

# Is Your Repository Collaboration-Ready?

Print this checklist and use it as a guide when setting up your GitHub repositories for collaboration. Read more at [gh.io/collab-ready-repo](https://gh.io/collab-ready-repo)

## 1. Repository Settings

- set appropriate repository visibility (public or private)
- configure branch protection rules

## 2. Repository Contents

- create an informative README.md
- add a LICENSE.md file
- include CONTRIBUTING.md
- set up CODEOWNERS
- establish a CODE\_OF\_CONDUCT.md

## 3. Automation/Checks

- implement code linting
- set up tests / Continuous Integration (CI)
- configure status checks
- consider Continuous Deployment (CD)
- (enterprises) configure Merge Queues

## 6. Security

- assign appropriate roles/permissions
- manage secrets securely
- set up scanners for dependencies, secrets, general vulnerabilities
- consider Dependabot version updates
- provide a SECURITY.md & enable Private Vulnerability Reporting

## 7. Advanced Options

- add Issue Templates
- configure GitHub Codespaces
- define Environments

## 8. Next Steps / Externalities

- commit to being responsive
- use GitHub Projects and Issues for project management
- promote your project for visibility
- engage with your community

