

Enforcing repository management policies in your enterprise

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You can enforce policies for repository management within your enterprise's organizations, or allow policies to be set in each organization.

Who can use this feature



Enterprise owners can enforce policies for repository management in an enterprise.


About policies for repository management in your enterprise

You can enforce policies to control how members of your enterprise on GitHub Enterprise Cloud manage repositories. You can also allow organization owners to manage policies for repository management. For more information, see "[Creating and managing repositories](#)" and "[Organizations and teams documentation](#)."

Enforcing a policy for base repository permissions

Across all organizations owned by your enterprise, you can set a base repository permission level (none, read, write, or admin) for organization members, or allow owners to administer the setting on the organization level.

- 1 In the top-right corner of GitHub.com, click your profile photo, then click **Your enterprises**.
- 2 In the list of enterprises, click the enterprise you want to view.
- 3 In the enterprise account sidebar, click  **Policies**.
- 4 Under " Policies", click **Repositories**.
- 5 Under "Base permissions", review the information about changing the setting. Optionally, to view the current configuration for all organizations in the enterprise

account before you change the setting, click  **View your organizations' current configurations**.

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- 6 Under "Base permissions", select the dropdown menu and click a policy.

Enforcing a policy for repository creation




Across all organizations owned by your enterprise, you can allow members to create repositories, restrict repository creation to organization owners, or allow owners to administer the setting on the organization level.

If you allow members to create repositories in your organizations, you can choose which types of repositories (public, private, and internal) that members can create.

If your enterprise uses Enterprise Managed Users, you can also prevent users from creating repositories owned by their user accounts. If you allow users to create repositories owned by their user accounts, you can view and temporarily access those repositories at any time. For more information, see "[Viewing user-owned repositories in your enterprise](#)" and "[Accessing user-owned repositories in your enterprise](#)."

Internal repositories are the default setting for all new repositories created in an organization owned by an enterprise account. For more information about internal repositories, see "[Creating a new repository](#)."

Organization owners can always create any type of repository, and outside collaborators can never create any type of repository. For more information, see "[About repositories](#)."

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- 3 In the enterprise account sidebar, click  **Policies**.
- 4 Under " Policies", click **Repositories**.
- 5 Under "Repository creation", review the information about changing the setting. Optionally, to view the current configuration for all organizations in the enterprise account before you change the setting, click  **View your organizations' current configurations**.

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- 6 Under "Repository creation", select a policy.
- 7 If you selected **Members can create repositories**, select one or more repository

types.




- 8 Optionally, if your enterprise uses Enterprise Managed Users and you want to prevent enterprise members from creating repositories owned by their user accounts, select **Block the creation of user namespace repositories**.

Enforcing a policy for forking private or internal repositories

Across all organizations owned by your enterprise, you can allow people with access to a private or internal repository to fork the repository, never allow forking of private or internal repositories, or allow owners to administer the setting on the organization level.

People with admin permissions can set a more granular forking policy. For more information, see "[Managing the forking policy for your organization](#)."

Note: If your enterprise uses Enterprise Managed Users and your "Repository creation" policy prevents enterprise members from creating repositories owned by their user accounts, members will not be allowed to fork a repository in their user accounts, regardless of your "Repository forking" policy.

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- 2 In the list of enterprises, click the enterprise you want to view.
- 3 In the enterprise account sidebar, click  **Policies**.
- 4 Under " Policies", click **Repositories**.
- 5 Under "Repository forking", review the information about changing the setting. Optionally, to view the current configuration for all organizations in the enterprise account before you change the setting, click  **View your organizations' current configurations**.

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- 6 Under "Repository forking", select the dropdown menu and click a policy.
- 7 If forking is enabled, select a policy for where users are allowed to fork repositories.

Enforcing a policy for inviting outside collaborators to repositories

Across all organizations owned by your enterprise, you can allow members to invite outside collaborators to repositories, restrict outside collaborator invitations to organization owners, restrict outside collaborator invitations to enterprise owners, or allow organization owners to administer the setting on the organization level.

- 1 In the top-right corner of GitHub.com, click your profile photo, then click **Your**

enterprises.

- 2 In the list of enterprises, click the enterprise you want to view.
- 3 In the enterprise account sidebar, click  **Policies**.
- 4 Under " Policies", click **Repositories**.
- 5 Under "Repository outside collaborators", review the information about changing the setting. Optionally, to view the current configuration for all organizations in the enterprise account before you change the setting, click  **View your organizations' current configurations**.



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- 6 Under "Repository outside collaborators", select the dropdown menu and click a policy.

Enforcing a policy for the default branch name




Across all organizations owned by your enterprise, you can set the default branch name for any new repositories that members create. You can choose to enforce that default branch name across all organizations or allow individual organizations to set a different one.

- 1 In the top-right corner of GitHub.com, click your profile photo, then click **Your enterprises**.
- 2 In the list of enterprises, click the enterprise you want to view.
- 3 In the enterprise account sidebar, click  **Policies**.
- 4 Under " Policies", click **Repositories**.
- 5 Under "Default branch name", enter the default branch name that new repositories should use.
- 6 Optionally, to enforce the default branch name for all organizations in the enterprise, select **Enforce across this enterprise**.
- 7 Click **Update**.

Enforcing a policy for changes to repository visibility

Across all organizations owned by your enterprise, you can allow members with admin access to change a repository's visibility, restrict repository visibility changes to organization owners, or allow owners to administer the setting on the organization level. When you prevent members from changing repository visibility, only enterprise owners can change the visibility of a repository.

If an enterprise owner has restricted repository creation to organization owners only, then members will not be able to change repository visibility. If an enterprise owner has restricted member repository creation to private repositories only, then members will only be able to change the visibility of a repository to private. For more information, see "[Enforcing a policy for repository creation](#)."

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- 2 In the list of enterprises, click the enterprise you want to view.
- 3 In the enterprise account sidebar, click  **Policies**.
- 4 Under " Policies", click **Repositories**.
- 5 Under "Repository visibility change", review the information about changing the setting. Optionally, to view the current configuration for all organizations in the enterprise account before you change the setting, click  **View your organizations' current configurations**.




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- 6 Under "Repository visibility change", select the dropdown menu and click a policy.

Enforcing a policy for repository deletion and transfer

Across all organizations owned by your enterprise, you can allow members with admin permissions to delete or transfer a repository, restrict repository deletion and transfers to organization owners, or allow owners to administer the setting on the organization level.

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- 2 In the list of enterprises, click the enterprise you want to view.
- 3 In the enterprise account sidebar, click  **Policies**.
- 4 Under " Policies", click **Repositories**.
- 5 Under "Repository deletion and transfer", review the information about changing the setting. Optionally, to view the current configuration for all organizations in the enterprise account before you change the setting, click  **View your organizations' current configurations**.



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- 6 Under "Repository deletion and transfer", select the dropdown menu and click a policy.

Enforcing a policy for deleting issues

Across all organizations owned by your enterprise, you can allow members with admin access to delete issues in a repository, restrict issue deletion to organization owners, or allow owners to administer the setting on the organization level.

- 1 In the top-right corner of GitHub.com, click your profile photo, then click **Your enterprises**.
- 2 In the list of enterprises, click the enterprise you want to view.
- 3 In the enterprise account sidebar, click  **Policies**.
- 4 On the **Repository policies** tab, under "Repository issue deletion", review the information about changing the setting. Optionally, to view the current configuration for all organizations in the enterprise account before you change the setting, click  **View your organizations' current configurations**.

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- 5 Under "Repository issue deletion", select the dropdown menu and click a policy.

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