Title: Version Control with Git – Hands-On Lab

Objective:

This lab introduces fundamental Git commands and workflows, guiding users through Git configuration, editor integration, and repository management using GitLab.

Lab Objectives

By the end of this lab, you will be able to:

- 1. Configure Git on your local machine
- 2. Integrate Notepad++ as the default Git editor
- 3. Create and manage a Git repository
- 4. Push code to a remote GitLab repository

Steps:

- 1. Git Configuration Setup
- 2. Integrate Notepad++ as Default Git Editor
- 3. Create and Manage Git Repository
- 4. Push to GitLab

```
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~

$ git config --global --list
user.email=ayushjainsparsh2004.ajs@gmail.com
user.name=Ayush Jain
```

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ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (master)
6 echo "welcome to the version control" >> welcome.txt
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (master)
6 ls
welcome.txt
```

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ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (master)
$ cat welcome.txt
welcome to the version control
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (master)
$ git status
On branch master
No commits yet
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (master)
$ git add .
warning: in the working copy of 'welcome.txt', LF will be replaced by CRLF the n
ext time Git touches it
 ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (master)
$ git commit -m "first"
[master (root-commit) b20cc86] first
 1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
 create mode 100644 welcome.txt
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (master)
$ git status
On branch master
nothing to commit, working tree clean
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git pull origin main
remote: Enumerating objects: 3, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
Unpacking objects: 100% (3/3), 2.74 KiB | 254.00 KiB/s, done.
From https://gitlab.com/AyushJainSparsh/demo
 * branch
                        main
                                     -> FETCH_HEAD
 * [new branch]
                        main
                                     -> origin/main
Successfully rebased and updated refs/heads/main.
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ 1s
README.md welcome.txt
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git push origin main
Enumerating objects: 4, done.
Counting objects: 100% (4/4), done.
Delta compression using up to 12 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 321 bytes | 321.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
To https://gitlab.com/AyushJainSparsh/demo.git
   af17b30..6bbd42c main -> main
```

Result:

- Configured Git and set up your identity
- Integrated Notepad++ as your default Git editor
- Created a local Git repository and committed changes
- Pushed your code to a remote GitLab repository

Objective:

Understand the purpose and functionality of .gitignore

- 1. Learn how to exclude specific files and folders from Git tracking
- 2. Implement .gitignore to ignore .log files and log folders

Lab Objectives

By the end of this lab, you will be able to:

3. Initialise .gitignore file to stop unwanted files like .log to get store in gitlab

Steps:

- 4. Initialize Git Repository (if not already done)
- 5. Create Files and Folders to Ignore
- 6. Create/Edit .gitignore File
- 7. Verify .gitignore Behavior

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ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo

ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)

$ ls
README.md welcome.txt

ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)

$ nano .log

ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)

$ cat .log
this is a default .log file

ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)

$ nano .gitignore
```

Objective:

- ☐ Understand Git branching and merging workflows
- 1. Learn how to create a branch and merge it into the master (trunk)
- 2. Explore GitLab's branch and merge request features
- 3. Use P4Merge for visual diffing during merges

Prerequisites

Ensure the following are ready before starting:

- Git environment installed and configured
- P4Merge tool installed and set as Git's diff/merge tool
- A local Git repository initialized
- A remote GitLab repository connected

What is Branching in Git?

Branching allows developers to diverge from the main codebase (usually master or main) to work on features or fixes independently.

Benefits:

- Isolated development
- Parallel workflows
- Safe experimentation

What is Merging in Git?

Merging integrates changes from one branch into another. Typically, feature branches are merged into master after testing.

Lab Objectives

By the end of this lab, you will be able to:

4. Initialise .gitignore file to stop unwanted files like .log to get store in gitlab

Steps:

- 5. Create a New Branch
- 6. Switch to the New Branch Add Files and Make Changes
- 7. Commit the Changes Check Git Status
- 8. Switch Back to Master & List CLI Differences
- 9. View Visual Differences with p4merge

10. Merge the branches

```
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git branch GitNewBranch
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git branch -a
  GitNewBranch
* main
  remotes/origin/main
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git checkout GitNewBranch
Switched to branch 'GitNewBranch'
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (GitNewBranch)
$ git branch -a
* GitNewBranch
  main
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (GitNewBranch)
$ echo "This is a new feature file" > feature.txt
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (GitNewBranch)
$ git add .
warning: in the working copy of '.gitignore', LF will be replaced by CRL warning: in the working copy of 'feature.txt', LF will be replaced by CR
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (GitNewBranch)
$ git commit -m "add fetaures"
[GitNewBranch 86da64c] add fetaures
2 files changed, 2 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 .gitignore
create mode 100644 feature.txt
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (GitNewBranch)
$ git status
On branch GitNewBranch
nothing to commit, working tree clean
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ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git config --global diff.tool p4merge
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git config --global merge.tool p4merge
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git branch
  GitNewBranch
  main
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git merge GitNewBranch
Updating 6bbd42c..86da64c
Fast-forward
 .gitignore
               11+
 feature.txt | 1 +
 2 files changed, 2 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 .gitignore create mode 100644 feature.txt
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git log --oneline --graph --decorate

* 86da64c (HEAD -> main, GitNewBranch) add fetaures

* 6bbd42c (origin/main) demo

* af17b30 Initial commit
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git branch -d GitNewBranch
Deleted branch GitNewBranch (was 86da64c).
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git status
On branch main
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
          h.exe.stackdu
nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to trac
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git branch
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Objective:

- Understand how merge conflicts occur in Git
- Learn how to resolve conflicts using Git and a 3-way merge tool
- Use P4Merge for visual conflict resolution
- Update .gitignore to exclude backup files

Prerequisites

Before starting, ensure the following are ready:

- Git environment installed and configured
- P4Merge tool installed and integrated with Git
- Hands-on ID: Git-T03-HOL 001
- A local Git repository initialized and connected to a remote

What is a Merge Conflict?

A merge conflict occurs when Git cannot automatically reconcile differences between two branches. This typically happens when the same file is modified in both branches in overlapping lines.

Lab Objectives

By the end of this lab, you will be able to:

11. Initialise .gitignore file to stop unwanted files like .log to get store in gitlab

Steps:

- 12. Verify main is clean
- 13. Create a new branch. Add and modify hello.xml in branch
- 14. Commit the Changes Check Git Status
- 15. Switch Back to main and add conflicting hello.xml in main
- 16. Commit changes and check difference
- 17. Merge the branches
- 18. Resolve conflict using 3 way merge tool
- 19. Add backup file to .gitignore
- 20. Commit and list all branches and delete final log

```
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (GitWork)
$ git commit -m "Added hello.xml in GitWork branch"
[GitWork f7b6062] Added hello.xml in GitWork branch
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+) create mode 100644 hello.xml
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (GitWork)
$ git checkout main
Switched to branch 'main'
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ echo "<message>Hello from master branch</message>" > hello.xml
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git add hello.xml
warning: in the working copy of 'hello.xml', LF will be replaced by CRLF
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git commit -m "Added hello.xml in master with different content"
[main 19bd64d] Added hello.xml in master with different content
 1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
 create mode 100644 hello.xml
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git diff GitWork
diff --git a/hello.xml b/hello.xml
index 0bf4c19..82868a7 100644
--- a/hello.xml
+++ b/hello.xml
@@ -1 +1 @@
-<message>Hello from GitWork branch</message>
+<message>Hello from master branch</message>
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git merge GitWork
Auto-merging hello.xml
CONFLICT (add/add): Merge conflict in hello.xml
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then commit the result.
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main|MERGING)
$ git mergetool
Merging:
hello.xml
```

```
yush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main|MERGING)
git add hello.xml
it commit -m "Resolved merge conflict in hello.xml"
main 137ef93] Resolved merge conflict in hello.xml
yush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
 ls -a
                             feature.txt hello_BACKUP_892.xml
    .git/
                 .log
                                                                   hello
    .gitignore README.md hello.xml hello_BASE_892.xml
                                                                   hello
yush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
 echo "*.orig" >> .gitignore
yush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
 git branch -d GitWork
eleted branch GitWork (was f7b6062).
yush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
 git log --oneline --graph --decorate
   137ef93 (HEAD -> main) Resolved merge conflict in hello.xml
 * f7b6062 Added hello.xml in GitWork branch
| 19bd64d Added hello.xml in master with different content
 86da64c add fetaures
 6bbd42c (origin/main) demo
af17b30 Initial commit
```

Objective:

- ☐ Ensure the local repository is clean and synchronized
 - Push pending changes to the remote repository
 - Confirm successful update on GitHub

Prerequisites

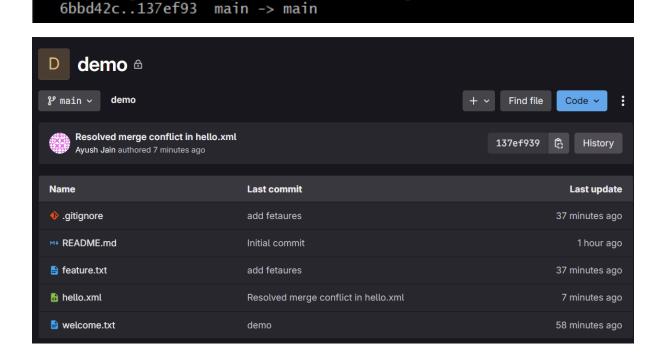
Before starting, make sure:

- 1. Git is installed and configured
- 2. You have a GitHub account
- 3. Hands-on ID: Git-T03-HOL_002
- 4. Remote repository is already set up and linked

Steps:

- 5. Verify main is clean
- 6. List all available branches
- 7. Pull remote repo to main
- 8. Push pending changes to remote
- **9.** Verify changes on Gitlab

```
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git status
On branch main
Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
(use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working director
         modified: .gitignore
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
hello_BACKUP_892.xml
hello_BASE_892.xml
hello_LOCAL_892.xml
         hello_REMOTE_892.xml
         sh.exe.stackdump
no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git branch
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git pull origin main
ayush@AyushJainSparsh MINGW64 ~/onedrive/desktop/demo (main)
$ git push origin main
Enumerating objects: 14, done.
Counting objects: 100% (14/14), done.
Delta compression using up to 12 threads
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Writing objects: 100% (13/13), 1.20 KiB | 614.00 KiB/s, done. Total 13 (delta 4), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0 (from 0)

Compressing objects: 100% (9/9), done.

To https://gitlab.com/AyushJainSparsh/demo.git