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Authentication documentation

Keep your account and data secure with features like two-factor authentication, SSH, and commit signature verification.

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Generating a new SSH key and adding it to the ssh-agent

After you've checked for existing SSH keys, you can generate a new SSH key to use for authentication, then add it to the ssh-agent.

Managing your personal access tokens

You can use a personal access token in place of a password when authenticating to GitHub in the command line or with the API.

Configuring two-factor authentication

You can choose among multiple options to add a second source of authentication to your account.

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If you lose access to your two-factor authentication credentials, you can use your recovery codes, or another recovery option, to regain access to your account.

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Error: Permission denied (publickey)

A "Permission denied" error means that the server rejected your connection. There could be several reasons why, and the most common examples are explained below.

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Creating a strong password

Secure your account on your GitHub Enterprise Server instance with a strong and unique password using a password manager.

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