



LEARN GIT

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1. Install git

Go to https://git-scm.com/downloads and choose your operating system to see how you can download or/and install git on your computer or follow the instructions below.

Windows

In the windows option:

- 1. Download the windows software.
- 2. Install it on your computer.
- 3. Open the git bash terminal you have just installed to start using git.

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Download for Windows

Click here to download the latest (2.42.0) 64-bit version of Git for Windows. This is the most recent maintained build. It was released 2 months ago, on 2023-08-30.

Mac

Install homebrew by pasting the command on the command line and pressing enter.

https://brew.sh/

Install the latest version of git when homebrew is done installing by pasting the command on the command line.

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/bin/bash -c "\$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/install/HE AD/install.sh)"

brew install git

Linux

Install git with this command by typing it into the terminal and pressing enter..

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apt-get install git



2. Global configurations

Username

Sets the user's name for git projects. Replace the placeholder with your name inside the double quotes.

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

Email

Sets the user's email for the git projects. Replace the placeholder with your email.

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git config --global user.email your.email@host.com

Pull rebase true

Sets the behaviour of the pull command to always rebase.

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git config --global pull.rebase true

Pull rebase false

Sets the behaviour of the pull command to always merge. This is the default configuration.

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git config --global pull.rebase false

Core editor

Sets the terminal in VSCode as the default editor for the commit messages.

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git config --global core.editor "code --wait"



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3. Basic commands

Git init

Initiates a local repository in the current location of your terminal by creating a hidden .git folder at the chosen directory.

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git init

Remove .git

Removes the $\mbox{.git}$ file to delete the local repository.

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rm -rf .git

Git add <file name>

Adds all untracked and modified changes of a specific file to the staging area.

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git add index.html

Git add.

Adds all untracked and modified changes of all files and folders of the directory you're in.

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git add.

Git status

Shows the current status of the files in your repository.

Unstaged files are shown in red, while files that were staged with a previous git add command are shown in green.

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git status



Git commit

Creates a commit to store the changes that had been staged in the git history log. This commit will open a text field in the terminal for you to write a message describing the commit.

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git commit

Git commit -m

Creates a commit to store the changes that had been staged in the git history log and the -m flag allows to automatically write the commit message in the command itself.

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git commit -m "My first commit"

Git log

Shows you the history of commits in detail in reverse chronological order.

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git log

Git log --oneline

The flag -oneline displays a shortened, one line view for each commit in the commit history.

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git log --oneline

Git reflog

Shows the reference logs saved in history. The reference logs are private and never pushed to the remote. They record commits, branch creation, branch deletion and other changes.

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git reflog



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4. Git branches

Git branch

Shows you a list of all the local branches.

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git branch

Git branch -r

Shows you a list of all the remote branches.

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git branch -r

Git branch -a

Shows you a list of all the local and remote branches.

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git branch -a

Git branch

branch name>

Creates a new branch with the name that is passed in the command.

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git branch dev

Git checkout
 branch name>

Changes to the branch that the name is passed in the command.

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git checkout dev

Git checkout -b
branch name>

Creates a new branch with the name that is passed in the command and automatically switches to that branch.

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git checkout -b dev





Git branch -d <branch name>

Deletes the branch with the name that is passed in the command.

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git branch -d dev

Git branch -D
branch name>

Forces the deletion of the branch with the name that is passed in the command when this is not yet merged with main or pushed to the remote.

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git branch -d dev



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5. Git and Github or other remotes

Git add <remote alias> <remote url>

Creates a connection between a local repository and a remote one.

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git remote add origin git@github

Git clone <remote url>

Creates a new local repository with the content of a remote one and creates a connection between them automatically.

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git clone git@github

Git remote

Lists the remote connections that your local repo is connected to by alias.

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git remote

Git remote -v

Enumerates the remotes that your local repo is connected to and shows the url that is used to connect to each one of them.

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git remote -v

Git push -u <remote alias> <branch name>

Pushes the declared branch to the remote, and binds this local branch with the remote branch for future push and pull commands.

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git push -u origin main



Git push <remote> <branch name>

Pushes the code from the local branch you are currently on to the remote one that has the same name. If there is no such branch, it will create it, but it will not be setting the local one to follow the remote one.

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git push origin main

Git push

Pushes the code from the local branch you are currently on to the remote one that the local branch is set to follow.

It requires a previous **git push -u** command.

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git push

Git pull

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Pulls the code from the remote branch that the current local branch is set to follow.

It requires you to do the **git push -u** command first.

git pull

Git pull <remote> <branch name>

Pulls the code of the remote branch that is passed in the command from the remote repo that is specified, into the local branch you are currently on.

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git pull origin main



6. Git merge and rebase

Git merge

branch name>

Merges the code of the branch you pass the name in the command into the current branch.

This should be used for all public branches.

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git merge main

Git rebase

branch name>

Rebases the code of the branch you pass the name in the command into the current branch.

This **should only be used in private branches** that have not yet been pushed to the remote to avoid issues, as this command rewrites history, creating a new id for each commit.

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git rebase main



7. Git reset and revert

Git reset < commit id>

It brings your history back to the commit which id you passed in the command. All the other commits will be deleted from history as they never existed. However, the code recorded by those commits will not be deleted, so you can manually add or remove the parts that you want.

It should only be used for branches that are not yet pushed to the remote to avoid conflicts when pushing the code.

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git reset 4965db1

Git reset --hard <commit id>

Works as <u>git reset</u>, but the --hard flag will force the deletion of any code that was not stored in the commit you are resetting to.

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git reset --hard 4965db1

Git revert < commit id>

It reverts the code to the one stored in the commit whose id has been passed in the command, removing all the code that later commits have stored. However, instead of deleting those later commits from history, it creates a new commit storing the code revert. This makes it possible to revert the code on public branches, where it is impossible to reset or push a branch that has reset, as the commit history would diverge and cause conflicts.

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git revert 4965db1

