- No newline at end of file is the warning of diff because diff is a line-based text processor.
 - Without the last newline, whenever the next line is appended to this file, the last line must be edited by adding newline to it, which is an unintended edit. This **u** various problem.
 - ▼ 1st, diff works with the whole line, hence, the last line will be marked as modified by the next commit.
 - ▼ E.g. wrong lines in diffs between commits without the last newline:
 - Final file

```
Test E0L@E0F⊌
    this line is in commit #1.4
    this line is in commit \#2.4
    this line is in commit #3.
▼ commit #1
    +Test E0L@E0F씓
    +this line is in commit #1.
    \ No newline at end of file
▼ commit #2
    Test E0L@E0F⊌
     this line is in commit #1
    \ No newline at end of file
    +this line is in commit #1.4
    +this line
               is in commit #2
    \ No newline at end of file
▼ commit #3
    this line is in commit #1.⊎
     this line is in commit #2
    \ No newline at end of file
```

+this line is in commit #2.4 +this line is in commit #3 \ No newline at end of file

- ▼ 2nd, the last line of the last commit may be <u>blamed</u> for the next commit, which is misleading.
 - ▼ Some git implementations do this misleading blame: GitHub, GitLab, VS Code

▼ Some git implementations tweak themself to avoid this misleading blame: Ubuntu's git, JetBrains IDEs

```
      Ø43c4d78 (Do Thien Hoang
      Mar 18 2024
      1937) MERGE_FILE_DEV_LIST_DOMDP_CHEAPEST=[]

      Q43c4d78 (Do Thien Hoang
      Mar 18 2024
      1938) ######### domdp_cheapest END #########

      Sc385468 (vanghtc
      Nov 1 2024
      1939)

      Sc385468 (vanghtc
      Nov 1 2024
      1940) ######### ins_gw START ########

      Sc385468 (vanghtc
      Nov 1 2024
      1941) # common ins_gw

      Sc385468 (vanghtc
      Nov 1 2024
      1942) APP_INS_GW = 'ins_gw'

      Sc385468 (vanghtc
      Nov 1 2024
      1943) USER_INS_GW = 'ins_gw'

      Sc385468 (vanghtc
      Nov 1 2024
      1944) BACKUP_MODULE_LIST_INS_GW = ['build/libs/ins_gw-0.0.1-SNAP
```

```
| # dev domdp_cheapest | # domdp_cheapest
```

3rd, unintended conflict: Some text editors and IDEs automatically add the last newline to editing files, making unintended changes which will conflict with a

▼ The conflict will be shown (for resolution) in a very obscure way, due to the difficulty of showing the newline itself.

```
6: Last line without newline
<<<<<< HEAD
7: Appended line by feature-testEOL-1
=======
>>>>>> feature-testEOL-2
```

- ▼ There are two options to fix this issue:
 - Force all IDEs to automatically add the last newline.
 - ▼ Stop Linux editors, like vim, nano, from fixing files missing newline at the end of file.
 - This option should be chosen for a project with lots of legacy codes missing the last newline.
- ▼ Commands to refactor codes
 - ▼ Add the missing last newline (ref: <u>unix.stackexchange</u>)

```
sed -i '$a\' file
```

▼ Remove last blank line, i.e. truely empty line (^\$ = \n only)

```
sed -i '${/^$/d;}' file
```

▼ Find files missing the last newline:

```
find . -regex '.*\(git\|venv\|idea\)' -prune -o \
   -type f -exec sh -c 'tail -c 1 "$1" | grep -q "." && echo "$1"' no-last-newline {} \;
```

▼ Find files with the last newline

```
find . -regex '.*\(git\|venv\|idea\)' -prune -o \    -type f -exec sh -c 'tail -c 1 "$1" | grep -q "^$" && echo "$1"' with-last-newline {} \;
```