Getting started with Flow

Chapter 1—Initial configurations

When you’re getting started with Pluralsight Flow, there are a few configurations you need to set up before importing your repos.

Set up these configurations before importing repos to ensure your data and users are imported and configured in a way that makes sense for your organization. If you don’t take these steps now, it may take several days to update your data in the future.

Note: If you plan to use Flow with an internal server or behind a firewall, allowlist Flow’s static IP addresses so Flow can access your Git repositories.

Before getting started

Now that you have access to Flow, make sure the right people have access to Flow to set up users and manage data.

Admins are responsible for connecting your organization’s integrations and making sure Flow has access to your data. Admins need to understand the workflow of teams and what integrations and repos those teams work on.

Flow automatically chooses an admin when a Flow organization is created. If you’re not the right person to manage your organization's configurations and data, select at least one other person to be a Flow admin.

If this person doesn’t have access to Flow, send a Flow invite and give them admin permissions.

Permissions

You must have the correct permissions to view Settings home.

To view Settings home, you must have the following permissions:

- View and manage integrations or View, manage, and delete integrations
- Manage group programming
- Manage users & teams

If you are missing any of these permissions, you can’t see Settings home. Learn more about administrative permissions.
Settings home

Use Settings home to make setting your configurations easier. Settings home walks you through the most important Flow configurations, ensuring you don’t miss anything.

Follow Flow’s guided steps for setup. To change configurations later, either return to Settings home or access these same configurations through the side navigation.

To access Settings home, navigate to Flow and click Settings in the top navigation. From there, follow the guide to change configurations or use the side navigation to access other settings.

When starting with Flow, set your configurations according to the steps provided in Settings home. Make sure these configurations match your company practices.

Default domain
In step 1, set your **default domain**.

When developers make commits, the username of those commits may vary. Your default domain designates the domain of the user name that is picked as the main user. If more than one user account is found for a person, Flow uses the default name to determine the correct account.

Initially, the default domain is based on the first administrator's email address. Check that this default is correct so you can easily **merge users** after your data is ingested.

**Important**: If your default domain isn't set correctly when merging users, your Flow data will be inaccurate and you will need to update the default domain and manually merge and unmerge users in the future. This can be a lengthy process. Ensuring your default domain matches the domain you want to use for apex users will save you time in the future. Setting this up before you import data is the fastest path to success.

**Group programming**

In step 2, set your Group programming preferences. **Group programming** is enabled by default.

You can visualize contributions made by multiple users with group programming. You can customize how group work is credited to multiple people. This helps Flow know how to handle co-authored commits.

Disable group programming or further customize it for your needs.
Auto-merge users
In step 3, set your auto-merge preferences.

Auto-merge is enabled by default. If there are names or emails you don’t want to include in auto-merge, add them in the Exclusions section’s text box, separated by commas.

Auto-merge automatically merges aliases based on the user’s sign in email address or user email addresses. Aliases with the same email addresses merge regardless of their usernames.
Pull in data
Next, add integrations and import repos. Follow the steps in Chapter 2 of the getting started guide.

What's next?
Now that you've set up your initial configurations, import your data and learn how to manage it.

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