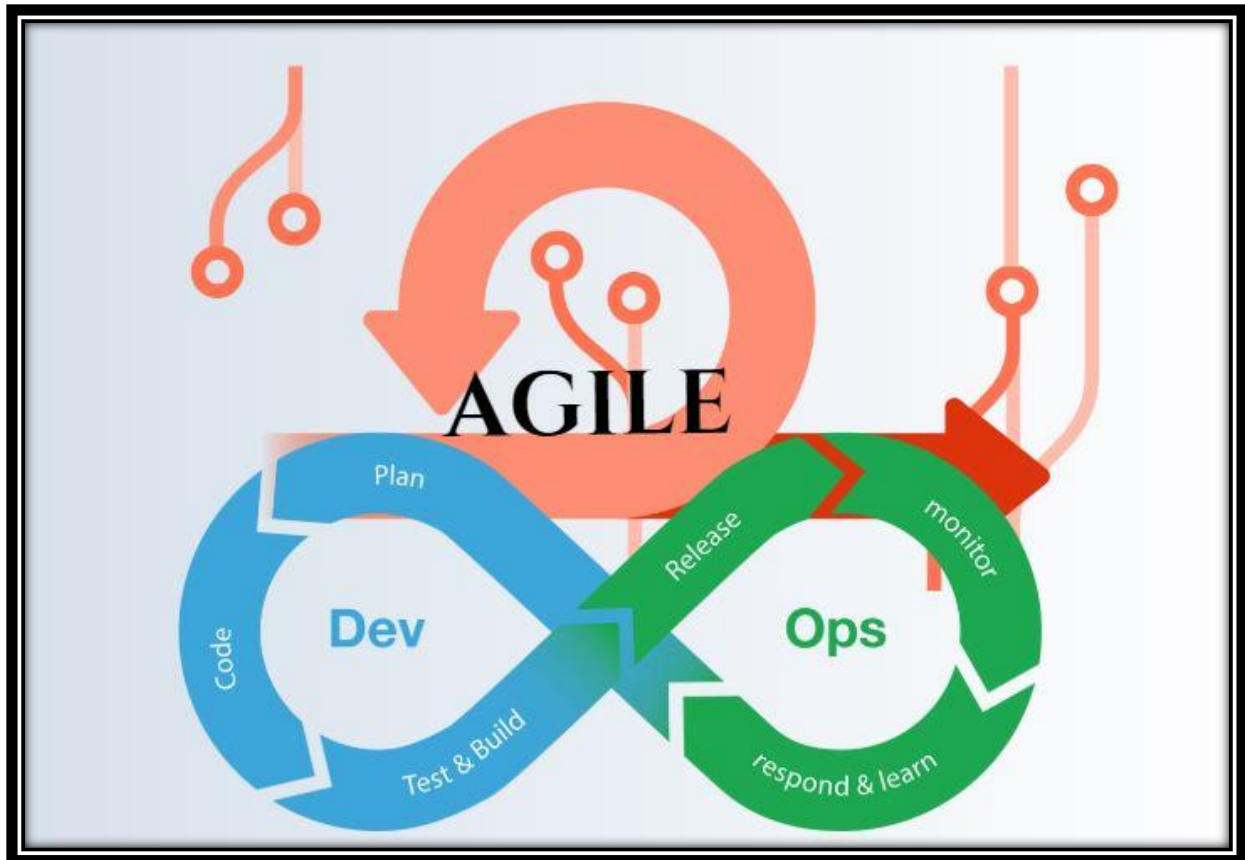
Devops and Agile, both are not same.

Similarities:

- 1) Both are software development methodologies. Agile is there in the market for the last 20 years, but devops is recent methodology.
- 2) Both models concentrating on rapid development of software project.

Differences:

- 1) The differences between these models will start after development of the project. Agile methodology always talks about software development, testing and deployment. Once deployment is completed, agile methodology has no role. But DevOps model will continue after deployment also and it is also responsible for operations and monitoring.
- 2) In Agile Model, separate people are responsible for developing, testing, and deploying the software. But, in DevOps, the DevOps engineer is responsible for everything; development to operations, and operations to development.
- 3) Agile model won't force us to use automation tools. But devops model is completely based on automation.
- 4) Agile model always giving highest priority for speed, whereas DevOps giving priority for both speed and automation.
- 5) In Agile, client is responsible to give the feedback for the sprint. But in DevOps, immediate feedback is available from the monitoring tools.



What is Devops?

Devops is not a new Tool/Technology in the market.

It is a new culture or process to develop, release and maintain software products/projects/applications with high quality in very faster way with automation tools.

Devops is combination of development and operations.

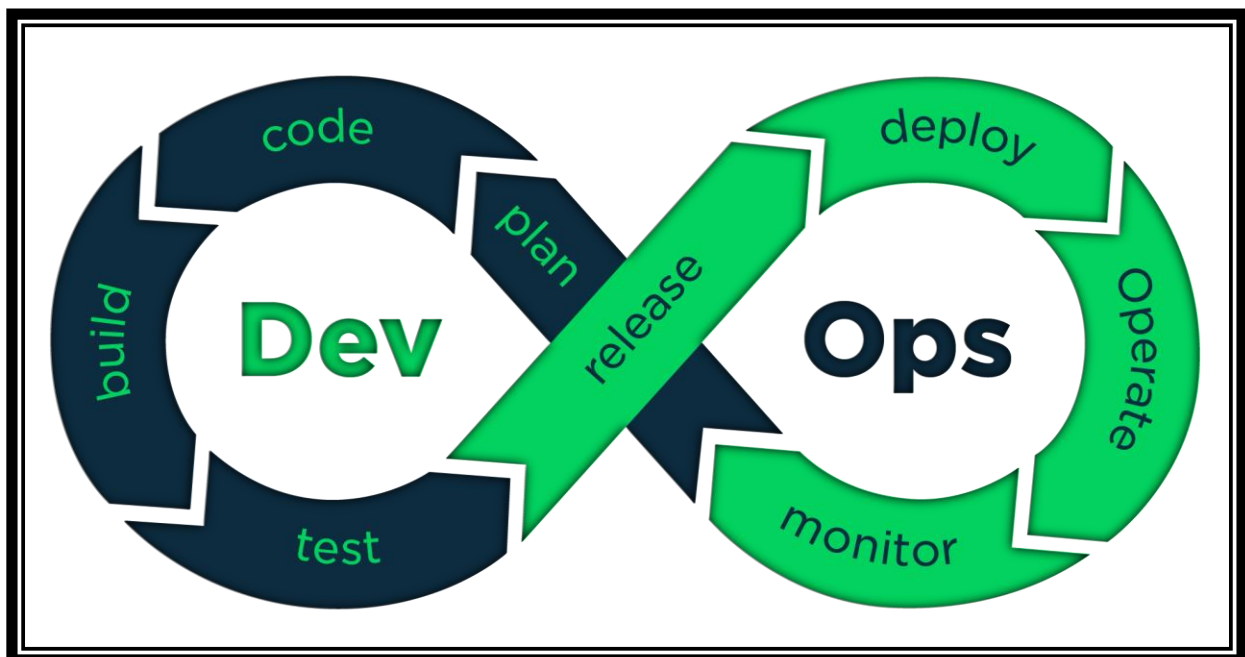
The main objective of devops is to implement collaboration between development and operations teams.

It is the process of continuous development, continuous build, continuous test, continuous release of the software with high quality in very faster way with automation tools.



1.6) Top Important points about DevOps:

- 1) Devops is not a new Tool/Technology in the market.
- 2) It is a new culture or process to develop, release and maintain software products.
- 3) DevOps is combination of Development and Operations.
- 4) The main objective of devops is to implement collaboration between development and operations teams.
- 5) The beauty of DevOps is everything is automated and we can use several automation tools for development and operations.
- 6) Devops Engineer is All Rounder. He should aware everything. Hence his role is considered as Devops Generalist.
- 7) Devops is not Agile model and it is more than that because it covers both Development and operations, where as Agile covers only Development but not operations.
- 8) Devops Cycle is an Infinite Loop where everything is continuous.





TOPIC – 2

Introduction to Version Control System



Topic-2: Introduction to Version Control System

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 - 2.5.2) Distributed Version Control Systems

Version Control System is also known as Software Configuration Management (SCM) OR Source Code Management (SCM) System.

2.1) Need of Version Control System?

Being a developer we have to write several files which contains source code.

Developer → Write Code → Files

Client gave requirement to Durga to develop a project

client project

- |--100 files developed
- | - client suggested some changes
- | - I changed some files source code to meet client requirement
- | - I gave the demo and client suggested some more changes
- | - I changed some files source code to meet client requirement
- | - I gave demo 3rd time
- | - Client asked for first version only
- | - My Face with big ????

We should not overwrite our code.

Every version we have to maintain.

- 1) Maintaining multiple versions manually is very complex activity.
- 2) Dev-A and Dev-B working on the code. At last we have to merge the code developed by both developers and we have to deliver to the client. If both developers developed a file named with Util.java, then one copy will overwrite with another copy, which creates abnormal behaviour. We should not overwrite our code.



- 2) Every change should be tracked like
 who did the change
 when he did the change
 which changes he did etc
 and all changes should be maintained.
- 3) Overwriting of the code should not be happen.
- 4) Developers have to share their code to peer developers, so that multiple developers will work in collaborative way.
- 5) Parallel development must be required

2.2) How Version Control System will work?

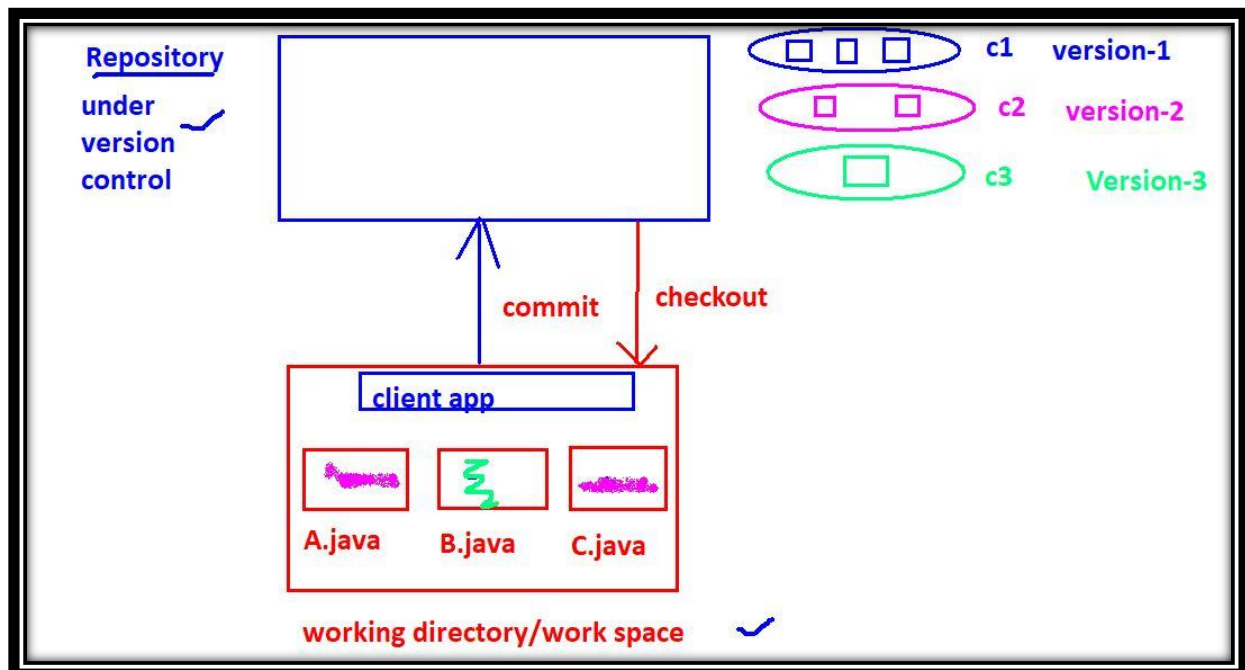
Version control system always talks about files which contain source code.
Everyone required version control system to maintain different versions of their document.

tester → To maintain different versions of test script

Architect → To maintain different versions of Documents

Project Manager → To maintain different versions of Excel sheets

etc





2.3) The Basic Terminology of Version Control System:

Working Directory:

Where developers are required to create/modify files.

Here version control is not applicable. Here we won't use the work like version-1, version-2 etc

Repository:

Where we have to store files and metadata.

Here version control is applicable.

Here we can talk about versions like version-1, version-2 etc

Commit:

The process of sending files from working directory to the repository.

Checkout:

The process of sending files from repository to working directory.

2.4) Benefits of Version Control System:

- 1) We can maintain different versions and we can choose any version based on client requirement.
- 2) With every version/commit we can maintain metadata like
 - commit message
 - who did changes
 - when he did the change
 - what changes he did
- 3) Developers can share the code to the peer developers in very easy way.
- 4) Multiple developers can work in collaborative way
- 5) Parallel development.
- 6) We can provide access control like
 - who can read code
 - who can modify code

2.5) Types of Version Control Systems:

There are 2 types of VCSs

- 1) Centralized Version Control System
- 2) De Centralized/Distributed Version Control System

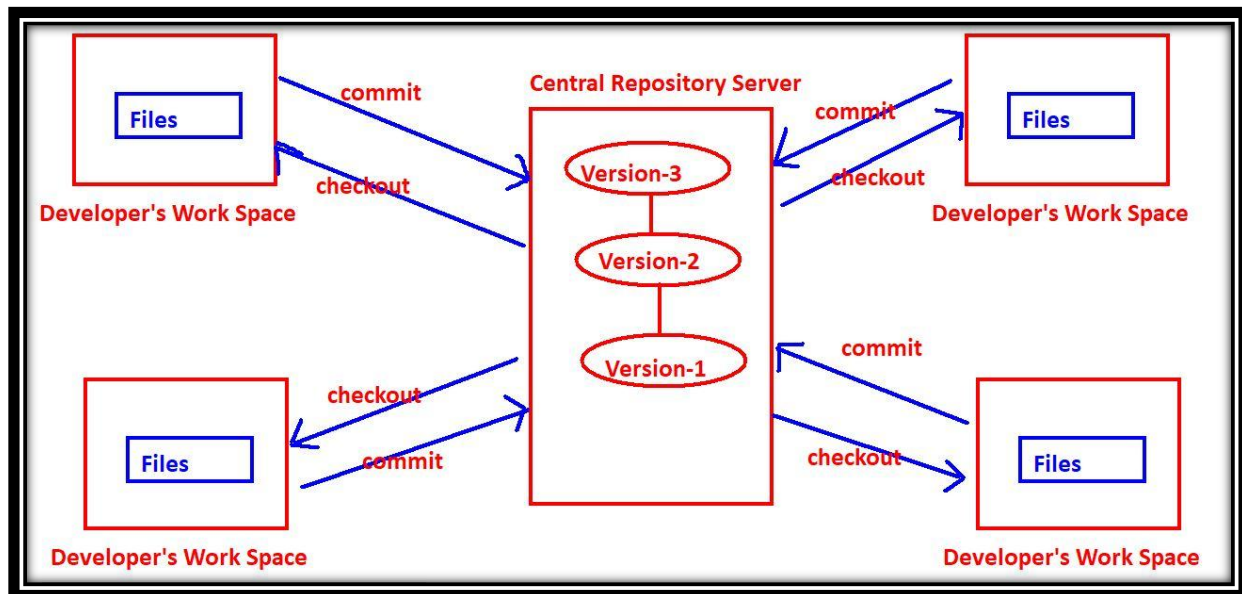


2.5.1) Centralized Version Control System:

The name itself indicates that, this type contains only one central repository and every developer should be connected to that repository.

The total project code will be stored in the central repository.

If 4 developers are there, still we have only one repository.



This type of VCS is very easy to setup and use.

Eg: CVS, SVN, Perforce, TFS, Clearcase etc

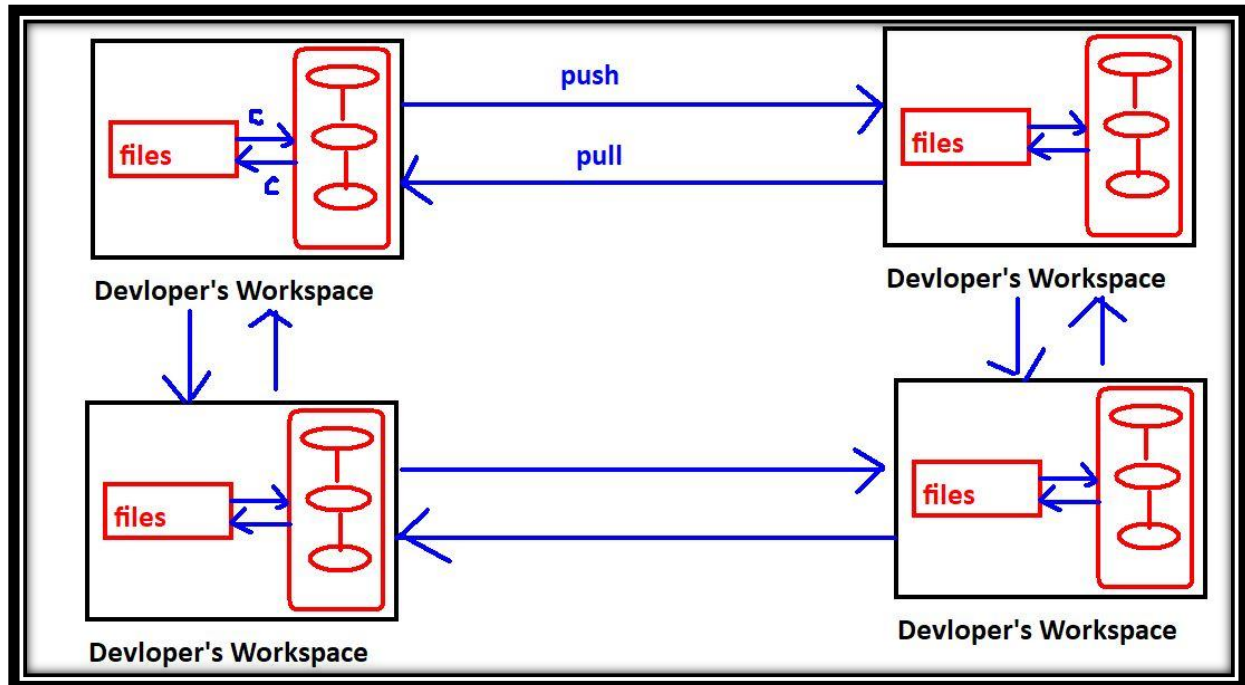
Problems with Centralized VCSs:

- 1) Central Repository is the only place where everything is stored, which causes single point of failure. If something goes wrong to the central repository then recovery is very difficult.
- 2) All commit and checkout operations should be performed by connecting to the central repository via network. If network outage, then no version control to the developer. i.e in this type, developer work space and remote repository server should be connected always.
- 3) All commit and checkout operations should be performed by connecting to the central repository via network and hence these operations will become slow, which causes performance issues. No local operations and every version control operation should be remote operation.
- 4) Organization of central repository is very complex if number of developers and files increases.
etc



2.5.2) Distributed Version Control Systems:

The name itself indicates the repository is distributed and every developer's workspace contains a local copy of the repository. There is no question of central repository.



If 4 developers are there then 4 repositories will be there.

- 1) The checkout and commit operations will be performed locally. Hence performance is more.
- 2) To perform checkout and commit operations network is not required. Hence if there is any network outage, still version control is applicable.
- 3) If something goes wrong to any repository there is a chance to recover. There is no question of single point of failure.
- 4) To perform push and pull operations network must be required, but these operations are not most common operations and we are performing very rarely.

Note:

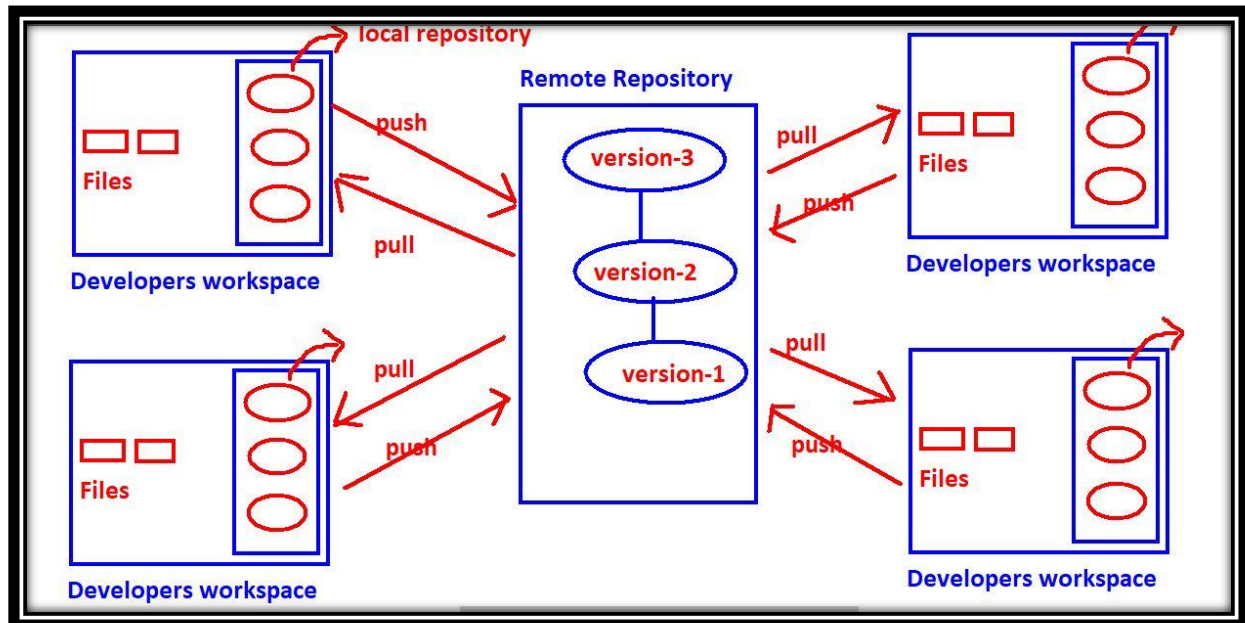
- 1) commit and checkout operations will be performed between workspace and repository.

work space – commit → Repository
Repository – checkout → workspace

- 2) push and pull operations will be performed between repositories.
one repository ---push → other repository
one repository ← pull----other repository



Distributed VCS with Remote Repository:



Remote Repository is not Central Repository:

- 1) Every developer has his own local copy of repository. It is not centralized and it is distributed only.
- 2) commit and checkout operations won't be performed on remote repository and these will be performed on local repository only.

The main job of remote repository is just to share our work to peer developers.

High availability, Speed and there is no single point of failure are main reasons for popularity of this model.

Eg: Git, Mercurial, Fossil



TOPIC – 3

Features And Architecture of GIT



Topic-3: Features and Architecture of GIT

- 3.1) What is GIT?
- 3.2) Features of GIT
- 3.3) GIT Architecture

3.1) What is GIT?:

- * Git is Distributed Version Control System Tool.
- * Git is not acronym and hence no expansion. But most of the people abbreviated as "Global Information Tracker".
- * GIT is developed by Linus Torvalds (Finnish software engineer), who also developed Linux Kernel.
- * Most of the companies like Microsoft, Facebook, Yahoo, LinkedIn, Intel using Git as Version Control System Tool.

3.2) Features of GIT:

Git is very popular because of the following features:

1) Distributed

Git is developed based on Distributed Version Control System Architecture. Because of Distributed Architecture it has several advantages:

- A) Every Developer has his own local repository. All the operations can be performed locally. Hence local repo and remote repo need not be connected always.
- B) All operations will be performed locally, and hence performance is high when compared with other VCSs. i.e it is very speed
- C) Most of operations are local. Hence we can work offline most of the times.
- D) There is no single point failure as Every Developer has his own local repository.
- E) It enables parallel development & automatic-backups.



2) Staging Area:

It is also known as index area.

There is logical layer/virtual layer in git between working directory and local repository.

Working Directory → Staging Area → Local Repository

We cannot commit the files of working directory directly. First we have to add to the staging area and then we have to commit.

This staging area is helpful to double check/cross-check our changes before commit.

This type of layer is not available in other Version Control System Tools like CVS, SVN etc

Git stores files in repository in some hash form, which saves space.

GIT will use internally snapshot mechanism for this. All these conversions and taking snapshots of our data will be happened in staging area before commit.

Eg: If a sample repository takes around 12 GB space in SVN where as in GIT it takes hardly 420 MB.

Hence Staging Area is the most important Strength of GIT.

3) Branching and Merging:

We can create and work on multiple branches simultaneously and all these are branches are isolated from each other. It enables multiple work flows.

We can merge multiple branches into a single branch. We can commit branch wise also.

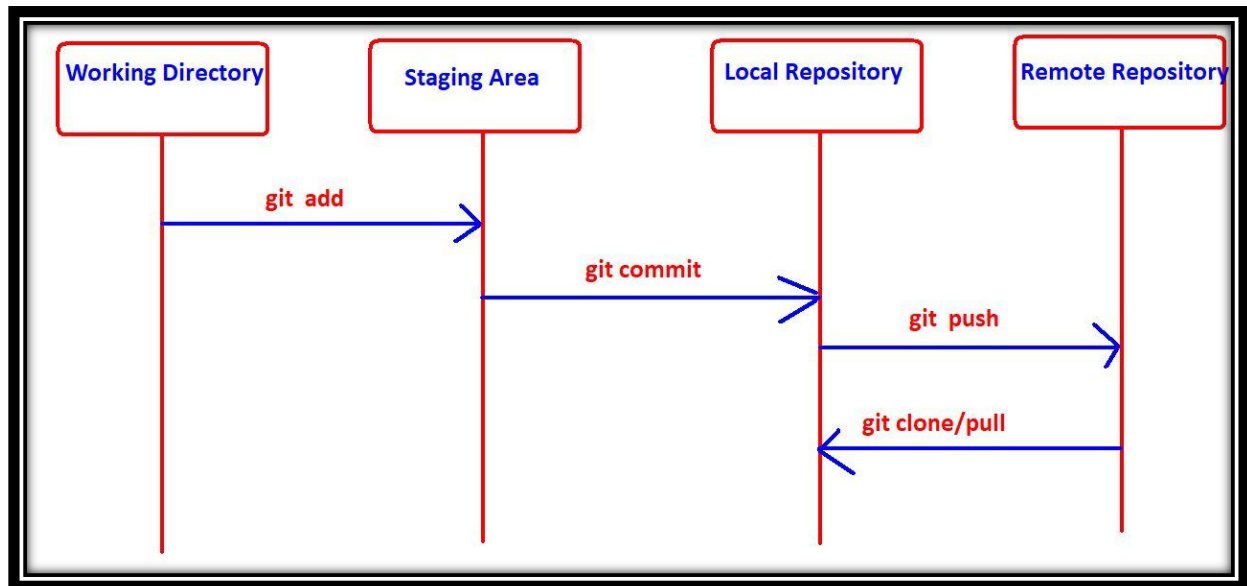
4. Moving files in GIT is very easy as GIT automatically tracks the moves. Whereas in other VCS we need to create a new file & then delete the old one.

5. Freeware and Open Source

6. It provides support for multiple platforms.



3.3) GIT Architecture:



Git contains 2 types of repositories:

- 1) Local Repository
- 2) Remote Repository

For every developer, a separate local repository is available. Developer can perform all checkout and commit operations wrt local repository only.

To perform commit operation, first he has to add files to staging area by using git add command, and then he has to commit those changes to the local repository by using git commit command. Hence commit in GIT is a 2-step process.

commit is applicable only for staging area files but not for working directory files.

If the developer wants to share his work to the peer developers then he has to push his local repository to the remote repository by using git push command.

Remote repository contains total project code, which can be accessible by all developers.

New developer can get local repository by cloning remote repository. For this we have to use git clone command.

A developer can get updates from the remote repository to the local repository by using git pull command.



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- git add → To add files from working directory to staging area.**
 - git commit → To commit changes from staging area to local repository.**
 - git push → To move files from local repository to remote repository.**
 - git clone → To create a new local repository from the remote repository.**
 - git pull → To get updated files from remote repository to local repository.**



TOPIC – 4

Life Cycle of File in GIT



Topic - 4: Life Cycle of File in GIT

Every file in GIT is in one of the following states:

1) Untracked:

The files which are newly created in working directory and git does not aware of these files are said to be in untracked state.

2) Staged:

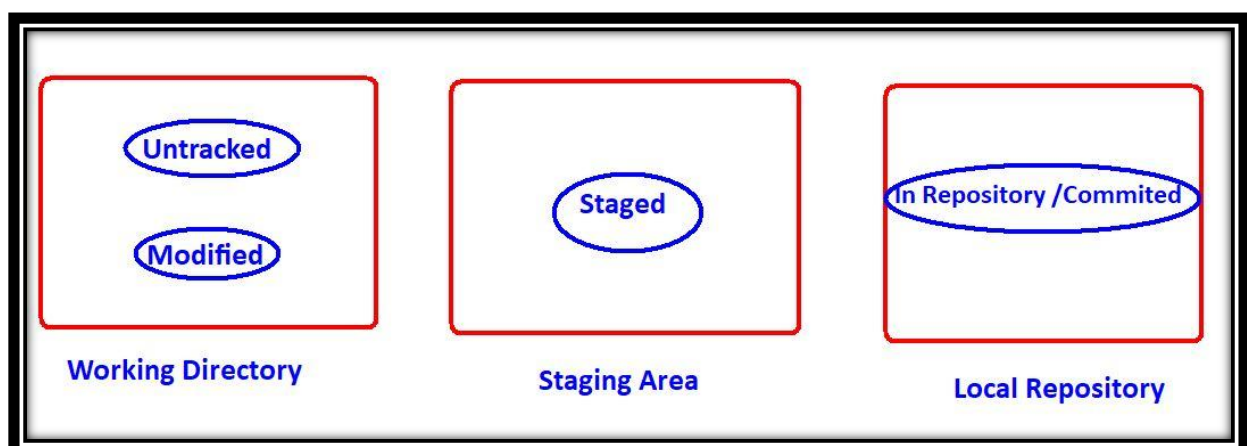
- * The files which are added to staging area are said to be in staged state.
- * These files are ready for commit.

3) In Repository/ Committed:

Any file which is committed is said to be In Repository/Committed State.

4) Modified:

Any file which is already tracked by git, but it is modified in working directory is said to be in Modified State.



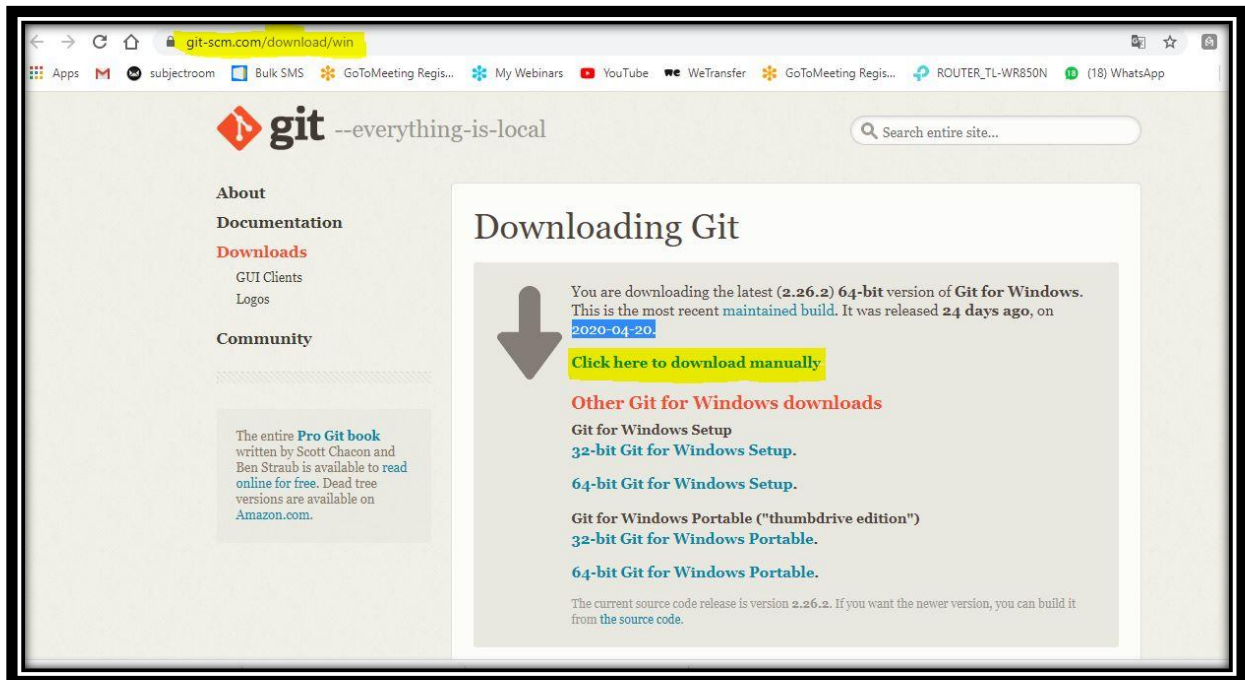


TOPIC - 5

Git Installation On Windows



Topic-5: Git Installation On Windows



<https://git-scm.com/download/win>

2.26.2

Git-2.26.2-64-bit.exe

Q) How to check git installed OR not?

```
$ git --version
```

```
git version 2.26.2.windows.1
```

If we just type git, then we will get complete options available with git command.

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 ~
```

```
$ git
```

```
usage: git [--version] [--help] [-C <path>] [-c <name>=<value>]
```

```
    [--exec-path[=<path>]] [--html-path] [--man-path] [--info-path]
```

```
    [-p | --paginate | -P | --no-pager] [--no-replace-objects] [--bare]
```

```
    [--git-dir=<path>] [--work-tree=<path>] [--namespace=<name>]
```

```
    <command> [<args>]
```



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These are common Git commands used in various situations:

start a working area (see also: git help tutorial)

- clone Clone a repository into a new directory
- init Create an empty Git repository or reinitialize an existing one

work on the current change (see also: git help everyday)

- add Add file contents to the index
- mv Move or rename a file, a directory, or a symlink
- restore Restore working tree files
- rm Remove files from the working tree and from the index
- sparse-checkout Initialize and modify the sparse-checkout

examine the history and state (see also: git help revisions)

- bisect Use binary search to find the commit that introduced a bug
- diff Show changes between commits, commit and working tree, etc
- grep Print lines matching a pattern
- log Show commit logs
- show Show various types of objects
- status Show the working tree status

grow, mark and tweak your common history

- branch List, create, or delete branches
- commit Record changes to the repository
- merge Join two or more development histories together
- rebase Reapply commits on top of another base tip
- reset Reset current HEAD to the specified state
- switch Switch branches
- tag Create, list, delete or verify a tag object signed with GPG

collaborate (see also: git help workflows)

- fetch Download objects and refs from another repository
- pull Fetch from and integrate with another repository or a local branch
- push Update remote refs along with associated objects

'git help -a' and 'git help -g' list available subcommands and some concept guides. See 'git help <command>' or 'git help <concept>' to read about a specific subcommand or concept.
See 'git help git' for an overview of the system.



TOPIC – 6

Example-1 To Understand Working Directory, Staging Area and Local Repository



Topic-6: Example-1 To Understand Working Directory, Staging Area and Local Repository

- 1) Creating workspace
- 2) git initialization
- 3) Creating files with some content in the working directory
- 4) Adding these files to staging area
- 5) Git Configurations before first commit
- 6) Commit those changes to local repository

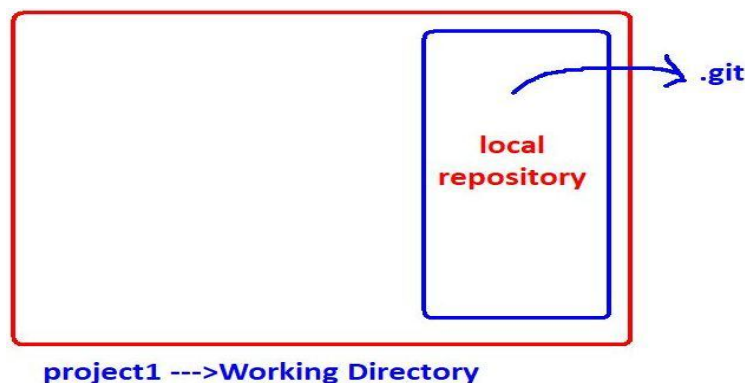
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lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 ~  
$ cd d:  
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d  
$ mkdir gitprojects  
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d  
$ cd gitprojects  
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects  
$ mkdir project1  
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects  
$ cd project1  
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1
```

Now project1 acts as working directory. We have to request git, to provide version control for this directory. For this we have to use git init command.

git init → This command will provide empty repository for our working directory, so that version control is applicable for our workspace.

The name of the empty directory is .git, which is hidden directory.

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1  
$ git init  
Initialized empty Git repository in D:/gitprojects/project1/.git/
```





Note:

- 1) If our working directory contains any files, then these files won't be added to the local repository by default, we have to add explicitly.
- 2) If our working directory already contains local repository(.git), still if we call git init command, then there is no impact.

Creating Files with some Content and adding to staging Area and then commit:

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
$ git status
On branch master
```

No commits yet

nothing to commit (create/copy files and use "git add" to track)

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
$ cat > a.txt
First line in a.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
$ cat > b.txt
First line in b.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
$ git status
On branch master
```

No commits yet

Untracked files:

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

a.txt
b.txt

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

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
$ ls
a.txt b.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
$ git ls-files
```



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```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
$ git add a.txt b.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
$ git status
On branch master
```

No commits yet

```
Changes to be committed:
(use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)
    new file:   a.txt
    new file:   b.txt
```

Git Configurations before 1st Commit:

Before first commit, we have to configure user name and mail id, so that git can use this information in the commit records. We can perform these configurations with the following commands

```
git config --global user.email "durgasoftonline@gmail.com"
git config --global user.name "Durga"
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
$ git commit -m "Added two files a.txt and b.txt"
[master (root-commit) 9a33a5b] Added two files a.txt and b.txt
 2 files changed, 2 insertions(+)
 create mode 100644 a.txt
 create mode 100644 b.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
$ git status
On branch master
nothing to commit, working tree clean
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
$ git log
commit 9a33a5b2e0d1c90eff544a3710b599be3c22665e (HEAD -> master)
Author: Durga <durgaadvjava@gmail.com>
Date: Thu May 14 22:16:59 2020 +0530
```

Added two files a.txt and b.txt



If we modify the Content in working Directory:

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
```

```
$ cat >> a.txt
```

```
Second Line
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
```

```
$ cat >> b.txt
```

```
Second Line
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
```

```
$ git status
```

```
On branch master
```

```
Changes not staged for commit:
```

```
(use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
```

```
(use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
```

```
modified: a.txt
```

```
modified: b.txt
```

```
no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
```

Adding these modified Files to the staging Area and then commit:

```
git add a.txt b.txt
```

```
git commit -m "Both files modified"
```

We can combined these two commands into a single command

```
git commit -a -m "Both files modified"
```

But make sure this option will work only for modified files, but not for newly created files.

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
```

```
$ git commit -a -m "Both files modified"
```

```
[master df4bb05] Both files modified
```

```
2 files changed, 2 insertions(+)
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
```

```
$ git log
```

```
commit df4bb05e36e672698251e05e09d92ba45ea1fc47 (HEAD -> master)
```

```
Author: Durga <durgaadvjava@gmail.com>
```

```
Date: Thu May 14 22:31:17 2020 +0530
```

Both files modified



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commit 9a33a5b2e0d1c90eff544a3710b599be3c22665e

Author: Durga <durgaadvjava@gmail.com>

Date: Thu May 14 22:16:59 2020 +0530

Added two files a.txt and b.txt



TOPIC – 7

The 6 Git Commands With Example

- 1) init
- 2) status
- 3) add
- 4) commit
- 5) log
- 6) config



Topic-7: The 6 Git Commands With Example - init, status, add, commit, log and config

1) git init

Once we create workspace, if we want version control, then we require a local repository. To create that local repository we have to use git init command.

```
$ git init
```

Initialized empty Git repository in D:/gitprojects/project1/.git/

.git is an empty repository, which is a hidden directory.

2) git status:

It shows the current status of all files in each area, like which files are untracked, which are modified, which are staged etc.

```
$ git status
```

On branch master

Changes not staged for commit:

(use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)

(use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)

modified: a.txt

modified: b.txt

no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")

Note: We can get concise information by using -s option.

```
$ git status -s
```

M a.txt

M b.txt

A c.txt



3) git add:

To add files from working directory to staging area for tracking/committing purpose, we have to use git add command.

i) To add all files present in current working directory
git add .

ii) To add one or more specified files
git add a.txt
git add a.txt b.txt

iii) Even we can use pattern also
git add *.txt
git add *.java

4) git commit:

If we want to commit staged changes, then we have to use git commit command. For every commit, a unique commit id will be generated. It is of 40-length hexadecimal string.

```
$ echo -n "df4bb05e36e672698251e05e09d92ba45ea1fc47" | wc -c  
40
```

The first 7 characters also unique, by using that also we can identify commit.

This unique id is considered as hash, which is generated based on content of files.

The advantages of this hash are

- 1) Data inside our local repository is more secure.
- 2) git requires less space to store contents of files.
(If SVN repository required 12GB, but for same content git requires 420MB)

while using git commit command, commit message is mandatory.

```
git commit -m "commit message"
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
```

```
$ git log  
commit 9a33a5b2e0d1c90eff544a3710b599be3c22665e  
Author: Durga <durgasoftonline@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu May 14 22:16:59 2020 +0530
```

Added two files a.txt and b.txt



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For every commit, git records author name, mail id, timestamp and commit message.

We can add files to staging area and we can commit changes by using a single command

```
git commit -a -m "commit message"
```

-a means adding files to staging area

-m means commit message

But this command will work only for tracked files but not for new files.

```
git commit -a -m "commit message"
```

```
git commit -am "commit message" → Valid
```

```
git commit -ma "commit message" → won't work, because order is important.
```

5) git log:

It shows history of all commits.

It provides commit id, author name, mail id, timestamp and commit message.

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project1 (master)
```

```
$ git log
```

```
commit 9a33a5b2e0d1c90eff544a3710b599be3c22665e
```

```
Author: Durga <durgasoftonline@gmail.com>
```

```
Date: Thu May 14 22:16:59 2020 +0530
```

```
Added two files a.txt and b.txt
```

There are multiple options available with git log command.

```
git log --help
```

6) git config:

We can use this command to configure git like user name, mail id etc

```
git config --global user.email "durgasoftonline@gmail.com"
```

```
git config --global user.name "Durga"
```

***Note:

global means these configurations are applicable for all repositories created by git. If we are not using global then it is applicable only for current repository.

```
$ git config --list
```

To list out all git configurations

```
$ git config user.name
```

To display user name



\$ git config user.email
To display user email

We can change user name and mail id with the same commands

```
git config --global user.email "durgasoftonline@gmail.com"  
git config --global user.name "Durga"
```

7) \$git ls-files

This command will list out all files which are tracked by git.

8) \$ls

This command will list out all files present in workspace

Q) What is create mode 100644 ?

The first 3 digits describe the type of file.

The next 3 digits describe the file permissions.

100 → Means it is an ascii text file.

644 → File permissions (rw-r--r--)



TOPIC - 8

The Complete Postmortem of git log Command



Topic-8: The Complete Postmortem of git log Command

8.1) How to see History of all commits in Local Repository:

If we want to see history of all commits in local repository, then we have to use git log command. It is the most commonly used command in git.

git log and git log → Both are same

```
$ git log
commit 48437a7ad2ada6e18a26b127ca101c0ebf45b19e (HEAD -> master)
Author: Durga <durgaadvjava@gmail.com>
Date: Thu May 7 21:09:33 2020 +0530
```

This is 3rd commit for file2.txt

```
commit 3a8051f59110f9696f4e0f922f438cbb6bb7694d
Author: Durga <durgaadvjava@gmail.com>
Date: Thu May 7 21:06:58 2020 +0530
```

Second commit for file2.txt

```
commit 4b77312160c82d76395558da415a96b2a8b36072
Author: Durga <durgaadvjava@gmail.com>
Date: Thu May 7 21:05:25 2020 +0530
```

This is second commit related to file1.txt

```
commit 93d297b69e048046b8ff5dba140b5889f1b47500
Author: Durga <durgaadvjava@gmail.com>
Date: Thu May 7 20:59:22 2020 +0530
```

This is my second commit

```
commit d49f79120beecb2ea9e34b8398b4ee78bf662bf4
Author: Durga <durgaadvjava@gmail.com>
Date: Thu May 7 20:52:12 2020 +0530
```

This is my first commit



8.2) How to see Log Information of a Particular File:

```
git log <filename>
```

```
git log file1.txt
```

```
$ git log file1.txt
```

```
commit 4b77312160c82d76395558da415a96b2a8b36072
```

```
Author: Durga <durgaadvjava@gmail.com>
```

```
Date: Thu May 7 21:05:25 2020 +0530
```

This is second commit related to file1.txt

```
commit d49f79120beecb2ea9e34b8398b4ee78bf662bf4
```

```
Author: Durga <durgaadvjava@gmail.com>
```

```
Date: Thu May 7 20:52:12 2020 +0530
```

This is my first commit

Note: There are multiple options are available for git log command to see the history.

```
git log --help
```

Option-1: --oneline Option to get brief Log Information

By default git log command will provide detailed output.

If we want concise output then we should go for --oneline option.

Output:

7 characters of commit id + commit message

```
$ git log --oneline
```

```
48437a7 (HEAD -> master) This is 3rd commit for file2.txt
```

```
3a8051f Second commit for file2.txt
```

```
4b77312 This is second commit related to file1.txt
```

```
93d297b This is my second commit
```

```
d49f791 This is my first commit
```

***This option is very helpful if we have lot of commits and to identify commit based on message.



Option-2: -n Option to Limit the Number of commits to Display

We can limit the number of commits in the git log command output. For this we have to use -n option.

Syntax:

-<number>

-n <number>

--max-count=<number>

Limit the number of commits to output.

```
$ git log -n 2
commit b7bd0cfecb7cd64128f209a1de4cc0ffefdd9310 (HEAD -> master)
Author: Ravi <durgasoftonline@gmail.com>
Date: Sat May 16 21:23:23 2020 +0530
```

new file added

```
commit 44fe2785f2e3f30ebcf733ffdc278ce240364488
Author: Durga <durgasoftonline@gmail.com>
Date: Sat May 16 21:05:07 2020 +0530
```

file1.txt got modified

Note: we can use -n and --oneline options together also.

```
$ git log -n 2 --oneline
b7bd0cf (HEAD -> master) new file added
44fe278 file1.txt got modified
```

Option-3: --grep Option to search based on given Pattern in commit Message:

We can search based on given pattern in commit message.

```
git log --grep="pattern"
```

It shows all commits which has given pattern in the commit message.

```
git log --grep="added" --oneline
```

```
$ git log --grep="added" --oneline
b7bd0cf (HEAD -> master) new file added
```



dcb4108 New files added

*** This option is very helpful if we follow a particular structure for the commit message. We can use this option to find all commits related to a particular request number or defect number etc.

```
git log --grep="defect_number" --oneline
```

Option-4: Show commits more recent than a specific Time

--since=<date>

--after=<date>

Show commits more recent than a specific date

```
git log --since="5 minutes ago"
```

```
git log --since="2020-05-17"
```

Option-5: Show commits Older than a specific Time

--until=<date>

--before=<date>

Show commits older than a specific date.

```
git log --until="5 minutes ago"
```

```
git log --before="2020-05-17"
```

display all commits on or before 17th.

Option-6: Show commits based on Author

--author=<pattern>

```
git log --author=Ravi --oneline
```

```
$ git log --author=Ravi
```

```
commit 73e3bc5c0dd6c17c76cc50adc322545b2ba1efab (HEAD -> master)
```

```
Author: Ravi <durgasoftonline@gmail.com>
```

```
Date: Sun May 17 19:43:50 2020 +0530
```

```
    committed a.txt
```

```
commit b7bd0cfecb7cd64128f209a1de4cc0ffefdd9310
```

```
Author: Ravi <durgasoftonline@gmail.com>
```

```
Date: Sat May 16 21:23:23 2020 +0530
```

```
new file added
```



Option-7: --decorate Option to display extra Information

This option will print some extra information like branch information, head information, tags information etc

```
$ git log --decorate --oneline
b7bd0cf (HEAD -> master) new file added
44fe278 file1.txt got modified
dcb4108 New files added
```

Note: There are multiple options are available for git log command to see the history of all commits.

```
git log --help
```



TOPIC - 9

The Complete Story of git diff Command



Topic-9: The Complete Story of git diff Command

It is very common requirement to find differences between the content of a particular file or all files

- 1) Between working directory and staging area
- 2) Between working directory and last commit
- 3) Between staged area and last commit
- 4) Between working directory and a particular commit
- 5) Between staged area and a particular commit
- 6) Between two specified commits

For this we required to use git diff command.
diff means difference.

Demo Example:

file1.txt

First line in file1.txt

Second line in file1.txt

file2.txt

First line in file2.txt

Second line in file2.txt

first commit: 2 files and each file contains 2 lines

file1.txt

First line in file1.txt

Second line in file1.txt

Third line in file1.txt

Fourth line in file1.txt

file2.txt

First line in file2.txt

Second line in file2.txt

Third line in file2.txt



Fourth line in file2.txt

2nd commit : 2 files and each file contains 4 lines.

Now we are adding new line in file1.txt in working directory

file1.txt

First line in file1.txt

Second line in file1.txt

Third line in file1.txt

Fourth line in file1.txt

Fifth line in file1.txt

We are adding file1.txt to staging area

git add file1.txt

Again we are adding a new line in file1.txt of working directory

file1.txt

First line in file1.txt

Second line in file1.txt

Third line in file1.txt

Fourth line in file1.txt

Fifth line in file1.txt

sixth line in file1.txt

Case-1: To see the difference in File Content between Working Directory and staging Area

```
$ git diff file1.txt
```

```
diff --git a/file1.txt b/file1.txt
```

```
index 0e17c9d..e3e329f 100644
```

```
--- a/file1.txt
```

```
+++ b/file1.txt
```

```
@@ -3,3 +3,4 @@ Second line in file1.txt
```

```
Third line in file1.txt
```

```
Fourth line in file1.txt
```

```
Fifth line in file1.txt
```

```
+sixth line in file1.txt
```

1) diff --git a/file1.txt b/file1.txt

a/file1.txt means source copy which means staging area

b/file1.txt means destination copy which means working directory copy



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2) index 0e17c9d..e3e329f 100644

0e17c9d → hash of source file content

e3e329f → hash of destination file content

100644 → git file mode

First 3 characters(100) represents the type of file.

100 means ASCII text file.

Next 3 characters represents the file permissions.

644 → rw-r--r--

3)--- a/file1.txt

--- means missing lines in staged copy

4) +++ b/file1.txt

+++ means new lines added in working directory version

5) @@ -3,3 +3,4 @@

-3,3

- means source version

from 3rd line onwards total 3 lines

+3,4

+ means destination version

from 3rd line onwards total 4 lines

If any line prefixed with space means it is unchanged.

If any line prefixed with + means it is added in destination copy.

If any line prefixed with - means it is removed in destination copy.

@@ -3,3 +3,4 @@

Second line in file1.txt

Third line in file1.txt

Fourth line in file1.txt

Fifth line in file1.txt

+sixth line in file1.txt

Clear indication that one line added in the working directory copy when compared with staged copy.

+sixth line in file1.txt



Case-2: To see the difference in File Content between Working Directory and Last Commit

The last commit can be referenced by HEAD.

```
git diff HEAD file1.txt
```

It shows the differences between working copy and last commit copy.

```
$ git diff HEAD file1.txt
diff --git a/file1.txt b/file1.txt
index cadd0e1..e3e329f 100644
--- a/file1.txt
+++ b/file1.txt
@@ -2,3 +2,5 @@ First line in file1.txt
Second line in file1.txt
Third line in file1.txt
Fourth line in file1.txt
+Fifth line in file1.txt
+sixth line in file1.txt
```

Case-3: To see the difference in File Content between staged Copy and Last Commit

We have to use --staged option or --cached option.

```
git diff --staged HEAD file1.txt
```

It shows the differences between staged copy and last commit copy.

Here HEAD is optional. Hence the following 2 commands will produce same output

```
git diff --staged HEAD file1.txt
```

```
git diff --staged file1.txt
```

```
$ git diff --staged HEAD file1.txt
diff --git a/file1.txt b/file1.txt
index cadd0e1..0e17c9d 100644
--- a/file1.txt
+++ b/file1.txt
@@ -2,3 +2,4 @@ First line in file1.txt
Second line in file1.txt
Third line in file1.txt
Fourth line in file1.txt
+Fifth line in file1.txt
```



Case-4: To see the difference in File Content between specific Commit and Working Directory Copy

`git diff 7characters_of_specified_commitid filename`

`$ git log --oneline`

6745461 (HEAD -> master) 2 files and each file contains 4 lines

e5705a6 2 files and each file contains 2 lines

Eg:

`$ git diff e5705a6 file1.txt`

`diff --git a/file1.txt b/file1.txt`

`index d4effe0..e3e329f 100644`

`--- a/file1.txt`

`+++ b/file1.txt`

`@@ -1,2 +1,6 @@`

First line in file1.txt

Second line in file1.txt

+Third line in file1.txt

+Fourth line in file1.txt

+Fifth line in file1.txt

+sixth line in file1.txt

Case-5: To see the difference in file content between specific commit and staging area copy:

`git diff --staged e5705a6 file1.txt`

`$ git diff --staged e5705a6 file1.txt`

`diff --git a/file1.txt b/file1.txt`

`index d4effe0..0e17c9d 100644`

`--- a/file1.txt`

`+++ b/file1.txt`

`@@ -1,2 +1,5 @@`

First line in file1.txt

Second line in file1.txt

+Third line in file1.txt

+Fourth line in file1.txt

+Fifth line in file1.txt



Case-6: To see the difference in File Content between 2 specified Commits:

```
$ git log --oneline
```

```
6745461 (HEAD -> master) 2 files and each file contains 4 lines
```

```
e5705a6 2 files and each file contains 2 lines
```

```
$ git diff e5705a6 6745461 file1.txt
```

```
diff --git a/file1.txt b/file1.txt
```

```
index d4effe0..cadd0e1 100644
```

```
--- a/file1.txt
```

```
+++ b/file1.txt
```

```
@@ -1,2 +1,4 @@
```

```
First line in file1.txt
```

```
Second line in file1.txt
```

```
+Third line in file1.txt
```

```
+Fourth line in file1.txt
```

```
$ git diff 6745461 e5705a6 file1.txt
```

```
diff --git a/file1.txt b/file1.txt
```

```
index cadd0e1..d4effe0 100644
```

```
--- a/file1.txt
```

```
+++ b/file1.txt
```

```
@@ -1,4 +1,2 @@
```

```
First line in file1.txt
```

```
Second line in file1.txt
```

```
-Third line in file1.txt
```

```
-Fourth line in file1.txt
```

Case-7: To see the difference in File Content between Last Commit and Last but one Commit

```
git diff HEAD HEAD^ file1.txt
```

```
git diff HEAD HEAD^1 file1.txt
```

```
git diff HEAD HEAD~1 file1.txt
```

HEAD → Reference to last commit

HEAD^ or HEAD^1 or HEAD~1 → Reference to last but one commit

```
$ git diff HEAD HEAD^ file1.txt
```

```
diff --git a/file1.txt b/file1.txt
```

```
index cadd0e1..d4effe0 100644
```

```
--- a/file1.txt
```

```
+++ b/file1.txt
```

```
@@ -1,4 +1,2 @@
```



First line in file1.txt
Second line in file1.txt
-Third line in file1.txt
-Fourth line in file1.txt

Case-8: To see the differences in all Files Content between 2 specified Commits

\$git commit -m '5th line added to file1.txt'
and removed 3rd and 4th line from file2.txt

\$ git log --oneline
be5256c (HEAD -> master) 6th line added to file1, 3rd and 4th lines removed from file2
8ceda5e 5th line added to file1.txt
6745461 2 files and each file contains 4 lines
e5705a6 2 files and each file contains 2 lines

\$ git diff 6745461 be5256c
diff --git a/file1.txt b/file1.txt
index cadd0e1..e3e329f 100644
--- a/file1.txt
+++ b/file1.txt
@@ -2,3 +2,5 @@ First line in file1.txt
Second line in file1.txt
Third line in file1.txt
Fourth line in file1.txt
+Fifth line in file1.txt
+sixth line in file1.txt
diff --git a/file2.txt b/file2.txt
index ad87203..3495851 100644
--- a/file2.txt
+++ b/file2.txt
@@ -1,4 +1,2 @@
First line in file2.txt
Second line in file2.txt
-Third line in file2.txt
-Fourth line in file2.txt



Case-9: To see the differences in Content between 2 Branches

```
$ git diff master test
```

It shows all differences between master branch and test branch

Case-10: To see the differences in Content between Local and Remote Repositories

```
$ git diff master origin/master
```

It shows all differences between master branch in local repository and master branch in remote repository.

Summary:

```
git diff <path>
```

Shows the differences in the content of working directory, staging area and local repository.

we can use in the following ways

1) git diff file1.txt

To compare working directory copy with staged copy

2) git diff HEAD file1.txt

To compare working directory copy with last commit copy

3) git diff --staged file1.txt

```
git diff --cached file1.txt
```

```
git diff --staged HEAD file1.txt
```

```
git diff --cached HEAD file1.txt
```

To compare staged copy with last commit copy

4) git diff <commit_id> file1.txt

To compare working directory copy with the specified commit copy.

5) git diff --staged <commit_id> file1.txt

To compare staged copy with the specified commit copy.

6) git diff <source_commit_id> <destination_commit_id> file1.txt

To compare content in the file between two commits



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7) git diff HEAD HEAD~1 file1.txt

To compare content in the file between last commit and last but one commit.

8) git diff <source commit id> <destination commit id>

To compare content of all files between two commits.

9) git diff master test

It shows all differences between master branch and test branch

10) git diff master origin/master

It shows all differences between master branch in local repository and master branch in remote repository.



TOPIC - 10

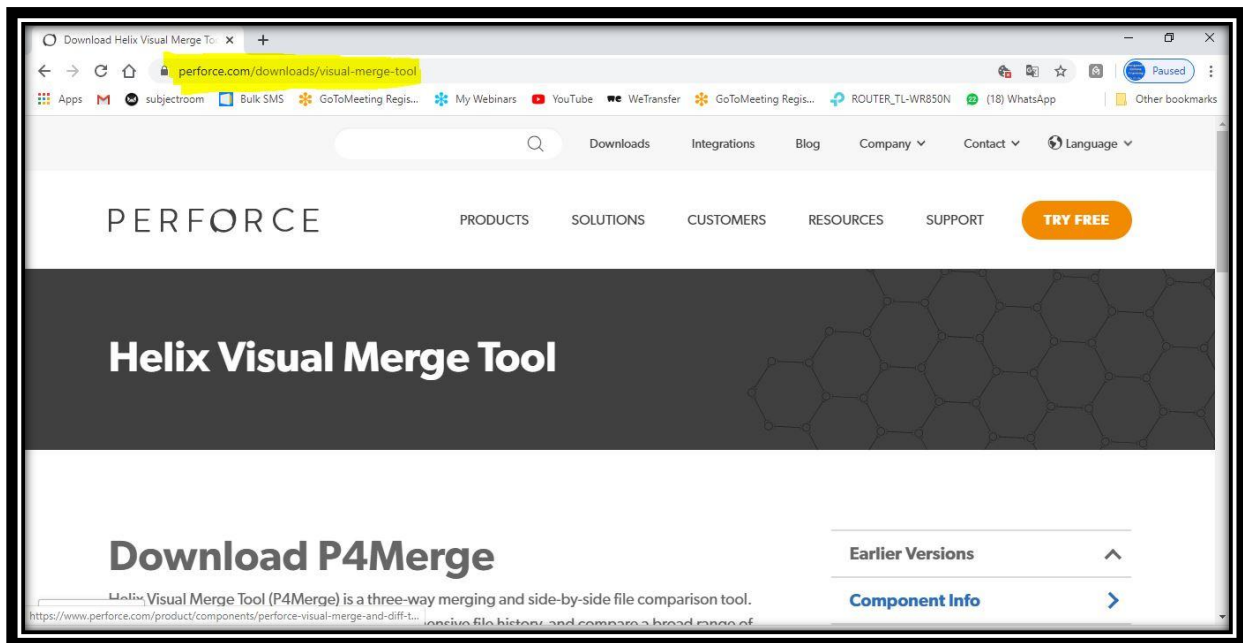
Helix Visual Merge Tool (p4merge) For Checking Differences



Topic-10: Helix Visual Merge Tool (p4merge) For Checking Differences

There are multiple tools are available like Helix Visual Merge Tool (P4Merge), meld etc.

How to download and install P4Merge:



We can use P4Merge tool for both comparison and merging purposes.

<https://www.perforce.com/>

downloads

Helix Visual Merge Tool (P4Merge)

Select our required platform

Windows 64-bit

skip registration

We will get the following exe file.

p4vinst64.exe file

P4MERGE will provide multiple utilities, But we require only Merge and Diff Tool.



Select only Merge and Diff Tool.

```
$ p4merge
```

```
bash: p4merge: command not found
```

We have to set path explicitly.

C:\Program Files\Perforce

This location contains our required p4merge application: p4merge.exe

How to Connect p4merge with git:

Difftool Configurations:

```
git config --global diff.tool p4merge
```

```
git config --global difftool.p4merge.path "C:\Program Files\Perforce\p4merge.exe"
```

```
git config --global difftool.prompt false
```

Mergetool Configurations:

```
git config --global merge.tool p4merge
```

```
git config --global mergetool.p4merge.path "C:\Program Files\Perforce\p4merge.exe"
```

```
git config --global mergetool.prompt false
```

```
$ git config --global --list
```

```
user.name=Ravi
```

```
user.email=durgasoftonlinetraining@gmail.com
```

```
core.autocrlf=true
```

```
diff.tool=p4merge
```

```
difftool.p4merge.path=C:\Program Files\Perforce\p4merge.exe
```

```
difftool.prompt=false
```

```
merge.tool=p4merge
```

```
mergetool.p4merge.path=C:\Program Files\Perforce\p4merge.exe
```

```
mergetool.prompt=false
```



Continuition of Our Previous Example:

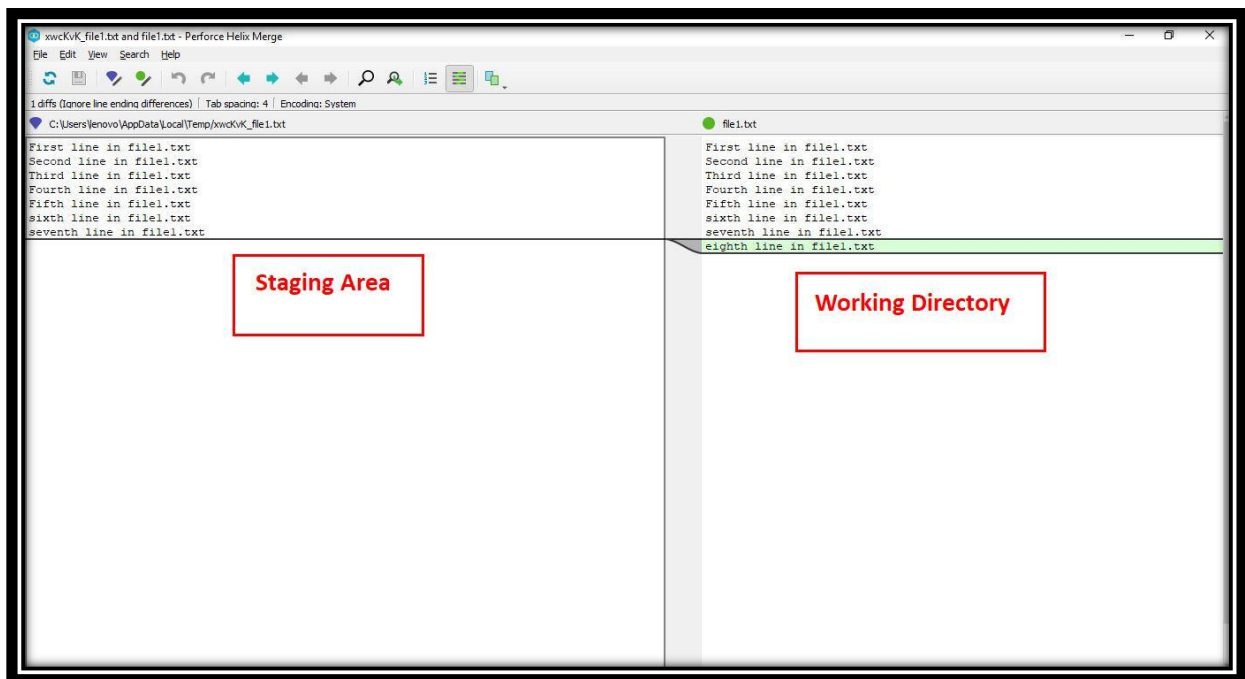
file1.txt → 7th line added and staged

file1.txt → 8th line added in working directory

Eg 1: Working Directory vs Staging Area

git diff file1.txt

git difftool file1.txt



Eg 2: Staging Area vs Last Commit

git diff --staged HEAD file1.txt

git difftool --staged HEAD file1.txt

Eg 3: Between 2 specified Commits

\$ git log --oneline

be5256c (HEAD -> master) 6th line added to file1, 3rd and 4th lines removed from file2

8ceda5e 5th line added to file1.txt

6745461 2 files and each file contains 4 lines

e5705a6 2 files and each file contains 2 lines

git diff 6745461 be5256c file1.txt

git difftool 6745461 be5256c file1.txt

Note: p4merge tool can be used to compare only one file at a time.



TOPIC - 11

Removing Files by using git rm Command



Topic-11: Removing Files by using git rm Command

It is very common requirement to remove files from working directory and staging area. For these removals we can use the following commands

```
git rm file1.txt
git rm --cached file1.txt
General Linux rm command
```

Case-1: To Remove Files from Working Directory and staging Area (git rm)

If we want to remove a file from working directory and from staging area then we should go for git rm command.

```
git rm file1.txt
```

file1.txt will be removed from staging area and from working directory

Note: for git rm command argument is mandatory

```
$ git rm
```

fatal: No pathspec was given. Which files should I remove?

```
$ git rm .
```

fatal: not removing '.' recursively without -r

It won't work because we didn't use -r option.

```
$ git rm -r .
```

It will remove all files

Case-2: To Remove Files Only from staging Area (git rm --cached)

If we want to remove the file only from staging area but not from working directory then we should use git rm --cached command.

```
git rm --cached file4.txt
```

file4.txt will be removed only from staging area but not from working directory



```
$ ls  
file4.txt file5.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project5 (master)  
$ git ls-files  
file4.txt  
file5.txt
```

```
$ git rm --cached file4.txt  
rm 'file4.txt'
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project5 (master)  
$ ls  
file4.txt file5.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project5 (master)  
$ git ls-files  
file5.txt
```

Note: If we are not passing any argument,
\$ git rm --cached
fatal: No pathspec was given. Which files should I remove?

Case-3: To Remove Files Only from Working Directory (rm Command)

We can use general linux command rm to remove files from working directory.

```
$ ls  
file1.txt file2.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project5 (master)  
$ git ls-files  
file1.txt  
file2.txt
```

```
$ rm file1.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project5 (master)  
$ ls  
file2.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project5 (master)  
$ git ls-files
```




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file1.txt
file2.txt

Note:

- 1) `git rm file1.txt` → It will remove file from both working directory and staging area
- 2) `git rm --cached file1.txt` → It will remove file only from staging area but not from working directory
- 3) `rm file1.txt` → It will remove file only from working directory but not from staging area.



TOPIC - 12

Undo Changes with git Checkout Command



Topic-12: Undo Changes with git Checkout Command

We can use checkout command to discard unstaged changes in the tracked files of working directory.

Observe the 3 words:

- 1) Only for working directory
- 2) To discard unstaged changes(The changes which are not added to staging area)
- 3) In the tracked files (The files which are already added to staging area/commit)

It is something like undo operation. It will copy contents of the file from index area(staging area) to working directory.

```
git checkout -- filename
```

Eg:

```
$ git checkout -- file1.txt
```

It will discard any unstaged changes made in file1.txt.

After executing this command, staged copy content and working directory content is same.

```
$ cat file1.txt
```

first line in file1.txt

second line in file1.txt

This is third line in file1.txt

This is fourth line in file1.txt

```
$ git diff file1.txt
```

```
diff --git a/file1.txt b/file1.txt
```

```
index f718d29..862edcf 100644
```

```
--- a/file1.txt
```

```
+++ b/file1.txt
```

```
@@ -1,2 +1,5 @@
```

first line in file1.txt

second line in file1.txt

```
+This is third line in file1.txt
```

```
+This is fourth line in file1.txt
```

```
$ git checkout -- file1.txt
```



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```
$ cat file1.txt  
first line in file1.txt  
second line in file1.txt
```

Note: git checkout is applicable only for the files which are already tracked by git. It is not applicable for new files.

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project2 (master)  
$ git checkout -- file4.txt  
error: pathspec 'file4.txt' did not match any file(s) known to git
```

Summary:

git checkout -- file.txt

To discard changes in working directory copy.

git checkout

To discard changes in all tracked files of working directory.

git checkout

If we are not passing any argument, then this command will show the list of eligible files for checkout.

Note: git checkout command can be used in branching also.



TOPIC – 13

Git References (master and HEAD)



Topic-13: Git References (master and HEAD)

For most of the commands (like git log, git diff etc) we have to provide commit id as argument. But remembering commit id is very difficult, even 7 characters also.

Git provides some sample names for these commit ids. We can use these names directly. These are just pointers to commit ids. These sample names are called references or refs.

References are stored in .git/refs directory as text files.

There are multiple types of references like heads, tags and remotes.

Eg:

```
$pwd
```

```
/d/gitprojects/project6/.git/refs/heads
```

```
$ cat master
```

```
49aa8d79a9bab4c0d72dec217c0c6d5d96d604ce
```

Most of the times, we have to use the most recent commit id.

For such type of most commonly used commit ids git provides default references.

What is master?

```
$ git status
```

On branch master

- 1) master is the name of the branch.
- 2) It is a reference(pointer) to last commit id. Hence where ever we required to use last commit id, simply we can use reference master.
- 3) This information is available in .git/refs/heads/master file.

The following two commands will produce same output.

```
$ git show 49aa8d7
```

```
$ git show master
```



What is HEAD?

HEAD is a reference to master.

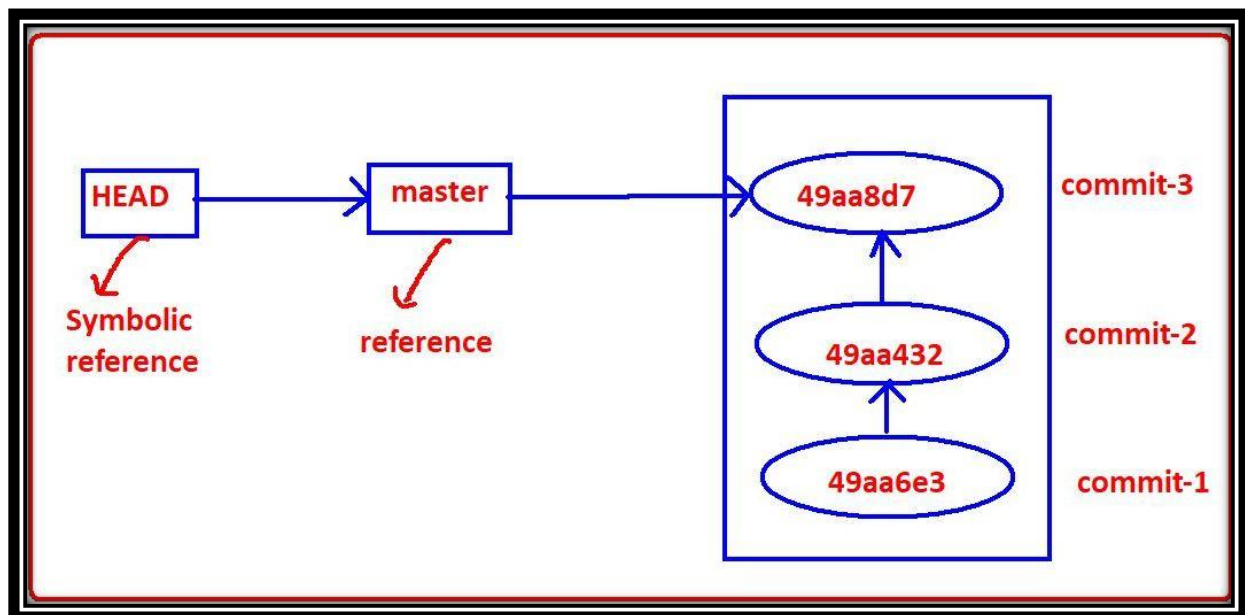
If any reference pointing to another reference, such type of reference is called symbolic reference. Hence HEAD is symbolic reference.

By default HEAD is always pointing to branch(master).

```
$ git log --oneline
49aa8d7 (HEAD -> master) both files added
```

HEAD is stored in root of .git directory but not in .git/refs directory.

```
$ cat HEAD
ref: refs/heads/master
```



Detached HEAD:

Sometimes HEAD is not pointing to the branch name, such type of head is considered as Detached HEAD.



TOPIC - 14

Git reset Command



Topic-14: Git reset Command

git reset command is just like reset settings in our mobile.

There are 2 utilities of git reset command.

Utility-1: To remove changes from staging area

Utility-2: To undo commits at repository level

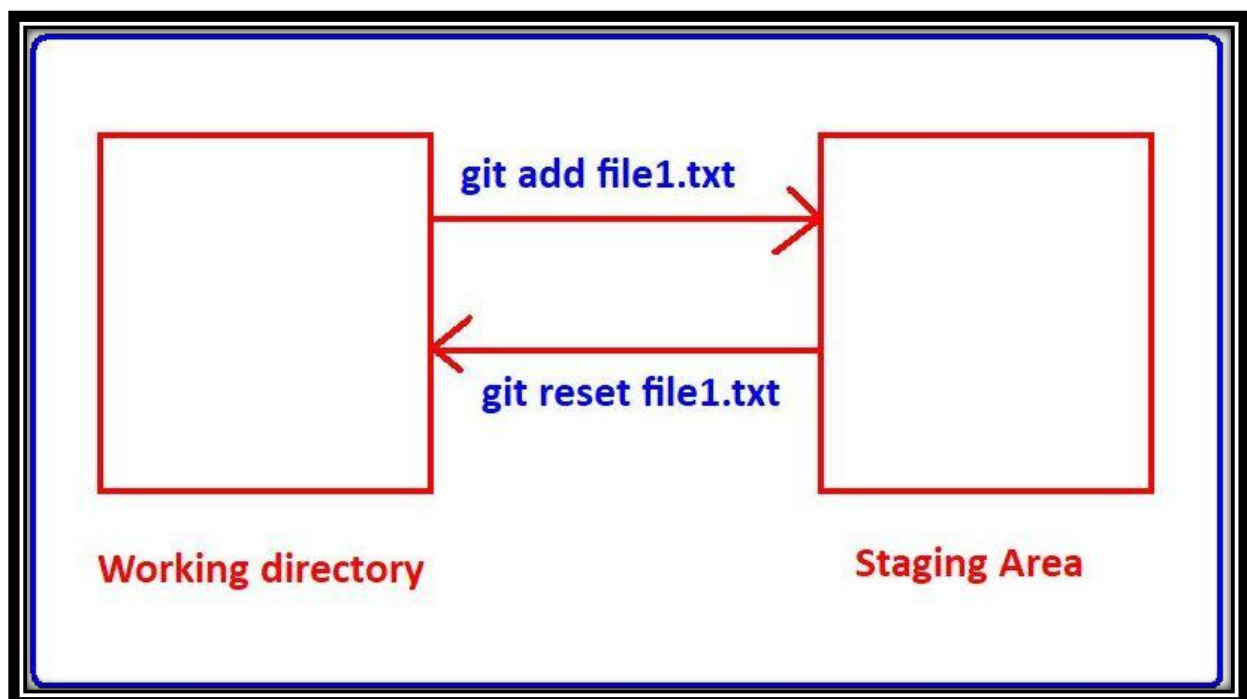
Utility-1: To Remove Changes from staging Area

We can use git reset to remove changes from staging area.

Changes already added to staging area, but if we don't want to commit, then to remove such type of changes from staging area, then we should go for git reset.

It will bring the changes from staging area back to working directory.

It is opposite to git add command.





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```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project7 (master)
```

```
$ vi file1.txt
```

```
First line in file1.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project7 (master)
```

```
$ git status
```

```
On branch master
```

```
No commits yet
```

```
Untracked files:
```

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

```
file1.txt
```

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

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project7 (master)
```

```
$ git add file1.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project7 (master)
```

```
$ git status
```

```
On branch master
```

```
No commits yet
```

```
Changes to be committed:
```

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

```
new file: file1.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project7 (master)
```

```
$ git reset file1.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project7 (master)
```

```
$ git status
```

```
On branch master
```

```
No commits yet
```

```
Untracked files:
```

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

```
file1.txt
```

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



git rm --cached vs git reset:

`git rm --cached file1.txt`

The file will be removed completely from staging area.

`git reset file1.txt`

The file won't be removed from staging area, but reset to previous state(one step back).

We can see difference by using `ls` and `git ls-files`

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project7 (master)
```

```
$ ls
```

```
file1.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project7 (master)
```

```
$ git ls-files
```

```
file1.txt
```

Q) We modified the content of the file1.txt and added to staging area. But we want to ignore those changes in staging area and in working directory. For this requirement which commands we required to use?

```
git reset file1.txt
```

To ignore changes in staging area

```
git checkout -- file1.txt
```

To ignore changes in working directory

Utility-2: To undo Commits at Repository Level

We can also use `reset` to undo commits at repository level.

Syntax:

```
git reset <mode> <commitid>
```

Moves the HEAD to the specified commit, and all remaining recent commits will be removed.

mode will decide whether these changes are going to remove from staging area and working directory or not.

The allowed values for the mode are:

- mixed
- soft
- hard
- keep
- merge



1) --mixed Mode:

It is the default mode.

To discard commits in the local repository and to discard changes in staging area we should use reset with --mixed option.

It won't touch working directory.

Example:

vi file1.txt

First line in file1.txt

```
git add file1.txt; git commit -m 'file1 added'
```

vi file2.txt

First line in file2.txt

```
git add file2.txt; git commit -m 'file2 added'
```

vi file3.txt

First line in file3.txt

```
git add file3.txt; git commit -m 'file3 added'
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project8 (master)
```

```
$ git log --oneline
```

```
6fcc300 (HEAD -> master) file3.txt added
```

```
86d0ca3 file2 added
```

```
9165d34 file1 added
```

To discard commit-3:

```
git reset --mixed 86d0ca3
```

```
git reset --mixed HEAD~1
```

```
git reset HEAD~1
```

Now HEAD pointing to 86d0ca3

After undo commit-3:

The changes will be there in working directory.

option-1: To discard changes in working directory also

```
git checkout -- filename
```

But make sure this file should not be new file and should be already tracked by git.

option-2: If we want those changes to local repository

```
git add file3.txt; git commit -m 'file3 added again'
```



```
$ git log --oneline
59e6cd7 (HEAD -> master) file3 added again
86d0ca3 file2 added
9165d34 file1 added
```

To discard commit-2 and commit-3:

```
git reset --mixed 9165d34
git reset --mixed HEAD~2
git reset HEAD~2
```

```
$ git log --oneline
9165d34 (HEAD -> master) file1 added
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project8 (master)
$ git ls-files
file1.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project8 (master)
$ ls
file1.txt file2.txt file3.txt
```

```
$ git status
On branch master
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
    file2.txt
    file3.txt
```

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

Note:

- 1) It is not possible to remove random commits.
- 2) --mixed will work only on repository and staging area but not on working directory.
- 3) whenever we are using --mixed, we can revert the changes, because changes are available in working directory.

2)reset with --soft Option:

It is exactly same as --mixed option, but changes are available in working directory as well as in staging area.

It won't touch staging area and working directory.

As changes already present in staging area, just we have to use commit to revert back.



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```
$ git log --oneline
1979e61 (HEAD -> master) file3 added again
4d32eb3 file2 added again
9165d34 file1 added
```

To discard the latest commit:

```
git reset --soft 4d32eb3
```

```
git reset --soft HEAD~1
```

Now HEAD is pointing to 4d32eb3

The commits will be discarded only in local repository, but changes will be there in working directory and staging area

```
$ git ls-files
```

```
file1.txt
```

```
file2.txt
```

```
file3.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project8 (master)
```

```
$ ls
```

```
file1.txt file2.txt file3.txt
```

To Revert Changes we have to do Just

```
git commit -m "added again"
```

Use Cases:

- 1) If some files are missing in the last commit, then add those files and commit again.
- 2) We forgot to add defect number in commit message.

reset with --hard:

It is exactly same as --mixed except that Changes will be removed from everywhere (local repository, staging area, working directory)

It is more dangerous command and it is destructive command.

It is impossible to revert back and hence while using hard reset we have to take special care.

```
$ git log --oneline
```

```
3d7d370 (HEAD -> master) file3 added again
```

```
4d32eb3 file2 added again
```

```
9165d34 file1 added
```



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To remove recent two commits permanently:

```
git reset --hard 9165d34  
git reset --hard HEAD~2
```

Now changes will be removed from everywhere.

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project8 (master)  
$ git log --oneline  
9165d34 (HEAD -> master) file1 added
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project8 (master)  
$ git ls-files  
file1.txt
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project8 (master)  
$ ls  
file1.txt
```

--mixed vs --soft vs --hard

1. --mixed:

changes will be discarded in local repo and staging area.
It won't touch working directory.
Working tree won't be clean.
But we can revert with
git add .
git commit

2. --soft

Changes will be discarded only in local repository.
It won't touch staging area and working directory.
Working tree won't be clean.
But we can revert with
git commit

3. --hard

Changes will be discarded everywhere.
Working tree won't be clean.
No way to revert.



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Mode Name	Discard Changes in working directory	Discard Changes in Staging Area	Discard Changes in Local Repository
--mixed	NO	YES	YES
--soft	NO	NO	YES
--hard	YES	YES	YES

Note:

If the commits are confirmed to local repository and to discard those commits we can use reset command.

But if the commits are confirmed to remote repository then not recommended to use reset command and we have to use revert command.



TOPIC - 15

Git Aliases – Providing our own Convenient Names to git Commands



Topic-15: Git Aliases - Providing our own Convenient Names to git Commands

Alias means nickname or short name or other alternative name.

In Git we can create our own commands by using aliasing concept. This is something like alias command in Linux.

If any git command is lengthy and repeatedly required, then for that command we can give our own convenient alias name and we can use that alias name every time.

Q1) Create alias Name 'one' to the following git Command?

`git log --oneline`

Test whether alias Name already used OR not?

First we have to check whether the name 'one' is already used or not.

```
$ git one
```

git: 'one' is not a git command. See 'git --help'.

We can use 'one' as alias name.

Creating alias Name:

We can create alias name by using git config command.

Syntax: `git config --global alias.aliasname "original command without git"`

Eg: `git config --global alias.one "log --oneline"`

Using alias Name:

```
$ git one
```

```
bb26af3 (HEAD -> master) two files we added
```

```
257073d file1 added
```

Note: After creating alias name, we can use either alias name or original name.



Q2) Create alias Name 's' to the following git Command?

git status

```
$ git s
git: 's' is not a git command. See 'git --help'.
$ git config --global alias.s "status"
$ git s
On branch master
nothing to commit, working tree clean
```

Note: If we use git in original command while creating alias name, what will happen?

```
$ git config --global alias.ss "git status"
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project8 (master)
```

```
$ ss
```

```
bash: ss: command not found
```

Where these aliases will be stored?

All alias names will be stored inside .gitconfig file.

This file will be available in user's home directory.

In the windows it will be available in C:\Users\lenovo

.gitconfig:

[user]

name = Ravi

email = durgasoftonlinetraining@gmail.com

[core]

autocrlf = true

[diff]

tool = p4merge

[difftool "p4merge"]

path = C:\\Program Files\\Perforce\\p4merge.exe

[difftool]

prompt = false

[merge]

tool = p4merge

[mergetool "p4merge"]

path = C:\\Program Files\\Perforce\\p4merge.exe

[mergetool]

prompt = false

[alias]

one = log --oneline

s = status



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We can perform any changes in alias commands based on requirement.
one = log

```
$ git one
commit bb26af3c6875a480ee0f92883ba85af5048eec6f (HEAD -> master)
Author: Ravi <durgasoftonline@training@gmail.com>
Date: Tue May 26 19:40:13 2020 +0530
```

two files we added

```
commit 257073dcecf4364b77e8c64dbd7386a71f4071a2
Author: Ravi <durgasoftonline@training@gmail.com>
Date: Tue May 26 12:38:38 2020 +0530
```

file1 added



TOPIC – 16

**Ignoring unwanted Files
And
Directories by using .gitignore File**



Topic-16: Ignoring unwanted Files and Directories by using .gitignore File

It is very common requirement that we are not required to store everything in the repository. We have to store only source code files like .java files etc.

README.txt → Not required to store
log files → Not required to store

We can request git, not to consider a particular file or directory.
We have to provide these files and directories information inside a special file .gitignore

.gitignore File:

We have to create this file in working directory.

```
# Don't track abc.txt file
abc.txt
# Don't track all .txt files
*.txt
# Don't track logs directory
logs/
#Don't track any hidden file
.*
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project8 (master)
$ touch a.txt b.txt Customer.java
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project8 (master)
$ mkdir logs
```

```
lenovo@DESKTOP-ECE8V3R MINGW64 /d/gitprojects/project8 (master)
$ touch logs/server.log logs/access.log
```

```
$ git status
On branch master
Untracked files:
(use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
    Customer.java
    a.txt
    b.txt
    logs/
```



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

.gitignore:

```
# Don't track a.txt
a.txt
#Don't track all .txt files
*.txt
#Don't track log files
logs/
#Don't track any hidden file
.*
```



TOPIC – 17

Any Special Treatment For Directories by Git?



Topic-17: Any Special Treatment for Directories by Git?

No special treatment for directories.

Git always consider only files but not directories.

Git never give any importance for the directories.

Whenever we are adding files from the directory, implicitly directory also will be added.

```
$ git status
```

On branch master

nothing to commit, working tree clean

```
$ mkdir dir1
```

Even though we created dir1, GIT won't give any importance for this directory because it does not contain any files.

```
$ git status
```

On branch master

nothing to commit, working tree clean

```
$ touch dir1/{a..d}.py
```

```
$ git status
```

On branch master

Untracked files:

(use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
dir1/

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

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$ git add .
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$ git status
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On branch master

Changes to be committed:

(use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)

new file: dir1/a.py

new file: dir1/b.py

new file: dir1/c.py

new file: dir1/d.py

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$git commit -m 'all python files added'
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