

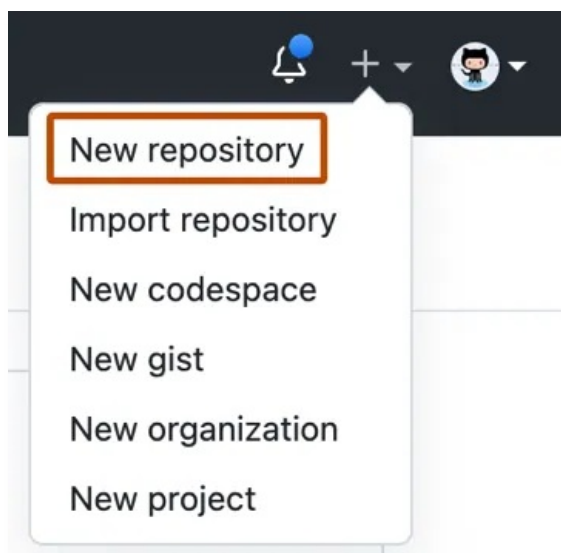
Creating a new repository

You can create a new repository on your personal account or any organization where you have sufficient permissions.

Tip: Owners can restrict repository creation permissions in an organization. For more information, see "[Restricting repository creation in your organization](#)."


Tip: You can also create a repository using the GitHub CLI. For more information, see "[gh repo create](#)" in the GitHub CLI documentation.


- 1 In the upper-right corner of any page, use the + drop-down menu, and select **New repository**.




- 2 Optionally, to create a repository with the directory structure and files of an existing repository, select the **Choose a template** dropdown menu and click a template repository. You'll see template repositories that are owned by you and organizations you're a member of or that you've used before. For more information, see "[Creating a repository from a template](#)."
- 3 Optionally, if you chose to use a template, to include the directory structure and files from all branches in the template, and not just the default branch, select **Include all branches**.
- 4 Use the **Owner** dropdown menu to select the account you want to own the repository.

Owner * Repository name *


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- 5 Type a name for your repository, and an optional description.

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Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about **vigilant-meme**?

Description (optional)

- 6 Choose a repository visibility. For more information, see "[About repositories](#)."
- 7 If you're not using a template, there are a number of optional items you can pre-populate your repository with. If you're importing an existing repository to GitHub Enterprise Server, don't choose any of these options, as you may introduce a merge conflict. You can add or create new files using the user interface or choose to add new files using the command line later. For more information, see "[Importing an external Git repository using the command line](#)," "[Adding a file to a repository](#)," and "[Addressing merge conflicts](#)."
- You can create a README, which is a document describing your project. For more information, see "[About READMEs](#)."
 - You can create a `.gitignore` file, which is a set of ignore rules. For more information, see "[Ignoring files](#)."

- 8 Click **Create repository**.

Further reading

- "[Managing user access to your organization's repositories](#)"
- [Open Source Guides](#)

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