

Install Gogs on Ubuntu 20.04 with MariaDB

These instructions will install [Gogs](#) on an Ubuntu 20.04 server using the MariaDB back-end. Gogs is a self-hosted front-end to [Git](#). Gogs is extremely lightweight and comes in a single binary file. It also supports multiple back-end databases including PostgreSQL, MySQL, or SQLite3.

These commands assume you are running as *root* or *sudo*. All scripts also rely on the install directory being */home/git*. Remember to set your own password wherever a *password* is needed.

Install MariaDB

```
apt install mariadb-server  
mysql_secure_installation
```

Download and extract the latest/desired version of Gogs from dl.gogs.io/

```
wget https://dl.gogs.io/0.12.3/gogs_0.12.3_linux_amd64.tar.gz  
tar xzvf gogs_0.12.3_linux_amd64.tar.gz
```

Create a systemd service file in */lib/systemd/system/gogs.service*

```
[Unit]  
Description=Gogs  
After=syslog.target  
After=network.target  
  
[Service]  
LimitMEMLOCK=infinity  
LimitNOFILE=4000  
RestartSec=2s  
Type=simple  
User=git  
Group=git  
WorkingDirectory=/home/git  
ExecStart=/home/git/gogs/gogs web  
Restart=always  
Environment=USER=git HOME=/home/git GOGS_WORK_DIR=/home/git  
  
[Install]  
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

Enable Gogs service

```
systemctl enable gogs
```

Start Gogs service

```
systemctl start gogs
```

Install nginx

```
apt install nginx
```

Log in to MariaDB to create a user and database

```
mysql -u root -p
```

Create database

```
CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS gogs CHARACTER SET utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_general_ci;
```

Create user and grant privileges

```
CREATE USER 'gogs'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'password';
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON gogs.* TO 'gogs'@'localhost';
FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
EXIT;
```

Create nginx proxy file. Note that I am using an SSL certificate here. If you do not have your own certificate, you can use [certbot](#).

```
server {
    listen 80;
    server_name gogs.domain.edu;
    return 301 https://$server_name$request_uri;
}

server {
    listen 443 ssl;
    server_name gogs.domain.edu;

    ssl_certificate /etc/nginx/ssl/cert.pem;
    ssl_certificate_key /etc/nginx/ssl/key.key;

    location / {
        proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
        proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:3000/;
    }
}
```

Test your nginx configuration file

```
nginx -t
```

Restart nginx

```
systemctl restart nginx
```

Set the external URL by editing `/home/git/custom/conf/app.ini`.

Continue the installation using the web interface <https://gogs.domain.edu>.

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