

# Intermediate Git

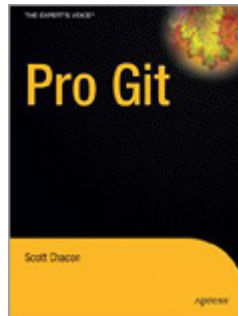
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# Pro Git



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If that doesn't fix it, `git.txt` contains the phone number of a friend of mine who understands git. Just wait through a few minutes of 'It's really pretty simple, just think of branches as...' and eventually you'll learn the commands that will fix everything.

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"Lightweight" branches.

# Refs

- Refs are for humans. Git doesn't need them to function.
- Git only cares about the DAG (directed acyclic graph).

# Revisions

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- <sha1>, e.g. dae86e1950b1277e545cee180551750029cfe735, dae86e
- <describeOutput>, e.g. v1.7.4.2-679-g3bee7fb
- <refname>, e.g. master, heads/master, refs/heads/master  
HEAD, FETCH\_HEAD, ORIG\_HEAD, MERGE\_HEAD, CHERRY\_PICK\_HEAD  
refs/<refname>  
refs/tags/<refname>  
refs/heads/<refname>  
refs/remotes/<refname>  
refs/remotes/<refname>/HEAD
- @  
[<refname>]@{<date>}, e.g. master@{yesterday}, HEAD@{5 minutes ago}
- <refname>@{<n>}, e.g. master@{1}  
@{<n>}, e.g. @{1}
- @{-<n>}, e.g. @{-1}
- [<branchname>]@{upstream}, e.g. master@{upstream}, @{u}  
[<branchname>]@{push}, e.g. master@{push}, @{push}
- <rev>^[<n>], e.g. HEAD^, v1.5.1^0
- <rev>~[<n>], e.g. HEAD~, master~3
- <rev>^{<type>}, e.g. v0.99.8^{commit}
- <rev>^{}, e.g. v0.99.8^{}
- <rev>^{/ <text>}, e.g. HEAD^{/fix nasty bug}
- :/<text>, e.g. :/fix nasty bug
- <rev>:<path>, e.g. HEAD:README, master:./README
- :[<n>]:<path>, e.g. :0:README, :README

# Ranges

```
<rev>  
^<rev>  
- <rev1>..  
<rev2>, e.g. @{u}..HEAD, HEAD..@{u}, @{u}.., ..@{u}  
- <rev1>...  
<rev2>, e.g. @{u}...HEAD, HEAD...@{u}, @{u}..., ...@{u}  
<rev>^@, e.g. HEAD^@  
<rev>^!, e.g. HEAD^!  
<rev>^-<n>, e.g. HEAD^- , HEAD^-2
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- `fetch` updates the local DAG.
- `pull` updates the local DAG *and* moves ref pointers.

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(Future presentation?)

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3. On each replay, each file in working tree is diffed and updated:
  - Start with common ancestor's version of the file.
  - Non-overlapping areas are incorporated verbatim.
  - Changes made to both sides of an area will be a conflict and Git wraps both sides in conflict markers so the user can choose.
  - Diff overlap detection can be tuned by changing the diff algorithm used (patience, minimal, histogram, myers).



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- Differences in the surrounding diff *context*.
- Whitespace differences.
- Conflicting changes.

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>>>>>> branchA
```

```
"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!  
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!  
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun  
The frumious Bandersnatch!"
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- Follow the file history:

```
git log --oneline --left-right HEAD...MERGE_HEAD
git log --oneline --left-right --merge
git log --oneline --left-right --merge -p
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# Advanced Git

- Commit objects -> tree objects -> blob objects.

```
git cat-file -p HEAD
```

- Git packs and (re-)calculating diffs between commits.
- Non-standard refs.
- Refspecs.
- Transfer protocol.
- Maintenance and data recovery.