To initialize a Git repository, configure global credentials, and create a remote repository using Visual Studio Code (VS Code), follow these steps:

**1. Install Git**

Ensure Git is installed on your system:

* [Download Git](https://git-scm.com/downloads) and install it.

**2. Open VS Code and Initialize Git**

1. Open your project folder in VS Code.
2. Open the integrated terminal (Ctrl + ) or use the terminal menu (Terminal > New Terminal`).
3. Run the following command to initialize a Git repository:

bash

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git init

**3. Configure Global Git Credentials**

Set up your name and email for Git globally:

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git config --global user.name "Benjamin" git config --global user.email "niiakoadjei.devops@gmail.com"

To verify your global configuration:

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git config --global --list

**4. Add Your Project Files to Git**

Stage the files for the first commit:

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git add .

Commit the staged files:

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git commit -m "Initial commit"

**5. Create a Remote Repository on GitHub**

1. Go to [GitHub](https://github.com/) and log in.
2. Click the + icon in the top-right corner, then select **"New repository"**.
3. Fill in the repository details:
   * **Repository Name**: Choose a name for your repository.
   * **Visibility**: Public or private.
4. Click **Create repository**.

**6. Link Your Local Repository to GitHub**

Copy the GitHub repository URL and link it to your local repository:

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git remote add origin https://github.com/your-username/repository-name.git

Verify the remote repository is added:

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git remote -v

**7. Push the Code to GitHub**

Push the initial commit to the remote repository:

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git branch -M main git push -u origin main

**8. Use VS Code Source Control Features**

1. Open the **Source Control** tab (Ctrl + Shift + G or the Git icon in the sidebar).
2. Use this tab to view changes, stage files, make commits, and sync with the remote repository.

**Optional: Use a Personal Access Token (PAT) for Authentication**

If you encounter authentication issues (e.g., GitHub no longer supports password-based authentication), use a PAT:

1. Go to **GitHub > Settings > Developer Settings > Personal Access Tokens > Tokens (Classic)**.
2. Generate a token with the necessary permissions.
3. Use the token as the password when prompted by Git.