How to create a shortcut for Git Bash on your Desktop

Okay, this might be considered as pretty useless, but it’s just convenient, and since some members in my team were interested in that, I realized some other in the class could also be. So here it is.

The idea is quite simple: I am bored of having to go to the GMS folder to start a Git Bash. Every time I need/want to pull, I have to lose time and energy (not much but it’s actually annoying) to get to the right place: Desktop/Tsinghua/Spring Semester/GMS/GMS\_group5 then right click, Git Bash. Well I wanted to satisfy my lazy self, and decided to create a shortcut on the desktop. Problem is, if you put a direct Git Bash shortcut in the desktop, it is not working in the right directory, and you have to type:

$ cd Tsinghua/Spring Semester/GMS/GMS\_group5

to have it work properly in the main repertory. And that is annoying.

What I did is maybe not the best solution, but it works: I created a batch (using the windows console or cmd). Here is the method:

1. Open NotePad
2. Write this:

C:

cd Tsinghua/Spring Semester/GMS/GMS\_group5 (\*)

start "" "%SYSTEMDRIVE%\Program Files (x86)\Git\bin\sh.exe" --login –I (\*\*)

(\*)Don’t type this, but the right path to your git folder on your PC.

(\*\*)This should work, if Git is indeed installed as a software in your ProgFiles

1. Save as “thenameyouwantbutjustsoyouknowinameditGitBash.bat” on the desktop. The extension is important here, “.bat” means the file is executable by the windows console.
2. Enjoy your laziness