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Restoring a deleted repository

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You can restore deleted repositories to recover their contents.

Who can use this feature

Enterprise owners can restore a deleted repository.

About repository restoration

Usually, if someone deletes a repository, it will be available on disk for 90 days and can be restored via the site admin dashboard. For more information, see "[Site admin dashboard](#)."


Unless a legal hold is in effect on a user or organization, after 90 days the repository is purged and deleted forever.

If a repository was part of a fork network when it was deleted, the restored repository will be detached from the original fork network.

It can take up to an hour after a repository is deleted before that repository is available for restoration.

Restoring a repository will not restore release attachments or team permissions. Issues that are restored will not be labeled.

Restoring a deleted repository

- 1 From an administrative account on GitHub Enterprise Server, in the upper-right corner of any page, click .
- 2 If you're not already on the "Site admin" page, in the upper-left corner, click **Site admin**.
- 3 Under "Search users, organizations, teams, repositories, gists, and applications", type the name of the user or organization in the text field. Then to the right of the field, click **Search**.

Search users, organizations, teams, repositories, gists, and applications

Users are found by login, email, SSH key SHA256 fingerprint, GPG key, or database ID.

Organizations are found by login, email, or database ID.

Teams are found by organization/team, GraphQL object ID, or database ID.

Repositories are found by name, "username/repository", deploy key SHA256 fingerprint, or database ID.

Gists are found by name or "username/repository".

OAuth applications are found by name, client ID or application ID.

GitHub Apps are found by name or integration ID.

GitHub App installation are found by installation ID.

Webhooks are found by hook ID.

Search

- 4 In the search results, click the name of the user or organization.

user



Search

Search results – Accounts

Fuzzy matches

 user2

 user1

- 5 In the  **Repositories** section, click the  **Deleted repositories** link.
- 6 Find the repository you want to restore in the deleted repositories list, then to the right of the repository name click **Restore**.
- 7 To confirm you would like to restore the named repository, click **Restore**.

Further reading

- ["Placing a legal hold on a user or organization"](#)

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