

Absolutely! Here are some essential **Git commands** that every DevOps engineer should know. Git is a crucial tool for version control, and knowing the key commands helps in managing code efficiently.

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## 1. Basic Git Commands

These are foundational commands for initializing and working with Git repositories.

- **git --version**  
Displays the current version of Git installed on your system.  
`git --version`
- **git init**  
Initializes a new Git repository in the current directory.  
`git init`
- **git clone**  
Clones a remote repository to your local machine.  
`git clone <repository_url>`
- **git status**  
Displays the status of your working directory, showing staged, unstaged, and untracked changes.  
`git status`
- **git add**  
Stages changes for commit.  
`git add <file_name> # Stages a specific file`  
`git add . # Stages all changes in the current directory`
- **git commit**  
Commits the staged changes to the local repository with a message.  
`git commit -m "Your commit message"`
- **git diff**  
Shows the differences between changes in the working directory and the index (staged changes).  
`git diff # Unstaged changes`  
`git diff --staged # Staged changes`
- **git log**  
Displays the commit history.

```
git log                # Shows the commit history
git log --oneline      # Shows a condensed version (one line per commit)
```

## 2. Branching and Merging

Branching and merging are essential for managing parallel development.

- **git branch**  
Lists all local branches or creates a new branch.  

```
git branch            # Lists local branches
git branch <branch_name> # Creates a new branch
```
- **git checkout**  
Switches to a different branch or restores files.  

```
git checkout <branch_name> # Switches to an existing branch
git checkout -b <branch_name> # Creates and switches to a new branch
```
- **git merge**  
Merges changes from one branch into the current branch.  

```
git merge <branch_name> # Merges the specified branch into the current branch
```
- **git rebase**  
Reapplies commits from one branch onto another, often used to maintain a clean commit history.  

```
git rebase <branch_name> # Reapplies the current branch's changes on top of another branch
```

## 3. Remote Repositories

Working with remote repositories (like GitHub or GitLab) is a fundamental part of Git.

- **git remote**  
Displays the remote repositories connected to your local repository.  

```
git remote -v          # Lists remote repositories (URLs)
```
- **git remote add**  
Adds a new remote repository.  

```
git remote add origin <remote_repository_url>
```
- **git push**  
Pushes changes to a remote repository.  

```
git push <remote_name> <branch_name> # Pushes the current branch to the remote
git push origin master # Pushes to the master branch on the origin remote
```
- **git pull**  
Fetches and merges changes from a remote repository to your local branch.

```
git pull <remote_name> <branch_name> # Pulls changes from a specific branch
git pull origin master # Pulls the latest changes from the remote master branch
```

- **git fetch**

Downloads changes from a remote repository but does not merge them automatically.

```
git fetch <remote_name> # Fetches updates from a remote without merging
```

- **git push --force**

Forces the push to a remote repository, overwriting any changes. **Use with caution.**

```
git push --force <remote_name> <branch_name>
```

#### 4. Stashing Changes

When you want to temporarily save your changes without committing them, you can use Git's stash feature.

- **git stash**

Stashes your changes and reverts the working directory to the last commit.

```
git stash # Stashes changes
git stash save "message" # Stashes changes with a description
```

- **git stash pop**

Applies the most recent stashed changes and removes them from the stash.

```
git stash pop
```

- **git stash list**

Lists all the stashed changes.

```
git stash list
```

- **git stash apply**

Applies a specific stash without removing it from the stash list.

```
git stash apply stash@{0} # Applies the first stash in the list
```

- **git stash drop**

Removes a specific stash from the list.

```
git stash drop stash@{0} # Removes the first stash in the list
```

#### 5. Undoing Changes

Sometimes you'll need to undo changes, whether it's a commit, a staged change, or a file edit.

- **git reset**

Resets the index (staged changes) or the commit history.

- ```
git reset
```

*# Unstages changes (keeps the changes in the working directory)*

```
git reset --hard
```

*# Resets to the last commit, discarding local changes*
- ```
git checkout -- <file_name>
```

Discards changes in a specific file and restores it to the last commit state.

```
git checkout -- <file_name>
```

*# Discards changes in a specific file*
- ```
git revert
```

Reverts a commit by creating a new commit that undoes the changes.

```
git revert <commit_id>
```

*# Creates a new commit that undoes the changes of a specified c*
- ```
git rm
```

Removes a file from both the working directory and the staging area.

```
git rm <file_name>
```

*# Removes a file from both the staging area and the working directo*

```
git rm --cached <file_name>
```

*# Removes a file from the staging area but keeps it locall*

## 6. Git Tagging

Git tags are used for marking specific points in history, such as releases.

- ```
git tag
```

Lists all tags in the repository.

```
git tag
```
- ```
git tag <tag_name>
```

Creates a lightweight tag at the current commit.

```
git tag v1.0
```

*# Creates a tag 'v1.0' at the current commit*
- ```
git tag -a <tag_name> -m "message"
```

Creates an annotated tag with a message.

```
git tag -a v1.0 -m "First release"
```
- ```
git push --tags
```

Pushes all tags to a remote repository.

```
git push --tags
```

## 7. Git Configuration

Git configuration allows you to set global and local preferences.

- ```
git config
```

Configures Git settings.

```
git config --global user.name "Your Name"
```

*# Sets your global username*

```
git config --global user.email "your.email@example.com"
```

*# Sets your global email*

```
git config --list
```

*# Lists all configurations*

## 8. Advanced Git Operations

These commands are useful for more advanced workflows.

- **git cherry-pick**  
Applies a commit from another branch to your current branch.  
`git cherry-pick <commit_id> # Applies a specific commit to the current branch`
- **git bisect**  
Helps in identifying the commit that introduced a bug using binary search.  
`git bisect start # Starts the bisect session`  
`git bisect bad # Marks the current commit as bad`  
`git bisect good # Marks the current commit as good`
- **git reflog**  
Shows the history of the references (HEAD movements), useful for recovering lost commits.  
`git reflog`

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These Git commands cover the majority of use cases you'll encounter as a DevOps engineer. Mastering these commands will help you effectively manage code, collaborate with teams, and maintain a streamlined version control process. Let me know if you'd like further details or more advanced Git operations!