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SmartGit

PRO Uncluttered UI

SmartGit has a rather clean and uncluttered user interface. All the most useful tools and information are displayed at all times or are otherwise just a couple of clicks away. All repositories are displayed in the sidebar and through a tabbed interface you can view various info about a specific re...

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CON Proprietary license

Not an open source license.

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EXCELLENT

GitKraken

PRO **Beautiful user interface**

It's modern and beautiful, it looks clean and refined. It's simple: the most used features (pull, push, branch, stash, commit) are accessible in one click, and are the only buttons. The other features aren't in complicated menus nor in hundreds of buttons, but rather displayed when you...

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CON **Must log into GitKraken servers to use the free version**

All functionality is disabled unless you register for a free account and remain logged in. There is the $79/user/yr Enterprise option. It allows you to deploy a Linux License Server in an air-gapped/offline environment.

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SourceTree

PRO **Informative branch visualization**

In addition to color-coded branches and icons that tell if a file has been added, removed or modified, SourceTree also displays the number of commits that are ahead and behind the remote branch.

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CON **Requires an account to install and use**

Need an Atlassian account to install.

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TortoiseGit

PRO Windows context menu integration

Context menu enables quick access to common commands.

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CON Hard to understand what happened when something goes wrong

Since TortoiseGit uses a lot of combinations of different Git commands under the hood to perform even the most basic actions, it's difficult to determine what exactly went wrong in the event of an error.

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GitExtensions

PRO **Great UI**

GitExtensions has a simple layout, all usual functions being available without navigation menus. The branching and merging are clear and easy to follow.

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CON **Not truly cross-platform**

GitExtensions is not truly cross-platform. It can run through mono on UNIX-based systems but this does not work as well as it does on Windows.

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Magit

PRO **Greatly increases productivity**

It lets you use git to its fullest without having to remember every single git command. With its intuitive and simple keyboard-based interface, users can use even the most advanced git features with just a couple keystrokes.

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Add a Con

Know any negative aspects of this option?

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Git for Windows

Git for Windows

PRO **The most powerful way to use git**

By using the CLI, one is given access to every single git function available, thus providing complete flexibility in managing git.

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CON **Terrible UI**

Although it does most of what needs to be done, the actions are not obvious. It is definitely not user-friendly.

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GitHub Desktop

PRO **Simple, streamlined GUI**

GitHub Desktop uses an extremely simplistic two-panel view. It's not capable of complex historical visualisations like other GUIs, but it is very easy to use (especially for git novices).

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CON **Limited functionality through the UI**

Can't handle complex tasks from the UI. To run some complex git commands you have to type them in the console. As advised by the application's help manual itself, which means this was built as intended.

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GitAhead

PRO **Themes**

Offers both a light and a dark theme.

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CON **No conflict resolver**

Currently has no support for resolving conflicts.

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Tower

PRO **Great customer support**

Customer support is exceptional.

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CON **Buggy**

Due to it not being out long, it's very buggy on Windows.

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See 3 more Pros

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Git Extensions

PRO **Easy to add add action in the GUI**

Right click to add a script to delete remote branch or tag...

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CON **Poor UI**

Rich developer experience but awful interface.

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See 2 more Pros

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Visual Studio

PRO **Very simple interface**

In comparison to most Git clients, Visual Studio is less cluttered and keeps the information focused on the current repo, branch, and changes.

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CON **Not cross-platform**

Visual Studio is only available on Windows, though there is now a cross-platform derivation of Visual Studio named Visual Studio Code. It is has less features and is more of a code editor than an IDE.

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git-cola

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gitk

PRO **Easy to use**
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CON **Cannot commit**
The user needs to use a different Git client (GUI or otherwise) to commit changes.

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Cycligent Git Tool

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gmaster

PRO **Visual**

Lays out the repository in a visual way that makes sense and paints a clear picture of what is going on.

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Know any negative aspects of this option?

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Know any positive aspects of this option?

CON **Sloppy interface**

The interface feels cobbled together and not refined.

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Git BASH

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COMMENTS

DecisiveAhriman @DecisiveAhriman5180
3 days ago

Please review free built-in option with Eclipse. You do not need to develope in Java - just open Git perpective and you have full client with many features as those above.

Reply

Thomas Singer @FB:1983398605269650
2 days ago

@DecisiveAhriman5180 You are free to review it yourself and add Eclipse as Git client suggestion.

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SmartGit // Perspective views can be limiting

Thomas Singer @FB:1983398605269650
6 days ago

see my comment

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Could you please be more precise when perspectives limit you in some kind? Perspectives are just to have 2 easy to switch layouts of views. Of course you can show more or hide views using the menu items in the Window menu.

Reply

SmartGit // Perspective views can be limiting

Kristaps @KristapsFeldmanis
6 days ago

I hope you don't mind, I reworded your first person phrasing. Does it sound ok? We prefer second or third which makes it friendlier for others to edit.

Reply

TortoiseGit // Has localization

Paolo @slyce
6 days ago

Edited your pro a bit for readability. I hope that's okay and that your original thoughts are still preserved :)

Reply

SmartGit // Proprietary license

quincunx @quincunx
7 days ago

Why would that be relevant? Quote from http://www.syntevo.com/smartgit/purchase: "SmartGit can be used free of charge by Open Source developers, teachers and their students, or for hobby, non-paid usage. We are also supporting certain non-profit organizations like public welfare or charities."

Reply

Endi Sukaj @endi-sukaj
7 days ago

@quincunx Some people prefer using libre tools for various reasons that have nothing to do with the price.

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SmartGit   **//**   Irritating starting screen

quincunx @quincunx
7 days ago

It's configurable and can be disabled

Reply

Endi Sukaj @endi-sukaj
7 days ago

@quincunx Thanks for the heads up!

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SmartGit   **//**   Some git functionality has been renamed

quincunx @quincunx
7 days ago

I use SmartGit for some years now and don't know of any git functionality which has been renamed.

Reply

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quincunx @quincunx
7 days ago

Or disable it:

http://www.syntevo.com/doc/display/SG/System+Properties#SystemProperties-smartgit.ui.splashscreenproperties.smartgit.ui.splashscreen

Reply

SmartGit   **//**   Auto clean-up consumes a lot of resources

Nathaniel Blackburn @nblackburn
10 days ago

This is being fixed in a future release.

Reply

SmartGit   //   Auto clean-up consumes a lot of resources

syntevo GmbH @syntevo
11 days ago

The default for this option will be off with version 17.1.

Reply

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syntevo GmbH @syntevo
11 days ago

Clicking it makes it go away.

Reply

GitKraken   //   Does not support Git LFS

Sara @sarab
12 days ago

Good news, GitKraken v3.0 release introduced Git LFS support:

https://support.gitkraken.com/release-notes/current#v3-0-0

Reply

Belle @crazy.cat.lady
12 days ago

@sarab Yep, thanks for the link. :)

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GitKraken   //   Cannot select multiple files at once, to stage/unstage

Sara @sarab
12 days ago

Now you can select multiple files with shift or command. Check out the GitKraken v3.0
release notes for details: https://support.gitkraken.com/release-notes/current#v3-0-0

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Belle @crazy.cat.lady
12 days ago

@sarab Checked out your link and you're right. Thanks for the update! :)

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12 days ago

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Solon @Solon
12 days ago

@sarab Hey! Thanks for updating us on this Con!

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SourceTree   //   Unstable and terrible UX

Marco Aurelio TW2 @MarcoAurelioTW2
20 days ago

SourceBug is driving me crazy

Reply

GitKraken   //   Poor visibility in interface

Nathaniel Blackburn @nblackburn
2 months ago

I feel you are getting confused between visibility and clarity here as visibility would be
elements being hard to see which is not the case.

Reply

GitKraken

Andris Pelcbergs @thekodols
2 years ago

Anything in particular you like about GitKraken?

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Febrianto Nugroho @febriantonugroho
2 months ago

@thekodols Yes, especially dark theme

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GitKraken

Stan Williams @StanWilliams
2 months ago

I'm using the free version of Gitkraken, but so far I'm loving it .

Reply

Febrianto Nugroho @febriantonugroho
2 months ago

@StanWilliams I'm loving it until i use built-in merge tool, there is still a little bug

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GitKr...   //   Great interface, versions for windows linux and Mac, making it much easier to use GI...

Alex @AleksandrsK
2 months ago

Hey, thanks for contributing! I hope you don't mind that I flagged this pro, since there already are pros about it being beginner-friendly and having intuitive interface.

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