



GitHub Administration

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Objectives



- Differences between the **different GitHub Enterprise family** of products (Cloud, Server, and AE)
- Can decide which **permissions** should be applied
- Know all the **policies** at the enterprise level
- Can explain how **security access features** works in GitHub (SSO, SCIM, IP allow-lists...)
- Learn the **authentication methods** for integrations
- Understand how **licensing** works
- Understand what an **organization** is and decide the right **settings** for it
- Manage **team structures** of different sizes and handle permissions to the **protected resources**
- Have an idea on how to organize the **repositories in the organization** and it's **settings**
- Have knowledge about **auditing** your enterprise account
- Find and assess **incorrect usages** in the organization to notify your users

Agenda

- Day 1

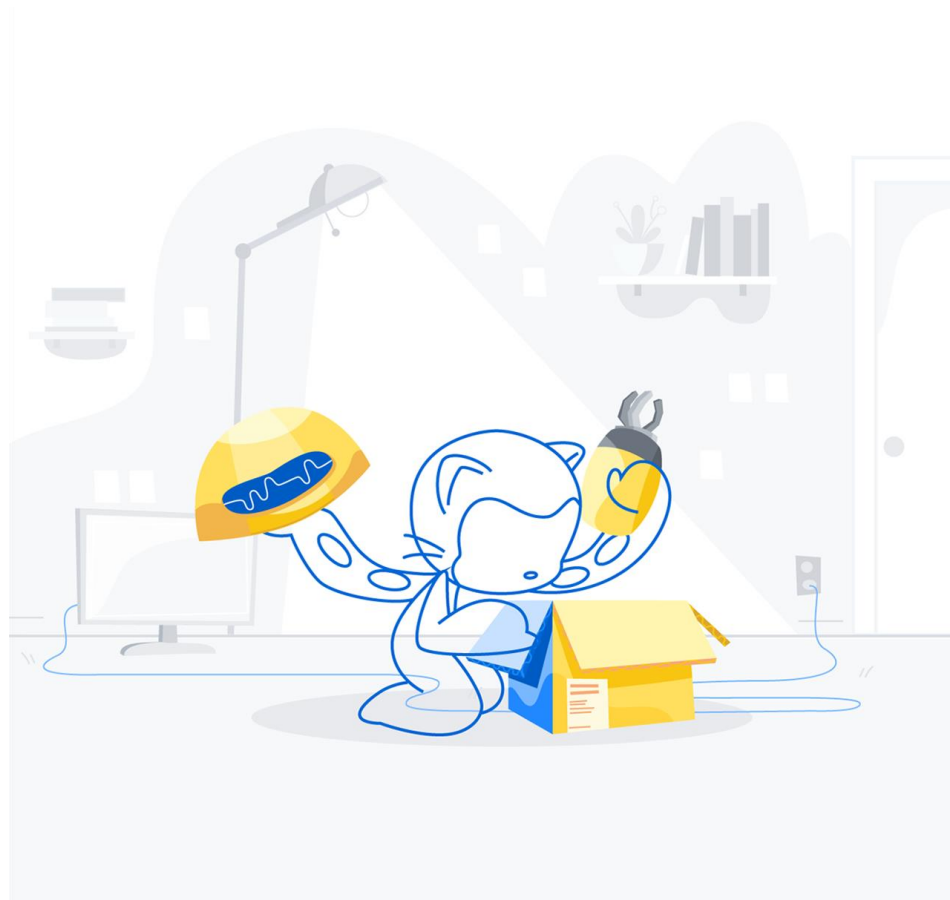
GitHub Enterprise overview

- Platforms
- Permission flow
- Enterprise administration

- Day 2

Organization

- Overview
- Administration and settings

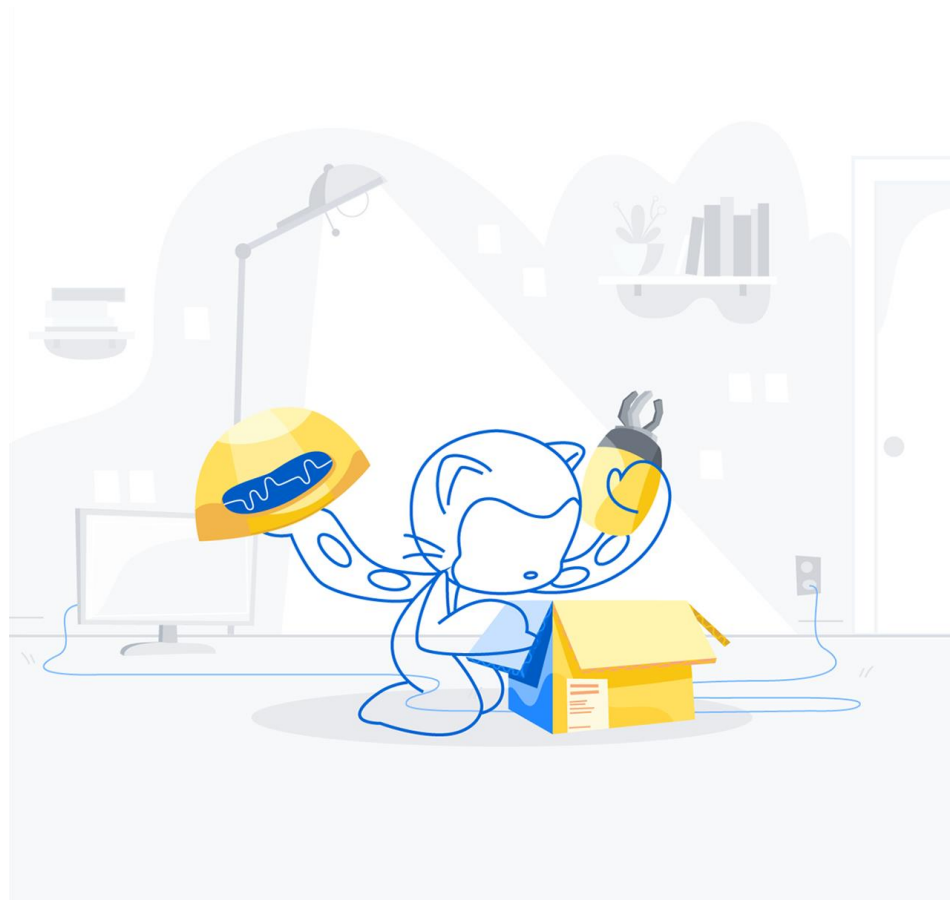


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- Day 3

Repository

- Repository overview
- Repository administration
- Branch protections



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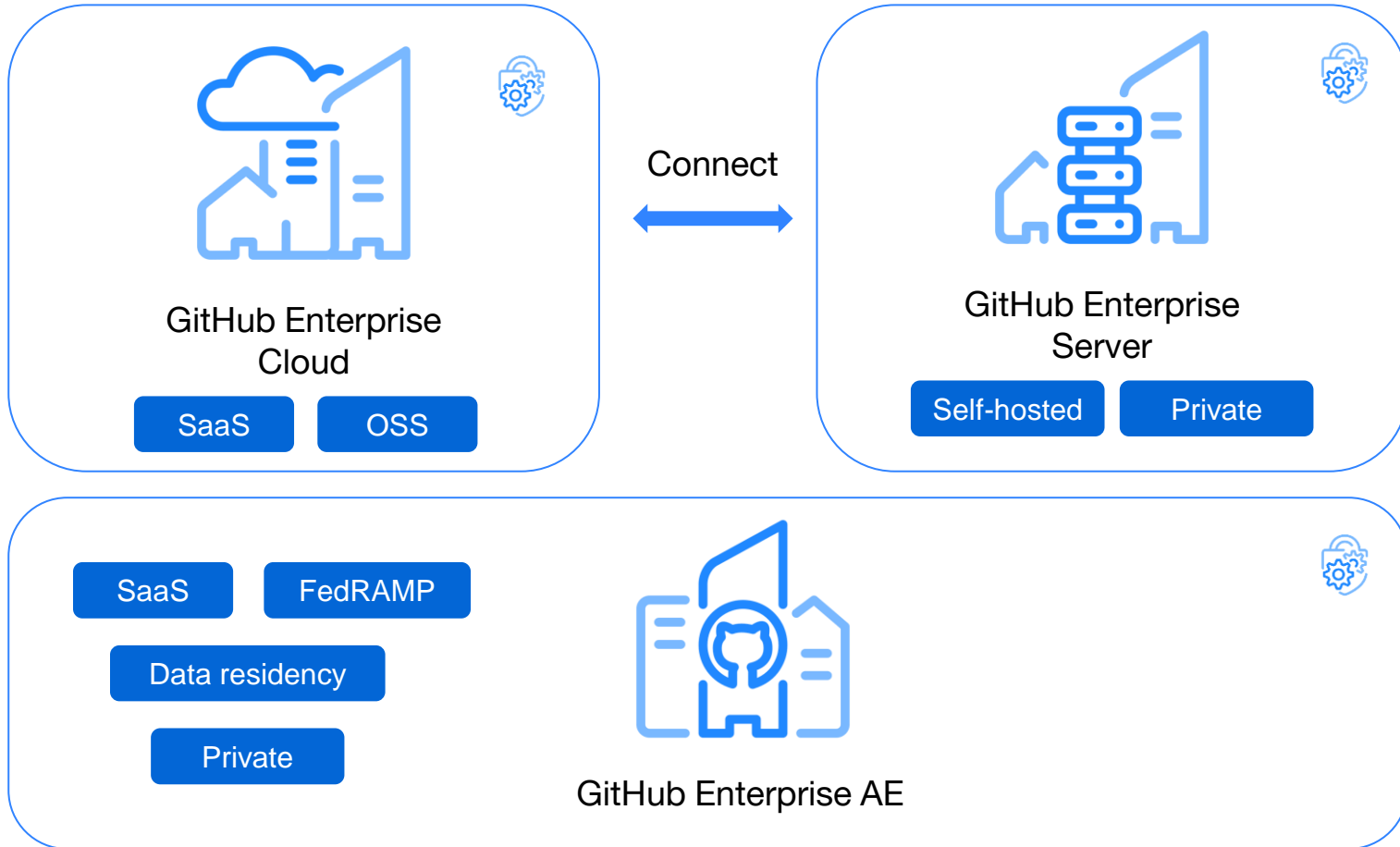


Permission flow



Enterprise administration

Platforms





GitHub Enterprise Cloud

- GitHub Enterprise Cloud
- Software as a Service offering
- **Security** and policy features synonymous to GitHub Enterprise
- Fast onboarding of new **collaborators**
- Reduced operations overhead
- **Public repositories** on GitHub.com are viewable by anyone on the internet
- Repositories that are **private** on GitHub.com are not accessible to everyone
- Privacy is configured by **enterprise**, organization, team, or individual level



GitHub Enterprise Server

- GitHub Enterprise Server
- **Self-hosted** on customers network
- Can be hosted on many platforms
- Additional **infrastructure configuration** may be required
- Support subdomain isolation
- Outbound web proxy for added layer of security
- **Isolated user accounts**
- Has many of the same features found in Cloud
- Can be connected to an Enterprise Cloud account for vulnerability updates and unified search



GitHub Enterprise AE

- Software as a Service offering
- Data encryption and **data residency**
- Subdomain isolation
- **Isolated** user accounts
- **Hosted in Azure** Government Cloud or Commercial Cloud
- Meets stringent **security**/compliance requirements including FedRAMP

GitHub Plans

GitHub Plans	Enterprise Add-ons	Pay per use
GitHub Free (GitHub.com)	GitHub Advanced Security	GitHub Actions Cloud Runners (minutes, storage and data transfer)
GitHub Teams (GitHub.com)		GitHub Packages (storage and data transfer)
GitHub Enterprise (Cloud, Server or AE)		Codespaces
		Marketplace pay-per- use apps
		Git LFS
		Sponsoring projects

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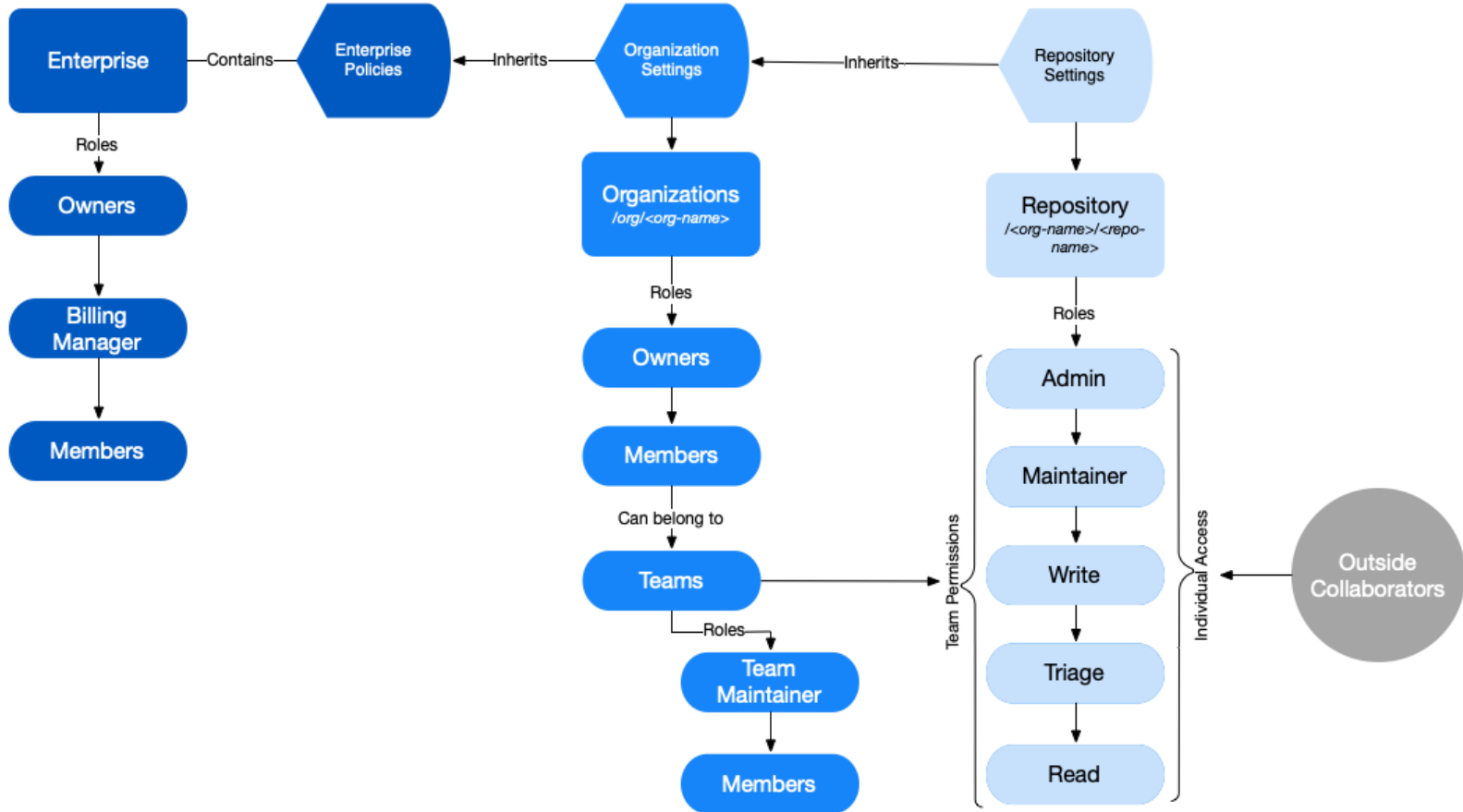


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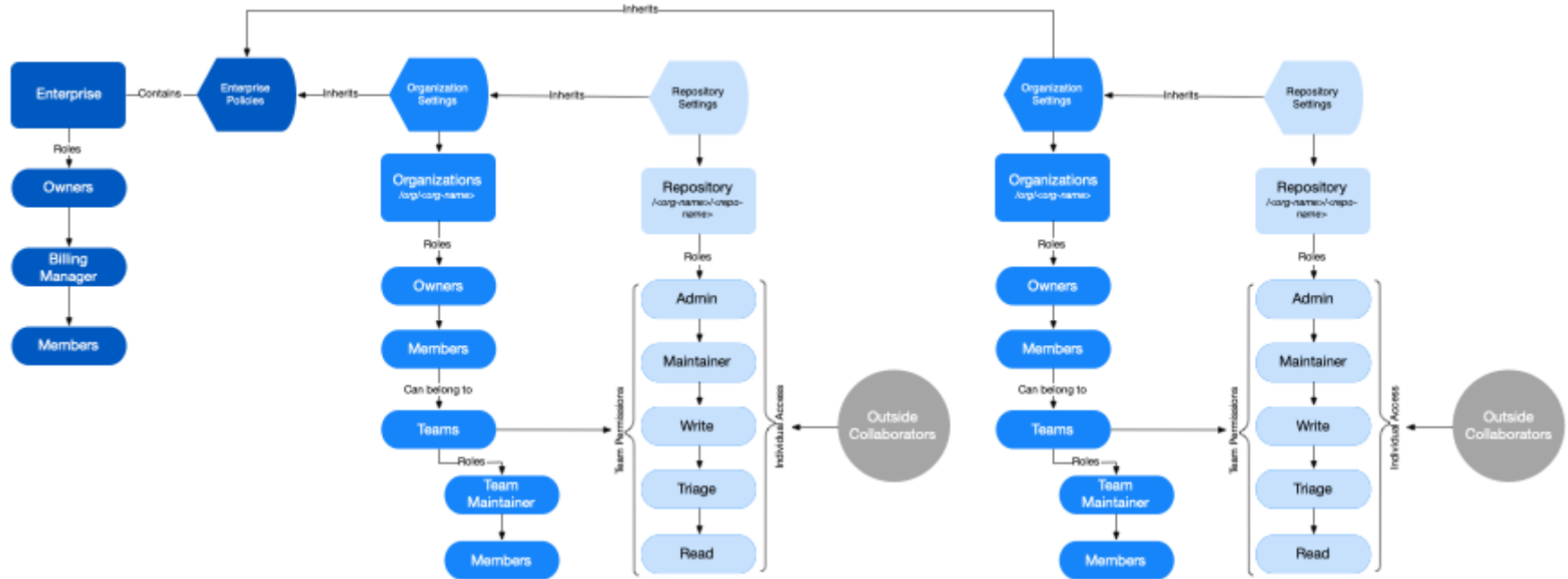


Enterprise administration

Flow of permissions



Flow of permissions - multiple orgs



Repository visibility

- **Public** - Anyone on the internet can access (GHEC only)
- **Internal** - Organization members in the enterprise can access
- **Private** - Only people with explicit access

Create a new repository

A repository contains all project files, including the revision history. Already have a project repository elsewhere? [Import a repository](#).

Repository template

Start your repository with a template repository's contents.

No template ▾

Owner *

droidpl-demorg ▾

Repository name *

/

Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about [super-duper-memory](#)?

Description (optional)



Public

Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit.



Internal

@droidpl [enterprise members](#) can see this repository. You choose who can commit.



Private

You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

Initialize this repository with:

Skip this step if you're importing an existing repository.



Add a README file

This is where you can write a long description for your project. [Learn more](#).



Add .gitignore

Choose which files not to track from a list of templates. [Learn more](#).

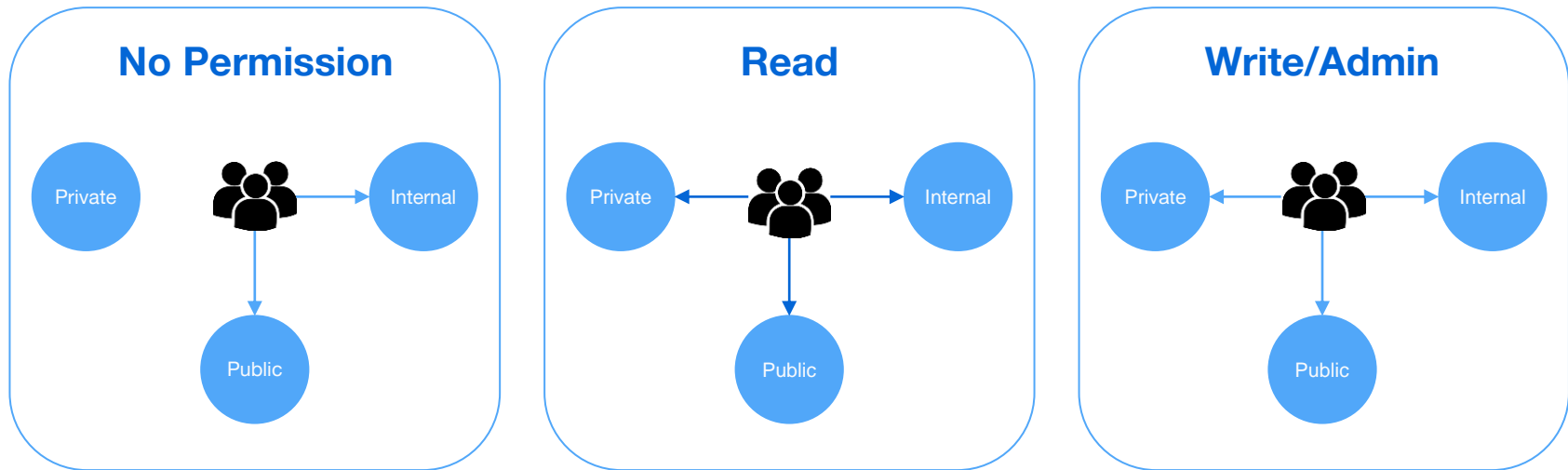


Choose a license

A license tells others what they can and can't do with your code. [Learn more](#).

Create repository

Repository base permissions



***Users being added to an organization with **NO** other special access other than being added as a MEMBER to the organization.*

Permission roles

Permission	Description
Read	Read-only access to Code and Actions. Can submit and comment on issues, pull requests, and discussions
Triage	Read-only permissions with the additional ability to manage issues, pull requests, discussions, assignments, and labels
Write	Gives write access to all parts of a repository project with the exception of the repository settings
Maintain	Ability to modify some settings of a repository including topics, enabling repository features, configuring merges and GitHub pages, pushing to protected branches
Admin	Has full administrative access to all features, settings and configurations of the repository project

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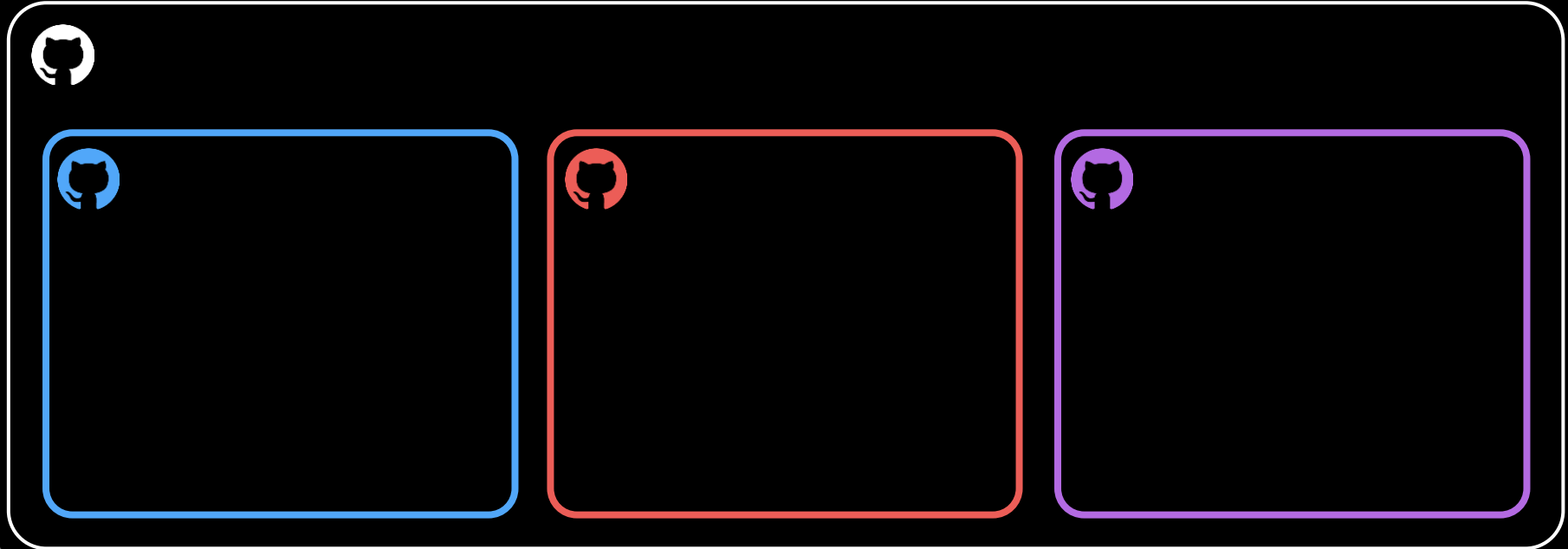
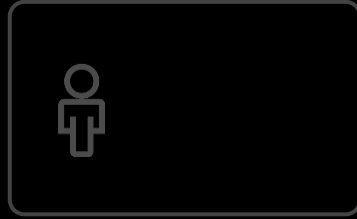
Everything **exists within GitHub (Enterprise)**



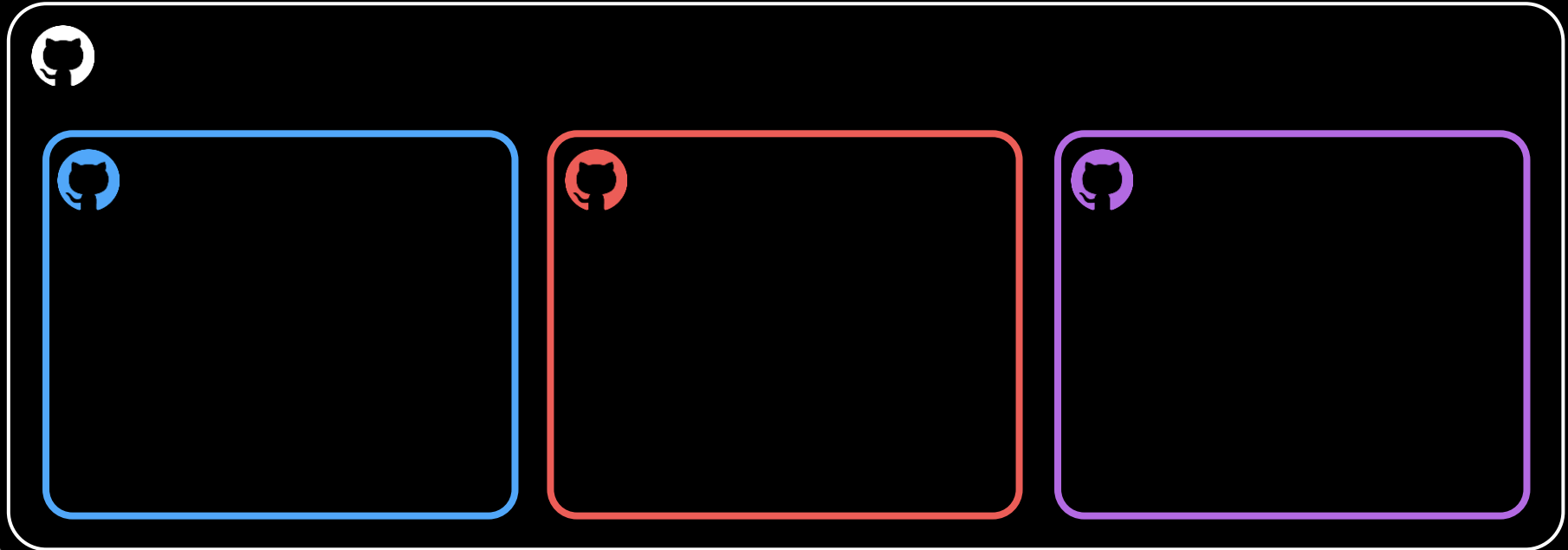
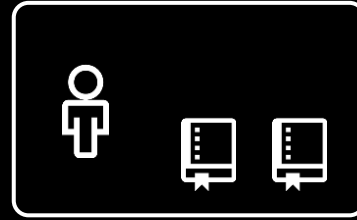
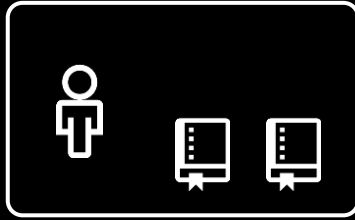
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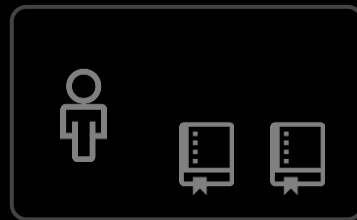
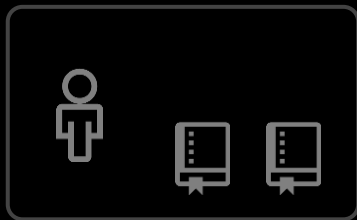
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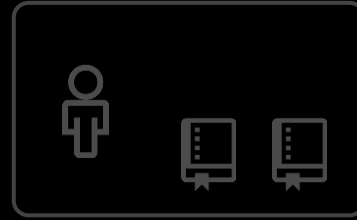
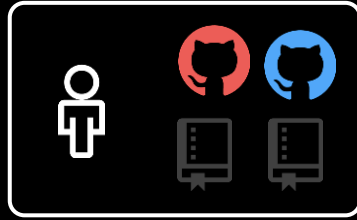
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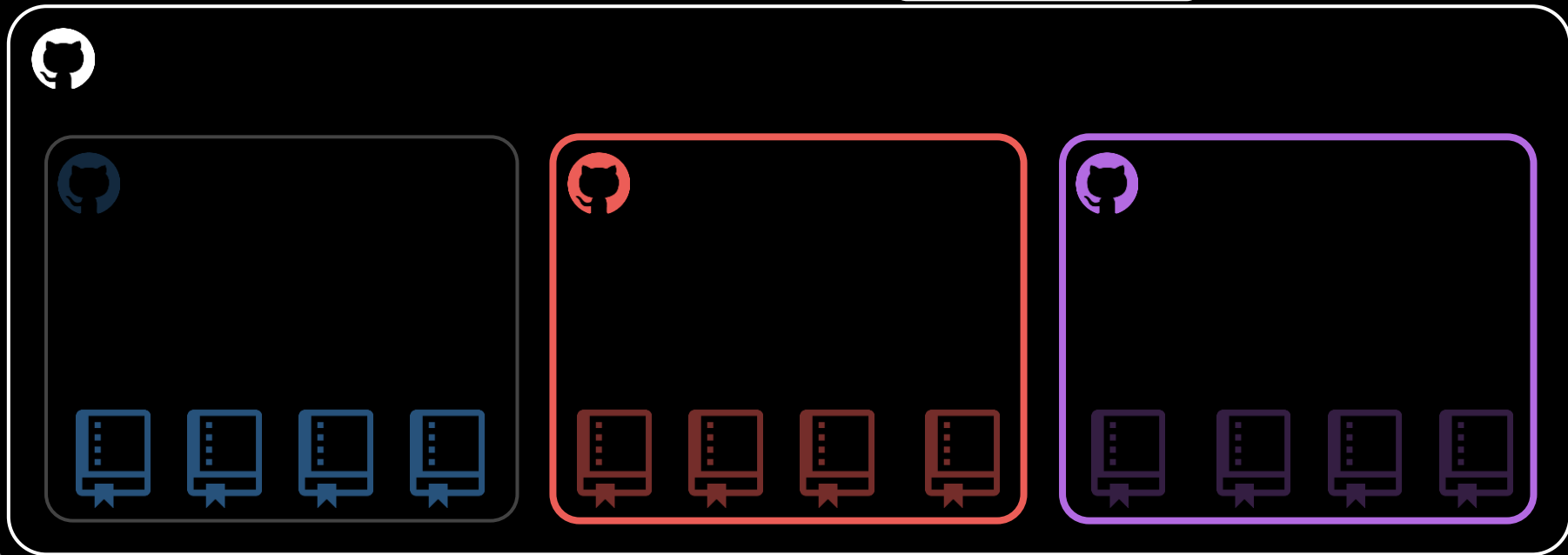
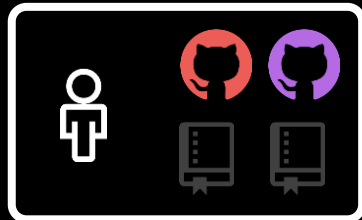
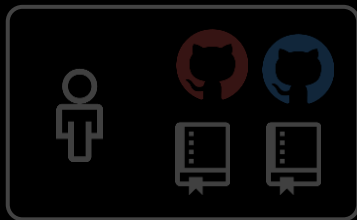
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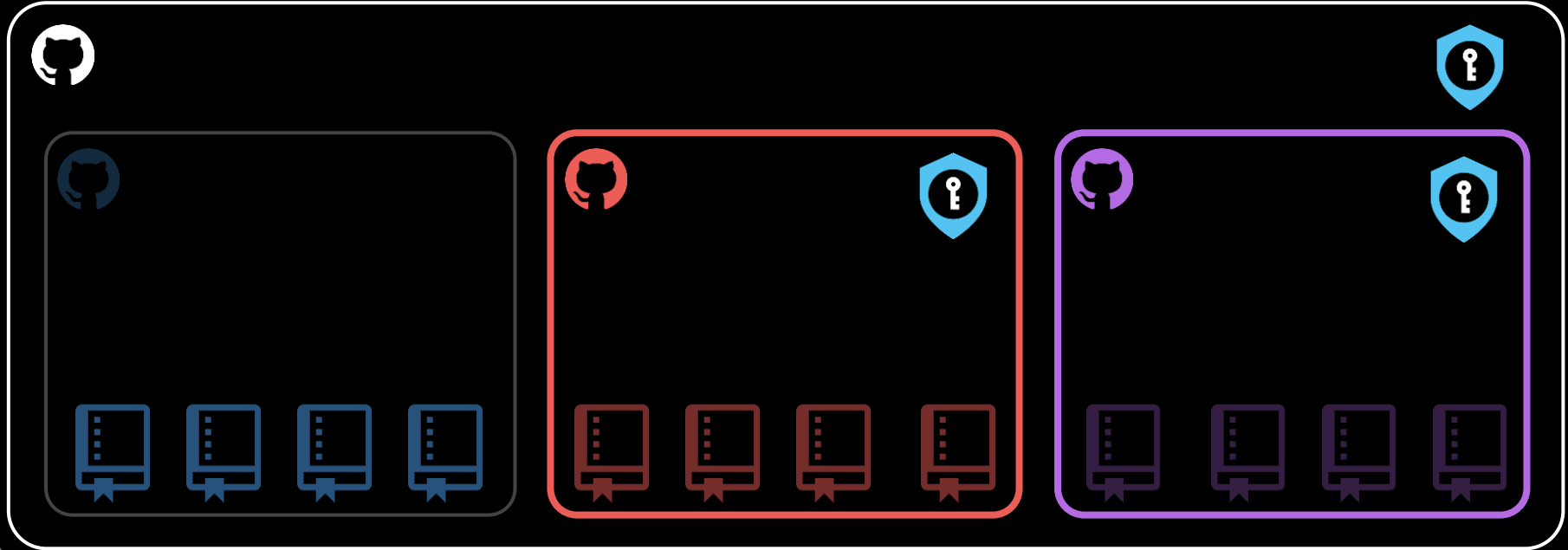
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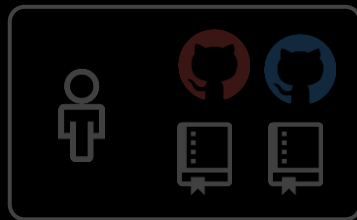
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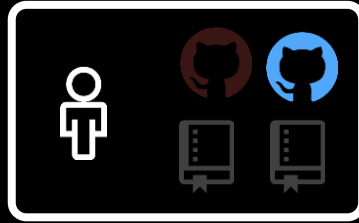
And the org content can be protected by SSO 



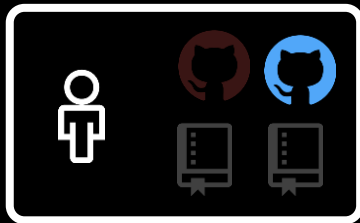
Teams exist **within** organizations



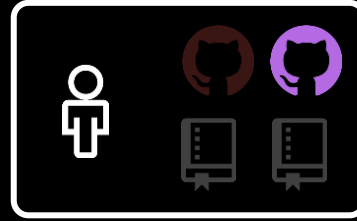
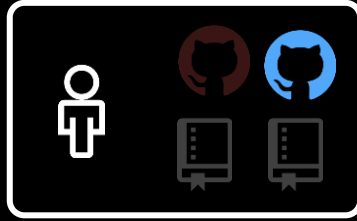
to apply **permissions and group repositories**



and facilitate **communication**



how can these users participate in java discussions across the enterprise?



Enterprise best practices

Organizations

Have as few organizations as possible.
Many have just 1:

- **Insurance company** (3800 users)
- **Drug manufacturer** (2.000+ users)

Having multiple owners

Teams

- Focus on top-level corporate divisions
- Think about who would benefit from:
 - Learning from others
 - Asking questions of others
 - Offer help to others



Organization

Overview



Administration and settings

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Reasons to use teams



Collaboration



Innersource



**Onboarding and
offboarding**



Security

Managing teams

- Nested teams
 - Parents team can have more than one child
 - Child teams inherit parent's permissions
 - Children receive parent's notifications
 - Users in a child team belong also to the parent team

40 teams in the octo-org organization

Employees

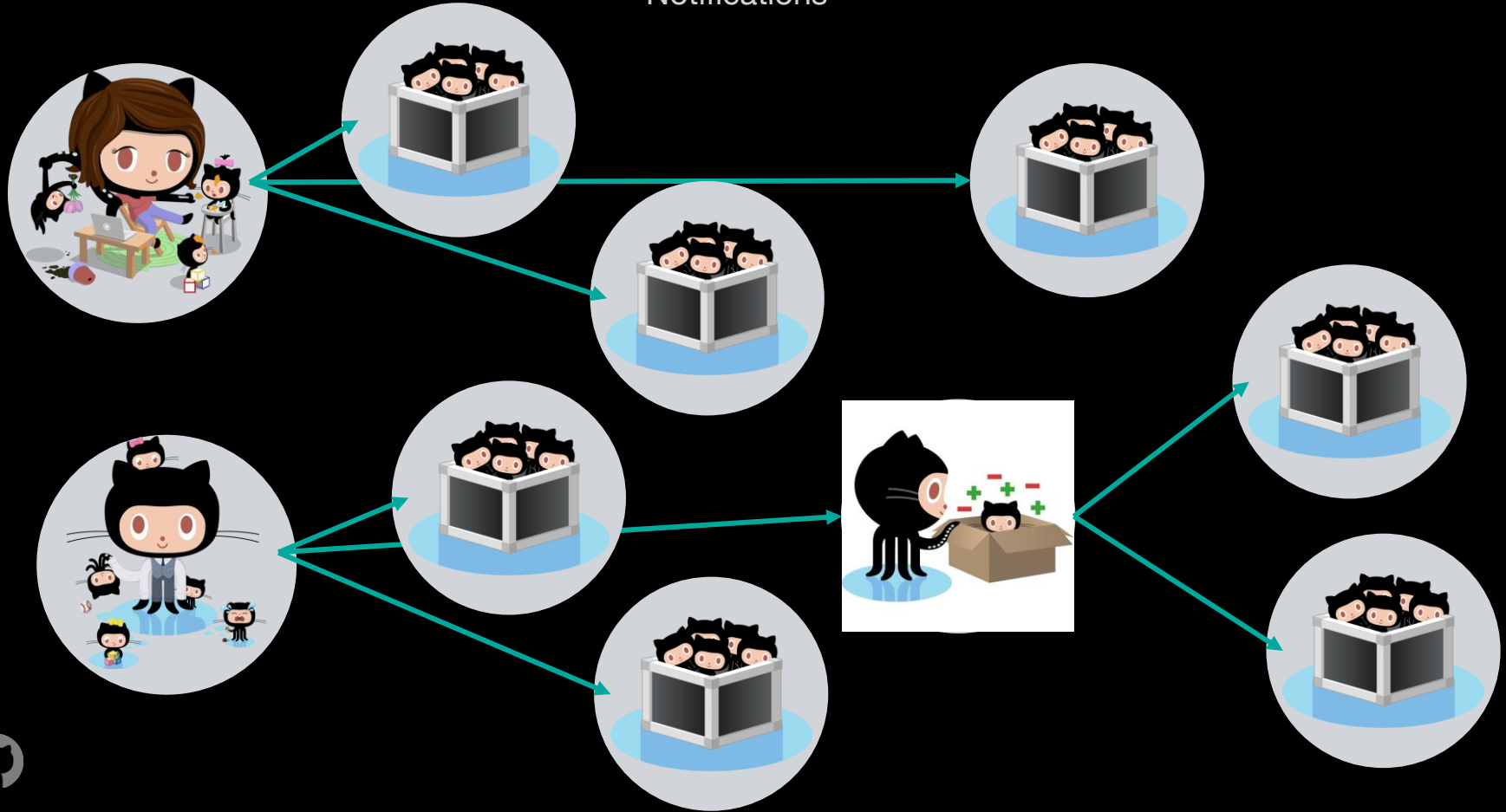
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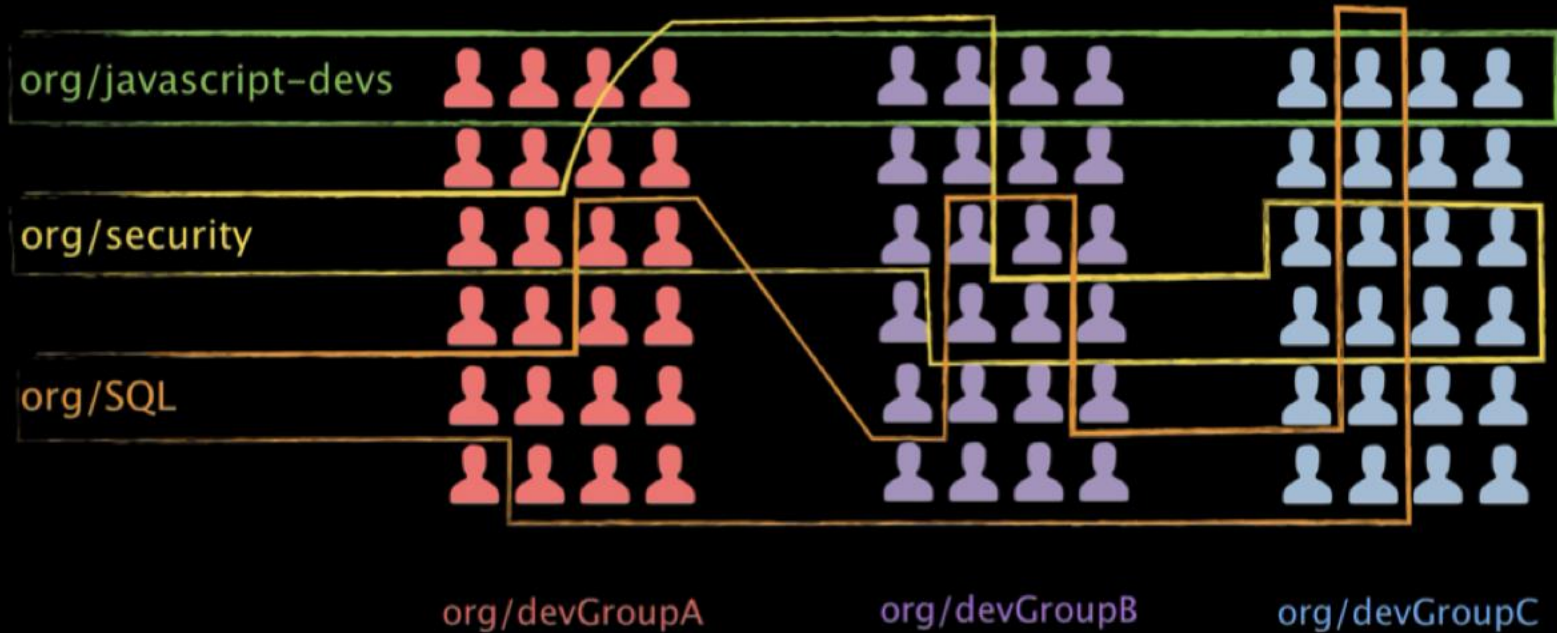
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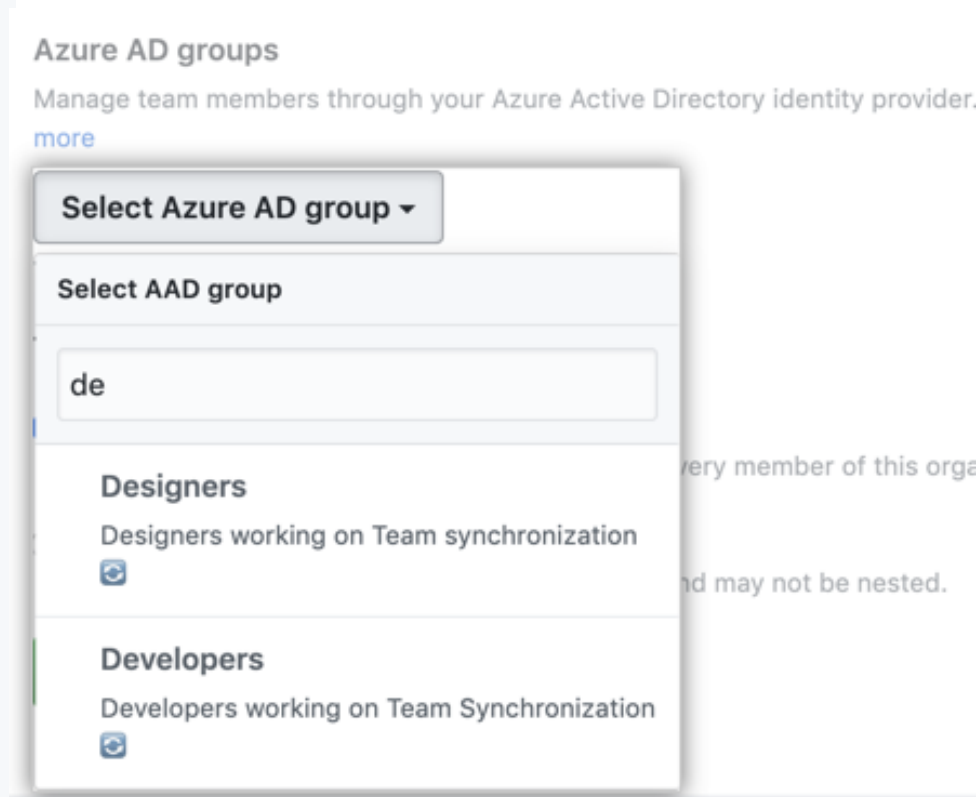


Team best practices



Managing teams

- Teams managed with Team Sync
 - Integrate IdP to synchronize groups to GitHub Teams
 - Manage rights and permissions in one place
 - Can't connect to parent team (if using nested teams)
- Teams managed in GitHub
 - Manage membership within GitHub
 - Keep them open, reduce friction



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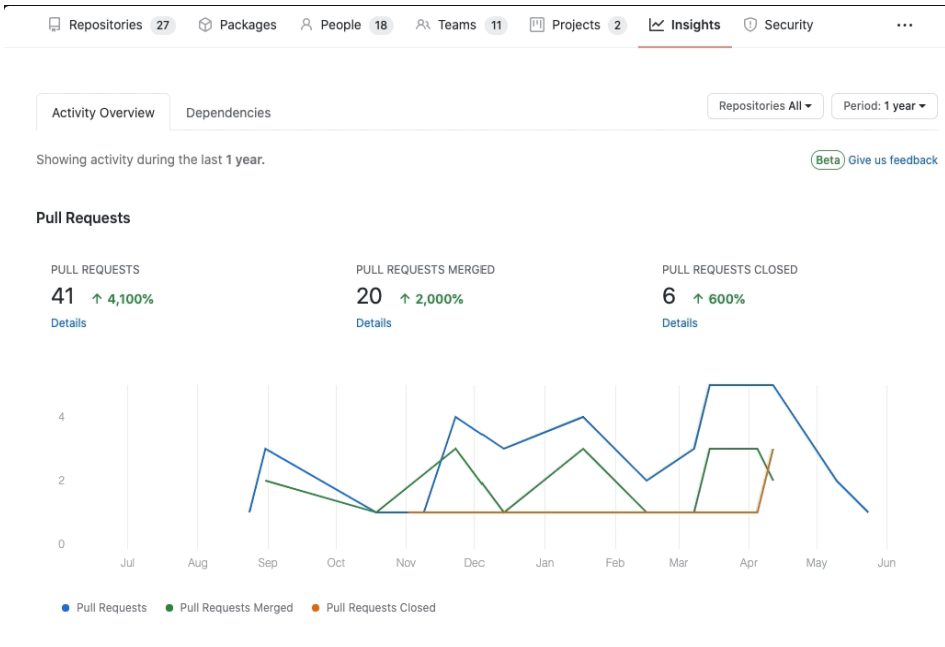
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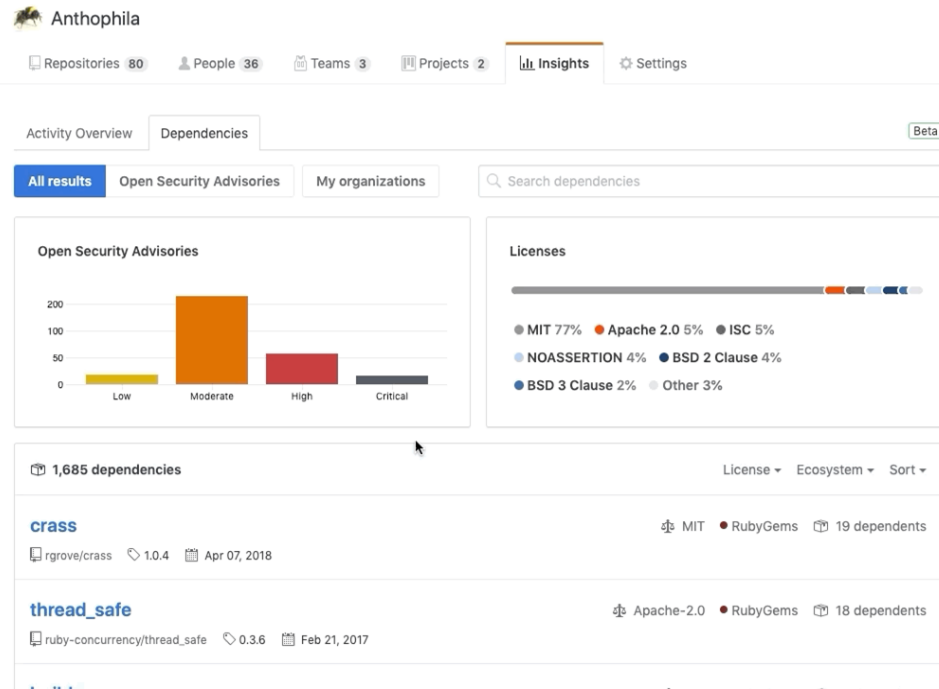
Insights - Activity overview

- High level insights
 - Pull requests
 - Issues
 - Where members contribute
- Use to grasp how people is contributing
- For more metrics use the API and present KPIs (grafana, ELK...)



Insights - Dependencies

An overview of the dependencies, vulnerabilities, and licenses in your organization



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An overview of the security features being utilized within your organization and any alerts that have been identified



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Risk 56 repositories

Distribution of risk across your organization



Features enabled

Distribution of enabled features across your organization



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README.md

Automate your workflow using GitHub Actions and GitHub Packages

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[Prerequisites](#) • [Resources](#)

This workshop is focused on helping you move from idea to production using GitHub Actions and GitHub Packages. We will be looking at how to build, test, release, and deploy code to the cloud, secrets management, as well as automating administrative tasks. After this workshop, you will be able to leverage these features to improve your own workflows.

About

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☐ Template repository

Template repositories let users generate new repositories with the same directory structure and files. [Learn more.](#)

Social preview

Upload an image to customize your repository's social media preview.

Images should be at least 640×320px (1280×640px for best display).

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Additional topics

API Overview



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methods



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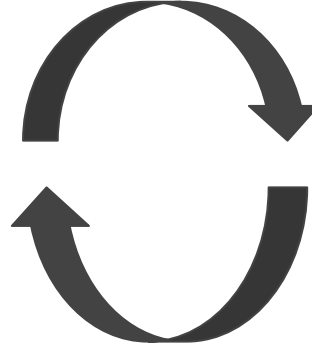
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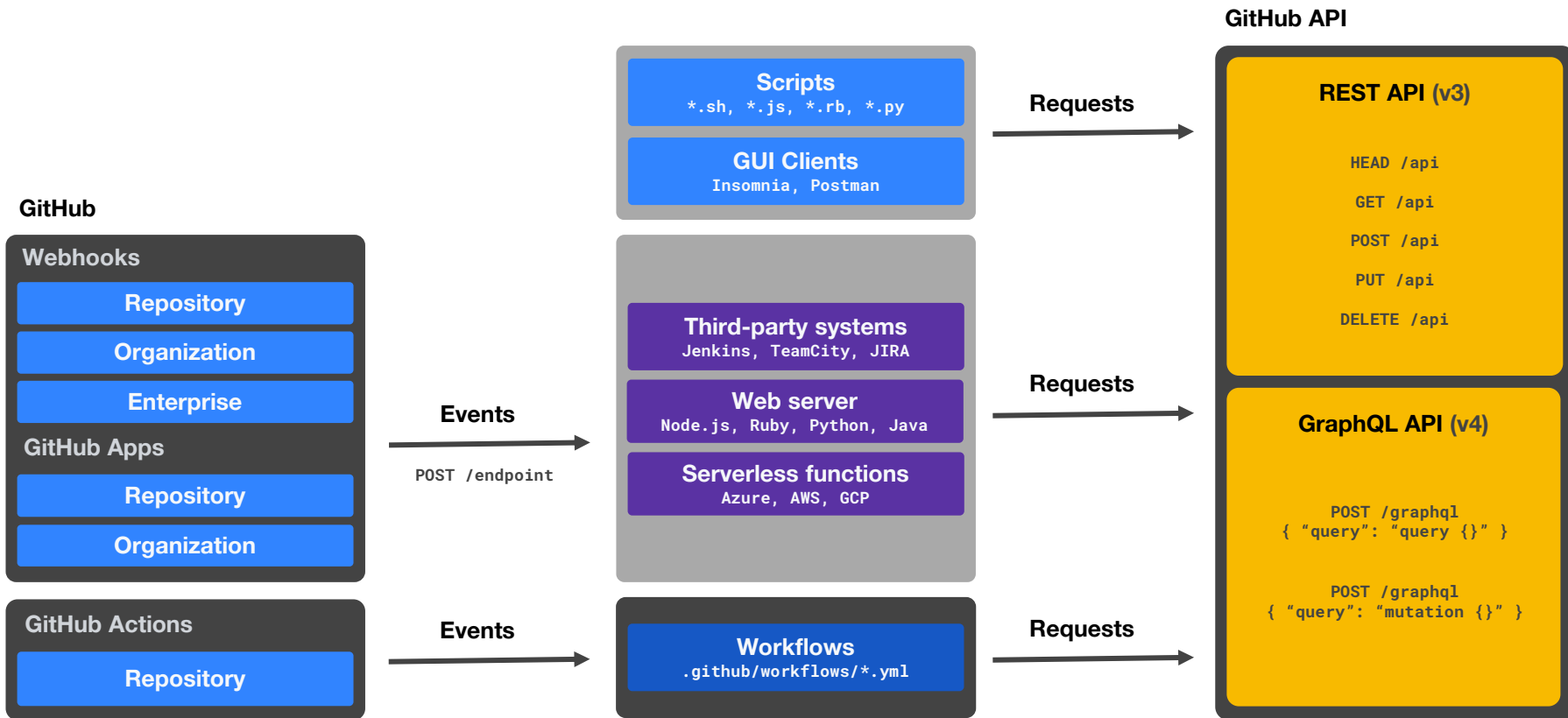


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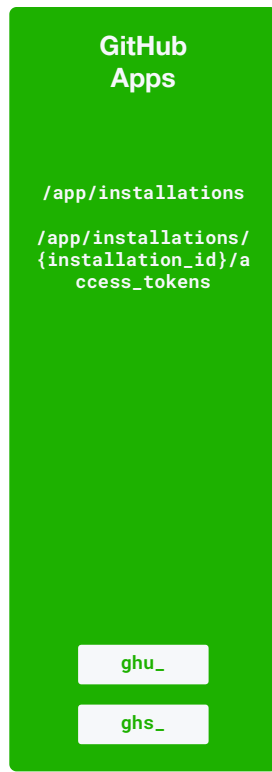
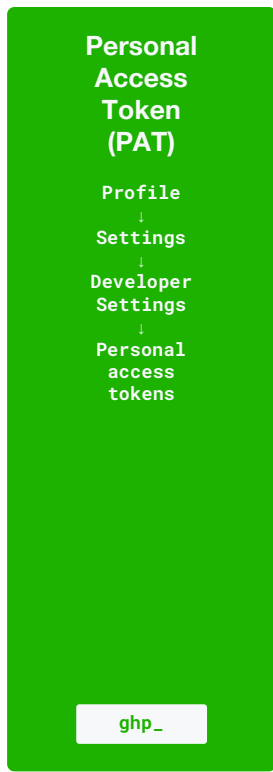
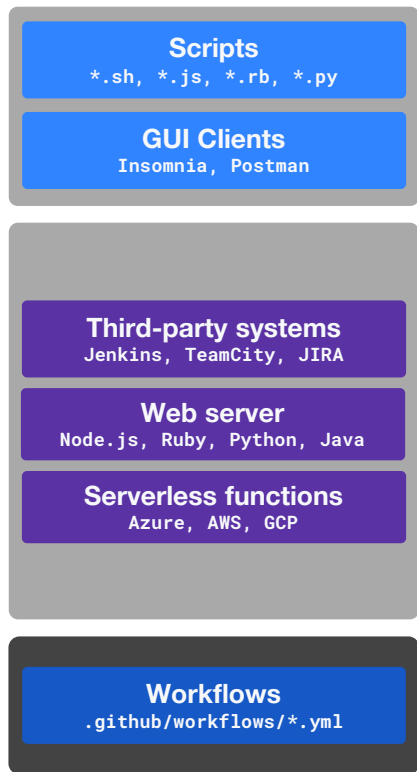


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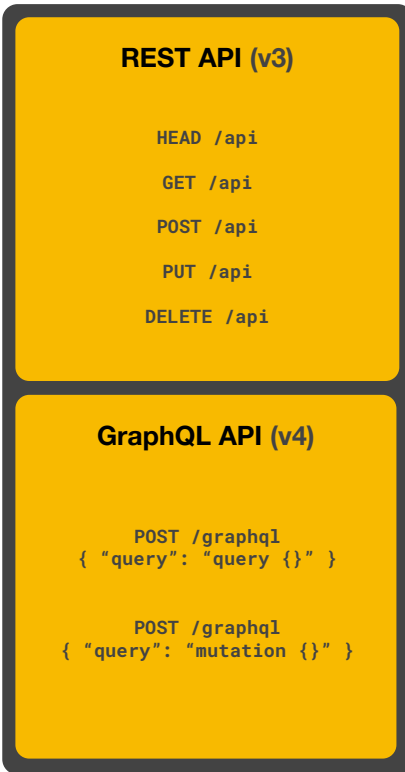


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API Authentication



GitHub API



Authentication methods

- **GitHub Apps**
- OAuth Apps
- Personal access tokens
- Deploy keys
- Machine users

- A user or organization can own up to **100 GitHub Apps**
- A GitHub App should take actions **independent** of a user
- The GitHub App be installed in a personal account or an organization
- Don't expect the GitHub App to know and do everything a user can
- Search for "**Works with GitHub Apps**" in the docs
- Can behave as OAuth apps with more permissions
- Up to 15k requests (enterprise)
- Permission changes require approval

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Installation (S2S)

App ID + Private key .pem + expiration = JWT

JWT + installation id = API Token

OAuth (U2S)

Client Id + callback url = auth request + code

code + client secret (stored in server) = API
Token

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 - An OAuth App can be used as an **identity provider** by enabling a “Login with GitHub” for the authenticated user
 - OAuth Apps can act on all the **authenticated user’s** resources
 - Limit of 5k requests
 - Requires OAuth flow (client id + auth + code + client secret)

Authentication methods

- GitHub Apps
 - OAuth Apps
 - **Personal access tokens**
 - Deploy keys
 - Machine users
- Remember to use this token to represent **yourself only**
 - You can perform **one-off cURL requests**
 - You can run **personal scripts**
 - **Don't set up a script for your whole team or company to use**
 - Use a machine user for authentication
 - Limit of 5k requests
 - Part of token scanning if leaked publicly
 - Removed automatically after one year without use
 - Limited permissions by the user

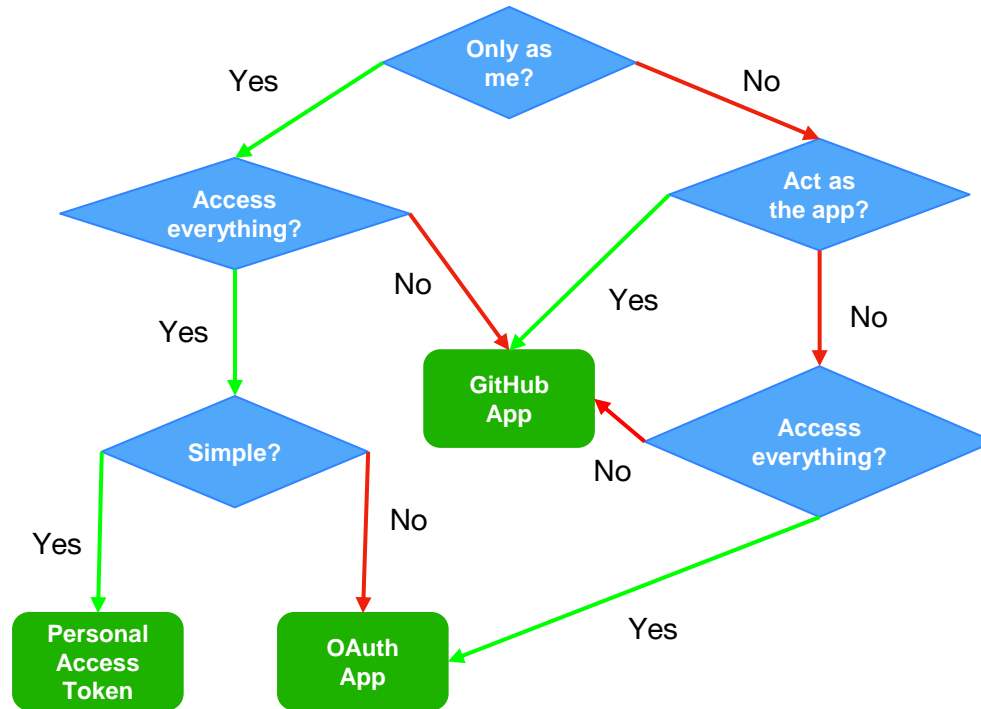
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 - Personal access tokens
 - **Deploy keys**
 - Machine users
- Anyone with access to the repository and server can deploy the project
 - Users don't have to change their local SSH settings
 - Deploy keys are read-only by default
 - Deploy keys only grant access to a single repository
 - Deploy keys are usually not protected by a passphrase

Authentication methods

- GitHub Apps
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 - Deploy keys
 - **Machine users**
- Anyone with access to the repository and server can deploy the project
 - No (human) users need to change their local SSH settings
 - Multiple keys are not needed
 - Only organizations can restrict machine users to read-only access
 - Machine user keys, like deploy keys, are usually not protected by a passphrase

Which should you choose?



Additional topics

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Actions overview



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What is GitHub Actions

GitHub Actions is a GitHub product that allows you to **automate your workflows**.

- Workflows stored as `yml` files
- Fully integrated with GitHub
- Respond to GitHub events
- Live logs and visualized workflow execution
- Community-powered workflows
- GitHub-hosted or self-hosted runners
- Built-in secret store

Actions policies

- Configure Actions policies on enterprise / organization / repository level
 - Which Actions are allowed
 - Artifact retention period
 - Running workflows from fork PRs
 - Permissions of `GITHUB_TOKEN`

Account settings

Profile

Billing & plans

Member privileges

Organization security

Security & analysis

Verified & approved domains

Audit log

Webhooks

Third-party access

Installed GitHub Apps

Scheduled reminders

Repository topics

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Developer settings

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Actions permissions

Policies

Choose which repositories are permitted to use GitHub Actions.

All repositories ▾

☒ **Allow all actions**

Any action can be used, regardless of who authored it or where it is defined.

☐ **Allow local actions only**

Only actions defined in a repository within the enterprise can be used.

☐ **Allow select actions**

Only actions that match specified criteria, plus actions defined in a repository within the enterprise, can be used. [Learn more about allowing specific actions to run.](#)

Save

Artifact and log retention

This is the default duration that repositories will retain all artifacts and logs. Your enterprise administrator has set a maximum limit of 90 days.

90 days Save

Fork pull request workflows

These settings apply to private repositories. Repository administrators will only be able to change the settings that are *enabled* here.

☐ **Run workflows from fork pull requests**

This tells Actions to run workflows from pull requests originating from repository forks. Note that doing so will give maintainers of those forks the ability to use tokens with read permissions on the source repository.

Save

Workflow permissions

Choose the default permissions granted to the `GITHUB_TOKEN` when running workflows in this organization. You can specify more granular permissions in the workflow using YAML. [Learn more.](#)

Repository administrators will only be able to change the default permissions to a more restrictive setting.

☒ **Read and write permissions**

Workflows have read and write permissions in the repository for all scopes.

☐ **Read repository contents permission**

Workflows have read permissions in the repository for the contents scope only.

Save

Sharing workflows in an organization

- Use GitHub **actions starter templates** from `.github` repository to share workflows
- Use GitHub packages and `ghcr.io` to share actions using docker execution and **package registry** permissions (only for public registries)
- Git Submodules or subtrees (not most recommended option)
- **(Upcoming)** Organization workflow execution. Open source concept: <https://github.com/SvanBoxel/organization-workflows>
- 💡 Also see [Reusing workflows](#)



Best practices on Actions in an organization

- Use the `GITHUB_TOKEN` when possible, as a second option GitHub Apps
- **Limit token permissions.** Set organization workflow permissions to read only
- Run only **trusted actions** and provide actions only the secrets that are needed. Pin untrusted actions
- Protect your secrets with **environments**
- Create **starter workflows** for reusability
- Always create meaningful `README` files for your custom actions
- Small and focused actions. Reuse them from the **marketplace**
- Use actions for CI/CD but also ***-ops**

Additional topics

API Overview



Authentication
methods



Actions overview



Marketplace
overview

Sharing private actions

Use a **GitHub App** to clone actions from:

- Actions in different repositories
- Actions monorepo
- Actions separate organization

```
jobs:
  do-something:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest

    steps:
      - name: Generate app installation token
        id: app
        uses: peter-murray/workflow-application-token-action@v1
        with:
          application_id: ${ secrets.APP_ID }
          application_private_key: ${ secrets.PRIV_KEY }

      - name: Checkout private repository
        id: checkout_repo
        uses: actions/checkout@v2
        with:
          repository: my-org/repo
          path: path/to/privateAction
          token: ${ steps.app.outputs.token }
```



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Types

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Actions

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Q&A



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