**GIT HANDSON-2**

**Checkout my Gitlab:** [**https://gitlab.com/Tanuja-45/gitlab-1/-/tree/master?ref\_type=heads**](https://gitlab.com/Tanuja-45/gitlab-1/-/tree/master?ref_type=heads)

**.gitignore** is a special file in a Git repository that tells Git *which files or folders it should ignore*.

This means **Git will not track** these ignored files, and they will not show up in git status, nor will they be added in commits.

**How to ignore unwanted files step by step**

Create a file named .gitignore in your project root: touch .gitignore

Open the file in your editor: notepad++ .gitignore

Add the patterns you want to ignore, for example:

\*.log

\*.tmp

backup/

Save and close the file.

Confirm what is being ignored: git status

Any files matching .gitignore will no longer show up as untracked.

**Step 1:** Open Git Bash and Navigate to Your Repo

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**Step 2:** Create a Sample .log File and a log/ Folder

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**Step 3:** Confirm Files Are Untracked by Git

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**Step 4:** Create a .gitignore File

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**Step 5:** Edit .gitignore File to Ignore .log Files and log/ Folder

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**Step 6:** Confirm Git Is Ignoring Those Files

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**Step 7:** Track and Commit .gitignore

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**Step 8**: Push to GitLab

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**Final “GitDemo” Repository:**  
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