



GIT - THERE BE DRAGONS!

from *(l)user* to *r00t* in 60 minutes

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Introduction

“Version control is a system that records changes to a file or set of files over time so that you can recall specific versions later (...) if you screw things up or lose files, you can easily recover.” [<https://git-scm.org/>]

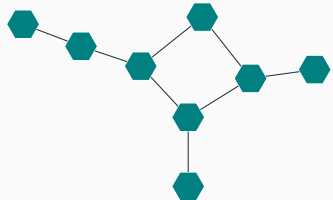
What you get:

- Compare changes over time or revert files.
- See who introduced an issue.
- Make experimental changes (and merge them).
- ...

RCS models: centralized/distributed



Centralized: Subversion (SVN), CVS...



Distributed: git, Mercurial (hg)...

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Git: a distributed RCS.

Started by Linus Torvalds; currently maintained by Junio C Hamano.

git - the stupid content tracker

- 150+ executable files; most symlinks to `/usr/bin/git` (à la `busybox`); some of them take lots of options! e.g. `git-log` parses 100+ options
- Divided into high level (porcelain) and low level (plumbing) commands
- Largely documented:
\$ `basename --suffix=.1.gz /usr/share/man/man1/git* | xargs man`
| `wc -l`
53260 (=870 pages PDF)
- Target of this talk: *people using Git*

Initialization	<code>git clone</code> <code>git init</code>
Interrogation	<code>git log</code> <code>git status</code> <code>git diff</code>
Manipulation	<code>git add</code> <code>git commit</code>
Interaction	<code>git push</code> <code>git pull</code>

Git essentials

Working tree and .git/ directory (1/2)

.git/ directory: contains Git administrative and control files.

Working tree: the tree of checked out files.

```
repository/  
├── .git/  
│   ├── config  
│   ├── HEAD  
│   └── ...  
├── Makefile  
├── main.cpp  
└── ...
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Bare repository: NO working tree + NO
.git/ directory sub-directory.
Git files directly present in the directory.

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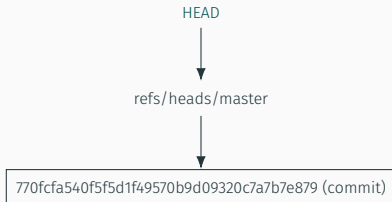
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Symref: a ref that points to another ref, e.g. HEAD.



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```
#  
# /etc/hosts: ...
```

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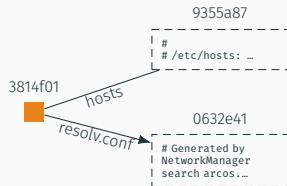
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# search arcos,...
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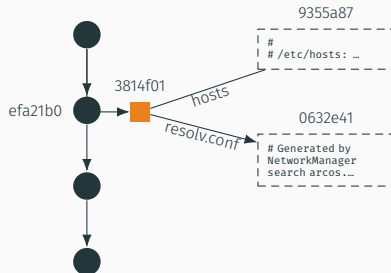
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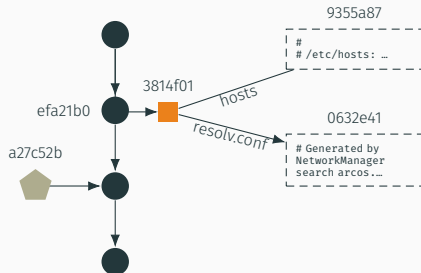
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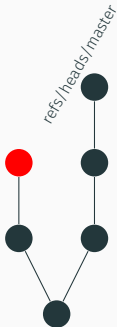
Commit: information about a revision.

Tag: ref pointing to a commit + message + PGP signature (optional).



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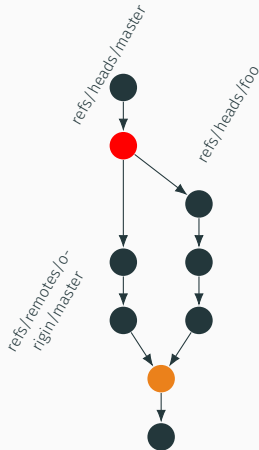
Unreachable object: an object which is not reachable from any reference.



Dangling object: not reachable even from other unreachable objects.

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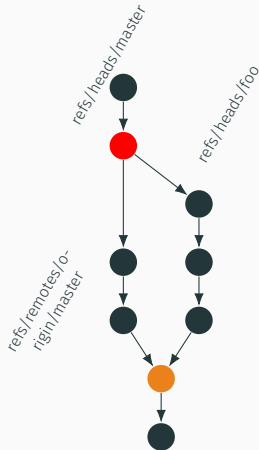
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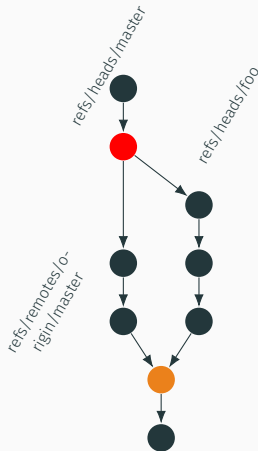
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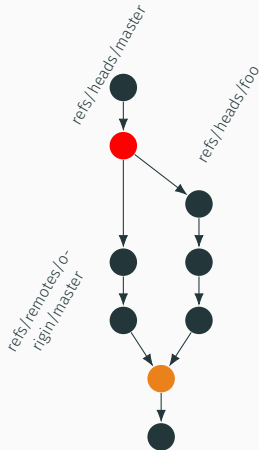
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follow changes from another repository.
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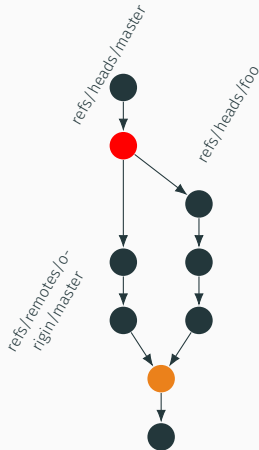


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Merge commit: a commit object that has ≥ 2 parents.

Octopus: a merge that has > 2 parents.



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- Entries may be updated (`git add`) and new commits may be created from the index.

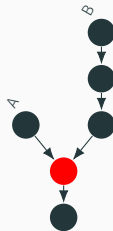
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Fast-forward: a special type of merge; given two heads A and B , merging B into A is considered fast-forward if $\text{merge_base}(A, B) == A$, i.e. A is ancestor of B .



Fast-forward (update ref only!)



Non fast-forward (requires a merge)

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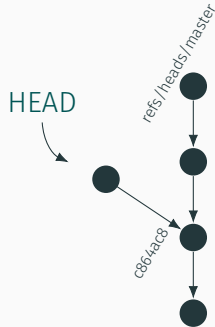
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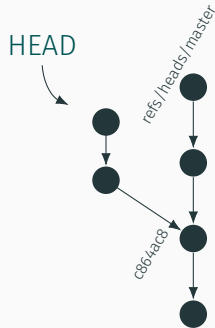
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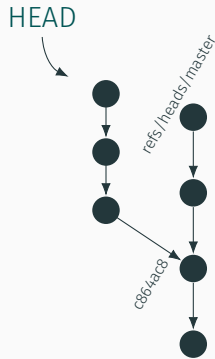
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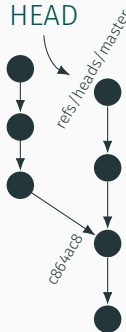
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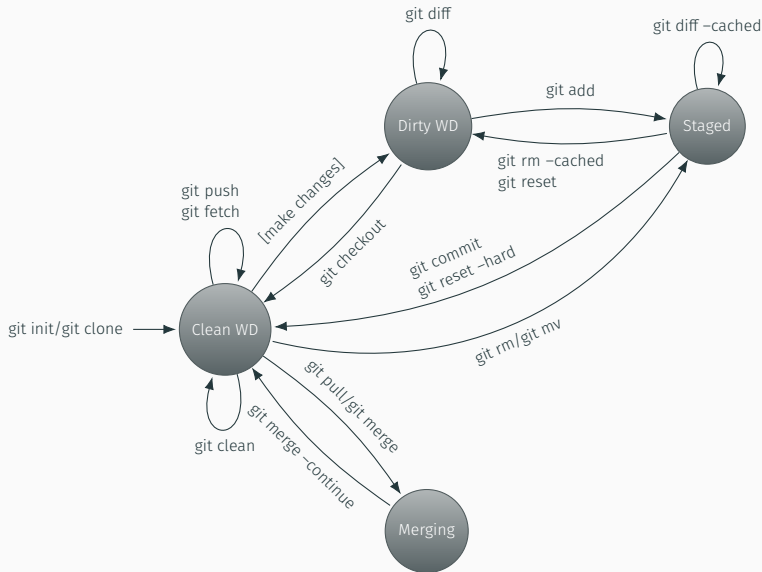


Reflog: stores the local history of a ref - more on this later!

- What was **HEAD** pointing at before the last change?
- What did **refs/heads/foo** pointed at two weeks ago?

[(l)user] Porcelain

Simple (and incomplete) FSM



Init/Clone a repository

To get started, you can either

- Create an empty repository, e.g.

```
$ git init [--bare] ~/foo/
```

- Obtain a copy of a remote repository², e.g.

```
$ git clone [--depth=1] https://earth/public/repo.git/
```

²The `--depth` option creates a shallow clone (history pruned). To unshallow run `git pull --unshallow`.

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Merge a branch

Conflict resolution can be either done manually or via git mergetool, e.g. using vimdiff or meld.

```
$ git merge foo
```

Resolve conflicts + 'git add <paths>' + 'git merge --continue'

or 'git merge --abort'

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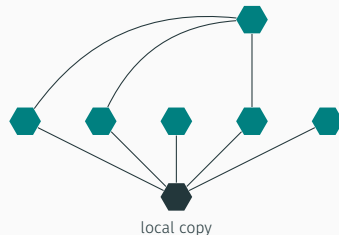


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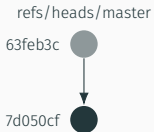
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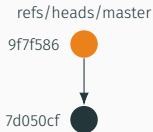
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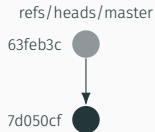
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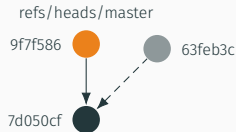
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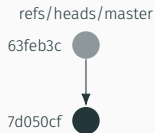
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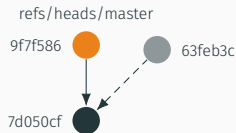
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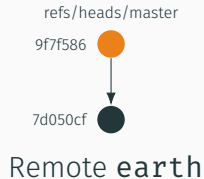
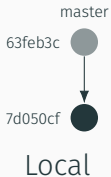
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! [rejected]      master ->master (non-fast-forward)
error: failed to push some refs to '...'
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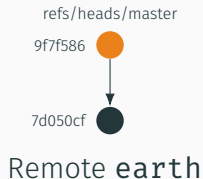
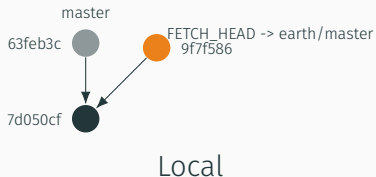
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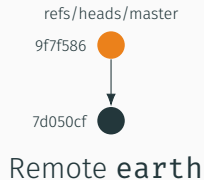
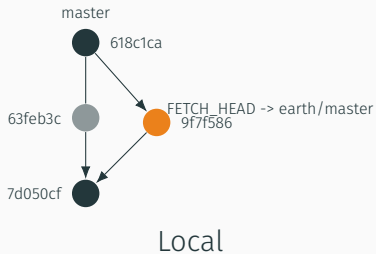
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Bug hunting

Git helps you to find bugs (and their authors)...

git-bisect(1) uses binary search to find a “bad” commit

```
$ git bisect start HEAD v1.2 # HEAD is bad, v1.2 is good
$ git bisect [good|bad] # Manually mark it as working/broken
...
$ git bisect run my_script arguments # Or automatically (good if $? = 0)
$ git bisect reset
```

git-blame(1) annotates each line of a file with revision information

```
$ git blame README.md
63feb3c8 (jalopezg 2019-01-18 19:36:40 +0100 1) >This file was created by ...
ded8aa43 (jalopezg 2019-01-22 20:18:04 +0100 2) foo
```

Specifying revisions (1/2)

Some Git commands take symbolic revision parameters (names specific commit or all commits reachable from that commit)⁷.

<sha1> SHA-1 object name, or a non-ambiguous leading substring.

<refname> A ref name, e.g. refs/heads/master. Search order: \$GIT_DIR/<refname>, refs/, refs/tags/, refs/heads/, refs/remotes/, refs/remotes/<refname>/HEAD.

<refname>@{<n>} The n-th prior value of that ref.

<rev>^ The first parent.

<rev>~<n> The n-th generation ancestor.

<rev>:<path> Names the blob or tree of <rev>.

⁷This is an overview; see gitrevisions(7) for the complete list.

Specifying revisions (2/2)

Specifying ranges:

^<rev> Exclude commits reachable from <rev>.

<rev1>..<rev2> A shorthand for **^rev1 rev2**, i.e. commits reachable from rev2, but not from rev1, or $(rev1, rev2]$

<rev1>...<rev2> Commits reachable either from rev1 or rev2, but not from both.

[sudoer] More porcelain

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```

```
$ git status
```

```
On branch foo
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    modified: README.md
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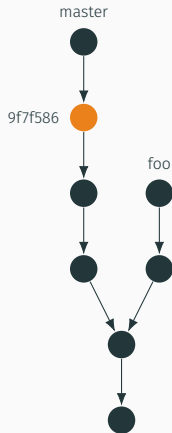
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Dropped refs/stash@{0} (35365e0c188e877ded1ecdd8190ec5bb1b6c2c1b)
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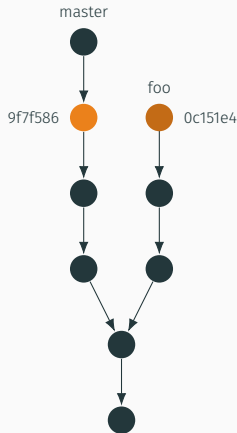


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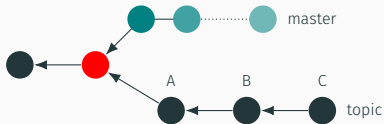
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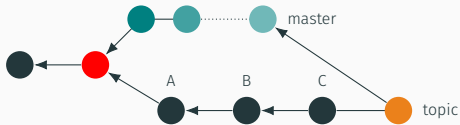
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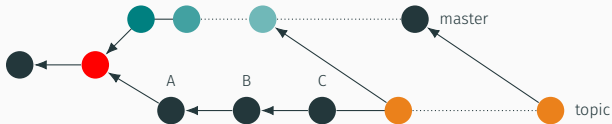
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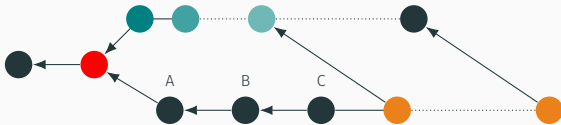
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This clutters project history. Reapplying **topic** commits on top of **master** is better!



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# Assuming that 'topic' is the current branch, this gives the result above
$ git rebase master
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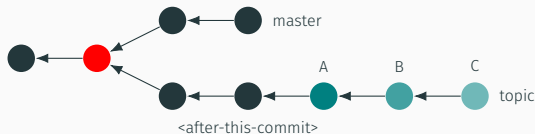
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GIT-REBASE(1) IMPLICATIONS:

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- You can break things: **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!**
- If you ever force-push a rebased branch, others will have to fix their history. See git-rebase(1), section “RECOVERING FROM UPSTREAM REBASE”.

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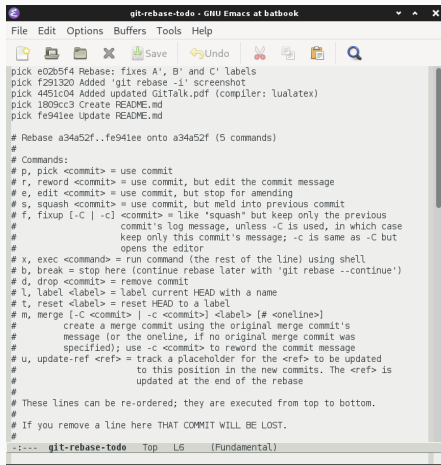


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# This fires up an editor and gives you the chance to edit the commit list
$ git rebase -i <after-this-commit>
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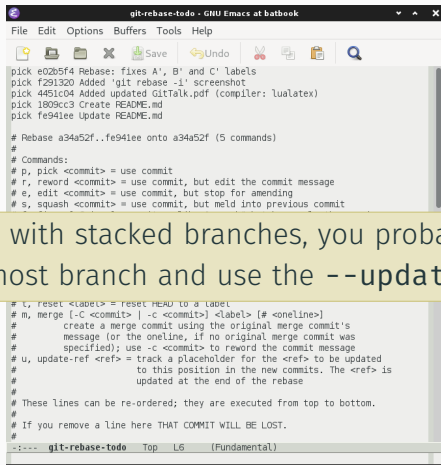
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git-rebase-todo - GNU Emacs at batbook
File Edit Options Buffers Tools Help

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# f, fixup [-C | -c] <commit> = like 'squash' but keep only the previous
#                          commit's log message, unless -C is used, in which case
#                          keep only this commit's message; -c is same as -C but
#                          opens the editor
# x, exec <command> = run command (the rest of the line) using shell
# b, break = stop here (continue rebase later with 'git rebase --continue')
# d, drop <commit> = remove commit
# l, label <label> = label current HEAD with a name
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A screenshot of the 'git-rebase-todo' window in GNU Emacs. The window title is 'git-rebase-todo - GNU Emacs at batbook'. It has a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'Options', 'Buffers', 'Tools', and 'Help'. Below the menu is a toolbar with icons for file operations and editing. The main text area contains a list of commits to be rebased, each preceded by 'pick' and a commit hash. The commits are: 'e02b5f4 Rebase: fixes A', B' and C' labels', 'f291320 Added 'git rebase -i' screenshot', '4451c04 Added updated GitTalk.pdf (compiler: luatex)', '1809cc3 Create README.md', and 'fe941ee Update README.md'. Below the list, it says '# Rebase a34a52f..fe941ee onto a34a52f (5 commands)'. Then it lists commands: '# Commands:', '# p, pick <commit> = use commit', '# r, reword <commit> = use commit, but edit the commit message', '# e, edit <commit> = use commit, but stop for amending', and '# s, squash <commit> = use commit, but meld into previous commit'. At the bottom, there is a status bar that says 'git-rebase-todo Top L6 (Fundamental)'.

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In an scenario with stacked branches, you probably want to rebase the top-most branch and use the `--update-refs` option.

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$ git rebase -i --autosquash 02a7fb9
Successfully rebased and updated refs/heads/master.
$ git log --oneline
528efb7 (HEAD -> master) Any other changes
a59735c Added README.md
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More about fixing history (2/2)

If you only need to rewrite the last commit use

```
$ git commit --amend
```

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A: `git-filter-branch(1)`⁸ lets you rewrite branches, applying filters to modify each tree/information about each commit, e.g.

```
$ git log --oneline
92cb761 (HEAD -> foo) Added nsswitch.conf
9f7f586 Added README.md
02a7fb9 (bar) Added bar.txt

$ git filter-branch --msg-filter 'sed -e "s/Added \([[:graph:]]*\)\$/\1 has been added/"' foo

$ git log --oneline
6e9fbd6 (HEAD -> foo) nsswitch.conf has been added
63feb3c README.md has been added
2fe54f3 bar.txt has been added
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I messed things up! Help!

If you broke something (e.g. after a `git rebase` or `git filter-branch`), you can see how a particular ref was updated and revert to a previous state, e.g.

```
$ git reflog my-branch
cb96893 (HEAD -> master) master@{0}: rebase (finish): refs/heads/master onto 5
      cfbdfa884cb0b0830006f363b406a99458c0f10
ec09a4e master@{1}: commit: Add license file    ← Before the rebase
f922003 master@{2}: rebase (finish): refs/heads/master onto 5cfbdfa884cb0b0830006f363b406a99458c0f10
2193c4b master@{3}: commit: fixup! Update README.md
...

$ git reset --hard ec09a4e
```

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A: `git-show-branch` is your friend. Also, `git log --graph --oneline ...`

```
$ git show-branch master foo
! [master] Added README.md
* [foo] Added nsswitch.conf
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# To include all remote-tracking and local branches:
$ git show-branch --all
```


Share by other means

TAR or ZIP archives of a particular tree can be created by `git-archive(1)`, e.g.

```
$ git archive --format=tar --prefix=foo/ -o foo.tar.gz master
```

Git also can generate an archive of packed objects and references to be imported into a repository (useful if machines are not directly connected), e.g.

```
[alice@earth ~]$ git bundle create /tmp/foo-master.git master
# /tmp/foo-master.git is copied to moon by some means.
[bob@moon ~]$ git clone -b master ~/foo-master.git

# Or if the repository already exists...
[bob@moon ~]$ git remote add foo-bundle ~/foo-master.git
[bob@moon ~]$ git pull foo-bundle master
```

git-rerere — Reuse recorded resolution of conflicted merges, i.e. git remembers how you resolved a hunk conflict and it automatically resolves it next time.

```
$ git config --global rerere.enabled true
```

See more at **git-rerere(1)** manual page, and [Git Book, Sec. 7.9 Git Tools - Rerere.](#)

[r00t] Plumbing

Repository layout

objects/: the object store.

objects/[0-9a-f][0-9a-f]/: loose objects.

objects/pack/: object packs (store many objects in compressed form).

refs/: references are stored in subdirectories of this directory.

packed-refs: the same as refs/ but in a more efficient way.

HEAD: the HEAD symref.

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More at `gitrepository-layout(5)`.

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config: repository specific configuration file.

hooks/: (described later).

index: the “index” file.

info/: additional information, e.g. **info/grafts**.

logs/: reflogs are stored here.

shallow: similar to **info/grafts** but internally used for shallow clones.

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$ git log -1
commit 02a7fb9f9145086807cbe2ed45ea82149c3d1b34 (HEAD -> master)
Author: Javier López Gómez <jalopezg@inf.uc3m.es>
Date:   Fri Jan 18 18:59:39 2019 +0100

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# and update 'refs/heads/master'
```

```
$ git update-ref refs/heads/master 9f7f586f952c515893dd6597936f6fea64dd17ce
```

```
$ git status      # WTF?
```

```
On branch master
```

```
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  (use "git reset HEAD <file>..." to unstage)
```

```
    deleted:    README.md
```

HOWTO: commit arbitrary content

```
# Create blob object for 'README.md'; use 'git cat-file blob 1f6c266' to see blob contents
```

```
$ git hash-object -t blob -w --path=README.md --stdin <<EOF
```

```
> This file was created by git-hash-object.
```

```
EOF
```

```
1f6c2663d33465dcd83f2151b15fb57369f29570
```

```
# Create tree object (add 'README.md' entry to the HEAD tree)
```

```
$ git ls-tree HEAD | awk '{_print;_}END{_print_"100644_blob_1f6c2663d33465dcd83f2151b15fb57369f29570\tREADME.md";_}' | git mktree
```

```
0082679644a2b435b6cf09a65324292da28a41b4
```

```
# Create a new commit object
```

```
$ git commit-tree -p HEAD -m 'Added README.md' 0082679644a2b435b6cf09a65324292da28a41b4
```

```
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$ git reset --hard HEAD
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Additional stuff

Configuration (1/2)

- 480+ options. Git searches configuration at:
 - `/etc/gitconfig` System-wide configuration.
 - `~/.gitconfig` User-specific configuration.
 - `$GIT_DIR/config` Repository specific.
- Can be edited manually or using `git-config(1)`, e.g.
`$ git config [--system|--global|--local] user.email 'John Doe'`

```
[user]
email = jalopezg@inf.uc3m.es
name = Javier López-Gómez
...
```

`alias.*` options may be used to create command aliases, e.g.

```
$ git config --global alias.sb 'show-branch @ @{push}'  
$ git sb  
! [a] Updated README.md  
! [{push}] Closes issue #16  
--  
+ [a] ...
```

FYI, see the `git-config(1)` manual page.

Fsck and garbage collection

git-fsck(1) Verifies the connectivity and validity of the objects.

```
$ git fsck [--unreachable] [--no-reflogs] [--lost-found] [...]
```

git-gc(1) Runs housekeeping tasks, e.g. pack objects/refs, remove unreachable objects, prune reflog, etc.⁹

```
$ git gc [--aggressive] [--auto] [...]
```

⁹`git gc --auto` may automatically run as part of some git commands.

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See templates installed into `.git/hooks/` and the `githooks(5)` manual page.

applypatch-msg
pre-applypatch
post-applypatch
pre-commit
prepare-commit-msg
commit-msg
post-commit

pre-rebase
post-checkout
post-merge
pre-push
pre-receive
update
post-receive

post-update
push-to-checkout
pre-auto-gc
post-rewrite
sendemail-validate
fsmonitor-watchman
p4-pre-submit

git-daemon, git-instaweb

“git-daemon - A really simple server for Git repositories” [git-daemon(1)], e.g.¹¹

```
[alice@earth ~]$ git daemon --verbose --base-path=$HOME/repos \ --reuseaddr --export-all  
$HOME/repos/*.git
```

```
[bob@mars ~]$ git clone git://earth/foo
```

git-instaweb allows browsing a repository¹², e.g.

```
$ git instaweb [--local] --httpd=lighttpd --port=8080  
$ git instaweb --stop
```

¹¹It normally listens on port TCP 9418.

¹²Requires perl-cgi and lighttpd.

git-annex

git-lfs

git-crypt

libgit2

Conclusion

Closing words

- Git is powerful. REALLY!
- Although targetted to SCM, it may be used to store (large) binary data and replicate it to remote sites
- Sysadmins: start versioning /etc today
- Read more at: <http://git-scm.org/> or `git-*(1)` manual pages
- “I am now a git expert... Am I?”

Wait! There is more...

Porcelain

git-add
git-am
git-archive
git-bisect
git-branch
git-bundle
git-checkout
git-cherry-pick
git-citool
git-clean
git-clone
git-commit
git-describe
git-diff
git-fetch
git-format-patch
git-gc
git-grep
git-gui
git-init
git-log
git-merge
git-mv
git-notes
git-pull

git-push
git-range-diff
git-rebase
git-reset
git-revert
git-rm
git-shortlog
git-show
git-stash
git-status
git-submodule
git-tag
git-worktree
git-config
git-fast-export
git-fast-import
git-filter-branch
git-mergetool
git-pack-refs
git-prune
git-reflog
git-remote
git-repack
git-replace
git-annotate
git-blame

git-count-objects
git-difftool
git-fsck
git-help
git-instaweb
git-merge-tree
git-rerere
git-show-branch
git-verify-commit
git-verify-tag
git-whatchanged
git-archimport
git-cvsexportcommit
git-cvssimport
git-cvsserver
git-imap-send
git-p4
git-quiltimport
git-request-pull
git-send-email
git-svn

Plumbing

git-apply
git-checkout-index
git-commit-graph

git-commit-tree
git-hash-object
git-index-pack
git-merge-file
git-merge-index
git-mktag
git-mktree
git-multi-pack-index
git-pack-objects
git-prune-packed
git-read-tree
git-symbolic-ref
git-unpack-objects
git-update-index
git-update-ref
git-write-tree
git-cat-file
git-cherry
git-diff-files
git-diff-index
git-diff-tree
git-for-each-ref
git-get-tar-commit-id
git-ls-files
git-ls-remote
git-ls-tree

git-merge-base
git-name-rev
git-pack-redundant
git-rev-list
git-rev-parse
git-show-index
git-show-ref
git-unpack-file
git-var
git-verify-pack
git-daemon
git-fetch-pack
git-http-backend
git-send-pack
git-update-server-info
git-http-fetch
git-http-push
git-parse-remote
git-receive-pack
git-shell
git-upload-archive
git-upload-pack
git-check-attr
git-check-ignore
git-check-mailmap
git-check-ref-format

git-column
git-credential
git-credential-cache
git-credential-store
git-fmt-merge-msg
git-interpret-trailers
git-mailinfo
git-mailsplit
git-merge-one-file
git-patch-id
git-sh-i18n
git-sh-setup
git-stripspace

Thanks!

Thank you!