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# Caching your GitHub password in Git

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If you're cloning GitHub repositories using HTTPS, you can use a *credential helper* to tell Git to remember your GitHub username and password every time it talks to GitHub.

If you clone GitHub repositories using SSH, then you authenticate using SSH keys instead of a username and password. For help setting up an SSH connection, see Generating an SSH Key.

> **Tip:** You need Git **1.7.10** or newer to use the credential helper.

The credential helper is included with GitHub Desktop. The app also provides a Git shell so you won't ever need to install and configure Git manually. For more information, see "Getting Started with GitHub Desktop."

If you prefer working with the command line, you can also install a native Git shell, such as Git for Windows. With Git for Windows, running the following in the command line will store your credentials:

```
$ git config --global credential.helper wincred
```

## Further reading

"Updating credentials from the OSX Keychain"

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