

# Continuous Integration

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SWPP Practice Session


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# Continuous Integration?

- Continuous: whenever a code is uploaded to the repo...
  - Whenever a **commit** or a **pull request** is made
- Integration: check the validity of the code after merging
  - Through **automated building & testing**













# Example of CI in Action







**All checks have passed**  
6 successful checks

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|   |   |                         |
|---|---|-------------------------|
|  |  <b>CI / build (pull_request)</b> Successful in 52s          | <a href="#">Details</a> |
|  |  <b>CI / build-release (pull_request)</b> Successful in 1m   | <a href="#">Details</a> |
|  |  <b>CI / build-Z3-only (pull_request)</b> Successful in 2m   | <a href="#">Details</a> |
|  |  <b>CI / build-CVC5-only (pull_request)</b> Successful in 2m | <a href="#">Details</a> |
|  |  <b>CI / opts-test (pull_request)</b> Successful in 1m       | <a href="#">Details</a> |
|  |  <b>CI / litmus-test (pull_request)</b> Successful in 3m     | <a href="#">Details</a> |




**This branch has no conflicts with the base branch**  
Merging can be performed automatically.

**Squash and merge** 

You can also [open this in GitHub Desktop](#) or [view command line instructions](#).

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 master ▾

Commits on Mar 31, 2022


Fix linalg.fill operands to follow the updated syntax (#321)

committed 18 days ago ✓

Verified



8d5a5d7




Commits on Mar 30, 2022


Analyze memref outputs (#320)

committed 19 days ago ✗

Verified




2b2c7d0




Update CMakeLists.txt

committed 19 days ago ✗

Verified




191c221




Commits on Mar 29, 2022

Fix test failures due to the update in linalg.fill

committed 21 days ago ✗




12c9421




Commits on Mar 28, 2022

Migrate from Std to Func dialect

committed 21 days ago ✗



23832af



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Search workflows

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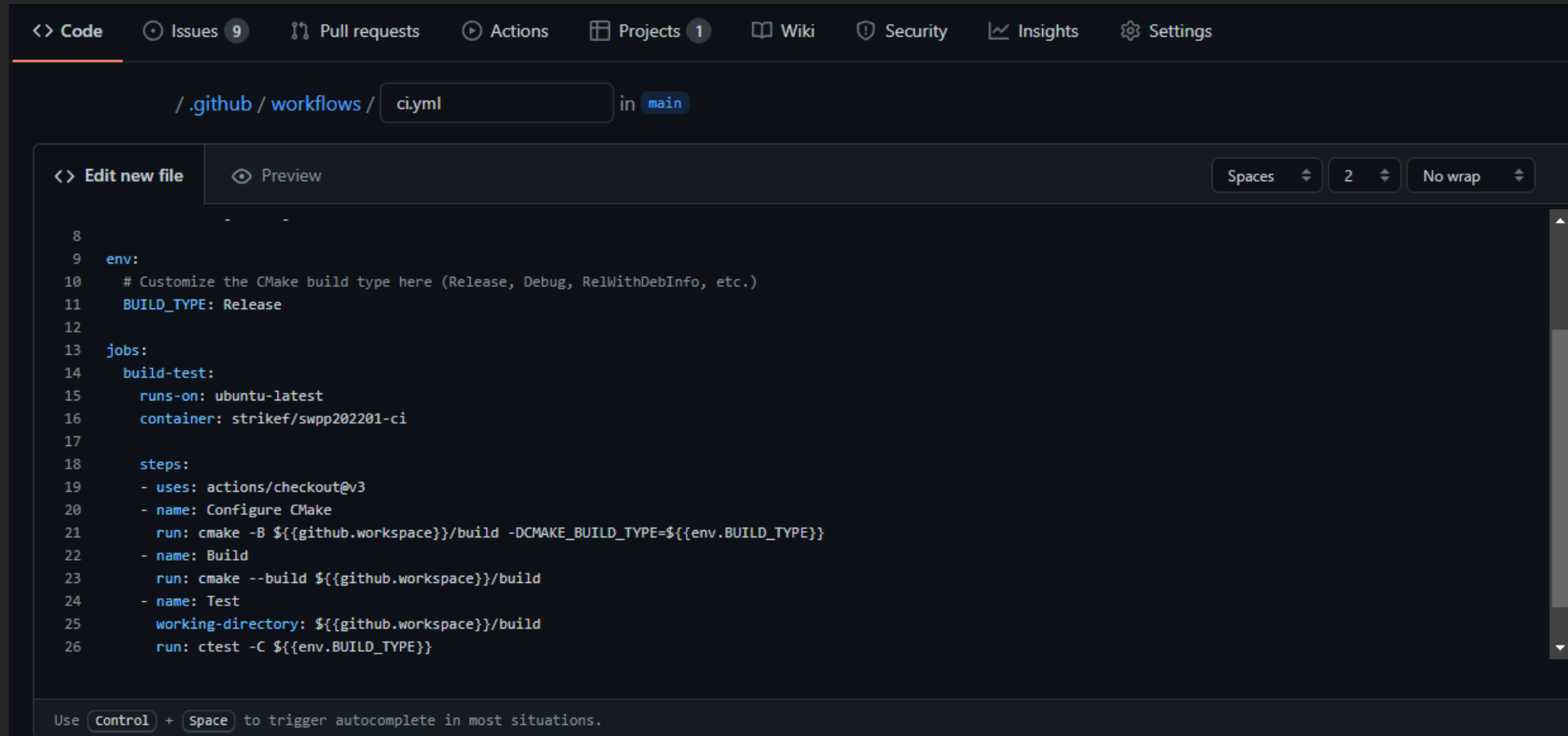
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The screenshot shows the GitHub Actions workflow editor interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links to Code, Issues (9), Pull requests, Actions, Projects (1), Wiki, Security, Insights, and Settings. Below this, the breadcrumb path is `/.github / workflows / ci.yml` in the `main` branch. The editor has two tabs: `Edit new file` (active) and `Preview`. On the right, there are settings for `Spaces`, `2` (lines), and `No wrap`. The main area contains a YAML workflow file with the following content:

```
8
9  env:
10   # Customize the CMake build type here (Release, Debug, RelWithDebInfo, etc.)
11   BUILD_TYPE: Release
12
13  jobs:
14    build-test:
15      runs-on: ubuntu-latest
16      container: strikef/swpp202201-ci
17
18      steps:
19        - uses: actions/checkout@v3
20        - name: Configure CMake
21          run: cmake -B ${github.workspace}}/build -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=${env.BUILD_TYPE}}
22        - name: Build
23          run: cmake --build ${github.workspace}}/build
24        - name: Test
25          working-directory: ${github.workspace}}/build
26          run: ctest -C ${env.BUILD_TYPE}}
```

At the bottom, a tip states: Use `Control` + `Space` to trigger autocomplete in most situations.



# Terminology: Workflow

- Determines **when** the tasks will be run
  - Every day or every hour (**cron**)
  - Whenever a pull request or commit is uploaded (**event**)
  - When someone wants (**dispatch**)
- Contains one or more **jobs**
  - Jobs can be given **dependencies** between them

# Terminology: Job

- **Unit** of tasks
  - Build the project
  - Run this test, run that test, ...
  - Different jobs can be run in parallel!
- Contains run one or more **steps**
  - Steps can be **skipped** under certain conditions

# Terminology: Step

- **Order** of commands
  - Execute **Action**
  - Execute **shell command(s)**
- Executed linearly
  - By default, previous step(s) should succeed
  - Result of previous step(s) can be used in another step(s)

# Actions in GitHub Actions

The screenshot shows the GitHub Actions Marketplace interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the GitHub logo, a search bar, and links for Pull requests, Issues, Marketplace, and Explore. The Marketplace section is active, showing 'Search results'. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Types' (Apps, Actions) and 'Categories' (API management, Chat, Code quality, Code review, Continuous integration, Dependency management, Deployment, IDEs, Learning, Localization, Mobile, Monitoring, Project management, Publishing, Recently added, Security, Support). The 'Actions' type is selected. The main content area shows a search bar, a filter for 'Actions' (12831 results), and a list of actions. Each action card includes a play button icon, the action name, the creator, a brief description, and the number of stars.

Marketplace / Search results

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Support

Search for apps and actions

Sort: Best Match

## Actions

An entirely new way to automate your development workflow.

12831 results filtered by Actions

### Actions

| Action Name                 | By actions | Description   | Stars      |
|-----------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| First interaction           | By actions | Greet new contributors when they create their first issue or open their first pull request                                  | 140 stars  |
| Setup Go environment        | By actions | Setup a Go environment and add it to the PATH   | 694 stars  |
| Close Stale Issues          | By actions | Close issues and pull requests with no recent activity  | 587 stars  |
| Download a Build Artifact   | By actions | Download a build artifact that was previously uploaded in the workflow by the upload-artifact action                        | 539 stars  |
| Upload a Build Artifact     | By actions | Upload a build artifact that can be used by subsequent workflow steps   | 1.4k stars |
| Setup .NET Core SDK         | By actions | Used to build and publish .NET source. Set up a specific version of the .NET and authentication to private NuGet repository | 441 stars  |
| Cache                       | By actions | Cache artifacts like dependencies and build outputs to improve workflow execution time                                      | 2.7k stars |
| Setup Node.js environment   | By actions | Setup a Node.js environment by adding problem matchers and optionally downloading and adding it to the PATH                 | 2k stars   |
| Setup Java JDK              | By actions |   |            |
| action-git-diff-suggestions | By netsnry |   |            |

# actions/checkout

- **Clone** the repository
  - Can clone from specific repo, branch, or commit
  - **Much quicker** than cloning through shell command
- See the [official repo](#) for more details

# actions/cache

- Cache the file or directory for future use
  - Manage the entries via **keys**
  - Entries of different keys are stored separately
  - Each entry can be **written only once**
  - Keys can be fully or partially matched
- See the [official repo](#) and [guide](#) for more details

# actions/cache

- Available within the **entire repository**
  - Jobs can use the cache written by another job
  - Workflows can use the cache written by another workflow
  - Can be used to separate the time-consuming task
- **10GB capacity limit** per repository
  - Older entries will be **evicted** upon reaching the limit

# Actions Instance

- Each repository can use **2,000 minutes** per month for free
  - Should be more than sufficient for the team project
- But you have to set up the instance for yourself
  - You need LLVM, Alive2, and whole lot of dependencies
  - You may unknowingly deviate from others & **TAs'** environment!
- Solution: use **Docker** in Actions!



# Docker

- Container (OS-level virtualization) solution
  - Essentially an isolated Linux environment
- Creates a **container** based on **image**
  - Image: read-only disk (similar to ISO files)
  - Container: VM instance created from the image

# Docker Image

- Images can be created using the script named **Dockerfile**
- Or you can simply download the image from the **Docker Hub**
  - Like GitHub, you can get the image from the repository
  - Each repository contains several tags
  - Each tag corresponds to an image (or version)

# SWPP Docker Image

- We'll distribute the Docker image for the project
  - It will be based on ubuntu 22.04
  - It will contain pre-built LLVM and almost all necessary deps
  - You can use it for both development and CI
- Set the `container` option to use it in GitHub Actions
  - Specify the image repo name, and you're done!