

Before setting up Git, go to GitHub and create a free account. Take note of which email address you use and which username you choose.

To see if you have Git installed open up your terminal and enter the following:

```
1 git --version
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3 ## git version 2.11.0 (Apple Git-81)
```

If you don't get a response back telling you the version of Git that you have installed then you need to install Git. You can find instructions for installing Git on your operating system [here](#).

Open up your shell once you have git installed and run `git --version` again to make sure that installation succeeded (you may need to restart your shell or your computer). After Git is installed we need to set up two environmental variables, but we only need to do this once. The first variable we need to set up with Git is your GitHub user name, and the second variable is the email address that you used to create your GitHub account:

```
1 git config --global user.name "myUserName"
2 git config --global user.email myName@email.com
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