

# z\_make\_gitignore\_sync\_tool\_x

Synchronise a single, canonical `.gitignore` across every repository in the `x_runner_x` workspace. The tool reads a shared template, ensures each repo has the exact same contents, and reports what changed.

## Why this exists

- Git caches, reports and build artefacts were sneaking into different repos.
- Shared tooling (pytest, mypy, Ruff, etc.) needs consistent exclusions.
- New repositories should inherit the template automatically without copy/paste.

## What the tool does

1. Loads the canonical template from `resources/gitignore-template.txt`.
2. Discovers every sibling repository (folders containing a `.git` directory) beneath the workspace root.
3. Compares each repo's `.gitignore` to the template and overwrites it when any difference is found (or creates the file when missing).
4. Prints a short summary of updates. A `--dry-run` flag shows pending changes without touching disk.

The operation is idempotent: running it repeatedly leaves repositories unchanged once they already match the template.

## Usage

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```powershell
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## from the workspace root (c:\x\_runner\_x)

```
pwsh -File scripts\run_gitignore_sync.ps1
```

## or directly via Python

```
C:\x_runner_x\env\Scripts\python.exe -m x_make_gitignore_sync_x.sync
```

## helpful flags

```
python -m x_make_gitignore_sync_x.sync --dry-run python -m x_make_gitignore_sync_x.sync --root C:\other\workspace python -m x_make_gitignore_sync_x.sync --template custom-template.txt ```
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## Integration points

- `z_make_all_x` should invoke this tool near the end of its flow once all repos have been cloned or refreshed. That guarantees existing and freshly created repositories converge on the shared template.
- New repo generators (e.g. scaffolding commands) can either call the sync tool or copy the template directly during bootstrap.

## Tests

See `tests/test_sync.py` for coverage of the repo discovery logic, template application, and dry-run behaviour.