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Common Daily Git Commands

git status # Check status of working directory

git add <file> # Stage a file

git commit -m "message" # Commit changes

git log # View commit history

git diff # Show changes

git stash # Save work temporarily

git stash pop # Restore stashed work

Branching & Merging

git branch # List branches

git switch
branch> # Switch to a branch

git checkout -b
branch> # Create and switch to a branch

git merge
 # Merge another branch into current

Undo & Reset

git reset --soft HEAD~1 # Undo commit, keep changes staged

git reset --mixed HEAD~1 # Undo commit, keep changes unstaged

git reset --hard HEAD~1 # Undo commit and discard changes

git restore <file> # Discard local changes to a file

Remote Collaboration

git clone <url> # Clone a repository

git fetch # Fetch latest changes

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git pull # Fetch and merge remote branch

git pull --rebase # Rebase your local changes on top

git push # Push local commits to remote

git push origin <src>:<dest> # Push to different remote branch

Tags & Releases

git tag # List tags

git tag -a v1.0 -m "msg" # Create annotated tag

git push origin v1.0 # Push a specific tag

git describe # Show current commit relative to tag

Inspection & Debugging

git blame <file> # Who changed each line

git log -p <file> # History of a file with diffs

git show <commit> # Show details of a commit

git stash show -p # See stashed changes

Pro Tips

Use interactive rebase: git rebase -i HEAD~n

Use .gitignore to clean up workspace

Use git clean -fxn to dry run file cleanup

Use aliases for repetitive tasks

Use reflog to recover from lost HEADs: git reflog