Git-GitHub Cheatsheet

Basic Setup

- **git config --global user.name "Your Name"**

Set your Git username.

- **git config --global user.email "your.email@example.com"**

Set your Git email.

- **git config --list**

List all Git configurations.

Initializing and Cloning

- **git init**

Initialize a new Git repository in your project.

- **git clone <repo-url>**

Clone an existing repository.

Working with Changes

- **git add <file>**

Stage a specific file for commit.

- **git add .**

Stage all changes in the current directory.

- **git commit -m "Commit message"**

Commit changes with a message.

- **git commit -am "Message"**

Add and commit tracked files in one step.

- **git commit --amend**

Edit the last commit message or add changes to it.

Handling Merge Conflicts

- **git diff**

Compare working directory changes.

- **git diff <branch1> <branch2>**

Compare two branches.

Status & Logs

- **git status**

Show the current status of changes in the working directory.

- **git log**

View commit history.

- **git log --oneline**

Show concise commit history.

Branching & Merging

- **git branch <branch-name>**

Create a new branch.

- **git checkout <branch-name>**

Switch to a specific branch.

- **git checkout -b <branch-name>**

Create and switch to a new branch.

- **git merge <branch-name>**

Merge specified branch into the current branch.

- **git rebase <branch-name>**

Reapply commits on top of another base.

- **git rebase -i HEAD~<n>**

Interactive rebase to edit commit history, rearrange commits, modify commit messages, or squash the last n commits

- **git branch -d <branch-name>**

Delete a local branch (use -D to force delete).

Undoing Changes

- **git reset <file>**

Unstage a file.

- **git reset --soft HEAD~1**

Undo last commit but keep changes staged.

- **git reset --mixed HEAD~1**

Undo last commit, keep changes in the working directory (unstaged).

- **git reset --hard HEAD~1**

Completely remove the last commit.

- **git revert <commit-id>**

Create a new commit that undoes the specified commit.

Stashing Changes

- **git stash**

Temporarily save changes.

- **git stash list**

View stashed changes.

- **git stash pop**

Reapply stashed changes and remove them from the stash list.

- **git stash apply**

Reapply stashed changes without removing them.

- **git stash clear**

Remove all stashed entries.

Collaborating & Pull Requests

- **git branch -a**

List all branches, including remote.

- **git push origin :<branch-name>**

Delete a remote branch.

Remote Repositories

- **git remote add origin <url>**

Link your local repository to a remote one.

- **git remote -v**

List the remote repository URLs.

- **git remote set-url origin <new-url>**

Update the remote URL for the repository.

- **git remote rename <old-name> <new-name>**

Rename a remote.

- **git push -u origin <branch-name>**

Push changes to the remote repository.

- **git pull origin <branch-name>**

Pull changes from the remote branch.

- **git fetch**

Download updates from the remote without merging.

- **git fetch <remote>**

Fetch updates from a specific remote.

Advanced Operations

- **git cherry-pick <commit-id>**

Apply a specific commit from another branch.

- **git cherry-pick <start-commit-id>^..<end-commit-id>**

Cherry-pick a range of commits.

- **git tag <tag-name>**

Add a tag to a commit.

- **git tag -d <tag-name>**

Remove a local tag.

- **git reflog**

View history of all changes (even uncommitted).

- **git reflog show <branch-name>**

Show reflog for a specific branch.

- **git show <commit-id>**

Show detailed info for a specific commit.

- **git bisect start**

Start bisecting to locate a bug

Reviewing Changes

- **git show <file>**
Display changes made to a specific file.

- **git diff <commit-id1> <commit-id2>**
Compare changes between two commits.

Help Command

- **git help <command>**
Get detailed help for a specific command.

GitHub Commands (Optional with GitHub CLI)

- **gh repo create**
Create a new GitHub repo from the command line.

- **gh repo clone <repo-url>**
Clone a GitHub repository.

- **gh pr create**
Create a pull request from the command line.

- **gh pr list**
List open pull requests in the repository.

- **gh issue create**
Create a GitHub issue from the command line.

GitHub API (using curl)

- **curl -H "Authorization: token YOUR_TOKEN" https://api.github.com/repos/USERNAME/REPO_NAME/issues**
List issues in a repository.

Submodules & Worktrees

- **git submodule add <repo-url> <path>**
Add a submodule.

- **git submodule init**
Initialize submodules.

- **git submodule update**
Update submodules.

- **git worktree add <path> <branch>**
Create a new working tree for a branch.

Cleaning Up

- **git clean -f**
Remove untracked files.

- **git clean -fd**
Remove untracked files and directories.

Repository Management and Information

- **git shortlog -s -n**
Summarize commits by author.

- **git describe --tags**
Get a readable name for a commit.

- **git blame <file>**
Show who last modified each line of a file.

- **git grep "search-term"**
Search for a term in the repository.

- **git revert <commit-id1>..<commit-id2>**
Revert a range of commits.

- **git archive --format=zip HEAD -o latest.zip**
Archive the latest commit as a ZIP file.

- **git fsck**
Check the object database for integrity.

Best Practices and Common Workflows

- **Commit Often:** Make frequent commits with descriptive messages to maintain a clear project history.
- **Branch for Features:** Create a new branch for each feature or bug fix to keep changes organized and separate from the main codebase.
- **Use Meaningful Commit Messages:** Write clear and concise commit messages that explain the purpose of the changes.
- **Pull Regularly:** Regularly pull changes from the remote repository to stay updated with the latest changes and minimize merge conflicts.
- **Resolve Conflicts Promptly:** Address merge conflicts as soon as they arise to avoid complicating the integration process.
- **Review Pull Requests Thoroughly:** Ensure thorough review of pull requests to maintain code quality and facilitate knowledge sharing.
- **Tag Releases:** Use tags to mark important milestones or releases in the project for easy reference in the future.
- **Keep Your Branches Clean:** Delete branches that are no longer needed after merging them into the main branch to keep the repository organized.
- **Use Git Hooks for Automation:** Utilize Git hooks to automate tasks, like running tests before committing (pre-commit) or checking commit message formats. Hooks can help ensure code quality and consistency.
- **Squash Commits Before Merging:** Squash commits to combine related work into a single commit before merging, especially for feature branches. This keeps the project history clean and manageable.
- **Avoid Large Commits:** Try to keep commits small and focused on a single change or fix. This makes it easier to understand the history and isolate issues if something goes wrong.
- **Create Descriptive Branch Names:** Use branch naming conventions that describe the purpose, such as feature/login-form or fix/user-authentication-bug. This improves readability and collaboration.
- **Keep the Main Branch Deployable:** Always ensure that the main or production branch is stable and deployable. This allows the project to be released or updated at any time.