

User Guide:

Create and customize a Markdown-based Wiki with GitHub

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Introduction

This guide walks you through creating and customizing a GitHub Wiki using Markdown syntax. Lots of developers and other computer science-related fields use Wikis – they're great for project documentation, internal knowledge bases, or collaborative note-taking. You'll learn how to set one up, organize your content, and make it easy to navigate and read.

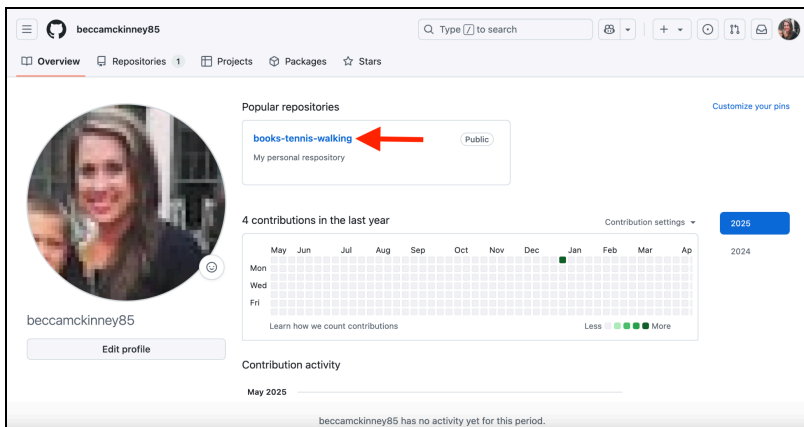
By the end of this guide, you'll know how to:

- Enable and access GitHub Wikis
- Create and organize Markdown pages
- Link internally and navigate easily

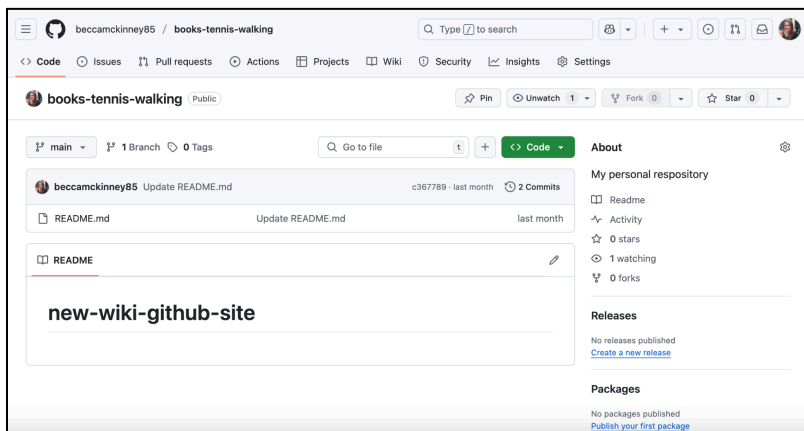
Note: *This guide assumes you have a GitHub account, have created a repository, and have a basic understanding of Markdown syntax.*

Enabling the Wiki on GitHub

1. Navigate to your GitHub repository on GitHub.

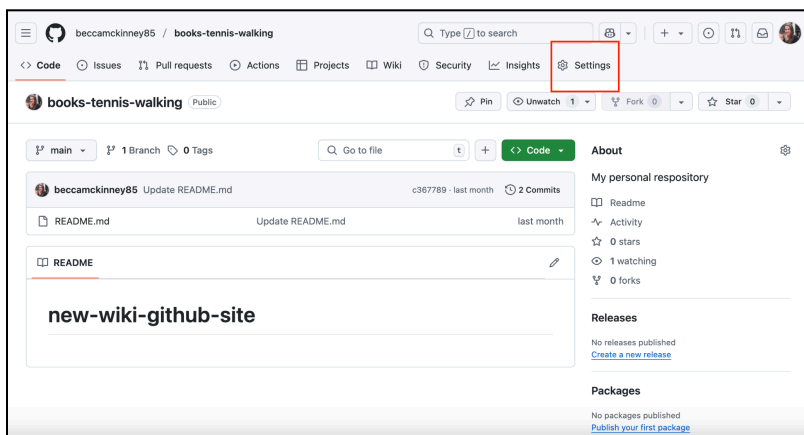


GitHub homepage/repositories



*The repository I'm using is **books-tennis-walking***

2. Click on the Settings tab.



3. Under the Features section, make sure the Wiki's checkbox is selected.

Features

☒ **Wikis**
 Wikis host documentation for your repository.

☒ **Restrict editing to collaborators only**
 Public wikis will still be readable by everyone.

☒ **Issues**
 Issues integrate lightweight task tracking into your repository. Keep projects on track with issue labels and milestones, and reference them in commit messages.

Get organized with issue templates

Give contributors issue templates that help you cut through the noise and help them push your project forward.

[Set up templates](#)

☐ **Sponsorships**
 Sponsorships help your community know how to financially support this repository.

4. Once enabled, click the Wiki tab near the top of your repo navigation bar.

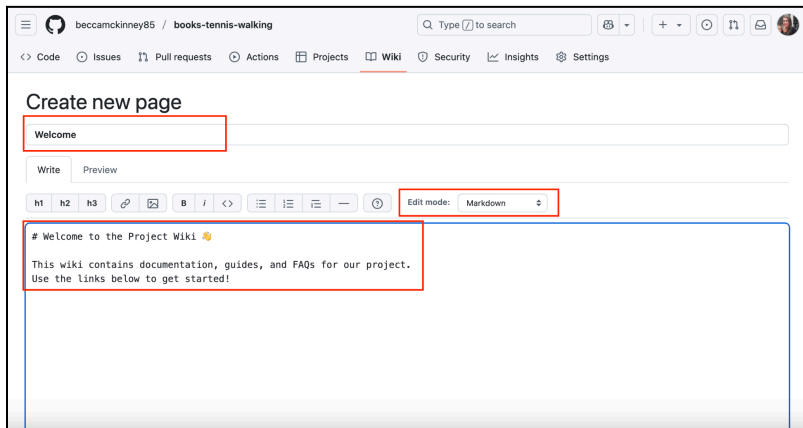
Creating your first page

1. In the Wiki tab, click on the New page button.

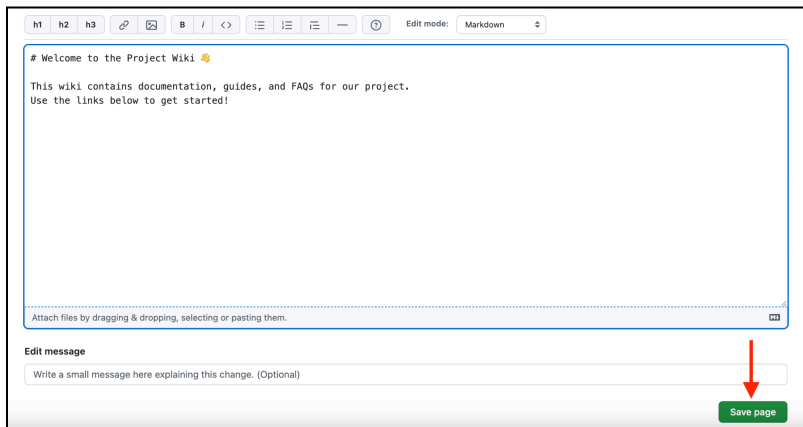
2. Name the page something like Home or Welcome. Add a short introduction or overview using Markdown formatting. For example:

```
# Welcome to the Project Wiki 🙌
```

This Wiki contains documentation, guides, and FAQs for our project.
Use the links below to get started!



4. Click Save Page to publish your first Wiki page.



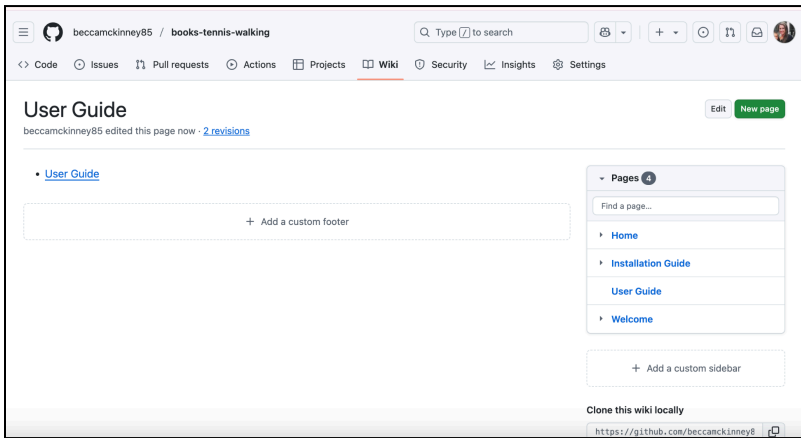
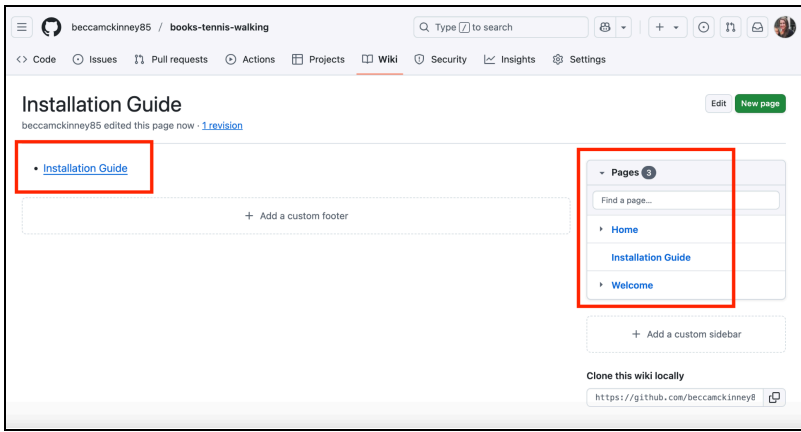
Organizing your Wiki

You can add more pages by clicking the New Page button.

Here are a few suggested pages:

- [Installation Guide] (Installation-Guide)
- [User Guide] (User-Guide)

Use your Home page as a table of contents. Group related topics together and keep the naming consistent to make navigation easier.



Internal links and page titles

GitHub automatically links pages based on their titles. To create a link, wrap the page title in square brackets and use parentheses for the exact page name: `[Installation Guide] (Installation-Guide)`

Tip: Pages names are case-sensitive and spaces become hyphens (-). So a page titled `Getting Started` is linked as `Getting-Started`.

Continuing to build out your Wiki pages

You now have a fully functionally, easy-to-navigate GitHub Wiki powered by Markdown. Give yourself a pat on the back.

From here you can:

- Add new sections as your project grows
- Use specific tools for diagrams
- Customize with collapsible sections using HTML tags

Want more tips from GitHub? Visit their [about wiki's](#) page.