Lesson 01 Demo 06

Merging Branches in Git

Objective: To merge branches in Git and combine changes from different branches into a single branch for a unified codebase

Prerequisite: GitHub Account

Tools required: Git

Steps to be followed:

1. Create a new branch
2. Create a new file in the new branch
3. Switch back to the main branch
4. Merge the branches
5. Push the changes to the remote repository

Note: A **projectfile** is already created in Demo 04. If you do not have the repository, first perform that demo and then execute the steps from this demo.

Step 1: Create a new branch

1.1 Open the terminal and execute the following commands to create a new branch:
git branch sample_branch
git branch

```
@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git branch sample_branch
@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$  git branch
* new_branch1
  sample_branch
  text_branch
@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$
```

Step 2: Create a new file in the new branch

2.1 Use the following commands to switch to the sample_branch, create an empty HTML file index1.html, and add it to the test_branch:

git checkout sample_branch

touch index1.html

git add index1.html

git commit -a -m "index1.html added to the sample_branch"

```
███████████@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git checkout sample_branch
Switched to branch 'sample_branch'
███████████@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ touch index1.html
███████████@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git add index1.html
███████████@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git commit -a -m "index1.html added to the sample_branch"
[sample_branch 67ded56] index1.html added to the sample_branch
 Committer: manikumarsimpli <manikumarsimpli@ip-172-31-71-23.ec2.internal>
Your name and email address were configured automatically based
on your username and hostname. Please check that they are accurate.
You can suppress this message by setting them explicitly. Run the
following command and follow the instructions in your editor to edit
your configuration file:

    git config --global --edit

After doing this, you may fix the identity used for this commit with:

    git commit --amend --reset-author

 1 file changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
 create mode 100644 index1.html
███████████@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$
```

Step 3: Switch back to the main branch

3.1 Use the following command to switch back to the main branch:

git checkout new_branch1

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███████████@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git checkout new_branch1
Switched to branch 'new_branch1'
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/main'.
███████████@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$
```

Step 4: Merge the branches

4.1 Use the following command to merge the sample_branch to the main branch:

git merge sample_branch

```
@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git merge sample_branch
Updating d77a2b5..67ded56
Fast-forward
 index1.html | 0
 1 file changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
 create mode 100644 index1.html
@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$
```

Step 5: Push the changes to the remote repository

5.1 Execute the following command to push the new_branch1 to the remote repository:

git push -u origin new_branch1

```
@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$ git push -u origin new_branch1
Username for 'https://github.com': Simplilearn-Edu
Password for 'https://Simplilearn-Edu@github.com':
Enumerating objects: 4, done.
Counting objects: 100% (4/4), done.
Delta compression using up to 4 threads
Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 310 bytes | 310.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
remote:
remote: Create a pull request for 'new_branch1' on GitHub by visiting:
remote:      https://github.com/Simplilearn-Edu/projectfile/pull/new/new_branch1
remote:
To https://github.com/Simplilearn-Edu/projectfile.git
 * [new branch]      new_branch1 -> new_branch1
Branch 'new_branch1' set up to track remote branch 'new_branch1' from 'origin'.
@ip-172-31-71-23:~/projectfile$
```

5.2 Navigate to the remote repository to check whether the branch is updated

new_branch1 ▾	ᚃ **2** branches	◌ **0** tags		Go to file	Add file ▾	⬇ Code ▾

This branch is 1 commit ahead of main.   ⬍ Pull request   ± Compare

First Last index1.html added to the sample_branch		b2cf977 2 hours ago	🕑 **2** commits
▢ README.md	Initial commit		2 hours ago
▢ index1.html	index1.html added to the sample_branch		2 hours ago

By following these steps, you have successfully merged branches in Git, integrating changes from multiple branches into a single, unified codebase.