**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 |
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