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## Forking A Repo

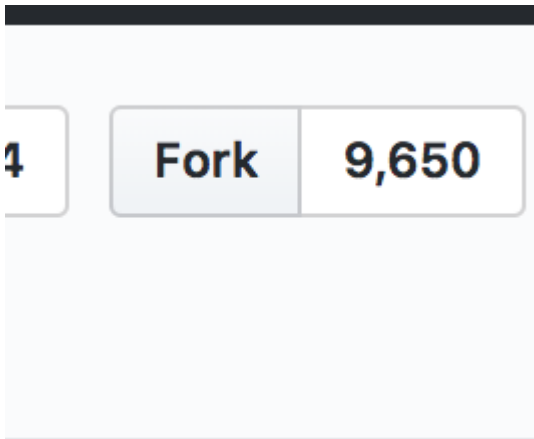
Next, let's learn how to fork a repository.

[Atom](#) is a popular text editor that is maintained by the folks at GitHub. In addition to being free, it's also open source.

The code for Atom is located on GitHub at <https://github.com/atom/atom>.

Although you're able to read Atom's codebase, you're not allowed to contribute to it. However, you can make your own copy of the source code and hack away to your heart's content. This is called forking.

To fork your own copy of Atom's source code, simply click the "Fork" link at the top-right section of the page:



And that's it! You've created your first fork. Forking is simply the act of copying a GitHub repository to your own GitHub account.