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SCS1303 - Introduction to Software Engineering
Git & GitHub
Tutorial 04

1. Setup and GitHub Account

- I. Install Git : Visit: <https://git-scm.com/>
- II. Download Git for your OS and install it.
Windows: <https://youtu.be/t2-l3WvWvqg>
Mac OS: <https://youtu.be/9GZmaxaQV0c>
- III. Verify installation: `git --version`

2. Create a GitHub Account

- I. Go to <https://github.com/>
- II. Sign up using your email.
- III. Confirm your email address and set your GitHub profile.
- IV. GitHub Docs: <https://docs.github.com/>

3. Configure Git(in terminal or VS Code terminal)

```
git config --global user.name "Your Name"  
git config --global user.email "you@example.com"  
git config --list
```

4. Creating a Local Repository

- I. Initialize a Git Repo
 - I. Create a new folder for your project:

```
mkdir my-first-repo  
cd my-first-repo
```
 - II. Initialize Git:

```
git init
```
- II. Track Files with Git
 - I. Create a new file:

```
echo "# My First Git Repo" > README.md
```
 - II. Check file status:

```
git status
```
 - III. Stage and commit:

```
git add README.md  
git commit -m "Initial commit"
```

5. Working with GitHub

I. Create a GitHub Repository

I. On GitHub, click + → New Repository.

II. Name it: my-first-repo, leave it public, don't initialize with README.

III. Copy the repository URL.

II. Connect Local to GitHub

I. Line the remote:

```
git remote add origin https://github.com/your-username/my-first-repo.git
```

II. Push your code:

```
git branch -M main
```

```
git push -u origin main
```

6. Make Changes and Commit

I. Edit README.md (add a second line).

II. Repeat the Git steps:

```
git status
```

```
git add README.md
```

```
git commit -m "Updated README with a second line"
```

```
git push
```

7. More Practice Activities

I. Create file and delete it:

```
touch temp.txt
```

```
git add temp.txt
```

```
git reset temp.txt
```

```
rm temp.txt
```

II. Check logs:

```
git log
```

III. Clone any public repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/octocat/Hello-World.git
```

```
cd Hello-World
```

IV. Explore:

```
git log
```

```
git status
```

8. Install VS Code Git Extension

9. Create a Mini Python Program

- I. Open VS Code and create a folder called MiniApp.
- II. Inside, create a file [greet.py](#):

```
def greet(name):  
    return f"Hello, {name}! Welcome to GitHub."
```

```
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    user = input("Enter your name: ")  
    print(greet(user))
```

- III. Open Terminal in VS Code and initialize Git:

```
git init  
git status
```

10. Commit & Push to GitHub

- I. Create a .gitignore file:

```
__pycache__/  
*.pyc
```

- II. Stage and commit:

```
git add .  
git commit -m "Initial commit of MiniApp"
```

- III. Go to GitHub → Create a new repository called MiniApp.

- IV. Copy the repo URL and connect remote:

```
git remote add origin https://github.com/your-username/MiniApp.git  
git branch -M main  
git push -u origin main
```

11. Modify and Push Again

- I. Edit greet.py to include timestamp:

```
import datetime
```

```
def greet(name):  
    now = datetime.datetime.now()  
    return f"Hello, {name}! Current time is {now:%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S}"
```

```
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    user = input("Enter your name: ")  
    print(greet(user))
```

- II. Save and push:
- ```
git add greet.py
git commit -m "Added timestamp to greeting"
git push
```

12. Collaborate

- I. Clone a classmate's repo:
- ```
git clone https://github.com/peer-username/MiniApp.git
```
- II. Make a new branch:
- ```
git checkout -b add-comment
```
- III. Add a comment in [greet.py](#) and push:
- ```
git add .  
git commit -m "Added a comment for clarity"  
git push origin add-comment
```
- IV. Submit a Pull Request on GitHub:
- Go to the repo on GitHub → "Compare & pull request"

Submission:

- **Time allowed:** 1.00 PM – 3.00 PM.
- **Submission method:** Upload your report to the VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) using the provided link.
- **Report:** Include screenshots of your work with the VS Code activities.
- **File format:** PDF
- **File naming format:** **YourName with Initials_IndexNumber_GitActivites.pdf**
(e.g., *Weerawardhana APK_122344_GitActivities.pdf*)