# **GIT NOTES**

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Note: This document content is gathered from various resources available in internet and solely responsible for learning purpose.

### We can configure git at different levels:

System # applicable to all users

Global # applicable to current logged in user [ all repos]

Local # applicable to particular repo

## Configuration

Below config settings are stored in .gitconfig text file

git config -global user.name "kante-srikanth"

git config –global user.email <u>kantesrikanth@gmail.com</u>

git config –global core.editor "code –wait" # set default code editor git config –

global -e # opens config file i.e. .gitconfig

### Help

git commandname –help # ex: git config -h / git config --help git help commandname

## Git project Initialization

git init # initializes git in our project

### **Staging files**

git add -A # stages new, deleted, modified files in entire work tree. Even if ur at folder level.

git add -A folder/ # stages same as above but only in folder/ path.

git add # default behavior as above commands.

git add -u # stages deleted, modified but not untracked / new files in entire tree.

git add -u folder/ # specific to folder path

git add . # stages the current directory and all its content

git add \*.js # stages with a pattern git add file1.js # stages a single file

git add file1.js file2.js # stages multiple files at a time

## Viewing the status

git status # gives complete status git status -s # gives short status

# **Committing the staging files**

git commit -m "Message" # commits with a one-line message git commit

# opens the default editor to type a long message git commit -

am "Message" # skips the staging area

# **Unstaging files / (undoing git add)**

#### git reset

# unstages the files; brings all the staged files back to working directory state. [used in git old versions] git restore --staged file.js

**Removing files** git rm file1.js # Removes from working directory and staging area [internally does git add . git rm --cached file1.js # Removes from staging area only [we need to explicitly perform git add .

# **Discarding & Restoring**

git restore file.js # copies file.js from index to working directory git restore file1.js file2.js # restores multiple files in working directory

git restore # discards all local changes (except untracked files)

git clean -fd # removes all untracked files

git restore –source=HEAD~1 filename # restore file from previous commit history i.e HEAD -1

## **Renaming or moving files:**

git mv file1.js file1.txt # renames the file name or moves the file

### **Difference**

git diff # shows only when there are unstaged changes

git diff --staged # shows staged changes git diff -cached # same as the above

git diff HEAD~2 HEAD # shows the changes between two commits

git diff HEAD~2 HEAD file.txt # shows changes for file.txt only

## **Commit History && Browsing:**

git log # shows history of commits, without filenames

git log –oneline # shows one line for history of commits

git log –reverse # shows in reverse order

git log --stat # shows commit history as well as files names of modified.

git log –patch # shows the content changed (patches)
git log file.txt # shows the commits that modified file.txt

# Filtering the history

git log -3 # shows the last 3 entries

git log --author="kante-srikanth" git log --before="2020-08-17" git log --after="one week ago"

git log hash1...hash2 # range of commits

### **Commit viewing**

git show committed # shows commit changes and history

git show HEAD # shows commit changes and history of last commit

git show HEAD $\sim$ 1 # shows the last commit -1.

git show committid:fullpathtofilename # shows the exact content of the file

git ls-tree commitid # shows all files changed in the given commit]

## Creating an alias

git config --global alias.lg "log --oneline" # create alias for command ex: git lg || git log --oneline

#### Checkout

git checkout commitid # checkout given commit, will be in detached HEAD state

git checkout master # checkout master branch

git checkout filepath # undo all the changes in working directory of the specified file

## Working with remote repo

git clone repo\_url # clones remote repo to local

git fetch origin master # fetches master from origin but don't merge

git fetch origin # fetches all objects from origin git fetch # shortcut for "git fetch origin" git

pull # fetch + merge

git push origin master # pushes master to origin git push

# shortcut for "git push origin master"

## Pushing & Pulling changes to repo

git add . # add changes to staging area

git commit -m "message" # committing to local repo i.e create snapshot git

push origin branchname or git push # push local changes to remote repo

git pull origin branchname # pull latest changes from repo to local

### **Managing branches**

git branch bugfix # creates a new branch called bugfix

git checkout bugfix # switches to the bugfix branch

git switch bugfix # same as the above git switch -C bugfix # creates and switches

git checkout -b bugfix # same as above

git branch -d bugfix # deletes the bugfix branch
git branch # this will list all local branches

git branch -a # this will list all local and remote branches

# **Comparing branches**

git log master bugfix # lists the commits/changes in the bugfix branch not in master git diff branch1 branch2 # shows the summary of changes, shows branch1 – branch2

# **Sharing branches**

git branch -r # shows remote tracking branches

git branch -vv # shows local & remote tracking branches

git push -u origin bugfix # pushes bugfix to origin git push -d origin bugfix # removes bugfix from origin

## **Managing remotes**

git remote # shows remote repos

git remote add upstream url # adds a new remote called upstream upstream == remote repo

git remote rm upstream # remotes upstream

#### **Finding contributors:**

git shortlog -h # gives info about authors, no of commits etc.

#### **Blame**

### Merge

git merge bugfix	# merges the bugfix branch into the current branch
git mergeno-ff bugfix	# creates a merge commit even if FastForward is possible
git mergesquash bugfix	# performs a squash merge
git mergeabort	# aborts the merge
git branchmerged	# shows the merged branches
git branchno-merged	# shows the unmerged branches

### Create local branch && pushing to origin

git branch branchname git checkout branchname git checkout -b branchname git push -u origin branchname

#Associates local branch with remote and push changes. so that others can also work on the same branch.

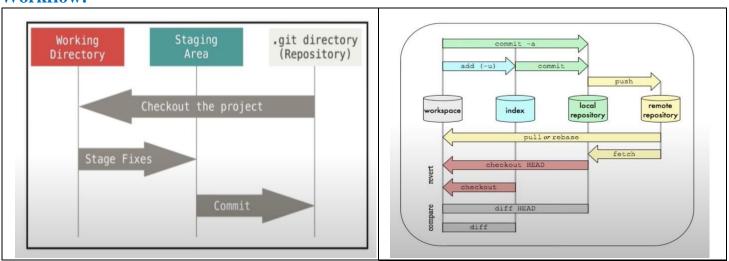
## **Steps for Merging branch to master**

git checkout master	# first checkout local ma	ster git pull origin master
# then pull the changes git b	ranch –merged	# check
whether our branch is merged or not git mer	rge branchname	# this will
merge the branch into local master git push	origin master	# then push the local
master to repo masterDONE		

## After merging the branch, Delete the local and remote branch

git branch –merged # check if our local branch is merged into local master git
branch -d branchname # delete branch locally git push origin –delete
branchname # delete branch remotely git branch -a # list all remote
branches

### Workflow:



Here index is staging area .Head is used to refer the last commit in the checkout branch.

## **Recovering lost commits:**

• Reflog shows all the commits including git operations as well ..rebase, merge, branch created etc....
Reflog keeps track of every single change made in the reference of a repo.
Commands:

git reflog # shows the history of HEAD show bugfix # shows the history of bugfix pointer git reflog How to recover the deleted branch? # gives all commit references git checkout -b deletedbranchname referncetothecommit ex: git checkout -b feature HEAD@{4}

#### **Bisect:**

- This is useful when someone committed error in the code and we are not sure which commit is causing
- Bisect command will checkout commits one by one [start, end ] specified automatically until we find bad commit and mark it as bad. Interesting command.

Steps: git bisect start

# this will initiate the bisect.

tool/command.

bisect good hash git

# we need to give the good commit id as start point

git bisect bad [hash]

# we can give bad committed if we are sure abt end pt, if we leave blank current commit will be end. # Note: [ ] indicates the param is optional

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- At this point we will be in detached HEAD state.. to get back to our current working branch we need to end the bisect process by following the command.
  - o git bisect reset

# terminates bisect session & checkout at wip

branch

## **Tagging:**

This is useful when you want to save commit as checkpoint so that u can restore that checkpoint later when things go wrong. Ex: release v1, release v2 etc .... In git we create a tag [checkpoint] for commits. Commands:

git tag v1.0 # tags the last commit as v1.0 git tag v1.0 5e7a828 # tags an earlier commit git # lists all the tags git tag -d v1.0 # deletes the given tag git checkout -b branchname tagname

#we can't checkout tags in it. so we need to create branch from tag. git push

origin tagname # to push tags to remote repo. git push origin v1.0 # pushes tag v1.0 to origin git push

origin —delete v1.0 # delete the tag from remote

### **Rewriting Git History:**

Reference: https://youtu.be/ElRzTuYln0M

#### Amend:

git commit –amend # this is helpful when u want staged files to be part of the last commit git commit -amend -no-edit # if we don't want to change the commit message

### **Rewording:**

• we can do in multiple ways either by using amend or rebase. Difference is that amend will work upon last commit whereas rebase we can work on any of the previous commits.

git commit --amend -m "correct message"

#Helpful when committed bad message & Modify last commit message without new commit rebase -i HEAD~2

#with rebase , we can act on previous commits as well .. HEAD~2 meaning want to act up on Head to 2 last commit

**Deleting:** if we want to drop or delete the commit itself. Git rebase -i

HEAD~targetcommitnumber #Opens rebase interactive mode, prefix as drop.

#### **Reordering:** *If we want to reorder the commits*

Git rebase -i HEAD~2

#In interactive mode, just reorder the lines in VIM editor .. that's it DONE

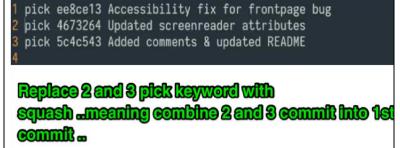
### **Squashing:**

- Combine multiple commits into one commit. If we have hundreds of commits history for a one feature branch. it will create mess to other developers in understanding the commits .. or it will pollute the commit history.. in this case we can squash all the commits into one commit.
- We can either use squash or fixup in interactive mode ..difference is that fixup will discard the commit messages, whereas squash preserve the messages.

#### Steps:

Git rebase -i HEAD~3

# -i means interactive mode and HEAD~3 means we want to act upon last three commits from the HEAD

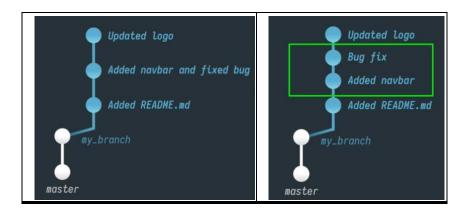




• How can we squash last N commits into one ?One way is to follow above approach using interactive rebase, the other way is git reset –soft HEAD~N && git commit -m "new commit message" #N is no of commits to be combined

### **Splitting:**

- if we want to split the commit into two different commits. Steps:
  - Git rebase -i HEAD~number
  - In the interactive mode ...change the prefix of the target commit to **edit**, then esc: w q
  - Note: rebase is in progress at this stage ...
  - Next ..undo the staging files using the following command
  - Git reset HEAD<sup>^</sup> # this will undo the staging files
  - Continue git add and git commit ... as our wish to how many times we want to split that commit
  - ... After committing, run following command. git rebase –continue ... DONE



### **Cherry-pick:**

- this is used when u accidently committed the changes in wrong branch and want it to be in correct branch Steps:
- git cherry-pick committid

# apply this on the target branch

- After cherry picking the commit, you need to remove i.e reset the commit from the wrong branch. 3 different ways to reset
- git reset –soft targetcommitid [this will put targetcommitid files in staging area] .....git status for more details (or)
- git reset targetcommitid

# this will put in working directory ..by default mixed reset is used] (or)

#### git reset –hard targetcommitid

# this will bring the exact state of targetcommitid including unstaged files. This may delete some wip changes.... To get them back use git reflog and git checkout targetcommitid

git reset # unstage all the changes ... optional git

• clean -fd # to clean the untracked files] ... optional git

reflog # list all commits even deleted ... optional

#### **Stashing:**

• stashes can be applied in different branches .. for example ur working on master and stashed some changes ..now u want that changes in another branch ...you can apply the stash on new branch and it works

## Steps:

git stash save "message for recollect"

stash push -m "New tax rules"

git stash list

stash show stash@{1}

show 1

git stash apply stashid

stash pop

stash drop stashid

# drops all stash]

# to quickly switch to other branch and ] git # same as above

# to see stash list] git

# shows the given stash git stash

# shortcut for stash@{1}

# to apply the stash, it will not delete the stash ] git

# applies the top stash and drop it from the stash list] git

# to drop/delete the stash] git stash clear

#### **Undoing commits:**

- By three ways we can undo things
- git checkout commitid

#checkout committed and work on it .. also detaches the head \*

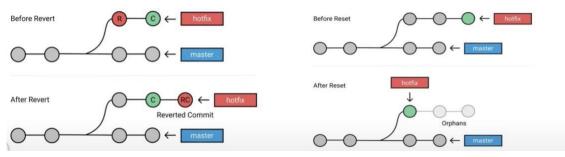
#### git revert commitid

#used for reverting the commits, creates new commit and reverts the changes to previous, This is used to revert the commit which is not fixing the issues but others checkout the code on it.

 git reset committed resets the commit, no history of commits is present

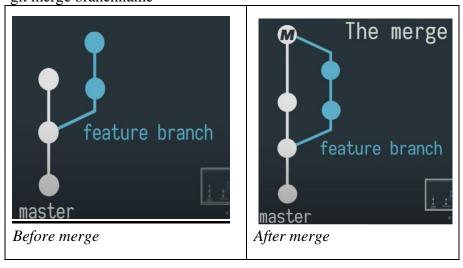


- Reset \_ scraps and rewrites the commit history and it will take back to the last working state.
- Revert \_ creates new commit and adds the history.



#### **Rebase:**

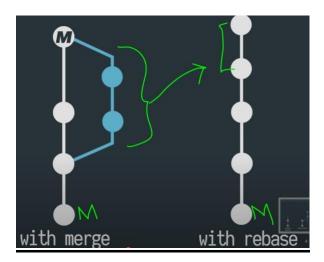
- The goal of rebase and merge is to merge the commits from feature branch to master branch.
- one of the difference between rebase and merge is ... rebase rewrites the commit history inorder to produce the straight linear succession of commits. Where as merge puts the fork history[will not rewrite the history] together again
- With merge:
  - git merge branchname



• With rebase: Steps:

latest

 Now checkout to master ...and git rebase featurebranch #this will pull the feature branch commits into master ...



### Rebase another approach:

- 1. Checkout to main and create new branch with V1 as suffix and checkout to it.
  - git checkout -b *branchname-v1*
- 2.merge the old branch into new branch by using the following command
  - git merge --squash branchname and resolve the conflicts manually if any
  - if any problem occurs git merge —abort
- 3. Now commit changes
- 4. Now delete the old branch using following command
  - git branch -D branchname
  - Rename the *branchname-v1* to *branchname*

5.Open the bitbucket & decline the PRs if any and delete the remote branch [branchname] manually 6.git push and reopen the declined PR [it will sync all the changes and maintain commit history as well] 7.Done

#### **Upstream:**

- when u clone a remote repo and create local branch and work on it. And Now if u want to push the localbranch to remote repo.
- When you use git push ... you will get the following error ..
- fatal: The current branch beta has no upstream branch. To push the current branch and set the remote as upstream.
- Meaning: your local branch is not present in remote repo.. so you need to upstream the localbranch or associate in remote repo. You can do in following ways: <u>Use:</u>
- git push origin localbranch # associate localbranch in remote repo and push the changes
- git push --set-upstream origin localbranch # set upstream in remote and push

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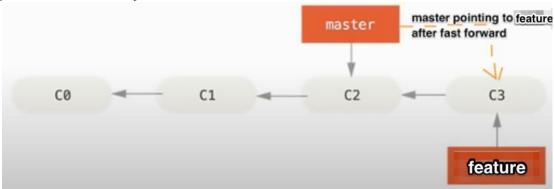
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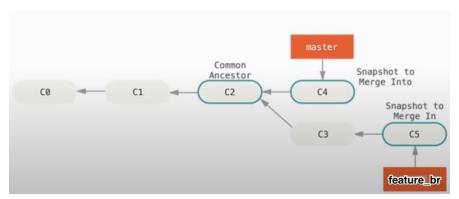
## **Fast-Forward Merge:**

• We created feature branch from masterc2 and working on it, now when you merge feature, this will result in fast forward merge. That means as c2 is ancestor of c3, master will now be pointing to c3. Fast forwarded master to feature@c3



## 3-Way Merge or Recursive strategy:

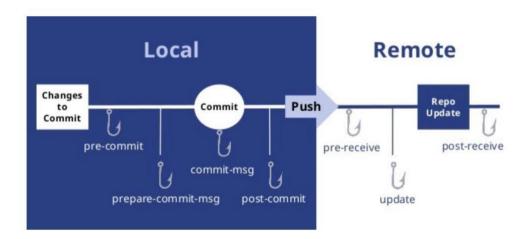
• In this case as there is new commit in masterc4, and feature\_br is not having the c4 latest master ... when we merge the feature\_br into master, this merge follows recursive / 3 way strategy.



#### **Git hooks:**

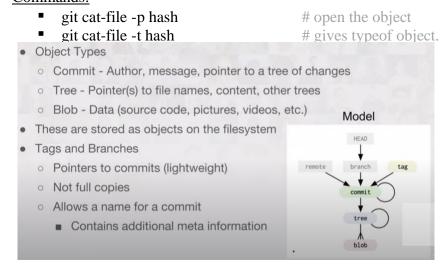
• Git hooks allows to run the custom scripts whenever any of the git life cycle events occurs such as merge, commit, pushing etc..

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my_repo$ ls
 /my_repo$ cd .git
/my_repo/.git$ ls
        config description HEAD hooks
/my_repo/.git$ cd hooks
/my_repo/.git/hooks$ ls
applypatch-msg.sample
                          pre-applypatch.sample
                                                     pre-rebase.sample
commit-msg.sample
                          pre-commit
                                                     pre-receive.sample
fsmonitor-watchman.sample prepare-commit-msg.sample
                                                     update.sample
post-update.sample
                          pre-push.sample
 /my_repo/.git/hooks$ vim pre-commit
 /my_repo/.git/hooks$ chmod +x pre-commit
 /my_repo/.git/hooks$
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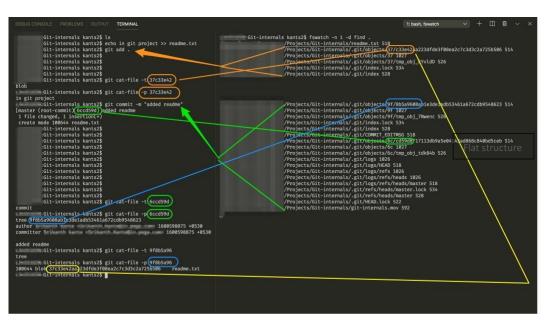
### **Git Internals**(*Internal working of git*):

- For every git add. git creates one blob object which contains the content of the file.
- For every commit it creates, two objects tree and commit object.
- Tree object contains all related blob objects and commit object contains details of the commit. All these objects are stored in git as flat structure as below ... but the logic lies in how these objects are pointing to each other. That logic is stored in each commit object.
- Commands:



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Git-practice kants2$ git commit -m "made some changes" #1 8 When you commit, gft will
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1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
create mode 100644 data.txt
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parent efa6761054f23f09154acd109d9c4e8ebcd1a31e
author Srikanth kante <Srikanth.Kante@in.pega.com> 1600594655 +0537616761066.
committer Srikanth kante <Srikanth kante <Srik
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it contains the previous
                  Git-practice kants2$ git cat-file -p efa676105
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                      Git-practice kants2$
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fswatch is used to show the folder changes for every one sec

#### **VIM Commands:**

```
i # for insert mode ..to write esc : wq # write and quit dd
# delete the line
:q # quit the VIM
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vim filename # creates new file

for more VIM commands visit <a href="https://www.fprintf.net/vimCheatSheet.html">https://www.fprintf.net/vimCheatSheet.html</a>

for Linux commands visit https://maker.pro/linux/tutorial/basic-linux-commands-for-beginners