Work with Git and GitHub

What is Git

Git is a tool you install on your computer. It helps you track changes to your files.

If you make a mistake, you can go back to an earlier version.

Git is a DVCS (Distributed Version Control System), **everyone has their own copy** of the file. You can work on your copy, even without the internet. Later, everyone shares their changes, and the project gets updated.

How to install Git:

For Ubuntu:

✓ sudo apt install git

For RHEL/CentOS:

√ sudo yum install git

Configure Git

Run these commands to configure Git on you local:

```
✓ git config --global user.name "Your Name"
```

√ git config --global user.email "youremail@example.com"

```
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 ~]# git config --global user.name "prity"
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 ~]# git config --global user.email "prity@gmail.com"
```

Check Your Configuration

√ git config --list

```
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 ~] # git config --list
user.name=prity
user.email=prity@gmail.com
```

To initialize a Git repository in a folder to be tracked, follow these steps:

• Use the **cd** command to go to the folder you want to track with Git.

Example: If your folder is named **project**, run command

√ cd my-project

Initialize a Git repository:

Run the following command to make the folder a Git repository:

✓ git init

```
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 project]# git init
hint: Using 'master' as the name for the initial branch. This default branch name
hint: is subject to change. To configure the initial branch name to use in all
hint: of your new repositories, which will suppress this warning, call:
hint:
hint: git config --global init.defaultBranch <name>
hint:
hint: Names commonly chosen instead of 'master' are 'main', 'trunk' and
hint: 'development'. The just-created branch can be renamed via this command:
hint:
hint: git branch -m <name>
Initialized empty Git repository in /root/project/.qit/
```

This command sets up a new Git repository in the folder by creating a **.git** directory.

To confirm the folder is now a Git repository, run:

```
✓ ls -a
```

```
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 project] # ls -a
. . . .git
```

You should see a hidden **.git** folder. This indicates that the directory is now tracked by Git.

Create a New File:

Example: vim test.txt

Then type some content in the file and save it.

```
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 project]# vim test.txt
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 project]# cat test.txt
Hi all
```

Check File Status:

To see the current state of files in the repository (tracked or untracked), run:

√ git status

New files will appear under "Untracked files".

Add the File to Git Tracking:

√ git add test.txt

Or, to add all new/modified files in the folder:

```
✓ git add.
```

Commit the File:

After adding the file, commit it to save the changes locally with a message:

git commit -m "Adding test.txt "

```
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 project]# git commit -m "Adding test.txt "
[master (root-commit) b3ff615] Adding test.txt
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
    create mode 100644 test.txt
```

Push the File to Remote Repository:

If your repository is linked to a remote (e.g., GitHub), push the changes***

Before that lets learn about GitHub

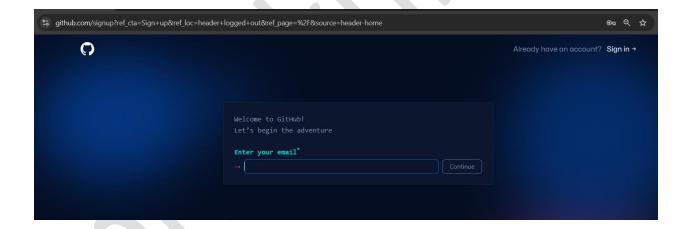
What is GitHub

GitHub is a **website**. It's a place where you can **upload your Git projects** to the internet. This lets you **share your work** with others or work together on the same project.

GitHub is a **hosting service for Git repositories**. Git and GitHub work together, but they are not the same thing.

How to create GitHub Account

- Go to GitHub.com.
- Sign up for free.



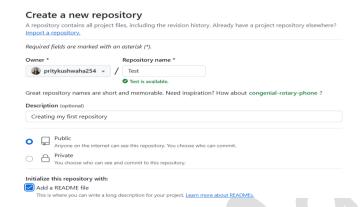
Create a GitHub Repository:

- Login to <u>GitHub</u>
- *Click the* + *sign* (at the top) to create new repository.



• Enter a **repository name** (any name you wish)

- Add a description (it is optional).
- Choose **Public** (for everyone to see) or **Private** (only you can see).
- Tick "Initialize this repository with a README" (optional).



• Click Create repository. One repository will create on GitHub.

Connect to your GitHub repository from your local (Git)

There is two way to connect with your GitHub repository from local

- 1) SSH URL
- 2) HTTPS URL
 - **SSH**: More secure, no need to enter credentials repeatedly.
 - **HTTPS**: Simpler setup but requires a token/password when pushing or pulling.

Connect to GitHub using SSH URL:

Generate an SSH key on your computer:

√ ssh-keygen

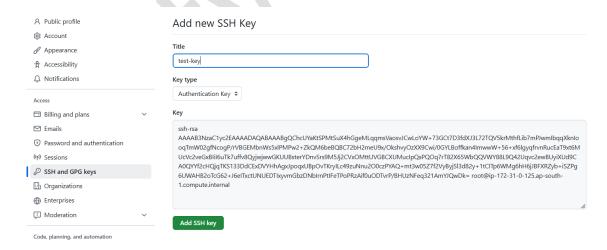
Add the SSH key to your GitHub account:

Copy the publickey:

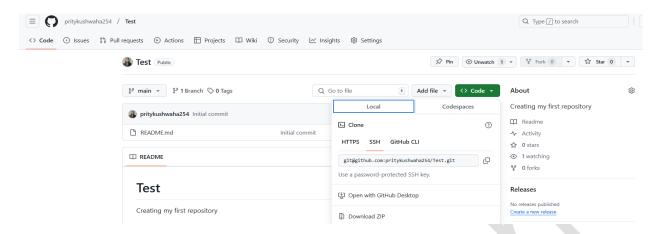
✓ cat id_rsa.pub

```
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 vpject] # cd
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 v] # cd .ssh/
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 v] # cd .ssh/
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 vsh] # ls
authorized keys id_rsa id_rsa.pub
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 .ssh] # cat id_rsa.pub
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 .ssh] # cat id_rsa.pub
[soot@ip-172-31-0-125 .ssh] # cat id_rsa.pub
ssh-rsa AAABBNzaClyczeAAAADBAAABBygCVYwNsgkv/DPOCXytwOghTnZrqKQD/+mNW65JgOnG5tZZ8xClVBjJ9y7zNiO9qdpy91Fx3nw0X87ZZCh16nnj4DrLiTmwEIili2dw8bDHZJbHTaiS
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```

Go to **GitHub > Settings > SSH and GPG keys > New SSH key**, paste the key, and save it.



Copy the SSH URL of your GitHub repository



Go to your local Git and Run the following command in your local Git repository: git remote add origin <SSH <u>URL</u> of your GitHub repository>

√ git remote add origin git@github.com:pritykushwaha254/Test.git

```
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 project]# git remote add origin git@github.com:pritykushwaha254/Test.git
```

Push the File to Remote Repository from local (Git)

If your repository is linked to a remote (e.g., GitHub), push the changes ***

✓ git push origin master

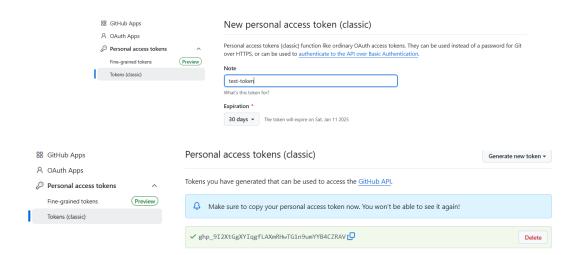
```
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 project]# git push origin master
The authenticity of host 'github.com (20.207.73.82)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:+DiY3wvvV6TuJJhbpZisF/zLDA0zPMSvHdkr4UvCOqU.
This key is not known by any other names
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'github.com' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
Enumerating objects: 3, done.
Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
Writing objects: 100% (3/3), 215 bytes | 215.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
remote:
remote: Create a pull request for 'master' on GitHub by visiting:
remote:
            https://github.com/pritykushwaha254/Test/pull/new/master
  github.com:pritykushwaha254/Test.git
                    master -> master
```

Now your code pushed to GitHub from your local.

Connect to GitHub using HTTPS URL:

To connect using HTTPS we need to generate personal access token in GitHub

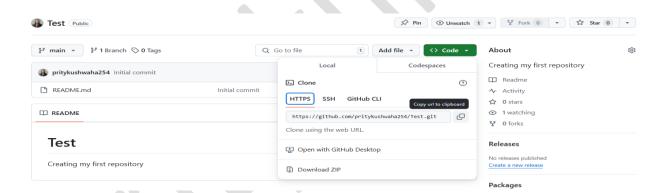
Go to **GitHub > Settings > Developer settings > Personal access tokens**. Use it as a password.



Copy the token and save for further use it won't be visible again.

Copy the HTTPS URL of your GitHub repository.

Go to your local Git and Run the command in your local Git repository:



git remote add origin <HTTPS <u>URL</u> of your GitHub repository>

✓ git remote add origin https://github.com/pritykushwaha254/Test.git

When you push your code to GitHub it will ask:

- > Enter your **GitHub username**.
- ➤ Enter your **Personal Access Token** as the password.

```
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 project]# git remote add origin https://github.com/pritykushwaha254/Test.git
[root@ip-172-31-0-125 project]# git push origin master
Username for 'https://github.com': pritykushwaha254
Password for 'https://pritykushwaha254@github.com':
Everything up-to-date
```

Here it is saying everything up-to-date because I have already push code to GitHub in previous example of SSH URL.

• Always ensure you use the correct URL format based on your connection method (SSH or HTTPS).

Now your file is being tracked by Git and, it will be available in your remote repository(GitHub).

Full Workflow summery:

cd project
git init
vim test.txt
git add test.txt
git commit -m "Add test.txt"
git add origin URL
git push origin master

Go to your project folder in local

Initialize Git repository

Create a file

Add file to Git tracking

Commit the file

Connect with your GitHub repository# Push changes to the remote repository

Git clone

git clone is a command used to **copy a repository from GitHub** to your computer. When you clone a repository, you get a complete copy of all the files, commit history, and branches. Think of it like downloading a project so you can work on it locally.

Cloning a Public Repository:

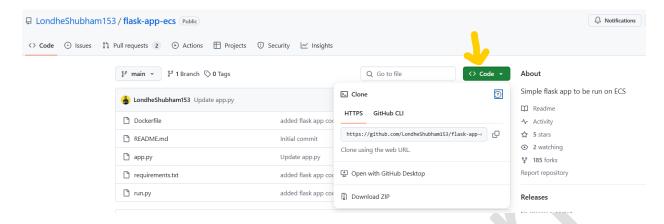
Public repositories are open to everyone, so you don't need any special authentication to clone them.

Go to GitHub and open the repository you want to clone.

Copy the Repository URL

Click on the green **Code** button.

Copy the URL (e.g., https://github.com/LondheShubham153/flask-appecs.git).



Open a Terminal go to the directory where you want to clone the repository.

Run the git clone Command

✓ git clone <URL>

Example: git clone https://github.com/LondheShubham153/flask-appecs.git

This will create a new folder with the same name as the repository, containing all the files.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~$ git --version
git version 2.43.0
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~$ git clone https://github.com/LondheShubham153/flask-app-ecs.git
Cloning into 'flask-app-ecs'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 12, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (2/2), done.
remote: Total 12 (delta 1), reused 1 (delta 1), pack-reused 10 (from 1)
Receiving objects: 100% (12/12), done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (2/2), done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (2/2), done.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~$ ls
flask-app-ecs
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~$ cd flask-app-ecs/
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~/flask-app-ecs$ ls
Dockerfile README.md app.py requirements.txt run.py
```

You can also check commit history using **git log** command

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~/flask-app-ecs$ git log
commit c0b8eec4e705ded5lecf6ec448cb10238f41864d (HEAD -> main, origin/main, origin/HEAD)
Author: LondheShubham153 <shubhamnath5@gmail.com>
Date: Sun May 21 18:39:33 2023 +0530

Update app.py
commit 9960955676989bc6d2e12571la284d6e7675fa38
Author: LondheShubham153 <shubhamnath5@gmail.com>
Date: Sun Feb 5 22:18:42 2023 +0530

added flask app code with dockerfile
commit e04050c9fd2a30ecde403e404bea6fe27b98cedd
Author: LondheShubham153 <shubhamnath5@gmail.com>
Date: Sun Feb 5 22:16:38 2023 +0530

Initial commit
```

Cloning a Private Repository:

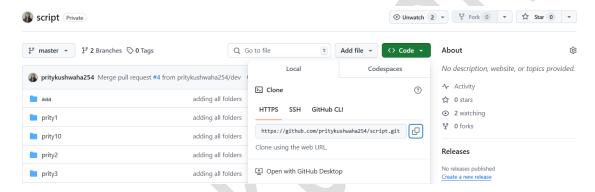
Private repositories require authentication since they are not open to everyone.

Using HTTPS:

Go to GitHub and open the private repository you want to clone. **Copy the Repository HTTPS URL**

Click the green **Code** button.

Copy the HTTPS URL



Run the git clone Command

√ git clone < repository HTTPS URL >

Example: git clone https://github.com/pritykushwaha254/script.git

When it ask for, enter your GitHub **username** and **personal access token** instead of a password. (GitHub no longer supports password authentication; you must generate a **personal access token**.)

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~/test$ git clone https://github.com/pritykushwaha254/script.git
Cloning into 'script'...
Username for 'https://github.com': pritykushwaha254
Password for 'https://pritykushwaha254@github.com':

remote: Enumerating objects: 33, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (33/33), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (22/22), done.
remote: Total 33 (delta 13), reused 23 (delta 7), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
Receiving objects: 100% (33/33), 6.83 KiB | 3.42 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (13/13), done.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~/test$ ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~/test$ ls
script
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~/test$ cd script/
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~/test$ cd script/
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~/test$ script |
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~/test$ cd script/
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~/test$ cd script/
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~/test$ script |
```

Now your private gitHub repository gets cloned in your local using HTTPS.

Using SSH:

Generate an SSH key pair using ssh-keygen.

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~$ ssh-keygen

Generating public/private ed25519 key pair.

Enter file in which to save the key (/home/ubuntu/.ssh/id_ed25519):

Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):

Enter same passphrase again:

Your identification has been saved in /home/ubuntu/.ssh/id_ed25519

Your public key has been saved in /home/ubuntu/.ssh/id_ed25519.pub

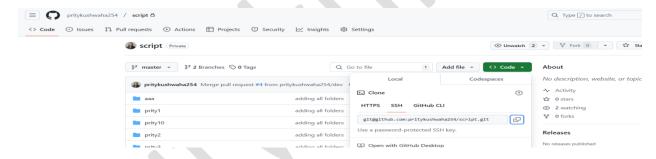
The key fingerprint is:

SHA256:CddUKHpWCsBnJjbhoWz/qbr17zXnO19ibSRfxQHAwjk ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67

The key's randomart image is:
+--[ED25519 256]--+
| oo=...o. |
| oE.*.o+ |
| .o.s. |
```

Add the public key to your GitHub account as explained before

Copy the Repository SSH URL



Run the git clone Command

√ git clone < repository SSH URL>

$\textbf{\textit{Example:} git clone\ git@github.com:pritykushwaha254/script.git}$

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~$ git clone git@github.com:pritykushwaha254/script.git
Cloning into 'script'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 33, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (33/33), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (22/22), done.
remote: Total 33 (delta 13), reused 23 (delta 7), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
Receiving objects: 100% (33/33), 6.83 KiB | 3.42 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (13/13), done.
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~$ ls
script
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~$ cd script/
ubuntu@ip-172-31-4-67:~$cript$ ls
Error handel abc.tf gitkeep make_folder.sh prity1 prity2 prity4 prity6 prity8 tt
aaa file_permission-check.sh jj new.sh prity10 prity3 prity5 prity7 prity9
```

Now your private gitHub repository gets cloned in your local using SSH.

Is git init needed for git clone?

Answer is No, git init is NOT needed before using git clone because:

- **git clone automatically initializes a Git repository** in the folder it creates.
- It also downloads all the files and commit history, so there's no need for an additional git init.

we use git init when starting a new repository from scratch (not cloning). For example, if you want to create a fresh project and track it with Git, you would first run:git init.

git init For creating a new, empty repository locally.

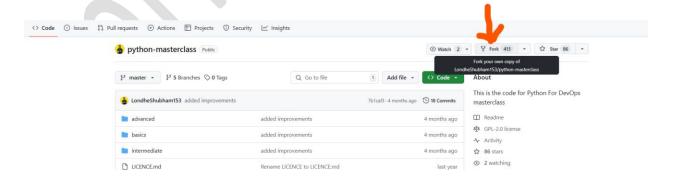
git clone For copying an existing repository (public or private).

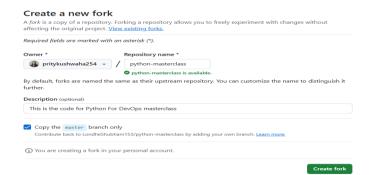
Git Fork

A **fork** is like creating your own personal copy of someone else's GitHub repository. This copy is saved in **your GitHub account**, and you can make changes to it without affecting the original repository.

Forking is useful when you want to contribute to an open-source project or create your custom version of a repository.

Click the **Fork** button at the top right of the repository page on GitHub.





This creates a copy of the repository in your GitHub account.

