

# Be social

You can interact with people, repositories, and organizations on GitHub. See what others are working on and who they're connecting with from your personal dashboard.

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To learn about accessing your personal dashboard, see "[About your personal dashboard](#)."

## Following people

When you follow someone on GitHub, you'll get notifications on your personal dashboard about their activity. For more information, see "[About your personal dashboard](#)."

Click **Follow** on a person's profile page to follow them.



Overview Repositories 7 Stars 3 Followers 1.9k Following 5

**The Octocat**  
octocat

Follow

**Popular repositories**

- Spoon-Knife**  
This repo is for demonstration purposes only.  
HTML ★ 10k 🍴 94k
- Hello-World**  
My first repository on GitHub!  
★ 1.4k 🍴 1.2k
- octocat.github.io**  
CSS ★ 16 🍴 48
- hello-world**  
My first repository on GitHub.  
★ 14 🍴 37

## Watching a repository

You can watch a repository to receive notifications for new pull requests and issues. When the owner updates the repository, you'll see the changes in your personal dashboard. For more information see "[Viewing your subscriptions](#)."

Click **Watch** at the top of a repository to watch it.



## Joining the conversation



You can connect with developers around the world in [GitHub Community Support](#) to ask and answer questions, learn, and interact directly with GitHub staff.

## Communicating on GitHub

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GitHub provides built-in collaborative communication tools, such as issues and pull requests, allowing you to interact closely with your community when building great software. For an overview of these tools, and information about the specificity of each, see "[Quickstart for communicating on GitHub](#)."

## Doing even more

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### Creating pull requests

You may want to contribute to another person's project, whether to add features or to fix bugs. After making changes, let the original author know by sending a pull request. For more information, see "[About pull requests](#)."

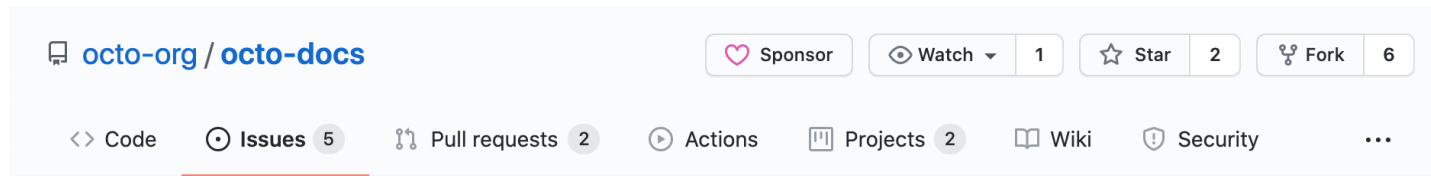
 **a-new-branch** (less than a minute ago)

 **Compare & pull request**

### Using issues

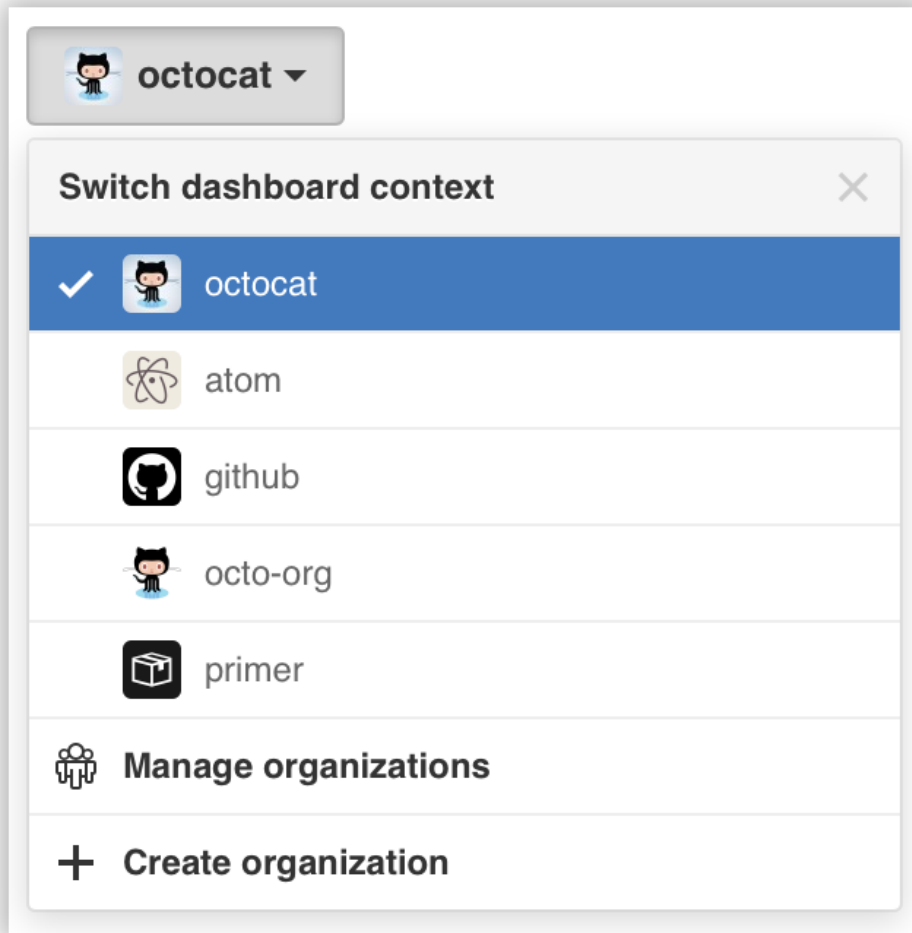
When collaborating on a repository, use issues to track ideas, enhancements, tasks, or bugs. For more information, see '[About issues](#).'





## Participating in organizations

Organizations are shared accounts where businesses and open-source projects can collaborate across many projects at once. Owners and administrators can establish teams with special permissions, have a public organization profile, and keep track of activity within the organization. For more information, see "[About organizations](#)."



## Exploring other projects on GitHub

Discover interesting projects using [Explore GitHub](#), [Explore repositories](#), and the [Trending page](#). Star interesting projects and come back to them later. Visit your [stars page](#) to see all your starred projects. For more information, see "[About your personal dashboard](#)."



# Celebrate

You're now connected to the GitHub community. What do you want to do next?



**octocat** starred **octo/repo** 5 hours ago

**octocat/octocat-test**

Test repo for the one and only Octocat.

JavaScript ★ 195 Updated Jan 2

★ Star

- To synchronize your GitHub projects with your computer, you can set up Git. For more information see "[Set up Git](#)."
- You can also create a repository, where you can put all your projects and maintain your workflows. For more information see, "[Create a repository](#)."
- You can fork a repository to make changes you want to see without affecting the original repository. For more information, see "[Fork a repository](#)."
- GitHub has a great support community where you can ask for help and talk to people from around the world. Join the conversation on [Github Support Community](#).

