

# Procedural content type

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Procedural content gives context on how a task fits into someone's larger goal.

Articles in the "Contributing to GitHub Docs" section refer to the documentation itself and are a resource for GitHub staff and open source contributors.

Procedural content helps people complete a task from start to finish while they are using GitHub.

We create procedural articles and procedural sections within larger articles.

## How to write procedural articles

For the procedural content template, see "[Templates](#)."

- Follow the style guidelines for procedural steps in "[Style guide](#)".
- Procedural content can get repetitive--look for opportunities to group related content into a single longer article.
  - Group multiple related procedures into a single article unless there's a reason not to.
  - If disabling a setting or undoing a task requires the same steps and has no special implications, do not write a separate procedure.
  - If disabling a setting or undoing a task requires different steps or has important or special implications, create a longer article to contain both procedures. Use an agnostic title.
- Tell readers the expected outcome of the procedure.
- Include troubleshooting tips as frequently as possible.

## Titles for procedural content

- Procedural articles or procedural sections within articles are task-based and begin with a gerund.
  - Use: "Applying for a student developer pack"
- Use active and specific verbs (brainstorm or use a thesaurus when needed).
- Titles specifically describe the task contained within the article or header, but are general enough to reflect all of the content.
- Article title length: maximum 80 characters, 60 if possible.

# Examples of procedural content

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- [Adding information to your receipts](#)
- [Inviting people to manage your enterprise](#)
- [Using starter workflows](#)

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