**Introduction to Git-flow**

Git-flow is a workflow that helps with continuous software development and implementing DevOps practices. It was first published and made popular by Vincent Driessen at nvie. The Git-flow Workflow defines a strict branching model designed around the project release.

Gitflow is an abstract idea of a Git workflow. This means it dictates what kind of branches to set up and how to merge them together to have the project reach its goal. The git-flow toolset is an actual command line tool that has an installation process. The installation process for git-flow is straightforward. Packages for git-flow are available on multiple operating systems. On windows you will need to [download and install git-flow](https://git-scm.com/download/win). After installing git-flow you can use it in your project by executing $git flow init. Git-flow is a wrapper around Git. The $git flow init command is an extension of the default $[git init](https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/setting-up-a-repository/git-init) command and does not change anything in your repository other than creating branches for you.

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