
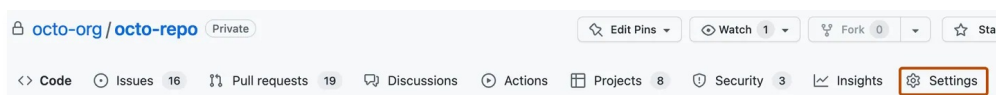


# Managing the automatic deletion of branches

You can have head branches automatically deleted after pull requests are merged in your repository.

Anyone with admin permissions to a repository can enable or disable the automatic deletion of branches. Branch protection rules and repository rules can also prevent branches being automatically deleted. For more information, see "[About protected branches](#)."

- 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 On the "General" settings page, you can find a section called "Pull Requests". Under "Pull Requests", select or unselect **Automatically delete head branches**.

## Further reading

- "[Merging a pull request](#)"
- "[Creating and deleting branches within your repository](#)"

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