

# Participating in a discussion

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You can converse with the community and maintainers in a forum within the repository for a project on GitHub.

## Who can use this feature

People with read access to a repository can participate in discussions and polls in the repository.

People with read access to the source repository for organization discussions can participate in discussions and polls in that organization.

## About participation in a discussion

GitHub Discussions is an open forum for conversation among maintainers and the community for a repository or organization on GitHub. For more information, see "[About discussions](#)."

In addition to starting or viewing discussions and polls, you can:

- Comment in response to the original comment from the author of the discussion
- Create a comment thread by replying to an individual comment that another community member made within the discussion
- React to comments with emoji
- Upvote discussions and top-level comments to give them more visibility

You can block users and report disruptive content to maintain a safe and pleasant environment for yourself on GitHub. For more information, see "[Maintaining your safety on GitHub](#)."


## Prerequisites

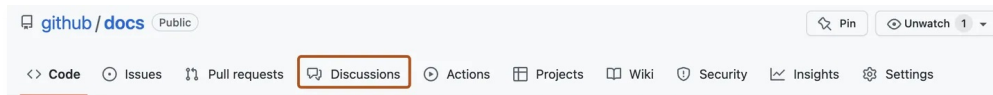
GitHub Discussions must be enabled for the repository or organization for you to participate in a discussion in the repository or organization. For more information, see "[Enabling or disabling GitHub Discussions for a repository](#)" and "[Enabling or disabling GitHub Discussions for an organization](#)."

## Creating a discussion

- 1 On GitHub.com, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization where

you want to start a discussion.

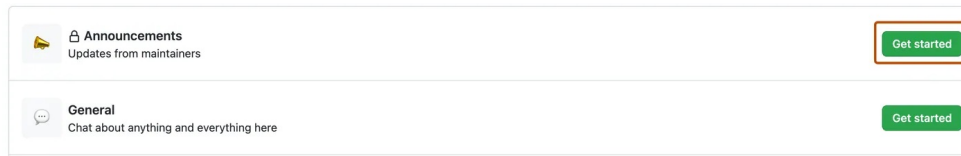
- 2 Under your repository or organization name, click  **Discussions**.



- 3 On the right side of the page, click **New discussion**.


- 4 Select a discussion category by clicking **Get started**.

#### Select a discussion category



- 5 Under "Discussion title", type a title for your discussion, and under "Write", type the body of your discussion.

#### Start a new discussion

 **Announcements**  
Updates from maintainers










If this doesn't look right you can [choose a different category](#).

Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required.


**Discussion title \***

Title

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Ask a question, start a conversation, or make an announcement


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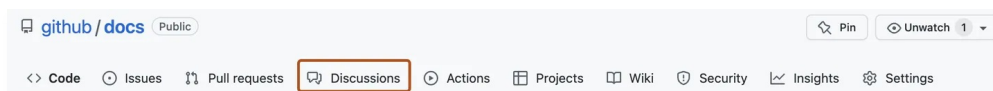
Start discussion

- 6 Click **Start discussion**.

## Creating a poll

- 1 On GitHub.com, navigate to the main page of the repository.

- 2 Under your repository or organization name, click  **Discussions**.




- 3 In the list of categories, click **Polls**.

## Categories



 View all discussions

 Announcements

 General

 Ideas

 Polls

 Q&A

 Show and tell

4 On the right, click **New discussion**.

5 Under "Discussion title", type a title and optionally, under "Write", type a body for your poll.

### Start a new discussion

 **Polls**  
Take a vote from the community

If this doesn't look right you can [choose a different category](#).

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**Discussion title \***

Title

Write

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6 Under "Poll question", type a question for your poll.

7 Under "Poll options", type at least two options for your poll.

8 Optionally, to add an extra poll option, click + **Add an option**.

## Poll options

Option 1 (required)

Option 2 (required)

**+ Add an option**

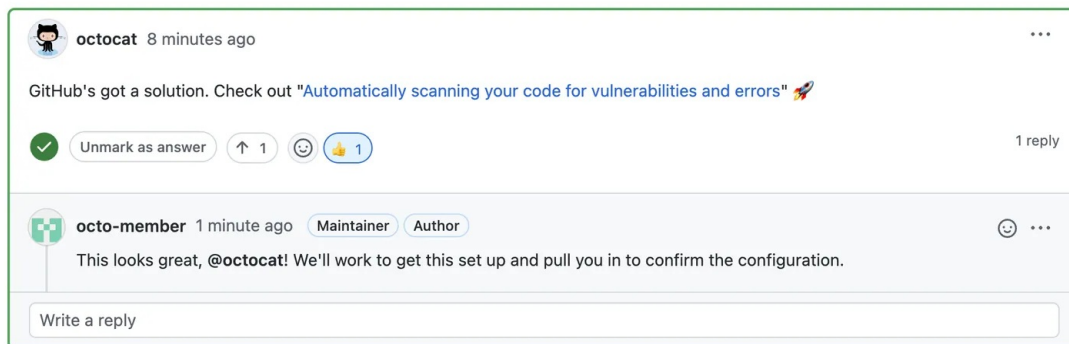
- 9 Click **Start poll**.

## Marking a comment as an answer


Discussion authors and users with the triage role or greater for a repository can mark a comment as the answer to a discussion in the repository. Similarly, discussion authors and users with the triage role or greater for the source repository for organization discussions can mark a comment as the answer to a discussion in the organization.

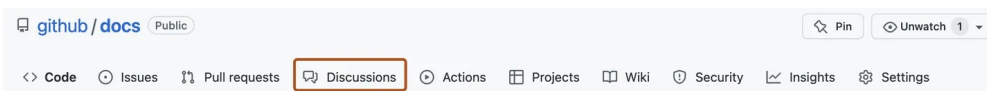
You can mark a comment in the discussion as an answer to the discussion if a discussion is within a category that accepts answers. For more information, see "[About discussions](#)."

When you mark a question as an answer, GitHub will highlight the comment and replies to the comment to help visitors quickly find the answer.

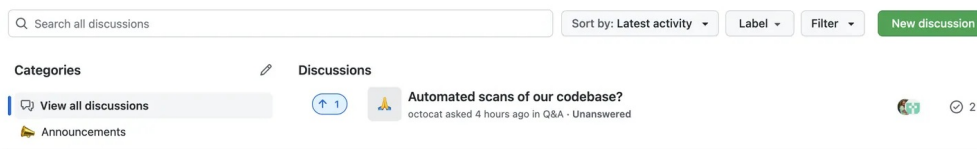


You can also mark a threaded comment (in response to a comment) as the answer to a discussion. You can't mark a minimized comment as the answer to a discussion.

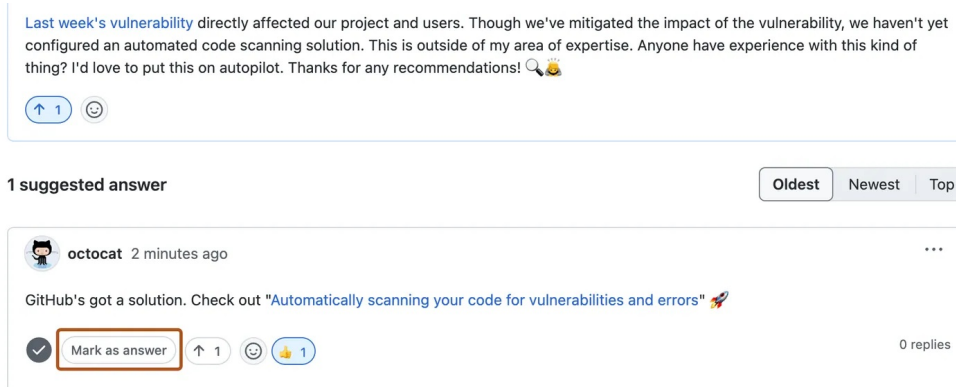
- 1 On GitHub.com, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization.
- 2 Under your repository or organization name, click  **Discussions**.



- 3 In the list of discussions, click the unanswered discussion you want to mark as answered.



- 4 In the discussion, find the comment you want to mark as the answer.
- 5 Below the comment, click **Mark as answer**.

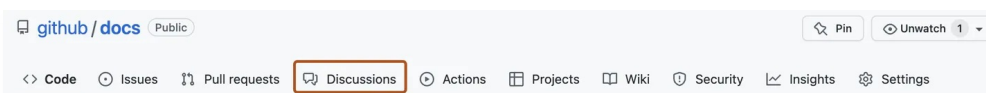


- 6 Optionally, to unmark a comment as the answer, click **Unmark as answer**.

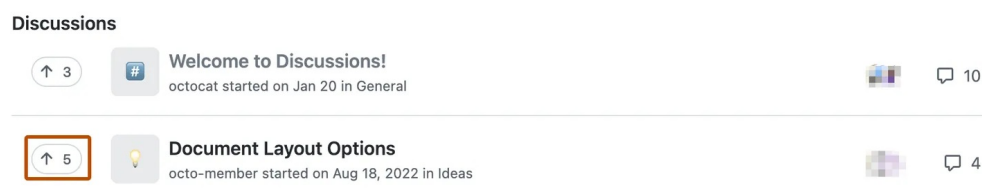
## Upvoting a discussion [↗](#)

You can upvote discussions to give more visibility to the topics that matter to you, and sort discussions to see which have been upvoted the most. For more information on sorting discussions, see "[Collaborating with maintainers using discussions](#)."

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



- 3 In the list of discussions, find the discussion you want to upvote.
- 4 To the left of the discussion, click the upvote arrow.




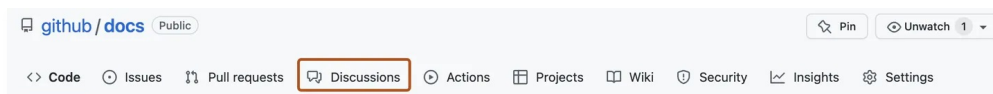
- 5 Optionally, click the upvote arrow again to remove your upvote.

## Upvoting a comment [↗](#)

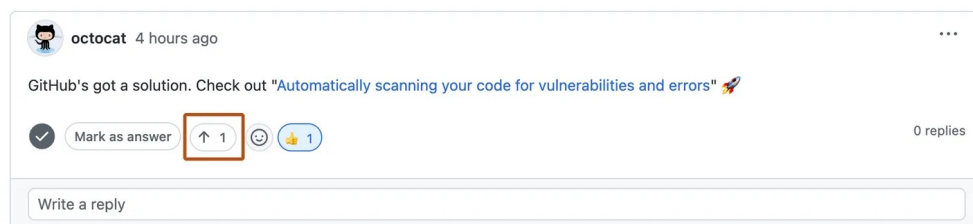
You can upvote top-level comments in discussions, and sort top-level comments to see

which comments have been upvoted the most. For more information on sorting comments, see "[Collaborating with maintainers using discussions](#)."

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



- 3 In the list of discussions, click the discussion you want to view.
- 4 In the discussion, find a top-level comment you want to upvote.
- 5 Click on the upvote arrow at the bottom left of the comment.



- 6 Optionally, click the upvote arrow again to remove your upvote.

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