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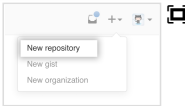
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Creating a new repository

You can create a new repository on your personal account or any organization where you have sufficient permissions.
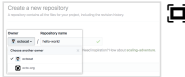
> **Tip:** By default, all organization members can create repositories for the organization. If you choose, you can restrict repository creation permissions to organization owners only. For more information, see "Repository permission levels for an organization."

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1 In the upper-right corner of any page, click ✛, and then click **New repository**.

2 In the Owner drop-down, select the account you wish to create the repository on.

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

4 You can choose to make the repository either public or private. Public repositories are visible to the public, while private repositories are only accessible to you, and people you share them with. Your account must be on a paid plan to create a private repository. For more information, see "GitHub's billing plans."
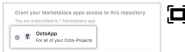
5 There are a number of optional items you can pre-populate your repository with. If you're importing an existing repository to GitHub, don't choose any of these options, as you may introduce a merge conflict. You can add or create new files using the user interface or choose to add new files using the command line later. For more information, see "Importing a Git repository using the command line," "Adding a file to a repository using the command line," and "Addressing merge conflicts."

You can create a README, which is a document describing your project. For more information, see "About READMEs."

You can create a .gitignore file, which is a set of ignore rules. For more information, see "Ignoring files."

You can choose to add a software license for your project. For more information, see "Licensing a repository."

6 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.

7 When you're finished, click **Create repository**.

8 At the bottom of the resulting Quick Setup page, under "Import code from an old repository", you can choose to import a project to your new repository. To do so, click **Import code**.

Further reading

"Managing access to your organization's repositories"

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