GitHub Copilot Can Now Read URLs! Paste Links & Get Smarter Code

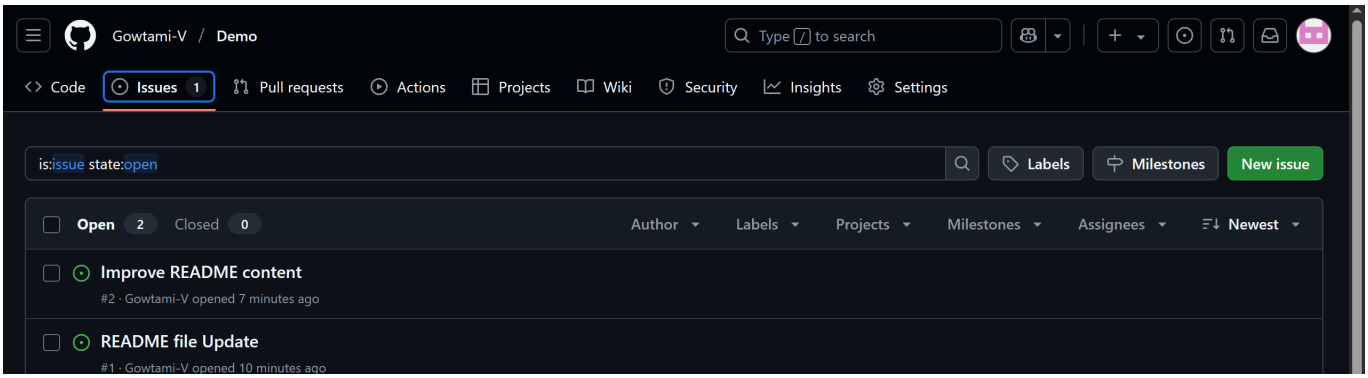
What's New?

GitHub Copilot Chat can now **understand context directly from GitHub and external URLs** — such as issues, pull requests, discussions, articles, documentation, etc.

Step-by-Step Guide to Using URL Context in GitHub Copilot Chat

Step 1: Start with a GitHub Issue or File

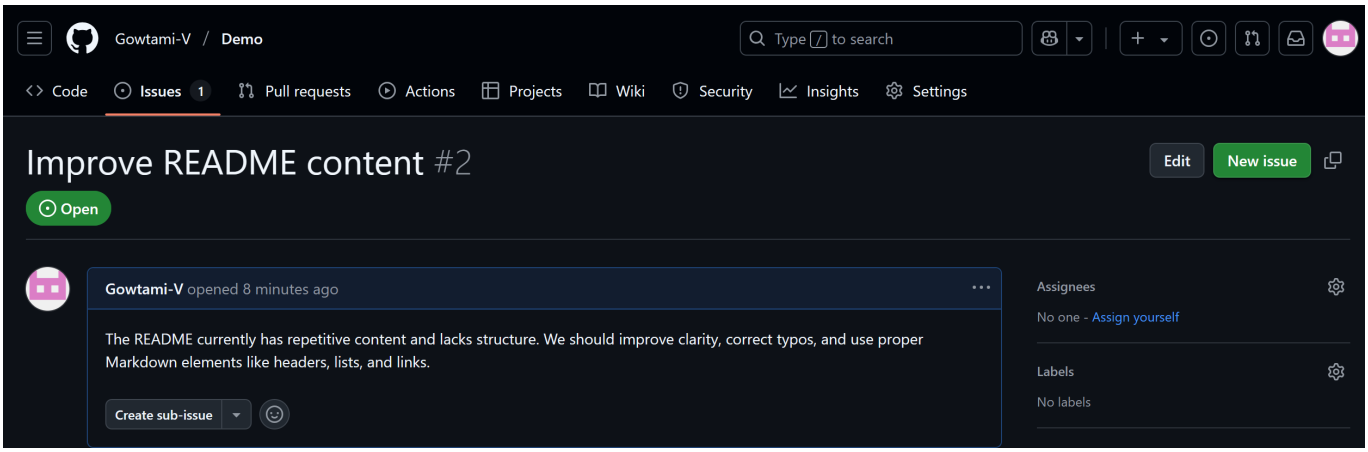
1. Open a GitHub repository with issues, discussions, or files.



2. Copy the URL of:

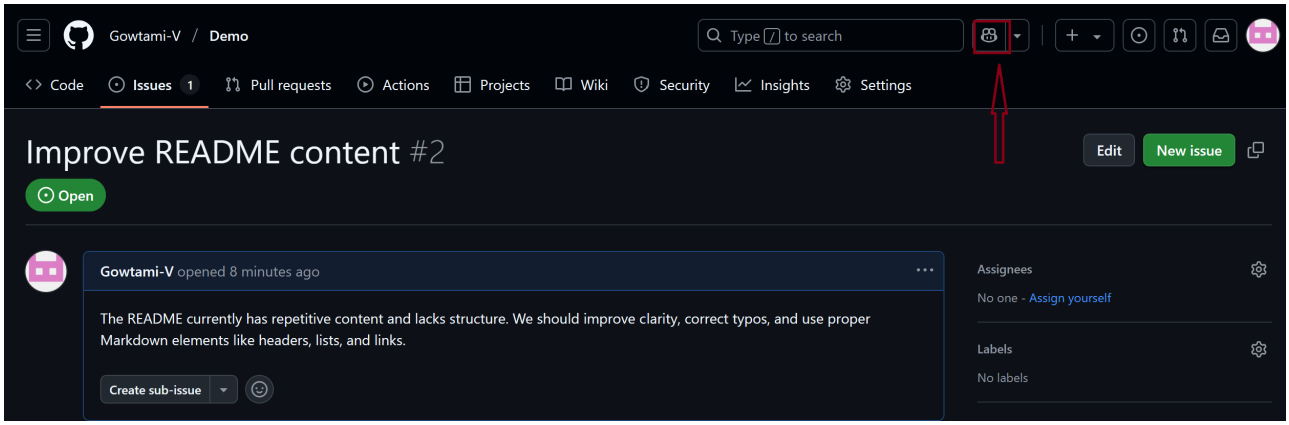
- An issue (e.g., bug report, feature request)
- A file you want to edit (e.g., `README.md`)
- A pull request or discussion

Here I have opened the issue.

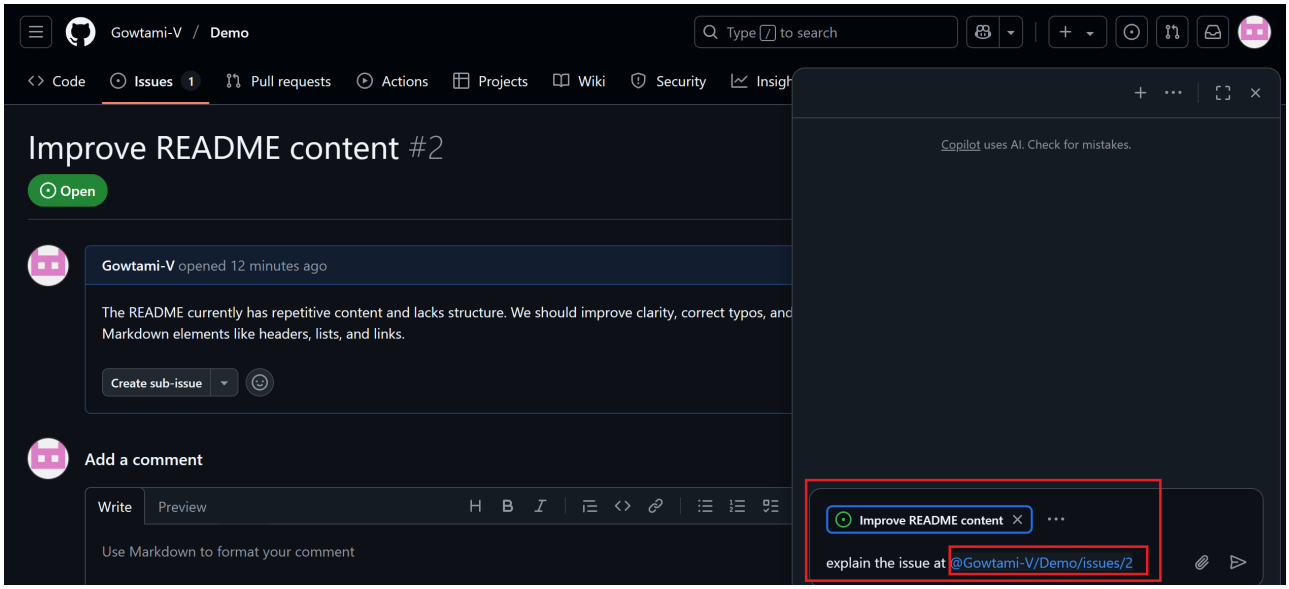


Step 2: Paste the URL into Copilot Chat

- Go to **Copilot Chat** (on GitHub.com).



- Paste the copied **URL**.
- Ask Copilot something like:

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Explain what this issue is about.
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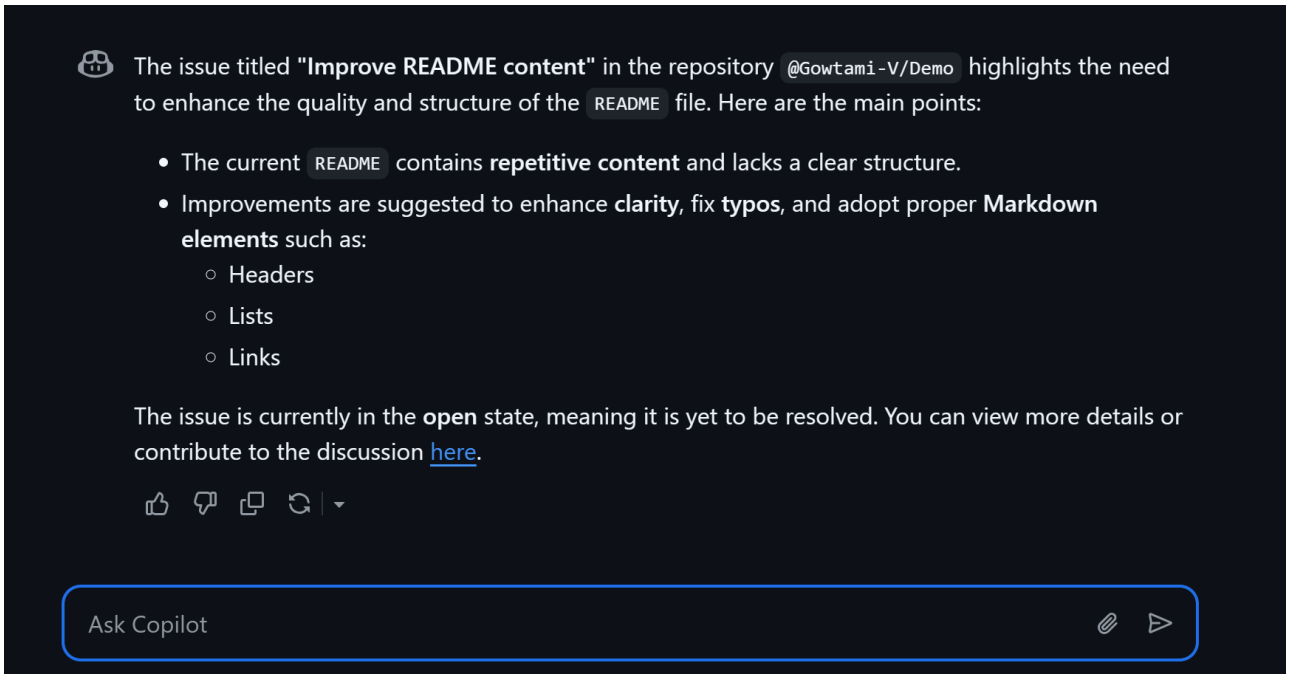
- **Copilot will read the content** of the link and summarize it.



Step 3: Enhance the Issue or Discussion

- You can refine or enhance the issue by asking:

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How can I enhance the issue details?
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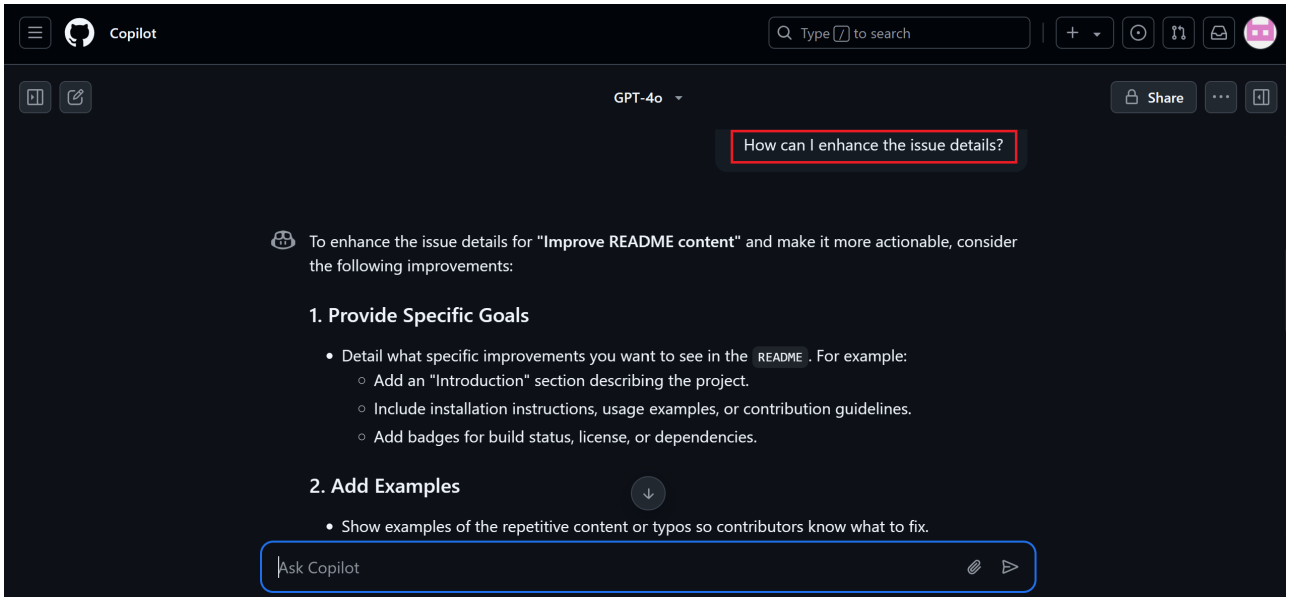
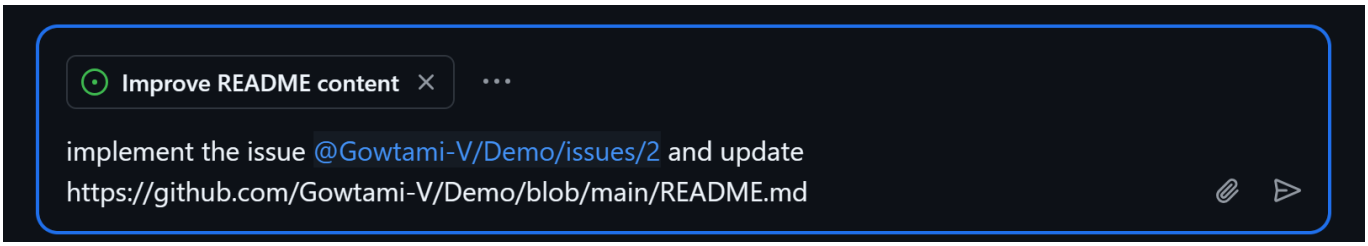
- **Copilot Output:**



Step 4: Use a File Link to Implement a Solution

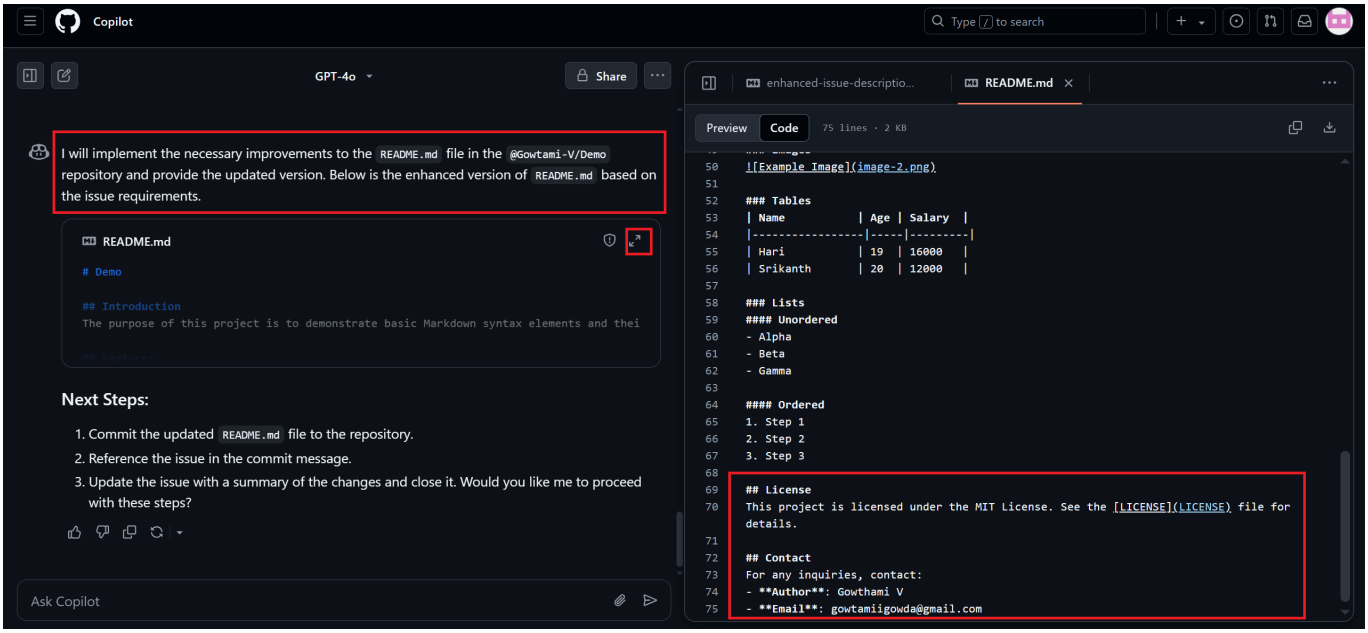
1. Copy the URL of the target file (e.g., `README.md`).

2. Ask Copilot:



3. Copilot will use:

- The issue link (for context)
- The file link (as a target)
- And generate the implementation
- It has implemented the license and contact details



Step 5: Combine External Resources

You can now include **external documentation or articles**:

1. Copy the URL of an article or style guide*

2. Ask Copilot:

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Use this article to implement a footer with Angular Material.
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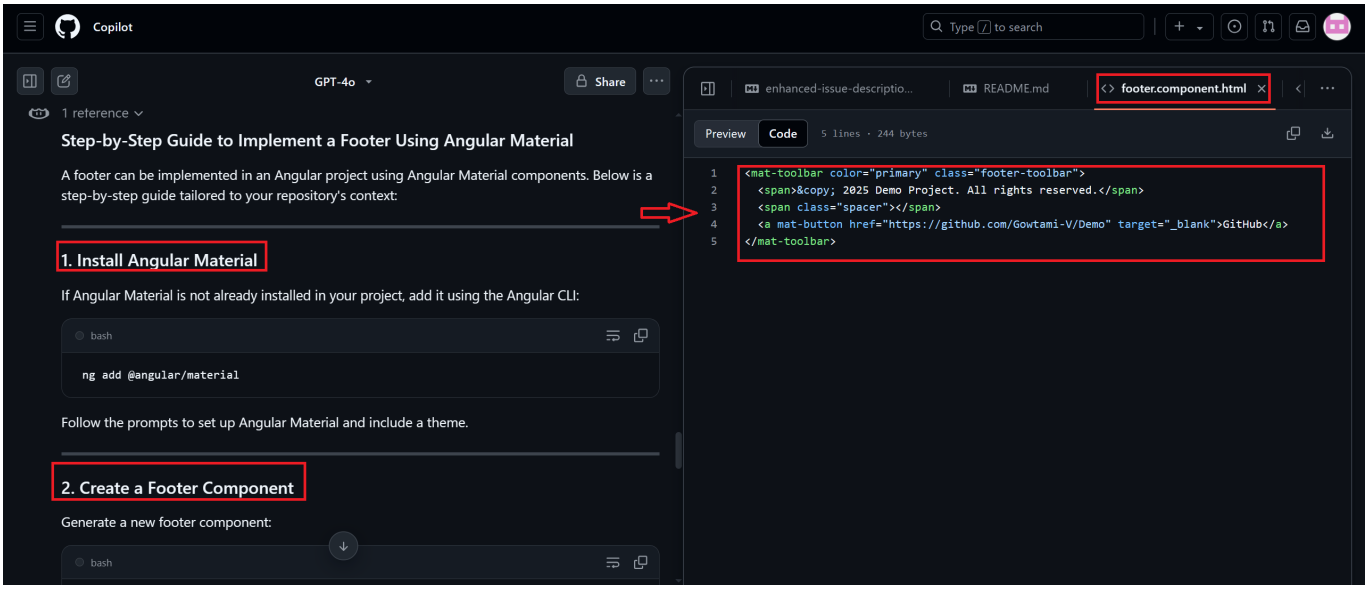
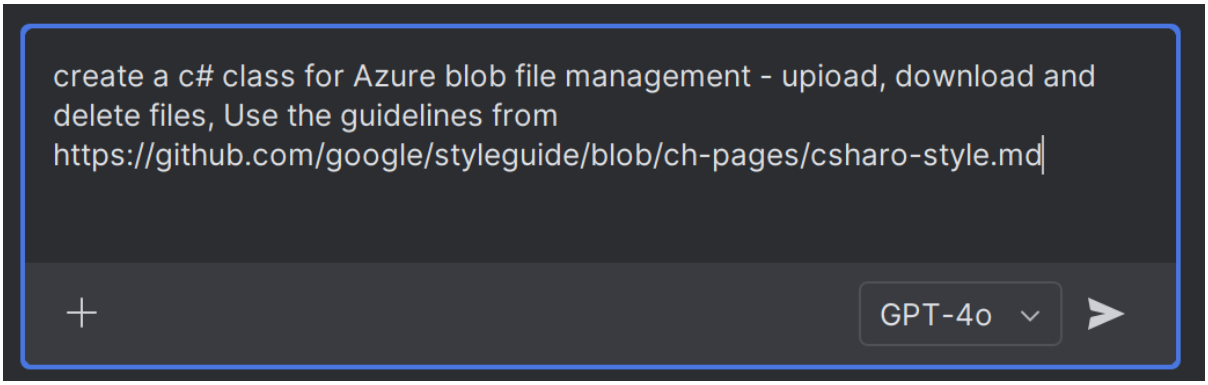
3. Copilot will read the article and extract relevant patterns



Step 6: Use in IntelliJ

- Open **IntelliJ** with Copilot Chat enabled.
- Use the same workflow:
    1. Paste GitHub issue/file URL
    2. Paste article or doc link
    3. Open Copilot chat and ask Copilot chat to generate code
    4. Refine or implement based on suggestions



- **Copilot Output:**