1. **Open a command prompt**

Open Git Bash or similar command prompt with git executable available.

1. **Change the current working directory to your local project.**

This can be done running the following command:

cd [your\_project\_directory]

1. **Change to your desired branch**

You’ll probably want to merge to your main or master – so make sure it’s checked out!  
  
You can change it from GitHub Desktop (if you’re using it), or you can run this:

git checkout [branch\_name]

1. **Configure the origin as a remote repository**

This needs to be done to enable you to fetch the new commits from it. You can verify if it already is by running this:

git remote -v

If it isn’t, then run this:

git remote add upstream https://github.com/ORIGINAL\_OWNER/ORIGINAL\_REPOSITORY.git

1. **Sync your local repository with the upstream (the original one)**

Run the following command in command prompt:

git fetch upstream

1. **Perform merge**

Run this:

git merge upstream/master

If you get a text editor window in your bash, that’s just Vi asking for your commit comment for your merge. Don’t have to enter anything, just write “:wq” and you should be good.  
  
If you’re on Windows, install the latest git version and it’ll actually let you set Visual Studio Code as the default text editor.

1. **Push your local changes to your repository**

“Your local changes” = your merge from upstream = all of the new stuff from the original repository on GitHub.  
  
You can perform this step in GitHub Desktop, or by running this in your comsole prompt:

git push