

Understanding Local Repos in VSCode and GitHub Desktop

If you've been puzzled by why GitHub Desktop and VSCode seem to show different things, you're not alone. The truth is:

- There is only ONE local repository on your computer.
- Both GitHub Desktop and VSCode can access it — but they may show different things depending on when you last refreshed.

How It Works

-  Your Local Repo:

This is just a folder on your computer (e.g., C:/Users/darry/.../NinjaTraderIndicators). It includes all your files and a hidden `git` folder where Git stores its version tracking info.

-  GitHub Desktop:

A visual GUI that interacts with the repo. It may not show updates in real-time unless you click 'Fetch origin' or restart it.

-  VSCode:

Provides live feedback based on your actual file changes. Great for coding, staging, and committing directly.

Why Things Look Different

-  GitHub Desktop doesn't always refresh automatically.
-  VSCode won't pull updates from GitHub unless you run `git pull` manually or restart.
-  GitHub.com reflects pushed changes immediately — but local tools need to sync to see them.

Tips & Recommendations

- Use VSCode if you're actively editing and want precise control.
- Use GitHub Desktop to visually confirm your sync state and push/pull more easily.
- Stick to one interface when learning to avoid confusion.

Want the best of both? Use VSCode for editing + GitHub Desktop for syncing.
