**Setting Up Your Developer Environment**

**1. Select Your Operating System (OS)**

**Step 1: Download and Install Windows 11**

1. Go to the official Windows 11 download page: [Windows 11 Download](https://www.microsoft.com/software-download/windows11).
2. Click on the "Download Now" button and follow the instructions to download the Windows 11 Installation Assistant.
3. Run the Installation Assistant and follow the prompts to install Windows 11 on your machine.

**2. Install a Text Editor or Integrated Development Environment (IDE)**

**Step 2: Download and Install Visual Studio Code**

1. Go to the Visual Studio Code download page: [Visual Studio Code Download](https://code.visualstudio.com/Download).
2. Select the appropriate version for your OS (Windows) and download the installer.
3. Run the installer and follow the prompts to complete the installation.

**3. Set Up Version Control System**

**Step 3: Install Git and Configure GitHub**

1. Go to the Git download page: [Git Download](https://git-scm.com/download/win).
2. Download and run the Git installer. Follow the installation prompts and configure Git with default settings.
3. Open Git Bash and configure your Git identity:

bash

git config --global user.name "Your Name"

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

**Step 4: Create a GitHub Account and Initialize a Git Repository**

1. Go to [GitHub](https://github.com) and sign up for an account if you don't already have one.
2. Create a new repository on GitHub:
   * Click on the "+" icon in the top right corner and select "New repository".
   * Enter a repository name (e.g., ExpenseTracker) and click "Create repository".
3. Initialize a local Git repository and make your first commit:

bash

mkdir ExpenseTracker

cd ExpenseTracker

git init

echo "# Expense Tracker" >> README.md

git add README.md

git commit -m "Initial commit"

git branch -M main

git remote add origin https://github.com/your-username/ExpenseTracker.git

git push -u origin main

**4. Install Necessary Programming Languages and Runtimes**

**Step 5: Install Python**

1. Go to the Python download page: [Python Download](https://www.python.org/downloads/).
2. Download the latest version of Python and run the installer.
3. Make sure to check the box that says "Add Python to PATH" during installation.
4. Verify the installation by opening a command prompt and typing:

bash

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python --version

pip --version

**5. Install Package Managers**

**Step 6: Verify pip Installation**

1. Pip is typically installed with Python. Verify it by typing pip --version in the command prompt.
2. If not installed, follow the instructions on the [pip documentation](https://pip.pypa.io/en/stable/installation/) to install pip.

**6. Configure a Database (MySQL)**

**Step 7: Download and Install MySQL**

1. Go to the MySQL download page: [MySQL Installer](https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/windows/installer/5.7.html).
2. Download the MySQL Installer and run it.
3. Select "Custom" installation and choose the MySQL Server and MySQL Workbench components.
4. Follow the prompts to complete the installation and configure the MySQL server.
5. Verify the installation by opening MySQL Workbench and connecting to the MySQL server.

**7. Set Up Development Environments and Virtualization (Optional)**

**Step 8: Install Docker (Optional)**

1. Go to the Docker download page: Docker Download.
2. Download Docker Desktop for Windows and run the installer.
3. Follow the installation prompts and complete the setup.

**8. Explore Extensions and Plugins**

**Step 9: Install Extensions in Visual Studio Code**

1. Open Visual Studio Code.
2. Click on the Extensions icon in the sidebar or press Ctrl+Shift+X.
3. Search for and install extensions like:
   * Python (for Python development)
   * GitLens (for Git integration)
   * Prettier (for code formatting)
   * ESLint (for JavaScript linting)
   * Docker (for Docker integration)

**9. Document Your Setup**

**Step 10: Create a Comprehensive Document**

1. Document each step taken during the setup process, including any configurations, customizations, or troubleshooting steps.
2. Include screenshots where necessary to illustrate the process.

**Example Documentation Structure:**

1. **Introduction**
   * Objective of the setup
   * Overview of the tools and configurations
2. **Operating System**
   * Steps to download and install Windows 11
3. **Text Editor/IDE**
   * Steps to download and install Visual Studio Code
4. **Version Control System**
   * Steps to install and configure Git
   * Steps to create a GitHub account and initialize a repository
5. **Programming Languages and Runtimes**
   * Steps to install Python
6. **Package Managers**
   * Verification of pip installation
7. **Database Configuration**
   * Steps to download and install MySQL
8. **Development Environments and Virtualization (Optional)**
   * Steps to install Docker
9. **Extensions and Plugins**
   * List of essential extensions for Visual Studio Code
10. **Reflection**
    * Challenges faced during the setup
    * Strategies employed to overcome them
11. **Conclusion**
    * Summary of the setup process and final thoughts

**Step 11: Create a Sample Project and Push to GitHub**

1. Initialize a sample project in your ExpenseTracker repository.
2. Create necessary configuration files like .gitignore.
3. Push the project to your GitHub repository.

**Step 12: Submission**

1. Submit the document and GitHub repository link through the designated platform or email to the instructor by the specified deadline.

**Reflection**

**Challenges Faced and Strategies Employed**

1. **Challenge**: Installing MySQL due to conflicting previous installations.
   * **Solution**: Uninstalled all previous versions and followed a clean installation process.
2. **Challenge**: Configuring Git on a corporate network with proxy settings.
   * **Solution**: Configured Git to use the system proxy settings using:

bash

git config --global http.proxy http://proxy.server.com:port

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1. **Challenge**: Setting up Python environment variables.
   * **Solution**: Ensured "Add Python to PATH" was checked during installation and manually added Python to the system PATH if necessary.