

# Get started with GitHub

## Set up a GitHub account

To create your GitHub account, access the links and follow the steps provided.

1. [Set up an account on GitHub](#)
2. After setting up a GitHub account, create separate repositories for your portfolio documentation. Repositories are like folders and often referred to as “repos” for short. Review [Create a repo](#) for more information.
3. Each repository, or repo folder, will contain your project files and a [“README”](#) file. A README is a text file that provides an overview of your project.
  - Some example sections you may want to include are:
    - **A Project Title:** A descriptive title related to the project that may interest your prospective employer. Do not title your project “Portfolio Project”; instead, try adding a title that defines the project you have worked on.
    - **A Project Introduction:** Two to three sentences that state the problem you solved, the data used for the project, and your modeling results.
    - **Modeling and Evaluation:** Name and describe the models you used for the project and any corresponding evaluation metrics.
    - **Conclusion:** Your recommendations for solving the problem and a description of any future steps you want to take to expand on your project.

## How to use Markdown

Markdown is a simple markup language, similar to HTML. Markdown allows you to format plaintext documents via GitHub.

Here are a few resource options for you to learn more:

- [Basic Syntax](#)
- [Markdown Cheat Sheet](#)
- [GitHub Markdown Cheatsheet](#)
- [GitHub basic writing and formatting syntax](#)

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