

If you run `git init` and see something **other than** `(master)`, it means that Git is using a **different default branch name**.

Why is This Happening?

In recent versions of Git (since Git **2.28**, released in 2020), Git no longer assumes `master` as the default branch. Instead, it follows a configurable setting.

The most common alternative you might see is:

```
(main)
```

This happens because some newer versions of Git default to `main` instead of `master`.

How to Check Your Default Branch Name

Run:

```
git branch
```

It will show your current branch name.

How to Set Your Preferred Default Branch

If you prefer `master`, you can set it as the default when initializing new repositories:

```
git config --global init.defaultBranch master
```

Or, if you want to stick with `main`:

```
git config --global init.defaultBranch main
```

How to Rename the Current Branch

If you initialized a repo and got `(main)` but want `(master)`, you can rename it:

```
git branch -m master
```

And if you want to push this change to GitHub:

```
git push -u origin master
```

(Same process applies if you want to rename `master` to `main`.)

Summary

- Seeing `(main)` instead of `(master)` means your Git version defaults to `main`.
- You can change this globally using `git config --global init.defaultBranch master` or `main`.
- You can rename an existing branch with `git branch -m new-name`.

Let me know if you need more clarification! 🚀