



Deploy using GitHub Desktop



Preface

My workflow is a bit different than what will be demonstrated in this lecture. I do not use GitHub desktop professionally. However, that doesn't mean it is not an acceptable tool to use in professional or personal environment. Tools are meant to get a job done and at the end of the day that's all that matters is the job gets done.

Because of this you may find differing material and resources online. All that is completely acceptable to follow if it works for you or others.

Good YouTube Series:

1. [Getting Started With GitHub Part 1](#)
2. [Getting Started With GitHub Part 2](#)
3. [Getting Started With GitHub Part 3](#)

What is GitHub Desktop?

GitHub Desktop is a Graphical User Interface for interacting with GitHub

Available on MacOS and Windows

Designed by the folks at GitHub

Free

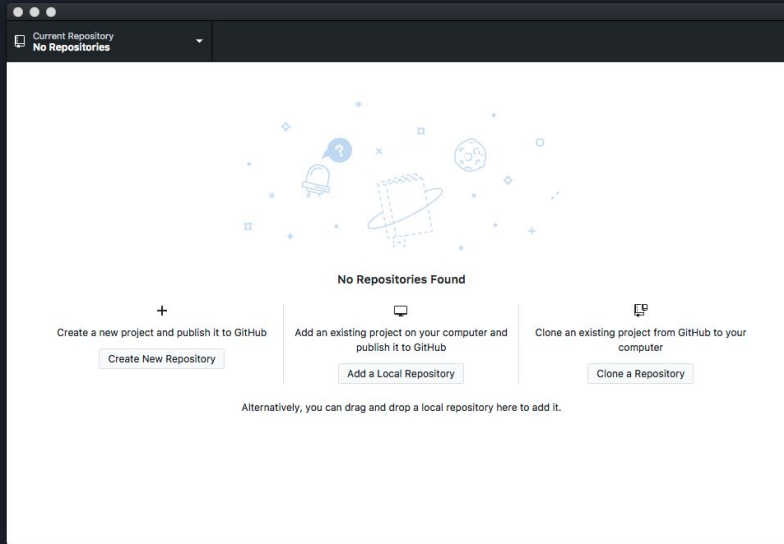




Installing GitHub Desktop

1. [Download GitHub Desktop](#)
2. Install GitHub Desktop (locate GitHubDesktop.zip on your file system)
3. Once installed you will be prompted to enter your GitHub.com credentials
4. Step through the rest of the steps, you may receive an e-mail a 3rd party app has authorized your account

Setting up your first Repo

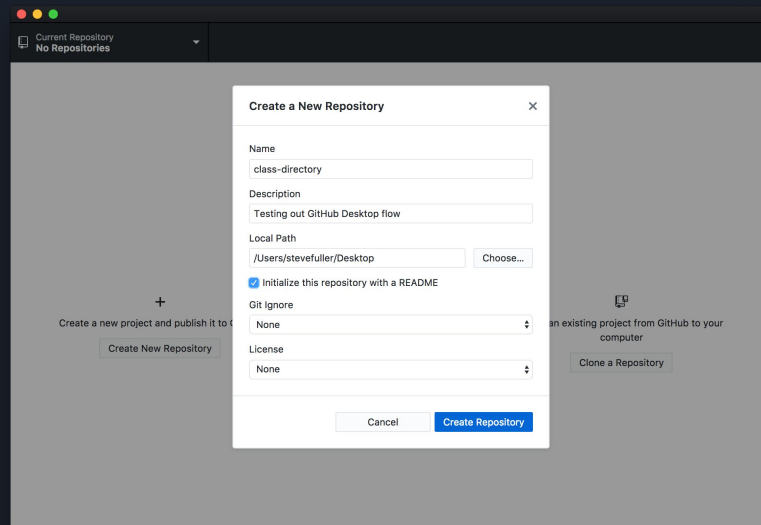


- Create a new project and publish?
 - You don't have Git files in your project
- Add an existing project and publish?
 - You have Git files in your project
- Clone an existing project from GitHub?
 - There's code already on GitHub you want to download and work on

Create a new project

- Name your project
- Write Description
- Where do you want your Repo to reside on your filesystem?
- Initialize with README?
 - A README is information about your project like installation instruction(s), how to use, FAQs, etc.
- Git Ignore
 - Files you don't want in GitHub
- License
 - Copyright protections

Creating this will create a new folder with your essential Git files

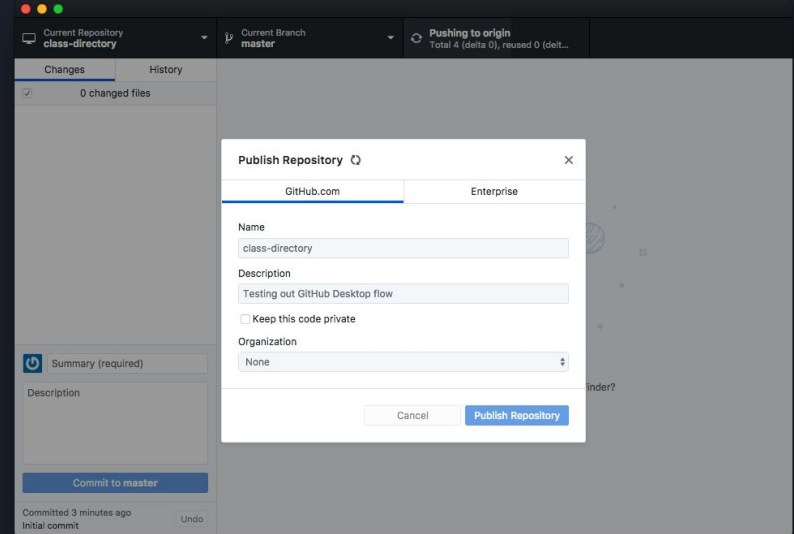
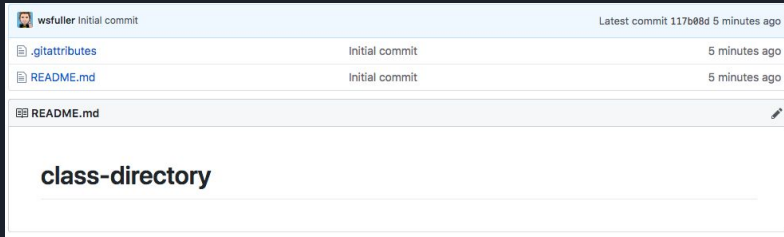


Publish Repository

In the top right corner press “Publish Repository”

Now go to:
`github.com/:username/:repo-name`

And you should see something like:



Congratulations you've just published to GitHub!!!



But like, where's my code and stuff?!?!





One more thing... the .gitignore file

.gitignore is a file we use to omit certain files from being submitted to GitHub

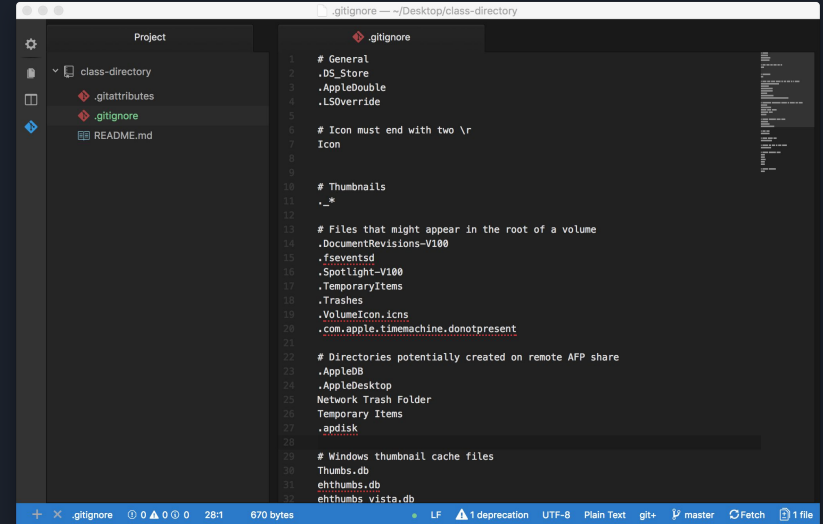
[macOS gitignore](#)

[Windows gitignore](#)

Here are a couple basic files that should cover our needs. For example though you don't want to be committing things like .psd, .sketch, etc files into GitHub. The .gitignore should always be updated before for code commits to avoid any unnecessary files from accidentally being committed.

Adding your .gitignore

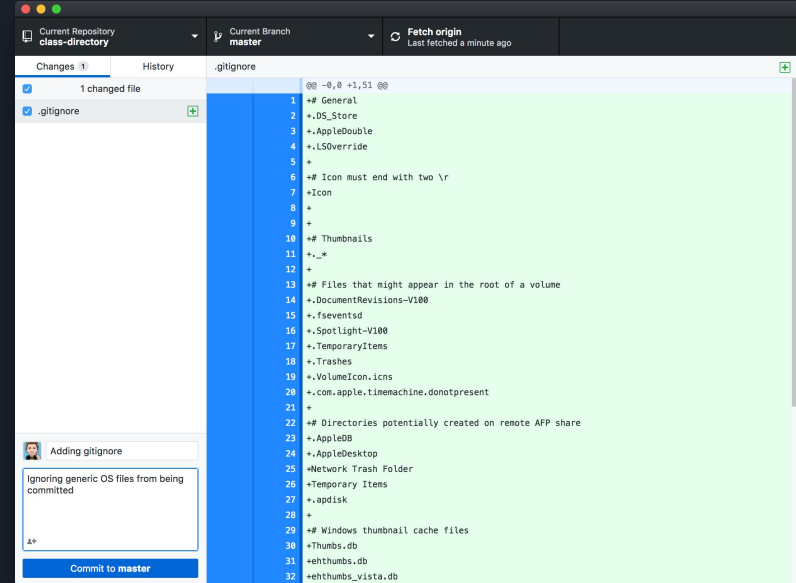
1. Open up your GitHub folder that was created in Atom
2. Make a new file called “.gitignore”
3. Paste in the sample code from the previous slide links
4. Commit this new file to your GitHub repo



```
1 # General
2 .DS_Store
3 .AppleDouble
4 .LSOverride
5
6 # Icon must end with two \r
7 Icon
8
9
10 # Thumbnails
11 .*
12
13 # Files that might appear in the root of a volume
14 .DocumentRevisions-V100
15 .fseventsd
16 .Spotlight-V100
17 .TemporaryItems
18 .Trashes
19 .VolumeIcon.icns
20 .com.apple.timemachine.donotpresent
21
22 # Directories potentially created on remote AFP share
23 .AppleDB
24 .AppleDesktop
25 Network Trash Folder
26 Temporary Items
27 .apdisk
28
29 # Windows thumbnail cache files
30 Thumbs.db
31 ehthumbs.db
32 ehthumbs_vista.db
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Commit your .gitignore

1. Open GitHub desktop
2. Fill out Summary
3. Fill out Desktopion (optional)
4. Commit to **master**
5. Click Push origin
6. Visit your repo



You've just updated your repo!!!



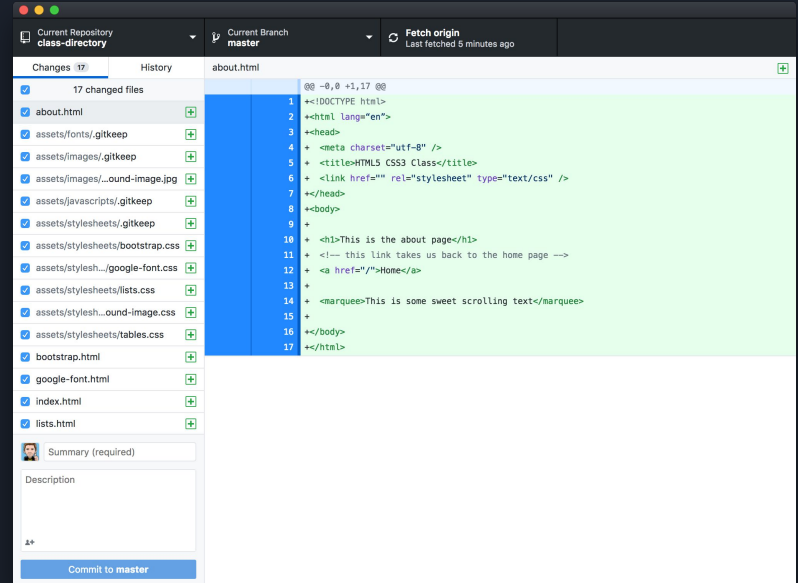
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Let's get our actual code up

All we've done is prepare a folder that's linked to GitHub, there's a couple more steps to get this all working

1. Copy your working code into the one you just created for GitHub
2. Now you should see your files showing up
3. Summary
4. Description
5. Commit to **master**
6. Push to origin
7. Visit your GitHub Repo
8. Pat self on back



Oh yeah



But we aren't quite done yet...

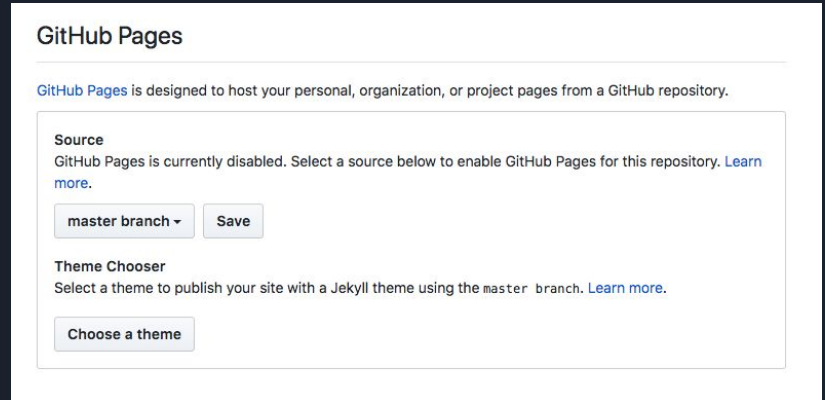




Publish to GitHub Pages

GitHub pages will allow GitHub to take our code and publish a working website for everyone to view

1. Go to your GitHub Repo page
2. Click the Settings tab
3. Scroll down till you see “GitHub Pages”
4. Source should be your master branch
5. Click save
6. You should see a link: “Your site is ready to be published at :URL
7. Go grab a coffee and should be live in ~30 minutes



GitHub Pages

GitHub Pages is designed to host your personal, organization, or project pages from a GitHub repository.

Source
GitHub Pages is currently disabled. Select a source below to enable GitHub Pages for this repository. [Learn more.](#)

master branch ▾ Save

Theme Chooser
Select a theme to publish your site with a Jekyll theme using the master branch. [Learn more.](#)

Choose a theme

Congrats on using GitHub and Deploying your site!!!

