

## 1. Install Git Flow

## 2. Initialize Git Flow in Your Repository

Go to project folder:

```
cd my-website
```

Initialize Git Flow with default naming conventions:

```
git flow init
```

## 3. Feature Development Using Git Flow

Start a new feature:

```
git flow feature start add-about-section
```

This creates a new branch:

```
feature/add-about-section
```

Make changes (example: update index.html).

Stage and commit:

```
git add index.html
```

```
git commit -m "Add About section to homepage"
```

Finish the feature:

```
git flow feature finish add-about-section
```

## 4. Start a Release Branch

When the project is ready for version packaging or deployment:

```
git flow release start v1.0
```

Make any final edits—such as updating a CHANGELOG.md or version file.

Commit your final release changes:

```
git commit -am "Prepare release notes for v1.0"
```

**Finish the release:**

```
git flow release finish v1.0
```

## **5. Create a Hotfix (urgent bug fix)**

**If a critical issue is found in production:**

**Start a hotfix:**

```
git flow hotfix start critical-fix
```

**Fix the error (example: correct a broken link or missing HTML tag).**

**Commit your fix:**

```
git commit -am "Fix critical production issue"
```

**Finish the hotfix:**

```
git flow hotfix finish critical-fix
```