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## git cannot apply binary patch \*\*\* without full index line

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When I try to apply a patch from a file, I see

```
error: cannot apply binary patch to 'my/resource.png' without full index line
error: my/resource.png: patch does not apply
```

I added `my/resource.png` in the commit from which I made the patch. How can I enabled full-index support?

[git](#)

edited Jun 17 '13 at 20:44



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19.4k 8 66 122

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asked Jun 17 '13 at 16:16



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### 1 Answer

Checkout the brach from which you want to create the patch. Run this command:

```
git diff-index 79fd4d7 --binary > ~/Desktop/my-patch
```

Where `79fd4d7` is a placeholder for the commit that came right before the range of commits you want to diff. (e.g. I want a patch that contains the first three commits below:

```
aaa02b0 third commit mine
aabbbcc second commit mine
bb82aed first commit mine
79fd4d7 old commit
```

Then checkout your new branch and run `git apply ~/Desktop/my-patch`

answered Jun 17 '13 at 16:20



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1 Note that the important thing here is the `--binary` command line option which is supported by both `diff` and `diff-index`. – [pimlottc](#) Jul 25 '13 at 17:09

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How to ignore this ? – [kangear](#) Sep 23 at 1:41

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