

git cheat sheet

getting started

start a new repo:
 git init
 clone an existing repo:
 git clone \$URL

know where you are

git status

prepare to commit

add untracked file:
 (or unstaged changes)
 git add \$FILE

add ALL untracked files and unstaged changes:
 git add .

choose which parts of a file to stage:
 git add -p

delete or move file:
 git rm \$FILE
 git mv \$OLD \$NEW

tell git to forget about a file without deleting it:
 git rm --cached \$FILE
 unstage everything:
 git reset HEAD

make commits

make a commit:
 (and open a text editor to write the message)
 git commit

make a commit:
 git commit -m 'message'
 commit all unstaged changes:
 git commit -am 'message'

git has 17 million options but this is how I use it!



move between branches

switch branches:
 git switch \$NAME OR
 git checkout \$NAME

create a branch:
 git switch -c \$NAME OR
 git checkout -b \$NAME

list branches:
 git branch
 delete a branch
 git branch -d \$NAME

force delete a branch:
 git branch -D \$NAME

list branches by most recently committed to:
 git branch --sort=-committerdate

look at a branch's history

log the branch
 git log main

show how two branches relate to each other:
 git log --graph a...b

one line log:
 git log --oneline

code archaeology

show who last changed each line of a file:
 git blame \$FILENAME
 show every commit that modified a file:

git log \$FILENAME
 find every commit that added or removed some text:
 git log -S banana

diff commits

show diff between a commit and its parent:
 git show \$COMMIT_ID

diff two commits:
 git diff \$COMMIT_ID \$COMMIT_ID

just show diff for one file:
 git diff \$COMMIT_ID \$FILENAME

show a summary of a diff:
 git diff \$COMMIT_ID --stat
 git show \$COMMIT_ID --stat

diff staged/unstaged changes

diff all staged and unstaged changes:
 git diff HEAD

diff just staged changes:
 git diff --staged

diff just unstaged changes:
 git diff

configure git

set a config option:
 git config user.name 'Julia'
 name value

see all possible config options:
 man git-config

set option globally:
 git config --global ...

add an alias:
 git config alias.st status

important git files

local git config:
 .git/config
 global git config:
 ~/.gitconfig
 list of files to ignore:
 .gitignore

trash your changes

delete all staged and unstaged changes to one file:
 git checkout HEAD \$FILE
 delete unstaged changes to one file:
 git checkout \$FILE

delete all staged and unstaged changes:
 git reset --hard

delete untracked files:
 git clean

"stash" all staged and unstaged changes (pretend I might get them back later)
 git stash

edit history

"undo" the most recent commit (Keep your working directory the same):
 git reset HEAD*
 squash the last 5 commits into one:

git rebase -i HEAD~*****
 (and change "pick" to "fixup" for any commit I want to combine with the previous one)

undo a failed rebase:
 git reflog BRANCHNAME
 git switch main
 git merge BRANCHNAME
 git reset --hard \$COMMIT_ID

change a commit message:
 (or add a file you forgot)
 git commit --amend

restore an old file

get the version of a file from another branch or commit
 git checkout \$COMMIT_ID \$FILE
 OR
 git restore \$FILE
 --source \$COMMIT_ID

combine diverged branches

how the branches look before:



→ combine with rebase:
 git switch banana
 git rebase main



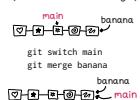
→ combine with merge:
 git merge main
 git merge banana
 git commit



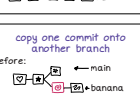
→ combine with squash merge:
 git switch main
 git merge --squash banana
 git commit



bring a branch up to date with another branch



main
 git switch main
 git merge banana
 git switch main
 git merge banana



copy one commit onto another branch

before:
 git cherry-pick \$COMMIT_ID
 after:
 git cherry-pick \$COMMIT_ID

add a remote

git remote add \$NAME \$URL

push your changes

push the main branch to the remote origin:
 git push origin main
 push a branch to the remote origin that you've never pushed before:
 git push -u origin \$NAME
 push the current branch to its remote "tracking branch":
 git push

force push:  force-with-lease
 git push --force-with-lease
 push tags:
 git push --tags

pull changes

fetch changes:
 (but don't change any of your local branches)
 git fetch origin main

fetch changes and then merge them into your current branch:
 git pull origin main OR
 git pull

fetch changes and then rebase your current branch:
 git pull --rebase
 fetch all branches:
 git fetch --all

ways to refer to a commit

every time we say \$COMMIT_ID, you can use any of these:

- a branch main
- a tag v0.1
- a commit ID 3e887ab
- a remote branch origin/main
- current commit HEAD
- 3 commits ago HEAD~3
- 3 commits ago HEAD-3