

Track Empty Directories with git

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There are times when you'd like to track an empty directory within git but there's a problem: git won't allow you to add a directory that doesn't have a file in it. The easy solution is putting an empty stub file within the directory, and the industry standard for that stub file name is `.gitkeep`.

You can quickly create the file and commit the "empty" directory from command line:

```
touch my-empty-dir/.gitkeep
git add my-empty-dir/.gitkeep
git commit -m "Adding my empty
directory"
```

The problem is simple, the solution is easy, but I wanted to highlight that `.gitkeep` is the industry standard.