

# Saving (a lot of) time with GitHub Copilot

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# What is GitHub Copilot?

AI code Assistant offering:

- Chat bot
- Autocompletion



**Demo time**

Organizations and developers all over the world use GitHub Copilot to code faster, drive impact, and focus on doing what matters most: building great software.

## Copilot Individual

For individual developers, freelancers, students, and educators that want to code faster and happier.

**\$ 10 USD**

per month / \$100 USD per year

[Start a free trial >](#)

Free for verified students, teachers, and maintainers of popular open source projects.

Most popular

## Copilot Business

For organizations ready to improve engineering velocity, code quality, and developer experience.

**\$ 19 USD**

per user / month

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## Copilot Enterprise

For companies looking to customize GitHub Copilot to their organization and infuse AI across the developer workflow.

**\$ 39 USD**

per user / month

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# Free for some

- **I work on open source projects, can I get access to GitHub Copilot for free?**

People who maintain popular open source projects receive a credit to have 12 months of GitHub Copilot access for free. A maintainer of a popular open source project is defined as someone who has write or admin access to one or more of the most popular open source projects on GitHub. Simply visit the GitHub Copilot subscription page to see if you are one of the open source maintainers that meet our criteria for a complimentary subscription. If you do, you should see that you can add GitHub Copilot for no charge. If you see a charge on the purchase page then this means that you do not qualify at this time. Once awarded, if you are still a maintainer of a popular open source project when your initial 12 months subscription expires then you will be able to renew your subscription for free.

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- **I am a student, can I get access to GitHub Copilot for free?**

Yes, if you are a student within our GitHub Global Campus Program, you get access to GitHub Copilot for free through the Student Developer Pack. If you are a GitHub Global Campus Student then you will see that GitHub Copilot is offered to you for no charge when you visit the GitHub Copilot subscription page. If you see a charge then you do not meet the criteria as a verified student at this time. Learn more about how to [apply for the GitHub Student Developer Pack](#)

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- **I am a teacher, can I get access to GitHub Copilot for free?**

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## Copilot policies

<b>Copilot in the CLI</b> You can use <a href="#">GitHub Copilot for assistance in terminal</a> .	Enabled
<b>Copilot Chat in the IDE</b> You can use <a href="#">GitHub Copilot Chat in the IDE</a> to explain a piece of code, propose bug fixes, or generate unit tests in a chat interface from your editor.	Enabled
<b>Copilot Chat in GitHub Mobile</b> You can use <a href="#">Copilot Chat in GitHub Mobile</a> , personalized to a codebase.	Enabled
<b>Suggestions matching public code (duplication detection filter)</b> Copilot can allow or block suggestions matching public code. Learn more about <a href="#">code suggestions</a> .	Blocked ▾
<div><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Allow GitHub to use my code snippets from the code editor for product improvements *</b></div> <p>Allow GitHub, its affiliates and third parties to use my code snippets to research and improve GitHub Copilot suggestions, related models and product features. More information in <a href="#">About GitHub Copilot privacy</a>.</p>	

For more information about the data your organization receives regarding your use of GitHub Copilot, please review [GitHub's Privacy Statement](#).

 It can take up to 30 minutes for the changes to take effect. Restart your code editor for the changes to take effect immediately.



# Open Source Alternatives

- [Continue.dev](https://continue.dev)
- [TabbyML](https://tabbyml.com)
- <https://github.com/huggingface/llm-ls> (LLM-based LSP server)
- ...



# Commercial Alternatives

- Amazon CodeWhisperer (Free tier available)
- BLACKBOX AI (Free for students)
- Codeium (Free base plan)
- Tabnine (Free version available)
- ...

Check <https://github.com/sourcegraph/awesome-code-ai> for more