

Reputation

Learn which activities will gain or lose you reputation and what it does for you.

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Reputation is a rough measurement of how much your team trusts you; it is earned by convincing your peers that you know what you're talking about. However, reputation is entirely optional. The three most important activities on Stack Overflow for Teams are asking, answering, and editing - none of which require any reputation at all. All users start with one reputation, and reputation can never drop below one.

The primary way to gain reputation is by posting good questions and useful answers. Votes on these posts cause you to gain (or sometimes lose) reputation.

You gain reputation when:

- +10 Your question is voted up.
- +10 Your answer is voted up.
- +15 Your answer is marked as accepted.
- +2 You accept an answer to your own question.
- (Varies) Your answer is awarded a [bounty](#).
- +10 Your article is voted up (business only).

While you can accept your own answer, you do not receive the usual reputation bonuses for accepting your own answer. You can earn a maximum of 200 reputation per day from the combination of upvotes and downvotes. Bounties and accepted answers are not subject to this daily reputation limit.

You lose reputation when:

- -2 Your question is voted down.
- -2 Your answer is voted down.
- -1 You vote down an answer.
- (Varies) You place a [bounty](#) on a question.

Deleted posts do not affect reputation for voters, authors, or anyone else involved, in most cases. If a user reverses a vote, the corresponding reputation loss or gain will be reversed as well.

It's not possible to downvote articles, so there's no risk of losing reputation points. Instead, readers can give feedback to the author with the feedback feature.

Privileges

Most privileges on Teams do not require any reputation at all and are available to all users as soon as they gain access. The following privileges are restricted by reputation thresholds. You gain access to them the moment you meet the reputation requirement, and also lose access to them if you drop below the threshold.

- Cast down votes at 125 reputation
- Set **bounties** at 75 reputation
- Moderator privileges at 75 reputation (Business tier only)

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