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Search

The GitHub Search API lets you to search for the specific item efficiently.

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Forbidden

Status: 403 Forbidden

Validation failed

Status: 422 Unprocessable Entity

Service unavailable

Status: 503 Service Unavailable

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Search commits

Find commits via various criteria on the default branch (usually `master`). This method returns up to 100 results [per page](#).

When searching for commits, you can get text match metadata for the `message` field when you provide the `text-match` media type. For more details about how to receive highlighted search results, see [Text match metadata](#).

For example, if you want to find commits related to CSS in the [octocat/Spoon-Knife](#) repository. Your query would look something like this:

`q=repo:octocat/Spoon-Knife+css`

`GET /search/commits`

Parameters

Name	Type	In	Description
<code>accept</code>	string	header	Setting to <code>application/vnd.github.v3+json</code> is recommended.
<code>q</code>	string	query	The query contains one or more search keywords and qualifiers. Qualifiers allow you to limit your search to specific areas of GitHub. The REST API supports the same qualifiers as GitHub.com. To learn more about the format of the query, see Constructing a search query . ⁵
<code>sort</code>	string	query	Sorts the results of your query by: <code>author-date</code> or <code>committer-date</code> . Default: best match .
<code>order</code>	string	query	Determines whether the first search result returned is the highest number of matches (<code>asc</code>) or lowest number of matches (<code>desc</code>). This parameter is ignored unless you provide <code>sort</code> . Default: <code>desc</code> .

