



6. Advance Git Operations



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6.1 git reflog



```
0fe6c79 (HEAD -> main, origin/main, origin/HEAD) HEAD@{0}: commit (merge): Merge branch 'ridoy-branch'
20f1680 HEAD@{1}: checkout: moving from ridoy-branch to main
396a6f7 HEAD@{2}: checkout: moving from main to ridoy-branch
396a6f7 HEAD@{2}: checkout: moving from main to ridoy-branch
20f1680 HEAD@{3}: commit: new commit in main
12f5ace HEAD@{4}: checkout: moving from ridoy-branch to main
396a6f7 HEAD@{5}: commit: Commit in ridoy
12f5ace HEAD@{6}: checkout: moving from main to ridoy-branch
12f5ace HEAD@{7}: checkout: moving from ridoy-branch to main
12f5ace HEAD@{8}: checkout: moving from main to ridoy-branch
12f5ace HEAD@{9}: checkout: moving from test-branch to main
c0a9d15 (origin/test-branch, origin/rahul-branch, test-branch, rahul-branch) HEAD@{10}: checkout: moving from main to test-branch
12f5ace HEAD@{11}: checkout: moving from rahul-branch to main
```

- **Purpose:** Shows the history of where HEAD has pointed.
- **Usage:** Ideal for undoing resets or finding lost commits.



6.2 git blame



```
prashantjain@Prashants-Mac-mini MERN_Live % git blame README.md
^a8f3e4d (Prashant Jain 2024-06-19 08:48:47 +0530 1) # MERN_Live
^a8f3e4d (Prashant Jain 2024-06-19 08:48:47 +0530 2) This Repo will have all
the code that will be practised as part of the course.
12f5ace1 (Prashant Jain 2024-09-10 20:56:48 +0530 3)
12f5ace1 (Prashant Jain 2024-09-10 20:56:48 +0530 4)
12f5ace1 (Prashant Jain 2024-09-10 20:56:48 +0530 5) testing
prashantjain@Prashants-Mac-mini MERN_Live %
```

- **Purpose:** Shows **who last modified each line in a file**, along with the commit details.
- **Usage:** Useful for **identifying responsibility** for code changes.



6.3 git stash



git stash

- To Stash the current changes

```
git stash
```

- To apply the last stash

```
git stash apply
```

- To apply and remove the last stash

```
git stash pop
```

- To list all the stash saved

```
git stash list
```

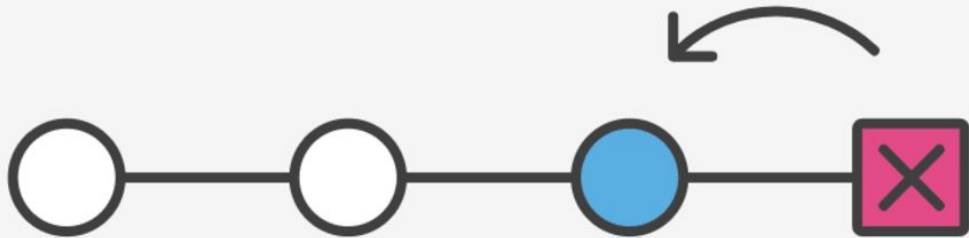
- To delete the stash saved

```
git stash drop
```

- **Purpose:** Temporarily saves your changes (working directory and index) and returns your workspace to a clean state.
- **Useful** when switching branches.
- **Ideal** for saving incomplete work without committing it.




6.4 git revert



Reverts a commit by creating a new commit that undoes the changes introduced by a specific commit, without altering the commit history.

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```
git revert <commit-hash>
```



6.5 git reset



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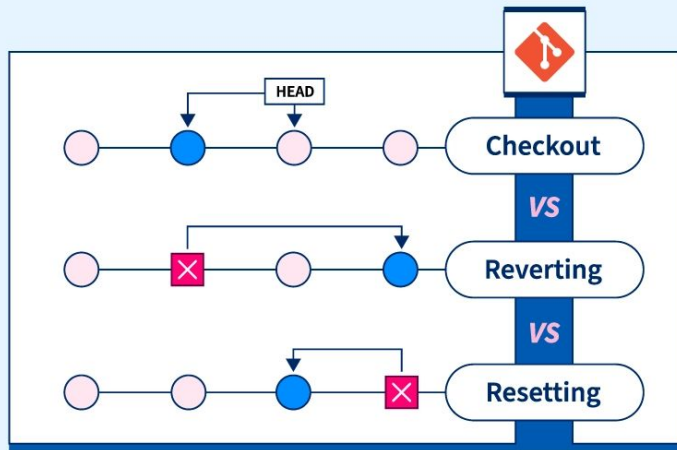
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```
git reset --hard <commit-hash>
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```
git reset --soft <commit-hash>
```



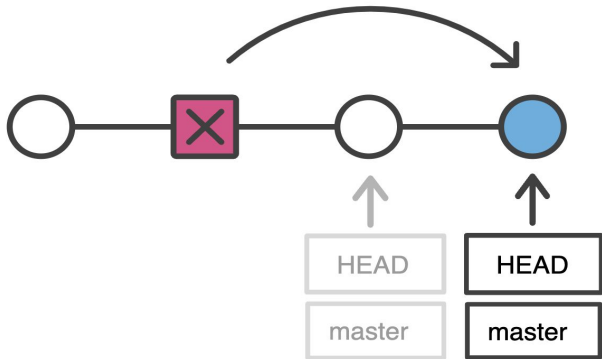
- **Purpose**: Moves the current branch HEAD to a specific commit.
- **Mode** supported (`--soft`, `--mixed`, `--hard`).
- **Usage**: Used to undo changes in commits, index, or working directory.



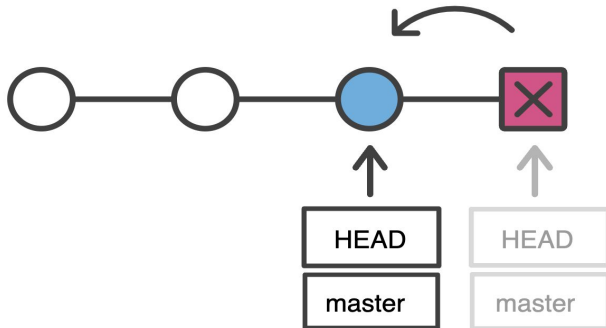
6.5 git reset vs revert



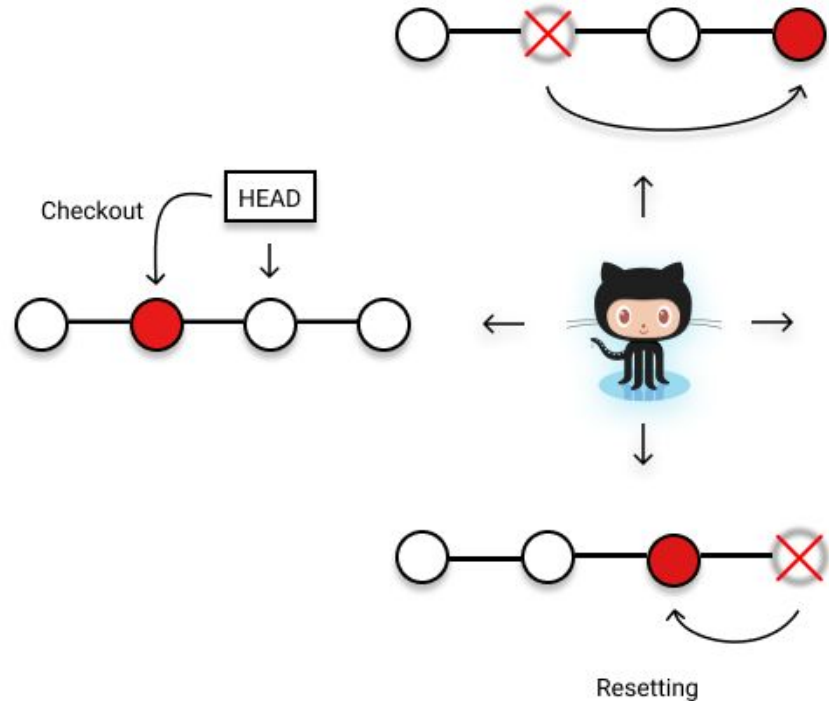
Reverting



Resetting



Reverting





6.6 git commit --amend



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```
git commit --amend -m "New message"
```

- While `git commit --amend` does **change history**, it only changes the most recent commit on your current branch.
- **Modify the Last Commit:** Edit the last commit's message or content.
- **Fix Mistakes:** Useful for **correcting typos** or **adding forgotten changes**.
- **Replaces the Commit:** Does not create a new commit, just **replaces the previous one**.
- **Avoid with Pushed Commits:** Should only be used for local commits to avoid history conflicts.



6.7 git cherry-pick



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```
git cherry-pick <commit-hash>
```

Cherry-pick multiple commits:

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```
git cherry-pick <commit-hash1> <commit-hash2>
```

Main Branch

Feature Branch

Commit 2c

Commit 2b

Commit 2a



Cherry Pick

- **Purpose:** Applies changes from specific commits in one branch to another branch.
- **Useful** when you want to move specific features without merging everything.
- **Usage:** Great for bringing in specific features from another branch.



6.8 git rebase



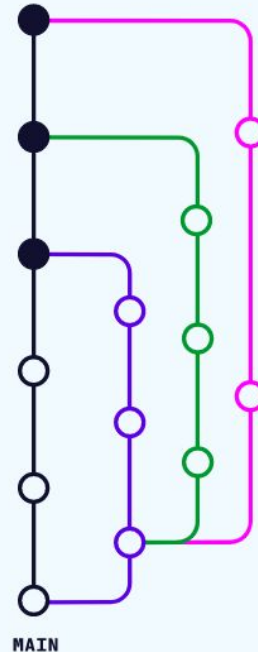
bash

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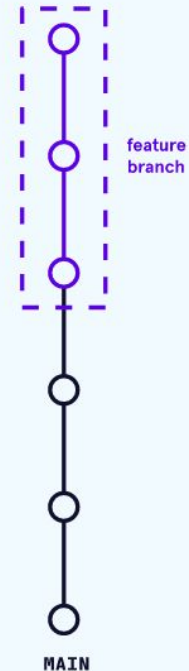
```
git rebase <branch-name>
```

- **Purpose:** Reapplies commits on top of another base commit.
- **Can be used** to **clean up** commit history and **incorporate** changes from one branch into another.

Git Merge



Git Rebase





6.9 git rebase -i



Interactive rebase for editing commits:

```
bash
```

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```
git rebase -i <base-commit>
```

- **Rearrange or Edit Commits:** Allows you to modify, reorder, squash, or remove commits in a branch to clean up the commit history.
- **Useful for History Cleanup:** Ideal for refining commits before sharing or pushing, creating a cleaner and more understandable commit history.
- **This changes history:** Do not do this after pushing.

```
pick 2231360 some old commit
pick ee2adc2 Adds new feature
```

```
# Rebase 2cf755d..ee2adc2 onto 2cf755d (9 commands)
```

```
#
```

```
# Commands:
```

```
# p, pick = use commit
```

```
# r, reword = use commit, but edit the commit message
```

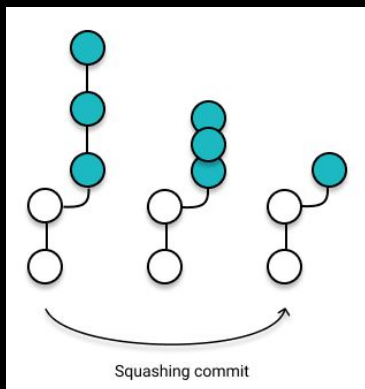
```
# e, edit = use commit, but stop for amending
```

```
# s, squash = use commit, but meld into previous commit
```

```
# f, fixup = like "squash", but discard this commit's log message
```

```
# x, exec = run command (the rest of the line) using shell
```

```
# d, drop = remove commit
```





6.10 Keeping a clean history



- Avoid messy, redundant commits; use tools like `git rebase` to clean up history.
- Squash multiple small or meaningless commits into one meaningful commit.
- Use descriptive commit messages to keep the history readable and easy to follow.
- Regularly review and tidy up branches before merging into the main branch.

