How do I manage
GitHub Notifications

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Notification-driven Development

I Get
A Lot of Notifications
Everyday

Notifications

Inbox   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

GitHub Docs   Version: Free, Pro, & Team ▾

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 `.github`, 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 `.github/ISSUE_TEMPLATE` folder, including issue templates or a config.yml 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 `.github` repository.

TURN OFF
Notifications
and call it a day

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Seek for Notifications

don't let them seek for you

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

- Look for notifications **proactively**

  - Use GitHub Notifications Inbox

  - Or try volta.net **Volta**

Group your Notifications

by repository, instead of time

☐ Select all   Select by ▾   ⬀ Open all unread

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test/rootDir

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method

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☐ ⊙ #3031 Breaking update on useaxios   subscribed   🟡   ✓ 🔕 🔖

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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:

antfu/refined-github-notifications

It's hacky and opinionated!

- 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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