Steps For Installing Git for Windows

Installing Git prompts you to select a text editor. If you don't have one, we strongly advise you to install prior to installing Git. Our roundup of the 11 best text editors for coding may help you decide.
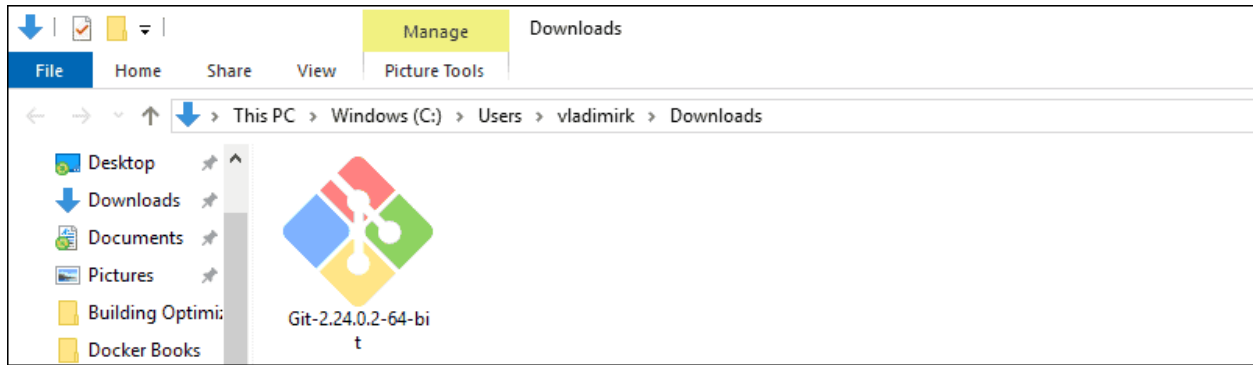
Download Git for Windows

1. Browse to the official Git website: https://git-scm.com/downloads
2. Click the download link for Windows and allow the download to complete.
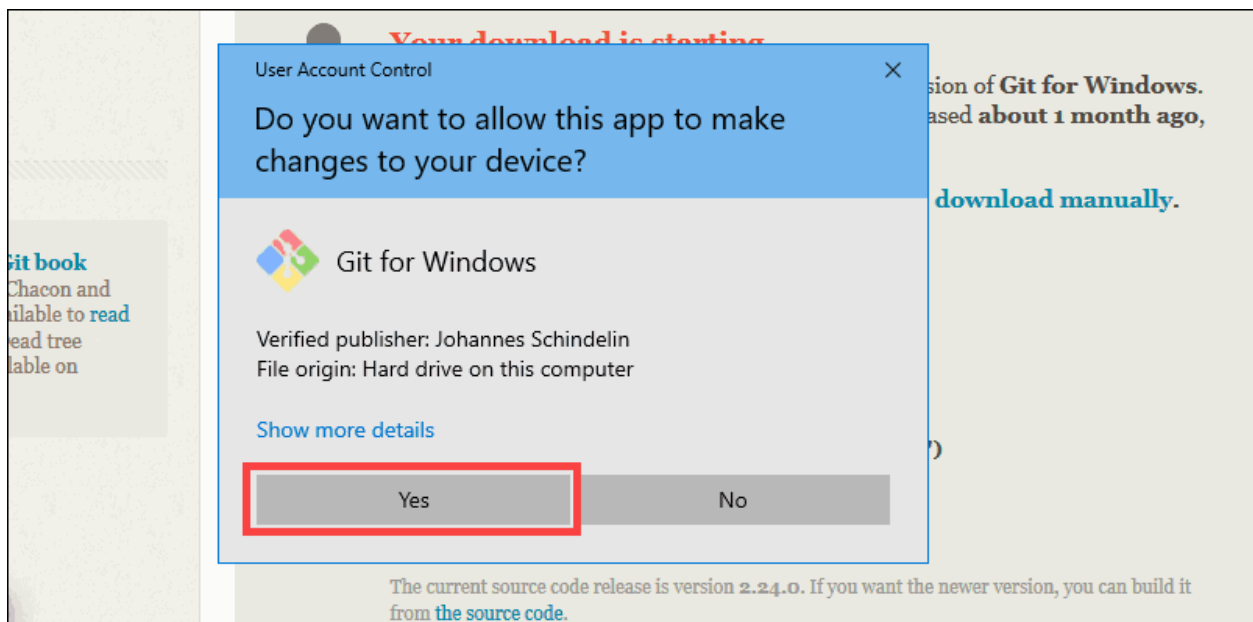
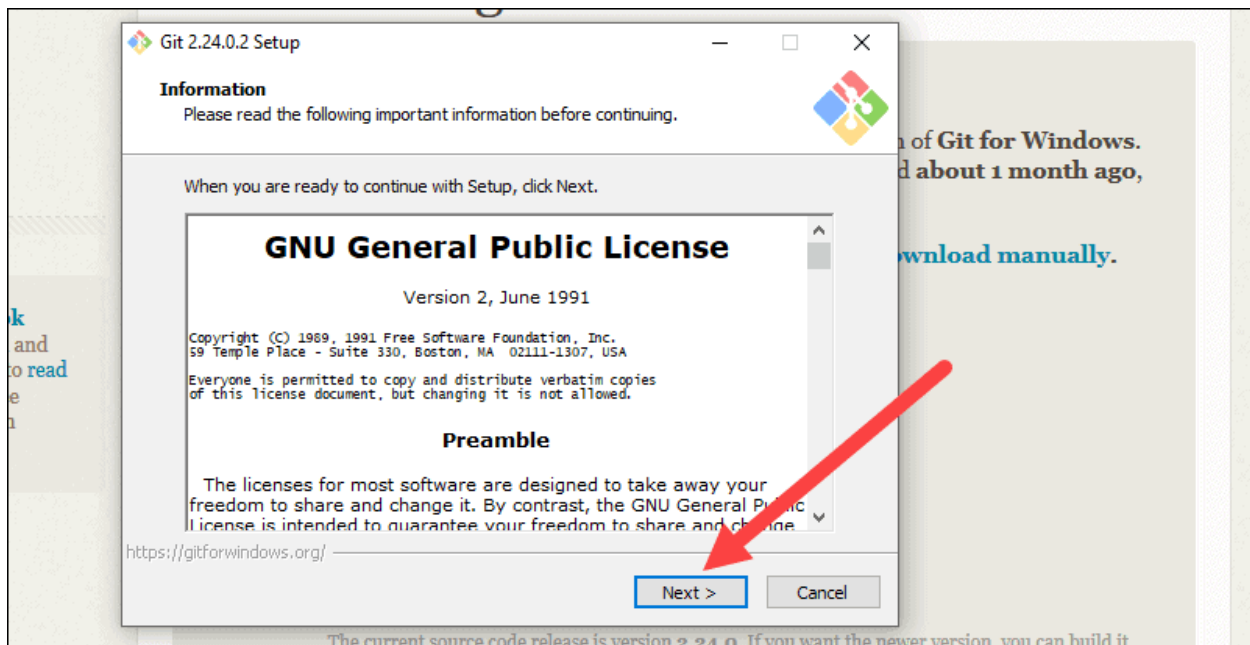

Extract and Launch Git Installer

3. Browse to the download location (or use the download shortcut in your browser). Double-click the file to extract and launch the installer.
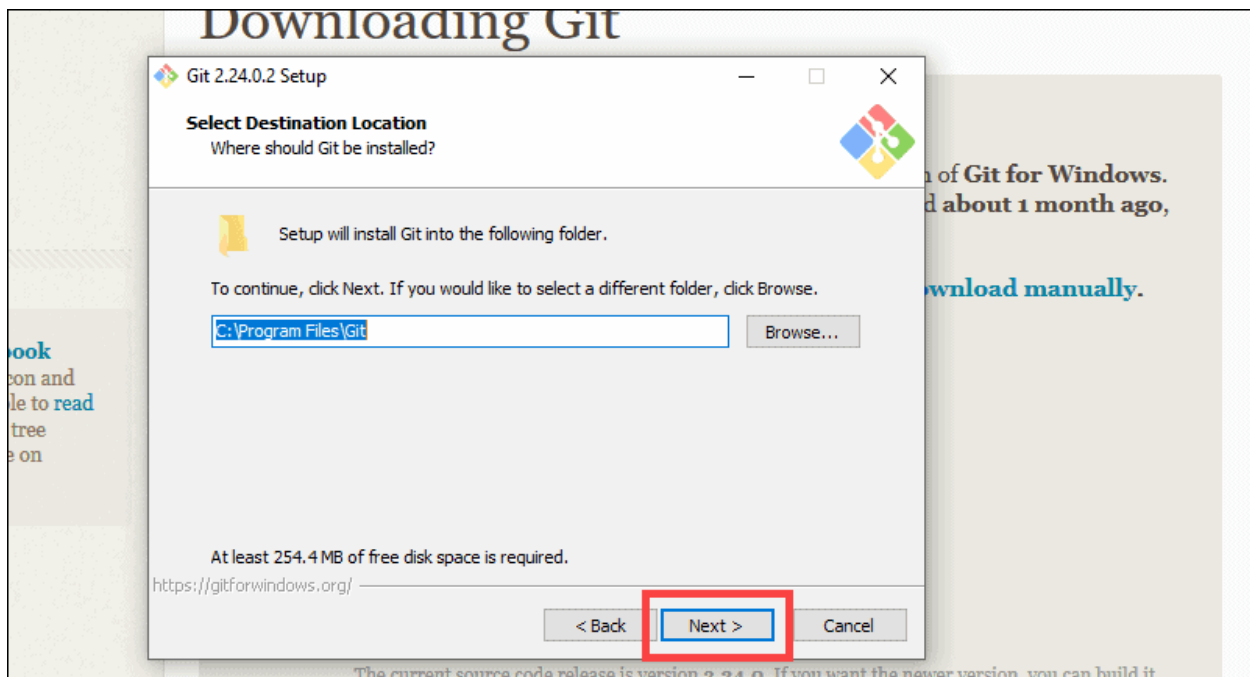
4. Allow the app to make changes to your device by clicking **Yes** on the User Account Control dialog that opens.
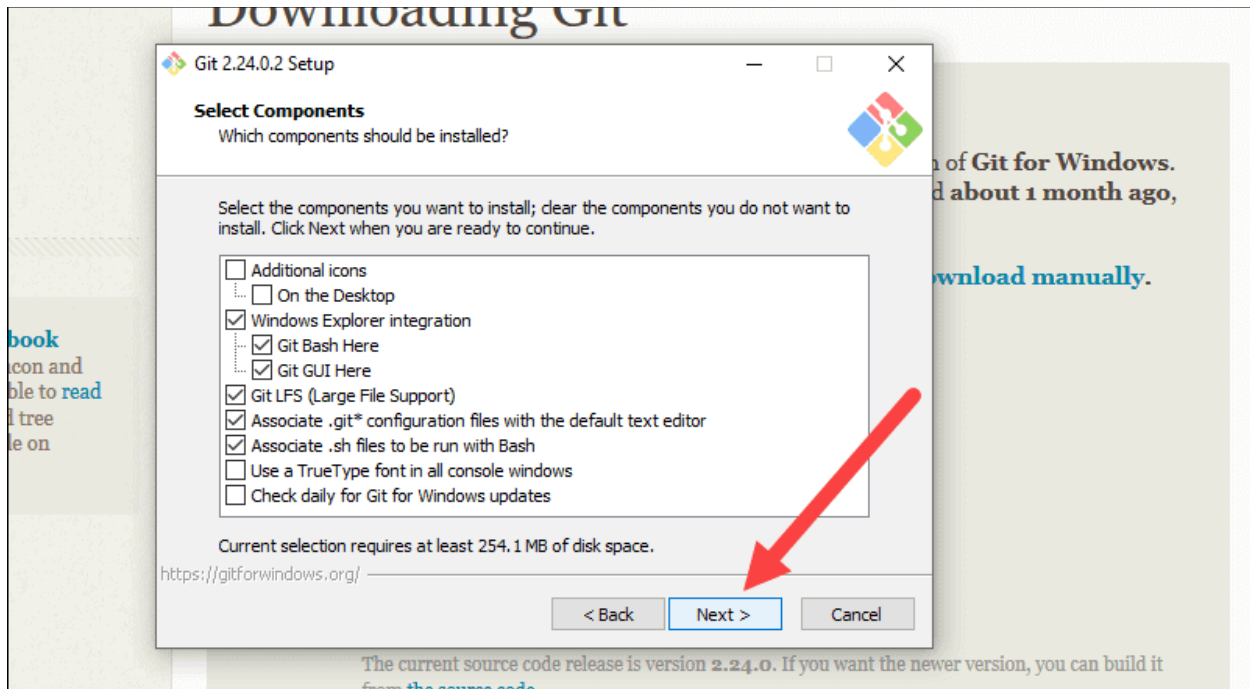

5. Review the GNU General Public License, and when you're ready to install, click **Next**.
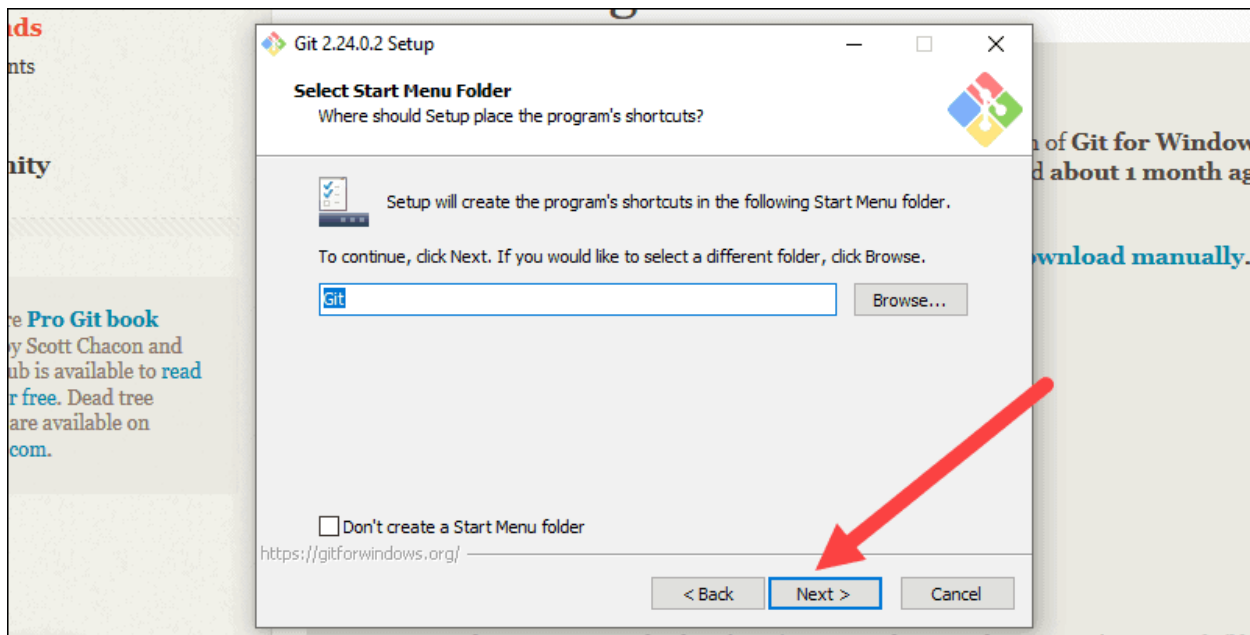
6. The installer will ask you for an installation location. Leave the default, unless you have reason to change it, and click **Next**.
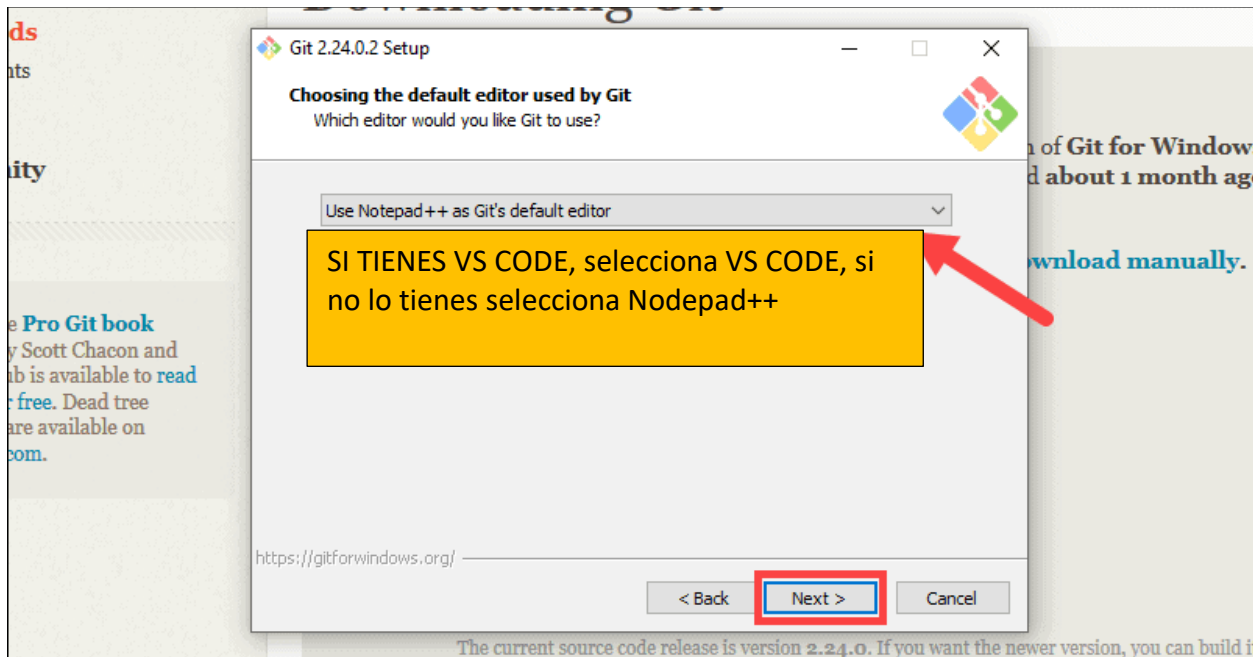

7. A component selection screen will appear. Leave the defaults unless you have a specific need to change them and click **Next**.
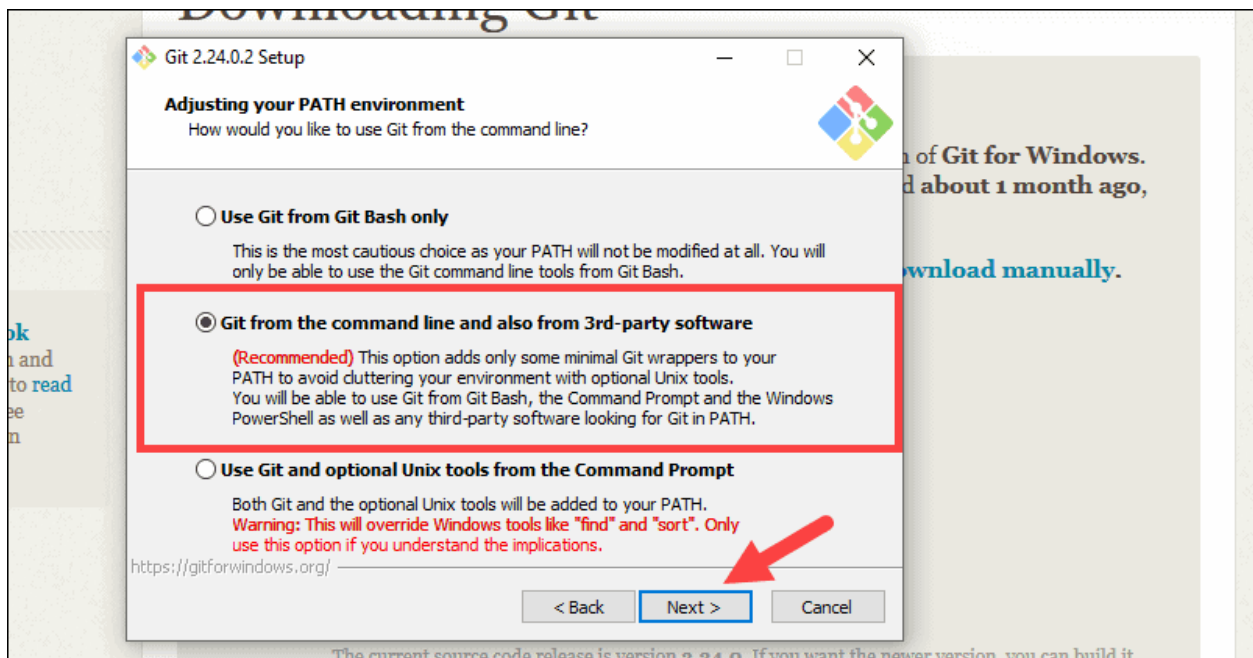
8. The installer will offer to create a start menu folder. Simply click **Next**.

9. Select a text editor you'd like to use with Git. Use the drop-down menu to select Notepad++ (or whichever text editor you prefer) and click **Next**.

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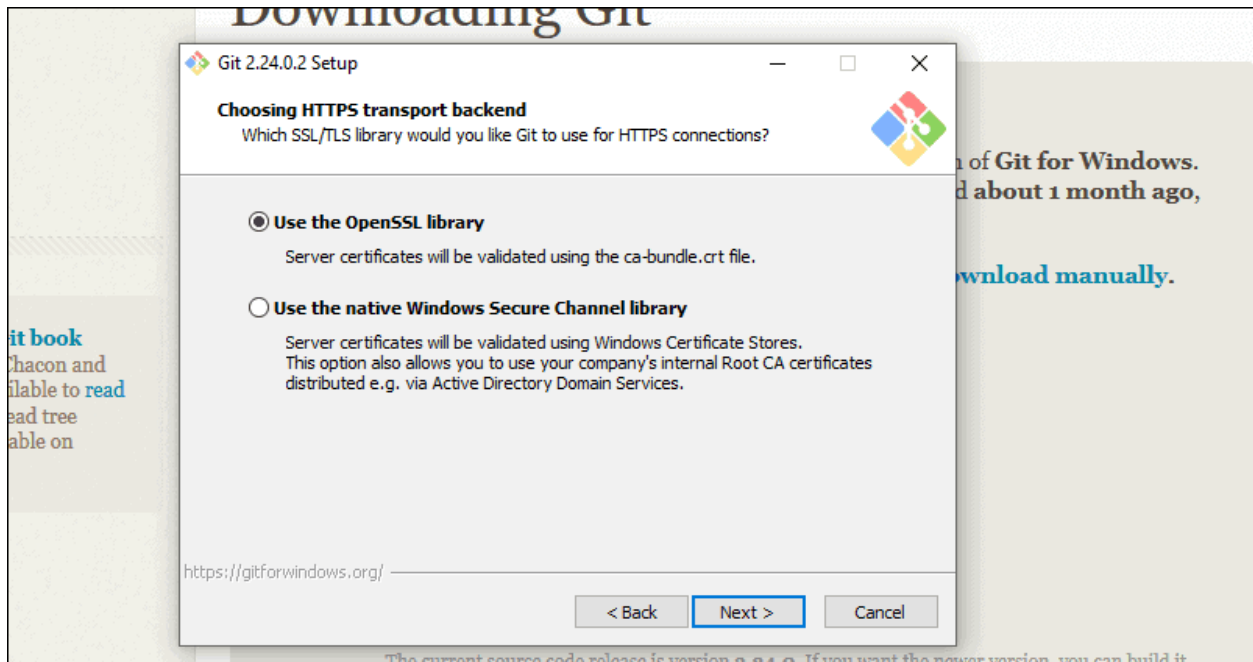
10. This installation step allows you to change the **PATH environment**. The **PATH** is the default set of directories included when you run a command from the command line. Leave this on the middle (recommended) selection and click **Next**.
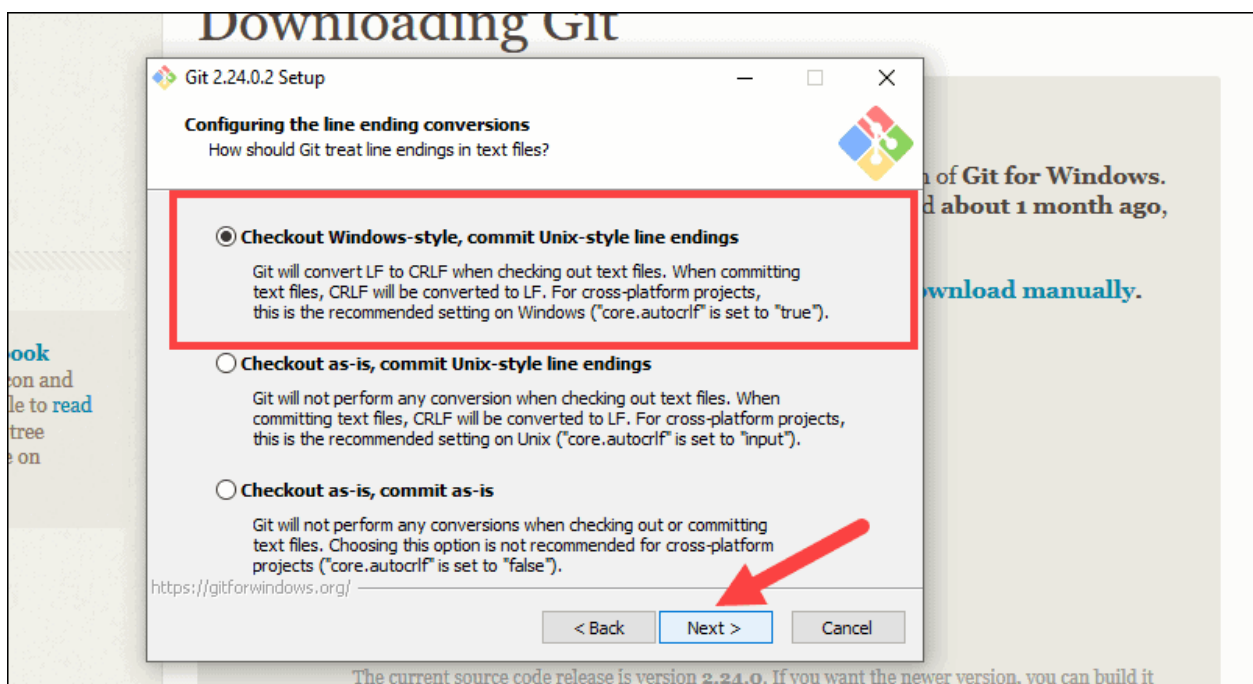

Server Certificates, Line Endings and Terminal Emulators

11. The next option relates to server certificates. Most users should use the default. If you're working in an Active Directory environment, you may need to switch to Windows Store certificates. Click **Next**.

12. The next selection converts line endings. It is recommended that you leave the default selection. This relates to the way data is formatted and changing this option may cause problems. Click **Next**.
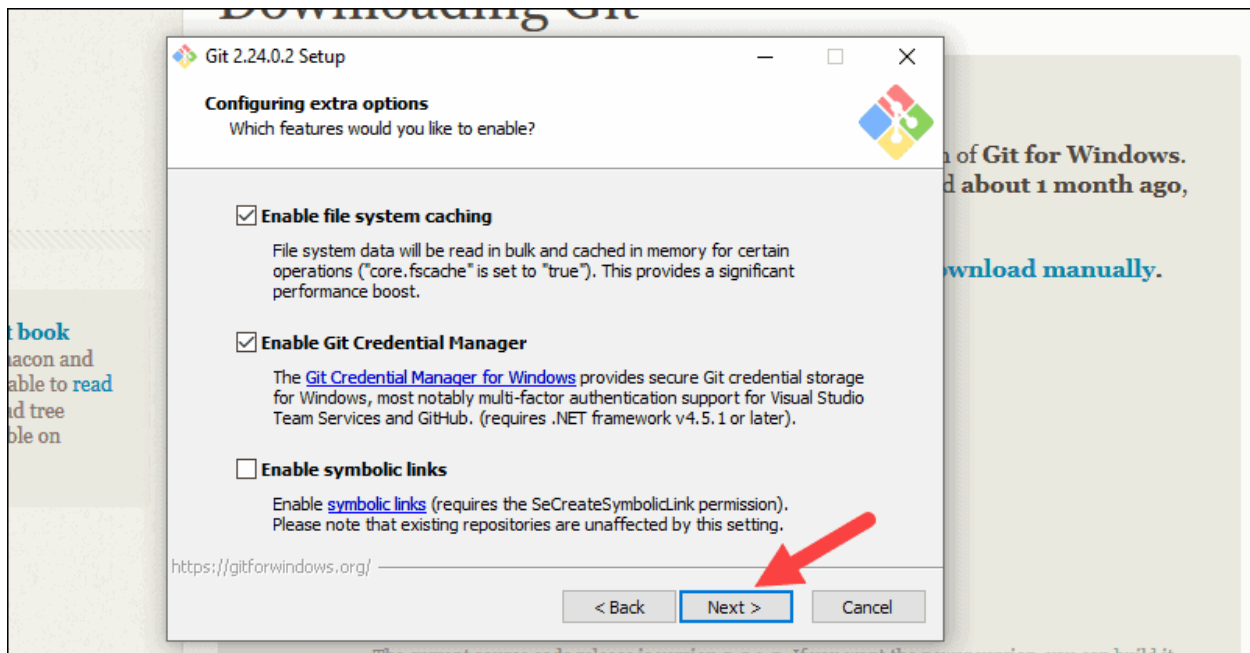
13. Choose the terminal emulator you want to use. The default MinTTY is recommended, for its features. Click **Next**.
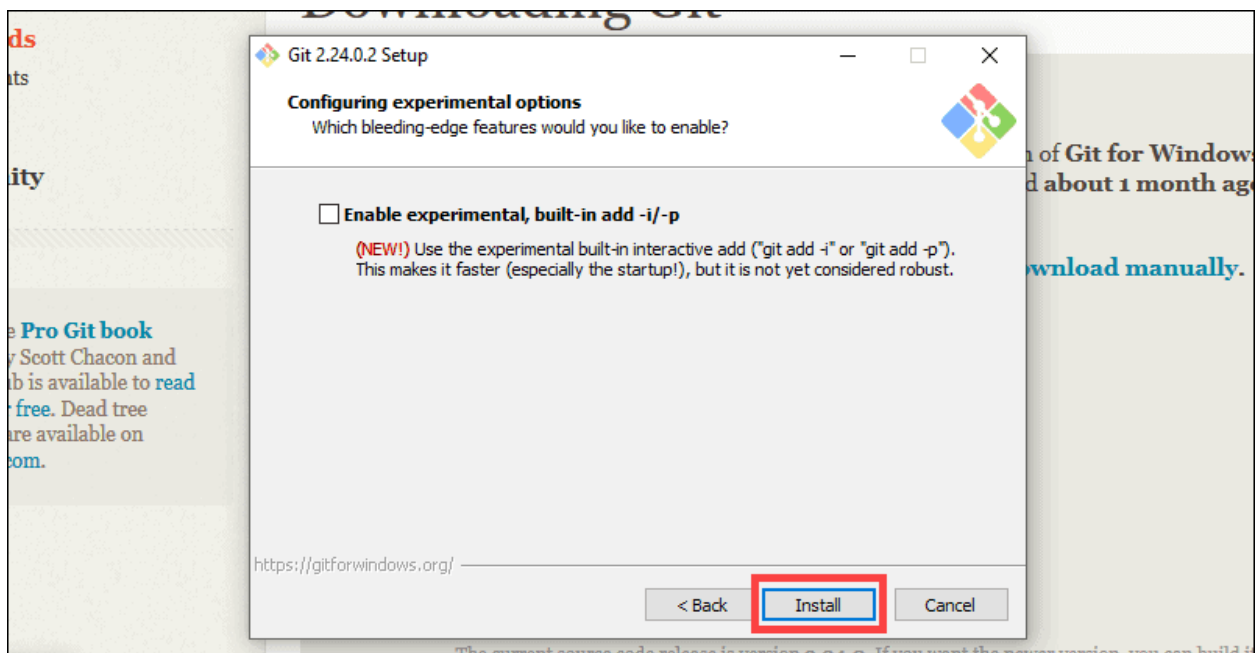

Additional Customization Options

14. The default options are recommended, however this step allows you to decide which extra option you would like to enable. If you use symbolic links, which are like shortcuts for the command line, tick the box. Click **Next**.

15. Depending on the version of Git you're installing, it may offer to install experimental features. At the time this article was written, the option to include interactive options was offered. Unless you are feeling adventurous, leave them unchecked and click **Install**.

Complete Git Installation Process

16. Once the installation is complete, tick the boxes to view the Release Notes or Launch Git Bash, then click **Finish**.