

Microsoft Under Fire for GitHub Imperialism

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- [GitHub developers restricted in Crimea, Cuba, Iran, and other regions under U.S. sanctions](#)[2]

GitHub placed new restrictions on developers in Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and Syria. Developers face restrictions as a result of U.S. trade sanctions. Private repositories (repos) and paid accounts are under these new restrictions, but public repos are still available, and open-source repos are unaffected. Several reports surfaced over the weekend of developers being affected by the restrictions (via The Verge).

- [Yellow badges are back. This time not by Nazi Germany & not for Jews, but by U.S. tech companies](#)[3]

Three days ago (Jul 25, 2019), when GitHub blocked my account, I noticed that there is an ugly fixed yellow warning on every single page of GitHub for me (as a blocked user). The warning message had no close button. I want to call it "Digital yellow badge" but this time it's not for Jews, it's for people who born & live in countries like Iran.

- [GitHub restricts developer accounts based in Iran, Crimea, and other countries under US sanctions](#)[4]

At least one developer who was affected by the action was told that the company was not "legally able" to provide an export of the disabled repository content. Friedman added that the company does not believe it is legally able to provide advance notice of these restrictions, but he said that users can choose to make their private repos public to gain access and clone them.

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Links:

[1] <http://www.tuxmachines.org/taxonomy/term/62>

[2] <https://www.windowcentral.com/github-developers-restricted-crimea-cuba-iran-and-other-countries-under-us-sanctions>

[3] <https://medium.com/@hamed/yellow-badges-are-back-this-time-not-by-nazi-germany-not-for-jews-but-by-u-s-tech-companies-48e92d690176>

[4] <https://www.theverge.com/2019/7/29/8934694/github-us-trade-sanctions-developers-restricted-crimea-cuba-iran-north-korea-syria>