Git cheat sheet

Git installation

For GNU/Linux distributions, Git should be available in the standard system repository. For example, in Debian/ Ubuntu please type

\$ sudo apt-get install git

Git config

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$ git config --global user.name "My Name"
$ git config --global user.email "me@cusy.io"
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Set name and email address that will be attached to your commits and tags.

\$ git config --global color.ui auto

Set colorisation of Git output

.gitignore

Some files usually shouldn't be tracked by git. They are written to a special file named .gitignore. You can find helpful templates at github.com/veit/dotfiles/.

Start a project

\$ git init [my_project]

Create a new local repository.

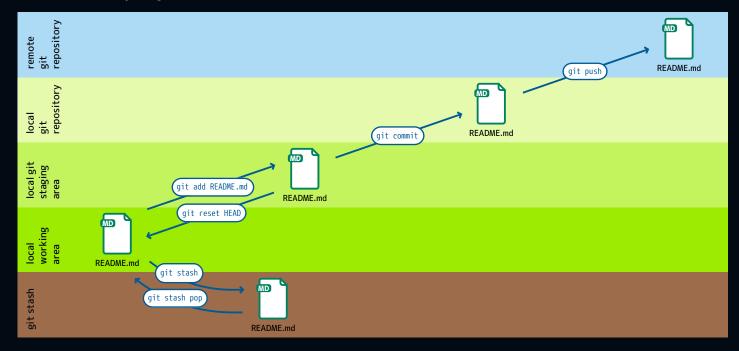
If [my_project] is provided, Git will create a new directory and initialise it as a repository.

If [my_project] is not provided, the new repository is initialised in the current directory.

\$ git clone [project_url]

Downloads a project with all branches and the entire history from the remote repository.

Work on a project



\$ git status

Display the status of the working directory with new, staged and modified files for the current branch.

\$ git add [file]

Add a file to the staging area.

\$ git add -p [file]

Add only parts of a file to the staging area.

\$ git diff [file]

Show changes between working and staging area.

\$ git diff --staged [file]

Show changes between staging area and repository.

\$ git checkout -- [file]

Irrevocably discard changes in the working directory.

\$ git commit -m 'Commit message'

Create a new commit from added changes.

\$ git reset [file]

Revert the file to the last committed version.

\$ git rm [file]

Remove the file from working directory and staging area.

\$ git stash

Put current changes from your working directory into stash for later use.

\$ git stash list

List the modifications stashed away with git stash.

\$ git stash show [<stash>]

List the modifications stashed away with git stash.

\$ git stash pop [<stash>]

Inspect the modifications stashed away.

\$ git stash drop [<stash>]

Delete a specific stash from all your previous stashes.

Git branching

\$ git branch [-a]

List all local branches in the repository.

[-a] shows also the remote branches.

\$ git branch [branch_name]

Creates a new branch, referencing to the current HEAD.

\$ git checkout [-b] [branch_name]

Switch the working directory to the specified branch.

-b will create the specified branch if it does not exist.

\$ git merge [from name]

Join specified [from name] branch into your current branch (the one you are on currently).

\$ git branch -d [name]

Remove selected branch, if it is already merged into any other

-D instead of -d forces deletion.

Review

\$ git log [-n count]

List the commit history of the current branch.

-n limits the list to the last n commits.

\$ git log --oneline --graph --decorate

An overview with reference labels and history graph – one commit per line.

\$ git log ref..

List commits that are present on the current branch and not merged into ref can be a branch name or a tag. name.

\$ git log ..ref

List commits that are present on ref and not merged into the current branch.

\$ git reflog

List operations (e.g. checkouts or commits) made on the local repository.

Tagging

\$ git tag

List all tags.

\$ git tag [name] [commit sha]

Create a tag reference named name for current commit.

With sha the specific commit is tagged instead of the current one.

\$ git tag -a [name] [commit sha]

Create a tag named name for current commit.

Reverting

\$ git reset [--hard] [target reference]

Switches the current branch to the target reference, leaving a difference as an uncommitted change.

When --hard is used, all changes are discarded.

\$ git revert [commit sha]

Create a new commit, reverting the changes from the specified commit. It generates an inversion of changes.

\$ git fetch [remote]

Fetch changes from the remote, but not update tracking branches.

\$ git fetch --prune [remote]

Delete remote Refs that were removed from the remote repository.

\$ git push --prune [remote]

Remove remote branches that don't have a local counterpart.

Synchronising repositories

\$ git pull [remote]

Fetch changes from the remote and merge the current branch with its upstream.

\$ git push [--tags] [remote]

Push local changes to the remote. Use --tags to push tags.

\$ git push -u [remote] [branch]

Push the local branch to a remote repository. Set its copy as an upstream.

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