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# **github-cli Documentation**

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Installing `github-cli` will provide an executable called `ghi`, that can be used to access all of GitHub's documented [Issues API \(v2\)](#) functionality from your command-line. It is written in [Python](#).



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## 2.1 Installation

*on most UNIX-like systems, you'll probably need to run the following 'install' commands as root or by using sudo*

### 2.1.1 pip

```
$ pip install github-cli
```

### 2.1.2 source

```
$ pip install git+http://github.com/jsmits/github-cli
```

*or*

```
$ git clone git://github.com/jsmits/github-cli.git
$ cd github-cli
$ python setup.py install
```

as a result, the `ghi` executable will be installed into a system `bin` directory

## 2.2 Download

### 2.2.1 Python Package Index

You can download source tarballs from PyPi [here](#).

For older versions, use something like this: <http://pypi.python.org/pypi/github-cli?version=0.2.0> . Change the version to whatever version you would like to view and/or download.

### 2.2.2 GitHub

Of course, you can always get the latest source code from the [git repository](#):

```
$ git clone git://github.com/jsmits/github-cli.git
```

## 2.3 Configuration

Make sure your GitHub username and API token are added to the global git config:

```
$ git config --global github.user <your GitHub username>
$ git config --global github.token <your GitHub API token>
```

or you can specify the environment variables `GITHUB_USER` and `GITHUB_TOKEN`

You can find the username and API token on your GitHub's account page.

## 2.4 Usage

From within a working directory with a remote that is hosted on GitHub (remote named either `origin` or `github` for git repositories or `default` or `github` for mercurial/hg-git repositories), you can do this (note: with the `-r` option, commands can be invoked from anywhere):

```
(github-cli)[jsmits@imac:~]$ ghi --help
Usage: ghi command [args] [options]
```

Examples:

```
ghi list [-s open|closed|all]      show open, closed or all issues
                                  (default: open)
ghi [-s o|c|a] -v                 same as above, but with issue details
ghi                                same as: ghi list
ghi -v                             same as: ghi list -v
ghi [-s o|c] -w                   show issues' GitHub page in web browser
                                  (default: open)
ghi list -u <github_user>        show issues created by specified user

ghi show <nr>                     show issue <nr>
ghi show <nr> -v                  same as above, but with comments
ghi <nr>                           same as: ghi show <nr>
ghi <nr> -w                         show issue <nr>'s GitHub page in web
                                  browser
ghi open (o)                       create a new issue (with $EDITOR)
ghi open (o) -m <msg>              create a new issue with <msg> content
                                  (optionally, use \n for new lines; first
                                  line will be the issue title)

ghi close (c) <nr>                 close issue <nr>
ghi open (o) <nr>                  reopen issue <nr>
ghi edit (e) <nr>                  edit issue <nr> (with $EDITOR)
ghi label add (al) <label> <nr>    add <label> to issue <nr>
ghi label remove (rl) <label> <nr> remove <label> from issue <nr>
ghi search (s) <term>               search for <term> (default: open)
ghi s <term> [-s o|c] -v           same as above, but with details
ghi s <term> -s closed              only search in closed issues
ghi comment (m) <nr>               create a comment for issue <nr>
                                  (with $EDITOR)
ghi comment (m) <nr> -m <msg>      create a comment for issue <nr>
                                  with <msg> content. (optionally use \n
                                  for new lines)

ghi -r <user>/<repo>               specify a repository (can be used for
                                  all commands)
ghi -r <repo>                       specify a repository (gets user from
                                  global git config)
```

Description: command-line interface to GitHub's Issues API (v2)

Options:

```
-h, --help          show this help message and exit
-v, --verbose       show issue details (only for show, list and search
                    commands) [default: False]
-s STATE, --state=STATE
                    specify state (only for list and search (except `all`)
                    commands) choices are: open (o), closed (c), all (a)
                    [default: open]
-u CREATED_BY, --user=CREATED_BY
                    issues created by <github_username> [default: all]
-m MESSAGE, --message=MESSAGE
                    message content for opening or commenting on an issue
                    without using the editor
-r REPO, --repo=REPO, --repository=REPO
                    specify a repository (format: `user/repo` or just
                    `repo` (latter will get the user from the global git
                    config))
-w, --web, --webbrowser
                    show issue(s) GitHub page in web browser (only for
                    list and show commands) [default: False]
-V, --version       show program's version number and exit
```