# How do I manage GitHub Notifications

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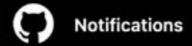


Notification-driven Development

# I Get

A Lot of Notifications

# **Everyday**





2,495

☐ Saved

✓ Done

I do try to
Inbox-Zero
Everyday

## What Does Empty Inbox Looks Like?



### All caught up!

Take a break, write some code, do what you do best.

## Why Inbox-Zero?

- Being responsive
- Keep maintenance work in control
- Don't accumulate work
- Know what to focus on
- Reading repetitively also cost time

# Reduce Notifications Created

contribution guide, issue form/templates, etc

### .github Magic Repo



∃ Building communities / Healthy contributions / Community health file.

### Creating a default community health file

You can create default community health files, such as CONTRIBUTING and CODE\_OF\_CONDUCT. Default files will be used for any repository owned by the account that does not contain its own file of that type.

### About default community health files &

You can add default community health files to a public repository called "gathus", in the root of the repository or in the docs or "github folders.

GitHub will use and display default files for any repository owned by the account that does not have its own file of that type in any of the following places:

- the root of the repository
- . the .github folder
- . the docs folder

For example, anyone who creates an issue or pull request in a repository that does not have its own CONTRIBUTING file will see a link to the default CONTRIBUTING file. If a repository has any files in its own \_githut/ISSEE\_TEMPLATE\_folder, including issue templates or a config ym/ file, none of the contents of the default "github/ISSUE\_TEMPLATE folder will be used.

Default files are not included in clones, packages, or downloads of individual repositories because they are stored only in the agathus repository.

# TURN OFF Notifications

and call it a day

# Seek for Notifications

don't let them seek for you

■ Turn off Email & App **Push** notifications

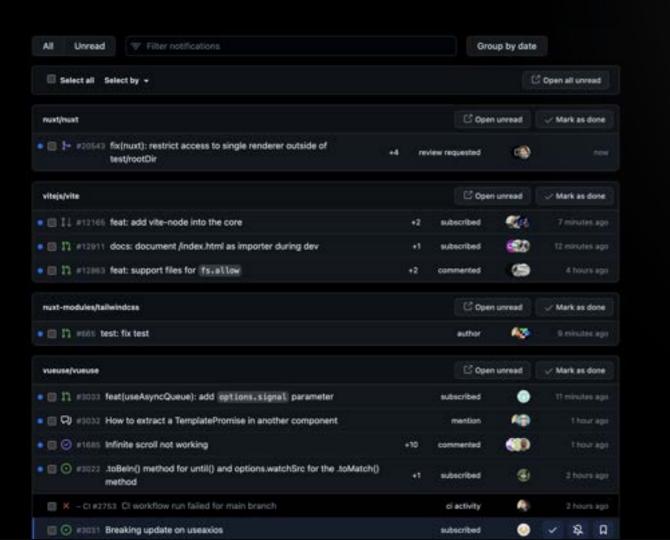
Use GitHub Notifications Inbox

- Look for notifications proactively

Or try volta.net **Volta** 

# Group your Notifications

by repository, instead of time



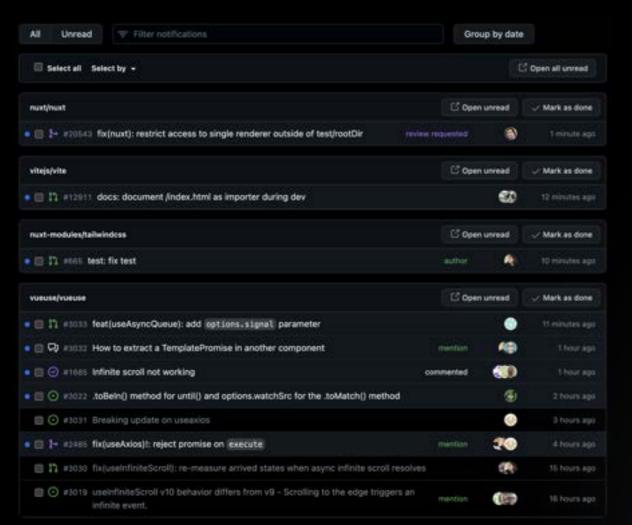
# What to Focus

filter out the noise, prioritize

- Dismiss issues/PRs that are closed/merged (when not participant in: trust your team)
- Dismiss notifications of
- Bots
  - New commits pushed to PRs
- GitHub Actions cancelled
- etc.

*I wrote a userscript:* 

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- Automatically dismiss unrelated notifications
- Colorize notifications type
- Single-instance notifications tab
- Auto refresh

### Wishlist to GitHub

- GitHub Notifications API, Please!
- Fine-grained notifications filter
  - Bots, type of notifications, random ping, etc.
- More interactive notifications inbox
  - Live updates
  - Avoid hard refreshes

## Warping up

- Keep maintenance scope manageable, don't let it grow out of control.
- Reply and forget new notifications will come up once you get replies.
- Use tools to help you focus.
- Enjoy it!

# Thank You!

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