✅ **Day 5: Star ⭐ vs Watch 👁 – What's the Deal?**

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📌 **What Is It?**

When you're browsing GitHub, you've probably seen two familiar buttons on a repository:

- ⭐ **Star**

- 👁 **Watch**

They look simple — but understanding **what they actually do** (and when to use them) can level up your GitHub experience and help you stay updated effectively.

💡 **Why It's Useful**

- Keep track of important or interesting repositories

- Get notifications about updates, releases, or discussions

- Help open-source maintainers by showing appreciation (stars = support ⭐)

- Stay in the loop when you're collaborating or learning from a project

🟧 **What's the Difference?**

Action	Meaning	When to Use
⭐ Star	Bookmark or show appreciation	Save useful/favorite projects
👁 Watch	Subscribe to notifications about repo activity	Stay updated or follow development

👁️‍🗨️ Watch Settings (3 Modes):

When you click "Watch", you get three options:

1. **Watching** – Get notifications for all conversations

2. **Releases Only** – Only get notified about new releases (default for starred repos)

3. **Ignore** – No notifications at all

➡️ You can customize this anytime by clicking the "Watch" dropdown in the repo.

🛠️ Use Cases

- ⭐ *Star* cool UI libraries, dev tools, and portfolios for reference later

- 👁️ *Watch* actively developed tools or repos you've contributed to

- 🔕 *Ignore* if you don't want to be flooded with updates but still like the repo

📌 Bonus Tip: Stars Matter in Open Source

Starring a repo doesn't just help *you* — it helps the **creator** too!

- ⭐ Increases the repo's visibility

- ⭐ Acts as social proof

- ⭐ Encourages the maintainer to keep updating

So if you like a project — star it. It costs nothing, but means everything 🙌

🔗 Resources to Explore

- GitHub Help: [About Watching and Starring Repositories](#)

- GitHub Notifications Settings: https://github.com/settings/notifications

🙌 Final Thought

"Star what you love. Watch what you want to grow with."