

# 1. Fast-forward merge

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## 2. Three-Way Merge

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Let's **deeply break down** the internal process of a **Three-Way Merge (No Fast-Forward)** using Git, step by step.

### Situation Setup (Before the Merge)

We have two branches: master and feature.

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A---B---C (master)

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D---E (feature)

- **A, B, C** are commits on master.
- **D, E** are commits on feature.
- Both master and feature have diverged after commit B.
- C is a child of B on master, and E is a child of D on feature.

### Internally: What Git Does in a Three-Way Merge

Git uses the **three-way merge algorithm** to merge the branches.

#### 1. Find Common Ancestor

Git first finds the **common ancestor** of the two branches being merged.

- git merge will be run on master to merge feature.
- Git compares:
  - **Base commit**: B (common ancestor)
  - **Head1**: C (current master)
  - **Head2**: E (latest on feature)

#### 2. Calculate Changes

Git does a diff:

- $\text{diff}(B, C) \rightarrow$  what changed from base to master.
- $\text{diff}(B, E) \rightarrow$  what changed from base to feature.

These are the **two sets of changes** Git now tries to **combine**.

#### 3. Merge Conflicts (if any)

If both C and E modified the **same lines** in the **same files**, you get a **conflict**.

If the changes are in **different areas**, Git merges automatically.

#### 4. Create Merge Commit (M)

Git creates a new commit **M**, which:

- Has **two parents**: C and E.
- Combines changes from both branches.
- Preserves history from **both branches** (unlike fast-forward).

### Final History After Merge

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A---B---C-----M (master)

\                      /  
D---E---/ (feature)

- The master branch is now at M.
- The feature branch still ends at E (unchanged).
- Commit M contains combined code from both master and feature.



## Real Git Commands

### Step-by-step Demo:

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# Start from master

\$ git checkout master

# Create a feature branch and add changes

\$ git checkout -b feature

# edit file, commit D

\$ git commit -m "commit D"

# edit again, commit E

\$ git commit -m "commit E"

# Go back to master and make separate changes

\$ git checkout master

# edit file, commit C

\$ git commit -m "commit C"

# Merge feature into master with merge commit

\$ git merge feature

- If there are no conflicts, Git will create merge commit M.
- If there are conflicts, Git will pause and ask you to resolve them, then:

bash

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\$ git commit # to complete the merge after resolving




## Benefits of Three-Way Merge

### Feature

### Description

 Maintains History    Both histories are preserved. You can track both sides.

 Clear Merge Points    Merge commits (M) clearly show integration points.

 Easy to Debug    If bugs appear, you can trace whether they came from master or feature.



## Fast-Forward مقارنة مع

### Fast-Forward

### Three-Way Merge

Linear history    Branching + merge commits





No merge commit    Creates a merge commit (M)

Simpler log    Full history, clear merges

### 3. Squash Merge process

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Let's demonstrate the Squash Merge process in deeper detail using:

1.  Practical Git Commands
2.  Full Example with Files
3.  Internal View at Each Step
4.  Graph Before vs After



#### Let's Create a Realistic Example

Suppose you're working on a login feature:

#### Initial Project Files (on master)

```
project/  
├── index.html  
└── style.css
```



#### Goal:

You create a feature/login branch and do **3 commits**:

1. Add login.html
2. Add login.js
3. Add validation code in login.js

You want to **squash all 3 commits into one**, and apply that one to master.



#### Step-by-Step Commands



##### 1. Initialize a Git Repo

```
mkdir squash-demo && cd squash-demo  
git init  
Create index.html:
```

```
echo "<h1>Home Page</h1>" > index.html  
git add index.html  
git commit -m "Initial homepage"
```



##### 2. Create a Feature Branch

```
git checkout -b feature/login
```

##### First Commit (D)

```
echo "<form>Login</form>" > login.html  
git add login.html  
git commit -m "Add login page"
```

##### Second Commit (E)

```
echo "console.log('login');" > login.js  
git add login.js  
git commit -m "Add login JS"
```

##### Third Commit (F)

```
echo "function validate() { return true; }" >> login.js  
git add login.js  
git commit -m "Add validation to login"  
Now the history is:
```

```
A---B (master)  
 \   
  D---E---F (feature/login)
```



## Now Switch to master and Squash Merge

```
git checkout master
git merge --squash feature/login
```

### Output:

Git applies all changes from commits D, E, F but does not create a commit.  
You now write a new commit message:

```
git commit -m "Add login feature: HTML, JS, validation"
Now the commit graph looks like:
```

```
A---B---S (master)
|
D---E---F (feature/login)
```

- S is the **squash commit** (synthesized).
- Git doesn't remember the squash came from a branch.
- The feature/login branch still exists separately.



## Internally, What Happened

1. Git identified the **merge base** (B)
2. Git computed the **diff from B → F**
3. Git **applied that diff** to master (B → S)
4. Git **staged the result**, waiting for your commit
5. You created a **new commit S** with your message



## What if You Had Merge Conflicts?

If changes in the feature branch touch the **same files or lines** as master, Git will pause and show a conflict.

But in squash merge:

- You fix the conflict manually
- Stage the fixed files
- Then run: `git commit`

No special "merge commit" will be made.



## Full Visual (Before & After)



### Before:

```
master: A---B
|
feature: D---E---F
```



### After Squash Merge:

```
less
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master: A---B---S
|
feature: D---E---F
```

- No merge commit.
- Just one clean commit on master.
- Feature branch remains unchanged.



## Git Log Comparison

### After Three-Way Merge:

```
git log --oneline --graph
* f1d2f3 Merge branch 'feature/login'
| \
| * 48fdf3 Add validation
| * e3a5c9 Add login JS
| * d12f01 Add login.html
* 34a8d9 Initial homepage
```

## After Squash Merge:

git log --oneline --graph

\* b212f3 Add login feature: HTML, JS, validation

\* 34a8d9 Initial homepage



## Summary (Internal + External)

Action	Description
Internally uses diff(B→F)	Yes
Merge base used	Yes (common ancestor)
Multiple commits preserved	✗ No
One commit created	✓ Yes (your message)
Branch graph changes	✗ No merge link added
History stays linear	✓ Yes (perfect for clean history)

## If exist diverged ???

Let's now **demonstrate** what happens when doing a squash merge in a *diverged* situation, and how Git handles that internally.



## Scenario: Squash Merge When Branches Have Diverged



### Starting Graph (Before Squash Merge):

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A---B---C (master)

    \  
    D---E---F (feature)

- master has C
- feature has F
- They both diverged after commit B

Now you try to squash feature into master.



## Does Squash Merge Work with Diverged Branches?



Yes, **squash merge still works** when branches have diverged.

Unlike a regular merge, Git does **not care** that the branches diverged — it just **applies the diff** from base to feature on top of the current branch.



## Internal Process of Squash Merge with Divergence

Let's explain what happens in your case.



### You're at:

\$ git checkout master

\$ git merge --squash feature

Git does this:



### Step 1: Find the Common Ancestor

- Common ancestor = B



### Step 2: Compute Diff from B → F (feature)

- Git gathers **all changes made from D → F**
- Even if master added its own commits (e.g., C), that doesn't stop squash merge.



### Step 3: Apply That Diff on Top of C

- It applies the **combined changes** from feature *on top of C*
- Like you copied all new/changed files from feature and applied them to master's latest version



## Step 4: Possible Conflicts?

- If master and feature **touched the same lines or files**, you may get a **conflict**
- Resolve conflicts → git add the resolved files → then git commit



## Step 5: Commit as One

After resolving conflicts (or if none), you run:

bash

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```
git commit -m "Add login feature (squashed)"
```

Final graph:

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نسخه‌گیری

A---B---C---S (master)

\

D---E---F (feature)



## Example in Real Commands

### Step-by-Step:

# Start from scratch

```
mkdir squash-diverged && cd squash-diverged
```

```
git init
```

```
echo "v1" > file.txt
```

```
git add file.txt
```

```
git commit -m "A: Add file.txt"
```

```
echo "v2" > file.txt
```

```
git commit -am "B: Update file to v2"
```

# Create feature branch

```
git checkout -b feature
```

```
echo "feature v3" > file.txt
```

```
git commit -am "D: Add feature v3"
```

```
echo "feature v4" >> file.txt
```

```
git commit -am "E: Append feature v4"
```

# Go back to master and diverge

```
git checkout master
```

```
echo "master v3" >> file.txt
```

```
git commit -am "C: Append master v3"
```

Now master has C, and feature has E.

## Now Do Squash Merge:

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```
git merge --squash feature
```

If no conflicts → Git stages the combined diff.

If conflict appears (likely here since both changed file.txt), Git will say:

bash

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Auto-merging file.txt

CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in file.txt

Fix the file manually, then:

bash

نسخه‌گیری

```
git add file.txt
```

```
git commit -m "Squashed feature branch with login changes"
```



## Internal Summary (When Diverged)

### Internal Step

### Explanation

Base Commit

Git finds the **common ancestor** (e.g., B)

Target of Merge	Current HEAD (e.g., C on master)
Applied Diff	Changes from B → F
Commit Created	✅ One manual commit (you write the message)
Merge Commit?	❌ No (no merge trace in history)
Conflicts Possible?	✅ Yes, if overlapping changes



## **BONUS: Why This is Useful**

- You keep your **master history clean** (just one commit).
- You can **rebase** or delete the feature branch easily.
- You don't bring over "messy WIP commits" from the feature branch.



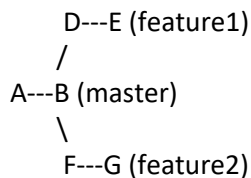
## 4. Octopus Merge

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### What is an Octopus Merge?

An **Octopus Merge** is when you merge **more than two branches** into one **in a single command**. Git internally supports this as long as there are **no conflicts** between them.

### Initial Structure (Before Merge):



- feature1 branch has commits D and E
- feature2 has commits F and G
- Both branches diverged from common ancestor B

### What Git Sees:

You're trying to merge both feature1 and feature2 into master in **one shot**:

```
git checkout master
git merge feature1 feature2
```

### Internally: How Octopus Merge Works

#### Step 1: Find the Common Ancestor

Git finds:

- Common ancestor = B

#### Step 2: Validate Clean Merge

Git:

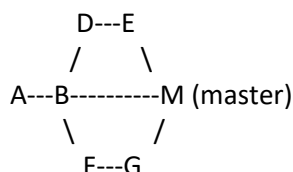
- Tries to combine changes from:
  - B → E (feature1)
  - B → G (feature2)
- Checks if **any conflicts** exist between the two changesets.

#### Important Rule:

If Git finds **any conflicts**, it will **abort** the merge.  
Octopus merge is **only for conflict-free merges**.

#### Step 3: Create a Single Merge Commit M

If successful, Git creates **one merge commit M**:



- M has **multiple parents**:
  - First parent: B (master base)
  - Others: E, G

This is the "octopus" – **one head with many arms** 🐙

## Real Command Example

### Step 1: Setup

```
git init octopus-merge-demo
cd octopus-merge-demo
echo "start" > file.txt
git add file.txt
git commit -m "Initial commit (A)"
echo "line from B" >> file.txt
git commit -am "B: master continues"
```

### Step 2: Create Branches

#### Feature 1:

```
git checkout -b feature1
echo "feature1: add login" > login.txt
git add login.txt
git commit -m "D: Add login.txt"
echo "feature1: update login" >> login.txt
git commit -am "E: Update login.txt"
```

#### Back to master → Create Feature2:

```
git checkout master
git checkout -b feature2
echo "feature2: add dashboard" > dashboard.txt
git add dashboard.txt
git commit -m "F: Add dashboard.txt"
echo "feature2: update dashboard" >> dashboard.txt
git commit -am "G: Update dashboard.txt"
```

### Step 3: Perform Octopus Merge

```
git checkout master
git merge feature1 feature2
```

✅ If there are **no file overlaps**, Git creates a merge commit like:

Merge branches 'feature1' and 'feature2'

### Git Log After Merge

```
git log --oneline --graph --all
```

Shows something like:

```
sql
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* abc123 Merge branches 'feature1' and 'feature2'
```

```
|\
| * g7g8g9 G: Update dashboard.txt
| * f5f6f7 F: Add dashboard.txt
* | e3e4e5 E: Update login.txt
* | d1d2d3 D: Add login.txt
|/
* b1b2b3 B: master continues
* a0a1a2 Initial commit (A)
```

## What If Conflicts Exist?

Let's say:

- Both feature1 and feature2 **edit the same file** (e.g., file.txt)

Then this will happen:


```
bash
```

```
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```





```
$ git merge feature1 feature2
```

```
error: Merging is not possible because you have unmerged files.
```


```
fatal: merge failed
```

 Git **aborts the octopus merge** — unlike regular merge, **you can't resolve conflicts manually** here.

## When Should You Use Octopus Merge?

Use Case	Suitability
Merging multiple branches at once	 YES
No conflicts between the branches	 YES
Clean feature integration (e.g., plugins)	 YES
Complex, conflicting branches	 NO

## Summary (Internals + Output)

Step	What Happens
Common ancestor	Git finds B
Check for conflicts	Git checks all incoming branches
Apply diffs	All branches diffed from B
Merge commit	Git creates M with multiple parents
Conflict present?	 Merge is aborted (can't resolve manually)

## 4.1 change the message of the initial/root commit

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```
$ ga
* 6c3b835 (HEAD -> master) Merge branches 'feature1' and 'feature2'
| \
| * b7fe192 (feature2) (G): update dashbaord.txt
| * be09132 (F): add dashbaord.txt
* | 1697f7d (feature1) (E): update login.txt
* | 9bce351 (D): add login.txt
|/
* 6c96b86 (B): master continues
* c77f72b Initial commit :(A)
```

```
$ g
* 4d41670 (HEAD -> master) (G): update dashbaord.txt
* 911e2b0 (F): add dashbaord.txt
* 6af2a9e (E): update login.txt
* 482fa12 (D): add login.txt
* 6c8a5ef (B): master continues
* c8c49d9 (A): Initial commit
```

### Question:

How can I change the message of the **initial/root commit**:

c77f72b Initial commit :(A)  
to:

(A): Initial commit

### Git History Before Rewriting

Here's the state of your repository **before adjusting the message**:

```
* 6c3b835 (HEAD -> master) Merge branches 'feature1' and 'feature2'
| \
| * b7fe192 (feature2) (G): update dashboard.txt
| * be09132 (F): add dashboard.txt
* | 1697f7d (feature1) (E): update login.txt
* | 9bce351 (D): add login.txt
|/
* 6c96b86 (B): master continues
* c77f72b Initial commit :(A) 📌 You want to change this
```

### Solution: Using git rebase --root

To rewrite the first commit message:

#### ◆ Step 1: Run Root Rebase


git rebase -i --root

#### ◆ Step 2: Change pick to reword

Editor opens with:

```
pick c77f72b Initial commit :(A)
pick 6c96b86 master continues
pick 9bce351 add login.txt
pick 1697f7d update login.txt
pick be09132 add dashboard.txt
pick b7fe192 update dashboard.txt
pick 6c3b835 Merge branches 'feature1' and 'feature2'
✓ Modify the first line:
```


reword c77f72b Initial commit :(A)

 Then save and exit the editor.

### ◆ Step 3: Git Prompts for New Message

A second editor opens showing:

Initial commit :(A)

 Change it to:

(A): Initial commit

### Save and Exit

- **Nano:**
  - Ctrl + O, Enter, then Ctrl + X
- **Vim:**
  - Esc, type :wq, then Enter

### Git History After Rewriting

Your log will now show the new message:

Your actual commit log will look like this:


\* 83a2f0a (HEAD -> master) (G): update dashboard.txt


\* b50dd6e (F): add dashboard.txt

\* 1697f7d (feature1) (E): update login.txt

\* 9bce351 (D): add login.txt

\* 6c96b86 (B): master continues

\* abcd123 (A): Initial commit  message updated!

 **Note:** The commit hash of the initial commit (1a2b3c4) changed because commit content was modified.

### Important Notice

If you already pushed your repo to a remote (GitHub, etc.), you'll need to **force-push**:

git push --force

## 5. Rebase then Merge – Internal Process

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### ✓ Rebase Then Merge – Internal Process

...when the feature branch was created after commit B (not after C)



## Situation Overview

You have two branches:

- master: continues from B → C
- feature: branched from B, adds D and E



## Git History Before Rebase

A---B---C (master)

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D---E (feature)

This means:

- feature branched **before** the latest commit on master (C)
- So Git considers the two branches **diverged**



## Goal:

You want to make the feature branch look as if it was developed **after C**, not B.  
This creates a **linear history** and avoids a merge commit.



## Step-by-Step Process



### Step 1: Rebase feature onto master

bash

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git checkout feature

git rebase master



## What Git Does Internally:

1. Finds the **base** of feature = commit B
2. Takes all **new commits** after B in feature → D and E
3. Copies them
4. Reapplies them on top of C



The new commits are called:

- D': new version of D
- E': new version of E



## Git History After Rebase

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A---B---C---D'---E' (feature)

\

- D---E    ❌ abandoned (old path)
- feature is now cleanly on top of master
  - D and E are discarded (not deleted, just orphaned)

## ◆ Step 2: Merge Feature (Fast-Forward)

git checkout master

git merge feature

- Since master ends at C, and feature starts at C and continues → **Git fast-forwards** master.

## ✅ Final Git History (After Rebase + Merge)

A---B---C---D'---E' (master, feature)

- No merge commit created
- Clean, linear history
- Looks like all work happened in one straight line



## Summary Table

Step	Action	Result
git rebase	Rewrites feature onto master	Makes commits D, E become D', E'
git merge	Fast-forwards master	No merge commit
Final history	Linear (C → D' → E')	Easier to understand



## Why This Is Useful

Benefit	Why It Helps
No merge commit	Simpler history
Linear commit flow	Easy to read with git log --oneline
Avoids diverging branches	Keeps your project tidy
Great for feature branches	Especially before pushing to remote

## 6. Merge with Conflict – Internal Process

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### ✓ 6. Merge with Conflict – Internal Process

Illustrated with commit graphs, internal steps, and terminal behavior.



## Scenario: Merge with Conflict



### Initial Commit Graph (Before Merge)

A---B---C (master)

\

D---E (feature)

- master has new commit C
- feature has new commits D → E
- Both **modified the same line** in the same file (let's say hello.txt)



### What Git Sees:

- Common base commit = B
- It tries a **three-way merge**:
  - Base: B
  - Head1: C (from master)
  - Head2: E (from feature)
- It detects a **conflict**:
  - C and E both changed the **same line** in hello.txt



### Internal Git Process:

1. Git **stops the merge**
2. Adds **conflict markers** inside the conflicting file:

```
<<<<<<< HEAD
version from master (C)
=====
version from feature (E)
>>>>>>> feature
```

3. Git **marks the merge as incomplete**
4. You must **manually resolve** the conflict



### Your Role:



#### Step 1: Resolve the Conflict

- Open the file (e.g., hello.txt)
- Edit it to keep the correct version

Example resolved file:



final version after resolving



## Step 2: Mark as Resolved

```
git add hello.txt
```

## Step 3: Complete the Merge

```
git commit -m "M: Merge feature into master (resolved conflict)"
```

## Final Commit Graph (After Merge)

```
A---B---C-----M (master)
```

```
    \         /  
    D---E---/ (feature)
```

- M is a **merge commit**
- It has **two parents**: C (master) and E (feature)
- The merge only succeeds **after manual resolution**

## Summary Table

Step	Action	Result
Git tries to merge	Uses common base B	Finds conflict between C and E
Conflict detected	Stops and adds conflict markers	Merge paused
Developer resolves	Edits file, runs git add	Marks as resolved
Developer commits	Runs git commit	Creates merge commit M

## When This Happens

- Both branches edited **the same line**
- Git can't decide which version to keep
- Very common in collaborative teams or long-lived branches

# Git Rebase Commands

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## 1. Basic Rebase Commands – Demonstrated



### Example Setup

```
mkdir rebase-demo && cd rebase-demo
```

```
git init
```

Create base commits on master:

```
bash
```

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```
echo "v1" > app.txt
```

```
git add app.txt
```

```
git commit -m "A: Initial commit"
```

```
echo "v2" >> app.txt
```

```
git commit -am "B: Update v2"
```

```
echo "v3" >> app.txt
```

```
git commit -am "C: Update v3"
```

Create a new branch:

```
bash
```

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```
git checkout -b feature
```

```
echo "login 1" > login.txt
```

```
git add login.txt
```

```
git commit -m "D: Add login page"
```

```
echo "login 2" >> login.txt
```

```
git commit -am "E: Improve login form"
```

Now you have:

```
scss
```

نسخه‌برداری

```
A---B---C (master)
```

```
  \
```

```
   D---E (feature)
```



### 1.1 git rebase master

```
bash
```

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```
git checkout feature
```

```
git rebase master
```

Git moves the feature branch commits D and E **after** C:

```
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```

نسخه‌برداری

A---B---C---D'---E' (feature)

## ◆ 1.2 git rebase --abort

If a conflict happens:

```
bash
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git rebase master
# Conflict occurs!
git rebase --abort # Restores branch back to before rebase
```

## ◆ 1.3 git rebase --continue

After resolving conflict:

```
bash
نسخه‌برداری
# Fix file manually
git add file.txt
git rebase --continue
```

## ◆ 1.4 git rebase --skip

If a commit causes problems and you want to **ignore it**:

```
bash
نسخه‌برداری
git rebase master
# Conflict in E
git rebase --skip # E will be dropped
```

## ✅ First: git rebase --abort

### 📌 Purpose:

If a **conflict** happens during a rebase and you don't want to continue or you can't resolve it, this command allows you to **cancel the rebase** and go back to how things were before it started.

### 🧪 Example:

1. You have two branches:
  - master
  - feature (with some new changes)

```
bash
نسخه‌برداری
# Switch to the feature branch
$ git checkout feature
# Start the rebase process
$ git rebase master
🎯 A conflict happens:
```

```
bash
نسخه‌برداری
Auto-merging file.txt
```


CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in file.txt

## To cancel the rebase and go back to the original state:

bash

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```
$ git rebase --abort
```

 This will cancel the rebase and return the feature branch to how it was before the rebase started.

## Second: git rebase --continue

### Purpose:

After you **manually resolve a conflict**, you use this command to continue the rebase process.

### Steps:

1. During git rebase master, a conflict occurs in file.txt.

bash

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CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in file.txt

1. You open the file and **resolve the conflict manually**, removing the conflict markers:

text

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<<<<<< HEAD

// from master

=====

// from feature

>>>>>> commit-hash

1. After resolving, stage the file:

bash

نسخه‌برداری


```
$ git add file.txt
```

1. Then continue the rebase:

bash

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```
$ git rebase --continue
```

 Git will proceed to the next commit and continue the rebase.

## Third: git rebase --skip

### Purpose:

If a certain commit causes issues and is **not important**, you can **skip** it and continue with the rest.

### Example:

1. During rebase:

bash

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\$ git rebase master

1. A conflict occurs in a commit that modifies E.txt.
2. Instead of fixing it, you choose to ignore that commit:

bash

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\$ git rebase --skip

 Git will skip that commit entirely and continue with the next ones.



## Diagram (Before and After)



### Before Rebase:

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master: A---B---C

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feature: D---E



### During git rebase master from feature:

Git tries to replay D and E on top of C:

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A---B---C---D'---E'

If:

- A conflict happens in E
- You run git rebase --skip



Result:

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A---B---C---D' ← E is removed



## Summary:

Command	Purpose	When to Use
git rebase --abort	Cancel the rebase	When a conflict happens and you don't want to continue
git rebase --continue	Resume after resolving a conflict	After fixing the conflict and staging the changes
git rebase --skip	Skip a problematic commit	If a commit causes issues and you decide to ignore it

# Local not track remote

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Why doesn't Git say: "Your branch is ahead of 'origin/prolog-feature' by 1 commit"? Even though prolog-feature has a commit (875ae94) that does **not** exist in origin/prolog-feature (2d6d08d).

## ✓ The Actual Reason (in detail):

You have the following:

- \* 875ae94 (HEAD -> prolog-feature) ← new local commit
- \* 2d6d08d (origin/prolog-feature) ← last known commit on the remote

So your local branch is **definitely ahead by one commit**.

But the question is:

**Why doesn't git status say: "Your branch is ahead of 'origin/prolog-feature' by 1 commit"?**



## Possible Reasons:



### 1. Your local branch is not actually tracking the remote one

Even though the branch name is the same (prolog-feature), it might not be **linked** to origin/prolog-feature.

To check this, run:

```
git branch -vv
```

You should see something like:

```
prolog-feature 875ae94 [origin/prolog-feature] add hi.txt
```

If you **don't see [origin/prolog-feature]**, that means the branch is **not tracking** the remote branch.



## Solution:

If your branch is not tracking the remote branch, run this:

```
git branch --set-upstream-to=origin/prolog-feature
```

Then check again with:

```
git status
```

Now you'll see:

Your branch is ahead of 'origin/prolog-feature' by 1 commit.



## Quick Notes:

Command	Purpose
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git fetch	Updates your remote-tracking branches
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git branch -vv	Shows whether your branch is tracking a remote
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git status	Only compares to the <b>upstream</b> branch (if set)
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Would you like a visual diagram to help explain this case more clearly?

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