Getting Started With GitHub

Initial Setup

1. Go to github.com .
2. Make an account.
3. Send me ([palmerpa@heschel.org](mailto:palmerpa@heschel.org)) an email with your username
4. I will invite you to join our “organization,”[[1]](#footnote--1) and you will get an email with a link to join it.
5. Once you have joined the organization, download GitHub for Mac from https://central.github.com/mac/latest .
6. Open the app and go through the setup instructions.
7. In the top-left you should see a + button; click it and go to the Clone tab in the popup.
8. Click on CMS in the list of “repositories” (aka repos)[[2]](#footnote-0) that show up, then click Clone CMS, and finally, click Clone. You can save it wherever you want (as long as you remember where).

Typical Workflow

1. In the top-right click the Sync button (you will know that the sync is done when the Sync button reappears).
2. Open the CMS folder on your computer that you created in the last step of Initial Setup.
3. Open and edit whichever files you want to work on.
4. Save the file (as you would normally do).
5. When you want everyone to see the changes you’ve made, open the GitHub app, fill out the Summary and Description fields for your edits, click Commit, and then click the Sync button in the top-right.

1. This is just GitHub jargon for a group of people who are going to be working on a project together (for an overly comprehensive definition: <https://github.com/blog/674-introducing-organizations>) [↑](#footnote-ref--1)
2. This is the place where all the files relating to the project are stored [↑](#footnote-ref-0)