

Creating a .gitignore

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This is a two step process fortunately. First you create a .gitignore file. Then you copy paste the text this file generates for you! Once you have this working once, you may copy the .gitignore into any new project. Sadly .gitignore does NOT work retroactively, meaning if you have already committed files, .gitignore won't work.

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- ☐ 1) Go to a project you have not uploaded, go git init, but do not continue on in the process, don't add or commit quite yet.
- ☐ 2) To create the file, in git bash type in "touch .gitignore"
- ☐ 3) In preparation for the next step, open the file in a text editor like notepad. It should be empty.

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Filling in the Git Ignore

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- ☐ 1) Go to this site gitignore.io
- ☐ 2) Type in the 3 following things: your IDE, your Language, and the operating systems you AND your groupmates are using
- ☐ 3) copy and paste the text it generates into your .gitignore file
- ☐ 4) Once done, add, and commit, if you're working on an empty project you're done!

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Untracking Files and Folders

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- ☐ So, though we've git to ignore certain files and folders, they're still being tracked since they were added before the git ignore was made. Fortunately, untracking is a matter of using git rm then adding and committing.
- ☐ 1) Do git rm -r --cached folderName to untrack a folder
- ☐ git rm -r --cached fileName.ext to untrack a file
- ☐ Next do a git add .
- ☐ do a Git commit and you should be set!

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