

Finding files on GitHub

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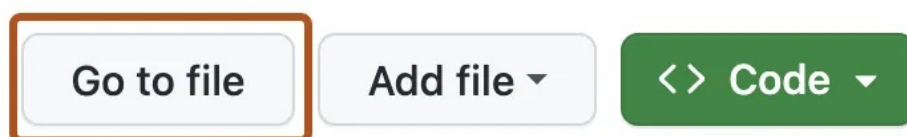
You can search for a file in a repository using the file finder. To search for a file in multiple repositories on GitHub Enterprise Server, use the [filename code search qualifier](#).

Tips:

- By default, file finder results exclude some directories like `build`, `log`, `tmp`, and `vendor`. To search for files in these directories, use the [filename code search qualifier](#). Alternatively, you can customize which directories are excluded by default [using a .gitattributes file](#).
- You can also open the file finder by pressing `t` on your keyboard. For more information, see "[Keyboard shortcuts](#)."

Using the file finder

- On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository.
- Above the list of files, click **Go to file**.



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- In the search field, type the name of the file you'd like to find.

octo-repo / **readme**>  README.md

- 4 In the list of results, click the file you wanted to find.

Customizing excluded files [↗](#)

By default, file finder results do not include files in the following directories if they exist at your repository root:

- `.git`
- `.hg`
- `.sass-cache`
- `.svn`
- `build`
- `dot_git`
- `log`
- `tmp`
- `vendor`

You can override these default exclusions using a `.gitattributes` file.

To do this, create or update a file called `.gitattributes` in your repository root, setting the [linguist-generated](#) attribute to `false` for each directory that should be included in file finder results.

For example, the following `.gitattributes` file would cause files in the `build/` directory to be available to the file finder:

```
build/** linguist-generated=false
```

Note that this override requires the use of the recursive glob pattern (`**`). For more information, see "[pattern format](#)" in the Git documentation. More complex overrides of subdirectories within excluded-by-default directories are not supported.

Further reading [↗](#)

- "[About searching on GitHub](#)"
- "[Customizing how changed files appear on GitHub](#)"
- [.gitattributes](#) in the Git documentation

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