**Lesson 02 Demo 07**

**Resolving Merge Conflicts in Git**

**Objective:** To demonstrate how to resolve merge conflicts in Git to maintain a clean codebase and project continuity when conflicting changes occur

**Tools required:** Git and GitHub

**Prerequisites:** Create a Git repository; refer Lesson 02 Demo 01

Steps to be followed:

1. Create a new branch
2. Make changes to the new branch
3. Switch to the main branch and make conflicting changes
4. Merge the new branch and resolve the merge conflicts

**Step 1: Create a new branch**

1. Execute the following commands to create and modify a new file in the main branch:

**touch example.txt**

**echo "Hello, this is an example file. Here we can write text.”> example.txt**

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1. Run the following commands to add and commit the changes:

**git add example.txt**

**git commit -m "Add example file"**

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1. Run the following command to create and switch to a new branch:

**git checkout -b new-branch**

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**Step 2: Make changes to the new branch**

1. Execute the following commands to create a new file in the **new-branch:**

**touch example.txt**

**echo "Hello, this is an example file." > example.txt**

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1. Run the following commands to add and commit the changes:

**git add example.txt**

**git commit -m "Add example file"**

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**Step 3: Switch to the main branch and make conflicting changes**

1. Execute the following command to switch to the main branch:

**git checkout master**

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1. Execute the following command to delete the **example.txt** file:

**rm example.txt**

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1. Run the following command to commit the change:

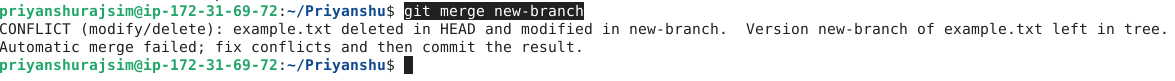
**git commit -am "Delete example file"**

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**Step 4: Merge the new branch and resolve the merge conflicts**

1. Use the command below to merge the new branch into the main branch:

**git merge new-branch**

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**Note:** Altering the same file differently on two branches will result in a merge conflict. To resolve it, open the conflicted file in a text editor and choose which changes to retain.

1. After editing, add the resolved file to the staging area using the following command:

**git add example.txt**

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1. Commit the resolved changes:

**git commit -m "Resolved merge conflict"**

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By following these steps, you have successfully resolved a merge conflict caused in Git.