**Setting up GitHub Copilot for yourself**

Follow these steps to start using Copilot.

**Who can use this feature?**

Individuals

Individual user accounts with access to a Copilot Enterprise, Copilot Business, or Copilot Individual subscription

[**1. Get access to GitHub Copilot**](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/setting-up-github-copilot/setting-up-github-copilot-for-yourself#1-get-access-to-github-copilot)

There are a few ways that you can get access to GitHub Copilot:

* *Sign up for a subscription to GitHub Copilot Individual*. You can [try GitHub Copilot for free](https://github.com/github-copilot/signup?ref_cta=Copilot+trial&ref_loc=about+github+copilot&ref_page=docs) with a one-time 30-day trial. After the free trial, you will need a paid subscription for continued use.
* *If you are a member of an organization or enterprise* that has a subscription to GitHub Copilot, you can request access to Copilot by going to <https://github.com/settings/copilot> and requesting access under "Get Copilot from an organization."
* *If you are a verified student, teacher, or maintainer of a popular open source project*, GitHub Copilot is free to use. See "[Getting free access to Copilot as a student, teacher, or maintainer](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/managing-copilot/managing-copilot-as-an-individual-subscriber/getting-free-access-to-copilot-as-a-student-teacher-or-maintainer)."

[**2. Install the Copilot extension for your IDE**](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/setting-up-github-copilot/setting-up-github-copilot-for-yourself#2-install-the-copilot-extension-for-your-ide)

If you want to use Copilot in your IDE, install the Copilot extension for your IDE. See "[Installing the GitHub Copilot extension in your environment](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/managing-copilot/configure-personal-settings/installing-the-github-copilot-extension-in-your-environment)."

[**3. Install the Copilot extension for the command line**](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/setting-up-github-copilot/setting-up-github-copilot-for-yourself#3-install-the-copilot-extension-for-the-command-line)

If you want to use Copilot in the command line, install the Copilot extension for the GitHub CLI. See "[Installing GitHub Copilot in the CLI](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/managing-copilot/configure-personal-settings/installing-github-copilot-in-the-cli)."

[**4. Set up networking (if necessary)**](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/setting-up-github-copilot/setting-up-github-copilot-for-yourself#4-set-up-networking-if-necessary)

If you connect through an HTTP proxy server or firewall, ensure that key URLs are added to the allowlist for the proxy server or firewall. See "[Configuring your proxy server or firewall for Copilot](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/managing-copilot/managing-github-copilot-in-your-organization/configuring-your-proxy-server-or-firewall-for-copilot)."

You may also need to install a custom SSL certificate on your machine. See "[Configuring network settings for GitHub Copilot](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/managing-copilot/configure-personal-settings/configuring-network-settings-for-github-copilot#installing-custom-certificates)."

[**5. Configure settings (optional)**](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/setting-up-github-copilot/setting-up-github-copilot-for-yourself#5-configure-settings-optional)

All users can configure Copilot settings in their IDE or in the CLI. See "[Configuring GitHub Copilot in your environment](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/managing-copilot/configure-personal-settings/configuring-github-copilot-in-your-environment)" and "[Configuring GitHub Copilot in the CLI](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/managing-copilot/configure-personal-settings/configuring-github-copilot-in-the-cli)."

If you have your own subscription to Copilot (instead of using your organization or enterprise's subscription), you can:

* **Install Copilot Extensions** to integrate other tools with Copilot Chat. See "[Extending the capabilities of GitHub Copilot in your personal account](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/managing-copilot/managing-copilot-as-an-individual-subscriber/installing-github-copilot-extensions-for-your-personal-account)."
* **Manage policies**. See "[Managing Copilot policies as an individual subscriber](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/managing-copilot/managing-copilot-as-an-individual-subscriber/managing-copilot-policies-as-an-individual-subscriber)."

[**6. Start using Copilot**](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/setting-up-github-copilot/setting-up-github-copilot-for-yourself#6-start-using-copilot)

Start using Copilot to help you write code faster and more efficiently. For all the ways you can use Copilot, see "[Using GitHub Copilot](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/using-github-copilot)." Copilot code suggestions and Copilot Chat in your IDE is a great place to start.

To learn how to best use Copilot, see "[Best practices for using GitHub Copilot](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/using-github-copilot/best-practices-for-using-github-copilot)" and "[Prompt engineering for GitHub Copilot](https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/using-github-copilot/prompt-engineering-for-github-copilot)."

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