GitHub Cheat Sheets → FOR FACULTY

Introduction: Key Terms Explained

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Merge – Combining changes from different branches into the main project.

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Latest Version – The most up-to-date version of the project on GitHub.

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Update local project	git pull origin main
Save changes	git add . → git commit -m "message"
Upload changes	git push origin branch-name
Undo last commit	git resetsoft HEAD~1
Undo after pushing	git revert HEAD
Fix merge conflicts	Manually edit → git add . → git commit -m "fix"

Rinal Tips

- Always create a new branch before working.
- Pull latest updates before starting new work.
- Commit often so you don't lose progress.
- Communicate with teammates to avoid merge conflicts.
- If stuck, ask for help on GitHub Issues or in class.

Cheat Sheet for Faculty: Managing Student Collaboration

★ Setting Up a GitHub Classroom (Optional)

- 1. Go to https://classroom.github.com.
- 2. Create a **Classroom** and invite students using a link.
- 3. Assign projects and automatically generate student repositories.

Retting Up a GitHub Organization (Manual)

- 1. Create an organization: GitHub → Profile → Your Organizations → New Organization.
- 2. Create a **new repository** for the class.
- 3. Invite students via Settings → Manage Access.
- 4. Set up branch protection in Settings → Branches to prevent accidental overwrites.

Reviewing Student Work

- 1. Go to the repository on GitHub.
- 2. Click **Pull Requests** → Find the student's request.
- 3. Review changes and leave comments if needed.
- 4. Click "Merge" if everything looks good.
- 5. Optionally, delete old branches to keep the project organized.

⚠ Handling Merge Conflicts

If two students edit the same file, you may need to resolve conflicts:

- 1. Click the pull request with the conflict.
- 2. Follow GitHub's guided steps to choose the correct version.
- 3. Merge once resolved.

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Cheat Sheet for Students: Working on GitHub

Getting Started: Cloning a Repository

- 1. Open GitHub and find your project.
- 2. Click "Code" → Copy the HTTPS link.
- 3. Open Terminal / Command Prompt, type:
- 4. git clone PASTE-LINK-HERE
- 5. Move into the folder:
- 6. cd PROJECT-NAME

Making Changes & Submitting Work

- 1. Get the latest version before starting:
- 2. git pull origin main
- 3. Create a new branch for your work:
- 4. git checkout -b my-feature
- 5. Make changes to files.
- 6. Save your changes:
- 7. git add.
- 8. git commit -m "Describe your changes here"
- 9. Upload your work to GitHub:
- 10. git push origin my-feature

11. Create a Pull Request:

- o Go to the repo on **GitHub.com**.
- Click Pull Requests → New Pull Request.
- Select your branch.
- Click "Create Pull Request" and describe what you did.

✓ Updating Your Copy Before Working Again

- 1. Switch to the main branch:
- 2. git checkout main
- 3. Get the latest updates:
- 4. git pull origin main
- 5. Create a new branch and start working.

Fixing Mistakes

- Undo last commit (before pushing):
- git reset --soft HEAD~1
- Undo last commit (after pushing):
- git revert HEAD
- Discard all uncommitted changes:
- git checkout.

X Handling Merge Conflicts

If GitHub says there's a conflict:

- 1. Open the file causing the conflict.
- 2. Look for lines marked with <<<<<,, ======, >>>>>.
- 3. **Keep the correct version**, delete the conflict markers.
- 4. Save the file, then run:
- 5. git add.
- 6. git commit -m "Resolved merge conflict"
- 7. git push origin my-feature

Using Issues for Tasks

- To report a problem or track progress, go to Issues → New Issue.
- Assign yourself an issue to work on.
- Close issues when done.