



Mastering Git Branch

Navigation with Bash



List All Branches:

To begin, let's learn how to list all the branches in your Git repository. This step helps you understand which branches are available for you to work with.

```
git branch
```

This command will display a list of both local and remote branches in your repository.



Create a New Branch:

Creating a new branch is essential when you want to work on a new feature or bug fix. Replace `branch_name` with the name you desire for your new branch.

```
git branch branch_name
```

This command creates a new branch but does not switch to it.



Switch to a Branch:

Switching between branches is a fundamental Git operation. It allows you to work on different tasks or features in isolation. To switch to an existing branch, use the checkout command.

```
git checkout branch_name
```

Remember to replace `branch_name` with the name of the branch you want to switch to.



Create and Switch to a New Branch:

```
git checkout -b new_branch_name
```

This is a quick way to start working on a new task.



Check the Current Branch:

It's essential to know which branch you are currently on to avoid making changes in the wrong place.

```
git branch
```

This command will show the currently checked-out branch with an asterisk (*).



Fetch Remote Branches:

To access branches on the remote repository, you must first fetch them to your local machine. This command updates your local branch list to include remote branches.

```
git fetch --all
```



Switch to a Remote Branch:

Sometimes, you may need to switch to a branch from the remote repository. This can be done using the `git checkout` command with the full remote branch reference:

```
git checkout origin/branch_name
```

This allows you to work on a branch from the remote repository.



Push Changes to a Branch:

When you've made changes in your local branch and want to share them with others or back them up on the remote repository, use the following command:

```
git push origin branch_name
```

This command pushes your changes to the specified branch on the remote repository.



Merge Branches:

To combine changes from one branch into another, you can use the merge command:

```
git merge source_branch
```

This command merges the changes from `source_branch` into your current branch.

Rebase onto Another Branch:

Rebasing is an alternative to merging, which can lead to a cleaner project history. To rebase your current branch onto another branch:

```
git rebase target_branch
```

Rebasing can be especially useful when working on feature branches.

Resolve Conflicts:

In case of conflicts during a merge or rebase, don't panic! Resolve them by editing the conflicted files, then add and continue the operation:

```
git add <conflicted_files>
```

```
git rebase --continue # or git merge --continue
```

Conflicts are a natural part of collaborative work, and resolving them is a valuable skill.

Stay Up-to-Date:





To keep your local branch up-to-date with changes from the remote repository, use `git pull`.

```
git pull origin branch_name
```

This command fetches and merges changes from the remote branch into your current branch:

WARNING: PERMANENT BRANCH DELETION AND SYNCING WITH ORIGIN

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Deleting a branch and syncing it with the remote repository (origin) can have **PERMANENT** consequences. Proceed with **CAUTION!**

Step 1: Verify Branch Deletion

Before syncing the deletion with origin, double-check that you've indeed deleted the branch locally. Use this command to verify:

```
git branch
```

Ensure that the branch you want to delete is **NOT** listed.

Step 2: Delete the Branch Locally (if not done)

If you haven't already deleted the branch locally, use the following command to remove it:

```
git branch -d branch_name
```

Replace `branch_name` with the name of the branch you wish to delete.

Step 3: 🚨🚨🚨🔥 Sync the Deleted Branch with Origin 🔥🚨🚨🚨

🚨 **CAUTION:** When you sync the deletion with origin, it 🔥 **PERMANENTLY** 🔥 removes the branch on the remote repository. Collaborators will lose access to it, and all its history will be gone. Make **ABSOLUTELY** sure that this is what you want!

```
git push origin --delete branch_name
```

Replace branch_name with the name of the branch you've deleted locally.

Step 4: Confirm the Deletion (Double-Check)

Confirm the branch's deletion on the remote repository by using:

```
git ls-remote --heads origin
```

Ensure that the branch you deleted is NOT listed among the remote branches.

Step 5: WARN YOUR TEAM

📢 Communicate with your team immediately to inform them of the branch deletion. They need to know that the branch has been removed from the remote repository.

Deleting a branch and syncing with origin is IRREVERSIBLE. Ensure everyone is aware of the change to avoid confusion and potential data loss.

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