

Cloning a repository from GitHub to GitHub Desktop

You can use GitHub to clone remote repositories to GitHub Desktop.

Tip: You also can use GitHub Desktop to clone repositories that exist on GitHub. For more information, see "[Cloning and forking repositories from GitHub Desktop](#)."

- 1 Sign in to GitHub.com and GitHub Desktop before you start to clone.
- 2 On GitHub.com, navigate to the main page of the repository.
- 3 Above the list of files, click <> **Code**.

Go to file

Add file ▾

<> Code ▾

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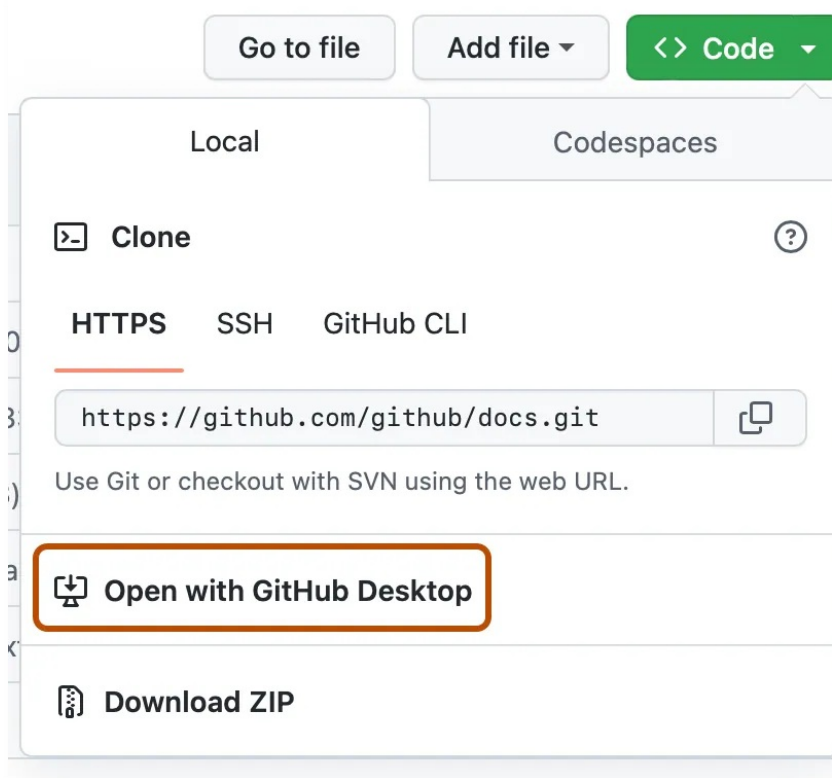
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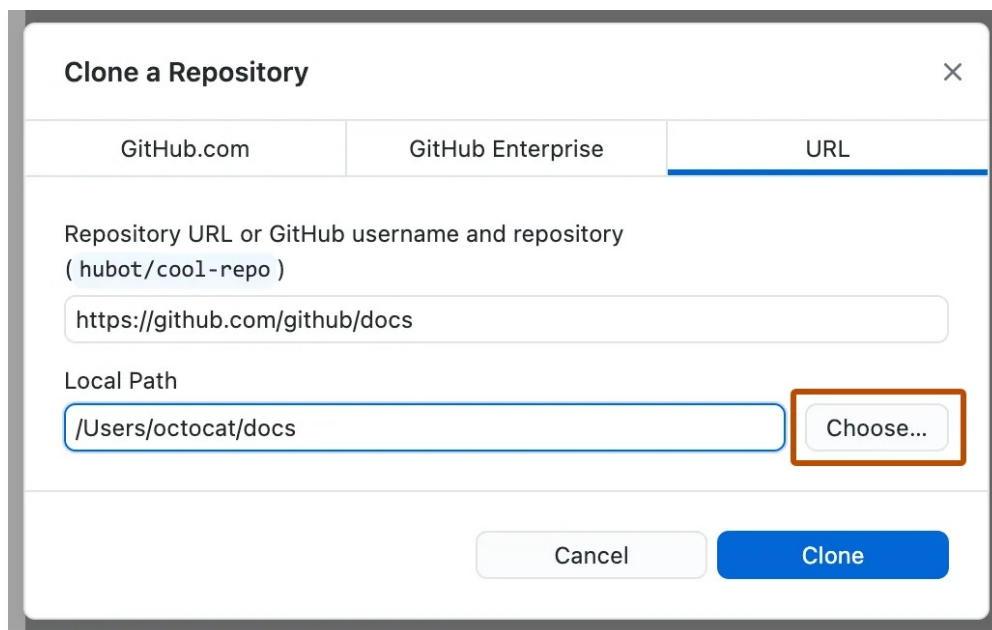
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- 4 To clone and open the repository with GitHub Desktop, click  **Open with GitHub Desktop**.



- 5 Click **Choose...** and navigate to a local directory where you want to clone the repository.



Note: If the repository is configured to use LFS, you will be prompted to initialize Git LFS.

- 6 Click **Clone**.

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