# OYO[1]: GET GOING WITH GITHUB

**Practice coding, collaborate, and show recruiters your projects**

**GitHub**

## The Basics

GitHub is a website used by developers, teams and companies to host code online.
Git is an open source program used by GitHub for tracking changes in text files.
This tool helps you coordinate with other developers using version control.

## Why Use GitHub?

**69 million** projects hosted

**25 million** developers use GitHub

**52%** of Fortune 50 companies use it [2]

**$0** to get started

GitHub helps you learns skills that are fundamental for software developers, it supports your coding projects, and it allows you to share your work with others.

## How to Get Started

- Sign up with a school email and receive unlimited private repositories: bit.ly/GitPack
- Follow the GitHub Guide to learn how to create and use a *repository*, start and manage a *branch*, make changes and submit *commits*, and open and merge a *pull request* [glossary]

## Career Development Tips

- Add your GitHub on your **resume**, either with your contact info at the top or in the projects section so that employers can see your work and skills first-hand
- Also add your GitHub to your **LinkedIn** and **Handshake** profiles
- Get active contributing to **open source** projects and sharing your best personal projects by making them public repositories

## Recommended Resources

Searchable Help Articles [website]
YouTube Training & Guides [video]
What do job-seeking developers need in their GitHub? [article]
How To Win Friends And Make Pull Requests On GitHub [article]

**Check out our Projects Info Sheet to learn more!**

[1] On-your-own "OYO" resources help you begin to find answers to your questions now. [2] Source: octoverse.github.com