

SE489 DevOps Engineering

Lab 1



Lab 1: Version Control Systems

Objective: After successfully completing this lab session, student will be able to understand, distinguish between Git and Github. This lab will train student how to download, customize, install and configure Git, lab further introduces students with basic git commands and operations.

a. Git

Definition1:



Git is software for tracking changes in any set of files, usually used for coordinating work among programmers collaboratively developing source code during software development. Its goals include speed, data integrity, and support for distributed, non-linear workflows. – Wikipedia

Definition2:

Git is a DevOps tool used for source code management.

It's equally interesting to note that *Linus Torvald* himself created git in 2005 for maintaining the code of Linux Kernel.

As opposed to the common perception, git and github are two different entities, following tabulated figure shows major difference between the two

 git	 GitHub
1. It is a software	1. It is a service
2. It is installed locally on the system	2. It is hosted on Web
3. It is a command line tool	3. It provides a graphical interface
4. It is a tool to manage different versions of edits, made to files in a git repository	4. It is a space to upload a copy of the Git repository
5. It provides functionalities like Version Control System Source Code Management	5. It provides functionalities of Git like VCS, Source Code Management as well as adding few of its own features

But both of them work in tandem to achieve code maintenance, as shown in the following figure-



Before you install git on your system, make sure

1. You have administrative privileges on the system, you want to install git.
2. There is enough space in the hard disk of the system

To install Git at your system, there are few steps which are to be followed

Steps shown below are for windows 11, but they will work on almost all versions of windows with minimal changes

Step1: Download git

Download, latest *standalone* version of the git from its website. (<https://git-scm.com/download/win>), at the time of this manual, it was 2.36.1

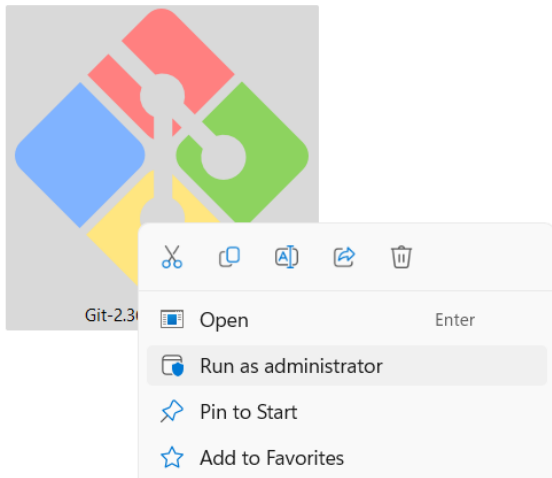
The screenshot shows the website git-scm.com/download/win. The page title is "Download for Windows". It features a search bar and a navigation menu with links for "About", "Documentation", "Downloads", and "Community". The "Downloads" section is active, showing options for "Standalone Installer", "32-bit Git for Windows Setup", "64-bit Git for Windows Setup", "Portable ('thumbdrive edition')", "32-bit Git for Windows Portable", and "64-bit Git for Windows Portable". A section titled "Using winget tool" provides instructions and a command: `winget install --id Git.Git -e --source winget`. A sidebar on the left contains a link to the "Pro Git book" by Scott Chacon and Ben Straub.



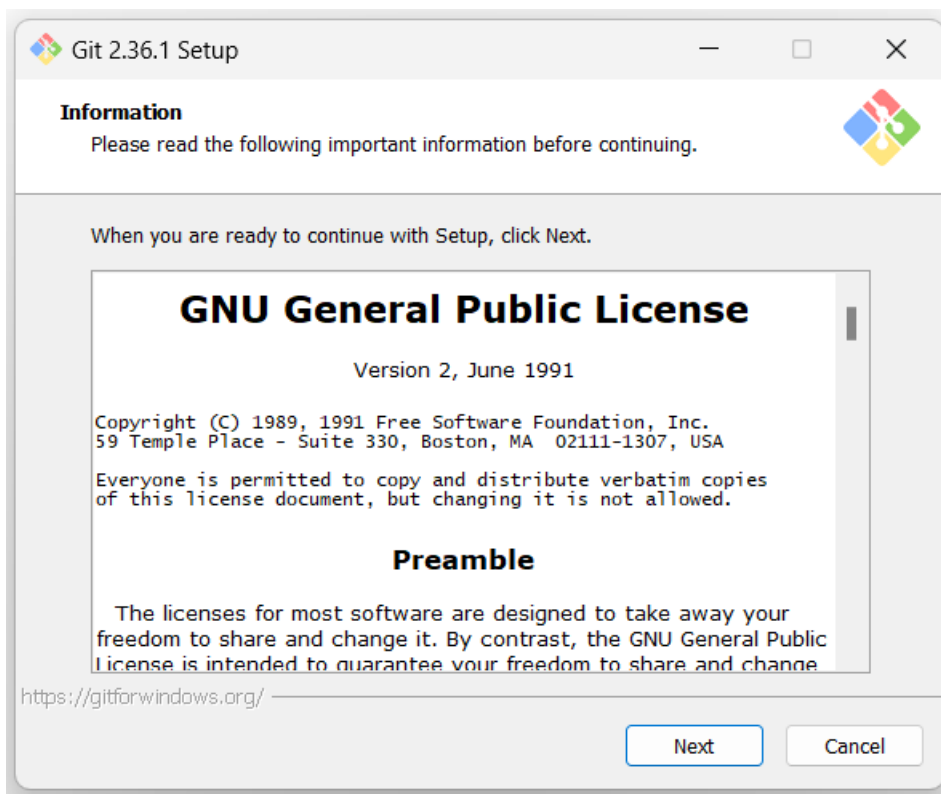
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Step 2: Run Installer

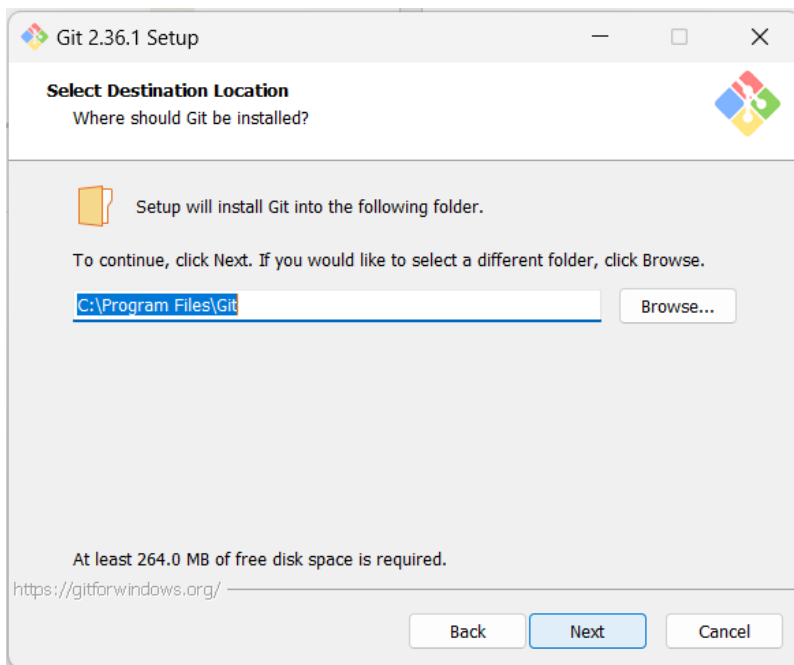
Right click on the installer just downloaded and select, Run as Administrator



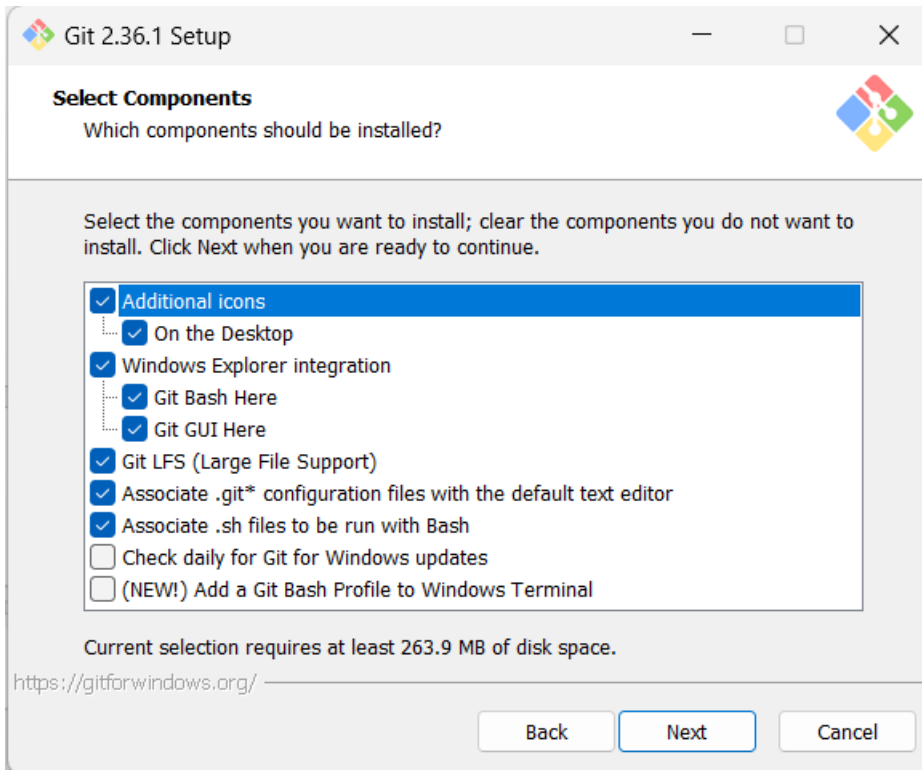
Click on next



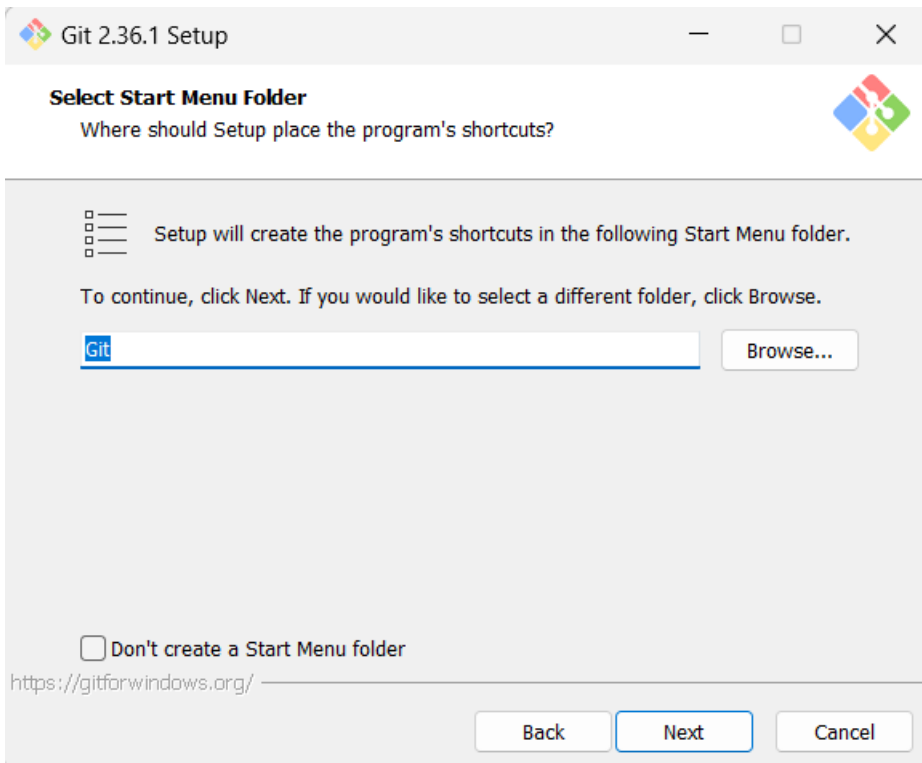
Approve or change the default location



Click on next to accept the default selections or change some additional one, as I have selected additional icons

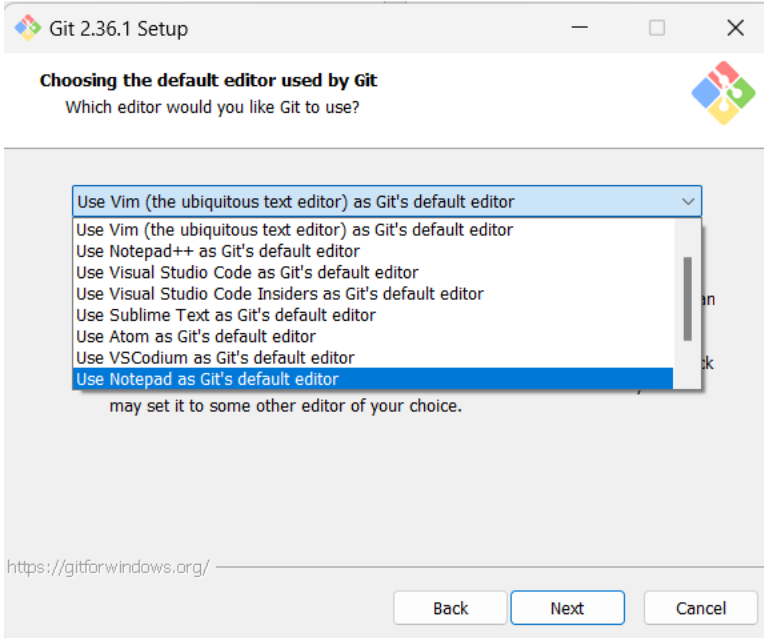


Select start menu folder



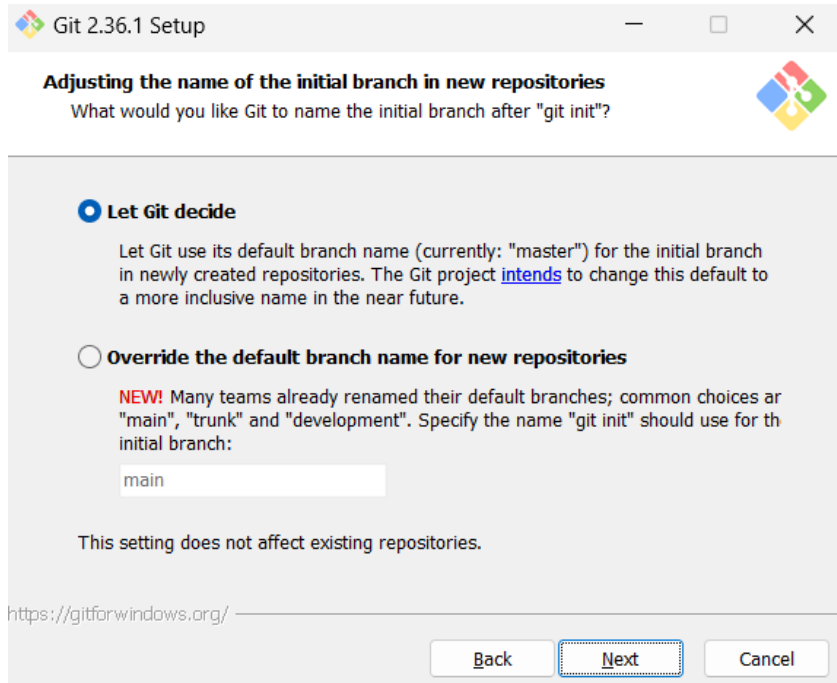
Step 3: Select default text editor

Text editors are programs used for editing text files, by default git shows Vim as default text editor, but it is for linux systems, select Notepad or Notepad++ as per your choice (Notepad++ needs to be installed separately whereas Notepad is supplied with windows)



Step 4: Deciding name of the Initial branch in the repository

By default, it is "master" leave it as it is unless you want to change it



Step 5: Adjusting PATH environments

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Adjusting your PATH environment

How would you like to use Git from the command line?

Use Git from Git Bash only

This is the most cautious choice as your PATH will not be modified at all. You will only be able to use the Git command line tools from Git Bash.

Git from the command line and also from 3rd-party software

(Recommended) This option adds only some minimal Git wrappers to your PATH to avoid cluttering your environment with optional Unix tools. You will be able to use Git from Git Bash, the Command Prompt and the Windows PowerShell as well as any third-party software looking for Git in PATH.

Use Git and optional Unix tools from the Command Prompt

Both Git and the optional Unix tools will be added to your PATH.
Warning: This will override Windows tools like "find" and "sort". Only use this option if you understand the implications.

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Step 6: Selecting SSH executable for the git and repository

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Choosing the SSH executable

Which Secure Shell client program would you like Git to use?

Use bundled OpenSSH

This uses ssh.exe that comes with Git.

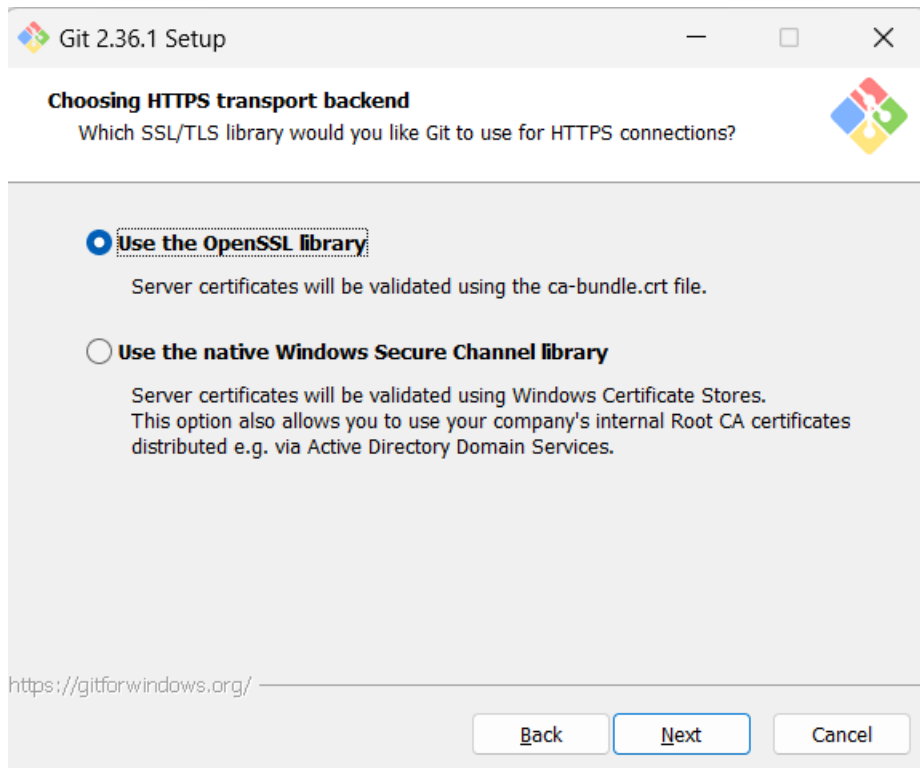
Use external OpenSSH

NEW! This uses an external ssh.exe. Git will not install its own OpenSSH (and related) binaries but use them as found on the PATH.

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Step 7: Selecting HTTPS transport backend



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Choosing HTTPS transport backend

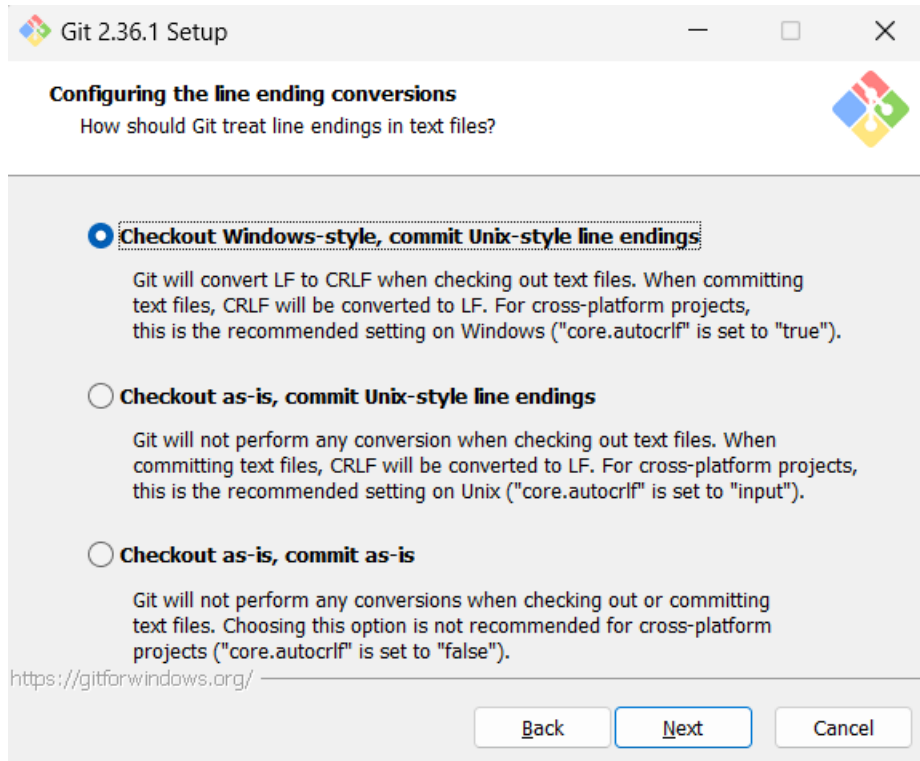
Which SSL/TLS library would you like Git to use for HTTPS connections?

Use the OpenSSL library
Server certificates will be validated using the ca-bundle.crt file.

Use the native Windows Secure Channel library
Server certificates will be validated using Windows Certificate Stores.
This option also allows you to use your company's internal Root CA certificates distributed e.g. via Active Directory Domain Services.

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Step 8: Configuring the line ending conversions



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Configuring the line ending conversions

How should Git treat line endings in text files?

Checkout Windows-style, commit Unix-style line endings
Git will convert LF to CRLF when checking out text files. When committing text files, CRLF will be converted to LF. For cross-platform projects, this is the recommended setting on Windows ("core.autocrlf" is set to "true").

Checkout as-is, commit Unix-style line endings
Git will not perform any conversion when checking out text files. When committing text files, CRLF will be converted to LF. For cross-platform projects, this is the recommended setting on Unix ("core.autocrlf" is set to "input").

Checkout as-is, commit as-is
Git will not perform any conversions when checking out or committing text files. Choosing this option is not recommended for cross-platform projects ("core.autocrlf" is set to "false").

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Step 9: Configuring the terminal emulator

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Configuring the terminal emulator to use with Git Bash

Which terminal emulator do you want to use with your Git Bash?

Use MinTTY (the default terminal of MSYS2)

Git Bash will use MinTTY as terminal emulator, which sports a resizable window non-rectangular selections and a Unicode font. Windows console programs (such as interactive Python) must be launched via `wintty` to work in MinTTY.

Use Windows' default console window

Git will use the default console window of Windows ("cmd.exe"), which works with Win32 console programs such as interactive Python or node.js, but has a very limited default scroll-back, needs to be configured to use a Unicode font in order to display non-ASCII characters correctly, and prior to Windows 10 its window was not freely resizable and it only allowed rectangular text selections.

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Step 10: Choose the default behavior of 'git'

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Choose the default behavior of 'git pull'

What should 'git pull' do by default?

Default (fast-forward or merge)

This is the standard behavior of 'git pull': fast-forward the current branch to the fetched branch when possible, otherwise create a merge commit.

Rebase

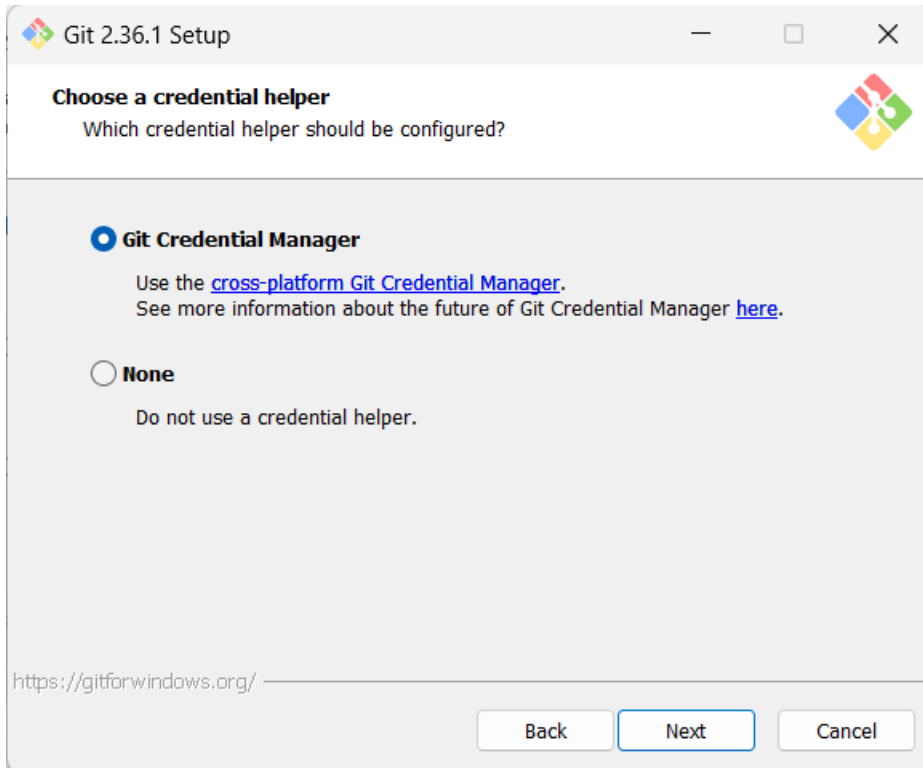
Rebase the current branch onto the fetched branch. If there are no local commits to rebase, this is equivalent to a fast-forward.

Only ever fast-forward

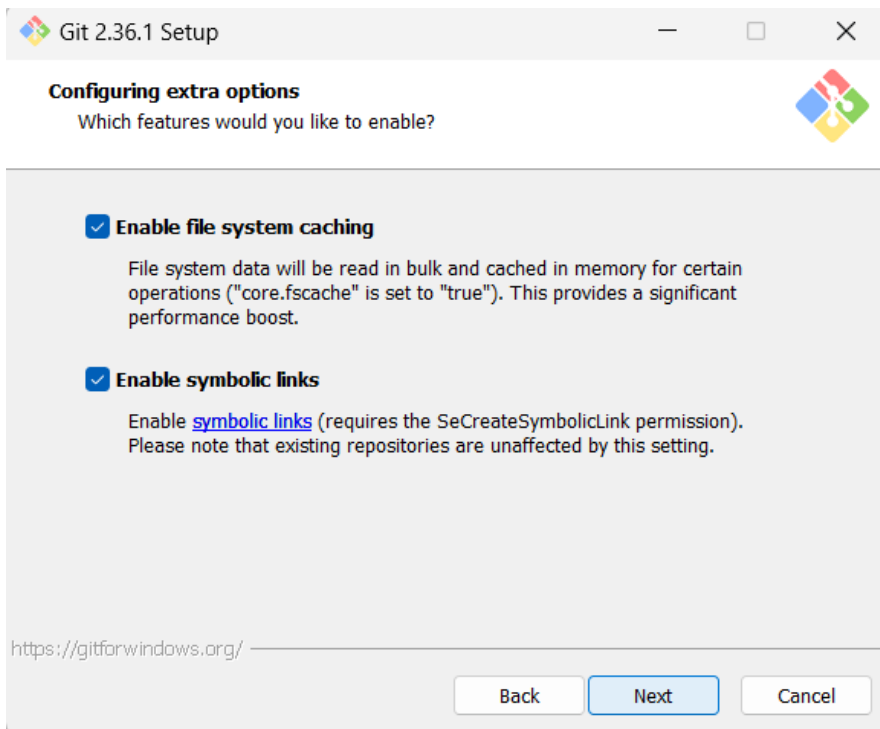
Fast-forward to the fetched branch. Fail if that is not possible.

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Step 11: Choose credential manger

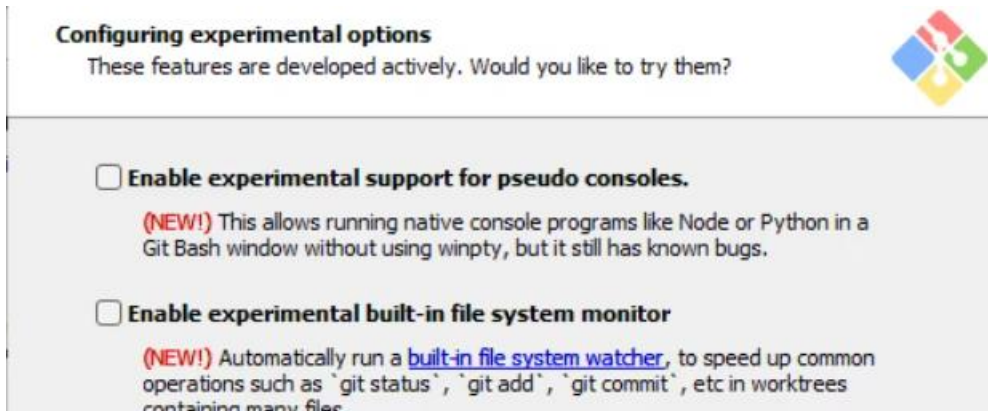


Step 12: Configuring extra options

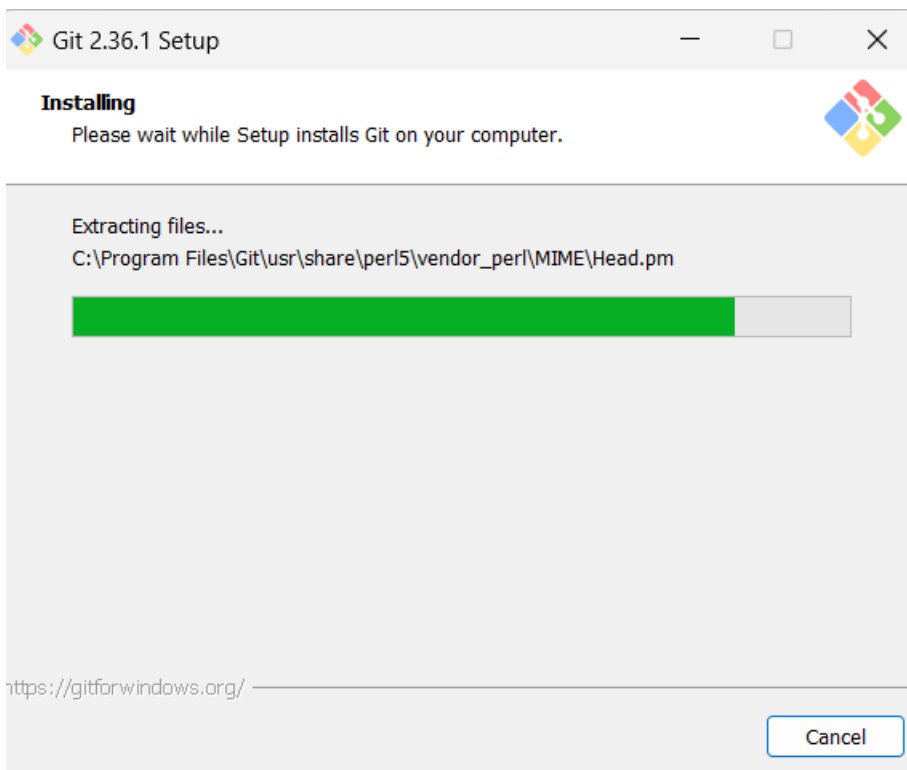


Step 13: Configuring experimental options

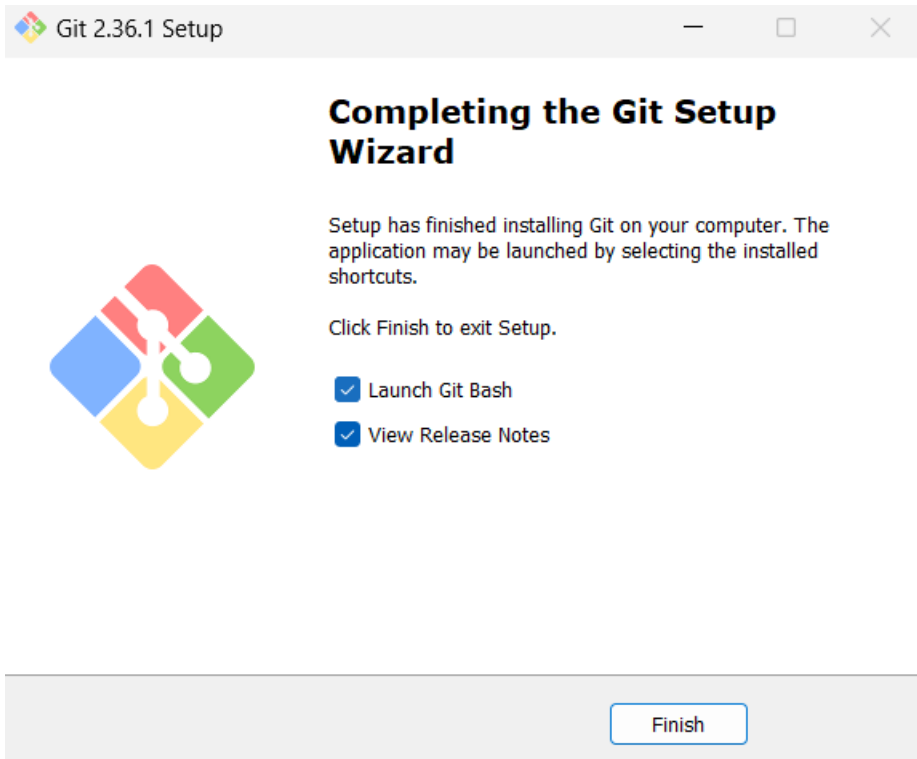
Leave them unchecked, unless you want to use them



Step 14: Click on Install, and let the installation be complete



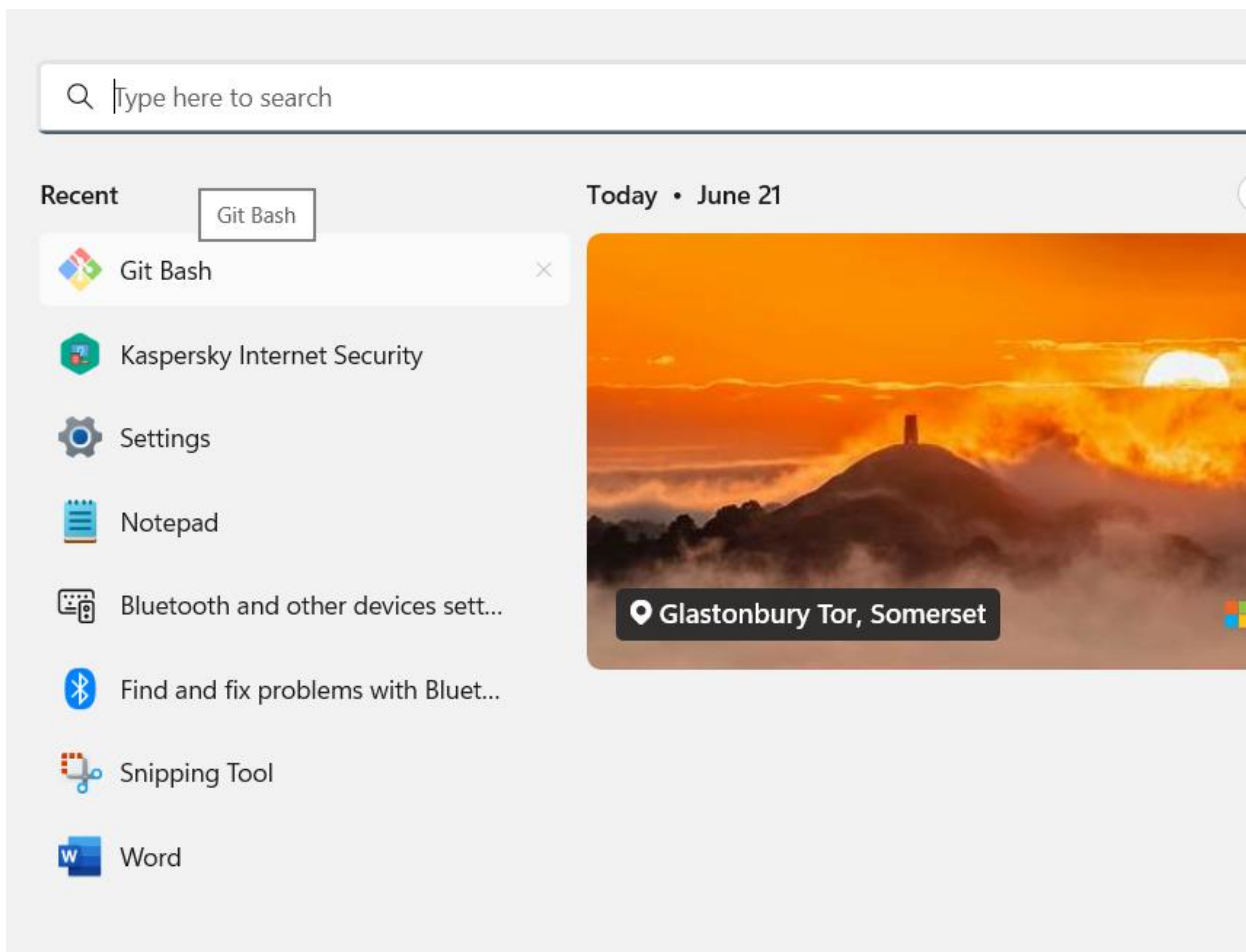
Step 15: Click finish to complete the setup



This completes the installation of the Git. Git can be started in command line interface as well as in GUI mode, we will explain here, both.

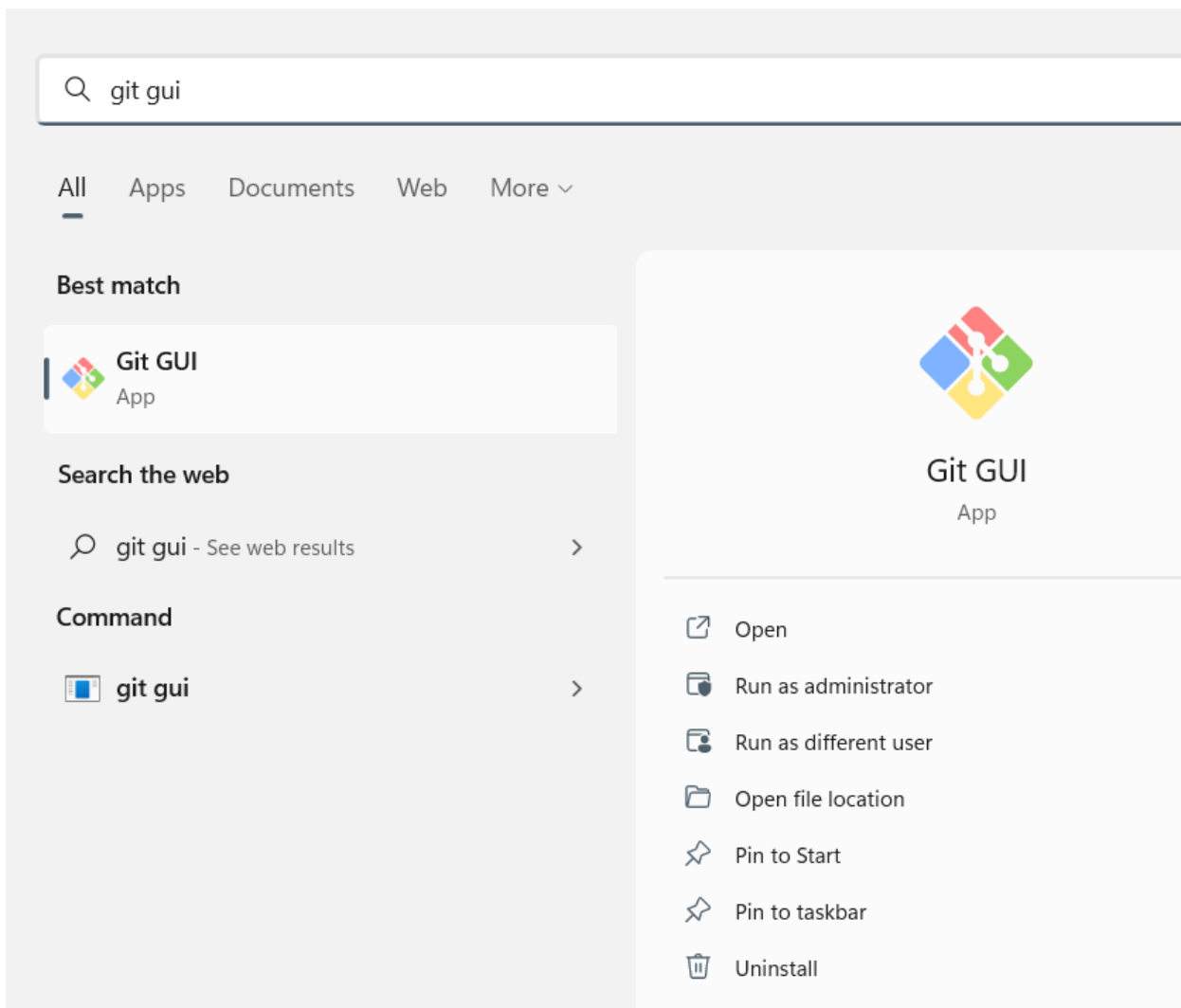
Launching Git in Command Line Interface

Click on Windows start menu and type git bash and press enter, alternatively, you may also click on the icon appearing.



Launching Git in Graphical User Interface

To launch git in GUI, write at Windows Start menu, git gui and press *Enter*, or alternatively, click at git gui icon if shown.



Working with the Local Repositories:

1. Setting a Local Repository

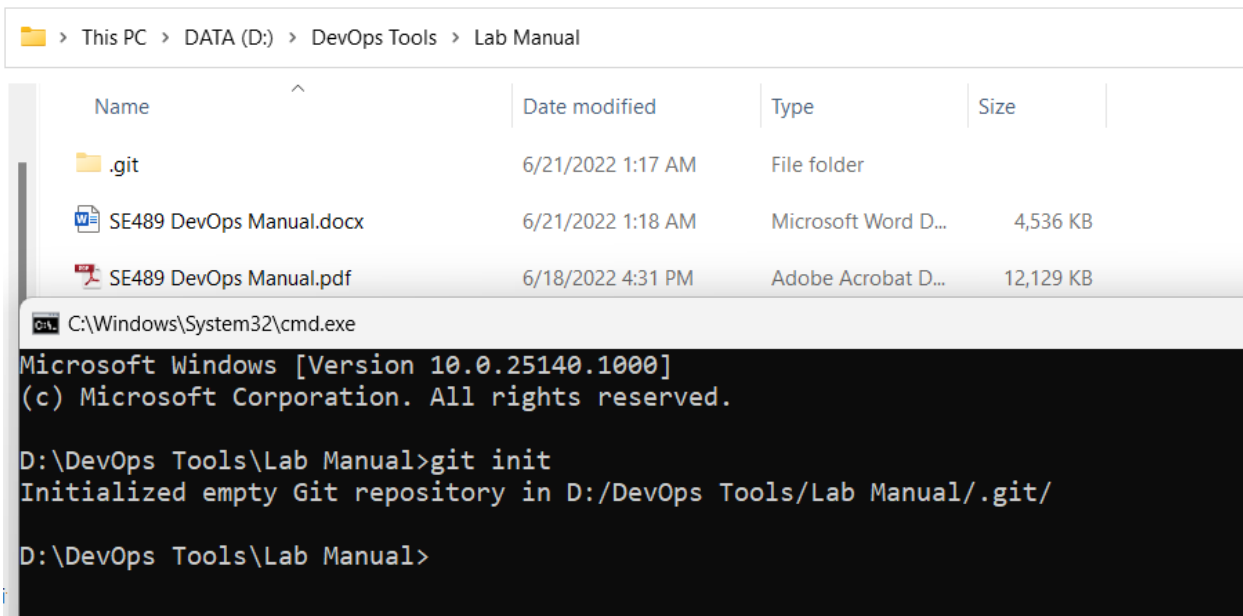
Local Repositories → Local working directory/folder

**when git bash is called upon from start menu, it starts at `c:\Users\<username>`, however if you want to create repository at some other location, there is a work around.

Navigate to the folder you want to make local repository with windows explorer, and once at the required location, at the Address bar, write cmd and press Enter, command window will open at the same location. In our case it is `d:\DevApp Tools\Lab Manual`.

When Command Window appears, write **git init** and press *Enter*

Git make current folder, local repository, you will see a folder with **.git** name appears in the current folder, this means that you have successfully made current folder as local repository in git.



Now create a sample java program file with three print statements and save it.

```
public class DEMO
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("Welcome to Java");
        System.out.println("Welcome to DevOps");
        System.out.println("Git is Fun");
    }
}
```

The screenshot shows a Notepad window titled 'DEMO.java - Notepad'. The window contains the following Java code:

2. Configuring git with username and user email

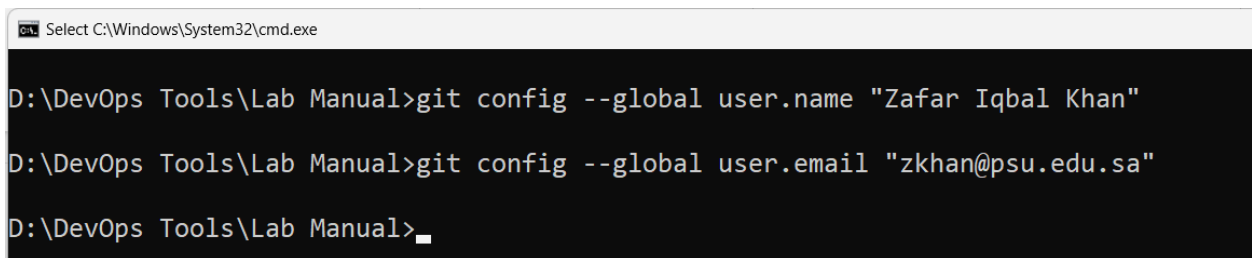
Before files and edits can be made and maintained, we need to configure git with username and user email id, so as git can track records precisely, what changes have been made by whom.

Although, individual repositories can be configured separately, it is wise to make configuration global if single user is going to use them all.

git configure --global user.name <username>

and

git configure -- global user.email <user email>



```
cmd Select C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
D:\DevOps Tools\Lab Manual>git config --global user.name "Zafar Iqbal Khan"
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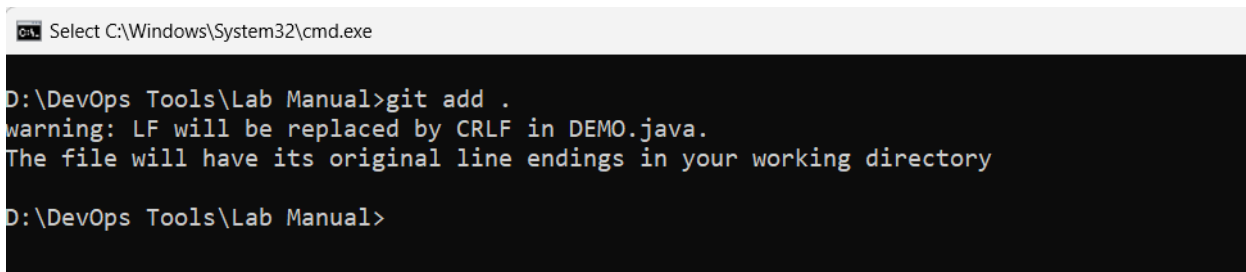
3. Adding files to the staging area

To control the versioning of the file, git has provisions of *Local repository* → *Staging Area* → *Global Repository*

Now let's push this file (DEMO.java) to the **Staging area**.

At command window write **git add .**

Some messages like below will appear



```
cmd Select C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
D:\DevOps Tools\Lab Manual>git add .
warning: LF will be replaced by CRLF in DEMO.java.
The file will have its original line endings in your working directory
D:\DevOps Tools\Lab Manual>
```

4. Checking status of the repository (git status)

To check the status of the repository, **git status** is the command


```
D:\DevOps Tools\Lab Manual>git status
On branch master

No commits yet

Changes to be committed:
  (use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)
    new file:   DEMO.java
    new file:   SE489 DevOps Manual.docx
    new file:   SE489 DevOps Manual.pdf

D:\DevOps Tools\Lab Manual>_
```

Obviously, from the output no commits have been performed, and all files are in the staging area.

5. Performing Commits (git commits)

To make changes permanent, we commit these files, commands used for this is

git commit -m "<marker message>"

marker message → these are the messages we write to easily identify different versions of the files, if we don't provide messages here, git will ask for one later with popups, a commit without message will be aborted.

```
D:\DevOps Tools\Lab Manual>git commit -m "With three print statements"
[master (root-commit) 26c0477] With three print statements
3 files changed, 42921 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 DEMO.java
create mode 100644 SE489 DevOps Manual.docx
create mode 100644 SE489 DevOps Manual.pdf

D:\DevOps Tools\Lab Manual>_
```

6. Now check status again (git status)

It will show following output, master is the default name of the main branch of the project development

```
D:\DevOps Tools\Lab Manual>git status
On branch master
nothing to commit, working tree clean

D:\DevOps Tools\Lab Manual>
```