

GitHub  
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# Getting Most Out Of GitHub

From a GitHub User to a GitHub Star — how GitHub has shaped my tech journey



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Building [ZZAZZ.ai](#) | Past: [Postman](#), [Novo](#)

# GitHub is the largest developer platform on earth

**94M+**

Developers

**4M+**

Organizations

**2.6B+**

Contributions per  
year

**1,000+**

Top open source  
communities

**200M+**

Private + public  
repositories





# My GitHub Journey

- 2016: Joined GitHub (2nd Year of college)
- 2017: Mini-projects & college club contributions
- 2019: Landed an internship at **Postman**
- 2020: Became a mentor in **GSoC** at **AsyncAPI**
- 2021: Recognized as **GitHub Star** from India
- 2025: Landed a job at **ZZAZZ.ai** to build world's first large pricing model.



# Why GitHub matters?

- More than a code hosting platform
- Collaboration platform: **100M+** developers
- Backbone of **open-source** development
- Used by startups, enterprises, tech giants
- Showcase skills, collaborations, consistency

A screenshot of the GitHub Trending page. At the top, there is a profile picture of a man with dark hair and a beard, next to the text "Vinit Shahdeo" with a blue checkmark and the handle "@Vinit\_Shahdeo". Below this, a banner reads "One down the bucket list - #1 trending on GitHub!". The main section is titled "Trending" with the subtext "These are the developers building the hot tools today." There are two tabs at the bottom: "Repositories" (which is selected) and "Developers". Under the "Repositories" tab, there is a list of trending repositories. The first repository is "1 POPULAR REPO 🎉 **Inspirational-quot...**" by user "Vinit Shahdeo" with handle "vinitsahdeo". The description says: "A simple NPM Package which returns random inspirational Quotes... Get your daily quote and stay motivated! 🌟". Other repositories listed include "2 POPULAR REPO 🎉 **next-wordpress-s...**" by "Colby Fayock" with handle "colbyfayock", and "3 POPULAR REPO 🎉 **node-lab-report...**" by "Yoni Goldfarb" with handle "Yoni\_Goldfarb".

Explore Topics Trending Collections Events GitHub Sponsors

Trending

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Bring WordPress to the static world with Next.js

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# What You Can Do on GitHub?

- **Host** projects and code repositories
- **Collaborate** using Pull Requests
- **Track** issues and project tasks
- **Contribute** to open-source
- **Build** your personal brand

557 contributions in the last year

A heatmap visualization showing contributions by month and day. The x-axis represents months from May to December. The y-axis represents days of the week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Green squares indicate contributions made on those days for each month. A tooltip at the bottom says "Learn how we count contributions".

Mon    Jun    Jul    Aug    Sep    Oct    Nov    Dec

Wed

Fri

Learn how we count contributions

@speechify-recruiting   @hatchways-commun...   @microsoft

Activity overview

Contributed to [vinitshahdeo/portfolio](#),  
[vinitshahdeo/deel-backend-ass...](#),  
[vinitshahdeo/astro-backup](#)  
and 36 other repositories

96% Commits



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**Here's how you can get started?**



# Setting Up Your GitHub Profile

- Add a GitHub Profile **README**

- **Showcase:**

- Short bio
- Tech stack badges
- **GitHub Stats** (activity, streaks)
- Pinned repositories
- Contact info and portfolio

vinitshahdeo / README.md

Hello!

wakatime 1,099 hrs 39 mins Peerlist vinitshahdeo Total Stars 4k Solved 91/350

Glad to see you here! I'm Vinit Shahdeo, a Software Engineer with a strong passion for JavaScript and open-source. To be recognized thrice as a GitHub Star from India! With a knack for building event-driven architecture, I balance badminton and find peace in a sip of tea and poetry.

Currently, I'm leading engineering efforts at an AI startup ([zzazz](#)), building scalable microservices and AI-powered AI-powered online content into valuable, tradable assets. Before this, I built core banking platform at [Novo](#) as a Senior Backend engineer spent 4.5 wonderful years at [Postman](#). My notable contributions at Postman include building [Interceptor](#) and [Discover](#) more about my [Postman journey](#) and [valuable lessons](#). I've had the privilege of mentoring in [Google Summer of Code](#) at [AsyncAPI](#) and [Postman](#). You can find me at [@vinitshahdeo-novo](#) for my work in Novo.

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Apart from the pinned repositories, I have built:

- Peerlist README Badges (included in Peerlist official tools)
- OpenAPI Web Search (part of GSoC at Postman)
- Water Monitoring System (part of Rails Girls Summer Of Code)
- COVID-19 Tracker (featured in newspapers, blogs)

# Starting Your Open Source Journey

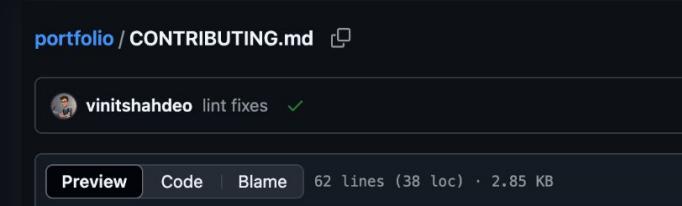
- Look for “**good first issues**”
- Learn how to fork and raise PRs
- Understand project structure before contributing
- Start with documentation fixes, typos, examples
- Participate in events like:
  - **Hacktoberfest**
  - **GirlScript Summer of Code**
  - **Google Summer of Code (GSoC)**



**Google**  
**Summer of Code**

# Best Practices on GitHub

- Meaningful commit messages
- Use `.gitignore`
- Add **README.md**, **LICENSE**, and **CONTRIBUTING.md**, **Code Of Conduct**
- Branching strategies (main/dev)
- Use Issues and PRs efficiently
- Keep repos clean and organized
- Protect sensitive info (never push API keys)



A screenshot of a GitHub repository page. The top navigation bar shows 'portfolio / CONTRIBUTING.md'. Below the navigation, there's a commit card for 'vinitshahdeo' with the message 'lint fixes'. Underneath the commit is a preview section with tabs for 'Preview', 'Code', and 'Blame', showing statistics: 62 lines (38 loc) · 2.85 KB. The main content area has a large heading 'Contributing to Stellar A...' followed by a paragraph about contributions and a bulleted list of ways to contribute: 'Report a bug', 'Discuss the current state of the code', 'Submit a new theme or feature', and 'Propose new styles or improvements'. At the bottom, there's a note about making the process simple and transparent.

Contributing to Stellar A...

We're thrilled that you're interested in contributing to our project. Here are some ways you can help:

- Report a bug
- Discuss the current state of the code
- Submit a new theme or feature
- Propose new styles or improvements

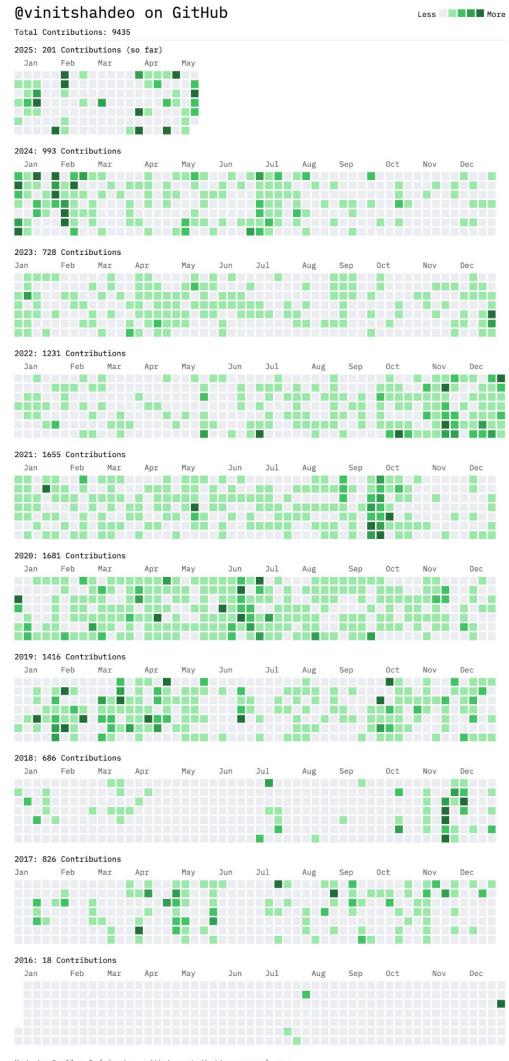
We want to make the process as simple and transparent as possible. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to ask.

## How We Work

We use GitHub for hosting our code, tracking issues, and following GitHub Flow. Your contributions—whether they're bug reports, feature requests, or pull requests—are welcome and appreciated!

# How GitHub Can Help You Get a Job

- Hiring managers DO check your GitHub
- Your GitHub = Your Developer Portfolio
- Stand out with:
  - Active contribution graph
  - Well-documented projects
  - Real collaborations
  - Profile README
  - Understanding of Git workflows
  - Clear and readable code
  - Test cases and CI/CD usage



# Tools to Enhance Your GitHub Experience

- **GitHub Copilot**: AI coding assistant
- **GitHub Actions**: CI/CD automation
- **Projects & Discussions**: PM-style workflows
- **Dependabot**: Auto security updates
- **CodeQL**: Security analysis
- **Shields Badges**: Prettify your README
- **GitHub Pages**: Deploy static pages



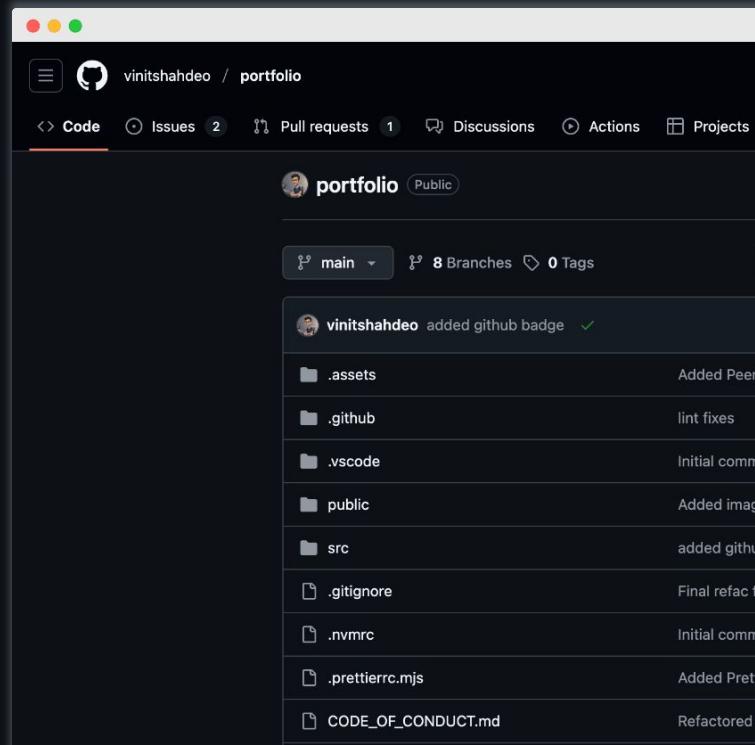


# Let's build from here

Maintain a **streak** on GitHub, not Snapchat!

# Your Next Steps

- Create/Update your GitHub profile
- Build and host your **portfolio**
- Push your college projects
- Try contributing to **open source**
- Reach out to mentors — aim for **GSoC**.
- Be consistent — GitHub is a marathon!



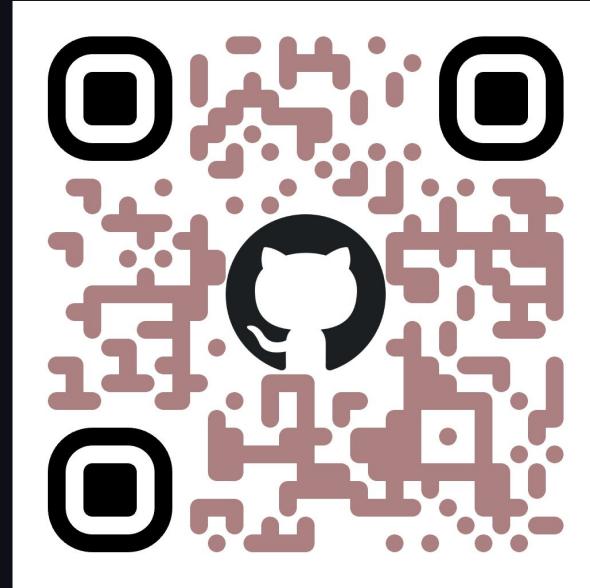
# Let's Connect

What's stopping you  
from contributing to  
**open source** today?

[github.com/vinitshahdeo](https://github.com/vinitshahdeo)



**vinitshahdeo.com**



*Get the PPT here!*



# Thank you

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