

Lab: Managing your profile README

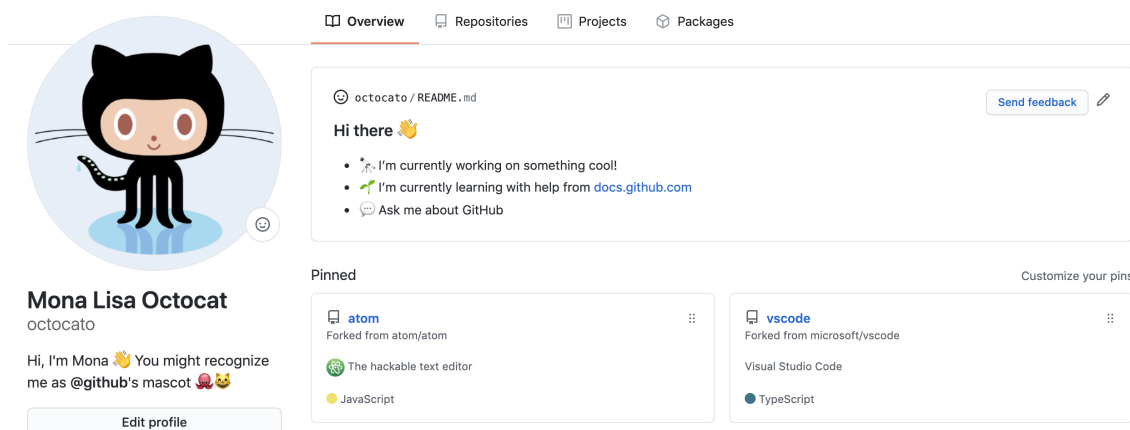
You can add a README to your GitHub profile to tell other people about yourself.

About your profile README

You can share information about yourself with the community on GitHub.com by creating a profile README. GitHub shows your profile README at the top of your profile page.

You decide what information to include in your profile README, so you have full control over how you present yourself on GitHub. Here are some examples of information that visitors may find interesting, fun, or useful in your profile README.

- An "About me" section that describes your work and interests
- Contributions you're proud of, and context about those contributions
- Guidance for getting help in communities where you're involved



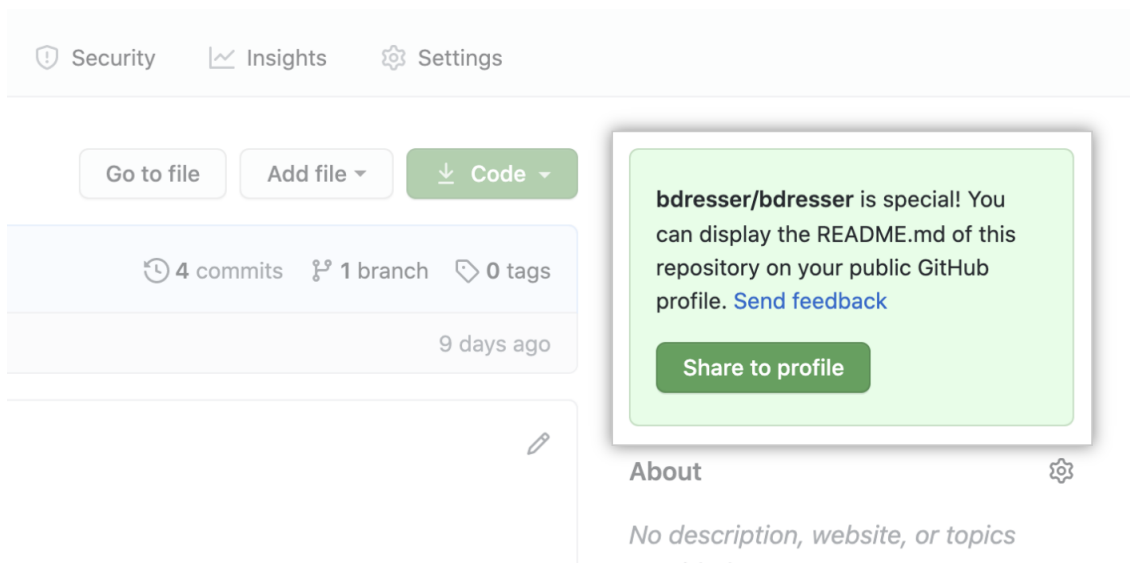
You can format text and include emoji, images, and GIFs in your profile README by using GitHub Flavored Markdown.

Prerequisites

GitHub will display your profile README on your profile page if all of the following are true.

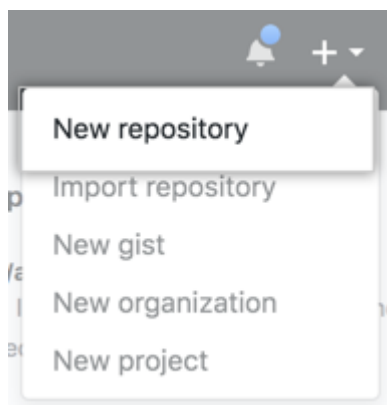
- You've created a repository with a name that matches your GitHub username.
- The repository is public.
- The repository contains a file named README.md in its root.
- The README.md file contains any content.

Note: If you created a public repository with the same name as your username before July 2020, GitHub won't automatically show the repository's README on your profile. You can manually share the repository's README to your profile by going to the repository on GitHub.com and clicking **Share to profile**.

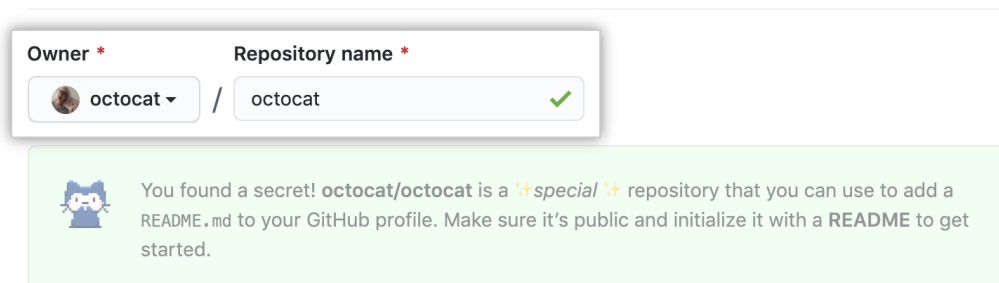


Adding a profile README

1. In the upper-right corner of any page, use the drop-down menu, and select **New repository**.



2. Under "Repository name", type a repository name that matches your GitHub username. For example, if your username is "octocat", the repository name must be "octocat".



3. Optionally, add a description of your repository. For example, "My personal repository."



You found a secret! **octocat/octocat** is a ✨*special* ✨ repository that you can use to add a README.md to your GitHub profile. Make sure it's public and initialize it with a **README** to get started.

Description (optional)

My personal repository

4. Select **Public**.

Description (optional)

My personal repository



Public

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



Private

You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

5. Select **Initialize this repository with a README**.



Public

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



Private

You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

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



Initialize this repository with a README

This will let you immediately clone the repository to your computer.

Add .gitignore: None ▾

Add a license: None ▾




Create repository

6. Click **Create repository**.

This will let you immediately clone the repository to your computer.

Add .gitignore: None ▾

Add a license: None ▾





Create repository

7. Above the right sidebar, click **Edit README**.


Go to file

Add file ▾

 Code ▾


47a8ad0 3 minutes ago  1 commits

3 minutes ago



octocat/octocat is a special repository. Its README.md will appear on your public profile! [Send feedback](#)

Edit README

About 

The generated README file is pre-populated with a template to give you some inspiration for your profile README.

octocat / README.md Cancel

<> Edit file Preview changes

Spaces 2 Soft wrap

```
1 ## Hi there 🐱
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3 <!--
4 **octocat/octocat** is a 🍌_special_🍌 repository because its `README.md` (this file) appears on your GitHub profile.
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6 Here are some ideas to get you started:
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8 - 🎨 I'm currently working on ...
9 - 📖 I'm currently learning ...
10 - 🤝 I'm looking to collaborate on ...
11 - 💡 I'm looking for help with ...
12 - ☕ Ask me about ...
13 - 📧 How to reach me: ...
14 - 🗺 Pronouns: ...
15 - 🍻 Fun fact: ...
16
17 -->
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For a summary of all the available emojis and their codes, see "[Emoji cheat sheet](#)."

Removing a profile README

The profile README is removed from your GitHub profile if any of the following apply:

- The README file is empty or doesn't exist.
- The repository is private.
- The repository name no longer matches your username.