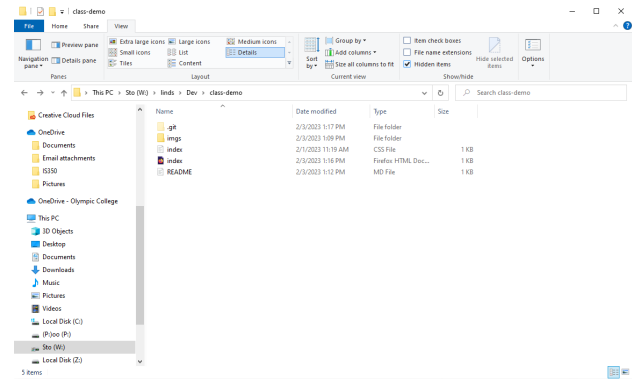# How to Update an Existing Github Repository

Step #1: Navigate to your Project Folder using the File Explorer

You know you're in the right place if you see a "hidden" .git folder. That folder contains information essential to your Git repository.
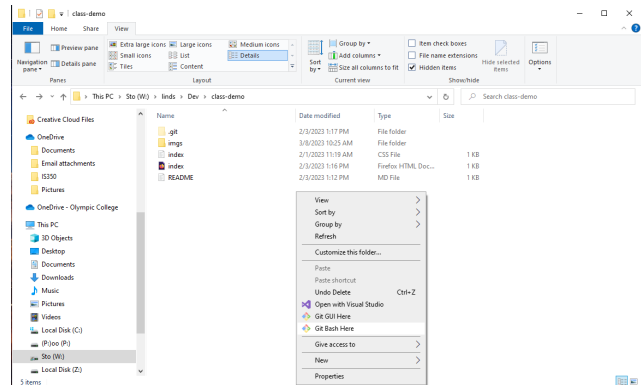
Windows by default doesn't show you hidden files and folders though; you can enable this by following the instructions [here](#).

Step #2: Open Git Bash

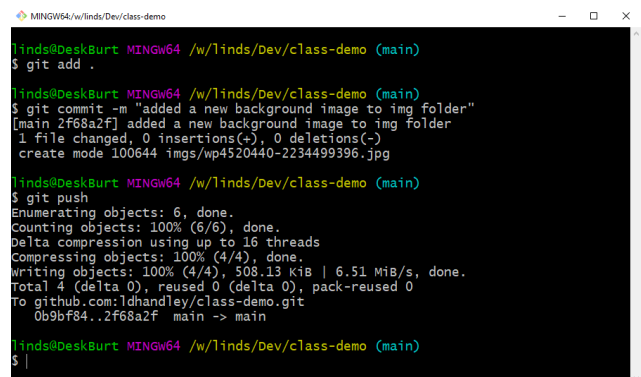To do this, right-click in the whitespace of project folder and choose "Git Bash Here".

If you're using Windows 11, this option is hidden under "Show More Options".

Step #3: Run the following commands in Git Bash in sequential order…

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git add .
git commit -m "A MESSAGE THAT DESCRIBES WHAT YOU EDITED"
git push
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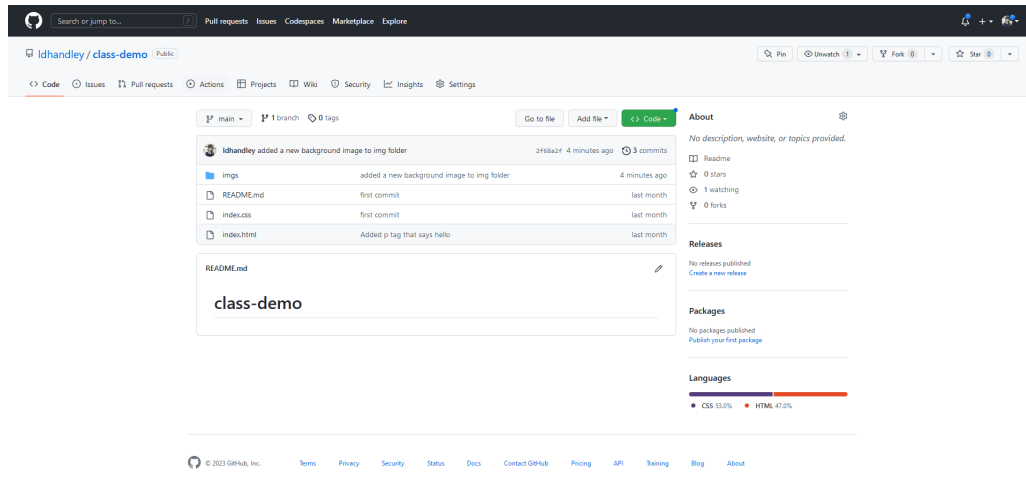

Your Git Bash should look something like this when you're done… If you have errors on any step, check to make sure you didn't type in any of the commands above incorrectly (spaces and quotation marks really matter!)

Feel free to send me a screenshot of your error if you have any trouble!

Step #4: Verify your updates made it to Github Repository

Navigate to your repository in Github, and verify that your changes are there. You'll see your commit message along with the time the commit was submitted (in this case 4 minutes ago).You can also click into specific folders and files to verify your changes are there.

Step #5: Verify your updates are correct on your launched Git Page

Assuming you've previously launched your Git page, you can find your launched Git Page link under your repository's Settings (rightmost link in horizontal menu in previous image) and then under Pages. Click this link to view your launched Git page, and just verify your changes are there. You may need to Hard Refresh (CTRL+SHFT+R) on the web page to refresh any cached HTML or CSS that your browser held onto from the last time you loaded this page.