Managing categories for discussions

In this article

You can categorize discussions to organize conversations for your community members, and you can choose a format for each category.

> **Who can use this feature**
> Repository administrators and people with write or greater access to a repository can manage categories for discussions in the repository. Repository administrators and people with write or greater access to the source repository for organization discussions can manage categories for discussions in the organization.

About categories for discussions

GitHub Discussions is an open forum for conversation among maintainers and the community for a repository or organization on GitHub Enterprise Server. All discussions must be created in a category. For repository discussions, people with maintain or admin permissions to the repository define the categories for discussions in that repository. For organization discussions, people with maintain or admin permissions to the source repository define the categories for discussions in that organization. Each category has a format: open-ended discussion, question and answer, or announcement.

Maintainers can use categories with the announcement format to share information, releases, or events. To keep discussions in these categories focused on important updates, only people with maintain or admin permissions can create new discussions, but anyone can comment and reply.

Each category must have a unique name and emoji pairing, and can be accompanied by a detailed description stating its purpose. Categories help maintainers organize how conversations are filed and are customizable to help distinguish categories that are Q&A or more open-ended conversations. Each repository or organization can have up to 25 categories. For more information, see "About discussions."

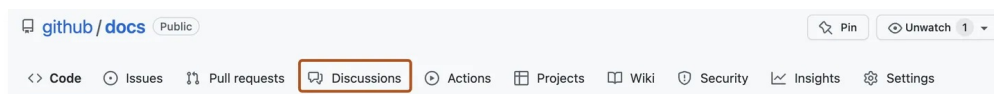To further organize your discussions, you can create sections and then nest your categories within a section.
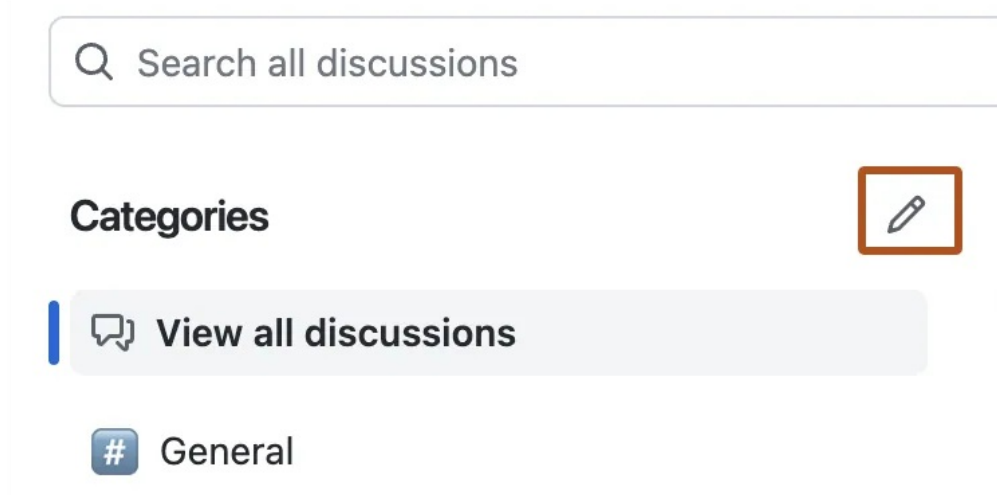
Default categories

Category	Purpose	Format
Announcements	Updates and news from project maintainers	Announcement
#️⃣ General	Anything and everything relevant to the project	Open-ended discussion
Ideas	Ideas to change or improve the project	Open-ended discussion
Polls	Polls with multiple options for the community to vote for and discuss	Polls
Q&A	Questions for the community to answer, with a question/answer format	Question and Answer
Show and tell	Creations, experiments, or tests relevant to the project	Open-ended discussion

Creating a category 🔗

1. On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization where you want to create a category.

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

3. In the left sidebar, to the right of "Categories", click ✏.

4. Click **New category**.

Manage discussion categories

Sections are a dropdown of categories. Categories have types of discussions, and discussions within them.

Categories without section

💡 **Ideas**
Share ideas for new features

5. Edit the emoji, title, description, and discussion format for the category. For more information about discussion formats, see "About discussions."

6. Optionally, add the category to a section. A category can only belong to one section at a time. For information on how to create a section, see "Creating a section."

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- ○ 🐙 Mona
- ○ 💡 Product feedback
- ○ 🤔 Reflections
- ○ 👥 Social
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7. Click **Create**.

Creating a section 🔗

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④ Click **New section**.

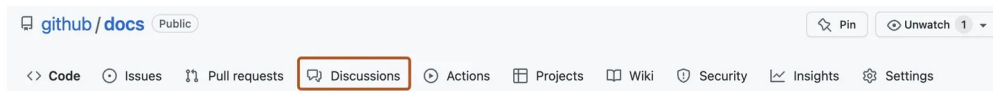⑤ Edit the emoji and title of the section.

⑥ Select the categories that you want to add to the section. A category can only belong to one section at a time.

⑦ Click **Create**.

Editing a category 🔗

You can edit a category to change the category's emoji, title, description, and discussion format.

① On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization where you want to edit a category.

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

③ In the left sidebar, to the right of "Categories", click ✏.

④ To the right of a category in the list, click ✏.

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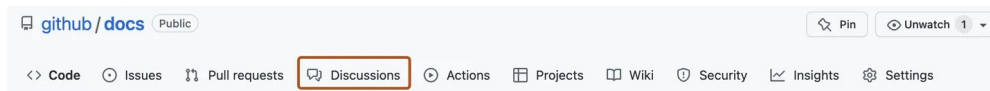- 🤔 Reflections
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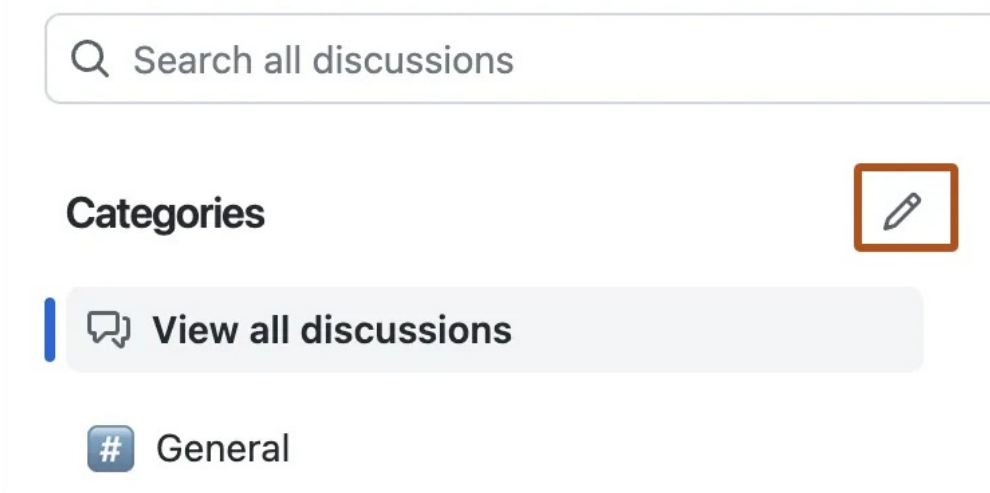7 Click **Save changes**.

Editing a section 🔗

You can edit a section to change the section's emoji and title, and to add and remove categories from the section.

1 On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization where you want to edit a section.

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

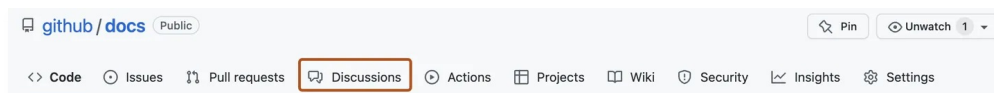3 In the left sidebar, to the right of "Categories", click ✏️.

4 To the right of a section in the list, click ✏️.

5 Edit the section's emoji and title, and select or deselect the categories that you want to add or remove from the section.

6 Click **Update**.

Deleting a category 🔗

When you delete a category, GitHub Enterprise Server will move all discussions in the deleted category to an existing category that you choose.

When you delete a section, all categories within the section will no longer belong to a section.

1. On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization where you want to delete a category.

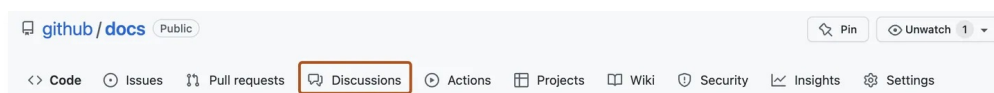2. Under your repository or organization name, click 💬 **Discussions**.

3. To the right of a category in the list, click 🗑.

4. Select the dropdown menu, and click a new category for any discussions in the category you're deleting.

5. Click **Delete & Move**.

Deleting a section 🔗

When you delete a section, all categories within the section will no longer belong to a section.

1. On your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, navigate to the main page of the repository or organization where you want to delete a section.

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

3. To the right of a section in the list, click 🗑.

4. In the dialog box, review the information about deleting a section, then click **Delete**.