Creating a commit with multiple authors

In this article

You can attribute a commit to more than one author by adding one or more `Co-authored-by` trailers to the commit's message. Co-authored commits are visible on GitHub Enterprise Server and can be included in the profile contributions graph and the repository's statistics.

Required co-author information 🔗

Before you can add a co-author to a commit, you must know the appropriate email to use for each co-author. For the co-author's commit to count as a contribution, you must use the email associated with their account on your GitHub Enterprise Server instance.

Creating co-authored commits using GitHub Desktop 🔗

You can use GitHub Desktop to create a commit with a co-author. For more information, see "[Committing and reviewing changes to your project in GitHub Desktop](#)" and [GitHub Desktop](#).

Creating co-authored commits on the command line 🔗

1 Collect the name and email address for each co-author.

2 Type your commit message and a short, meaningful description of your changes. After your commit description, instead of a closing quotation, add two empty lines.

```
$ git commit -m "Refactor usability tests.
>
>
```

> **Tip:** If you're using a text editor on the command line to type your commit message, ensure there are two newlines between the end of your commit description and the `Co-authored-by:` commit trailer.

3. On the next line of the commit message, type `Co-authored-by: name <name@example.com>` with specific information for each co-author. After the co-author information, add a closing quotation mark.

   If you're adding multiple co-authors, give each co-author their own line and `Co-authored-by:` commit trailer. Do not add blank lines between each co-author line.

   ```
   $ git commit -m "Refactor usability tests.
   >
   >
   Co-authored-by: NAME <NAME@EXAMPLE.COM>
   Co-authored-by: ANOTHER-NAME <ANOTHER-NAME@EXAMPLE.COM>"
   ```

The new commit and message will appear on your GitHub Enterprise Server instance the next time you push. For more information, see "[Pushing commits to a remote repository](#)."

Creating co-authored commits on GitHub Enterprise Server 🔗

After you've made changes in a file using the web editor on GitHub Enterprise Server, you can create a co-authored commit by adding a `Co-authored-by:` trailer to the commit's message.

1. Collect the name and email address for each co-author.

2. Click **Commit changes...**

3. In the "Commit message" field, type a short, meaningful commit message that describes the changes you made.

4. In the text box below your commit message, add `Co-authored-by: name <name@example.com>` with specific information for each co-author. If you're adding multiple co-authors, give each co-author their own line and `Co-authored-by:` commit trailer.

5. Click **Commit changes** or **Propose changes**.

The new commit and message will appear on your GitHub Enterprise Server instance.

Further reading 🔗

- "[Viewing contributions on your profile](#)"
- "[Why are my contributions not showing up on my profile?](#)"
- "[Viewing a project's contributors](#)"
- "[Changing a commit message](#)"
- "[Committing and reviewing changes to your project in GitHub Desktop](#)" in the GitHub Desktop documentation