**What is GitHub?**

GitHub is a code hosting platform for version control and collaboration. It lets you and others work together on projects from anywhere.

This tutorial teaches you GitHub essentials like *repositories*, *branches*, *commits*, and *Pull Requests*. You’ll create your own Hello World repository and learn GitHub’s Pull Request workflow, a popular way to create and review code.

**No coding necessary**

To complete this tutorial, you need a [GitHub.com account](http://github.com/) and Internet access. You don’t need to know how to code, use the command line, or install Git (the version control software GitHub is built on).

**Tip:** Open this guide in a separate browser window (or tab) so you can see it while you complete the steps in the tutorial.

**Step 1. Create a Repository**

A **repository** is usually used to organize a single project. Repositories can contain folders and files, images, videos, spreadsheets, and data sets – anything your project needs. We recommend including a *README*, or a file with information about your project. GitHub makes it easy to add one at the same time you create your new repository. *It also offers other common options such as a license file.*

Your hello-world repository can be a place where you store ideas, resources, or even share and discuss things with others.

**To create a new repository**

1. In the upper right corner, next to your avatar or identicon, click  and then select **New repository**.
2. Name your repository hello-world.
3. Write a short description.
4. Select **Initialize this repository with a README**.