

GDG FAQ

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Overview

The Google Developer Program offers tools and resources to help you on your development journey. Get development assistance from Gemini, access training to uplevel your skills, connect with global communities, and more.

For more general information about the Google Developer Program and all of its features, see [Google Developer Program](#).

Profile info

Where is my profile?

You can sign in and access your Google Developer Program profile by going to developers.google.com/profile/u/me.

How do I edit my profile?

You can edit your Google Developer Program profile by going to developers.google.com/profile/u/me.

What happens if I make my profile public?

Making [your profile](#) public makes it viewable by anyone online. This includes your name, image, role, company or school, bio, badges you've received, stats, and your social media links (including GitHub, GitLab, X, LinkedIn, and Stack Overflow). Your pages saved, pages rated, and events attended are not part of your public profile.

You can change your profile privacy settings under the Account tab at developers.google.com/profile/u/me/settings#account.

Why was my account turned to private?

If we reasonably believe content in your profile violates our [content policy](#), your account will be switched to private and the content in your profile will be deleted. You won't be able to make your account public again for at least 60 days. Google also reserves the right to suspend or terminate your access to the services or delete your Google Account, as described in the [Taking action in case of problems](#) section of the Google Terms of Service.

What happens when I integrate my profile with a third-party app or service?

If you authorize an application to access your Google Developer Program profile, that application will be able to see your profile information, even if you have not made your profile public. Learn more about how to manage third-party apps and services with access to your account.

Can I transfer or merge my account with another profile?

You cannot transfer or merge your profile with another account. It's encouraged to use your personal account (when appropriate) for your Google Developer Program profile to ensure you retain all the badges and information.

Why can't I create a profile with my Google Workspace account?

The Google Developer Program profile supports Google Workspace account types; however, if you are getting an error you might need your organization's administrator to enable access to the Google Developers service.

For more information, see [Turn Google Developers on or off for users](#).

Where should I file issues or feedback?

If you encounter any issues or want to provide feedback on anything related to your Google Developer Program profile, click Send Feedback at the bottom of [your Google Developer Program profile page](#).

How can I delete my account data?

When signed in, go to the Account tab at developers.google.com/profile/u/me/settings#account and click Delete profile to delete your account.

Custom URLs

What is a personalized custom URL?

When you make your Google Developer Program profile public, you can set a personalized custom URL that lets you share your profile on social media, resumes, and other online forums. This link redirects users to your public profile. Your personalized link works with g.dev/ and <https://developers.google.com/profile/u/me>.

Important: Personalized custom URL changes are limited to once every 30 days. Once a custom URL is deleted, it cannot be reserved again by anyone for at least 30 days.

Can I have more than one custom URL?

Custom URLs are limited to one per profile, but you can change your custom URL once every 30 days.

How do I transfer my custom URL from one profile to another?

If you want to transfer your existing custom URL to a new account, change the custom URL on your old profile and reclaim the URL you want to keep with your new profile. Note that you can only change your custom URL once every 30 days.

Features

What are badges?

Badges are non-monetary digital awards that recognize developer achievements, incentivize users, and track the completion of specific tasks. For more information, see [Badges](#).

What are pathways?

Pathways are ordered collections of related content, such as videos and codelabs, which help you learn a specific developer tool or concept. Upon finishing a pathway, you can complete a quiz to earn a badge. Visit developers.google.com/learn/pathways to get started.

How do Saved Pages and collections work?

The [Saved Pages](#) feature lets you bookmark pages across Google developer sites and quickly access them at a later date. You can organize your saved pages into customized [collections](#) and receive notifications when your saved content is updated.

What is a release note?

A release note is a summary that captures recent changes, enhancements, and bug fixes. When one of your Saved Pages is updated and a release note is published, you receive an in-site notification highlighting the change. You can also opt in to receive a weekly email containing the release note updates by visiting the [Notifications](#) tab under Settings and checking the box next to Release notes.

AI features

What AI features are included as part of the Google Developer Program?

As a member of the Google Developer Program, you gain access to [AI tools](#) that use Gemini models to help you stay organized, get answers to your technical questions, and accelerate your projects.

These tools include Side Panel Chat, Code Explain, and Search Summaries.

Why do I need to join the Google Developer Program to use these feature?

AI features such as the Side Panel Chat are only available to members of the Google Developer Program. This allows future personalization to the responses based on your profile such as your interests or preferred programming languages.

Which sites will the Side Panel Chat work on?

The Side Panel Chat is available in Beta on developer documentation pages on developers.google.com and firebase.google.com (in [supported regions](#)). The Side Panel Chat is not available on mobile devices.

Why does the Side Panel Chat say that it can't answer my question?

The Side Panel Chat lets you ask questions about developer topics and get responses based on what's in the Google Developer documentation, including the page you're on. If you ask a question that is outside of that scope, you'll get a response saying that it can't help with that request or that it can only answer about Google Developer topics.

If you encounter errors with valid questions, consider rephrasing your question. If the chat incorrectly indicates that it cannot respond to your question, you can report this issue by clicking the Send feedback icon at the top of the Side Panel Chat.

How can I give feedback about the Side Panel Chat or its responses?

Click the Send feedback icon at the top of the Side Panel Chat to provide feedback on this feature, including any incorrect answers you might get in response to your questions.

What are Search Summaries?

Search Summaries use Gemini models to provide search results that summarize information about what the user is searching for. Search Summaries offer richer, more insightful answers directly on the search results page.

What sites do Search Summaries work on?

Search Summaries are available in Beta on the following sites (in [supported regions](#)):

- developers.google.com
- cloud.google.com
- firebase.google.com
- developer.android.com

Who should join Google Developer Groups?

Anyone who is interested in learning about Google's technologies, connecting with other developers, and growing their skillset is encouraged to join Google Developer Groups.

Can I join multiple chapters?

Yes, developers are able to join multiple chapters. To join a chapter, visit the members site at <https://gdg.community.dev/>.

I don't see a chapter near me, but I am still interested in joining GDG. What can I do?

If a nearby chapter doesn't exist, you can apply to create new GDG chapter in your city. [Submit an application today](#) to lead one in your area. See what it takes to be an organizer at [Google Developer Groups Organizers](#).

How can I sign up for a chapter event?

Search the GDG event platform (<https://gdg.community.dev/>) for an event that looks right for you.

Is there a cost to join or start a new GDG Chapter?

No, there is no cost to join a chapter or apply for a new GDG Chapter.

Who can become an organizer?

There are a few things we look for when selecting organizers. If you fit this description, we welcome your application.

- 18 years old and up.
- Genuine interest in Google's technologies.
- Technical background.
- Experience with event planning.
- Connection to your local developer community.

- Passion for giving back to the community.

How do I apply to become an organizer?

There are a few steps you need to take to apply to be an organizer.

- Read the [Community Guidelines](#) and the GDG organizer [Terms & Conditions](#).
- Check the [GDG Event Platform](#) to see if there's an existing chapter in your location.
- If there's a GDG chapter in your location, contact the current organizer(s) from the [GDG Event Platform](#) or in person at an event to express interest in helping as a co-organizer.
- If there's not a GDG chapter in your location, [apply to start one here](#).
 - Allow time for your application to be reviewed. If your application has met the above requirements, we will reach out via email to set up a time to answer questions and discuss the program. If the application isn't a good fit, we'll still notify you by email.

What are the benefits of becoming a GDG organizer?

There are a number of benefits to leading a GDG chapter, but here are a few that stand out:

- Professional growth - Access to community management training and technical knowledge to help you be a stronger leader. Invitations to select Google events.
- Network growth - Access to a global network of developers, professional community organizers, industry experts, and Googlers to gain mentorship and share knowledge.
- Community Learning - Dedicated support to help educate and expand your community online and in-person.

What is the time commitment?

To be an organizer, you should be available to host a meetup event ideally once a month, and at least every 3 months to remain an active GDG chapter.

GDE FAQ

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Join GDE

Who can join Google Developer Experts?

Google Developer Experts have a variety of diverse backgrounds. They are developers, founders, mothers, activists, and so much more. The one thing they have in common is that they're passionate professionals with expertise in Google technology who enjoy continuous learning, sharing knowledge, and making an impact on the community.

Eligibility criteria:

- Solid expertise in an area featuring Google technology such as Android, Google Cloud, Machine Learning, Web and more. You do not need a formal education to be considered for the GDE program.
- Display significant contributions in the developer community including but not limited to speaking at events, publishing content, mentoring other developers and companies.
- Ability to articulate clearly and provide meaningful advice to others.
- Must be 18+ years old.
- Ability to interview and communicate in English as it's the official language of the program.

Applying for GDE

How do I apply?

- To join the Google Developer Experts program, you need to be referred by a Google employee or an existing [GDE](#).
- If you're interested, reach out to your local Google contact and/or an active GDE to [discuss your eligibility](#).

Benefits

What are the benefits of the program?

The benefits of joining the Google Developer Experts community include, but are not limited to:

- Access to speaking and networking opportunities.
- Invitations to Google-run events.
- Early access to new products and features.
- Featured in the [GDE directory](#).

What happens if I apply to the program and get rejected?

This happens on occasion. If you don't get accepted to the program, [review the eligibility criteria](#) and consider applying again.

GDSC FAQ

The purpose of this document is to capture frequently asked questions about the GDSC program.

Join GDSC

Who should join Google Developer Student Clubs?

College and university students are encouraged to join Google Developer Student Clubs.

Can I join multiple chapters?

You can participate in events organized by multiple chapters, however if you decide to dedicate yourself to become a GDSC Lead or Core Team Member, you will be officially assigned to one chapter.

What does a GDSC lead do?

In general, GDSC leaders are focused on the following areas:

- **Start a club** - Work with your university or college to start a student club. Select a core team and faculty advisor to support.
- **Host workshops** - Grow student knowledge on developer products and platforms through hands-on workshops and events.

- **Build projects** - Identify local partners to work with and lead project building activities.

Who can lead a club?

There are a few things we look for when selecting club leaders. If you fit this description, we welcome your application.

- Students who are at least 18 years old.
- A minimum of one year left until graduation.
- Enrollment in an undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university.
- Can commit to the program for one year.
- Passionate about creating impact in their community.
- Strong technical understanding of computer programming and/or software engineering.
- Experience with event planning or leading a team.
- Some connection to the local developer community.
- Available to host an event ideally once a month, and at least every 3 months.

Applying

How do I apply to become a club leader?

There are a few steps you need to take to apply to be an organizer.

- See if there's a current [Google Developer Student Club](#) on your campus or near you. We encourage you to participate or even help organize an event to gain practical experience!
- Read the [community guidelines](#).
- Submit your GDSC Lead [application](#).
- We'll review your submission and get back to you via email as soon as possible.

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- **Network growth** - Access to a global network of student leaders, professional community organizers, industry experts, and Googlers to gain mentorship and share knowledge.
- **Community learning** - Dedicated support to help educate and expand your community online and in-person.

What is the time commitment?

GDSC Leads should be available to run an event ideally once a month, and at least every three months to remain an active GDSC chapter. Additionally, running a GDSC is a one year commitment.

Timeline

What is the timeline for applying for the GDSC Lead position?

We accept applications once per year, between April and August. Please follow [this page](#) for the new deadlines and the [GDSC events platform](#) to check current chapters.