



# GIT - THERE BE DRAGONS!


from *(l)user* to *r00t* in 60 minutes

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# Introduction

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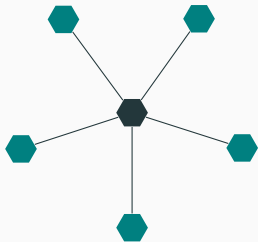
# SCM/Revision control systems

“Version control is a system that records changes to a file or set of files over time so that you can recall specific versions later (...) if you screw things up or lose files, you can easily recover.” [<https://git-scm.org/>]

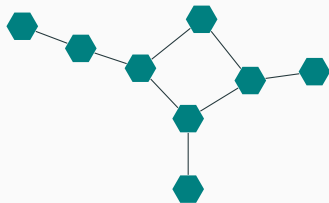
What you get:

- Compare changes over time or revert files.
- See who introduced an issue.
- Make experimental changes (and merge them).
- ...

## RCS models: centralized/distributed



Centralized: Subversion (SVN),  
CVS...



Distributed: git, Mercurial (hg)...

This is not GitHub, nor GitLab...





Git: a distributed RCS.

Started by Linus Torvalds; currently maintained by Junio C Hamano.



## git - the stupid content tracker (3/3)

- 139 separate binaries, wrapped by `git(1)`; some of them accept lots of options! e.g. `git-log` parses 100+ options
- Divided into high level (porcelain) and low level (plumbing) commands
- Largely documented:  

```
$ basename --suffix=.1.gz  
/usr/share/man/man1/git* | xargs man | wc -l  
53260 (=870 pages PDF)
```
- Target of this talk: *people using Git*

## Minimum set of commands

Initialization	<code>git clone</code> <code>git init</code>
Interrogation	<code>git log</code> <code>git status</code> <code>git diff</code>
Manipulation	<code>git add</code> <code>git commit</code>
Interaction	<code>git push</code> <code>git pull</code>

# Git essentials

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## Working tree and .git/ directory (1/2)

**.git/ directory:** contains Git administrative and control files.

**Working tree:** the tree of checked out files.

```
repository/  
├── .git/  
│   ├── config  
│   ├── HEAD  
│   └── ...  
├── Makefile  
├── main.cpp  
└── ...
```

## Working tree and .git/ directory (2/2)

Bare repository: **NO** working tree  
+ **NO** `.git/` directory  
sub-directory.  
Git files directly present in the  
directory.

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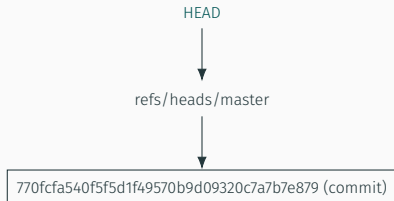
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#  
# /etc/hosts: ...

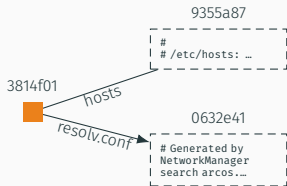
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# search arcos...

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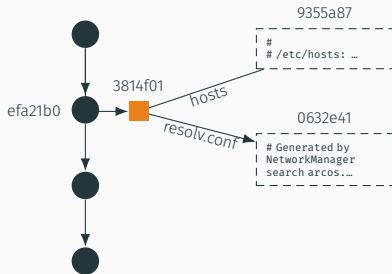
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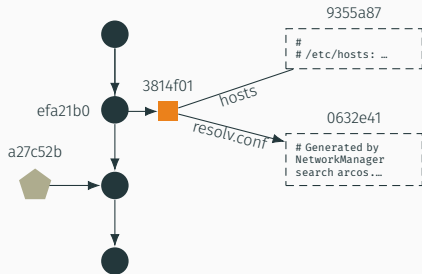
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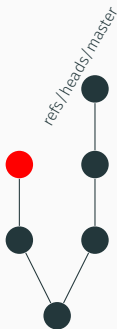
**Commit:** information about a revision.

**Tag:** ref pointing to a commit + message + PGP signature (optional).



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Typically, objects can be reached given a ref (but not always).



**Unreachable object:** an object which is not reachable from any reference.

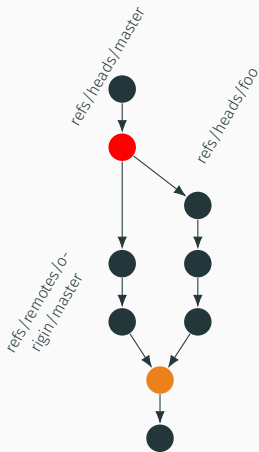


**Dangling object:** not reachable even from other unreachable objects.

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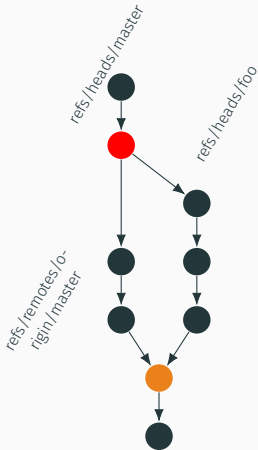


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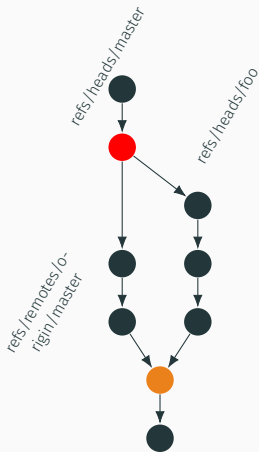
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**(Branch) head:** a reference to the tip of a branch.

Local heads at: `refs/heads/`.

**Remote-tracking branch:** a ref to a remote head; follow changes from another repository.

At `refs/remotes/*/`.





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- Entries may be updated (`git add`) and new commits may be created from the index.

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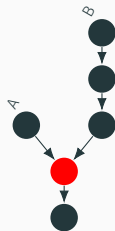
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**Fast-forward:** a special type of merge; given two heads  $A$  and  $B$ , merging  $B$  into  $A$  is considered fast-forward if  $\text{merge\_base}(A, B) == A$ , i.e.  $A$  is ancestor of  $B$ .



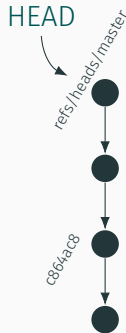
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Non fast-forward (requires a merge)

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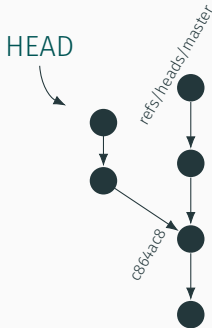




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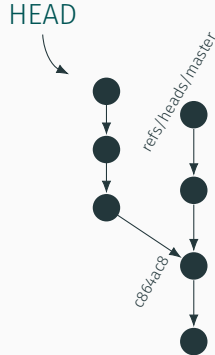
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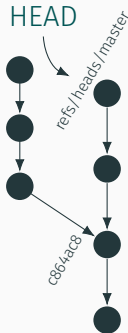
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if HEAD is made to point somewhere else, they will become unreachable (and eventually deleted by the GC).

Create a ref to avoid this!



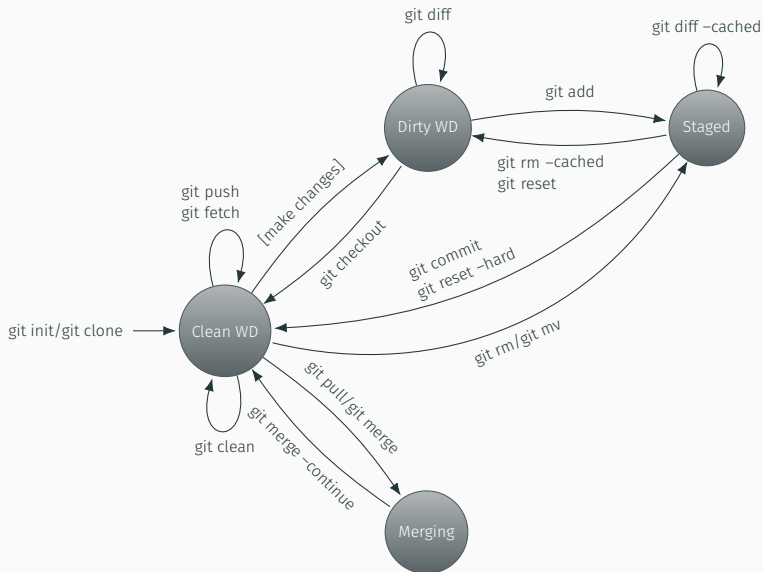
**Reflog:** stores the local history of a ref.

- What was **HEAD** pointing at before the last change?
- What did **refs/heads/foo** pointed at two weeks ago?

*[(l)user]* Porcelain

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# Simple (and incomplete) FSM





# Init/Clone a repository

To get started, you can either

- Create an empty repository, e.g.

```
$ git init [--bare] ~/foo/
```

- Obtain a copy of a remote repository<sup>2</sup>, e.g.

```
$ git clone [--depth=1] https://earth/public/repo.git/
```

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<sup>2</sup>The `--depth` option creates a shallow clone (history pruned). To unshallow run `git pull --unshallow`.

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# Merge a branch
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```
$ git merge foo
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```
# Resolve conflicts + 'git add <paths>' + 'git merge --continue'
```

```
# or 'git merge --abort'
```

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- `git-pull` is equivalent to `git fetch + git merge FETCH_HEAD`

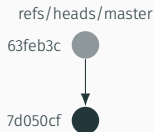
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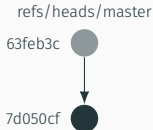
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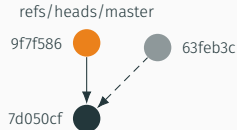
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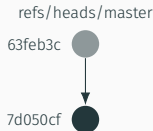
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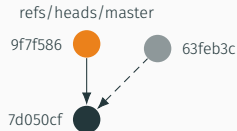
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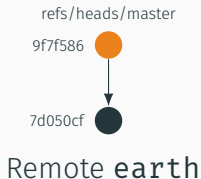
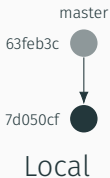
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! [rejected]      master ->master (non-fast-forward)
error: failed to push some refs to '...'
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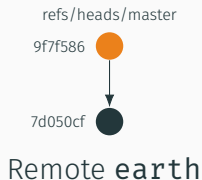
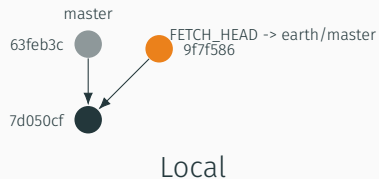
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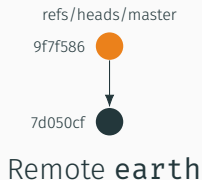
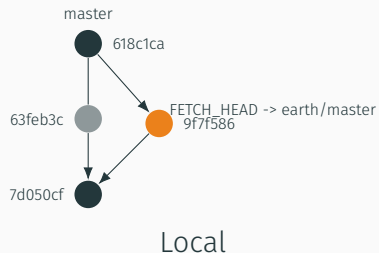


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# Bug hunting

Git helps you to find bugs (and their authors)...

`git-bisect(1)` uses binary search to find a “bad” commit

```
$ git bisect start HEAD v1.2 # HEAD is bad, v1.2 is good
$ git bisect [good|bad] # Manually mark it as working/broken
...
$ git bisect run my_script arguments # Or automatically (good if $? = 0)
$ git bisect reset
```

`git-blame(1)` annotates each line of a file with revision information

```
$ git blame README.md
63feb3c8 (jalopezg 2019-01-18 19:36:40 +0100 1) >This file was created by ...
ded8aa43 (jalopezg 2019-01-22 20:18:04 +0100 2) foo
```

## Specifying revisions (1/2)

Some Git commands take symbolic revision parameters (names specific commit or all commits reachable from that commit)<sup>7</sup>.

**<sha1>** SHA-1 object name, or a non-ambiguous leading substring.

**<refname>** A ref name, e.g. refs/heads/master. Search order: \$GIT\_DIR/<refname>, refs/, refs/tags/, refs/heads/, refs/remotes/, refs/remotes/<refname>/HEAD.

**<refname>@{<n>}** The n-th prior value of that ref.

**<rev>^** The first parent.

**<rev>~<n>** The n-th generation ancestor.

**<rev>:<path>** Names the blob or tree of <rev>.

<sup>7</sup>This is an overview; see gitrevisions(7) for the complete list.

## Specifying revisions (2/2)

Specifying ranges:

`^<rev>` Exclude commits reachable from `<rev>`.

`<rev1>..<rev2>` A shorthand for `^rev1 rev2`, i.e. commits reachable from `rev2`, but not from `rev1`, or `(rev1, rev2]`

`<rev1>...<rev2>` Commits reachable either from `rev1` or `rev2`, but not from both.

*[suoer]* More porcelain

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```

# Save/Restore a dirty working directory

`git-stash(1)` saves the current state of the working directory + the index, and goes back to a clean WD.

Saved changes can be restored with `$ git stash pop`. Git-stash stack can be dumped by `$ git stash list`.

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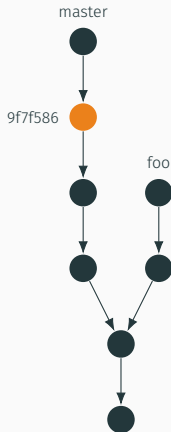
$ git stash pop
On branch foo
Changes not staged for commit:
  modified: README.md
Dropped refs/stash@{0} (35365e0c188e877ded1ecdd8190ec5bb1b6c2c1b)
```

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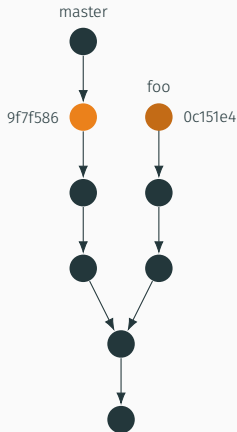


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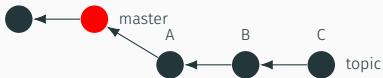
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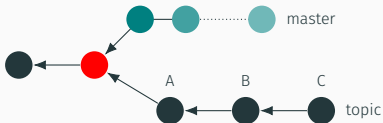
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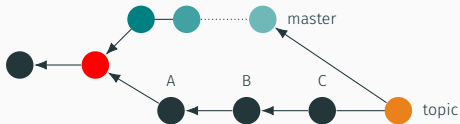
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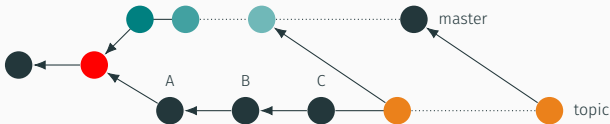
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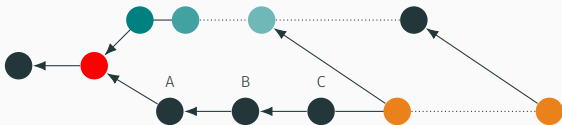
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This clutters project history. Reapplying **topic** commits on top of **master** is better!



```
# Assuming that 'topic' is the current branch, this gives the result above
$ git rebase master
```

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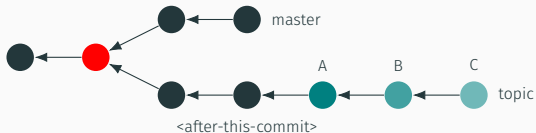
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### **GIT-REBASE(1) IMPLICATIONS:**

- Requires rewriting commits and is **PROBLEMATIC** if you already pushed those objects
- You can break things: **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!**
- If you ever force-push a rebased branch, others will have to fix their history. See git-rebase(1), section “RECOVERING FROM UPSTREAM REBASE”.

## Rebase (+ interactive rebase!) (3/4)

`git-rebase(1)` has an interactive mode in which you can edit/reorder/remove the commits which are rebased. It is very common to rewrite part of a branch to have a more meaningful history, e.g.



# This fires up an editor and gives you the chance to edit the commit list before they are applied (commits A, B and C)

```
$ git rebase -i <after-this-commit>
```

**⚠ USE WITH CARE. Read git-rebase implications!**

# Rebase (+ interactive rebase!) (4/4)

```
emacs@gorrion
File Edit Options Buffers Tools Help
Save Undo
pick d1556f9 Minor fixes to the FSM
pick abe8184 Added missing text to the 'Rebase (+ interactive rebase)' frames
pick ed4d00f Rebase: fixes A', B' and C' labels

# Rebase fb607f5..ed4d00f en fb607f5 (3 comandos)
#
# Comandos:
# p, pick <commit> = usar commit
# r, reword <commit> = usar commit, pero editar el mensaje de commit
# e, edit <commit> = usar commit, pero parar para un amend
# s, squash <commit> = usar commit, pero fusionarlo en el commit previo
# f, fixup <commit> = como "squash", pero descarta el mensaje del log de este co
mmit
# x, exec <commit> = ejecuta comando ( el resto de la línea) usando un shell
# b, break = parar aquí (continuar rebase luego con 'git rebase --continue')
# d, drop <commit> = eliminar commit
# l, label <label> = poner label al HEAD actual con un nombre
# t, reset <label> = reiniciar HEAD a el label
# m, merge [-C <commit> | -c <commit>] <label> [# <oneline>]
# .      crea un commit de fusión usando el mensaje original de
# .      fusión (o la línea de oneline, si no se especifica un mensaje
# .      de commit). Use -c <commit> para reescribir el mensaje del commit.
#
# Estas líneas pueden ser reordenadas; son ejecutadas desde arriba hacia abajo.
#
# Si remueves una línea aquí EL COMMIT SE PERDERÁ.
#
# Como sea, si quieres borrar todo, el rebase será abortado.
#
# Tenga en cuenta que los commits vacíos están comentados

U:--- git-rebase-todo All L1 (Fundamental)
For information about GNU Emacs and the GNU system, type C-h C-a.
```

## More about fixing history (1/2)

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$ git rebase -i --autosquash 02a7fb9
Successfully rebased and updated refs/heads/master.
$ git log --oneline
528efb7 (HEAD -> master) Any other changes
a59735c Added README.md
02a7fb9 Added bar.txt
```

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## More about fixing history (2/2)

If you only need to rewrite the last commit use

```
$ git commit --amend
```

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A: `git-filter-branch(1)` lets you rewrite branches, applying filters to modify each tree/information about each commit, e.g.

```
$ git log --oneline
92cb761 (HEAD -> foo) Added nsswitch.conf
9f7f586 Added README.md
02a7fb9 (bar) Added bar.txt

$ git filter-branch --msg-filter 'sed -e "s/Added \([[[:graph:]]*\)\$/\1 has
been added/"' foo

$ git log --oneline
6e9fbd6 (HEAD -> foo) nsswitch.conf has been added
63feb3c README.md has been added
2fe54f3 bar.txt has been added
```

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A: `git-show-branch` is your friend. Also, `git log --graph --oneline ...`

```
$ git show-branch master foo
! [master] Added README.md
* [foo] Added nsswitch.conf
! [bar] Added bar.txt
---
* [foo] Added nsswitch.conf
** [master] Added README.md
*** [bar] Added bar.txt

# To include all remote-tracking and local branches:
$ git show-branch --all
```

## Share by other means

TAR or ZIP archives of a particular tree can be created by `git-archive(1)`, e.g.

```
$ git archive --format=tar --prefix=foo/ -o foo.tar.gz master
```

Git also can generate an archive of packed objects and references to be imported into a repository (useful if machines are not directly connected), e.g.

```
[alice@earth ~]$ git bundle create /tmp/foo-master.git master
# /tmp/foo-master.git is copied to moon by some means.
[bob@moon ~]$ git clone -b master ~/foo-master.git
# Or if the repository already exists...
[bob@moon ~]$ git remote add foo-bundle ~/foo-master.git
[bob@moon ~]$ git pull foo-bundle master
```



“git-rerere - Reuse recorded resolution of conflicted merges”

FYI, see the [git-rerere\(1\)](#) manual page.

*[root]* Plumbing

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# Repository layout

**objects/:** the object store.

**objects/[0-9a-f][0-9a-f]/:**  
loose objects.

**objects/pack/:** object packs  
(store many objects in  
compressed form).

**refs/:** references are stored in  
subdirectories of this  
directory.

**packed-refs:** the same as refs/  
but in a more efficient way.

**HEAD:** the HEAD symref.

```
repository/  
├── .git/  
│   ├── objects/  
│   │   ├── pack/  
│   │   └── [0-9a-f][0-9a-f]/  
│   ├── refs/  
│   │   ├── heads/  
│   │   ├── tags/  
│   │   └── remotes/  
│   ├── packed-refs  
│   ├── HEAD  
│   ├── config  
│   ├── hooks/  
│   ├── index  
│   ├── info/  
│   ├── logs/  
│   ├── shallow  
│   └── ...  
└── ...
```

More at [gitrepository-layout\(5\)](#).

# Repository layout

**config:** repository specific configuration file.

**hooks/:** (described later).

**index:** the “index” file.

**info/:** additional information, e.g. **info/grafts**.

**logs/:** reflogs are stored here.

**shallow:** similar to **info/grafts** but internally used for shallow clones.

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```

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```



# HOWTO: create a commit using the “index”

```
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# Add 'bar.txt' to the index
$ git update-index --add bar.txt

# Create a tree object from the current index
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# Update refs/heads/master
$ git update-ref refs/heads/master 02a7fb9f9145086807cbe2ed45ea82149c3d1b34

$ git log -1
commit 02a7fb9f9145086807cbe2ed45ea82149c3d1b34 (HEAD -> master)
Author: Javier López Gómez <jalopezg@inf.uc3m.es>
Date: Fri Jan 18 18:59:39 2019 +0100

Added bar.txt
```

# HOWTO: commit arbitrary content

```
# Create blob object for 'README.md'; use 'git cat-file blob 1f6c266' to see blob
  contents
$ git hash-object -t blob -w --path=README.md --stdin <<EOF
> This file was created by git-hash-object.
EOF
1f6c2663d33465dcd83f2151b15fb57369f29570
```

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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
# Create tree object (add 'README.md' entry to the HEAD tree)
```

```
$ git ls-tree HEAD | awk '{_print;_}_END_{_print_"100644_blob_1
```

```
    f6c2663d33465dcd83f2151b15fb57369f29570\tREADME.md";_}' | git mktree
```

```
0082679644a2b435b6cf09a65324292da28a41b4
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# Create a new commit object
```

```
$ git commit-tree -p HEAD -m 'Added README.md' 0082679644
```

```
  a2b435b6cf09a65324292da28a41b4
```

```
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```
# WTF?
```

```
$ git status
```

```
On branch master
```

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```
$ git reset --hard HEAD
```

Additional stuff

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## Configuration (1/2)

- 480+ options. Git searches configuration at:
  - /etc/gitconfig System-wide configuration.
  - ~/.gitconfig User-specific configuration.
  - \$GIT\_DIR/config Repository specific.
- Can be edited manually or using `git-config(1)`, e.g.  

```
$ git config [--system|--global|--local] user.email 'John Doe'
```

```
[user]
email = jalopezg@inf.uc3m.es
name = Javier López-Gómez
...
```

`alias.*` options may be used to create command aliases, e.g.

```
$ git config --global alias.sb 'show-branch @ @{push}'
$ git sb
! [@] Updated README.md
! [ @{push} ] Closes issue #16
--
+ [@] ...
```

FYI, see the [git-config\(1\)](#) manual page.

# Fsck and garbage collection

**git-fsck(1)** Verifies the connectivity and validity of the objects.

```
$ git fsck [--unreachable] [--no-reflogs] [--lost-found] [...]
```

**git-gc(1)** Runs housekeeping tasks, e.g. pack objects/refs, remove unreachable objects, prune reflog, etc.<sup>8</sup>

```
$ git gc [--aggressive] [--auto] [...]
```

---

<sup>8</sup>`git gc --auto` may automatically run as part of some git commands.

## Hooks (1/2)

Hooks are programs that are executed at certain points, e.g. after a merge (*post-merge*), or before git-receive-pack updates refs (*pre-receive*).

- Invoked locally/on the remote end<sup>9</sup>

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## Hooks (2/2)

See templates installed into `.git/hooks/` and the `githooks(5)` manual page.

```
applypatch-msg  
pre-applypatch  
post-applypatch  
pre-commit  
prepare-commit-msg  
commit-msg  
post-commit
```

```
pre-rebase  
post-checkout  
post-merge  
pre-push  
pre-receive  
update  
post-receive
```

```
post-update  
push-to-checkout  
pre-auto-gc  
post-rewrite  
sendemail-validate  
fsmonitor-watchman  
p4-pre-submit
```



# git-daemon, git-instaweb

“git-daemon - A really simple server for Git repositories”  
[git-daemon(1)], e.g.<sup>10</sup>

```
[alice@earth ~]$ git daemon --verbose --base-path=$HOME/repos \ --reuseaddr  
--export-all $HOME/repos/*.git  
  
[bob@mars ~]$ git clone git://earth/foo
```

git-instaweb allows browsing a repository<sup>11</sup>, e.g.

```
$ git instaweb [--local] --httpd=lighttpd --port=8080  
$ git instaweb --stop
```

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<sup>10</sup>It normally listens on port TCP 9418.

<sup>11</sup>Requires perl-cgi and lighttpd.

git-annex

libgit2

git-crypt

# Conclusion

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## Closing words

- Git is powerful. REALLY!
- Although targetted to SCM, it may be used to store (large) binary data and replicate it to remote sites
- Sysadmins: start versioning /etc today
- Read more at: <http://git-scm.org/> or `git-*(1)` manual pages
- “I am now a git expert... Am I?”

# Wait! There is more...

## Porcelain

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[git-clean](#)  
[git-clone](#)  
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[git-format-patch](#)  
[git-gc](#)  
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[git-init](#)  
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Thanks!

Thank you  
for listening!

