Contributing to Amazon Lightsail documentation on GitHub

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Amazon Lightsail documentation is on GitHub in the Lightsail developer guide repository. In the repository, you can:

- Fix typos and documentation bugs, add information, and rewrite sentences and paragraphs in the interest of accuracy or clarity.
- Write and submit new guides if there's something missing that you would like to see documented.
- Review commit history to learn more about new feature and service launches and to track improvements to the documentation.

In this guide, we show you how to edit an existing guide or how to create a new guide by creating a "pull request" on GitHub. Within 48 hours of pull request submission, the Lightsail team will review the "pull" and a decide to accept it, reject it, or to engage in a conversation with you to learn more. If your request is accepted, it will be published to the Lightsail documentation in the next round of updates (typically within two weeks).

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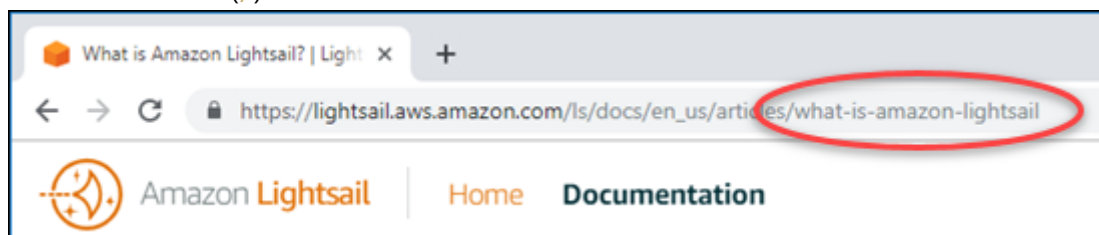- Prerequisites
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Prerequisites

Before getting started:

- Sign up for a GitHub account if you don't already have one. For more information, see Signing up for a new GitHub account in the GitHub documentation.
- Read the Amazon Open Source Code of Conduct and the Contributing Guidelines for the Lightsail developer guide repository.
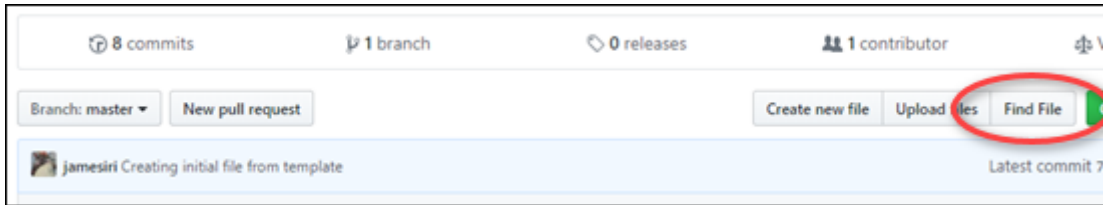
Edit an existing guide

1. Find the Lightsail guide that you want to edit and copy the "slug" in the address bar. A "slug" is the part of the URL which identifies a page or resource. In the following screenshot, the slug is the text after the last forward slash (/) :
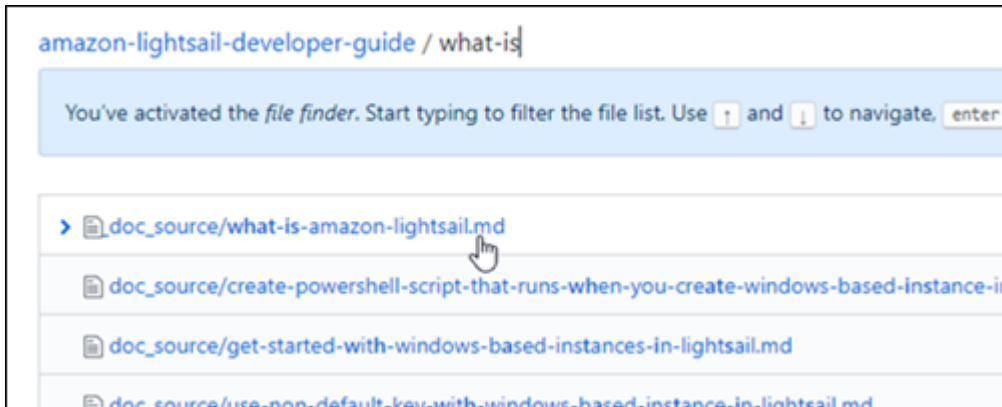

2. Sign in to GitHub and go to the Lightsail developer guide repository.

3. Choose **Find file**.

4. Search for the guide slug, or paste the slug that you copied earlier in this guide.

5. In the search results, choose the guide that you wish to edit.

6. Select **Fork this project and edit this file** (pencil) icon.

7. Perform your edits into the **Edit file** text box.

   Docs are formatted using GitHub Flavored Markdown. For more information, see Mastering Markdown in the GitHub documentation.

8. After you're done editing, add a title and description for your contribution under the **Propose a file change** section at the bottom of the page.

9. Choose **Propose file change**.

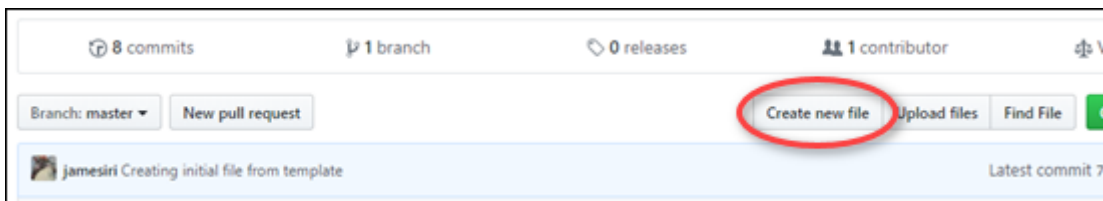10. Confirm your edits, then choose **Create pull request**.

11. Confirm the title and description of your contribution, then choose **Create pull request** again.

    Your pull request is submitted and you will get a response within 48 hours.

Create a new guide

1. Sign in to GitHub and go to the Lightsail developer guide repository.

2. Choose **Create new file**.

3. Name your file and enter the text for your guide into the **Edit new file** text box.

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