

Configuration management

Lecture 02: Initialize your first repository

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Install and create the first repository:

1. Installing git from the main website:

`git --version`

Check the installation

Ubuntu / Linux

- `sudo apt update`
- `sudo apt install git`

Windows

<https://git-scm.com/downloads/win>

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2. add global configuration:

```
git config --global user.name "Raghad"  
git config --global user.email raghad@email.com
```

```
git config --global --list
```

global configuration, stored once for your whole computer.

Used:

- To identify who made each change.
- To show your name correctly on GitHub , when pushing the code.
- By setting it *globally*, you don't have to retype your name and email for every project.

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3. Let's create a new folder to be our working directory:

Step 01: Make a new directory `mkdir class1`

Step 02: Enter this directory `cd class1`

Step 03: Open the directory in your VS code (code editor) `code .`

Step 04: Create a new text file `hello.txt`

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4. Initialize a git repository in this folder:

```
● PS C:\Users\USER\class1> git init
    Initialized empty Git repository in C:/Users/USER/class1/.git/
○ PS C:\Users\USER\class1>
```

Name	Date modified	Type
.git	10/26/2025 12:56 AM	File folder
hello.txt	10/26/2025 12:49 AM	

**git init my_first_repo
cd my_first_repo**

This creates a new folder
and starts Git tracking in it.

git init: Initializes a new Git repository in your current folder.
When you run it inside any project folder, Git creates a hidden directory called **.git** that stores all version control information (commits, branches, logs, etc.).

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5. Check the status of the repo files:

```
● PS C:\Users\USER\class1> git status
  On branch master

    No commits yet

    Untracked files:
      (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
        hello.txt

    nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
```

Untracked files:

This means you created a file called `hello.txt`, but Git isn't tracking it yet — it's new to Git. An untracked file is a file that exists in your project folder, but Git is not yet watching it (not tracking its changes).

Git knows the file *exists*, but it doesn't include it in version control until you explicitly tell it to.

git status
tells you the current state of your working directory and staging area

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6. Make the new file tracked by git:

```
● PS C:\Users\USER\class1> git add hello.txt  
● PS C:\Users\USER\class1> git status  
On branch master  
  
No commits yet  
  
Changes to be committed:  
(use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)  
  new file:  hello.txt  
  
○ PS C:\Users\USER\class1> █
```

git add:

git add tells Git:

**"Start tracking this file and
prepare it for the next
commit."**

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7. Try to make changes to this new tracked file:

```
● PS C:\Users\USER\class1> git status
On branch master

No commits yet

Changes to be committed:
  (use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)
    new file:   hello.txt

Changes not staged for commit:
  (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
  (use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
    modified:  hello.txt
```

**After staging, we edited the file again:
Those new edits are not **yet staged**.**

So, Git sees two versions:

- **The old one (staged, ready to commit)**
- **The new one (in working directory, not added yet)**

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8. Commit files and changes:

```
● PS C:\Users\USER\class1> git commit -m "say hello"
[master (root-commit) a5015f9] say hello
 1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
 create mode 100644 hello.txt
○ PS C:\Users\USER\class1>
```

- **master (root-commit)** - This is the first ever commit in this repository.
- **a5015f9** - The unique ID (hash) of your commit.
- **1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)** - You added one new line to a file.
- **create mode 100644 hello.txt** - Git created a new tracked file.

git commit:

tells Git to take a snapshot of your staged changes and save them permanently in the local repository history.

After committing, your file becomes tracked and stored safely in the .git folder (your local repo database).

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9. See the history of commits:

- PS C:\Users\USER\class1> git log
commit a5015f96d0fa064173e3d3579515e04e7bc8f110 (HEAD -> master)
Author: RaghadAlHossny <raghodalhosny@gmail.com>
Date: Sun Oct 26 01:21:08 2025 +0300

say hello
- PS C:\Users\USER\class1>

git log:

The command shows the history of commits in your repository — basically a list of every saved snapshot you've made with git commit.

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10. What if we want to rollback changes?

- PS C:\Users\USER\class1> **git status**
On branch master
Changes not staged for commit:
(use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
(use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
modified: hello.txt

no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
- PS C:\Users\USER\class1> **git restore hello.txt**
- PS C:\Users\USER\class1> **git status**
On branch master
nothing to commit, working tree clean

git restore:

is used to undo changes in your working directory or staging area.

Only work for tracked files...

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Exercise: Git Basic Workflow

- 1. Initialize a new Git repository called my_first_repo.**
- 2. Create a new text file named group.txt.**
- 3. Check the status of your repository.**
- 4. Track this new file using git**
- 5. Add your group members' names to the text file and save it.**
- 6. Check the status again to see the modification.**
- 7. Add your group members' phone numbers to the same file.**
- 8. Roll back the last change (remove the phone numbers).**
- 9. Commit the clean version with a message like "Add group names".**
- 10. Check the history of commits.**

Create GitHub account:

Step 1: Go to [Github](#) in your web browser

Step 2: Click the Sign-up button in the top right of the screen.

Step 3: Enter your email address

Step 4: Choose a strong password

Step 5: Enter a username

Step 6: Complete the security question

Step 7: Click Create Account

Step 8: You will then receive a confirmation email to confirm your address. The email will contain a code. Enter this code on the confirmation screen.



Create a GitHub account – sign up:

1

Sign up for GitHub

G Continue with Google

Apple Continue with Apple

or

Email*
raghodalhosny@gmail.com

Password*

Password should be at least 15 characters OR at least 8 characters including a number and a lowercase letter.

Username*
EngRaghad77
Username may only contain alphanumeric characters or single hyphens, and cannot begin or end with a hyphen.

Your Country/Region*
Syria

For compliance reasons, we're required to collect country information to send you occasional updates and announcements.

Email preferences
 Receive occasional product updates and announcements

Create account >

2

Confirm your email address

We have sent a code to **chatgbtsubs@gmail.com**

Enter code

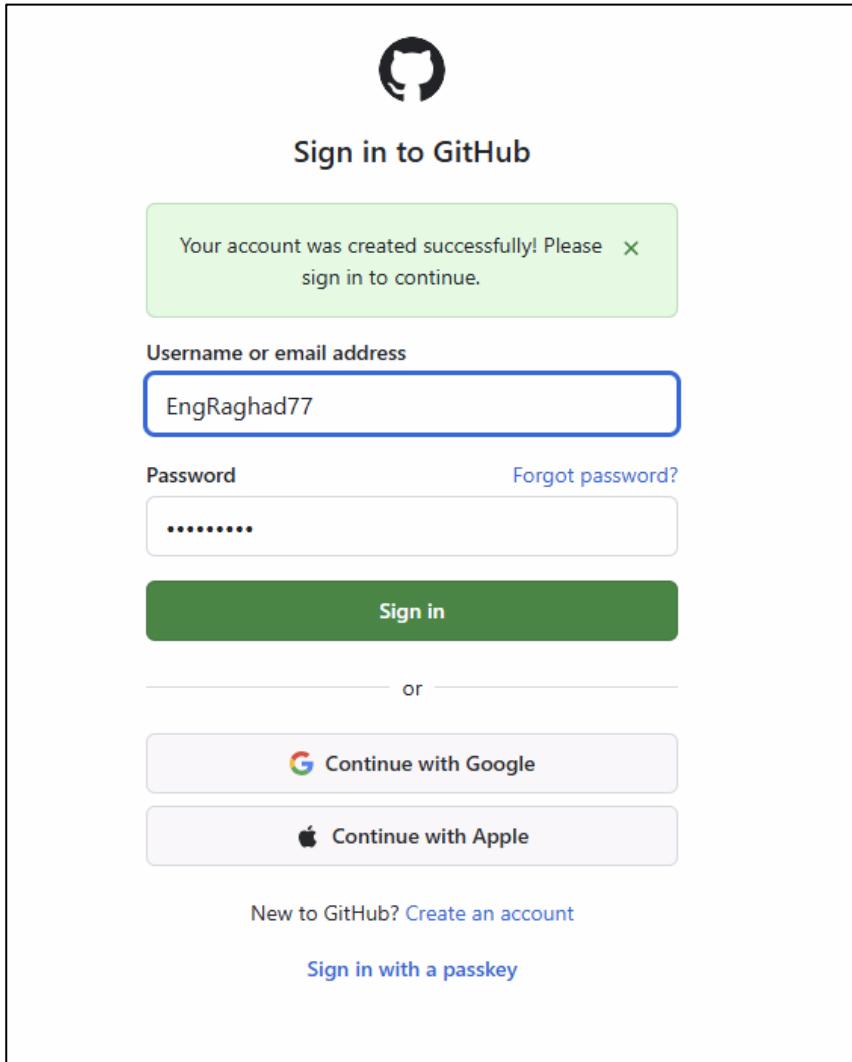
| | | | | | |

Continue

Didn't get your email? [Resend the code](#) or [update your email address](#).

Create a GitHub account – log in and homepage :

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Create repo

The image shows the GitHub dashboard. At the top left is the "Dashboard" button. In the center, there's a callout box with a red border containing the text "Create your first project" and "Ready to start building? Create a repository for a new idea or bring over an existing repository to keep contributing to it." Below this are two buttons: "Create repository" (green) and "Import repository" (blue). The rest of the dashboard includes sections for "Home", "Ask Copilot", "Get started with GitHub", "Learn to code", "Create a web app", "Create a profile README for me", a "Playlist" for "GitHub for beginners on YouTube" featuring a video thumbnail, and a "Getting started" section with a "Create project" button.

Create a GitHub account - create repository:

Create a new repository

Repositories contain a project's files and version history. Have a project elsewhere? [Import a repository](#).
Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

1 General

Owner *  EngRaghad77 Repository name * hello-git-world hello-git-world is available.

Great repository names are short and memorable. How about [super-memory](#)?

Description
This repository is created just to demonstrate how to create and set up a repository on GitHub. It's for learning
159 / 350 characters

2 Configuration

Choose visibility * Public
Choose who can see and commit to this repository

Add README
READMEs can be used as longer descriptions. [About READMEs](#) On

Add .gitignore
.gitignore tells git which files not to track. [About ignoring files](#) No .gitignore

Add license
Licenses explain how others can use your code. [About licenses](#) No license

Create repository

Best practices with naming a repository (naming conventions):

General Naming Rules:

- Format:** All repository names should be in lowercase and use slug-case (words separated by hyphens). This improves readability and consistency across different environments.
- Naming Structure:** {project}-{general|service}-{service-name}-{type}

Create a GitHub account - create repository:

Naming conventions – project type:

{project}-{general|service}-{service-name}-{type}

Backend projects

1. General Backend:

Pattern: {project}-general-api

Example: example-general-api

2. Microservice Backend:

Pattern: {project}-service-{service-name}-{api}

Examples:

example-service-user-api (API for user services)

frontend projects

1. Pattern: {project}-fe

Examples: example-{service}-fe

Mobile projects

Pattern: {project}-mobile-{platform}

Examples:

example-mobile-flutter (Flutter mobile application)

example-mobile-ios (iOS mobile application)

Create a GitHub account - create repository:

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{project}-{general|service}-{service-name}-{type}

Desktop Projects

Pattern: {project}-desktop-{framework}

Examples:

example-desktop-electron (Electron-based desktop application)

example-desktop-dotnet (Desktop application built with .NET)

Full-stack projects

Pattern: {project}-app

Example: example-app

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Readme file:

You can add a **README** file to a repository to communicate important information about your project.

A **README** is often the first item a visitor will see when visiting your repository. **README** files typically include information on:

- **What the project does**
- **Why the project is useful**
- **How users can get started with the project**
- **Where users can get help with your project**
- **Who maintains and contributes to the project**

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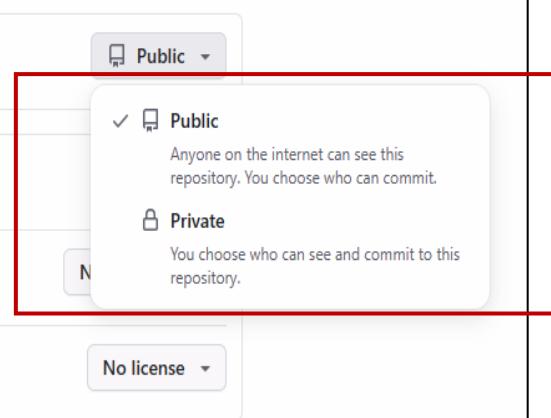
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A screenshot of the GitHub repository creation interface. The 'Visibility' dropdown is open, showing three options: 'Public' (selected), 'Private', and 'No license'. A red box highlights the 'Public' and 'Private' options. Below the dropdown, there is explanatory text for each: 'Public' says 'Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit.' and 'Private' says 'You choose who can see and commit to this repository.'

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Public repository vs. private repository:

Public just means that anyone on the Internet can see the repository. you still have control over who can make changes to it. It's just available on the viewable aspect of it on the Internet.

The next option is private, meaning it's not available for anyone to see. You can only allow access by granting people access to the repository.

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Choose a .gitignore template

Search templates

- No .gitignore
- AL
- Actionscript
- Ada
- AdventureGameStudio
- Agda
- Android
- Angular
- AppEngine
- AppceleratorTitanium
- ArchLinuxPackages

No .gitignore ▾

No license ▾

Create repository

.gitignore file

You can create a .gitignore file in your repository's root directory to tell Git which files and directories to ignore when you make a commit. To share the ignore rules with other users who clone the repository, commit the .gitignore file in to your repository.

GitHub maintains an official list of recommended .gitignore files for many popular operating systems, environments, and languages in the "github/gitignore" public repository.

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Choose a license

No license

Apache License 2.0
GNU General Public License v3.0
MIT License
BSD 2-Clause "Simplified" License
BSD 3-Clause "New" or "Revised" License
Boost Software License 1.0
Creative Commons Zero v1.0 Universal
Eclipse Public License 2.0
GNU Affero General Public License v3.0

Create repository

License

Public repositories on GitHub are often used to share open source software. For your repository to truly be open source, you'll need to license it so that others are free to use, change, and distribute the software.

A software license tells others what they can and can't do with your source code, so it's important to make an informed decision.

Create a GitHub account - create repository done:

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for a repository named "hello-git-world".

Repository Summary:

- Name:** hello-git-world
- Status:** Public
- Branches:** main (selected), 1 Branch
- Tags:** 0 Tags
- Commits:** EngRaghad77 Initial commit (1 commit, 7 minutes ago)
- File:** README.md (Initial commit, 7 minutes ago)

Code View: A "Code" dropdown menu is open, showing options like "Go to file", "Add file", and "Code".

About:

This repository is created just to demonstrate how to create and set up a repository on GitHub. It's for learning and practicing basic Git and GitHub concepts.

Statistics:

- Readme
- Activity
- 0 stars
- 0 watching
- 0 forks

Releases:

No releases published

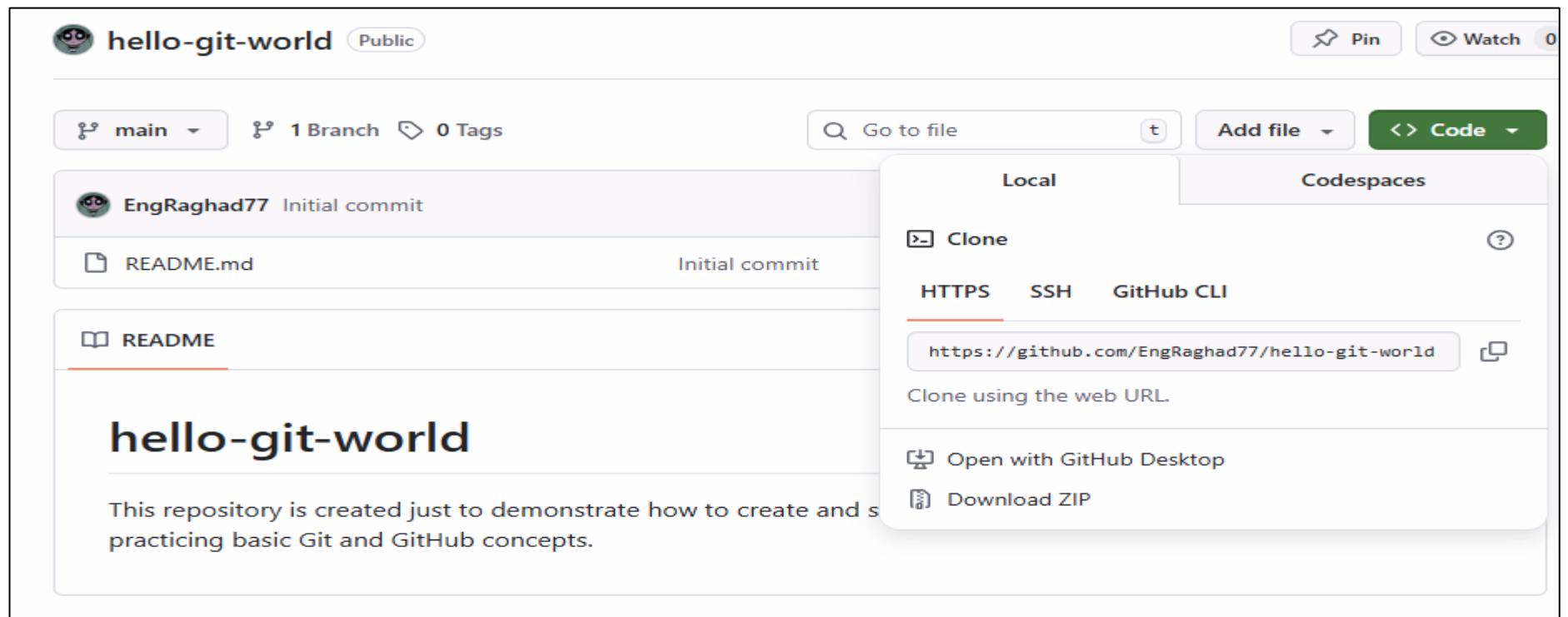
[Create a new release](#)

Packages:

No packages published

[Publish your first package](#)

Create a GitHub account - clone the public repo with HTTPS:



```
USER@RAGHAD MINGW64 ~
$ git clone https://github.com/EngRaghad77/hello-git-world.git
Cloning into 'hello-git-world'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 3, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
Receiving objects: 100% (3/3), done.
```

```
USER@RAGHAD MINGW64 ~
$ |
```

Task 02 :)

- Create a new folder named **python_project** and initialize a Git repository inside it.
- Create a file **file1.py** that prints the message **Hello, World!**
- Stage and commit only **file1.py** with a clear commit message.
- Create a file **file2.py** that prints your full name and a short sentence about you.
- Stage and commit only **file2.py** with a meaningful commit message.
- Create a file **file3.py** that prints today's date.
- Stage and commit only **file3.py** with a descriptive commit message.
- Verify that your repository shows exactly three commits in the history.
- Run each file individually to confirm they produce the expected output text.
- Take a screenshot of your commit history (compact view) and submit it with your three files.