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Please explain the following GitHub Actions YAML file line-by-line:

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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
```

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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"

```

Sure, I'll explain the GitHub Actions YAML file line-by-line:

```
name: 🏗 Build and Deploy GitHub Pages
```

This line sets the name of the GitHub Actions workflow, which is "Build and Deploy GitHub Pages".

```

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

```

This section specifies the trigger for the workflow. In this case, the workflow will run whenever there is a push event on the `main` branch of the repository.


```

jobs:
  deploy:
    runs-on: ubuntu-22.04

```

This section defines a job called `deploy` that will run on an Ubuntu 22.04 runner.

```


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

```

This step checks out the repository code onto the runner. The `uses` keyword specifies the action to be used, which in this case is the `actions/checkout` action. The `with` block sets additional options for the action:

- `submodules: true` ensures that any Git submodules (e.g., Hugo themes) are also fetched.
- `fetch-depth: 0` fetches the entire commit history of the repository, which is necessary for certain Hugo features like `.GitInfo` and `.Lastmod`.


```

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

```

This step sets up the Hugo environment on the runner using the `peaceiris/actions-hugo` action. The `with` block specifies the Hugo version (`0.123.4`) and enables the `extended` option, which includes additional software required by some Hugo themes.

```

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

```

This step runs the `hugo` command to compile the static files for the website. The `-D` flag includes draft content, `--gc` enables garbage collection, and `--minify` minifies the generated HTML, CSS, and JavaScript files.

```

- 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"

```

This final step publishes the compiled static files to the `gh-pages` branch of the repository, which is used by GitHub Pages to serve the website. The `uses` keyword specifies the `peaceiris/actions-gh-pages`

action. The `with` block sets the following options:

- `github_token`: `${{ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }}` uses the automatically generated `GITHUB_TOKEN` secret to authenticate with the GitHub API.
- `publish_branch`: `gh-pages` specifies the branch to which the compiled files will be pushed.
- `user_name` and `user_email` set the Git user information for the commit that publishes the files.

Overall, this GitHub Actions workflow automates the process of building and deploying a Hugo-based website to GitHub Pages whenever changes are pushed to the `main` branch of the repository.



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Got it. Where does the "actions" folder come from in "uses: actions/checkout@v3.5.1"?

The "actions" folder doesn't actually refer to a local folder in your repository. It's a shorthand way of referring to an action that is hosted on GitHub.

In this case, "actions/checkout@v3.5.1" refers to the official "checkout" action provided by GitHub, located at <https://github.com/actions/checkout>. The "@v3.5.1" part specifies that version 3.5.1 of the action should be used.

GitHub provides a set of actions that are hosted under the <https://github.com/actions> organization. These are reusable workflow steps that can be included in your own workflows.

So when you use `uses: actions/checkout@v3.5.1`, it's telling the GitHub Actions runner to fetch and execute the code from the `actions/checkout` repository, specifically the v3.5.1 release.

This allows you to easily incorporate common functionality, like checking out your repository code, without having to write and maintain that code yourself within your own repository's `.github/workflows/` directory.



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I see, thank you. Is the "peaceiris" an external folder as well?

Yes, that's correct. "peaceiris" in the lines:

```
uses: peaceiris/actions-hugo@v2.6.0
```

and

```
uses: peaceiris/actions-gh-pages@v3.9.3
```

refers to external GitHub repositories hosted by the user "peaceiris".

Just like the "actions" organization contains officially provided actions by GitHub, any GitHub user or organization can publish their own reusable actions to their repositories.

In this case:

- `peaceiris/actions-hugo` is a third-party action that sets up the Hugo static site generator:  
<https://github.com/peaceiris/actions-hugo>
- `peaceiris/actions-gh-pages` is another third-party action that publishes files to a GitHub Pages branch: <https://github.com/peaceiris/actions-gh-pages>

So when you use `uses: peaceiris/actions-hugo@v2.6.0`, it's fetching and executing the code from the `actions-hugo` repository owned by the `peaceiris` user, specifically the `v2.6.0` release.

This allows you to take advantage of actions published by the open source community, rather than having to write all the functionality yourself within your own repository's workflows.



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