



# CONTRIBUTE TO DOCS LIKE A MICROSOFT INSIDER

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# WHY CONTRIBUTE?

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- Easier than contributing to the PowerShell source code
- Improve the documentation for everyone
- Recognition in the community
- Easy way to learn about GitHub and Markdown

# GETTING STARTED

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- Create a GitHub account
- Setup Git and VS Code (with extensions)
- Read the contributor docs
  - Docs [Contributor Guide](#)
  - PowerShell-specific [Contributor Guide](#)
- [Markdown](#) reference for docs.microsoft.com
- Using the Microsoft Doc Authoring Pack

# MAKE A SIMPLE CHANGE

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- See <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/contribute/>
  - Click the Edit icon on the page
  - Use the GitHub web interface to edit
  - Good for small changes to a single file
  - Use the full workflow for complex changes and multiple files

# POWERSHELL-DOCS STRUCTURE

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- Reference vs. conceptual content
- Version management
- How the TOC works
- Published M-F at 3pm PST

# AZURE-DOCS-POWERSHELL STRUCTURE

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- Two repositories
  - Azure PowerShell source code – [Azure/azure-powershell](#)
  - Docs repository – [MicrosoftDocs/azure-docs-powershell](#)
- Edit button points to Source repo for cmdlet reference
  - Must make changes in both repositories to see update in Docs
- Published M-F at 10am and 3pm PST
- Azure PowerShell release schedule

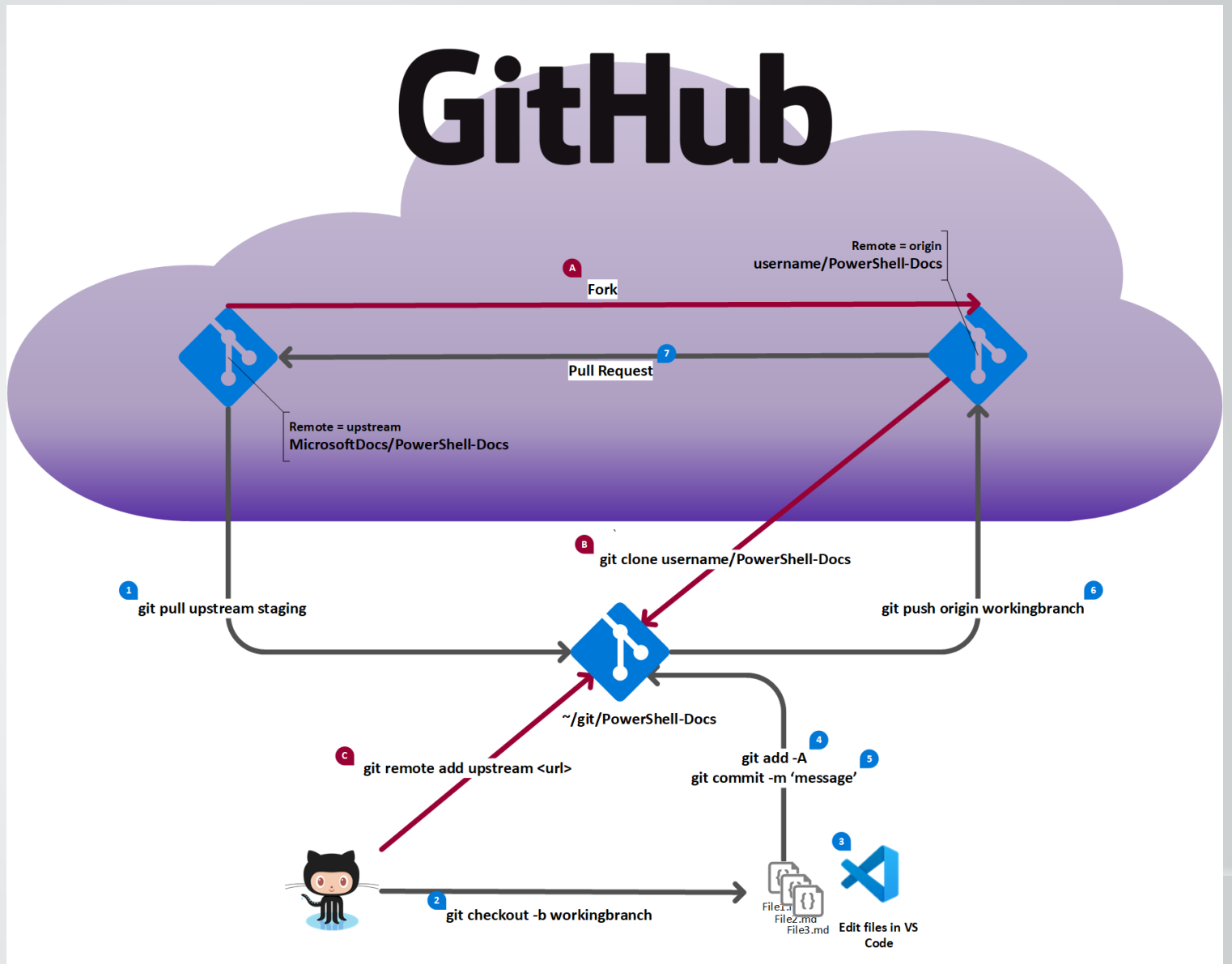


## One-time steps

- Fork the base repo
- Clone your fork
- Add an upstream pointer to the base

## Normal workflow

- Pull default branch from base repo
- Create a working branch
- Edit your files
- Add your changes to Git
- Commit your changes
- Push the working branch to your fork
- Create a pull request from your fork to the base repo





# FULL GITHUB WORKFLOW

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Demo

# AUTHORING TOOLS AND EXTENSIONS

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Demo

# BONUS - ANOTHER WAY TO CONTRIBUTE

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- PowerShell Community Blog
  - GitHub Source - <https://github.com/PowerShell/Community-Blog>
  - Blog site - <https://devblogs.microsoft.com/powershell-community/>
- Great way to start writing and get free code and content reviews

# KEY TAKEAWAYS

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- Read the contributor & style guides
  - Docs [Contributor Guide](#)
  - PowerShell-specific [Contributor Guide](#)
  - [Microsoft Style Guide](#)
- The process is the same for contributing to any docs.microsoft.com content
  - Only difference would be content-specific styling
  - PowerShell content is everywhere – Azure, Office, Windows, SQL, etc.

# RESOURCES & LINKS

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- Tools
  - Visual Studio Code – <https://code.visualstudio.com>
  - Beyond Compare – <https://www.scootersoftware.com/download.php>
- Markdown resources
  - [Markdown reference](#)
  - [CommonMark Specification](#)

# THANKS FOR COMING

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