## Basic

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## Git commands:

## (master) \$: git commandname parameter1 parameter2 ——option

The command name (commandname in the example) is one of over 100 individual functions that Git can perform. Behind the scenes, each of these commands is a separate program responsible for its own specific job.

Options are special parameters that are denoted by at least one leading dash character. Many options have both a long form, like —global, and a shortcut form, like —g. There are also options that take values, like git commit —message="hello world".

There are two that it absolutely needs in order to function: your name and email address. Git adds an Author attribute to every commit you make that includes both your name and email address, so that your collaborators on a project can know who made a given change. The name you enter will be used to identify you in change logs and any other place where Git shows who made a particular change, while your email address not only tells people how to reach you, but also tells a hosted service like GitHub who you are on their service.

Use the git config command to tell Git who you are. Unlike most Git commands, which only work inside of a Git project, these can be run from any directory.