

# GitHub CLI Login Fallback Guide

If ``gh auth login`` (the normal browser-based login) fails or hangs, use this guaranteed method.

## 1■■■ Create a Personal Access Token (PAT)

- 1 Go to <https://github.com/settings/tokens>
- 2 Click “Tokens (classic)” → “Generate new token → classic”
- 3 Name it “GitHub CLI Local”, choose an expiration (90 days or longer)
- 4 Check these scopes: repo, workflow, read:org, gist
- 5 Click “Generate token” and copy the ``ghp_...`` value.

## 2■■■ Tell GitHub CLI to use the token (no prompts, no browser)

Open PowerShell 7 (``pwsh``) and run:

```
$env:GH_TOKEN = 'ghp_yourTokenHere'
```

Replace ``ghp_yourTokenHere`` with your real token.

## 3■■■ Verify the login works

Run:

```
gh auth status
```

Expected output:

```
github.com
```

```
✓ Logged in to github.com as (token)
```

## 4■■■ Test the GitHub API

Run:

```
gh api user
```

You should see your GitHub username in the JSON output.

## 5■■■ Run your sync

Once authenticated, the CLI will automatically use your token:

```
cd C:\PythonClass
```

```
.\sync.ps1
```

## 6■■■ (Optional) Make the login persistent

If you want to remember the token automatically:

```
notepad $PROFILE
```

Add this line at the bottom of the file:

```
$env:GH_TOKEN = 'ghp_yourTokenHere'
```

Save and restart PowerShell or VS Code.

## ■ Summary

- Create token on GitHub → gives you a login key
- Set \$env:GH\_TOKEN in PowerShell → supplies token to CLI
- Run gh auth status → confirms login
- Run .\sync.ps1 → performs your sync
- Optional: Add to \$PROFILE → keeps token permanently