

Managing discussions

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You can categorize, spotlight, transfer, or delete the discussions.

Who can use this feature

Repository administrators and people with write or greater access to a repository can manage discussions in the repository. Repository administrators and people with write or greater access to the source repository for organization discussions can manage discussions in the organization.

About management of discussions

GitHub Discussions is an open forum for conversation among maintainers and the community for a repository or organization on GitHub Enterprise Server. For more information about discussions, see "[About discussions](#)."

Organization owners can choose the permissions required to create a discussion in repositories owned by the organization. Similarly, to choose the permissions required to create an organization discussion, organization owners can change the permissions required in the source repository. For more information, see "[Managing discussion creation for repositories in your organization](#)."

As a discussions maintainer, you can create community resources to encourage discussions that are aligned with the overall project goal and maintain a friendly open forum for collaborators. Creating contribution guidelines for collaborators to follow will help facilitate a collaborative and productive forum. For more information on creating community resources, see "[Setting guidelines for repository contributors](#)."

When a discussion yields an idea or bug that is ready to be worked on, you can create a new issue from a discussion. For more information, see "[Creating an issue](#)."

You can pin a discussion to the top of the list of discussions for the repository or organization. You can also pin a discussion to a specific category. For more information, see "[Managing discussions](#)."

For more information on facilitating a healthy discussion, see "[Moderating comments and conversations](#)."

To organize discussions more granularly, you can apply labels. For example, you can use

labels to indicate the status of a discussion to make triaging more efficient. Each repository has one shared set of labels for issues, pull requests, and discussions. For more information, see "[Managing labels](#)."

Prerequisites [↗](#)


To manage discussions in a repository, GitHub Discussions must be enabled for the repository. For more information, see "[Enabling or disabling GitHub Discussions for a repository](#)."

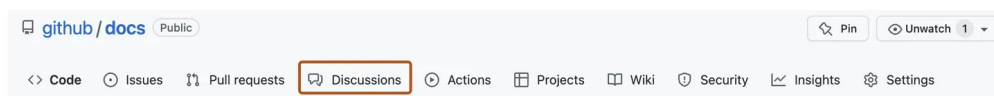
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Changing the category for a discussion [↗](#)

You can categorize discussions to help community members find related discussions. For more information, see "[Managing categories for discussions](#)."

You can also move a discussion to a different category. It's not possible to move a discussion to or from the polls category.

- 1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository.
- 2 Under your repository or organization name, click  **Discussions**.

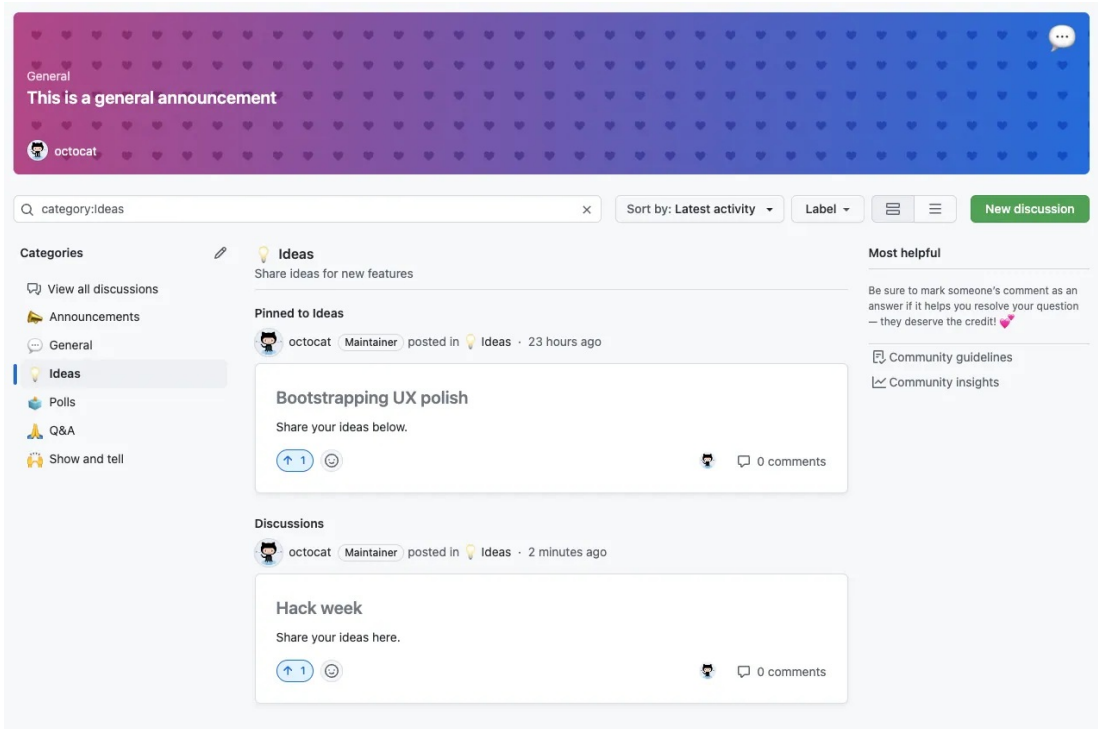


- 3 In the list of discussions, click the discussion you want to view.
- 4 In the right sidebar, to the right of "Category", click .
- 5 Click a category.

Pinning a discussion [↗](#)


You can pin a discussion above the list of discussions for the repository or organization. You can also pin a discussion to a specific category. The globally pinned discussions will be shown in addition to the discussions pinned to a specific category.

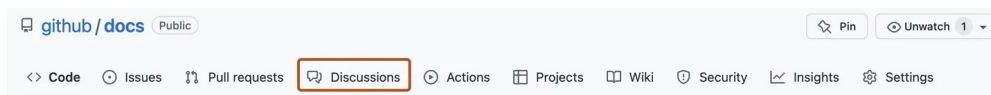
This is what it looks like when you have a globally pinned discussion and a discussion pinned to the Ideas category.




Pinning a discussion globally [🔗](#)

You can pin up to four important discussions above the list of discussions for the repository or organization.

- 1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization.
- 2 Under your repository or organization name, click  **Discussions**.



- 3 In the list of discussions, click the discussion you want to view.
- 4 In the right sidebar, click  **Pin discussion**.

Notifications

 **Subscribe**


You're not receiving notifications from this thread.

 **Lock conversation**

 **Transfer this discussion**

 **Pin discussion**

 **Pin discussion to Ideas**

 **Create issue from discussion**

 **Delete discussion**


5 Optionally, customize the look of the pinned discussion.

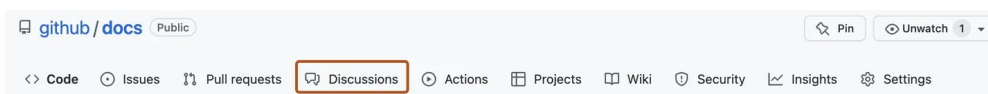
6 Click **Pin discussion**.

Pinning a discussion to a category

You can pin up to four important discussions above the list of discussions in a specific category.

1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization.


2 Under your repository or organization name, click  **Discussions**.



3 In the list of discussions, click the discussion you want to view.

4 In the right sidebar, click  **Pin discussion to CATEGORY**.

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 Unsubscribe


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 Lock conversation

 Transfer this discussion

 Pin discussion

 Pin discussion to Q&A


 Create issue from discussion

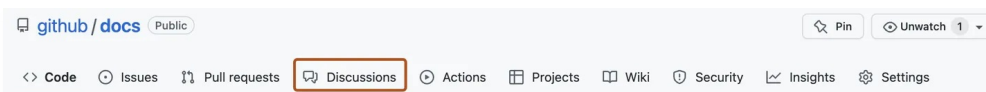
 Delete discussion


- 5 To confirm, click **Pin to CATEGORY**.

Editing a pinned discussion


Editing a pinned discussion will not change the discussion's category. For more information, see "[Managing categories for discussions](#)."

- 1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization.
- 2 Under your repository or organization name, click  **Discussions**.










- 3 In the list of discussions, click the discussion you want to view.
- 4 In the right sidebar, click  **Edit pinned discussion**.

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-  Lock conversation
-  Transfer this discussion
-  Edit pinned discussion
-  Unpin discussion
-  Pin discussion to Q&A
-  Create issue from discussion
-  Delete discussion

5 Customize the look of the pinned discussion.

6 Click **Pin discussion**.


Unpinning a discussion [↗](#)

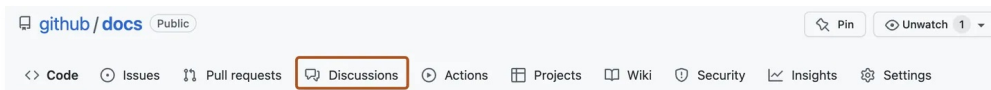
You can unpin a discussion from the list of discussions for the repository or organization, or from the list of discussions in a specific category.

Unpinning a globally pinned discussion [↗](#)

You can unpin a globally pinned discussion. This will not delete the discussion, but the discussion will no longer be displayed above the list of discussions.

1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization.

2 Under your repository or organization name, click  **Discussions**.



3 In the list of discussions, click the discussion you want to view.

4 In the right sidebar, click  **Unpin discussion**.

Notifications

 **Subscribe**

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→ **Transfer this discussion**

 **Edit pinned discussion**

 **Unpin discussion**

 **Pin discussion to Announcements**


 **Create issue from discussion**

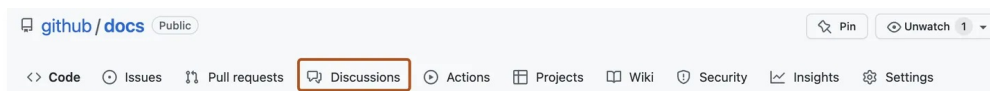
 **Delete discussion**


- 5 Read the warning, then click **Unpin discussion**.

Unpinning a discussion from a category


You can unpin a discussion pinned to a specific category. This will not delete the discussion, but the discussion will no longer be displayed at the top of the category.

- 1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization.
- 2 Under your repository or organization name, click  **Discussions**.




- 3 In the list of discussions, click the discussion you want to view.
- 4 In the right sidebar, click  **Unpin discussion from this category**.

Notifications

 Unsubscribe

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 Lock conversation

 Transfer this discussion

 Pin discussion

 Unpin discussion from this category


 Create issue from discussion

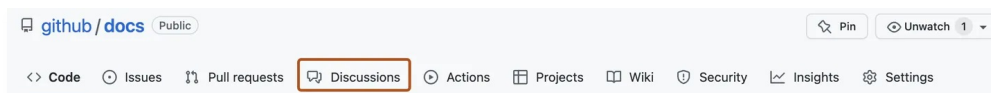
 Delete discussion


- 5 Read the warning, then click **Unpin from this category**.

Transferring a discussion


To transfer a discussion, you must have permissions to create discussions in the repository where you want to transfer the discussion. If you want to transfer a discussion to an organization, you must have permissions to create discussions in the source repository for the organization's discussions. You can only transfer discussions between repositories owned by the same user or organization account. You can't transfer a discussion from a private or internal repository to a public repository.

- 1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization.
- 2 Under your repository or organization name, click  **Discussions**.









- 3 In the list of discussions, click the discussion you want to view.
- 4 In the right sidebar, click  **Transfer this discussion**.

Notifications

 **Unsubscribe**


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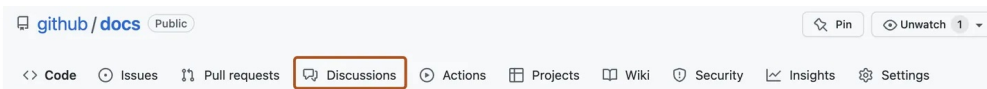
-  **Lock conversation**
-  **Transfer this discussion**
-  **Pin discussion**
-  **Pin discussion to Q&A**
-  **Create issue from discussion**
-  **Delete discussion**


- 5 Select the repository you want to transfer the discussion to. You can also search for repositories. If you want to transfer a discussion to an organization, choose the source repository for the organization's discussions.

- 6 Click **Transfer discussion**.


Deleting a discussion

- 1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization.
- 2 Under your repository or organization name, click  **Discussions**.









- 3 In the list of discussions, click the discussion you want to view.
- 4 In the right sidebar, click  **Delete discussion**.

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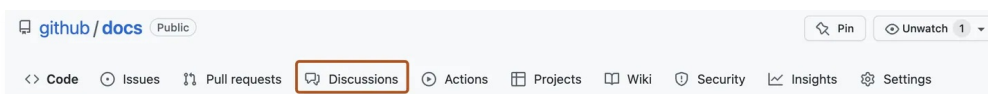
-  Lock conversation
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-  Pin discussion
-  Pin discussion to Q&A
-  Create issue from discussion
-  Delete discussion

- 5 Read the warning, then click **Delete this discussion**.

Closing a discussion [↗](#)

You can close a discussion when the discussion has been resolved, is no longer relevant, or is a duplicate.

- 1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization.
- 2 Under your repository or organization name, click  **Discussions**.



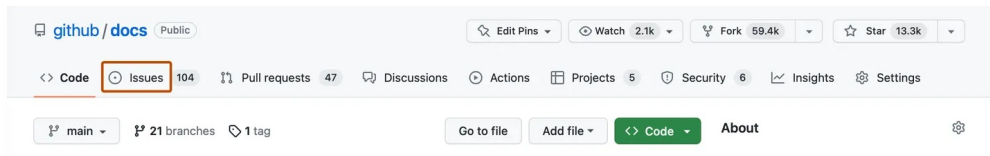
- 3 In the list of discussions, click the discussion you want to view.
- 4 At the bottom of the discussion, below the comment box, click **Close discussion**.
- 5 Optionally, to change the reason for closing the discussion, select the ▼ dropdown next to "Close discussion" and click a reason.

Converting issues based on labels [↗](#)

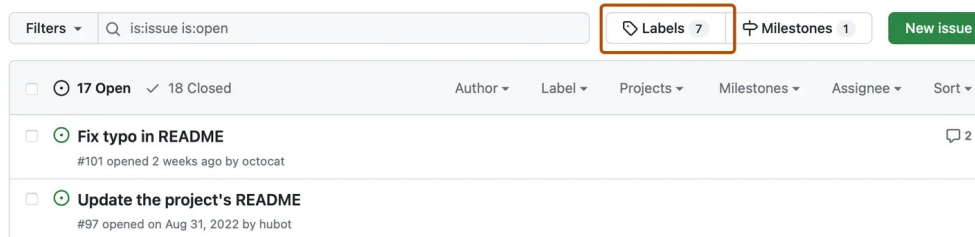
You can convert all issues with the same label to discussions in bulk. Future issues with this label will also automatically convert to the discussion and category you configure.

- 1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or, for organization discussions, the source repository.

- 2 Under your repository name, click **Issues**.



- 3 Above the list of issues or pull requests, click **Labels**.



- 4 Next to the label you want to convert to issues, click **Convert issues**.
- 5 Select the **Choose a category** drop-down menu, and click a category for your discussion.
- 6 Click **I understand, convert this issue to a discussion**.

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