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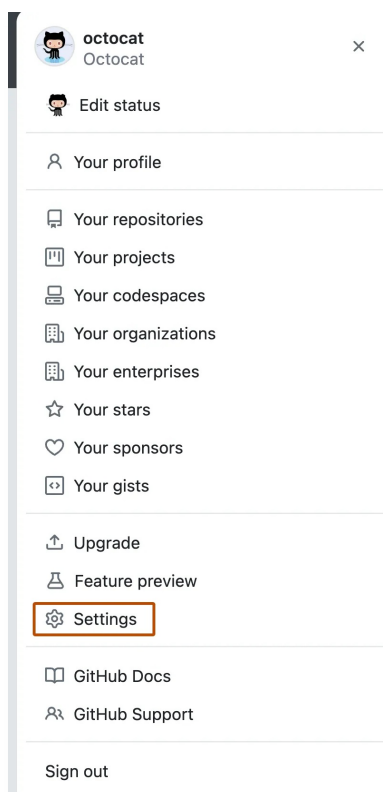
About management of the default branch name 🔗

When you create a new repository on your GitHub Enterprise Server instance, the repository contains one branch, which is the default branch. You can change the name that GitHub Enterprise Server uses for the default branch in new repositories you create. For more information about the default branch, see "About branches."

You can change the default branch for an existing repository. For more information, see "Changing the default branch."

Setting the default branch name 🔗

1. In the upper-right corner of any page, click your profile photo, then click **Settings**.

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2. In the "Code planning, and automation" section of the sidebar, click ▱ **Repositories**.

3. Under "Repository default branch", click **Change default branch name now**.

4. In the text field, type the default name that you would like to use for new branches.

5. Click **Update**.

Further reading 🔗

- "[Managing the default branch name for repositories in your organization](#)"