

Glossary of Git commands

Add: Add new/changed files to staging area, to be included in the next commit

```
git add .                # All changed files
git add <file1> <file2>... # Specific files
```

Commit: Permanently saves a snapshot of your repository.

```
git commit -m "Commit Message" # Regular commit with commit message
git commit -am "commit Message" # Add and commit in one step
git commit --amend              # Add forgotten file to previous commit
```

Status: Status of git repository (modified or added files present?)

```
git status                # Verbose information on working directory
git status -s             # Short info
git status -s -b          # Short info + info about current branch
```

Log: Shows a log of your repo's commit history.

```
git log -n 4              # show only last four commits
git log --oneline         # concise log in one line per commit
git log --graph           # log visualization
```

Diff: Compare commits or branches.

```
git diff <Commit>         # Compare current to specific commit
git diff HEAD             # ... e.g. to the last commit
git diff <Commit1> <Commit2> # Compare two commits
git diff HEAD~10 HEAD     # ... e.g. last commit to the 10th previous commit
```

Push: Push local commits to Github

```
git push -u origin <branch> # First push: Link local to Github branch
git push                    # Push to the associated Github branch
git push origin --delete <branch> # Delete remote branch
```

Pull: Pulls commits on Github to local computer.

```
git pull                # Fetches and merges commits from Github into associated branch
git pull --rebase       # Adds first remote changes, and afterwards local changes (if present)
git pull --ff-only      # Only carries out (linear) fast-forward merge
```

Branch: List, create or delete branches

```
git branch          # List local branches
git branch -r       # List remote branches
git branch -a       # List all (local + remote) branches
git branch <newbranch> # Create new branch
git branch -m <newname> # Rename current branch
git branch -d       # Delete local branch
```

Checkout: Switch to a branch or a commit

```
git checkout <branch>      # Switch to specified branch
git checkout <commit>      # Switch to specified commit
git checkout -b <NEWBRANCH> # Create new branch and switch to it
```

Merge: Merges the specified branch into the currently checked out branch

```
git merge <branch>      # Merge the specified branch into the current branch
```

Reset: Resets the repo to the specified old commit, by rewriting history

```
git reset --hard HEAD~1  # Completely discard last commit
git reset --mixed HEAD~1 # Discard last commit, but keep the changes in the files
git reset --soft HEAD~1  # Discard last commit, changes in files are kept and staged
```

Revert: Reverts the changes in the specified commit, by creating a new commit.

```
git revert HEAD      # Completely discard last commit
```