Verifying your email address

In this article

Verifying your primary email address ensures strengthened security, allows GitHub staff to better assist you if you forget your password, and gives you access to more features on GitHub.

About email verification

You can verify your email address after signing up for a new account, or when you add a new email address. If an email address is undeliverable or bouncing, it will be unverified.

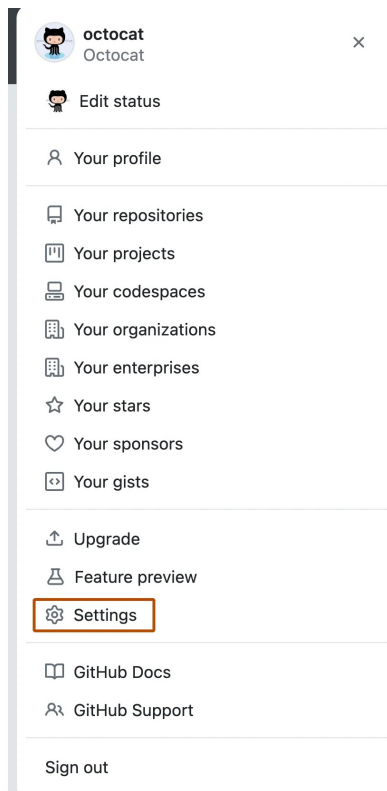If you do not verify your email address, you will not be able to:

- Create or fork repositories
- Create issues or pull requests
- Comment on issues, pull requests, or commits
- Authorize OAuth app applications
- Generate personal access tokens
- Receive email notifications
- Star repositories
- Create or update project boards, including adding cards
- Create or update gists
- Create or use GitHub Actions
- Sponsor developers with GitHub Sponsors
- Accept organization invitations

> **Warnings**:
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> - You cannot verify email addresses from disposable email address services (services that allow you to receive email at a temporary address that expires after a certain time). If you'd like to keep your email address private, you can use a GitHub-provided `noreply` email address. For more information, see "[Setting your commit email address](#)."
> - If an organization you're a member of restricts email notifications to an approved email domain, you'll need to verify an email address in that domain to receive email notifications about activity in the organization. For more information, see "[Restricting email notifications for your organization](#)."
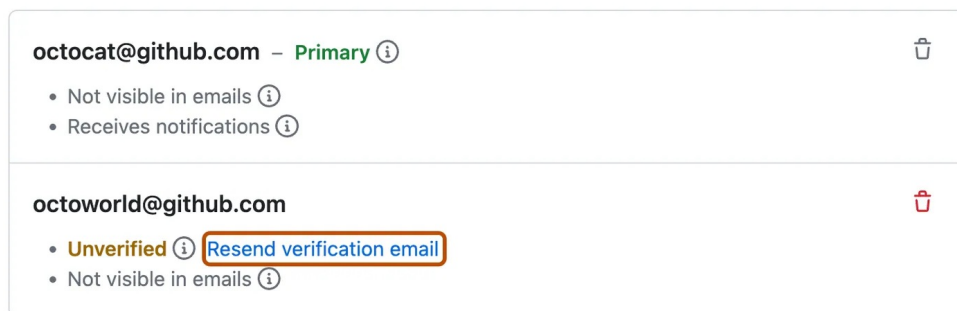
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1 In the upper-right corner of any page, click your profile photo, then click **Settings**.

2 In the "Access" section of the sidebar, click ✉ **Emails**.

3 Under your email address, click **Resend verification email**.

4 GitHub will send you an email with a link in it. After you click that link, you'll be taken to your GitHub dashboard and see a confirmation banner.

Troubleshooting email verification 🔗

Unable to send verification email 🔗

You cannot verify email addresses from disposable email address services (services that allow you to receive email at a temporary address that expires after a certain time). If you'd like to keep your email address private, you can use a GitHub-provided `noreply` email address. For more information, see "[Setting your commit email address](#)."

Error page after clicking verification link 🔗

The verification link expires after 24 hours. If you don't verify your email within 24 hours, you can request another email verification link. For more information, see "[Verifying your email address](#)."

If you click on the link in the confirmation email within 24 hours and you are directed to an error page, you should ensure that you're signed into the correct account on GitHub.com.

1. [Sign out](#) of your personal account on GitHub.com.

2. Quit and restart your browser.

3. [Sign in](#) to your personal account on GitHub.com.

4. Click on the verification link in the email we sent you.

Further reading 🔗

- "[Changing your primary email address](#)"