

# Automatically merging a pull request

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You can increase development velocity by enabling auto-merge for a pull request so that the pull request will merge automatically when all merge requirements are met.

Auto-merge for pull requests is available in public repositories with GitHub Free and GitHub Free for organizations, and in public and private repositories with GitHub Pro, GitHub Team, GitHub Enterprise Cloud, and GitHub Enterprise Server. For more information, see "[GitHub's plans](#)."

## About auto-merge

If you enable auto-merge for a pull request, the pull request will merge automatically when all required reviews are met and all required status checks have passed. Auto-merge prevents you from waiting around for requirements to be met, so you can move on to other tasks.

Before you can use auto-merge with a pull request, auto-merge must be enabled for the repository. For more information, see "[Managing auto-merge for pull requests in your repository](#)."


After you enable auto-merge for a pull request, if someone who does not have write permissions to the repository pushes new changes to the head branch or switches the base branch of the pull request, auto-merge will be disabled. For example, if a maintainer enables auto-merge for a pull request from a fork, auto-merge will be disabled after a contributor pushes new changes to the pull request.

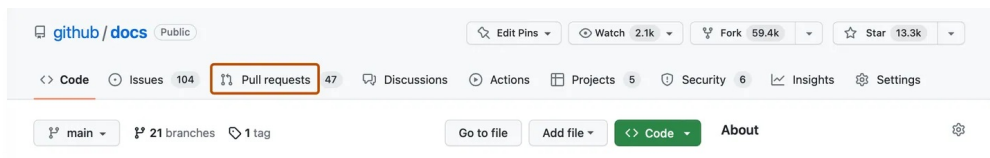
You can provide feedback about auto-merge through a [GitHub Community discussion](#).

## Enabling auto-merge

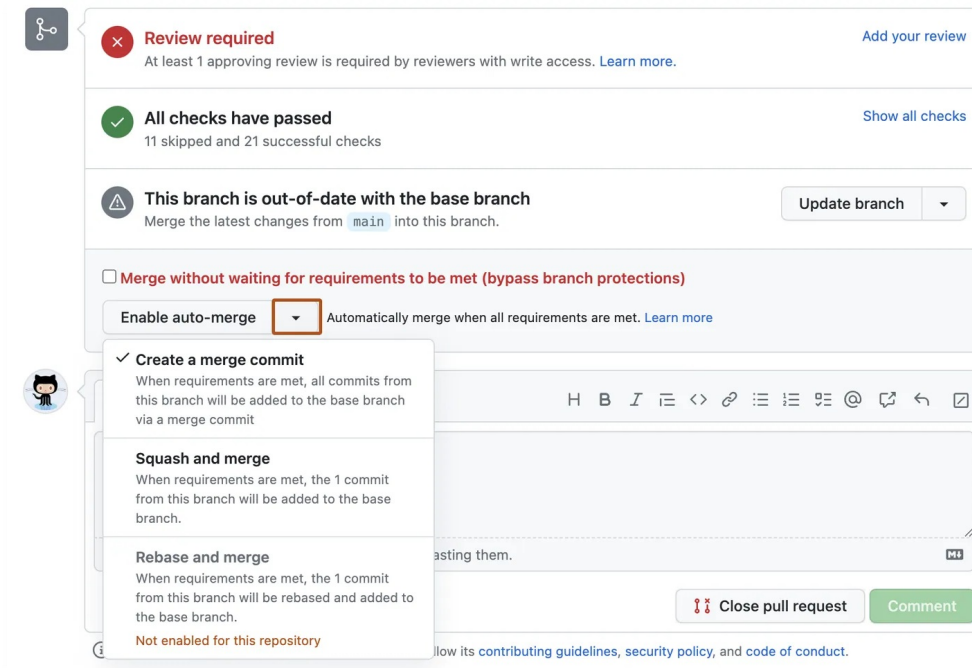
**Note:** The option to enable auto-merge is shown only on pull requests that cannot be merged immediately. For example, when a branch protection rule enforces "Require pull request reviews before merging" or "Require status checks to pass before merging" and these conditions are not yet met. For more information, see "[Managing a branch protection rule](#)."

People with write permissions to a repository can enable auto-merge for a pull request.

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



- 3 In the "Pull Requests" list, click the pull request you'd like to auto-merge.
- 4 Optionally, to choose a merge method, select the ▾ dropdown menu, then click a merge method. For more information, see "[About pull request merges](#)."

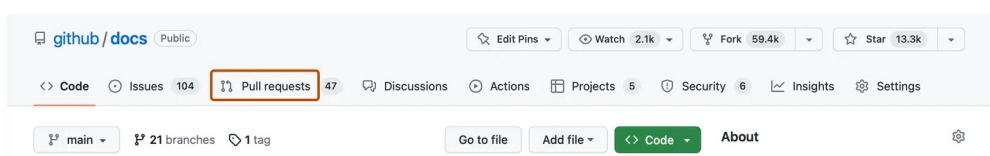


- 5 Click **Enable auto-merge**.
- 6 If you chose the merge or squash and merge methods, type a commit message and description.
- 7 Click **Confirm auto-merge**.

## Disabling auto-merge [↗](#)

People with write permissions to a repository and pull request authors can disable auto-merge for a pull request.

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



- 3 In the "Pull Requests" list, click the pull request you'd like to disable auto-merge for.
- 4 In the merge box, click **Disable auto-merge**.

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