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Introducing the unofficial

GitHub buttons

Showcase your GitHub repo's success with hotlinkable GitHub star, fork, sponsor, and follow buttons. Available in two sizes with up-to-date counts.

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Star



```
<iframe src="https://ghbtns.com/github-btn.html?
user=twbs&repo=bootstrap&type=star&count=true&size=large" frameborder="0"
scrolling="0" width="170" height="30" title="GitHub"></iframe>
```

```
<iframe src="https://ghbtns.com/github-btn.html?
```

```
user=twbs&repo=bootstrap&type=star&count=true" frameborder="0" scrolling="0"
width="150" height="20" title="GitHub"></iframe>
```

Watch

Originally, GitHub's Watch button was used for notification settings (today's Watch) and repository bookmarking (today's Star). In August 2012, [they split the functionality into two buttons](#), after these unofficial buttons were released.

As such, for today's unofficial Watch button, **you must add `v=2` to the parameters**. If you don't, you'll get [the deprecated button](#).



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scrolling="0" width="170" height="30" title="GitHub"></iframe>

<iframe src="https://ghbtns.com/github-btn.html?
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scrolling="0" width="150" height="20" title="GitHub"></iframe>
```

Fork



```
<iframe src="https://ghbtns.com/github-btn.html?
user=twbs&repo=bootstrap&type=fork&count=true&size=large" frameborder="0"
scrolling="0" width="170" height="30" title="GitHub"></iframe>

<iframe src="https://ghbtns.com/github-btn.html?
user=twbs&repo=bootstrap&type=fork&count=true" frameborder="0" scrolling="0"
width="150" height="20" title="GitHub"></iframe>
```

Follow



```
<iframe src="https://ghbtns.com/github-btn.html?
user=mdo&type=follow&count=true&size=large" frameborder="0" scrolling="0"
width="230" height="30" title="GitHub"></iframe>
```

```
<iframe src="https://ghbtns.com/github-btn?
user=mdo&type=follow&count=true" frameborder="0" scrolling="0" width="170"
height="20" title="GitHub"></iframe>
```

Sponsor



```
<iframe src="https://ghbtns.com/github-btn.html?
user=mdo&type=sponsor&size=large" frameborder="0" scrolling="0" width="180"
height="30" title="GitHub"></iframe>

<iframe src="https://ghbtns.com/github-btn.html?user=mdo&type=sponsor"
frameborder="0" scrolling="0" width="150" height="20" title="GitHub"></iframe>
```

Available options

SSL support

Example buttons are shown with `https://` URLs. While they're hosted on GitHub Pages, the SSL option is provided via [Cloudflare's free Universal SSL](#) offering.

Required parameters

You **must** declare a value for each of the following URL parameters:

Option	Description
<code>user</code>	GitHub username that owns the repo/Username to sponsor
<code>repo</code>	GitHub repository to pull the forks and watchers counts
<code>type</code>	Type of button to show: <code>watch</code> , <code>fork</code> , <code>sponsor</code> , or <code>follow</code>

Optional parameters

The following URL parameters are **not** required. Add them as you wish.

Option	Description
<code>count</code>	Show the optional watchers or forks count: <i>none</i> by default or <code>true</code>

Option	Description
<code>size</code>	Optional flag for using a larger button: <i>none</i> by default or <code>large</code>

Deprecated

Original Watch, aka Star

With the button split in August 2012, GitHub's API continued to return the Star count for old Watch buttons. Thus, the original unofficial Watch button returns a makeshift Star button.

This deprecated button is still around to avoid breaking every site that currently utilizes these embeds.



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```

Limitations

For these first versions, functionality is limited and some concessions made:

- Mind the GitHub API rate limit which is 60 requests per hour for unauthenticated users.
- Width and height must be specified for all buttons (which actually adds some fun control for people like me).
- Make sure you adapt the snippets to your needs by modifying the parameters and the title.
- All attributes must be passed through via URL parameters.
- CSS and JavaScript are all included in the same HTML file to reduce complexity.
- We include the `frameborder` and `scrolling` attributes by default since we cannot know your setup, but you can optionally remove them and set them yourself via CSS:

```
iframe {  
  overflow: hidden;  
  border: 0;  
}
```

More refinement and functionality is planned with open-sourcing—any help is always appreciated!

Open source

The unofficial GitHub buttons are available on GitHub for downloading, forking, or contributing.



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