

Maintaining ownership continuity of your personal account's repositories

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We recommend inviting another GitHub user to be your successor, to manage your user owned repositories if you cannot. As a successor, they will have permission to:

- Archive your public repositories.
- Transfer your public repositories to their own user owned account.
- Transfer your public repositories to an organization where they can create repositories.

Successors cannot log into your account.

An appointed successor can manage your public repositories after presenting a death certificate then waiting for 7 days or presenting an obituary then waiting for 21 days. For more information, see "[GitHub Deceased User Policy](#)."


To request access to manage repositories as a successor, please contact us through the [GitHub Support portal](#).

Inviting a successor

The person you invite to be your successor must have a GitHub account.

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



- 2 In the left sidebar, click  **Account**.
- 3 Under "Successor settings", to invite a successor, begin typing a username, full name, or email address, then click their name when it appears.

Successor settings

By clicking "Add Successor" below, I acknowledge that I am the owner of the @isaacmbrown account, and am authorizing GitHub to transfer content within that account to my GitHub Successor, designated below, in the event of my death. I understand that this appointment of a successor does not override legally binding next-of-kin rules or estate laws of any relevant jurisdiction, and does not create a binding will. [Learn more about account successors.](#)

Search by username, full name, or email address

Add Successor

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- 4 Click **Add successor**.
- 5 If prompted, confirm access to your account on GitHub Enterprise Cloud. For more information, see "[Sudo mode](#)."

The user you've invited will be listed as "Pending" until they agree to become your successor.

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