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Init & first commit

```
git init
git add .
git commit -m "message"
```

Branching

```
git checkout -b my-branch    # create + switch
git switch my-branch        # (newer form)
```

Remotes

```
git remote add origin <url>
git push -u origin main
git pull origin main
```

Status / diff / history

```
git status
git diff
git log --oneline --graph --decorate --all
```

Merging & conflicts

```
git merge <branch>
# edit files to resolve markers (<<<<< ===== >>>>>)
git add <resolved-file>
git commit
```

Undo / safety

```
git restore <file>      # discard unstaged changes to file
git restore --staged <file> # unstage
git revert <commit>       # make a new commit that undoes that commit
```

```
git stash      # shelve local WIP
```

A **normal repo** = working tree (your files) + `.git` database.

A **bare repo** = only the `.git` database.

Collaboration uses the bare r

Demo

```
cd ~  
rm -rf git-class-lab  
mkdir -p git-class-lab && cd git-class-lab  
  
# We'll simulate a remote and two collaborators (alice and bob)  
git init --bare remote.git  
  
# --- Alice creates the project -----  
git clone remote.git alice  
cd alice  
git config user.name "Alice"  
git config user.email "alice@example.com"  
  
# 1) init project; first commit  
echo "# Demo Project" > README.md  
echo "print('hello world')" > app.py  
git add .  
git commit -m "init: README and app.py"  
git branch -M main  
git remote add origin "$(cd ..; pwd)/remote.git"  
git push -u origin main  
  
# 2) feature branch, some commits  
git checkout -b feature/greet  
echo "def greet(name):\n    return f'Hello, {name}!'" >> app.py  
git add app.py  
git commit -m "feat: add greet(name)"
```

```
# 3) make a change on the SAME line on main later to force a conflict
#   We'll prep Alice's feature, but not merge yet.
git push -u origin feature/greet
```

```
# --- Bob clones and works on main -----
cd ..
git clone remote.git bob
cd bob
git config user.name "Bob"
git config user.email "bob@example.com"
```

```
# 4) Bob edits the same place in app.py differently -> future conflict
echo "# Bob's utilities" > utils.py
# overwrite app.py's last line to a different version
printf "print('hello world')\n# Bob tweaks greeting baseline\n" > app.py
git add .
git commit -m "chore: add utils and tweak app.py baseline"
git push origin main
```

```
# --- Alice tries to merge her feature -----
cd ../alice
# Make a conflicting change on feature branch to the same area
printf "print('hello world')\n# Alice adds greet feature\n\ndef greet(name):\n    return f'Hi,\n{name}!'\n" > app.py
git add app.py
git commit -m "feat: implement greet with 'Hi'"
git push
```

```
# Attempt to merge feature into main locally
git checkout main
git pull --rebase origin main
git merge --no-ff feature/greet || true # expect conflict, continue script
```

```
# Show status so students see the conflict
echo "----- GIT STATUS (expect CONFLICT) -----"
git status
```

```
# 5) Resolve the conflict (keep both ideas nicely)
#   Find conflict markers and resolve by writing a final version:
cat > app.py <<'EOF'
print('hello world')
# Merged greeting: combine ideas from Alice and Bob
```

```

def greet(name):
    # Alice said "Hi", let's keep that but also nod to Bob's tweak
    return f'Hi, {name}! (welcome)'
EOF

git add app.py
git commit -m "merge: resolve conflict in app.py keeping 'Hi' variant"
git log --oneline --graph --decorate -n 8

# 6) Push merged main, Bob pulls and sees result
git push origin main

cd ../bob
git pull origin main
python3 - <<'PY'
from pathlib import Path
print("app.py contents after pull:\n")
print(Path("app.py").read_text())
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echo "Done. Lab folder at: $(cd ..; pwd)/git-class-lab"

```

Demo's Details:

Clean start / workspace

- `cd ~`
Go to your home directory.
 - `rm -rf git-class-lab`
Delete any old copy of the lab folder (if it exists).
 - `mkdir -p git-class-lab && cd git-class-lab`
Create the lab folder (no error if it exists) and enter it.
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Make a central “remote” (like GitHub), but local

- `git init --bare remote.git`
Create a **bare** repo (no working files, only Git database). This is the shared hub

everyone pushes to/pulls from.

Alice sets up her repo and first commit

- `git clone remote.git alice`
Make Alice's working copy from the central remote.
- `cd alice`
Enter Alice's repo.
- `git config user.name "Alice"`
Set commit author name for this repo.
- `git config user.email "alice@example.com"`
Set commit author email for this repo.
- `echo "# Demo Project" > README.md`
Create README with a title.
- `echo "print('hello world')" > app.py`
Create a tiny Python app.
- `git add .`
Stage all new files for the next commit.
- `git commit -m "init: README and app.py"`
Make the first commit with a message.
- `git branch -M main`
Rename current branch to `main`.
- `git remote add origin "$(cd ..; pwd)/remote.git"`
(Redundant after a clone.) Alice already has `origin` set from `git clone`. This line attempts to add it again and may error ("remote origin already exists"). Safe to **remove/skip**.
- `git push -u origin main`
Push the `main` branch to the central repo and set upstream tracking.

Alice creates a feature branch and commits work

- `git checkout -b feature/greet`
Create and switch to `feature/greet`.
 - `echo "def greet(name):\n return f'Hello, {name}!'" >> app.py`
Append a `greet()` function to `app.py`.
 - `git add app.py`
Stage the change.
 - `git commit -m "feat: add greet(name)"`
Commit the feature work.
 - `git push -u origin feature/greet`
Publish the feature branch to the central repo and track it.
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Bob clones and works on `main`

- `cd ..`
Go back to the lab folder.
- `git clone remote.git bob`
Make Bob's working copy from the same central repo.
- `cd bob`
Enter Bob's repo.
- `git config user.name "Bob"`
Set Bob's name for commits.
- `git config user.email "bob@example.com"`
Set Bob's email for commits.
- `echo "# Bob's utilities" > utils.py`
Create a new file for Bob's utilities.

- `printf "print('hello world')\n# Bob tweaks greeting baseline\n" > app.py`
Overwrite `app.py` with a slightly different version—this sets up a **future conflict** with Alice's edits.
 - `git add .`
Stage changes.
 - `git commit -m "chore: add utils and tweak app.py baseline"`
Commit Bob's changes to `main`.
 - `git push origin main`
Push Bob's `main` to the central repo.
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Alice tries to merge her feature into updated `main`

- `cd .../alice`
Back to Alice's repo.
- `printf "print('hello world')\n# Alice adds greet feature\n\ndef greet(name):\n return f'Hi, {name}!'\n" > app.py`
Alice rewrites `app.py` with her own variant (conflicts with Bob's change).
- `git add app.py`
Stage the change.
- `git commit -m "feat: implement greet with 'Hi'"`
Commit it on her feature branch.
- `git push`
Push the feature branch updates (remote/tracking already set).
- `git checkout main`
Switch to `main` to prepare the merge.
- `git pull --rebase origin main`
Update local `main` with the latest from the central repo (applies your local commits on top—here there probably aren't any).

- **Fetch** the latest commits from `origin's main`
 - **Rebase** your *current branch* so your local commits are replayed **on top of** `origin/main`
 - `git merge --no-ff feature/greet || true`
Try to merge the feature into `main`. `--no-ff` forces a merge commit (useful for teaching history).
If a conflict occurs, the `|| true` prevents the script from stopping—so the demo continues.
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Show the conflict

- `echo "----- GIT STATUS (expect CONFLICT) -----"`
Print a banner.
 - `git status`
Show conflicted files and next steps.
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Resolve the conflict (choose a final version)

- The `cat > app.py <<'EOF' ... EOF` block
Replace the conflicted file with a **manually merged** version that keeps both ideas and finalizes the function.
 - `git add app.py`
Mark the conflict as resolved by staging the fixed file.
 - `git commit -m "merge: resolve conflict in app.py keeping 'Hi' variant"`
Complete the merge with a commit message.
 - `git log --oneline --graph --decorate -n 8`
Show a compact graph of recent history so students can see the merge structure.
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Share the resolved result; Bob pulls it down

- `git push origin main`
Push the merged `main` to the central repo.
 - `cd ../bob`
Back to Bob's repo.
 - `git pull origin main`
Bob downloads the merged result.
 - The `python3 - <<'PY' ... PY` block
Simple Python snippet that prints the contents of `app.py` so the class can see the final merged code in Bob's copy.
 - `echo "Done. Lab folder at: $(cd ..; pwd)/git-class-lab"`
Friendly “all done” message showing where the lab lives on disk.
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Quick notes to remember

- **Bare repo (`remote.git`)** = central hub; no files visible, just Git objects.
- **Clone** gives each collaborator a working copy with files.
- **Conflict** happens when the same lines change differently—Git asks a human to decide.
- After a **merge commit**, pushing and pulling sync everyone to the final agreed state.
- That `git remote add origin ...` in Alice's section is **unnecessary after a clone** and can be removed to avoid the “origin already exists” error.

Here's the **high-level flow** your demo runs, in plain steps:

1. **Clean workspace**

Go to your home folder, delete any old lab, make a fresh `git-class-lab` folder.

2. Create a central repo (the “hub”)

`git init --bare remote.git` makes a **bare** repository—no working files, just Git’s database—acting like a tiny local GitHub everyone pushes to/pulls from.

3. Alice starts the project

- Clones the hub into `alice/`, sets her name/email.
- Creates `README.md` and `app.py`, stages with `git add .`, makes the first **commit**, renames branch to **main**, and **pushes main** to the hub.
(Note: the `git remote add origin ...` line is redundant after `git clone` and can be removed.)

4. Alice opens a feature branch

- `git checkout -b feature/greet` creates/switches to a **feature branch**.
- Adds a `greet()` function, commits, and **pushes** the branch so it’s shared.

5. Bob joins and works on `main`

- Clones the hub into `bob/`, sets his identity.
- Adds `utils.py` and **changes the same part of `app.py`** that Alice is touching—this sets up a future **merge conflict**.
- Commits and **pushes** to `main`.

6. Alice advances her feature

- Still on `feature/greet`, she edits `app.py` in a way that will **conflict** with Bob’s change and **pushes** her branch.

7. Alice updates her `main` and tries to merge

- `git checkout main` then `git pull --rebase origin main` to bring local `main` up to date **without a merge commit** (clean history).
- `git merge --no-ff feature/greet` tries to combine the feature into `main` therefore, **conflict occurs** (they changed the same lines differently).

8. Resolve the conflict

- Open the conflicted file, choose/compose the final desired code, `git add` it, then `git commit` to finish the **merge**.
- `git log --oneline --graph` shows the history with the merge.

9. Share the resolved result

- Alice **pushes** the merged `main` to the hub.

10. Bob syncs and verifies

- Bob **pulls** the latest `main` and prints `app.py` to confirm he now has the merged, conflict-free version.