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explain this github action file:

```yaml
#######################################################
## Build and Deploy Hugo Website to GitHub Pages
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name: 🏗️ Build and Deploy GitHub Pages

on:
  push:
    branches:
      - main # Set a branch to deploy

jobs:
  deploy:
    runs-on: ubuntu-22.04
    steps:
      - name: 🔄 Check Out Source Repository
        uses: actions/checkout@v3.5.1
        with:
          submodules: true # Fetch Hugo themes (true OR recursive)
          fetch-depth: 0 # Fetch all history for .GitInfo and .Lastmod

      - name: 🛠️ Initialize Hugo Environment
        uses: peaceiris/actions-hugo@v2.6.0
        with:
          hugo-version: "0.123.4"
          extended: true

      - name: 🏗️ Compile Hugo Static Files
        run: hugo -D --gc --minify

      - name: 🚀 Publish to GitHub Pages
        uses: peaceiris/actions-gh-pages@v3.9.3
        with:
          github_token: ${{ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }}
          publish_branch: gh-pages
          user_name: "github-actions[bot]"
          user_email: "github-actions[bot]@users.noreply.github.com"
          ## NOTE: uncomment below if using a custom domain
          ## cname: mydomain.com
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This GitHub Action is designed to build and deploy a Hugo website to GitHub Pages. Here's an explanation of what each section does:

1. **Metadata**

   The file starts with some comments providing information about the purpose of the action, the author, and the date it was created.

2. **Workflow Name and Trigger**
   - The `name` field gives a descriptive name to the workflow: "Build and Deploy GitHub Pages."
   - The `on` section specifies that the workflow will be triggered whenever there's a push to the `main` branch of the repository.
3. **Job Configuration**

   The `jobs` section defines a single job named `deploy`, which will run on an Ubuntu 22.04 runner.

4. **Steps**

   The `steps` section outlines the individual tasks that will be executed as part of the job.

   a. **Check Out Source Repository**
      - This step uses the `actions/checkout` action to check out the repository's source code.
      - The `submodules` option is set to `true`, which means that any Git submodules (e.g., Hugo themes) will be fetched as well.
      - The `fetch-depth` option is set to `0`, which fetches the entire commit history, allowing Hugo to correctly generate the `.GitInfo` and `.Lastmod` values.

   b. **Initialize Hugo Environment**
      - This step uses the `peaceiris/actions-hugo` action to set up the Hugo environment.
      - The `hugo-version` input specifies the version of Hugo to use (in this case, "0.123.4").
      - The `extended` input is set to `true`, which means that the extended version of Hugo will be installed (includes additional features like SCSS/SASS support).

   c. **Compile Hugo Static Files**
      - This step runs the `hugo` command to compile the static files for the website.
      - The `-D` flag tells Hugo to include draft content.
      - The `--gc` flag enables garbage collection, which removes unused cached resources.
      - The `--minify` flag minifies the generated HTML, CSS, and JavaScript files, reducing their size.

   d. **Publish to GitHub Pages**
      - This step uses the `peaceiris/actions-gh-pages` action to publish the compiled website to the `gh-pages` branch of the repository, which is where GitHub Pages looks for the website content.
      - The `github_token` input is set to `${{ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }}`, which is a built-in secret provided by GitHub Actions that allows the action to push to the repository.
      - The `publish_branch` input specifies the branch to which the website will be published (`gh-pages`).
      - The `user_name` and `user_email` inputs set the Git user information for the commit that publishes the website.
      - The commented-out `cname` input can be uncommented and set to a custom domain if you want to use a custom domain for your GitHub Pages site.

In summary, this GitHub Action workflow is triggered by pushes to the `main` branch of the repository. It then checks out the source code, sets up the Hugo environment, compiles the website's static files, and publishes the compiled website to the `gh-pages` branch, which is served by GitHub Pages.

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