**Versioning Commits**

In Git, files can have the following statuses:

**Untracked**: This a file that exists in the working tree whose changes are not being monitored by Git and aren't listed in the **gitignore** file.

**Unstaged**: This a file whose changes are being tracked by Git; the file has been changed since the last commit and has yet to be moved to the **index**.

**Staged**: This is a file whose changes are being tracked by Git; the file has been changed since the last commit and has been moved to the index. This file is a file that is ready for the Git commit. Staged files are the files in the index that are different from their corresponding files in the **HEAD**, that is, the version of the file in the most recent commit.

**git status** is a utility that is used by Git. It's used to retrieve the details of files that are untracked, unstaged, or staged. **git status** lists files in order of their statuses.

The **git status** output is lengthy in nature. To view a brief list and status, use the **-s** or **--short** option with the **git status** command.