

Editing files

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You can edit files directly on GitHub Enterprise Server in any of your repositories using the file editor.

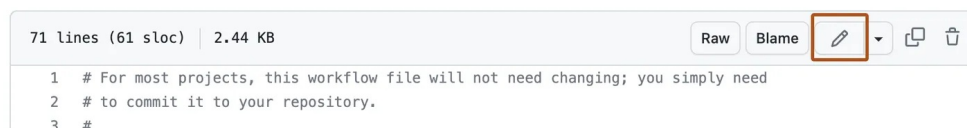
Editing files in your repository

Tip: If a repository has any protected branches, you can't edit or upload files in the protected branch using GitHub. For more information, see "[About protected branches](#)."

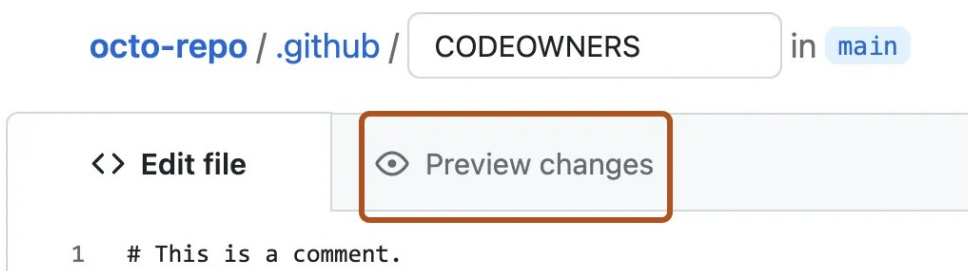
You can use GitHub Desktop to move your changes to a new branch and commit them. For more information, see "[Committing and reviewing changes to your project in GitHub Desktop](#)."

Note: GitHub Enterprise Server's file editor uses [CodeMirror](#).

- 1 In your repository, browse to the file you want to edit.
- 2 In the upper right corner of the file view, click  to open the file editor.



- 3 In the text box, make any changes you need to the file.
- 4 Above the new content, click **Preview changes**.



- 5 In the "Commit message" field, type a short, meaningful commit message that describes the change you made to the file. You can attribute the commit to more than one author in the commit message. For more information, see "[Creating a commit with multiple authors](#)."

- Below the commit message fields, decide whether to add your commit to the current branch or to a new branch. If your current branch is the default branch, you should choose to create a new branch for your commit and then create a pull request. For more information, see "[Creating a pull request](#)."

☐ Commit directly to the `main` branch.

☒ Create a **new branch** for this commit and start a pull request. [Learn more about pull requests](#).

`octocat-patch-1`

Propose changes **Cancel**

- Click **Commit changes** or **Propose changes**.

Editing files in another user's repository [↗](#)

When you edit a file in another user's repository, we'll automatically [fork the repository](#) and [open a pull request](#) for you.

- In another user's repository, browse to the folder that contains the file you want to edit. Click the name of the file you want to edit.
- Above the file content, click `✎`. At this point, GitHub forks the repository for you.
- In the text box, make any changes you need to the file.
- Above the new content, click **Preview changes**.

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`<> Edit file` **Preview changes**

1 # This is a comment.

- In the "Commit message" field, type a short, meaningful commit message that describes the change you made to the file. You can attribute the commit to more than one author in the commit message. For more information, see "[Creating a commit with multiple authors](#)."
- Click **Propose changes**.
- Type a title and description for your pull request.
- Click **Create pull request**.

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