Git Essentials Developer's Guide to Git

Cheat Sheet #1



Configuration	
\$ git config user.name <username></username>	Defines the username for the user of the current repository (local config) as a key-value pair.
\$ git config user.email <email></email>	Defines the email for the user of the current repository (local config) as a key-value pair.
\$ git config pull.rebase <false true></false true>	Sets the default behavior of pull operations - to merge or rebase for the current repository.
\$ git configglobal <any-command></any-command>	The `global` flag changes the scope of the configuration from the local `config` file (current repository) to all repositories on your machine.

Basics	
\$ git init	Initializes a Git repository in the current directory.
\$ git clone <url></url>	Clones a remote Git repository into the current directory, under a directory with the name of the remote one.
\$ git clone <url> name</url>	Clones a remote Git repository into the current directory, under a directory called `name`.
\$ git add <file_name></file_name>	Adds an updated file with the given filename, from the working tree to the staging area.
\$ git add <fileglob></fileglob>	Adds the matching updated files from the working tree to the staging area.
\$ git add .	Adds all the updated files from the working tree to the staging area.
\$ git status	Prints status of modified files in your working tree - marking them as staged, unstaged and tracked respectively.
\$ git commit -m " <message></message>	Creates a commit with the given message for the changes in the staging area.

Branching	
\$ git branch <branch_name></branch_name>	Creates a new branch, with the specified branch name. Cannot create two branches with the same name.
\$ git branch -m <bra> <new_name></new_name></bra>	Renames branch.
\$ git branch -M <branch_name> <new_name></new_name></branch_name>	Force rename branch. If duplicate names exist, the branch you're renaming will override the old one.
\$ git checkout branch>	Checks out (sets working tree) to the specified branch.
\$ git checkout -b branch>	Creates a new branch, and checks out to it. Convenience command that combines the two before this.
\$ git merge <branch></branch>	Merges the specified branch into the one you're currently checked out on.
\$ git rebase branch>	Reapplies the commits of the branch you're currently checked out on, on top of the branch you specify in the method.
\$ git log	Logs all commits in the currently checked out branch, with commit object info.
\$ git log -n	Logs the last `n` commits in the currently checked out branch, with commit object info.
\$ git logoneline	Logs all commits in the currently checked out branch, with each commit in a single line containing only hash and message.
\$ git loggraph	Visualizes the logged commits in the CLI.

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Remote Branches	
\$ git fetch <remote> <branch></branch></remote>	Updates the relevant local `origin/branch` with the content of the given remote repository's branch.
\$ git fetch <remote> <remote_branch>:<local_branch></local_branch></remote_branch></remote>	Updates specified local `origin/branch` with the content of the specified remote repository's branch.
\$ git pull <remote> <branch></branch></remote>	Performs a fetch of the given branch from the given remote repository, then merges the result in the relevant branch of the local repository.
\$ git pull <remote> <remote_branch>:<local_branch></local_branch></remote_branch></remote>	Pull from the specified remote branch into the specified local branch.
\$ git pull -u <remote> <branch></branch></remote>	Sets up upstream between the local and remote branch.
\$ git pull	Pulls from the branch, and into the branch you've linked via the `-u` flag.
\$ git push <remote> <branch></branch></remote>	Sends the commits of the relevant local branch to the given branch of the given repository.
\$ git push <remote> <local_branch>:<remote_branch></remote_branch></local_branch></remote>	Explicitly set the branch you push from and to.
\$ git push -u <remote> <branch></branch></remote>	Same as regular pushing, but sets the remote branch as the upstream of the current one.
\$ git push	Same as the previous one, but uses upstream of the current branch.

Advanced	
\$ git stash push	Saves the indexed changes into the stash (a dedicated local space for in-progress work).
\$ git stash	Saves unstaged changes in the `stash` for temporary storage.
\$ git stash pop	Reapplies previously saved change from the stash and removed it from it.
\$ git stash apply	Reapplies previously saved change from the stash, and keeps it in the stash.
\$ git stash apply pop stash@{0}	Applies/pops the given stash from the list of stashed changed. Latest is `0`.
\$ git stash list	Lists all saved stashes.
\$ git tag <tag></tag>	Gives a label to `HEAD`.
\$ git tag -d <tag></tag>	Deletes tag.
\$ git tag -a <tag></tag>	Create Tag object, not just label.
\$ git push <remote> <tag></tag></remote>	Push tag to remote repository.
\$ git checkout <tag></tag>	Checkout to given tag. Usually, in detached HEAD mode.
\$ git diff <file></file>	Check difference between staged and unstaged file states.
\$ git diff <commit1> <commit2></commit2></commit1>	Check difference between commits.
\$ git diff <branch1> <branch2></branch2></branch1>	Check difference between branches.
\$ git add -i	Interactive staging mode.

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Cheat Sheet #3



Reverting and Changing History	
\$ git cherry-pick <reference></reference>	Creates a copy of the given commit, under a brand new hash.
\$ git rebase -i <reference></reference>	Reapplies the current branch's commits onto the given reference, but allows for specific actions on each commit.
\$ git reset <reference></reference>	Resets a branch to the given commit, making changes uncommitted. Defaults to `resetmixed`.
\$ git resethard <reference></reference>	Resets a branch to given commit, discarding changes.
\$ git resetsoft <reference></reference>	Resets a branch to given commit, keeping changes staged.
\$ git revert <reference></reference>	Creates an anti-commit of the given commit, making a new commit in the history with the opposite changes.
\$ git revertcontinue	Continue reverting after solving revert conflict.
\$ git revertabort	Abort reverting.
\$ git commitamend -m "new message"	Edit latest commit.

Common Errors

Pushing before pulling while there are new changes on the remote repository.

Solution: Pull changes before pushing our own.

• Merging or rebasing while there are changes in the staging area.

Solution: Either commit or stash changes before merging, rebasing or pulling.

Committing wrong files, or wrong message.

Solution: `\$ git commit -amend -m "new message", after `\$ git add file` after adding relevant files.

Made a typo in the branch name.

Solution: `\$ git branch -m branch-name new-name`.

Unstage files or directories from index.

Solution: `\$ git reset HEAD`.