Slide 1: What is Git and Why is it Necessary?

Title: Introduction to Git

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- **What is Git?**
  - Git is a distributed version control system.
  - It helps track changes to files and coordinate work among multiple people on a project.
  - Think of it as a system that records every change you make to your code, allowing you to go back to any previous version if needed.
- **Why is Git Necessary?**
  - **Collaboration:** Enables multiple developers to work on the same project simultaneously without overwriting each other's changes.
  - **Version Control:** Keeps a history of all changes, making it easy to revert to previous versions if something goes wrong.
  - **Branching and Merging:** Allows developers to work on new features or bug fixes in isolation (branches) and then combine those changes (merge) into the main project.
  - **Backup and Restore:** Provides a backup of your codebase, protecting against data loss.
  - **Tracking Changes:** Git helps you track who made what changes and when, improving accountability and understanding of the project's evolution.
- **How Git Helps in Software Development:**
  - Manages source code efficiently.
  - Facilitates team collaboration.
  - Automates the process of integrating code changes.
  - Improves software quality and reduces bugs.
  - Streamlines the release process.

Slide 2: Basic Git Commands (Part 1)

Title: Basic Git Commands

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- **git init**
  - Initializes a new Git repository in the current directory.
  - This command creates a hidden .git folder where Git stores all the version control information.
  - Example:

```
git init
```

- **git status**
  - Displays the current state of the repository.
  - Shows which files have been modified, which files are staged, and which branch you're on.
  - Essential for understanding the status of your changes.
  - Example:
    ```
    git status
    ```

- **git log**
  - Displays a history of all the commits in the repository.
  - Shows the commit hash, author, date, and commit message.
  - Useful for reviewing the changes that have been made.
  - Example:
    ```
    git log
    ```

Slide 3: Basic Git Commands (Part 2)

Title: Basic Git Commands

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- **git add**
  - Adds changes from the working directory to the staging area (also known as the index).
  - The staging area is where you prepare the changes you want to commit.
  - You can add specific files or all modified files.
  - Examples:
    ```
    git add filename.txt  # Add a specific file
    git add .          # Add all changes in the current directory
    ```

- **git commit**
  - Saves the changes in the staging area to the repository.
  - Creates a new commit object that includes a snapshot of the changes, the author, the date, and a commit message.
  - Commit messages should be descriptive and explain the purpose of the changes.
  - Example:
    ```
    git commit -m "Add new feature X"
    ```

Slide 4: What is Branching?

Title: Branching in Git

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- **What is Branching?**
  - A branch in Git is like a separate line of development.
  - It allows you to create a copy of the main codebase to work on new features, bug fixes, or experiments without affecting the stable version.
  - The main branch is often called main or master.
- **Why is Branching Necessary?**
  - **Isolate Features:** Develop new features in separate branches to keep the main branch clean and stable.
  - **Bug Fixes:** Fix bugs in a dedicated branch without disrupting ongoing development.
  - **Experimentation:** Try out new ideas without risking the main codebase.
  - **Parallel Development:** Enable multiple developers to work on different features simultaneously.
  - **Version Management:** Maintain different versions of the project (e.g., development, staging, production).

Slide 5: Creating Branches

Title: Creating and Switching Branches

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- **git** branch branch_name
  - Creates a new branch, but does not switch to it.
  - Example:
    git branch new_branch

- git **checkout branch_name**
  - Switches to an existing branch. Your working directory will reflect the state of the chosen branch.
  - Example:
    git checkout feature-x

- **git checkout -b branch_name**
  - Creates a new branch and immediately switches to it.

- This is a shortcut for creating a branch and then checking it out.
- Example:
  git checkout -b feature-x

- **git switch branch_name**
  - Switches to an existing branch.
  - Example:
    git switch feature-x

- **git switch -c branch_name**
  - Creates a new branch and switches to it.
  - Example
    git switch -c feature-x

  - *Note: git switch is a newer command, and git checkout is an older one that does multiple things. Both are commonly used.*
    Slide 6: Merging in Git

Title: Merging Branches

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- **What is Merging?**
  - Merging is the process of combining the changes from one branch into another branch.
  - Typically, you merge a feature branch into the main branch after the feature is complete and tested.
- **Why is Merging Necessary?**
  - **Integrate Features:** Combine new features into the main codebase.
  - **Incorporate Bug Fixes:** Bring bug fixes from a bug fix branch into the main branch.
  - **Synchronize Code:** Keep different branches up-to-date with the latest changes.
- **git merge branch_name**
  - Merges the specified branch_name into the current branch.
  - For example, if you are on the main branch and want to merge the changes from the feature-x branch, you would run:
    git checkout main
    git merge feature-x

Slide 7: Merge Conflicts

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- **What is a Merge Conflict?**
  - A merge conflict occurs when Git cannot automatically combine the changes from two branches.
  - This usually happens when the same lines of code have been modified differently in the two branches.
- **How to Resolve Merge Conflicts**
  1. **Identify the conflict:** Git will mark the conflicting areas in the affected files with special markers:
     - <<<<<<< HEAD: Indicates the changes in the current branch.
     - =======: Separates the changes from the two branches.
     - >>>>>>> branch_name: Indicates the changes in the branch being merged.
  2. **Edit the file:** Manually edit the file to choose which changes to keep or combine.
     - You need to remove the conflict markers (<<<<<<<, =======, >>>>>>>).
     - Decide whether to keep your changes, the changes from the other branch, or a combination of both.
  3. **Stage the resolved file:** After resolving the conflict, use git add to add the modified file to the staging area.
     git add filename.txt
  4. **Commit the merge:** Once all conflicts are resolved and the files are staged, create a new commit to complete the merge.
     git commit -m "Resolve merge conflicts"

Slide 8: Git Push and Pull

Title: Git Push and Pull

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- **git push**
  - Used to upload local repository content to a remote repository (like GitHub, GitLab, or Bitbucket).
  - Sends your commits to the remote repository, making your changes visible to others.

    - Example:
      git push origin main # Pushes the 'main' branch to the 'origin' remote

        - origin is the default name for the remote repository.
- **git pull**
    - Used to fetch and download content from a remote repository and update the local repository to match.
    - Fetches changes from the remote repository and merges them into your current branch.
    - It's like saying, "Get the latest changes from the remote and apply them to my local copy."
    - Example:
      git pull origin main # Pulls the latest changes from the 'main' branch of the 'origin' remote.

        - It is good practice to pull before you start working on new changes, to minimize conflicts.