




# Creating a branch for your work

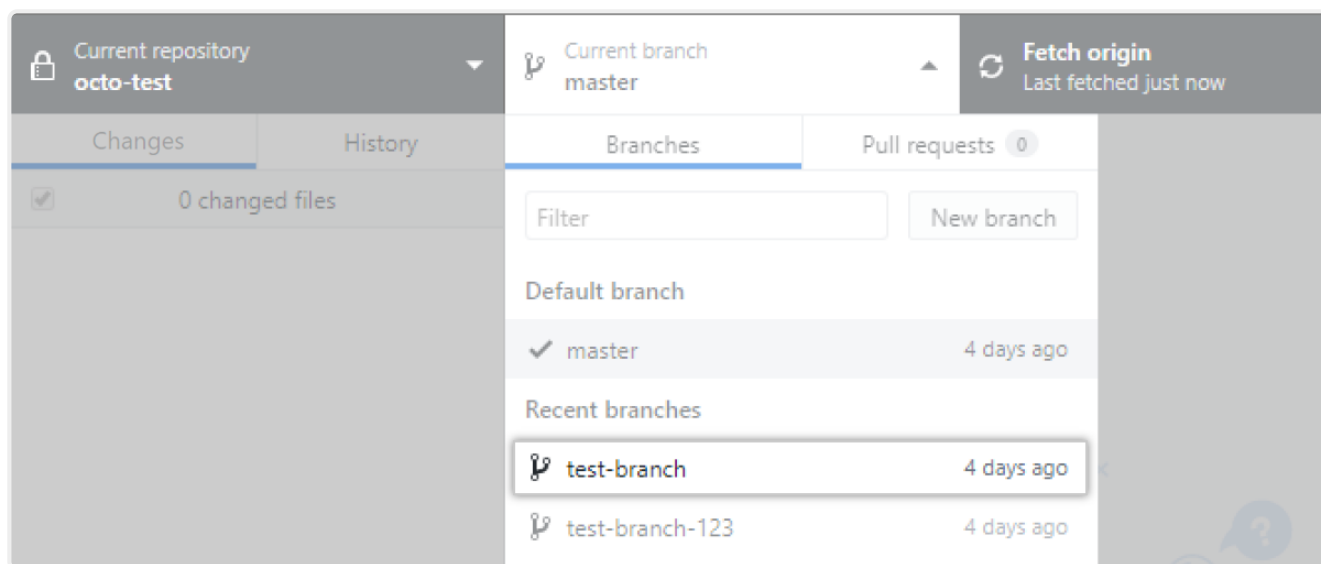
If you have collaborator permissions on a repository, you can create a branch off of the repository's default branch so you can safely experiment with changes.

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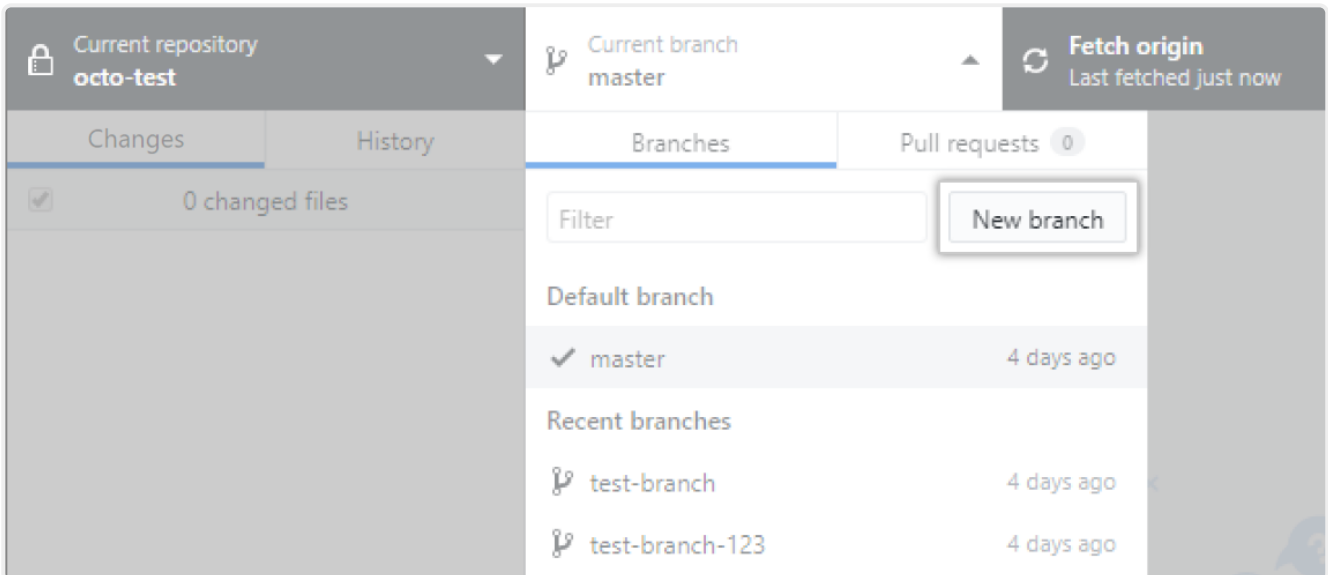
## Creating a branch

**Tip:** The first new branch you create will be based on the default branch, which is usually `master`. If you have more than one branch, you will be given a choice to base the new branch on the currently checked out branch or the default branch.

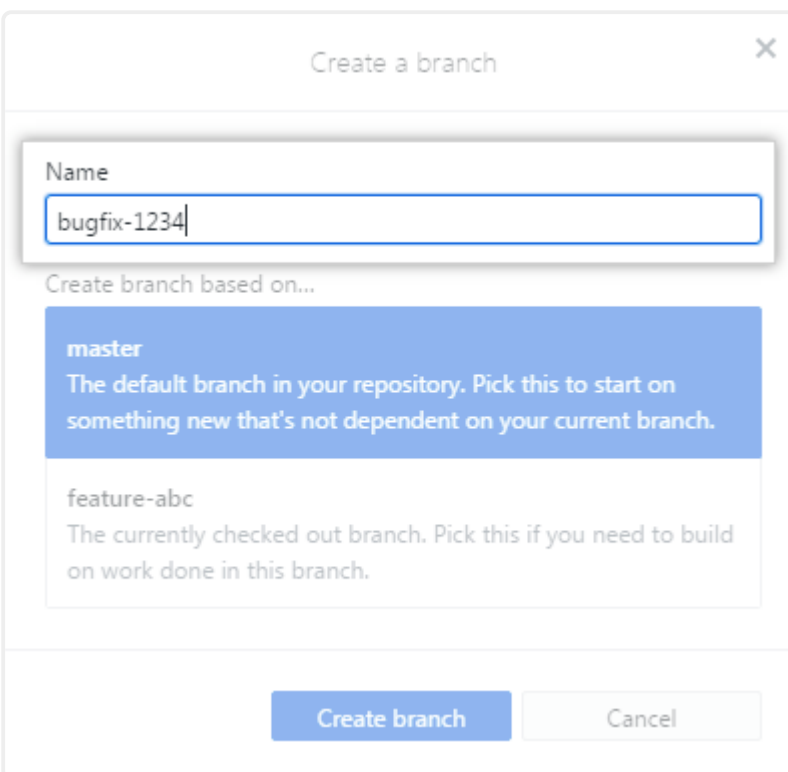
- 1 At the top of the app, switch to the branch that you want to base the new branch on by clicking the  **Current Branch** and choosing it from the list.



- 2 Click **New Branch**.



- 3 Under **Name**, type the name of the new branch.



- 4 Select either the current branch, or the default branch (usually master) to base the new branch on.

Create a branch

Name

bugfix-1234

Create branch based on...

**master**

The default branch in your repository. Pick this to start on something new that's not dependent on your current branch.

feature-abc

The currently checked out branch. Pick this if you need to build on work done in this branch.

Create branch

Cancel

## 5 Click Create Branch.

Create a branch

Name

bugfix-1234

Create branch based on...

**master**

The default branch in your repository. Pick this to start on something new that's not dependent on your current branch.

feature-abc

The currently checked out branch. Pick this if you need to build on work done in this branch.

Create branch

Cancel

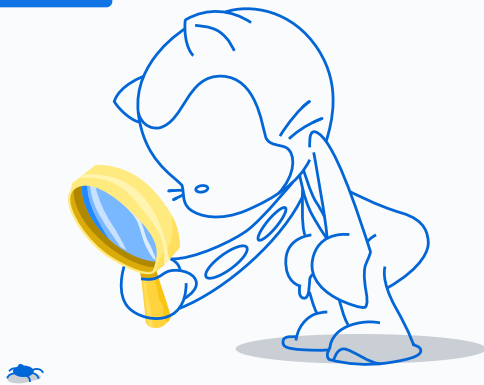
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