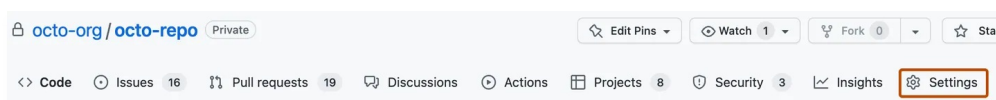# Managing the automatic deletion of branches

You can have head branches automatically deleted after pull requests are merged in your repository.

Anyone with admin permissions to a repository can enable or disable the automatic deletion of branches. Branch protection rules and repository rules can also prevent branches being automatically deleted. For more information, see "[About rulesets](#)" and "[About protected branches](#)."

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

2. Under your repository name, click ⚙ **Settings**. If you cannot see the "Settings" tab, select the ⋯ dropdown menu, then click **Settings**.

3. On the "General" settings page, you can find a section called "Pull Requests". Under "Pull Requests", select or unselect **Automatically delete head branches**.

Further reading 🔗

- "[Merging a pull request](#)"
- "[Creating and deleting branches within your repository](#)"