

## How to get your website online

You can get your website online for free by following this guide carefully. It's a little technical, so make sure you type everything exactly as it is in this doc!

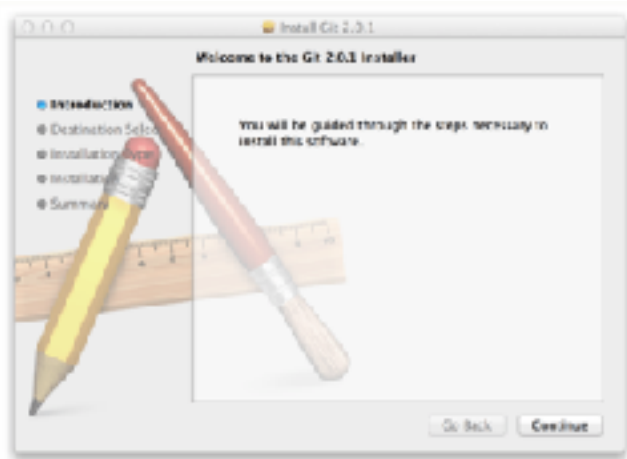
We're going to use a program called Git to get your website online for free. Git is a free, open-source, safe program that coders use to share and save their work, and work together as teams.

It's a three part process:

- Sign up for a Github Account (an online code-sharing website)
- Install Git on your computer (it runs in the background)
- Install Github Desktop (an app that you can use to use Git)

Then we'll use these things to get your code online. Let's get started!

1. Install Git on your computer:
  1. Mac: <https://git-scm.com/download/mac>
  2. Windows: <https://git-scm.com/download/win>
2. Download & install Github Desktop: <https://desktop.github.com/>






3. Go back to your browser and sign up for a Github Account: <https://github.com/>

A screenshot of the GitHub sign-up form. It features three input fields: 'Username' with a placeholder 'Pick a username', 'Email' with a placeholder 'you@example.com', and 'Password' with a placeholder 'Create a password'. Below the password field is a small note: 'Look at least one letter, one numeral, and seven characters.' A prominent green button labeled 'Sign up for GitHub' is positioned below the form. At the bottom, there is a disclaimer: 'By clicking "Sign up for GitHub", you agree to our terms of service and privacy statement. We'll occasionally send you account related emails.'

Choose a free account:

# Welcome to GitHub

You've taken your first step into a larger world, @testing8239472.

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### Choose your personal plan

☒ Unlimited public repositories for free.

☐ Unlimited private repositories for \$7/month. [\(view in AUC\)](#)

Don't worry, you can cancel or upgrade at any time.

☐ **Help me set up an organization next**  
Organizations are separate from personal accounts and are best suited for businesses who need to manage permissions for many employees. [Learn more about organizations](#)

☐ **Send me updates on GitHub news, offers, and events**  
Unsubscribe anytime in your email preferences. [Learn more](#)

**Continue**




### Both plans include:

- ✓ Collaborative code review
- ✓ Issue tracking
- ✓ Open source community
- ✓ Unlimited public repositories
- ✓ Join any organization

Choose "Totally new" and "Student"

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You'll find endless opportunities to learn, code, and create, @testing8239472.

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**How would you describe your level of programming experience?**

☐ Very experienced      ☐ Somewhat experienced      ☒ **Totally new to programming**

**What do you plan to use GitHub for? (check all that apply)**

☐ Research      ☐ Design      ☒ **School projects**

☐ Project Management      ☐ Development      ☐ Other (please specify)

**Which is closest to how you would describe yourself?**

☐ I'm a hobbyist      ☐ I'm a professional      ☒ **I'm a student**

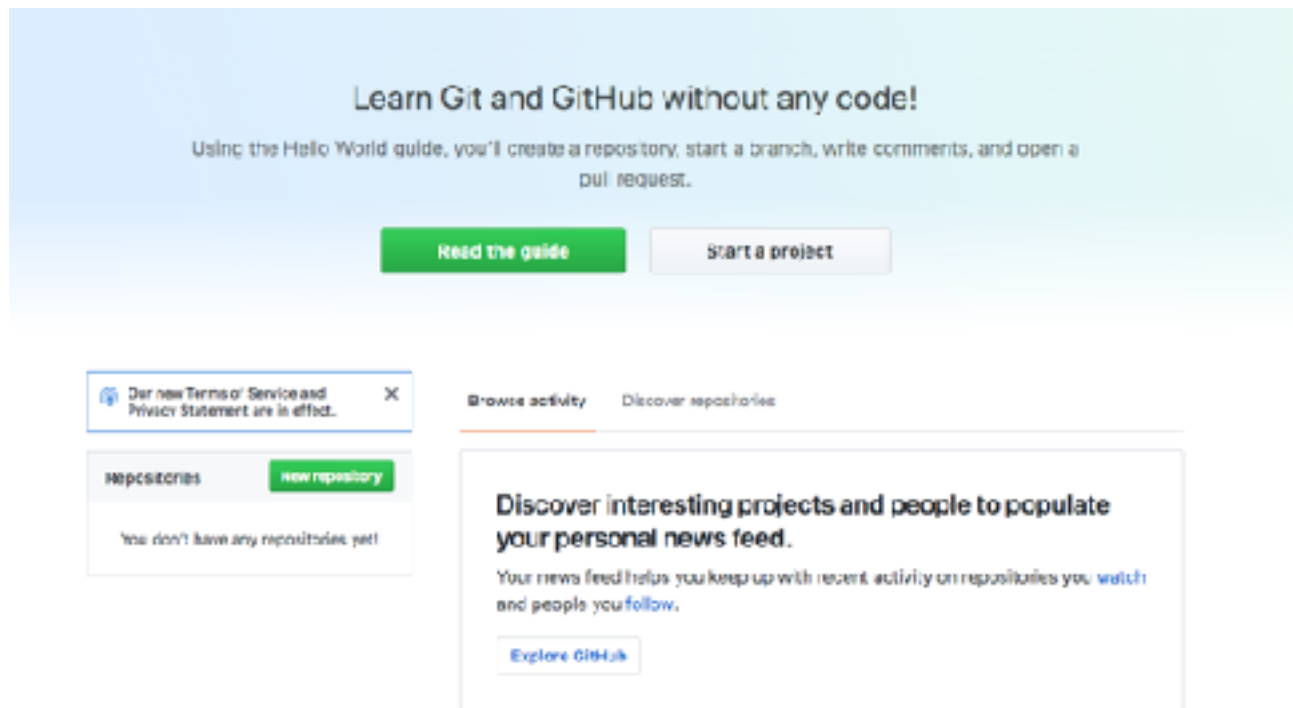
☐ Other (please specify)

**What are you interested in?**

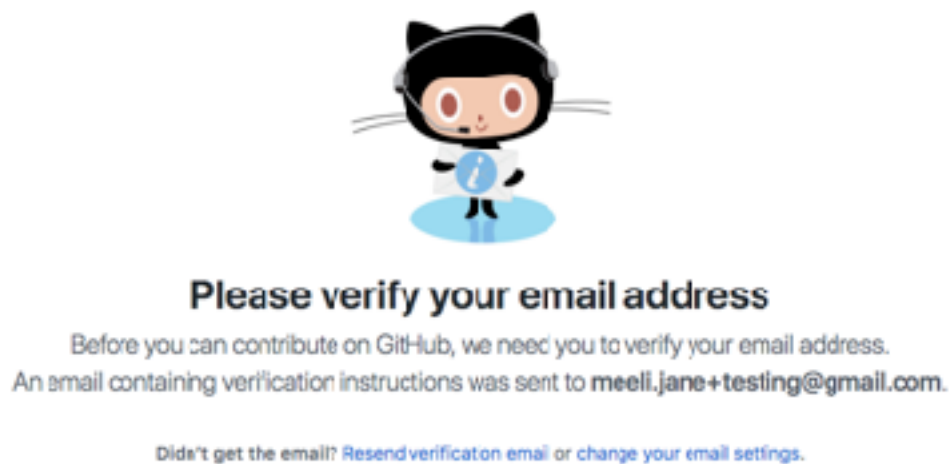
e.g. tutorials, android, ruby, web-development, machine-learning, open-source

**Submit**    [skip this step](#)

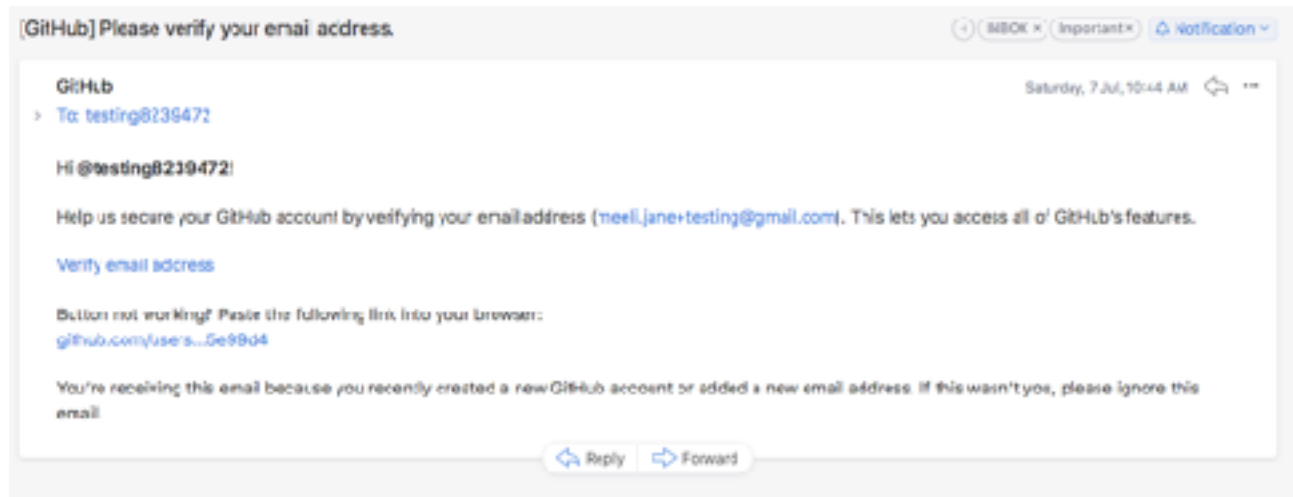
Click “Start a project”



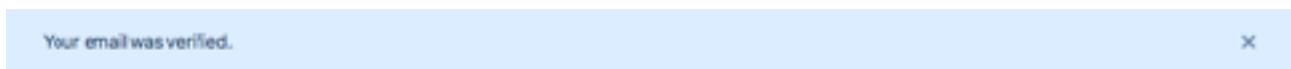
Verify your email address



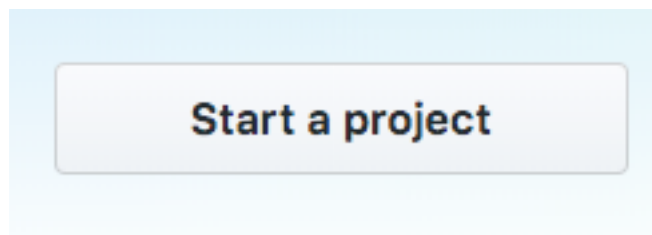
You should have an email with the account you used to sign up:



Click the link:



Once you've verified, click "Start a project"



You'll be prompted to put in a name for your repository. Set it up as public and click "Create repository":

## Create a new repository

A repository contains all the files for your project, including the revision history.

Owner

Repository name



meelijane ▾

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Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about **turbo-octo-guacamole**.

Description (optional)



**Public**

Anyone can see this repository. You choose who can commit.



**Private**

You choose who can see and commit to this repository.



**Initialize this repository with a README**

This will let you immediately clone the repository to your computer. Skip this step if you're importing an existing repository.

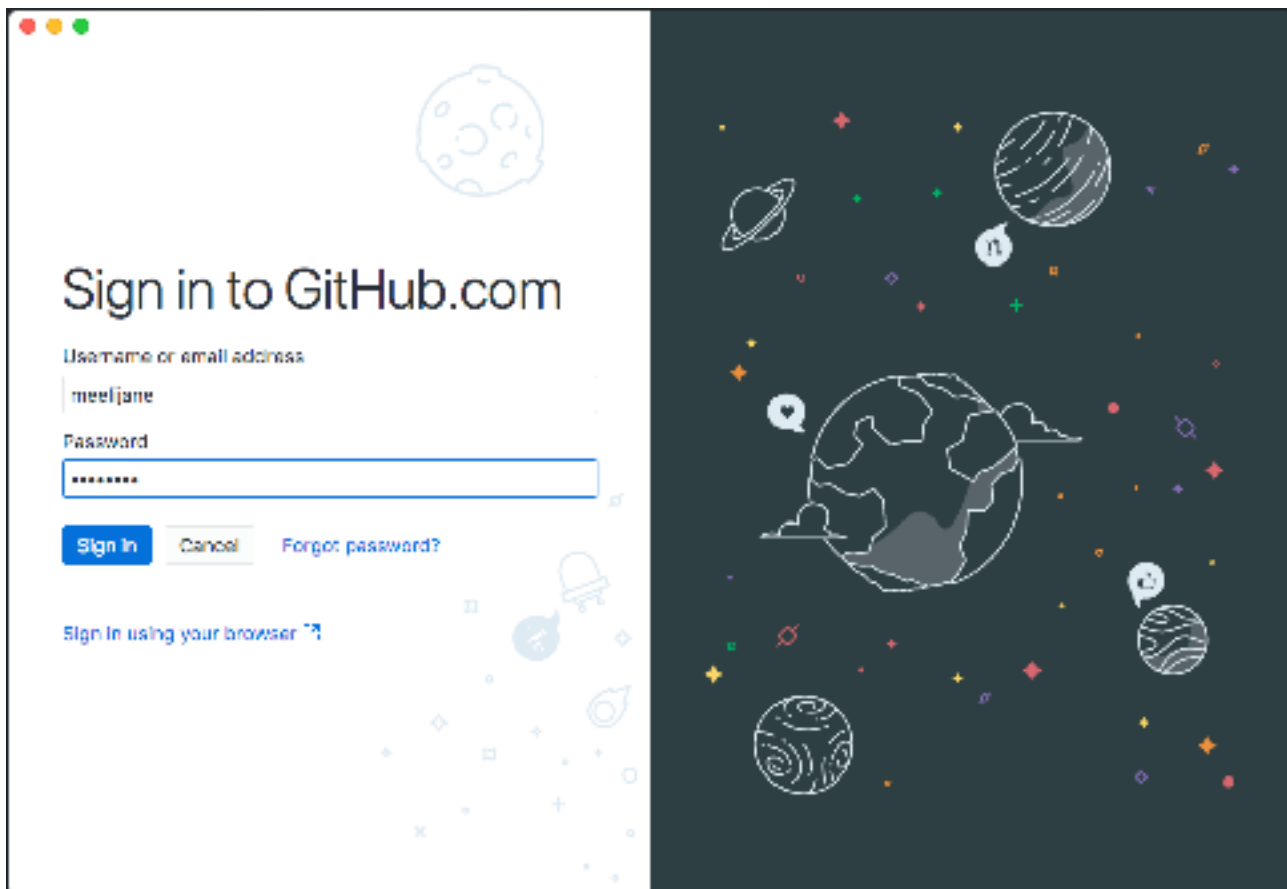
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Add a license: **None** ▾

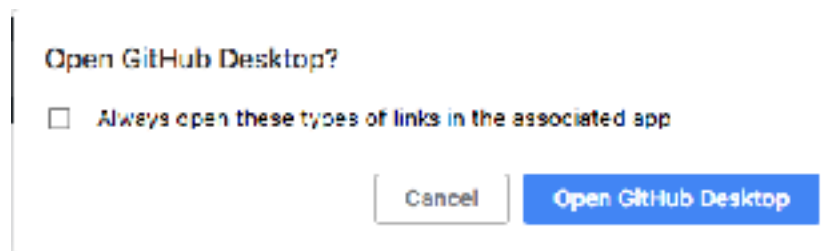
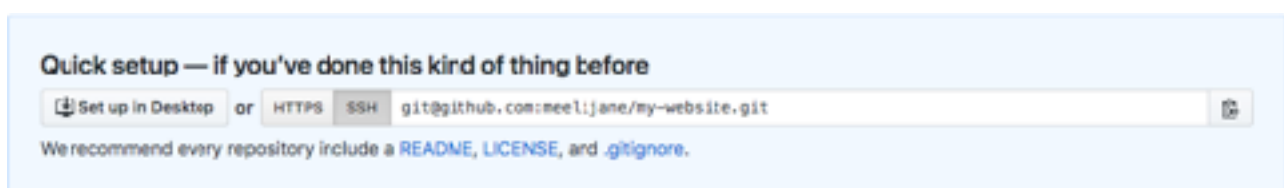


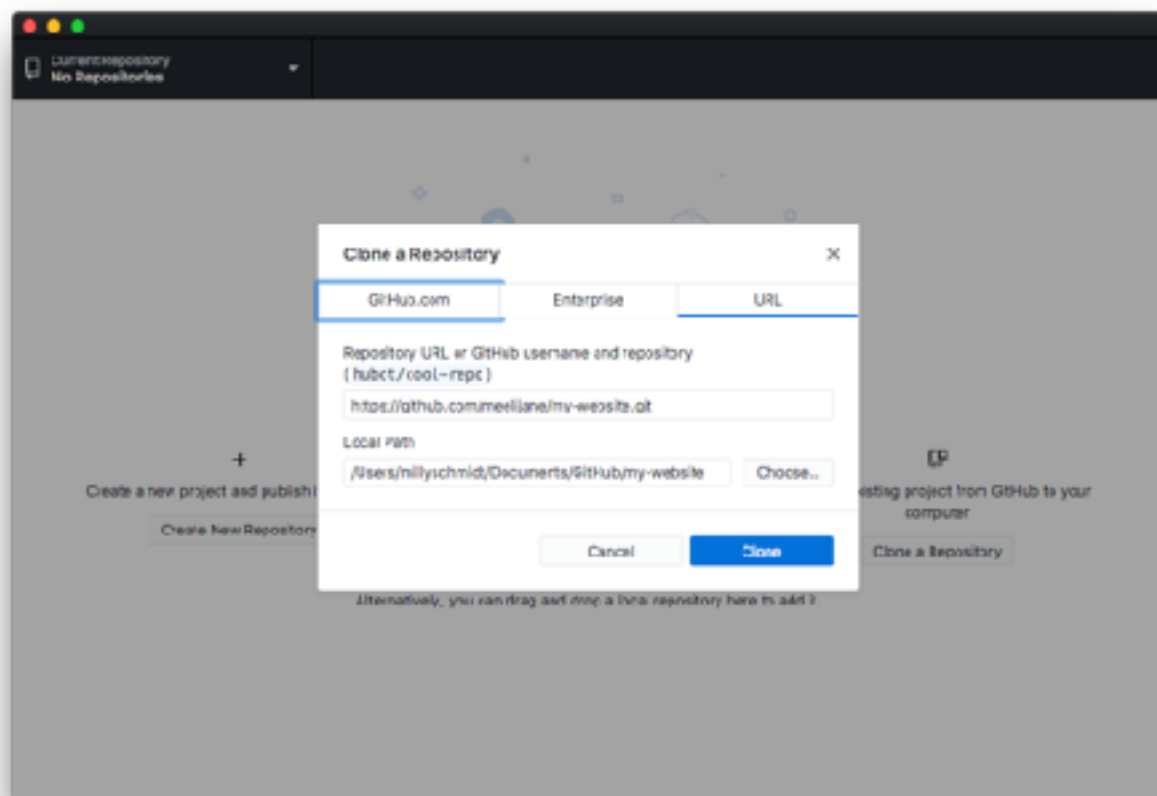
Create repository

4. Sign in to Github Desktop with your new account

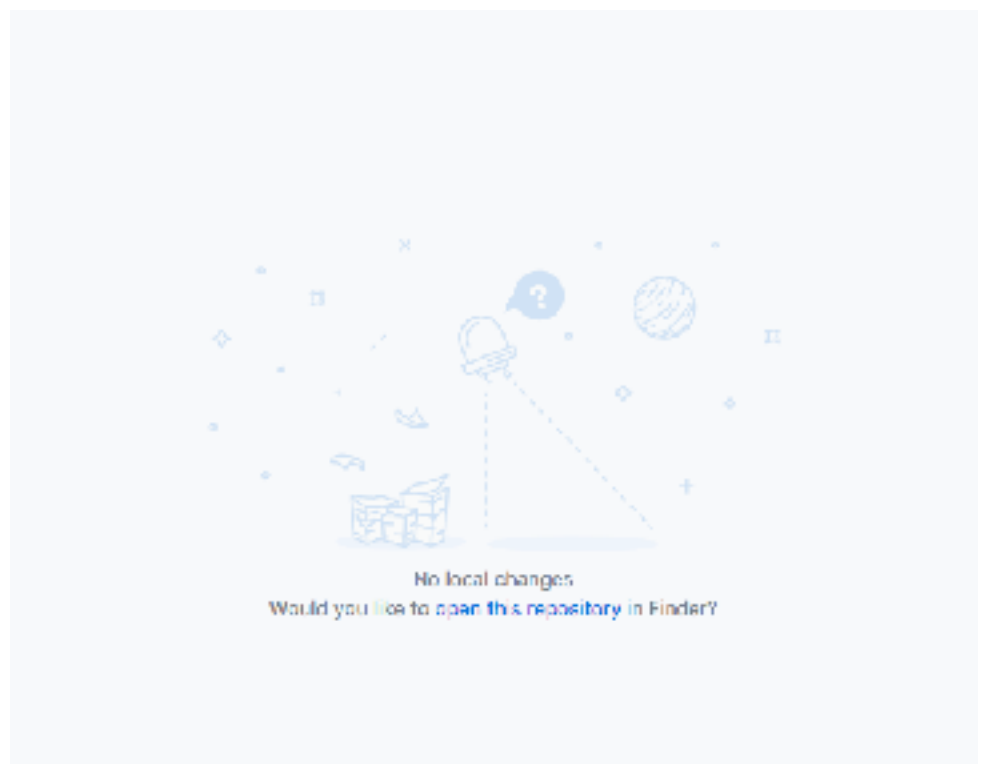


5. Go back to the browser and open your repository in Github Desktop

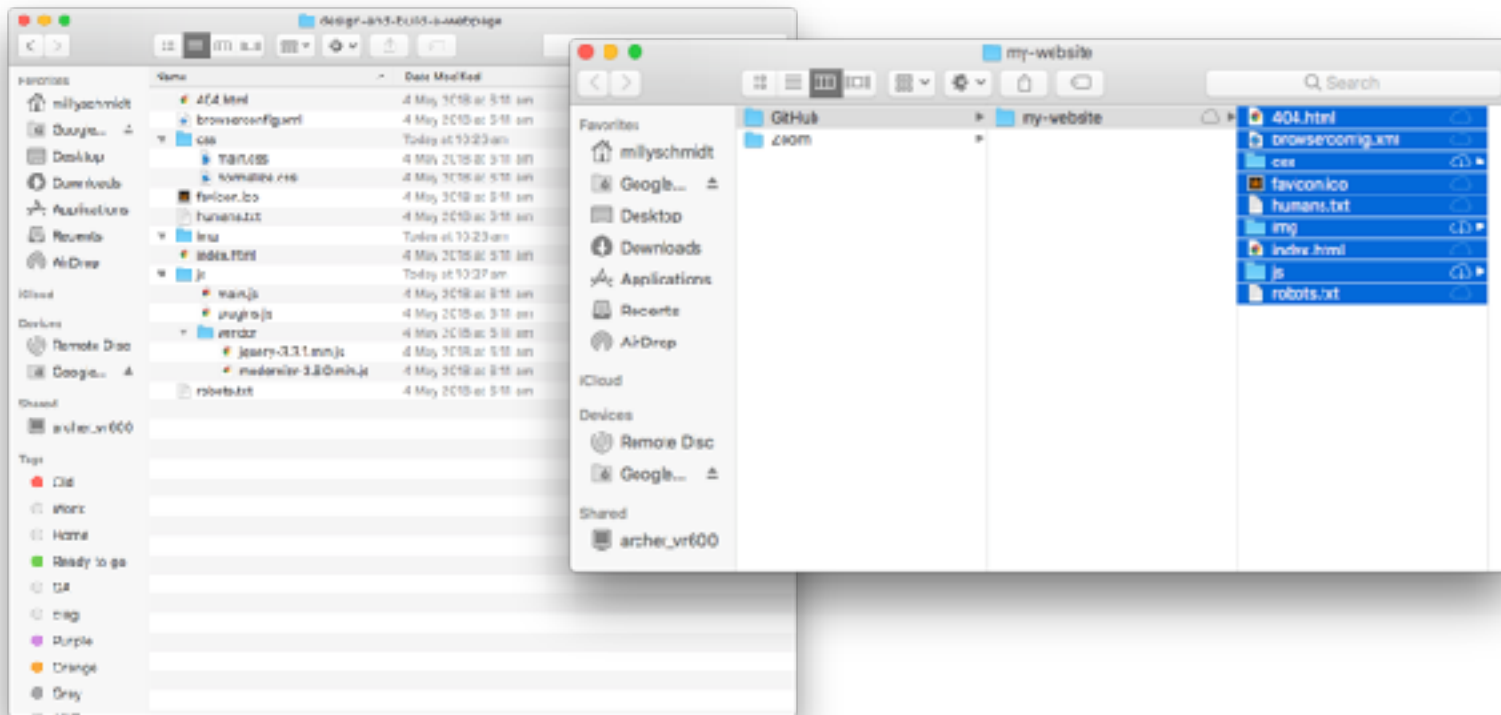




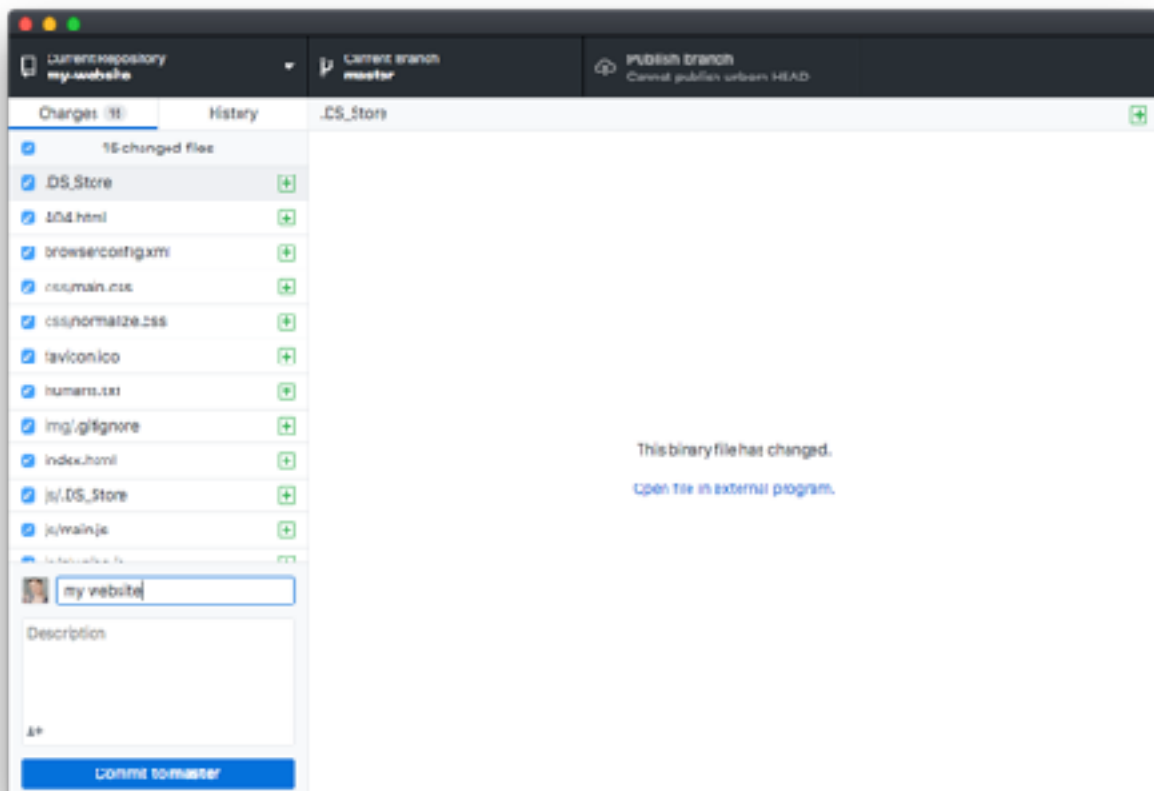
6. Open the repository in Finder



7. Copy your website files into that folder



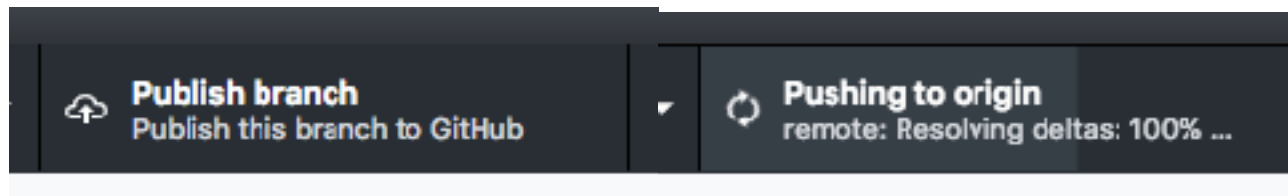
8. Go back to Github Desktop. You should see your files there in the left panel. Commit your files with a commit message and press “Commit to master”



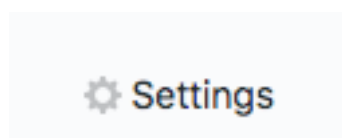
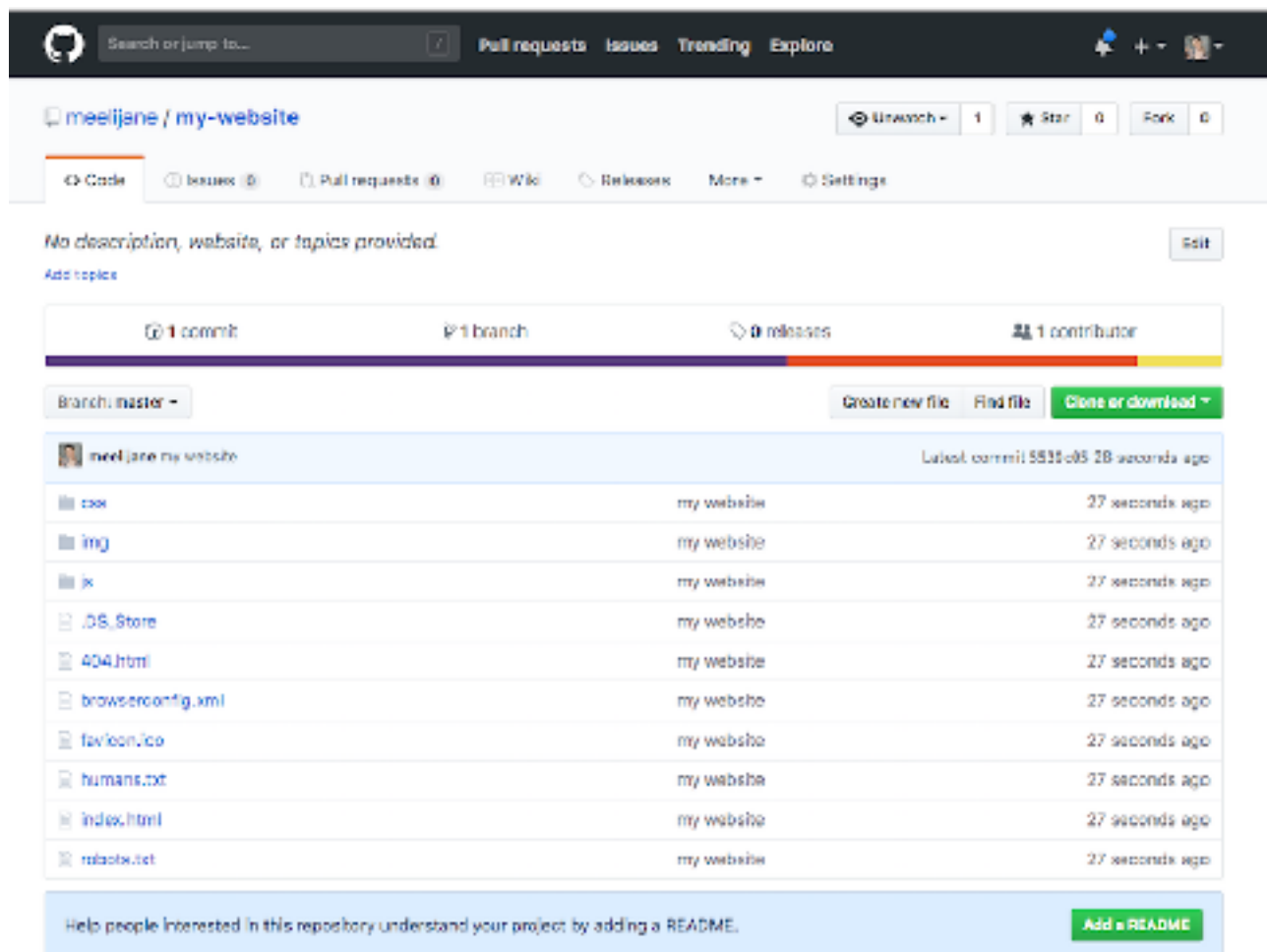
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9. Push your files and press “Publish branch”



10. Go back to your web browser and refresh the page - you should see your files



11. In the nav bar along the top, go to “Settings”

12. Scroll down to “Github Pages”

## 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.](#)

None ▾

Save

### Theme Chooser

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

Choose a theme

13. Under “Source” choose “master branch” and click “Save”

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#### Select source

master branch  
Use the master branch for GitHub Pages.

master branch /docs folder  
Use only the /docs folder for GitHub Pages.

✓ None

Disable GitHub Pages.

Your site is ready to be published at <https://testing8239472.github.io/my-website/>.

14. You'll see the URL your website is available at - you can share this with family and friends!

More resources:

**Signing up for a new Github Account**

<https://help.github.com/articles/signing-up-for-a-new-github-account/>

**Setting up Git**

<https://help.github.com/articles/set-up-git/>

**What is Github Pages?**

<https://help.github.com/categories/github-pages-basics/>

**Getting started with Github Desktop**

<https://help.github.com/desktop/guides/getting-started-with-github-desktop/>

**Create a Repo**

<https://help.github.com/articles/create-a-repo/>