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ABSTRACT

The *Git Help* application is a Kotlin-based Android app developed to aid developers in exploring and understanding Git commands seamlessly. Given the complexity and vastness of Git's command-line interface, many developers—especially beginners—often find themselves searching online for the right commands and their usage. This app eliminates that need by offering an offline, easily accessible solution.

The app allows users to select from categorized primary and secondary options, dynamically displaying the corresponding Git command and a detailed note explaining its context or special considerations. The data is stored locally in an SQLite database, populated from a well-structured JSON file, ensuring that the app remains functional without requiring an internet connection after installation.

With a minimalistic and intuitive user interface powered by Kotlin and XML layouts, the app ensures an effortless experience. It's designed to scale, allowing the addition of new commands through simple JSON edits. The result is a robust tool that enhances productivity and reduces the friction of using Git, all packaged within a lightweight Android app.

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CHAPTER 1

1. INTRODUCTION

Git is the de facto standard for version control, renowned for its flexibility and distributed architecture. However, its extensive library of commands can overwhelm users, particularly those new to the system. Developers often have to memorize various syntax formats and their subtle differences, which can lead to mistakes and slow development cycles.

The *Git Help* app was conceptualized to resolve this issue by offering a command explorer that allows users to look up Git commands interactively. Unlike static cheat sheets, the app is dynamic and modular, letting users pick primary actions (like "add", "commit", or "branch") and refine their search with secondary options to generate precise command results.

This app serves as a learning tool and a quick reference, targeting both beginners seeking guidance and experienced developers in need of a fast lookup tool. By leveraging offline access, it ensures reliability even in environments with poor connectivity, enhancing its usefulness in day-to-day development.

2. Objectives

The key objectives of the *Git Help* project are as follows:

- **Simplify Git Learning:** Help users find Git commands easily, minimizing the learning curve.
- **Offline Availability:** Provide all command data offline via a locally stored SQLite database.
- **Dynamic Lookup:** Allow interactive exploration where users select primary and secondary command categories to fetch the exact command they need.

- **Easy Maintenance:** Use a JSON file to populate and maintain the database, enabling easy updates without requiring code changes.
- **User-Friendly Interface:** Build a clean, responsive UI using modern Android practices.
- **Fast Performance:** Ensure quick data access and smooth UI responsiveness.

3. Modules

The app is organized into the following modules:

- **Splash Module:** Displays a branded splash screen on app launch, introducing the user to the app's theme and transitioning smoothly to the main activity.
- **Main Module:** The core module where users interact with dropdown fields to choose primary and secondary Git command categories. It dynamically displays results and hides/shows relevant sections based on user interaction.
- **Database Module:** Manages all SQLite operations. It retrieves primary and secondary options and ensures data integrity. The module includes mechanisms to populate the database via JSON.
- **UI Module:** Composed of XML layouts, this module defines the visual elements and their arrangement for both the splash and main screens, ensuring a clean and responsive design across devices.

CHAPTER 2

1. Software Description

The *Git Help* app is built on the Android platform, utilizing Kotlin as its main programming language and SQLite as its local database. Android Studio serves as the integrated development environment (IDE), supporting Kotlin development and providing tools for UI design and database management.

The app's design philosophy emphasizes simplicity, speed, and offline usability. Data binding is leveraged to simplify UI updates, and `AutoCompleteTextViews` enhance user interaction by providing predictive dropdowns based on database entries. The database is populated from a JSON file, allowing easy scaling as new Git commands emerge.

2. Software Description

2.1 Kotlin

Kotlin, introduced by JetBrains and officially supported by Google for Android development, is a statically typed language that offers concise syntax and modern programming features such as null safety, lambda expressions, and coroutines. In *Git Help*, Kotlin is used to handle UI logic, database interactions, and activity lifecycle management, ensuring robust and maintainable code.

2.2 XML

XML is used extensively in Android for defining user interface layouts. Each screen in *Git Help*—such as the splash and main screens—is created using XML files that detail the arrangement, style, and properties of UI components. XML ensures that the app's design is declarative and easily adjustable without altering the Kotlin logic.

2.3 SQLite

SQLite is a lightweight, embedded database engine that comes pre-installed with Android. It offers a relational database management system ideal for apps requiring local data storage. In *Git Help*, SQLite stores primary and secondary command categories along with their associated command syntax and notes. This ensures fast, offline access to Git command data, with queries handled efficiently even on low-end devices.

3. Requirements And Analysis

3.1 Requirements Specification

Project Overview:

Functional Requirements:

- Users should be able to select a primary Git action from a dropdown.
- Based on the selection, users can further refine their query using a secondary dropdown.
- The app should display the corresponding Git command and a helpful note.
- The data should persist across app restarts without needing the internet.

Non-functional Requirements:

- The UI must be responsive and intuitive.
- Queries should execute quickly without noticeable lag.
- The app should work seamlessly on Android devices running API level 21+.
- Efficient memory and storage management should be maintained.

Analysis:

- **User Workflow:** Tasks analysis for doctors and patients.
- **Data Model:** Efficient database schema design.

3.2 Hardware and Software Requirements

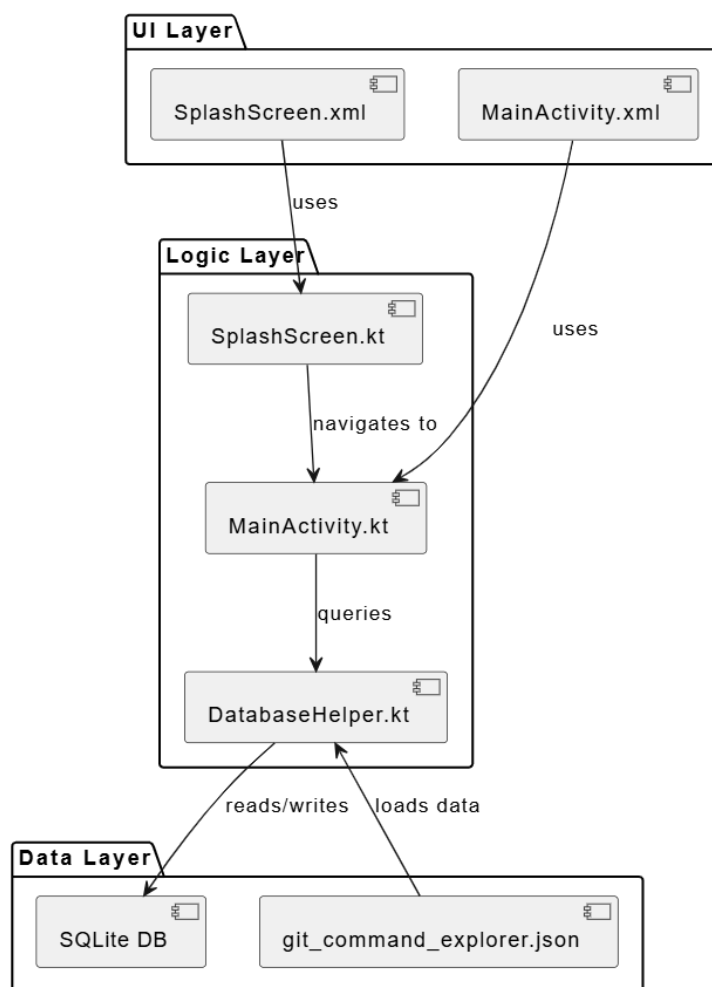
Hardware Requirements:

- Android smartphone or emulator.
- Minimum 1 GB RAM and 100 MB of available storage.
- Optional: Development machine with at least 4 GB RAM for building the APK.

Software Requirements:

- Android Studio (latest stable release).
- Kotlin plugin for Android.
- Android SDK (API level 21+).
- SQLite (built into Android).

3.3 Architecture Diagram



UI Layer:

- SplashScreen.xml
- MainActivity.xml

Logic Layer:

- SplashScreen.kt
- MainActivity.kt
- DatabaseHelper.kt

Data Layer:

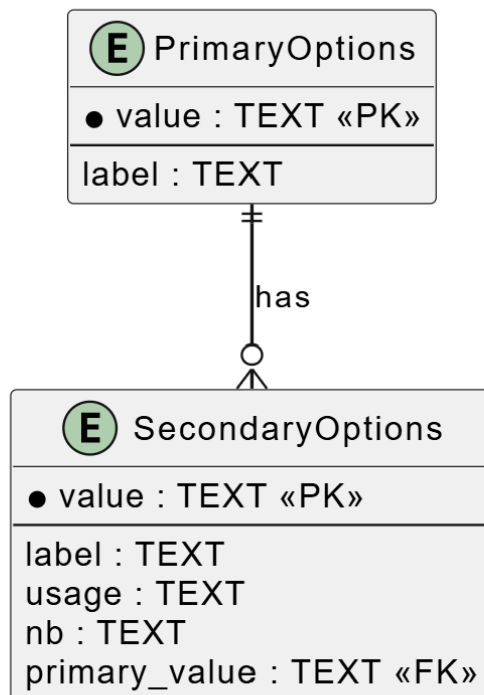
- SQLite DB (tables: primary_options, secondary_options)
- JSON file for data population.

3.4. ER Diagram

Entities:

- PrimaryOptions:
 - value (PK)
 - label
- SecondaryOptions:
 - value (PK)
 - label
 - usage
 - nb (note)
 - primary_value (FK to PrimaryOptions)

This is a one-to-many relationship: each primary option links to multiple secondary options.

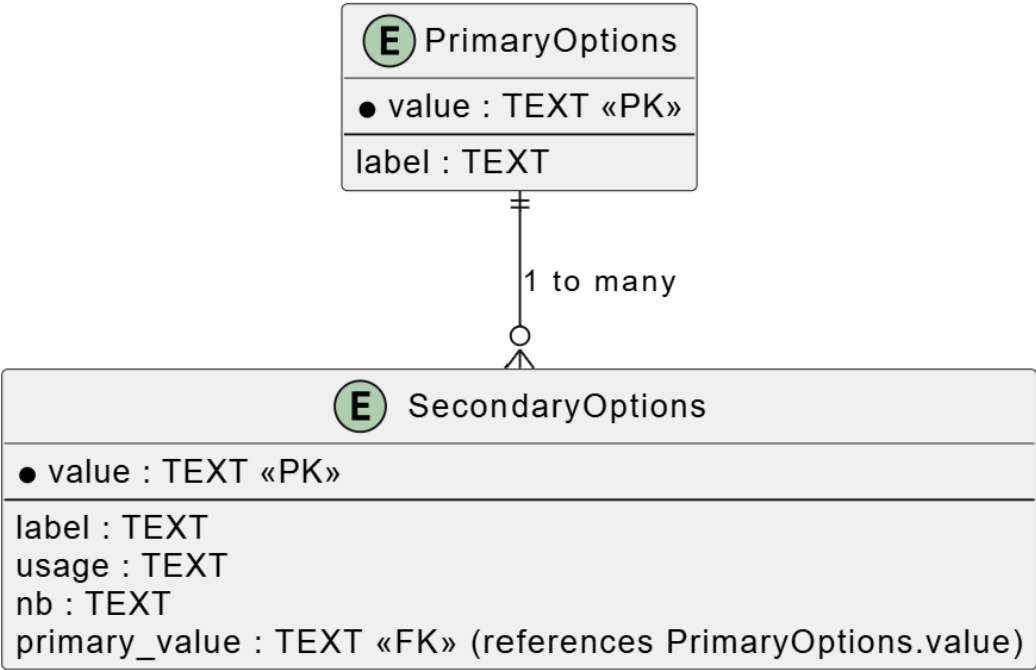


3.5. Normalization

The database is normalized as follows:

- First Normal Form (1NF):
 - All attributes hold atomic values; no repeating groups.
- Second Normal Form (2NF):
 - All non-key columns are fully dependent on the primary key.
- Third Normal Form (3NF):
 - There are no transitive dependencies; data is well-structured with proper foreign key use.

This ensures minimal redundancy and efficient query performance.



4. PROGRAM CODE

AndroidManifest.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>

<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"

    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools">

    <application

        android:allowBackup="true"

        android:dataExtractionRules="@xml/data_extraction_rules"

        android:fullBackupContent="@xml/backup_rules"

        android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"

        android:label="@string/app_name"

        android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"

        android:supportsRtl="true"

        android:theme="@style/Theme.GitHelp"

        tools:targetApi="31">

        <activity

            android:name=".SplashScreen"

            android:exported="true">

            <intent-filter>

                <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />

                <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />

            </intent-filter>

        </activity>

        <activity

            android:name=".MainActivity"

            android:exported="true"

            android:windowSoftInputMode="stateHidden" />

    </application>
```

```
</manifest>
```

activity_main.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>

<layout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"

    xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"

    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools">

    <ScrollView

        android:layout_width="match_parent"

        android:layout_height="match_parent">

        <androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout

            android:layout_width="match_parent"

            android:layout_height="wrap_content"

            android:padding="16dp"

            tools:context=".MainActivity">

            <TextView

                android:id="@+id/text_git_command"

                android:layout_width="wrap_content"

                android:layout_height="wrap_content"

                android:layout_marginTop="44dp"

                android:fontFamily="@font/calibri"

                android:textSize="24sp"

                app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"

                app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"

                app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
```

```
tools:text="Git Command Explorer" />

<TextView

    android:id="@+id/text_find_right_command"

    android:layout_width="wrap_content"

    android:layout_height="wrap_content"

    android:layout_marginTop="16dp"

    android:fontFamily="@font/calibri"

    android:gravity="center"

    android:text="Find the right commands you need without digging
through the web"

    android:textColor="#6A6A6A"

    android:textSize="16sp"

    app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"

    app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"

    app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/text_git_command" />

<TextView

    android:id="@+id/text_i_want_to"

    android:layout_width="wrap_content"

    android:layout_height="wrap_content"

    android:layout_marginTop="44dp"

    android:fontFamily="@font/calibri"

    android:text="I want to:"

    android:textColor="@color/colorAccent"

    android:textSize="18sp"

    android:textStyle="bold"

    app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"

    app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/text_find_right_command" />
```



```
<androidx.cardview.widget.CardView

    android:id="@+id/card_view_first_field"

    android:layout_width="0dp"

    android:layout_height="wrap_content"

    android:layout_marginTop="16dp"

    app:cardCornerRadius="4dp"

    app:cardUseCompatPadding="true"

    app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"

    app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"

    app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/text_i_want_to">
```

```
<AutoCompleteTextView

    android:id="@+id/input_first_field"

    android:layout_width="match_parent"

    android:layout_height="wrap_content"

    android:background="@null"

    android:completionThreshold="1"

    android:drawableEnd="@drawable/ic_keyboard_arrow_down"

    android:drawableTint="#ACACAC"

    android:fontFamily="@font/calibri"

    android:hint="..."

    android:inputType="textNoSuggestions"

    android:padding="12dp"

    android:textColor="@color/colorPrimary"

    android:textSize="14sp"

    android:textStyle="bold"

    tools:text="add" />
```

```
</androidx.cardview.widget.CardView>
```

```
<androidx.cardview.widget.CardView

    android:id="@+id/card_view_second_field"

    android:layout_width="0dp"

    android:layout_height="wrap_content"

    android:layout_marginTop="4dp"

    android:visibility="gone"

    app:cardCornerRadius="4dp"

    app:cardUseCompatPadding="true"

    app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"

    app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"

app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/card_view_first_field">
```

```
<AutoCompleteTextView

    android:id="@+id/input_second_field"

    android:layout_width="match_parent"

    android:layout_height="wrap_content"

    android:background="@null"

    android:completionThreshold="1"

    android:drawableEnd="@drawable/ic_keyboard_arrow_down"

    android:drawableTint="#ACACAC"

    android:fontFamily="@font/calibri"

    android:hint="..."

    android:inputType="textNoSuggestions"

    android:padding="12dp"

    android:textColor="@color/colorPrimary"

    android:textSize="14sp"

    android:textStyle="bold"

    tools:text="new changes" />
```

```
</androidx.cardview.widget.CardView>
```

```

<TextView
    android:id="@+id/text_usage"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_marginTop="24dp"
    android:fontFamily="@font/calibri"
    android:text="Usage"
    android:textColor="@color/colorPrimary"
    android:textSize="18sp"
    android:textStyle="bold"
    app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
    app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/card_view_second_field" />

<androidx.cardview.widget.CardView
    android:id="@+id/card_view_usage"
    android:layout_width="0dp"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_marginTop="8dp"
    app:cardBackgroundColor="#20262C"
    app:cardCornerRadius="8dp"
    app:cardUseCompatPadding="true"
    app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
    app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
    app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/text_usage">

    <LinearLayout
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:orientation="horizontal">

```

```
<View
    android:layout_width="0dp"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    android:layout_weight="2"
    android:background="@color/colorAccent" />
```

```
<TextView
    android:id="@+id/text_display_git_command"
    android:layout_width="0dp"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_weight="98"
    android:fontFamily="@font/calibri"
    android:lineSpacingExtra="8dp"
    android:padding="16dp"
    android:textColor="@color/white"
    android:textSize="14sp"
    android:textStyle="bold"
    tools:text="git add file.ext" />
```

```
</LinearLayout>
```

```
</androidx.cardview.widget.CardView>
```

```
<TextView
    android:id="@+id/text_note"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
```

```
        android:layout_marginTop="16dp"

        android:fontFamily="@font/calibri"

        android:text="Note"

        android:textColor="@color/colorPrimary"

        android:textSize="18sp"

        android:textStyle="bold"

        android:visibility="gone"

        app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"

        app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/card_view_usage" />
```

```
<androidx.cardview.widget.CardView

    android:id="@+id/card_view_note"

    android:layout_width="0dp"

    android:layout_height="wrap_content"

    android:layout_marginTop="8dp"

    android:visibility="gone"

    app:cardBackgroundColor="#20262C"

    app:cardCornerRadius="8dp"

    app:cardUseCompatPadding="true"

    app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"

    app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"

    app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/text_note">
```

```
<LinearLayout

    android:layout_width="match_parent"

    android:layout_height="wrap_content"

    android:orientation="horizontal">
```

```
<View

    android:layout_width="0dp"
```

```
        android:layout_height="match_parent"

        android:layout_weight="2"

        android:background="@color/colorAccent" />

    <TextView

        android:id="@+id/text_display_note"

        android:layout_width="0dp"

        android:layout_height="wrap_content"

        android:layout_weight="98"

        android:fontFamily="@font/calibri"

        android:lineSpacingExtra="8dp"

        android:padding="16dp"

        android:textColor="@color/white"

        android:textSize="14sp"

        android:textStyle="bold"

        tools:text="To add all the files in the current
directory, use 'git add' . To add a directory use 'git add directory'" />

    </LinearLayout>

</androidx.cardview.widget.CardView>

</androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>

</ScrollView>

</layout>
```

activity_splash_screen.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>

<layout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"

    xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"

    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools">

    <androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout

        android:layout_width="match_parent"

        android:layout_height="match_parent"

        android:padding="16dp"

        tools:context=".SplashScreen">

        <TextView

            android:id="@+id/text_git_command"

            android:layout_width="wrap_content"

            android:layout_height="wrap_content"

            android:fontFamily="@font/calibri"

            android:textSize="24sp"

            app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"

            app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"

            app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"

            app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"

            tools:text="Git Command Explorer" />

        <TextView

            android:id="@+id/text_find_right_command"

            android:layout_width="wrap_content"

            android:layout_height="wrap_content"

            android:layout_marginTop="16dp"

            android:fontFamily="@font/calibri"
```

```
        android:gravity="center"

        android:text="Find the right commands you need without digging
through the web"

        android:textColor="#6A6A6A"

        android:textSize="16sp"

        app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"

        app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"

        app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/text_git_command" />

</androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>

</layout>
```

git_command_explorer.json

```
{
  "primary_options": [
    {
      "value": "add",
      "label": "add"
    },
    {
      "value": "commit",
      "label": "commit"
    },
    {
      "value": "revert",
      "label": "revert/reset"
    },
    {
      "value": "initialize",
      "label": "initialize"
    },
    {
```



```
    "value": "modify",  
    "label": "modify"  
  },  
  
  {  
    "value": "show",  
    "label": "show/view"  
  },  
  
  {  
    "value": "delete",  
    "label": "delete/remove"  
  },  
  
  {  
    "value": "compareCommits",  
    "label": "compare two commits"  
  },  
  
  {  
    "value": "configure",  
    "label": "configure"  
  },  
  
  {  
    "value": "clone",  
    "label": "clone"  
  },  
  
  {  
    "value": "ignore",  
    "label": "ignore"  
  },  
  
  {  
    "value": "rename",  
    "label": "rename"  
  }
```

```
    },  
  
    {  
  
        "value": "merge",  
  
        "label": "merge"  
  
    },  
  
    {  
  
        "value": "squash",  
  
        "label": "squash"  
  
    },  
  
    {  
  
        "value": "stash",  
  
        "label": "stash"  
  
    },  
  
    {  
  
        "value": "debug",  
  
        "label": "debug"  
  
    },  
  
    {  
  
        "value": "recover",  
  
        "label": "recover"  
  
    },  
  
    {  
  
        "value": "synchronize",  
  
        "label": "synchronize"  
  
    },  
  
    {  
  
        "value": "rebase",  
  
        "label": "rebase"  
  
    }  
  
],
```

```
"secondary_options": {
  "commit": [
    {
      "value": "local-changes",
      "label": "commit all local changes in tracked files",
      "usage": "git commit -a"
    },
    {
      "value": "staged-changes",
      "label": "commit all staged changes",
      "usage": "git commit -m <message>",
      "nb": "Replace <message> with your commit message."
    }
  ],
  "configure": [
    {
      "value": "email-name",
      "label": "name and email address",
      "usage": "git config --global user.name \"username\" \n\ngit config --global user.email \"email address\"",
      "nb": "Your username and email address should be the same as the one used with your git hosting provider i.e. github, bitbucket, gitlab etc"
    },
    {
      "value": "editor",
      "label": "default editor",
      "usage": "git config --global core.editor \"vim\"",
      "nb": "Change default editor to vim."
    },
    {
      "value": "diff-tool",
```

```

    "label": "external diff tool",

    "usage": "git config --global diff.external \"meld\"",

    "nb": "Set external diff tool to meld."
  },

  {

    "value": "merge-tool",

    "label": "default merge tool",

    "usage": "git config --global merge.tool \"meld\"",

    "nb": "Set default merge tool to meld."
  },

  {

    "value": "color",

    "label": "color",

    "usage": "git config --global color.ui auto",

    "nb": "Enables helpful colorization of command line output"
  },

  {

    "value": "signingkey",

    "label": "add the GPG key",

    "usage": "git config --global user.signingkey <your-secret-gpg-key>",

    "nb": "Git is cryptographically secure, but it's not foolproof. If
you're taking work from others on the internet and want to verify that
commits are actually from a trusted source, Git has a few ways to sign and
verify work using GPG."

  }
],

"revert": [

  {

    "value": "specific-commit",

    "label": "a specific commit",

    "usage": "git revert <commit-hash>",

    "nb": "Use git log to see the hash of each commit"
  }
]

```

```
    },  
  
    {  
  
        "value": "to-last-commit",  
  
        "label": "to last commit",  
  
        "usage": "git reset --hard"  
  
    },  
  
    {  
  
        "value": "to-last-commit-from-remote",  
  
        "label": "to last commit on remote branch",  
  
        "usage": "git reset --hard <repo>/<branch>"  
  
    }  
  
],  
  
"initialize": [  
  
    {  
  
        "value": "new-repo",  
  
        "label": "a new repository",  
  
        "nb": "Make sure you are in the right directory",  
  
        "usage": "git init"  
  
    }  
  
],  
  
"modify": [  
  
    {  
  
        "value": "commit-message",  
  
        "label": "my last/latest commit message",  
  
        "usage": "git commit --amend"  
  
    },  
  
    {  
  
        "value": "commit",  
  
        "label": "my last commit but leave the commit message as is",  
  
        "usage": "git add . \n git commit --amend --no-edit"
```

```
    },
    {
      "value": "remoteUrl",
      "label": "repo's remote url",
      "usage": "git remote set-url <alias> <url>",
      "nb": "<alias> is your remote name e.g origin"
    }
  ],
  "show": [
    {
      "value": "repo-status",
      "label": "status of project including staged, unstaged and untracked files",
      "usage": "git status"
    },
    {
      "value": "logs",
      "label": "commit logs/history"
    },
    {
      "value": "uncommittedChanges",
      "label": "uncommitted changes",
      "usage": "git diff"
    },
    {
      "value": "committedChanges",
      "label": "committed/staged changes",
      "usage": "git diff --staged"
    },
    {
      "value": "remoteUrl",
```

```
    "label": "repo's remote url",
    "usage": "git remote -v"
  },
  {
    "value": "stash",
    "label": "stash",
    "usage": "git stash list"
  },
  {
    "value": "branch",
    "label": "branches",
    "usage": "git branch",
    "nb": "The active branch is prefixed with *"
  },
  {
    "value": "tags",
    "label": "tags",
    "usage": "git tag"
  }
],
"delete": [
  {
    "value": "branch",
    "label": "a branch",
    "usage": "git branch -D <branch name>"
  },
  {
    "value": "delete-multiple-branches",
    "label": "multiple branches"
  },
],
```

```

{
    "value": "tag",
    "label": "a tag",
    "usage": "git tag -d v<tag version>"
},
{
    "value": "remote",
    "label": "remote",
    "usage": "git remote rm <remote>"
},
{
    "value": "untracked-files",
    "label": "untracked files",
    "usage": "git clean -<flag>",
    "nb": "replace -<flag> with:\n -i for interactive command\n -n to\npreview what will be removed\n -f to remove forcefully\n -d to remove\ndirectories\n -X to remove ignored files\n -x to remove ignored and\nnon-ignored files"
},
{
    "value": "files-from-index",
    "label": "files from index",
    "usage": "git rm --cached <file or dir>",
    "nb": "Use this option to unstage and remove paths only from the\nindex. Working tree files, whether modified or not, will be left alone."
},
{
    "value": "local-branches-not-on-remote",
    "label": "local branches that don't exist at remote",
    "usage": "git remote prune <remote-name>",
    "nb": "Use the --dry-run option to report what branches will be\npruned, but do not actually prune them"
},

```



```

{
    "value": "files-from-old-commit",
    "label": "files from old commits",
    "usage": "git filter-branch --index-filter \n'git rm --cached\n--ignore-unmatch path/to/mylarge_file' \n--tag-name-filter cat --\n--all\n\nfilter-branch keeps backups too, so the size of the repo won't\ndecrease immediately unless you expire the reflogs and garbage collect:\n\nrm\n-Rf .git/refs/original      # careful\nngit gc --aggressive --prune=now #\ndanger",
    "nb": "Like the rebasing option described before, filter-branch is\nrewriting operation. If you have published history, you'll have to --force\npush the new refs."
},
],
"compareCommits": [
{
    "value": "terminal",
    "label": "and output result in the terminal",
    "usage": "git diff <sha1> <sha2> | less",
    "nb": "sha1 and sha2 are the sha hash of the commits you want to\ncompare."
},
{
    "value": "file",
    "label": "and output result to a file",
    "usage": "git diff <sha1> <sha2> > diff.txt",
    "nb": "sha1 and sha2 are the sha of the commits you want to compare.\n\n\ndiff.txt is the file you want to store the contents of the diff"
}
],
"clone": [
{
    "value": "clone-repo-into-a-new-dir",
    "label": "existing repo into a new directory",
    "usage": "git clone <repo-url> <directory>",

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```
"nb": "The repo is cloned into the specified directory\n\nReplace\n\"directory\" with the directory you want"\n},\n{\n    \"value\": \"clone-repo-into-a-current-dir\",\n    \"label\": \"existing repo into the current directory\",\n    \"usage\": \"git clone <repo-url> .\",\n    \"nb\": \"The repo is cloned into the current directory\n\nThe current\n\n directory is represented with a \\\"\\.\\\" (period)\"\n},\n{\n    \"value\": \"clone-repo-with-submodule-into-a-current-dir\",\n    \"label\": \"existing repo along with submodules into the current\ndirectory\", \n    \"usage\": \"git clone --recurse-submodules <repo-url> .\",\n    \"nb\": \"If git version is under 2.13, use --recursive option instead.\"\n},\n{\n    \"value\": \"clone-submodule-after\",\n    \"label\": \"submodules after cloning existing repo\",\n    \"usage\": \"git submodule update --init --recursive\"\n}\n],\n\n\"ignore\": [\n\n    {\n        \"value\": \"ignore-files-in-a-dir\",\n        \"label\": \"all files in a directory\",\n        \"usage\": \"<dir name>/*\",\n        \"nb\": \"This must be added to .gitignore file\n\nReplace \\\"dir name\\\" with\nname of directory whose files you want git to ignore\"\n    },\n
```

```
    "value": "ignore-all-files-of-a-specific-type",

    "label": "all files of a specific type",

    "usage": "/*.<filename extension>",

    "nb": "This must be added to .gitignore file\n\nReplace \"filename\nextension\" with the extension of the files you want git to ignore\n\nFor\nexample *.py tells git to ignore all python files in the repository"

  }

],

"help": [

  {

    "value": "command-help",

    "label": "about a command",

    "usage": "append --help to the command",

    "nb": "e.g. git merge --help\n\nType q to quite terminal"

  }

],

"add": [

  {

    "value": "new-changes",

    "label": "new changes",

    "usage": "git add <file.ext>",

    "nb": "To add all the files in the current directory, use \"git add\n.\",\n\nTo add a directory use \"git add <directory>\""

  },

  {

    "value": "add-new-branch",

    "label": "a new branch",

    "usage": "git branch <branch-name>"

  },

  {

    "value": "add-repo",

    "label": "new remote repo",
```

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    "usage": "git remote add <shortname> <url>"
  },
  {
    "value": "add-alias",
    "label": "alias",
    "usage": "git config --global alias.<alias> <command>",
    "nb": "e.g. git config --global alias.st status. Typing git st in the
terminal now does the same thing as git status"
  },
  {
    "value": "add-annotated-tag",
    "label": "annotated tag",
    "usage": "git tag -a v1.4 -m \"my version 1.4\"\\n\\ngit push --tags"
  },
  {
    "value": "add-annotated-tag-for-old-commit",
    "label": "annotated tag for old commit",
    "usage": "git tag -a v1.2 -m 'version 1.2' <commit-hash>\\n\\ngit push
--tags"
  }
],
"push": [
  {
    "value": "new-remote-branch",
    "label": "non-existent remote branch",
    "usage": "git push -u origin <branchname>"
  }
],
"rename": [
  {
    "value": "branch",

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        "label": "branch"
    },
    {
        "value": "file",
        "label": "file",
        "usage": "git mv file_from file_to"
    },
    {
        "value": "remoteUrl",
        "label": "remote",
        "usage": "git remote rename <oldname> <newname>"
    }
],
"merge": [
    {
        "value": "branch",
        "label": "another branch to current branch",
        "usage": "git merge <branch-name>"
    },
    {
        "value": "single-file",
        "label": "merge a single file from one branch to another.",
        "usage": "git checkout <branch name> <path to file> --patch"
    }
],
"squash": [
    {
        "value": "pr",
        "label": "commits in pull request into single commit",
        "usage": "git rebase -i <branch name>,"
    }
]

```

```

        "nb": "Make sure that latest commits are fetched from upstream.\n\nFor
example (assuming you have a remote named upstream):\n\ngit fetch
upstream\ngit rebase -i upstream/master\n\nChange \"pick\" to \"squash\" for
the commits you wish to squash and save.\n\ngit push origin <topic branch>
--force-with-lease"

    },

    {

        "value": "commits",

        "label": "last n number of commit into one",

        "usage": "git reset --soft HEAD~N\ngit add .\ngit commit -m
<message>",

        "nb": "Replace N with the number of commits you want to squash and
<message> with your commit message. You can use the command \"git log\" to
view your commit history"

    }

],

"debug": [

    {

        "value": "bisect",

        "label": "binary search",

        "usage": "git bisect start\ngit bisect bad                # Current
version is bad\ngit bisect good v2.13                # v6.12 is known to be good",

        "nb": "Once you have specified at least one bad and one good commit,
git bisect selects a commit in the middle of that range of history, checks it
out, and outputs something similar to the following:\nBisecting: 675
revisions left to test after this (roughly 10 steps)\nYou should now compile
the checked-out version and test it. If that version works correctly,
type\n\ngit bisect good\n\nIf that version is broken, type\n\ngit bisect
bad\n\nThen git bisect will respond with something like\n\nBisecting: 337
revisions left to test after this (roughly 9 steps)\n\nKeep repeating the
process: compile the tree, test it, and depending on whether it is good or
bad run git bisect good or git bisect bad to ask for the next commit that
needs testing.\nEventually there will be no more revisions left to inspect,
and the command will print out a description of the first bad commit. The
reference refs/bisect/bad will be left pointing at that commit.\nAfter a
bisect session, to clean up the bisection state and return to the original
HEAD, issue the following command:\n\ngit bisect reset"

    },

    {

        "value": "blame",

        "label": "who modified each lines",

        "usage": "git blame -L <number-line-start>,<number-line-end>"
    }
]

```

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<filename>",

    "nb": "The -L option will restrict the output to the requested line
range\n"

},

{

    "value": "grep",

    "label": "search in files",

    "usage": "git grep -n <your_text_or_expression>",

    "nb": "Print lines matching a pattern.\nOption -n to display the
numbering of lines in which there are matches"

}

],

"recover": [

{

    "value": "dropped-commit",

    "label": "show hashes dangling commits after hard reset to previous
commit",

    "usage": "git reflog",

    "nb": "alternative: git log -g. For recovery use\ngit checkout -b
<recovery> <hash>"

},

{

    "value": "deleted-branch",

    "label": "show hashes removed branch or other git objects",

    "usage": "git fsck --full",

    "nb": "show hashes all dangling git objects. For recovery use\ngit
checkout -b <recovery> <hash>"

}

],

"rebase": [

{

    "value": "origin-branch",

    "label": "an origin branch into my working branch",

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        "usage": "git pull --rebase origin <branch name>",

        "nb": "Rebase an origin branch into working branch. Replace <branch
name> with the branch you are pulling"

    },

    {

        "value": "local-branch",

        "label": "a local branch into my working branch",

        "usage": "git pull --rebase <branch name>",

        "nb": "Rebase another local branch into working branch. Replace
<branch name> with the branch you are pulling"

    },

    {

        "value": "skip",

        "label": "and skip a commit",

        "usage": "git rebase --skip",

        "nb": "During rebase, git might not be able to automatically apply
commits due to conflicts. You can use this command to discard of your own
changes in the current commit and apply the changes from an incoming branch"

    },

    {

        "value": "continue",

        "label": "and continue after resolving conflicts",

        "usage": "git rebase --continue",

        "nb": "During rebase, git might not be able to automatically apply
commits due to conflicts. You can resolve this conflicts manually and use
this command to continue your rebase operation"

    }

],

"synchronize": [

    {

        "value": "branch-from-fork",

        "label": "a branch in a fork",

        "usage": "git fetch <remote-repo> \n\ngit checkout <branch-name>
\n\ngit merge <remote-repo>/<branch-name>",

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      "nb": "You need to add a remote repo for your fork first."
    }
  ],
  "stash": [
    {
      "value": "save-stash",
      "label": "(un)tracked files",
      "usage": "git stash",
      "nb": "To stash with a customized message use git stash save  
<message>\n\nTo stash untracked files git stash save -u"
    },
    {
      "value": "list-stash",
      "label": "view list of stashed changes",
      "usage": "git stash list"
    },
    {
      "value": "apply-stash",
      "label": "apply"
    },
    {
      "value": "show",
      "label": "view the contents of a stash",
      "usage": "git stash show -p <stash id>",
      "nb": "You can leave out the stash id if you want the contents of the  
latest stash"
    },
    {
      "value": "delete-stash",
      "label": "delete"
    },
    {

```

```

        {
            "value": "create-branch",
            "label": "create a new branch and apply stash",
            "usage": "git stash branch <branch name> <stash id>"
        }
    ]
}
}

```

MainActivity.kt

```

// MainActivity.kt

package com.example.githelp

import android.annotation.SuppressLint
import android.app.Activity
import android.content.Context
import android.os.Bundle
import android.text.Html
import android.view.View
import android.view.inputmethod.InputMethodManager
import android.widget.ArrayAdapter
import androidx.databinding.DataBindingUtil
import com.example.githelp.databinding.ActivityMainBinding

class MainActivity : Activity() {

    private lateinit var dataBind: ActivityMainBinding

    private var primaryOptions = ArrayList<PrimaryOptions>()

    private var primaryOptionsValue = ""

    private var secondaryOptions = ArrayList<SecondaryOptions>()

```

```

private lateinit var dbHelper: DatabaseHelper

private var usage = ""

private var note = ""

@SuppressLint("ClickableViewAccessibility")

override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {

    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)

    dataBind = DataBindingUtil.setContentView(this,
R.layout.activity_main)

    dataBind.textGitCommand.text =

        Html.fromHtml(resources.getString(R.string.git_command_explorer))

    dbHelper = DatabaseHelper(this)

    loadPrimaryOptionsFromDB()

    dataBind.inputFirstField.setOnTouchListener { _, _ ->

        dataBind.inputFirstField.showDropDown()

        false

    }

    dataBind.inputSecondField.setOnTouchListener { _, _ ->

        dataBind.inputSecondField.showDropDown()

        false

    }

    dataBind.inputFirstField.setOnItemClickListener { _, _, position, _ ->

        primaryOptionsValue = primaryOptions[position].value

        dismissKeyboard(dataBind.inputFirstField)

        dataBind.cardViewSecondField.visibility = View.VISIBLE

        dataBind.textNote.visibility = View.GONE

        dataBind.cardViewNote.visibility = View.GONE

        dataBind.inputSecondField.text.clear()

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        dataBind.textDisplayGitCommand.text = ""

        dataBind.textDisplayNote.text = ""

        loadSecondaryOptionsFromDB(primaryOptionsValue)
    }

-> dataBind.inputSecondField.setOnItemClickListener { _, _, position, _

        dismissKeyboard(dataBind.inputSecondField)

        val selectedSecondaryOption = secondaryOptions[position]

        usage = selectedSecondaryOption.usage

        note = selectedSecondaryOption.nb

        dataBind.textNote.visibility = if (note.isEmpty()) View.GONE else
View.VISIBLE

        dataBind.cardViewNote.visibility = if (note.isEmpty()) View.GONE
else View.VISIBLE

        dataBind.textDisplayGitCommand.text = usage

        dataBind.textDisplayNote.text = note

    }

}

private fun loadPrimaryOptionsFromDB() {

    primaryOptions.clear()

    primaryOptions.addAll(dbHelper.getPrimaryOptions())

    val adapter = ArrayAdapter(

        this,

        android.R.layout.simple_list_item_1,

        primaryOptions.map { it.label }

    )

    dataBind.inputFirstField.setAdapter(adapter)

}

```

```

private fun loadSecondaryOptionsFromDB(primaryValue: String) {

    secondaryOptions.clear()

    secondaryOptions.addAll(dbHelper.getSecondaryOptions(primaryValue))

    val adapter = ArrayAdapter(

        this,

        android.R.layout.simple_list_item_1,

        secondaryOptions.map { it.label }

    )

    dataBind.inputSecondField.setAdapter(adapter)

}

private fun Context.dismissKeyboard(view: View?) {

    view?.let {

        val imm = getSystemService(Context.INPUT_METHOD_SERVICE) as
InputMethodManager

        imm.hideSoftInputFromWindow(it.windowToken, 0)

    }

}

override fun onDestroy() {

    dbHelper.close()

    super.onDestroy()

}

}

```

SplashScreen.kt

```

package com.example.githelp

import android.annotation.SuppressLint
import android.app.Activity
import android.content.Intent

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import android.os.Bundle

import android.os.Handler

import android.text.Html

import androidx.appcompat.app.AppCompatActivity

import androidx.databinding.DataBindingUtil

import com.example.githelp.databinding.ActivitySplashScreenBinding

@SuppressLint("CustomSplashScreen")

class SplashScreen : Activity() {

    companion object {

        private const val DELAY_TIME_IN_MILLS = 2500L

    }

    private lateinit var dataBind: ActivitySplashScreenBinding

    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {

        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)

        dataBind = DataBindingUtil.setContentView(this,
R.layout.activity_splash_screen)

        dataBind.textGitCommand.text =

            Html.fromHtml(resources.getString(R.string.git_command_explorer))

        Handler().postDelayed({

            val intent = Intent(this, MainActivity::class.java)

            startActivity(intent)

            finish()

        }, DELAY_TIME_IN_MILLS)

    }

}

```

DatabaseHelper.kt

```
// DatabaseHelper.kt

package com.example.githelp

import android.content.ContentValues
import android.content.Context
import android.database.Cursor
import android.database.sqlite.SQLiteDatabase
import android.database.sqlite.SQLiteOpenHelper
import android.util.Log
import org.json.JSONObject

// Extension function to load JSON from assets
private fun Context.loadJSONFromAsset(filename: String): String? { // Made
    'private'

    return try {

        assets.open(filename).bufferedReader().use { it.readText() }

    } catch (e: Exception) {

        e.printStackTrace()

        return null // Explicitly return null in case of error

    }
}

class DatabaseHelper(private val context: Context) : // context as a private
    val
    SQLiteOpenHelper(context, DATABASE_NAME, null, DATABASE_VERSION) {

    companion object {

        private const val DATABASE_NAME = "GitCommandExplorer.db"

        private const val DATABASE_VERSION = 1
    }
}
```

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// Table Names

private const val TABLE_PRIMARY_OPTIONS = "primary_options"

private const val TABLE_SECONDARY_OPTIONS = "secondary_options"


// Primary Options Table Columns

private const val COL_PRIMARY_VALUE = "value"

private const val COL_PRIMARY_LABEL = "label"


// Secondary Options Table Columns

private const val COL_SECONDARY_VALUE = "value"

private const val COL_SECONDARY_LABEL = "label"

private const val COL_SECONDARY_USAGE = "usage"

private const val COL_SECONDARY_NB = "nb"

private const val COL_SECONDARY_PRIMARY_VALUE = "primary_value" //
Foreign Key
    }

override fun onCreate(db: SQLiteDatabase?) {

    // Create Primary Options Table

    val createPrimaryTable = """

        CREATE TABLE $TABLE_PRIMARY_OPTIONS (

            $COL_PRIMARY_VALUE TEXT PRIMARY KEY,

            $COL_PRIMARY_LABEL TEXT

        )

    """.trimIndent()

    db?.execSQL(createPrimaryTable)


    // Create Secondary Options Table

    val createSecondaryTable = """

        CREATE TABLE $TABLE_SECONDARY_OPTIONS (

            $COL_SECONDARY_VALUE TEXT PRIMARY KEY,

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        $COL_SECONDARY_LABEL TEXT,

        $COL_SECONDARY_USAGE TEXT,

        $COL_SECONDARY_NB TEXT,

        $COL_SECONDARY_PRIMARY_VALUE TEXT,

        FOREIGN KEY ($COL_SECONDARY_PRIMARY_VALUE)

        REFERENCES $TABLE_PRIMARY_OPTIONS ($COL_PRIMARY_VALUE)

    )

    """.trimIndent()

    db?.execSQL(createSecondaryTable)

    // ** POPULATING DATABASE FROM JSON **

    //     populateDatabase(db)
    //     Log.i("DB_INIT", "Database populated on create.")
}

    override fun onUpgrade(db: SQLiteDatabase?, oldVersion: Int, newVersion:
Int) {

        // Handle database upgrades by dropping existing tables

        db?.execSQL("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS $TABLE_SECONDARY_OPTIONS")

        db?.execSQL("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS $TABLE_PRIMARY_OPTIONS")

        onCreate(db) // Re-create and re-populate on upgrade (for simplicity)
    }

    private fun populateDatabase(db: SQLiteDatabase?) {

        try {

            val jsonString =
context.loadJSONFromAsset("git_command_explorer.json")

            jsonString?.let { jsonStringNonNull -> // Renamed 'it' to
'jsonStringNonNull'

                val json = JSONObject(jsonStringNonNull)

                val primaryOptions = json.getJSONArray("primary_options")

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        for (i in 0 until primaryOptions.length()) {

            val primary = primaryOptions.getJSONObject(i)

            val values = ContentValues().apply {

                put(COL_PRIMARY_VALUE, primary.getString("value"))

                put(COL_PRIMARY_LABEL, primary.getString("label"))

            }

            db?.insert(TABLE_PRIMARY_OPTIONS, null, values)

        }

        val secondaryOptions = json.getJSONObject("secondary_options")

        val primaryKeys = secondaryOptions.keys()

        while (primaryKeys.hasNext()) {

            val primaryKey = primaryKeys.next() as String

            val secondaryArray =
secondaryOptions.getJSONArray(primaryKey)

            for (i in 0 until secondaryArray.length()) {

                val secondary = secondaryArray.getJSONObject(i)

                val values = ContentValues().apply {

                    put(COL_SECONDARY_VALUE,
secondary.getString("value"))

                    put(COL_SECONDARY_LABEL,
secondary.getString("label"))

                    if (secondary.has("usage")) {

                        put(COL_SECONDARY_USAGE,
secondary.getString("usage"))

                    }

                    if (secondary.has("nb")) {

                        put(COL_SECONDARY_NB,
secondary.getString("nb"))

                    }

                    put(COL_SECONDARY_PRIMARY_VALUE, primaryKey)

                }

                db?.insert(TABLE_SECONDARY_OPTIONS, null, values)

```

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        }

    }

    } ?: run {

        Log.e("DB_INIT", "Error loading JSON for population.")

    }

    } catch (e: Exception) {

        Log.e("DB_INIT", "Error populating database:
${e.localizedMessage}")

    }

}

// ** The app will use these methods to retrieve data from the database **

fun getPrimaryOptions(): List<PrimaryOptions> {

    val primaryOptionsList = mutableListOf<PrimaryOptions>()

    val db = readableDatabase

    val cursor: Cursor = db.query(

        TABLE_PRIMARY_OPTIONS,

        arrayOf(COL_PRIMARY_VALUE, COL_PRIMARY_LABEL),

        null, null, null, null, null

    )

    cursor.use {

        while (it.moveToNext()) {

            primaryOptionsList.add(

                PrimaryOptions(

it.getString(it.getColumnIndexOrThrow(COL_PRIMARY_VALUE)),

it.getString(it.getColumnIndexOrThrow(COL_PRIMARY_LABEL))

                )

            )

        }

    }

}

```

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        db.close()

        return primaryOptionsList
    }

    fun getSecondaryOptions(primaryValue: String): List<SecondaryOptions> {
        val secondaryOptionsList = mutableListOf<SecondaryOptions>()

        val db = readableDatabase

        val cursor: Cursor = db.query(
            TABLE_SECONDARY_OPTIONS,
            arrayOf(
                COL_SECONDARY_VALUE,
                COL_SECONDARY_LABEL,
                COL_SECONDARY_USAGE,
                COL_SECONDARY_NB
            ),
            "$COL_SECONDARY_PRIMARY_VALUE = ?",
            arrayOf(primaryValue),
            null, null, null
        )

        cursor.use {
            while (it.moveToNext()) {
                secondaryOptionsList.add(
                    SecondaryOptions(
                        it.getString(it.getColumnIndexOrThrow(COL_SECONDARY_VALUE)),
                        it.getString(it.getColumnIndexOrThrow(COL_SECONDARY_LABEL)),
                        it.getString(it.getColumnIndexOrThrow(COL_SECONDARY_USAGE)) ?: "",
                        it.getString(it.getColumnIndexOrThrow(COL_SECONDARY_NB)) ?: ""
                    )
                )
            }
        }
    }

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        )

    }

}

db.close()

return secondaryOptionsList
}

override fun close() {
    readableDatabase.close()
    writableDatabase.close()
    super.close()
}
}

```

PrimaryOptions.kt

```

package com.example.githelp

data class PrimaryOptions(val value: String, val label: String)

```

SecondaryOptions.kt

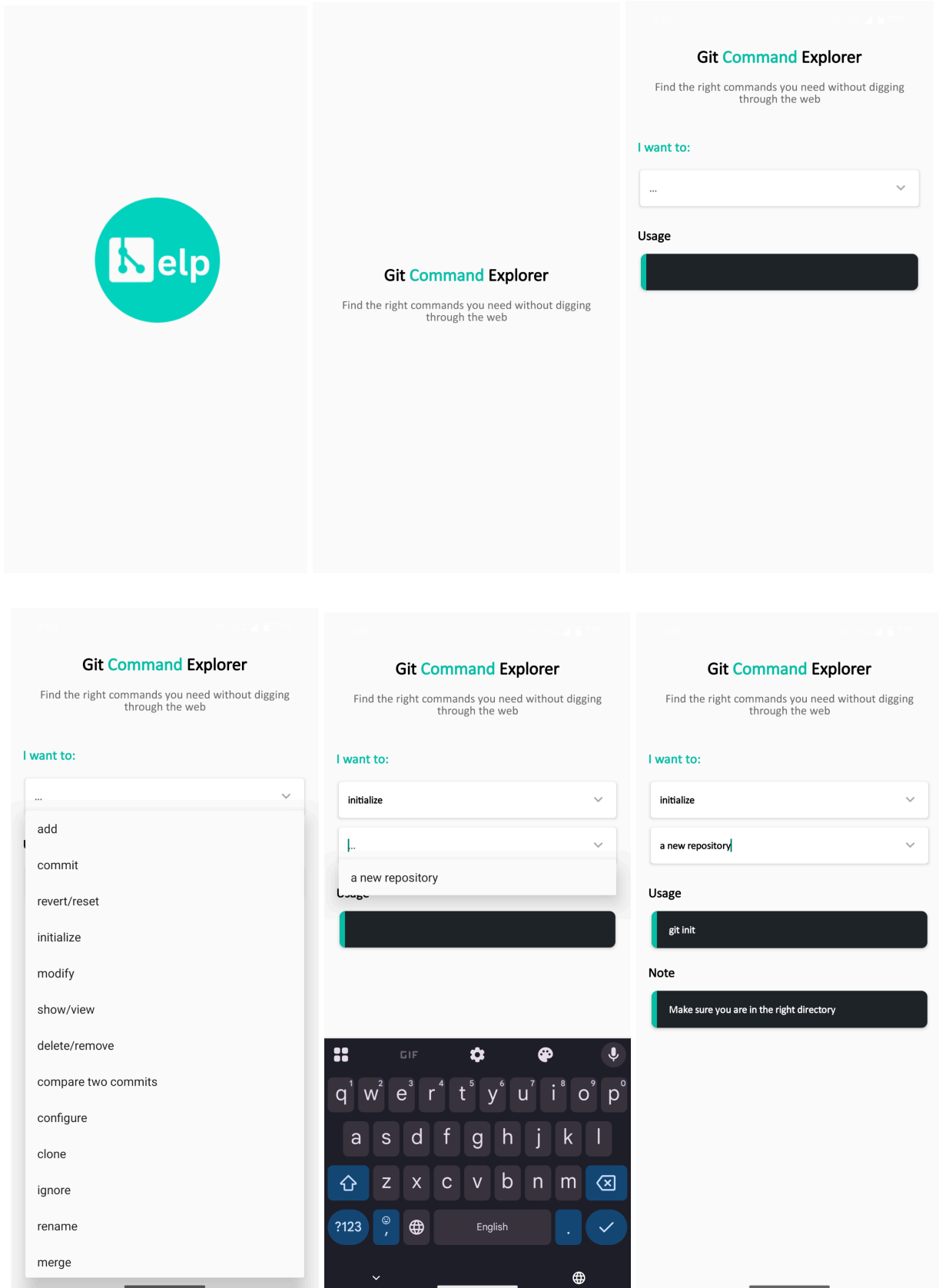
```

package com.example.githelp

data class SecondaryOptions(
    val value: String,
    val label: String,
    val usage: String,
    val nb: String
)

```

5. OUTPUT



6. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Upon deployment and testing, the *Git Help* app met its primary goals effectively. The user interface proved responsive, and the dropdown selection mechanism worked flawlessly, allowing users to narrow down Git commands quickly. Testing across multiple devices confirmed consistent performance, with near-instantaneous database queries thanks to SQLite.

Key highlights:

- The app's offline mode worked as intended, demonstrating its utility in environments without internet access.
- The modular design of the database allows future expansion by simply updating the JSON file.
- Data Binding in Kotlin simplified UI updates, reducing the risk of bugs.

Potential improvements identified:

7. Adding a full-text search feature.
8. Implementing bookmarks for frequently used commands.
9. Enhancing UI with material design animations.

10. CONCLUSION

The *Git Help* app successfully addresses the challenge of navigating Git's complex command system by offering a practical, offline command explorer. The app leverages Kotlin, XML, and SQLite to deliver a performant, scalable, and user-friendly solution. Its modularity ensures that the database can be expanded easily, while its clean UI promotes adoption by developers of all skill levels. Future iterations can further enhance the app with advanced features like bookmarking, syncing, and advanced search capabilities.

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