Repo Launch Audit Sheet

Quick checklist to verify a new repository is correctly initialized, linked to GitHub, and ready for daily use.

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SECTION 1 - PRE-PUSH (LOCAL)
1) Confirm location:
2) Initialize or verify Git repo:
   git status
   # If new:
   # git init
3) Stage and commit:
   git add -A
   git commit -m "chore: initial commit" # or your message
4) Set identity (one-time):
   git config --global user.name "Your Name"
   git config --global user.email "you@example.com"
   git config --global credential.helper osxkeychain
SECTION 2 - REMOTE LINK & FIRST PUSH
A) If the GitHub repo is already created (recommended):
   # Pick the exact name you created on GitHub (example: dev-notes)
   git remote add origin https://github.com/USERNAME/REPO.git
   git branch -M main
   git push -u origin main
B) Or create it with GitHub CLI:
   brew install gh
   gh auth login
   gh repo create USERNAME/REPO --private --source=. --remote=origin --push
Tip (do once): auto-set upstream for new branches
   git config --global push.autoSetupRemote true
SECTION 3 - POST-PUSH (VERIFY)
1) Check local tracking:
   git branch -vv
   # Expect: main ... [origin/main]
2) Check remote URL:
   git remote -v
   # Expect: origin ... github.com/USERNAME/REPO.git
3) View recent commits:
  git log --oneline -5
4) Web check:
   Open https://github.com/USERNAME/REPO
   # Expect to see your files and the last commit message
SECTION 4 - DAILY MAINTENANCE LOOP
git pull
git add -A
git commit -m "notes: <what changed>"
git push
SECTION 5 - TROUBLESHOOTING QUICK FIXES
• No upstream set:
  git push -u origin main
• Wrong remote URL:
   git remote set-url origin https://github.com/USERNAME/REPO.git
• Accidentally initialized Git in the wrong folder (like your home dir):
   rm -rf ~/.git
• Re-auth with GitHub CLI:
   gh auth login
• Use SSH instead of HTTPS (optional):
   ssh-keygen -t ed25519 -C "you@example.com"
   pbcopy < \sim/.ssh/id_ed25519.pub  # add to GitHub \rightarrow Settings \rightarrow SSH and GPG keys
   git remote set-url origin git@github.com:USERNAME/REPO.git
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