



Cloning a repository from GitHub to GitHub Desktop

You can use GitHub to clone remote repositories to GitHub Desktop.

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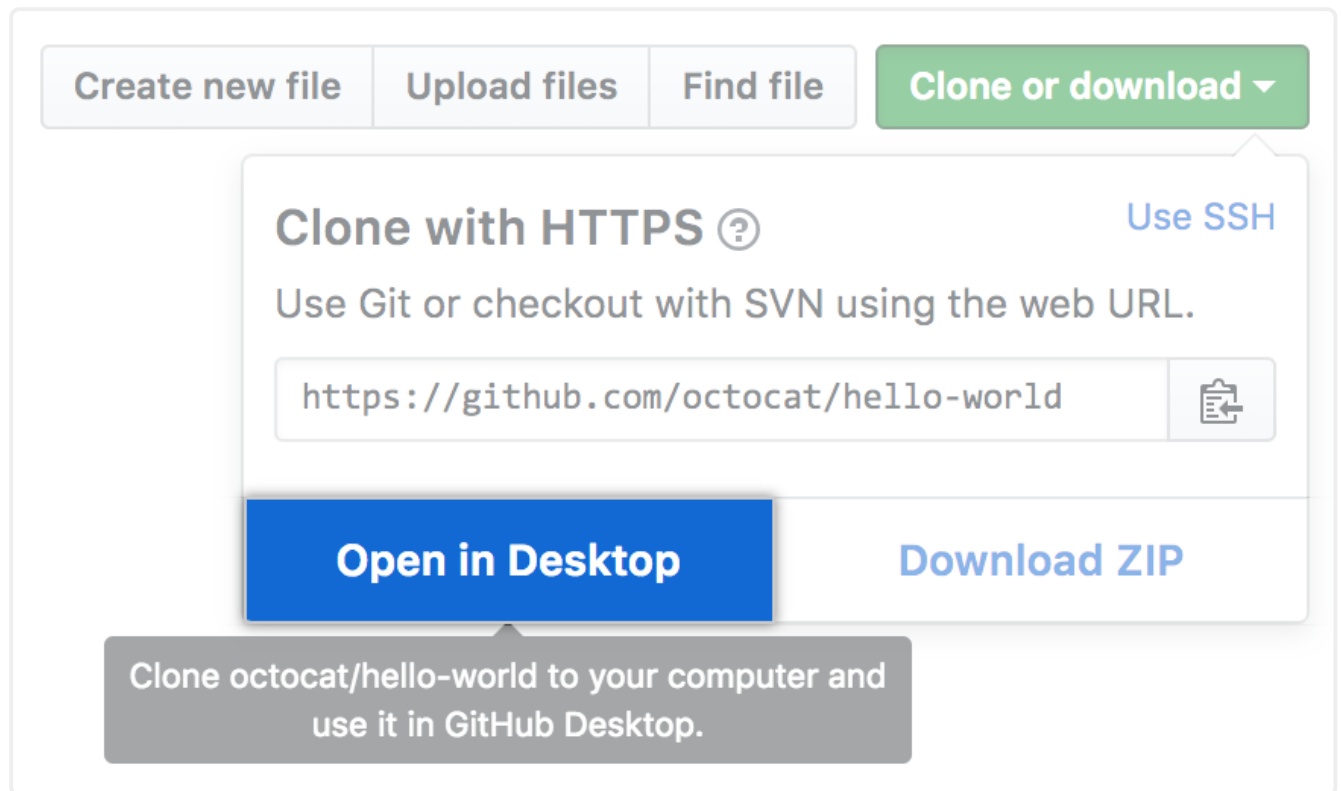
Windows

Tip: You also can use GitHub Desktop to clone repositories that exist on GitHub. For more information, see ["Cloning a repository from GitHub Desktop."](#)

- 1 Sign in to GitHub and GitHub Desktop before you start to clone.
- 2 On GitHub, navigate to the main page of the repository.
- 3 Under your repository name, click **Clone or download**.



- 4 Click **Open in Desktop** to clone the repository and open it in GitHub Desktop.



- 5 Click **Choose...** and, using Windows Explorer, navigate to a local path where you want to clone the repository.

Clone a repository

GitHub.com Enterprise URL

Repository URL or GitHub username and repository
(hubot/cool-repo)

octocat/hello-world

Local path

C:\Users\octocat\github\hello-world

Choose...

Clone Cancel

Note: If the repository is configured to use LFS, you will be prompted to initialize Git LFS.

- 6 Click **Clone**.

Clone a repository

GitHub.com

Enterprise

URL

Repository URL or GitHub username and repository
(hubot/cool-repo)

Local path

Choose...

Clone

Cancel

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