



Git 2.51.1 Setup



## Select Components

Which components should be installed?



Select the components you want to install; clear the components you do not want to install. Click Next when you are ready to continue.

- ☐ Additional icons
  - ☐ On the Desktop
- ☒ Windows Explorer integration
  - ☒ Open Git Bash here
  - ☐ Open Git GUI here
- ☐ Git LFS (Large File Support)
- ☒ Associate .git\* configuration files with the default text editor
- ☒ Associate .sh files to be run with Bash
- ☐ Check daily for Git for Windows updates
- ☐ (NEW!) Add a Git Bash Profile to Windows Terminal
- ☐ (NEW!) Scalar (Git add-on to manage large-scale repositories)

Current selection requires at least 345.0 MB of disk space.

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## Choosing the default editor used by Git

Which editor would you like Git to use?



Use Notepad++ as Git's default editor



[Notepad++](#) is a popular GUI editor that can be used by Git.

This editor is popular in part due to the vast number of available plugins; However, when configured via this option, Git will call Notepad++ with plugins disabled (to open the editor as quickly as possible).

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## Adjusting the name of the initial branch in new repositories

What would you like Git to name the initial branch after "git init"?



☐ **Let Git decide**

Let Git use its default branch name (currently: "master") for the initial branch in newly created repositories.

☒ **Override the default branch name for new repositories**

**NEW!** Many teams already renamed their default branches; common choices are "main", "trunk" and "development". Specify the name "git init" should use for the initial branch:

This setting does not affect existing repositories.

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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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## 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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## 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.



## 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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## 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 ``winpty`` to work in MinTTY.

### ☐ Use Windows' default console window

Git will use the default console window of Windows ("cmd.exe"), which works well 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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## Choose the default behavior of `git pull`

What should `git pull` do by default?



☒ **Fast-forward or merge**

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. This is the standard behavior of `git pull`.

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## Choose a credential helper

Which credential helper should be configured?



☐ **Git Credential Manager**

Use the [cross-platform Git Credential Manager](#).

See more information about the future of Git Credential Manager [here](#).

☒ **None**

Do not use a credential helper.

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## Configuring extra options

Which features would you like to enable?



☒ **Enable file system caching**

File system data will be read in bulk and cached in memory for certain operations ("core.fscache" is set to "true"). This provides a significant performance boost.

☒ **Enable symbolic links**

Enable [symbolic links](#) (requires the SeCreateSymbolicLink permission). Please note that existing repositories are unaffected by this setting.

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