

Lesson 02 Demo 06

Merging Branches in Git

Objective: To merge branches in Git

Tools required: Git

Steps to be followed:

1. Create a new branch
2. Create a new file in the new branch
3. Switch to the main branch
4. Merge the branches
5. Push the changes to the remote repository

Note: A **projectfile** is already created in Lesson 4 Demo 5. If you do not have the repository, first perform that demo and then execute the steps from this demo.

Step 1: Create a new branch

1.1 Open the Terminal in your lab, and navigate to the sample-repository folder

```
cd projectfile
```

1.2 Execute the following command on the terminal to create a new branch:

```
git branch sample_branch
```

```
git branch
```

```
@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git branch sample_branch
@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git branch
* new_branch1
  sample_branch
  text_branch
@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$
```

Step 2: Create a new file in the sample_branch

2.1 Use the following command to switch to the sample_branch:

```
git checkout sample_branch
```

2.2 Use the following commands to create an empty HTML file **index1.html**, and add it to the test_branch:

```
touch index1.html
```

```
git add index1.html
```

```
git commit -a -m "index1.html added to the sample_branch"
```

```
manikumarsimpli@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git checkout sample_branch
Switched to branch 'sample_branch'
manikumarsimpli@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ touch index1.html
manikumarsimpli@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git add index1.html
manikumarsimpli@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git commit -a -m "index1.html added to the sample_branch"
[sample_branch 67ded56] index1.html added to the sample_branch
Committer: manikumarsimpli <manikumarsimpli@ip-172-31-71-23.ec2.internal>
Your name and email address were configured automatically based
on your username and hostname. Please check that they are accurate.
You can suppress this message by setting them explicitly. Run the
following command and follow the instructions in your editor to edit
your configuration file:

    git config --global --edit

After doing this, you may fix the identity used for this commit with:

    git commit --amend --reset-author

1 file changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
create mode 100644 index1.html
manikumarsimpli@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$
```

Step 3: Switch back to the main branch

3.1 Use the following command to switch back to the main branch:

```
git checkout new_branch1
```

```
manikumarsimpli@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git checkout new_branch1
Switched to branch 'new_branch1'
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.
manikumarsimpli@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$
```

Step 4: Merge the branches

4.1 Use the following command to merge the sample_branch to the main branch:

git merge sample_branch

```

simplilearn@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git merge sample_branch
Updating d77a2b5..67ded56
Fast-forward
 index1.html | 0
 1 file changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
 create mode 100644 index1.html
simplilearn@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$

```

Step 5: Push the changes to the remote repository

5.1 Use the following command to push the new_branch1 to the remote repository:


git push -u origin new_branch1

```

simplilearn@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git push -u origin new_branch1
Username for 'https://github.com': Simplilearn-Edu
Password for 'https://Simplilearn-Edu@github.com':
Enumerating objects: 4, done.
Counting objects: 100% (4/4), done.
Delta compression using up to 4 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 310 bytes | 310.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
remote:
remote: Create a pull request for 'new_branch1' on GitHub by visiting:
remote:   https://github.com/Simplilearn-Edu/projectfile/pull/new/new_branch1
remote:
To https://github.com/Simplilearn-Edu/projectfile.git
 * [new branch]      new_branch1 -> new_branch1
Branch 'new_branch1' set up to track remote branch 'new_branch1' from 'origin'.
simplilearn@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$

```

5.2 Go to the remote repository to check whether the branch is updated

 new_branch1 ▾

 2 branches  0 tags

Go to file

Add file ▾

 Code ▾

This branch is 1 commit ahead of main.

 Pull request

 Compare

First Last [index1.html added to the sample_branch](#)

b2cf977 2 hours ago

 2 commits

 README.md

Initial commit

2 hours ago

 index1.html

index1.html added to the sample_branch

2 hours ago