

Merge Message Templates



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File Names

Possible file names for PR (Pull Request) default merge message templates:

- `.forgejo/default_merge_message/MERGE_TEMPLATE.md`
- `.forgejo/default_merge_message/REBASE_TEMPLATE.md`
- `.forgejo/default_merge_message/REBASE-MERGE_TEMPLATE.md`
- `.forgejo/default_merge_message/SQUASH_TEMPLATE.md`
- `.forgejo/default_merge_message/MANUALLY-MERGED_TEMPLATE.md`
- `.forgejo/default_merge_message/REBASE-UPDATE-ONLY_TEMPLATE.md`

Note: `.gitea` as the root directory is also recognized and kept only for compatibility reasons.

If Forgejo cannot find the file in the repository, it will search the `CustomPath` for a folder named `default_merge_message` which may contain site-wide templates.

Title/Body separation

The first line of the template creates the title, the rest makes the body of the message. Without a template, the default texts are:

- **Title**: `Merge pull request '[PR title]' ([PR reference]) from [head branch] into [base branch]`.
- **Body**: `Reviewed-on: [PR url]`.

You can customize the title and body of the default message following these rules:

- To replace each of those sections the first line of the template is used to replace the title and other lines the body.
- For the title, leading and trailing whitespace is trimmed
- For the body, trailing whitespace is trimmed from the last line
- If only the title is meant to be changed a single-line template can be used.
- To keep the default title but change the default body the template needs to start with a newline `\n` character.
- To remove the default title (make it empty) any white-space character can be inserted in the first line of the template, as white spaces are trimmed.

Examples

Replace the default title and keep the default body:

```
Merge Title
```

Replace the default title and make the default body empty:

```
Merge Title\n
```

Keep the default title and replace the default body:

```
\nMerge Body
```

The space in the first line makes the default title empty and replace the default body:

```
\nMerge body
```

Variables

You can use the following variables enclosed in `${}` inside these templates, which follow [os.Expand](#) syntax:

- BaseRepoOwnerName: Base repository owner name of this pull request
- BaseRepoName: Base repository name of this pull request

- BaseBranch: Base repository target branch name of this pull request
- HeadRepoOwnerName: Head repository owner name of this pull request
- HeadRepoName: Head repository name of this pull request
- HeadBranch: Head repository branch name of this pull request
- PullRequestTitle: Pull request's title
- PullRequestDescription: Pull request's description
- PullRequestPosterName: Pull request's poster name
- PullRequestIndex: Pull request's index number
- PullRequestReference: Pull request's reference character with index number, i.e., #1, !2
- ClosingIssues: A string containing all issues that will be closed by this pull request, i.e.,
close #1, close #2
- ReviewedOn: A string containing Reviewed-on: <link> with the link to the pull request
- ReviewedBy: Lines containing Reviewed-by: <username> <<email>> with the names and emails of the reviewers

Rebase

When rebasing without a merge commit, REBASE_TEMPLATE.md modifies the message of the last commit. The following additional variables are available in this template:

- CommitTitle: Commit's title
- CommitBody: Commit's body text

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#1
cocobook-sync 2026-10-28 16:37:38 UTC
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```