



# Overcoming Fear of the Command Line through Rainbows and Customization



Three Quick Tips



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Tip #1:

# Set a Friendly Creature Greeting

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## Why?

I was always terrified at anything that told me to open the command line. Rainbow magical creatures make it a little better upon opening

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## Bonus:

This makes everyone who sees my terminal think I am way better than I really am.



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## **Solution:**

Combine the magical powers of 'cowsay' and 'lolcat'

# Set a Friendly Creature Greeting

 .zshrc

```
31  
32  # Personal greeting because why not  
33  cowsay -f dragon "Greetings, Human!" | lolcat  
34
```

# Set a Friendly Creature Greeting

[illegible]



Tip #2:

# Taming the 'rm' command

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## Why?

When you run the `rm -R` command on a folder, you tell the Terminal to delete that folder, any files it contains, any sub-folders it contains, and any files or folders in those sub-folders.

*Things deleted this way are not recoverable*



# Taming the 'rm' Command

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## **Solution:**

Alias rm to tell you not to do the thing while you are learning.

# Taming the 'rm' Command

 .zshrc

```
38  
39  alias rm='echo "This command has been disabled."'   
40
```

# Taming the 'rm' Command

```
8.1.4 ~/Desktop  
<< 🚀 >> rm test.txt  
This command has been disabled. test.txt
```

Tip #3:

# Making Mistakes Better

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## Why?

Command line is intimidating enough. Make it fun to make mistakes.



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## Solution 1:

For two of the most common typos I make there is a fancy ascii art as a response.

```
8.1.4 ~/Desktop  
  << <img alt="red pencil icon" data-bbox="378 585 415 640"/> >> .sl  
zsh: command not found: .sl
```

```
8.1.4 ~/Desktop  
  << <img alt="red pencil icon" data-bbox="348 815 385 870"/> >> .gti  
zsh: command not found: .gti  
8.1.4 ~/Desktop
```



# Making Mistakes Better

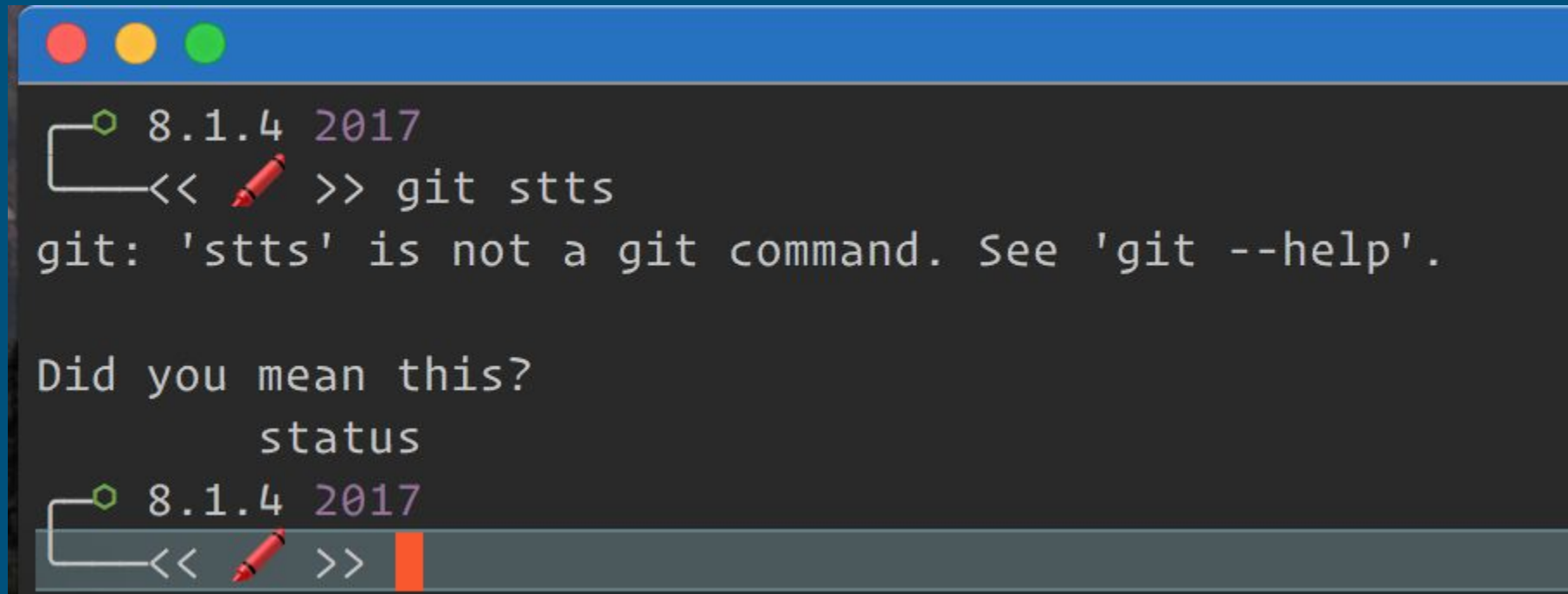
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## Solution 2:

For when you get really annoyed at the typo and your boss isn't looking, there is a magnificent app which corrects your previous console command.



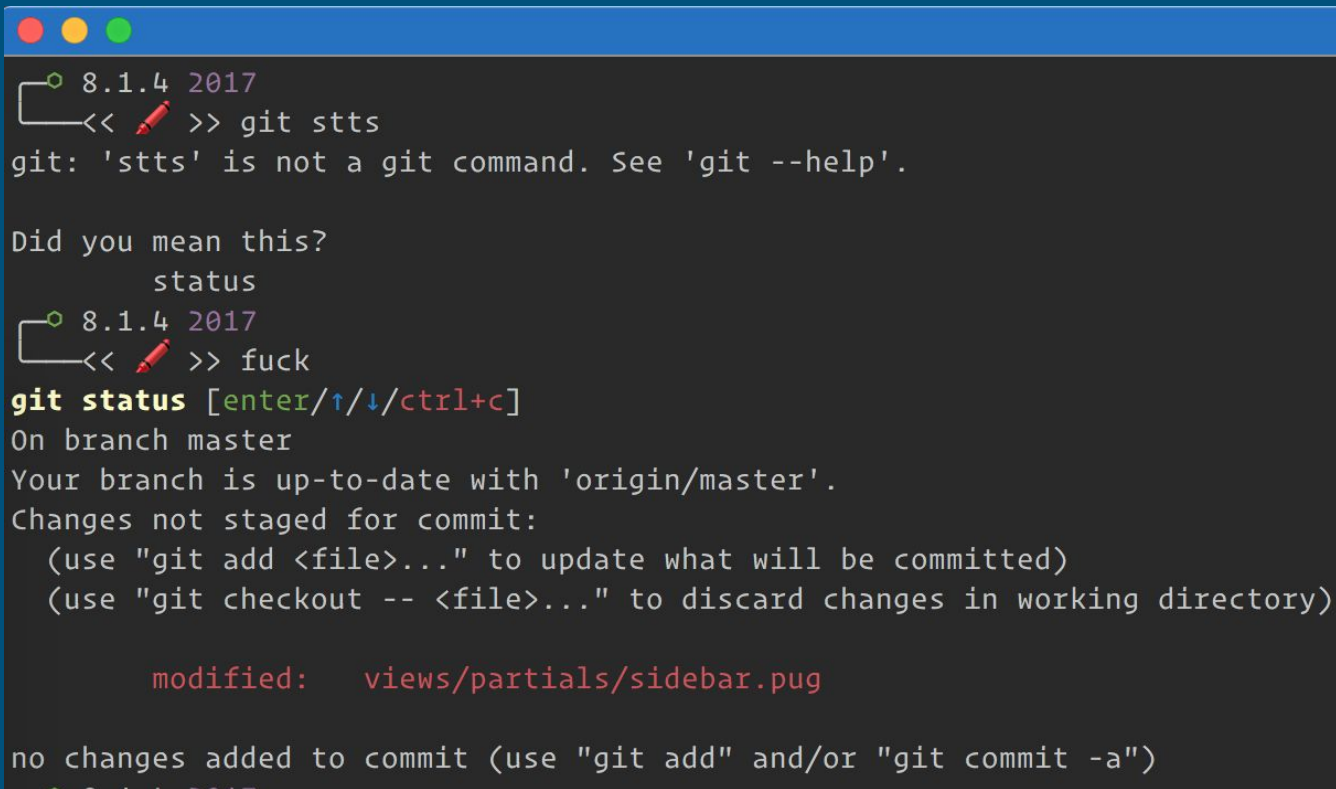
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A terminal window with a blue title bar and three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left. The terminal has a dark background with light-colored text. It shows a git command being executed, which results in an error message. Below the error, a suggestion is provided. The terminal also features a branch indicator on the left side of the prompt, showing a green hexagon and the text '8.1.4 2017'. A red pencil icon is visible next to the command prompt. The terminal window is set against a solid blue background.

```
8.1.4 2017  
<< >> git stts  
git: 'stts' is not a git command. See 'git --help'.  
  
Did you mean this?  
      status  
8.1.4 2017  
<< >>
```

# Making Mistakes Better




```
8.1.4 2017
<< >> git stts
git: 'stts' is not a git command. See 'git --help'.


Did you mean this?
    status
8.1.4 2017
<< >> fuck
git status [enter/↑/↓/ctrl+c]
On branch master
Your branch is up-to-date with 'origin/master'.
Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git checkout -- <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)

        modified:   views/partials/sidebar.pug

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



More tips and details on how  
to get these ones working  
coming soon to my blog!



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# Questions?



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