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## merge
# ---o--o master
# --0
       dev
(master)
$ git merge dev
# ---o---x master
# \ /
# --o--
       dev
(master)
$ git merge pu maint
# ---o---x master
# Linux kernel has 66 branches merged together
# in 2014
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## --ff (fast-forward) merge
# ---o master
      --0---0
#
#
             dev
#
(master)
$ git merge dev
   ---0
     \ master
#
      --0---0
           dev
#
#
# Where was master previously?
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```
## --no-ff merge
# ---o master
#
#
       --0---0
              dev
(master)
$ git merge dev --no-ff
   ---o----x master
     #
#
              dev
#
# .gitconfig
[merge]
   ff = false
# --no-ff flag default
$ git merge dev
# for ff merge
$ git merge dev --ff
# .gitconfig
[branch "master"]
  mergeOptions = --no-ff
# same for next, dev
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## merge conflicts
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# There are 3 things certain in life.
(death)
$ git merge taxes
<<<<<< HEAD
death
|||||| merged common ancestors
merge conflicts
======
taxes
>>>>> taxes
(master)
$ git merge dev
# conflicts
$ git status -s
UU a.txt # conflict (Unmerged, Updated)
M b.txt # modified
A c.txt # added
 R d.txt # renamed
D e.txt # deleted
# get current|other branch's copy
$ git difftool --ours|--theirs file.txt
# get current branch's copy
$ git checkout --ours file.txt
               --theirs
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# undo merge, even a successful merge
$ git reset --merge orig_head
# use again to go back to merge commit

[alias]
    undomerge = reset --merge orig_head
$ git undomerge

# How to see resolved conflicts before push?
$ git show head
diff --cc file.txt
- my change
    -other change
++resolved change

# this does not work
$ git difftool head^!
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## merge pitfalls

(feature)
$ git merge dev
# conflicts

# keep all files while merging with conflicts
(feature|MERGING)
$ git status -s
UU a.txt
M b.txt
M c.txt
M c.txt
M d.txt
M e.txt
```