

# git

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a short tutorial



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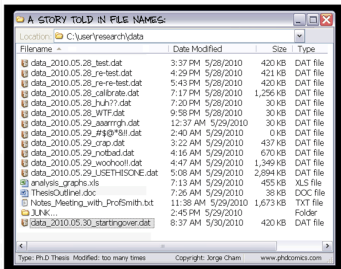
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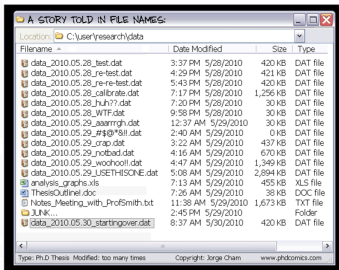
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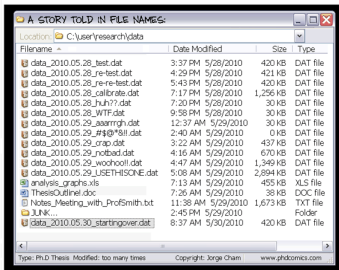
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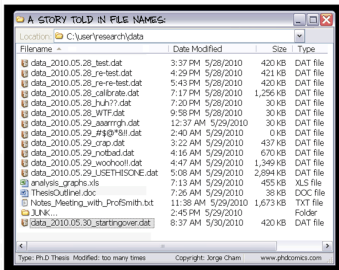
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## git setup – required

These credentials will be stored in the version control history, global configure file or configuration per project.

```
git config --global user.name "Your Name"
```

```
git config --global user.email "name@dtu.dk"
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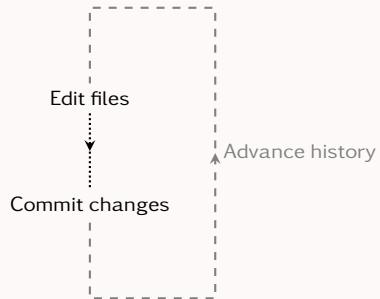
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git config --global core.editor "nano"
```

or whatever you prefer; "code –wait –new-window"



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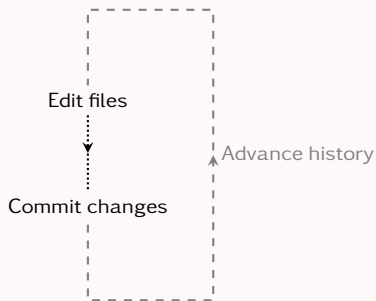


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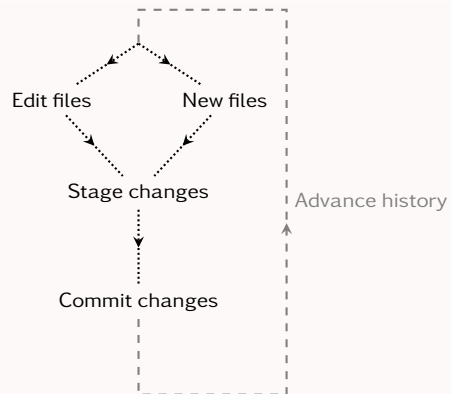
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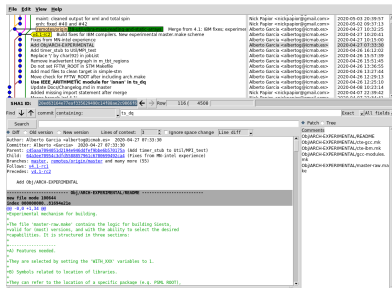
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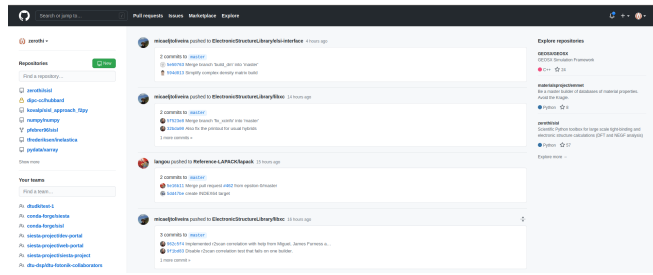
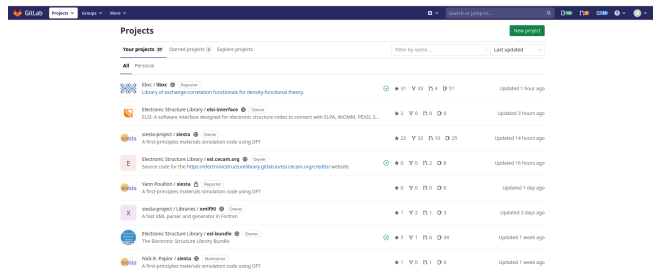
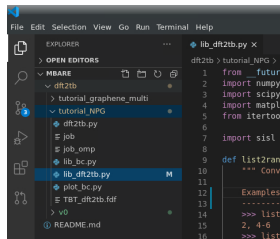
# GUI's and more

While git it is mostly a terminal based program it may be viewed through many GUI variants. These GUI's are mainly for history searches<sup>1</sup> and finding particular diffs fast.

- gitk (Linux/MacOS)
- Git GUI (Windows)



VSCode



<sup>1</sup>My main usage!

# Everyday git commands

<https://education.github.com/git-cheat-sheet-education.pdf>

## Initialisation of repository (one time only)

- 1 `git init <project folder>`
- 2 `git clone <url>`

```
git init repo
cd repo
git clone https://github.com/LLNL/zfp.git
cd zfp
```

## Staging files

- 1 `git add <new file>`
- 2 `git add <existing file>`

```
echo "New readme" > README
git add README
echo "Added text" >> README
git add README
```

## Committing changes

- 1 `git commit`
- 2 `git commit -a`  
stages all tracked files; then commits *use with care*

```
git commit -m "Initial commit"
echo "Further text" >> README
git commit -a -m "Adjusted README"
```

## Restoring files

- 1 `git restore|checkout < |file>.`  
revert unstaged changes
- 2 `git restore --staged < |file>.`  
unstage staged changes

```
echo "Further text" >> README
git restore README
echo "Further text" >> README
git add README
git restore --staged README
```



# Everyday git commands

## `git reset < |revision|path>`

Unstage files or uncommit commits, either retaining changes or not

```
# uncommit latest 2 commits, keep changes
git reset HEAD~2
# delete latest 2 commits, changes are lost
git reset --hard HEAD~2
```

## `git log < |revision|path>`

History log for specific revisions/path  
--format=oneline  
--abbrev-commit

```
f41bc094d (HEAD -> main) doc: added new publication using sisl
1e580e42d (origin/main, origin/HEAD) travis: added py3.9 tests
50029fcfb bug: fixed wrong path vs. module names
004bc6908 maint: joined single line
a66b8783e bug: fixed a2o in-place changing numpy-arrays fix #280
```

## `git status < |path>`

Status with respect to HEAD

On branch main  
Your branch is ahead of 'remotes/origin/main' by 1 commit.

Changes not staged for commit:  
modified: README.md

no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")

## `git diff < |file|branch>`




Difficult command to master and extremely helpful

```
diff --git a/README b/README
index 67bb9529c..78a874799 100644
--- a/README
+++ b/README
@@ -1,2 @@
+New readme
+Added text
```

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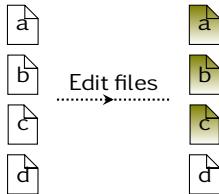
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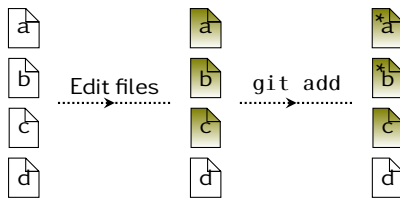
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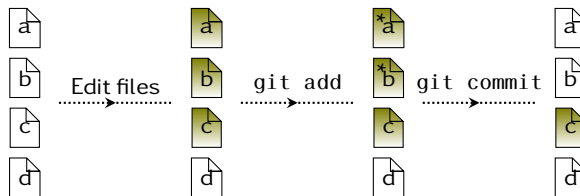


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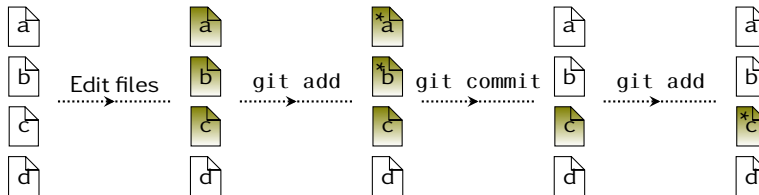
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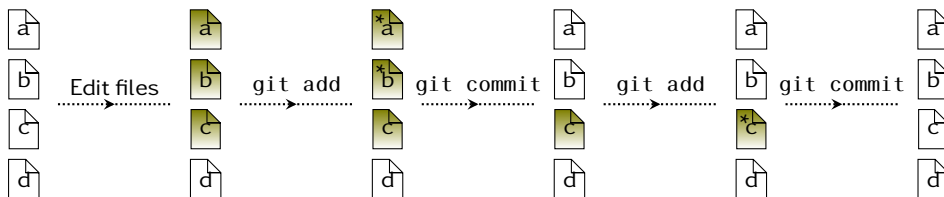
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## Task 1

- 1 Create an empty git repository
- 2 Create and add a file to the repository
  - use `git diff/status/log` between each command
- 3 Create and add a second file to the repository
- 4 Use `git log` and check how it looks

## Task 1 – advanced users

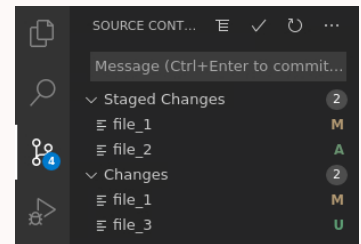
- 1 Add a file with at least 6 lines (including white-space between)
- 2 Now change at least 3 different lines (not next to each other)
  - Figure out `add -p/-u`
  - Figure out `commit --patch` and play with files for log messages (play with `<-e> --file FILE`)
  - Figure out what `git status -v` and `git status -vv` does.

## Task 2 – obtain a status like this / VS Code:

```
On branch main
Changes to be committed:
  (use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
modified:   file_1
new file:   file_2

Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
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Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
file_3
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## Tutorial 1 — continued

### Task 3 – obtain a status much like Task 2:

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### Working with remotes

- `git clone` to initialize a repository
- `git pull` to update your *local* copy with changes *upstream*
- `git push` update the remote host with local changes

Things generally work well if collaborators do not do the same thing at the same time.

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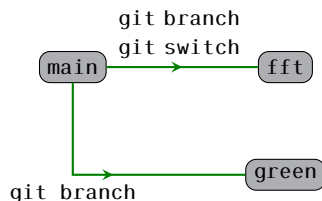
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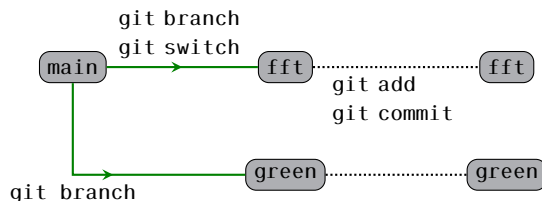
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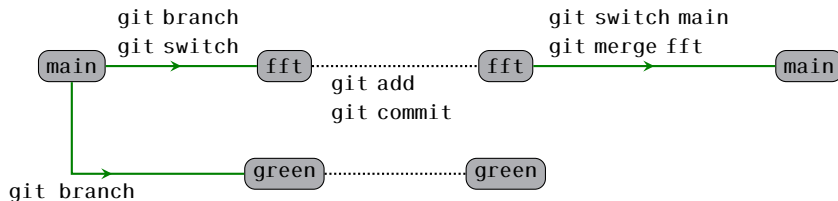
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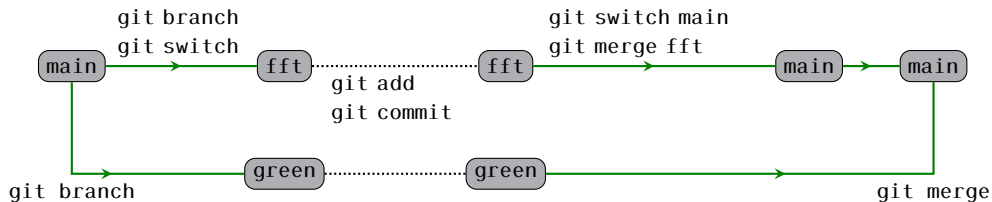
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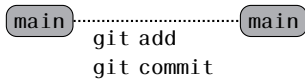


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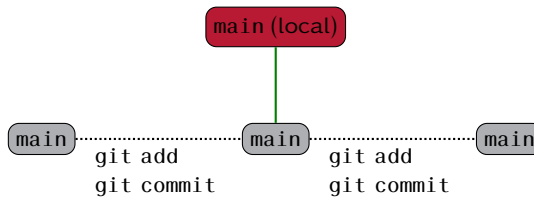


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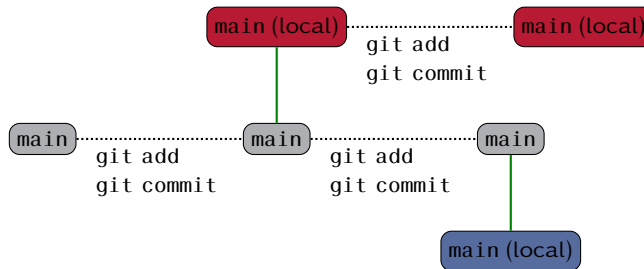


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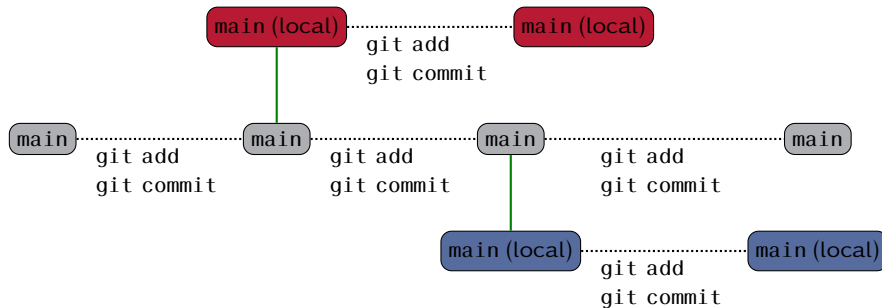


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## Playing with remote/branch problems

*Be sure to use `git log/diff/status` commands **OFTEN***

### Task 4 – create a remote at <https://gitlab.gbar.dtu.dk>

- Create a new project on the DTU GitLab server and follow instructions there to make your first commit.
- Make a few more commits and `git push` them as they are committed

### Task 5 – pull problems

Trying to pull from a remote where history have diverged.

#### New git users

- 1 Clone the repository [https://gitlab.gbar.dtu.dk/02466F22/reprod\\_research.git](https://gitlab.gbar.dtu.dk/02466F22/reprod_research.git)
- 2 Run the shell script `sh setup.sh 1`
- 3 Do a `git pull` and try and understand the error message.
- 4 Check the history and try and recreate something similar

Repeat the task by editing a local file but not committing it.

Fixing the problem: reset, store changes, pull and apply changes; new branch, update, merge; rebasing at pull (advanced)

#### Prior git users

- 1 Ensure your remote (GitLab) repository from Task 4 is fully updated (`push/pull`)
- 2 Make a commit on your local repository, but do not push it
- 3 Clone your repository (from GitLab) from Task 4 into a new directory and create some commits that you push to the remote
- 4 Go back to your original local repository and do a `git pull`. Do you fully grasp the error message?

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### Task 6 – push problems

Same as Task 5, but push to try and update the remote.

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# Learned Objectives

- Always start with `git pull`: aligns local repository with remote
- Always end with `git push`: aligns remote repository with local

## Learned objectives

- How to work with remotes
- Use `git push/pull` *OFTEN!*
- Forced common merge conflicts
- Each and every remote acts exactly like a separate branch, you are encouraged to do developments in branches

## `git switch|checkout`

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## Why ignoring files

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## Task 7 – trying `.gitignore`

Do this in VS Code or your favourite code editor and see how its `git` interface behaves for changed files/ignored files etc.

- 1 Create some files with specific extensions, say `.ext`
- 2 Run `git status`
- 3 Add `*.ext` to the local `.gitignore` file
- 4 Run `git status` again, has anything changed?
- 5 Run `git status --ignored`, has anything changed?

## Used commands

```
git init <name or .>          # one time only
git clone <url>                # one time only
git add <files or folders>
git commit
git diff
git status
git log
git branch <new branchname>
git switch <branchname>
git merge <branchname>
git restore <files>
git checkout
git push
git pull
git remote <>                # one time only
git blame
```



# Tips & Tricks

## Further help – without internet

```
man git <command> are must reads once in a while
man gittutorial
man gittutorial-2
man giteveryday
man gitworkflows
```

## Retain a functioning main

Always try to have one branch fully functional, development in separate branches  
*No development is too small for a branch*

## Aliases – shorthands

```
git config --global user.name "Your Name"
git config --global user.email "your@email.dk"
git config --global --list
```

## Sites of interest

google git cheatsheets pdf.

Plenty of cheatsheets around, find one that suits you!

<https://github.com/jlord/git-it-electron>

A complete git tutorial using GitHub

<https://swcarpentry.github.io/git-novice/10-open/index.html>

A simple and elaborate Git tutorial

[https://ndpsoftware.com/git-cheatsheet.html#loc=local\\_repo](https://ndpsoftware.com/git-cheatsheet.html#loc=local_repo)

Interactive overview cheat-sheet

<https://github.com/pcottle/learnGitBranching>

Sandbox interactive Git branching tutorial

<https://nvie.com/posts/a-successful-git-branching-model/>

Git flow ; collaboration and branch models for workflow practices

*please note his Reflection!*