

Lab: Practice branching and resolving conflicts in a Git repository.

This lab will walk you through practicing branching and resolving conflicts in a Git repository using Ubuntu and Git CLI. Separate scenarios for using the CLI and VS Code are provided.

Prerequisites

- Git installed on your Ubuntu system. Verify by running:

```
git --version
```

- Basic understanding of Git commands.
 - A text editor like `nano`, `vim`, or `code` (VS Code) for editing files.
 - VS Code installed.
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Scenario 1: Using Git CLI

Step 1: Setup a Git Repository

1. Create a directory for the repository:

```
cd ~  
  
mkdir git-branching-practice && cd git-branching-practice
```

2. Initialize a Git repository:

```
git init
```

3. Create a file and commit it to the repository:

```
echo "This is the main branch file." > main.txt  
git add main.txt  
git commit -m "Initial commit with main.txt"
```

```
root@f4928a6101cf:~# git --version  
git version 2.25.1  
root@f4928a6101cf:~#  
root@f4928a6101cf:~# cd ~  
root@f4928a6101cf:~#  
root@f4928a6101cf:~# mkdir git-branching-practice && cd git-branching-practice  
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice#  
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice# git init  
Initialized empty Git repository in /root/git-branching-practice/.git/  
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice# echo "This is the main branch file."  
> main.txt  
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice# git add main.txt  
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice# git commit -m "Initial commit with m  
ain.txt"  
[master (root-commit) 3978613] Initial commit with main.txt  
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)  
create mode 100644 main.txt
```

Step 2: Create and Work on a Branch

1. Create a new branch:

```
git branch feature-branch
```

2. Switch to the new branch:

```
git checkout feature-branch
```

3. Modify the file on the new branch:

```
echo "This is a change made in the feature branch." >> main.txt
git add main.txt
git commit -m "Added changes in feature branch"
```

```
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice# git branch feature-branch
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice# git checkout feature-branch
Switched to branch 'feature-branch'
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice# echo "This is a change made in the f
eature branch." >> main.txt
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice# git add main.txt
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice# git commit -m "Added changes in feat
ure branch"
[feature-branch 3f2af89] Added changes in feature branch
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice#
```

Step 3: Create a Conflict

1. Switch back to the `master` branch:

```
git checkout master
```

2. Make a conflicting change in the file on the `main` branch:

```
echo "This is a change made in the main branch." >> main.txt
git add main.txt
git commit -m "Added changes in main branch"
```

3. Merge the `feature-branch` into `main` to create a conflict:

```
git merge feature-branch
```

Git will notify you of a merge conflict in `main.txt`.

Step 4: Resolve the Conflict

1. View the conflicted file:

```
nano main.txt
```

The file will include markers like this:

```
<<<<<< HEAD
This is a change made in the main branch.
=====
This is a change made in the feature branch.
>>>>>> feature-branch
```

2. **Manually edit the file to resolve the conflict.** For example:

```
This is the main branch file.
This is a change made in the main branch and the feature branch.
```

3. **Stage the resolved file:**

```
git add main.txt
```

4. **Complete the merge:**

```
git commit -m "Resolved conflict between main and feature-branch"
```

Step 5: Verify the Merge

1. **Check the commit history:**

```
git log --oneline
```

2. **Ensure the `main` branch has the merged changes.**

3. **Delete the feature branch (optional):**

```
git branch -d feature-branch
```

```
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice#
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice# git log --oneline
f76afa0 (HEAD -> master) Resolved conflict between main and feature-branch
8dd8c8d Added changes in main branch
3f2af89 (feature-branch) Added changes in feature branch
8978613 Initial commit with main.txt
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice#
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice#
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice# git branch -d feature-branch
Deleted branch feature-branch (was 3f2af89).
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice#
```

Scenario 2: Using VS Code

Step 1: Setup a Git Repository

1. **Create a directory for the repository:**

```
cd ~

rm -r git-branching-practice
```

```
mkdir git-branching-practice && cd git-branching-practice
```

2. Initialize a Git repository:

```
git init
```

3. Create a file and commit it to the repository:

```
echo "This is the main branch file." > main.txt  
git add main.txt  
git commit -m "Initial commit with main.txt"
```

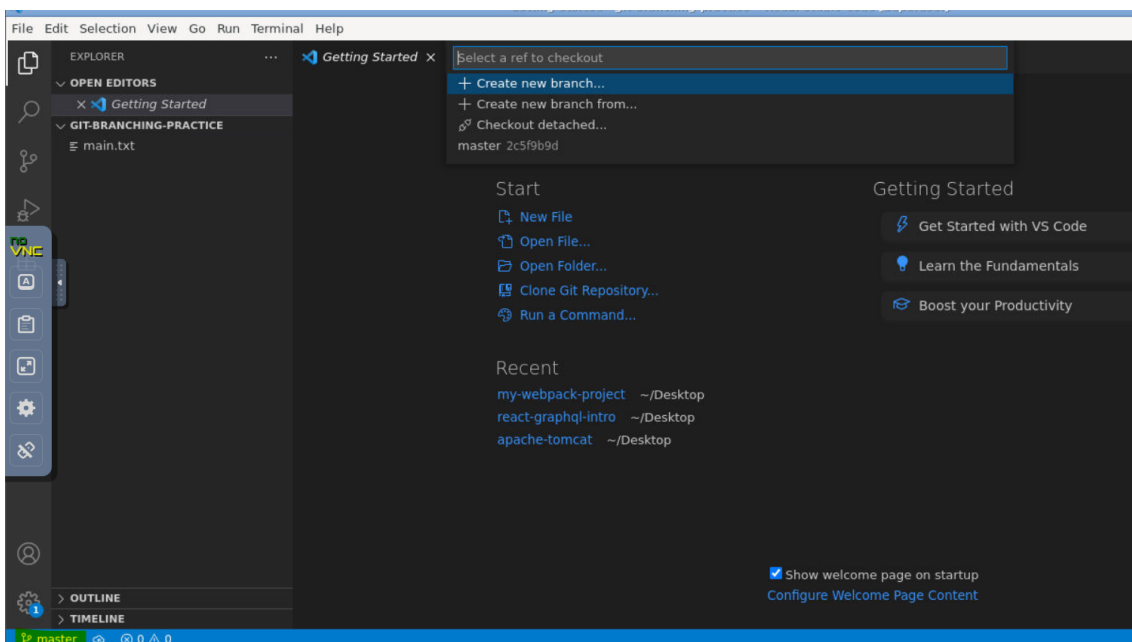
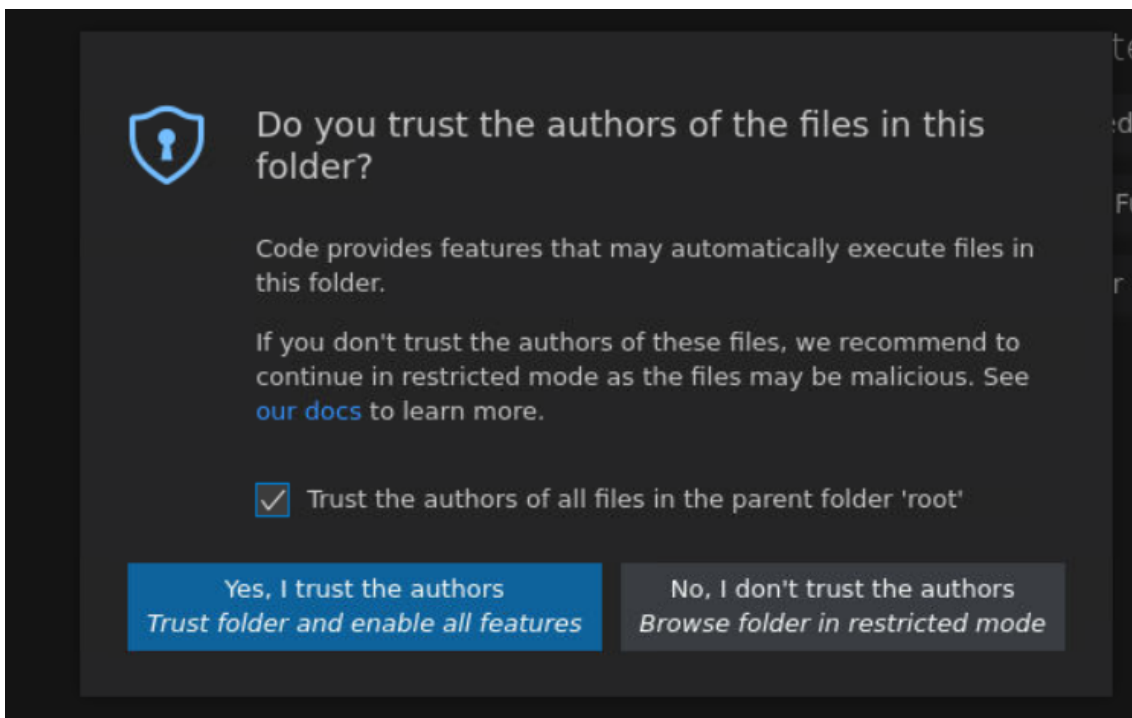
4. Open the repository in VS Code

Step 2: Create and Work on a Branch

1. Create a new branch:

- Open the Source Control tab in VS Code.
- Click on the branch name in the bottom-left corner.
- Select `Create new branch` and name it `feature-branch`.





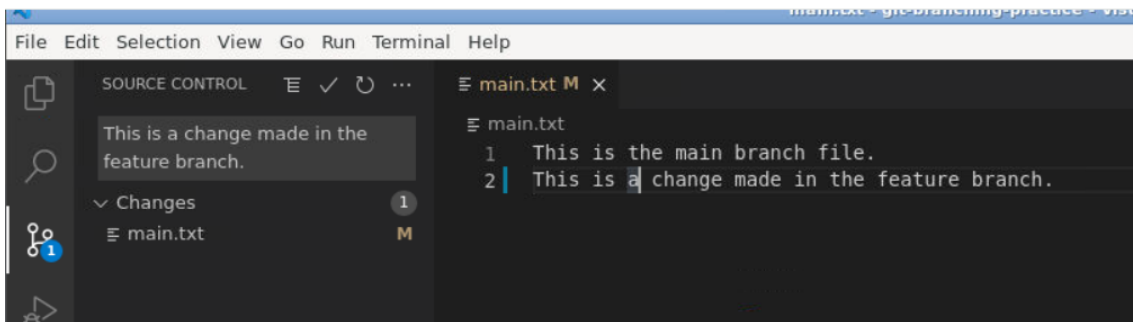
2. Switch to the new branch:

- Use the same branch menu in the bottom-left corner to switch to `feature-branch`.

3. Modify the file on the new branch:

- Open `main.txt` in VS Code.
- Add the line: `This is a change made in the feature branch.`
- Save the file.

- Use the Source Control tab to stage and commit the change with a message: `Added changes in feature branch.`



Step 3: Create a Conflict

1. Switch back to the `master` branch:

- Use the branch menu in the bottom-left corner to switch back to `master`.

2. Make a conflicting change in the file on the `master` branch:

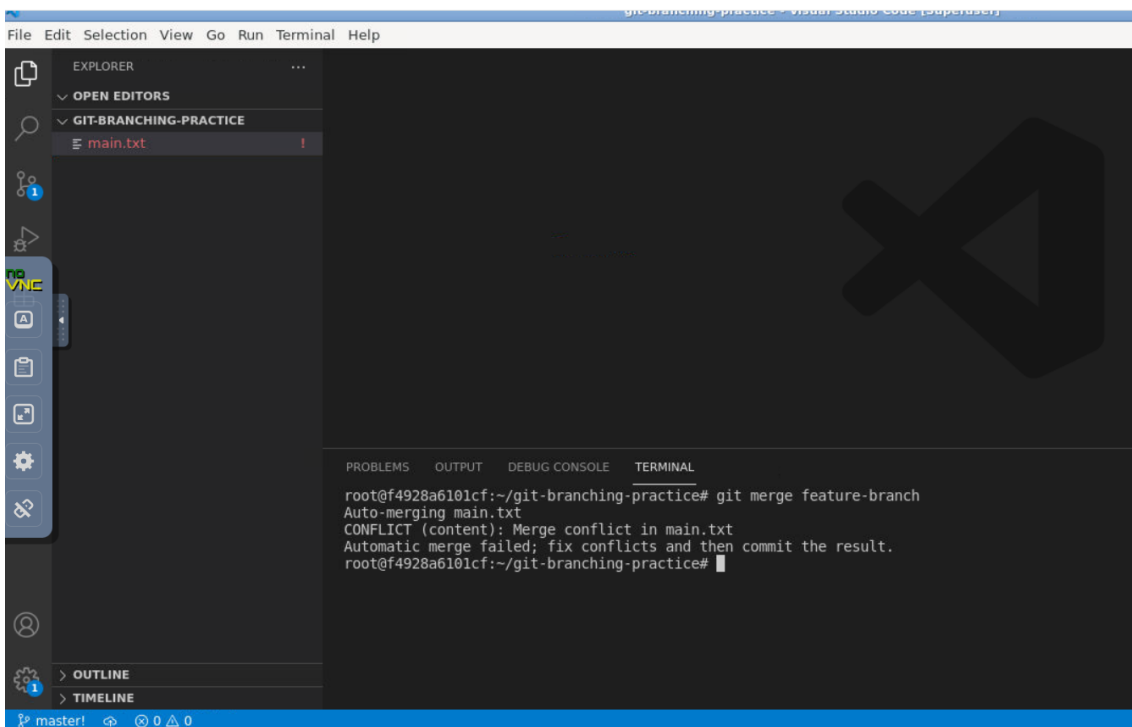
- Open `main.txt` in VS Code.
- Add the line: `This is a change made in the main branch.`
- Save the file.
- Use the Source Control tab to stage and commit the change with a message: `Added changes in main branch.`

3. Merge the `feature-branch` into `main` to create a conflict:

- Use the terminal in VS Code to run:

```
git merge feature-branch
```

- VS Code will highlight the conflict in `main.txt`.



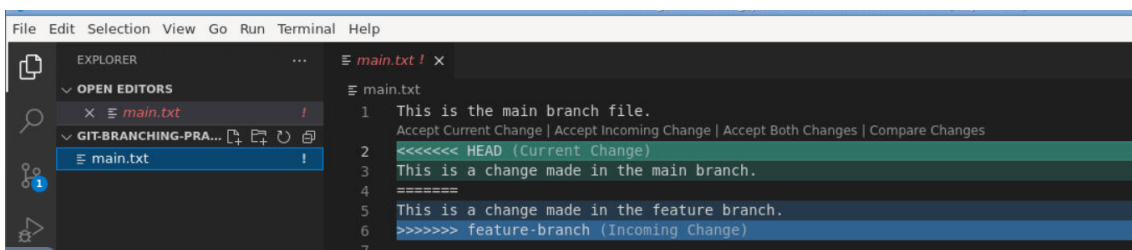
Step 4: Resolve the Conflict

1. Open the conflicted file:

- Open `main.txt` in VS Code. The editor will highlight the conflicting sections.

2. Use the VS Code conflict resolution tool:

- Click on `Accept Current Change`, `Accept Incoming Change`, or `Accept Both Changes` as appropriate.
- Alternatively, manually edit the file in the editor.



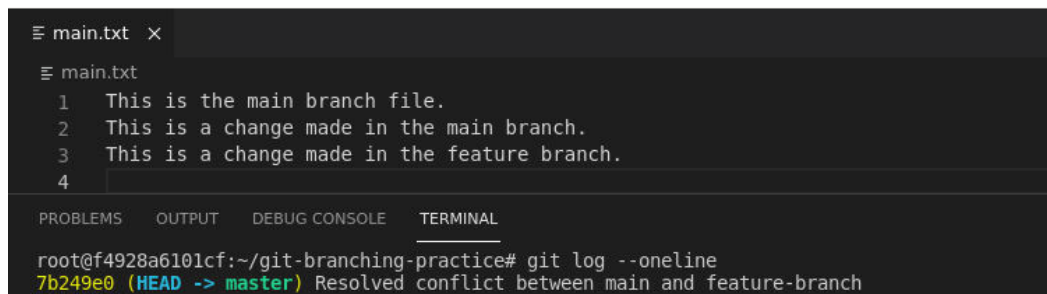
3. Stage and commit the resolved file:

- Use the Source Control tab to stage and commit the file with a message: `Resolved conflict between main and feature-branch.`

Step 5: Verify the Merge

1. Check the commit history:

```
git log --oneline
```



The screenshot shows a VS Code editor window with a file named `main.txt` open. The file contains four lines of text:

```
1 This is the main branch file.
2 This is a change made in the main branch.
3 This is a change made in the feature branch.
4
```

Below the editor, the `TERMINAL` tab is active, showing the output of the command `git log --oneline`:

```
root@f4928a6101cf:~/git-branching-practice# git log --oneline
7b249e0 (HEAD -> master) Resolved conflict between main and feature-branch
```

2. Delete the feature branch: (optional)

- Open the terminal in VS Code and run:

```
git branch -d feature-branch
```

Summary

In this guide, you:

- Created a Git repository.
- Practiced branching.
- Created a conflict and resolved it using both CLI and VS Code.
- Cleaned up and verified the merge.