





# Using GitLab & Source Tree

Step by step hands on guide on git.

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# **Preface**

There are lots of materials available for learning GIT. So mine is nothing new invention but it might be rather handy to people who first want to familiarise themselvs with source control management using Git.

Most of the cases beginers worried about the command line interfaces specially who are not familier well with linux systems. Although git's real power lies on command line. But to start git from command line for a newbie might not be a good idea.

To find a workaround, I found couple of great tools around. They all are good. I choose 'Source Tree' from Altassian. However others are also found good fit.

Git can be hosted in linux or windows server. I was trying to find something like github but a community edition so that interested people will host on their own server as well. I found GitLab then. But the constraint is on linux. It's not available on windows till. I consider the system administrators will understand this. However if any window lover want to go with the GitLab, there's still a chance to fit. In turnkeylinux I found stack for gitlab on virtual (specially for vmware). Though turnkey linux's virtual for GitLab is bit old, but hope users will survive and try to upgrade them on their own.



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# **Getting Started**



# 01. Setting up a

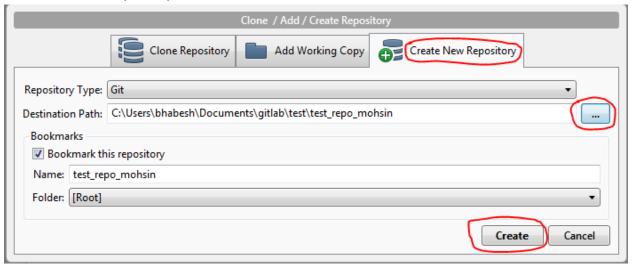


# repository (Local)

#### **Steps**

- 1. Create a Directory at your window machine test\_repo\_<your\_name> (Example : test\_repo\_mohsin )
- 2. Click Clone/ New

#### **Click Create New Repository**



#### Select

Repository Type: Git

Destination Path: <Folder where you want your local repo>

Bookmark this repository: check the box

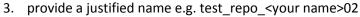
#### Click on Create

### 02. Setting up a repository (Remote)

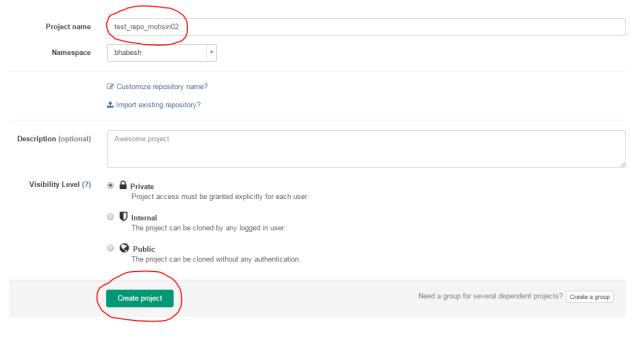
#### **Steps**

- 1. login to GitLab repository (e.g. http://172.30.14.42)
- 2. At dashboard, Click









- 4. Click Create Project
- 5. Click http and copy the url



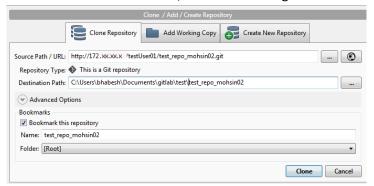
6. In your local machine select Source Tree



7. Click Clone / New



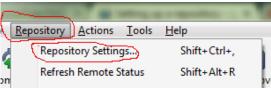
8. Paste the url in at the Source Path / URL at the dialogue box and then click Clone

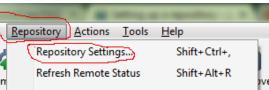


# **03.Configuration of Repository**

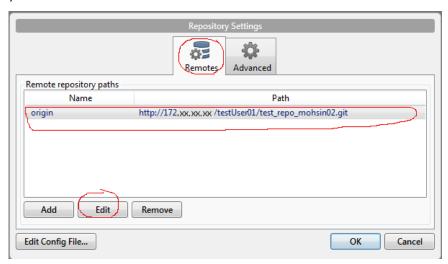
#### **Steps**

- 1. Select the repository at the source tree
- 2. Click Repository/Repository Settings...





- 3. Click
  - a) Remote tab,
  - b) Select the existing (required) row from Remote repository paths
  - c) Click Edit button

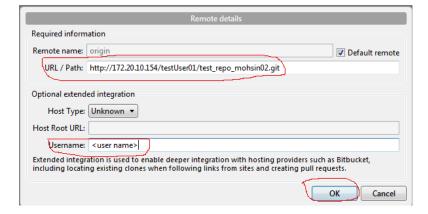


4. Make sure that

URL/Path: valid git url

**Username**: git user name (active directory user name)

Click Ok



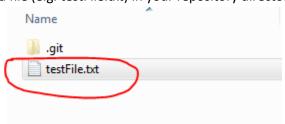
**Command** 

# **04.Saving changes**

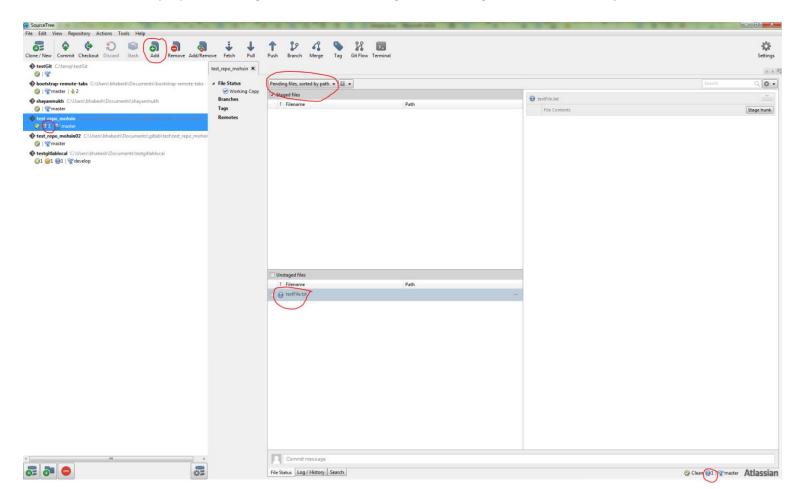
#### Git Add

#### Steps

1. Create a file (e.g. testFile.txt) in your repository directory



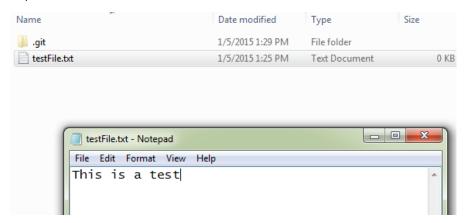
- 2. View changes in **SourceTree** ui
- 3. Click on the file (purple color) (e.g. testFile.txt) at 'Unstaged files' at right side of book mark pane



4. File will be added at staging

command
git add

5. Open the file and add some text



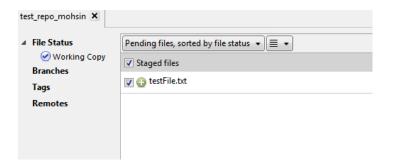
- 6. File will again visible at 'Unstaged Files' area with yellow color
- 7. Select the file and click add (if needed)
- 8. Changes will be saved at staging area



#### **05.Git Commit**

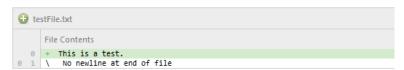
#### Steps

1. Select file/s from 'Staged Files'





2. Check the changes



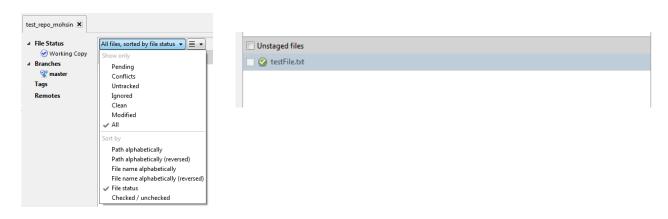
3. Click on commit



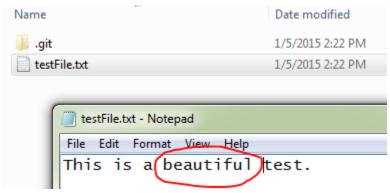
4. Give some comment/justification of commit in commit dialogue box and click commit button



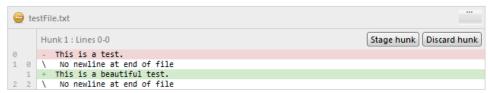
5. File will be committed. It can be viewed as below:



6. Modify some text



7. In SourceTree the changes are like this



- 8. It is possible to stage only the portion or full file
- 9. Click the file at Unstage area ('git add' command will be applied) .



- 10. After add file will be staged and file color will change in two places
  - a. In 'Unstaged files' area

Color will change from yellow to green (with icon changes to check)



b. And in 'Staged files' area will change from green to yellow (with icon changes)

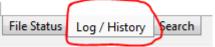


11. Select the file and commit. File will be committed locally.

# **06.Viewing Old Commits**

#### **Steps**

1. Click on log view



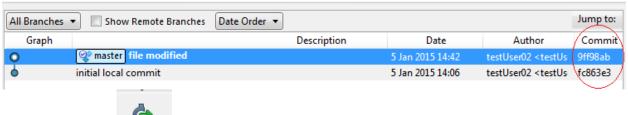
git checkout

Command

2. Book Mark Pane looks something similar



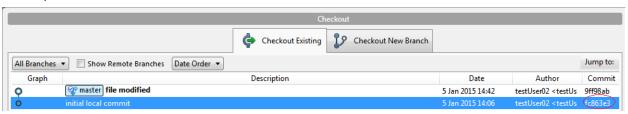
3. See the commit log



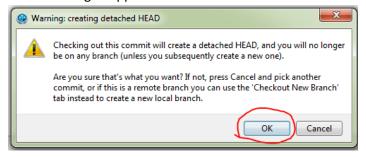
4. Click on checkout



5. Select the particular commit



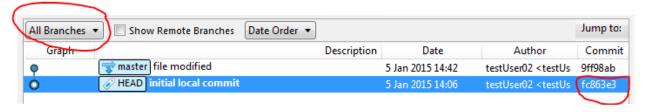
6. Creation of detached local branch dialogue appears. Click OK



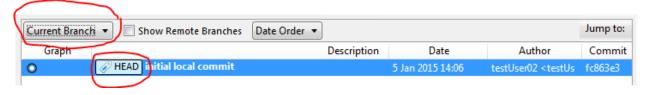
7. BookMark pane looks something similar

◆ test\_repo\_mohsin C:\Users\bhabesh\Documents\gitlab\test\test\_repo\_mohsin
② | ❤️(detached from fc863e3)

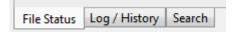
- 8. Right side pane for log:
  - a. For all Branch



b. For Current Branch



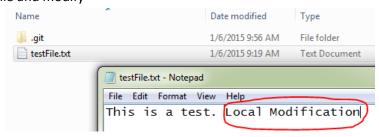
9. Click on File Status



10. Unstaged files listing



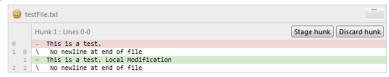
11. Open the file and modify



12. Unstaged files listing



13. Changes in file



- 14. Check the file in Unstaged files pane to add to staged area
- 15. Click on Commit

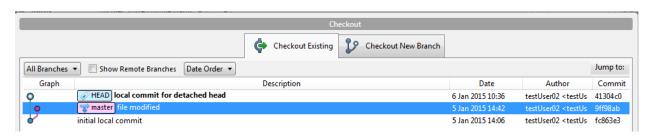




#### 16. Click on CheckOut



#### 17. Select Master



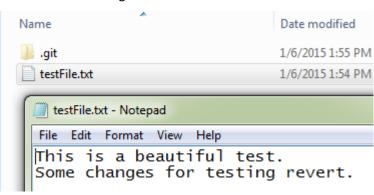
- 18. Click OK
- 19. You will find your earlier work is not modified.
- 20. It proves checkout an earlier commit will not disturb the present master branch.
- 21. However this is not the case of checkout a file.

# **Undoing Changes**

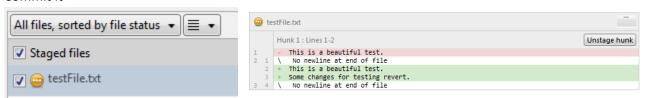
#### 07.Revert

#### **Steps**

1. Open the file and do some changes



#### 2. Commit it

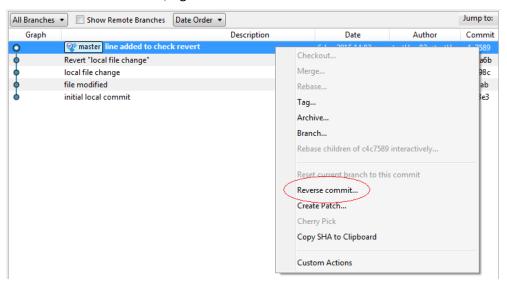


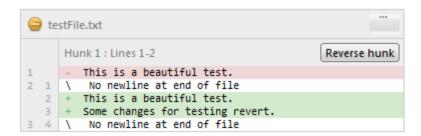
Command

git revert



3. Select the recent commit, right click and select Reverse commit

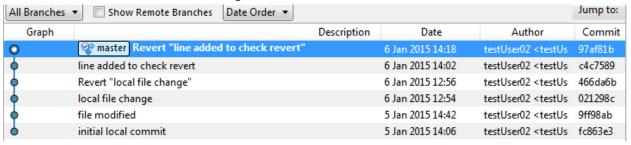


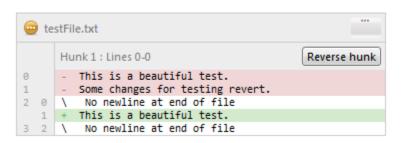


4. Click Yes on Dialogue box



5. The contents will be earlier commit stage

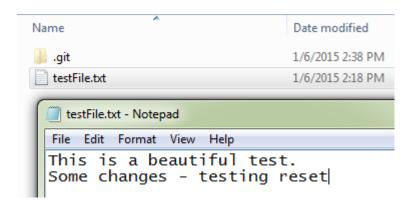




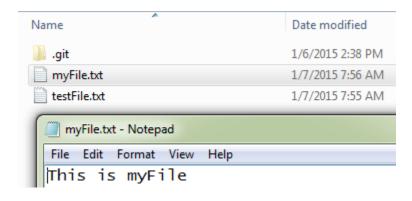
#### 08.Reset

#### **Steps**

#### 1. Modify testFile.txt



#### 2. Add another File



#### Command



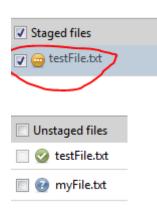
#### 3. Add for staging



4. Reset the file (e.g. myFile.txt) .. It will be unstaged



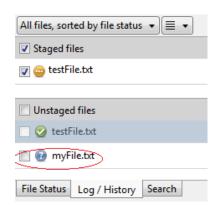
5. Commit Files seperately



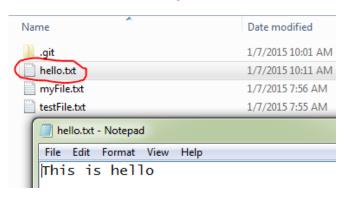


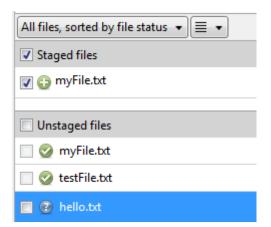
6. Add the other file from unstaging area





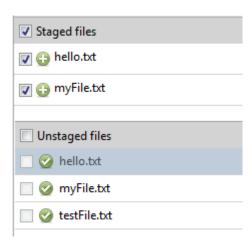
7. Create another file (e.g. hello.txt)



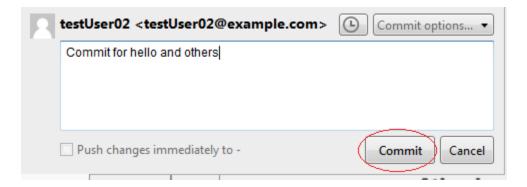


8. Now Add the file (from Upstaged to staged): Click

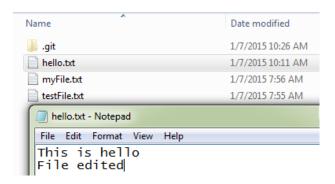




#### 9. Commit:



10. Edit the newly committed file (e.g. hello.txt) again:





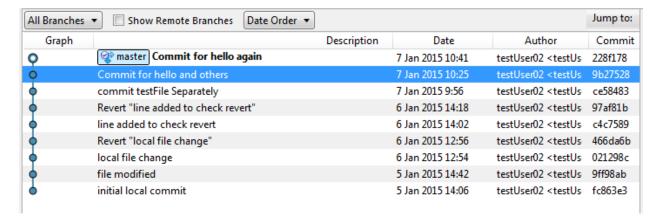
11. Add the file to staging a



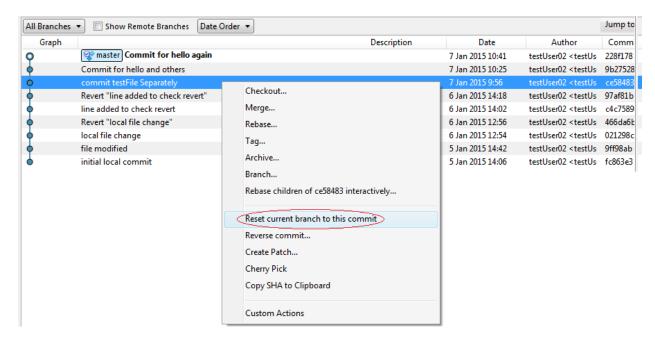
12. Commit: Commit



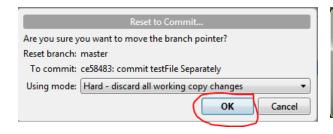
#### 13. Commit logs:

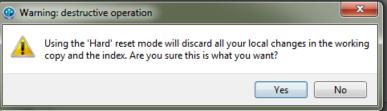


# 14. To Reset right click particular commit (e.g. two commits before) and select (**Reset current branch to this commit**)



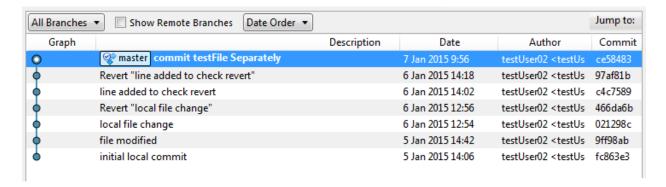
#### 15. Click OK to Warning notice





#### 16. Commit Logs: (addition and modification lost)

#### Current status lost



# **Collaborating**

# **Syncing**

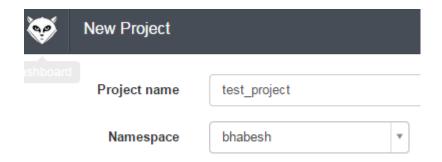
#### 11.Remote



Remote connections are more like bookmarks rather than direct links into other repositories

#### **Steps**

1. Create a project (similar to Section 02.) (e.g. test\_project) from hosted gitLab

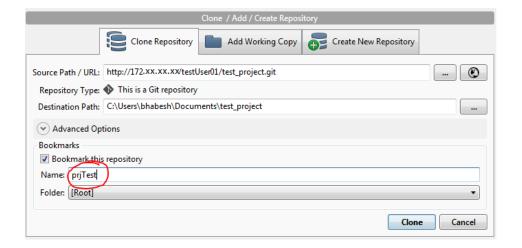


2. Copy the url

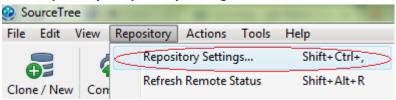


3. Click Clone/New

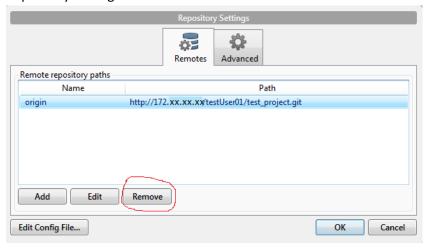




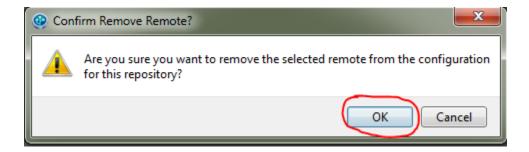
4. Click Repository / Repository Settings...



5. Repository settings view as below:



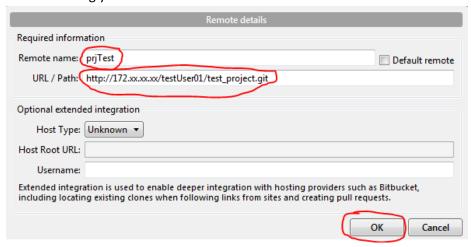
6. Remove the entry **origin** (to understand the concept for the time being)



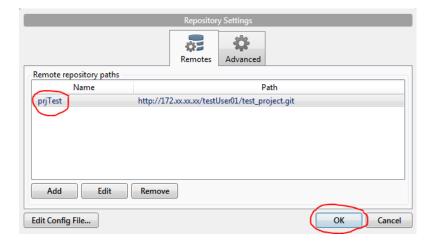
7. Click Add



8. Fill it accordingly



9. Repository settings should look something similar:



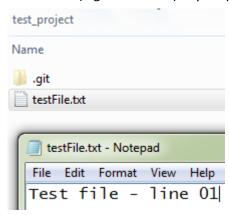
10. Click Ok

#### 12.Push

Transfer commits from local repository to a remote repo.

# Steps

1. Create a file (e.g. **testFile.txt**) in your project (e.g. **test\_project**)

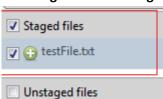


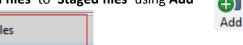
✓ Staged files

☐ Unstaged files
☐ testFile.txt

Command

2. Add the file from 'Unstaged files' to 'Staged files' using Add





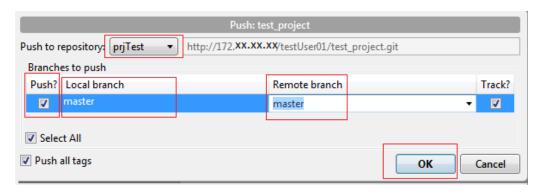
3. Commit to the local repository



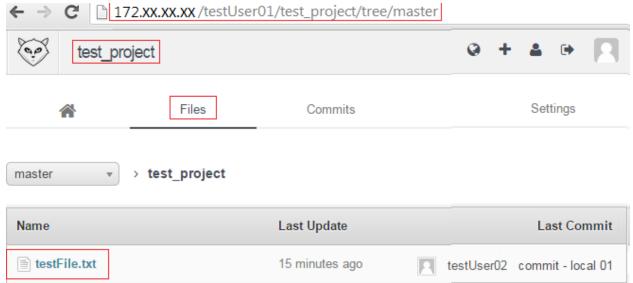
4. Click 'Push'



5. In push dialogue box make sure you select (type) master as your remote and local branch



6. Using GitLab interface, we can see the remote commit as shown below:



7.

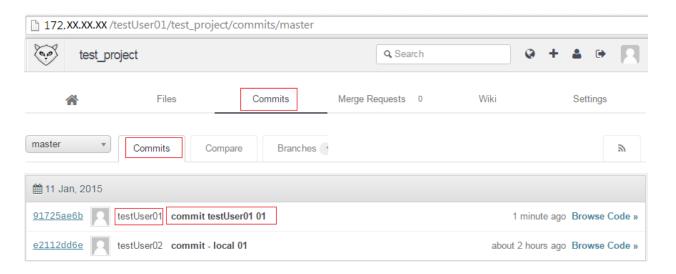
#### 13.Fetch

This command imports commits from a remote repository into the local repository.

# command git fetch

#### **Steps**

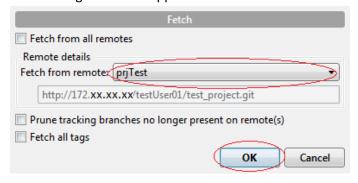
1. Let some **other user** modify the file, commit, and then push the changes to the remote repository (irrespective of any tool)



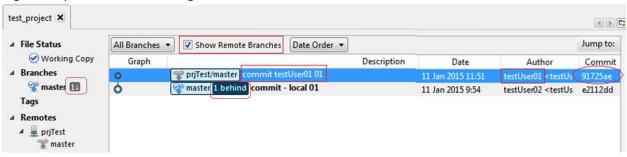
2. Click on Fetch



3. Fetch dialogue box will appear



4. Right side pane looks something like below:



Till date the modified file is not in local repository but the **fetch** brings the commit from remote repository to local.

#### **13.Pull**

Merging upstream changes into local repository (It's a combined command of git fetch and git merge)

#### Steps

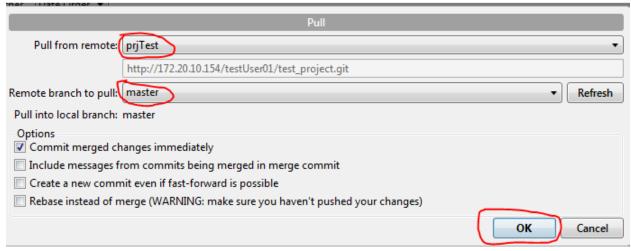
1. Click 'Pull'



command
git pull

(Check the numeric degit above . It shows changes in remote)

2. Click ok in the dialogue box



3. Log/history pane should look something like below:



Now the modified file from the remote repository is in local along with the commit

# **Using Branch**

#### **Branch**

A branch represents an independent line of development. Branches serve as an abstraction for the edit/stage/commit process

# command git branch

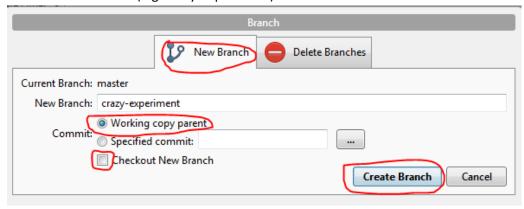
#### Create a Branch

#### Steps

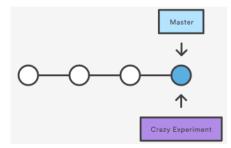


1. Click Branch

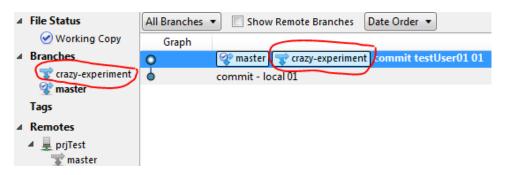
2. Write a branch name (e.g. crazy-experiment). Uncheck the Checkout New Branch checkbox



3. A branch with pointer to working copy will create.



4. To working with this branch one should use the checkout



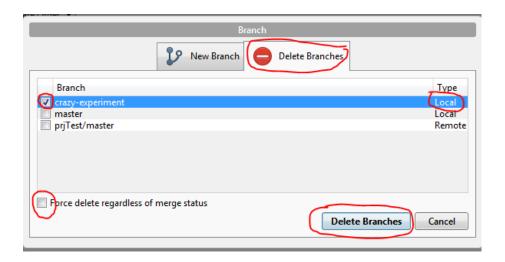
#### Delete a Branch

#### Steps

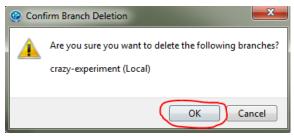
1. Click Branch

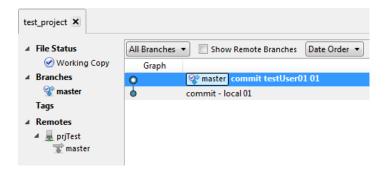


2. Select the branch to be deleted (e.g. crazy-experiment)



- 3. Make sure about the type of the branch (local/remote)
- 4. If the branch is not merged then will get error. Force delete enables to delete the branch and no concern with merge status.
- 5. Click Delete Branches
- 6. Click OK button





#### Checkout

The **git checkout** command lets you navigate between the branches created by **git branch** 

There is two way to use **checkout** in this regards

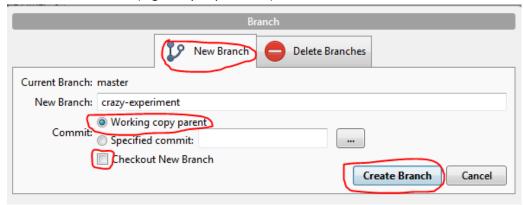
- A. Using of Checkout after creating a Branch
- B. Creation of Branch at the time of Checkout

Let's discuss both the steps

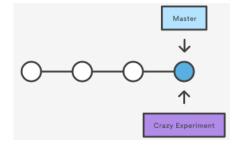
#### A. Using of Checkout after creating a Branch

#### Steps

- 1. Click **Branch**Branch
- 2. Write a branch name (e.g. crazy-experiment). Uncheck the **Checkout New Branch** checkbox

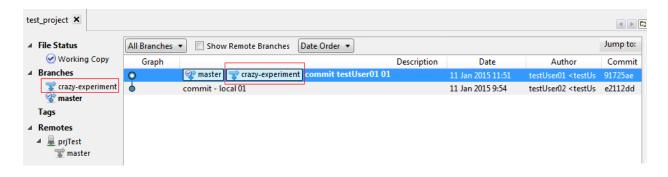


3. A branch with pointer to working copy will create.



command

4. To working with this branch one should use the checkout

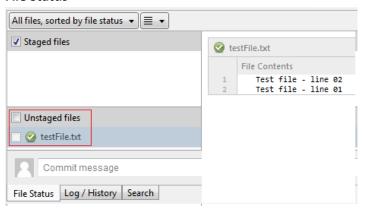


#### 5. Different views

a. Log / History

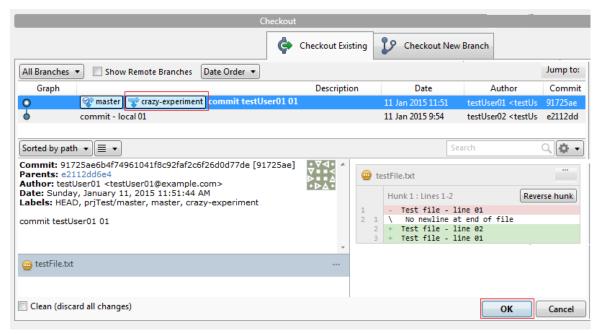


b. File Status

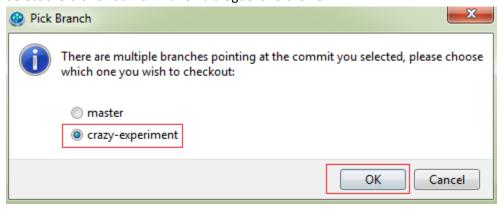


6. Click on Checkout

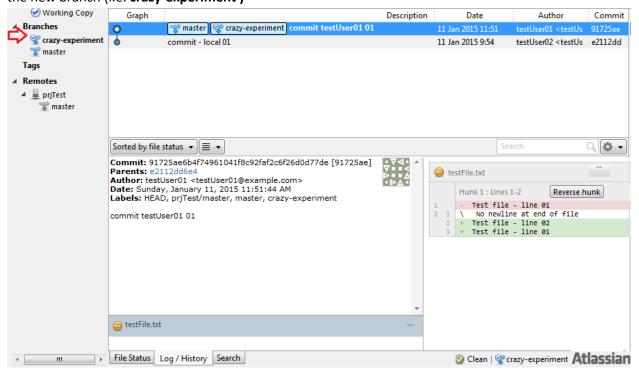




7. Select the branch at Pick Branch dialogue and click OK



8. After **checkout** the little arrow (with check mark) (i.e. \*\*) will be shifted to the new branch (i.e. **crazy-experiment**)



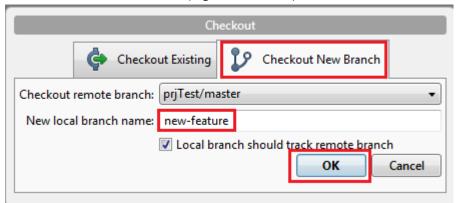
#### B. Creation of Branch at the time of Checkout

#### Steps

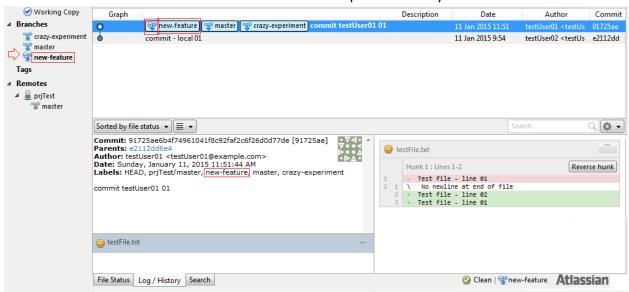
1. Click Checkout



Give a new local branch name (e.g. new-feature)



2. A new branch will be created and set. The little arrow will point the newly created branch



#### Merge

Merging is Git's way of putting a forked history back together again.

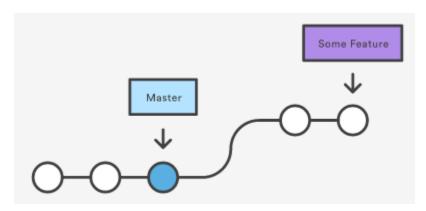


The **git merge** command lets you take the independent lines of development created by git branch and integrate them into a single branch.

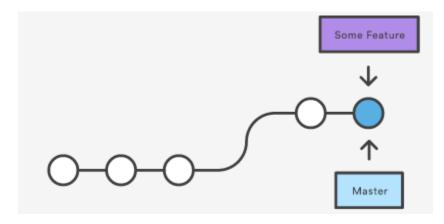
A **fast-forward** merge can occur when there is a linear path from the current branch tip to the target branch.

Instead of "actually" merging the branches, all Git has to do to *integrate* the histories is move (i.e., "fast forward") the **current branch** tip up to the **target branch** tip. This effectively combines the histories, since all of the commits reachable from the target branch are now available through the current one.

### Before merging



After merging

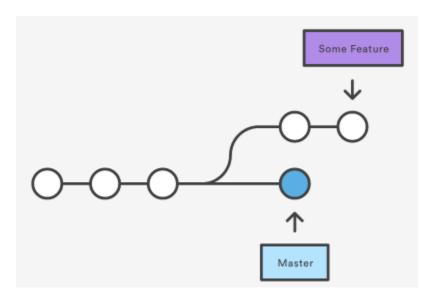


# 3-Way-Merge

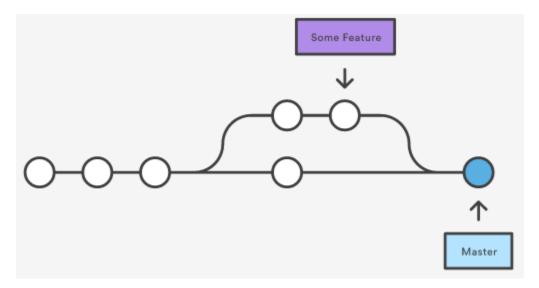
a fast-forward merge is not possible if the branches have diverged.

When there is not a linear path to the target branch, Git has no choice but to combine them via a **3-way merge**. 3-way merges use a dedicated commit to tie together the two histories. The nomenclature comes from the fact that Git uses three commits to generate the merge commit: the two branch tips and their common ancestor.

## Before merging



# After merging



# Fast-Forward Merge

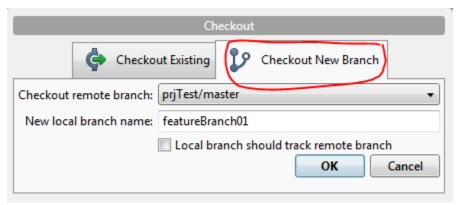
Steps

# Start a new feature



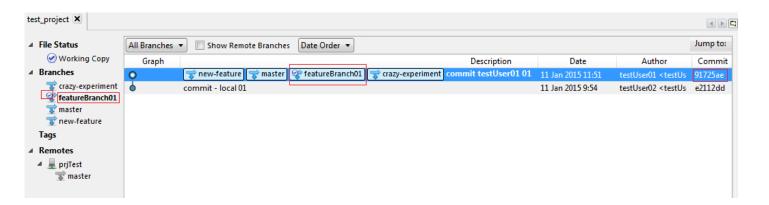
1. Click Checkout Checkout

Click Checkout New Branch tab

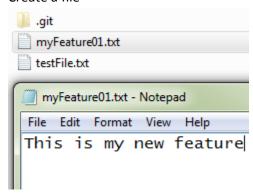


Give a suitable name of the branch (e.g. featureBranch01) Click OK

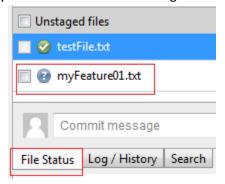
2. Newly created branch looks like below:



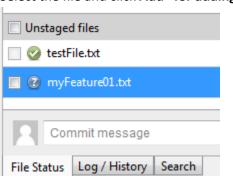
3. Create a file



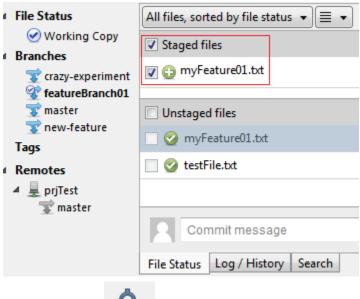
4. Newly created file will be in unstaged area



5. Select the file and click Add for adding Add



6. File will be added to the staging area



7. Click on **Commit** 



Write comment into the comment box

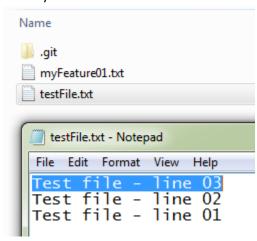


Click Commit

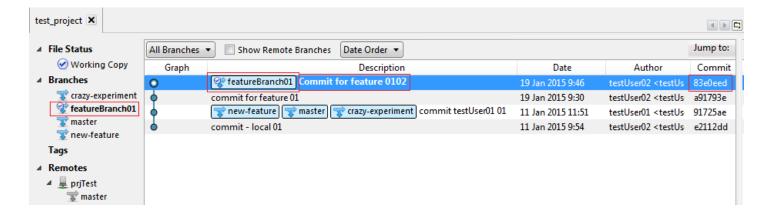
9. Log/History looks something given below



10. Modify some other file



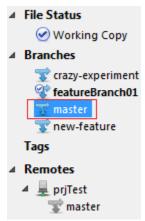
- 11. Add the file and commit it as described before
- 12. Log / History looks something like:



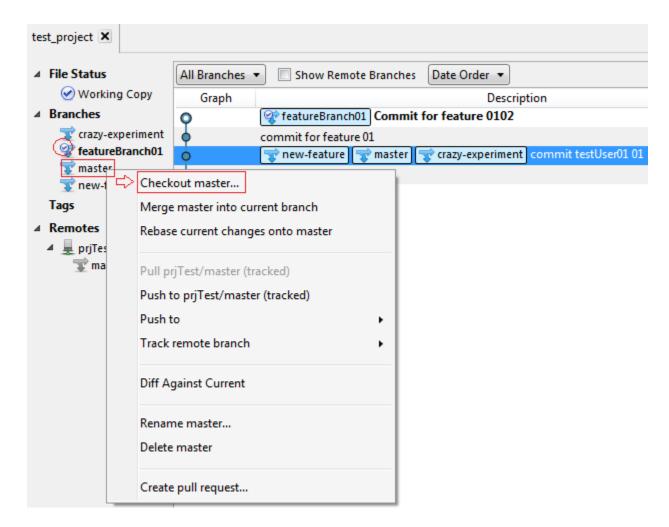
# Merge in the new-feature branch

13. Checkout master

Select Master from Branches

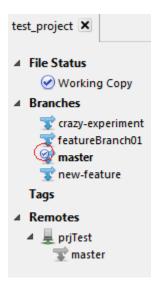


# Right click after selecting master

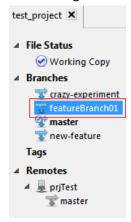


#### Click Checkout master

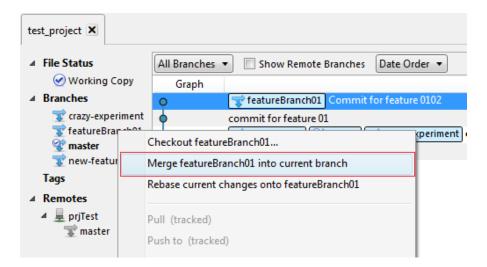
Branch view are shown below (mind the little arrow – shifted to master)



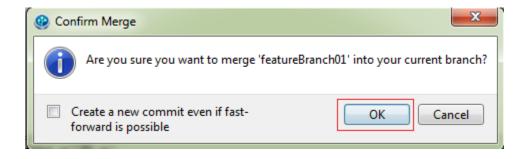
14. Select the branch you want to merge with master



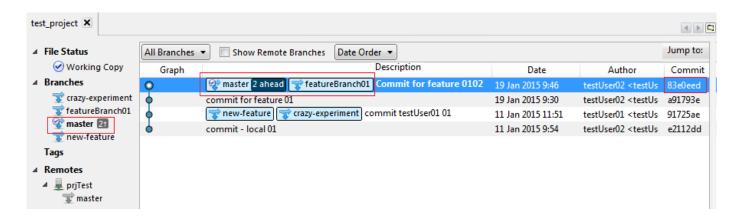
15. Right Click on selected branch



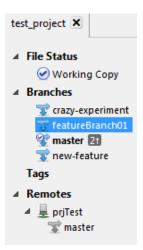
- 16. Click on the second option from the pull down menu i.e. Merge <br/> stranch name> into current branch
- 17. Click OK to the Confirm Merge dialogue box



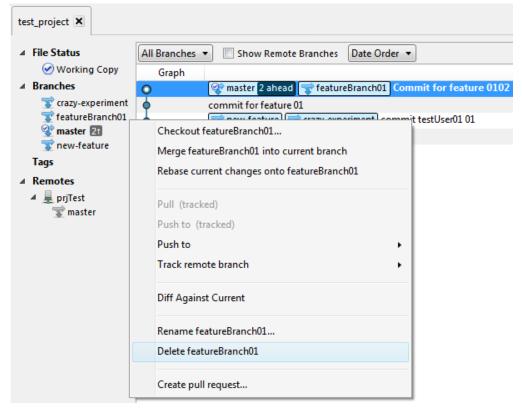
18. Log / History view will be something as shown below:



19. Now select the newly created branch (i.e. featureBranch01)

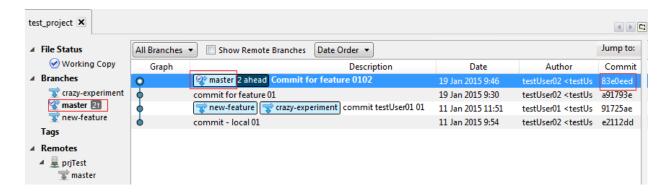


20. Right click and from pull down menu click on Delete <br/>branch name i.e. featureBranch01>



#### 21. Now click **OK** to confirm the delete

After delete Log / History view will be look something like this



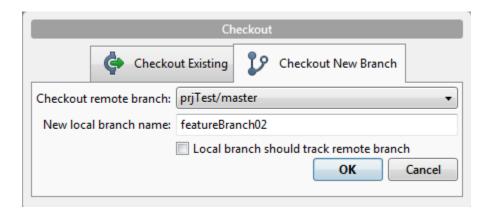
#### 3-Way Merge

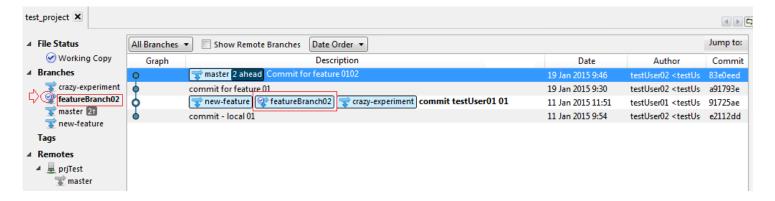
Steps

# Start new feature

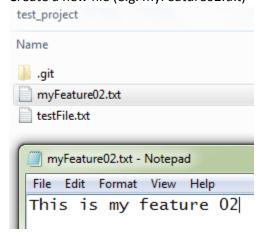
1. Create a new branch as discussed earlier (e.g. featureBranch02) using checkout



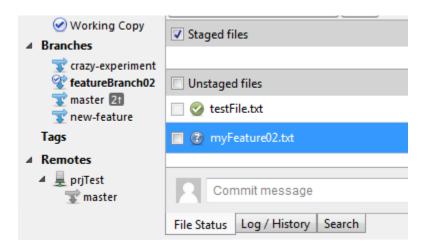




2. Create a new file (e.g. myFeature02.txt)



3. File will be Unstaged area



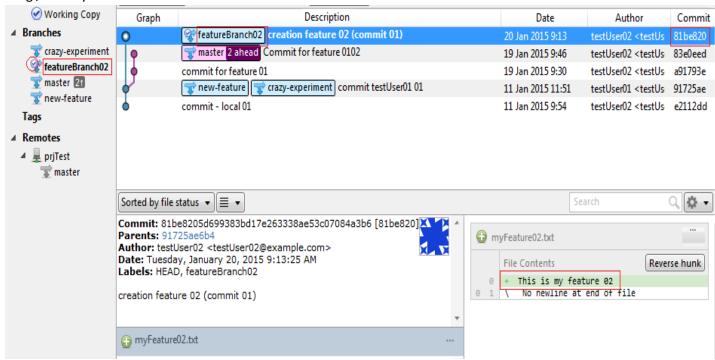
4. Add the file to staged area using **Add** 



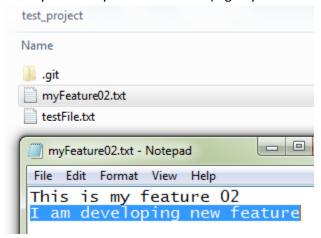
5. Commit the file using Commit



6. Log / History view

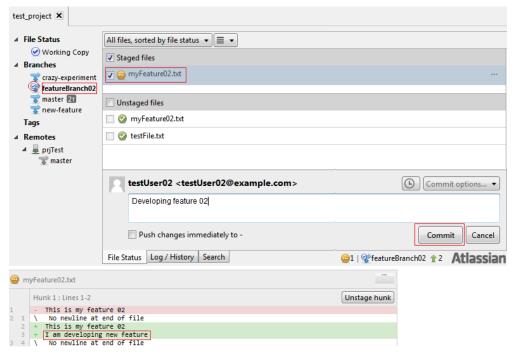


7. Modify the newly created text file (e.g. myFeature02.txt)



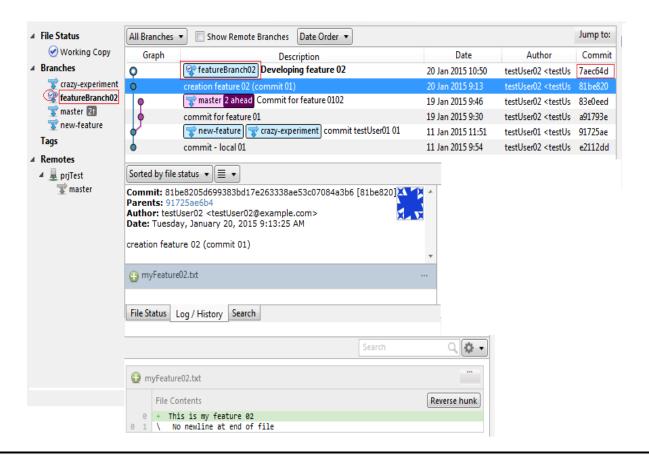
## 8. Add the file using Add





#### 9. Commit the changes

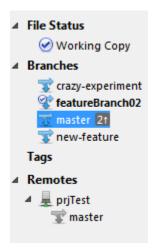
After commit the Log/History view



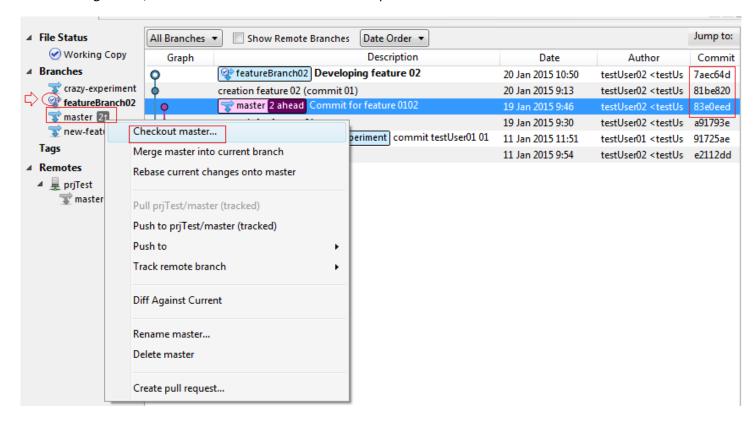
# Merge in the new-feature branch

### 10. Point to master

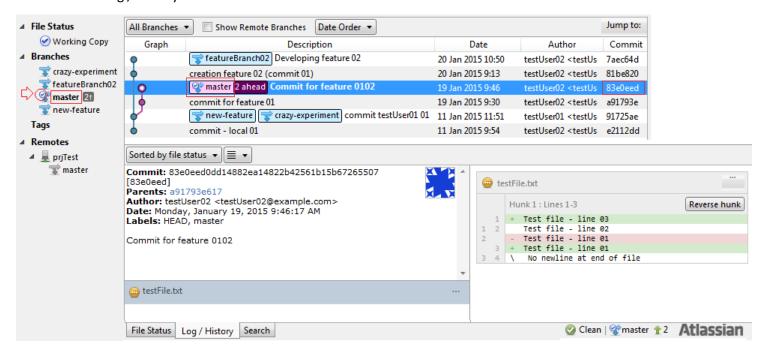
a. Select Master



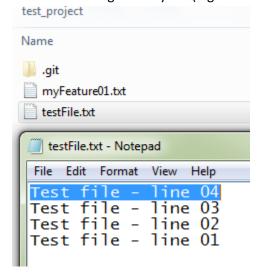
b. Right Click; and Click Check Out Master from the pull down menu



#### c. Log / History view

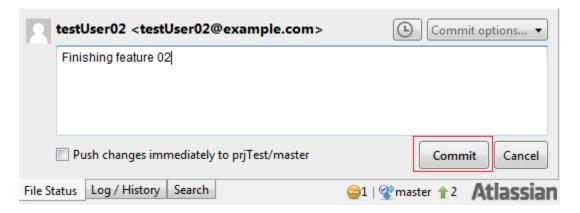


11. Save some changes in any file (e.g. testFile.txt)

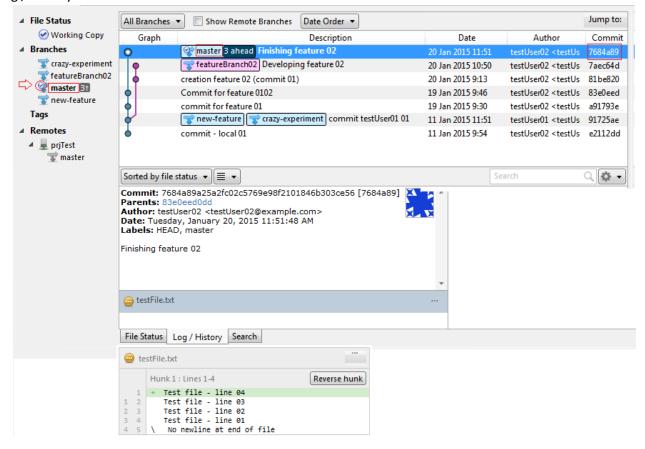


- 12. Add the changes using Add
- 13. Commit the master using commit



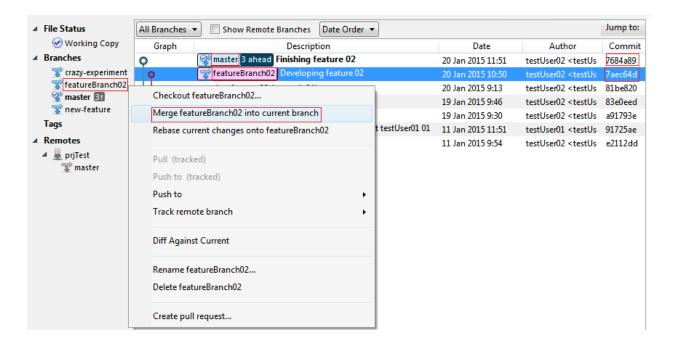


## 14. Log / History status

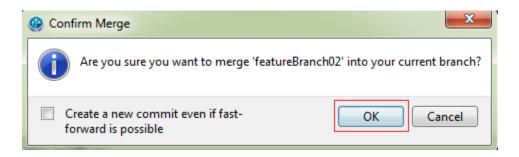


Merge with earlier created branch (e.g. featureBranch02) Select the required branch (e.g. featureBranch02)

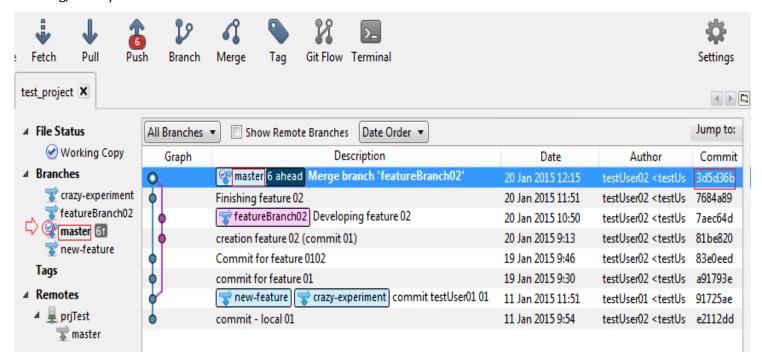
15. Right click and from pull down menu select **Merge <branch name> into current branch** (e.g. here branch name used is featureBrach02)



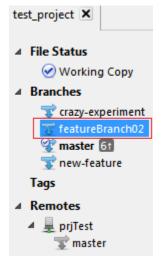
16. Click on OK on Confirm Message dialogue



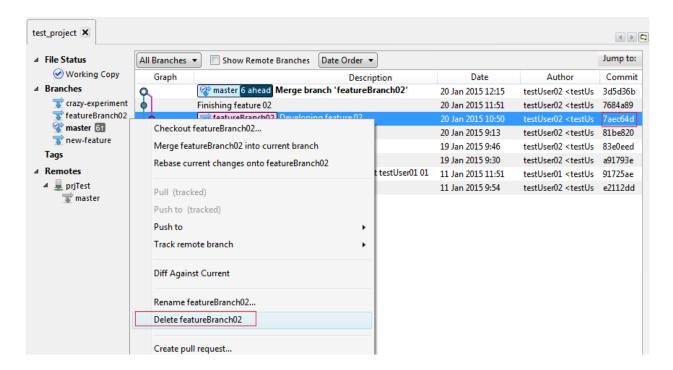
#### 17. Log/History View



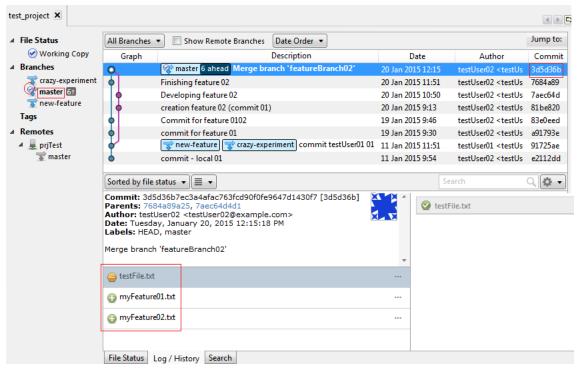
- 18. You might delete the branch you created earlier (e.g. featureBranch02)
- 19. Select the branch to be deleted (e.g. featureBranch02)



20. Right click and from pull down menu select **Delete <branch name>** (e.g. branch name for this example is featureBranch02)



- 21. Click on **OK** to confirm branch deletion
- 22. Log / History View



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