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Subject: [GitHub Developer Support] - Github Organization and Repository naming rules
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Matt Rose (GitHub Developer Support)



Aug 21, 8:58 AM UTC

Hi Trinity,

Yes, the standard English alphabet, that's right!

Cheers,

Matt R

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Trinity

Aug 20, 7:31 PM UTC

Ha!

Yeah I was testing out different combinations and figured the safest was asking directly.

Thank you for getting back to me, I appreciate it!

When you say "letters" is that the 26 letters of the English alphabet only?

On Aug 20, 2019, at 7:55 AM, GitHub Developer Support <developer@githubsupport.com> wrote:



Matt Rose (GitHub Developer Support)

Aug 20, 2:55 PM UTC

Hi Trinity.

... ..,

Hah hah, this has triggered a bit of a debate in the team!

The final consensus is as follows:

The only characters permitted in user and organization names are letters, numbers, and `-`, or hyphen.

User and org names cannot begin or end with `-`.

In repository names, the above characters are permitted, and also `.`, or period.

`-` or `.` can come at the beginning or end.

Cheers,

Matt R

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Matt Rose (GitHub Developer Support)

Aug 20, 2:45 PM UTC

Hi Trinity,

Oops, colleagues have just pointed out that `.` is permitted in repo names, but not user or Org names!

Cheers,

Matt R

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Matt Rose (GitHub Developer Support)

Aug 20, 2:41 PM UTC

Hi Trinity

Thank you for writing in to GitHub Support.

The only characters permitted are letters, numbers, and a `-`, or hyphen.

If there is anything else I can help you with, please let me know!

Cheers,

Matt R

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Trinity

Aug 15, 12:10 AM UTC

I am trying to find out what the rules for organization + repository names are because I am building a regex matcher against it.

Can you provide guidance on which characters are / are not allowed as organization + repository names? I could not find any official documentation.

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