

1) Create the Repository

You should have already created a GitHub account in the Setting up Git lesson.

If you haven't done that yet, you can sign up [here](#).

2) Create a new repository by clicking the button shown in the screenshot below.

3) Give your repository the name “git_test” in the repository name input field, and create the repository by clicking the green “Create repository” button at the bottom of the page.

4) This will redirect you to your new repository on GitHub. To copy this repository onto your local machine, select the SSH option and copy the line next to it.

5)

In the command line on your local machine,

navigate to where you want to store this project, and then clone your repository on GitHub onto your computer with `git clone` followed by the URL you copied in the last step. The full command should look similar to `git clone git@github.com:USER-NAME/REPOSITORY-NAME.git`.

6)

That's it! You have successfully connected the repository you created on

GitHub to your local machine. To test this, you can `cd` into the new `git_test` folder

that was downloaded and then enter `git remote -v` in your command line. This will display the URL of the repository you created in GitHub,

which is the remote for your local copy. You may have also noticed the word `origin` at the start of the `git remote -v` output,

which is the name of your remote connection. The name “origin” is both the default and the convention for the remote

repository, but it could have just as easily been named “party-parrot” or “dancing-banana”.

(Don't worry about the details of origin for now; it will come up again near the end of this tutorial.)

1)

Use the Git Workflow

Create a new file in the `git_test` folder called “README.md” with the command `touch README.md`.

2)

Type `git status` in your terminal.

In the output, notice that your `README.md` file is shown in red, which means that this file is not staged.

3)

Type `git add README.md`. This command adds your `README.md` file to the staging area in Git.

Now, type `git status` again. In the output, notice that your file is now shown in green, which means that this file is now in the staging area.

4)

Type `git commit -m "Add README.md"` and then type `git status` once more. The output should now say, “nothing to commit”, indicating that your changes have been committed.

5)

Type `git log` and look at the output.

You should see an entry for your “Add README.md” commit.

You will also see details on the author who made the commit and the date and time for when the commit was made.

1)

Add Another File

Create a new file in the `git_test` folder called `hello_world.txt`. In the terminal, type `git status`, and notice `hello_world.txt` is not staged.

2)

Open `README.md` in your text editor of choice and add the text “This is (YourUsername)’s first git project!” and then save the file.

3)

Back in your terminal, type `git status`, and notice that `README.md` is now shown as modified, and not staged or committed.

This is because you made a change to it, and it is already a tracked file.

4)

Add `README.md` to the staging area with `git add README.md`.

5)

Can you guess what `git status` will output now?

`README.md` will be displayed in green text, while `hello_world.txt` will still be in red.

This means that only `README.md` has been added to the staging area.

6)

Now, add `hello_world.txt` to the staging area with a slightly different command: `git add .`, where the full stop means to add all files in the current directory that are not staged.

Then, type `git status` once more, and everything should now be in the staging area.

(Note: You can use `git add -A` to add ALL unstaged files to the staging area within the repository)

7)

Finally, let's commit all of the files that are in the staging area and add a descriptive commit message `git commit -m "Add hello_world.txt and edit README.md"`. Then, type `git status` once again, which will output "nothing to commit".

8)

Take one last look at your commit history by typing `git log`. You should now see two entries.

1)

Push Your Work to GitHub

Finally, let's upload your work to the GitHub repository you created at the start of this tutorial. Type `git push origin master`.

2)

Type `git status` one final time. It should output "nothing to commit, working tree clean".

3)

When you reload the repository on GitHub, you should see the `README.md` and `hello_world.txt` files that you just pushed there from your local machine.

New topic on git

The seven rules of a great Git commit message
Keep in mind: This has all been said before.

1. Separate subject from body with a blank line
2. Limit the subject line to 50 characters
3. Capitalize the subject line
4. Do not end the subject line with a period
5. Use the imperative mood in the subject line
6. Wrap the body at 72 characters
7. Use the body to explain what and why vs. how