

# Archiving repositories

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You can archive a repository to make it read-only for all users and indicate that it's no longer actively maintained. You can also unarchive repositories that have been archived.

## About repository archival

**Note:** Customers who use GitHub Advanced Security can enable secret scanning on archived repositories. For more information, see "[About secret scanning](#)."

We recommend that you close all issues and pull requests, as well as update the README file and description, before you archive a repository.


Once a repository is archived, you cannot add or remove collaborators or teams. Contributors with access to the repository can only fork or star your project.

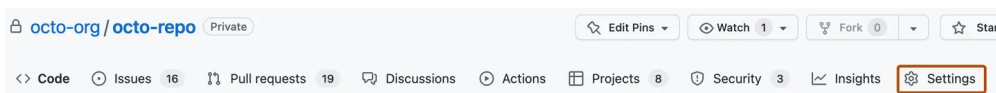
When a repository is archived, its issues, pull requests, code, labels, milestones, projects, wiki, releases, commits, tags, branches, reactions, code scanning alerts, comments and permissions become read-only. To make changes in an archived repository, you must unarchive the repository first.

You can search for archived repositories. For more information, see "[Searching for repositories](#)." You can also search for issues and pull requests within archived repositories. For more information, see "[Searching issues and pull requests](#)."

## Archiving a repository

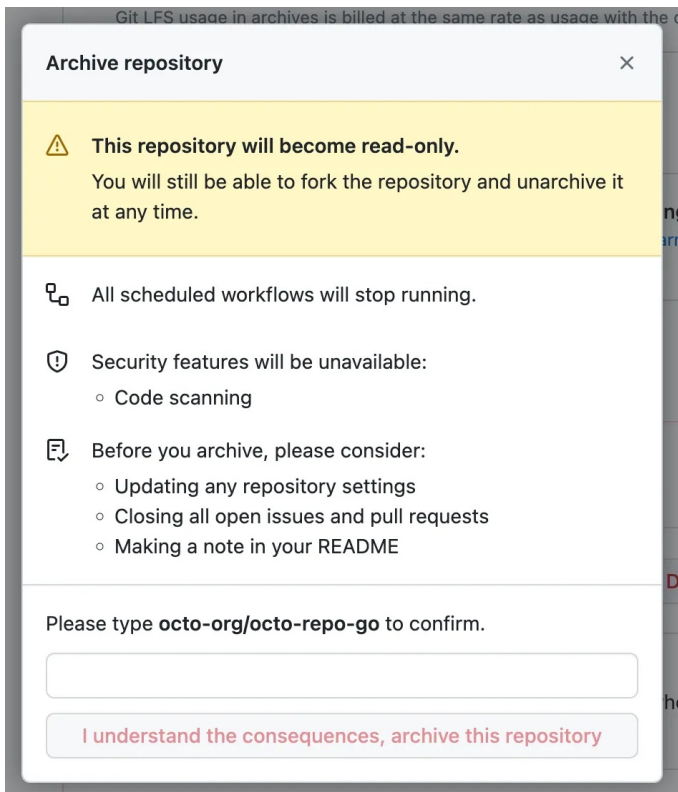
We recommend that you close all issues and pull requests, as well as update the README file and description, before you archive a repository.

- 1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository.
- 2 Under your repository name, click  **Settings**. If you cannot see the "Settings" tab, select the ... dropdown menu, then click **Settings**.



- 3 Under "Danger Zone", click **Archive this repository**

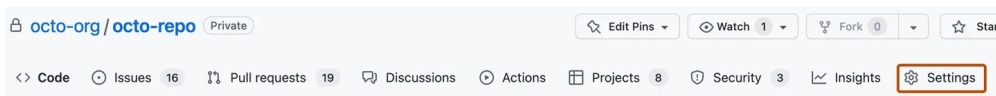
- 4 Read the warnings.
- 5 In the text field, type the name of the repository you want to archive.



- 6 Click **I understand the consequences, archive this repository**.

## Unarchiving a repository [🔗](#)

- 1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository.
- 2 Under your repository name, click ⚙️ **Settings**. If you cannot see the "Settings" tab, select the ... dropdown menu, then click **Settings**.



- 3 In the "Danger Zone" section, click **Unarchive this repository**
- 4 Read the warnings.
- 5 In the text box, type the name of the repository you want to unarchive.
- 6 Click **I understand the consequences, unarchive this repository**.

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