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The git remote set-url command changes an existing remote repository URL.

Tip: For information on the difference between HTTPS and SSH URLs, see "W hich remote URL should I use?"

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The git remote set-url command takes two arguments:

An existing remote name. For example, origin or upstream are two common choices.

A new URL for the remote. For example:

If you're updating to use HTTPS, your URL might look like:

```
https://github.com/USERNAME/OTHERREPOSITORY.git
```

If you're updating to use SSH, your URL might look like:

```
git@github.com: USERNAME/OTHERREPOSITORY.git
```

Switching remote URLs from SSH to HTTPS

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- 3 List your existing remotes in order to get the name of the remote you want to change.

```
$ git remote -v
origin git@github.com: USERNAME/REPOSITORY.git (fetch)
origin git@github.com: USERNAME/REPOSITORY.git (push)
```

4 Change your remote's URL from SSH to HTTPS with the git remote set-url command.

```
$ git remote set-url origin https://github.com/USERNAME/OTHERREPOSITORY.git
```

5 Verify that the remote URL has changed.

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# Verify new remote URL
origin https://github.com/USERNAME/OTHERREPOSITORY.git (fetch)
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The next time you <code>git fetch</code>, <code>git pull</code>, or <code>git push</code> to the remote repository, you'll be asked for your GitHub username and password.

If you have two-factor authentication enabled, you must create a personal access token to use instead of your GitHub password.

You can use a credential helper so Git will remember your GitHub username and password every time it talks to GitHub.

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Troubleshooting

You may encounter these errors when trying to changing a remote.

No such remote '[name]'

This error means that the remote you tried to change doesn't exist:

```
$ git remote set-url sofake https://github.com/octocat/Spoon-Knife
fatal: No such remote 'sofake'
```

Check that you've correctly typed the remote name.

Further reading

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