Practice Project

Scenario

You are creating a small Python project with these files:

- `main.py`
- `utils/math_utils.py`
- `README.md`

Tasks

1. **Setup**
   a. Initialize a new Git repo.

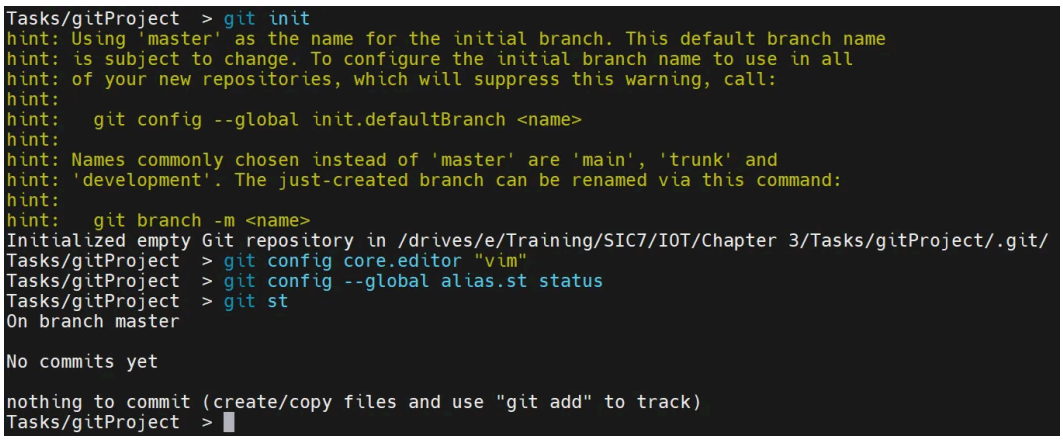
```
git init
```

   b. Configure your default editor (pick nano, vim, or code --wait).

```
git config core.editor "vim"
```

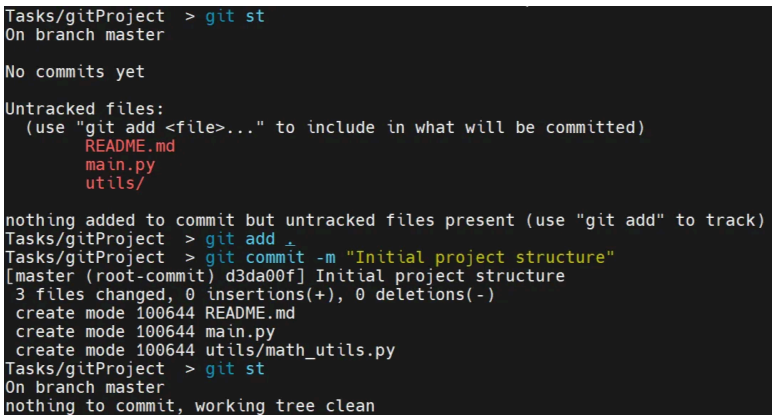
   c. Add an alias so you can type `st` instead of the full status command.

```
git config --global alias.st status
```



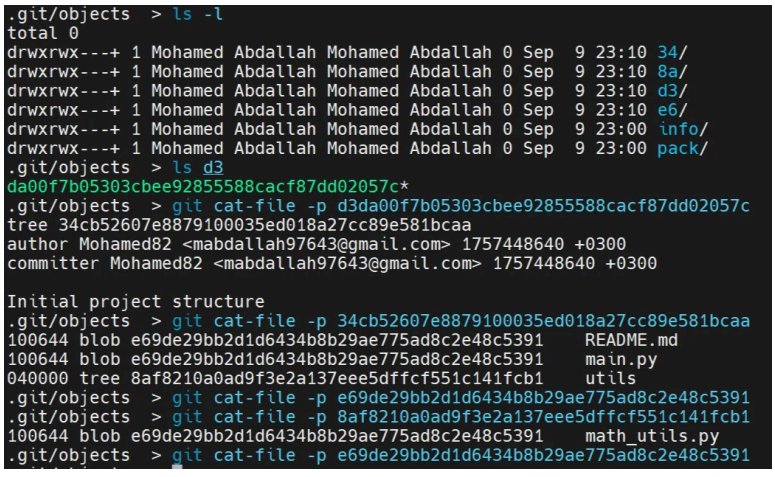
2. **First Commit**
    a. Add all project files and make your first commit: “Initial project structure”.

```
git add .
git commit -m "Initial project structure"
```



    b. Explore the `.git/objects/` directory. (Hint: use a Git plumbing command to read the content of a blob or tree (cat-file)).

```
cd .git/objects
git cat-file <hashed-number>
```



No output from **blob**, because files are empty

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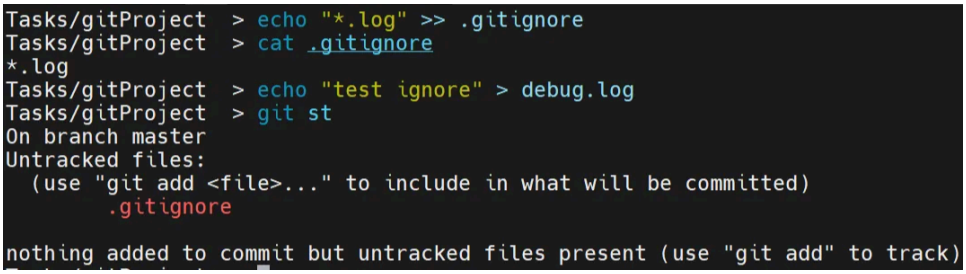
3. **Ignore Files**
    a. Create a rule to ignore all log files.

```
echo "*.log" >> .gitignore
```

    b. Test by creating a debug.log file and check that Git ignores it.

```
echo "test ignore" > debug.log
git st
```



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4. **New Feature (Branching)**
    a. Create a new branch called `feature-math`.

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git branch feature-math
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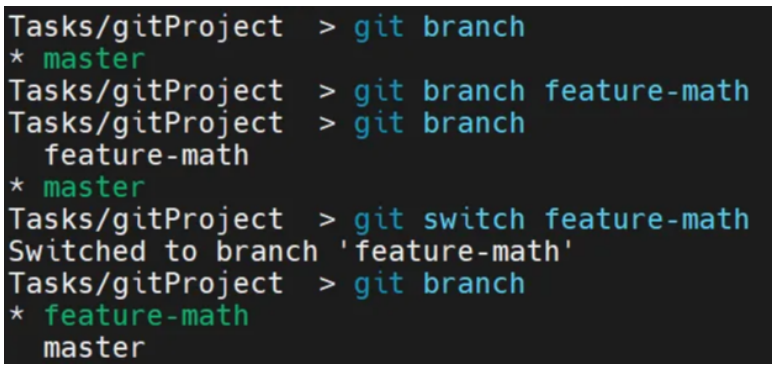

b. Inside `utils/math_utils.py`, add a function:

```
def add(a, b):
    return a + b
```

```
Tasks/gitProject  > vim utils/math_utils.py
Tasks/gitProject  > cat utils/math_utils.py
def add(a, b):
        return a + b
```

c. Commit this change to the branch.

```
git add utils/math_utils.py
git commit -m "Add add() function from feature-math branch"
```

```
Tasks/gitProject  > git st
On branch feature-math
Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
        modified:   utils/math_utils.py

Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
        .gitignore

no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
Tasks/gitProject  > git add utils/math_utils.py
Tasks/gitProject  > git commit -m "Add add() function from feature-math branch"
[feature-math a656b8c] Add add() function from feature-math branch
 1 file changed, 2 insertions(+)
Tasks/gitProject  > git st
On branch feature-math
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
        .gitignore

nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
```

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5. **Merging**

a. Switch back to main.

```
git switch master
```

b. Merge the branch into main.

```
git merge feature-math
```

c. Check if the merge was fast-forward or a 3-way merge and what is the difference between the two ways and show your answer using a diagram or using (log command ← bonus) ?

i. It is fast-forward.

- **Fast-forward merge**: straight line history.
- **3-way merge**: branch divergence and merge commit.

ii. `git log --oneline --graph --decorate`

```
Tasks/gitProject  > git switch master
Switched to branch 'master'
Tasks/gitProject  > # we can rename it using
Tasks/gitProject  > # git branch -M main
Tasks/gitProject  > git merge feature-math
Updating d3da00f..a656b8c
Fast-forward
 utils/math_utils.py | 2 ++
 1 file changed, 2 insertions(+)
Tasks/gitProject  > git log --oneline --graph --decorate
* a656b8c (HEAD -> master, feature-math) Add add() function from feature-math branch
* d3da00f Initial project structure
```

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6. **Undo / Unstage**

a. Edit README.md (e.g., add "This is a math project") and stage it.

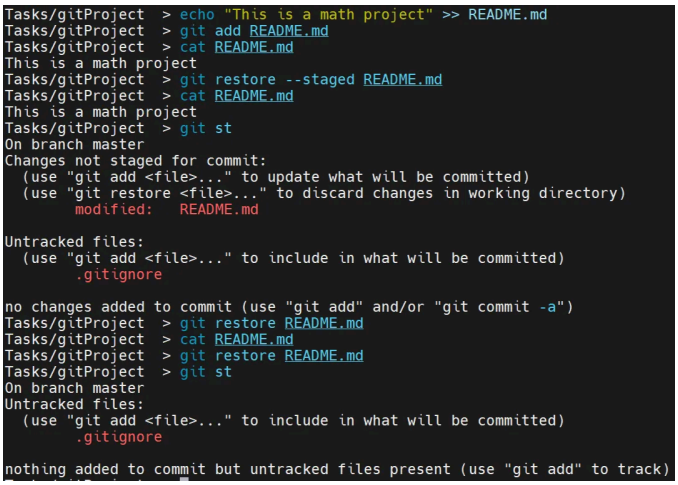
```
echo "This is a math project" >> README.md
git add README.md
```

b. Oops! Unstage it without deleting your changes.

```
git restore --staged README.md
```

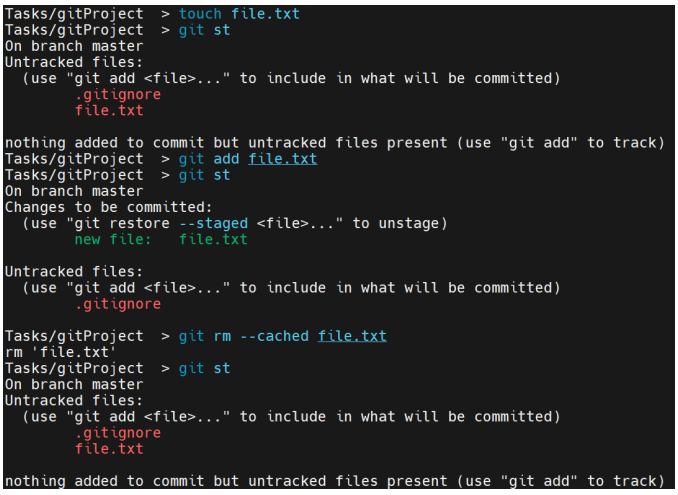
c. Then discard your changes completely.

```
git restore --worktree README.md
```



d. Explain for me what is the difference between restore `--staged`, `--worktree` and `rm --cached`? And show your explanation in your terminal <3.

- `-staged`: unstage.
- `-worktree`: restore file contents to last commit.
- `rm --cached`: stop tracking file but keep it in your folder.



`—worktree` & `—staged` are tested before

7. **Bonus Challenge**
    a. Ignore a file using `.git/info/exclude` instead of `.gitignore.`
    b. Visualize the commit history as a graph (Hint: compact one-line graph view)