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# Removing a high availability replica

## In this article

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- Removing replication permanently

You can stop replication to a GitHub Enterprise Server replica temporarily, or permanently remove replication.

## Stopping replication temporarily

- 1 If necessary, stop a geo-replication replica from serving user traffic by removing the Geo DNS entries for the replica.
- 2 On the replica where you wish to temporarily stop replication, run `ghe-repl-stop`.

```
$ ghe-repl-stop
```

- 3 To start replication again, run `ghe-repl-start`.

```
$ ghe-repl-start
```

## Removing replication permanently

- 1 If necessary, stop a geo-replication replica from serving user traffic by removing the Geo DNS entries for the replica.
- 2 On the replica you wish to remove replication from, run `ghe-repl-stop`.

```
$ ghe-repl-stop
```

- 3 On the replica, to tear down the replication state, run `ghe-repl-teardown`.

```
$ ghe-repl-teardown
```

**Note:** If you have GitHub Actions enabled, you should decommission the former replica server or update its GitHub Actions configuration to use different external storage. For more information, see "[High availability for GitHub Actions](#)."

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