Git Cheatsheet by Blair Labatt III

Work

Terminology & state machine:

| State | Index | W-Dir | Next |
|------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Untracked | ? | ? | Add |
| Unmodified | - | - | Edit |
| Modified | - | M | Stage |
| Staged | [A M] | [M]? | Commit |
| | | | |

You can rm from "untracked" or git rm from any other state.

git reset

Reset moves HEAD's branch & HEAD, versus checkout, which only moves HEAD. Below, <ref> \in {SHA1, branch, file path}:

git reset <ref> # move HEAD bch & idx to ref git reset --mixed <ref> # equiv to above git reset --soft <ref> # Move HEAD brch ¬ idx git reset --hard # revert WD, idx & brch

Only the --hard option is dangerous to WD. Revert specific file in working directory: git reset <file> # file in WD Δs to last HEAD

git reset <SHA> <file> # revert to specific SHA git checkout -- <file> # "unsafely" revert file

git revert

Append a new commit to history with contents of an older one. git revert is unrelated to restore or reset. To get rid of HEAD's content: git revert HEAD

git restore

Safe way to restore old file version: git restore <file> # from HEAD git restore -- staged <file> # from idx

git add

git add <filename> # add to index git add . # stage all changed git add --all # stage all git add -i # interactive staging

git commit

git commit -m 'message' # commit all staged git commit -am 'message' # commit all tracked git commit -a --amend # redo last commit git commit --amend # tweak last commit

git tag git tag # show tags git tag -l # same as above git tag -l <tag_ref> # show all matches git tag "<str>" # create "lightweight" tag git tag -a <str> -m "<str>" # "annotated" tag git tag -a <tag> <hash> # after-the-fact tag # using tags:

git show <tag> # display commit @ <tag> git checkout <tag> # checkout tagged commit # remote tags:

git push origin <tag> # explicit push required git push <remote> --tags # push all tags # deleting tags:

git tag -d <tag> # delete locally git push <remote> --delete <tag> # remotely

sign tags (must disseminate pub key): git tag -s v1.5 # sign

git rm

git rm <file> # stage <file>'s removal git rm -f <file> # remove modified / staged git rm --cached <file> # untrack Can use globs instead of filenames: git rm * # anything ending in ~

git mv <old> <new> # rename to <new> This is shorthand for:

\$ git rm _; mv _ _; git add _ on a tracked file.

git stash

git stash push # git stash list # git stash apply # git stash drop # remove from stack git stash pop # apply & drop last

git cherry-pick

Like a rebase for a single commit. Can cherrypick multiple commits into one prior to integration, or cherry-pick single commit onto master instead of rebasing. git cherry-pick <SHA1> #

2 Observe

git status

git status # show w-dir vs index git status -s # short-hand view

git diff

git diff # wd vs repo git diff --staged # idx vs repo git diff master orgin/master # diff vs remote git difftool # use a different diff

git log git log

git log -p # shows Δ 's ("patches") git log -3 # last 3 git log --stat # include summary info git log --graph # graphical git log --decorate --all # show branching git log --pretty=oneline # beautiful git log --pretty=format:"<fmt>" # format %H commit hash %ae auth, email %ad auth. date %h abbrev. hash %T Tree hash · %ar relative date %t abbrev. tree · %cn commiter name · %P parent hashes %ce commit. email • %p abbrev. prnt %cd commit date · %cr relative date %an author name · %s subject

Subselect & bracked logs to show: git log --since=<date> # bracket low git log --since=2.weeks # for example git log --until=<date> # bracket high git log --author=<auth> # by author git log --grep <pattrn> # matching pattern git log --S <str> # "pickaxe" option git log brnA..brnB # only brnB, ¬ brnA git log --not brnA brnB # same as above

git describe

Create version # from latest tag: git describe master # vields v1.6-<SHA1>

git shortlog

git shortlog master --not v1.5 # since 1.5

git grep

- -p ... enclosing block
- -e <str> ... exists string • --and ... complex matches

git blame

git blame $\langle \text{file} \rangle \# \text{ show last } \Delta s$, authors git blame -L 51,59 <file> # restrict to line #s git blame -C <file> # find Δ -origins, other files

git reflog # local history of HEAD, branches

git show

View a specific (older) version of a file: git show REVISION:/path/to/file git show master@{5} # using reflog labels git show master@{vesterday} # special labels

git bisect

Iteratively search for breaking Δ s by repeatedly resetting old commits. Is a commit good or bad? git bisect start HEAD v1.0 # from 1.0 to HEAD

3 Branch

Types of commits:

- initial commit ... no parent
- normal commit ... one parent
- merge commit ... multiple parents Types of branches:
- "Long-running" branches
- "Topic" branches
- "Tracking" branches

Types of history:

- Original, unedited (3-way merges)
- Curated, linearized (rebase, cherry-pick)

git branch

git branch -v # show branches git branch -vv # show tracking branches git branch --merged # end-of-road branches git branch --no-merged # show WIP branches git branch

branch = # new branch @ HEAD git branch -d <branch> # delete # Set upstream branch: git branch -u <remote>/<branch>

git checkout

Moves HEAD to a named branch or SHA commit. You cannot checkout a branch that clashes with changes in your working directory. git checkout <branch> # move HEAD git checkout -b

bname> # create & checkout

To restore older version of just one file: git checkout [commit ID] -- path/to/file git restore path/to/file # ibid, new in v2.23

Create remote tracking branch: git checkout -b <name> <remote>/<branch> git switch -c <bname> # ibid git checkout --track <remote>/<branch>

git merge

git merge <branch> [<into>] # * assumed A merge is three-way, generally, but a two-way "fast-forward" when <branch> is a direct ancestor of <into>.

git merge @{u} # shorthand for upstream git mergetool # visual conflict-resolution git merge -- squash brnA # single parent

Rebasing replays changes from one line of work onto another in the order they were introduced. Only rebase if it's the project's convention to do so and if you want to clean up your clutter. Never rebase anything you've pushed (although it's technically still okay if no one else will base their work on those commits). # Rebase <topic> onto <base>: git rebase <base> <topic> # general form # Now, <base> is fast-forwardable: git checkout <base>; git merge <topic> git rebase master # rebase * onto master # Rebase c onto a, holding off on b: git rebase --onto <a> <c> # Split, squash, edit, reorder commits: git rebase -i ... # interactive

git merge-base

Finds common ancestor: git merge-base brn master # find git diff \${git merge-base brn master} # use git diff master...brn # shorthand for above

4 Share & Synchronize

Major sync work-flows:

- Centralized any can push to a shared bare
- Managed only manager can push
- Hierarchical multiple levels of pushing

git fetch

git fetch <remote> # download latest git fetch <remote> <refspec> # specific rqst

Only works if:

- vou have write access to <to>
- no on has pushed since your last fetch

If 2nd condition isn't true, it is an attempted push of "non-fast-forward" changes. git push <to> <from> # generally git push origin master # specifically git push -u origin my_brn # set remote & push git push <refspec> # eg, frombrn:tobrn Push message includes a statement like: 1edee6b..fbff5bc master -> master ie, <oldref>..<newref> <frombr> -> <tobr> Pushes on rebased branches require forcing: git push -f myfork brnA # force

git pull

git pull # git fetch + git merge git pull <url> # one-time: don't set remote

git remote

git remove -v # show all remotes git remote add [<nickname>?] <url> # add git remote show <remote> # inquire git remote rename <old> <new> # new alias git remote rm # no longer track remote git remote set-head # git remote prune # git remote set-branches #

git request-pull

Absent GitHub forks & pull-requests, use this to facilitate the integration process. (A fork is just a clone to or push to an accessible repo.) git request-pull origin/master myfork # text

GitHub

Generally, pull requests don't close right away. The idea is to open, collaborate, & finally merge. Use *markdown to reference IDs* & *prettify:*

- #<id> reference branch, commit, or PR
- · username#<refid> more specifically
- username/rep#<id> or externally
- <SHA1> unchanging, concretely
- :<emo>: enter an emoji
- [X] item A [] item B or checklist
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5 Setup

git config

Manipulate configuration settings. git config --system <cfg> # in /etc/gitconfig git config --global <cfg> # in ~/.gitconfig git config --local <cfg> # in ~.git/config # where <cfg> is <key> <value>, for example: git config --global core.editor vim git config <key> # query value git config --list # show all cfgs git config --list --show-origin # cfg origin # Creating aliases: git config --global alias.<als> <cmd> git config alias.l log --oneline # examples git config --global alias.unstage 'reset HEAD -- ' # Simplify long commands: git config --local remote.pushDefault origin

Run man git-config for more config options.

git help

git help <cmd> # general inquiry git help config # eg: help on "config" git <cmd> -h # abridged help

git init

Start new git repository locally. \$ mkdir /Projects/moustrap # create \$ cd /Projects/moustrap # relocate \$ vim innovation.rs # innovate git init # track

Create a central hub repo, ie one vou can push to that lacks a working dir:

\$ mkdir /Projects/central # create \$ cd /Projects/central # relocate git init --bare # no working dir.

git clone

Grab & track an existing, remote git repository. git clone <url> # store locally in \ git clone <url> <name> # set local <name> git clone <url> -o <name> # set remote name git clone --bare <url> # no working dir git clone ssh://[user@]server/project.git # SSH

.gitignore

Pattern matching rules:

- comment out line with #
- standard globs (*, ?) work recursively
- avoid recursion by prefacing with \ specify directory by suffixing with \
- match directory recursion by **
- negate a pattern with !

- case matching with [abc] or [a-c] For example:
- (file) *.a # ignore all *.a
- (file) !lib.a # do track lib.a
- (file) /TODO # ignore top-level /TODO
- (file) build/ # ignore anything under build/
- (file) doc/*.txt # ignore doc txt's
- (file) doc/**/*.pdf # ignore all pdf's

Kev Management

ssh-keygen -o # create pub/prv key pair cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub # view pub key

Server Administration

"Trackback" event is then created in referenced con- There are several ways to serve git (and cons):

- 1. The local filesystem (no redundancy)
- 2. An SSH server (cumbersome user admin)
- 3. GIT protocol (no user admin possible)
- 4. "Smart" HTTP (complex web server)
- 5. Self-hosting, eg GitLab (time to set up)
- 6. Commercial hosting, eg Github (money)

Set up remote access SSH server: mkdir .ssh && chmod 700 .ssh && / touch .ssh/authorized_keys && / chmod 600 /ssh/authorized_keys # Allow jack access to ssh user: cat /tmp/id_rsa.jack.pub » / ~/.ssh/authorized_keys # Set up Git-protocol server: git daemon -- reuseaddr < path>

cd prj_path/ && touch git-daemon-export-ok

6 Patching

Partial changes

Use --patch with: git [add|reset|checkout|stash]: git add --patch # interactive patch staging

git format-patch

Generate emailable patches, one per commit past indicated branch (here origin/master): git format-patch -M origin/master

git [send]

cat *.patch | git imap-send git send-email *.patch

git [apply|am]

Use former if user submitted diff format "patch"; latter if user submitted format-patch patches. Latter is better: already contains commit metadata. git apply /tmp/pname.patch git am pname.patch git am -3 pname.patch # attempt 3-way merge

7 Advanced \ Miscellaneous git submodule

Add (remove here) a submodule to project: git submodule add <url> # add submodule # Getting a project with submodules: git clone --recurse-submodule <url> # init all # ... or, if you forget to --recurse-submodule, # you can initialize each SM manually: git submodule init # initialize single SM git submodule update # fetch & checkout # where "update" is the usual wrapper: cd < SM >; git fetch; git merge # = update git diff --submodule # show SM Δ s

Pull (or push) a repo with Δ ed submodules: git pull --recurse-submodules # or use update # Merge or rebase (--rebase) local & remote Δ s: git submodule update --remote --merge # Do same Δ s across all SMs: git submodule foreach '<cmd>' # cmd is bash

git rerere

Automatically resolve conflicts similar to ones you've fixed in previous merges. Rerere essentially caches pre- and post-merge diffs. git config --global rerere.enabled true git rerere # direct invocation

Porcelain

archive create tarball, etc of .git filesystem bundle package & share w/o network fsck manually invoke git garb. collector replace Δ hashes for similar commits

Plumbing

"Object" \in {blob (file), tree, commit, tag} "Reference" \in {head (branch), tag, remote}

cat-file commit-tree filter-branch hash-object ls-files ls-remote ls-tree read-tree rev-list rev-parse show-graph

inspect git object (try: -p -t) requires 1 tree (content) & n objects Δ all history!! create [& write] objects into git db

load tree into index

show-branch symbolic-ref update-index update-ref verify-pack

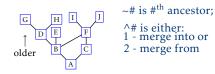
write-tree

set HEAD Δ & add to index from file or gitdb set branch, HEAD, tag pointers show how git packs \Deltas into "packfiles" create tree from index

Refspec

Syntax is: [+]<src>:<dest> Often, can use <refspec> instead of a <ref> like a branch, tag, etc.

Ancestry



Complex exclusions: git log ^<ref> # synonym for --not git log brA brB ^brC # from A or B not C

Paths

| Α | | A^0 | |
|---|----------------------------|---------|--------|
| В | Α^ | A^1 | A~1 |
| C | A^2 | A^2 | |
| D | A^^ | A^1^1 | A~2 |
| E | B^2 | A^^2 | |
| F | B^3 | A^^3 | |
| G | $A^{\wedge \wedge \wedge}$ | A^1^1^1 | A~3 |
| Н | D^2 | B^^2 | A^^^2 |
| I | F^ | B^3^ | A^^3^ |
| J | F^2 | ^3^2 | A^^3^2 |
| | | | |

| Ranges | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Args D | Expanded | Selected G H D |
| D F ^G D | | GHIJDF HD |
| ^D B | | EIJFB |
| ^D B C | | EIJFBC |
| C BC | = ^B C | IJÉC C |
| BC | $= B \wedge F C$ | GHDEBC |
| B^- | = B^B = ^B^1 B | ELLED |
| C^@ | $= C^1$ | EIJFB |
| | = F I J F | |
| B^@ | = B^1 B^2 B^3 = D E F | DGHEFIJ |
| C^! | = C ^C^@ | DGHEFT |
| | $= C ^C 1$ | |
| B^! | = C ^F = B ^B^@ | С |
| ъ. | = B ^D ^E ^F | В |
| F^! D | $= F \land I \land J D$ | GHDF |

9 Scripting

Hooks

Client Side: Pre and post- events like commit, push, etc, git can run script in .git/hooks/ directory. These are excluded from version control. Server Side: Similar to client side, but are included in pushes, and used to implement controlled team processes. GitHub: Upon <event> (often a push), GitHub emits an HTTP post to indicated url. The server listening there can parse, interpret & act according to arbitrary logic.

Github API

GET a public HTTP end point like this: git curl <EP> # basic api GET request Or authenticate (token or OAuth) then POST: curl -H "ContentType: application/json "\ -H "Authorization: token TOK "\ --data '<json>' <EP>

10 Idioms

Fetch all branches: git fetch --all

Setup new remote-tracking branch: git checkout -b

stremote >/<rbr/>rbrnch>

Diff files in different branches: git diff $\langle b1 \rangle \langle b2 \rangle - \langle path \rangle$

Restore file from branch to work-tree only: git restore --source=
branch> --worktree=<file>

Ibid, but clobbers existing index and working tree: git checkout
brnch> -- <file>