

**Answer the following:**

**• Give differences between Git and GitHub**

Aspect	Git	GitHub
Type	Version Control System (VCS)	Web-based Git repository hosting
Access	Local or private server	Web-based interface
Ownership	Developed independently	Owned by Microsoft (as of 2021)
Collaboration	Local teams or servers	Global collaboration platform
Visibility	Private or public repositories	Public and private repository options
Integration	Various tool integrations possible	Integrates with many tools/services
Code Review	Manual or third-party tools	Built-in code review features
Community	Smaller, developer-centric	Large developer and open-source community

**• What is Git Cheat sheet?**

A Git cheat sheet is a condensed reference document that serves as a handy, at-a-glance resource for users of Git, a popular version control system. It provides a concise summary of essential Git commands and fundamental concepts, offering a quick way to review and understand how Git functions.

These cheat sheets typically include a range of commands and procedures commonly used in Git workflows. They cover actions like initializing new repositories, staging and committing changes, creating and managing branches, merging code changes, interacting with remote repositories, and even handling various scenarios like undoing changes or resolving conflicts.

A Git cheat sheet is particularly beneficial for both beginners and experienced Git users. For newcomers, it acts as a quick guide to get started with the basics and build confidence in using Git effectively. For experienced users, it serves as a handy reference tool to remind them of specific commands and workflows they may not frequently use or to quickly troubleshoot issues.

These cheat sheets often highlight the most crucial Git commands and concepts while providing concise explanations or examples for each. Users can keep them as a printed reference, save them digitally, or refer to them online when working on Git-based projects.

Overall, a Git cheat sheet is a valuable aid in enhancing productivity and reducing the need for exhaustive documentation searches, making Git-related tasks more efficient and accessible for developers and teams.

Git is the free and open source distributed version control system that's responsible for everything GitHub related that happens locally on your computer. This cheat sheet features the most important and commonly used Git commands for easy reference.

## INSTALLATION & GUIs

With platform specific installers for Git, GitHub also provides the ease of staying up-to-date with the latest releases of the command line tool while providing a graphical user interface for day-to-day interaction, review, and repository synchronization.

### GitHub for Windows

<https://windows.github.com>

### GitHub for Mac

<https://mac.github.com>

For Linux and Solaris platforms, the latest release is available on the official Git web site.

### Git for All Platforms

<http://git-scm.com>

## SETUP

Configuring user information used across all local repositories

```
git config --global user.name "[firstname lastname]"
```

set a name that is identifiable for credit when review version history

```
git config --global user.email "[valid-email]"
```

set an email address that will be associated with each history marker

```
git config --global color.ui auto
```

set automatic command line coloring for Git for easy reviewing

## SETUP & INIT

Configuring user information, initializing and cloning repositories

```
git init
```

initialize an existing directory as a Git repository

```
git clone [url]
```

retrieve an entire repository from a hosted location via URL

## STAGE & SNAPSHOT

Working with snapshots and the Git staging area

```
git status
```

show modified files in working directory, staged for your next commit

```
git add [file]
```

add a file as it looks now to your next commit (stage)

```
git reset [file]
```

unstage a file while retaining the changes in working directory

```
git diff
```

diff of what is changed but not staged

```
git diff --staged
```

diff of what is staged but not yet committed

```
git commit -m "[descriptive message]"
```

commit your staged content as a new commit snapshot

## BRANCH & MERGE

Isolating work in branches, changing context, and integrating changes

```
git branch
```

list your branches. a \* will appear next to the currently active branch

```
git branch [branch-name]
```

create a new branch at the current commit

```
git checkout
```

switch to another branch and check it out into your working directory

```
git merge [branch]
```

merge the specified branch's history into the current one

```
git log
```

show all commits in the current branch's history

## INSPECT & COMPARE

Examining logs, diffs and object information

### **git log**

show the commit history for the currently active branch

### **git log branchB..branchA**

show the commits on branchA that are not on branchB

### **git log --follow [file]**

show the commits that changed file, even across renames

### **git diff branchB..branchA**

show the diff of what is in branchA that is not in branchB

### **git show [SHA]**

show any object in Git in human-readable format

## TRACKING PATH CHANGES

Versioning file removes and path changes

### **git rm [file]**

delete the file from project and stage the removal for commit

### **git mv [existing-path] [new-path]**

change an existing file path and stage the move

### **git log --stat -M**

show all commit logs with indication of any paths that moved

## IGNORING PATTERNS

Preventing unintentional staging or committing of files

```
logs/  
*.notes  
pattern*/
```

Save a file with desired patterns as .gitignore with either direct string matches or wildcard globs.

### **git config --global core.excludesfile [file]**

system wide ignore pattern for all local repositories

## SHARE & UPDATE

Retrieving updates from another repository and updating local repos

### **git remote add [alias] [url]**

add a git URL as an alias

### **git fetch [alias]**

fetch down all the branches from that Git remote

### **git merge [alias]/[branch]**

merge a remote branch into your current branch to bring it up to date

### **git push [alias] [branch]**

Transmit local branch commits to the remote repository branch

### **git pull**

fetch and merge any commits from the tracking remote branch

## REWRITE HISTORY

Rewriting branches, updating commits and clearing history

### **git rebase [branch]**

apply any commits of current branch ahead of specified one

### **git reset --hard [commit]**

clear staging area, rewrite working tree from specified commit

## TEMPORARY COMMITS

Temporarily store modified, tracked files in order to change branches

### **git stash**

Save modified and staged changes

### **git stash list**

list stack-order of stashed file changes

### **git stash pop**

write working from top of stash stack

### **git stash drop**

discard the changes from top of stash stack

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