**GIT**

**What is Git?**

Git is a version control system used for tracking changes in computer files. It is generally used for source code management in software development.

* Git is used to tracking changes in the source code.
* The distributed version control tool is used for source code management.
* It allows multiple developers to work together.
* It supports non-linear development through its thousands of parallel branches.

**What does Git do?**

* Manage projects with **Repositories**
* **Clone** a project to work on a local copy
* Control and track changes with **Staging** and **Committing**
* **Branch** and **Merge** to allow for work on different parts and versions of a project
* **Pull** the latest version of the project to a local copy
* **Push** local updates to the main project

**Working with Git**

* Initialize Git on a folder, making it a **Repository**
* Git now creates a hidden folder to keep track of changes in that folder
* When a file is changed, added or deleted, it is considered **modified**
* You select the modified files you want to **Stage**
* The **Staged** files are **Committed**, which prompts Git to store a **permanent** snapshot of the files
* Git allows you to see the full history of every commit.
* You can revert back to any previous commit.
* Git does not store a separate copy of every file in every commit, but keeps track of changes made in each commit!

**Why Git?**

* Over 70% of developers use Git!
* Developers can work together from anywhere in the world.
* Developers can see the full history of the project.
* Developers can revert to earlier versions of a project.

**Commands: Working With Local Repositories**

**git init**

* The command git init is used to create an empty Git repository.
* After the git init command is used, a .git folder is created in the directory with some subdirectories. Once the repository is initialized, the process of creating other files begins.

**git add**

* Add command is used after checking the status of the files, to add those files to the staging area.
* Before running the commit command, "git add" is used to add any new or modified files.

**git commit**

* The commit command makes sure that the changes are saved to the local repository.
* The command "git commit –m <message>" allows you to describe everyone and help them understand what has happened.

**git status**

* The git status command tells the current state of the repository.
* The command provides the current working branch. If the files are in the staging area, but not committed, it will be shown by the git status. Also, if there are no changes, it will show the message no changes to commit, working directory clean.

**git config**

* The git config command is used initially to configure the user.name and user.email. This specifies what email id and username will be used from a local repository.
* When git config is used with --global flag, it writes the settings to all repositories on the computer.

**Difference between Git and Github :-**

| **S.No.** | **Git** | **GitHub** |
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| 1. | Git is a software. | GitHub is a service. |
| 2. | Git is a command-line tool | GitHub is a graphical user interface |
| 3. | Git is installed locally on the system | GitHub is hosted on the web |
| 4. | Git is maintained by linux. | GitHub is maintained by Microsoft. |
| 5. | Git is focused on version control and code sharing. | GitHub is focused on centralized source code hosting. |
| 6. | Git is a version control system to manage source code history. | GitHub is a hosting service for Git repositories. |
| 7. | Git was first released in 2005. | GitHub was launched in 2008. |
| 8. | Git has no user management feature. | GitHub has a built-in user management feature. |
| 9. | Git is open-source licensed. | GitHub includes a free-tier and pay-for-use tier. |
| 10. | Git has minimal external tool configuration. | GitHub has an active marketplace for tool integration. |
| 11. | Git provides a Desktop interface named Git Gui. | GitHub provides a Desktop interface named GitHub Desktop. |
| 12. | Git competes with CVS, Azure DevOps Server, Subversion, Mercurial, etc. | GitHub competes with GitLab, Bit Bucket, AWS Code Commit, etc. |