

Accessing user-owned repositories in your enterprise

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You can temporarily access a repository owned by a user within your enterprise.

Who can use this feature

Enterprise owners can temporarily access user-owned repositories.

Note: Temporarily accessing user-owned repositories is currently in beta for Enterprise Managed Users and subject to change.

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If your enterprise uses Enterprise Managed Users, and you've allowed users to create repositories owned by their user accounts, you can temporarily access any user-owned repository within your enterprise.

When you temporarily access a repository, you get admin access to the repository for two hours. You can take all the same actions as the repository owner, including editing the repository, changing the repository's settings, transferring the repository, and deleting the repository.

The repository owner will receive an email informing them that you have enabled temporary access to the repository, and a `repo.temporary_access_granted` event will be added to the audit log for your enterprise and the user's security log.

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- 1 In the top-right corner of GitHub.com, click your profile photo, then click **Your enterprises**.
- 2 In the list of enterprises, click the enterprise you want to view.
- 3 In the enterprise account sidebar, click  **Policies**.
- 4 Under " Policies", click **Repositories**.
- 5 In the "Repository creation" section, under "Block the creation of user namespace repositories," click **View user namespace repositories in your enterprise**.

Repository creation

If enabled, members will be able to create repositories. Outside collaborators can never create repositories.

- ☐ **No policy**
Organization owners can choose whether to allow members to create repositories.

☐ **Disabled**
Members will not be able to create repositories.

☒ **Members can create repositories**
Members will only be allowed to create the specified types of repositories.


☒ **Private** ☒ **Internal**
- ☐ **Block the creation of user namespace repositories**
Members will not be able to create repositories in their enterprise-managed user account.
- [View user namespace repositories in your enterprise](#) Beta

- 6 To the right of the repository you want to access, select the ... dropdown menu, then click **Enable temporary access**.

User namespace repositories

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- 7 Read the warnings, then click **Yes, enable temporary access**.

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