How to setup GIT

Ensure your .gitignore file contains entries like this:

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# Python virtual environment

venv/

.env

\_\_pycache\_\_/

\*.pyc

\*.pyo

\*.pyd

# IDE files

.vscode/

.idea/

# OS files

.DS\_Store

Thumbs.db

Make sure .gitignore is in the **root** of your project directory.

**🔧 2. Initialize Git Locally**

Open a terminal/command prompt, navigate to your project folder:

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cd path/to/your/project

git init

**✅ 3. Add Remote Repository**

Add the GitHub remote URL (replace your-username with your GitHub username):

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

**📂 4. Stage and Commit Files**

Stage all files except those excluded by .gitignore:

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git add .

git status # (to verify what's being tracked)

git commit -m "Initial commit: Add core Python project files"

**🚀 5. Push to GitHub**

Since your GitHub repo is empty and has no main or master branch yet, push like this:

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git branch -M main

git push -u origin main

**✅ 6. (Optional) Add README.md & Push Again**

After the first push, if you want to add a README:

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echo "# AviationStack" > README.md

git add README.md

git commit -m "Add README.md"

git push

That's it! Your Python project is now on GitHub, with .env, venv, and other unneeded files safely ignored.

Would you like help generating a template README.md as well?

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**You said:**

Now, lets say I have change one file in local then?

**ChatGPT said:**

Great question! If you change one file in your local project (say you modified app.py), follow these steps to update your GitHub repo with that change:

**🔄 Steps to Push a File Update to GitHub**

1. **Check What Changed:**

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git status

1. **Stage the Modified File:**  
   If only one file changed (e.g. app.py), stage it like this:

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git add app.py

Or use git add . if you want to stage all changes.

1. **Commit the Change:**  
   Write a meaningful commit message:

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git commit -m "Fix: updated data fetching logic in app.py"

1. **Push to GitHub:**

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git push

That’s it! Your updated file is now in your GitHub repo.

Would you like a list of common Git commands for ongoing project maintenance?

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**You said:**

And If I change in remote repository, then?

**ChatGPT said:**

If you **change a file directly in the remote GitHub repository** (e.g. via GitHub’s web interface), here’s what you need to do locally to **sync your changes**:

**🔄 Steps to Pull Remote Changes to Your Local Repo**

1. **Navigate to Your Project Directory:**

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cd path/to/your/project

1. **Fetch and Merge Changes from GitHub:**

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git pull origin main

This downloads and merges the changes from the main branch of the GitHub repository into your local copy.

**🧠 Important Tips**

* If you've made **local changes** not yet committed, Git may prevent pulling to avoid conflicts. In that case, either:
  + **Commit your changes first**, then pull.
  + **Stash** your changes temporarily with git stash, then pull, and re-apply them with git stash pop.

Would you like an example of resolving a conflict if both local and remote versions of a file were modified?

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