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To configure your GitHub account to use your new (or existing) SSH key, you'll also need to add it to your GitHub account.

Mac   **Windows**   Linux

Before adding a new SSH key to your GitHub account, you should have:

- Checked for existing SSH keys
- Generated a new SSH key and added it to the ssh-agent

After adding a new SSH key to your GitHub account, you can reconfigure any local repositories to use SSH. For more information, see "Switching remote URLs from HTTPS to SSH."

> **Note:** DSA keys (SSH-DSS) are no longer supported. Existing keys will continue to function, but you cannot add new DSA keys to your GitHub account.

1   Copy the SSH key to your clipboard.

If your SSH key file has a different name than the example code, modify the filename to match your current setup. When copying your key, don't add any newlines or whitespace.
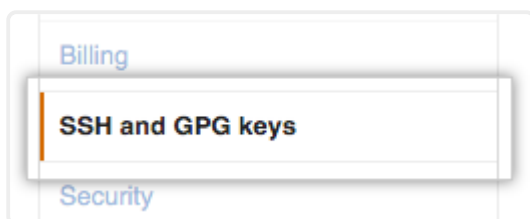
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$ clip < ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
# Copies the contents of the id_rsa.pub file to your clipboard
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> **Tip:** If `clip` isn't working, you can locate the hidden `.ssh` folder, open the file in your favorite text editor, and copy it to your clipboard.
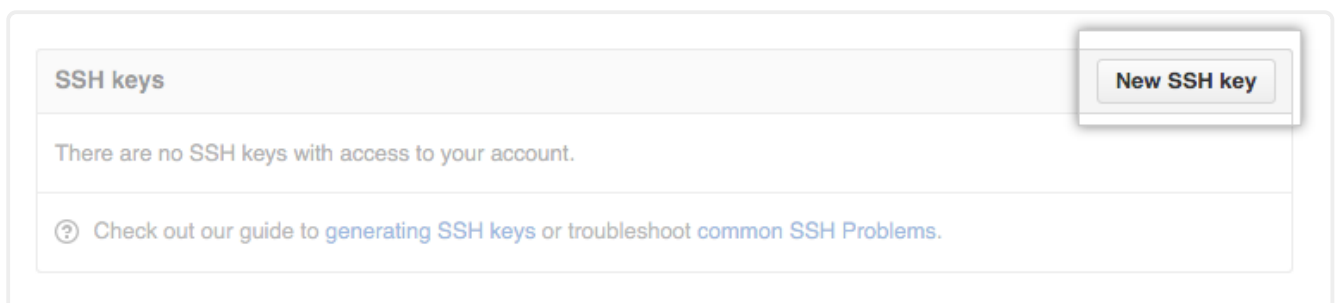
2   In the upper-right corner of any page, click your profile photo, then click **Settings**.
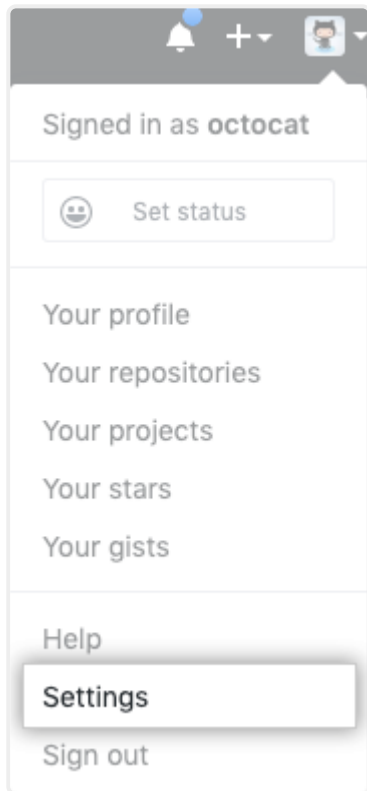
3   In the user settings sidebar, click **SSH and GPG keys**.

4   Click **New SSH key** or **Add SSH key**.

5   In the "Title" field, add a descriptive label for the new key. For example, if you're using a personal Mac, you might call this key "Personal MacBook Air".

6   Paste your key into the "Key" field.

7   Click **Add SSH key**.
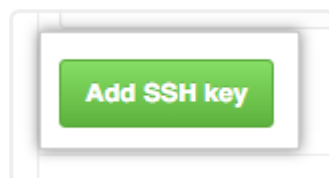
8   If prompted, confirm your GitHub password.

Confirm password to continue

Password   Forgot password?

Confirm password

Further reading

- "Authorizing an SSH key for use with SAML single sign-on"

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