

# Sponsoring an open source contributor through GitHub

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You can make payments through GitHub to a developer or organization who designs, creates, or maintains open source projects you depend on.

## Who can use this feature

Anyone can sponsor accounts on behalf of their own personal account. Organization owners and billing managers can sponsor accounts on behalf of their organization.

## About sponsorships with payments through GitHub

You can sponsor anyone with a sponsored developer profile or sponsored organization profile on behalf of your personal account or an organization. You can choose from multiple sponsorship tiers, with one-time or monthly payment amounts and benefits that are set by the sponsored account. Your sponsorship will share your account's existing billing date, payment method, and receipt.

## Sponsoring an account

Before you can sponsor an account, you must have a verified email address. For more information, see "[Verifying your email address](#)."

- 1 On GitHub Enterprise Cloud, navigate to the profile of the user or organization you want to sponsor.
- 2 Navigate to your sponsorship dashboard for the account.
  - To sponsor a developer, under the developer's name, click **Sponsor**.



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- To sponsor an organization, to the right of the organization's name, click **Sponsor**.

- 3 Optionally, on the right side of the page, to sponsor the account on behalf of your organization, select the **Sponsor as** dropdown menu, and click the organization.

- 4 To the right of the tier you want, click **Select**.

Alternatively, if you want to select a custom amount, enter the sponsorship amount in the text field provided, then click **Select**.

- 5 Optionally, if you're sponsoring as an organization in the middle of a billing cycle, to make the full monthly payment instead of paying a prorated amount, click **pay the full amount**.

Due today

\$3.33

Why is the amount different from the tier I selected? We charge a prorated amount because you're in the middle of your billing cycle. If you want, you can [pay the full amount](#).

- 6 In the "Billing information" and "Payment method" sections, review your payment details. If your organization pays for GitHub Sponsors by invoice, "Invoice balance" will be listed as the payment method.

Optionally, to change the payment details for your entire account on GitHub.com, in the "Payment method" section, click **Edit**. Then, follow the prompts to complete the payment form.

- 7 To set an end date for the sponsorship, select **Set a sponsorship end date** and choose a month and year.

- 8 Choose who can see your sponsorship.

- 9 Decide whether you want to receive email updates from the sponsored account, then select or deselect **Receive email updates from ACCOUNT**.

**Note:** If your organization chooses to receive email updates from sponsored accounts, you

can select a specific email address to receive those emails. For more information, see ["Managing updates from accounts your organization sponsors."](#)

- 10 If you are sponsoring an account as a business, click **Yes**. Filling out the related fields will help your sponsored accounts calculate and pay taxes where appropriate. For more information, see ["Tax information for GitHub Sponsors."](#)

- Select the "Country" dropdown menu, then click your business' country.
- Next, select the "Region" dropdown menu and click your business' region within your country.
- If applicable, click the "VAT number" text field, then type your value-added tax (VAT) identification number.

**Are you purchasing as a business?**

☐ No ☒ Yes

**Country**

**Region**

**VAT number**

GitHub will share your sponsorship amount, country, region, and business tax status with the recipient of your sponsorship to help them calculate and pay taxes where appropriate. [Learn more about GitHub Sponsors sales tax.](#)

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- 11 Review the information about the charge and your billing date, then click **Sponsor ACCOUNT**.

## Sponsoring accounts in bulk [🔗](#)

- 1 Go to <https://github.com/sponsors/explore>.
- 2 Optionally, if you are a member of an organization, to see the maintainers of your organization's dependencies, select your organization from the "Explore as" section of the upper-left sidebar.

If you are a member of multiple organizations, to see all of your organizations, click **See more** ▾.

- 3 Optionally, to download a CSV file of developers who maintain your account's or organization's dependencies, click **results as CSV**.

## 27 developers who maintain your dependencies

Most used ▾

Download your [results as CSV](#)



**Bulk Sponsor** Sponsor multiple maintainers in one easy transaction.

Get started

To sponsor these maintainers using the downloaded file, in the corresponding cells of the "Sponsorship amount in USD" column, input sponsorship amounts in US dollars for each maintainer you want to sponsor.

- 4 On GitHub, in the "Bulk Sponsor" box above the list of developers who maintain your dependencies, click **Get started**.
- 5 Optionally, to change which account or organization you are sponsoring as, select the **Sponsor as USERNAME ▾** dropdown menu, then click the desired account or organization from the options that appear.

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- 6 To upload the CSV file of accounts you would like to sponsor, in the "Import a CSV" section, click **Choose your file**, then navigate to the CSV file you would like to upload. Select the CSV file, then click **Open**.

Alternatively, drag and drop your CSV file into the "Import a CSV" box.

You can sponsor in bulk with any of the following files:

- The previously mentioned CSV file of developers who maintain your account's or organization's dependencies.
- GitHub's template CSV file for bulk sponsorships edited to contain your desired sponsorships. To download the example CSV file, in the "Import a CSV" box, click **Download example CSV**.
- A CSV file of your own creation containing your desired sponsorships. For GitHub to parse your CSV file correctly, the file must contain columns labeled "Maintainer username" and "Sponsorship amount in USD."

**Note:** Any errors in your file are reported at the top of the review page with instructions to resolve them.

- 7 Optionally, to resolve any errors or make any changes to your sponsorship selections, click **Choose file**, then navigate to the new or updated CSV file you would like to upload. Select the CSV file, then click **Open**.
- 8 To confirm your sponsorship elections, click **Continue to checkout**.
- 9 In the "Billing information" and "Payment method" sections, review your payment details. If your organization pays for GitHub Sponsors by invoice, "Invoice balance" will be listed as the payment method.

Optionally, to change the payment details for your entire account on GitHub.com, in the "Payment method" section, click **Edit**. Then, follow the prompts to complete the payment form.

- 10 In the "Who can see your sponsorships?" section, choose a visibility option.
- 11 Decide whether you want to receive email updates from the sponsored accounts, then select or deselect **Receive email updates from the maintainers you're sponsoring**.

**Note:** If your organization chooses to receive email updates from sponsored accounts, you can select a specific email address to receive those emails. For more information, see "[Managing updates from accounts your organization sponsors](#)."

- 12 If you are sponsoring an account as a business, click **Yes**. Filling out the related fields will help your sponsored accounts calculate and pay taxes where appropriate. For more information, see "[Tax information for GitHub Sponsors](#)."
  - Select the "Country" dropdown menu, then click your business' country.
  - Next, select the "Region" dropdown menu and click your business' region within your country.
  - If applicable, click the "VAT number" text field, then type your value-added tax (VAT) identification number.

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- 13 Review the information about the charge and your billing date, then click **Sponsor NUMBER maintainers**.

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