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Git vs. GitHub

It's a common mistake to conflate Git with GitHub, so let's lay out a few definitions here.

Git is a version control system. It's software that allows you to keep track of any changes you make to a given project.

GitHub is an online platform (https://github.com). It serves two main purposes:

1. GitHub backs up your code. We all know computers are fragile. As I'm typing this lesson, there's a kombucha sitting awfully close to my Mac. If I were to spill my tea all over my computer, my work wouldn't skip a beat because I frequently push my projects to GitHub.
2. At its core, GitHub is a social platform. It allows coders to work together on a single project in a highly collaborative fashion.

You might also hear the term **GitHub Enterprise** (aka, GHE) thrown around. GitHub (the company) licenses its software to organizations like General Assembly under GHE, thus allowing them to host a version of "GitHub Light" on their own servers. Our version of GitHub Enterprise lives at https://git.generalassemb.ly.

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