

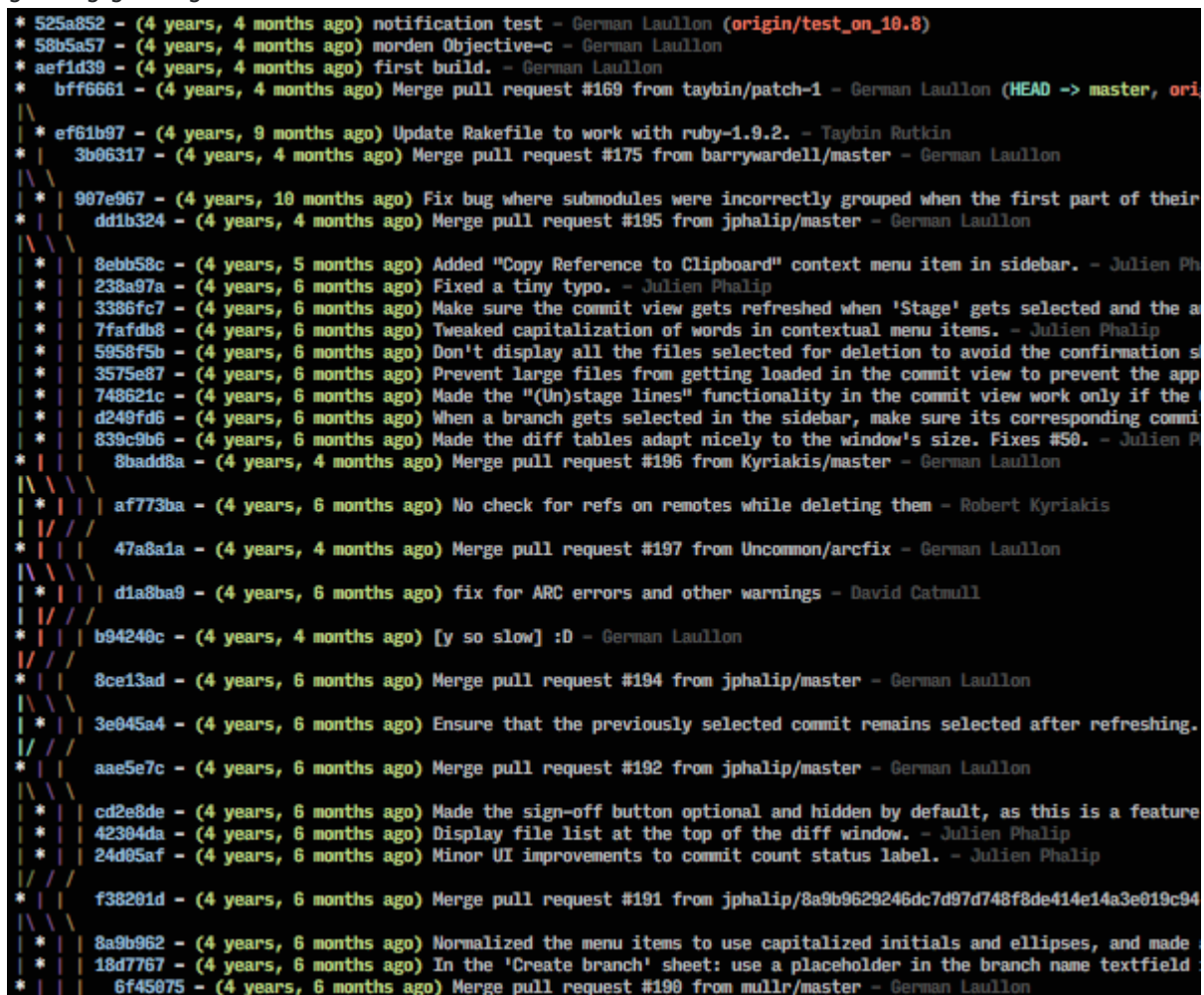
I have 3 aliases (and 4 alias-aliases for quick usage) that I normally throw in

my ~/.gitconfig file:

```
[alias]
  lg = !"git lg1"
  lg1 = !"git lg1-specific --all"
  lg2 = !"git lg2-specific --all"
  lg3 = !"git lg3-specific --all"

  lg1-specific = log --graph --abbrev-commit --decorate --format=format:'%C(bold
blue)%h%C(reset) - %C(bold green)(%ar)%C(reset) %C(white)%s%C(reset) %C(dim
white)- %an%C(reset)%C(auto)%d%C(reset) '
  lg2-specific = log --graph --abbrev-commit --decorate --format=format:'%C(bold
blue)%h%C(reset) - %C(bold cyan)%aD%C(reset) %C(bold green)(%ar)%C(reset)%C(auto)
%d%C(reset)%n' %C(white)%s%C(reset) %C(dim white)- %an%C(reset) '
  lg3-specific = log --graph --abbrev-commit --decorate --format=format:'%C(bold
blue)%h%C(reset) - %C(bold cyan)%aD%C(reset) %C(bold green)(%ar)%C(reset) %C(bold
cyan)(committed: %cD)%C(reset) %C(auto)%d%C(reset)%n' %C(white)%s
%C(reset)%n' %C(dim white)- %an <ae> %C(reset) %C(dim white)(committer:
%cn <ce>)%C(reset) '
```

git lg/git lg1 looks like this:



```
* 525a852 - (4 years, 4 months ago) notification test - German Laullon (origin/test_on_10.8)
* 58b5a57 - (4 years, 4 months ago) morden Objective-c - German Laullon
* aef1d39 - (4 years, 4 months ago) first build. - German Laullon
* bff6661 - (4 years, 4 months ago) Merge pull request #169 from taybin/patch-1 - German Laullon (HEAD -> master, ori
//
* ef61b97 - (4 years, 9 months ago) Update Rakefile to work with ruby-1.9.2. - Taybin Rutkin
* 3b96317 - (4 years, 4 months ago) Merge pull request #175 from barrywardell/master - German Laullon
//
* 907e967 - (4 years, 10 months ago) Fix bug where submodules were incorrectly grouped when the first part of their
* dd1b324 - (4 years, 4 months ago) Merge pull request #195 from jphalip/master - German Laullon
//
* 8ebb58c - (4 years, 5 months ago) Added "Copy Reference to Clipboard" context menu item in sidebar. - Julien Ph
* 238a97a - (4 years, 6 months ago) Fixed a tiny typo. - Julien Phalip
* 3386fc7 - (4 years, 6 months ago) Make sure the commit view gets refreshed when 'Stage' gets selected and the a
* 7fafdb8 - (4 years, 6 months ago) Tweaked capitalization of words in contextual menu items. - Julien Phalip
* 5958f5b - (4 years, 6 months ago) Don't display all the files selected for deletion to avoid the confirmation s
* 3575e87 - (4 years, 6 months ago) Prevent large files from getting loaded in the commit view to prevent the app
* 748621c - (4 years, 6 months ago) Made the "(Un)stage lines" functionality in the commit view work only if the
* d249fd6 - (4 years, 6 months ago) When a branch gets selected in the sidebar, make sure its corresponding commi
* 839c9b6 - (4 years, 6 months ago) Made the diff tables adapt nicely to the window's size. Fixes #50. - Julien P
* 8badd8a - (4 years, 4 months ago) Merge pull request #196 from Kyriakis/master - German Laullon
//
* af773ba - (4 years, 6 months ago) No check for refs on remotes while deleting them - Robert Kyriakis
//
* 47a8a1a - (4 years, 4 months ago) Merge pull request #197 from Uncommon/arcfix - German Laullon
//
* d1a8ba9 - (4 years, 6 months ago) fix for ARC errors and other warnings - David Catmull
//
* b94240c - (4 years, 4 months ago) [y so slow] :D - German Laullon
//
* 8ce13ad - (4 years, 6 months ago) Merge pull request #194 from jphalip/master - German Laullon
//
* 3e045a4 - (4 years, 6 months ago) Ensure that the previously selected commit remains selected after refreshing.
//
* aae5e7c - (4 years, 6 months ago) Merge pull request #192 from jphalip/master - German Laullon
//
* cd2e8de - (4 years, 6 months ago) Made the sign-off button optional and hidden by default, as this is a feature
* 42304da - (4 years, 6 months ago) Display file list at the top of the diff window. - Julien Phalip
* 24d05af - (4 years, 6 months ago) Minor UI improvements to commit count status label. - Julien Phalip
//
* f38201d - (4 years, 6 months ago) Merge pull request #191 from jphalip/8a9b9629246dc7d97d748f8de414e14a3e019c94
//
* 8a9b962 - (4 years, 6 months ago) Normalized the menu items to use capitalized initials and ellipses, and made
* 18d7767 - (4 years, 6 months ago) In the 'Create branch' sheet: use a placeholder in the branch name textfield
* 6f45075 - (4 years, 6 months ago) Merge pull request #190 from mullr/master - German Laullon
```

git lg2 looks like this:

```

* 525a852 - Sun, 29 Jul 2012 13:04:46 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago) (origin/test_on_10.8)
| notification test - German Laillon
* 58b5a57 - Fri, 27 Jul 2012 00:18:16 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago)
| morden Objective-c - German Laillon
* aef1d39 - Fri, 27 Jul 2012 00:07:45 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago)
| first build. - German Laillon
* bff6661 - Wed, 25 Jul 2012 10:24:23 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago) (HEAD -> master, origin/master, origin/HEAD)
| \ Merge pull request #169 from taybin/patch-1 - German Laillon
| \
* ef61b97 - Mon, 12 Mar 2012 23:14:01 -0300 (4 years, 9 months ago)
| Update Rakefile to work with ruby-1.9.2. - Taybin Rutkin
* 3b06317 - Wed, 25 Jul 2012 10:23:49 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago)
| \ Merge pull request #175 from barrywardell/master - German Laillon
| \
* 907e967 - Wed, 1 Feb 2012 10:23:38 +0000 (4 years, 10 months ago)
| Fix bug where submodules were incorrectly grouped when the first part of their path was the same. - Bar
* dd1b324 - Wed, 25 Jul 2012 10:23:08 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago)
| \ Merge pull request #195 from jphalip/master - German Laillon
| \
* 8ebb58c - Mon, 18 Jun 2012 22:42:33 -0700 (4 years, 5 months ago)
| Added "Copy Reference to Clipboard" context menu item in sidebar. - Julien Phalip
* 238a97a - Sat, 16 Jun 2012 21:19:58 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago)
| Fixed a tiny typo. - Julien Phalip
* 3386fc7 - Sat, 16 Jun 2012 21:18:14 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago)
| Make sure the commit view gets refreshed when 'Stage' gets selected and the auto-refresh is on. - Jul
* 7fafdb8 - Sun, 10 Jun 2012 13:36:48 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago)
| Tweaked capitalization of words in contextual menu items. - Julien Phalip
* 5858f5b - Sun, 10 Jun 2012 13:24:46 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago)
| Don't display all the files selected for deletion to avoid the confirmation sheet getting too tall if
* 3575e87 - Sat, 9 Jun 2012 15:37:40 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago)
| Prevent large files from getting loaded in the commit view to prevent the app from freezing. - Julien
* 748621c - Fri, 8 Jun 2012 12:10:38 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago)
| Made the "(Un)stage lines" functionality in the commit view work only if the Command key is pressed.
* d249fd6 - Thu, 7 Jun 2012 19:41:27 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago)
| When a branch gets selected in the sidebar, make sure its corresponding commit also gets selected in
* 839c9b6 - Thu, 7 Jun 2012 15:18:56 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago)
| Made the diff tables adapt nicely to the window's size. Fixes #50. - Julien Phalip
* 8badd8a - Wed, 25 Jul 2012 10:21:54 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago)
| \ Merge pull request #196 from Kyriakis/master - German Laillon
| \
* af773ba - Sat, 9 Jun 2012 08:09:55 +0200 (4 years, 6 months ago)
| \ No check for refs on remotes while deleting them - Robert Kyriakis
* 47a8a1a - Wed, 25 Jul 2012 10:21:14 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago)
| \ Merge pull request #197 from Uncommon/arcfix - German Laillon
| \
* d1a8ba9 - Fri, 15 Jun 2012 11:18:13 -0600 (4 years, 6 months ago)
| \ fix for ARC errors and other warnings - David Catmull
* b94240c - Wed, 25 Jul 2012 10:16:58 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago)
| \ [y so slow] :D - German Laillon
* 8ce13ad - Wed, 6 Jun 2012 09:43:19 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago)

```

and git lg3 looks like this:

```

* 525a852 - Sun, 29 Jul 2012 13:04:46 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago) (committed: Sun, 29 Jul 2012 13:04:46 -0700) (original)
notification test
- German Laullon <laullon@gmail.com> (committer: German Laullon <laullon@gmail.com>)
* 58b5a57 - Fri, 27 Jul 2012 00:18:16 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago) (committed: Fri, 27 Jul 2012 00:18:16 -0700)
morden Objective-c
- German Laullon <laullon@gmail.com> (committer: German Laullon <laullon@gmail.com>)
* aef1d39 - Fri, 27 Jul 2012 00:07:45 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago) (committed: Fri, 27 Jul 2012 00:07:45 -0700)
first build.
- German Laullon <laullon@gmail.com> (committer: German Laullon <laullon@gmail.com>)
* bff6661 - Wed, 25 Jul 2012 10:24:23 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago) (committed: Wed, 25 Jul 2012 10:24:23 -0700) (HEAD)
Merge pull request #169 from taybin/patch-1
- German Laullon <laullon@gmail.com> (committer: German Laullon <laullon@gmail.com>)
* ef61b97 - Mon, 12 Mar 2012 23:14:01 -0300 (4 years, 9 months ago) (committed: Mon, 12 Mar 2012 23:14:01 -0300)
Update Rakefile to work with ruby-1.9.2.
- Taybin Rutkin <taybin@taybin.com> (committer: Taybin Rutkin <taybin@taybin.com>)
* 3b06317 - Wed, 25 Jul 2012 10:23:49 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago) (committed: Wed, 25 Jul 2012 10:23:49 -0700)
Merge pull request #175 from barrywardell/master
- German Laullon <laullon@gmail.com> (committer: German Laullon <laullon@gmail.com>)
* 907e967 - Wed, 1 Feb 2012 10:23:38 +0000 (4 years, 10 months ago) (committed: Tue, 24 Apr 2012 10:53:45 +0100)
Fix bug where submodules were incorrectly grouped when the first part of their path was the same.
- Barry Wardell <barry.wardell@gmail.com> (committer: Barry Wardell <barry.wardell@gmail.com>)
* dd1b324 - Wed, 25 Jul 2012 10:23:08 -0700 (4 years, 4 months ago) (committed: Wed, 25 Jul 2012 10:23:08 -0700)
Merge pull request #195 from jphalip/master
- German Laullon <laullon@gmail.com> (committer: German Laullon <laullon@gmail.com>)
* 8ebb58c - Mon, 18 Jun 2012 22:42:33 -0700 (4 years, 5 months ago) (committed: Mon, 18 Jun 2012 22:42:33 -0700)
Added "Copy Reference to Clipboard" context menu item in sidebar.
- Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com> (committer: Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com>)
* 238a97a - Sat, 16 Jun 2012 21:19:58 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago) (committed: Sat, 16 Jun 2012 21:19:58 -0700)
Fixed a tiny typo.
- Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com> (committer: Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com>)
* 3386fc7 - Sat, 16 Jun 2012 21:18:14 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago) (committed: Sat, 16 Jun 2012 21:19:24 -0700)
Make sure the commit view gets refreshed when 'Stage' gets selected and the auto-refresh is on.
- Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com> (committer: Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com>)
* 7fafdb8 - Sun, 10 Jun 2012 13:36:48 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago) (committed: Sun, 10 Jun 2012 13:36:48 -0700)
Tweaked capitalization of words in contextual menu items.
- Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com> (committer: Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com>)
* 5958f5b - Sun, 10 Jun 2012 13:24:46 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago) (committed: Sun, 10 Jun 2012 13:24:46 -0700)
Don't display all the files selected for deletion to avoid the confirmation sheet getting too tall if
- Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com> (committer: Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com>)
* 3575e87 - Sat, 9 Jun 2012 15:37:40 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago) (committed: Sat, 9 Jun 2012 15:37:40 -0700)
Prevent large files from getting loaded in the commit view to prevent the app from freezing.
- Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com> (committer: Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com>)
* 748621c - Fri, 8 Jun 2012 12:10:38 -0700 (4 years, 6 months ago) (committed: Fri, 8 Jun 2012 12:10:38 -0700)
Made the "(Un)stage lines" functionality in the commit view work only if the Command key is pressed.
- Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com> (committer: Julien Phalip <jphalip@gmail.com>)

```

Note: Answer copied from and improved upon the answer at stackoverflow.com/questions/1057564/pretty-git-branch-graphs since it's far more appropriate here than it was there. Left the copy on the other question for historical reasons— it's closed now, and the answer's referenced by a bunch of other answers.