

# Configuring redirects

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If an article's title, version, or location changes, you can create a redirect to the current content.

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

## About redirects

If a change is made to an article that affects people's ability to find it, we create a redirect from any outdated versions to the current content. We might need to do this if an article's title is changed, a new version is added, or the location of the file is changed.

Redirects can be configured locally or externally.

## Configuring local redirects

Within the GitHub Docs, you can redirect from one file to another or from one version to another.

## Redirects across files

If you change the name of an article and want its old URL to redirect to its new URL, use the `redirect_from` frontmatter with the path to the article's old name.

In the following example, the article "All about commits" was renamed to "Creating your first commit." The `redirect_from` frontmatter redirects anyone who navigates to the old article URL to the new article URL.

```
title: Creating your first commit
redirect_from:
  - /content/get-started/all-about-commits
```

See [redirect\\_from](#) in the GitHub Docs README file for more details.

## Automatic redirects for URLs that do not include a version

If a URL for a page is entered without a version ( `https://docs.github.com/ARTICLE` instead of `https://docs.github.com/VERSION/ARTICLE` ), the site will automatically redirect it to the first available version of the page.

The order of precedence is specified in [lib/all-versions.js](#). The current order of precedence is:

- 1 GitHub Free, GitHub Pro, or GitHub Team ( `fpt` )
- 2 GitHub Enterprise Cloud ( `ghec` )
- 3 GitHub Enterprise Server ( `ghes` )
- 4 GitHub AE ( `ghae` )

If a page titled `ARTICLE` is only available in GitHub Enterprise Cloud and GitHub Enterprise Server, the link `https://docs.github.com/ARTICLE` will automatically redirect to `https://docs.github.com/enterprise-cloud@latest/ARTICLE` because GitHub Enterprise Cloud has precedence over GitHub Enterprise Server.

If `ARTICLE` is available in Free, Pro, or Team, no redirect will occur because `fpt` pages do not have a version segment, so the `fpt` content at `https://docs.github.com/ARTICLE` will render.

## Redirects across versions

If you want the URL for one version of an article to redirect to a URL for another version, you must update the [redirect-exceptions.txt](#) file in the `src/redirects` directory.

For example, if you remove the Free, Pro, or Team ( `fpt` ) version of an article, the URL will automatically redirect to the next available version of the page. If you want it to redirect to a version that is lower in the order of precedence, or to a different page entirely, you must specify an exception.

Each entry in the `redirect-exceptions` file should start with the path you want to redirect *to*, including the version, followed by an unordered list of the paths you want to redirect *from*. In the following example, the paths in the unordered list will redirect to the GitHub Enterprise Cloud version of "[Exporting member information for your organization](#)."

```
/enterprise-cloud@latest/organizations/managing-membership-in-your-organization/exporting-member-information-for-your-organization
- /enterprise-server@3.3/organizations/managing-membership-in-your-organization/exporting-member-information-for-your-organization
- /enterprise-server@3.4/organizations/managing-membership-in-your-organization/exporting-member-information-for-your-organization
- /enterprise-server@3.5/organizations/managing-membership-in-your-organization/exporting-member-information-for-your-organization
```

## Configuring external redirects

Rarely, content will move outside the GitHub Docs site. For these types of redirects, update the [external-sites.json](#) file in the `src/redirects` directory.

Each entry in the `external-sites.json` file is a key value pair where the key is the path to where the content was and the value is the path to where it should redirect.

```
"/github-status": "https://www.githubstatus.com/",
"/articles/github-security": "https://github.com/security",
```

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