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You can install GitHub Desktop on supported operating systems, which currently include macOS 10.13 or later and Windows 10 64-bit or later. If you have an account on GitHub or GitHub Enterprise, you can connect your account to GitHub Desktop. For more information about creating an account, see "[Signing up for a new GitHub account](#)." If you're part of an organization that uses Enterprise Managed Users and you do not have an account, contact your enterprise administrator.

If you are a network administrator, you can deploy GitHub Desktop to computers running Windows on an Active Directory-managed network by using the Windows Installer package file ( `.msi` ) with Group Policy or another remote installation system.

The Windows Installer package extracts the standalone installer ( `.exe` ) and configures Windows to install GitHub Desktop the next time a user signs in to their workstation. Users must have permissions to install GitHub Desktop in their user directory.

If a user runs the Windows Installer package for GitHub Desktop directly, to complete the installation, the user must sign out of their workstation and then sign back in.

## Downloading and installing GitHub Desktop

You can install GitHub Desktop on macOS 10.13 or later.

- 1 Visit the [download page for GitHub Desktop](#).
- 2 Click **Download for macOS**.
- 3 In your computer's `Downloads` folder, double-click the **GitHub Desktop** zip file.
- 4 After the file has been unzipped, double-click the **GitHub Desktop** application file.
- 5 GitHub Desktop will launch after installation is complete.

You can install GitHub Desktop on Windows 10 64-bit or later.

**Warning:** You must have a 64-bit operating system to run GitHub Desktop.

- 1 Visit the [download page for GitHub Desktop](#).
- 2 Click **Download for Windows**.
- 3 In your computer's `Downloads` folder, double-click the **GitHub Desktop** setup file.
- 4 GitHub Desktop will launch after installation is complete.

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