On June 4, 2018, [Microsoft](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft) announced its intent to acquire GitHub for US$7.5 billion, and the deal closed on Oct. 26, 2018.[[27]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GitHub#cite_note-27) GitHub will continue to operate independently as a community, platform and business. Under Microsoft, the service will be led by [Xamarin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xamarin)'s [Nat Friedman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nat_Friedman), reporting to [Scott Guthrie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scott_Guthrie), executive vice president of Microsoft Cloud and AI. Current CEO Chris Wanstrath will be retained as a "technical fellow", also reporting to Guthrie. Microsoft had become a significant user of GitHub, using it to host open source projects and development tools such as [Chakra Core](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chakra_(JavaScript_engine)), [PowerShell](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PowerShell), and [Visual Studio Code](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visual_Studio_Code), and has backed other open source projects such as [Linux](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linux), and developed [Git Virtual File System](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Git_Virtual_File_System)—a Git extension for managing large-scale repositories (and itself has been adopted by GitHub).[[23]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GitHub#cite_note-:2-23)[[28]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GitHub#cite_note-:0-28)[[29]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GitHub#cite_note-:1-29)

There have been concerns from developers Kyle Simpson, Javascript trainer and author, and Rafael Laguna, CEO at [Open-Xchange](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open-Xchange) over Microsoft's purchase, citing uneasiness over Microsoft's handling of previous acquisitions, such as [Nokia's mobile business](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Mobile) or [Skype](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skype).[[30]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GitHub#cite_note-30)[[31]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GitHub#cite_note-31)