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# **GitPython Documentation**

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GitPython is a python library used to interact with git repositories, high-level like `git-porcelain`, or low-level like `git-plumbing`.

It provides abstractions of git objects for easy access of repository data, and additionally allows you to access the git repository more directly using either a pure python implementation, or the faster, but more resource intensive git command implementation.

The object database implementation is optimized for handling large quantities of objects and large datasets, which is achieved by using low-level structures and data streaming.

## 1.1 Requirements

- [Python 3.0](#) or newer
- **Git 1.7.0 or newer** It should also work with older versions, but it may be that some operations involving remotes will not work as expected.
- [GitDB](#) - a pure python git database implementation
- [Python Nose](#) - used for running the tests
- [Mock by Michael Foord](#) used for tests. Requires version 0.5

## 1.2 Installing GitPython

Installing GitPython is easily done using [pip](#). Assuming it is installed, just run the following from the command-line:

```
# pip install gitpython
```

This command will download the latest version of GitPython from the [Python Package Index](#) and install it to your system. More information about `pip` and `pypi` can be found [here](#):

- [install pip](#)

- [pypi](#)

Alternatively, you can install from the distribution using the `setup.py` script:

```
# python setup.py install
```

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**Note:** In this case, you have to manually install [GitDB](#) as well. It would be recommended to use the [git source repository](#) in that case.

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## 1.3 Limitations

### 1.3.1 Leakage of System Resources

GitPython is not suited for long-running processes (like daemons) as it tends to leak system resources. It was written in a time where destructors (as implemented in the `__del__` method) still ran deterministically.

In case you still want to use it in such a context, you will want to search the codebase for `__del__` implementations and call these yourself when you see fit.

Another way assure proper cleanup of resources is to factor out GitPython into a separate process which can be dropped periodically.

## 1.4 Getting Started

- [GitPython Tutorial](#) - This tutorial provides a walk-through of some of the basic functionality and concepts used in GitPython. It, however, is not exhaustive so you are encouraged to spend some time in the [API Reference](#).

## 1.5 API Reference

An organized section of the GitPython API is at [API Reference](#).

## 1.6 Source Code

GitPython's git repo is available on GitHub, which can be browsed at:

- <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython>

and cloned using:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython git-python
```

Initialize all submodules to obtain the required dependencies with:

```
$ cd git-python
$ git submodule update --init --recursive
```

Finally verify the installation by running the [nose powered](#) unit tests:

```
$ nosetests
```

## 1.7 Questions and Answers

Please use stackoverflow for questions, and don't forget to tag it with *gitpython* to assure the right people see the question in a timely manner.

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/gitpython>

## 1.8 Issue Tracker

The issue tracker is hosted by GitHub:

<https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/issues>

## 1.9 License Information

GitPython is licensed under the New BSD License. See the LICENSE file for more information.



GitPython provides object model access to your git repository. This tutorial is composed of multiple sections, most of which explains a real-life usecase.

All code presented here originated from `test_docs.py` to assure correctness. Knowing this should also allow you to more easily run the code for your own testing purposes, all you need is a developer installation of git-python.

## 2.1 Meet the Repo type

The first step is to create a `git.Repo` object to represent your repository.

```
from git import Repo

# rorepo is a Repo instance pointing to the git-python repository.
# For all you know, the first argument to Repo is a path to the repository
# you want to work with
repo = Repo(self.rorepo.working_tree_dir)
assert not repo.bare
```

In the above example, the directory `self.rorepo.working_tree_dir` equals `/Users/mtrier/Development/git-python` and is my working repository which contains the `.git` directory. You can also initialize GitPython with a *bare* repository.

```
bare_repo = Repo.init(os.path.join(rw_dir, 'bare-repo'), bare=True)
assert bare_repo.bare
```

A repo object provides high-level access to your data, it allows you to create and delete heads, tags and remotes and access the configuration of the repository.

```
repo.config_reader()           # get a config reader for read-only access
with repo.config_writer():     # get a config writer to change configuration
    pass                       # call release() to be sure changes are written and
    ↪ locks are released
```

Query the active branch, query untracked files or whether the repository data has been modified.

```
assert not bare_repo.is_dirty() # check the dirty state
repo.untracked_files           # retrieve a list of untracked files
# ['my_untracked_file']
```

Clone from existing repositories or initialize new empty ones.

```
cloned_repo = repo.clone(os.path.join(rw_dir, 'to/this/path'))
assert cloned_repo.__class__ is Repo # clone an existing repository
assert Repo.init(os.path.join(rw_dir, 'path/for/new/repo')).__class__ is Repo
```

Archive the repository contents to a tar file.

```
with open(os.path.join(rw_dir, 'repo.tar'), 'wb') as fp:
    repo.archive(fp)
```

## 2.1.1 Advanced Repo Usage

And of course, there is much more you can do with this type, most of the following will be explained in greater detail in specific tutorials. Don't worry if you don't understand some of these examples right away, as they may require a thorough understanding of git's inner workings.

Query relevant repository paths ...

```
assert os.path.isdir(cloned_repo.working_tree_dir) # directory with
↳ your work files
assert cloned_repo.git_dir.startswith(cloned_repo.working_tree_dir) # directory
↳ containing the git repository
assert bare_repo.working_tree_dir is None # bare
↳ repositories have no working tree
```

**Heads** Heads are branches in git-speak. **References** are pointers to a specific commit or to other references. Heads and **Tags** are a kind of references. GitPython allows you to query them rather intuitively.

```
self.assertEqual(repo.head.ref, repo.heads.master, # head is a sym-ref pointing to
↳ master
                "It's ok if TC not running from `master`.")
self.assertEqual(repo.tags['0.3.5'], repo.tag('refs/tags/0.3.5')) # you can access
↳ tags in various ways too
self.assertEqual(repo.refs.master, repo.heads['master']) # .refs provides
↳ all refs, ie heads ...

if 'TRAVIS' not in os.environ:
    self.assertEqual(repo.refs['origin/master'], repo.remotes.origin.refs.master) # .
↳ .. remotes ...
self.assertEqual(repo.refs['0.3.5'], repo.tags['0.3.5']) # ... and tags
```

You can also create new heads ...

```
new_branch = cloned_repo.create_head('feature') # create a new branch ..
↳ .
assert cloned_repo.active_branch != new_branch # which wasn't checked
↳ out yet ...
self.assertEqual(new_branch.commit, cloned_repo.active_branch.commit) # pointing to
↳ the checked-out commit
```

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```
# It's easy to let a branch point to the previous commit, without affecting anything.
↪ else
# Each reference provides access to the git object it points to, usually commits
assert new_branch.set_commit('HEAD~1').commit == cloned_repo.active_branch.commit.
↪ parents[0]
```

... and tags ...

```
past = cloned_repo.create_tag('past', ref=new_branch,
                             message="This is a tag-object pointing to %s" % new_
↪ branch.name)
self.assertEqual(past.commit, new_branch.commit)           # the tag points to the
↪ specified commit
assert past.tag.message.startswith("This is")             # and its object carries the message
↪ provided

now = cloned_repo.create_tag('now')                         # This is a tag-reference. It may not
↪ carry meta-data
assert now.tag is None
```

You can traverse down to *git objects* through references and other objects. Some objects like *commits* have additional meta-data to query.

```
assert now.commit.message != past.commit.message
# You can read objects directly through binary streams, no working tree required
assert (now.commit.tree / 'VERSION').data_stream.read().decode('ascii').startswith('3
↪ ')

# You can traverse trees as well to handle all contained files of a particular commit
file_count = 0
tree_count = 0
tree = past.commit.tree
for item in tree.traverse():
    file_count += item.type == 'blob'
    tree_count += item.type == 'tree'
assert file_count and tree_count                           # we have accumulated all
↪ directories and files
self.assertEqual(len(tree.blobs) + len(tree.trees), len(tree)) # a tree is iterable
↪ on its children
```

*Remotes* allow to handle fetch, pull and push operations, while providing optional real-time progress information to *progress delegates*.

```
from git import RemoteProgress

class MyProgressPrinter(RemoteProgress):
    def update(self, op_code, cur_count, max_count=None, message=''):
        print(op_code, cur_count, max_count, cur_count / (max_count or 100.0),
↪ message or "NO MESSAGE")
    # end

self.assertEqual(len(cloned_repo.remotes), 1)               # we have been
↪ cloned, so should be one remote
self.assertEqual(len(bare_repo.remotes), 0)                 # this one was just
↪ initialized
origin = bare_repo.create_remote('origin', url=cloned_repo.working_tree_dir)
```

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```

assert origin.exists()
for fetch_info in origin.fetch(progress=MyProgressPrinter()):
    print("Updated %s to %s" % (fetch_info.ref, fetch_info.commit))
# create a local branch at the latest fetched master. We specify the name statically,
↪but you have all
# information to do it programatically as well.
bare_master = bare_repo.create_head('master', origin.refs.master)
bare_repo.head.set_reference(bare_master)
assert not bare_repo.delete_remote(origin).exists()
# push and pull behave very similarly

```

The *index* is also called stage in git-speak. It is used to prepare new commits, and can be used to keep results of merge operations. Our index implementation allows to stream data into the index, which is useful for bare repositories that do not have a working tree.

```

self.assertEqual(new_branch.checkout(), cloned_repo.active_branch)      # checking out
↪branch adjusts the wtree
self.assertEqual(new_branch.commit, past.commit)                       # Now the past
↪is checked out

new_file_path = os.path.join(cloned_repo.working_tree_dir, 'my-new-file')
open(new_file_path, 'wb').close()                                       # create new file in
↪working tree
cloned_repo.index.add([new_file_path])                                  # add it to the index
# Commit the changes to deviate masters history
cloned_repo.index.commit("Added a new file in the past - for later merge")

# prepare a merge
master = cloned_repo.heads.master                                     # right-hand side is ahead
↪of us, in the future
merge_base = cloned_repo.merge_base(new_branch, master)               # allwos for a three-way
↪merge
cloned_repo.index.merge_tree(master, base=merge_base)                  # write the merge result
↪into index
cloned_repo.index.commit("Merged past and now into future ;)",
                          parent_commits=(new_branch.commit, master.commit))

# now new_branch is ahead of master, which probably should be checked out and reset
↪softly.
# note that all these operations didn't touch the working tree, as we managed it
↪ourselves.
# This definitely requires you to know what you are doing :) !
assert os.path.basename(new_file_path) in new_branch.commit.tree    # new file is now
↪in tree
master.commit = new_branch.commit                                       # let master point to most recent commit
cloned_repo.head.reference = master                                     # we adjusted just the reference, not
↪the working tree or index

```

Submodules represent all aspects of git submodules, which allows you query all of their related information, and manipulate in various ways.

```

# create a new submodule and check it out on the spot, setup to track master branch
↪of `bare_repo`
# As our GitPython repository has submodules already that point to GitHub, make sure
↪we don't
# interact with them

```

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```

for sm in cloned_repo.submodules:
    assert not sm.remove().exists()           # after removal, the sm doesn't
    ↪ exist anymore
sm = cloned_repo.create_submodule('mysubrepo', 'path/to/subrepo', url=bare_repo.git_
    ↪ dir, branch='master')

# .gitmodules was written and added to the index, which is now being committed
cloned_repo.index.commit("Added submodule")
assert sm.exists() and sm.module_exists()    # this submodule is definitely
    ↪ available
sm.remove(module=True, configuration=False)   # remove the working tree
assert sm.exists() and not sm.module_exists() # the submodule itself is still
    ↪ available

# update all submodules, non-recursively to save time, this method is very powerful,
    ↪ go have a look
cloned_repo.submodule_update(recursive=False)
assert sm.module_exists()                    # The submodules working tree
    ↪ was checked out by update

```

## 2.2 Examining References

*References* are the tips of your commit graph from which you can easily examine the history of your project.

```

import git
repo = git.Repo.clone_from(self._small_repo_url(), os.path.join(rw_dir, 'repo'),
    ↪ branch='master')

heads = repo.heads
master = heads.master           # lists can be accessed by name for convenience
master.commit                   # the commit pointed to by head called master
master.rename('new_name')      # rename heads
master.rename('master')

```

*Tags* are (usually immutable) references to a commit and/or a tag object.

```

tags = repo.tags
tagref = tags[0]
tagref.tag           # tags may have tag objects carrying additional
    ↪ information
tagref.commit        # but they always point to commits
repo.delete_tag(tagref) # delete or
repo.create_tag("my_tag") # create tags using the repo for convenience

```

A *symbolic reference* is a special case of a reference as it points to another reference instead of a commit.

```

head = repo.head           # the head points to the active branch/ref
master = head.reference     # retrieve the reference the head points to
master.commit              # from here you use it as any other reference

```

Access the *reflog* easily.

```
log = master.log()
log[0]                # first (i.e. oldest) reflog entry
log[-1]               # last (i.e. most recent) reflog entry
```

## 2.3 Modifying References

You can easily create and delete *reference types* or modify where they point to.

```
new_branch = repo.create_head('new')      # create a new one
new_branch.commit = 'HEAD~10'             # set branch to another commit without
↳changing index or working trees
repo.delete_head(new_branch)              # delete an existing head - only works if it
↳is not checked out
```

Create or delete *tags* the same way except you may not change them afterwards.

```
new_tag = repo.create_tag('my_new_tag', message='my message')
# You cannot change the commit a tag points to. Tags need to be re-created
self.failUnlessRaises(AttributeError, setattr, new_tag, 'commit', repo.commit('HEAD~1
↳'))
repo.delete_tag(new_tag)
```

Change the *symbolic reference* to switch branches cheaply (without adjusting the index or the working tree).

```
new_branch = repo.create_head('another-branch')
repo.head.reference = new_branch
```

## 2.4 Understanding Objects

An Object is anything storable in git's object database. Objects contain information about their type, their uncompressed size as well as the actual data. Each object is uniquely identified by a binary SHA1 hash, being 20 bytes in size, or 40 bytes in hexadecimal notation.

Git only knows 4 distinct object types being *Blobs*, *Trees*, *Commits* and *Tags*.

In GitPython, all objects can be accessed through their common base, can be compared and hashed. They are usually not instantiated directly, but through references or specialized repository functions.

```
hc = repo.head.commit
hct = hc.tree
hc != hct                # @NoEffect
hc != repo.tags[0]       # @NoEffect
hc == repo.head.reference.commit # @NoEffect
```

Common fields are ...

```
self.assertEqual(hct.type, 'tree')      # preset string type, being a class
↳attribute
assert hct.size > 0                      # size in bytes
assert len(hct.hexsha) == 40
assert len(hct.binsha) == 20
```

*Index objects* are objects that can be put into git's index. These objects are trees, blobs and submodules which additionally know about their path in the file system as well as their mode.

```
self.assertEqual(hct.path, '') # root tree has no path
assert hct.trees[0].path != '' # the first contained item has one though
self.assertEqual(hct.mode, 0o40000) # trees have the mode of a linux_
↳directory
self.assertEqual(hct.blobs[0].mode, 0o100644) # blobs have specific mode,
↳comparable to a standard linux fs
```

Access *blob* data (or any object data) using streams.

```
hct.blobs[0].data_stream.read() # stream object to read data from
hct.blobs[0].stream_data(open(os.path.join(rw_dir, 'blob_data'), 'wb')) # write data_
↳to given stream
```

## 2.5 The Commit object

*Commit* objects contain information about a specific commit. Obtain commits using references as done in *Examining References* or as follows.

Obtain commits at the specified revision

```
repo.commit('master')
repo.commit('v0.8.1')
repo.commit('HEAD~10')
```

Iterate 50 commits, and if you need paging, you can specify a number of commits to skip.

```
fifty_first_commits = list(repo.iter_commits('master', max_count=50))
assert len(fifty_first_commits) == 50
# this will return commits 21-30 from the commit list as traversed backwards master
ten_commits_past_twenty = list(repo.iter_commits('master', max_count=10, skip=20))
assert len(ten_commits_past_twenty) == 10
assert fifty_first_commits[20:30] == ten_commits_past_twenty
```

A commit object carries all sorts of meta-data

```
headcommit = repo.head.commit
assert len(headcommit.hexsha) == 40
assert len(headcommit.parents) > 0
assert headcommit.tree.type == 'tree'
assert len(headcommit.author.name) != 0
assert isinstance(headcommit.authored_date, int)
assert len(headcommit.committer.name) != 0
assert isinstance(headcommit.committed_date, int)
assert headcommit.message != ''
```

Note: date time is represented in a seconds since epoch format. Conversion to human readable form can be accomplished with the various *time module* methods.

```
import time
time.asctime(time.gmtime(headcommit.committed_date))
time.strftime("%a, %d %b %Y %H:%M", time.gmtime(headcommit.committed_date))
```

You can traverse a commit's ancestry by chaining calls to *parents*

```
assert headcommit.parents[0].parents[0].parents[0] == repo.commit('master^^^')
```

The above corresponds to `master^^^` or `master~3` in git parlance.

## 2.6 The Tree object

A `tree` records pointers to the contents of a directory. Let's say you want the root tree of the latest commit on the master branch

```
tree = repo.heads.master.commit.tree
assert len(tree.hexsha) == 40
```

Once you have a tree, you can get its contents

```
assert len(tree.trees) > 0          # trees are subdirectories
assert len(tree.blobs) > 0          # blobs are files
assert len(tree.blobs) + len(tree.trees) == len(tree)
```

It is useful to know that a tree behaves like a list with the ability to query entries by name

```
self.assertEqual(tree['smmap'], tree / 'smmap')          # access by index and by sub-
↳path                                                    # intuitive iteration of
for entry in tree:                                       # tree members
    print(entry)
blob = tree.trees[0].blobs[0]                          # let's get a blob in a
↳sub-tree
assert blob.name
self.assertEqual(blob.path < len(blob.abbrev), blob.abbrev)
self.assertEqual(tree.trees[0].name + '/' + blob.name, blob.path) # this is how
↳relative blob path generated
self.assertEqual(tree[blob.path], blob)                 # you can use
↳paths like 'dir/file' in tree
```

There is a convenience method that allows you to get a named sub-object from a tree with a syntax similar to how paths are written in a posix system

```
assert tree / 'smmap' == tree['smmap']
assert tree / blob.path == tree[blob.path]
```

You can also get a commit's root tree directly from the repository

```
# This example shows the various types of allowed ref-specs
assert repo.tree() == repo.head.commit.tree
past = repo.commit('HEAD~5')
assert repo.tree(past) == repo.tree(past.hexsha)
self.assertEqual(repo.tree('v0.8.1').type, 'tree')      # yes, you can provide any
↳refspec - works everywhere
```

As trees allow direct access to their intermediate child entries only, use the `traverse` method to obtain an iterator to retrieve entries recursively

```
assert len(tree) < len(list(tree.traverse()))
```

**Note:** If trees return Submodule objects, they will assume that they exist at the current head's commit. The tree it originated from may be rooted at another commit though, that it doesn't know. That is why the caller would have to set the submodule's owning or parent commit using the `set_parent_commit(my_commit)` method.

## 2.7 The Index Object

The git index is the stage containing changes to be written with the next commit or where merges finally have to take place. You may freely access and manipulate this information using the `IndexFile` object. Modify the index with ease

```
index = repo.index
# The index contains all blobs in a flat list
assert len(list(index.iter_blobs())) == len([o for o in repo.head.commit.tree.
    ↪traverse() if o.type == 'blob'])
# Access blob objects
for (path, stage), entry in index.entries.items(): # @UnusedVariable
    pass
new_file_path = os.path.join(repo.working_tree_dir, 'new-file-name')
open(new_file_path, 'w').close()
index.add([new_file_path]) # add a new_
    ↪file to the index
index.remove(['LICENSE']) # remove an_
    ↪existing one
assert os.path.isfile(os.path.join(repo.working_tree_dir, 'LICENSE')) # working tree_
    ↪is untouched

self.assertEqual(index.commit("my commit message").type, 'commit') #_
    ↪commit changed index
repo.active_branch.commit = repo.commit('HEAD~1') # forget last_
    ↪commit

from git import Actor
author = Actor("An author", "author@example.com")
committer = Actor("A committer", "committer@example.com")
# commit by commit message and author and committer
index.commit("my commit message", author=author, committer=committer)
```

Create new indices from other trees or as result of a merge. Write that result to a new index file for later inspection.

```
from git import IndexFile
# loads a tree into a temporary index, which exists just in memory
IndexFile.from_tree(repo, 'HEAD~1')
# merge two trees three-way into memory
merge_index = IndexFile.from_tree(repo, 'HEAD~10', 'HEAD', repo.merge_base('HEAD~10',
    ↪'HEAD'))
# and persist it
merge_index.write(os.path.join(rw_dir, 'merged_index'))
```

## 2.8 Handling Remotes

*Remotes* are used as alias for a foreign repository to ease pushing to and fetching from them

```
empty_repo = git.Repo.init(os.path.join(rw_dir, 'empty'))
origin = empty_repo.create_remote('origin', repo.remotes.origin.url)
assert origin.exists()
assert origin == empty_repo.remotes.origin == empty_repo.remotes['origin']
origin.fetch() # assure we actually have data. fetch() returns_
↳useful information
# Setup a local tracking branch of a remote branch
empty_repo.create_head('master', origin.refs.master) # create local branch "master"
↳from remote "master"
empty_repo.heads.master.set_tracking_branch(origin.refs.master) # set local "master"
↳to track remote "master"
empty_repo.heads.master.checkout() # checkout local "master" to working tree
# Three above commands in one:
empty_repo.create_head('master', origin.refs.master).set_tracking_branch(origin.refs.
↳master).checkout()
# rename remotes
origin.rename('new_origin')
# push and pull behaves similarly to `git push/pull`
origin.pull()
origin.push()
# assert not empty_repo.delete_remote(origin).exists() # create and delete remotes
```

You can easily access configuration information for a remote by accessing options as if they were attributes. The modification of remote configuration is more explicit though.

```
assert origin.url == repo.remotes.origin.url
with origin.config_writer as cw:
    cw.set("pushurl", "other_url")

# Please note that in python 2, writing origin.config_writer.set(...) is totally safe.
# In py3 __del__ calls can be delayed, thus not writing changes in time.
```

You can also specify per-call custom environments using a new context manager on the Git command, e.g. for using a specific SSH key. The following example works with *git* starting at v2.3:

```
ssh_cmd = 'ssh -i id_deployment_key'
with repo.git.custom_environment(GIT_SSH_COMMAND=ssh_cmd):
    repo.remotes.origin.fetch()
```

This one sets a custom script to be executed in place of *ssh*, and can be used in *git* prior to v2.3:

```
ssh_executable = os.path.join(rw_dir, 'my_ssh_executable.sh')
with repo.git.custom_environment(GIT_SSH=ssh_executable):
    repo.remotes.origin.fetch()
```

Here's an example executable that can be used in place of the *ssh\_executable* above:

```
#!/bin/sh
ID_RSA=/var/lib/openshift/5562b947ecdd5ce939000038/app-deployments/id_rsa
exec /usr/bin/ssh -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no -i $ID_RSA "$@"
```

Please note that the script must be executable (i.e. *chmod +x script.sh*). *StrictHostKeyChecking=no* is used to avoid prompts asking to save the hosts key to *~/.ssh/known\_hosts*, which happens in case you run this as daemon.

You might also have a look at *Git.update\_environment(...)* in case you want to setup a changed environment more permanently.

## 2.9 Submodule Handling

*Submodules* can be conveniently handled using the methods provided by GitPython, and as an added benefit, GitPython provides functionality which behave smarter and less error prone than its original c-git implementation, that is GitPython tries hard to keep your repository consistent when updating submodules recursively or adjusting the existing configuration.

```
repo = self.rorepo
sms = repo.submodules

assert len(sms) == 1
sm = sms[0]
self.assertEqual(sm.name, 'gitdb')           # git-python has gitdb as
↳single submodule ...
self.assertEqual(sm.children()[0].name, 'smmap') # ... which has smmap as
↳single submodule

# The module is the repository referenced by the submodule
assert sm.module_exists()                   # the module is available, which
↳doesn't have to be the case.
assert sm.module().working_tree_dir.endswith('gitdb')
# the submodule's absolute path is the module's path
assert sm.abspath == sm.module().working_tree_dir
self.assertEqual(len(sm.hexsha), 40)         # Its sha defines the
↳commit to checkout
assert sm.exists()                          # yes, this submodule is valid and
↳exists
# read its configuration conveniently
assert sm.config_reader().get_value('path') == sm.path
self.assertEqual(len(sm.children()), 1)      # query the submodule
↳hierarchy
```

In addition to the query functionality, you can move the submodule's repository to a different path `<move(...)>`, write its configuration `<config_writer().set_value(...).release()>`, update its working tree `<update(...)>`, and remove or add them `<remove(...), add(...)>`.

If you obtained your submodule object by traversing a tree object which is not rooted at the head's commit, you have to inform the submodule about its actual commit to retrieve the data from by using the `set_parent_commit(...)` method.

The special *RootModule* type allows you to treat your master repository as root of a hierarchy of submodules, which allows very convenient submodule handling. Its `update(...)` method is reimplemented to provide an advanced way of updating submodules as they change their values over time. The update method will track changes and make sure your working tree and submodule checkouts stay consistent, which is very useful in case submodules get deleted or added to name just two of the handled cases.

Additionally, GitPython adds functionality to track a specific branch, instead of just a commit. Supported by customized update methods, you are able to automatically update submodules to the latest revision available in the remote repository, as well as to keep track of changes and movements of these submodules. To use it, set the name of the branch you want to track to the `submodule.$name.branch` option of the `.gitmodules` file, and use GitPython update methods on the resulting repository with the `to_latest_revision` parameter turned on. In the latter case, the sha of your submodule will be ignored, instead a local tracking branch will be updated to the respective remote branch automatically, provided there are no local changes. The resulting behaviour is much like the one of `svn::externals`, which can be useful in times.

## 2.10 Obtaining Diff Information

Diffs can generally be obtained by subclasses of *Diffable* as they provide the `diff` method. This operation yields a *DiffIndex* allowing you to easily access diff information about paths.

Diffs can be made between the Index and Trees, Index and the working tree, trees and trees as well as trees and the working copy. If commits are involved, their tree will be used implicitly.

```
hcommit = repo.head.commit
hcommit.diff()           # diff tree against index
hcommit.diff('HEAD~1')  # diff tree against previous tree
hcommit.diff(None)       # diff tree against working tree

index = repo.index
index.diff()             # diff index against itself yielding empty diff
index.diff(None)         # diff index against working copy
index.diff('HEAD')       # diff index against current HEAD tree
```

The item returned is a *DiffIndex* which is essentially a list of *Diff* objects. It provides additional filtering to ease finding what you might be looking for.

```
# Traverse added Diff objects only
for diff_added in hcommit.diff('HEAD~1').iter_change_type('A'):
    print(diff_added)
```

Use the diff framework if you want to implement git-status like functionality.

- A diff between the index and the commit's tree your HEAD points to
- use `repo.index.diff(repo.head.commit)`
- A diff between the index and the working tree
- use `repo.index.diff(None)`
- A list of untracked files
- use `repo.untracked_files`

## 2.11 Switching Branches

To switch between branches similar to `git checkout`, you effectively need to point your HEAD symbolic reference to the new branch and reset your index and working copy to match. A simple manual way to do it is the following one

```
# Reset our working tree 10 commits into the past
past_branch = repo.create_head('past_branch', 'HEAD~10')
repo.head.reference = past_branch
assert not repo.head.is_detached
# reset the index and working tree to match the pointed-to commit
repo.head.reset(index=True, working_tree=True)

# To detach your head, you have to point to a commit directly
repo.head.reference = repo.commit('HEAD~5')
assert repo.head.is_detached
# now our head points 15 commits into the past, whereas the working tree
# and index are 10 commits in the past
```

The previous approach would brutally overwrite the user's changes in the working copy and index though and is less sophisticated than a `git-checkout`. The latter will generally prevent you from destroying your work. Use the safer approach as follows.

```
# checkout the branch using git-checkout. It will fail as the working tree appears_
↪dirty
self.failUnlessRaises(git.GitCommandError, repo.heads.master.checkout)
repo.heads.past_branch.checkout()
```

## 2.12 Initializing a repository

In this example, we will initialize an empty repository, add an empty file to the index, and commit the change.

```
import git

repo_dir = os.path.join(rw_dir, 'my-new-repo')
file_name = os.path.join(repo_dir, 'new-file')

r = git.Repo.init(repo_dir)
# This function just creates an empty file ...
open(file_name, 'wb').close()
r.index.add([file_name])
r.index.commit("initial commit")
```

Please have a look at the individual methods as they usually support a vast amount of arguments to customize their behavior.

## 2.13 Using git directly

In case you are missing functionality as it has not been wrapped, you may conveniently use the `git` command directly. It is owned by each repository instance.

```
git = repo.git
git.checkout('HEAD', b="my_new_branch")           # create a new branch
git.branch('another-new-one')
git.branch('-D', 'another-new-one')                # pass strings for full control over_
↪argument order
git.for_each_ref()                                # '-' becomes '_' when calling it
```

The return value will by default be a string of the standard output channel produced by the command.

Keyword arguments translate to short and long keyword arguments on the command-line. The special notion `git.command(flag=True)` will create a flag without value like `command --flag`.

If `None` is found in the arguments, it will be dropped silently. Lists and tuples passed as arguments will be unpacked recursively to individual arguments. Objects are converted to strings using the `str(...)` function.

## 2.14 Object Databases

`git.Repo` instances are powered by its object database instance which will be used when extracting any data, or when writing new objects.

The type of the database determines certain performance characteristics, such as the quantity of objects that can be read per second, the resource usage when reading large data files, as well as the average memory footprint of your application.

### 2.14.1 GitDB

The GitDB is a pure-python implementation of the git object database. It is the default database to use in GitPython 0.3. It uses less memory when handling huge files, but will be 2 to 5 times slower when extracting large quantities small of objects from densely packed repositories:

```
repo = Repo("path/to/repo", odbt=GitDB)
```

### 2.14.2 GitCmdObjectDB

The git command database uses persistent git-cat-file instances to read repository information. These operate very fast under all conditions, but will consume additional memory for the process itself. When extracting large files, memory usage will be much higher than the one of the `GitDB`:

```
repo = Repo("path/to/repo", odbt=GitCmdObjectDB)
```

## 2.15 Git Command Debugging and Customization

Using environment variables, you can further adjust the behaviour of the git command.

- **GIT\_PYTHON\_TRACE**

- If set to non-0, all executed git commands will be shown as they happen
- If set to *full*, the executed git command *and* its entire output on stdout and stderr will be shown as they happen

**NOTE:** All logging is outputted using a Python logger, so make sure your program is configured to show INFO-level messages. If this is not the case, try adding the following to your program:

```
import logging
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.INFO)
```

- **GIT\_PYTHON\_GIT\_EXECUTABLE**

- If set, it should contain the full path to the git executable, e.g. *c:\Program Files (x86)\Git\bin\git.exe* on windows or */usr/bin/git* on linux.

## 2.16 And even more ...

There is more functionality in there, like the ability to archive repositories, get stats and logs, blame, and probably a few other things that were not mentioned here.

Check the unit tests for an in-depth introduction on how each function is supposed to be used.

### 3.1 Version

`git.__version__`  
Current GitPython version.

### 3.2 Objects.Base

**class** `git.objects.base.Object` (*repo*, *binsha*)  
Implements an Object which may be Blobs, Trees, Commits and Tags

`NULL_BIN_SHA = b'\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00'`  
`NULL_HEX_SHA = '0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000'`  
`TYPES = (b'blob', b'tree', b'commit', b'tag')`  
`__eq__` (*other*)  
**Returns** True if the objects have the same SHA1

`__hash__` ()  
**Returns** Hash of our id allowing objects to be used in dicts and sets

`__init__` (*repo*, *binsha*)  
Initialize an object by identifying it by its binary sha. All keyword arguments will be set on demand if None.

**Parameters**

- **repo** – repository this object is located in
- **binsha** – 20 byte SHA1

`__module__ = 'git.objects.base'`

`__ne__ (other)`

**Returns** True if the objects do not have the same SHA1

`__repr__ ()`

**Returns** string with pythonic representation of our object

`__slots__ = ('repo', 'binsha', 'size')`

`__str__ ()`

**Returns** string of our SHA1 as understood by all git commands

**binsha**

**data\_stream**

**Returns** File Object compatible stream to the uncompressed raw data of the object

**Note** returned streams must be read in order

**hexsha**

**Returns** 40 byte hex version of our 20 byte binary sha

**classmethod new (repo, id)**

**Returns** New Object instance of a type appropriate to the object type behind id. The id of the newly created object will be a binsha even though the input id may have been a Reference or Rev-Spec

**Parameters** **id** – reference, rev-spec, or hexsha

**Note** This cannot be a `__new__` method as it would always call `__init__` with the input id which is not necessarily a binsha.

**classmethod new\_from\_sha (repo, sha1)**

**Returns** new object instance of a type appropriate to represent the given binary sha1

**Parameters** **sha1** – 20 byte binary sha1

**repo**

**size**

**stream\_data (ostream)**

Writes our data directly to the given output stream :param ostream: File object compatible stream object.  
:return: self

**type = None**

**class** `git.objects.base.IndexObject (repo, binsha, mode=None, path=None)`

Base for all objects that can be part of the index file , namely Tree, Blob and SubModule objects

`__hash__ ()`

**Returns** Hash of our path as index items are uniquely identifiable by path, not by their data !

`__init__ (repo, binsha, mode=None, path=None)`

Initialize a newly instanced IndexObject

**Parameters**

- **repo** – is the Repo we are located in
- **binsha** – 20 byte sha1

- **mode** – is the stat compatible file mode as int, use the stat module to evaluate the information
- **path** – is the path to the file in the file system, relative to the git repository root, i.e. file.ext or folder/other.ext

**Note** Path may not be set if the index object has been created directly as it cannot be retrieved without knowing the parent tree.

```
__module__ = 'git.objects.base'
```

```
__slots__ = ('path', 'mode')
```

**abspath**

**Returns**

Absolute path to this index object in the file system ( as opposed to the .path field which is a path relative to the git repository ).

The returned path will be native to the system and contains “ on windows.

**mode**

**name**

**Returns** Name portion of the path, effectively being the basename

**path**

### 3.3 Objects.Blob

```
class git.objects.blob.Blob(repo, binsha, mode=None, path=None)
```

A Blob encapsulates a git blob object

```
DEFAULT_MIME_TYPE = 'text/plain'
```

```
__module__ = 'git.objects.blob'
```

```
__slots__ = ()
```

```
executable_mode = 33261
```

```
file_mode = 33188
```

```
link_mode = 40960
```

**mime\_type**

**Returns** String describing the mime type of this file (based on the filename)

**Note** Defaults to ‘text/plain’ in case the actual file type is unknown.

```
type = 'blob'
```

### 3.4 Objects.Commit

```
class git.objects.commit.Commit(repo, binsha, tree=None, author=None, authored_date=None,
                                author_tz_offset=None, committer=None, committed_date=None,
                                committer_tz_offset=None, message=None, parents=None, encoding=None, gpgsig=None)
```

Wraps a git Commit object.

This class will act lazily on some of its attributes and will query the value on demand only if it involves calling the git binary.

```
__init__(repo, binsha, tree=None, author=None, authored_date=None, author_tz_offset=None,
         committer=None, committed_date=None, committer_tz_offset=None, message=None, par-
         ents=None, encoding=None, gpgsig=None)
```

Instantiate a new Commit. All keyword arguments taking None as default will be implicitly set on first query.

#### Parameters

- **binsha** – 20 byte sha1
- **parents** – tuple( Commit, ... ) is a tuple of commit ids or actual Commits
- **tree** – Tree Tree object
- **author** – Actor is the author Actor object
- **authored\_date** – int\_seconds\_since\_epoch is the authored DateTime - use time.gmtime() to convert it into a different format
- **author\_tz\_offset** – int\_seconds\_west\_of\_utc is the timezone that the authored\_date is in
- **committer** – Actor is the committer string
- **committed\_date** – int\_seconds\_since\_epoch is the committed DateTime - use time.gmtime() to convert it into a different format
- **committer\_tz\_offset** – int\_seconds\_west\_of\_utc is the timezone that the committed\_date is in
- **message** – string is the commit message
- **encoding** – string encoding of the message, defaults to UTF-8
- **parents** – List or tuple of Commit objects which are our parent(s) in the commit dependency graph

**Returns** git.Commit

**Note** Timezone information is in the same format and in the same sign as what time.altzone returns. The sign is inverted compared to git's UTC timezone.

```
__module__ = 'git.objects.commit'
__slots__ = ('tree', 'author', 'authored_date', 'author_tz_offset', 'committer', 'comm
author
author_tz_offset
authored_date
authored_datetime
committed_date
committed_datetime
committer
committer_tz_offset
conf_encoding = 'i18n.commitencoding'
```

**count** (*paths=""*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Count the number of commits reachable from this commit

#### Parameters

- **paths** – is an optional path or a list of paths restricting the return value to commits actually containing the paths
- **kwargs** – Additional options to be passed to git-rev-list. They must not alter the output style of the command, or parsing will yield incorrect results

**Returns** int defining the number of reachable commits

**classmethod create\_from\_tree** (*repo*, *tree*, *message*, *parent\_commits=None*, *head=False*, *author=None*, *committer=None*, *author\_date=None*, *commit\_date=None*)

Commit the given tree, creating a commit object.

#### Parameters

- **repo** – Repo object the commit should be part of
- **tree** – Tree object or hex or bin sha the tree of the new commit
- **message** – Commit message. It may be an empty string if no message is provided. It will be converted to a string in any case.
- **parent\_commits** – Optional Commit objects to use as parents for the new commit. If empty list, the commit will have no parents at all and become a root commit. If None, the current head commit will be the parent of the new commit object
- **head** – If True, the HEAD will be advanced to the new commit automatically. Else the HEAD will remain pointing on the previous commit. This could lead to undesired results when diffing files.
- **author** – The name of the author, optional. If unset, the repository configuration is used to obtain this value.
- **committer** – The name of the committer, optional. If unset, the repository configuration is used to obtain this value.
- **author\_date** – The timestamp for the author field
- **commit\_date** – The timestamp for the committer field

**Returns** Commit object representing the new commit

**Note** Additional information about the committer and Author are taken from the environment or from the git configuration, see git-commit-tree for more information

**default\_encoding** = 'UTF-8'

**encoding**

**env\_author\_date** = 'GIT\_AUTHOR\_DATE'

**env\_committer\_date** = 'GIT\_COMMITTER\_DATE'

**gpgsig**

**classmethod iter\_items** (*repo*, *rev*, *paths=""*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Find all commits matching the given criteria.

#### Parameters

- **repo** – is the Repo

- **rev** – revision specifier, see git-rev-parse for viable options
- **paths** – is an optional path or list of paths, if set only Commits that include the path or paths will be considered
- **kwargs** – optional keyword arguments to git rev-list where `max_count` is the maximum number of commits to fetch `skip` is the number of commits to skip since all commits since i.e. '1970-01-01'

**Returns** iterator yielding Commit items

**iter\_parents** (*paths*=", \*\*kwargs)  
Iterate `_all_` parents of this commit.

#### Parameters

- **paths** – Optional path or list of paths limiting the Commits to those that contain at least one of the paths
- **kwargs** – All arguments allowed by git-rev-list

**Returns** Iterator yielding Commit objects which are parents of self

**message**

**name\_rev**

**Returns** String describing the commits hex sha based on the closest Reference. Mostly useful for UI purposes

**parents**

**stats**

Create a git stat from changes between this commit and its first parent or from all changes done if this is the very first commit.

**Returns** git.Stats

**summary**

**Returns** First line of the commit message

**tree**

**type** = 'commit'

## 3.5 Objects.Tag

Module containing all object based types.

**class** git.objects.tag.TagObject (*repo, binsha, object=None, tag=None, tagger=None, tagged\_date=None, tagger\_tz\_offset=None, message=None*)

Non-Lightweight tag carrying additional information about an object we are pointing to.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*repo, binsha, object=None, tag=None, tagger=None, tagged\_date=None, tagger\_tz\_offset=None, message=None*)

Initialize a tag object with additional data

#### Parameters

- **repo** – repository this object is located in
- **binsha** – 20 byte SHA1
- **object** – Object instance of object we are pointing to

- **tag** – name of this tag
- **tagger** – Actor identifying the tagger
- **tagged\_date** – `int_seconds_since_epoch` is the `DateTime` of the tag creation - use `time.gmtime` to convert it into a different format
- **tagged\_tz\_offset** – `int_seconds_west_of_utc` is the timezone that the `authored_date` is in, in a format similar to `time.altzone`

```
__module__ = 'git.objects.tag'
__slots__ = ('object', 'tag', 'tagger', 'tagged_date', 'tagger_tz_offset', 'message')
message
object
tag
tagged_date
tagger
tagger_tz_offset
type = 'tag'
```

## 3.6 Objects.Tree

**class** `git.objects.tree.TreeModifier` (*cache*)

A utility class providing methods to alter the underlying cache in a list-like fashion.

Once all adjustments are complete, the `_cache`, which really is a reference to the cache of a tree, will be sorted. Assuring it will be in a serializable state

```
__delitem__ (name)
    Deletes an item with the given name if it exists

__init__ (cache)
    Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

__module__ = 'git.objects.tree'
__slots__ = '_cache'
```

**add** (*sha, mode, name, force=False*)

Add the given item to the tree. If an item with the given name already exists, nothing will be done, but a `ValueError` will be raised if the `sha` and `mode` of the existing item do not match the one you add, unless `force` is `True`

### Parameters

- **sha** – The 20 or 40 byte sha of the item to add
- **mode** – int representing the stat compatible mode of the item
- **force** – If `True`, an item with your name and information will overwrite any existing item with the same name, no matter which information it has

**Returns** `self`

**add\_unchecked** (*binsha, mode, name*)

Add the given item to the tree, its correctness is assumed, which puts the caller into responsibility to assure the input is correct. For more information on the parameters, see `add`:param binsha: 20 byte binary sha

**set\_done** ()

Call this method once you are done modifying the tree information. It may be called several times, but be aware that each call will cause a sort operation :return self:

**class** `git.objects.tree.Tree` (*repo, binsha, mode=16384, path=None*)

Tree objects represent an ordered list of Blobs and other Trees.

Tree as a list:

Access a specific blob using the  
`tree['filename']` notation.

You may **as** well access by index  
`blob = tree[0]`

**\_\_contains\_\_** (*item*)

**\_\_div\_\_** (*file*)

For PY2 only

**\_\_getitem\_\_** (*item*)

**\_\_getslice\_\_** (*i, j*)

**\_\_init\_\_** (*repo, binsha, mode=16384, path=None*)

Initialize a newly instanced IndexObject

#### Parameters

- **repo** – is the Repo we are located in
- **binsha** – 20 byte sha1
- **mode** – is the stat compatible file mode as int, use the stat module to evaluate the information
- **path** – is the path to the file in the file system, relative to the git repository root, i.e. file.ext or folder/other.ext

**Note** Path may not be set of the index object has been created directly as it cannot be retrieved without knowing the parent tree.

**\_\_iter\_\_** ()

**\_\_len\_\_** ()

**\_\_module\_\_** = `'git.objects.tree'`

**\_\_reversed\_\_** ()

**\_\_slots\_\_** = `'_cache'`

**\_\_truediv\_\_** (*file*)

For PY3 only

**blob\_id** = 8

**blobs**

**Returns** `list(Blob, ...)` list of blobs directly below this tree

**cache**

**Returns** An object allowing to modify the internal cache. This can be used to change the tree's contents. When done, make sure you call `set_done` on the tree modifier, or serialization behaviour will be incorrect. See the `TreeModifier` for more information on how to alter the cache

`commit_id = 14`

`join(file)`

Find the named object in this tree's contents :return: `git.Blob` or `git.Tree` or `git.Submodule`

**Raises** `KeyError` – if given file or tree does not exist in tree

`symlink_id = 10`

`traverse(predicate=<function Tree.<lambda>>, prune=<function Tree.<lambda>>, depth=-1, branch_first=True, visit_once=False, ignore_self=1)`

For documentation, see `util.Traversable.traverse` Trees are set to `visit_once = False` to gain more performance in the traversal

`tree_id = 4`

`trees`

**Returns** `list(Tree, ...)` list of trees directly below this tree

`type = 'tree'`

## 3.7 Objects.Functions

Module with functions which are supposed to be as fast as possible

`git.objects.fun.tree_to_stream(entries, write)`

Write the give list of entries into a stream using its write method :param entries: **sorted** list of tuples with (binsha, mode, name) :param write: write method which takes a data string

`git.objects.fun.tree_entries_from_data(data)`

Reads the binary representation of a tree and returns tuples of Tree items :param data: data block with tree data (as bytes) :return: `list(tuple(binsha, mode, tree_relative_path), ...)`

`git.objects.fun.traverse_trees_recursive(odt, tree_shas, path_prefix)`

**Returns** list with entries according to the given binary tree-shas. The result is encoded in a list of n tuple|None per blob/commit, (n == len(tree\_shas)), where \* [0] == 20 byte sha \* [1] == mode as int \* [2] == path relative to working tree root The entry tuple is None if the respective blob/commit did not exist in the given tree.

**Parameters**

- **tree\_shas** – iterable of shas pointing to trees. All trees must be on the same level. A tree-sha may be None in which case None
- **path\_prefix** – a prefix to be added to the returned paths on this level, set it "" for the first iteration

**Note** The ordering of the returned items will be partially lost

`git.objects.fun.traverse_tree_recursive(odt, tree_sha, path_prefix)`

**Returns** list of entries of the tree pointed to by the binary tree\_sha. An entry has the following format: \* [0] 20 byte sha \* [1] mode as int \* [2] path relative to the repository

**Parameters** **path\_prefix** – prefix to prepend to the front of all returned paths

## 3.8 Objects.Submodule.base

```
class git.objects.submodule.base.Submodule(repo, binsha, mode=None, path=None,
                                             name=None, parent_commit=None,
                                             url=None, branch_path=None)
```

Implements access to a git submodule. They are special in that their sha represents a commit in the submodule's repository which is to be checked out at the path of this instance. The submodule type does not have a string type associated with it, as it exists solely as a marker in the tree and index.

All methods work in bare and non-bare repositories.

```
__eq__(other)
```

Compare with another submodule

```
__hash__()
```

Hash this instance using its logical id, not the sha

```
__init__(repo, binsha, mode=None, path=None, name=None, parent_commit=None, url=None,
          branch_path=None)
```

Initialize this instance with its attributes. We only document the ones that differ from `IndexObject`

### Parameters

- **repo** – Our parent repository
- **binsha** – binary sha referring to a commit in the remote repository, see `url` parameter
- **parent\_commit** – see `set_parent_commit()`
- **url** – The url to the remote repository which is the submodule
- **branch\_path** – full (relative) path to ref to checkout when cloning the remote repository

```
__module__ = 'git.objects.submodule.base'
```

```
__ne__(other)
```

Compare with another submodule for inequality

```
__repr__()
```

**Returns** string with pythonic representation of our object

```
__slots__ = ('_parent_commit', '_url', '_branch_path', '_name', '__weakref__')
```

```
__str__()
```

**Returns** string of our SHA1 as understood by all git commands

```
__weakref__
```

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

```
classmethod add(repo, name, path, url=None, branch=None, no_checkout=False)
```

Add a new submodule to the given repository. This will alter the index as well as the `.gitmodules` file, but will not create a new commit. If the submodule already exists, no matter if the configuration differs from the one provided, the existing submodule will be returned.

### Parameters

- **repo** – Repository instance which should receive the submodule
- **name** – The name/identifier for the submodule
- **path** – repository-relative or absolute path at which the submodule should be located It will be created as required during the repository initialization.

- **url** – git-clone compatible URL, see git-clone reference for more information. If None, the repository is assumed to exist, and the url of the first remote is taken instead. This is useful if you want to make an existing repository a submodule of anotherone.
- **branch** – name of branch at which the submodule should (later) be checked out. The given branch must exist in the remote repository, and will be checked out locally as a tracking branch. It will only be written into the configuration if it not None, which is when the checked out branch will be the one the remote HEAD pointed to. The result you get in these situation is somewhat fuzzy, and it is recommended to specify at least 'master' here. Examples are 'master' or 'feature/new'
- **no\_checkout** – if True, and if the repository has to be cloned manually, no checkout will be performed

**Returns** The newly created submodule instance

**Note** works atomically, such that no change will be done if the repository update fails for instance

**branch**

**Returns** The branch instance that we are to checkout

**Raises** *InvalidGitRepositoryError* – if our module is not yet checked out

**branch\_name**

**Returns** the name of the branch, which is the shortest possible branch name

**branch\_path**

**Returns** full (relative) path as string to the branch we would checkout from the remote and track

**children()**

**Returns** *IterableList(Submodule, ...)* an iterable list of submodules instances which are children of this submodule or 0 if the submodule is not checked out

**config\_reader()**

**Returns** *ConfigReader* instance which allows you to query the configuration values of this submodule, as provided by the .gitmodules file

**Note** The config reader will actually read the data directly from the repository and thus does not need nor care about your working tree.

**Note** Should be cached by the caller and only kept as long as needed

**Raises** *IOError* – If the .gitmodules file/blob could not be read

**config\_writer(index=None, write=True)**

**Returns** a config writer instance allowing you to read and write the data belonging to this submodule into the .gitmodules file.

**Parameters**

- **index** – if not None, an *IndexFile* instance which should be written. defaults to the index of the Submodule's parent repository.
- **write** – if True, the index will be written each time a configuration value changes.

**Note** the parameters allow for a more efficient writing of the index, as you can pass in a modified index on your own, prevent automatic writing, and write yourself once the whole operation is complete

**Raises**

- **ValueError** – if trying to get a writer on a `parent_commit` which does not match the current head commit
- **IOError** – If the `.gitmodules` file/blob could not be read

**exists()**

**Returns** True if the submodule exists, False otherwise. Please note that a submodule may exist (in the `.gitmodules` file) even though its module doesn't exist on disk

**classmethod iter\_items** (*repo*, *parent\_commit*='HEAD')

**Returns** iterator yielding Submodule instances available in the given repository

**k\_default\_mode** = 57344

**k\_head\_default** = 'master'

**k\_head\_option** = 'branch'

**k\_modules\_file** = '.gitmodules'

**module()**

**Returns** Repo instance initialized from the repository at our submodule path

**Raises** *InvalidGitRepositoryError* – if a repository was not available. This could also mean that it was not yet initialized

**module\_exists()**

**Returns** True if our module exists and is a valid git repository. See `module()` method

**move** (*module\_path*, *configuration*=True, *module*=True)

Move the submodule to a another module path. This involves physically moving the repository at our current path, changing the configuration, as well as adjusting our index entry accordingly.

**Parameters**

- **module\_path** – the path to which to move our module in the parent repository's working tree, given as repository-relative or absolute path. Intermediate directories will be created accordingly. If the path already exists, it must be empty. Trailing (back)slashes are removed automatically
- **configuration** – if True, the configuration will be adjusted to let the submodule point to the given path.
- **module** – if True, the repository managed by this submodule will be moved as well. If False, we don't move the submodule's checkout, which may leave the parent repository in an inconsistent state.

**Returns** self

**Raises** **ValueError** – if the module path existed and was not empty, or was a file

**Note** Currently the method is not atomic, and it could leave the repository in an inconsistent state if a sub-step fails for some reason

**name**

**Returns** The name of this submodule. It is used to identify it within the `.gitmodules` file.

**Note** by default, the name is the path at which to find the submodule, but in git-python it should be a unique identifier similar to the identifiers used for remotes, which allows to change the path of the submodule easily

**parent\_commit**

**Returns** Commit instance with the tree containing the .gitmodules file

**Note** will always point to the current head's commit if it was not set explicitly

**remove** (*module=True, force=False, configuration=True, dry\_run=False*)

Remove this submodule from the repository. This will remove our entry from the .gitmodules file and the entry in the .git/config file.

#### Parameters

- **module** – If True, the module checkout we point to will be deleted as well. If the module is currently on a commit which is not part of any branch in the remote, if the currently checked out branch working tree, or untracked files, is ahead of its tracking branch, if you have modifications in the In case the removal of the repository fails for these reasons, the submodule status will not have been altered. If this submodule has child-modules on its own, these will be deleted prior to touching the own module.
- **force** – Enforces the deletion of the module even though it contains modifications. This basically enforces a brute-force file system based deletion.
- **configuration** – if True, the submodule is deleted from the configuration, otherwise it isn't. Although this should be enabled most of the times, this flag enables you to safely delete the repository of your submodule.
- **dry\_run** – if True, we will not actually do anything, but throw the errors we would usually throw

**Returns** self

**Note** doesn't work in bare repositories

**Note** doesn't work atomically, as failure to remove any part of the submodule will leave an inconsistent state

#### Raises

- **InvalidGitRepositoryError** – thrown if the repository cannot be deleted
- **OSError** – if directories or files could not be removed

**rename** (*new\_name*)

Rename this submodule :note: This method takes care of renaming the submodule in various places, such as

- \$parent\_git\_dir/config
- \$working\_tree\_dir/.gitmodules
- (git >=v1.8.0: move submodule repository to new name)

As .gitmodules will be changed, you would need to make a commit afterwards. The changed .gitmodules file will already be added to the index

**Returns** this submodule instance

**set\_parent\_commit** (*commit, check=True*)

Set this instance to use the given commit whose tree is supposed to contain the .gitmodules blob.

#### Parameters

- **commit** – Commit-ish reference pointing at the root\_tree, or None to always point to the most recent commit
- **check** – if True, relatively expensive checks will be performed to verify validity of the submodule.

**Raises**

- **ValueError** – if the commit’s tree didn’t contain the .gitmodules blob.
- **ValueError** – if the parent commit didn’t store this submodule under the current path

**Returns** self

**type** = 'submodule'

**update** (*recursive=False, init=True, to\_latest\_revision=False, progress=None, dry\_run=False, force=False, keep\_going=False*)

Update the repository of this submodule to point to the checkout we point at with the binsha of this instance.

**Parameters**

- **recursive** – if True, we will operate recursively and update child- modules as well.
- **init** – if True, the module repository will be cloned into place if necessary
- **to\_latest\_revision** – if True, the submodule’s sha will be ignored during checkout. Instead, the remote will be fetched, and the local tracking branch updated. This only works if we have a local tracking branch, which is the case if the remote repository had a master branch, or of the ‘branch’ option was specified for this submodule and the branch existed remotely
- **progress** – UpdateProgress instance or None if no progress should be shown
- **dry\_run** – if True, the operation will only be simulated, but not performed. All performed operations are read-only
- **force** – If True, we may reset heads even if the repository in question is dirty. Additionally we will be allowed to set a tracking branch which is ahead of its remote branch back into the past or the location of the remote branch. This will essentially ‘forget’ commits. If False, local tracking branches that are in the future of their respective remote branches will simply not be moved.
- **keep\_going** – if True, we will ignore but log all errors, and keep going recursively. Unless dry\_run is set as well, keep\_going could cause subsequent/inherited errors you wouldn’t see otherwise. In conjunction with dry\_run, it can be useful to anticipate all errors when updating submodules

**Note** does nothing in bare repositories

**Note** method is definitely not atomic if recursive is True

**Returns** self

**url**

**Returns** The url to the repository which our module-repository refers to

**class** git.objects.submodule.base.**UpdateProgress**

Class providing detailed progress information to the caller who should derive from it and implement the `update(...)` message

**CLONE** = 512

**FETCH** = 1024

**UPDWKTREE** = 2048

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.objects.submodule.base'

**\_\_slots\_\_** = ()

## 3.9 Objects.Submodule.root

**class** `git.objects.submodule.root.RootModule(repo)`

A (virtual) Root of all submodules in the given repository. It can be used to more easily traverse all submodules of the master repository

`__init__(repo)`

Initialize this instance with its attributes. We only document the ones that differ from `IndexObject`

### Parameters

- **repo** – Our parent repository
- **binsha** – binary sha referring to a commit in the remote repository, see `url` parameter
- **parent\_commit** – see `set_parent_commit()`
- **url** – The url to the remote repository which is the submodule
- **branch\_path** – full (relative) path to ref to checkout when cloning the remote repository

`__module__ = 'git.objects.submodule.root'`

`__slots__ = ()`

`k_root_name = '__ROOT__'`

`module()`

**Returns** the actual repository containing the submodules

**update** (*previous\_commit=None, recursive=True, force\_remove=False, init=True, to\_latest\_revision=False, progress=None, dry\_run=False, force\_reset=False, keep\_going=False*)

Update the submodules of this repository to the current HEAD commit. This method behaves smartly by determining changes of the path of a submodules repository, next to changes to the to-be-checked-out commit or the branch to be checked out. This works if the submodules ID does not change. Additionally it will detect addition and removal of submodules, which will be handled gracefully.

### Parameters

- **previous\_commit** – If set to a commit-ish, the commit we should use as the previous commit the HEAD pointed to before it was set to the commit it points to now. If None, it defaults to `HEAD@{1}` otherwise
- **recursive** – if True, the children of submodules will be updated as well using the same technique
- **force\_remove** – If submodules have been deleted, they will be forcibly removed. Otherwise the update may fail if a submodule's repository cannot be deleted as changes have been made to it (see `Submodule.update()` for more information)
- **init** – If we encounter a new module which would need to be initialized, then do it.
- **to\_latest\_revision** – If True, instead of checking out the revision pointed to by this submodule's sha, the checked out tracking branch will be merged with the latest remote branch fetched from the repository's origin. Unless `force_reset` is specified, a local tracking branch will never be reset into its past, therefore the remote branch must be in the future for this to have an effect.
- **force\_reset** – if True, submodules may checkout or reset their branch even if the repository has pending changes that would be overwritten, or if the local tracking branch is in the future of the remote tracking branch and would be reset into its past.

- **progress** – RootUpdateProgress instance or None if no progress should be sent
- **dry\_run** – if True, operations will not actually be performed. Progress messages will change accordingly to indicate the WOULD DO state of the operation.
- **keep\_going** – if True, we will ignore but log all errors, and keep going recursively. Unless dry\_run is set as well, keep\_going could cause subsequent/inherited errors you wouldn't see otherwise. In conjunction with dry\_run, it can be useful to anticipate all errors when updating submodules

**Returns** self

**class** git.objects.submodule.root.RootUpdateProgress

Utility class which adds more opcodes to the UpdateProgress

**BRANCHCHANGE** = 16384

**PATHCHANGE** = 8192

**REMOVE** = 4096

**URLCHANGE** = 32768

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.objects.submodule.root'

**\_\_slots\_\_** = ()

## 3.10 Objects.Submodule.util

git.objects.submodule.util.sm\_section(*name*)

**Returns** section title used in .gitmodules configuration file

git.objects.submodule.util.sm\_name(*section*)

**Returns** name of the submodule as parsed from the section name

git.objects.submodule.util.mkhead(*repo*, *path*)

**Returns** New branch/head instance

git.objects.submodule.util.find\_first\_remote\_branch(*remotes*, *branch\_name*)

Find the remote branch matching the name of the given branch or raise InvalidGitRepositoryError

**class** git.objects.submodule.util.SubmoduleConfigParser(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Catches calls to \_write, and updates the .gitmodules blob in the index with the new data, if we have written into a stream. Otherwise it will add the local file to the index to make it correspond with the working tree. Additionally, the cache must be cleared

Please note that no mutating method will work in bare mode

**\_\_abstractmethods\_\_** = frozenset()

**\_\_init\_\_**(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

Initialize a configuration reader to read the given file\_or\_files and to possibly allow changes to it by setting read\_only False

**Parameters**

- **file\_or\_files** – A single file path or file objects or multiple of these
- **read\_only** – If True, the ConfigParser may only read the data, but not change it. If False, only a single file path or file object may be given. We will write back the changes

when they happen, or when the ConfigParser is released. This will not happen if other configuration files have been included

- **merge\_includes** – if True, we will read files mentioned in [include] sections and merge their contents into ours. This makes it impossible to write back an individual configuration file. Thus, if you want to modify a single configuration file, turn this off to leave the original dataset unaltered when reading it.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.objects.submodule.util'

**flush\_to\_index()**

Flush changes in our configuration file to the index

**set\_submodule(submodule)**

Set this instance's submodule. It must be called before the first write operation begins

**write()**

Write changes to our file, if there are changes at all

**Raises IOError** – if this is a read-only writer instance or if we could not obtain a file lock

## 3.11 Objects.Util

Module for general utility functions

`git.objects.util.get_object_type_by_name(object_type_name)`

**Returns** type suitable to handle the given object type name. Use the type to create new instances.

**Parameters** `object_type_name` – Member of TYPES

**Raises ValueError** – In case `object_type_name` is unknown

`git.objects.util.parse_date(string_date)`

Parse the given date as one of the following

- Git internal format: timestamp offset
- RFC 2822: Thu, 07 Apr 2005 22:13:13 +0200.
- ISO 8601 2005-04-07T22:13:13 The T can be a space as well

**Returns** Tuple(int(timestamp\_UTC), int(offset)), both in seconds since epoch

**Raises ValueError** – If the format could not be understood

**Note** Date can also be YYYY.MM.DD, MM/DD/YYYY and DD.MM.YYYY.

`git.objects.util.parse_actor_and_date(line)`

Parse out the actor (author or committer) info from a line like:

```
author Tom Preston-Werner <tom@mojombo.com> 1191999972 -0700
```

**Returns** [Actor, int\_seconds\_since\_epoch, int\_timezone\_offset]

**class** `git.objects.util.ProcessStreamAdapter(process, stream_name)`

Class wiring all calls to the contained Process instance.

Use this type to hide the underlying process to provide access only to a specified stream. The process is usually wrapped into an AutoInterrupt class to kill it if the instance goes out of scope.

```
__getattr__(attr)

__init__(process, stream_name)
    Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

__module__ = 'git.objects.util'

__slots__ = ('_proc', '_stream')
```

**class** git.objects.util.Traversable

Simple interface to perform depth-first or breadth-first traversals into one direction. Subclasses only need to implement one function. Instances of the Subclass must be hashable

```
__module__ = 'git.objects.util'

__slots__ = ()
```

**list\_traverse** (\*args, \*\*kwargs)

**Returns** IterableList with the results of the traversal as produced by traverse()

**traverse** (predicate=<function Traversable.<lambda>>, prune=<function Traversable.<lambda>>, depth=-1, branch\_first=True, visit\_once=True, ignore\_self=1, as\_edge=False)

**Returns** iterator yielding of items found when traversing self

**Parameters**

- **predicate** – f(i,d) returns False if item i at depth d should not be included in the result
- **prune** – f(i,d) return True if the search should stop at item i at depth d. Item i will not be returned.
- **depth** – define at which level the iteration should not go deeper if -1, there is no limit if 0, you would effectively only get self, the root of the iteration i.e. if 1, you would only get the first level of predecessors/successors
- **branch\_first** – if True, items will be returned branch first, otherwise depth first
- **visit\_once** – if True, items will only be returned once, although they might be encountered several times. Loops are prevented that way.
- **ignore\_self** – if True, self will be ignored and automatically pruned from the result. Otherwise it will be the first item to be returned. If as\_edge is True, the source of the first edge is None
- **as\_edge** – if True, return a pair of items, first being the source, second the destination, i.e. tuple(src, dest) with the edge spanning from source to destination

git.objects.util.altz\_to\_utctz\_str (altz)

As above, but inverts the operation, returning a string that can be used in commit objects

git.objects.util.utctz\_to\_altz (utctz)

we convert utctz to the timezone in seconds, it is the format time.altzone returns. Git stores it as UTC timezone which has the opposite sign as well, which explains the -1 \* ( that was made explicit here ) :param utctz: git utc timezone string, i.e. +0200

git.objects.util.verify\_utctz (offset)

**Raises** **ValueError** – if offset is incorrect

**Returns** offset

**class** git.objects.util.Actor (name, email)

Actors hold information about a person acting on the repository. They can be committers and authors or anything with a name and an email as mentioned in the git log entries.

```

__eq__(other)
    Return self==value.

__hash__()
    Return hash(self).

__init__(name, email)
    Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

__module__ = 'git.util'

__ne__(other)
    Return self!=value.

__repr__()
    Return repr(self).

__slots__ = ('name', 'email')

__str__()
    Return str(self).

classmethod author(config_reader=None)
    Same as committer(), but defines the main author. It may be specified in the environment, but defaults to
    the committer

classmethod committer(config_reader=None)

    Returns Actor instance corresponding to the configured committer. It behaves similar to the
    git implementation, such that the environment will override configuration values of con-
    fig_reader. If no value is set at all, it will be generated

    Parameters config_reader – ConfigReader to use to retrieve the values from in case they
    are not set in the environment

conf_email = 'email'
conf_name = 'name'
email
env_author_email = 'GIT_AUTHOR_EMAIL'
env_author_name = 'GIT_AUTHOR_NAME'
env_committer_email = 'GIT_COMMITTER_EMAIL'
env_committer_name = 'GIT_COMMITTER_NAME'
name
name_email_regex = re.compile('(.*) <(.*?)>')
name_only_regex = re.compile('<(.*?)>')
class git.objects.util.tzoffset(secs_west_of_utc, name=None)

__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'git.objects.util', '__init__': <function tzoffset.__init__ at 0x...>})
__init__(secs_west_of_utc, name=None)
    Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

__module__ = 'git.objects.util'

__weakref__
    list of weak references to the object (if defined)

```

**dst** (*dt*)  
 datetime -> DST offset as timedelta positive east of UTC.

**tzname** (*dt*)  
 datetime -> string name of time zone.

**utcoffset** (*dt*)  
 datetime -> timedelta showing offset from UTC, negative values indicating West of UTC

## 3.12 Index.Base

**class** `git.index.base.IndexFile` (*repo*, *file\_path*=None)

Implements an Index that can be manipulated using a native implementation in order to save git command function calls wherever possible.

It provides custom merging facilities allowing to merge without actually changing your index or your working tree. This way you can perform own test-merges based on the index only without having to deal with the working copy. This is useful in case of partial working trees.

Entries

The index contains an entries dict whose keys are tuples of type IndexEntry to facilitate access.

You may read the entries dict or manipulate it using IndexEntry instance, i.e.:

```
index.entries[index.entry_key(index_entry_instance)] = index_entry_instance
```

Make sure you use `index.write()` once you are done manipulating the index directly before operating on it using the git command

**S\_IFGITLINK = 57344**

**\_\_init\_\_** (*repo*, *file\_path*=None)

Initialize this Index instance, optionally from the given *file\_path*. If no *file\_path* is given, we will be created from the current index file.

If a stream is not given, the stream will be initialized from the current repository's index on demand.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.index.base'

**\_\_slots\_\_** = ('repo', 'version', 'entries', '\_extension\_data', '\_file\_path')

**add** (*items*, *force*=True, *fprogress*=<function IndexFile.<lambda>>, *path\_rewriter*=None, *write*=True, *write\_extension\_data*=False)

Add files from the working tree, specific blobs or BaseIndexEntries to the index.

### Parameters

- **items** – Multiple types of items are supported, types can be mixed within one call. Different types imply a different handling. File paths may generally be relative or absolute.

- **path string** strings denote a relative or absolute path into the repository pointing to an existing file, i.e. CHANGES, lib/myfile.ext, '/home/gitrepo/lib/myfile.ext'.

Absolute paths must start with working tree directory of this index's repository to be considered valid. For example, if it was initialized with a non-normalized path, like `/root/repo/./repo`, absolute paths to be added must start with `/root/repo/./repo`.

Paths provided like this must exist. When added, they will be written into the object database.

PathStrings may contain globs, such as 'lib/\_\_init\_\_\*' or can be directories like 'lib', the latter ones will add all the files within the directory and subdirectories.

This equals a straight git-add.

They are added at stage 0

- **Blob or Submodule object** Blobs are added as they are assuming a valid mode is set. The file they refer to may or may not exist in the file system, but must be a path relative to our repository.

If their sha is null ( 40\*0 ), their path must exist in the file system relative to the git repository as an object will be created from the data at the path. The handling now very much equals the way string paths are processed, except that the mode you have set will be kept. This allows you to create symlinks by settings the mode respectively and writing the target of the symlink directly into the file. This equals a default Linux-Symlink which is not dereferenced automatically, except that it can be created on filesystems not supporting it as well.

Please note that globs or directories are not allowed in Blob objects.

They are added at stage 0

- **BaseIndexEntry or type** Handling equals the one of Blob objects, but the stage may be explicitly set. Please note that Index Entries require binary sha's.
- **force** – **CURRENTLY INEFFECTIVE** If True, otherwise ignored or excluded files will be added anyway. As opposed to the git-add command, we enable this flag by default as the API user usually wants the item to be added even though they might be excluded.
- **fprogress** – Function with signature f(path, done=False, item=item) called for each path to be added, one time once it is about to be added where done==False and once after it was added where done=True. item is set to the actual item we handle, either a Path or a BaseIndexEntry Please note that the processed path is not guaranteed to be present in the index already as the index is currently being processed.
- **path\_rewriter** – Function with signature (string) func(BaseIndexEntry) function returning a path for each passed entry which is the path to be actually recorded for the object created from entry.path. This allows you to write an index which is not identical to the layout of the actual files on your hard-disk. If not None and items contain plain paths, these paths will be converted to Entries beforehand and passed to the path\_rewriter. Please note that entry.path is relative to the git repository.
- **write** – If True, the index will be written once it was altered. Otherwise the changes only exist in memory and are not available to git commands.
- **write\_extension\_data** – If True, extension data will be written back to the index. This can lead to issues in case it is containing the 'TREE' extension, which will cause the *git commit* command to write an old tree, instead of a new one representing the now changed index. This doesn't matter if you use *IndexFile.commit()*, which ignores the *TREE* extension altogether. You should set it to True if you intend to use *IndexFile.commit()* exclusively while maintaining support for third-party extensions. Besides that, you can usually safely ignore the built-in extensions when using GitPython on repositories that are not handled manually at all. All current built-in extensions are listed here: <http://opensource.apple.com/source/Git/Git-26/src/git-htmldocs/technical/index-format.txt>

**Returns** List(BaseIndexEntries) representing the entries just actually added.

**Raises OSError** – if a supplied Path did not exist. Please note that BaseIndexEntry Objects that do not have a null sha will be added even if their paths do not exist.

**checkout** (*paths=None, force=False, fprogress=<function IndexFile.<lambda>>, \*\*kwargs*)

Checkout the given paths or all files from the version known to the index into the working tree.

**Note** Be sure you have written pending changes using the `write` method in case you have altered the `entries` dictionary directly

#### Parameters

- **paths** – If `None`, all paths in the index will be checked out. Otherwise an iterable of relative or absolute paths or a single path pointing to files or directories in the index is expected.
- **force** – If `True`, existing files will be overwritten even if they contain local modifications. If `False`, these will trigger a `CheckoutError`.
- **fprogress** – see [Index.add\\_](#) for signature and explanation. The provided progress information will contain `None` as path and item if no explicit paths are given. Otherwise progress information will be send prior and after a file has been checked out
- **kwargs** – Additional arguments to be passed to `git-checkout-index`

**Returns** iterable yielding paths to files which have been checked out and are guaranteed to match the version stored in the index

**Raises** [CheckoutError](#) – If at least one file failed to be checked out. This is a summary, hence it will checkout as many files as it can anyway. If one of files or directories do not exist in the index ( as opposed to the original git command who ignores them ). Raise `GitCommandError` if error lines could not be parsed - this truly is an exceptional state

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**Note:** The checkout is limited to checking out the files in the index. Files which are not in the index anymore and exist in the working tree will not be deleted. This behaviour is fundamentally different to `head.checkout`, i.e. if you want `git-checkout` like behaviour, use `head.checkout` instead of `index.checkout`.

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**commit** (*message, parent\_commits=None, head=True, author=None, committer=None, author\_date=None, commit\_date=None, skip\_hooks=False*)

Commit the current default index file, creating a commit object. For more information on the arguments, see `tree.commit`.

**Note** If you have manually altered the `.entries` member of this instance, don't forget to `write()` your changes to disk beforehand. Passing `skip_hooks=True` is the equivalent of using `-n` or `--no-verify` on the command line.

**Returns** Commit object representing the new commit

**diff** (*other=<class 'git.diff.Diffable.Index'>, paths=None, create\_patch=False, \*\*kwargs*)

Diff this index against the working copy or a `Tree` or `Commit` object

For a documentation of the parameters and return values, see `Diffable.diff`

**Note** Will only work with indices that represent the default git index as they have not been initialized with a stream.

#### entries

**classmethod** `entry_key` (*\*entry*)

**classmethod** `from_tree` (*repo, \*treeish, \*\*kwargs*)

Merge the given treeish revisions into a new index which is returned. The original index will remain unaltered

#### Parameters

- **repo** – The repository treeish are located in.
- **treeish** – One, two or three Tree Objects, Commits or 40 byte hexshas. The result changes according to the amount of trees. If 1 Tree is given, it will just be read into a new index. If 2 Trees are given, they will be merged into a new index using a two way merge algorithm. Tree 1 is the ‘current’ tree, tree 2 is the ‘other’ one. It behaves like a fast-forward. If 3 Trees are given, a 3-way merge will be performed with the first tree being the common ancestor of tree 2 and tree 3. Tree 2 is the ‘current’ tree, tree 3 is the ‘other’ one
- **kwargs** – Additional arguments passed to git-read-tree

**Returns** New IndexFile instance. It will point to a temporary index location which does not exist anymore. If you intend to write such a merged Index, supply an alternate file\_path to its ‘write’ method.

**Note** In the three-way merge case, –aggressive will be specified to automatically resolve more cases in a commonly correct manner. Specify trivial=True as kwarg to override that.

As the underlying git-read-tree command takes into account the current index, it will be temporarily moved out of the way to assure there are no unsuspected interferences.

**iter\_blobs** (*predicate=<function IndexFile.<lambda>>*)

**Returns** Iterator yielding tuples of Blob objects and stages, tuple(stage, Blob)

**Parameters** **predicate** – Function(t) returning True if tuple(stage, Blob) should be yielded by the iterator. A default filter, the BlobFilter, allows you to yield blobs only if they match a given list of paths.

**merge\_tree** (*rhs, base=None*)

Merge the given rhs treeish into the current index, possibly taking a common base treeish into account.

As opposed to the **from\_tree** method, this allows you to use an already existing tree as the left side of the merge

#### Parameters

- **rhs** – treeish reference pointing to the ‘other’ side of the merge.
- **base** – optional treeish reference pointing to the common base of ‘rhs’ and this index which equals lhs

**Returns** self ( containing the merge and possibly unmerged entries in case of conflicts )

**Raises** **GitCommandError** – If there is a merge conflict. The error will be raised at the first conflicting path. If you want to have proper merge resolution to be done by yourself, you have to commit the changed index ( or make a valid tree from it ) and retry with a three-way index.from\_tree call.

**move** (*items, skip\_errors=False, \*\*kwargs*)

Rename/move the items, whereas the last item is considered the destination of the move operation. If the destination is a file, the first item ( of two ) must be a file as well. If the destination is a directory, it may be preceded by one or more directories or files.

The working tree will be affected in non-bare repositories.

**Parma items** Multiple types of items are supported, please see the ‘remove’ method for reference.

#### Parameters

- **skip\_errors** – If True, errors such as ones resulting from missing source files will be skipped.

- **kwargs** – Additional arguments you would like to pass to git-mv, such as `dry_run` or `force`.

**:return:** `List(tuple(source_path_string, destination_path_string), ...)` A list of pairs, containing the source file moved as well as its actual destination. Relative to the repository root.

**Raises `ValueError`** – If only one item was given `GitCommandError`: If git could not handle your request

**classmethod `new`** (*repo*, *\*tree\_sha*)

Merge the given treeish revisions into a new index which is returned. This method behaves like `git-read-tree -aggressive` when doing the merge.

#### Parameters

- **repo** – The repository treeish are located in.
- **tree\_sha** – 20 byte or 40 byte tree sha or tree objects

**Returns** New `IndexFile` instance. Its path will be undefined. If you intend to write such a merged Index, supply an alternate `file_path` to its ‘write’ method.

#### path

**Returns** Path to the index file we are representing

**remove** (*items*, *working\_tree=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Remove the given items from the index and optionally from the working tree as well.

#### Parameters

- **items** – Multiple types of items are supported which may be be freely mixed.
  - **path string** Remove the given path at all stages. If it is a directory, you must specify the `r=True` keyword argument to remove all file entries below it. If absolute paths are given, they will be converted to a path relative to the git repository directory containing the working tree  
 The path string may include globs, such as `*.c`.
  - **Blob Object** Only the path portion is used in this case.
  - **BaseIndexEntry or compatible type** The only relevant information here Yis the path. The stage is ignored.
- **working\_tree** – If True, the entry will also be removed from the working tree, physically removing the respective file. This may fail if there are uncommitted changes in it.
- **kwargs** – Additional keyword arguments to be passed to `git-rm`, such as ‘r’ to allow recursive removal of

**Returns** `List(path_string, ...)` list of repository relative paths that have been removed effectively. This is interesting to know in case you have provided a directory or globs. Paths are relative to the repository.

#### repo

**reset** (*commit='HEAD'*, *working\_tree=False*, *paths=None*, *head=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Reset the index to reflect the tree at the given commit. This will not adjust our HEAD reference as opposed to `HEAD.reset` by default.

#### Parameters

- **commit** – Revision, Reference or Commit specifying the commit we should represent. If you want to specify a tree only, use `IndexFile.from_tree` and overwrite the default index.
- **working\_tree** – If True, the files in the working tree will reflect the changed index. If False, the working tree will not be touched Please note that changes to the working copy will be discarded without warning !
- **head** – If True, the head will be set to the given commit. This is False by default, but if True, this method behaves like `HEAD.reset`.
- **paths** – if given as an iterable of absolute or repository-relative paths, only these will be reset to their state at the given commit'ish. The paths need to exist at the commit, otherwise an exception will be raised.
- **kwargs** – Additional keyword arguments passed to `git-reset`

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**Note:** `IndexFile.reset`, as opposed to `HEAD.reset`, will not delete anyfiles in order to maintain a consistent working tree. Instead, it will just checkout the files according to their state in the index. If you want `git-reset` like behaviour, use `HEAD.reset` instead.

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**Returns** `self`

**resolve\_blobs** (*iter\_blobs*)

Resolve the blobs given in blob iterator. This will effectively remove the index entries of the respective path at all non-null stages and add the given blob as new stage null blob.

For each path there may only be one blob, otherwise a `ValueError` will be raised claiming the path is already at stage 0.

**Raises** `ValueError` – if one of the blobs already existed at stage 0

**Returns** `self`

**Note** You will have to write the index manually once you are done, i.e. `index.resolve_blobs(blobs).write()`

**unmerged\_blobs** ()

**Returns** Iterator yielding `dict(path : list( tuple( stage, Blob, ... )))`, being a dictionary associating a path in the index with a list containing sorted stage/blob pairs

**Note** Blobs that have been removed in one side simply do not exist in the given stage. I.e. a file removed on the 'other' branch whose entries are at stage 3 will not have a stage 3 entry.

**update** ()

Reread the contents of our index file, discarding all cached information we might have.

**Note** This is a possibly dangerous operations as it will discard your changes to `index.entries`

**Returns** `self`

**version**

**write** (*file\_path=None, ignore\_extension\_data=False*)

Write the current state to our file path or to the given one

**Parameters**

- **file\_path** – If None, we will write to our stored file path from which we have been initialized. Otherwise we write to the given file path. Please note that this will change the file\_path of this index to the one you gave.
- **ignore\_extension\_data** – If True, the TREE type extension data read in the index will not be written to disk. NOTE that no extension data is actually written. Use this if you have altered the index and would like to use git-write-tree afterwards to create a tree representing your written changes. If this data is present in the written index, git-write-tree will instead write the stored/cached tree. Alternatively, use IndexFile.write\_tree() to handle this case automatically

**Returns** self

**write\_tree()**

Writes this index to a corresponding Tree object into the repository's object database and return it.

**Returns** Tree object representing this index

**Note** The tree will be written even if one or more objects the tree refers to does not yet exist in the object database. This could happen if you added Entries to the index directly.

**Raises**

- **ValueError** – if there are no entries in the cache
- **UnmergedEntriesError** –

**exception** git.index.base.**CheckoutError**(message, failed\_files, valid\_files, failed\_reasons)

Thrown if a file could not be checked out from the index as it contained changes.

The .failed\_files attribute contains a list of relative paths that failed to be checked out as they contained changes that did not exist in the index.

The .failed\_reasons attribute contains a string informing about the actual cause of the issue.

The .valid\_files attribute contains a list of relative paths to files that were checked out successfully and hence match the version stored in the index

**\_\_init\_\_**(message, failed\_files, valid\_files, failed\_reasons)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.exc'

**\_\_str\_\_**()

Return str(self).

## 3.13 Index.Functions

git.index.fun.**write\_cache**(entries, stream, extension\_data=None, ShaStreamCls=<class 'git.util.IndexFileSHA1Writer'>)

Write the cache represented by entries to a stream

**Parameters**

- **entries** – sorted list of entries
- **stream** – stream to wrap into the AdapterStreamCls - it is used for final output.
- **ShaStreamCls** – Type to use when writing to the stream. It produces a sha while writing to it, before the data is passed on to the wrapped stream

- **extension\_data** – any kind of data to write as a trailer, it must begin a 4 byte identifier, followed by its size ( 4 bytes )

`git.index.fun.read_cache(stream)`

Read a cache file from the given stream :return: tuple(version, entries\_dict, extension\_data, content\_sha) \* version is the integer version number \* entries dict is a dictionary which maps IndexEntry instances to a path at a stage \* extension\_data is '' or 4 bytes of type + 4 bytes of size + size bytes \* content\_sha is a 20 byte sha on all cache file contents

`git.index.fun.write_tree_from_cache(entries, odb, sl, si=0)`

Create a tree from the given sorted list of entries and put the respective trees into the given object database

#### Parameters

- **entries** – sorted list of IndexEntries
- **odb** – object database to store the trees in
- **si** – start index at which we should start creating subtrees
- **sl** – slice indicating the range we should process on the entries list

**Returns** tuple(binsha, list(tree\_entry, ...)) a tuple of a sha and a list of tree entries being a tuple of hexsha, mode, name

`git.index.fun.entry_key(*entry)`

**Returns** Key suitable to be used for the index.entries dictionary

**Parameters** **entry** – One instance of type BaseIndexEntry or the path and the stage

`git.index.fun.stat_mode_to_index_mode(mode)`

Convert the given mode from a stat call to the corresponding index mode and return it

`git.index.fun.run_commit_hook(name, index, *args)`

Run the commit hook of the given name. Silently ignores hooks that do not exist. :param name: name of hook, like 'pre-commit' :param index: IndexFile instance :param args: arguments passed to hook file :raises HookExecutionError:

`git.index.fun.hook_path(name, git_dir)`

**Returns** path to the given named hook in the given git repository directory

## 3.14 Index.Types

Module with additional types used by the index

**class** `git.index.typ.BlobFilter(paths)`

Predicate to be used by iter\_blobs allowing to filter only return blobs which match the given list of directories or files.

The given paths are given relative to the repository.

**\_\_call\_\_** (*stage\_blob*)

Call self as a function.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*paths*)

**Parameters** **paths** – tuple or list of paths which are either pointing to directories or to files relative to the current repository

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.index.typ'

```
__slots__ = 'paths'
```

**paths**

**class** `git.index.typ.BaseIndexEntry`

Small Brother of an index entry which can be created to describe changes done to the index in which case plenty of additional information is not required.

As the first 4 data members match exactly to the `IndexEntry` type, methods expecting a `BaseIndexEntry` can also handle full `IndexEntries` even if they use numeric indices for performance reasons.

```
__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'git.index.typ', '__doc__': 'Small Brother of
```

```
__module__ = 'git.index.typ'
```

```
__repr__()
```

Return `repr(self)`.

```
__str__()
```

Return `str(self)`.

**binsha**

binary sha of the blob

**flags**

**Returns** flags stored with this entry

**classmethod** `from_blob(blob, stage=0)`

**Returns** Fully equipped `BaseIndexEntry` at the given stage

**hexsha**

hex version of our sha

**mode**

File Mode, compatible to stat module constants

**path**

**Returns** our path relative to the repository working tree root

**stage**

Stage of the entry, either:

- 0 = default stage
- 1 = stage before a merge or common ancestor entry in case of a 3 way merge
- 2 = stage of entries from the ‘left’ side of the merge
- 3 = stage of entries from the right side of the merge

**Note** For more information, see <http://www.kernel.org/pub/software/scm/git/docs/git-read-tree.html>

**to\_blob(repo)**

**Returns** Blob using the information of this index entry

**class** `git.index.typ.IndexEntry`

Allows convenient access to `IndexEntry` data without completely unpacking it.

Attributes usually accessed often are cached in the tuple whereas others are unpacked on demand.

See the properties for a mapping between names and tuple indices.

```
__module__ = 'git.index.typ'

ctime
    Returns Tuple(int_time_seconds_since_epoch, int_nano_seconds) of the file's creation time

dev
    Device ID

classmethod from_base (base)
    Returns Minimal entry as created from the given BaseIndexEntry instance. Missing values
    will be set to null-like values

    Parameters base – Instance of type BaseIndexEntry

classmethod from_blob (blob, stage=0)
    Returns Minimal entry resembling the given blob object

gid
    Group ID

inode
    Inode ID

mtime
    See ctime property, but returns modification time

size
    Returns Uncompressed size of the blob

uid
    User ID
```

## 3.15 Index.Util

Module containing index utilities

```
class git.index.util.TemporaryFileSwap (file_path)
    Utility class moving a file to a temporary location within the same directory and moving it back on to where on
    object deletion.

    __del__ ()

    __init__ (file_path)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

    __module__ = 'git.index.util'

    __slots__ = ('file_path', 'tmp_file_path')

    file_path

    tmp_file_path

git.index.util.post_clear_cache (func)
    Decorator for functions that alter the index using the git command. This would invalidate our possibly existing
    entries dictionary which is why it must be deleted to allow it to be lazily reread later.

    Note This decorator will not be required once all functions are implemented natively which in fact
    is possible, but probably not feasible performance wise.
```

`git.index.util.default_index` (*func*)

Decorator assuring the wrapped method may only run if we are the default repository index. This is as we rely on git commands that operate on that index only.

`git.index.util.git_working_dir` (*func*)

Decorator which changes the current working dir to the one of the git repository in order to assure relative paths are handled correctly

## 3.16 GitCmd

**class** `git.cmd.Git` (*working\_dir=None*)

The Git class manages communication with the Git binary.

It provides a convenient interface to calling the Git binary, such as in:

```
g = Git( git_dir )
g.init()                # calls 'git init' program
rval = g.ls_files()     # calls 'git ls-files' program
```

**Debugging** Set the `GIT_PYTHON_TRACE` environment variable print each invocation of the command to stdout. Set its value to ‘full’ to see details about the returned values.

**class** `AutoInterrupt` (*proc, args*)

Kill/Interrupt the stored process instance once this instance goes out of scope. It is used to prevent processes piling up in case iterators stop reading. Besides all attributes are wired through to the contained process object.

The wait method was overridden to perform automatic status code checking and possibly raise.

`__del__` ()

`__getattr__` (*attr*)

`__init__` (*proc, args*)

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

`__module__` = 'git.cmd'

`__slots__` = ('proc', 'args')

**args**

**proc**

**wait** (*stderr=b*)

Wait for the process and return its status code.

**Parameters** `stderr` – Previously read value of stderr, in case stderr is already closed.

**Warn** may deadlock if output or error pipes are used and not handled separately.

**Raises** `GitCommandError` – if the return status is not 0

**class** `CatFileContentStream` (*size, stream*)

Object representing a sized read-only stream returning the contents of an object. It behaves like a stream, but counts the data read and simulates an empty stream once our sized content region is empty. If not all data is read to the end of the objects’s lifetime, we read the rest to assure the underlying stream continues to work

`__del__` ()

```

__init__(size, stream)
    Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

__iter__()

__module__ = 'git.cmd'

__slots__ = ('_stream', '_nbr', '_size')

next()

read(size=-1)

readline(size=-1)

readlines(size=-1)

GIT_PYTHON_GIT_EXECUTABLE = 'git'

GIT_PYTHON_TRACE = False

USE_SHELL = False

__call__(**kwargs)
    Specify command line options to the git executable for a subcommand call

    Parameters kwargs – is a dict of keyword arguments. these arguments are passed as in
        _call_process but will be passed to the git command rather than the subcommand.

    Examples:: git(work_tree='/tmp').difftool()

__getattr__(name)
    A convenience method as it allows to call the command as if it was an object. :return: Callable object that
    will execute call _call_process with your arguments.

__getstate__()

__init__(working_dir=None)
    Initialize this instance with:

    Parameters working_dir – Git directory we should work in. If None, we always work
        in the current directory as returned by os.getcwd(). It is meant to be the working tree
        directory if available, or the .git directory in case of bare repositories.

__module__ = 'git.cmd'

__setstate__(d)

__slots__ = ('_working_dir', 'cat_file_all', 'cat_file_header', '_version_info', '_git.
cat_file_all
cat_file_header
clear_cache()
    Clear all kinds of internal caches to release resources.

    Currently persistent commands will be interrupted.

    Returns self

custom_environment(**kwargs)
    A context manager around the above update_environment method to restore the environment back
    to its previous state after operation.

    Examples:

```

```
with self.custom_environment(GIT_SSH='/bin/ssh_wrapper') :
    repo.remotes.origin.fetch()
```

**Parameters** **kwargs** – see `update_environment`

**environment** ()

**execute** (*command*, *istream=None*, *with\_extended\_output=False*, *with\_exceptions=True*,  
*as\_process=False*, *output\_stream=None*, *stdout\_as\_string=True*, *kill\_after\_timeout=None*,  
*with\_stdout=True*, *universal\_newlines=False*, *shell=None*, *env=None*,  
*max\_chunk\_size=8192*, *\*\*subprocess\_kwargs*)

Handles executing the command on the shell and consumes and returns the returned information (stdout)

**Parameters**

- **command** – The command argument list to execute. It should be a string, or a sequence of program arguments. The program to execute is the first item in the args sequence or string.
- **istream** – Standard input filehandle passed to `subprocess.Popen`.
- **with\_extended\_output** – Whether to return a (status, stdout, stderr) tuple.
- **with\_exceptions** – Whether to raise an exception when git returns a non-zero status.
- **as\_process** – Whether to return the created process instance directly from which streams can be read on demand. This will render `with_extended_output` and `with_exceptions` ineffective - the caller will have to deal with the details himself. It is important to note that the process will be placed into an `AutoInterrupt` wrapper that will interrupt the process once it goes out of scope. If you use the command in iterators, you should pass the whole process instance instead of a single stream.
- **output\_stream** – If set to a file-like object, data produced by the git command will be output to the given stream directly. This feature only has any effect if `as_process` is `False`. Processes will always be created with a pipe due to issues with `subprocess`. This merely is a workaround as data will be copied from the output pipe to the given output stream directly. Judging from the implementation, you shouldn't use this flag !
- **stdout\_as\_string** – if `False`, the commands standard output will be bytes. Otherwise, it will be decoded into a string using the default encoding (usually utf-8). The latter can fail, if the output contains binary data.
- **env** – A dictionary of environment variables to be passed to `subprocess.Popen`.
- **max\_chunk\_size** – Maximum number of bytes in one chunk of data passed to the `output_stream` in one invocation of `write()` method. If the given number is not positive then the default value is used.
- **subprocess\_kwargs** – Keyword arguments to be passed to `subprocess.Popen`. Please note that some of the valid kwargs are already set by this method, the ones you specify may not be the same ones.
- **with\_stdout** – If `True`, default `True`, we open stdout on the created process
- **universal\_newlines** – if `True`, pipes will be opened as text, and lines are split at all known line endings.
- **shell** – Whether to invoke commands through a shell (see `Popen(..., shell=True)`). It overrides `USE_SHELL` if it is not `None`.

- **kill\_after\_timeout** – To specify a timeout in seconds for the git command, after which the process should be killed. This will have no effect if `as_process` is set to `True`. It is set to `None` by default and will let the process run until the timeout is explicitly specified. This feature is not supported on Windows. It's also worth noting that `kill_after_timeout` uses `SIGKILL`, which can have negative side effects on a repository. For example, stale locks in case of `git gc` could render the repository incapable of accepting changes until the lock is manually removed.

#### Returns

- `str(output)` if `extended_output = False` (Default)
- `tuple(int(status), str(stdout), str(stderr))` if `extended_output = True`

if `output_stream` is `True`, the `stdout` value will be your output stream: \* `output_stream` if `extended_output = False` \* `tuple(int(status), output_stream, str(stderr))` if `extended_output = True`

Note `git` is executed with `LC_MESSAGES="C"` to ensure consistent output regardless of system language.

Raises *GitCommandError* –

**Note** If you add additional keyword arguments to the signature of this method, you must update the `execute_kwargs` tuple housed in this module.

**get\_object\_data** (*ref*)

As `get_object_header`, but returns object data as well :return: (hexsha, type\_string, size\_as\_int, data\_string) :note: not threadsafe

**get\_object\_header** (*ref*)

Use this method to quickly examine the type and size of the object behind the given ref.

**Note** The method will only suffer from the costs of command invocation once and reuses the command in subsequent calls.

**Returns** (hexsha, type\_string, size\_as\_int)

**git\_exec\_name** = 'git'

**classmethod is\_cygwin** ()

**classmethod polish\_url** (*url*, *is\_cygwin=None*)

**classmethod refresh** (*path=None*)

This gets called by the refresh function (see the top level `__init__`).

**set\_persistent\_git\_options** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Specify command line options to the git executable for subsequent subcommand calls

**Parameters kwargs** – is a dict of keyword arguments. these arguments are passed as in `_call_process` but will be passed to the git command rather than the subcommand.

**stream\_object\_data** (*ref*)

As `get_object_header`, but returns the data as a stream

**Returns** (hexsha, type\_string, size\_as\_int, stream)

**Note** This method is not threadsafe, you need one independent `Command` instance per thread to be safe !

**transform\_kwarg** (*name*, *value*, *split\_single\_char\_options*)

**transform\_kwargs** (*split\_single\_char\_options=True*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Transforms Python style kwargs into git command line options.

**update\_environment** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Set environment variables for future git invocations. Return all changed values in a format that can be passed back into this function to revert the changes:

Examples:

```
old_env = self.update_environment(PWD='/tmp')
self.update_environment(**old_env)
```

**Parameters** **kwargs** – environment variables to use for git processes

**Returns** dict that maps environment variables to their old values

**version\_info**

**Returns** tuple(int, int, int, int) tuple with integers representing the major, minor and additional version numbers as parsed from git version. This value is generated on demand and is cached

**working\_dir**

**Returns** Git directory we are working on

## 3.17 Config

Module containing module parser implementation able to properly read and write configuration files

`git.config.GitConfigParser`

alias of `git.config.GitConfigParser`

**class** `git.config.SectionConstraint` (*config, section*)

Constrains a ConfigParser to only option commands which are constrained to always use the section we have been initialized with.

It supports all ConfigParser methods that operate on an option.

**Note** If used as a context manager, will release the wrapped ConfigParser.

`__del__()`

`__enter__()`

`__exit__(exception_type, exception_value, traceback)`

`__getattr__(attr)`

`__init__(config, section)`

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

`__module__ = 'git.config'`

`__slots__ = ('_config', '_section_name')`

**config**

return: Configparser instance we constrain

**release()**

Equivalent to `GitConfigParser.release()`, which is called on our underlying parser instance

## 3.18 Diff

### `class git.diff.Diffable`

Common interface for all object that can be diffed against another object of compatible type.

**Note** Subclasses require a repo member as it is the case for Object instances, for practical reasons we do not derive from Object.

### `class Index`

```
__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'git.diff', '__dict__': <attribute '__dict__' of 'Index' object>})
```

```
__module__ = 'git.diff'
```

```
__weakref__
```

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

```
__module__ = 'git.diff'
```

```
__slots__ = ()
```

```
diff (other=<class 'git.diff.Diffable.Index'>, paths=None, create_patch=False, **kwargs)
```

Creates diffs between two items being trees, trees and index or an index and the working tree. It will detect renames automatically.

#### Parameters

- **other** – Is the item to compare us with. If None, we will be compared to the working tree. If Treeish, it will be compared against the respective tree. If Index ( type ), it will be compared against the index. If git.NULL\_TREE, it will compare against the empty tree. It defaults to Index to assure the method will not by-default fail on bare repositories.
- **paths** – is a list of paths or a single path to limit the diff to. It will only include at least one of the given path or paths.
- **create\_patch** – If True, the returned Diff contains a detailed patch that if applied makes the self to other. Patches are somewhat costly as blobs have to be read and diffed.
- **kwargs** – Additional arguments passed to git-diff, such as R=True to swap both sides of the diff.

**Returns** `git.DiffIndex`

**Note** On a bare repository, 'other' needs to be provided as Index or as as Tree/Commit, or a git command error will occur

### `class git.diff.DiffIndex`

Implements an Index for diffs, allowing a list of Diffs to be queried by the diff properties.

The class improves the diff handling convenience

```
__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'git.diff', '__doc__': 'Implements an Index for diffs, allowing a list of Diffs to be queried by the diff properties.'})
```

```
__module__ = 'git.diff'
```

```
__weakref__
```

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

```
change_type = ('A', 'D', 'R', 'M', 'T')
```

```
iter_change_type (change_type)
```

**Returns** iterator yielding Diff instances that match the given change\_type

**Parameters** `change_type` – Member of `DiffIndex.change_type`, namely:

- 'A' for added paths
- 'D' for deleted paths
- 'R' for renamed paths
- 'M' for paths with modified data
- 'T' for changed in the type paths

```
class git.diff.Diff(repo, a_rawpath, b_rawpath, a_blob_id, b_blob_id, a_mode, b_mode, new_file,
                    deleted_file, raw_rename_from, raw_rename_to, diff, change_type, score)
```

A Diff contains diff information between two Trees.

It contains two sides a and b of the diff, members are prefixed with “a” and “b” respectively to indicate that.

Diffs keep information about the changed blob objects, the file mode, renames, deletions and new files.

There are a few cases where None has to be expected as member variable value:

New File:

```
a_mode is None
a_blob is None
a_path is None
```

Deleted File:

```
b_mode is None
b_blob is None
b_path is None
```

## Working Tree Blobs

When comparing to working trees, the working tree blob will have a null hexsha as a corresponding object does not yet exist. The mode will be null as well. But the path will be available though. If it is listed in a diff the working tree version of the file must be different to the version in the index or tree, and hence has been modified.

[illegible]

```
NULL_HEX_SHA = '000000000000000000000000000000000000000000'
```

\_\_eq\_\_ (other)

Return self==value.

## hash ()

Return hash(self).

```
__init__(repo, a_rawpath, b_rawpath, a_blob_id, b_blob_id, a_mode, b_mode, new_file,
         deleted_file, raw_rename_from, raw_rename_to, diff, change_type, score)
```

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

```
__module__ = 'git.diff'
```

ne (*other*)

Return self!=value.

```
__slots__ = ('a_blob', 'b_blob', 'a_mode', 'b_mode', 'a_rawpath', 'b_rawpath', 'new_file')
```

```
__str__()
```

Return str(self).

```

a_blob
a_mode
a_path
a_rawpath
b_blob
b_mode
b_path
b_rawpath
change_type
deleted_file
diff
new_file
raw_rename_from
raw_rename_to
re_header = re.compile(b'\n ^diff[ ]--git\n [ ](?:P<a_path_fallback>"?a/.+?"?) [ ](?:P<b_
rename_from
rename_to
renamed
    Returns True if the blob of our diff has been renamed
    Note This property is deprecated, please use renamed_file instead.
renamed_file
    Returns True if the blob of our diff has been renamed
score

```

## 3.19 Exceptions

Module containing all exceptions thrown throughout the git package,

**exception** `git.exc.CacheError`

Base for all errors related to the git index, which is called cache internally

```
__module__ = 'git.exc'
```

**exception** `git.exc.CheckoutError` (*message, failed\_files, valid\_files, failed\_reasons*)

Thrown if a file could not be checked out from the index as it contained changes.

The `.failed_files` attribute contains a list of relative paths that failed to be checked out as they contained changes that did not exist in the index.

The `.failed_reasons` attribute contains a string informing about the actual cause of the issue.

The `.valid_files` attribute contains a list of relative paths to files that were checked out successfully and hence match the version stored in the index

**\_\_init\_\_** (*message, failed\_files, valid\_files, failed\_reasons*)  
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.exc'

**\_\_str\_\_** ()  
 Return str(self).

**exception** git.exc.**CommandError** (*command, status=None, stderr=None, stdout=None*)  
 Base class for exceptions thrown at every stage of *Popen()* execution.

**Parameters** **command** – A non-empty list of argv comprising the command-line.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*command, status=None, stderr=None, stdout=None*)  
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.exc'

**\_\_unicode\_\_** ()

**exception** git.exc.**GitCommandError** (*command, status, stderr=None, stdout=None*)  
 Thrown if execution of the git command fails with non-zero status code.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*command, status, stderr=None, stdout=None*)  
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.exc'

**exception** git.exc.**GitCommandNotFound** (*command, cause*)  
 Thrown if we cannot find the *git* executable in the PATH or at the path given by the GIT\_PYTHON\_GIT\_EXECUTABLE environment variable

**\_\_init\_\_** (*command, cause*)  
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.exc'

**exception** git.exc.**GitError**  
 Base class for all package exceptions

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.exc'

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
 list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**exception** git.exc.**HookExecutionError** (*command, status, stderr=None, stdout=None*)  
 Thrown if a hook exits with a non-zero exit code. It provides access to the exit code and the string returned via standard output

**\_\_init\_\_** (*command, status, stderr=None, stdout=None*)  
 Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.exc'

**exception** git.exc.**InvalidGitRepositoryError**  
 Thrown if the given repository appears to have an invalid format.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.exc'

**exception** git.exc.**NoSuchPathError**  
 Thrown if a path could not be access by the system.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.exc'

**\_\_weakref\_\_**  
 list of weak references to the object (if defined)

```
exception git.exc.RepositoryDirtyError(repo, message)
    Thrown whenever an operation on a repository fails as it has uncommitted changes that would be overwritten

    __init__(repo, message)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

    __module__ = 'git.exc'

    __str__()
        Return str(self).

exception git.exc.UnmergedEntriesError
    Thrown if an operation cannot proceed as there are still unmerged entries in the cache

    __module__ = 'git.exc'

exception git.exc.WorkTreeRepositoryUnsupported
    Thrown to indicate we can't handle work tree repositories

    __module__ = 'git.exc'
```

## 3.20 Refs.symbolic

```
class git.refs.symbolic.SymbolicReference(repo, path)
    Represents a special case of a reference such that this reference is symbolic. It does not point to a specific
    commit, but to another Head, which itself specifies a commit.

    A typical example for a symbolic reference is HEAD.

    __eq__(other)
        Return self==value.

    __hash__()
        Return hash(self).

    __init__(repo, path)
        Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

    __module__ = 'git.refs.symbolic'

    __ne__(other)
        Return self!=value.

    __repr__()
        Return repr(self).

    __slots__ = ('repo', 'path')

    __str__()
        Return str(self).

    abspath
    commit
        Query or set commits directly

    classmethod create(repo, path, reference='HEAD', force=False, logmsg=None)
        Create a new symbolic reference, hence a reference pointing to another reference.
```

### Parameters

- **repo** – Repository to create the reference in

- **path** – full path at which the new symbolic reference is supposed to be created at, i.e. “NEW\_HEAD” or “symrefs/my\_new\_symref”
- **reference** – The reference to which the new symbolic reference should point to. If it is a commit’ish, the symbolic ref will be detached.
- **force** – if True, force creation even if a symbolic reference with that name already exists. Raise OSError otherwise
- **logmsg** – If not None, the message to append to the reflog. Otherwise no reflog entry is written.

**Returns** Newly created symbolic Reference

**Raises** **OSError** – If a (Symbolic)Reference with the same name but different contents already exists.

**Note** This does not alter the current HEAD, index or Working Tree

**classmethod delete** (*repo, path*)

Delete the reference at the given path

**Parameters**

- **repo** – Repository to delete the reference from
- **path** – Short or full path pointing to the reference, i.e. refs/myreference or just “myreference”, hence ‘refs/’ is implied. Alternatively the symbolic reference to be deleted

**classmethod dereference\_recursive** (*repo, ref\_path*)

**Returns** hexsha stored in the reference at the given ref\_path, recursively dereferencing all intermediate references as required

**Parameters** **repo** – the repository containing the reference at ref\_path

**classmethod from\_path** (*repo, path*)

**Parameters** **path** – full .git-directory-relative path name to the Reference to instantiate

**Note** use to\_full\_path() if you only have a partial path of a known Reference Type

**Returns** Instance of type Reference, Head, or Tag depending on the given path

**is\_detached**

**Returns** True if we are a detached reference, hence we point to a specific commit instead to another reference

**is\_remote** ()

**Returns** True if this symbolic reference points to a remote branch

**is\_valid** ()

**Returns** True if the reference is valid, hence it can be read and points to a valid object or reference.

**classmethod iter\_items** (*repo, common\_path=None*)

Find all refs in the repository

**Parameters**

- **repo** – is the Repo

- **common\_path** – Optional keyword argument to the path which is to be shared by all returned Ref objects. Defaults to class specific portion if None assuring that only refs suitable for the actual class are returned.

#### Returns

git.SymbolicReference[], each of them is guaranteed to be a symbolic ref which is not detached and pointing to a valid ref

List is lexicographically sorted The returned objects represent actual subclasses, such as Head or TagReference

#### log ()

**Returns** RefLog for this reference. Its last entry reflects the latest change applied to this reference

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**Note:** As the log is parsed every time, its recommended to cache it for use instead of calling this method repeatedly. It should be considered read-only.

---

#### log\_append (oldbinsha, message, newbinsha=None)

Append a logentry to the logfile of this ref

#### Parameters

- **oldbinsha** – binary sha this ref used to point to
- **message** – A message describing the change
- **newbinsha** – The sha the ref points to now. If None, our current commit sha will be used

**Returns** added RefLogEntry instance

#### log\_entry (index)

**Returns** RefLogEntry at the given index

**Parameters** **index** – python list compatible positive or negative index

---

**Note:** This method must read part of the reflog during execution, hence it should be used sparingly, or only if you need just one index. In that case, it will be faster than the `log ()` method

---

#### name

**Returns** In case of symbolic references, the shortest assumable name is the path itself.

#### object

Return the object our ref currently refers to

#### path

#### ref

Returns the Reference we point to

#### reference

Returns the Reference we point to

#### rename (new\_path, force=False)

Rename self to a new path

#### Parameters

- **new\_path** – Either a simple name or a full path, i.e. new\_name or features/new\_name. The prefix refs/ is implied for references and will be set as needed. In case this is a symbolic ref, there is no implied prefix
- **force** – If True, the rename will succeed even if a head with the target name already exists. It will be overwritten in that case

**Returns** self

**Raises** **OSError** – In case a file at path but a different contents already exists

**repo**

**set\_commit** (*commit*, *logmsg=None*)

As set\_object, but restricts the type of object to be a Commit

**Raises** **ValueError** – If commit is not a Commit object or doesn't point to a commit

**Returns** self

**set\_object** (*object*, *logmsg=None*)

Set the object we point to, possibly dereference our symbolic reference first. If the reference does not exist, it will be created

**Parameters**

- **object** – a refspec, a SymbolicReference or an Object instance. SymbolicReferences will be dereferenced beforehand to obtain the object they point to
- **logmsg** – If not None, the message will be used in the reflog entry to be written. Otherwise the reflog is not altered

**Note** plain SymbolicReferences may not actually point to objects by convention

**Returns** self

**set\_reference** (*ref*, *logmsg=None*)

Set ourselves to the given ref. It will stay a symbol if the ref is a Reference. Otherwise an Object, given as Object instance or refspec, is assumed and if valid, will be set which effectively detaches the reference if it was a purely symbolic one.

**Parameters**

- **ref** – SymbolicReference instance, Object instance or refspec string Only if the ref is a SymbolicRef instance, we will point to it. Everything else is dereferenced to obtain the actual object.
- **logmsg** – If set to a string, the message will be used in the reflog. Otherwise, a reflog entry is not written for the changed reference. The previous commit of the entry will be the commit we point to now.

See also: log\_append()

**Returns** self

**Note** This symbolic reference will not be dereferenced. For that, see set\_object(...)

**classmethod** **to\_full\_path** (*path*)

**Returns** string with a full repository-relative path which can be used to initialize a Reference instance, for instance by using `Reference.from_path`

## 3.21 Refs.reference

**class** `git.refs.reference.Reference` (*repo, path, check\_path=True*)

Represents a named reference to any object. Subclasses may apply restrictions though, i.e. Heads can only point to commits.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*repo, path, check\_path=True*)

Initialize this instance :param repo: Our parent repository

### Parameters

- **path** – Path relative to the `.git/` directory pointing to the ref in question, i.e. `refs/heads/master`
- **check\_path** – if False, you can provide any path. Otherwise the path must start with the default path prefix of this type.

**\_\_module\_\_** = `'git.refs.reference'`

**\_\_slots\_\_** = `()`

**\_\_str\_\_** ()

Return `str(self)`.

**classmethod** `iter_items` (*repo, common\_path=None*)

Equivalent to `SymbolicReference.iter_items`, but will return non-detached references as well.

**name**

**Returns** (shortest) Name of this reference - it may contain path components

**remote\_head**

**remote\_name**

**set\_object** (*object, logmsg=None*)

Special version which checks if the head-log needs an update as well :return: self

## 3.22 Refs.head

**class** `git.refs.head.HEAD` (*repo, path='HEAD'*)

Special case of a Symbolic Reference as it represents the repository's HEAD reference.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*repo, path='HEAD'*)

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

**\_\_module\_\_** = `'git.refs.head'`

**\_\_slots\_\_** = `()`

**orig\_head** ()

**Returns** `SymbolicReference` pointing at the `ORIG_HEAD`, which is maintained to contain the previous value of `HEAD`

**reset** (*commit='HEAD', index=True, working\_tree=False, paths=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Reset our `HEAD` to the given commit optionally synchronizing the index and working tree. The reference we refer to will be set to commit as well.

### Parameters

- **commit** – Commit object, Reference Object or string identifying a revision we should reset HEAD to.
- **index** – If True, the index will be set to match the given commit. Otherwise it will not be touched.
- **working\_tree** – If True, the working tree will be forcefully adjusted to match the given commit, possibly overwriting uncommitted changes without warning. If `working_tree` is True, `index` must be true as well
- **paths** – Single path or list of paths relative to the git root directory that are to be reset. This allows to partially reset individual files.
- **kwargs** – Additional arguments passed to `git-reset`.

**Returns** `self`

**class** `git.refs.head.Head(repo, path, check_path=True)`

A Head is a named reference to a Commit. Every Head instance contains a name and a Commit object.

Examples:

```
>>> repo = Repo("/path/to/repo")
>>> head = repo.heads[0]

>>> head.name
'master'

>>> head.commit
<git.Commit "1c09f116cbc2cb4100fb6935bb162daa4723f455">

>>> head.commit.hexsha
'1c09f116cbc2cb4100fb6935bb162daa4723f455'
```

`__dict__` = `mappingproxy({'__module__': 'git.refs.head', '__doc__': 'A Head is a named`

`__module__` = `'git.refs.head'`

`__weakref__`

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

**checkout** (*force=False, \*\*kwargs*)

Checkout this head by setting the HEAD to this reference, by updating the index to reflect the tree we point to and by updating the working tree to reflect the latest index.

The command will fail if changed working tree files would be overwritten.

**Parameters**

- **force** – If True, changes to the index and the working tree will be discarded. If False, `GitCommandError` will be raised in that situation.
- **kwargs** – Additional keyword arguments to be passed to `git checkout`, i.e. `b='new_branch'` to create a new branch at the given spot.

**Returns** The active branch after the checkout operation, usually `self` unless a new branch has been created. If there is no active branch, as the HEAD is now detached, the HEAD reference will be returned instead.

**Note** By default it is only allowed to checkout heads - everything else will leave the HEAD detached which is allowed and possible, but remains a special state that some tools might not be able to handle.

**config\_reader** ()

**Returns** A configuration parser instance constrained to only read this instance's values

`config_writer()`

**Returns** A configuration writer instance with read-and write access to options of this head

**classmethod** `delete(repo, *heads, **kwargs)`

Delete the given heads

**Parameters** **force** – If True, the heads will be deleted even if they are not yet merged into the main development stream. Default False

`k_config_remote = 'remote'`

`k_config_remote_ref = 'merge'`

**rename** (*new\_path*, *force=False*)

Rename self to a new path

**Parameters**

- **new\_path** – Either a simple name or a path, i.e. `new_name` or `features/new_name`. The prefix `refs/heads` is implied
- **force** – If True, the rename will succeed even if a head with the target name already exists.

**Returns** self

**Note** respects the ref log as git commands are used

**set\_tracking\_branch** (*remote\_reference*)

**Configure this branch to track the given remote reference. This will alter** this branch's configuration accordingly.

**Parameters** **remote\_reference** – The remote reference to track or None to untrack any references

**Returns** self

**tracking\_branch** ()

**Returns** The remote\_reference we are tracking, or None if we are not a tracking branch

## 3.23 Refs.tag

**class** `git.refs.tag.TagReference(repo, path, check_path=True)`

Class representing a lightweight tag reference which either points to a commit, a tag object or any other object. In the latter case additional information, like the signature or the tag-creator, is available.

This tag object will always point to a commit object, but may carry additional information in a tag object:

```
tagref = TagReference.list_items(repo)[0]
print(tagref.commit.message)
if tagref.tag is not None:
    print(tagref.tag.message)
```

`__module__ = 'git.refs.tag'`

`__slots__ = ()`

**commit**

**Returns** Commit object the tag ref points to

**Raises** **ValueError** – if the tag points to a tree or blob

**classmethod create** (*repo, path, ref='HEAD', message=None, force=False, \*\*kwargs*)

Create a new tag reference.

**Parameters**

- **path** – The name of the tag, i.e. 1.0 or releases/1.0. The prefix refs/tags is implied
- **ref** – A reference to the object you want to tag. It can be a commit, tree or blob.
- **message** – If not None, the message will be used in your tag object. This will also create an additional tag object that allows to obtain that information, i.e.:

```
tagref.tag.message
```

- **force** – If True, to force creation of a tag even though that tag already exists.

- **kwargs** – Additional keyword arguments to be passed to git-tag

**Returns** A new TagReference

**classmethod delete** (*repo, \*tags*)

Delete the given existing tag or tags

**object**

**Returns** The object our ref currently refers to. Refs can be cached, they will always point to the actual object as it gets re-created on each query

**tag**

**Returns** Tag object this tag ref points to or None in case we are a light weight tag

`git.refs.tag.Tag`

alias of `git.refs.tag.TagReference`

## 3.24 Refs.remote

**class** `git.refs.remote.RemoteReference` (*repo, path, check\_path=True*)

Represents a reference pointing to a remote head.

**\_\_module\_\_** = `'git.refs.remote'`

**classmethod create** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Used to disable this method

**classmethod delete** (*repo, \*refs, \*\*kwargs*)

Delete the given remote references

**Note** kwargs are given for comparability with the base class method as we should not narrow the signature.

**classmethod iter\_items** (*repo, common\_path=None, remote=None*)

Iterate remote references, and if given, constrain them to the given remote

## 3.25 Refs.log

**class** `git.refs.log.RefLog` (*filepath=None*)

A reflog contains reflog entries, each of which defines a certain state of the head in question. Custom query methods allow to retrieve log entries by date or by other criteria.

Reflog entries are ordered, the first added entry is first in the list, the last entry, i.e. the last change of the head or reference, is last in the list.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*filepath=None*)

Initialize this instance with an optional filepath, from which we will initialize our data. The path is also used to write changes back using the `write()` method

**\_\_module\_\_** = `'git.refs.log'`

**static \_\_new\_\_** (*cls, filepath=None*)

Create and return a new object. See `help(type)` for accurate signature.

**\_\_slots\_\_** = (`'_path',`)

**classmethod** `append_entry` (*config\_reader, filepath, oldbinsha, newbinsha, message*)

Append a new log entry to the revlog at filepath.

### Parameters

- **config\_reader** – configuration reader of the repository - used to obtain user information. May also be an Actor instance identifying the committer directly. May also be None
- **filepath** – full path to the log file
- **oldbinsha** – binary sha of the previous commit
- **newbinsha** – binary sha of the current commit
- **message** – message describing the change to the reference
- **write** – If True, the changes will be written right away. Otherwise the change will not be written

**Returns** RefLogEntry objects which was appended to the log

**Note** As we are append-only, concurrent access is not a problem as we do not interfere with readers.

**classmethod** `entry_at` (*filepath, index*)

**Returns** RefLogEntry at the given index

### Parameters

- **filepath** – full path to the index file from which to read the entry
- **index** – python list compatible index, i.e. it may be negative to specify an entry counted from the end of the list

**Raises** **IndexError** – If the entry didn't exist

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**Note:** This method is faster as it only parses the entry at index, skipping all other lines. Nonetheless, the whole file has to be read if the index is negative

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**classmethod** `from_file` (*filepath*)

**Returns** a new RefLog instance containing all entries from the reflog at the given filepath

**Parameters** **filepath** – path to reflog

**Raises** **ValueError** – If the file could not be read or was corrupted in some way

**classmethod** **iter\_entries** (*stream*)

**Returns** Iterator yielding RefLogEntry instances, one for each line read sfrom the given stream.

**Parameters** **stream** – file-like object containing the revlog in its native format or basestring instance pointing to a file to read

**classmethod** **path** (*ref*)

**Returns** string to absolute path at which the reflog of the given ref instance would be found. The path is not guaranteed to point to a valid file though.

**Parameters** **ref** – SymbolicReference instance

**to\_file** (*filepath*)

Write the contents of the reflog instance to a file at the given filepath. :param filepath: path to file, parent directories are assumed to exist

**write** ()

Write this instance's data to the file we are originating from :return: self

**class** `git.refs.log.RefLogEntry`

Named tuple allowing easy access to the revlog data fields

**\_\_module\_\_** = `'git.refs.log'`

**\_\_repr\_\_** ()

Representation of ourselves in git reflog format

**\_\_slots\_\_** = ()

**actor**

Actor instance, providing access

**format** ()

**Returns** a string suitable to be placed in a reflog file

**classmethod** **from\_line** (*line*)

**Returns** New RefLogEntry instance from the given revlog line.

**Parameters** **line** – line bytes without trailing newline

**Raises** **ValueError** – If line could not be parsed

**message**

Message describing the operation that acted on the reference

**classmethod** **new** (*oldhexsha, newhexsha, actor, time, tz\_offset, message*)

**Returns** New instance of a RefLogEntry

**newhexsha**

The hexsha to the commit the ref now points to, after the change

**oldhexsha**

The hexsha to the commit the ref pointed to before the change

```
time
    time as tuple:
    • [0] = int(time)
    • [1] = int(timezone_offset) in time.altzone format
```

## 3.26 Remote

**class** `git.remote.RemoteProgress`

Handler providing an interface to parse progress information emitted by git-push and git-fetch and to dispatch callbacks allowing subclasses to react to the progress.

**BEGIN** = 1

**CHECKING\_OUT** = 256

**COMPRESSING** = 8

**COUNTING** = 4

**DONE\_TOKEN** = 'done.'

**END** = 2

**FINDING\_SOURCES** = 128

**OP\_MASK** = -4

**RECEIVING** = 32

**RESOLVING** = 64

**STAGE\_MASK** = 3

**TOKEN\_SEPARATOR** = ', '

**WRITING** = 16

**\_\_init\_\_**()

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.util'

**\_\_slots\_\_** = ('\_cur\_line', '\_seen\_ops', 'error\_lines', 'other\_lines')

**error\_lines**

**line\_dropped**(*line*)

Called whenever a line could not be understood and was therefore dropped.

**new\_message\_handler**()

**Returns** a progress handler suitable for `handle_process_output()`, passing lines on to this  
Progress handler in a suitable format

**other\_lines**

**re\_op\_absolute** = `re.compile(' (remote: )? ([\\w\\s]+):\\s+() (\\d+) () (.*) ')`

**re\_op\_relative** = `re.compile(' (remote: )? ([\\w\\s]+):\\s+(\\d+)% \\( (\\d+) / (\\d+) \\) (.`

**update**(*op\_code*, *cur\_count*, *max\_count=None*, *message=""*)

Called whenever the progress changes

**Parameters**

- **op\_code** – Integer allowing to be compared against Operation IDs and stage IDs.  
Stage IDs are BEGIN and END. BEGIN will only be set once for each Operation ID as well as END. It may be that BEGIN and END are set at once in case only one progress message was emitted due to the speed of the operation. Between BEGIN and END, none of these flags will be set  
Operation IDs are all held within the OP\_MASK. Only one Operation ID will be active per call.
- **cur\_count** – Current absolute count of items
- **max\_count** – The maximum count of items we expect. It may be None in case there is no maximum number of items or if it is (yet) unknown.
- **message** – In case of the ‘WRITING’ operation, it contains the amount of bytes transferred. It may possibly be used for other purposes as well.

You may read the contents of the current line in `self._cur_line`

**class** `git.remote.PushInfo` (*flags, local\_ref, remote\_ref\_string, remote, old\_commit=None, summary=""*)

Carries information about the result of a push operation of a single head:

```
info = remote.push()[0]
info.flags           # bitflags providing more information about the result
info.local_ref       # Reference pointing to the local reference that was pushed
                    # It is None if the ref was deleted.
info.remote_ref_string # path to the remote reference located on the remote side
info.remote_ref      # Remote Reference on the local side corresponding to
                    # the remote_ref_string. It can be a TagReference as well.
info.old_commit      # commit at which the remote_ref was standing before we pushed
                    # it to local_ref.commit. Will be None if an error was indicated
info.summary         # summary line providing human readable english text about the
↳ push
```

**DELETED** = 64

**ERROR** = 1024

**FAST\_FORWARD** = 256

**FORCED\_UPDATE** = 128

**NEW\_HEAD** = 2

**NEW\_TAG** = 1

**NO\_MATCH** = 4

**REJECTED** = 8

**REMOTE\_FAILURE** = 32

**REMOTE\_REJECTED** = 16

**UP\_TO\_DATE** = 512

**\_\_init\_\_** (*flags, local\_ref, remote\_ref\_string, remote, old\_commit=None, summary=""*)

Initialize a new instance

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.remote'

**\_\_slots\_\_** = ('local\_ref', 'remote\_ref\_string', 'flags', '\_old\_commit\_sha', '\_remote', 'flags')

**local\_ref**  
**old\_commit**  
**remote\_ref**

**Returns** Remote Reference or TagReference in the local repository corresponding to the remote\_ref\_string kept in this instance.

**remote\_ref\_string**  
**summary**

**class** git.remote.**FetchInfo**(ref, flags, note="", old\_commit=None, remote\_ref\_path=None)  
 Carries information about the results of a fetch operation of a single head:

```
info = remote.fetch()[0]
info.ref          # Symbolic Reference or RemoteReference to the changed
                  # remote head or FETCH_HEAD
info.flags        # additional flags to be & with enumeration members,
                  # i.e. info.flags & info.REJECTED
                  # is 0 if ref is SymbolicReference
info.note         # additional notes given by git-fetch intended for the user
info.old_commit   # if info.flags & info.FORCED_UPDATE/info.FAST_FORWARD,
                  # field is set to the previous location of ref, otherwise None
info.remote_ref_path # The path from which we fetched on the remote. It's the
                    ↪ remote's version of our info.ref
```

**ERROR = 128**

**FAST\_FORWARD = 64**

**FORCED\_UPDATE = 32**

**HEAD\_UPTODATE = 4**

**NEW\_HEAD = 2**

**NEW\_TAG = 1**

**REJECTED = 16**

**TAG\_UPDATE = 8**

**\_\_init\_\_**(ref, flags, note="", old\_commit=None, remote\_ref\_path=None)  
 Initialize a new instance

**\_\_module\_\_** = 'git.remote'

**\_\_slots\_\_** = ('ref', 'old\_commit', 'flags', 'note', 'remote\_ref\_path')

**\_\_str\_\_**()  
 Return str(self).

**commit**

**Returns** Commit of our remote ref

**flags**

**name**

**Returns** Name of our remote ref

**note**

**old\_commit**

**ref**

**classmethod refresh()**

This gets called by the refresh function (see the top level `__init__`).

**remote\_ref\_path**

**class** `git.remote.Remote(repo, name)`

Provides easy read and write access to a git remote.

Everything not part of this interface is considered an option for the current remote, allowing constructs like `remote.pushurl` to query the pushurl.

NOTE: When querying configuration, the configuration accessor will be cached to speed up subsequent accesses.

**\_\_eq\_\_**(*other*)

Return `self==value`.

**\_\_getattr\_\_**(*attr*)

Allows to call this instance like `remote.special(*args, **kwargs)` to call `git-remote special self.name`

**\_\_hash\_\_**()

Return `hash(self)`.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*repo, name*)

Initialize a remote instance

**Parameters**

- **repo** – The repository we are a remote of
- **name** – the name of the remote, i.e. ‘origin’

**\_\_module\_\_** = `'git.remote'`

**\_\_ne\_\_**(*other*)

Return `self!=value`.

**\_\_repr\_\_**()

Return `repr(self)`.

**\_\_slots\_\_** = (`'repo', 'name', '_config_reader'`)

**\_\_str\_\_**()

Return `str(self)`.

**classmethod add**(*repo, name, url, \*\*kwargs*)

Create a new remote to the given repository :param repo: Repository instance that is to receive the new remote :param name: Desired name of the remote :param url: URL which corresponds to the remote’s name :param kwargs: Additional arguments to be passed to the git-remote add command :return: New Remote instance :raise GitCommandError: in case an origin with that name already exists

**add\_url**(*url, \*\*kwargs*)

Adds a new url on current remote (special case of git remote set\_url)

This command adds new URLs to a given remote, making it possible to have multiple URLs for a single remote.

**Parameters** **url** – string being the URL to add as an extra remote URL

**Returns** `self`

**config\_reader**

**Returns** GitConfigParser compatible object able to read options for only our remote. Hence you may simple type `config.get("pushurl")` to obtain the information

#### **config\_writer**

**Returns** GitConfigParser compatible object able to write options for this remote.

**Note** You can only own one writer at a time - delete it to release the configuration file and make it usable by others.

To assure consistent results, you should only query options through the writer. Once you are done writing, you are free to use the config reader once again.

#### **classmethod create** (*repo, name, url, \*\*kwargs*)

Create a new remote to the given repository :param repo: Repository instance that is to receive the new remote :param name: Desired name of the remote :param url: URL which corresponds to the remote's name :param kwargs: Additional arguments to be passed to the git-remote add command :return: New Remote instance :raise GitCommandError: in case an origin with that name already exists

#### **delete\_url** (*url, \*\*kwargs*)

Deletes a new url on current remote (special case of git remote set\_url)

This command deletes new URLs to a given remote, making it possible to have multiple URLs for a single remote.

**Parameters url** – string being the URL to delete from the remote

**Returns** self

#### **exists** ()

**Returns** True if this is a valid, existing remote. Valid remotes have an entry in the repository's configuration

#### **fetch** (*refspec=None, progress=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Fetch the latest changes for this remote

#### **Parameters**

- **refspec** – A “refspec” is used by fetch and push to describe the mapping between remote ref and local ref. They are combined with a colon in the format <src>:<dst>, preceded by an optional plus sign, +. For example: `git fetch $URL refs/heads/master:refs/heads/origin` means “grab the master branch head from the \$URL and store it as my origin branch head”. And `git push $URL refs/heads/master:refs/heads/to-upstream` means “publish my master branch head as to-upstream branch at \$URL”. See also `git-push(1)`.

Taken from the git manual

Fetch supports multiple refspecs (as the underlying git-fetch does) - supplying a list rather than a string for ‘refspec’ will make use of this facility.

- **progress** – See ‘push’ method
- **kwargs** – Additional arguments to be passed to git-fetch

**Returns** IterableList(FetchInfo, ...) list of FetchInfo instances providing detailed information about the fetch results

**Note** As fetch does not provide progress information to non-ttys, we cannot make it available here unfortunately as in the ‘push’ method.

#### **classmethod iter\_items** (*repo*)

**Returns** Iterator yielding Remote objects of the given repository

**name**

**pull** (*refspec=None, progress=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Pull changes from the given branch, being the same as a fetch followed by a merge of branch with your local branch.

**Parameters**

- **refspec** – see ‘fetch’ method
- **progress** – see ‘push’ method
- **kwargs** – Additional arguments to be passed to git-pull

**Returns** Please see ‘fetch’ method

**push** (*refspec=None, progress=None, \*\*kwargs*)

Push changes from source branch in refspec to target branch in refspec.

**Parameters**

- **refspec** – see ‘fetch’ method
- **progress** – Can take one of many value types:
  - None to discard progress information
  - A function (callable) that is called with the progress information.

Signature: `progress(op_code, cur_count, max_count=None, message='')`.

[Click here for a description of all arguments](#) given to the function.

- An instance of a class derived from `git.RemoteProgress` that overrides the `update()` function.

- **kwargs** – Additional arguments to be passed to git-push

**Note** No further progress information is returned after push returns.

**Returns** `IterableList(PushInfo, ...)` iterable list of `PushInfo` instances, each one informing about an individual head which had been updated on the remote side. If the push contains rejected heads, these will have the `PushInfo.ERROR` bit set in their flags. If the operation fails completely, the length of the returned `IterableList` will be null.

**refs**

**Returns** `IterableList` of `RemoteReference` objects. It is prefixed, allowing you to omit the remote path portion, i.e.: `remote.refs.master # yields RemoteReference('/refs/remotes/origin/master')`

**classmethod remove** (*repo, name*)

Remove the remote with the given name :return: the passed remote name to remove

**rename** (*new\_name*)

Rename self to the given new\_name :return: self

**repo**

**classmethod rm** (*repo, name*)

Remove the remote with the given name :return: the passed remote name to remove

**set\_url** (*new\_url*, *old\_url=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Configure URLs on current remote (cf command `git remote set-url`)

This command manages URLs on the remote.

#### Parameters

- **new\_url** – string being the URL to add as an extra remote URL
- **old\_url** – when set, replaces this URL with *new\_url* for the remote

**Returns** self

**stale\_refs**

#### Returns

IterableList RemoteReference objects that do not have a corresponding head in the remote reference anymore as they have been deleted on the remote side, but are still available locally.

The IterableList is prefixed, hence the ‘origin’ must be omitted. See ‘refs’ property for an example.

To make things more complicated, it can be possible for the list to include other kinds of references, for example, tag references, if these are stale as well. This is a fix for the issue described here: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/issues/260>

**update** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Fetch all changes for this remote, including new branches which will be forced in ( in case your local remote branch is not part the new remote branches ancestry anymore ).

**Parameters** **kwargs** – Additional arguments passed to git-remote update

**Returns** self

**urls**

**Returns** Iterator yielding all configured URL targets on a remote as strings

## 3.27 Repo.Base

```
class git.repo.base.Repo (path=None, odbl=<class 'git.db.GitCmdObjectDB'>,
                           search_parent_directories=False, expand_vars=True)
```

Represents a git repository and allows you to query references, gather commit information, generate diffs, create and clone repositories query the log.

The following attributes are worth using:

‘working\_dir’ is the working directory of the git command, which is the working tree directory if available or the .git directory in case of bare repositories

‘working\_tree\_dir’ is the working tree directory, but will raise AssertionError if we are a bare repository.

‘git\_dir’ is the .git repository directory, which is always set.

```
DAEMON_EXPORT_FILE = 'git-daemon-export-ok'
```

```
GitCommandWrapperType
```

alias of *git.cmd.Git*

```
__del__ ()
```

```
__dict__ = mappingproxy({'__module__': 'git.repo.base', '__doc__': "Represents a git"
```

```
__enter__()  
__eq__(rhs)  
    Return self==value.  
__exit__(exc_type, exc_value, traceback)  
__hash__()  
    Return hash(self).  
__init__(path=None, odbt=<class 'git.db.GitCmdObjectDB'>, search_parent_directories=False,  
          expand_vars=True)  
    Create a new Repo instance
```

#### Parameters

- **path** – the path to either the root git directory or the bare git repo:

```
repo = Repo("/Users/mtrier/Development/git-python")  
repo = Repo("/Users/mtrier/Development/git-python.git")  
repo = Repo("~/Development/git-python.git")  
repo = Repo("$REPOSITORIES/Development/git-python.git")  
repo = Repo("C:\\Users\\mtrier\\Development\\git-python\\.git")
```

- In *Cygwin*, path may be a *'cygdrive/...'* prefixed path.
- If it evaluates to false, `GIT_DIR` is used, and if this also evals to false, the current-directory is used.

- **odbt** – Object DataBase type - a type which is constructed by providing the directory containing the database objects, i.e. `.git/objects`. It will be used to access all object data
- **search\_parent\_directories** – if True, all parent directories will be searched for a valid repo as well.

Please note that this was the default behaviour in older versions of GitPython, which is considered a bug though.

#### Raises

- ***InvalidGitRepositoryError*** –
- ***NoSuchPathError*** –

**Returns** `git.Repo`

```
__module__ = 'git.repo.base'  
__ne__(rhs)  
    Return self!=value.  
__repr__()  
    Return repr(self).  
__weakref__  
    list of weak references to the object (if defined)
```

#### **active\_branch**

The name of the currently active branch.

**Returns** Head to the active branch

### **alternates**

Retrieve a list of alternates paths or set a list paths to be used as alternates

**archive** (*ostream*, *treeish=None*, *prefix=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Archive the tree at the given revision.

#### **Parameters**

- **ostream** – file compatible stream object to which the archive will be written as bytes
- **treeish** – is the treeish name/id, defaults to active branch
- **prefix** – is the optional prefix to prepend to each filename in the archive
- **kwargs** – Additional arguments passed to git-archive
  - Use the ‘format’ argument to define the kind of format. Use specialized ostreames to write any format supported by python.
  - You may specify the special **path** keyword, which may either be a repository-relative path to a directory or file to place into the archive, or a list or tuple of multiple paths.

**Raises** [`GitCommandError`](#) – in case something went wrong

**Returns** self

### **bare**

**Returns** True if the repository is bare

**blame** (*rev*, *file*, *incremental=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

The blame information for the given file at the given revision.

**Parameters** **rev** – revision specifier, see git-rev-parse for viable options.

**Returns** list: [git.Commit, list: [<line>]] A list of tuples associating a Commit object with a list of lines that changed within the given commit. The Commit objects will be given in order of appearance.

**blame\_incremental** (*rev*, *file*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Iterator for blame information for the given file at the given revision.

Unlike .blame(), this does not return the actual file’s contents, only a stream of BlameEntry tuples.

**Parameters** **rev** – revision specifier, see git-rev-parse for viable options.

**Returns** lazy iterator of BlameEntry tuples, where the commit indicates the commit to blame for the line, and range indicates a span of line numbers in the resulting file.

If you combine all line number ranges outputted by this command, you should get a continuous range spanning all line numbers in the file.

### **branches**

A list of Head objects representing the branch heads in this repo

**Returns** `git.IterableList(Head, ...)`

**clone** (*path*, *progress=None*, *multi\_options=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Create a clone from this repository.

#### **Parameters**

- **path** – is the full path of the new repo (traditionally ends with ./<name>.git).
- **progress** – See ‘git.remote.Remote.push’.

- **multi\_options** – A list of Clone options that can be provided multiple times. One option per list item which is passed exactly as specified to clone. For example  
`['-config core.filemode=false', '-config core.ignorecase',  
'-recurse-submodule=repo1_path', '-recurse-submodule=repo2_path']`
- **kwargs** –
  - `odbt = ObjectDatabase Type`, allowing to determine the object database implementation used by the returned Repo instance
  - All remaining keyword arguments are given to the `git-clone` command

**Returns** `git.Repo` (the newly cloned repo)

**classmethod** `clone_from(url, to_path, progress=None, env=None, multi_options=None, **kwargs)`

Create a clone from the given URL

**Parameters**

- **url** – valid git url, see <http://www.kernel.org/pub/software/scm/git/docs/git-clone.html#URLS>
- **to\_path** – Path to which the repository should be cloned to
- **progress** – See `'git.remote.Remote.push'`.
- **env** – Optional dictionary containing the desired environment variables.
- **multi\_options** – See `clone` method
- **kwargs** – see the `clone` method

**Returns** Repo instance pointing to the cloned directory

**close()**

**commit** (`rev=None`)

The Commit object for the specified revision :param rev: revision specifier, see `git-rev-parse` for viable options. :return: `git.Commit`

**common\_dir**

**Returns** The git dir that holds everything except possibly HEAD,

FETCH\_HEAD, ORIG\_HEAD, COMMIT\_EDITMSG, index, and logs/ .

**config\_level = ('system', 'user', 'global', 'repository')**

**config\_reader** (`config_level=None`)

**Returns**

GitConfigParser allowing to read the full git configuration, but not to write it

The configuration will include values from the system, user and repository configuration files.

**Parameters** **config\_level** – For possible values, see `config_writer` method If None, all applicable levels will be used. Specify a level in case you know which file you wish to read to prevent reading multiple files.

**Note** On windows, system configuration cannot currently be read as the path is unknown, instead the global path will be used.

**config\_writer** (`config_level='repository'`)

**Returns** GitConfigParser allowing to write values of the specified configuration file level. Config writers should be retrieved, used to change the configuration, and written right away as they will lock the configuration file in question and prevent other's to write it.

**Parameters** **config\_level** – One of the following values system = system wide configuration file global = user level configuration file repository = configuration file for this repository only

**create\_head** (*path*, *commit*=*'HEAD'*, *force*=*False*, *logmsg*=*None*)

Create a new head within the repository. For more documentation, please see the Head.create method.

**Returns** newly created Head Reference

**create\_remote** (*name*, *url*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Create a new remote.

For more information, please see the documentation of the Remote.create methods

**Returns** Remote reference

**create\_submodule** (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Create a new submodule

**Note** See the documentation of Submodule.add for a description of the applicable parameters

**Returns** created submodules

**create\_tag** (*path*, *ref*=*'HEAD'*, *message*=*None*, *force*=*False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Create a new tag reference. For more documentation, please see the TagReference.create method.

**Returns** TagReference object

**currently\_rebasing\_on** ()

**Returns** The commit which is currently being replayed while rebasing.

None if we are not currently rebasing.

**daemon\_export**

If True, git-daemon may export this repository

**delete\_head** (*\*heads*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Delete the given heads

**Parameters** **kwargs** – Additional keyword arguments to be passed to git-branch

**delete\_remote** (*remote*)

Delete the given remote.

**delete\_tag** (*\*tags*)

Delete the given tag references

**description**

the project's description

**git** = *None*

**git\_dir** = *None*

**has\_separate\_working\_tree** ()

**Returns** True if our git\_dir is not at the root of our working\_tree\_dir, but a .git file with a platform agnostic symbolic link. Our git\_dir will be wherever the .git file points to

**Note** bare repositories will always return False here

**head**

**Returns** HEAD Object pointing to the current head reference

#### **heads**

A list of Head objects representing the branch heads in this repo

**Returns** `git.IterableList(Head, ...)`

#### **index**

**Returns** IndexFile representing this repository's index.

**Note** This property can be expensive, as the returned IndexFile will be reinitialized. It's recommended to re-use the object.

**classmethod** **init** (*path=None, mkdir=True, odbt=<class 'git.db.GitCmdObjectDB'>, expand\_vars=True, \*\*kwargs*)

Initialize a git repository at the given path if specified

#### **Parameters**

- **path** – is the full path to the repo (traditionally ends with /<name>.git) or None in which case the repository will be created in the current working directory
- **mkdir** – if specified will create the repository directory if it doesn't already exist. Creates the directory with a mode=0755. Only effective if a path is explicitly given
- **odbt** – Object DataBase type - a type which is constructed by providing the directory containing the database objects, i.e. .git/objects. It will be used to access all object data
- **expand\_vars** – if specified, environment variables will not be escaped. This can lead to information disclosure, allowing attackers to access the contents of environment variables
- **kwargs** – keyword arguments serving as additional options to the git-init command

**Returns** `git.Repo` (the newly created repo)

**is\_ancestor** (*ancestor\_rev, rev*)

Check if a commit is an ancestor of another

#### **Parameters**

- **ancestor\_rev** – Rev which should be an ancestor
- **rev** – Rev to test against ancestor\_rev

**Returns** `True`, ancestor\_rev is an ancestor to rev.

**is\_dirty** (*index=True, working\_tree=True, untracked\_files=False, submodules=True, path=None*)

**Returns** `True`, the repository is considered dirty. By default it will react like a git-status without untracked files, hence it is dirty if the index or the working copy have changes.

**iter\_commits** (*rev=None, paths="", \*\*kwargs*)

A list of Commit objects representing the history of a given ref/commit

#### **Parameters**

- **rev** – revision specifier, see git-rev-parse for viable options. If None, the active branch will be used.
- **paths** – is an optional path or a list of paths to limit the returned commits to Commits that do not contain that path or the paths will not be returned.
- **kwargs** – Arguments to be passed to git-rev-list - common ones are max\_count and skip

**Note** to receive only commits between two named revisions, use the “revA...revB” revision specifier

**Returns** `git.Commit[]`

**iter\_submodules** (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

An iterator yielding Submodule instances, see Traversable interface for a description of args and kwargs  
:return: Iterator

**iter\_trees** (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

**Returns** Iterator yielding Tree objects

**Note** Takes all arguments known to `iter_commits` method

**merge\_base** (*\*rev*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Find the closest common ancestor for the given revision (e.g. Commits, Tags, References, etc)

**Parameters**

- **rev** – At least two revs to find the common ancestor for.
- **kwargs** – Additional arguments to be passed to the `repo.git.merge_base()` command which does all the work.

**Returns** A list of Commit objects. If `-all` was not specified as kwarg, the list will have at max one Commit, or is empty if no common merge base exists.

**Raises** **ValueError** – If not at least two revs are provided

```
re_author_committer_start = re.compile('^(author|committer)')
```

```
re_hexsha_only = re.compile('[0-9A-Fa-f]{40}$')
```

```
re_hexsha_shortened = re.compile('[0-9A-Fa-f]{4,40}$')
```

```
re_tab_full_line = re.compile('^\\t(.*)$')
```

```
re_whitespace = re.compile('\\s+')
```

**references**

A list of Reference objects representing tags, heads and remote references.

**Returns** `IterableList(Reference, ...)`

**refs**

A list of Reference objects representing tags, heads and remote references.

**Returns** `IterableList(Reference, ...)`

**remote** (*name='origin'*)

**Returns** Remote with the specified name

**Raises** **ValueError** – if no remote with such a name exists

**remotes**

A list of Remote objects allowing to access and manipulate remotes :return: `git.IterableList(Remote, ...)`

**rev\_parse** (*rev*)

**Returns** Object at the given revision, either Commit, Tag, Tree or Blob

**Parameters** **rev** – git-rev-parse compatible revision specification as string, please see <http://www.kernel.org/pub/software/scm/git/docs/git-rev-parse.html> for details

**Raises**

- **BadObject** – if the given revision could not be found
- **ValueError** – If rev couldn't be parsed
- **IndexError** – If invalid reflog index is specified

**submodule** (*name*)

**Returns** Submodule with the given name

**Raises** **ValueError** – If no such submodule exists

**submodule\_update** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Update the submodules, keeping the repository consistent as it will take the previous state into consideration. For more information, please see the documentation of `RootModule.update`

**submodules**

**Returns** `git.IterableList(Submodule, ...)` of direct submodules available from the current head

**tag** (*path*)

**Returns** TagReference Object, reference pointing to a Commit or Tag

**Parameters** **path** – path to the tag reference, i.e. 0.1.5 or tags/0.1.5

**tags**

A list of Tag objects that are available in this repo :return: `git.IterableList(TagReference, ...)`

**tree** (*rev=None*)

The Tree object for the given treeish revision Examples:

```
repo.tree(repo.heads[0])
```

**Parameters** **rev** – is a revision pointing to a Treeish ( being a commit or tree )

**Returns** `git.Tree`

**Note** If you need a non-root level tree, find it by iterating the root tree. Otherwise it cannot know about its path relative to the repository root and subsequent operations might have unexpected results.

**untracked\_files**

**Returns**

`list(str,...)`

Files currently untracked as they have not been staged yet. Paths are relative to the current working directory of the git command.

**Note** ignored files will not appear here, i.e. files mentioned in `.gitignore`

**Note** This property is expensive, as no cache is involved. To process the result, please consider caching it yourself.

**working\_dir** = `None`

**working\_tree\_dir**

**Returns** The working tree directory of our git repository. If this is a bare repository, `None` is returned.

## 3.28 Repo.Functions

Package with general repository related functions

`git.repo.fun.rev_parse(repo, rev)`

**Returns** Object at the given revision, either Commit, Tag, Tree or Blob

**Parameters** `rev` – git-rev-parse compatible revision specification as string, please see <http://www.kernel.org/pub/software/scm/git/docs/git-rev-parse.html> for details

**Raises**

- **BadObject** – if the given revision could not be found
- **ValueError** – If rev couldn't be parsed
- **IndexError** – If invalid reflog index is specified

`git.repo.fun.is_git_dir(d)`

This is taken from the git setup.c:is\_git\_directory function.

**@throws WorkTreeRepositoryUnsupported if it sees a worktree directory. It's quite hacky to do that here,** but at least clearly indicates that we don't support it. There is the unlikely danger to throw if we see directories which just look like a worktree dir, but are none.

`git.repo.fun.touch(filename)`

`git.repo.fun.find_submodule_git_dir(d)`

Search for a submodule repo.

`git.repo.fun.name_to_object(repo, name, return_ref=False)`

**Returns** object specified by the given name, hexshas ( short and long ) as well as references are supported

**Parameters** `return_ref` – if name specifies a reference, we will return the reference instead of the object. Otherwise it will raise BadObject or BadName

`git.repo.fun.short_to_long(odv, hexsha)`

**Returns** long hexadecimal sha1 from the given less-than-40 byte hexsha or None if no candidate could be found.

**Parameters** `hexsha` – hexsha with less than 40 byte

`git.repo.fun.deref_tag(tag)`

Recursively dereference a tag and return the resulting object

`git.repo.fun.to_commit(obj)`

Convert the given object to a commit if possible and return it

`git.repo.fun.find_worktree_git_dir(dotgit)`

Search for a gitdir for this worktree.

## 3.29 Util

`git.util.stream_copy(source, destination, chunk_size=524288)`

Copy all data from the source stream into the destination stream in chunks of size `chunk_size`

**Returns** amount of bytes written

`git.util.join_path(a, *p)`

Join path tokens together similar to `osp.join`, but always use `'/'` instead of possibly `'\'` on windows.

`git.util.to_native_path_linux(path)`

`git.util.join_path_native(a, *p)`

**As join path, but makes sure an OS native path is returned. This is only** needed to play it safe on my dear windows and to assure nice paths that only use `'\'`

**class** `git.util.Stats(total, files)`

Represents stat information as presented by git at the end of a merge. It is created from the output of a diff operation.

Example:

```
c = Commit( sha1 )
s = c.stats
s.total      # full-stat-dict
s.files      # dict( filepath : stat-dict )
```

stat-dict

A dictionary with the following keys and values:

```
deletions = number of deleted lines as int
insertions = number of inserted lines as int
lines = total number of lines changed as int, or deletions + insertions
```

full-stat-dict

In addition to the items in the stat-dict, it features additional information:

```
files = number of changed files as int
```

`__init__(total, files)`

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

`__module__ = 'git.util'`

`__slots__ = ('total', 'files')`

**files**

**total**

**class** `git.util.IndexFileSHA1Writer(f)`

Wrapper around a file-like object that remembers the SHA1 of the data written to it. It will write a sha when the stream is closed or if the asked for explicitly using `write_sha`.

Only useful to the indexfile

**Note** Based on the dulwich project

`__init__(f)`

Initialize self. See `help(type(self))` for accurate signature.

`__module__ = 'git.util'`

`__slots__ = ('f', 'sha1')`

`close()`

**f**

```

sha1
tell()
write(data)
write_sha()

```

```
class git.util.Iterable
```

Defines an interface for iterable items which is to assure a uniform way to retrieve and iterate items within the git repository

```

__module__ = 'git.util'
__slots__ = ()

```

```
classmethod iter_items(repo, *args, **kwargs)
```

For more information about the arguments, see `list_items`:return: iterator yielding Items

```
classmethod list_items(repo, *args, **kwargs)
```

Find all items of this type - subclasses can specify args and kwargs differently. If no args are given, subclasses are obliged to return all items if no additional arguments arg given.

**Note** Favor the `iter_items` method as it will

:return:list(Item,...) list of item instances

```
class git.util.IterableList(id_attr, prefix="")
```

List of iterable objects allowing to query an object by id or by named index:

```

heads = repo.heads
heads.master
heads['master']
heads[0]

```

It requires an `id_attribute` name to be set which will be queried from its contained items to have a means for comparison.

A prefix can be specified which is to be used in case the id returned by the items always contains a prefix that does not matter to the user, so it can be left out.

```
__contains__(attr)
```

Return key in self.

```
__delitem__(index)
```

Delete self[key].

```
__getattr__(attr)
```

```
__getitem__(index)
```

x.\_\_getitem\_\_(y) <=> x[y]

```
__init__(id_attr, prefix="")
```

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

```
__module__ = 'git.util'
```

```
static __new__(cls, id_attr, prefix="")
```

Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

```
__slots__ = ('_id_attr', '_prefix')
```

```
class git.util.BlockingLockFile(file_path, check_interval_s=0.3,
```

```
max_block_time_s=9223372036854775807)
```

The lock file will block until a lock could be obtained, or fail after a specified timeout.

**Note** If the directory containing the lock was removed, an exception will be raised during the blocking period, preventing hangs as the lock can never be obtained.

```
__init__ (file_path, check_interval_s=0.3, max_block_time_s=9223372036854775807)
```

Configure the instance

#### Parameters

- **check\_interval\_s** – Period of time to sleep until the lock is checked the next time. By default, it waits a nearly unlimited time
- **max\_block\_time\_s** – Maximum amount of seconds we may lock

```
__module__ = 'git.util'
```

```
__slots__ = ('_check_interval', '_max_block_time')
```

```
class git.util.LockFile (file_path)
```

Provides methods to obtain, check for, and release a file based lock which should be used to handle concurrent access to the same file.

As we are a utility class to be derived from, we only use protected methods.

Locks will automatically be released on destruction

```
__del__ ()
```

```
__init__ (file_path)
```

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

```
__module__ = 'git.util'
```

```
__slots__ = ('_file_path', '_owns_lock')
```

```
class git.util.Actor (name, email)
```

Actors hold information about a person acting on the repository. They can be committers and authors or anything with a name and an email as mentioned in the git log entries.

```
__eq__ (other)
```

Return self==value.

```
__hash__ ()
```

Return hash(self).

```
__init__ (name, email)
```

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

```
__module__ = 'git.util'
```

```
__ne__ (other)
```

Return self!=value.

```
__repr__ ()
```

Return repr(self).

```
__slots__ = ('name', 'email')
```

```
__str__ ()
```

Return str(self).

```
classmethod author (config_reader=None)
```

Same as committer(), but defines the main author. It may be specified in the environment, but defaults to the committer

```
classmethod committer (config_reader=None)
```

**Returns** Actor instance corresponding to the configured committer. It behaves similar to the git implementation, such that the environment will override configuration values of `config_reader`. If no value is set at all, it will be generated

**Parameters** `config_reader` – ConfigReader to use to retrieve the values from in case they are not set in the environment

```
conf_email = 'email'
conf_name = 'name'
email
env_author_email = 'GIT_AUTHOR_EMAIL'
env_author_name = 'GIT_AUTHOR_NAME'
env_committer_email = 'GIT_COMMITTER_EMAIL'
env_committer_name = 'GIT_COMMITTER_NAME'
name
name_email_regex = re.compile('(.*) <(.*?)>')
name_only_regex = re.compile('<(.*?)>')
```

```
git.util.get_user_id()
```

**Returns** string identifying the currently active system user as `name@node`

```
git.util.assure_directory_exists(path, is_file=False)
```

Assure that the directory pointed to by path exists.

**Parameters** `is_file` – If True, path is assumed to be a file and handled correctly. Otherwise it must be a directory

**Returns** True if the directory was created, False if it already existed

```
class git.util.RemoteProgress
```

Handler providing an interface to parse progress information emitted by git-push and git-fetch and to dispatch callbacks allowing subclasses to react to the progress.

```
BEGIN = 1
CHECKING_OUT = 256
COMPRESSING = 8
COUNTING = 4
DONE_TOKEN = 'done.'
END = 2
FINDING_SOURCES = 128
OP_MASK = -4
RECEIVING = 32
RESOLVING = 64
STAGE_MASK = 3
TOKEN_SEPARATOR = ', '
WRITING = 16
```

`__init__()`

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

`__module__ = 'git.util'`

`__slots__ = ('_cur_line', '_seen_ops', 'error_lines', 'other_lines')`

`error_lines`

`line_dropped(line)`

Called whenever a line could not be understood and was therefore dropped.

`new_message_handler()`

**Returns** a progress handler suitable for `handle_process_output()`, passing lines on to this Progress handler in a suitable format

`other_lines`

`re_op_absolute = re.compile(' (remote: )? ([\\w\\s]+):\\s+() (\\d+) () (.*) '`

`re_op_relative = re.compile(' (remote: )? ([\\w\\s]+):\\s+(\\d+)% \\((\\d+)/ (\\d+)\\) (.`

`update(op_code, cur_count, max_count=None, message=)`

Called whenever the progress changes

#### Parameters

- **op\_code** – Integer allowing to be compared against Operation IDs and stage IDs.  
Stage IDs are BEGIN and END. BEGIN will only be set once for each Operation ID as well as END. It may be that BEGIN and END are set at once in case only one progress message was emitted due to the speed of the operation. Between BEGIN and END, none of these flags will be set  
Operation IDs are all held within the OP\_MASK. Only one Operation ID will be active per call.
- **cur\_count** – Current absolute count of items
- **max\_count** – The maximum count of items we expect. It may be None in case there is no maximum number of items or if it is (yet) unknown.
- **message** – In case of the ‘WRITING’ operation, it contains the amount of bytes transferred. It may possibly be used for other purposes as well.

You may read the contents of the current line in `self._cur_line`

**class** `git.util.CallableRemoteProgress(fn)`

An implementation forwarding updates to any callable

`__init__(fn)`

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

`__module__ = 'git.util'`

`__slots__ = '_callable'`

`update(*args, **kwargs)`

Called whenever the progress changes

#### Parameters

- **op\_code** – Integer allowing to be compared against Operation IDs and stage IDs.  
Stage IDs are BEGIN and END. BEGIN will only be set once for each Operation ID as well as END. It may be that BEGIN and END are set at once in case only one

progress message was emitted due to the speed of the operation. Between BEGIN and END, none of these flags will be set

Operation IDs are all held within the OP\_MASK. Only one Operation ID will be active per call.

- **cur\_count** – Current absolute count of items
- **max\_count** – The maximum count of items we expect. It may be None in case there is no maximum number of items or if it is (yet) unknown.
- **message** – In case of the ‘WRITING’ operation, it contains the amount of bytes transferred. It may possibly be used for other purposes as well.

You may read the contents of the current line in `self._cur_line`

`git.util.rmtree(path)`

Remove the given recursively.

**Note** we use `shutil.rmtree` but adjust its behaviour to see whether files that couldn’t be deleted are read-only. Windows will not remove them in that case

`git.util.unbare_repo(func)`

Methods with this decorator raise `InvalidGitRepositoryError` if they encounter a bare repository

`git.util.HIDE_WINDOWS_KNOWN_ERRORS = False`

We need an easy way to see if Appveyor TCs start failing, so the errors marked with this var are considered “acknowledged” ones, awaiting remedy, till then, we wish to hide them.



## CHAPTER 4

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### Roadmap

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The full list of milestones including associated tasks can be found on GitHub: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/issues>

Select the respective milestone to filter the list of issues accordingly.



### 5.1 3.0.2 - Bugfixes

- fixes an issue with installation

### 5.2 3.0.1 - Bugfixes and performance improvements

- Fix a [performance regression](#) which could make certain workloads 50% slower
- Add *currently\_rebasing\_on* method on *Repo*, see [the PR](#)
- Fix incorrect *requirements.txt* which could lead to broken installations, see [this issue](#) for details.

### 5.3 3.0.0 - Remove Python 2 support

Motivation for this is a patch which improves unicode handling when dealing with filesystem paths. Python 2 compatibility was introduced to deal with differences, and I thought it would be a good idea to ‘just’ drop support right now, mere 5 months away from the official maintenance stop of python 2.7.

The underlying motivation clearly is my anger when thinking python and unicode, which was a hassle from the start, at least in a codebase as old as GitPython, which totally doesn’t handle encodings correctly in many cases.

Having migrated to using *Rust* exclusively for tooling, I still see that correct handling of encodings isn’t entirely trivial, but at least *Rust* makes clear what has to be done at compile time, allowing to write software that is pretty much guaranteed to work once it compiles.

Again, my apologies if removing Python 2 support caused inconveniences, please see release 2.1.13 which returns it.

see the following for (most) details: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/gitpython/milestone/27?closed=1>

or run have a look at the difference between tags v2.1.12 and v3.0.0: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/compare/2.1.12...3.0.0>.

## 5.4 2.1.13 - Bring back Python 2.7 support

My apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. Following semver, backward incompatible changes will be introduced in a minor version.

## 5.5 2.1.12 - Bugfixes and Features

- Multi-value support and interface improvements for Git configuration. Thanks to A. Jesse Jiryu Davis.

or run have a look at the difference between tags v2.1.11 and v2.1.12: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/compare/2.1.11...2.1.12>

## 5.6 2.1.11 - Bugfixes

see the following for (most) details: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/gitpython/milestone/26?closed=1>

or run have a look at the difference between tags v2.1.10 and v2.1.11: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/compare/2.1.10...2.1.11>

## 5.7 2.1.10 - Bugfixes

see the following for (most) details: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/gitpython/milestone/25?closed=1>

or run have a look at the difference between tags v2.1.9 and v2.1.10: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/compare/2.1.9...2.1.10>

## 5.8 2.1.9 - Dropping support for Python 2.6

see the following for (most) details: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/gitpython/milestone/24?closed=1>

or run have a look at the difference between tags v2.1.8 and v2.1.9: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/compare/2.1.8...2.1.9>

## 5.9 2.1.8 - bugfixes

see the following for (most) details: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/gitpython/milestone/23?closed=1>

or run have a look at the difference between tags v2.1.7 and v2.1.8: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/compare/2.1.7...2.1.8>

## 5.10 2.1.6 - bugfixes

- support for worktrees

## 5.11 2.1.3 - Bugfixes

All issues and PRs can be viewed in all detail when following this URL: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/milestone/21?closed=1>

## 5.12 2.1.1 - Bugfixes

All issues and PRs can be viewed in all detail when following this URL: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/issues?q=is%3Aclosed+milestone%3A%22v2.1.1+-+Bugfixes%22>

## 5.13 2.1.0 - Much better windows support!

Special thanks to @ankostis, who made this release possible (nearly) single-handedly. GitPython is run by its users, and their PRs make all the difference, they keep GitPython relevant. Thank you all so much for contributing !

### 5.13.1 Notable fixes

- The *GIT\_DIR* environment variable does not override the *path* argument when initializing a *Repo* object anymore. However, if said *path* unset, *GIT\_DIR* will be used to fill the void.

All issues and PRs can be viewed in all detail when following this URL: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/issues?q=is%3Aclosed+milestone%3A%22v2.1.0+-+proper+windows+support%22>

## 5.14 2.0.9 - Bugfixes

- *tag.commit* will now resolve commits deeply.
- *Repo* objects can now be pickled, which helps with multi-processing.
- *Head.checkout()* now deals with detached heads, which is when it will return the *HEAD* reference instead.
- *DiffIndex.iter\_change\_type(...)* produces better results when diffing

## 5.15 2.0.8 - Features and Bugfixes

- *DiffIndex.iter\_change\_type(...)* produces better results when diffing an index against the working tree.
- *Repo().is\_dirty(...)* now supports the *path* parameter, to specify a single path by which to filter the output. Similar to *git status <path>*
- Symbolic refs created by this library will now be written with a newline character, which was previously missing.
- *blame()* now properly preserves multi-line commit messages.
- No longer corrupt ref-logs by writing multi-line comments into them.

## 5.16 2.0.7 - New Features

- **`IndexFile.commit(..., skip_hooks=False)` added.** This parameter emulates the behaviour of `--no-verify` on the command-line.

## 5.17 2.0.6 - Fixes and Features

- Fix: remote output parser now correctly matches refs with non-ASCII chars in them
- API: Diffs now have `a_rawpath`, `b_rawpath`, `raw_rename_from`, `raw_rename_to` properties, which are the raw-bytes equivalents of their unicode path counterparts.
- Fix: `TypeError` about passing keyword argument to `string.decode()` on Python 2.6.
- Feature: [setUrl API on Remotes](#)

## 5.18 2.0.5 - Fixes

- Fix: parser of fetch info lines choked on some legitimate lines

## 5.19 2.0.4 - Fixes

- Fix: parser of commit object data is now robust against cases where commit object contains invalid bytes. The invalid characters are now replaced rather than choked on.
- Fix: non-ASCII paths are now properly decoded and returned in `.diff()` output
- Fix: `RemoteProgress` will now strip the `'`, `'` prefix or suffix from messages.
- API: `Remote.[fetch|push|pull](...)` methods now allow the `progress` argument to be a callable. This saves you from creating a custom type with usually just one implemented method.

## 5.20 2.0.3 - Fixes

- Fix: bug in `git-blame --incremental` output parser that broken when commit messages contained `\r` characters
- Fix: progress handler exceptions are not caught anymore, which would usually just hide bugs previously.
- Fix: The `Git.execute` method will now redirect `stdout` to `devnull` if `with_stdout` is false, which is the intended behaviour based on the parameter's documentation.

## 5.21 2.0.2 - Fixes

- Fix: source package does not include `*.pyc` files
- Fix: source package does include doc sources

## 5.22 2.0.1 - Fixes

- Fix: remote output parser now correctly matches refs with “@” in them

## 5.23 2.0.0 - Features

Please note that due to breaking changes, we have to increase the major version.

- **IMPORTANT:** This release drops support for python 2.6, which is officially deprecated by the python maintainers.
- **CRITICAL:** *Diff* objects created with patch output will now not carry the — and +++ header lines anymore. All diffs now start with the @@ header line directly. Users that rely on the old behaviour can now (reliably) read this information from the *a\_path* and *b\_path* properties without having to parse these lines manually.
- *Commit* now has extra properties *authored\_datetime* and *committer\_datetime* (to get Python datetime instances rather than timestamps)
- *Commit.diff()* now supports diffing the root commit via *Commit.diff(NULL\_TREE)*.
- *Repo.blame()* now respects *incremental=True*, supporting incremental blames. Incremental blames are slightly faster since they don’t include the file’s contents in them.
- Fix: *Diff* objects created with patch output will now have their *a\_path* and *b\_path* properties parsed out correctly. Previously, some values may have been populated incorrectly when a file was added or deleted.
- Fix: diff parsing issues with paths that contain “unsafe” chars, like spaces, tabs, backslashes, etc.

## 5.24 1.0.2 - Fixes

- **IMPORTANT:** Changed default object database of *Repo* objects to *GitCmdObjectDB*. The pure-python implementation used previously usually fails to release its resources (i.e. file handles), which can lead to problems when working with large repositories.
- **CRITICAL:** fixed incorrect *Commit* object serialization when authored or commit date had timezones which were not divisible by 3600 seconds. This would happen if the timezone was something like +0530 for instance.
- A list of all additional fixes can be found [on GitHub](#)
- **CRITICAL:** *Tree.cache* was removed without replacement. It is technically impossible to change individual trees and expect their serialization results to be consistent with what *git* expects. Instead, use the *IndexFile* facilities to adjust the content of the staging area, and write it out to the respective tree objects using *IndexFile.write\_tree()* instead.

## 5.25 1.0.1 - Fixes

- A list of all issues can be found [on GitHub](#)

## 5.26 1.0.0 - Notes

This version is equivalent to v0.3.7, but finally acknowledges that GitPython is stable and production ready.

It follows the [semantic version scheme](#), and thus will not break its existing API unless it goes 2.0.

## 5.27 0.3.7 - Fixes

- *IndexFile.add()* will now write the index without any extension data by default. However, you may override this behaviour with the new *write\_extension\_data* keyword argument.
  - Renamed *ignore\_tree\_extension\_data* keyword argument in *IndexFile.write(...)* to *ignore\_extension\_data*
- If the git command executed during *Remote.push(...)|fetch(...)* returns with a non-zero exit code and GitPython didn't obtain any head-information, the corresponding *GitCommandError* will be raised. This may break previous code which expected these operations to never raise. However, that behaviour is undesirable as it would effectively hide the fact that there was an error. See [this issue](#) for more information.
- If the git executable can't be found in the PATH or at the path provided by *GIT\_PYTHON\_GIT\_EXECUTABLE*, this is made obvious by throwing *GitCommandNotFound*, both on unix and on windows.
  - Those who support **GUI on windows** will now have to set *git.Git.USE\_SHELL = True* to get the previous behaviour.
- A list of all issues can be found [on GitHub](#)

## 5.28 0.3.6 - Features

- **DOCS**
  - special members like *\_\_init\_\_* are now listed in the API documentation
  - tutorial section was revised entirely, more advanced examples were added.
- **POSSIBLY BREAKING CHANGES**
  - As *rev\_parse* will now throw *BadName* as well as *BadObject*, client code will have to catch both exception types.
  - *Repo.working\_tree\_dir* now returns *None* if it is bare. Previously it raised *AssertionError*.
  - *IndexFile.add()* previously raised *AssertionError* when paths were used with bare repository, now it raises *InvalidGitRepositoryError*
- Added *Repo.merge\_base()* implementation. See the [respective issue on GitHub](#)
- *[include]* sections in git configuration files are now respected
- Added *GitConfigParser.rename\_section()*
- Added *Submodule.rename()*
- A list of all issues can be found [on GitHub](#)

## 5.29 0.3.5 - Bugfixes

- push/pull/fetch operations will not block anymore
- *diff()* can now properly detect renames, both in patch and raw format. Previously it only worked when *create\_patch* was *True*.

- `repo.odb.update_cache()` is now called automatically after fetch and pull operations. In case you did that in your own code, you might want to remove your line to prevent a double-update that causes unnecessary IO.
- `Repo(path)` will not automatically search upstream anymore and find any git directory on its way up. If you need that behaviour, you can turn it back on using the new `search_parent_directories=True` flag when constructing a `Repo` object.
- `IndexFile.commit()` now runs the *pre-commit* and *post-commit* hooks. Verified to be working on posix systems only.
- A list of all fixed issues can be found here: <https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/issues?q=milestone%3A%22v0.3.5+-+bugfixes%22+>

## 5.30 0.3.4 - Python 3 Support

- Internally, hexadecimal SHA1 are treated as ascii encoded strings. Binary SHA1 are treated as bytes.
- Id attribute of Commit objects is now *hexsha*, instead of *binsha*. The latter makes no sense in python 3 and I see no application of it anyway besides its artificial usage in test cases.
- **IMPORTANT:** If you were using the `config_writer()`, you implicitly relied on `__del__` to work as expected to flush changes. To be sure changes are flushed under PY3, you will have to call the new `release()` method to trigger a flush. For some reason, `__del__` is not called necessarily anymore when a symbol goes out of scope.
- The *Tree* now has a `join('name')` method which is equivalent to `tree / 'name'`

## 5.31 0.3.3

- When fetching, pulling or pushing, and an error occurs, it will not be reported on stdout anymore. However, if there is a fatal error, it will still result in a `GitCommandError` to be thrown. This goes hand in hand with improved fetch result parsing.
- Code Cleanup (in preparation for python 3 support)
  - Applied `autopep8` and cleaned up code
  - Using python logging module instead of print statements to signal certain kinds of errors

## 5.32 0.3.2.1

- Fix for #207

## 5.33 0.3.2

- Release of most recent version as non-RC build, just to allow pip to install the latest version right away.
- Have a look at the milestones (<https://github.com/gitpython-developers/GitPython/milestones>) to see what's next.

## 5.34 0.3.2 RC1

- **git** command wrapper
- Added `version_info` property which returns a tuple of integers representing the installed git version.
- Added `GIT_PYTHON_GIT_EXECUTABLE` environment variable, which can be used to set the desired git executable to be used. despite of what would be found in the path.
- **Blob** Type
- Added mode constants to ease the manual creation of blobs
- **IterableList**
- Added `__contains__` and `__delitem__` methods
- **More Changes**
- Configuration file parsing is more robust. It should now be able to handle everything that the git command can parse as well.
- The progress parsing was updated to support git 1.7.0.3 and newer. Previously progress was not enabled for the git command or only worked with ssh in case of older git versions.
- Parsing of tags was improved. Previously some parts of the name could not be parsed properly.
- The rev-parse pure python implementation now handles branches correctly if they look like hexadecimal sha's.
- `GIT_PYTHON_TRACE` is now set on class level of the `Git` type, previously it was a module level global variable.
- `GIT_PYTHON_GIT_EXECUTABLE` is a class level variable as well.

## 5.35 0.3.1 Beta 2

- Added **reflog support** ( reading and writing )
  - New types: `RefLog` and `RefLogEntry`
  - Reflog is maintained automatically when creating references and deleting them
  - Non-intrusive changes to `SymbolicReference`, these don't require your code to change. They allow to append messages to the reflog.
    - `abspath` property added, similar to `abspath` of `Object` instances
    - `log()` method added
    - `log_append(...)` method added
    - `set_reference(...)` method added (reflog support)
    - `set_commit(...)` method added (reflog support)
    - `set_object(...)` method added (reflog support)
- **Intrusive Changes** to `Head` type
- `create(...)` method now supports the reflog, but will not raise `GitCommandError` anymore as it is a pure python implementation now. Instead, it raises `OSError`.
- **Intrusive Changes** to `Repo` type

- `create_head(...)` method does not support kwargs anymore, instead it supports a `logmsg` parameter
- `Repo.rev_parse` now supports the `[ref]@{n}` syntax, where *n* is the number of steps to look into the reference's past
- **BugFixes**
  - Removed incorrect `ORIG_HEAD` handling
- **Flattened directory** structure to make development more convenient.
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**Note:** This alters the way projects using git-python as a submodule have to adjust their `sys.path` to be able to import git-python successfully.

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- Misc smaller changes and bugfixes

## 5.36 0.3.1 Beta 1

- Full Submodule-Support
- Added unicode support for author names. `Commit.author.name` is now unicode instead of string.
- Head Type changes
- `config_reader()` & `config_writer()` methods added for access to head specific options.
- `tracking_branch()` & `set_tracking_branch()` methods added for easy configuration of tracking branches.

## 5.37 0.3.0 Beta 2

- Added python 2.4 support

## 5.38 0.3.0 Beta 1

### 5.38.1 Renamed Modules

- For consistency with naming conventions used in sub-modules like `gitdb`, the following modules have been renamed
  - `git.utils` -> `git.util`
  - `git.errors` -> `git.exc`
  - `git.objects.utils` -> `git.objects.util`

### 5.38.2 General

- Object instances, and everything derived from it, now use binary sha's internally. The 'sha' member was removed, in favor of the 'binsha' member. An 'hexsha' property is available for convenient conversions. They may only be initialized using their binary shas, reference names or revision specs are not allowed anymore.

- IndexEntry instances contained in IndexFile.entries now use binary sha's. Use the .hexsha property to obtain the hexadecimal version. The .sha property was removed to make the use of the respective sha more explicit.
- If objects are instantiated explicitly, a binary sha is required to identify the object, where previously any rev-spec could be used. The ref-spec compatible version still exists as Object.new or Repo.commit/Repo.tree respectively.
- The .data attribute was removed from the Object type, to obtain plain data, use the data\_stream property instead.
- ConcurrentWriteOperation was removed, and replaced by LockedFD
- IndexFile.get\_entries\_key was renamed to entry\_key
- IndexFile.write\_tree: removed missing\_ok keyword, its always True now. Instead of raising GitCommandError it raises UnmergedEntriesError. This is required as the pure-python implementation doesn't support the missing\_ok keyword yet.
- diff.Diff.null\_hex\_sha renamed to NULL\_HEX\_SHA, to be conforming with the naming in the Object base class

## 5.39 0.2 Beta 2

- Commit objects now carry the 'encoding' information of their message. It wasn't parsed previously, and defaults to UTF-8
- Commit.create\_from\_tree now uses a pure-python implementation, mimicking git-commit-tree

## 5.40 0.2

### 5.40.1 General

- file mode in Tree, Blob and Diff objects now is an int compatible to definitions in the stat module, allowing you to query whether individual user, group and other read, write and execute bits are set.
- Adjusted class hierarchy to generally allow comparison and hash for Objects and Refs
- Improved Tag object which now is a Ref that may contain a tag object with additional Information
- id\_abbrev method has been removed as it could not assure the returned short SHA's where unique
- removed basename method from Objects with path's as it replicated features of os.path
- from\_string and list\_from\_string methods are now private and were renamed to \_from\_string and \_list\_from\_string respectively. As part of the private API, they may change without prior notice.
- Renamed all find\_all methods to list\_items - this method is part of the Iterable interface that also provides a more efficient and more responsive iter\_items method
- All dates, like authored\_date and committer\_date, are stored as seconds since epoch to consume less memory - they can be converted using time.gmtime in a more suitable presentation format if needed.
- Named method parameters changed on a wide scale to unify their use. Now git specific terms are used everywhere, such as "Reference" ( ref ) and "Revision" ( rev ). Previously multiple terms were used making it harder to know which type was allowed or not.
- Unified diff interface to allow easy diffing between trees, trees and index, trees and working tree, index and working tree, trees and index. This closely follows the git-diff capabilities.
- Git.execute does not take the with\_raw\_output option anymore. It was not used by anyone within the project and False by default.

### 5.40.2 Item Iteration

- Previously one would return and process multiple items as list only which can hurt performance and memory consumption and reduce response times. `iter_items` method provide an iterator that will return items on demand as parsed from a stream. This way any amount of objects can be handled.
- `list_items` method returns `IterableList` allowing to access list members by name

### 5.40.3 objects Package

- `blob`, `tree`, `tag` and `commit` module have been moved to new `objects` package. This should not affect you though unless you explicitly imported individual objects. If you just used the `git` package, names did not change.

### 5.40.4 Blob

- former `'name'` member renamed to `path` as it suits the actual data better

### 5.40.5 GitCommand

- `git.subcommand` call scheme now prunes out `None` from the argument list, allowing to be called more comfortably as `None` can never be a valid to the git command if converted to a string.
- Renamed `'git_dir'` attribute to `'working_dir'` which is exactly how it is used

### 5.40.6 Commit

- `'count'` method is not an instance method to increase its ease of use
- `'name_rev'` property returns a nice name for the commit's sha

### 5.40.7 Config

- The git configuration can now be read and manipulated directly from within python using the `GitConfigParser`
- `Repo.config_reader()` returns a read-only parser
- `Repo.config_writer()` returns a read-write parser

### 5.40.8 Diff

- Members `a_commit` and `b_commit` renamed to `a_blob` and `b_blob` - they are populated with `Blob` objects if possible
- Members `a_path` and `b_path` removed as this information is kept in the blobs
- Diffs are now returned as `DiffIndex` allowing to more quickly find the kind of diffs you are interested in

### 5.40.9 Diffing

- `Commit` and `Tree` objects now support diffing natively with a common interface to compare against other `Commits` or `Trees`, against the working tree or against the index.

### 5.40.10 Index

- A new Index class allows to read and write index files directly, and to perform simple two and three way merges based on an arbitrary index.

### 5.40.11 References

- References are object that point to a Commit
- SymbolicReference are a pointer to a Reference Object, which itself points to a specific Commit
- They will dynamically retrieve their object at the time of query to assure the information is actual. Recently objects would be cached, hence ref object not be safely kept persistent.

### 5.40.12 Repo

- Moved blame method from Blob to repo as it appeared to belong there much more.
- active\_branch method now returns a Head object instead of a string with the name of the active branch.
- tree method now requires a Ref instance as input and defaults to the active\_branch instead of master
- is\_dirty now takes additional arguments allowing fine-grained control about what is considered dirty
- Removed the following methods:
  - ‘log’ method as it as effectively the same as the ‘commits’ method
  - ‘commits\_since’ as it is just a flag given to rev-list in Commit.iter\_items
  - ‘commit\_count’ as it was just a redirection to the respective commit method
  - ‘commits\_between’, replaced by a note on the iter\_commits method as it can achieve the same thing
  - ‘commit\_delta\_from’ as it was a very special case by comparing two different repjrelated repositories, i.e. clones, git-rev-list would be sufficient to find commits that would need to be transferred for example.
  - ‘create’ method which equals the ‘init’ method’s functionality
  - ‘diff’ - it returned a mere string which still had to be parsed
  - ‘commit\_diff’ - moved to Commit, Tree and Diff types respectively
- Renamed the following methods:
  - commits to iter\_commits to improve the performance, adjusted signature
  - init\_bare to init, implying less about the options to be used
  - fork\_bare to clone, as it was to represent general clone functionality, but implied a bare clone to be more versatile
  - archive\_tar\_gz and archive\_tar and replaced by archive method with different signature
- ‘commits’ method has no max-count of returned commits anymore, it now behaves like git-rev-list
- The following methods and properties were added
  - ‘untracked\_files’ property, returning all currently untracked files
  - ‘head’, creates a head object
  - ‘tag’, creates a tag object
  - ‘iter\_trees’ method

- ‘config\_reader’ method
  - ‘config\_writer’ method
  - ‘bare’ property, previously it was a simple attribute that could be written
- Renamed the following attributes
  - ‘path’ is now ‘git\_dir’
  - ‘wd’ is now ‘working\_dir’
- Added attribute
  - ‘working\_tree\_dir’ which may be None in case of bare repositories

### 5.40.13 Remote

- Added Remote object allowing easy access to remotes
- Repo.remotes lists all remotes
- Repo.remote returns a remote of the specified name if it exists

### 5.40.14 Test Framework

- Added support for common TestCase base class that provides additional functionality to receive repositories tests can also write to. This way, more aspects can be tested under real-world ( un-mocked ) conditions.

### 5.40.15 Tree

- former ‘name’ member renamed to path as it suits the actual data better
- added traverse method allowing to recursively traverse tree items
- deleted blob method
- added blobs and trees properties allowing to query the respective items in the tree
- now mimics behaviour of a read-only list instead of a dict to maintain order.
- content\_from\_string method is now private and not part of the public API anymore

## 5.41 0.1.6

### 5.41.1 General

- Added in Sphinx documentation.
- Removed ambiguity between paths and treeishs. When calling commands that accept treeish and path arguments and there is a path with the same name as a treeish git cowardly refuses to pick one and asks for the command to use the unambiguous syntax where ‘-’ separates the treeish from the paths.
- Repo.commits, Repo.commits\_between, Repo.commits\_since, Repo.commit\_count, Repo.commit, Commit.count and Commit.find\_all all now optionally take a path argument which constrains the lookup by path. This changes the order of the positional arguments in Repo.commits and Repo.commits\_since.

### 5.41.2 Commit

- `Commit.message` now contains the full commit message (rather than just the first line) and a new property `Commit.summary` contains the first line of the commit message.
- Fixed a failure when trying to lookup the stats of a parentless commit from a bare repo.

### 5.41.3 Diff

- The diff parser is now far faster and also addresses a bug where sometimes `b_mode` was not set.
- Added support for parsing rename info to the diff parser. Addition of new properties `Diff.renamed`, `Diff.rename_from`, and `Diff.rename_to`.

### 5.41.4 Head

- Corrected problem where branches was only returning the last path component instead of the entire path component following `refs/heads/`.

### 5.41.5 Repo

- Modified the gzip archive creation to use the python gzip module.
- Corrected `commits_between` always returning `None` instead of the reversed list.

## 5.42 0.1.5

### 5.42.1 General

- upgraded to Mock 0.4 dependency.
- Replace GitPython with git in `repr()` outputs.
- Fixed packaging issue caused by `ez_setup.py`.

### 5.42.2 Blob

- No longer strip newlines from Blob data.

### 5.42.3 Commit

- Corrected problem with `git-rev-list --bisect-all`. See [http://groups.google.com/group/git-python/browse\\_thread/thread/aed1d5c4b31d5027](http://groups.google.com/group/git-python/browse_thread/thread/aed1d5c4b31d5027)

### 5.42.4 Repo

- Corrected problems with creating bare repositories.
- `Repo.tree` no longer accepts a path argument. Use:

```
>>> dict(k, o for k, o in tree.items() if k in paths)
```

- Made `daemon_export` a property of `Repo`. Now you can do this:

```
>>> exported = repo.daemon_export
>>> repo.daemon_export = True
```

- Allows modifying the project description. Do this:

```
>>> repo.description = "Foo Bar"
>>> repo.description
'Foo Bar'
```

- Added a read-only property `Repo.is_dirty` which reflects the status of the working directory.
- Added a read-only `Repo.active_branch` property which returns the name of the currently active branch.

### 5.42.5 Tree

- Switched to using a dictionary for `Tree` contents since you will usually want to access them by name and order is unimportant.
- Implemented a dictionary protocol for `Tree` objects. The following:

```
child = tree.contents['grit']
```

becomes:

```
child = tree['grit']
```

- Made `Tree.content_from_string` a static method.

## 5.43 0.1.4.1

- removed `method_missing` stuff and replaced with a `__getattr__` override in `Git`.

## 5.44 0.1.4

- renamed `git_python` to `git`. Be sure to delete all `pyc` files before testing.

### 5.44.1 Commit

- Fixed problem with commit stats not working under all conditions.

### 5.44.2 Git

- Renamed module to `cmd`.
- Removed shell escaping completely.
- Added support for `stderr`, `stdin`, and `with_status`.
- `git_dir` is now optional in the constructor for `git.Git`. Git now falls back to `os.getcwd()` when `git_dir` is not specified.
- add a `with_exceptions` keyword argument to git commands. `GitCommandError` is raised when the exit status is non-zero.
- add support for a `GIT_PYTHON_TRACE` environment variable. `GIT_PYTHON_TRACE` allows us to debug GitPython's usage of git through the use of an environment variable.

### 5.44.3 Tree

- Fixed up problem where `name` doesn't exist on root of tree.

### 5.44.4 Repo

- Corrected problem with creating bare repo. Added `Repo.create_alias`.

## 5.45 0.1.2

### 5.45.1 Tree

- Corrected problem with `Tree.__div__` not working with zero length files. Removed `__len__` override and replaced with `size` instead. Also made `size` cache properly. This is a breaking change.

## 5.46 0.1.1

Fixed up some urls because I'm a moron

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