


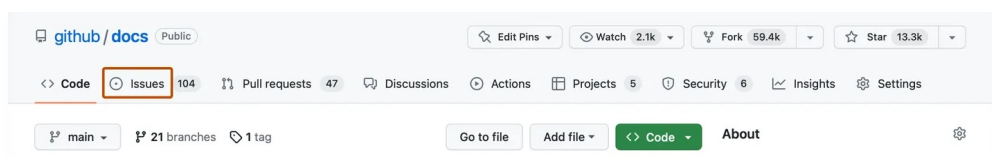
# Encouraging helpful contributions to your project with labels

Apply the `good first issue` label to issues in your repository to highlight opportunities for people to contribute to your project.

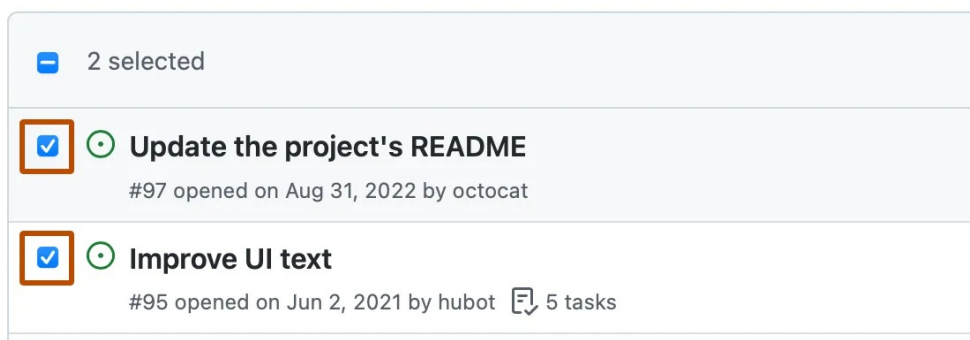
You can apply the `good first issue` label to issues in your public repository so that people can find them when searching by labels. For more information about searching by labels, see "[Searching issues and pull requests](#)."

GitHub uses an algorithm to determine the most approachable issues in each repository and surface them in various places on GitHub.com. Adding the `good first issue` label can increase the likelihood that your issues are surfaced.

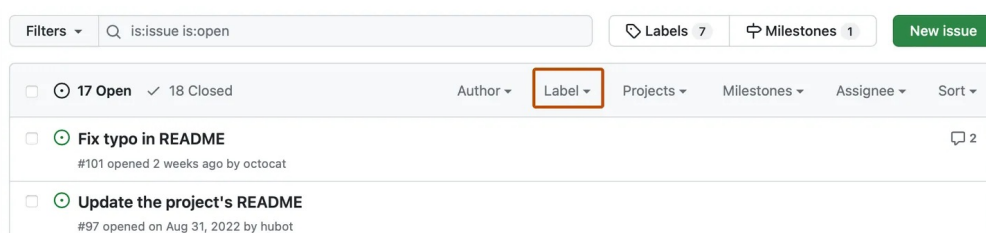
- 1 On GitHub.com, navigate to the main page of the repository.
- 2 Under your repository name, click  **Issues**.



- 3 Select the checkbox next to the items you want to apply a label to.



- 4 Above the list of issues, select the **Label** dropdown menu.



- 5 In the "Search filters" field, start typing `good first issue`. Click the label's name to associate it with the selected items.

## Further reading

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- ["Managing labels"](#)
- ["Searching for repositories"](#)

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