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# Override author on git merge

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Is there an option like --author of git-commit for git-merge?

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We maintain a staging environment where some changes must be performed. Some limitations make us to use only one linux user to access staging environment.



Anyway, we are a small team with cooperative initiative and we tell when doing commits, which one is the author using the --author git-commit option. However, some times we need to merge from other branches which result in a non-ff merge. This implies a commit is performed when doing this merge.



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Which would be the best way to specify the author manually for the merge commit in this case?

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## 4 Answers



First, prevent the merge from creating the commit:

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`git merge --no-commit ...`



Then, do the commit manually:

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answered Feb 25 '12 at 19:43

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You can `--amend` the authorship afterwards if you already did the merge. like that:

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git checkout master
git merge my_branch
git commit --amend --author="My Nick <my.adress@email.com>"
git push origin master
```

This works as desired and adds the specified author to the merge commit. No magic. :)

answered May 11 '13 at 8:22

[Waqar Lim](#)**6,741** 6 41 73

I feel like your answer was the most complete here, although it does imply that the `--amend` is necessary, when it isn't strictly. – [TheMonarch](#) Jun 14 '17 at 22:57

It's not? `git merge` creates a commit and to change the author of that commit you have to `git commit --amend`. – [Waqar Lim](#) Jun 15 '17 at 8:59

This is not always correct, if the merge was a fast forward no commit would be created, and as so the amend would try to amend the latest commit. – [JCM](#) Nov 14 '18 at 14:01



Try `git merge --no-commit ...` and then `git commit --author ...`

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```
GIT_AUTHOR_NAME="A. U. Thor" GIT_AUTHOR_EMAIL="au@th.or" git merge ...
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answered Oct 14 '17 at 13:34

[Clemens Heuberger](#)

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This works great... I have no idea why you were downvoted. – [Gerry](#) Jul 17 '18 at 2:04

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