

# PR Like a Pro with Advanced Techniques in Git

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```
git rebase main
```

```
git rebase --continue
```

```
git rebase --abort
```

```
git push --force-with-lease
```



Nondestructive

```
git pull --rebase
```

# Command Summary

Rebase on main `git rebase`

Continue rebase `git rebase --continue`

Abort rebase `git rebase --abort`

Push after rebase `git push --force-with-lease`

Pull after rebase `git pull --rebase`

# Command Summary

Rebase on main      `grb`

Continue rebase      `grbc`

Abort rebase      `grba`

Push after rebase      `gpf`

Pull after rebase      `gpr`

```
git rebase -i main
```



The branch to  
compare commits  
against.

```
git rebase -i main
```

```
git rebase -i HEAD~10
```



Number of commits in  
current branch to show  
(descending order)



# Commands in Interactive Rebasing

**pick (p)**

Use existing commit

**squash (s)**

Combine this commit with previous commit, but preserve commit message of this commit

**drop (d)**

Remove commit from history

**fixup (f)**

Combine this commit with previous commit and do not preserve commit message of this commit

**edit (e)**

Rewind HEAD to commit and make changes

**reword (r)**

Reword commit message (no code changes)

# Reordering Commits

## When to use

- Related commits are not grouped together
- Commits cannot be individually checked out

```
7d39341 feat: Use my great feature  
a16aa66 feat: Add my great feature
```

**Pick (p)**

**Drop (d)**

**Edit (e)**

**Squash (s)**

**Fixup (f)**

**Reword (r)**

*Use existing commit*

*Remove commit from history*

*Rewind HEAD to commit and  
make changes*

*Combine commit with previous  
and preserve commit message*

*Combine commit with previous  
and disregard commit message*

*Reword commit message  
(no code changes)*

# Reordering Commits

## How to use

- Re-order your commits in the preferred ascending order
- You may encounter merge conflicts
- Can be combined with all other commands

**Pick (p)**

*Use existing commit*

**Drop (d)**

*Remove commit from history*

**Edit (e)**

*Rewind HEAD to commit and  
make changes*

**Squash (s)**

*Combine commit with previous  
and preserve commit message*

**Fixup (f)**

*Combine commit with previous  
and disregard commit message*

**Reword (r)**

*Reword commit message  
(no code changes)*

# Dropping Commits

## When to use

- Made an accidental commit
- Delete a temporary commit

```
7d39341 drop: Attempt rebuild
```

Pick (p)

Drop (d)

Edit (e)

Squash (s)

Fixup (f)

Reword (r)

*Use existing commit*

*Remove commit from history*

*Rewind HEAD to commit and  
make changes*

*Combine commit with previous  
and preserve commit message*

*Combine commit with previous  
and disregard commit message*

*Reword commit message  
(no code changes)*

# Dropping Commits

## How to use

- Replace `pick` with `drop` or `d`
- Remove the line entirely
- Gone, but not forgotten

Pick (p)

Drop (d)

Edit (e)

Squash (s)

Fixup (f)

Reword (r)

*Use existing commit*

*Remove commit from history*

*Rewind HEAD to commit and  
make changes*

*Combine commit with previous  
and preserve commit message*

*Combine commit with previous  
and disregard commit message*

*Reword commit message  
(no code changes)*

# Editing Commits

## When to use

- A single commit encompasses too many ideas
- You made a mistake in a previous commit

```
a77779f feat: Add my great feature  
7d39341 feat: Add missing part of feature
```

Pick (p)

Drop (d)

Edit (e)

Squash (s)

Fixup (f)

Reword (r)

*Use existing commit*

*Remove commit from history*

*Rewind HEAD to commit and  
make changes*

*Combine commit with previous  
and preserve commit message*

*Combine commit with previous  
and disregard commit message*

*Reword commit message  
(no code changes)*

# Editing Commits

## How to use

- Replace `pick` with `edit` or `e`
- Stage your changes (`git add -p`), and continue the rebase
- You may encounter merge conflicts

Pick (p)

Drop (d)

Edit (e)

Squash (s)

Fixup (f)

Reword (r)

*Use existing commit*

*Remove commit from history*

*Rewind HEAD to commit and  
make changes*

*Combine commit with previous  
and preserve commit message*

*Combine commit with previous  
and disregard commit message*

*Reword commit message  
(no code changes)*

# Squashing and Fixing Up Commits

## When to use

- Two commits express a singular idea
- You forgot to stage a change to your previous commit
- You're preparing to merge a PR

```
a77779f feat: Add my great feature
```

Pick (p)

Drop (d)

Edit (e)

Squash (s)

Fixup (f)

Reword (r)

*Use existing commit*

*Remove commit from history*

*Rewind HEAD to commit and  
make changes*

*Combine commit with previous  
and preserve commit message*

*Combine commit with previous  
and disregard commit message*

*Reword commit message  
(no code changes)*



# Squashing and Fixing Up Commits

## How to use

- Replace `pick` with `squash` or `s`
- Replace `pick` with `fixup` or `f`
- You're not modifying history — you're compacting it

Pick (p)

*Use existing commit*

Drop (d)

*Remove commit from history*

Edit (e)

*Rewind HEAD to commit and  
make changes*

Squash (s)

*Combine commit with previous  
and preserve commit message*

Fixup (f)

*Combine commit with previous  
and disregard commit message*

Reword (r)

*Reword commit message  
(no code changes)*

# Rewording Commits

## When to use

- You mkae a typo
- You forgot important details

```
a77779f feat: Do something
```

Pick (p)

Drop (d)

Edit (e)

Squash (s)

Fixup (f)

**Reword (r)**

*Use existing commit*

*Remove commit from history*

*Rewind HEAD to commit and  
make changes*

*Combine commit with previous  
and preserve commit message*

*Combine commit with previous  
and disregard commit message*

*Reword commit message  
(no code changes)*

# Rewording Commits

## How to use

- Replace `pick` with `reword` or `r`
- No code changes, but the SHAs will change

Pick (p)

*Use existing commit*

Drop (d)

*Remove commit from history*

Edit (e)

*Rewind HEAD to commit and  
make changes*

Squash (s)

*Combine commit with previous  
and preserve commit message*

Fixup (f)

*Combine commit with previous  
and disregard commit message*

**Reword (r)**

*Reword commit message  
(no code changes)*

[\*\*github.com/jordanleven/advanced-techniques-in-git\*\*](https://github.com/jordanleven/advanced-techniques-in-git)

# Words of Advice

When using interactive rebasing, it's easier to combine two commits than to split one.

```
git config --global core.editor "code --wait"
```

```
git config --global core.editor "goland --wait"
```

```
git config --global core.editor "idea --wait"
```

`git reflog`



Git reference log



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