

# What is GitHub?

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- ☐ GitHub is a code hosting platform for version control and collaboration.
- ☐ It lets you collaborate with others down the hall, or across the world.
- ☐ But you can use it for *a lot more* than just software code.
- ☐ Many technical recruiters and hiring managers are in the habit of reviewing applicants' GitHub profiles when making a hiring decision.

# Git vs GitHub

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- ☐ Git, itself, is an Open Source tool originally created by Linus Torvalds (creator of Linux).
- ☐ GitHub is a commercial (for profit) company based in San Francisco, whose goal is to make using Git as easy as possible.
- ☐ GitHub layers a lot of special sauce and extra features on top of Git, but you can use Git on your own, or use a different 3rd party service such as GitLab or BitBucket.
- ☐ You can also install and configure your own Git server if you want full control.