Git Cheat Sheet

Setup

Set the name and email that will be attached to your commits and tags

\$ git config --global
user.name "Danny Adams"
\$ git config --global
user.email "myemail@gmail.com"

Start a Project

Create a local repo (omit <directory> to initialise the current directory as a git repo

\$ git init <directory>

Download a remote repo

\$ git clone <url>

Make a Change

Add a file to staging

\$ git add <file>

Stage all files

\$ git add .

Commit all staged files to git

\$ git commit -m "commit
message"

Add all changes made to tracked files & commit

\$ git commit -am "commit
message"

Basic Concepts

main: default development

branch

origin: default upstream repo

HEAD: current branch HEAD^: parent of HEAD HEAD~4: great-great grandparent of HEAD

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Branches

List all local branches. Add -r flag to show all remote branches. -a flag for all branches.

\$ git branch

Create a new branch

\$ git branch <new-branch>

Switch to a branch & update the working directory

\$ git checkout <branch>

Create a new branch and switch to it

\$ git checkout -b <newbranch>

Delete a merged branch

\$ git branch -d <branch>

Delete a branch, whether merged or

\$ git branch -D <branch>

Add a tag to current commit (often used for new version releases)

\$ git tag <tag-name>

Merging

Merge branch a into branch b. Add -no-ff option for no-fast-forward merge



New Merge Commit (no-ff)

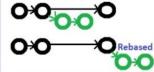
\$ git checkout b
\$ git merge a

Merge & squash all commits into one new commit

\$ git merge --squash a

Rebasing

Rebase feature branch onto main (to incorporate new changes made to main). Prevents unnecessary merge commits into feature, keeping history clean



\$ git checkout feature
\$ git rebase main

Interatively clean up a branches commits before rebasing onto main

\$ git rebase -i main

Interatively rebase the last 3 commits on current branch

\$ git rebase -i Head~3

Undoing Things

Move (&/or rename) a file & stage move

\$ git mv <existing_path>
<new_path>

Remove a file from working directory & staging area, then stage the removal

\$ git rm <file>

Remove from staging area only

\$ git rm --cached <file>

View a previous commit (READ only)

\$ git checkout <commit_ID>

Create a new commit, reverting the changes from a specified commit

\$ git revert <commit_ID>

Go back to a previous commit & delete all commits ahead of it (revert is safer). Add --hard flag to also delete workspace changes (BE VERY CAREFUL)

\$ git reset <commit_ID>

Review your Repo

List new or modified files not yet committed

\$ git status

List commit history, with respective IDs

\$ git log --oneline

Show changes to unstaged files. For changes to staged files, add --cached option

\$ git diff

Show changes between two commits

\$ git diff commit1_ID
commit2_ID

Stashing

Store modified & staged changes. To include untracked files, add -u flag. For untracked & ignored files, add -a flag.

\$ git stash

As above, but add a comment.

\$ git stash save "comment"

Partial stash. Stash just a single file, a collection of files, or individual changes from within files

\$ git stash -p

List all stashes

\$ git stash list

Re-apply the stash without deleting it

\$ git stash apply

Re-apply the stash at index 2, then delete it from the stash list. Omit stash@{n} to pop the most recent stash.

\$ git stash pop stash@{2}

Show the diff summary of stash 1. Pass the -p flag to see the full diff.

\$ git stash show stash@{1}

Delete stash at index 1. Omit stash@{n} to delete last stash made

\$ git stash drop stash@{1}

Delete all stashes

\$ git stash clear

Synchronizing

Add a remote repo

\$ git remote add <alias>
<url>

View all remote connections. Add -v flag to view urls.

\$ git remote

Remove a connection

\$ git remote remove <alias>

Rename a connection

\$ git remote rename <old>
<new>

Fetch all branches from remote repo (no merge)

\$ git fetch <alias>

Fetch a specific branch

\$ git fetch <alias> <branch>

Fetch the remote repo's copy of the current branch, then merge

\$ git pull

Move (rebase) your local changes onto the top of new changes made to the remote repo (for clean, linear history)

\$ git pull --rebase <alias>

Upload local content to remote repo

\$ git push <alias>

Upload to a branch (can then pull request)

\$ git push <alias> <branch>