Installations and Setup

Python

1. Download Python Installer:

   - Go to the official Python website at https://www.python.org/.

   - Click on the "Downloads" tab at the top of the page.

2. Choose Python Version:

   - You'll see different versions available for download. Choose the latest stable version unless you specifically need an older version for compatibility reasons.

   - Click on the download link for the version you've chosen.

3. Run Python Installer:

   - Once the installer file (.exe) is downloaded, locate it in your downloads folder or wherever you saved it.

   - Double-click the installer file to start the installation process.

4. Customize Installation (Optional):

   - In the installer window, you may choose to customize the installation by clicking on "Customize installation".

- Here, you can select additional features or change the installation location. For most users, the default settings are sufficient.

5. Install Python:

- After customizing (or if you choose the default settings), click on "Install Now" to begin the installation.

- Make sure to check the box that says "Add Python {version} to PATH" before clicking "Install Now". This option ensures that Python is added to your system's PATH environment variable, making it easier to run Python from the command line.

6. Wait for Installation:

- The installer will now install Python on your system. This process may take a few minutes depending on your system's speed.

7. Verify Installation:

- Once the installation is complete, you can verify it by opening Command Prompt (search for "cmd" in the Windows search bar).

- In the Command Prompt window, type `python --version` and press Enter. This command will display the installed Python version if the installation was successful.

8. Install a Code Editor or IDE (Optional):

- While Python comes with its IDLE (Integrated Development and Learning Environment), you may prefer to use a code editor or integrated development environment (IDE) for writing and running Python code.

- Popular choices include Visual Studio Code, PyCharm, and Atom. Download and install your preferred code editor/IDE if you wish to use one.

9. Start Writing Python Code:

- With Python installed and verified, you can start writing Python code. Use your chosen code editor/IDE to create Python scripts, or you can use IDLE by typing `idle` in the Command Prompt.

Visual Studio Code

1. Download Visual Studio Code Installer:

- Go to the official Visual Studio Code website at https://code.visualstudio.com/.

- Click on the "Download for Windows" button. This will download the Visual Studio Code installer (VSCodeSetup-{version}.exe) to your computer.

2. Run Visual Studio Code Installer:

- Locate the downloaded installer file (VSCodeSetup-{version}.exe) in your downloads folder or wherever you saved it.

- Double-click the installer file to start the installation process.

3. Accept License Agreement:

- In the installer window, you will be presented with the Visual Studio Code license agreement. Read through the agreement and click "I accept the agreement" to proceed with the installation.

4. Choose Components (Optional):

- You may be given the option to customize the installation by choosing which components to install. For most users, the default components are sufficient.

- If you want to customize, you can select additional components like adding desktop icons or integrating with Git during this step.

5. Choose Installation Location (Optional):

- You can choose the installation location for Visual Studio Code or keep the default location provided by the installer.

6. Install Visual Studio Code:

- After customizing (or if you choose the default settings), click on "Next" or "Install" to begin the installation.

- The installer will now install Visual Studio Code on your system. This process may take a few minutes depending on your system's speed.

7. Launch Visual Studio Code:

- Once the installation is complete, you can launch Visual Studio Code by clicking on the "Finish" button in the installer window.

- Alternatively, you can search for "Visual Studio Code" in the Windows search bar and click on the app to launch it.

8. Configure Visual Studio Code:

- Upon launching Visual Studio Code for the first time, you may be prompted to customize your settings. You can choose your preferred theme, extensions, and keybindings during this setup process.

9. Install Extensions (Optional):

- Visual Studio Code supports various extensions that enhance its functionality for different programming languages and development environments.

- You can explore and install extensions by clicking on the Extensions view icon (square icon on the sidebar) in Visual Studio Code and searching for extensions in the Marketplace.

10. Start Coding:

- With Visual Studio Code installed and configured, you can start writing code in your preferred programming languages.

- Create a new file, select the language mode (e.g., Python, JavaScript, HTML, etc.), and begin coding.

Github

1. Sign Up for GitHub:

- Open a web browser on your Windows 10 laptop.

- Go to the GitHub website at https://github.com/.

- Click on the "Sign up" button at the top right corner of the page.

2. Provide Account Information:

- On the sign-up page, you'll be asked to provide your account information.

- Enter your desired username, a valid email address, and a strong password.

- Click on the "Create account" button.

3. Verify Your Email Address:

- GitHub will send a verification email to the email address you provided during sign-up.

- Check your email inbox for the verification email from GitHub.

- Follow the instructions in the email to verify your email address.

4. Complete Account Setup:

- After verifying your email address, you'll be directed to complete your account setup on the GitHub website.

- Provide any additional information required, such as your name, profile picture, and any optional profile details.

5. Download and Install Git:

- Git is required to interact with GitHub repositories from your local machine.

- Follow the steps outlined in the previous response to download and install Git for Windows on your laptop, including Git Bash.

6. Configure Git:

- Open Git Bash on your Windows 10 laptop.

- Configure Git with your GitHub username and email address using the following commands:

```

**git config --global user.name "Your GitHub Username"**

**git config --global user.email your.email@example.com**

```

- Replace "Your GitHub Username" with your actual GitHub username and "your.email@example.com" with your verified email address.

7. Generate SSH Key (Optional):

- Generating an SSH key allows you to securely authenticate with GitHub without needing to enter your username and password each time.

- In Git Bash, use the following command to generate an SSH key:

```

**ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096 -C your.email@example.com**

```

- Follow the on-screen instructions to generate the SSH key. You can leave the passphrase empty for simplicity, but adding one adds an extra layer of security.

8. Add SSH Key to GitHub (Optional):

- After generating the SSH key, you need to add it to your GitHub account.

- Copy the SSH key to your clipboard using the command:

```

**cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub | clip**

```

- Go to your GitHub account settings on the GitHub website.

- Navigate to "SSH and GPG keys" and click on "New SSH key" or "Add SSH key".

- Paste the copied SSH key into the provided text box and give it a title.

- Click on "Add SSH key" to add the key to your GitHub account.

9. Create a New Repository (Optional, but recommended for testing):

- On the GitHub website, click on the "+" icon in the top right corner and select "New repository".

- Give your repository a name, choose whether it should be public or private, and add a brief description if needed.

- Optionally, initialize the repository with a README file and choose a .gitignore template and license.

- Click on "Create repository" to create the new repository on GitHub.

10. Clone Repository to Local Machine:

- To clone the repository to your local machine, copy the SSH URL of the repository from the GitHub website.

- In Git Bash, navigate to the directory where you want to clone the repository using the `cd` command.

- Use the following command to clone the repository:

```

**git clone git@github.com:username/repository-name.git**

```

Replace "username/repository-name" with your GitHub username and the name of the repository you created.

11. Set Up Remote Repository (If Cloned):

- Change into the cloned repository's directory using `cd repository-name`.

- Verify the remote repository URL using `git remote -v`. You should see the URL for the origin (your GitHub repository).

- If the remote URL is not set or incorrect, you can set it using:

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git remote add origin git@github.com:username/repository-name.git

```

Again, replace "username/repository-name" with your GitHub username and repository name.

12. Start Using GitHub:

- You have now successfully signed up for GitHub, set up Git on your Windows 10 laptop, and cloned a repository.

- You can start using Git commands to manage your repository, make changes, commit them, and push them to GitHub.

## Git Bash

1. Download Git for Windows:

- Go to the official Git website at https://git-scm.com/.

- Click on the "Download" button to download Git for Windows.

2. Run Git Installer:
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- Once the Git installer (Git-{version}.exe) is downloaded, locate it in your downloads folder or wherever you saved it.

- Double-click the installer file to start the installation process.

3. Choose Components:

- In the installer window, you'll be presented with various components to install. Make sure "Git Bash Here" is checked, as this will install Git Bash along with other Git components.

- You can also choose other components based on your preferences, but for Git Bash specifically, "Git Bash Here" is essential.

4. Choose Installation Location:

- You can choose the installation location for Git or keep the default location provided by the installer.

5. Choose Start Menu Folder:

- You'll be asked to select the Start Menu folder where Git shortcuts will be placed. You can keep the default selection or customize it as needed.

6. Choose Default Editor:

- Git will ask you to choose a default text editor for Git-related tasks. You can select your preferred editor from the dropdown list or choose the default editor provided by Git.

7. Adjust PATH Environment:

- During the installation, Git may ask how you want to adjust the PATH environment. Select "Use Git from Git Bash only" to ensure Git Bash has priority in using Git commands.

8. Choose HTTPS Transport Backend:

- Git will ask you to choose the HTTPS transport backend. Unless you have specific requirements, the default option "Use the OpenSSL library" is recommended.

9. Configure Line Ending Conversions:

- Git will prompt you to configure line ending conversions. For most users, selecting the default option "Checkout as-is, commit Unix-style line endings" is sufficient.

10. Choose Terminal Emulator:

- In the final steps of the installation, Git will ask you to choose a terminal emulator to use with Git Bash. The default option "Use Windows' default console window" is recommended.

11. Complete Installation:

- After configuring the options, click on "Install" to begin the installation process. Git will now be installed on your system along with Git Bash.

12. Launch Git Bash:

- Once the installation is complete, you can launch Git Bash by searching for "Git Bash" in the Windows search bar or by locating it in the Start Menu under the Git folder.

13. Verify Installation:

- Open Git Bash and type `git --version` to verify that Git is installed correctly. You should see the Git version number displayed in the terminal if the installation was successful.