


# Placing a legal hold on a user or organization

You can place a legal hold on a user or organization to ensure that repositories they own cannot be permanently removed from your enterprise.

Usually, if someone deletes a repository, it will be available on disk for 90 days and can be restored via the site admin dashboard. After 90 days the repository is purged and deleted forever. If you place a legal hold on a user or organization, repositories they own are available for restore indefinitely.

- 1 Sign in to your GitHub Enterprise Server instance at `http(s)://HOSTNAME/login`.
- 2 From an administrative account on GitHub Enterprise Server, in the upper-right corner of any page, click .
- 3 If you're not already on the "Site admin" page, in the upper-left corner, click **Site admin**.
- 4 Under "Search users, organizations, teams, repositories, gists, and applications", type the name of the user or organization in the text field. Then to the right of the field, click **Search**.

Search users, organizations, teams, repositories, gists, and applications

Users are found by login, email, SSH key SHA256 fingerprint, GPG key, or database ID.

Organizations are found by login, email, or database ID.

Teams are found by organization/team, GraphQL object ID, or database ID.

Repositories are found by name, "username/repository", deploy key SHA256 fingerprint, or database ID.

Gists are found by name or "username/repository".

OAuth applications are found by name, client ID or application ID.

GitHub Apps are found by name or integration ID.

GitHub App installation are found by installation ID.

Webhooks are found by hook ID.

Search

- 5 In the search results, click the name of the user or organization.

user

Search

Search results – Accounts

Fuzzy matches

 user2

 user1

6 In the upper-right corner of the page, click ⚙️ **Admin**.



7 Under "Legal hold", click **Place legal hold**.

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