

The REST API is now versioned. For more information, see ["About API versioning."](#)

Followers

Use the REST API to get information about followers of authenticated users.

About follower administration [↗](#)

If a request URL does not include a `{username}` parameter then the response will be for the signed-in user (and you must pass [authentication information](#) with your request). Additional private information, such as whether a user has two-factor authentication enabled, is included when authenticated through Basic Authentication or OAuth with the `user` scope.

List followers of the authenticated user [↗](#)

Lists the people following the authenticated user.

Parameters for "List followers of the authenticated user"

Headers

accept string
Setting to `application/vnd.github+json` is recommended.

Query parameters

per_page integer
The number of results per page (max 100).
Default: `30`

page integer
Page number of the results to fetch.
Default: `1`

HTTP response status codes for "List followers of the authenticated user"

Status code	Description
200	OK
304	Not modified
401	Requires authentication

Code samples for "List followers of the authenticated user"

GET

/user/followers

cURL

JavaScript

GitHub CLI

```
curl -L \ -H "Accept: application/vnd.github+json" \ -H "Authorization: Bearer <YOUR-TOKEN>" \ -H "X-GitHub-API-Version: 2022-11-28" \ http(s)://HOSTNAME/api/v3/user/followers
```

Response

Example response

Response schema

Status: 200

```
[ { "login": "octocat", "id": 1, "node_id": "MDQ6VXNlcjE=", "avatar_url": "https://github.com/images/error/octocat_happy.gif", "gravatar_id": "", "url": "https://HOSTNAME/users/octocat", "html_url": "https://github.com/octocat", "followers_url": "https://HOSTNAME/users/octocat/followers", "following_url": "https://HOSTNAME/users/octocat/following{other_user}", "gists_url": "https://HOSTNAME/users/octocat/gists{/gist_id}", "starred_url": "https://HOSTNAME/users/octocat/starred{/owner}/{repo}", "subscriptions_url": "https://HOSTNAME/users/octocat/subscriptions", "organizations_url": "https://HOSTNAME/users/octocat/orgs", "repos_url": "https://HOSTNAME/users/octocat/repos", "events_url": "https://HOSTNAME/users/octocat/events{/privacy}",
```

List the people the authenticated user follows

Lists the people who the authenticated user follows.

Parameters for "List the people the authenticated user follows"

Headers

accept string

Setting to `application/vnd.github+json` is recommended.

Query parameters

per_page integer

The number of results per page (max 100).

Default: `30`

page integer

Page number of the results to fetch.

Default: `1`

HTTP response status codes for "List the people the authenticated user follows"

Status code	Description
200	OK
304	Not modified
401	Requires authentication
403	Forbidden

Code samples for "List the people the authenticated user follows"

GET

/user/following

cURL

JavaScript

GitHub CLI

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Response

Example response

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```

Check if a person is followed by the authenticated user

Parameters for "Check if a person is followed by the authenticated user"

accept

string

Setting to `application/vnd.github+json` is recommended.

username

string

Required

The handle for the GitHub user account.

HTTP response status codes for "Check if a person is followed by the authenticated user"

Status code	Description
204	if the person is followed by the authenticated user
304	Not modified
401	Requires authentication
403	Forbidden
404	if the person is not followed by the authenticated user

Code samples for "Check if a person is followed by the authenticated user"

GET /user/following/{username}

cURL

JavaScript

GitHub CLI

```
curl -L \ -H "Accept: application/vnd.github+json" \ -H "Authorization: Bearer <YOUR-TOKEN>" \ -H "X-GitHub-API-Version: 2022-11-28" \ http(s)://HOSTNAME/api/v3/user/following/USERNAME
```

if the person is followed by the authenticated user

Status: 204

Follow a user

Note that you'll need to set Content-Length to zero when calling out to this endpoint. For more information, see "HTTP verbs."

Following a user requires the user to be logged in and authenticated with basic auth or OAuth with the user:follow scope.

Parameters for "Follow a user"

Headers

accept string

Setting to application/vnd.github+json is recommended.

Path parameters

username string Required

The handle for the GitHub user account.

HTTP response status codes for "Follow a user"

Status code	Description
204	No Content
304	Not modified
401	Requires authentication
403	Forbidden
404	Resource not found

Code samples for "Follow a user"

PUT

/user/following/{username}

cURL

JavaScript

GitHub CLI

```
curl -L \ -X PUT \ -H "Accept: application/vnd.github+json" \ -H "Authorization: Bearer <YOUR-TOKEN>" \ -H "X-GitHub-API-Version: 2022-11-28" \ http(s)://HOSTNAME/api/v3/user/following/USERNAME
```

Response

Status: 204

Unfollow a user [↗](#)

Unfollowing a user requires the user to be logged in and authenticated with basic auth or OAuth with the `user:follow` scope.

Parameters for "Unfollow a user"

Headers

`accept` string
Setting to `application/vnd.github+json` is recommended.

Path parameters

`username` string **Required**
The handle for the GitHub user account.

HTTP response status codes for "Unfollow a user"

Status code	Description
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204	No Content
304	Not modified
401	Requires authentication
403	Forbidden
404	Resource not found

Code samples for "Unfollow a user"

DELETE /user/following/{username}

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```
curl -L \ -X DELETE \ -H "Accept: application/vnd.github+json" \ -H "Authorization: Bearer <YOUR-TOKEN>" \ -H "X-GitHub-API-Version: 2022-11-28" \ http(s)://HOSTNAME/api/v3/user/following/USERNAME
```

Response

Status: 204

List followers of a user

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Lists the people following the specified user.

Parameters for "List followers of a user"

Headers

accept string

Setting to `application/vnd.github+json` is recommended.

Path parameters

username string **Required**

The handle for the GitHub user account.

Query parameters

per_page integer

The number of results per page (max 100).

Default: 30

page integer

Page number of the results to fetch.

Default: 1

HTTP response status codes for "List followers of a user"

Status code	Description
200	OK

Code samples for "List followers of a user"

GET /users/{username}/followers

cURL

JavaScript

GitHub CLI

```
curl -L \ -H "Accept: application/vnd.github+json" \ -H "Authorization: Bearer <YOUR-TOKEN>" \ -H "X-GitHub-API-Version: 2022-11-28" \ http(s)://HOSTNAME/api/v3/users/USERNAME/followers
```

Response

Example response

Response schema

Status: 200

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List the people a user follows

Works with [GitHub Apps](#)

Lists the people who the specified user follows.

Parameters for "List the people a user follows"

Headers

accept string

Setting to application/vnd.github+json is recommended.

Path parameters

username string Required

The handle for the GitHub user account.

Query parameters

per_page integer

The number of results per page (max 100).

Default: 30

page integer

Page number of the results to fetch.

Default: 1

HTTP response status codes for "List the people a user follows"

Status codeDescription

200OK

Code samples for "List the people a user follows"

GET /users/{username}/following

cURLJavaScriptGitHub CLI

curl -L \ -H "Accept: application/vnd.github+json" \ -H "Authorization: Bearer <YOUR-TOKEN>" \ -H "X-GitHub-API-Version: 2022-11-28" \ http(s)://HOSTNAME/api/v3/users/USERNAME/following

Response

Example response

Response schema

Status: 200

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Check if a user follows another user

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Parameters for "Check if a user follows another user"

Headers

accept string

Setting to `application/vnd.github+json` is recommended.

Path parameters

username string **Required**

The handle for the GitHub user account.

target_user string **Required**

HTTP response status codes for "Check if a user follows another user"

Status code	Description
204	if the user follows the target user
404	if the user does not follow the target user

Code samples for "Check if a user follows another user"

GET /users/{username}/following/{target_user}

cURL

JavaScript

GitHub CLI

```
curl -L \ -H "Accept: application/vnd.github+json" \ -H "Authorization: Bearer <YOUR-TOKEN>" \ -H "X-GitHub-API-Version: 2022-11-28" \ http(s)://HOSTNAME/api/v3/users/USERNAME/following/TARGET_USER
```

if the user follows the target user

Status: 204

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