

# Updating GitHub Desktop

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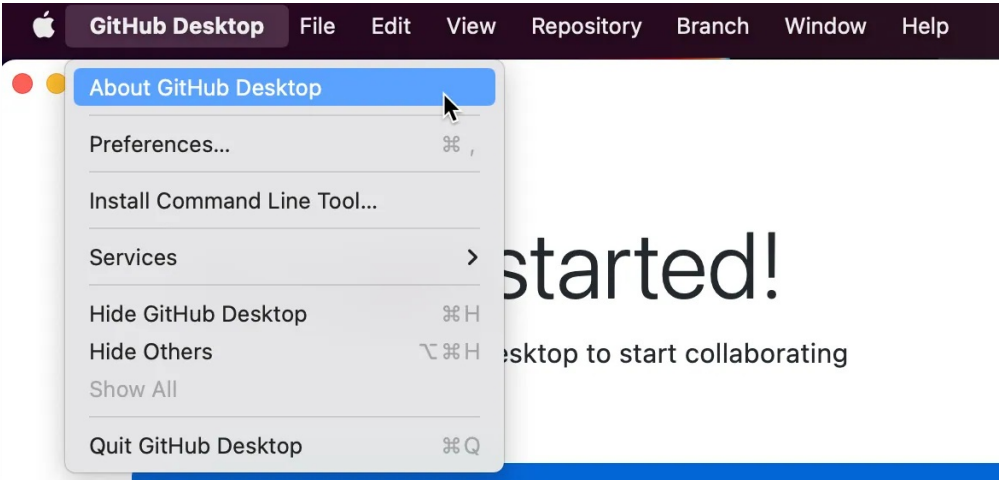
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GitHub Desktop automatically downloads updates and installs them when you restart. You can also manually check for updates.

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## Updating GitHub Desktop [↗](#)

- 1 In the menu bar, select **GitHub Desktop**, then click **About GitHub Desktop**.



- 2 In the modal window, click **Check for Updates**.



## GitHub Desktop

Version 3.1.8 (x64) ([release notes](#))

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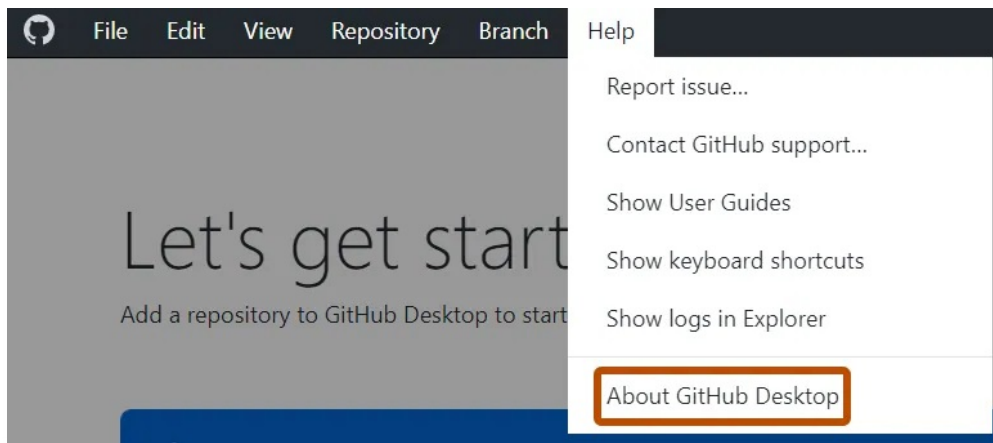
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- 3 If an update is available, quit and relaunch GitHub Desktop to install the update.

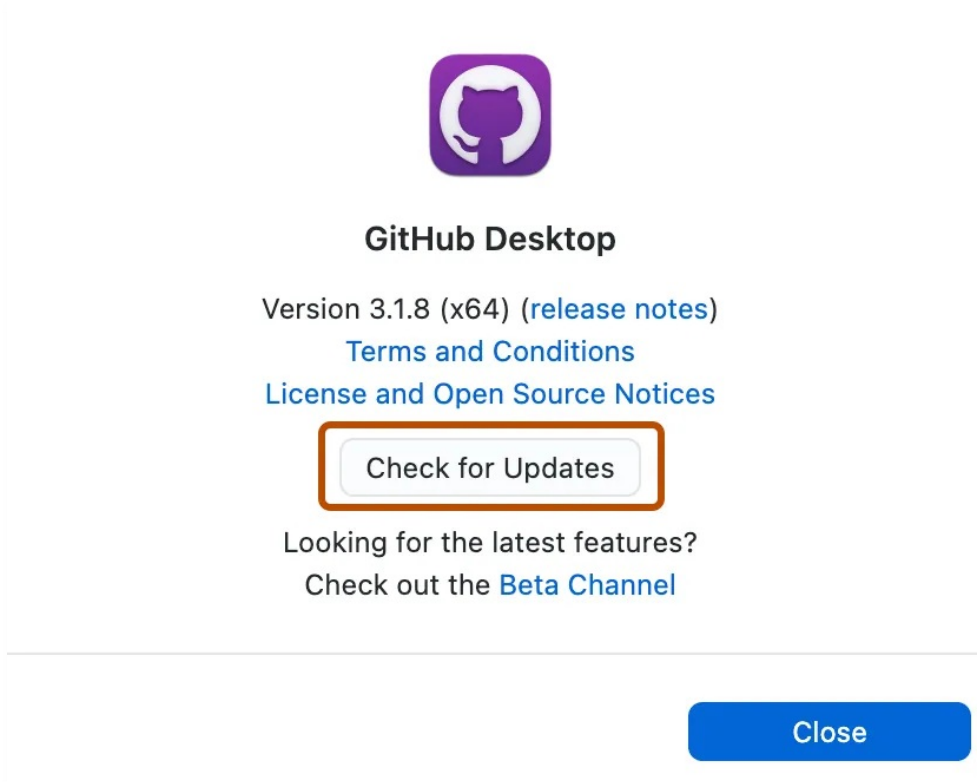
## Resolving a crash at launch by updating GitHub Desktop

If you encounter a crash when attempting to launch GitHub Desktop versions 3.0.2 through 3.1.3, download the latest version from the [GitHub Desktop](#) site, then replace your existing application with the new version. Your preferences and tracked repositories will be retained.

- 1 Navigate to the [GitHub Desktop](#) site.
  - 2 Download the latest version of GitHub Desktop.
  - 3 In your "Downloads" folder, locate the downloaded application.
  - 4 If the downloaded application is in a zip file, unpack the file by double clicking on the zip file.
  - 5 Drag the GitHub Desktop application from your "Downloads" folder to the "Applications" folder.
  - 6 Approve the dialog asking if you want to replace the existing application.
  - 7 Launch GitHub Desktop.
  - 8 Approve the prompt stating that that application was downloaded from the internet.
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- 1 In the menu bar, select **Help**, then click **About GitHub Desktop**.



- 2 Click **Check for Updates**.



- 3 If an update is available, quit and relaunch GitHub Desktop to install the update.

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