

Full Stack AI Software Development

Intro to Git, Github, AI Tools and Exercise

Outline

Version Control Basics

Learn why developers use version control and how Git helps track changes in projects.

Git Fundamentals

Understand Git's workflow, architecture, and key commands for managing code history.

GitHub for Collaboration

Discover how GitHub enables teamwork with branching, pull requests, and code reviews.

AI Tools in Development

Explore how AI assistants accelerate coding and learning.

What is Version Control?

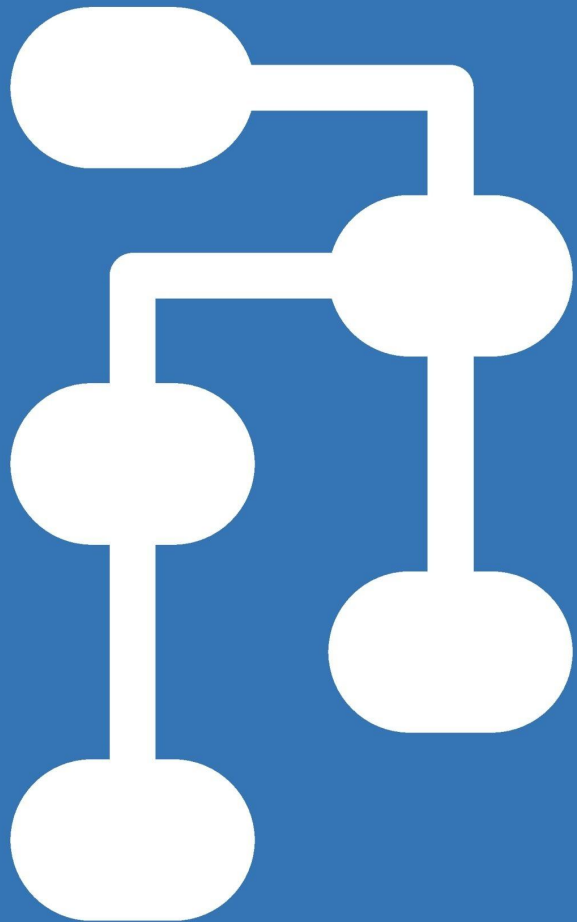
A system to track and manage changes in code or documents over time.

Why It Matters

- Keeps a history of changes
- Supports rollback to previous versions
- Allows collaboration between developers
- Prevents code from being overwritten
- Industry standard for software development

Real-World Analogy

- Like Google Docs with “track changes” but for code.



Why Version Control is Important?

Without Version Control:

- Hard to track who changed what
- Risk of losing important work
- Difficult to collaborate safely
- Manual file versioning (e.g.,
final_code_v2_fix_reallyfinal.js)

With Version Control:

- Centralized project history
- Multiple people can work on the same project
- Easy recovery from mistakes
- Professional workflow used in real companies

What is Git?

- Git = Distributed Version Control System → <https://git-scm.com/>
- Created by Linus Torvalds (Linux creator) in 2005
- Works offline and stores the entire project history locally
- Enables branching, merging, and efficient collaboration

Key Idea: Every developer has a complete copy of the repository.

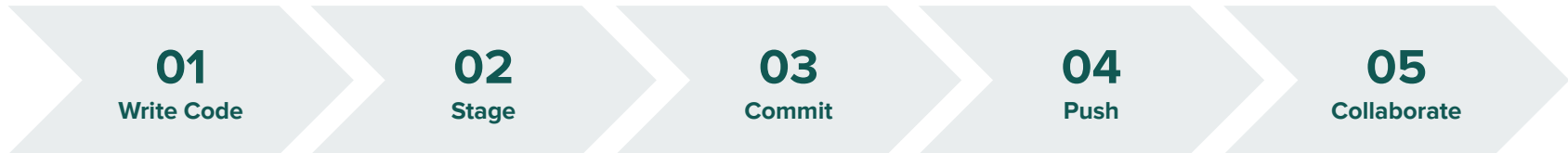


Git Architecture & Workflow

Main Concepts:

- **Working Directory** → Your actual files
- **Staging Area** → Prepares changes before saving
- **Repository (Local)** → Where commits are stored
- **Remote Repository** → Shared copy on a server (**GitHub, GitLab**)

Workflow



What is GitHub?

- A cloud-based Git hosting service → <https://github.com/>
- Lets developers share and collaborate on projects
- Supports open-source contributions


Features:

- Repositories (public/private)
- Issues & Project Boards (task management)
- Pull Requests (code collaboration)
- GitHub Actions (automation/CI/CD)



Setup Git

- Install Git
 - Download from git-scm.com
 - Install using default settings
- Configure Git (first time only)



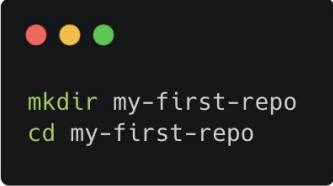
```
git config --global user.name "Your Name"  
git config --global user.email "your@email.com"  
git config --list # verify settings
```


Basic Git Commands

- Initialization & Setup
 - `git init` → start a repo
 - `git config` → set username/email
- Tracking Changes
 - `git status` → check status
 - `git add <file>` → stage changes
 - `git commit -m "message"` → save snapshot
- Working with Remote
 - `git clone <url>` → copy repo
 - `git push` / `git pull` → sync with remote
- History & Branching
 - `git log` → see history
 - `git branch` → list branches
 - `git checkout -b feature-x` → new branch

Create Local Repository

- Create a new project folder:



```
mkdir my-first-repo  
cd my-first-repo
```

- Initialize Git:

- `git init`

- Create a file:

- `echo "Hello Git!" > hello.js`

- Stage & commit:



```
git add hello.js  
git commit -m "first commit: add hello.js"
```

Create & Connect GitHub Repository

- Log in to [GitHub](#)
- Click **New Repository**
- Fill in repo name → e.g., **my-first-repo**
- Choose **Public** or **Private**
- Click **Create Repository**
- Connect **Local Repo** to **GitHub**:



```
git remote add origin https://github.com/username/my-first-repo.git
git branch -M main
git push -u origin main
```

Conventional Commit Messages

Why?

- Keep commit history clear & consistent
- Make project easier to read, review, and automate (e.g., changelogs)

Format:

`<type>(optional scope): <short description>`

Common Types:

- **feat** → new feature
- **fix** → bug fix
- **docs** → documentation only
- **style** → formatting, no logic change
- **refactor** → code restructure
- **test** → add/update tests
- **chore** → maintenance tasks

Example:

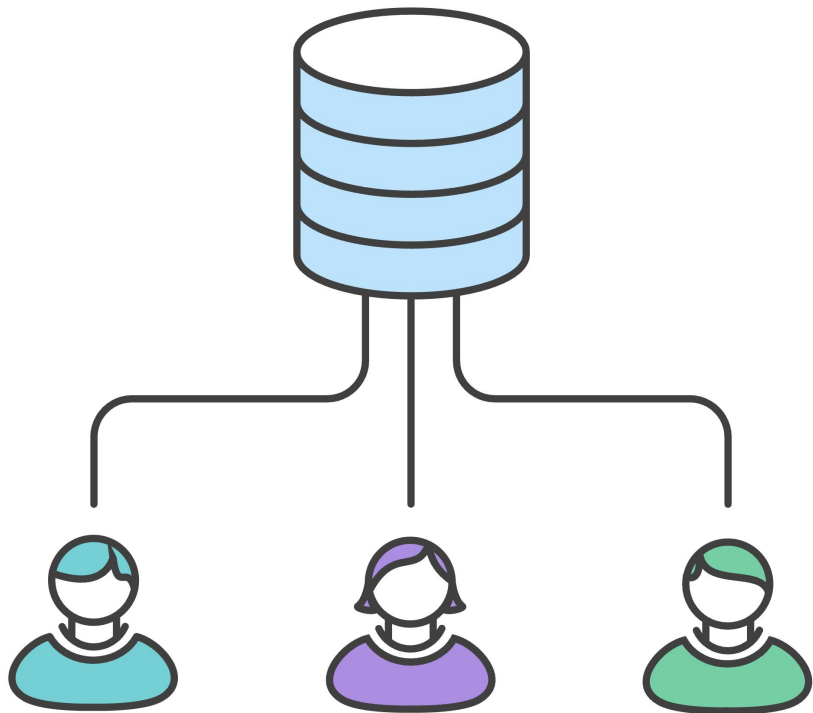
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- fix(api): handle null values in response
- docs(readme): update installation guide

Working Together with Git and GitHub

Learn how to collaborate effectively using GitHub — fork, branch, pull request, and teamwork workflow.

Why It Matters

- Real-world projects involve multiple developers
- GitHub allows everyone to contribute safely
- Key idea: *“Work separately, merge confidently”*



Collaboration Workflow Overview

Typical steps in a team workflow:

- Clone or fork a repository
- Create a new branch
- Make changes & commit
- Push your branch
- Create a Pull Request (PR)
- Review, discuss, and merge

Using Branches

- Branch = safe copy of your code
- Use branches for new features or bug fixes
- Example commands:
 - `git checkout -b feature/login-page`
 - `git push origin feature/login-page`

***Tip:** Always name branches clearly.*

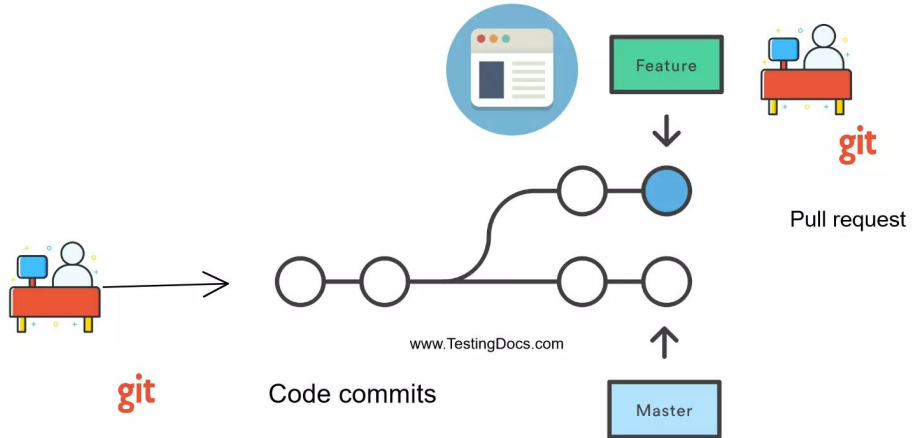
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Pull Requests (PR)

- PR = request to merge your changes into main branch
- Used for code review and discussion
- Workflow:
 - Push your branch
 - Open PR on GitHub
 - Reviewer checks and merges it



Resolving Conflicts

- Happens when two people edit the same file
- Git will mark conflicts
- Steps to fix:
 - Pull latest main
 - Edit conflicting files manually
 - Commit and push again

Clone an Existing Repo

- Copy repo URL from GitHub
- Run:



```
git clone https://github.com/username/my-first-repo.git
```

- Enter the project folder:



```
cd my-first-repo
```

Branching & Switching

- Create new branch:

```
git checkout -b feature-1
```

- Make changes in files
- Stage & commit changes:

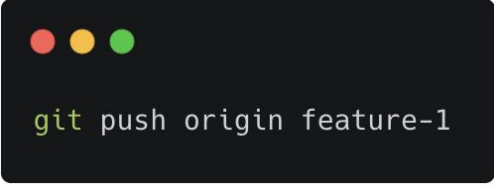
```
git add .  
git commit -m "Add new feature"
```

- Switch back to main:

```
git checkout main
```

Push Branch & Pull Request

- Push branch to GitHub:




```
git push origin feature-1
```

- On GitHub → Open a **Pull Request**
- Ask teammates to review
- Merge PR into main

Resolving Merge Conflicts

- If GitHub says “Conflict”, pull latest main:



```
git pull origin main
```

- Open conflicting file (Git marks conflicts with <<<<<< >>>>>>)
- Edit file to keep correct version
- Stage & commit:



```
git add .  
git commit -m "Resolve conflict"  
git push
```

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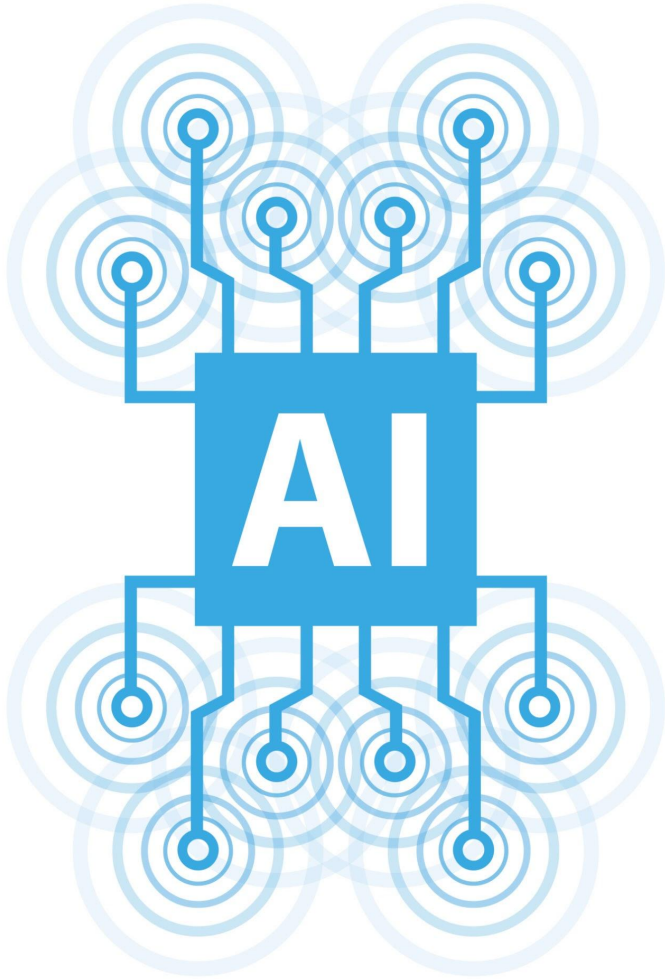
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AI Tools in Software Development

What is AI in Software Development?

- AI tools are assistants that help write and understand code.
- They use Machine Learning trained on large amounts of code.
- Think of them as a coding buddy:
 - Suggesting solutions
 - Explaining errors
 - Helping you learn faster

How AI Helps Developer

Code Completion Tools

- Suggest next lines of code automatically.
- Example: GitHub Copilot, Qodo.

Debugging Assistants

- Help identify and fix errors.
- Example: ChatGPT, Tabnine.

Documentation & Learning Helpers

- Explain code in simple words.
- Generate documentation automatically.
- Example: ChatGPT, AI Doc Generators.

Project Management

- Help track tasks, write commit messages, or review pull requests.
- Example: Linear + AI, GitHub Copilot Chat.

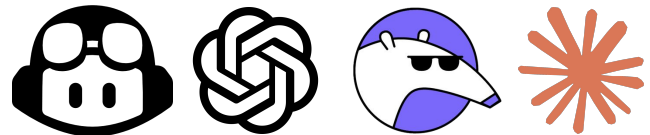
Popular AI Tools

- **ChatGPT / Claude**

- Ask coding questions in plain English.
- Example prompt:
 - “Explain how variables work in JavaScript with a simple example.”
- Can also debug:
 - “Why does this Python code give me an error? [paste code]”

- **Qodo / Github Copilot**

- AI code completion tool.
- Works inside IDEs like VS Code.
- Suggests code as you type.
- Helps generate functions, tests, and even documentation.

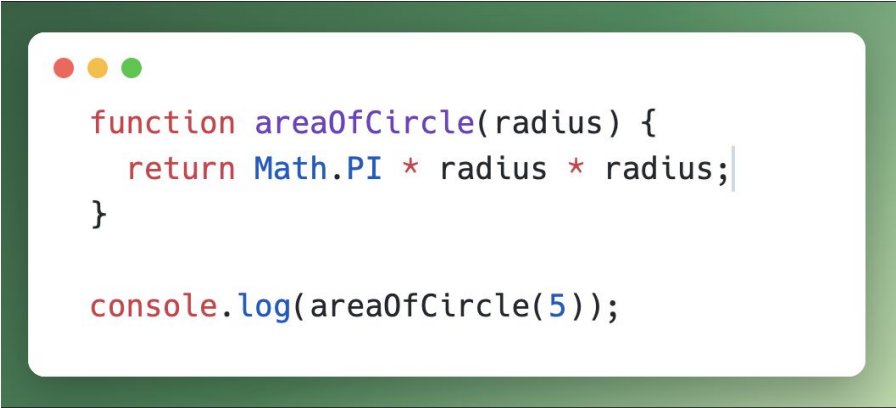


Example: AI Suggests a Program

Prompt to AI:

"Write a JavaScript program that calculates the area of a circle given the radius"

AI Output:

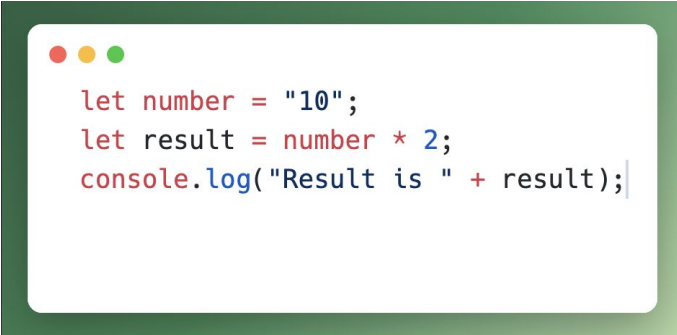


```
function areaOfCircle(radius) {  
    return Math.PI * radius * radius;  
}  
  
console.log(areaOfCircle(5));
```

Learning Point: Students already know variables & data types → AI helps connect those to real problems.

Example: Debugging with AI

Student Code:



```
let number = "10";  
let result = number * 2;  
console.log("Result is " + result);
```

AI Explains:

- "10" is a string, not a number.
- JavaScript auto-converts it, but this may cause bugs.
- Suggestion:



```
let number = 10;
```

Example: AI Explains Algorithms

Prompt to AI:

"Explain bubble sort like I'm a beginner"

AI Answer (simplified):

- Compare two numbers at a time
- Swap them if out of order
- Repeat until the list is sorted

AI can also generate code for bubble sort.

Best Practices Using AI

✓ Use AI to:

- Learn syntax
- Explore examples
- Debug errors
- Speed up writing boilerplate code

✗ Don't rely only on AI:

- AI can make mistakes
- You must understand the logic
- Always test the code

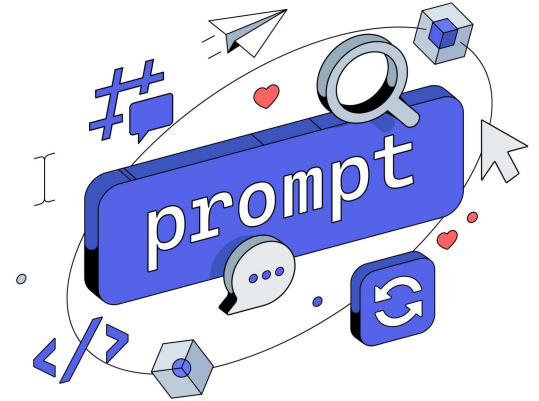
Limitations of AI Tools

- Sometimes give wrong or insecure code
- May not understand project context fully
- You still need problem-solving skills
- Should be used as a mentor, not replacement

Mastering Prompting for Developers

The 5-Step Prompt Format

- Role / Context
- Goal / Task
- Details / Constraints
- Input / Reference Code
- Output Format



The 5-Step Prompt Format

Step 1: Role / Context

- Define AI's role (senior dev, code reviewer, tester).
- Mention tech stack and environment.
- Example:
 - Act as a senior backend developer using Go and PostgreSQL in Docker.

Step 2: Goal / Task

- Be direct about what you need.
- Example tasks: generate code, debug, optimize, explain, document.
- Example:
 - Write a REST API endpoint for user login.

The 5-Step Prompt Format

Step 3: Details / Constraints

- Add requirements:
 - Libraries/frameworks
 - Coding style (functional, OOP, clean code)
 - Performance/security needs
- Example:
 - Use JWT for authentication. Password must be hashed with bcrypt.

Step 4: Input / Reference Code

- Provide existing code if applicable.
- Keep it minimal but runnable.
- Helps AI give precise fixes/refactoring.

Step 5: Output Format

- Specify how you want the answer:
 - Full code block
 - Step-by-step guide
 - Diff only
 - Explanation with comments

Prompt Templates for Developers





- **Debugging:**
 - Find the bug in this code and explain step by step.
- **Refactoring:**
 - Refactor this code to be more readable using clean code principles.
- **Testing:**
 - Generate Jest unit tests for this function.
- **Documentation:**
 - Write API documentation in Markdown format for this code.

Best Practice & Common Mistakes

Best Practice

- Be specific, not vague.
- Break big tasks into smaller prompts.
- Use iterative prompting (refine with follow-ups).
- Provide context (framework, versions, libraries).
- Ask for explanations if you're learning.

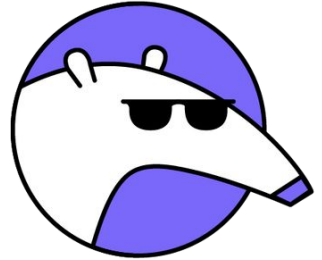
Common Mistakes

-  Being too vague → bad results.
-  Asking multiple tasks in one prompt.
-  Forgetting to specify language/framework.
-  Not giving input code for debugging.

Using AI-powered Assistant

What is Qodo?

- AI tool that helps you write code faster.
- Works as an extension inside Visual Studio Code.
- Suggests code while you type (autocomplete).
- Supports many languages (JavaScript, Python, Java, etc.).



Best Practices & Common Use Case

Best Practices

- Use Qodo as a helper, not a replacement.
- Always review and test AI suggestions.
- Use it to learn new syntax and patterns.
- Combine with ChatGPT for explanations & debugging.

Common Use Cases

- Writing functions quickly.
- Generating loops and conditions.
- Creating HTML/CSS boilerplates.
- Suggesting SQL queries.

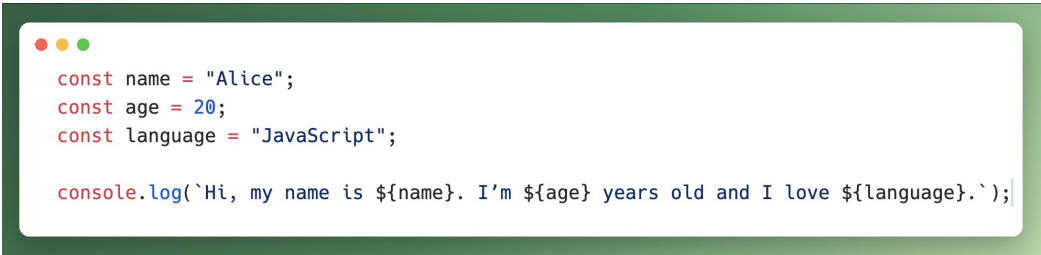
Exercise

- Install Qodo in VSCode.
- Create a file app.js.
- Type function greet(name) { and see Qodo's suggestion.
- Accept the suggestion and run it.

Exercise

Practice JS fundamentals & use AI to improve.

- Create a file intro.js.
- Write a program that:



```
const name = "Alice";  
const age = 20;  
const language = "JavaScript";  
  
console.log(`Hi, my name is ${name}. I'm ${age} years old and I love ${language}.`);
```

- Use Qodo to:
 - Suggest improvements (e.g., make it interactive using prompt-sync).
 - Add input validation.
- Commit with:
 - feat: add introduction program

Exercise

- Create a GitHub repo called js-basics.
- Clone it.
- Add a file hello.js that prints "Hello AI!".
- Create a branch feature/greet-user.
- Modify the program to ask for user input (use prompt-sync).
- Push branch and create a Pull Request.
- Use Qodo AI to review the PR and suggest improvements.

Thank you

