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# Cloning a repository
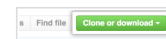
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When you create a repository on GitHub, it exists as a *remote* repository. You can clone your repository to create a *local* copy on your computer and sync between the two locations.

This procedure assumes you have already created a repository on GitHub, or have an existing repository owned by someone else you'd like to contribute to.

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**1**    On GitHub, navigate to the main page of the repository.

**2**    Under your repository name, click **Clone or download**.

**3**    In the Clone with HTTPs section, click 📋 to copy the clone URL for the repository.

**4**    Open Git Bash.

**5**    Change the current working directory to the location where you want the cloned directory to be made.

**6**    Type `git clone`, and then paste the URL you copied in Step 2.

```
$ git clone https://github.com/YOUR-USERNAME/YOUR-REPOSITORY
```

**7**    Press **Enter**. Your local clone will be created.

```
$ git clone https://github.com/YOUR-USERNAME/YOUR-REPOSITORY
Cloning into `Spoon-Knife`...
remote: Counting objects: 10, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (8/8), done.
remove: Total 10 (delta 1), reused 10 (delta 1)
Unpacking objects: 100% (10/10), done.
```

## Cloning a repository to GitHub Desktop

To clone a repository from GitHub to GitHub Desktop, see "Cloning a repository from GitHub to GitHub Desktop."

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