

TECH WORDS, DECODED

Connect your GitHub to Claude

The plain-English guide. No terminal, no code. Just the steps to get Claude working with the project you saved on GitHub.

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What "connecting" gets you

GitHub is where your project lives online. Connecting it to Claude means Claude can **read the code in that project**, so you can ask about it and get real help.

Think of it like handing Claude the actual folder instead of describing it from memory. Once it can see your files, you can ask things like "what does this project do?" or "help me fix this button," and the answers come from **your real code**.

GOOD TO KNOW

This works on **every plan, including the free one**. You need a GitHub account and your project saved there. That is it.

One thing to set expectations: this lets Claude **see and discuss** your code. Pushing your work up to GitHub is a different step, and its own short guide.

Four clicks, start to finish

Do this inside a normal Claude chat. Go slow the first time; after that it is second nature.

- 1** Open Claude and start a **new chat**. Find the **plus button** near the message box and click it.
- 2** Choose **Add from GitHub**.
- 3** The first time, Claude asks you to **sign in to GitHub and give permission**. This is a one-time step. Approve it and you are set.
- 4** Pick your **repository** (that is the project you saved), then choose the **files** you want, or the whole thing.

THAT'S IT

Claude can now see your code. Ask it a question and it answers from your files. Use the **Sync** icon anytime to pull in your latest changes.

TWO WAYS TO DO IT

A quick chat, or a lasting connection

Same connector, two places to use it. Pick based on how often you come back to the project.

In a chat

Best for a one-off question.

- Click the plus, add from GitHub, ask.
- Fast and simple.
- You re-add it next time.

In a Project

Best for something you work on often.

- Add GitHub to the project's knowledge.
- It stays connected across chats.
- Great for an ongoing build.

If you are just poking around, use a chat. If this is a project you will keep coming back to, put it in a Project so you are not reconnecting every time.

Private projects, and what to expect

If your project is **private**, GitHub adds one extra approval the first time. You choose whether Claude can see all your repositories or only the ones you pick. Approve it once and you are done.

What you can do once connected

- ✓ Ask Claude to explain what your project does
- ✓ Get help fixing a bug or adding a feature, based on your real files
- ✓ Have it walk you through code you did not write

What this step does not do

- ✗ Save or push changes back to GitHub for you. That is Claude Code, a separate tool and its own guide.

IF SOMETHING LOOKS OFF

Quick fixes

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Don't see your repository? It is almost always the permission step. Re-run the GitHub authorization and make sure the repo you want is included.

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Claude is talking about old code? Click the **Sync** icon to pull your latest changes.

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Only some files showing? That is the file browser. You choose what to include; add more anytime.

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On the free plan and worried? Do not be. The connector works on free, Pro, and everything above.

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