

# GitHub

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**In news**– The open-source software repository service GitHub was in the news after it was used to create and share an offensively named app(Bulli Bai) that sexually harassed Muslim women in India.

## **About GitHub-**

- GitHub is the **world's largest open-source developer community platform** where users upload their projects and code for others to view, edit, and tweak.
- Headquartered in California, it has been a subsidiary of Microsoft since 2018.
- It offers the distributed version control and source code management (SCM) functionality of Git, plus its own features.
- The idea of the app is that **any developer can upload whatever software code or app code or software idea** they have on the platform, and have others collaborate with them to help improve it, find errors, and fix problems.
- Any public project can be viewed by others on the platform.
- Most of the features of the platform are free for users.
- Organizations can use paid accounts to upload their software and projects for collaboration.
- **The platform uses the software Git, which was created in 2005 by Linus Trovalds, the developer of the open-source operating system Linux**, to track changes in a set of files and for coordination in software development.
- Given the idea of GitHub, anyone can open an account and upload a code after providing just an email id.
- So even if an account is blocked or terminated, a new one can be created with another email id – and the offensive software code or apps can be uploaded again

with perhaps a slightly different name.