

git-identity

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A while ago (July 2026), I wrote a tool called `git-identity`. It had a simple job, provide a quick way to switch between different identities (name & email pairs). Why would I do this? Well when you're more than one, it becomes kinda important (at least to me), to keep track of who did what. While I won't say that the others here are incompetent developers who introduce 10 new bugs in every commit, but I also won't say they're the best. Now if you were to ask them about me, they'd probably say the same thing, that I may or may not introduce 10 new bugs in every commit.

So after that short backstory, now time to talk a bit about `git-identity`. It's simply a shell¹ script that provides the following subcommands:

- `list`: List all available identities
- `rebase`: Rebase prior commits to current identity
- `switch`: Switch identity
- `whoami`: Print the current identity

There's not much to it. The script loads JSON files located in `$XDG_CONFIG_HOME/identities/` and extracts a `.name` and `.email` field from them. From there, it calls `git-config`. It isn't particularly extravagant but it solved a problem that we had and I see that as perfectly fair. For `git-identity-rebase`, the script calls `git-filter-repo` to mass edit all previous commits.

Cheers and have a lovely day~, Eryn Vineyard

Footnotes

1. Bash ↩

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