Suppose you’ve made some accidental changes, such as (D’oh!) deleting the critical **app/controllers/**directory:

**$** ls app/controllers/

application\_controller.rb

**$** rm -rf app/controllers/

**$** ls app/controllers/

ls: app/controllers/: No such file or directory

Let’s check the status to see what’s up:

**$** git status

**#** On branch master

**#** Changed but not updated:

**#** (use "git add/rm <file>..." to update what will be committed)

**#** (use "git checkout -- <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)

**#**

**#** deleted: app/controllers/application\_controller.rb

**#**

no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")

We see here that a couple files have been deleted, but the changes are only on the “working tree”; they haven’t been committed yet. This means we can still undo the changes easily by having Git check out the previous commit with the **checkout** command (and a **-f** flag to force overwriting the current changes):

**$** git checkout -f

**$** git status

**#** On branch master

nothing to commit (working directory clean)

**$** ls app/controllers/

application\_controller.rb