# Setup

We will be using the following tools for these labs:

* Git revision control
* UNIX make utility
* Vivado 2014.2

Following are instructions to install and set up Git and make, and to configure Vivado to run from the Windows command shell.

## Install GitHub for Windows

Git will be used as the revision control tool for these labs. It is free and one of the most widely-used tools and GitHub also serves as the revision control platform for the Vivado Tcl Store.

### GitHub Info and Installation

See the Windows GitHub introduction page here:

[https://windows.GitHub.com](https://windows.github.com)

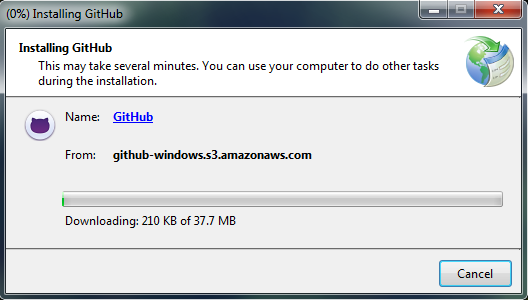
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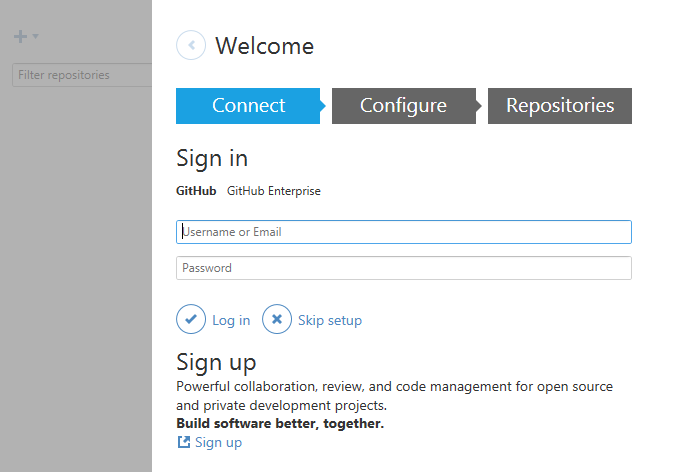


to download the setup program, or go to this URL:

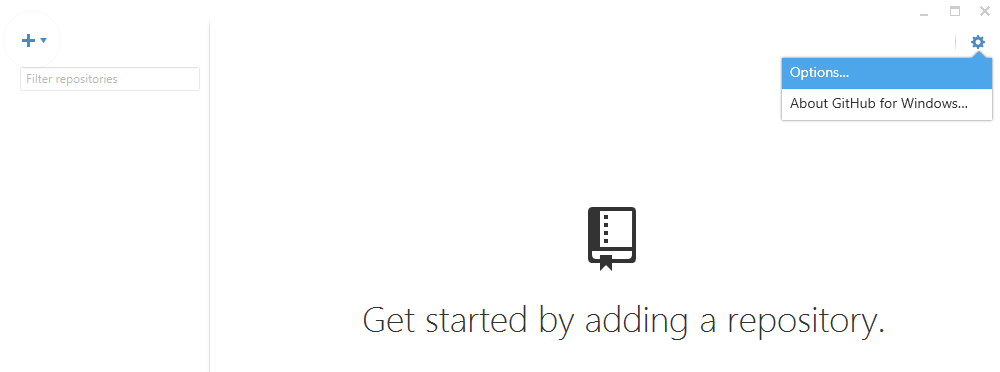
[https://GitHub-windows.s3.amazonaws.com/GitHubSetup.exe](https://github-windows.s3.amazonaws.com/GitHubSetup.exe)

Once GitHubSetup.exe is downloaded, run it to install GitHub.



Once the installation is complete you will see the Welcome page. Here you can **Log in** if you already have a GitHub account, or click the **Sign up** link at the bottom to create a new account. Or you may just continue without logging in by clicking on **Skip setup**. 

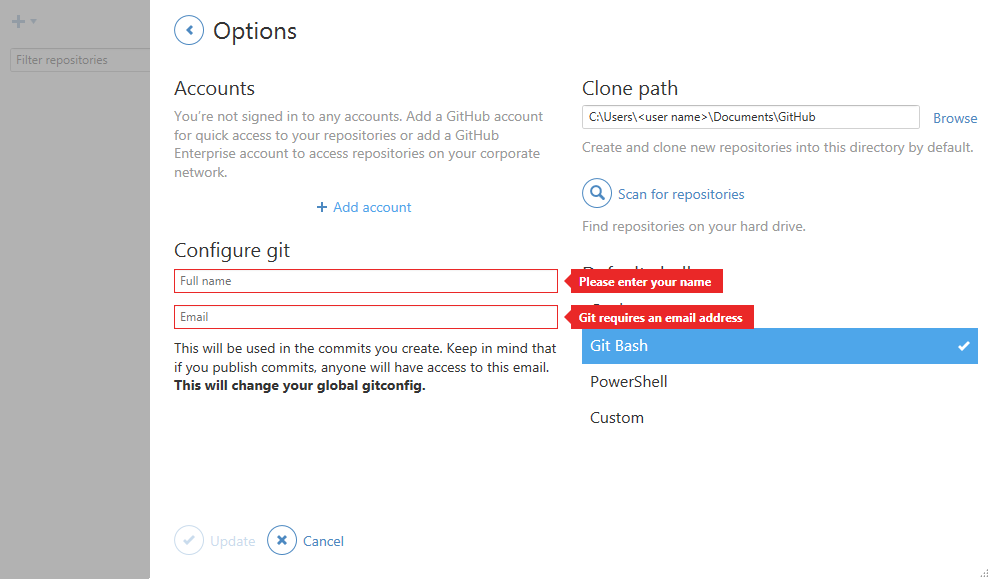
The next page shows a start page where no repositories have been set up, which should be typical for most. We will skip adding repositories for now and instead right-click on the blue Settings icon in the upper right corner and choose **Options…**



Here we will configure the following:

1. In the lower right, choose Git Bash as the default shell instead of PowerShell.
2. Enter your name and email which Git uses to track changes.

Once finished, click on the Update button at the bottom to save changes.



Now you may exit the GitHub GUI. We will be using the Git Shell for revision control.



To test Git, double-click the Git Shell icon to launch the Git Shell. It should open a command shell with a bash prompt ($). Run git status:

$ git status

# On branch master

#

# Initial commit

#

nothing to commit (create/copy files and use "git add" to track)

If you encounter errors or other dubious output please ask your instructor for assistance.

## Install make for Windows

We will also use the **make** utility to generate Vivado projects based on source files under revision control. The make utility reads Makefiles which contain sets of rules (commands) to build a specific target (output file). If you are unfamiliar with make and Makefiles, the following link serves as an introduction and reference:

<https://www.gnu.org/software/make/manual/html_node/Makefiles.html>

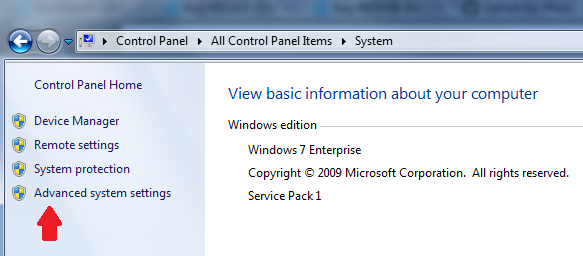
If you do not have the make utility installed on your system, you can download the GNU make for Windows at:

<http://gnuwin32.sourceforge.net/packages/make.htm>

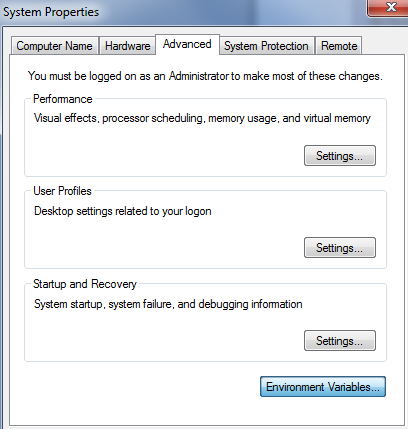
Under downloads, choose the “Complete package, except sources” The setup program installs make in the directory:

C:\Program Files (x86)\GnuWin32\bin

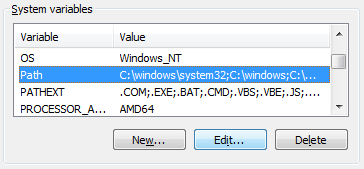
Add this path to your Windows path variable so that you can run make without specifying the full path. In the Control Panel, choose System and Advanced system settings:



Then click **Environment Variables** at the bottom:

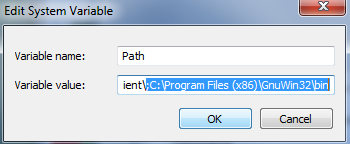


Select the Path System variable and click Edit:

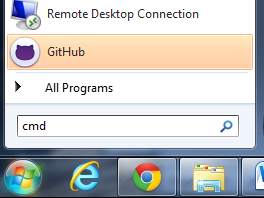


Copy and paste the following at the end of the Path value (note the leading semicolon to separate the path value from the existing Path:

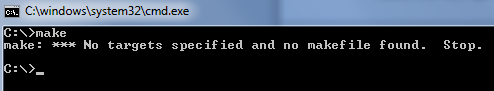
;C:\Program Files (x86)\GnuWin32\bin



Click OK to save changes. To test if make is installed successfully, open a Windows command shell. From the start button, enter **cmd** in the search bar and hit Enter.



In the command shell, run **make**. It should fail with the following message:



If you get a different message or experience some other difficulty, ask your instructor for assistance.

## Lab Files

Here are brief descriptions of the lab file folders:

* doc : lab instructions and presentation
* dsp: SysGen source and project files
* hdl: HDL source files
* hls: Vivado HLS source files and scripts
* ip: packaged IP files
* scripts: Tcl and Makefiles
* tb: testbench files
* work: the working area where Vivado is run
* xdc: constraint files

## Setting up Vivado

If vivado.exe version 2014.2 is not in your Path, you can configure Vivado when you open a Windows cmd shell.

### Open Windows command shell and configure env variables

CALL c:\Xilinx\Vivado\2014.2\settings64.bat

TODO – set up PATH variable for make to msys in vivado\_hls – below only works in bash

export PATH=/c/Xilinx/Vivado\_HLS/$VER/msys/bin:$PATH

# Lab 1 : Getting started with a basic RTL project

In this lab we will start with a very basic set of files and introduce you the basic processes involved in using Vivado with revision control. This includes creating:

1. Vivado run scripts to create and run projects
2. A Makefile that calls the run scripts to build projects
3. A Git repository that keeps files under revision control

## Working in shells

We will use two different command shells for the labs:

* Windows command shell - to run Vivado and make
* Git bash shell - for everything else

Upon opening a Windows command shell, use the **env.bat** script to set up Vivado to run in the shell:

call <path to scripts>\env.bat

To launch the Git shell, double-click the icon as described earlier during Git installation:



The Git shell functions just like a bash shell and is pre-configured to run git commands. On Windows the pathname to the **C:\** drive is **/c/**, so for example the folder **C:\tsc14** is accessed using **/c/tsc14**.

## Setting up the working directory

For these labs, we will start with a few files in a simple directory structure and add to it as the design grows with each successive lab. In the lab1 directory you’ll find a snapshot of the working area:

* hdl
  + threeFlop
    - threeFlop.v
* xdc
  + top.xdc
* scripts
  + setup.tcl
  + Makefile
  + env.bat
  + utils.tcl

Copy these files to a new, empty directory for example **C:/tsc14.** We will call this the root folder or root directory. Inside root we will place the Git repository and a work folder to hold Vivado results. Create a directory **work** inside root.

When working on files in this lab, it is recommended to edit script files from the **script** directory and test them by running vivado or make in the **work** directory. To do this:

1. You need to run make with the **-f** option to specify the Makefile.
2. You must use forward slashes ‘/’ as a directory separator instead of the backslash ‘\’ which is normally used in Windows.

## Lab Procedure

1. Complete the Tcl script named **setup.tcl** to recreate a Vivado project for the **threeFlop** design. Make sure:
   1. the touch proc is called last to create a Makefile target - This tells **make** that the setup script ran successfully. If setup fails then no target file is generated.
   2. the sources are referenced remotely, not added to the project
   3. when testing the script, run Vivado in the **work** directory
2. Create a new Tcl script called **compile.tcl.**
   1. It should open the threeFlop design and generate a bitstream.
   2. Use the touch proc to create a target similar to the target file used for the setup target.
3. Complete the Makefile to build a bitstream using setup and compile targets.
   1. The setup target has been completed as an example.
   2. Add a target **compile** that calls compile.tcl to generate the bitstream.
   3. Add a target **clean** that removes all the files in the current directory which is expected to be the **work** directory.
      1. Note that UNIX commands are used to remove files.
      2. Pay special attention to the Makefile target files.
4. Check the files into the Git repository.
   1. Create the Git repository in the root folder using the **git init** command.
   2. Check the status using the **git status** command. It should reflect a newly created repository.
   3. Check in the hdl, scripts, and xdc directories, but not work. The commands to use are:
      1. **git add <filename(s) or directory name(s)>**  to stage files for a commit.
      2. **git commit -m “Comments on the checkin”**

It is good to run git status after each step to ensure the project state is as expected.

# Lab 2 (TBD)

# RTL Projects

# IP Instantiated with RTL

# IPI Integrator

# Packaged Custom RTL IP with IPI

# System Generator Projects

# HLS

# Other - TBD

## DCP

## EDK/XPS

# Appendix A: Solutions