

#POWERCON2022

Deploy with Github Actions a CI/CD overview

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Who am I?



```
const name = 'Lorenzo Pieri'  
  
let age = 33  
let job = 'Sr Software Engineer @ Antidote'  
let conf = '#POWERCON2022'  
  
const sayHello = (conf: string) => {  
  return `Hello ${conf}! :)`  
}  
  
sayHello(conf)
```

Agenda

- An overview of CI/CD
- What are Github Actions
- Possible use cases
- There's more to it than CI/CD
- Where to go from here

Back to the beginning

An overview of CI/CD



What's with all the letters

An overview of CI/CD

CI stands for **Continuous Integration**

CD stands for **Continuous Deployment** (or **Delivery!**)

The DevOps methodology is usually showcased as an infinite loop because at the source of its existence, “being in the loop” makes DevOps what it is today. A method for continuity to approach Development in its pitfalls as to avoid Waterfall methodology.

Not all DevOps are born equal

An overview of CI/CD

Are you doing DevOps?

As always, it depends. If your company / team requires for each step to be pipelined outside of the scope of continuity, probably not.

You are using a slice of DevOps. You are not doing DevOps.

Show me the tools!

An overview of CI/CD

Docker for image containerization
and artifact management

Github for repository management and workflows

There are many other choices, pick your favourite:

- CircleCI
- Jenkins
- Azure Pipelines
- Google Cloud Build
- BuildBot

The good parts

An overview of CI/CD

The process of CI/CD brings a lot of benefits to the table

- More efficient builds
- Better metrics
- Integration testing on each build
- Faster release times
- More control over fixes and faster knowledge loop
- Powerful tooling
- BYO preferences policy (bring your own)

Enter Github Actions

What are Github Actions

It's a platform that makes **Continuous Integration** and **Continuous Delivery** a developer favourite cookie

We can create:

- **Workflows**
- **Automated pipelines** for compiling, testing and distribute
- **Scheduled jobs**

Take my money!

What are Github Actions

Github Actions has a **generous free tier** for public and private repositories that can run your Actions for up to 2000 minutes.

Action times are counted in minutes as the minimum time usage.

Yet Another Markup Language

What are Github Actions

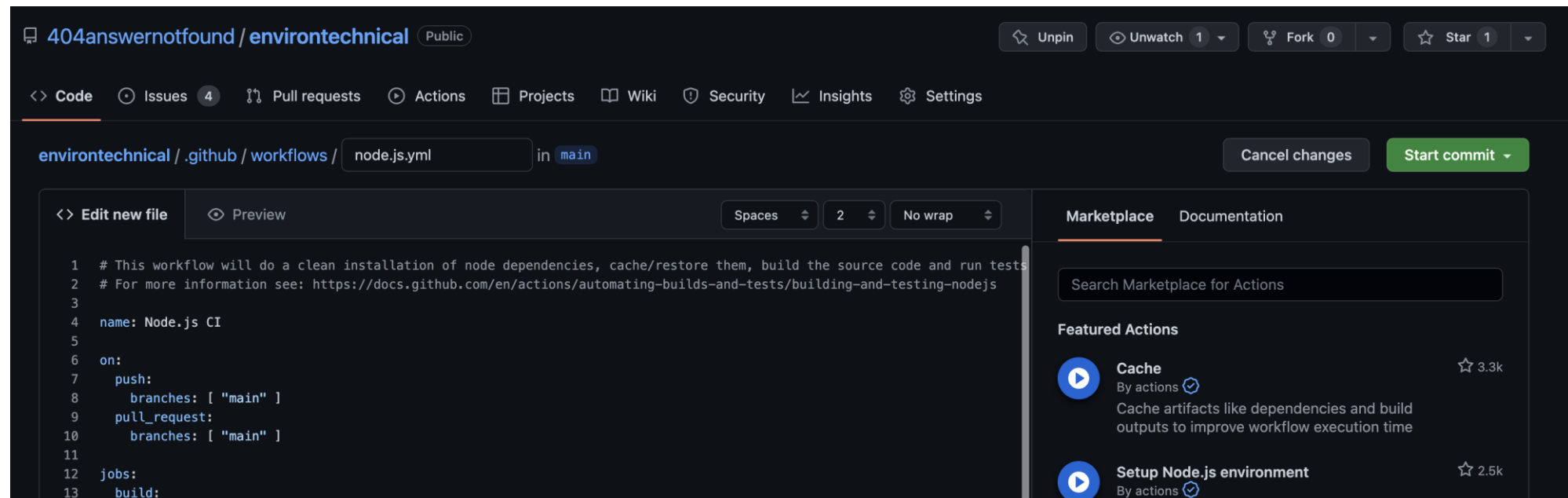
Actions are written in workflow files in the `.github/workflows` directory

To write them we use a special markup language called YAML with files identified by the `.yml` or `.yaml` file extension

My first Github Action

What are Github Actions

Either create a workflow inside `.github/workflows` directory or create a new workflow from the Github UI directly in your repository 😊



The screenshot shows the GitHub Actions workflow editor for a repository named '404answernotfound / envrontechnical'. The interface is in dark mode. At the top, there are navigation tabs for Code, Issues (4), Pull requests, Actions, Projects, Wiki, Security, Insights, and Settings. Below the navigation, the current workflow file is identified as 'node.js.yml' in the 'main' branch. The editor shows a YAML configuration for a workflow named 'Node.js CI'. The configuration includes a 'name' field, an 'on' trigger for 'push' and 'pull_request' on the 'main' branch, and a 'jobs' section with a 'build' job. On the right side, there is a 'Marketplace' sidebar with a search bar and a list of 'Featured Actions', including 'Cache' (3.3k stars) and 'Setup Node.js environment' (2.5k stars).

```
1 # This workflow will do a clean installation of node dependencies, cache/restore them, build the source code and run tests
2 # For more information see: https://docs.github.com/en/actions/automating-builds-and-tests/building-and-testing-nodejs
3
4 name: Node.js CI
5
6 on:
7   push:
8     branches: [ "main" ]
9   pull_request:
10    branches: [ "main" ]
11
12 jobs:
13   build:
```

My first Github Action

What are Github Actions

An **Action** is a collection of **triggers** and **jobs** defined by the user.

A **trigger** binds to an event while a **job** describes all the **steps** that an action will need to fulfill before it's complete

My first Github Action

What are Github Actions



```
# Our first Github Action
```

```
name: hello-world
```

```
on: push
```

```
jobs:
```

```
  job-name:
```

```
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
```

```
    steps:
```

```
      - name: step-name
```

```
        run: echo "Hello POWERCON2022!"
```

Let's get real

What are Github Actions

```

# Let's start by naming it
name: Continuous Integration

# Events which will trigger this Action
on:
  push:
    branches:
      - main
  pull_request:
    branches:
      - main
```


Let's get real

What are Github Actions

```

# Let's start by naming it
jobs:
  build:
    # We specify the runner
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest

    steps:
      # This step uses an existing Action
      - name: Checkout to the repository
        uses: actions/checkout@v2

      - name: Set up NodeJS environment
        uses: actions/setup-node@v2
        with:
          # We can read the node version from the .nvmrc file itself
          # node-version-file: '.nvmrc'
          # The node version can be hard-coded
          node-version: 16
```

Let's get real

What are Github Actions

```

# Step by step :)
jobs:
  build:

    steps:
      # ...

      - name: Install package dependencies
        run: npm install

      - name: Check linting and formatting
        run: npm run lint

      - name: Execute test cases
        run: npm run test

      - name: Create build
        run: npm run build

```

Behind the curtains
















What are Github Actions

All workflows

Showing runs from all workflows

Filter workflow runs

5 workflow runs

	Event	Status	Branch	Actor
 Added new test cmd and workflow file Continuous Integration #2: Commit 48d61c2 pushed by 404answernotfound		 24 seconds ago  In progress	main	...
 Added new test cmd and workflow file hello-world #3: Commit 48d61c2 pushed by 404answernotfound		 24 seconds ago  10s	main	...
 Added new test cmd and workflow file Continuous Integration #1: Commit c72dfc6 pushed by 404answernotfound		 4 minutes ago  14s	main	...
 Added new test cmd and workflow file hello-world #2: Commit c72dfc6 pushed by 404answernotfound		 4 minutes ago  11s	main	...
 Added workflow hello-world #1: Commit 6d3e4db pushed by 404answernotfound		 25 minutes ago  11s	main	...

Behind the curtains

What are Github Actions

The screenshot shows a GitHub Actions workflow run summary page. At the top, it indicates the workflow is part of 'Continuous Integration' and has a status of 'Success' with a green checkmark. The title of the run is 'Added new test cmd and workflow file #2'. Below this, a table provides a summary of the run:

Triggered via push 2 minutes ago	Status	Total duration	Artifacts
404answernotfound pushed -> 48d61c2 <code>main</code>	Success	53s	—

On the left side, there is a sidebar with navigation options: 'Summary' (selected), 'Jobs', 'Run details', 'Usage', and 'Workflow file'. Under 'Jobs', the 'build' job is listed with a green checkmark. Under 'Run details', the 'Usage' and 'Workflow file' sections are visible. The main content area shows the workflow file 'ci.yml' with the trigger 'on: push'. Below this, a job card for 'build' is shown with a green checkmark and a duration of 44s.

Behind the curtains

What are Github Actions

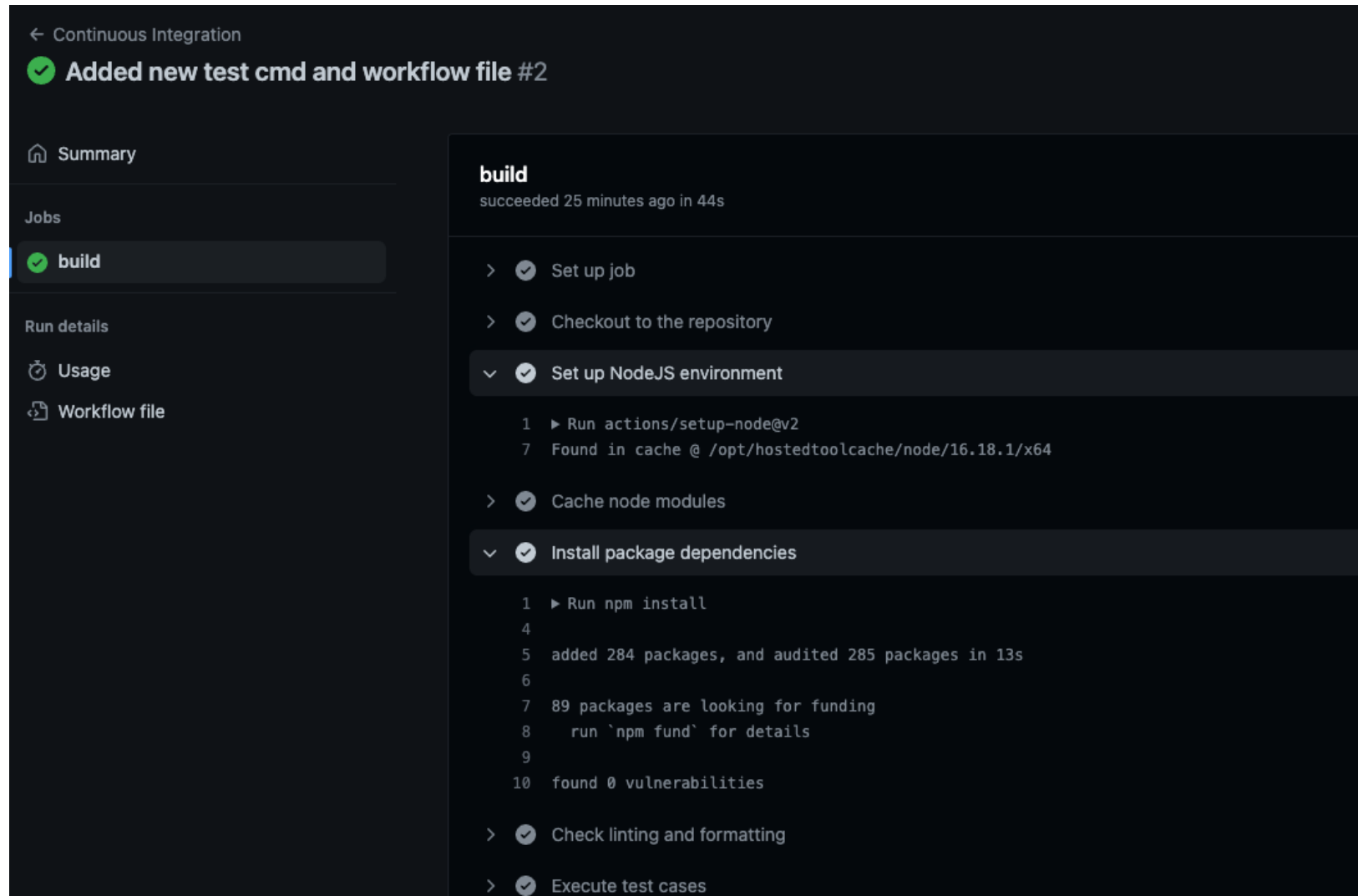
build

succeeded 2 minutes ago in 44s

- > Set up job
- > Checkout to the repository
- > Set up NodeJS environment
- > Cache node modules
- > Install package dependencies
- > Check linting and formatting
- > Execute test cases
- > Create build
- > Post Cache node modules

Behind the curtains

What are Github Actions



← Continuous Integration

✓ Added new test cmd and workflow file #2

🏠 Summary

Jobs

- ✓ build

Run details

- 🕒 Usage
- 📄 Workflow file

build
succeeded 25 minutes ago in 44s

- > ✓ Set up job
- > ✓ Checkout to the repository
- ▼ ✓ Set up NodeJS environment
 - 1 ▶ Run actions/setup-node@v2
 - 7 Found in cache @ /opt/hostedtoolcache/node/16.18.1/x64
- > ✓ Cache node modules
- ▼ ✓ Install package dependencies
 - 1 ▶ Run npm install
 - 4
 - 5 added 284 packages, and audited 285 packages in 13s
 - 6
 - 7 89 packages are looking for funding
 - 8 run `npm fund` for details
 - 9
 - 10 found 0 vulnerabilities
- > ✓ Check linting and formatting
- > ✓ Execute test cases

The more the merrier

What are Github Actions

```

# And here goes the second Action
name: Continuous Deployment







on:
  workflow_run:
    workflows: ["Continuous Integration"]
    # Execute the workflow once the CI is completed on main
    types: [completed]
    branches:
      - main

jobs:
  deploy:

  # ...
```

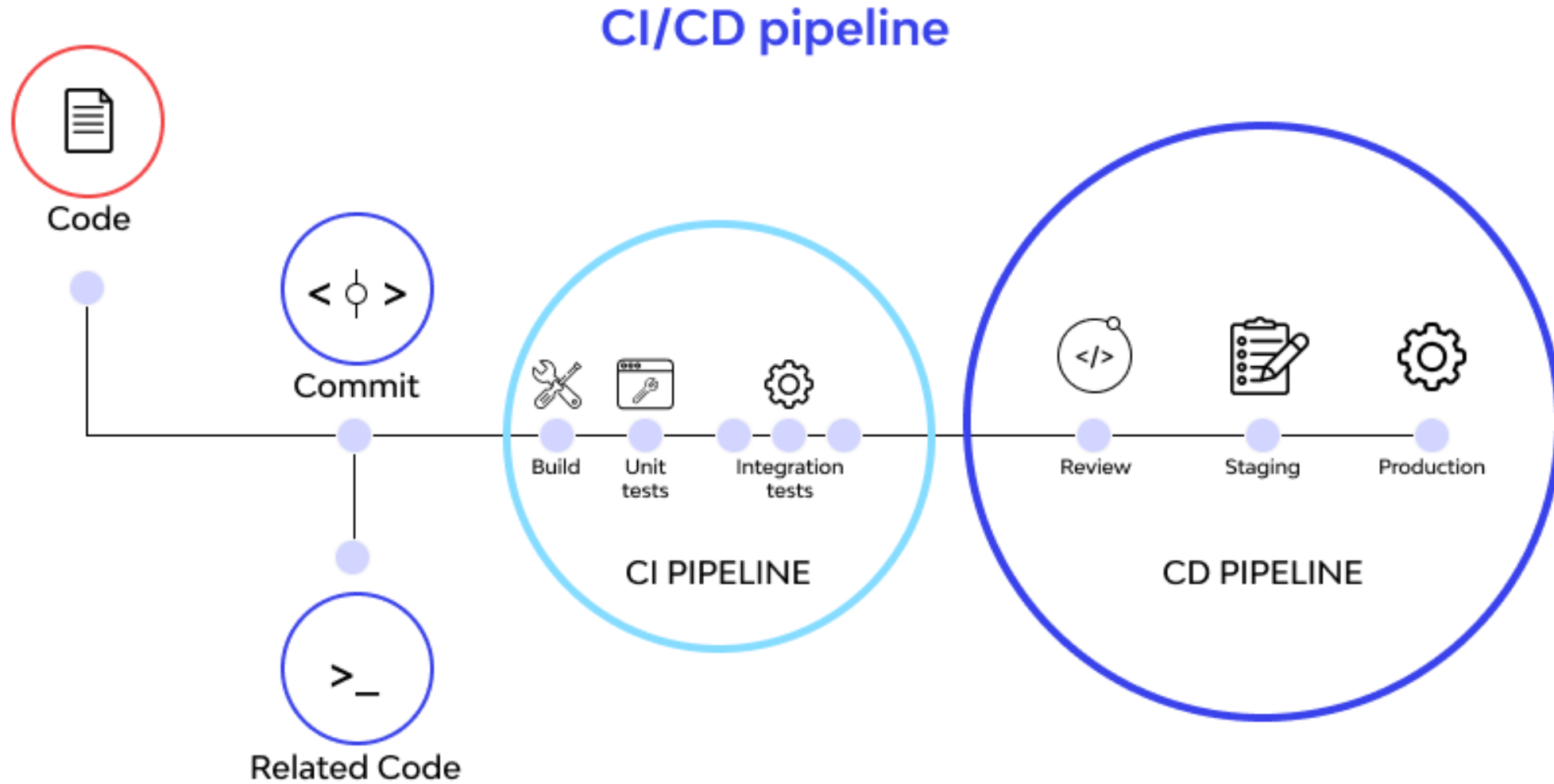

The more the merrier

What are Github Actions

 Continuous Deployment Continuous Deployment #1: completed by 404answernotfound		 3 minutes ago  45s
 Added new test cmd and workflow file hello-world #5: Commit 2201f3f pushed by 404answernotfound	<code>main</code>	 3 minutes ago  12s

The CI/CD pipeline

Possible use cases



Schedule all the things

Possible use cases

```
name: Triggered by CRON

on:
  schedule:
    # Runs "At 12:00 on every day-of-week from Monday through Friday"
    - cron: '0 12 * * 1-5'

jobs:
  build:
    name: Trigger Code Checkout
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v3
```

Is that all?

There's more to it than CI/CD

Marketplace / Search results

Types

Apps

Actions ×

Categories

API management

Chat

Code quality

Code review

Continuous integration

Dependency management

Deployment

IDEs

Learning

Localization

Search for apps and actions

Sort: Best Match ▾

Actions

An entirely new way to automate your development workflow.

16082 results filtered by Actions ×

Actions



Close Stale Issues

By actions

Close issues and pull requests with no recent activity

☆ 762 stars



First interaction

By actions

Greet new contributors when they create their first issue or open their first pull request

☆ 490 stars



Download a Build Artifact

By actions

Download a build artifact that was previously uploaded in the workflow by the upload-artifact action

☆ 750 stars



Upload a Build Artifact

By actions

Upload a build artifact that can be used by subsequent workflow steps

☆ 1.9k stars



Cache

By actions

Cache artifacts like dependencies and



Setup Node.js environment


By actions

Setup a Node.js environment by adding

Cinderella's style, the perfect fit

There's more to it than CI/CD

Marketplace / Actions / First interaction



GitHub Action
First interaction
v1.1.1 Latest version

[Use latest version](#)

First Interaction

An action for filtering pull requests and issues from first-time contributors.

Usage

See [action.yml](#)


```
steps:
- uses: actions/first-interaction@v1
  with:
    repo-token: ${{ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }}
    issue-message: '# Message with markdown.\nThis is the message that will be displayed on users' first pr. Look, a `code block`'
    pr-message: 'Message that will be displayed on users' first pr. Look, a `code block`'
```

License

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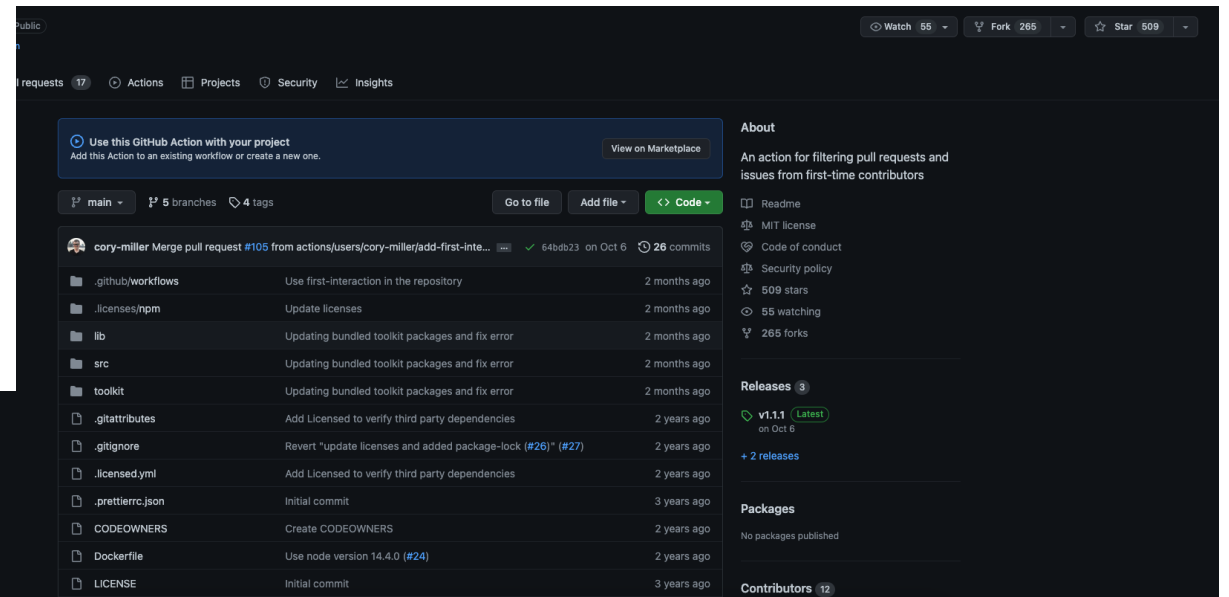
Verified creator
GitHub has verified that this action was created by **actions**.
[Learn more about verified Actions.](#)

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[actions/first-interaction](#) 18
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pull requests 17 Actions Projects Security Insights

Use this GitHub Action with your project
Add this Action to an existing workflow or create a new one. [View on Marketplace](#)

main 5 branches 4 tags [Go to file](#) [Add file](#) [Code](#)

cory-miller Merge pull request #105 from actions/users/cory-miller/add-first-interaction ✓ 648db23 on Oct 6 26 commits

.github/workflows	Use first-interaction in the repository	2 months ago
.licenses/npm	Update licenses	2 months ago
lib	Updating bundled toolkit packages and fix error	2 months ago
src	Updating bundled toolkit packages and fix error	2 months ago
toolkit	Updating bundled toolkit packages and fix error	2 months ago
.gitattributes	Add Licensed to verify third party dependencies	2 years ago
.gitignore	Revert "update licenses and added package-lock (#26)" (#27)	2 years ago
.licensed.yml	Add Licensed to verify third party dependencies	2 years ago
.prettierrc.json	Initial commit	3 years ago
CODEOWNERS	Create CODEOWNERS	2 years ago
Dockerfile	Use node version 14.4.0 (#24)	2 years ago
LICENSE	Initial commit	3 years ago

About

An action for filtering pull requests and issues from first-time contributors

- Readme
- MIT license
- Code of conduct
- Security policy
- 509 stars
- 55 watching
- 265 forks

Releases 3

v1.1.1 Latest on Oct 6

+ 2 releases

Packages

No packages published

Contributors 12

Automate all the things

There's more to it than CI/CD

GitHub event types

For the GitHub Events API, learn about each event type, the triggering action on GitHub, and each event's unique properties.

The Events API can return different types of events triggered by activity on GitHub. Each event response contains shared properties, but has a unique `payload` object determined by its event type. The [Event object common properties](#) describes the properties shared by all events, and each event type describes the `payload` properties that are unique to the specific event.

Event object common properties

The event objects returned from the Events API endpoints have the same structure.

Event API attribute name	Description
<code>id</code>	Unique identifier for the event.
<code>type</code>	The type of event. Events uses PascalCase for the name.
<code>actor</code>	The user that triggered the event.
<code>actor.id</code>	The unique identifier for the actor.

In this article

- [Event object common properties](#)
- [CommitCommentEvent](#)
- [CreateEvent](#)
- [DeleteEvent](#)
- [ForkEvent](#)
- [GollumEvent](#)
- [IssueCommentEvent](#)
- [IssuesEvent](#)
- [MemberEvent](#)
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- [PullRequestReviewEvent](#)
- [PullRequestReviewCommentEvent](#)
- [PullRequestReviewThreadEvent](#)
- [PushEvent](#)
- [ReleaseEvent](#)
- [SponsorshipEvent](#)
- [WatchEvent](#)

Where to go from here

There are so many more features to **Github Actions** left to learn!

- [Understanding Github Actions](#)
- [Finding Actions](#)
- [Github Actions course](#)

Git is quite important, so:

- [Git the simple guide](#)
- [Oh shit git!](#)

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