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Contributor's Guide

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The documentation for several of NetApp's products and services are open source. This enables you to directly contribute to the content to make improvements, corrections, and suggestions. All you need is a GitHub account and a little initiative.

You can edit a page directly or request us to make the changes. If you need help with our writing style and syntax, use these resources:

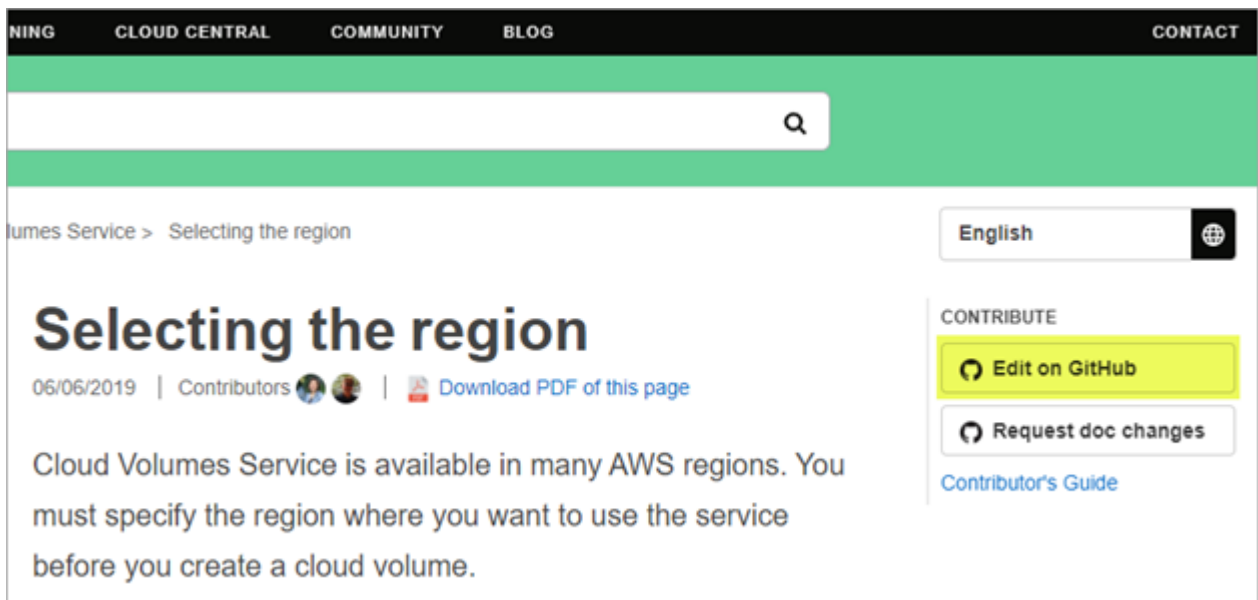
- [Review syntax for the documentation source](#)
- [Review the style and voice for NetApp docs](#)

Steps

1. If you don't already have a GitHub account, [create one from github.com](#).
2. Log in to your GitHub account.
3. Using a browser, open the page that you want to contribute.

You can edit the page directly or request changes to the page.

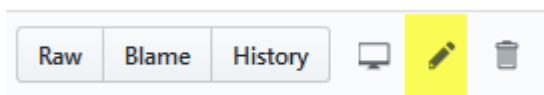
4. To edit a page:
 - a. Under Contribute, click **Edit on GitHub**.



- b. Click the pencil icon and start editing the content.

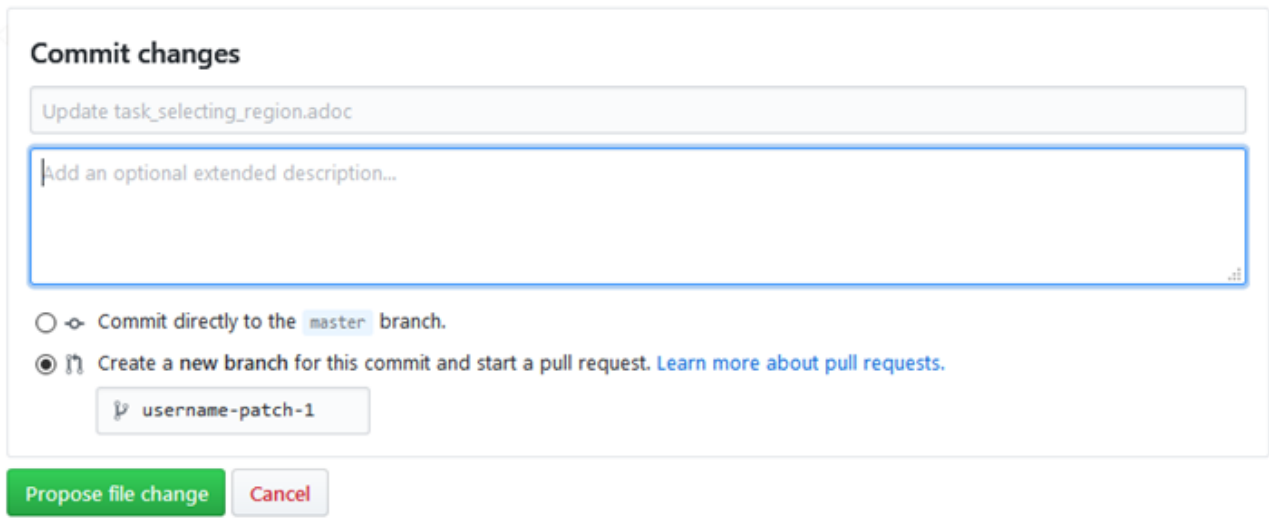
The content is written in AsciiDoc, a lightweight markup language.

[AsciiDoc cheat sheet](#)



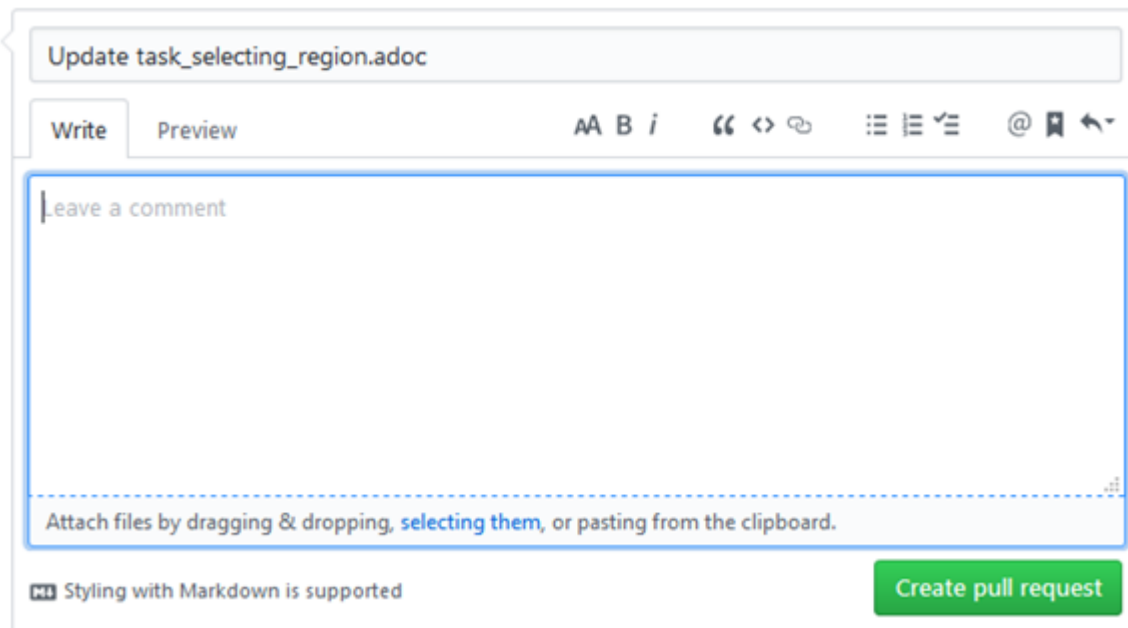
- c. To commit changes, scroll down the page, select **Create a new branch for this commit and start a pull request**, then click **Propose file change**.

GitHub automatically fills in a branch name (for example, *username-patch-n*) for the change.



The screenshot shows the 'Commit changes' form in GitHub. At the top, the file 'Update task_selecting_region.adoc' is listed. Below it is a text area for an optional extended description. There are two radio button options: 'Commit directly to the master branch' (which is unselected) and 'Create a new branch for this commit and start a pull request' (which is selected). Below the second option, a text box contains the branch name 'username-patch-1'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Propose file change' (green) and 'Cancel' (grey).

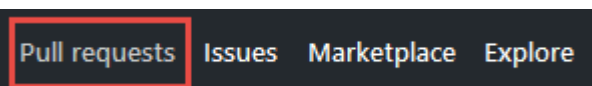
- d. Provide a comment about the edit that you made, then click **Create pull request**.



The screenshot shows the 'Create pull request' form in GitHub. At the top, the file 'Update task_selecting_region.adoc' is listed. Below it are two tabs: 'Write' (selected) and 'Preview'. The 'Write' tab contains a large text area for leaving a comment. Below the text area is a dashed line and the text 'Attach files by dragging & dropping, selecting them, or pasting from the clipboard.' At the bottom left, there is a note 'Styling with Markdown is supported'. At the bottom right is a green button labeled 'Create pull request'.

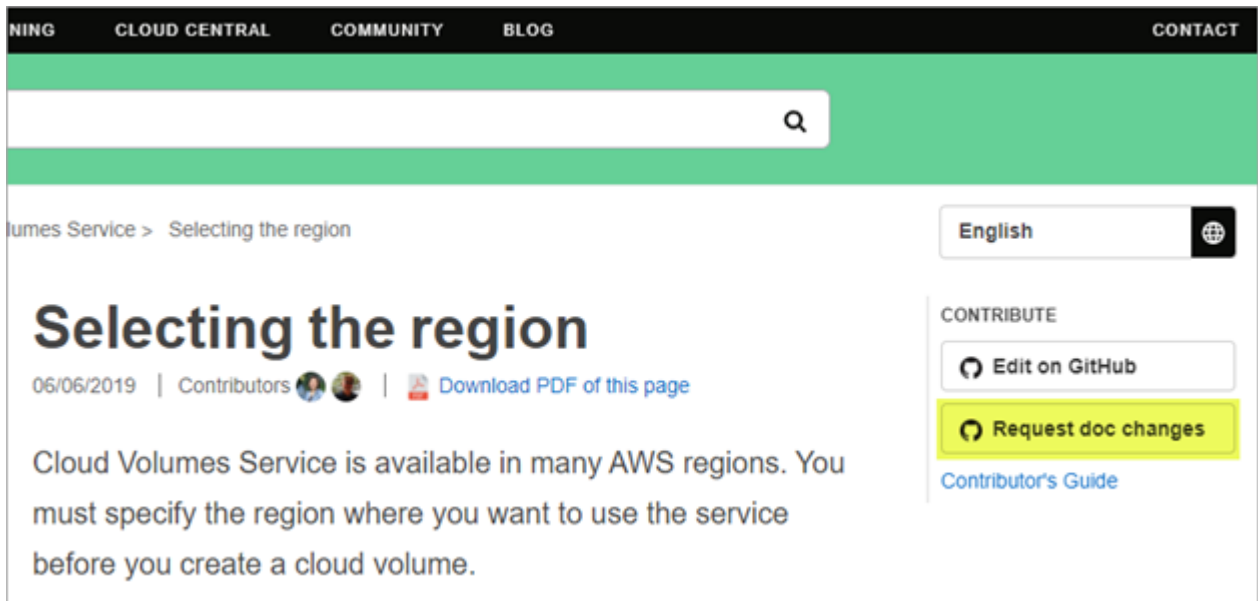
After you propose the changes, we'll review them and merge the changes into the GitHub repository.

You can also view the status of the pull request by clicking **Pull requests** on the top banner next to the GitHub search box:



5. To request changes to a page:

- a. Under Contribute, click **Request doc changes**.



A text box appears, enabling you to provide request details.

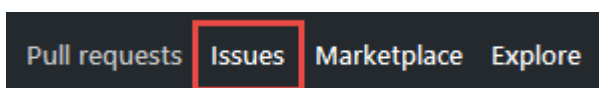
- b. Provide details in the text box, and then click **Submit new issue** to create an issue for your request.

The text box is prepopulated with the title and URL for the page. Don't delete this information.

The screenshot shows the GitHub issue creation interface. At the top is a 'Title' input field. Below it are 'Write' and 'Preview' tabs, followed by a rich text editor toolbar. The main text area contains the prepopulated text: 'Page: [Selecting the region](https://docs.netapp.com/us-en/cloud_volumes/aws/task_selecting_region.html)'. Below the text area is a dashed line and the instruction: 'Attach files by dragging & dropping, selecting them, or pasting from the clipboard.' At the bottom left, it says 'Styling with Markdown is supported'. At the bottom right is a green 'Submit new issue' button.

Opening an issue enables collaboration through GitHub comments. You receive email notifications based on the preferences you indicated in your GitHub account settings.

You can also view the status of the request by clicking **Issues** on the top banner next to the GitHub search box:



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