

Placement Empowerment Program

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Set Up a Local Git Repository: Initialize a Git repository locally and version control your static website

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Introduction

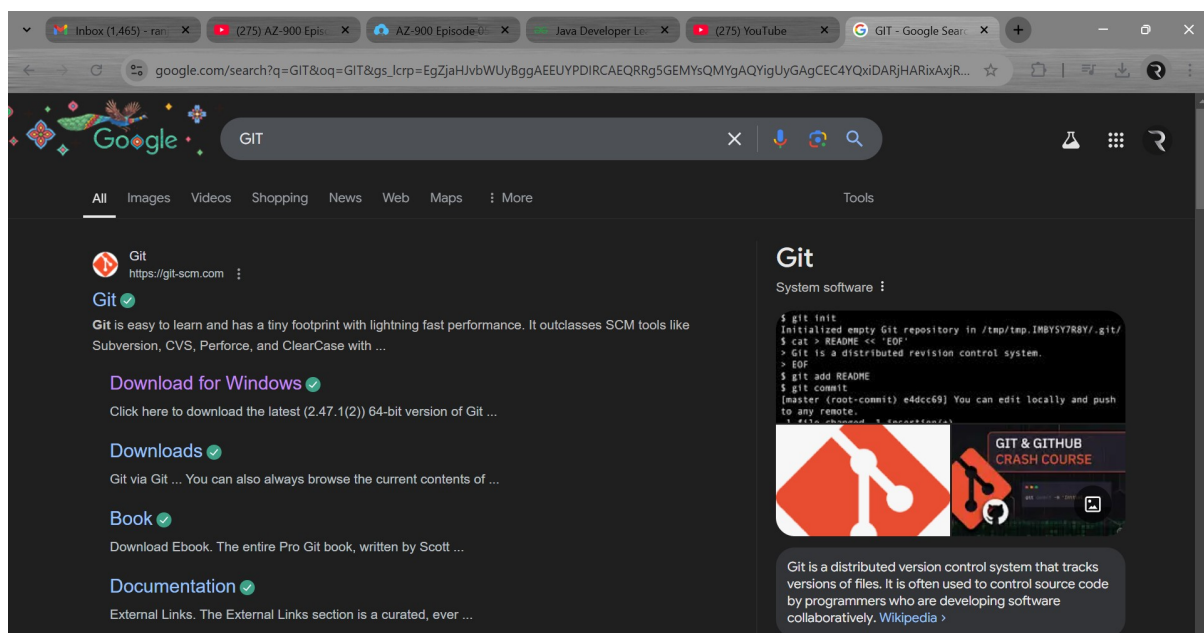
Version control is a fundamental practice in software development that allows you to manage changes to your code over time. It provides a systematic way to track updates, collaborate with others, and revert to previous versions if needed. Git is one of the most widely used version control systems, known for its efficiency, flexibility, and distributed nature.

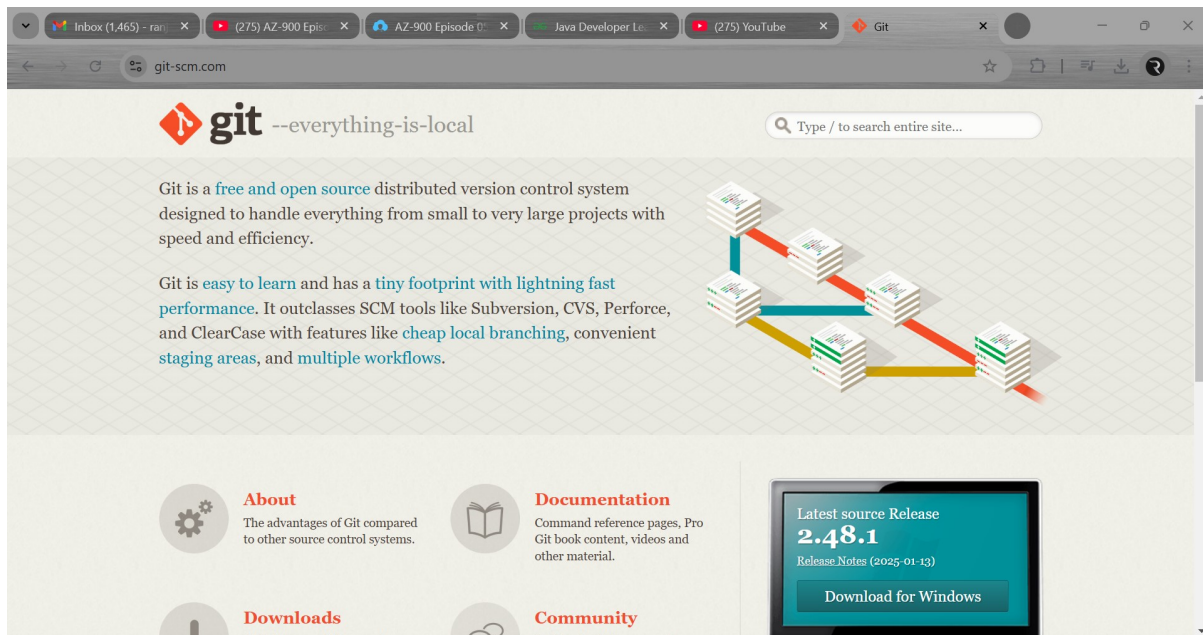
In this POC, we'll initialize a local Git repository to version control your static website. By doing so, you'll be able to track changes to your project files, experiment with new features in a controlled way, and easily share your project with others if needed. Setting up a Git repository is a critical step towards maintaining a structured and reliable workflow, especially for developers and teams working on collaborative projects.

Step-by-Step Overview

Step 1:

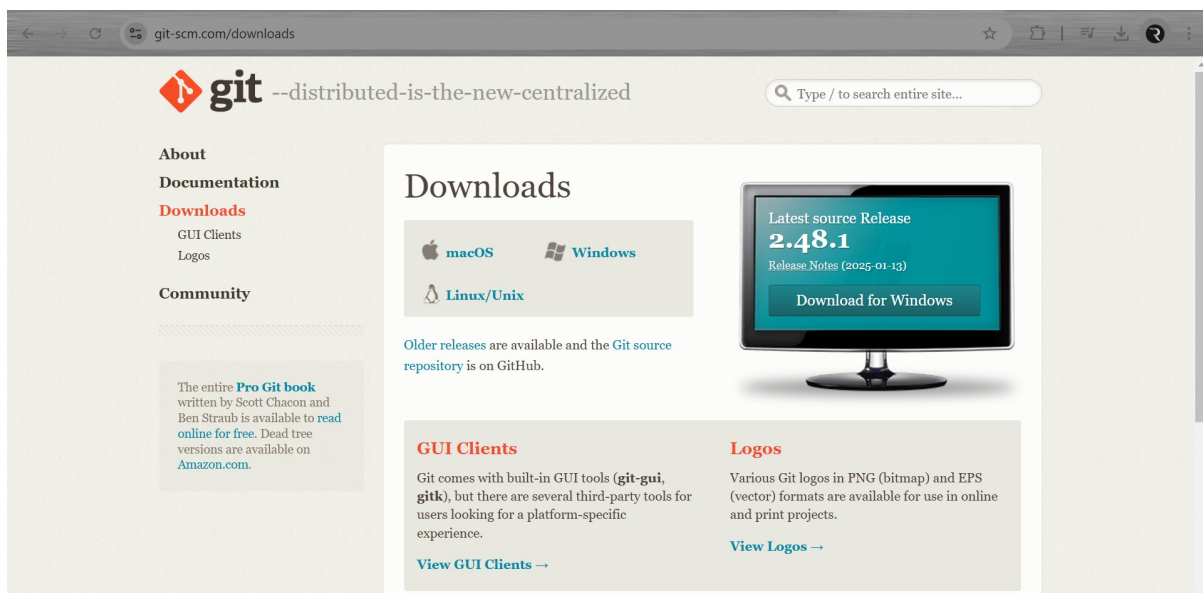
Search for "Git" in Chrome, download it, and click the "Downloads" option on the website.





Step 2

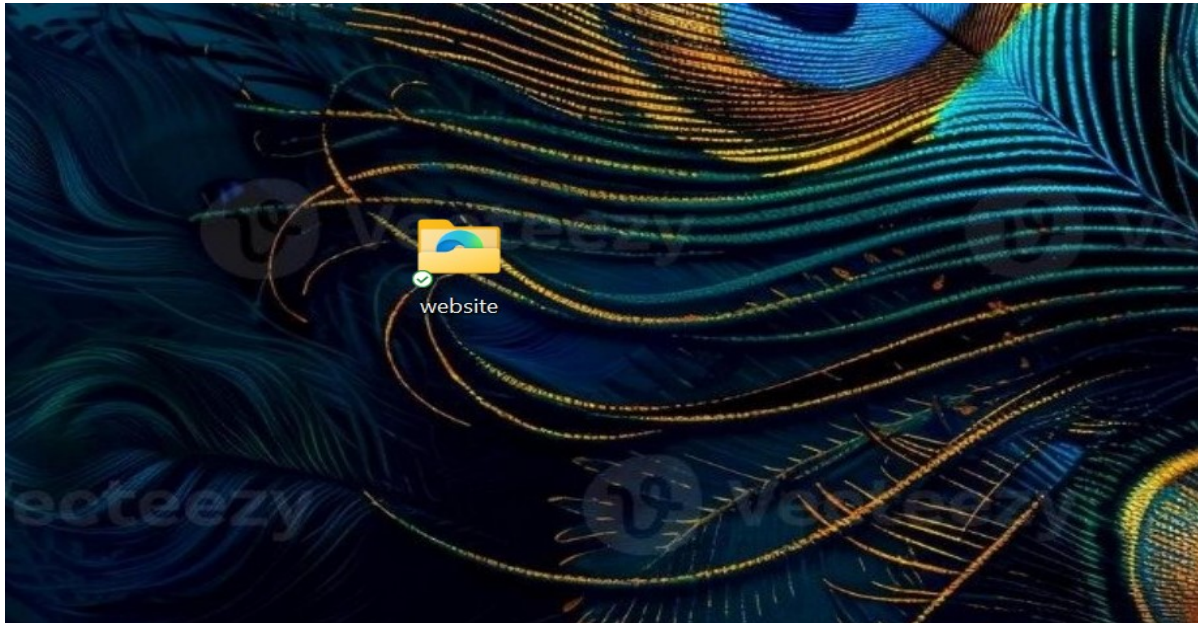
Click the **Windows** option on the download page and follow the installation wizard.



Step 3

In your Desktop Create a folder named website for your static website

Inside that folder, create a simple HTML file named index.html. You can write some basic HTML Code.



```
index.html x
File Edit View
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <title>My quote</title>
  <style>
    /* Global Styles */
    body {
      margin: 0;
      padding: 0;
      font-family: 'Courier New', monospace;
      background: black;
      color: #e40b0e;
      text-align: center;
      display: flex;
      justify-content: center;
      align-items: center;
      height: 100vh;
      flex-direction: column;
    }

    h1 {
      font-size: 3rem;
      font-weight: bold;
      text-transform: uppercase;
    }

    p {
      font-size: 1.5rem;
      margin-top: 10px;
    }

    .blinking-cursor {
```

Step 5

Open the Command prompt and set the path to the folder named website we created

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.4602]  
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.  
C:\Users\LANJITHA PRABHA>cd desktop|
```

```
C:\Users\LANJITHA PRABHA>cd website|
```

Step 6

Now, initialize Git by typing this command:

git init

This command will create a .git folder inside your project folder, which tells Git to start tracking your files.

```
C:\Users\LANJITHA PRABHA\OneDrive\Desktop\website>git init  
Reinitialized existing Git repository in C:/Users/LANJITHA PRABHA/OneDrive/Desktop/website/.git/
```

Step 7

Next, we need to tell Git to start tracking your website files.

To tell Git which files to track, use the git add command. If you want to track all the files in your folder, type

git add .

This command adds all the files to Git's tracking system.

```
C:\Users\RANJITHA PRABHA\OneDrive\Desktop\website>git add .  
C:\Users\RANJITHA PRABHA\OneDrive\Desktop\website>|
```

Step 8

Set Up Your Name and Email Globally Git doesn't know who is making the commit because you haven't configured your name and email yet. Git uses this information to track who made the changes.

```
C:\Users\RANJITHA PRABHA\OneDrive\Desktop\website>git config --global user.name "Ranjitha Prabha P"  
C:\Users\RANJITHA PRABHA\OneDrive\Desktop\website>git config --global user.email "ranjithaprabhap11pais@gmail.com"|
```

Step 9

Now, we need to save these changes in Git. When you "commit" changes, Git takes a snapshot of your files.

Type the following command to commit your changes:

git commit -m "Initial commit of my static website"

The -m flag allows you to add a message about your changes. In this case, we're saying this is the "initial commit," meaning the first time we're saving our work.

```
C:\Users\RANJITHA PRABHA\OneDrive\Desktop\website>git commit -m "Initial commit of my static website"  
[newb 34cfae2] Initial commit of my static website  
3 files changed, 47 insertions(+), 46 deletions(-)  
delete mode 160000 Cloud  
delete mode 100644 index.css  
C:\Users\RANJITHA PRABHA\OneDrive\Desktop\website>|
```

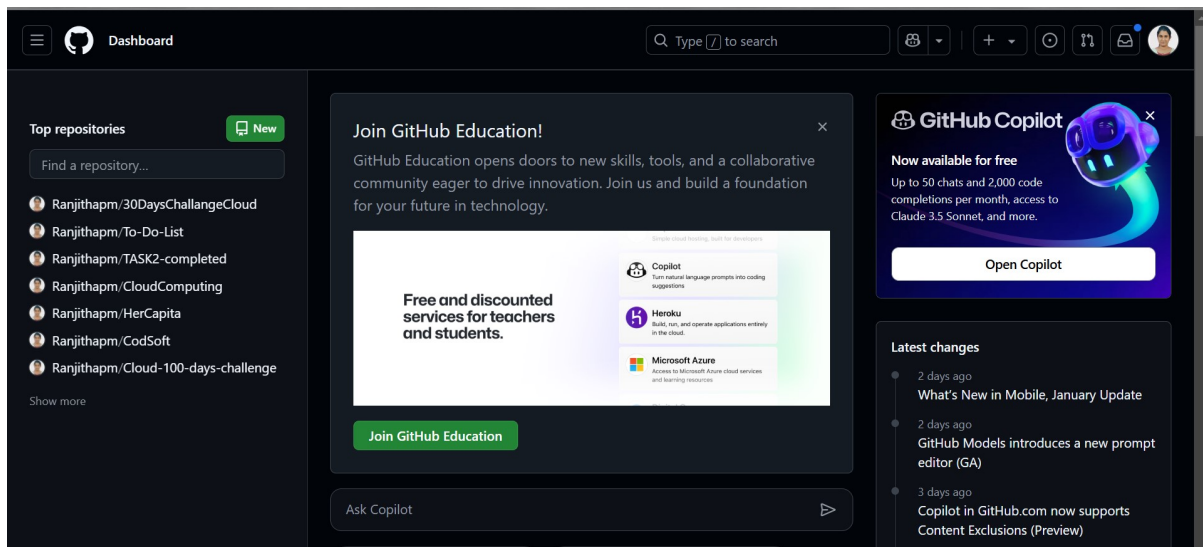
Step 10

Create a New Repository:

Once you're logged in, click the green "New" button on the top-right of your GitHub homepage to create a new repository.

Give your repository a name, for example, my-website.

Leave the other settings as default, and click **"Create repository"**.



Step 11

Add the Remote Repository URL to Your Local Repository:

Go back to your Command Line and type the following:

```
git remote add origin https://github.com/yourusername/my-website.git
```

Replace yourusername with your GitHub username and my-website with the name of your GitHub repository.

```
C:\Users\LANJITHA PRABHA\OneDrive\Desktop\website>git remote add origin https://github.com/Ranjithapm/my-website.git
```

Step 12

The **git branch -M** main command is used to **rename the current branch** to main. Here's what it does:

-M: This flag forces the renaming, even if a branch named **main** already exists. It will overwrite the existing **main** branch.

main: This is the new name for the current branch.

```
C:\Users\RANJITHA PRABHA\OneDrive\Desktop\website>git branch -M main
```

Step 13

The command **git push -u origin main** is used to push your local **main** branch to the remote repository (**origin**) and set it as the upstream branch

```
C:\Users\RANJITHA PRABHA\OneDrive\Desktop\website>git push -u origin main|
```

```
remote: Enumerating objects: 3, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
Unpacking objects: 100% (3/3), 871 bytes | 79.00 KiB/s, done.
From https://github.com/Ranjithapm/cloudrepo
* [new branch]      main      -> origin/main
There is no tracking information for the current branch.
Please specify which branch you want to merge with.
```

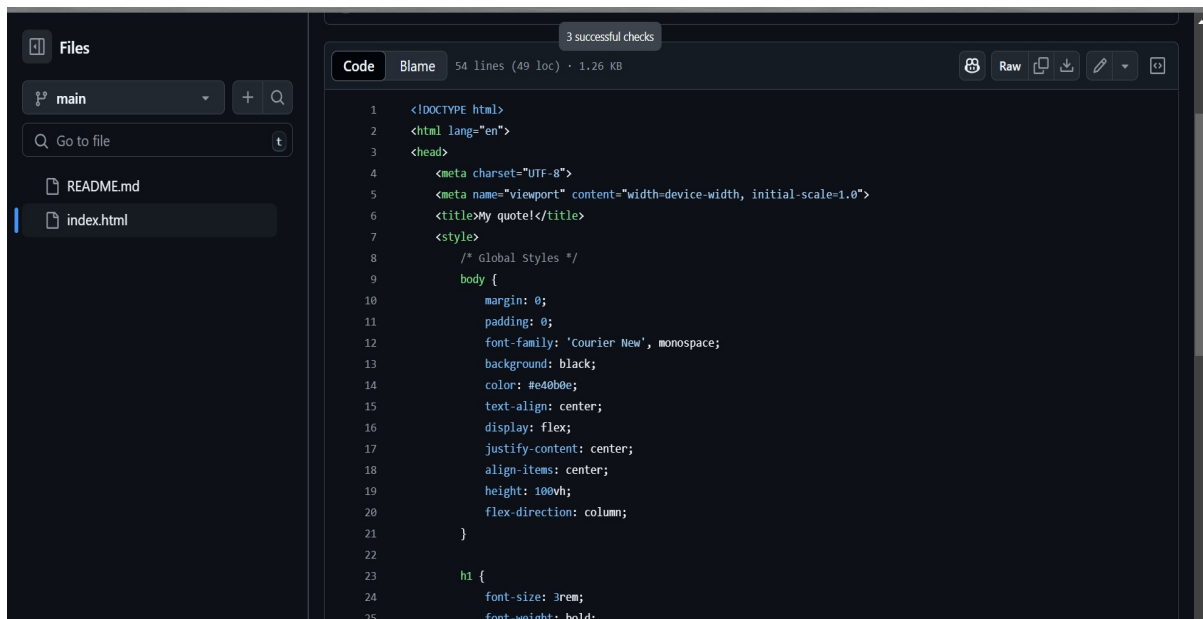
Step 14

Verify Your Files on GitHub

Go to your GitHub Repository:

Open your web browser and navigate to your GitHub repository (e.g., <https://github.com/yourusername/my-website>).

You should see your website files there!



Outcome

By completing this PoC of setting up a local Git repository, you will:

1. Successfully initialize a Git repository in your local static website folder.
2. Track changes made to your website files (HTML, CSS, etc.) using Git version control.
3. Understand the basic Git commands (git init, git add, git commit) for version control.
4. Commit your changes locally with a descriptive commit message.
5. Gain hands-on experience with Git and how it helps manage and track website file changes.