Backing up a repository

You can use Git and the API to back up your repository.

You can download and back up your repositories manually:

- To download a repository's Git data to your local machine, you'll need to clone the repository. For more information, see "[Cloning a repository](#)."
- You can also download your repository's wiki. For more information, see "[Adding or editing wiki pages](#)."

When you clone a repository or wiki, only Git data, such as project files and commit history, is downloaded. You can use our API to export other elements of your repository on your GitHub Enterprise Server instance to your local machine:

- [Issues](#)
- [Pull requests](#)
- [Forks](#)
- [Comments](#)
- [Milestones](#)
- [Labels](#)
- [Watchers](#)
- [Stargazers](#)
- [Projects](#)

Once you have a local version of all the content you want to back up, you can create a zip archive and copy it to an external hard drive and/or upload it to a cloud-based backup or storage service such as [Azure Blob Storage](#), [Google Drive](#) or [Dropbox](#).

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