

# Syntax for discussion category forms

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You can use YAML syntax to define the fields in your discussion category forms.

## About YAML syntax for discussion category forms

You can create custom discussion category forms by adding a YAML form definition file to the `/.github/DISCUSSION_TEMPLATE/` folder in your repository. If you're new to YAML and want to learn more, see "[Learn YAML in Y minutes](#)."

The name must correspond with the slug for one of your discussion categories. For example, the template for the "Announcements" category should be

```
.github/DISCUSSION_TEMPLATE/announcements.yml
```

For each field, you can define the input type, validation, and a default label.

When a community member fills out a discussion form, their responses for each input are converted to markdown and added to the body of a discussion. Community members can edit their discussions that were created with a discussion form and other people can interact with the discussion like a discussion created through other methods.

This example YAML configuration file defines a general discussion category form.

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```
title: "[General] "
labels: ["General Introduction"]
body:
  - type: markdown
    attributes:
      value: |
        This is text that will show up in the template!
  - type: textarea
    id: improvements
    attributes:
      label: Top 3 improvements
      description: "What are the top 3 improvements we could make to this
project?"
      value: |
        1.
        2.
        3.
        ...
    render: bash
  validations:
    required: true
  - type: markdown
    attributes:
      value: |
```

```

    ## Markdown header
    And some more markdown
- type: input
  id: has-id
  attributes:
    label: Suggestions
    description: A description about suggestions to help you
  validations:
    required: true
- type: dropdown
  id: download
  attributes:
    label: Which area of this project could be most improved?
    options:
      - Documentation
      - Pull request review time
      - Bug fix time
      - Release cadence
  validations:
    required: true
- type: checkboxes
  attributes:
    label: Check that box!
    options:
      - label: This one!
        required: true
      - label: I won't stop you if you check this one, too
- type: markdown
  attributes:
    value: |
      ### The thrilling conclusion
      _to our template_

```

## Top-level syntax [↗](#)

The configuration file for a discussion category form must contain a `body` key, and the `body` must contain at least 1 non-Markdown field.

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```

body:
- type: input
  id: suggestion
  attributes:
    label: Suggestion
    description: "How might we make this project better?"
    placeholder: "Adding a CODE_OF_CONDUCT.md file would be a great idea."
  validations:
    required: true

```

You can set the following top-level keys for each issue form.

Key	Description	Required	Type
<code>body</code>	Definition of the input types in the discussion form.	Required	Array
<code>labels</code>	Labels that will automatically be added to discussions created with this template.	Optional	Array or comma-delimited string

title

A default title that will  
be pre-populated in  
the discussion  
submission form.

Optional

String

To add fields to your form, include an array of form elements in the `body` key. For a list of available elements and their syntaxes, see "[Syntax for GitHub's form schema](#)."

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