DITA Technical Committee

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The DITA TC uses a series of GitHub repositories to store code and DITA source files.

Creating a GitHub account

1. Go to https://github.com/.
2. In the upper right-hand corner of the web page, click **Signup**.
3. Follow the instructions to create an account.

   You will need to provide your e-mail address, select a password and user ID, select whether you want to receive product information, and perform a test in order to validate your account.
4. Click **Create account**.
   GitHub e-mails you a launch code.
5. Enter the launch code on the browser page.

   > **Tip** If you have difficulties pasting the launch code into the browser page, ensure that you have copied a text version of the launch code.
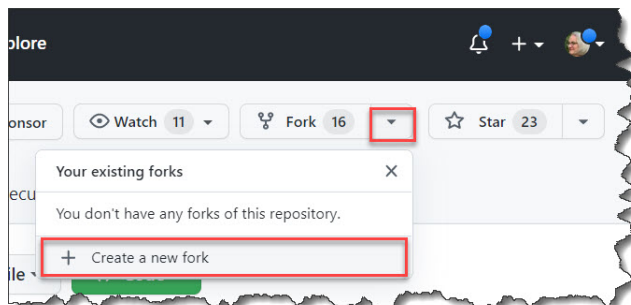
Forking a DITA TC repository

Before you can contribute to a DITA TC specification or project, you need to fork the relevant GitHub repository. A fork is a new repository that shares code and visibility settings with the upstream repository.

1. Go to the home page for the repository that you want to fork:

Repository	URL
DITA	https://github.com/oasis-tcs/dita
DITA for Technical Content	https://github.com/oasis-tcs/dita-techcomm
Lightweight DITA	https://github.com/oasis-tcs/dita-lwdita
DITA TC committee notes	https://github.com/oasis-tcs/dita-committee-notes
DITA stylesheets	https://github.com/oasis-open/dita-stylesheets
DITA specializations	https://github.com/oasis-open/dita-specializations
DITA RNG converter	https://github.com/oasis-open/dita-rng-converter

2. Select the menu for the **Fork** button, and then click **Create a new fork**.

3. Clear the **Copy the *default* branch only** check box.

4. Click **Create fork**.
   The home page for your personal fork opens.
5. Bookmark the URL for your fork, as you will need it in order to clone the repository.