Outstanding Git Practices

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Commit messages

Commit messages play a big role in the understanding of every change. They should be short, clear and explicit. They should say clearly what happened and what changed.

Ideally, adding the ticket ID at the beginning of your commit message makes things much easier. Sometimes, we need to know the reason why a piece of code has been changed and need to dig into the ticket to have a full understanding of the feature requirements.

Git commits

Each commit should be small and fix only one thing per commit, not more. Following this good rule, if your commit message contains the word and or +, that means you try to commit multiple changes in one commit and you shouldn't.

This rule is not just there to be nice. When you need to revert or cherry-pick a commit from your git history, the fact that one commit only contains one specific update really helps.

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