CIS241

System-Level Programming and Utilities

git (local)

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Local!



git: repositories

Git repositories contain:

- A set of commit objects, and
- A set of references to commit objects (heads)

Git repositories are stored:

- In a .git sub-directory in the same directory as the project
- There is no central repository server

Git is distributed!

git: commit objects

Commit objects contain:

- A set of files (one version each),
- References to parent commit objects, and
- An SHA1 identifier that uniquely* identifies the commit

If two commits are exactly the same, the identifier will be the same.

git commit

git: commit objects



Stage (Index)

Working Directory

Common references

- HEAD: reference to tip of current branch
- index : staging area
- SHA-1 hashes: commit references

Common local operations

- git init : create new repository
- git add : stage changes to file (or add untracked file)
- git rm : remove (add -rf to recursively remove a directory)
- git mv : rename/move
- git commit : commit staged changes

git commit

git: commit objects



Stage (Index)

Working Directory

well then

How do you access commit objects if you don't know their identifier?



Common local operations

- git status : view ... status
- git diff : view changes/differences
- git log : view list of commits
- git show <sha1> : view info about a particular commit

NOTE

- Running git checkout <sha1> will leave you in a DETACHED HEAD state!
 - o Run git checkout main to get back to your normal tree
 - Unless if you were branching...
 - https://stackoverflow.com/questions/7539130/go-to-a-particular-revision

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Common fixes to mistakes

I added (staged) a file but didn't mean to

• Meaning, when you commit/push it will be tracked forever

Options:

- git restore --staged filename (the new way)
- git reset filename (old way)

Common fixes to mistakes

I've really screwed up a file, I just want to get rid of all my changes

Options:

- git restore filename (the new way)
- git checkout filename (the old way)
 - o git checkout -- filename (if branch exists with same name as file)

However, if already staged (meaning you did git add):

• git restore --staged --worktree filename

Common fixes to mistakes

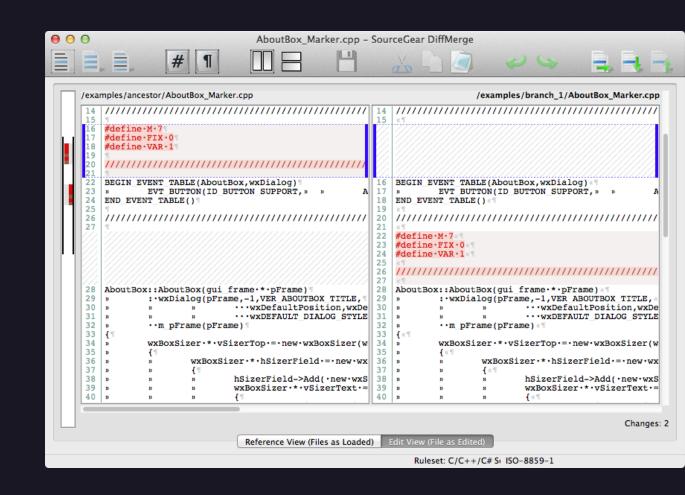
Now you've done it - you messed up your local working directory! How do I go back

- git reset --hardCAREFUL -- THIS DELETES THINGS
- git restore --staged --worktree . (from top level directory in repo)

One more helpful thing

Get yourself a visual diff editor

- Muuuuch easier than using diff
- DiffMerge, BeyondCompare, Meld, WinMerge...



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Command cheatsheet

Main file manipulation git commands:

- git init Initialize git repo in folder
- git add file Add files/changes to staging area (truck)
- git mv source dest Move/rename file and stage
- git rm file Delete file and stage
- git commit -m "message" Commit staged changes to local repo

Status commands

- git status View which files changed since last commit
- git diff file View how file changed since last commit
- git diff View how all files changed
- git log View list of commits