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Who can use this feature

Anyone with admin permissions to a repository can make the repository a template.

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You can create a template from an existing repository. Anyone with access to the template repository can create a new repository based on the template with the same directory structure, branches, and files..

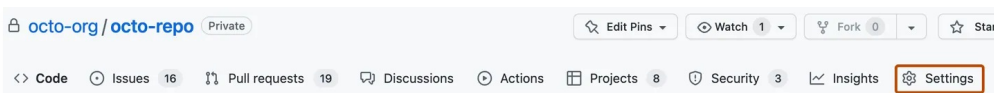
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To create a template repository, you must create a repository, then make the repository a template. For more information about creating a repository, see "[Creating a new repository](#)."

After you make your repository a template, anyone with access to the repository can generate a new repository with the same directory structure and files as your default branch. They can also choose to include all the other branches in your repository. Branches created from a template have unrelated histories, so you cannot create pull requests or merge between the branches. For more information, see "[Creating a repository from a template](#)."

Note: Your template repository cannot include files stored using Git LFS.

- 1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository.
- 2 Under your repository name, click  **Settings**. If you cannot see the "Settings" tab, select the ... dropdown menu, then click **Settings**.



- 3 Select **Template repository**.

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