

You should never store security keys in a version-control system. Cloud Source Repositories can help you prevent users from storing security keys in a Google Cloud repository. Cloud Source Repositories can be set up to check for the following types of security keys:

- Google Cloud service account credentials (JSON format)
- PEM-encoded private keys (including RSA, DSA, and PGP)

This checking feature is available for all repositories at no charge.

When a user executes a `git push` command, the checking feature looks for data that might be a security key. If a match is found, the feature blocks the `git push` and notifies users what was found and where. For example:

To help store security keys more securely, consider using [Cloud Key Management Service \(/kms/docs/store-secrets\)](/kms/docs/store-secrets).

In the Cloud Console, on the project selector page, select or create a Cloud project.

If you don't plan to keep the resources that you create in this procedure, create a project instead of selecting an existing one. After you finish these steps, you can delete the project, removing all resources associated with the project.

[Go to the project selector page](https://console.cloud.google.com/projectselector2/home/dashboard) (https://console.cloud.google.com/projectselector2/home/dashboard)

To enable private key detection, use the following `gcloud` command:

To disable security key detection, use the following `gcloud` command:

To override the security key detection feature, use the following `git` command:

After you set up a Google Cloud repository, you might find the following topics helpful:

- [Controlling access to repositories](/source-repositories/docs/configure-access-control) (/source-repositories/docs/configure-access-control)
- [Using the source browser](/source-repositories/docs/using-source-browser) (/source-repositories/docs/using-source-browser)