

About .gitignore file

1. The .gitignore file in a Git repository is used to specify which files and directories should be ignored by Git.
i.e files will not be tracked, staged, or committed, even if they exist in your working directory.
2. Where we should place .gitignore file in the repository?
The .gitignore file is usually placed at the root of your repository, but you can also have additional .gitignore files in subdirectories to apply rules to specific parts of your project

3. How many .gitignore files should we add in a repository?
-> we can have multiple .gitignore files.

Practical Demo of .gitignore file.

Step 1: Create a new Directory in your workspace (says: git-demo)

Step 2: Go inside that directory and open git bash

Step 3: initialize "git-demo" directory as git repository
by using "git init" command

Step 4: Add some files in the repository, For example

F1.txt

F2.txt

F1.java

F2.java

A1.log

A2.log

Step 5: now check the status of repository by using "git status"
all files status is Untracked files.

Step 6: Now Create ".gitignore" file and specify the files which you want to ignore and check the status of repository

**** Some Examples:**

1) Ignore F1.txt

-> F1.txt

2) Ignoring Files by Extension:

Ignore all log files

-> *.log

Ignore all java files

-> *.java

Ignoring Directories

-> directory_name

4) Ignoring specific files from a directory

-> directory_name/A1.log

5) Ignoring Files Except Certain Ones:

ignore all log files except "server.log"

-> *.log

!server.log

Note: If a file is already being tracked by Git and you add it to .gitignore, it will remain in the repository until you explicitly remove it.

git rm --cached <file>

Note: The order of patterns in the .gitignore file

-> More specific rules should come after more general.

Note: If file specified in .gitignore but you want to add it into staging area (you want to track) then use "git add" command with -f (f means forcefully) option
git add -f File_name

sample .gitignore file

.gitignore - Notepad

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# ignore F1.txt  
F1.txt
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line start with # symbol are commented lines. comment means non executable line

```
# Ignore all text files  
*.txt
```

we add comment in git by using # symbol and # is always added at beginning of line

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# Ignore all pdf extentions files except A.pdf  
*.pdf  
!A.pdf
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Comments provides extra information about the code

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# Ingore File from specific Directory  
# Ingore A1.txt from Abc directory  
Abc/A1.txt
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