Git – Version Control Task 5

Interactive Rebasing for Clean Commit History - Task 5

What is git rebase?

 It is the process of moving or combining a sequence of commits to a new base commit.

- Ideal for fixing messy commit messages or combining minor changes.
- It gives the opportunity to squash insignificant commits, delete obsolete ones, and make sure everything else is in order before committing to the "official" project history.

> Creating a git repo

```
C:\Users\karur>mkdir rebase-demo
C:\Users\karur>cd rebase-demo
C:\Users\karur\rebase-demo>git init
Initialized empty Git repository in C:/Users/karur/rebase-demo/.git/
```

Creating a file and committing changes

```
C:\Users\karur\rebase-demo>echo "hello, this is line1">file.txt
C:\Users\karur\rebase-demo>git add file.txt
C:\Users\karur\rebase-demo>git commit -m "Initial commit"
[master (root-commit) b0f903d] Initial commit
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
    create mode 100644 file.txt
```

```
C:\Users\karur\rebase-demo>echo "welcome, this is line2" >> file.txt
C:\Users\karur\rebase-demo>git add file.txt
C:\Users\karur\rebase-demo>git commit -m "Added a line"
[master 88a3338] Added a line
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
```

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```
C:\Users\karur\rebase-demo>echo "fix typo" >> file.txt
C:\Users\karur\rebase-demo>git add file.txt
C:\Users\karur\rebase-demo>git commit -m "Fixing a typo"
[master be703cb] Fixing a typo
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
```

```
C:\Users\karur\rebase-demo>echo "extra line" >> file.txt
C:\Users\karur\rebase-demo>git add file.txt
C:\Users\karur\rebase-demo>git commit -m "made a minor change"
[master cc8f5ea] made a minor change
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
```

Using interactive rebase

Rebasing the last 3 commits interactively:

```
pick 26896c4 Added a line
pick 346cac1 Fixing a typo
pick bf5793a made a minor change
```

Using **squash** to combine with previous commit:

pick 26896c4 Added a line squash 346cac1 Fixing a typo squash bf5793a made a minor change

```
# This is a combination of 3 commits.
# This is the 1st commit message:
|
Added a line
# This is the commit message #2:
Fixing a typo
# This is the commit message #3:
made a minor change
```

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> Checking the cleaned-up history:

```
PS C:\Users\karur> git log --oneline
4028e07 (HEAD -> master) Added a line
66223e9 Initial commit
```