

GIT QUICK REFERENCE CARD

Most frequently used GIT commands – Version v1.1 May 2014

Main commands

add..... Add file contents to the index

-A [:/] adds all file changes including deletions to the staging area [for the whole tree]

-f allow adding otherwise ignored files

-p choose hunks of patch between the index and the work tree and add them to the index

am..... Apply a series of patches from a mailbox

archive..... Create an archive of files from a named tree

bisect..... Find by binary search the change that introduced a bug

⇒ **search for existence of file in last commits:** `bisect run test -f file.txt`

branch..... List, create, or delete branches

-a lists all branches including the remote branches

-d delete ... **branch**

-m rename branch: ...**old_name new_name**

-v lists more information about the branches

bundle..... Move objects and refs by archive

checkout..... checkout a branch or paths to the working tree (prepend **--** before path to avoid ambiguity).

-b create a branch **new_name** and switch to it instantly

⇒ **restore working tree and reset index:** `checkout HEAD - - dir`

cherry-pick. can be used to change order of commits

citool..... Graphical alternative to **commit**

clean..... Remove untracked files from the working tree

-f force (required!)

-x include hidden files

-d directories as well

clone..... Clone a repository into a new directory

commit..... Record changes to the repository

-a adding changes of files known by the Git repository to the commit

-m Set comment for commitment – correct it with prepending **--amend** to argument

describe..... Show the most recent tag that is reachable from a commit

diff..... Show changes between commits, commit and working tree, etc.

--cached compare stage area with last commit

fetch..... Download objects and refs from another repository

format-patch Prepare patches for e-mail submission

gc..... Cleanup unnecessary files and optimize the local repository

grep..... Print lines matching a pattern

gui..... A portable graphical interface to Git

init..... Create an empty git repository or reinitialize an existing one

log..... Show commit logs (prepend **--** before path to avoid ambiguity)

-p show diffs of each commit

--stat precise output with some stats

--abbrev-commit
 shortend (but unique) SHA-1 values for the commit objects

--oneline show logs as shortened oneliner

--reverse reverse log-history output

--follow entire history including renames

--graph show visual timeline

⇒ **show all files that ever existed in HEAD:**
 `git log --pretty=format: --name-status | cut -f2- | sort -u`

merge..... Join two or more development histories together

-s specify your merge strategy (see **man git-merge**)

-X apply option to strategy (eg. *ours*, *theirs*)

--ff only update the branch pointer, without creating a merge commit (default)

mv..... Move or rename a file, a directory, or a symlink

notes..... Add/inspect commit notes

pull..... Fetch from and merge with another repository or a local branch

push..... Update remote refs along with associated objects

⇒ **delete branch in remote repo called origin:** `push origin :testbranch`

rebase..... Forward-port local commits to the updated upstream head

-i rebase interactively

--autosquash

 When the commit log message begins with "squash! ..." (or "fixup! ..."), automatically modify the todo list of **rebase -i**

reset..... Reset current HEAD to the specified state (Remove a *file* from staging area)

--soft move HEAD pointer only

--mixed resets staging area to new HEAD (default!)

--hard resets staging area and working tree to new HEAD

revert..... Revert an existing commit

rm..... Remove files from the working tree and from the index

-r remove recursive – for removing additionally from repo, add **--cached ***

shortlog..... Summarize git log output

show..... Show various types of objects

stash..... Stash the changes in a dirty working directory away

status..... Show the working tree status

submodule ... Initialize, update, add or inspect submodules

`--recurse-submodules`
 pull changes from main repo + submodules
`tag.....` Create, list, delete or verify a tag object signed with GPG
`gitk.....` The git repository browser

Manipulators

`config.....` Get and set repository or global options
 --global write to global `~/.gitconfig` file
 --system write to system-wide configuration
 --local to repository's configuration `.git/config`
 \Rightarrow **set alias for staged file prompt:** `config --global alias.staged 'diff --cached'`
`fast-export.` Git data exporter
`fast-import.` Backend for fast Git data importers
`filter-branch`
 Rewrite branches
`mergetool...` Run merge conflict resolution tools to resolve merge conflicts
`pack-refs...` Pack heads and tags for efficient repository access
`prune.....` Prune all unreachable objects from the object database
`reflog.....` Manage reflog information
`relink.....` Hardlink common objects in local repositories
`remote.....` Manage set of tracked repositories
 -v show details about the remotes
 \Rightarrow **remove all branches which are not in the remote anymore:** `remote update --prune`
`repack.....` Pack unpacked objects in a repository
`replace.....` Create, list, delete refs to replace objects

Interrogators

`annotate....` Annotate file lines with commit information

`blame.....` Show what revision and author last modified each line of a file
`cherry.....` Find commits not merged upstream
`count-objects`
 Count unpacked number of objects and their disk consumption
`difftool....` Show changes using common diff tools
`fsck.....` Verifies the connectivity and validity of the objects in the database
`get-tar-commit-id`
 Extract commit ID from an archive created using archive
`help.....` Display help information about git
`instaweb....` Instantly browse your working repository in gitweb
`merge-tree..` Show three-way merge without touching index
`rerere.....` Reuse recorded resolution of conflicted merges
`rev-parse...` Pick out and massage parameters
`show-branch.` Show branches and their commits
`verify-tag..` Check the GPG signature of tags
`whatchanged.` Show logs with difference each commit introduces

Interacting with Others

`archimport..` Import an Arch repository into git
`cvsexportcommit`
 Export a single commit to a CVS checkout
`cvsimport...` Salvage your data out of another SCM people love to hate
`cvsserver...` A CVS server emulator for git
`imap-send...` Send a collection of patches from stdin to an IMAP folder
`quiltimport..` Applies a quilt patchset onto the current branch
`request-pull` Generates a summary of pending changes
`send-email..` Send a collection of patches as emails

`svn.....` Bidirectional operation between a Subversion repository and git

Manipulators (plumbing)

`apply.....` Apply a patch to files and/or to the index
`checkout-index`
 Copy files from the index to the working tree
`commit-tree.` Create a new commit object
`hash-object.` Compute object ID and optionally creates a blob from a file
`index-pack..` Build pack index file for an existing packed archive
`merge-file..` Run a three-way file merge
`merge-index.` Run a merge for files needing merging
`mktag.....` Creates a tag object
`mtree.....` Build a tree-object from ls-tree formatted text
`pack-objects` Create a packed archive of objects
`prune-packed` Remove extra objects that are already in pack files
`read-tree...` Reads tree information into the index
`symbolic-ref` Read and modify symbolic refs
`unpack-objects`
 Unpack objects from a packed archive
`update-index` Register file contents in the working tree to the index
`update-ref..` Update the object name stored in a ref safely
`write-tree..` Create a tree object from the current index

Interrogators (plumbing)

`cat-file....` Provide content or type and size information for repository objects
`diff-files..` Compares files in the working tree and the index

diff-index .. Compares content and mode of blobs between the index and repository

diff-tree ... show files which have been changed by last commit

--name-only
 show only names of files

-r recursively

for-each-ref Output information on each ref

ls-files..... Show information about files in the index and the working tree

ls-remote ... List references in a remote repository

ls-tree..... List the contents of a tree object

⇒ **list all files for specific branch: ls-tree -r master --name-only**

merge-base .. Find as good common ancestors as possible for a merge

name-rev..... Find symbolic names for given revs

pack-redundant
 Find redundant pack files

rev-list..... Lists commit objects in reverse chronological order

show-index .. Show packed archive index

show-ref..... List references in a local repository

unpack-file . Creates a temporary file with a blobs contents

var..... Show a git logical variable

verify-pack . Validate packed git archive files

Synching repositories

daemon..... A really simple server for git repositories

fetch-pack .. Receive missing objects from another repository

http-backend Server side implementation of Git over HTTP

send-pack ... Push objects over git protocol to another repository

update-server-info
 Update auxiliary info file to help dumb servers

Helper commands

http-fetch .. Download from a remote git repository via HTTP

http-push ... Push objects over HTTP/DAV to another repository

parse-remote Routines to help parsing remote repository access parameters

receive-pack Receive what is pushed into the repository

shell Restricted login shell for only SSH access

upload-archive
 Send archive back to archive

upload-pack . Send objects packed back to fetch-pack

Internal helper commands

check-attr .. Display git attributes information

check-ref-format
 Ensures that a reference name is well formed

fmt-merge-msg
 Produce a merge commit message

mailinfo..... Extracts patch and authorship from a single e-mail message

mailsplit ... Simple UNIX mbox splitter program

merge-one-file
 The standard helper program to use with merge-index

patch-id..... Compute unique ID for a patch

sh-setup..... Common git shell script setup code

strip-space .. Filter out empty lines

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