Configuring notifications in GitHub Desktop

In this article

GitHub Desktop will keep you up-to-date with notifications about events that occur in your pull request branch.

Mac   Windows

About notifications in GitHub Desktop ⧉

GitHub Desktop will show a system notification for events that occur in the currently selected repository. Notifications will be shown when:

- Pull request checks have failed.
- A pull request review is left with a comment, approval, or requested changes.

Clicking the notification will switch application focus to GitHub Desktop and provide more detailed information.

Notifications about pull request check failures ⧉

When changes are made to a pull request branch, you will receive a system notification if the checks fail.

Clicking the notification will display a dialog with details about the checks. Once you've reviewed why the checks have failed, you can re-run the checks, or quickly switch to the pull request branch to get started on fixing the errors. For more information, see "[Viewing and re-running checks in GitHub Desktop](#)."
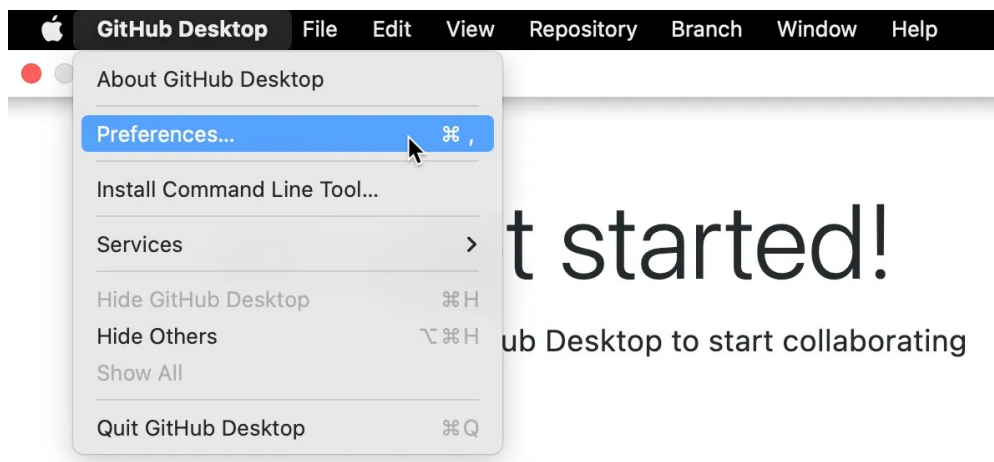
Notifications for pull request reviews ⧉

GitHub Desktop will surface a system notification when a teammate has approved, commented, or requested changes in your pull request. See "[About pull request reviews](#)" for more information on pull request reviews.

Clicking the notification will switch application focus to GitHub Desktop and provide more context for the pull request review comment.

Enabling notifications ⧉

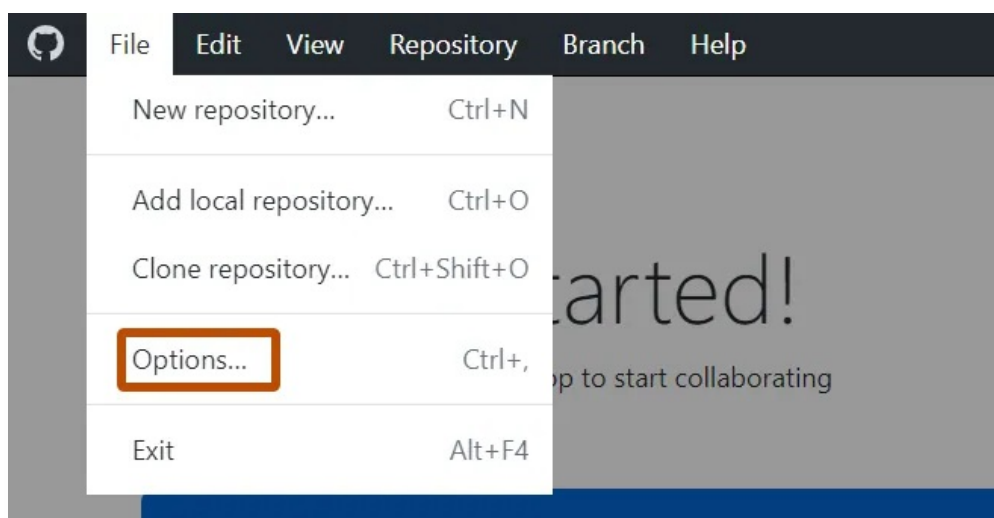If system notifications are disabled for GitHub Desktop you can follow the steps below to enable them.

1 In the menu bar, select **GitHub Desktop**, then click **Preferences**.

2 In the "Preferences" window, on the "Notifications" pane, select **Enable notifications**.

3 In the "Enable notifications" description field, click the **Notification Settings** link to open the "Notifications" pane in the macOS "System Settings" window.

4 In the "Application Notifications" list, select **GitHub Desktop**.

5 Click **Allow Notifications**.

For more information about macOS system notifications, see "Use notifications on your Mac."

1 Use the **File** menu, then click **Options**.

2 In the "Options" windows, on the "Notifications" pane, select **Enable notifications**.

3 In the "Enable notifications" description field, click the **Notification Settings** link to open the "Notifications" pane in the Windows "Settings" window.

4 Under "Notifications", to enable notifications for Windows, click **On**.

5 Under "Notifications from apps and other senders", find "GitHub Desktop" in the application list and click **On**.

For more information about Windows system notifications, see "[Change notification settings in Windows](#)."

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