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# Git Workflow for TechCo's Team Project

### **Branching Strategy**

#### Main branches

- o main: The stable production-ready branch.
- o develop: The integration branch where all features are merged before release.
- Feature branches (for new development)
  - o feature/user-authentication → Adds login and signup functionality
  - o feature/dashboard-ui → Implements the main dashboard interface
  - o feature/payment-gateway → Integrates Stripe for payments
  - o feature/notifications → Adds email and in-app notifications
  - o feature/chat-system → Implements real-time chat between users
- Bugfix branches (for fixing issues)
  - o bugfix/fix-login-issue → Resolves incorrect password handling
  - o bugfix/fix-dashboard-styling → Fixes alignment issues in the dashboard
  - bugfix/fix-payment-error → Solves an issue where transactions fail intermittently

### **Workflow Steps**

### 1. Project Initialization

- git init (if starting fresh)
- o git clone https://github.com/VITEDUIN/Assignment2---Git-Collaboration.git
- o git checkout -b develop (create and switch to develop branch)

### 2. Setting Up the Team

- Assign roles (e.g., one person manages releases, others work on features/bugs)
- o Developers clone the repository and set up their branches

#### 3. **Developing Features**

- Each developer creates a feature branch from develop
- Example:

git checkout -b feature/user-authentication develop

After coding, commit changes:

git add . git commit -m "Added login & signup functionality" git push origin feature/user-authentication

#### 4. Code Review & Pull Requests

- o Open a pull request (PR) to merge into develop
- o At least one team member must review and approve before merging

#### 5. **Bug Fixing**

- Developers working on bug fixes follow a similar process but use bugfix/ branches
- o Example:

git checkout -b bugfix/fix-login-issue develop

## 6. Merging & Conflict Resolution

o Before merging, ensure the latest changes are pulled:

```
git checkout develop
git pull origin develop
git merge feature/user-authentication
```

o If conflicts arise, resolve them manually and commit

#### 7. Release Process

• When ready for deployment, create a release branch:

```
git checkout -b release/v1.0 develop
```

o Perform final testing, then merge into main

### 8. Deployment & Hotfixes

- o Once deployed, hotfixes go into hotfix/ branches (e.g., hotfix/fix-critical-bug)
- Merge hotfixes into both main and develop to keep versions aligned