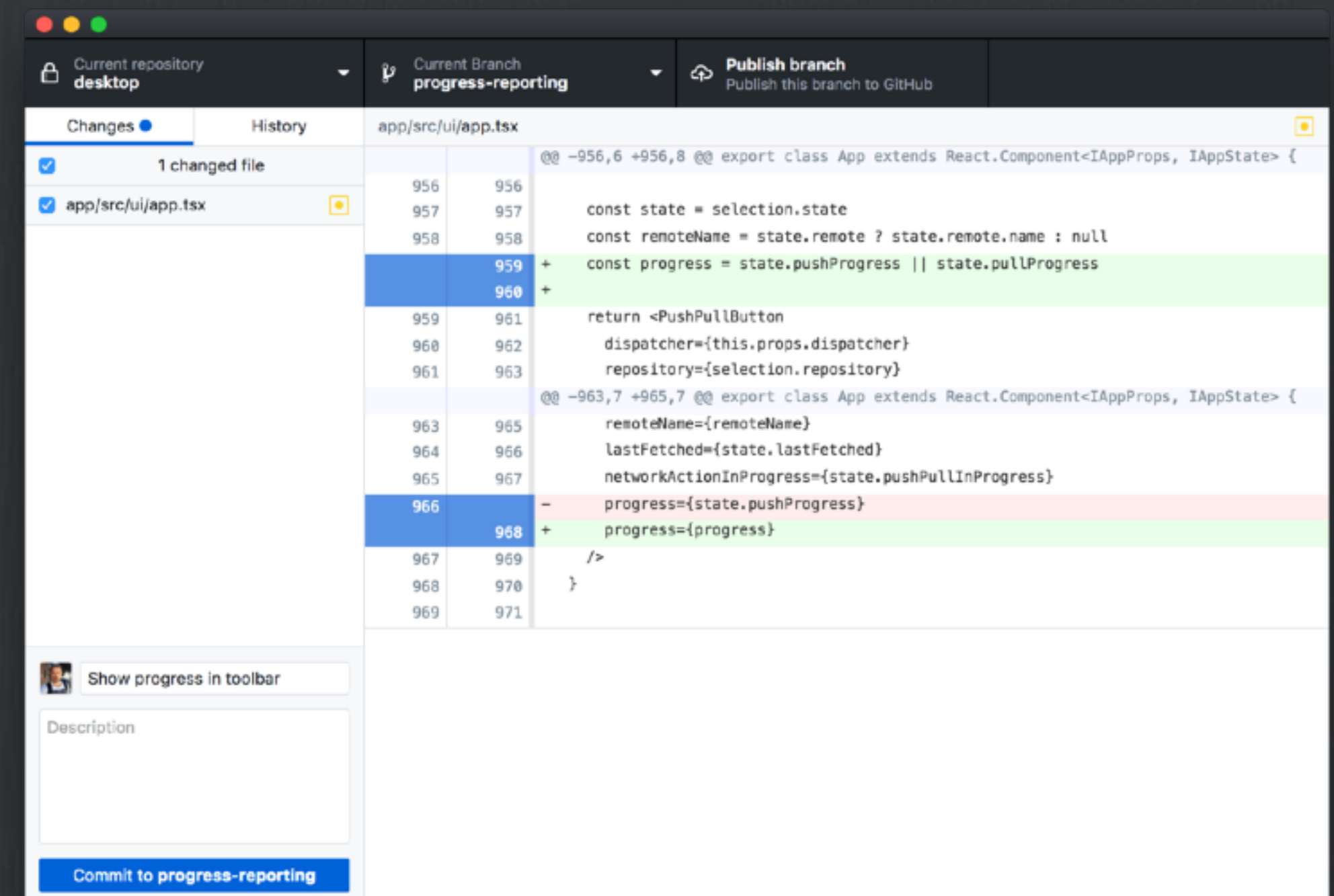# Graphical user interfaces

☐ **There are a number of GUI interfaces for Git. Some popular ones that work with any git repository (not just GitHub) include *Tower*, *GitX*, *GitKraken*, *SourceTree*, and *Tortoise*.**

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