**Basic Git Commands**

The commands are executed in a command window. VS, VS Code, Command Prompt, and GitHub Desktop all have the ability to open command windows.

To execute these commands, you must have Git installed.

If you have Github Desktop installed, you then have Git Installed.

Typical syntax: git command option(s)

Example: to trace and prepare your repository changes for committing you could use:

git add . (all files)

or

git add -a (all files)

or

git add <filename> (single file)

For help with the syntax of the command, you can use:

git command -help (display summary to window)

git command --help (open browser window)

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| **Command** | **Action** |
| git status | This shows the status of tracked and untracked files in your local repository |
| git add . | Stage all untracked changes to the repository for committing. |
| git commit -m “message” | Commits staged files. |
| git push | Pushes commits to github.com |
| git pull  (git fetch and get merge) | Fetch and merge from github.com |
| git stash  git stash list  git | Takes the dirty state of your current directory and save the changes on the stack of unfinished changes. |
| git log  options:  -n x (x is a number)  --author=”…” (changes by person)  --after=”2021-11-22”  --before=”yesterday”  --after=”…” –before=”…” | Allows one to view the history of the repo (commits). |
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