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## Lab Report

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## Git Command Quick Reference Guide

This guide offers a complete overview of the most important Git commands, with examples for each. It's perfect for both beginners and experienced developers looking for quick access to essential Git operations.

## ✦ What is Git?

Git is a powerful distributed version control system that can manage everything from small projects to enterprise-level repositories. It allows multiple developers to collaborate simultaneously without conflicts.

## ⚡ Basic Git Commands

### ◇ git init

**Initializes a new Git repository in the current directory.**

```
git init
```

**Example:** Starting a new project in a folder? Run `git init` to create a Git repository.

### ◇ git clone

**Creates a local copy of a remote repository.**

```
git clone https://github.com/username/repository.git
```

**Example:** Clone a GitHub repository to your local machine using `git clone` to start contributing.

### ◇ git status

**Shows the current status of your working directory and staging area.**

```
git status
```

**Example:** After editing files, check which changes have been staged or not by running `git status`.

### ◇ git add

**Stages changes in the working directory for the next commit.**

```
git add filename  
# Add all changes  
git add .
```

**Example:** Use `git add .` to stage all changes made to the files before committing.

### ◇ git commit

**Commits the staged changes with a message.**

```
git commit -m "Descriptive message here"
```

**Example:** Once changes are staged, commit them with a meaningful message like `git commit -m "Added new feature"`.

◇ git push

**Pushes your committed changes to a remote repository.**

```
git push origin main
```

**Example:** After committing, push your changes to GitHub using `git push`.

◇ git pull

**Pulls changes from a remote repository and integrates them with your local branch.**

```
git pull origin main
```

**Example:** Keep your local branch updated by pulling the latest changes from the remote repository with `git pull`.

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## Branching & Merging

◇ git branch

**Lists, creates, or deletes branches.**

```
# List all branches
git branch

# Create a new branch
git branch feature-branch

# Delete a branch
git branch -d old-branch
```

**Example:** Use `git branch new-feature` to create a branch dedicated to developing a new feature.

◇ git checkout

### Switches to a different branch.

```
# Switch to a branch
git checkout branch-name

# Create and switch to a new branch
git checkout -b new-feature
```

**Example:** Switch to your `new-feature` branch using `git checkout`.

- ◇ `git merge`

### Merges changes from one branch into another.

```
git merge feature-branch
```

**Example:** Integrate changes from the `feature-branch` into your current branch using `git merge`.

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## Advanced Git Commands

- ◇ `git stash`

### Temporarily stores your uncommitted changes.

```
git stash
git stash apply
```

**Example:** Use `git stash` to save your progress without committing, so you can switch branches without losing work.

- ◇ `git log`

### Shows the commit history.

```
git log
```

**Example:** Use `git log` to view all previous commits and their messages.

- ◇ `git reset`

### Resets the current HEAD to a previous state.

```
# Soft reset (keeps changes)
git reset --soft HEAD~1

# Hard reset (discards changes)
git reset --hard HEAD~1
```

**Example:** Undo your last commit but keep changes with `git reset --soft`.

◇ `git revert`

**Reverts a previous commit without modifying the commit history.**

```
git revert commit_id
```

**Example:** Revert a specific commit using `git revert` if it introduced an error.

◇ `git rebase`

**Reapplies commits on top of another base tip.**

```
git rebase branch-name
```

**Example:** Rebase your feature branch onto the main branch to keep a cleaner history.

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## Collaborating with Git

◇ `git remote`

**Manages connections to remote repositories.**

```
git remote add origin https://github.com/username/repository.git
git remote -v
```

**Example:** Add a new remote repository to push or pull changes with `git remote add origin`.

◇ `git fetch`

**Fetches changes from a remote repository without merging them.**

```
git fetch origin
```

**Example:** Get the latest changes from the remote repository using `git fetch`.

- ◇ git pull request

**Creates a pull request for code review.**

**Note:** Typically done via platforms like GitHub or GitLab.

```
# GitHub CLI Example
gh pr create --base main --head feature-branch --title "New Feature" --body
"Feature description"
```

**Example:** Create a pull request for team review using the GitHub CLI.

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## ⚙ Git Configuration

- ◇ git config

**Sets user preferences for your Git installation.**

```
# Set user details
git config --global user.name "adibaru"
git config --global user.email "adibaru@gmail.com"

# Check current config
git config --list
```

**Example:** Configure your Git username and email using `git config --global`.

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