git

A practical overview



Topics

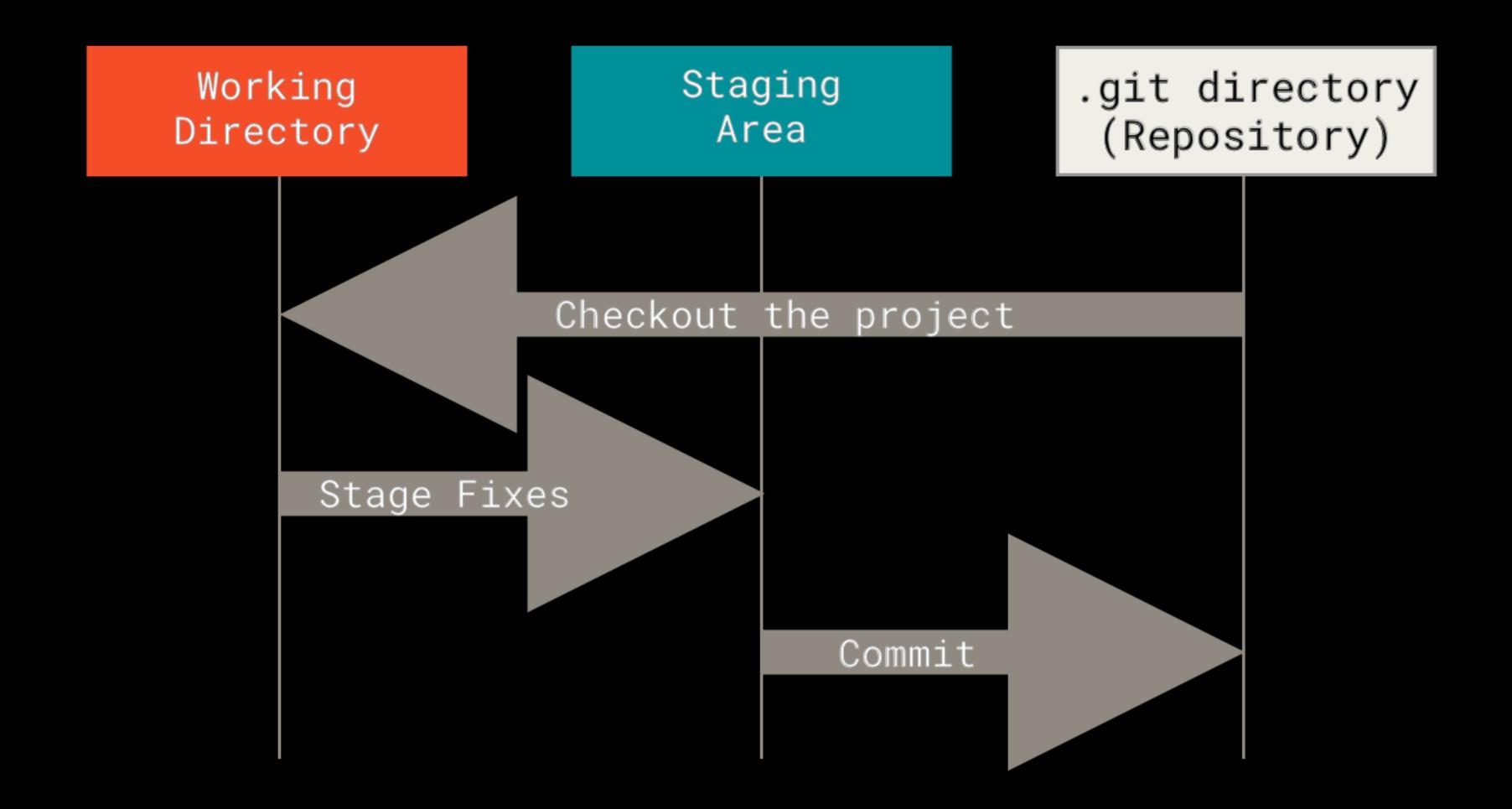
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- Advanced topics
- Tools

Training overview

- interactive, no listen-only mode
- focus on the terminal/CLI
- git help/man pages (man git-<command>)
- Small tasks after each chapter
- Test repo: https://github.com/nodeg/test-git

Introduction

3 main states that your files can reside in: modified, staged, and committed.



Basic git workflow

```
git checkout -b feature_x
git add file1
git commit
git push
```

.gitignore

Files in your working copy are

- 1. tracked a file which has been previously staged or committed
- 2. untracked a file which has not been staged or committed; or
- 3. ignored a file which Git has been explicitly told to ignore.

local .gitignore file or ~/config/git/ignore

Configuration

```
[init]
    defaultBranch = main
[pull]
    rebase = true
[user]
    name = Dominik Gedon
    useConfigOnly = true
[core]
    editor = nvim
    excludesfile = ~/.config/git/ignore
    pager = delta
[color "status"]
    added = yellow
    changed = green
   untracked = cyan
[include]
    path = ~/.config/git/alias
```

~/.config/git/

```
  alias
  common
  config ⇒ private
  ignore
  private
  Private
  README.md
  template
  work
```

Aliases

```
git config --global alias.co checkout git config --global alias.br branch git config --global alias.ci commit
```

= commit --amend

amend

```
branches
            = branch -a
contributors= shortlog -s -n
            = log --graph -10 --branches --remotes --tags\
graph
               --format=format:'%Cgreen%h %Creset %<(75,trunc)%s (%cN, %ar) %Cred%d' --date-order
            = log --pretty=format:\"%C(yellow)%h%Creset %ad | %Cgreen%s%Creset %Cred%d%Creset %Cblue[%an]\" --date=short
history
            = log -1 HEAD --format=format:"%Cred%H"
last
            = log --stat
logs
            = show -w
what
            = !git reset --hard HEAD & git clean -d -f
nevermind
```

Commit Template

```
[commit]
     template = ~/.config/git/template
# <type>: If applied, this commit will
 /←── Using a Maximum Of 50 Characters ——>/
 Type can be
    feat (new feature)
    fix (bug fix, semver: PATCH)
   refactor (refactoring production code, semver: MINOR)
    style (formatting, missing semi colons, etc; no code change)
    docs (changes to documentation)
    test (adding or refactoring tests; no production code change)
    chore (updating grunt tasks etc; no production code change)
    BREAKING CHANGE (introduces a breaking API change, semver: MAJOR)
# Explain why this change is being made
# |←── Try To Limit Each Line to a Maximum Of 72 Characters
```

Signed commits

- 1. Specify the GPG key in the git configuration
- 2. Tell git to (always) GPG-sign commits

```
) git log --show-signature
commit c48777ccebe307b9cffb30d87b1343b0c5044b9d (HEAD → main, origin/main, origin/HEAD)
gpg: Signature made Wed Nov 27 15:09:46 2024 CET
                   using RSA key 4F01C768F1A8DEEF49B895E3263BF422CC90C832
gpg:
gpg: Good signature from "Dominik Gedon <dominik@gedon.org>" [ultimate]
Primary key fingerprint: 4F01 C768 F1A8 DEEF 49B8 95E3 263B F422 CC90 C832
Author: Dominik Gedon <dominik@gedon.org>
       Wed Nov 27 15:09:03 2024 +0100
Date:
    feat: Add Python Cheatsheet submodule
Commits on Nov 27, 2024
               Add Python Cheatsheet
                                                                с48777с [🖵
   submodule
                                                    Verified )
       nodeg committed 13 minutes ago
```

Configuration - Tasks

- 1. Create a configuration file and set up commit signing by default
- 2. Create some aliases that fits your needs
- 3. Create and include a commit template file
- 4. Create a .gitignore file (locally or globally) that fits your needs

Common commands

Common commands

config

fetch

• remote

• init

• pull

• revert, reset, apply

• add, commit, push

• merge

cherry-pick

• <u>diff</u>

rebase

tag

• show

• stash

branch

• blame

log

checkout

git config

Get and set repository or global options.

```
git config list
git config commit.gpgsign true
git config --global commit.gpgsign true
```

git init

Create an empty Git repository.

```
~/git/dom
) la
drwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 64 B Wed Nov 27 22:40:15 2024 ▷.
drwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 320 B Wed Nov 27 22:40:15 2024 ▷..

~/git/dom
) git init
Initialized empty Git repository in /Users/dgedon/git/dom/.git/
dom on ▷ main
) la
drwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 96 B Wed Nov 27 22:40:23 2024 ▷..
drwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 320 B Wed Nov 27 22:40:15 2024 ▷..
drwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 288 B Wed Nov 27 22:40:23 2024 ▷..
drwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 288 B Wed Nov 27 22:40:23 2024 ▷..
drwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 288 B Wed Nov 27 22:40:23 2024 ▷..
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drwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 288 B Wed Nov 27 22:40:23 2024 ▷..
drwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 288 B Wed Nov 27 22:40:23 2024 ▷..
```

```
dom on ♭ main
tree .git/
.git/
   HEAD
   config
    description
   hooks
        applypatch-msg.sample
       commit-msg.sample
        fsmonitor-watchman.sample
        post-update.sample
       pre-applypatch.sample
       pre-commit.sample
        pre-merge-commit.sample
        pre-push.sample
        pre-rebase.sample
        pre-receive.sample
        prepare-commit-msg.sample
        push-to-checkout.sample
       sendemail-validate.sample
       update.sample
    info
       exclude
    objects
       info
        pack
└─ refs
       heads
       tags
9 directories, 18 files
```

git branch

List, create, or delete branches.

git checkout

Switch branches or restore working tree files.

```
test-git on ⊅ main [$!?] via 💎 v3.3.6
) git branch dom_test
test-git on 🗗 main [$!?] via 💎 v3.3.6
) git checkout dom_test
 git.pdf
Switched to branch 'dom_test'
test-git on 🗗 dom_test [$!?] via 💎 v3.3.6
```

git diff

Shows changes between different things.

```
tetra.gemspec
30: Gem::Specification.new do |s|
            s.add_development_dependency "simplecov", "→ 0.22.0"
            s.add_development_dependency "rake", " >> 13.2.0"
            s.add_development_dependency "rspec", "→ 3.13.0"
            s.add_development_dependency "rubocop", "→ 1.64.0"
            s.add_development_dependency "rubocop", "→ 1.64.1"
            s.add_runtime_dependency "clamp", "→ 1.3.2"
            s.add_runtime_dependency "erb", " >> 4.0.3"
            s.add_runtime_dependency "json_pure", "≥ 2.6.3", "< 2.8.0"
            s.add_runtime_dependency "open4", "→ 1.3.4"
            s.add_runtime_dependency "rexml", "→ 3.2.<mark>8</mark>"
            s.add_runtime_dependency "rexml", "→ 3.2.9"
            s.add_runtime_dependency "rubyzip", "→ 2.3.2"
            s.add_runtime_dependency "text", "→ 1.3.1"
         end
```

git show

- Shows one or more objects
- For commits it shows the log message and textual diff
- For tags, it shows the tag message and the referenced objects.
- For trees, it shows the names

git blame

Show what revision and author last modified each line of a file.

```
) git blame lib/tetra/version.rb
               Silvio Moioli
11 years ago
                                                # encoding: UTF-8
                                 cfca822a
                                                # base module for tetra
                Silvio Moioli
                                 920fd8a0
10 years ago
                                                module Tetra
                Silvio Moioli
                                                  VERSION = "2.0.6"
                                 02dcf4f0
4 years ago
                Silvio Moioli
11 years ago
                                 cfca822a
                                            6
                                                end
```

git blame

```
tetra / lib / tetra / version.rb
     moio Bump tetra to 2.0.6
                      6 lines (5 loc) · 80 Bytes
   Code
            Blame
  Older
                       Newer
                                                                   # encoding: UTF-8
                    Project gemified
  11 years ago
                                                                  # base module for tetra
                    Refactoring: project name cha... เเ
  10 years ago
                                                                  module Tetra
                Bump tetra to 2.0.6
                                                                     VERSION = "2.0.6"
  4 years ago
                    Project gemified
                                                            6
                                                                   end
  11 years ago
```

git fetch / git pull

git fetch

Download objects and refs from another repository

git pull

- Incorporates changes from a remote repository into the current branch
- basically:
 - git fetch +
 - git merge or git rebase

git merge

Incorporates changes from the named commits into the current branch.

```
A—B——C topic
D-E-F-G master
D-E-F-G-H master
```

git rebase

Reapply commits on top of another base tip.

```
D-E-F-G master
git rebase master
git rebase master topic
              A--B--C topic
   D——E——F——G master
```

git stash

Stash the changes in a dirty working directory away.

```
ygit stash
Saved working directory and index state WIP on main: 3065a2a Add a .gitignore file

test-git on pmain [$?] via v3.3.6

git stash list
stash@{0}: WIP on main: 3065a2a Add a .gitignore file

test-git on pmain [$?] via v3.3.6

git stash show
test.gemspec | 8 ++++
version.rb | 2 +-
2 files changed, 5 insertions(+), 5 deletions(-)
```

git log

Shows the commit logs.

```
    git log
    commit d3c1891ea15c0fcd322654fb7de0d5d1b16f829c (HEAD → main)
Author: Dominik Gedon <dominik@gedon.org>
Date: Wed Nov 27 17:42:49 2024 +0100

    Add .gitignore file

commit c48777ccebe307b9cffb30d87b1343b0c5044b9d (origin/main, origin/HEAD)
Author: Dominik Gedon <dominik@gedon.org>
Date: Wed Nov 27 15:09:03 2024 +0100

    feat: Add Python Cheatsheet submodule
```

git remote

Manage the set of repositories ("remotes") whose branches you track.

```
origin git@github.com:nodeg/tetra.git (fetch)
origin git@github.com:nodeg/tetra.git (push)
upstream git@github.com:uyuni-project/tetra.git (fetch)
upstream git@github.com:uyuni-project/tetra.git (push)
```

git reset

Resets current HEAD to the specified state.

```
git reset [<mode>] [<commit>]
--soft
Does not touch the index file or the working tree at all.
--mixed
Resets the index but not the working tree, the changed files
are preserved but not marked for commit.
--hard
Resets the index and working tree.
```

git revert

Revert some existing commits.

```
test-git on ⊅ main [?↑] via ❤ v3.3.6
) git show 3065a2a
commit 3065a2a11217acb60e7bdc85cc8fef9c152b96d9 (origin/main, origin/HEAD)
Author: Dominik Gedon <dominik@gedon.org>
       Wed Nov 27 21:24:48 2024 +0100
Date:
    Add a .gitignore file
added: .gitignore
         *.bin
test-git on ⊅ main [?↑] via ♥ v3.3.6
) git show 14a2f40
commit 14a2f4083ec26cef968c2819d1ee4ffaff072861 (HEAD \rightarrow main)
Author: Dominik Gedon <dominik@gedon.org>
       Wed Nov 27 21:43:53 2024 +0100
Date:
    Revert "Add a .gitignore file"
    This reverts commit 3065a2a11217acb60e7bdc85cc8fef9c152b96d9.
removed: .gitignore
          *.bin
```

git apply

Applies the patch but does not create a commit.

```
Gem::Specification.new do |s|
                 = "tetra"
   s.name
                = "ttra"
 s.name
   s.version
                = Tetra::VERSION
                = ["Dominik Gedon", "Silvio Moioli"]
   s.authors
   s.email
                 = "dgedon@suse.de"
രു -27,12 +27,12 രൂ Gem::Specification.new do |s|
   s.required_ruby_version = ' ≥ 2.7.0'
   s.add_development_dependency "aruba", "→ 0.6.2"
   s.add_development_dependency "simplecov", "→ 0.22.0"
   s.add_development_dependency "rake", "→ 13.2.0"
   s.add_development_dependency "rspec", "→ 3.13.0"
   s.add_development_dependency "rubocop", "→ 1.64.1"
   s.add_runtime_dependency "clamp", "→ 1.3.2"
   s.add_development_dependency "simplecov", "→ 0.22.0"
   s.add_development_dependency "rake", "→ 13.2.0"
   s.add_development_dependency "rspec", "→ 3.13.0"
```

```
) git apply conflict.diff
test-git on ∤ main [!?] via ❤ v3.3.6
) git diff
test.gemspec
2: $LOAD_PATH.push File.expand_path("../lib", __FILE__)
         require "tetra/version"
          Gem::Specification.new do |s|
                         = "tetra"
           s.name
                         = "ttra"
           s.name
           s.version
                         = Tetra::VERSION
                         = ["Dominik Gedon", "Silvio Moioli"]
           s.authors
                         = "dgedon@suse.de"
            s.email
27: Gem::Specification.new do |s|
           s.required_ruby_version = '≥ 2.7.0'
            s.add_development_dependency "aruba", "→ 0.6.2"
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            s.add_development_dependency "rake", "→ 13.2.0"
            s.add_development_dependency "rspec", "→ 3.13.0"
            s.add_development_dependency "rubocop", "→ 1.64.1"
            s.add_runtime_dependency "clamp", "→ 1.3.2"
            s.add_development_dependency "simplecov", "→ 0.22.0"
            s.add_development_dependency "rake", "→ 13.2.0"
            s.add_development_dependency "rspec", "→ 3.13.0"
            s.add_runtime_dependency "erb", "→ 4.0.3"
            s.add_runtime_dependency "json_pure", " > 2.6.3", " < 2.8.0"
            s.add_runtime_dependency "open4", "→ 1.3.4"
```

git cherry-pick

Apply the changes introduced by some existing commits.

```
test-git on ⊅ main [!?] via ❤ v3.3.6
) git cherry-pick c48777c
```

Commands - Tasks

- 1. Create an empty local git repository, create a new GitHub repository and link the local one to the remote one
- 2. Take a look at the git history and use different parameters
- 3. Stash changes and apply them again. Then delete them/the stash
- 4. Reset your local repository to 2 commits before the current one
- 5. Create a patch with some changes
- 6. Cherry-pick a commit from a different branch
- 7. Create and push a tag
- 8. Checkout a GitHub pull request

Best practice

Proper commit messages

	COMMENT	DATE
Q	CREATED MAIN LOOP & TIMING CONTR	OL 14 HOURS AGO
¢	ENABLED CONFIG FILE PARSING	9 HOURS AGO
þ	MISC BUGFIXES	5 HOURS AGO
þ	CODE ADDITIONS/EDITS	4 HOURS AGO
Q_	MORE CODE	4 HOURS AGO
þ	HERE HAVE CODE	4 HOURS AGO
þ	AAAAAAA	3 HOURS AGO
Q	ADKFJ5LKDFJ5DKLFJ	3 HOURS AGO
¢	MY HANDS ARE TYPING WORDS	2 HOURS AGO
þ	HAAAAAAANDS	2 HOURS AGO
AS A PROTECT DRAGS ON MY GIT COMMIT		

AS A PROJECT DRAGS ON, MY GIT COMMIT MESSAGES GET LESS AND LESS INFORMATIVE.

Proper commit description

- Why is the change being made?
- Provide references to PRs/issues or resources

See also <u>Conventional Commits</u>

Miscellaneous

- commit early and often
- squash related commits
- one change per commit
- do not push straight to main/master, but use a branch
- do not change published history

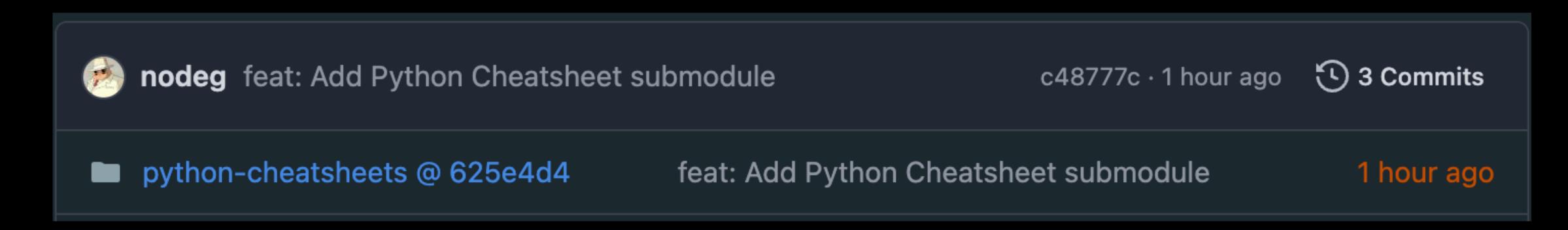
Advanced topics

Maintenance

- git fsck Verifies the connectivity and validity of the objects in the database
- git gc Cleanup unnecessary files and optimize the local repository
- git clean Remove untracked files from the working tree
- git remote prune deletes stale remote-tracking branches
- git stash clear remove all the stash entries
- git maintenance Run tasks to optimize Git repository data

Submodules

- one repository embedded inside another repository
- submodule has its own history



Working with large files

- <u>extension</u> for versioning large files
- large files are replaced by pointers
- storing the file contents on a remote server e.g. gitlab.suse.de

```
Particle Properties P
```

Working with large repositories

1. git (shallow) clone

```
) git clone --depth 100 --no-checkout https://github.com/uyuni-project/uyuni.git
```

pulls only the latest n (here 100) commits of the repo's history

2. git-sparse-checkout

```
) git sparse-checkout set <u>testsuite</u>
```

reduce your working tree to a subset of tracked files

Hooks

Scripts that run automatically every time a particular event occurs.

```
> ll .git/hooks/
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 478 B Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ⊡applypatch-msg.sample
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 896 B Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ▶ commit-msg.sample
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 4.6 KB Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ∑ fsmonitor-watchman.sample
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 189 B Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ▶ post-update.sample
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 424 B Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ▶ pre-applypatch.sample
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 1.6 KB Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ▶ pre-commit.sample
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 416 B Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ▶ pre-merge-commit.sample
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 1.3 KB Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ▶ pre-push.sample
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 4.8 KB Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ▶ pre-rebase.sample
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 544 B Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ▶ pre-receive.sample
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 66 B Wed Nov 27 22:18:28 2024 ▶ prepare-commit-msg
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 1.5 KB Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ▶ prepare-commit-msg.sample
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 2.7 KB Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ▶ push-to-checkout.sample
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 2.3 KB Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ∑ sendemail-validate.sample
.rwxr-xr-x dgedon staff 3.6 KB Wed Nov 27 13:55:48 2024 ▶ update.sample
```

git reflog

Manage reference log information.

```
) git reflog
d3c1891 (HEAD \rightarrow main) HEAD\emptyset{0}: commit: Add .gitignore file
c48777c (origin/main, origin/HEAD) HEAD@{1}: reset: moving to HEAD
c48777c (origin/main, origin/HEAD) HEAD@{2}: reset: moving to HEAD
c48777c (origin/main, origin/HEAD) HEAD@{3}: reset: moving to c48777c
6flaa04 HEAD@{4}: commit: test: Introduce some merge conflicts
c48777c (origin/main, origin/HEAD) HEAD (5}: reset: moving to c48777c
a8bf561 HEAD@{6}: merge ruby: Merge made by the 'ort' strategy.
c48777c (origin/main, origin/HEAD) HEAD@{7}: checkout: moving from ruby to main
68fc021 (ruby) HEAD@{8}: checkout: moving from main to ruby
c48777c (origin/main, origin/HEAD) HEAD@{9}: checkout: moving from ruby to main
68fc021 (ruby) HEAD@{10}: checkout: moving from main to ruby
c48777c (origin/main, origin/HEAD) HEAD@{11}: cherry-pick: feat: Add Python Cheatsheet submodule
3b596e6 HEAD@{12}: checkout: moving from ruby to main
68fc021 (ruby) HEAD@{13}: commit: feat: Add Python Cheatsheet submodule
81e3ac8 (origin/ruby) HEADබ{14}: checkout: moving from main to ruby
3b596e6 HEAD@{15}: checkout: moving from ruby to main
81e3ac8 (origin/ruby) HEAD@{16}: checkout: moving from main to ruby
3b596e6 HEAD@{17}: checkout: moving from ruby to main
81e3ac8 (origin/ruby) HEAD@{18}: commit (amend): This is a very bad commit message since we do not stick to the rules and
cd1277c HEAD@{19}: commit: This is a very bad commit message since we do not stick to the rules
b54cf75 HEAD@{20}: commit: fix: reorder Ruby dependencies
3b596e6 HEAD@{21}: checkout: moving from main to ruby
3b596e6 HEAD@{22}: reset: moving to 3b596e6
3b596e6 HEAD@{23}: reset: moving to 3b596e6
3b596e6 HEAD@{24}: checkout: moving from ruby_debug to main
3b596e6 HEAD@{25}: checkout: moving from main to ruby_debug
3b596e6 HEAD@{26}: checkout: moving from ruby_debug to main
3b596e6 HEAD@{27}: checkout: moving from main to ruby_debug
3b596e6 HEAD@{28}: commit (amend): Add Ruby test files
4ec3ece HEAD@{29}: commit: Add Ruby test files
cb9f20c HEAD@{30}: clone: from github.com:nodeg/test-git.git
```

emailed patches

git-format-patch

Prepares patches for an email submission

git-am

Apply a series of patches from a mailbox (output from git-format-patch)

git bisect

- can help you determine which commit introduced the bug
- fixing needs to be done manually though

```
git bisect start
status: waiting for both good and bad commits
~/.config/git on > master (BISECTING) [!]
 git bisect good bad01c9d4ab8ecff8d5786db2155432353a2cbf2
status: waiting for bad commit, 1 good commit known
git bisect bad 142537b1c66e72726942ea888df5a6c57bfec05e
Bisecting: 0 revisions left to test after this (roughly 0 steps)
[3b102dc743d6f66c7ab7bee1ecdc69aae60c5c60] [lsd] Remove depracted config option
~/.config/git on > HEAD (3b102dc) (BISECTING) [!]
  git bisect log
git bisect start
# status: waiting for both good and bad commits
# good: [bad01c9d4ab8ecff8d5786db2155432353a2cbf2] [wezterm] Update config for Neovim
git bisect good bad01c9d4ab8ecff8d5786db2155432353a2cbf2
# status: waiting for bad commit, 1 good commit known
# bad: [142537b1c66e72726942ea888df5a6c57bfec05e] Remove old configs
git bisect bad 142537b1c66e72726942ea888df5a6c57bfec05e
~/.config/git on > HEAD (3b102dc) (BISECTING) [!]
 git bisect reset
       fish/.config/fish/fish_variables
       git/.config/git/work
       gpg/.gnupg/gpg-agent.conf
       macos/Brewfile
       neovim/.config/nvim/lazy-lock.json
       neovim/.config/nvim/lua/plugins/neogit.lua
       ssh/.ssh/config
       wezterm/.config/wezterm/wezterm.lua
Previous HEAD position was 3b102dc [lsd] Remove depracted config option
Switched to branch 'master'
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/master'.
```

Advanced topics - Tasks

- 1. Read up on and use some of the maintenance commands
- 2. Add a new submodule to a git repository
- 3. Make changes to this submodule and incorporate the changes into the parent directory
- 4. Install and enable git LFS and add a (larger)PDF file to it
- 5. Create a pre-commit hook

TOOS

TOOS

- man gittutorial to get started
- man giteveryday for a useful minimum set of commands
- Delta: A syntax-highlighting pager for git, diff, grep, and blame output
- gitk: The git repository browser
- tig: Text-mode interface for git
- awesome-git-addons: curated list that enhance the git CLI
- hub or lab: interacts with repositories on GitHub and GitLab

Links

Links

- https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2
- https://think-like-a-git.net
- https://github.com/dictcp/awesome-git
- https://rogerdudler.github.io/git-guide
- https://cbea.ms/git-commit
- https://www.conventionalcommits.org
- https://nvie.com/posts/a-successful-git-branching-model
- https://ndpsoftware.com/git-cheatsheet.html
- https://learngitbranching.js.org
- https://github.com/github/gitignore