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Q. How to push or commit code to GitHub using VS code?

1. Make sure Git is installed in pc.
2. Initialize Git repository  
`git init`
3. Connect to GitHub repo  
`git remote add origin <repo-url>`
4. Stage and commit code  
`git add .`  
`git commit -m "msg"`
5. Set the branch and push  
`git branch -M main`  
`git push -u origin main`

Q. I have 2 GitHub accounts. VS code is signed in with my first (old) account, but now I want to push code to a repository in my second GitHub account. However, VS code is only showing the first account.

1. First check in terminal:  
`git init` (if not)  
`git config user.name`  
`git config user.email`
2. Remove old GitHub credentials:  
Credential Manager & Windows Credential  
- Find and remove any entries like:  
`git:https://github.com or GitHub`
3. (Optional) Clear Git user config: in terminal  
`git config --global --unset user.name`  
`git config --global --unset user.email`

4. Set new GitHub account credentials:  
`git config --global user.name "username"`  
`git config --global user.email "youremail"`
5. Connect to the repo to second GitHub acc's repo:  
`git remote remove origin`  
`git remote add origin <repo-url>`
6. Push code  
`git add .`  
`git commit -m "msg"`  
`git branch -M main` (if not already)  
`git push -u origin main`

Q. GitHub will prompt for login / Token:

Q. What if I don't use --global in GitHub config? so, the Git setting (like username & email) will apply only to the current project (local), not system-wide.

This is safer when using multiple GitHub accounts.

Q. What does -M mean when setting a Git branch?  
`git branch -M main`  
move or rename the branch  
even if the branch name already exist  
- -M is a force rename  
- used when you want to rename current branch



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Q What is the meaning of -u in git push? & what is origin?  
-u (--set-upstream) in git push -u origin main.  
- It links our local branch to the remote branch, so next time we can just use git push or git pull without specifying branch and origin again.

Ex git push -u origin main  
"Push my code from my local main branch to the main branch on the GitHub repo I called origin, & remember this connection."

Q What is origin?  
When we want to connect our local project to a GitHub repo, we run:  
git remote add origin repo-url  
Here, origin is just a nickname for that GitHub URL. We can set any name.

So instead of typing the full URL every time, we can just write:

git push origin main

Think of origin as:

"Hey Git, push my code to that GitHub repo, I called origin."

Q What does git add do?  
This command stages all changed files (new, modified, deleted) in the current folders and subfolders, preparing them for the next commit.

Q How to clone a repo?  
To clone a repo means to download a full copy of a project from GitHub to your local system.

1. Go to GitHub repo page
2. Click "Code"
3. Copy HTTPS URL
4. Open terminal & run
5. git clone url  
A folder with the repo name will be created with all files inside.

Q Basic Git commands

1. git init  
Initializes a new GitHub repo in our current folder. Makes it a Git-tracked project.
2. git clone repo-url  
Clones a repository from a remote to your local machine.
3. git status  
Shows current changes, staged files, and unstaged files.
4. git add  
Stages all changes (new or modified files) for commit. Prepares files to be committed.



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5. `git commit -m "message"`  
Saves the staged changes with a message.

6. `git remote add origin <repo-url>`  
Connects our local repo to a GitHub repo, with the name origin.

7. `git push origin main`  
Pushes our code to GitHub and sets a link between local main and remote main.

8. `git push`  
Pushes latest commits to GitHub.

9. `git pull`  
Pulls (downloads) the latest code from GitHub to your local repo.

10. `git branch`  
Lists all branches in our project.  
The current one is highlighted.

11. `git branch <name>`  
Creates a new branch.

12. `git checkout <branch-name>`  
Switches to another branch.

13. `git merge <branch>`  
Merges changes from another branch into the current branch.

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14. `git log`  
Shows a list of past commits with messages, authors, and time.

15. `git config --global user.name "name"`  
`git config --global user.email "email"`  
To set Git username & Git email globally.

Q What is the meaning of merging branches in Git?  
Merge branches means combining the changes from one branch into another.

Explanation:  
Suppose you're working on a website:  
- You have the main code in the main branch  
- You create a new branch called contact-form to build a contact form feature:  
`git checkout -b contact-form`

Now you add code, test it, and commit it.  
Once done, you want to bring these changes into the main branch.  
`git checkout main` # Go to main branch  
`git merge contact-form` # Merge the contact form branch into main

Now the main branch will have the contact form feature too.



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Real-life use:

Merging helps you work on features separately without disturbing the main project.

Once your work is ready, and tested, you merge it back with to the main code.

Q. What is the meaning of `-b` in `git`?  
used with `git checkout` or `git switch` to create a new branch and switch to it immediately.

Ex `git checkout -b new-feature`  
Create a new branch called `new-feature` and move into it.

Q. Construct Git Command sequence for new project:

1. Initialize Git in the local folder.  
`git init`

2. Add the GitHub repo as remote and name it origin:

`git remote add origin repo-url`

3. Rename current branch to main  
`git branch -M main`

4. Stage all files for the first commit  
`git add .` or `git add specific-file`

5. Commit the staged changes with a msg:  
`git commit -m "msg"`

6. Push to GitHub and set tracking between local main and remote main:  
`git push -u origin main`

After this setup, next we only need to use:

`git add .`

`git commit -m "msg"`

`git push`