Log in to GitKraken with your GitHub account

First-time GitKraken users can choose to sign in using GitHub credentials instead of creating a new GitKraken account. This speeds up the sign-in process and connects GitHub to GitKraken so you won't be prompted to enter a password when pushing to repos over HTTP/HTTPS (see below for SSH connections).

Users who have already created a GitKraken account can switch to GitHub sign-in by clicking 'Sign into a different account' in the main menu, then clicking 'Sign in with GitHub'.

NOTE: the email used to create your GitKraken account must be added as a verified email on your GitHub account before switching to this sign-in option. You can add an email to your GitHub account in Settings > Email.

Connect GitHub integration and generate SSH keys

If you aren't using GitHub sign-in, you may need to manually connect your GitHub account to GitKraken in Preferences > Authentication > GitHub.com

Once you're connected, GitKraken can generate SSH keys and add them to GitHub for you automatically, or you can choose to browse and add keys that are already on your machine.

NOTE: SSH keys generated by GitKraken are only used by GitKraken.

Cloning and adding remote repositories

With our integration, cloning and adding remote repositories from GitHub couldn't be easier. In either case, you are able to search through repos that you have access to on GitHub. This includes your own repos and any repos you are allowed to view within an organization.

To clone a repo: click Repo Menu (folder icon in the upper left corner) > Clone > GitHub

To add a remote: in the left panel, click the ‘+’ button on the ‘REMOTE’ header.

Create and view GitHub pull requests in GitKraken

There are a few ways to start a GitHub Pull Request in GitKraken:

1) Drag the remote branch with your changes and drop it onto the branch that will receive the PR and select ‘Start a pull request’. Branches can be dragged & dropped in either the left panel or in the graph.

2) Or in the ‘PULL REQUESTS’ header in the left panel, click the ‘+’ button to initiate a PR.

Next, complete the Create Pull Request form (initiating the PR process by dragging one branch onto another will prefill the repo and branch information). You can choose to create the PR from here, or continue editing the PR on GitHub by clicking ‘Edit on GitHub’.

If you complete the Pull Request in GitKraken, you’ll see a notification stating the PR was successfully completed and a link to open that PR in GitHub to review. In GitKraken, you can directly view ‘open’ PRs for remote repos you've added. They are organized by repo and provide additional information on hover.