# A short introduction to Git (not GIT)

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No time to give detailed instructions on how to use it, unfortunately: motivation, and quick demo.

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It's the best thing since sliced bread! —Anonymous co-author of mine.

- 1. a 15 minute (interactive!) commandline tutorial: https://try.github.io/
- a 10 minute read on using GitHub, including pull requests: https://guides.github.com/activities/hello-world/
   ...
- 4. a (free!) 456 page book: https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2

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What I will do:

- 1. create the project
- 2. push to GitHub
- 3. add a collaborator
- 4. start editing

What the volunteer needs to do

- 1. clone the project
- 2. start editing

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- 3. use pull requests on GitHub

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word of advice: use small commits (allows cherry-picking)