

## Creating a repository from a template

You can generate a new repository with the same directory structure and files as an existing repository.

Anyone with read permissions to a template repository can create a repository from that template. For more information, see "[Creating a template repository](#)."

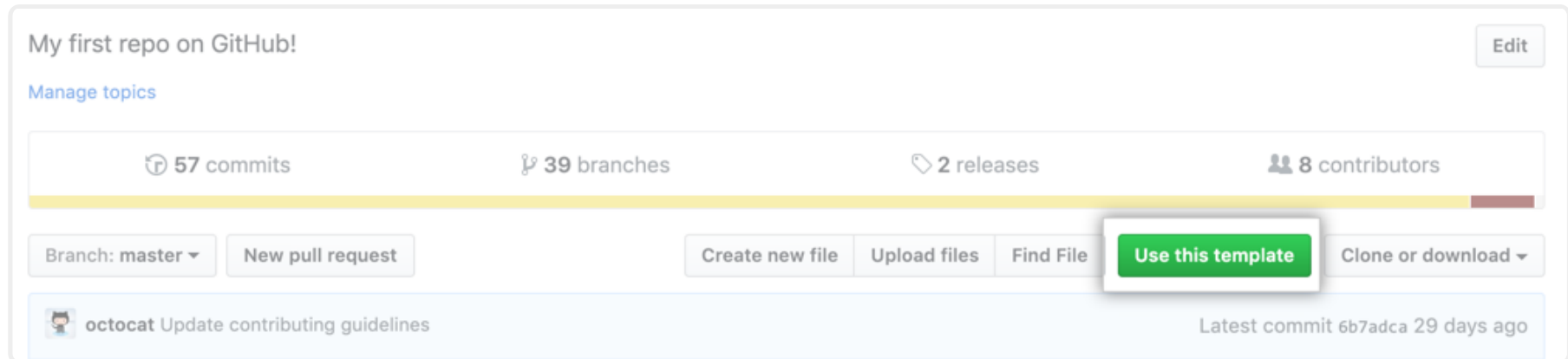
You can choose to include the directory structure and files from only the default branch of the template repository or to include all branches.

Creating a repository from a template is similar to forking a repository, but there are important differences:

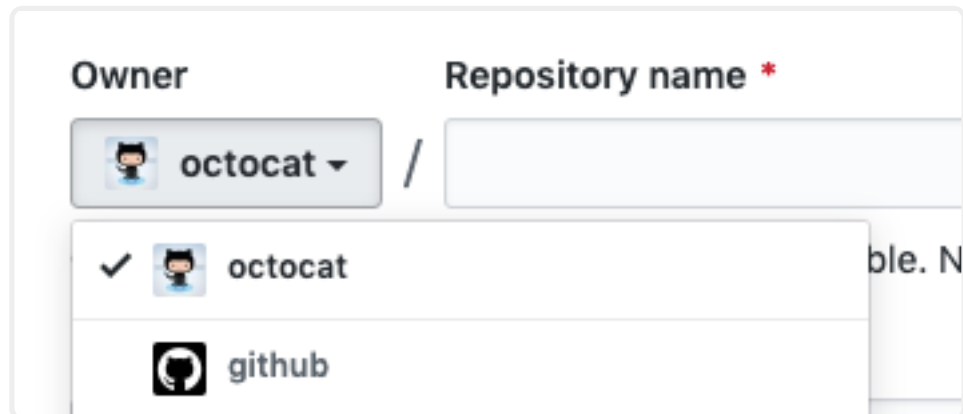
- A new fork includes the entire commit history of the parent repository, while a repository created from a template starts with a single commit.
- Commits to a fork don't appear in your contributions graph, while commits to a repository created from a template do appear in your contribution graph.
- A fork can be a temporary way to contribute code to an existing project, while creating a repository from a template starts a new project quickly.

For more information about forks, see "[About forks](#)."

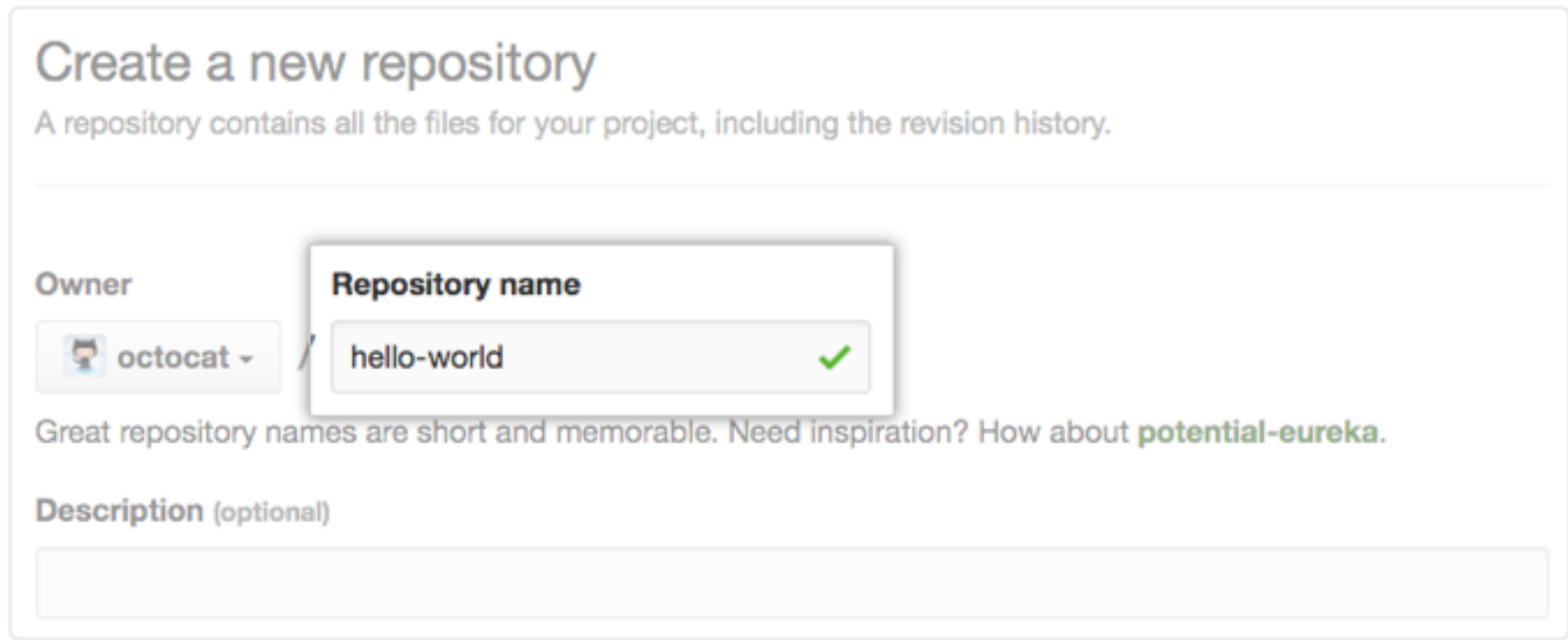
- On GitHub, navigate to the main page of the repository.
- Above the file list, click **Use this template**.



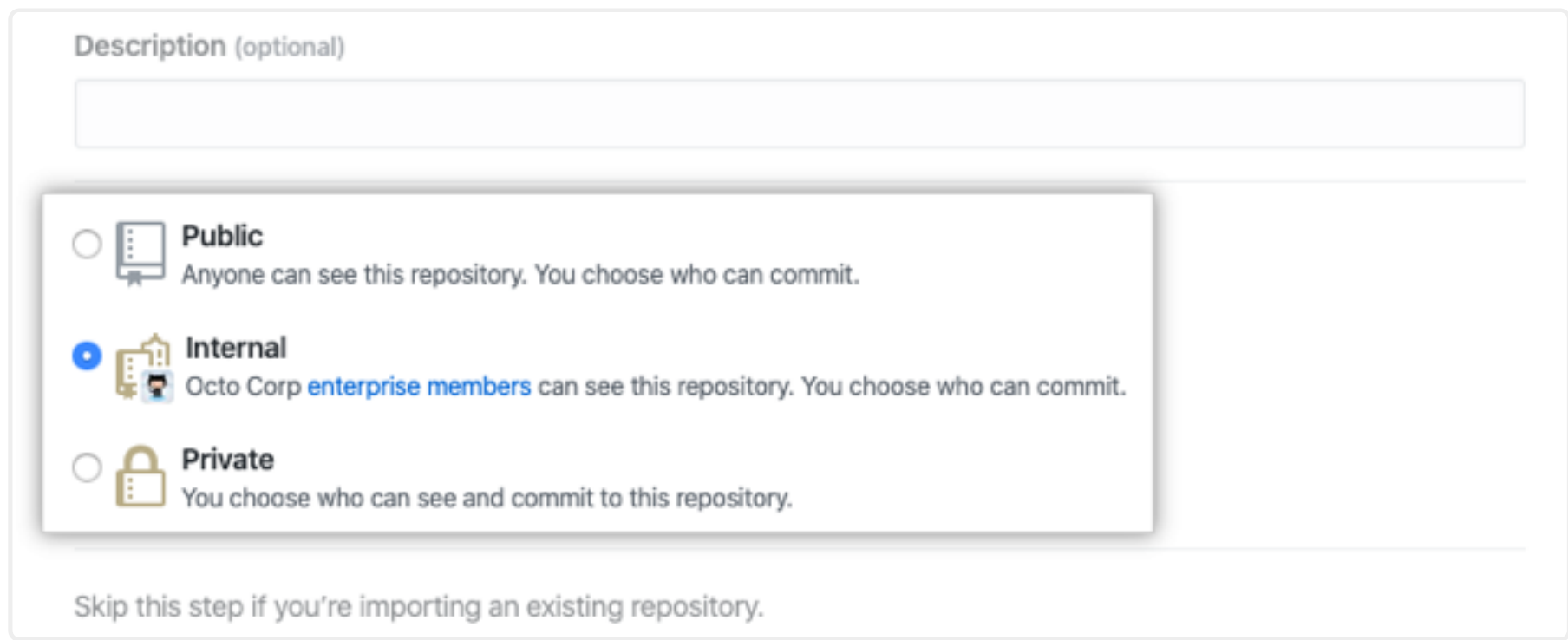
- Use the **Owner** drop-down menu, and select the account you want to own the repository.



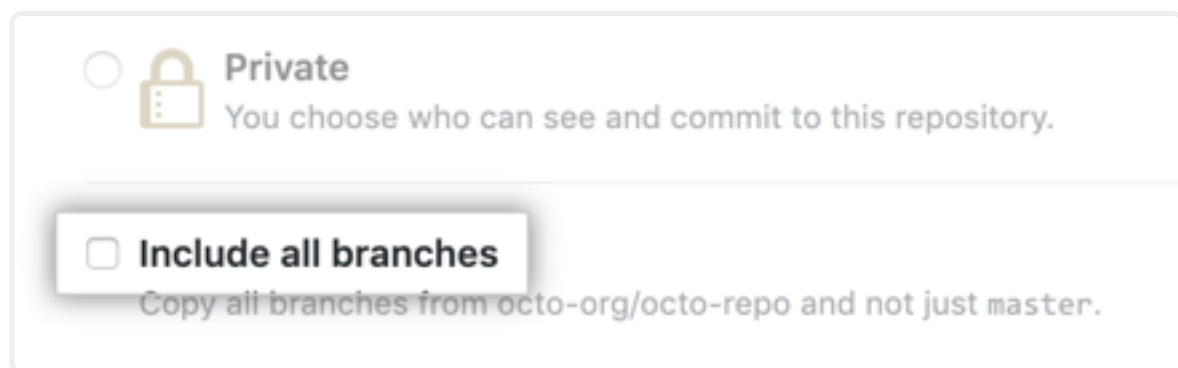
- Type a name for your repository, and an optional description.



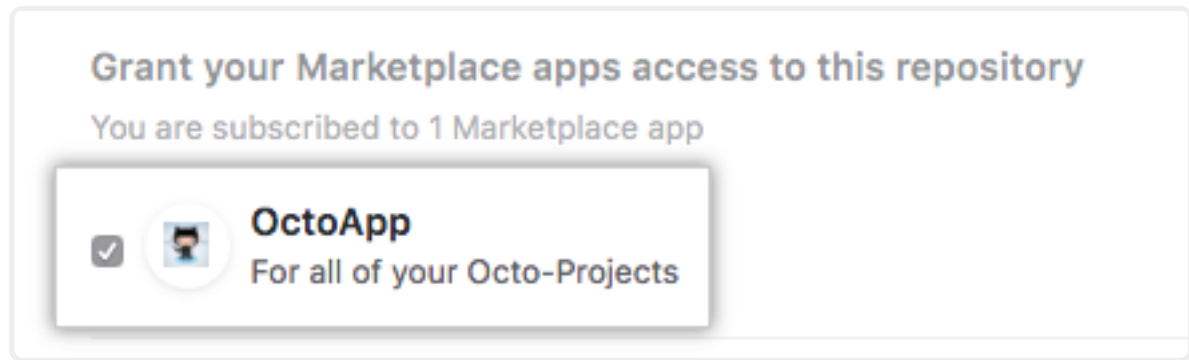
- Choose a repository visibility. For more information, see "[About repository visibility](#)."



- Optionally, to include the directory structure and files from all branches in the template, and not just the default branch, select **Include all branches**.



- Optionally, if the personal account or organization in which you're creating uses any GitHub Apps from GitHub Marketplace, select any apps you'd like to use in the repository.



- Click **Create repository from template**.

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