

Efficient tools and techniques for modern software development

Git – Part 1

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- Installation – Configuring Git
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Hi Everyone, Hope you had a great weekend.
Friendly reminder: Our next session will be on Git(Not Github). I am in the process of getting the content ready for it. Would like to understand your expertise with Git. The more poll results the better. -Vineel

✓ Select one

<input type="radio"/> Never heard of Git	 28
<input type="radio"/> Have basic understanding of Git	 23
<input type="radio"/> Have intermediate understanding of Git	 2
<input type="radio"/> Have expert understanding of Git	0

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What is Git? Why should you care?

Git is a software that keeps track of **changes** to your source code. **Source Code Management** software
Much like your bank account's **passbook**, which keeps track of every transaction, but for source code.

Passbook/Bank Statement

1. Debit
2. Credit

DATE	DESCRIPTION	WITHDRAWAL	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
	Previous balance			27,584.38
03/02	Internet Bill	75.99		27,508.39
03/05	Electric Bill	253.68		27,254.71
03/06	Check No. 4598 <i>Payment from Lisa Williams</i>		456.84	27,711.55
03/10	Deposit from Credit Card Processor		5,891.26	33,602.81
03/12	Payroll Run	3,894.75		29,708.06
03/16	Debit Transaction <i>Main Office Wholesale</i>	243.46		29,464.60
03/21	Rent Bill	750.00		28,714.60
03/21	Check No. 234 <i>Payment From Mark Moore</i>		268.84	28,983.44
03/26	Payroll Run	3,743.23		25,240.21
03/28	Deposit		3,656.45	28,896.66
03/29	Debit Transaction <i>ABC Business Supplies</i>	1,548.96		27,347.70
	Ending balance			27,347.70

Changes possible in source code

1. Modify existing files
2. Add new files
3. Delete existing files

```
commit d5b1a4f0958c860e825bfd5827cb985a4b86147d (HEAD -> master)
Author: Eric Biggers <ebiggers3@gmail.com>
Date:   Fri Oct 27 21:04:32 2023 -0700

    fuzz.sh: add --max-len option

tools/LibFuzzer/fuzz.sh

commit 2da8c3dac2d66ededac860a1147e8794bf557a46
Author: Eric Biggers <ebiggers3@gmail.com>
Date:   Sat Sep 16 16:21:11 2023 -0700

    README.WINDOWS.md: use https URL instead of git

README.WINDOWS.md

commit 4baa0ab7b8ad5c7f0a109e22e9a6c8621a7edd42 (tag: v1.14.3)
Author: Eric Biggers <ebiggers3@gmail.com>
Date:   Mon Sep 4 11:41:23 2023 -0700

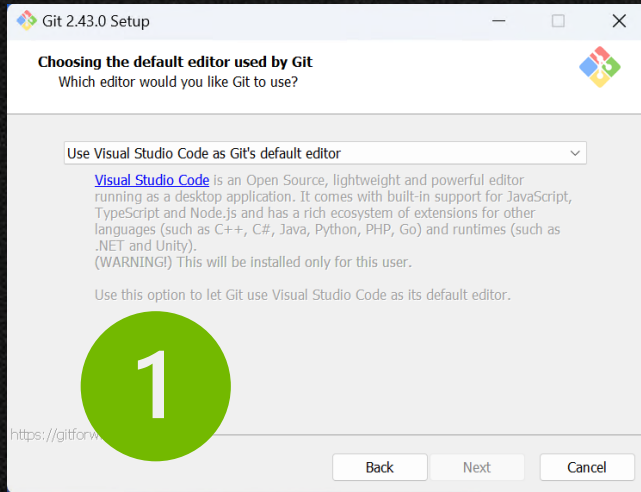
    v1.14.3

Makefile.am
NEWS.md
README.WINDOWS.md
README.md
doc/man1/mkwinpeimg.1
```

- Git is used by 99.99% of the projects

Installation – Configure Git

<https://git-scm.com/>

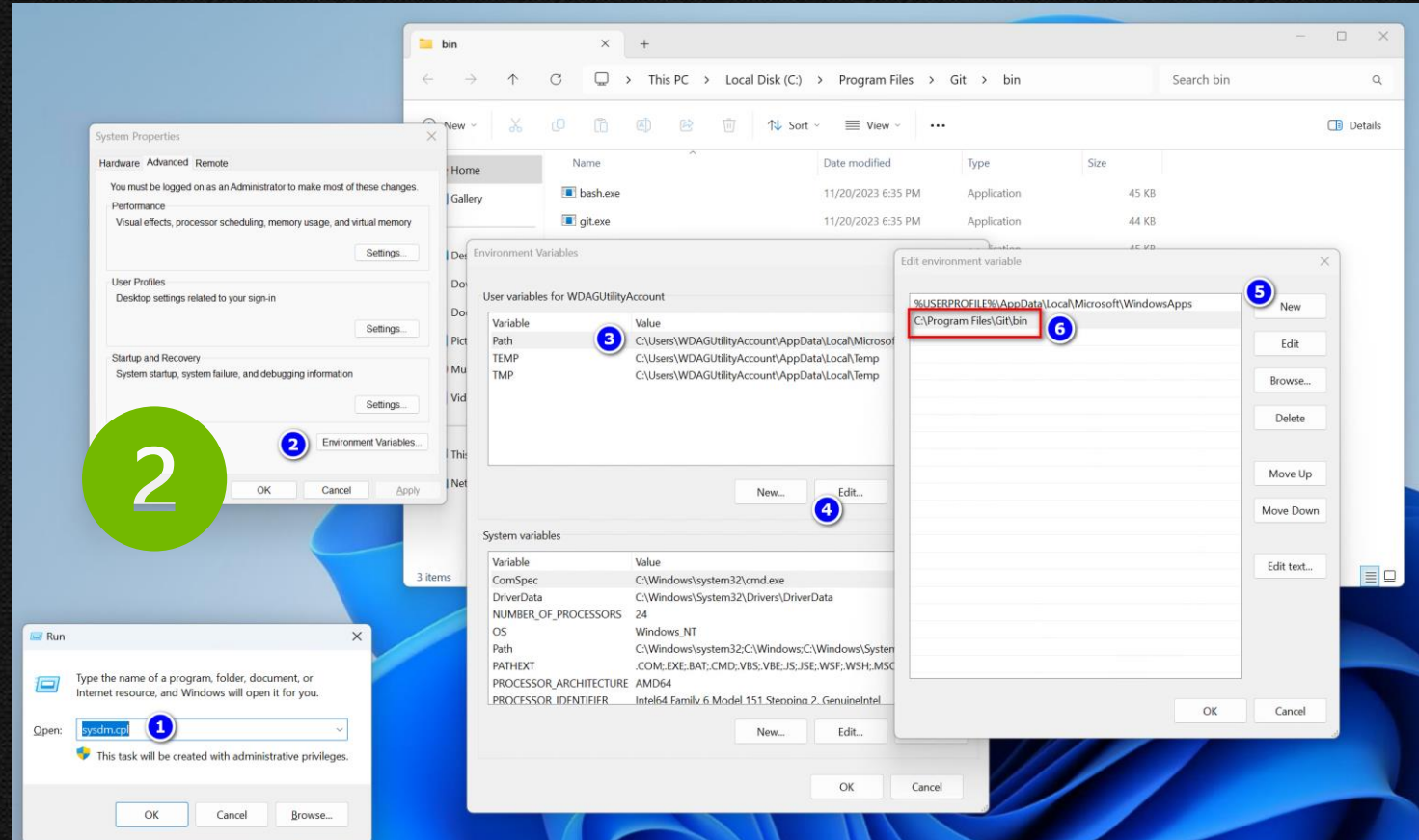


Set name and email

```
C:\>git config --global user.name "Vineel Kovvuri"  
C:\>git config --global user.email "vineel.kovvuri@gmail.com"  
C:\>
```

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Add git.exe to Path Environment variable



Please do not use any git GUI tools 😊

Git Commands

Demo Time

```
C:\HelloWorldProject>git
usage: git [-v | --version] [-h | --help] [-C <path>] [-c <name>=<value>]
[--exec-path[=<path>]] [--html-path] [--man-path] [--info-path]
[-p | --paginate | -P | --no-pager] [--no-replace-objects] [--bare]
[--git-dir=<path>] [--work-tree=<path>] [--namespace=<name>]
[--config-env=<name>=<envvar>] <command> [<args>]
```

These are common Git commands used in various situations:

start a working area (see also: git help tutorial)

clone Clone a repository into a new directory

init Create an empty Git repository or reinitialize an existing one

work on the current change (see also: git help everyday)

add Add file contents to the index

mv Move or rename a file, a directory, or a symlink

restore Restore working tree files

rm Remove files from the working tree and from the index

examine the history and state (see also: git help revisions)

bisect Use binary search to find the commit that introduced a bug

diff Show changes between commits, commit and working tree, etc

grep Print lines matching a pattern

log Show commit logs

show Show various types of objects

status Show the working tree status

grow, mark and tweak your common history

branch List, create, or delete branches

commit Record changes to the repository

merge Join two or more development histories together

rebase Reapply commits on top of another base tip

reset Reset current HEAD to the specified state

switch Switch branches

tag Create, list, delete or verify a tag object signed with GPG

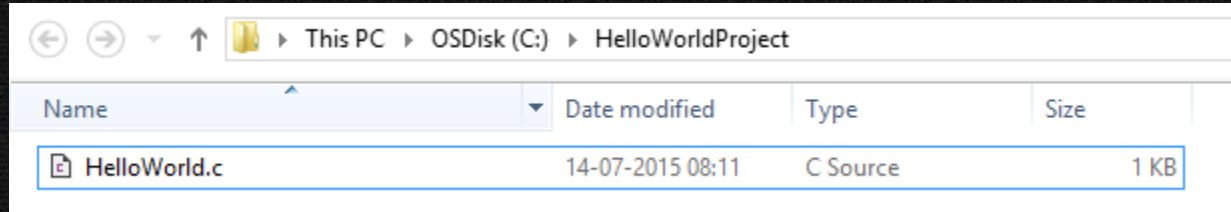
collaborate (see also: git help workflows)

fetch Download objects and refs from another repository

pull Fetch from and integrate with another repository or a local branch

push Update remote refs along with associated objects

How to initialize a git repository?



A Windows File Explorer window showing the contents of the 'HelloWorldProject' directory. The address bar indicates the path is 'This PC > OSDisk (C:) > HelloWorldProject'. The table below lists the files and folders in the directory.

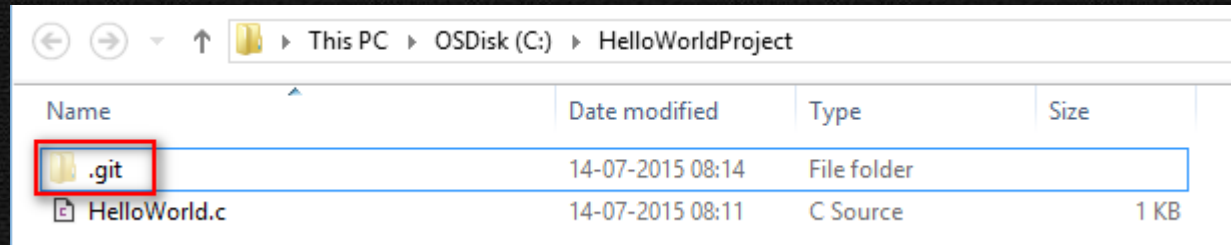
Name	Date modified	Type	Size
HelloWorld.c	14-07-2015 08:11	C Source	1 KB

```
C:\HelloWorldProject>git status  
fatal: Not a git repository (or any of the parent directories): .git
```

Demo Time

git init .

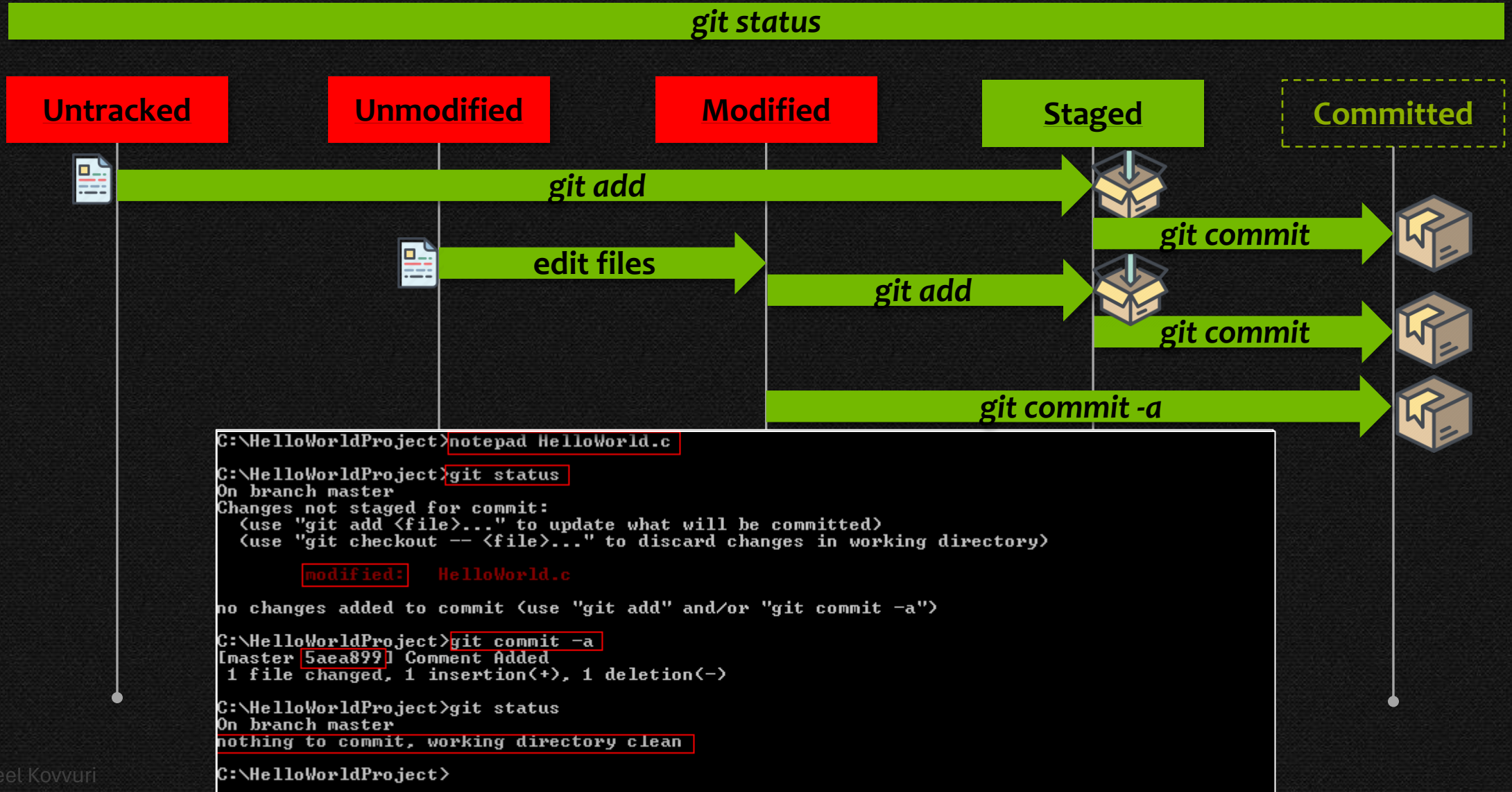
```
C:\HelloWorldProject>git init .  
Initialized empty Git repository in C:/HelloWorldProject/.git/
```



A Windows File Explorer window showing the contents of the 'HelloWorldProject' directory after running 'git init .'. The address bar indicates the path is 'This PC > OSDisk (C:) > HelloWorldProject'. The table below lists the files and folders in the directory. The '.git' folder is highlighted with a red box.

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
.git	14-07-2015 08:14	File folder	
HelloWorld.c	14-07-2015 08:11	C Source	1 KB

Git Basics



Git log

git log show history of commits(aka bank statement)



```
C:\MyProject>git log
commit 302dddb8c5886e28a861e804b2a6556c2f90fa92
Merge: d751102 f3f8a35
Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineel.kovvuri@gmail.com>
Date: Mon Jul 13 21:50:23 2015 +0530

    Merge branch 'opt_helloworld'

commit d7511025d2361e66626b943aea570736dc17dfd9
Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineel.kovvuri@gmail.com>
Date: Mon Jul 13 21:46:58 2015 +0530

    Comment added

commit f3f8a3518871e1a0e06605f79a5ab9e104161cc1
Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineel.kovvuri@gmail.com>
Date: Mon Jul 13 21:45:03 2015 +0530

    Optimised Hello World

commit ee8a73a41b5b1273720aef1f56f8a1aaa412c207
Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineelko@microsoft.com>
Date: Mon Jul 13 21:26:17 2015 +0530

    Adding .gitignore

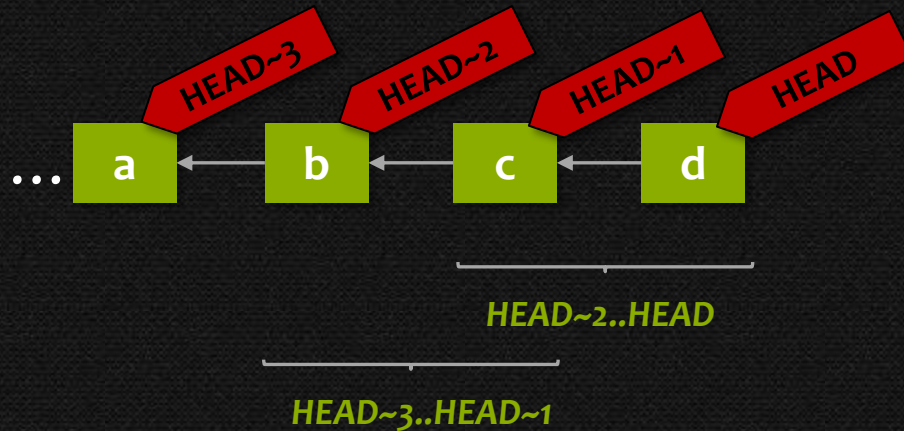
commit 940a3a6bfd4460cedc1738b645d05fa4505d29ec
Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineelko@microsoft.com>
Date: Mon Jul 13 19:41:10 2015 +0530

    My First helloWorld commit

C:\MyProject>
```


Git HEAD

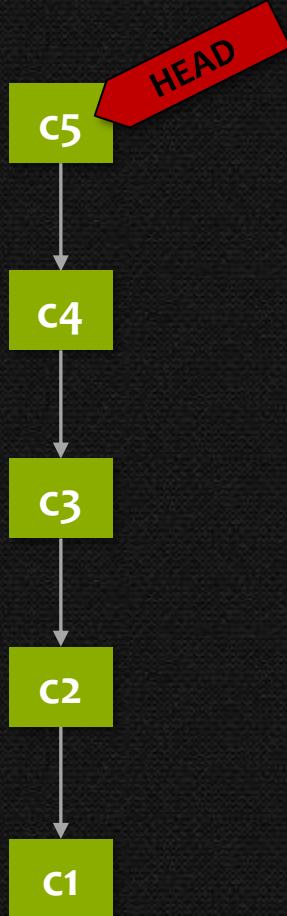
- **HEAD** always refers to the latest commit on the current branch
- **HEAD~1** always refers to the commit one before the latest commit
- **HEAD~2, HEAD~3, ...**



- **..** Syntax(revision/range syntax) is used to refer a range of commits
- **HEAD~2..HEAD** means all commit b/w HEAD~2 and HEAD not including HEAD~2

Git log

git log show history of commits



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Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineel.kovvuri@gmail.com>
Date: Mon Jul 13 21:46:58 2015 +0530

    Comment added

commit f3f8a3518871e1a0e06605f79a5ab9e104161cc1
Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineel.kovvuri@gmail.com>
Date: Mon Jul 13 21:45:03 2015 +0530

    Optimised Hello World

commit ee8a73a41b5b1273720aef1f56f8a1aaa412c207
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Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineelko@microsoft.com>
Date: Mon Jul 13 19:41:10 2015 +0530

    My First helloWorld commit

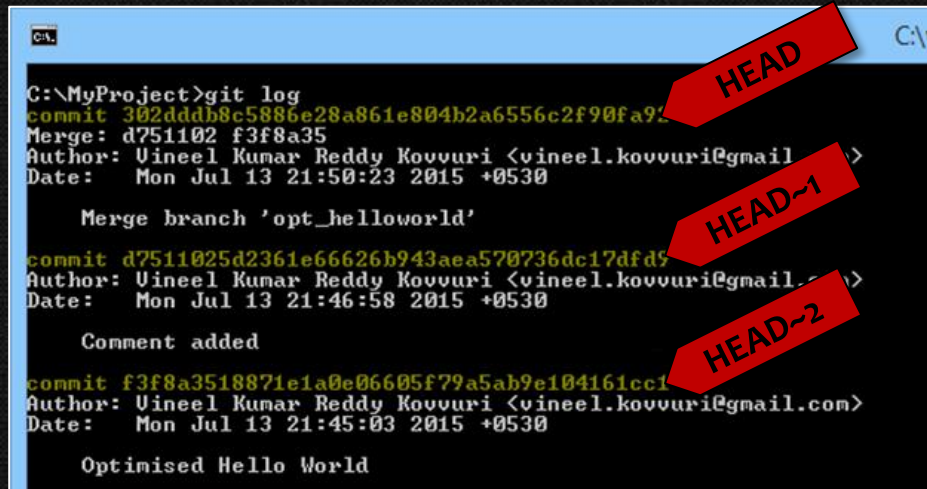
C:\MyProject>
```

Git difftool

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/meld-installer/>

```
C:\repos>git config --global diff.tool meld
```

```
C:\repos>git config --global difftool.meld.path "C:\Program Files (x86)\Meld\Meld\Meld.exe"
```



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Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineel.kovvuri@gmail.com>
Date: Mon Jul 13 21:50:23 2015 +0530

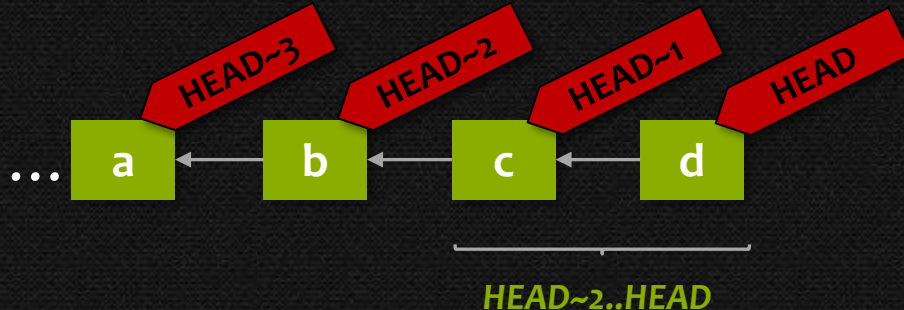
    Merge branch 'opt_helloworld'

commit d7511025d2361e66626b943aea570736dc17dfd5
Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineel.kovvuri@gmail.com>
Date: Mon Jul 13 21:46:58 2015 +0530

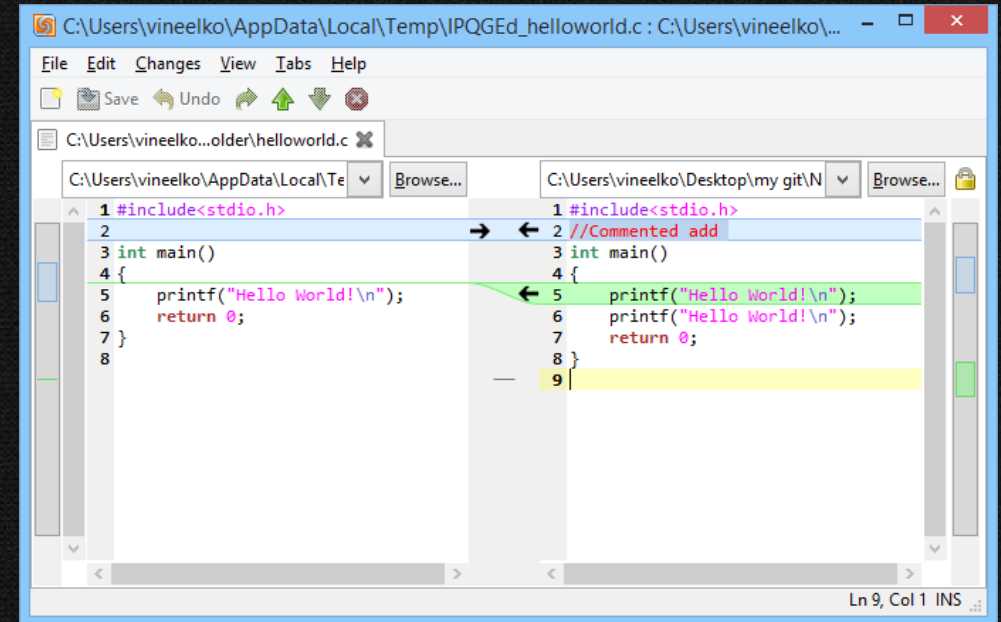
    Comment added

commit f3f8a3518871e1a0e06605f79a5ab9e104161cc1
Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineel.kovvuri@gmail.com>
Date: Mon Jul 13 21:45:03 2015 +0530

    Optimised Hello World
```



`git difftool -d`
`git difftool -d HEAD~2..HEAD`



Undo changes in Git

git status

Unmodified

Modified

Staged

Committed



```
C:\HelloWorldProject>git log
commit cb3b5d203281e8203373528447a18bcea086a342
Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineelko@microsoft.com>
Date: Tue Jul 14 20:14:34 2015 +0530

    Added comments to the helloworld!

commit e00b227c5ce76721190f983f34958e3a1aab283b
Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineelko@microsoft.com>
Date: Tue Jul 14 20:08:39 2015 +0530

    First HelloWorld Program

C:\HelloWorldProject>git reset HEAD~1 --hard
HEAD is now at e00b227 First HelloWorld Program

C:\HelloWorldProject>git log
commit e00b227c5ce76721190f983f34958e3a1aab283b
Author: Vineel Kumar Reddy Kovvuri <vineelko@microsoft.com>
Date: Tue Jul 14 20:08:39 2015 +0530

    First HelloWorld Program

C:\HelloWorldProject>
```


Recap

Create Repo	git init	Initialize a repository
Inspect Repo	git status	Know the status of the repository
Create Commits	git add	Add files for staging
	git commit	Create commit of the staged files
Inspect Commits	git log	View the commit log
	git diff/diff tool	See changes between the commits
Undo Commits	git reset	Undo commit(unpack the commit)
	git checkout	Discard the changes

References

- <https://github.com/vineelkovvuri/gvpcoe-sessions-2024/blob/master/Git-Part1>
- <https://stackoverflow.com/>

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