**If you can/do have Signal on your phone (scroll down for instructions if you don’t/can’t!)**

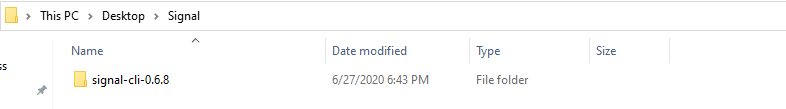
Credits: <https://ctrl.alt.coop/en/post/signal-without-a-smartphone/> <https://github.com/AsamK/signal-cli> <https://www.reddit.com/r/signal/comments/9suiaj/how_to_get_signal_running_with_no_smart_phone/>

1. Install the Signal app on your phone.
2. Install Git Bash using this guide (link below). This is basically the Command Prompt interface, but it allows you to get into folders much faster to do stuff. It’s free and open-source. On Step 7, where it has you select a default text editor, choose pretty much anything but VIM. You won’t need this for the Signal installation, but VIM is hard to use, so I would recommend (if you have it) to use Notepad++ or Atom. If you don’t have either of those, use (on Windows) Visual Studio or regular ole Notepad. That way, if you ever have to open a Git file in an editor, it won’t put you in VIM.

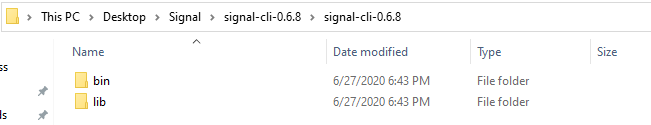
<https://www.stanleyulili.com/git/how-to-install-git-bash-on-windows/>

1. Create a file on your Desktop or in your Documents folder called Signal.
2. Download the .tar.gz file from <https://github.com/AsamK/signal-cli/releases/tag/v0.6.8> or whatever is the latest version of Signal-cli.
3. Move the .tar.gz file to your Signal folder you created in step 4.
4. Extract the .tar.gz file to your Signal folder using any zip extractor. I use WinRAR because I’m old school and the license never expires, but anything will do.

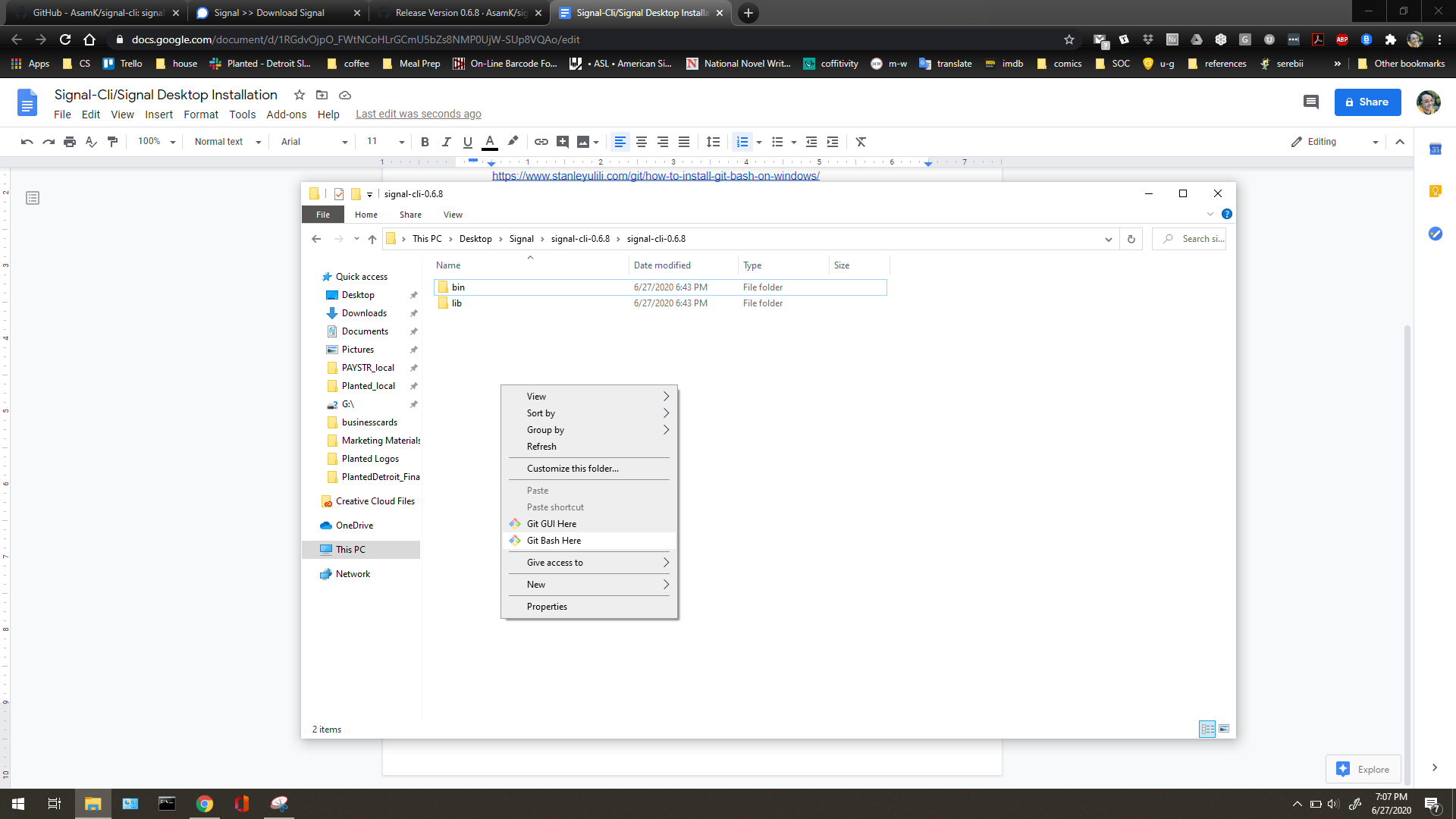
When you are done with that process, you will have a folder called signal-cli-0.x.x in your Signal folder, like this.



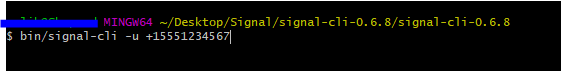
1. Open that folder (and if there’s another folder with the same name inside of it because of your extraction process, open that one too) and you will end up with 2 folders called bin and lib (binary files and library, respectively).



7. Now you will use Git Bash. Click anywhere in the blank area beneath these two folders and choose “Git Bash Here” from your options menu.



1. In the Git Bash window that opens up, type in “bin/signal-cli -u YOUR\_NUMBER register” after the $ sign, and replace the YOUR\_NUMBER part with your phone number you used to sign up for Signal. Include + and your country code, like +15551234567 for example. Press enter to see it run.



1. You will then get a SMS with a verfication number if it’s a mobile number or else a call. You use this number then to verify your account. Type in “bin/signal-cli -u YOUR\_NUMBER verify VERIFICATIONCODE” where, again, YOUR\_NUMBER is your number, and VERIFICATIONCODE is your verification code that Signal sent to your phone. Press enter to see it run.
2. Install the latest version of Signal-Desktop from here: <https://signal.org/download/>
3. Open up Signal-Desktop and Signal on your phone. On your phone, you may have to reverify your phone as your Signal device. Do so, and then in the top right corner under Settings, go to Linked Devices.
4. Click the plus icon on the bottom right corner and scan the QR code that pops up on your Desktop version of Signal. Verify your device info is correct and accept.

**Don’t have/can’t get Signal on your phone?**

Follow steps 3-11, and then:

12. Open up Signal on your desktop. Take a screenshot of the QR code that comes up on Signal-Desktop (on Windows, this is CTRL+PRTSCR)

13. Crop the screenshot to just be the QR code using an image editor of your choice (MS Paint works fine!).

14. Use a QR decoder online like ZXing (<https://zxing.org/w/decode.jspx>) and upload the QR code image. It should spit out a code starting with tsdevice:/? . Copy that code.

15. In Git Bash, type in “bin/signal-cli -u YOUR\_NUMBER addDevice --uri “CODE”” and here, replace YOUR\_NUMBER with your number, and CODE with "tsdevice:/?uuid..."

(in quotation marks), the code that you copied from ZXing. This should allow you to register your desktop as a device in Signal without a smartphone installation.