

# Setting up Git

## Get binaries

On UNIX:

- From source
  - Web UI to browse source
  - Git repo for source: `git://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/git/git.git`
- Package manager
  - `apt-get git-core`
  - `apt-get git-gui`
  - `apt-get git-doc`
  - `apt-get git-svn`

On Mac:

- MacPorts (user-compiled)
- HomeBrew (user-compiled)
- `git-osx-installer` (precompiled)

On Windows:

- Two `msysGit` choices: a full toolkit, or just a precompiled distribution.
- Precompiled is named “`Git-XXXexe`”
- Full toolkit with `gcc` compiler is named “`msysGit-fullinstall-XXX.exe`”

If you get stuck, a series of help pages at GitHub are almost certain to assist.

## Configuring your Git username and email address

Establish the one-time parameters stored in your home directory:

```
git config --global user.name "Your Name"
git config --global user.email "you@example.com"
git config --global color.ui "auto"
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View our handiwork

```
echo ~/.gitconfig
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