

## Android source code in Windows, the easy way

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Since the Android SDK doesn't come with the source code, you need to get it manually from the Google Git repo's. Unfortunately, the tutorial is Linux oriented and convoluted. Fortunately, us pesky Windows users have people like [Brad Chow](#) and some helpful Asian folks that provide us with a solution out of the box.

Here's a recap:

**Note: as Rahul comments, the script points to the old repository urls:**

The script uses old links: open it using a text editor and replace all **git://android.git.kernel.org/** with **https://android.googlesource.com/**

1. Head over to [msysGit](#) and get the latest release (I got [Git-1.7.6-preview20110708.exe](#)). Install that thing with all the defaults.
2. Execute **Git Bash** from the start menu folder added by the installation
3. Much like a command prompt, you can change drives and add folders. Create a folder at the location where you want the android sources. For me this was:
  1. cd /d
  2. cd temp
  3. mkdir android\_source
  4. cd android\_source
4. Now download the excellent [autogit.sh](#) shellscript created by Brad, that downloads all Android repos, to your new folder
5. Finally, go back to the Git Bash window and execute `'sh autogit.sh'`

It'll take a while to get all of the almost 14 GB of sourcecode.

Have fun!