

GitHub Desktop documentation

With GitHub Desktop, you can interact with GitHub using a GUI instead of the command line or a web browser. You can use GitHub Desktop to complete most Git commands from your desktop, such as pushing to, pulling from, and cloning remote repositories, attributing commits, and creating pull requests, with visual confirmation of changes.

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Creating your first repository using GitHub Desktop

You can use GitHub Desktop to create and manage a Git repository without using the command line.

Installing GitHub Desktop

You can install GitHub Desktop on supported Windows or macOS operating systems.

Authenticating to GitHub in GitHub Desktop

You can securely access your account's resources on GitHub Desktop by authenticating to GitHub.

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Cloning and forking repositories from GitHub Desktop

You can use GitHub Desktop to clone and fork repositories that exist on GitHub.

Managing branches in GitHub Desktop

You can use GitHub Desktop to create a new branch off of an existing branch in your repository so you can safely experiment with changes.

Syncing your branch in GitHub Desktop

As commits are pushed to your project on GitHub, you can keep your local copy of the project in sync by pulling from the remote repository.

Creating an issue or pull request from GitHub Desktop

You can create an issue or pull request to propose and collaborate on changes to a repository.

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Stashing changes in GitHub Desktop

You can temporarily save your changes without committing them to a branch by stashing the changes in GitHub Desktop.

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Reverting a commit in GitHub Desktop

You can use GitHub Desktop to revert a specific commit to remove its changes from your branch.

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Amending a commit in GitHub Desktop

You can use GitHub Desktop to amend your last commit.

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