

Git Cheatsheet II

NOTE: This is an incomplete reference. Check the man pages for more features.

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How to Use

Values in square brackets are **[optional]**.

Items in ***italics*** are names that you specify.

[...] means "and any additional ones like the previous".

A ***commitish*** is a commit hash, branch, tag, or other method of referencing a particular commit.

Rebase

MOST IMPORTANT RULE: *Never rebase any commits that have been duplicated in any clone of a repo, i.e. anything that's been pushed. It will make people very unhappy and make you very unpopular.*

Takes commits from one branch and reapplies them after another branch, effectively moving the commits. Interactively, it allows you to consolidate and clean up commit history.

"Does anyone else in the universe, including bare repos, have a clone of the commits I am about to rebase?" If the answer is "yes", DON'T REBASE. There be dragons.

git fetch; git rebase

Fetch origin/master then rebase all local commits onto origin/master.
Equivalent to `git pull --rebase`.

git rebase otherbranch

Apply all commits on the current branch onto the *otherbranch*, beginning where the branches diverged.

git rebase otherbranch abranch

Apply all commits from *abranh* onto *otherbranch*, beginning where the branches diverged.

git rebase -i *branchname* [*specifiedbranch*]

Interactively rebase current (or *specifiedbranch*) branch onto *branchname*. This allows you to drop or include individual commits.

git rebase -i HEAD~2

Interactively rebase to a prior commit, e.g. two commits prior to HEAD.

git pull --rebase

Run `git rebase` instead of `git merge` after the `git fetch`.

git pull --rebase=interactive [*remote*] [*branch*]

Perform an interactive rebase after a `git fetch`.

git rebase --continue

Continue the rebasing process after conflict resolution.

git rebase --abort

Abort the rebase process (e.g. after conflicts you don't want to deal with).

git rebase --onto *destbranch* *divergebranch* *thisbranch*

Rebase *thisbranch* onto *destbranch* starting from the commit where *thisbranch* diverged from *divergebranch*.

Reset

With commits, moves HEAD and branches to a commit, optionally reset index and/or working tree. With files, unstages files or copies files from a commit to staging.

git reset --soft *commitish*

Moves HEAD and current branch to point to *commitish*. Staged files and working tree files are unchanged.

git reset [--mixed] *commitish*

Moves HEAD and current branch to point to *commitish*, updates staged files to match new HEAD. Working tree files are unchanged.

git reset --hard *commitish*

Moves HEAD and current branch to point to *commitish*, updates staged files to match new HEAD, updates working tree files to match new HEAD.

git reset file

Copies file from current HEAD to staging. Effectively unstages the file.

git reset *commitish* file

Copies file from *commitish* to staging.

Revert

Reverts specific commits, applying the reversion to the working tree, making new commits. The opposite of `git cherry-pick`.

git revert *commitish*

Revert a particular commit.

git revert -n *commitish1* *commitish2* [...]

Revert several commits, but do not make a new commit. Follow with `git revert --continue`.

git add file

Necessary after resolving a conflict, just like with a normal merge.

git revert --continue

Continue the revert process after `git revert -n` or conflict resolution.

git revert --abort

Abandon the current reversion process.

Bisect

Binary search through commits looking for the one that broke things.

git bisect start

Start the bisect process.

git bisect bad

Mark this commit as bad.

git bisect good *commitish*

Mark a particular commit as good.

git bisect good

Mark this commit as good.

git bisect bad *commitsh*

Mark a particular commit as bad.

git bisect reset

Get back to the original starting point and stop bisecting.

git bisect reset bisect/bad

Check out the first bad commit and stop bisecting.

Stash

Stores working tree (and optionally index) safely off to the side while you do other work.

git stash [push]

Save the current index (staging) and working tree onto stash stack.

git stash [push] --keep-index

Save the current working tree onto stash stack, leaving the index (staging) intact.

git stash [push] --include-untracked

Same as git stash but also saves untracked files.

git stash pop [stash@{0}]

Restore the working tree from the top of the stash stack.

git stash pop --index

Restore the current index (staging) and working tree from the top of the stash stack. This might conflict if you have things in staging when you run this command.

git stash pop stash@{2}

Restore the working tree from the 2nd-from-the-top of the stash stack.

git stash apply

Like git stash pop, except leaves the stash stack intact.

git stash apply stash@{2}

Apply a specific stash (e.g. 2nd-from-the-top) from the stack.

git stash apply --index

Like git stash pop --index, except leaves the stash stack intact.

git stash drop [stash@{0}]

Drop a stash from the stash stack, doing nothing to index or working tree.

git stash list

Show the current stash stack.

git stash clear

Destroy the current stash stack, doing nothing to index or working tree.

git stash branch *branchname* [stash@{0}]

Create a branch at the last commit prior to the given stash, pop the given stash on that new branch.

Cherry-pick

Applies specific commits to the working tree, making new commits. The opposite of `git revert`.

`git cherry-pick commitish [commitish ...]`

Apply the specified commit after the current commit.

`git cherry-pick -x commitish`

Automatically add "(cherry picked from commit ...)" to the commit message.

`git cherry-pick -ff commitish`

If the commit is a direct child of HEAD, just fast-forward HEAD to that commit instead of making a new one.

`git cherry-pick -n commitish [commitish ...]`

Don't make a new commit; useful when you want to take a bunch of commits and make them into a single commit.

`git add file`

Necessary after resolving a conflict, just like with a normal merge.

`git cherry-pick --continue`

Continue the cherry picking process after resolving a conflict.

`git cherry-pick --abort`

Abandon the cherry picking process and pretend you never started it.