

GitHub and Git

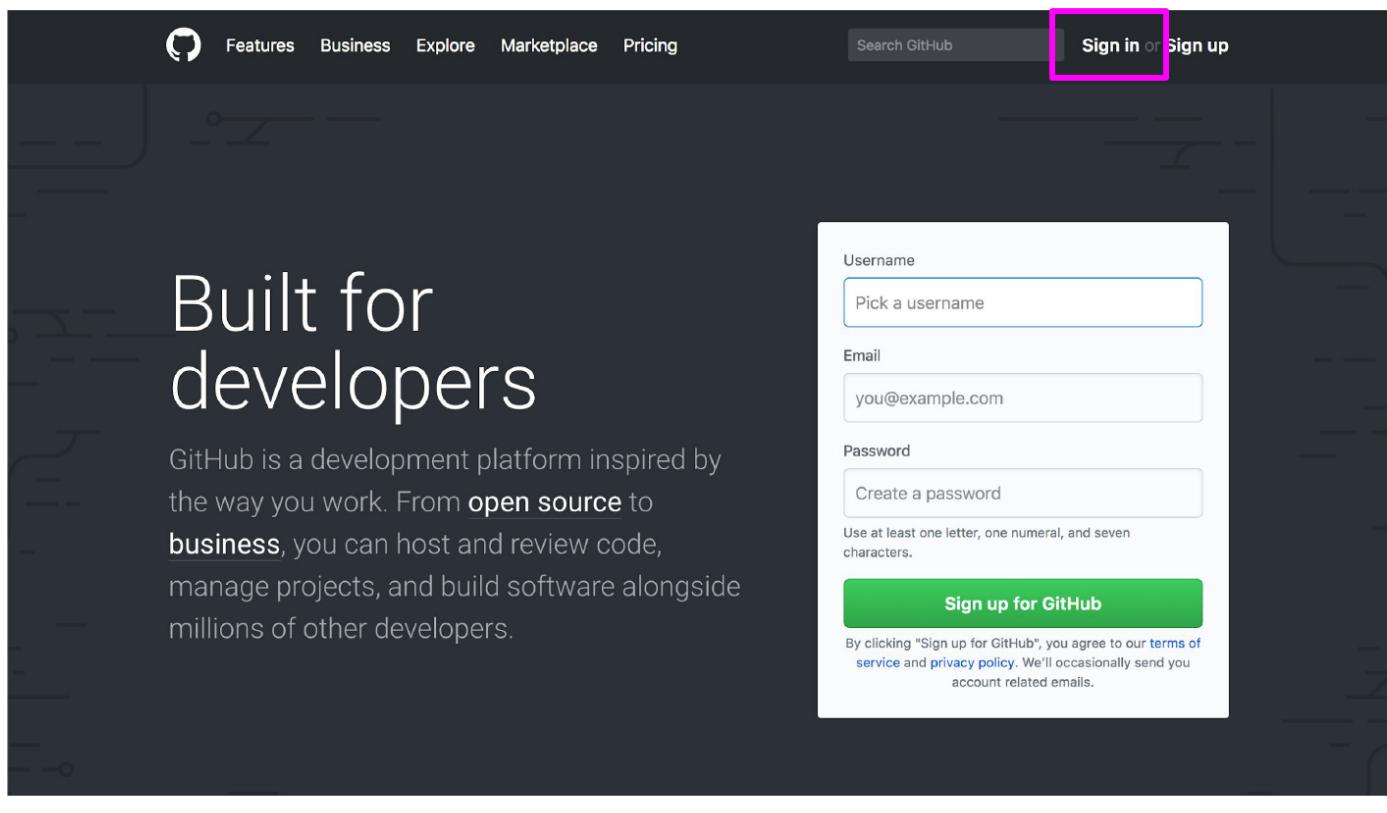
Now that we've got a handle on what version control is, in this lesson, you will sign-up for a GitHub account, navigate around the GitHub website to become familiar with some of its features, and install and configure Git; all in preparation for linking both with your RStudio!

What is GitHub?

As we previously learned, GitHub (<https://github.com/>) is a cloud-based management system for your version controlled files. Like DropBox, your files are both locally on your computer *and* hosted online and easily accessible. Its interface allows you to manage version control and provides users with a web-based interface for creating projects, sharing them, updating code, etc.

Signing up for GitHub

To get a GitHub account, first go to <https://github.com/> (<https://github.com/>). You will be brought to their homepage, where you should fill in your information - make a username, put in your email, choose a secure password, and click "Sign up for GitHub."

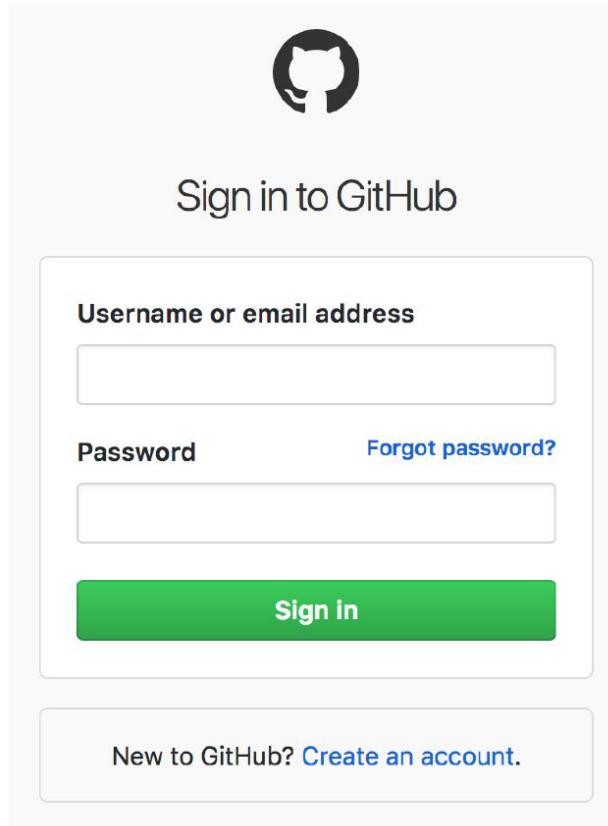


github.com
Signing up for GitHub

Logging in to GitHub

You should now be logged in to GitHub! In the future, to log on to GitHub, go to <https://github.com/> (<https://github.com/>), where you will be presented with the homepage. If you aren't already logged in, click on the “Sign in” link at the top.

Once you've done that, you will see the log in page where you will enter in your username and password that you created earlier.



GitHub's log in page

Once logged in, you will be back at <https://github.com/> (<https://github.com/>), but this time the screen should look like this:

The screenshot shows the GitHub homepage. At the top, there's a dark header bar with the GitHub logo, a search bar labeled "Search GitHub", and navigation links for "Pull requests", "Issues", "Marketplace", and "Explore". On the right side of the header are icons for notifications, creating a new repository, and switching between desktop and mobile views. Below the header, a large green banner features the text "Learn Git and GitHub without any code!" in white. Underneath, it says "Using the Hello World guide, you'll create a repository, start a branch, write comments, and open a pull request." Two buttons are visible: a green "Read the guide" button and a white "Start a project" button.

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<https://github.com/>

GitHub's homepage at <https://github.com/> (<https://github.com/>)

The homepage

We're going to take a quick tour of the GitHub website, and we'll particularly focus on these sections of the interface:

1. User settings
2. Notifications
3. Help files
4. The GitHub guide

Following this tour, we'll make your very first repository using the GitHub guide!

The screenshot shows the GitHub homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Pull requests', 'Issues', 'Marketplace', and 'Explore'. On the far right of the top bar are icons for notifications, a plus sign, and user settings. Below the top bar, the word 'Notifications' is displayed prominently. To the left of 'Notifications' is the word 'Home' with a pink arrow pointing up from below. To the right is the text 'User settings' with a pink arrow pointing up from below. In the center, there is a section titled 'Learn Git and GitHub without any code!' with a sub-section about creating a repository. Below this is a green button labeled 'Read the guide' with a pink arrow pointing to it from the left, and a white button labeled 'Start a project'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links for 'Terms', 'Privacy', 'Security', 'Status', and 'Help'. The 'Help' link is highlighted with a pink box. To the right of the footer are links for 'Contact GitHub', 'API', 'Training', 'Shop', 'Blog', and 'About'. Below the footer, the URL 'https://github.com/' is shown, followed by the text 'Some major features of GitHub'.

Home

Notifications

User settings

GitHub guide!

Read the guide

Start a project

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https://github.com/

Some major features of GitHub

User settings

Now that you've logged on to GitHub, we should fill out some of your profile information and get acquainted with the account settings. In the upper right corner, there is an icon with an arrow beside it, click this and go to "Your profile"

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<https://github.com/>

Where to find user settings

This is where you control your account from and can view your contribution histories and repositories.

The screenshot shows a GitHub profile page for a user named 'JaneEverydayDoe'. At the top, there is a large placeholder for a profile picture, followed by a 'ProTip!' message encouraging users to update their profile with name, location, and a picture. Below this is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Overview' (which is active), 'Repositories 0', 'Stars 0', 'Followers 0', and 'Following 0'. A section titled 'Popular repositories' displays a message: 'You don't have any public repositories yet.' Underneath, a 'Contribution graph' section shows a timeline from March to February. It indicates '1 contribution in the last year' with a single dark green square representing the user's joining date. There is also a link to 'Read the Hello World guide'.

Your profile

Since you are just starting out, you aren't going to have any repositories or contributions yet - but hopefully we'll change that soon enough! What we can do right now is edit your profile.

Go to "Edit profile" along the lefthand edge of the page. Here, take some time and fill out your name and a little description of yourself in the "Bio" box, and if you like, upload a picture of yourself! When you are done, click "Update profile"

Personal settings

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Public profile

Name

Profile picture

Public email

Select a verified email to display

You have set your email address to private. To toggle email privacy, go to [email settings](#) and uncheck "Keep my email address private."

Bio

Tell us a little bit about yourself

You can @mention other users and organizations to link to them.

URL

Company

You can @mention your company's GitHub organization to link it.

Location

[Update profile](#)

Editing your profile page

Along the lefthand side of this page, there are many options for you to explore. Click through each of these menus to get familiar with the options available to you. To get you started, go to the account page.

Personal settings
Profile
Account
Emails
Notifications
Billing
SSH and GPG keys
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Blocked users
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Saved replies
Applications
Developer settings

Change password

Old password

New password

Confirm new password

[I forgot my password](#)

② Looking for two-factor authentication? You can find it in [Security](#).

Change username

Changing your username can have [unintended side effects](#).

Delete account

Once you delete your account, there is no going back. Please be certain.

Your account page

Here, you can edit your password or if you are unhappy with your username, change it. Be careful though, there can be unintended consequences (<https://help.github.com/articles/what-happens-when-i-change-my-username/>) when you change your username - if you are just starting out and don't have any content yet, you'll probably be safe though.

Continue looking through the personal setting options on your own. When you are done, go back to your profile.

Once you've had a bit more experience with GitHub, you'll eventually end up with some repositories to your name. To find those, click on the "Repositories" link on your profile. For now, it will probably look like this:

JaneEverydayDoe

Add a bio

Edit profile

Joined 2 hours ago

ProTip! Updating your profile with your name, location, and a profile picture helps other GitHub users get to know you.

Overview **Repositories 0** Stars 0 Followers 0 Following 0

Search repositories... Type: All ▾ New

JaneEverydayDoe doesn't have any public repositories yet.

Your repositories page

By the end of the lecture though, check back to this page to find your newly created repository!

Notifications

Next, we'll check out the notifications menu (<https://github.com/notifications>). Along the menu bar across the top of your window, there is a bell icon, representing your notifications. Click on the bell.

The screenshot shows the GitHub homepage with a dark header bar. On the left is the GitHub logo and search bar. To the right are navigation links: Pull requests, Issues, Marketplace, and Explore. Further right are icons for notifications (a bell), creating a new repository (+), and switching between desktop and mobile views.

Notifications

Learn Git and GitHub without any code!

Using the Hello World guide, you'll create a repository, start a branch, write comments, and open a pull request.

[Read the guide](#) [Start a project](#)

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Location of the bell icon

The screenshot shows the GitHub Notifications page. At the top, there are two tabs: "Notifications" (selected) and "Watching". Below them are two sections: "Unread" (0 notifications) and "Participating" (0 notifications). Under "All notifications", there is a large message: "No new notifications." followed by a note: "Depending on your notification settings, you'll see updates here for your conversations in watched repositories."

Your notifications

Once you become more active on GitHub and are collaborating with others, here is where you can find messages and notifications for all the repositories, teams, and conversations you are a part of.

Help files

Along the bottom of every. single. page. there is the “Help” button (<https://help.github.com/>). GitHub has a great help system in place - if you ever have a question about GitHub, this should be your first point to search! Take some time now and look through the various help files, and see if any catch your eye.

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Help files are your friends!

<https://github.com/>

At the bottom of every page, you can find the Help page

Sometimes you just need a little help.



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<https://help.github.com/>



GitHub's help files

The GitHub guide

GitHub recognizes that this can be an overwhelming process for new users, and as such have developed a mini tutorial to get you started with GitHub. Go through this guide (<https://guides.github.com/activities/hello-world/>) now and create your first repository! When you are done, you should have a repository that looks something like this:

[Code](#)[Issues 0](#)[Pull requests 0](#)[Projects 0](#)[Wiki](#)[Insights](#)[Settings](#)

My first repository!

[Edit](#)[Add topics](#)[3 commits](#)[1 branch](#)[0 releases](#)[1 contributor](#)Branch: [master](#)[New pull request](#)[Create new file](#)[Upload files](#)[Find file](#)[Clone or download](#)

 JaneEverydayDoe Merge pull request #1 from JaneEverydayDoe/readme-edits ... [...](#) Latest commit c9a6e3e a minute ago

[README.md](#)

Updating README with location of instructions

3 minutes ago

[README.md](#)

hello-world

My first repository!

Here is my first repository on this account. I created it entirely within the GitHub interface using the instructions located at:
<https://guides.github.com/activities/hello-world>

Your first repository

Take some time to explore around the repository - Check out your commit history so far. Here you can find all of the changes that have been made to the repository, and you can see **who** made the change, **when** they made the change, and provided you wrote an appropriate commit message, you can see **why** they made the change! It should look like similar to this:

[Code](#)[Issues 0](#)[Pull requests 0](#)[Projects 0](#)[Wiki](#)[Insights](#)[Settings](#)

Branch: master ▾

Commits on Mar 9, 2018

Merge pull request #1 from JaneEverydayDoe/readme-edits ...

JaneEverydayDoe committed 2 minutes ago

[Verified](#)

c9a6e3e



Updating README with location of instructions

JaneEverydayDoe committed 4 minutes ago

[Verified](#)

a26ec0e



Initial commit

JaneEverydayDoe committed 7 minutes ago

[Verified](#)

4e050e4

[Newer](#) [Older](#)

Your first repository's commit history

Once you've explored all of the options in the repository, go back to your user profile. It should look a little different from before:



JaneEverydayDoe

Add a bio

[Edit profile](#)

Joined 4 hours ago

Organizations



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[Edit profile](#)

X

[Overview](#)

[Repositories 1](#)

Stars 0

Followers 0

Following 0

Popular repositories

[hello-world](#)

My first repository!

Customize your pinned repositories

10 contributions in the last year

Contribution settings ▾



Your profile now shows your first repository

Now when you are on your profile you can see your latest repository created and for a complete listing of your repositories, click on the “Repositories” tab. Here you can see all of your repositories, a brief description, the time of the last edit, and along the right hand side, there is an activity graph, showing when and how many edits have been made on the repository.

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Your shiny new repository page!

Git

As you may remember from our last lecture, Git is the free and open source version control system which GitHub is built on.

One of the main benefits of using the Git system is its compatibility with RStudio; however, in order to link the two software together, we first need to download and install Git on your computer.

Downloading and installing Git

To download Git, go to <https://git-scm.com/download> (<https://git-scm.com/download>). You should arrive at a webpage like this:



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The entire [Pro Git book](#) written by Scott Chacon and Ben Straub is available to [read online for free](#). Dead tree versions are available on [Amazon.com](#).

Downloads

Mac OS X Windows
 Linux/Unix

Older releases are available and the Git source repository is on GitHub.



GUI Clients

Git comes with built-in GUI tools (`git-gui`, `gitk`), but there are several third-party tools for users looking for a platform-specific experience.

[View GUI Clients →](#)

Logos

Various Git logos in PNG (bitmap) and EPS (vector) formats are available for use in online and print projects.

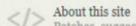
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Git via Git

If you already have Git installed, you can get the latest development version via Git itself:

```
git clone https://github.com/git/git
```

You can also always browse the current contents of the git repository using the [web interface](#).



About this site
Patches, suggestions, and comments are welcome.

Git is a member of Software Freedom Conservancy

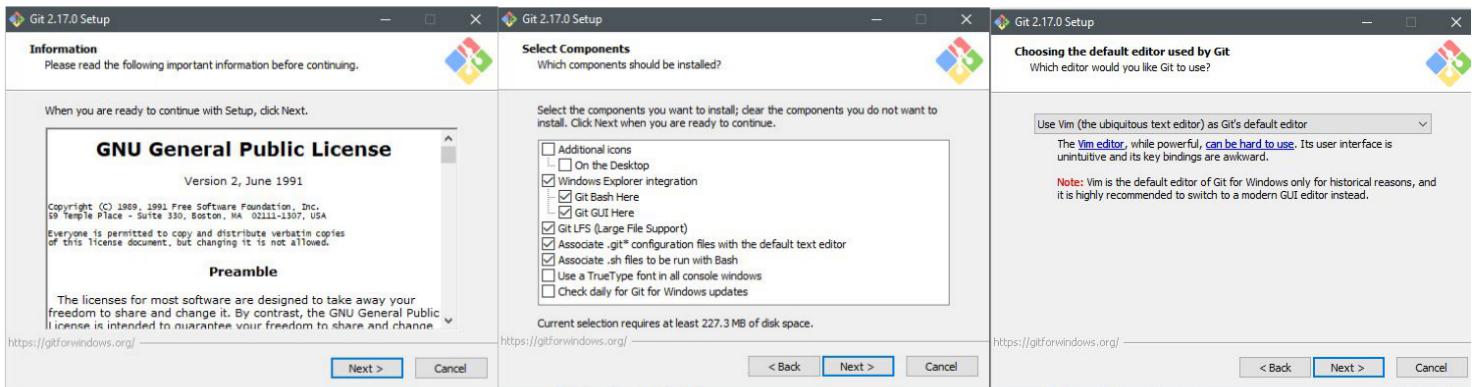
Downloading Git from git-scm.com/download

Click on the appropriate download link for your operating system. This should initiate the download process.

For Windows

Once the download is finished, open the .exe file to initiate the installation wizard. If you receive a security warning, click “Run” and/or “Allow.” Following this, click through the installation wizard, generally accepting the default options unless you have a compelling reason not to.

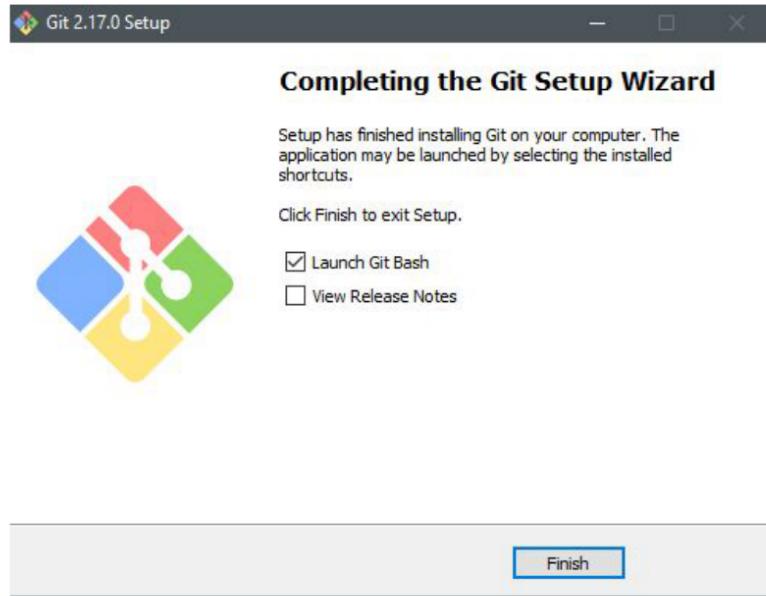
Windows installation process



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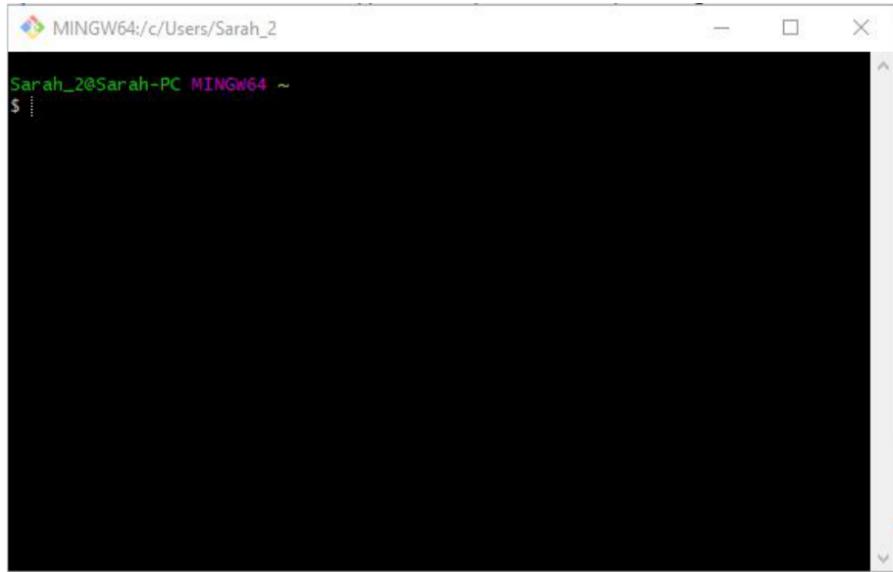
Installation wizard for Git on Windows

Click “Install” and allow the wizard to complete the installation process. Following this, check the “Launch Git Bash” option, and unless you are curious, deselect the “View Release Notes” box, as you are probably not interested in this right now.



Finishing the install process

Doing so, a command line environment will open. Provided you accepted the default options during the installation process, there will now be a Start menu shortcut to launch Git Bash in the future. You have now installed Git.



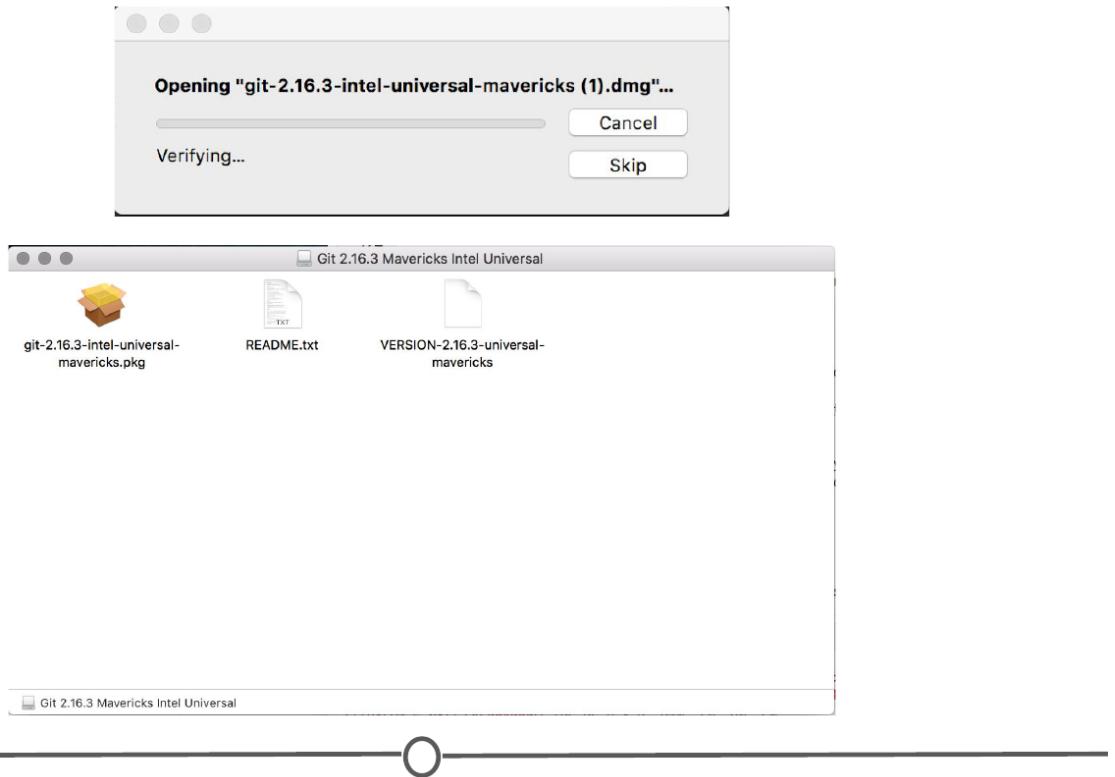
Git Bash is the command line interface you will use to configure Git

For Mac

We will walk you through the most common installation process however, there are multiple ways to get Git onto your Mac. You can follow the tutorials at <https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/install-git> (<https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/install-git>) for alternative installation routes.

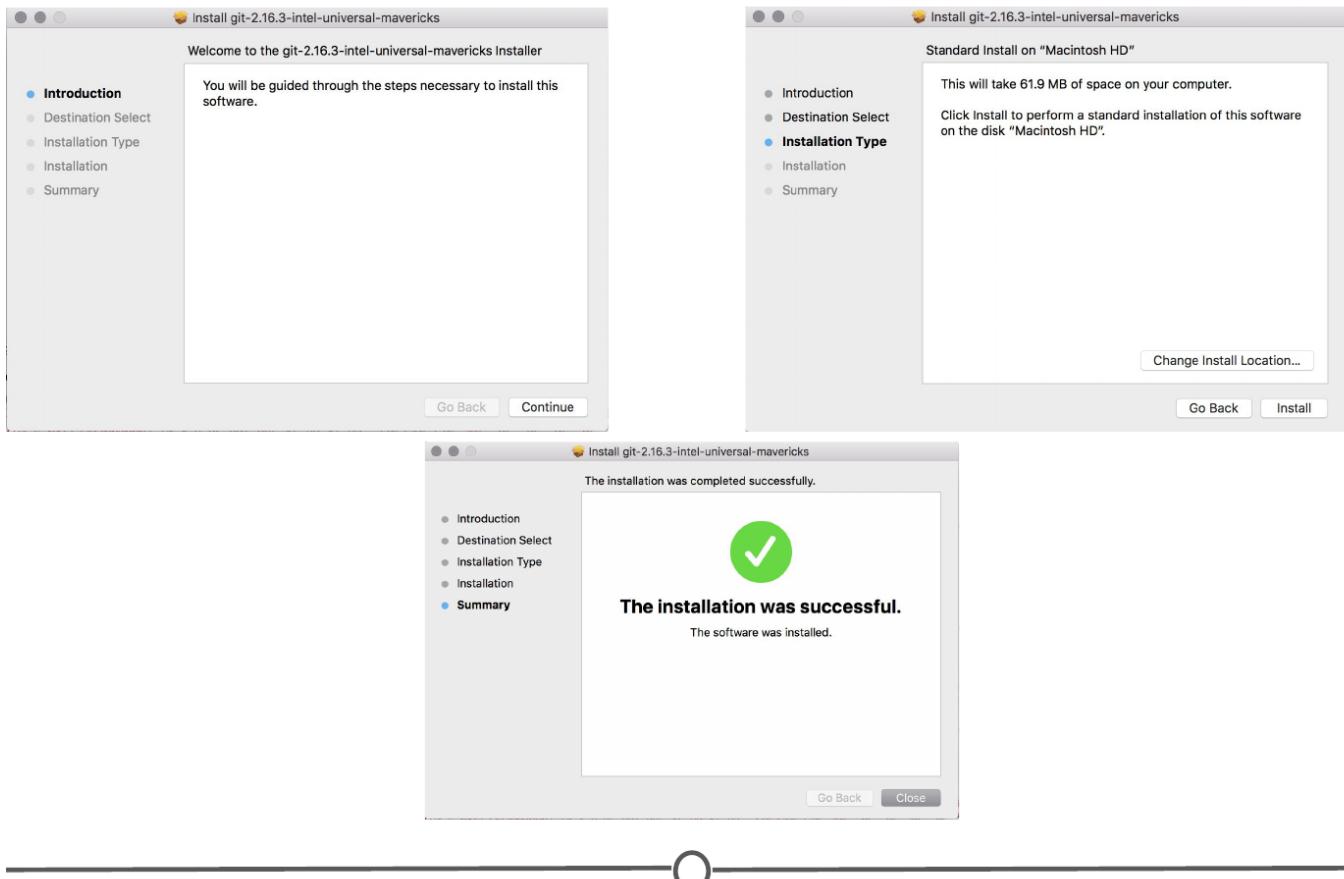
After downloading the appropriate Git version for Macs, you should have downloaded a DMG file for installation on your Mac. Open this file. This will install Git on your computer. A new window will open.

Macs installation process



Installation wizard for Git on Mac

Double click on the .pkg file and an installation wizard will open. Click through the options, accepting the defaults. Click Install. When prompted, close the installation wizard. You have successfully installed Git!



Steps to a successful installation of Git!

Configuring Git

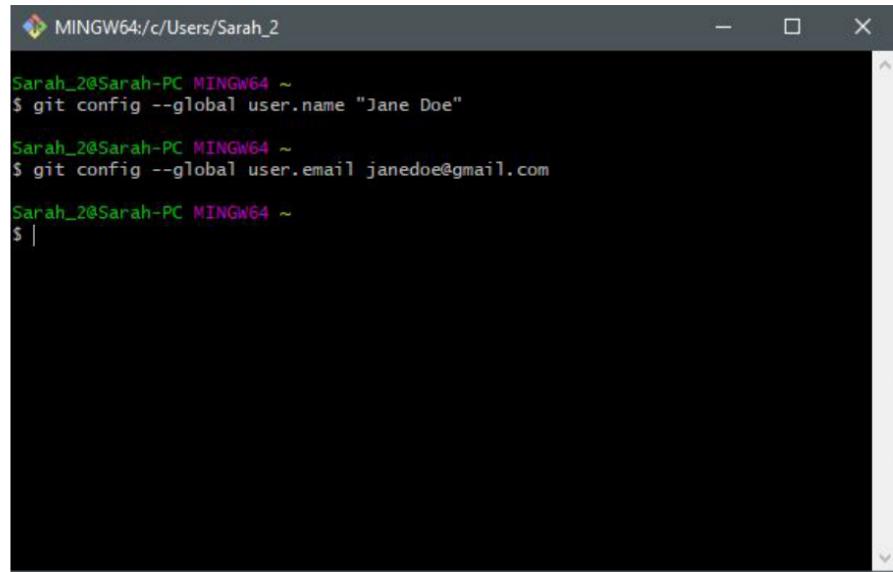
Now that Git is installed, we need to configure it for use with GitHub, in preparation for linking it with RStudio.

We need to tell Git what your username and email are, so that it knows how to name each commit as coming from you. To do so, in the command prompt (either Git Bash for Windows or Terminal for Mac), type:

`git config --global user.name "Jane Doe"` with your desired username in place of "Jane Doe." This is the name each commit will be tagged with.

Following this, in the command prompt, type: `git config --global user.email janedoe@gmail.com`

MAKING SURE TO USE THE SAME EMAIL ADDRESS YOU SIGNED UP FOR GITHUB WITH!

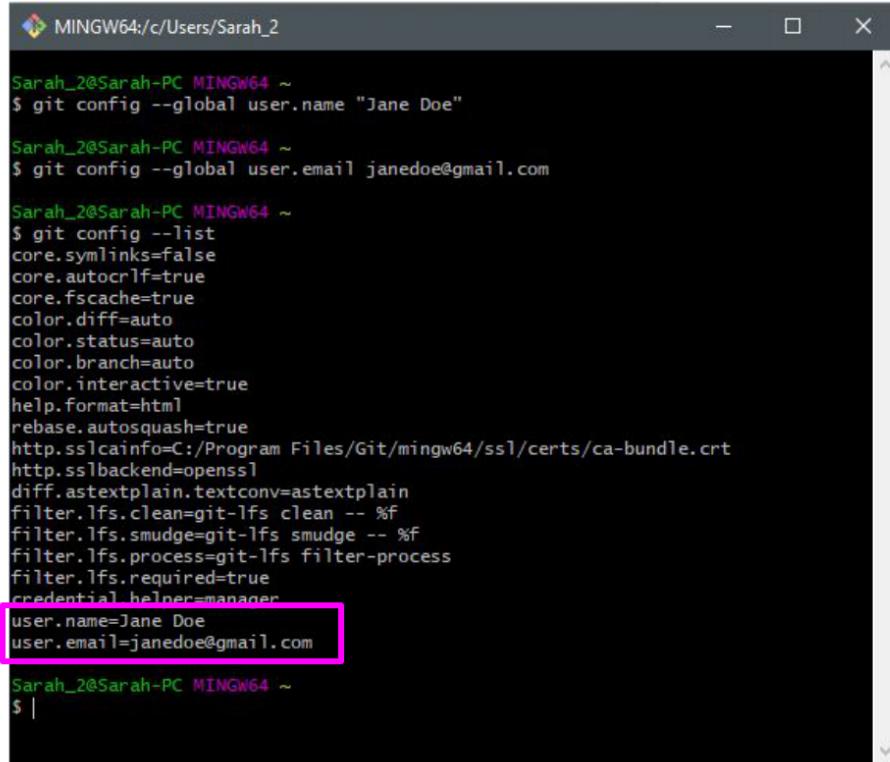


Sarah_2@Sarah-PC MINGW64 ~
\$ git config --global user.name "Jane Doe"
Sarah_2@Sarah-PC MINGW64 ~
\$ git config --global user.email janedoe@gmail.com
Sarah_2@Sarah-PC MINGW64 ~
\$ |

Configuring Git to tag each commit with your name and interface with GitHub

Confirming your configuration

At this point, you should be set for the next step, but just to check, confirm your changes by typing:
`git config --list`



```
Sarah_2@Sarah-PC MINGW64 ~
$ git config --global user.name "Jane Doe"

Sarah_2@Sarah-PC MINGW64 ~
$ git config --global user.email janedoe@gmail.com

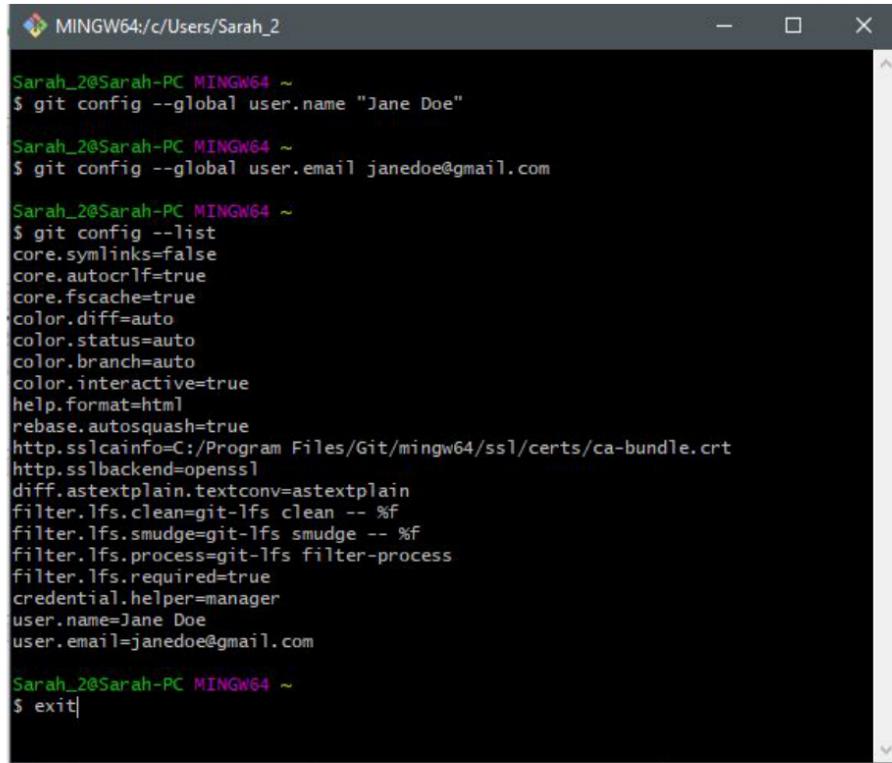
Sarah_2@Sarah-PC MINGW64 ~
$ git config --list
core.symlinks=false
core.autocrlf=true
core.fscache=true
color.diff=auto
color.status=auto
color.branch=auto
color.interactive=true
help.format=html
rebase.autosquash=true
http.sslcainfo=C:/Program Files/Git/mingw64/ssl/certs/ca-bundle.crt
http.sslbackend=openssl
diff.astextplain.textconv=astextplain
filter.lfs.clean=git-lfs clean -- %f
filter.lfs.smudge=git-lfs smudge -- %f
filter.lfs.process=git-lfs filter-process
filter.lfs.required=true
credential.helper=manager

user.name=Jane Doe
user.email=janedoe@gmail.com
```

Confirming your user name and user email

Doing so, you should see the username and email you selected above. If you notice any problems or want to change these values, just retype the original `config` commands from earlier with your desired changes.

Once you are satisfied that your username and email is correct, exit the command line by typing `exit` and hit Enter. At this point, you are all set up for the next lecture!



```
Sarah_2@Sarah-PC MINGW64 ~
$ git config --global user.name "Jane Doe"

Sarah_2@Sarah-PC MINGW64 ~
$ git config --global user.email janedoe@gmail.com

Sarah_2@Sarah-PC MINGW64 ~
$ git config --list
core.symlinks=false
core.autocrlf=true
core.fscache=true
color.diff=auto
color.status=auto
color.branch=auto
color.interactive=true
help.format=html
rebase.autosquash=true
http.sslcainfo=C:/Program Files/Git/mingw64/ssl/certs/ca-bundle.crt
http.sslbackend=openssl
diff.astextplain.textconv=astextplain
filter.lfs.clean=git-lfs clean -- %f
filter.lfs.smudge=git-lfs smudge -- %f
filter.lfs.process=git-lfs filter-process
filter.lfs.required=true
credential.helper=manager
user.name=Jane Doe
user.email=janedoe@gmail.com

Sarah_2@Sarah-PC MINGW64 ~
$ exit|
```



Exiting the command prompt

Summary

In this lesson, we signed up for a GitHub account and toured the GitHub website. We made your first repository and filled in some basic profile information on GitHub. Following this, we installed Git on your computer and configured it for compatibility with GitHub and RStudio.