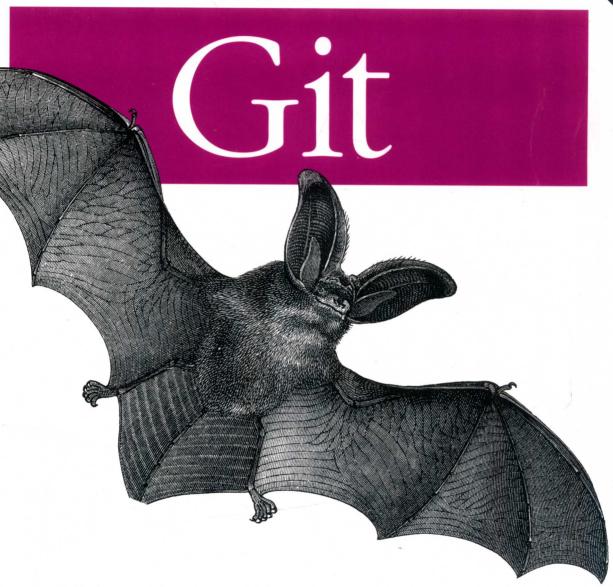
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Preface

Audience

Although some familiarity with revision control systems will be good background material, a reader who is not familiar with any other system will still be able to learn enough about basic Git operations to be productive in a short while. More advanced readers should be able to gain insight into some of Git's internal design and thus master some of its more powerful techniques.

The main intended audience of this book should be familiar and comfortable with the Unix shell, basic shell commands, and general programming concepts.

Assumed Framework

Almost all examples and discussions in this book assume the reader has a Unix-like system with a command-line interface. The author developed these examples on Debian and Ubuntu Linux environments. The examples should work under other environments, such as Mac OS X or Solaris, but the reader can expect slight variations.

A few examples require root access on machines where system operations are needed. Naturally, in such situations, you should have a clear understanding of the responsibilities of root access.

Book Layout and Omissions

This book is organized as a progressive series of topics, each designed to build upon concepts introduced earlier. The first 11 chapters focus on concepts and operations that pertain to one repository. They form the foundation for more complex operations on multiple repositories covered in the final 10 chapters.

If you already have Git installed or have even used it briefly, then you may not need the introductory and installation information in the first two chapters, nor even the quick tour presented in the third chapter.

The concepts covered in Chapter 4 are essential for a firm grasp on Git's object model. They set the stage and prepare the reader for a clearer understanding of many of Git's more complex operations.

Chapters 5 through 11 cover various topics in more detail. Chapter 5 describes the index and file management. Chapters 6 and 10 discuss the fundamentals of making commits and working with them to form a solid line of development. Chapter 7 introduces branches so that you may manipulate several different lines of development from your one local repository. Chapter 8 explains how Git derives and presents "diffs."

Git provides a rich and powerful ability to join different branches of development. The basics of branch merging and resolving merge conflicts are covered in Chapter 9. A key insight into Git's model is to realize that all merging performed by Git happens in your local repository in the context of your current working directory. Chapters 10 and 11 expose some operations for altering, storing, tracking, and recovering daily development within your development repository.

The fundamentals of naming and exchanging data with another, remote repository are covered in Chapter 12. Once the basics of merging have been mastered, interacting with multiple repositories is shown to be a simple combination of an exchange step plus a merge step. The exchange step is the new concept covered in this chapter and the merge step is covered in Chapter 9.

Chapter 13 provides a more philosophical and abstract coverage of repository management "in the large." It also establishes a context for Chapter 14 to cover patch handling when direct exchange of repository information isn't possible using Git's native transfer protocols.

The next four chapters cover advanced topics of interest: the use of hooks (Chapter 15), combining projects and multiple repositories into a superproject (Chapter 16), and interacting with Subversion repositories (Chapter 17).

Chapters 19 and 20 provide some advanced examples and clever tips, tricks, and techniques that may help transform you into a true Git guru.

Finally, Chapter 21 introduces GitHub and explains how Git has enabled a creative, social development process around version control.

Git is still evolving rapidly because there is an active developer base. It's not that Git is so immature that you cannot use it for development; rather, ongoing refinements and user interface issues are being enhanced regularly. Even as this book was being written, Git evolved. Apologies if I was unable to keep up accurately.

I do not give the command gitk the complete coverage that it deserves. If you like graphical representations of the history within a repository, you should explore gitk. Other history visualization tools exist as well, but they are not covered here either. Nor am I able to cover a rapidly evolving and growing host of other Git-related tools. I'm not even able to cover all of Git's own core commands and options thoroughly in this book. Again, my apologies.

Perhaps, though, enough pointers, tips, and direction can be found here to inspire readers to do some of their own research and exploration!

Conventions Used in This Book

The following typographical conventions are used in this book:

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Constant width

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Constant width bold

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This icon signifies a useful hint or a tip.



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This icon indicates a general note.

Furthermore, you should be familiar with basic shell commands to manipulate files and directories. Many examples will contain commands such as these to add or remove directories, copy files, or create simple files:

\$ cp file.txt copy-of-file.txt \$ mkdir newdirectory \$ rm file \$ rmdir somedir \$ echo "Test line" > file \$ echo "Another line" >> file

Commands that need to be executed with root permissions appear as a sudo operation:

Install the Git core package

\$ sudo apt-get install git-core

How you edit files or effect changes within your working directory is pretty much up to you. You should be familiar with a text editor. In this book, I'll denote the process of editing a file by either a direct comment or a pseudocommand:

edit file.c to have some new text

\$ edit index.html

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