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Git Exercise: Navigating a Real-World Repository



Welcome to your first day on the job! Your team has been working on a Python project, but things have gone wrong:

- Colleagues have deleted critical files.
- Some files were renamed incorrectly.
- Your boss still expects results!

Your task is to investigate the repository's history, recover missing files, and get the project running again.

Step 1: Create the repository from the script

Activate the provided script for exercise 1.

```
chmod +x E1_repository.sh
./E1_repository.sh
```

Step 2: Investigate the Git History

Before making changes, analyze the history to see what went wrong.

```
git log --oneline --decorate --graph --all
```

You should see a commit history where files were deleted or renamed. Identify the commits where prime_number.py and fibonacci_number.py last existed.

To see the history of a specific file:

```
git log -- prime_number.py
git log -- fibonacci_number.py
```

Step 3: Restore Deleted Files

Once you find the commit where the files last existed, restore them:

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```
git checkout <commit-hash> -- prime_number.py
git checkout <commit-hash> -- fibonacci_number.py
```

Verify that they are now back in the repository:

```
ls
```

If everything looks good, stage and commit the restored files:

```
git add prime_number.py fibonacci_number.py
git commit -m "Restore missing files"
```

Step 4: Fix main.py

The main script (main.py) was modified to use the wrong filenames. Open main.py and replace this incorrect import:

```
from primes import get_prime_numbers # Incorrect file name
```

With:

```
from prime_number import get_prime_numbers # Corrected
```

Save the file and commit your fix:

```
git add main.py
git commit -m "Fix incorrect import in main.py"
```

Step 5: Run the Script

Check if everything works now:

```
python main.py
```

If it runs successfully, you should see **two lists printed**:

✓ **Prime Numbers** found in numbers.csv

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Fibonacci Numbers found in numbers.csv

If you still get errors, double-check your commits and file history!

Step 6: Push Your Fixes

Once the script runs correctly, push your fixes to the repository:

git push origin main

Songratulations! You successfully navigated a real-world Git scenario.

邑 Additional Git Commands You Might Need

Check the status of your working directory:

git status

• View all commits in a detailed log:

git log --graph --all --decorate --oneline

Restore a deleted file from the last commit:

git restore prime_number.py

• Undo the last commit (before pushing):

git reset --soft HEAD~1

What You Learned

- ✓ How to investigate a Git history.
- ✓ How to recover deleted files using previous commits.
- ✓ How to fix incorrect file imports.
- ✓ How to work in a collaborative Git environment.
- Well done! You're now more prepared to handle real-world Git issues.