

# Enforcing policies for GitHub Copilot in your enterprise

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## Who can use this feature

Enterprise owners can enforce policies for GitHub Copilot for Business in an enterprise.

GitHub Copilot can be managed through personal accounts with GitHub Copilot for Individuals or through organization or enterprise accounts with GitHub Copilot for Business.

## About policies for GitHub Copilot in your enterprise



GitHub Copilot is an AI-powered coding assistant that helps developers write code faster. GitHub Copilot is available through GitHub personal accounts with GitHub Copilot for Individuals or through organization or enterprise accounts with GitHub Copilot for Business.

You can enforce policies for GitHub Copilot for Business within your enterprise's organizations, or allow policies to be set in each organization.

If you set up a subscription for GitHub Copilot for Business, you can grant and revoke access to GitHub Copilot for organizations within your enterprise. Once you grant an organization access to GitHub Copilot, the admins of that organization can grant access to individuals and teams. For more information, see "[Managing Copilot for Business](#)."

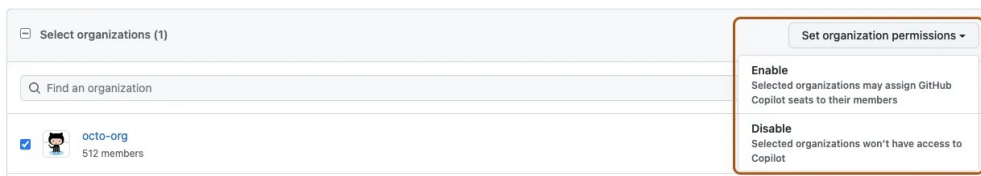
GitHub Copilot for Business subscriptions are billed monthly, based on the number of GitHub Copilot seats assigned to users within your enterprise. For more information, see "[About billing for GitHub Copilot](#)."

Wherever a restrictive policy has been chosen at the enterprise level, an organization owner will not be able to select a more permissive policy at the organization level. In cases where no policy is selected at the enterprise level, and multiple organizations within the enterprise have chosen different policies, the most restrictive policy will always take precedence.

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Enterprise owners can choose whether to grant access to GitHub Copilot for all, none, or a selection of organizations within the enterprise.

- 1 In the enterprise account sidebar, click [🔗 Policies](#).
- 2 Under "[🔗 Policies](#)", click **Copilot**.
- 3 Under "Manage organization access to GitHub Copilot," configure the access for your GitHub Copilot subscription.
  - To disable GitHub Copilot for all organizations in your enterprise, select **Disabled**.
  - To enable GitHub Copilot for all organizations in your enterprise, both current and future, select **Allow for all organizations**.
  - To enable GitHub Copilot for specific organizations, select **Allow for specific organizations**.
- 4 If you selected **Allow for specific organizations**, select the organizations you want to enable GitHub Copilot for. Alternatively, you can select the organizations you want to disable GitHub Copilot access for.
  - Click the **Set organization permissions** dropdown and select **Enable** or **Disable** to grant or deny GitHub Copilot access for the specified organizations.



- 5 Click **Save**.

## Enforcing a policy to manage the use of GitHub Copilot suggestions that match public code in your enterprise [↗](#)

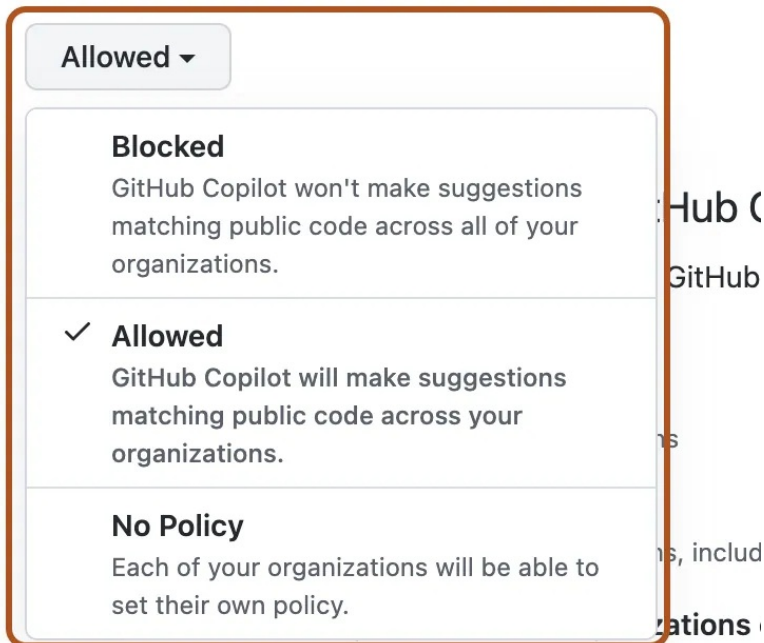
GitHub Copilot includes a filter which detects code suggestions that match public code on GitHub. GitHub Copilot for Business lets you choose whether to enable or disable the filter at the enterprise level, or allow organization owners to decide at the organization level. When the filter is enabled, GitHub Copilot checks code suggestions with their surrounding code of about 150 characters against public code on GitHub. If there is a match or near match, the suggestion will not be shown.

- 1 In the enterprise account sidebar, click [🔗 Policies](#).
- 2 Under "[🔗 Policies](#)", click **Copilot**.
- 3 Under "Suggestions matching public code," click the dropdown menu and select the policy you want to enforce.
  - To allow GitHub Copilot suggestions matching public code, select **Allowed**.
  - To block GitHub Copilot suggestions matching public code, select **Blocked**.

- To allow each of your organizations to set their own policy on the use of GitHub Copilot suggestions matching public code, select **No policy (let each organization decide)**.

## Suggestions matching public code

GitHub Copilot can allow or block suggestions matching public code across all of your organizations.



The image shows a screenshot of a GitHub Copilot policy selection interface. At the top, there is a button labeled "Allowed" with a downward arrow. Below this button is a list of three options, each with a title and a description:

- Blocked**  
GitHub Copilot won't make suggestions matching public code across all of your organizations.
- ✓ **Allowed**  
GitHub Copilot will make suggestions matching public code across your organizations.
- No Policy**  
Each of your organizations will be able to set their own policy.

## Enforcing a policy to manage the use of GitHub Copilot Chat (beta) in your enterprise [🔗](#)

GitHub Copilot Chat is a feature that allows users to chat with GitHub Copilot to get code suggestions and answers to coding-related questions. You can enable or disable GitHub Copilot Chat for organizations under your enterprise. Alternatively, you can allow organization owners to select their own policy to determine access to GitHub Copilot Chat for each organization. For more information, see "[About GitHub Copilot Chat](#)."

- 1 In the enterprise account sidebar, click [🔗 Policies](#).
- 2 Under "[🔗 Policies](#)", click **Copilot**.
- 3 Under "GitHub Copilot Chat," click the dropdown menu and select the policy you want to enforce.
  - To allow GitHub Copilot Chat use, select **Allowed**.
  - To block GitHub Copilot Chat use, select **Blocked**.
  - To allow each of your organizations to set their own policy on the use of GitHub Copilot Chat, select **No policy (let each organization decide)**.

## Further reading [🔗](#)

- "[GitHub Copilot for Business Privacy Statement](#)"
- [GitHub Copilot Trust Center](#)

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