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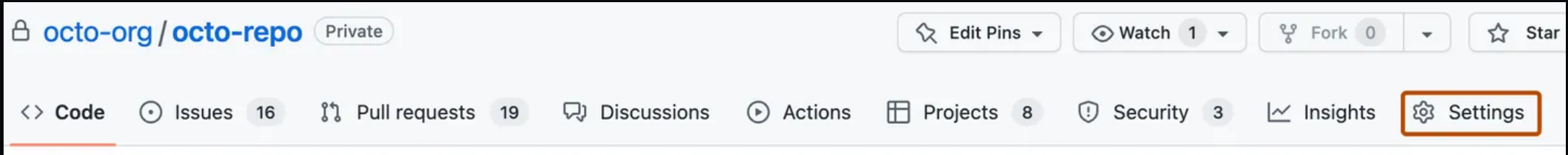# Managing the automatic deletion of branches

You can have head branches automatically deleted after pull requests are merged in your repository.

Anyone with admin permissions to a repository can enable or disable the automatic deletion of branches. Branch protection rules and repository rules can also prevent branches being automatically deleted. For more information, see "About rulesets" and "About protected branches."

1. On GitHub.com, navigate to the main page of the repository.

2. Under your repository name, click ⚙ **Settings**. If you cannot see the "Settings" tab, select the •••   dropdown menu, then click **Settings**.

3. On the "General" settings page, you can find a section called "Pull Requests". Under "Pull Requests", select or unselect **Automatically delete head branches**.

Further reading 🔗

- "Merging a pull request"
- "Creating and deleting branches within your repository"

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