



Git & GitHub 101

Basic CLI Commands

1. To list all files or folder in a folder

```
ls
```

2. Make a new folder

```
mkdir folder_name
```

3. Go inside a folder

```
cd folder_name
```

4. To delete a whole non-empty directory/folder

```
rm directory_name -rf
```

5. Write a file in Git Bash Vim

```
vim file_name
```

1. use insert key to enable the writing mode in any file
2. then after finishing edits, press the left-right arrow key to disable the writing mode and then write `:x` to exit out

6. Copy + Paste in CLI

1. Use the insert key to paste in CLI or highlight the statement then right click and copy that statement and then right-click on CLI shows the options.

Basic Git Commands

1. To make a new file

```
touch names.txt
```

2. To check if git is installed in your PC

```
git
```

3. To initialize an empty Git repository in your folder

```
git init
```

4. To view the changes or the untracked files in the project that's not been saved yet

```
git status
```

5. Staging the files

```
git add file_name or git add . (to stage everything in the current folder)
```

6. Committing the files

Working with Existing Projects on GitHub

Use Git Bash for Windows.

You can't directly change the contents of a repo unless you have access to it. To solve this, you create a copy (**fork**) of this project in your own account. In our own copy, we can do anything we want with it. After forking, we:

1. Cloning the forked project to local machine

```
git clone forked_repo_url
```

2. The public repo that we forked out local copy from is known as the upstream url. We can save it as

```
git remote add upstream insert_upstream_url
```

3. Creating a new branch

```
git branch branch_name
```

4. Then shift the head to the above branch using the checkout command

5. Then stage. Then commit.

6. Then push. We can't push to upstream (no access). Can push to our forked repo though (origin)

```
git push origin your_branch_name
```

7. **Always make different branches for different pull requests** if you're working on different features. 1 branch = 1 pull request (never commit on main (2))

8. To remove a commit

1. we can remove a commit with the reset command
Now it's unstaged.

2. then add to stage the remaining files

3. then we can use the stash command to stash it elsewhere

4. then, we'll have to force push this branch since the online repo contains a commit which the local repo does not

```
git push origin your_branch_name -f
```

9. To make forked project even (updated) with the main project

```
git commit -m "your_message_here"
```

7. To unstage or remove a file from the staging level

```
git restore --staged file_name.txt
```

8. To view the entire history of the project

```
git log
```

9. Removing a commit from the history of a project

```
git reset
```

`insert_commit_hash_id_to_which_you_want_to_go_back_to_here`
(all the commits or changes before this will go back to the unstaged area now)

10. After you stage a few files but then you want to have a clean codebase or reuse those files later, we can stash those changes to go back to the commit before they were staged

```
git stash
```

11. Bringing back those changes or pop them from the stash

```
git stash pop
```

12. To clear the changes or files in your stash

```
git stash clear
```

How Git works

1. Connecting your Remote Repository to Local Repository

```
git remote add origin insert_https_project_link_here
```

2. Pushing local changes to remote repository

```
git push origin master
```

 (we're pushing to the url origin, and the branch master)

3. To view all your remote urls

```
git remote -v
```

4. **Never commit on the main branch** since it's the one used by the people, to prevent any mishaps

5. Shifting the head to a branch (head is the pointer which points to where all you do your changes)

```
git checkout branch_name
```

6. Merging your branch to main of project

```
git merge branch_name
```

1. Shift the head to your main branch

```
git checkout main
```

2. Fetching all the commits/changes from the main project (upstream)

```
git fetch --all --prune
```

 (here prune gets deleted commits too)

3. Reset the main branch of origin (forked) to main branch of upstream (main project)

```
git reset --hard upstream/main
```

4. Check and verify your changes

```
git log
```

click q for exit from log

5. Then push all these local changes to your online forked repo

```
git push origin main
```

Method 2

1. To fetch all **at once**

```
git pull upstream main
```

2. Then push to the origin url or your forked project

```
git push origin main
```

Method 3

1. Update using the **Fetch Upstream** button on forked repo

10. Squashing all your multiple commits into one commit

```
git rebase -i
```

`insert_hash_code_of_commit_above_which_all_your_required_co`

If there's 4 commits. Keep 1 as the pick and then **s** or squash the other 3 into that one

11. Merge conflicts and how to resolve them

1. They happen when multiple users edit the same code line and then push it. Git won't know which one to merge and then there'd be a conflict

2. This has to be resolved manually by repo maintainer

<https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/secure.notion-static.com/94dcc4e7-259a-4c09-bf05-d1ce5eb2d9e3/atlassian-git-cheatsheet.pdf>

Git is the free and open source distributed version control system that's responsible for everything GitHub related that happens locally on your computer. This cheat sheet features the most important and commonly used Git commands for easy reference.

INSTALLATION & GUIs

With platform specific installers for Git, GitHub also provides the ease of staying up-to-date with the latest releases of the command line tool while providing a graphical user interface for day-to-day interaction, review, and repository synchronization.

GitHub for Windows

<https://windows.github.com>

GitHub for Mac

<https://mac.github.com>

For Linux and Solaris platforms, the latest release is available on the official Git web site.

Git for All Platforms

<http://git-scm.com>

SETUP

Configuring user information used across all local repositories

```
git config --global user.name "[firstname lastname]"
```

set a name that is identifiable for credit when review version history

```
git config --global user.email "[valid-email]"
```

set an email address that will be associated with each history marker

```
git config --global color.ui auto
```

set automatic command line coloring for Git for easy reviewing

SETUP & INIT

Configuring user information, initializing and cloning repositories

```
git init
```

initialize an existing directory as a Git repository

```
git clone [url]
```

retrieve an entire repository from a hosted location via URL

STAGE & SNAPSHOT

Working with snapshots and the Git staging area

```
git status
```

show modified files in working directory, staged for your next commit

```
git add [file]
```

add a file as it looks now to your next commit (stage)

```
git reset [file]
```

unstage a file while retaining the changes in working directory

```
git diff
```

diff of what is changed but not staged

```
git diff --staged
```

diff of what is staged but not yet committed

```
git commit -m "[descriptive message]"
```

commit your staged content as a new commit snapshot

BRANCH & MERGE

Isolating work in branches, changing context, and integrating changes

```
git branch
```

list your branches. a * will appear next to the currently active branch

```
git branch [branch-name]
```

create a new branch at the current commit

```
git checkout
```

switch to another branch and check it out into your working directory

```
git merge [branch]
```

merge the specified branch's history into the current one

```
git log
```

show all commits in the current branch's history

INSPECT & COMPARE

Examining logs, diffs and object information

git log

show the commit history for the currently active branch

git log branchB...branchA

show the commits on branchA that are not on branchB

git log --follow [file]

show the commits that changed file, even across renames

git diff branchB...branchA

show the diff of what is in branchA that is not in branchB

git show [SHA]

show any object in Git in human-readable format

TRACKING PATH CHANGES

Versioning file removes and path changes

git rm [file]

delete the file from project and stage the removal for commit

git mv [existing-path] [new-path]

change an existing file path and stage the move

git log --stat -M

show all commit logs with indication of any paths that moved

IGNORING PATTERNS

Preventing unintentional staging or committing of files

**logs/
*.notes
pattern*/**

Save a file with desired patterns as .gitignore with either direct string matches or wildcard globs.

git config --global core.excludesfile [file]

system wide ignore pattern for all local repositories

SHARE & UPDATE

Retrieving updates from another repository and updating local repos

git remote add [alias] [url]

add a git URL as an alias

git fetch [alias]

fetch down all the branches from that Git remote

git merge [alias]/[branch]

merge a remote branch into your current branch to bring it up to date

git push [alias] [branch]

Transmit local branch commits to the remote repository branch

git pull

fetch and merge any commits from the tracking remote branch

REWRITE HISTORY

Rewriting branches, updating commits and clearing history

git rebase [branch]

apply any commits of current branch ahead of specified one

git reset --hard [commit]

clear staging area, rewrite working tree from specified commit

TEMPORARY COMMITS

Temporarily store modified, tracked files in order to change branches

git stash

Save modified and staged changes

git stash list

list stack-order of stashed file changes

git stash pop

write working from top of stash stack

git stash drop

discard the changes from top of stash stack

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