

# Backing up a repository

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You can use the API or a third-party tool to back up your repository.

To download an archive of your repository, you can use the API for user or organization migrations. For more information, see "[Migrations](#)."

Once you have downloaded your archive, you can copy it to an external hard drive and/or upload it to a cloud-based backup or storage service such as [Azure Blob Storage](#), [Google Drive](#) or [Dropbox](#).

## Third-party backup tools

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A number of self-service tools exist that automate backups of repositories. Unlike archival projects, which archive *all* public repositories on GitHub Enterprise Cloud that have not opted out and make the data accessible to anyone, backup tools will download data from *specific* repositories and organize it within a new branch or directory. For more information about archival projects, see "[About archiving content and data on GitHub](#)." For more information about self-service backup tools, see the [Backup Utilities category on GitHub Marketplace](#).

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