

# Reinstating a former outside collaborator's access to your organization

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If you required two-factor authentication in your organization and an outside collaborator was removed from the organization for not having 2FA enabled, you can reinstate a former outside collaborator's access permissions for organization repositories, forks, and settings.

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If an outside collaborator's access to your organization's private repositories is removed because you've [required members and outside collaborators to enable two-factor authentication](#), the user's access privileges and settings are saved for three months. You can restore the user's privileges if you invite them back to the organization within that time frame.

You can send an invitation to reinstate a user's privileges and access to the organization before they have enabled two-factor authentication and they must enable 2FA before they can accept your invitation to rejoin the organization.

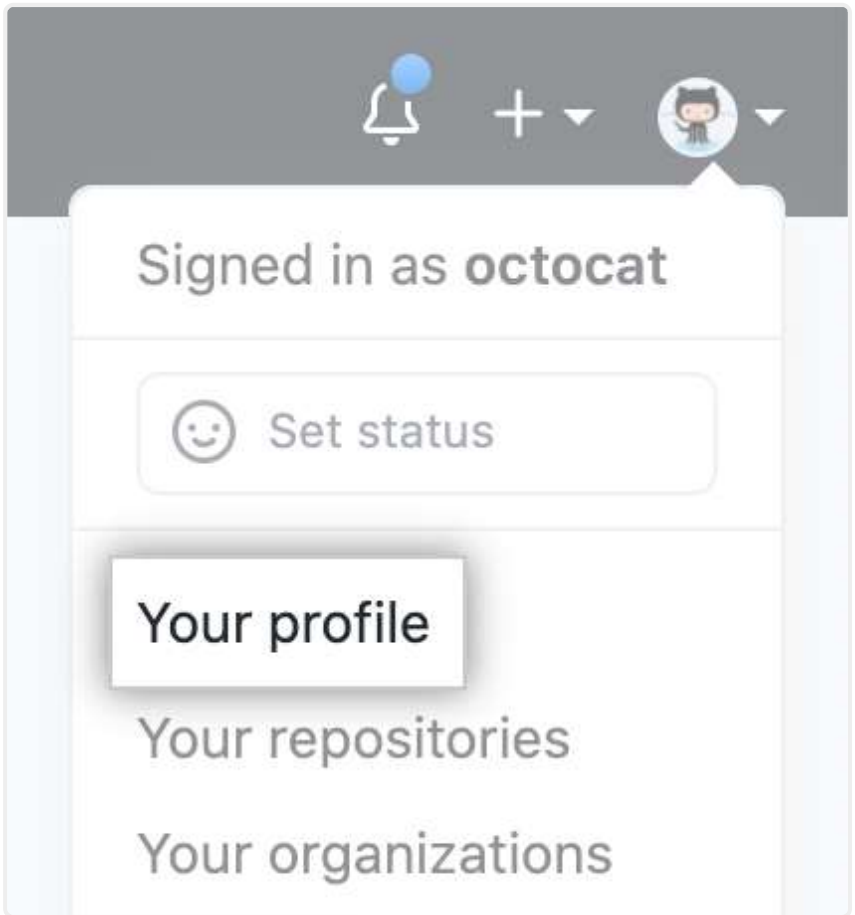
When you reinstate a former outside collaborator, you can restore:

- The user's former access to organization repositories
- Any private forks of repositories owned by the organization
- Membership in the organization's teams
- Previous access and permissions for the organization's repositories
- Stars for organization repositories
- Issue assignments in the organization
- Repository subscriptions (notification settings for watching, not watching, or ignoring a repository's activity)


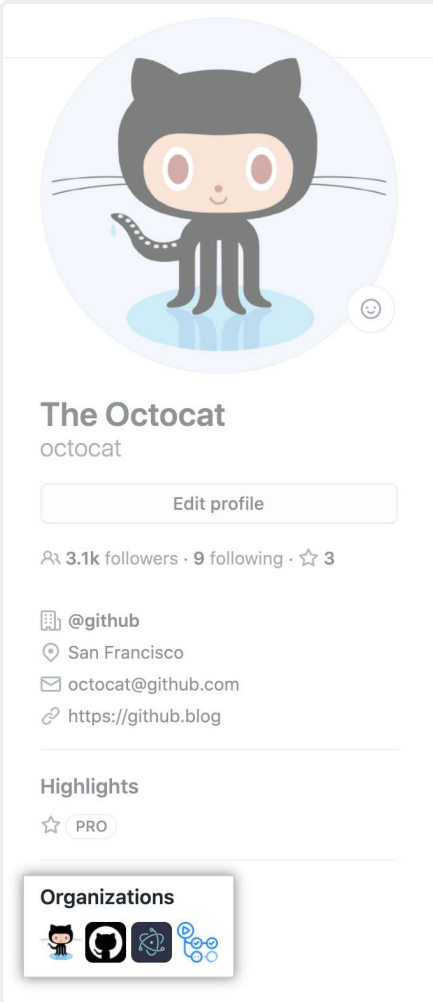
**Tips:**

- Only organization owners can reinstate outside collaborators' access to an organization. For more information, see "[Permission levels for an organization](#)."
- The reinstating a member flow on GitHub may use the term "member" to describe reinstating an outside collaborator but if you reinstate this person and keep their previous privileges, they will only have their previous [outside collaborator permissions](#).
- If your organization has a paid per-user subscription, an unused license must be available before you can invite a new member to join the organization or reinstate a former organization member. For more information, see "[About per-user pricing](#)."

In the top right corner of GitHub, click your profile photo, then click **Your profile**.



On the left side of your profile page, under "Organizations", click the icon for your organization.



## The Octocat

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### Highlights

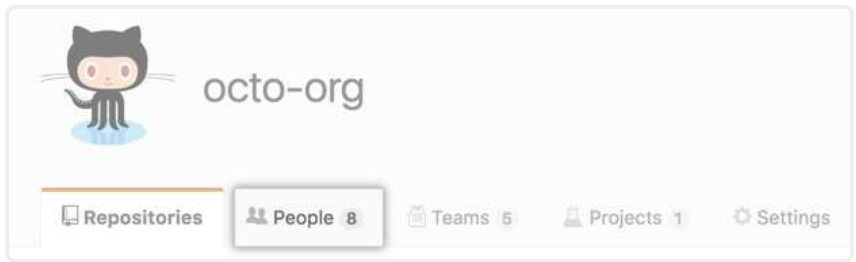
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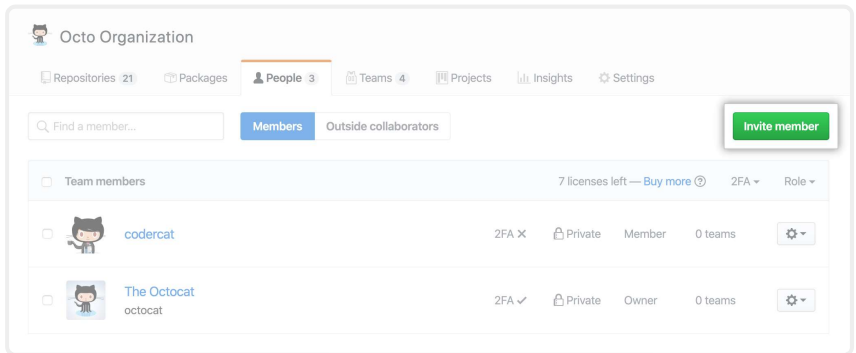
#### Organizations



Under your organization name, click  **People**.



On the People tab, click **Invite member**.



Type the username of the person you want to reinstate and click **Invite**.

Choose to restore the outside collaborator's previous privileges in the organization by clicking **Invite and reinstate** or choose to clear their previous privileges and set new access permissions by clicking **Invite and start fresh**.

**Warning:** If you want to upgrade the outside collaborator to a member of your organization, then choose **Invite and start fresh** and choose a new role for this person. Note, however,

that this person's private forks of your organization's repositories will be lost if you choose to start fresh. To make the former outside collaborator a member of your organization *and* keep their private forks, choose **Invite and reinstate** instead. Once this person accepts the invitation, you can convert them to an organization member by [inviting them to join the organization as a member](#).

## Invite @octocat back to octo-org

@octocat was previously a member of the octo-org organization. Do you want to reinstate their account?

☒ **Yes, reinstate their previous privileges.**

Reinstating a member will restore their previous privileges once the invitation is accepted. Privileges to be reinstated:

 Role	Member
 Teams	2 teams
 Forks	1 fork
 Repositories	9 repositories
 Stars	3 stars
 Issue assignments	42 issue assignments

☐ **No, start fresh.**

Starting fresh will clear the member's previous privileges. You'll be able to choose a new role and new team memberships for the member.

**Invite and reinstate**

If you cleared the previous privileges for a former outside collaborator, choose a role for the user and optionally add them to some teams, then click **Send invitation**.

### Invite The Octocat to octo-org

Give them an appropriate role in the organization and add them to some teams to give access to repositories.



☒ Member

Members can see all other members, and can be granted access to repositories. They can also create new teams and repositories.

☐ Owner

Owners have full administrative rights to the organization and have complete access to all repositories and teams.

Optionally, you can also add The Octocat to some teams.

Teams	Members	Repositories
 core	1	0
 Octo project	1	0

Send invitation

The invited person will receive an email inviting them to the organization. They will need to accept the invitation before becoming an outside collaborator in the organization. You can [edit or cancel an invitation](#) any time before the user accepts.

