

# Configuring a default editor in GitHub Desktop

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You can configure GitHub Desktop to open files in your project with your preferred text editor or integrated development environment (IDE).

Mac Windows

## Supported editors

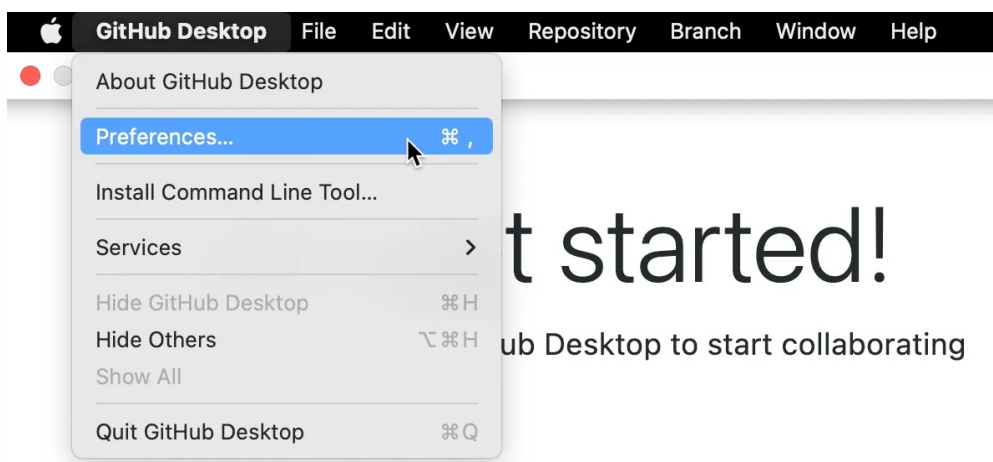
GitHub Desktop supports the following editors. If you installed an editor while GitHub Desktop was open you will need to quit and reopen GitHub Desktop in order for the editor to be detected.

- [MacVim](#)
- [Visual Studio Code](#)
- [Visual Studio Codium](#)
- [Sublime Text](#)
- [BBEdit](#)
- [JetBrains WebStorm](#)
- [JetBrains PhpStorm](#)
- [JetBrains Rider](#)
- [JetBrains PyCharm](#)
- [JetBrains RubyMine](#)
- [JetBrains IntelliJ IDEA](#)
- [JetBrains GoLand](#)
- [JetBrains Fleet](#)
- [JetBrains DataSpell](#)
- [TextMate](#)
- [Brackets](#)
  - To use Brackets with GitHub Desktop, you must install the Command Line shortcut. To install the shortcut, open Brackets, click **File** in the menu bar, then click **Install Command Line Shortcut**.
- [Typora](#)
- [CodeRunner](#)
- [SlickEdit](#)
- [Xcode](#)

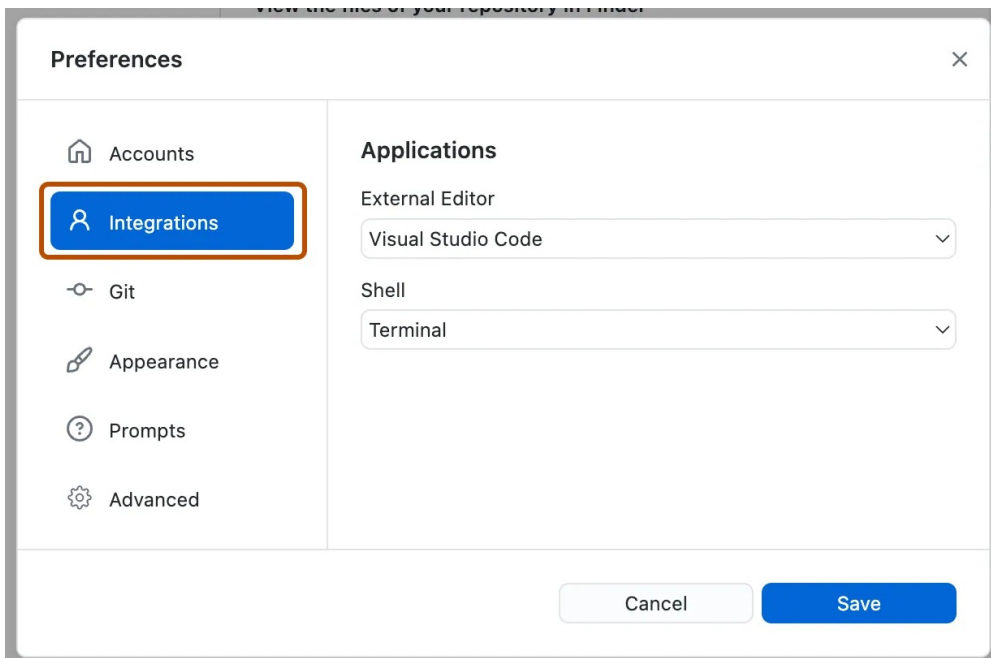
- [RStudio](#)
- [Nova](#)
- [Android Studio](#)
- [Aptana Studio](#)
- [Neovide](#)
- [Emacs](#)
- [Lite XL](#)
- [Pulsar](#)
- [Zed](#)
- [Visual Studio Code](#)
- [Visual Studio Codium](#)
- [Sublime Text](#)
- [ColdFusion Builder](#)
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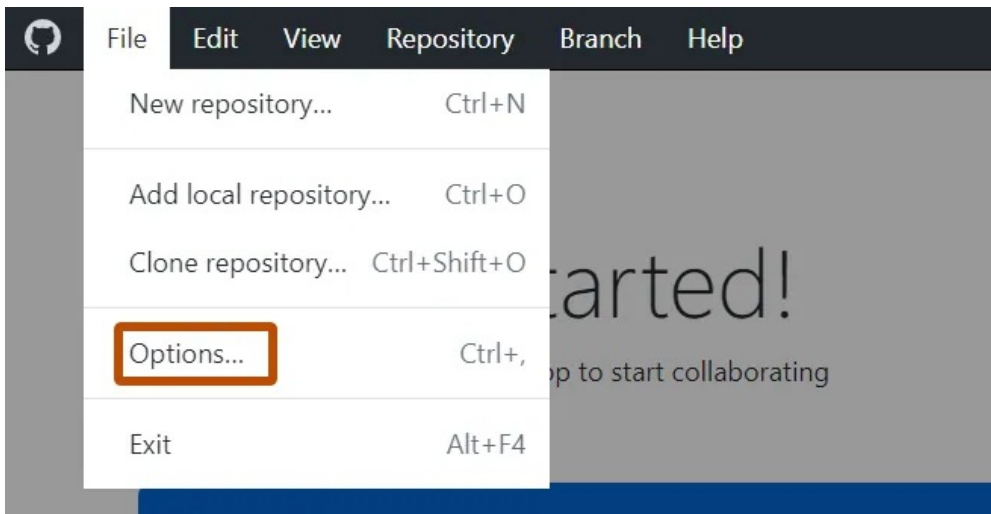
- 1 In the menu bar, select **GitHub Desktop**, then click **Preferences**.



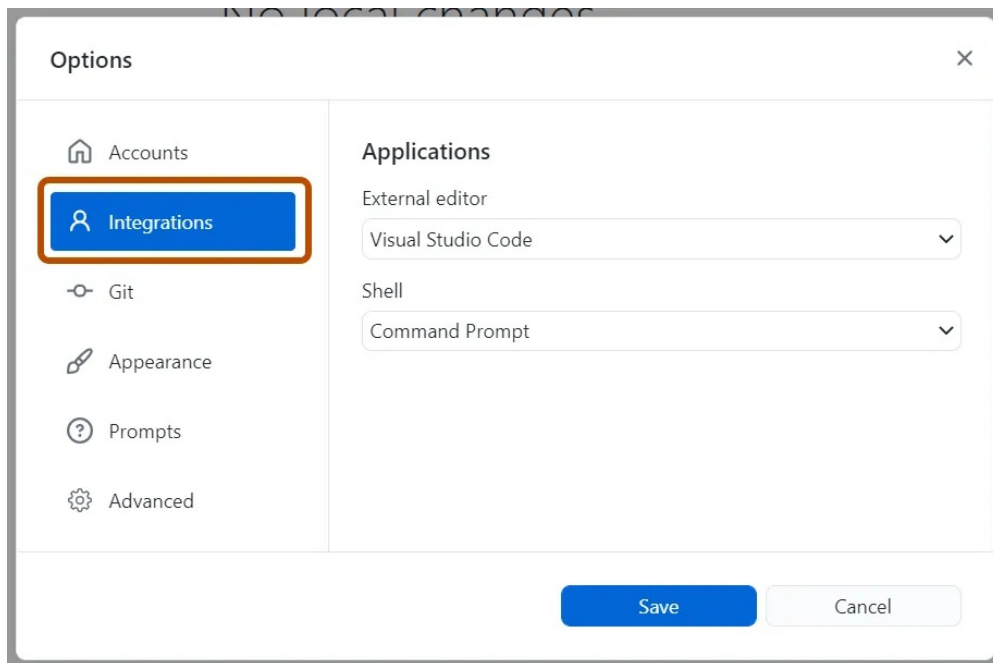
- 2 In the Preferences window, select **Integrations**.



- 3 Under "External Editor", use the dropdown menu to select the editor you want to set as your default.
- 4 Click **Save**.
- 1 Use the **File** menu, then click **Options**.



- 2 In the Options window, select **Integrations**.



- 3 Under "External Editor", use the dropdown menu to select the editor you want to set as your default.
- 4 Click **Save**.

## Opening a repository in the default editor [🔗](#)

To open the current repository in the default editor, you can use the menu bar:

- 1 In the menu bar, select **Repository**.
- 2 Click **Open in default editor**

If you want to open another repository in the default editor, you can use the repository list.

- 1 In the upper-left corner of GitHub Desktop, to the right of the current repository name, click ▾.
- 2 Right-click the repository, then click **Open in default editor**.

**Tip:** You can use the `Shift + Command + A` keyboard shortcut to open a repository in the default editor.

**Tip:** You can use the `Ctrl + Shift + A` keyboard shortcut to open a repository in the default editor.

## Opening a file in the default editor [🔗](#)

- 1 Navigate to the "Changes" tab in the left sidebar.
- 2 Double-click on the file, or right-click on the file and select **Open in default editor**.

