\*The first two things you'll want to do are install git and create a free GitHub account.

\*A quick aside: git and GitHub are **not**the same thing.

-----Git is an open-source, version control tool created in 2005 by developers working on the Linux operating system;

-----GitHub is a company founded in 2008 that makes tools which integrate with git.

-----You do not need GitHub to use git, but you cannot use GitHub without using git.

-----There are many other alternatives to GitHub, such as GitLab, BitBucket, and “host-your-own” solutions such as gogs and gittea.