

# 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