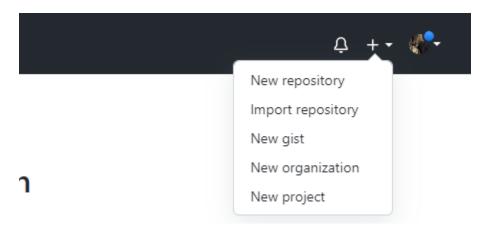
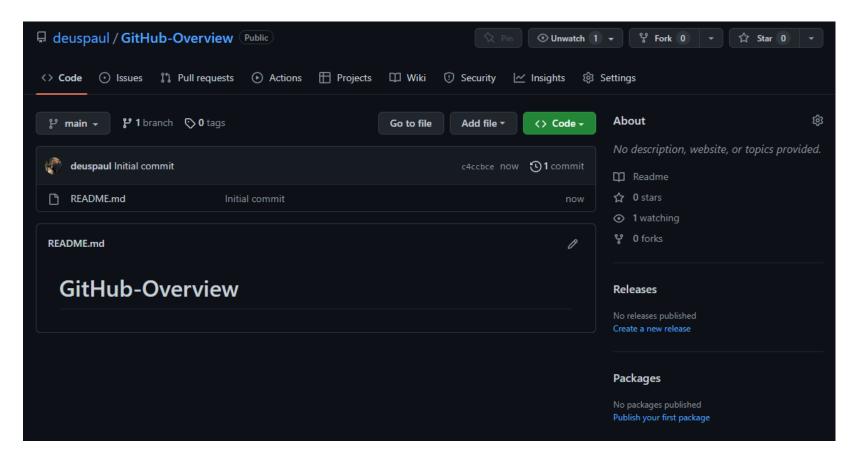
## **Exercise #1: GitHub Overview**

- 1) Open "github.com" in a browser and click on "sign up" to create a new account or "sign in" if you already have an account.
- 2) Once you are logged in, it will take you to the main page where you will see your recent repositories to the left, and a feed with activity depending on the repositories that you follow. On the right you will see some GitHub adds and updates.
- 3) On the top part you have a search bar, a menu with a link to pull requests, Issues, Marketplace and Explore. The Marketplace is one of the links we will be using in this course, as that is where we will find some GitHub Actions that we can integrate into our projects.
- 4) At the top right you have notifications, a "+" button to create a new repository where you can host your code to collaborate with others, a gist which is basically just a snippet of code that you can share, an organization in case you want to set up a GitHub account for your team, or a project which allows you to plan and track work



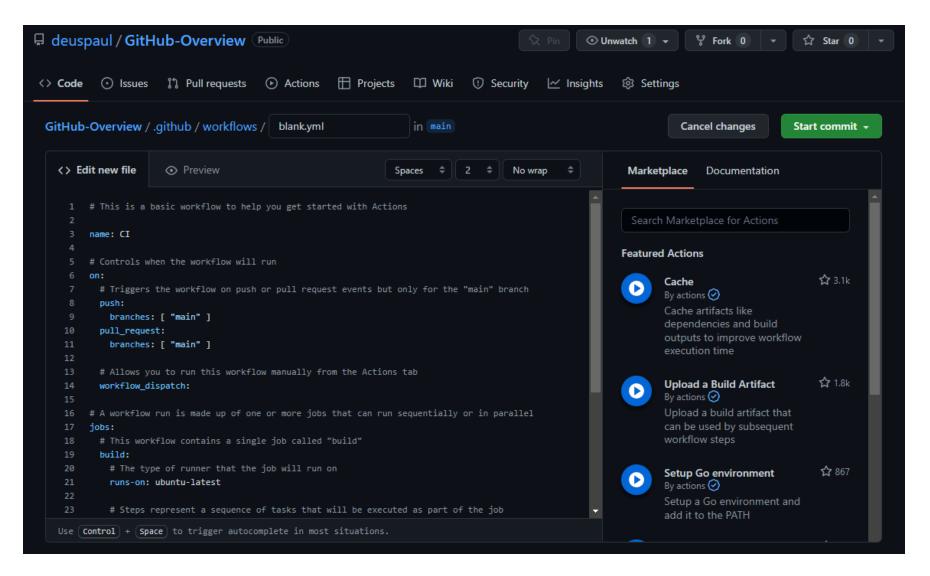
5) Select "New repository", in "Repository Name" input "GitHub Overview" and check the "Add a README file" checkbox so that your repository can be initialized with this "README" file. Leave all other settings with their default value and click on "Create repository"

6) Once your repository has been created, you will be taken to your repository:

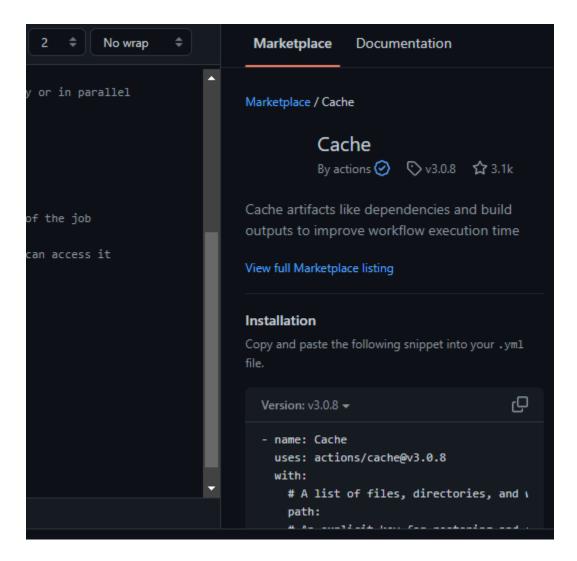


7) At the top left you will see the "namespace" / "repository name", its visibility (Public) and to the right the buttons to watch/fork and star. Watch is used to customize notifications for this repositors, fork is used to create a copy of this repository that you can freely make changes to as well as to push back into the parent repository where it was forked from, and star is used to add the repository to favorites.

- 8) Next, we have a menu that contains a link to the code, which is the main page of the repository. Here you will see everything related to the files of the repository, along with the branches, tags, a button to create/upload a file, as well as a button with the links to clone the repository with ssh, https, download, etc..
- 9) Next we have a button that takes you to a list of issues, followed by one that takes you to the pull requests. Actions which is what we will use the most in this lab. Projects to setup project tracking tools such as boards, wiki, to save documentation or information about the project. Security, which we will also use to setup code-scanning and dependabot, insights, which provides details about issues and pull requests. Finally, settings, which we will also use several times in the other labs of this lesson.
- 10) Click on "Actions", since we have not setup a workflow, it will show GitHub actions that we can integrate into our repository. If you click on the "configure" button within the suggested "simple workflow", it will help you set up a workflow in an editor.

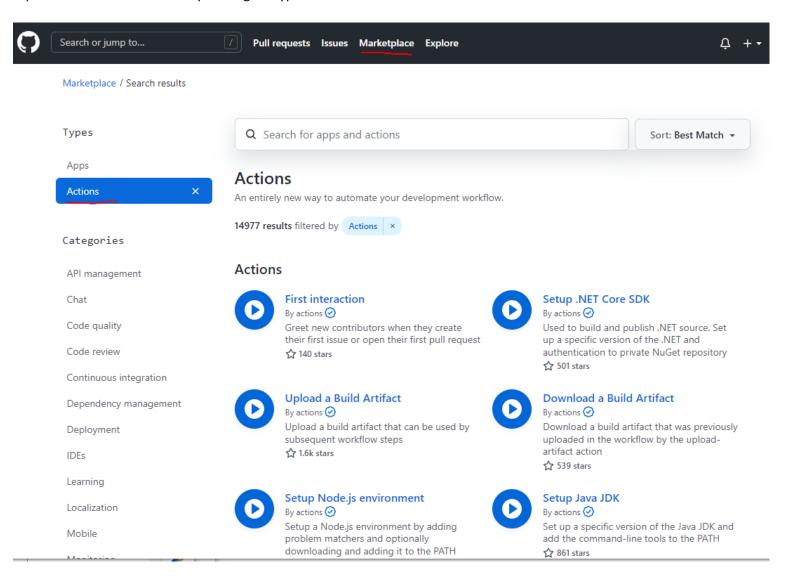


11) To the right, you will notice some action from the Marketplace that you can integrate into your workflow. Upon clicking on them, you should be able to see the instructions about their usage.



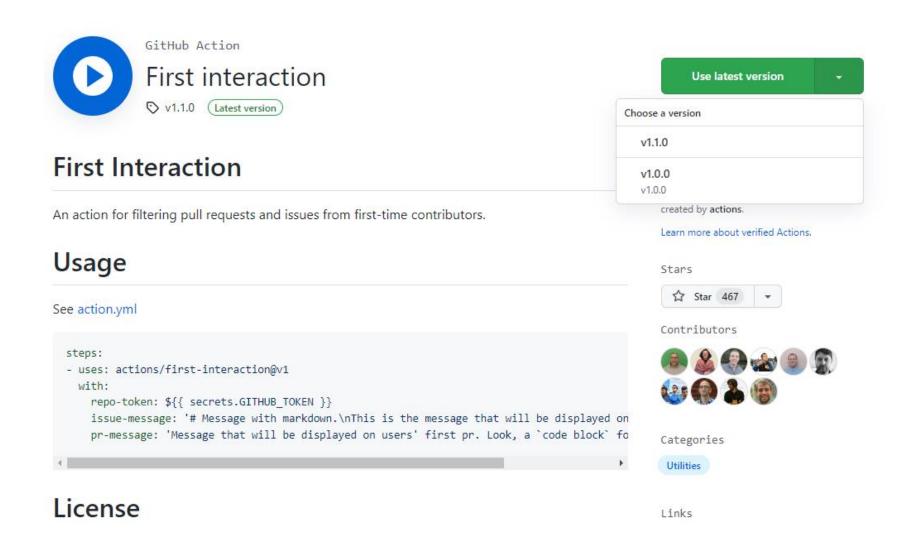
12) For now, its not necessary to click on the green "start commit" button, as this was just an overview.

13) Another place where you can locate GitHub actions is directly in the marketplace. To access it, click on the "Marketplace" link at the very top. You can filter the results by clicking on Types > Actions



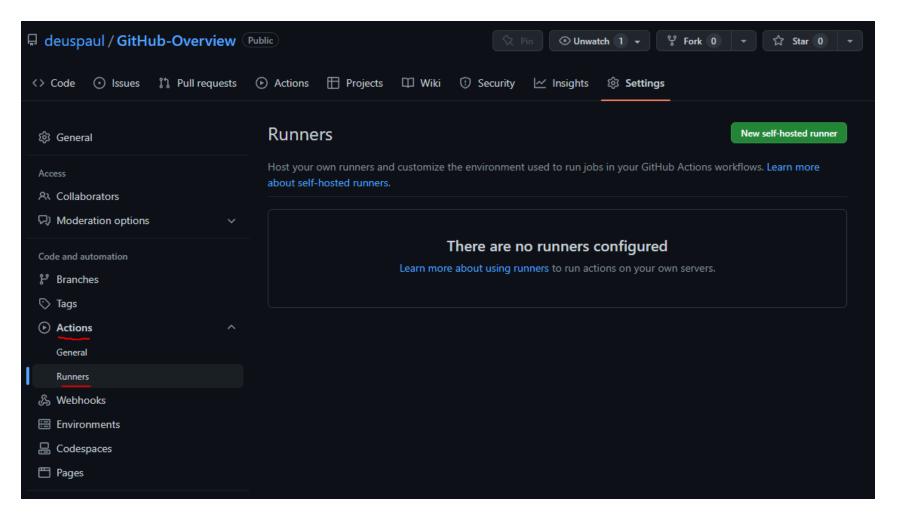
14) Upon clicking on one of the actions, you will be taken to information page about this action, which provides you with instructions on how it can be used along with different versions of the GitHub action:

Marketplace / Actions / First interaction



# **Exercise #2: Setup a runner and a workflow**

1) Go back to the repository we created in the previous exercise and click on the "settings" tab. Then within the "Code and automation" section from the left menu, click on "Actions" > "runners" and then click on the green "New self-hosted runner" button at the top right.:



- 2) Select your Operating System in "Runner image" and your architecture (x64/arm)
- 3) Follow the steps listed below architecture to download and install the runner (Hint: you can copy the commands by clicking on them)
- 4) Example for Windows:

  Open Terminal or Cmd/Powershell as administrator and create a folder called "actions-runner" in the drive root and open that

directory:

5) Download the latest runner package:

6) Check the integrity of the downloaded file to make sure its legitimate (if it has been compromised it will display the message saying "Computed checksum did not match"):

```
PS C:\actions-runner> if((Get-FileHash -Path actions-runner-win-x64-2.296.2.zip -Algorithm SHA256).Hash .ToUpper() -ne '96d03cf54dbfe2e016bd2aa5a08ffbd2a803b1899b0ae3eedf4bd18e370f14a4'.ToUpper()){ throw 'Computed checksum did not match' }
PS C:\actions-runner> _
```

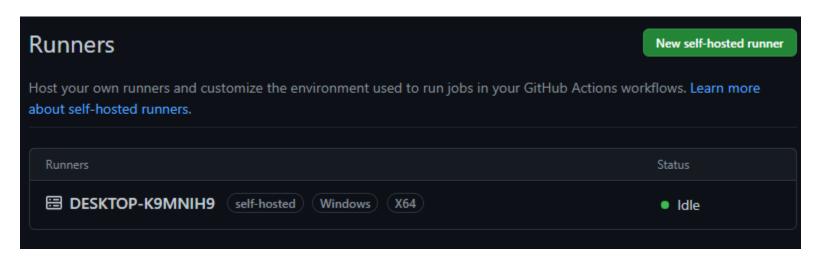
7) Extract the file contents to the current location:

```
PS C:\actions-runner> Add-Type -AssemblyName System.IO.Compression.FileSystem ; [System.IO.Compression.
ZipFile]::ExtractToDirectory("$PWD/actions-runner-win-x64-2.296.2.zip", "$PWD")
PS C:\actions-runner> ls
   Directory: C:\actions-runner
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Mode
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                                          2146 run-helper.sh.template
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PS C:\actions-runner> _
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8) Register the runner to your github repository with the first command in the "Configure" section. You can leave the default values for name, labels and work folder or change them

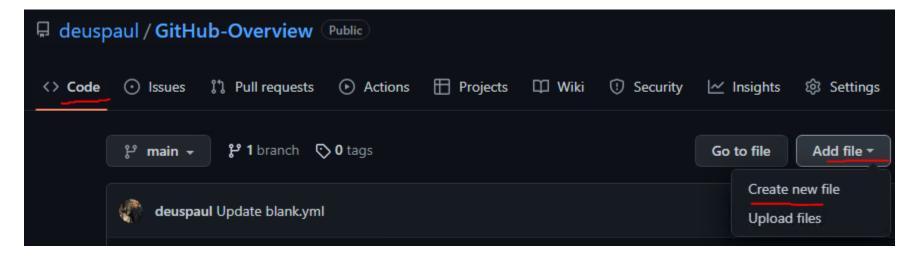
when prompted if you would like to run it as a service select "y", and select the default account to use for the service (NT Authority\Network service):

9) Once you have completed the previous step, your runner should appear as online/idle

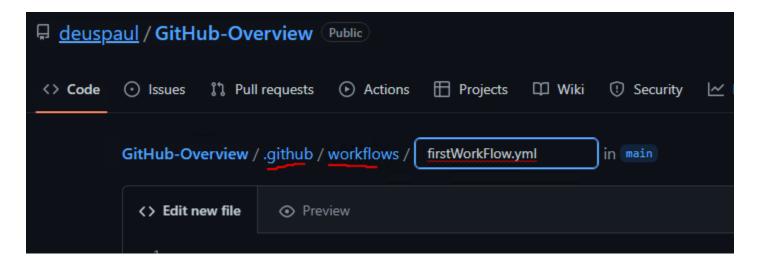


10) If it appears as offline, you may need to run the "./run.cmd" command

11) Now we are ready to test our runner. Click on "Code", then on the "Add file" button and select "Create new file"



12) At the top part, type ".github/", then "workflows/", and then "firstWorkFlow.yml":

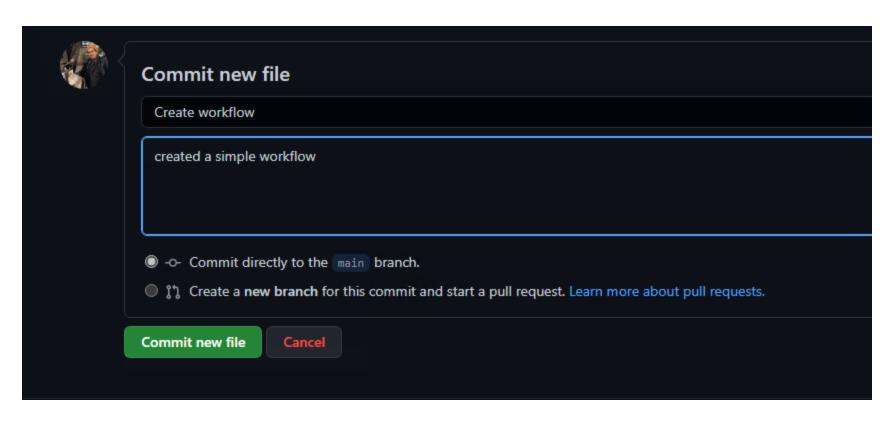


Add the following code to the file, mind the 2 spaces between each indent:

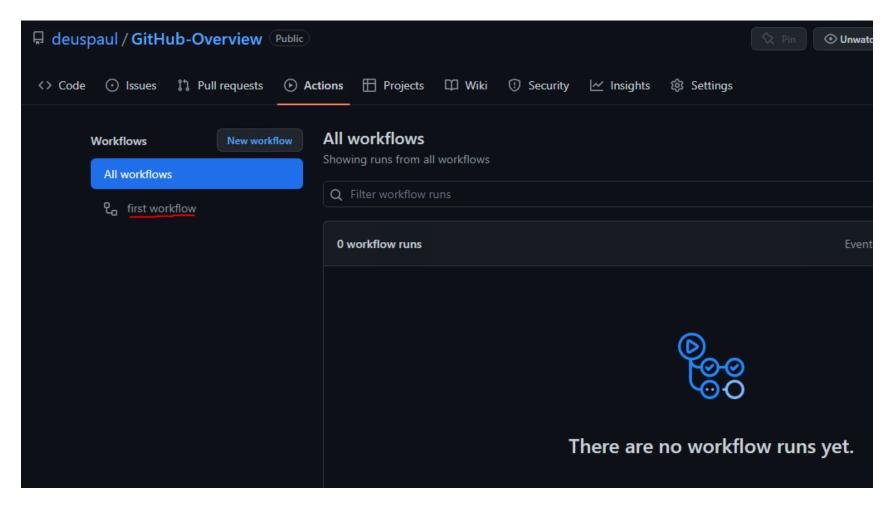
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  <> Edit new file
                      Preview
        name: first workflow
        on:
          workflow_dispatch:
        jobs:
          firstjob:
            runs-on: self-hosted
            steps:
            - name: firstJob script
                shell: cmd
                run: echo Hello World! This is the first job
          secondjob:
            runs-on: ubuntu-latest
            steps:
             - name: secondJob script
                shell: bash
                run:
                  echo this is the second job
                  echo and this is a multi-line script
```

```
name: first workflow
on:
 workflow_dispatch:
jobs:
  firstjob:
    runs-on: self-hosted
    steps:
     - name: firstJob script
        shell: cmd
       run: echo Hello World! This is the first job
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        shell: bash
        run: |
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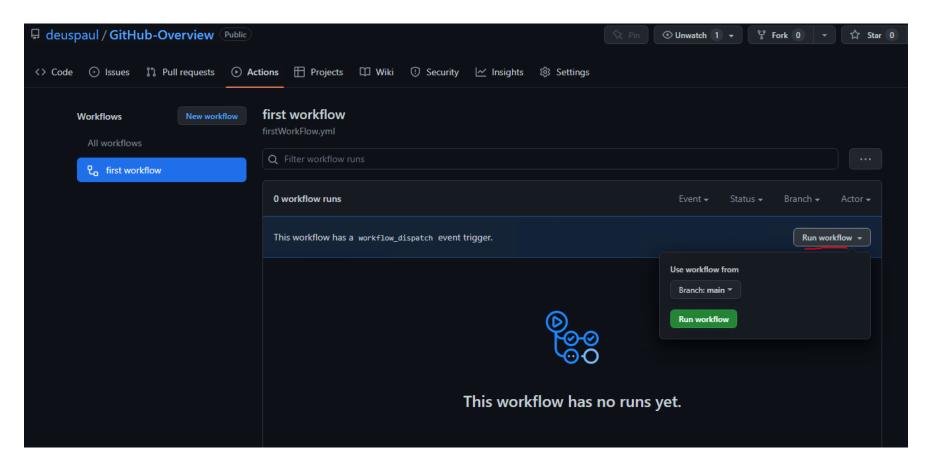
13) Scroll to the bottom and add a descriptive message and click on "commit new file"



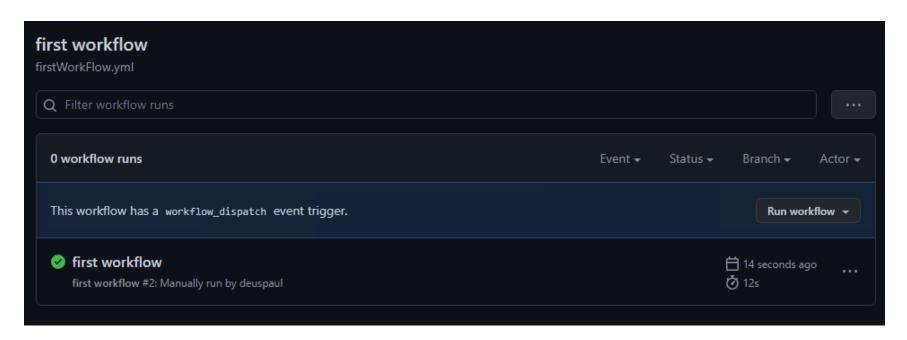
14) Click on "Actions", you should see your workflow listed there:



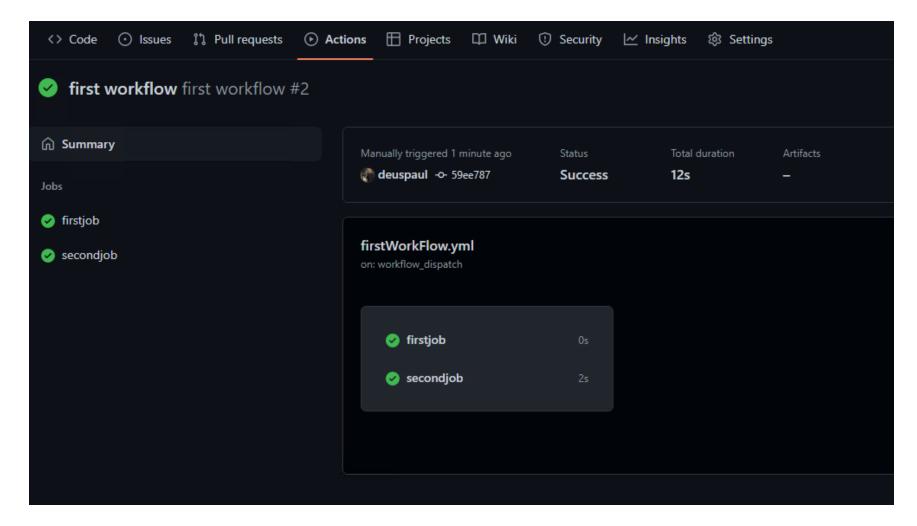
15) Next, select your workflow and click on "run workflow", select "main" branch, and click on "run workflow"



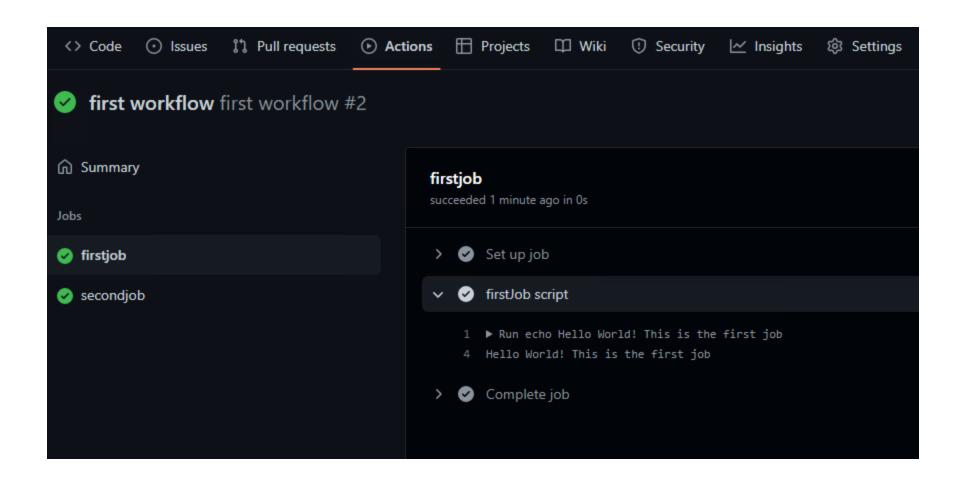
16) After a couple of seconds, the job will be launched, and you can see its details by clicking on it:

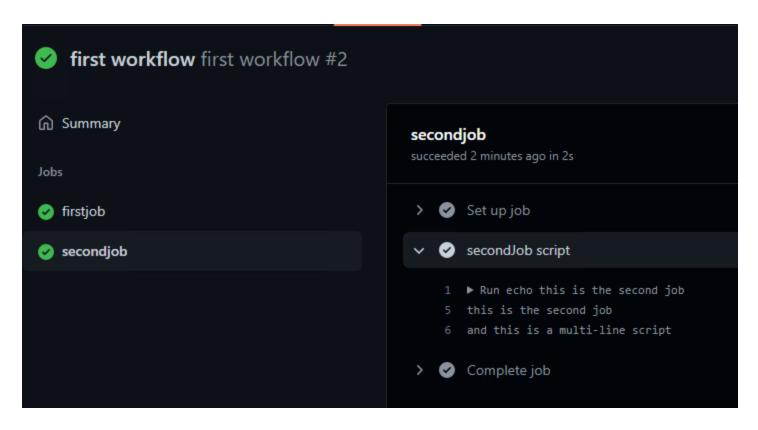


17) Here you can see it is a workflow made up of 2 jobs

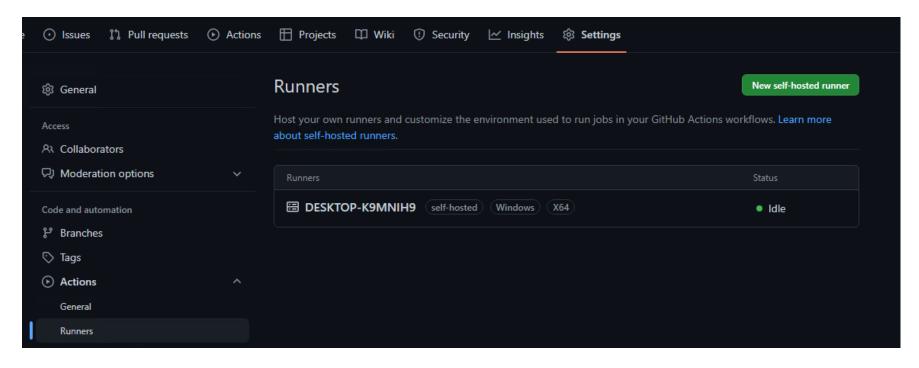


18) Upon clicking on each job, you can see the steps within:

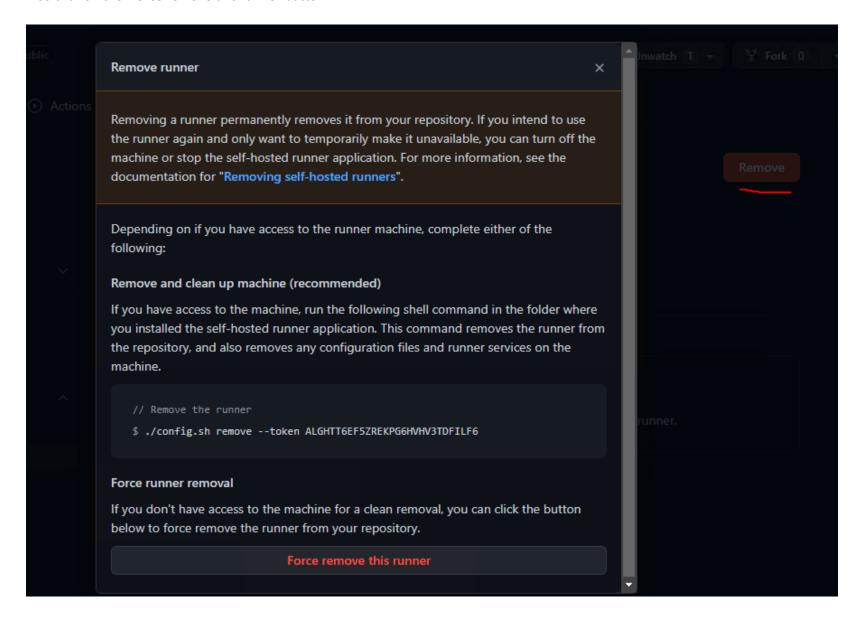




19) Now lets go ahead and remove the self-hosted runner. Click on "settings", "actions" > "runners" and click on your runner

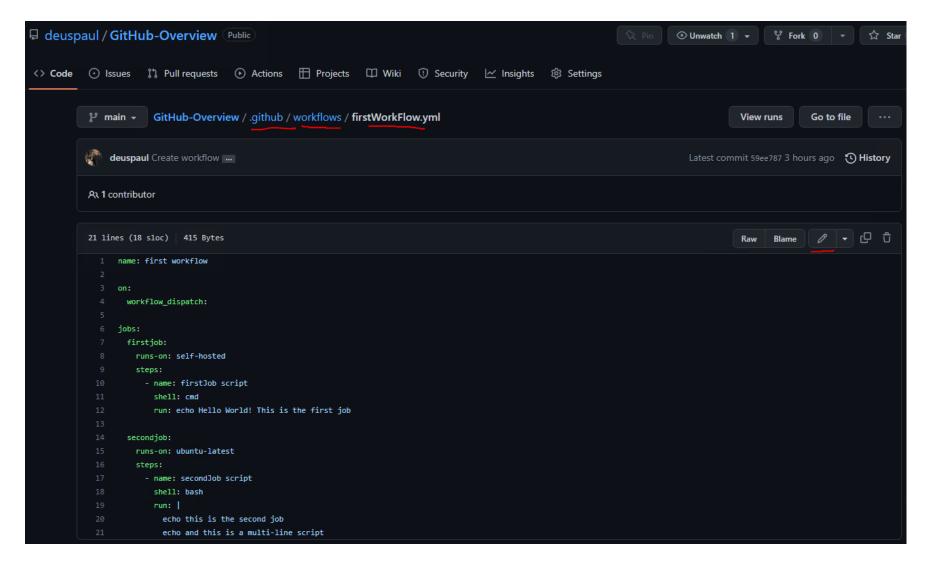


20) Click on the remove button, that should show the following pop-up. Ideally you should remove the runner with the command shown in the pop-up (change "config.sh" to "config.cmd" in case of windows), or you can



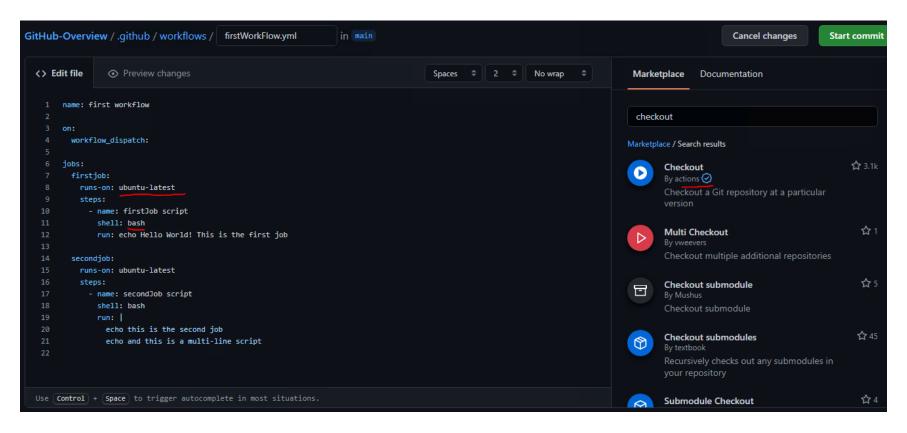
# **Exercise #3: Advanced workflow**

1) Go back to our repository from the previous exercise and click on the code tab. Access the ".github" and "workflows" directories and click on our workflow "firstWorkflow. Next, click on the pencil icon to the right to edit the workflow file:



2) The first thing we will want to do is to change the runner for the first job, from "self-hosted" to "ubuntu-latest" along with the shell of the job from "cmd" to "bash".

3) Next, we will add some GitHub actions to it. On the right side you will notice that there is a list of several GitHub actions from the marketplace. Search "checkout" and locate an action by "actions" with the blue checkmark indicating a verified creator and click on it:



- 4) It will display its usage instructions, though it's a little bit crowded for that window, so go ahead and click on the "view full Marketplace listing" link instead.
- 5) In the full marketplace listing page, it shows you the description for the selected version, the new features for this version as well as the usage and some example scenarios. If you would like to change to a previous version, you can do so by clicking on the green button at the top right labeled "Use latest version".

This is one of the most used functions as it clones your GitHub repository to the runner so you can work with your code



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### Checkout V3

This action checks-out your repository under \$GITHUB\_WORKSPACE, so your workflow can access it.

Only a single commit is fetched by default, for the ref/SHA that triggered the workflow. Set fetch-depth: 0 to fetch all history for all branches and tags. Refer here to learn which commit \$GITHUB SHA points to for different events.

The auth token is persisted in the local git config. This enables your scripts to run authenticated git commands. The token is removed during post-job cleanup. Set persist-credentials: false to opt-out.

When Git 2.18 or higher is not in your PATH, falls back to the REST API to download the files.

### What's new

- Updated to the node16 runtime by default
  - o This requires a minimum Actions Runner version of v2.285.0 to run, which is by default

Use latest version

✓ Verified creator

GitHub has verified that this action was created by actions.

Learn more about verified Actions.

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6) Go back to the tab where we are editing the code of your workflow and add this action to a step

- name: checkout

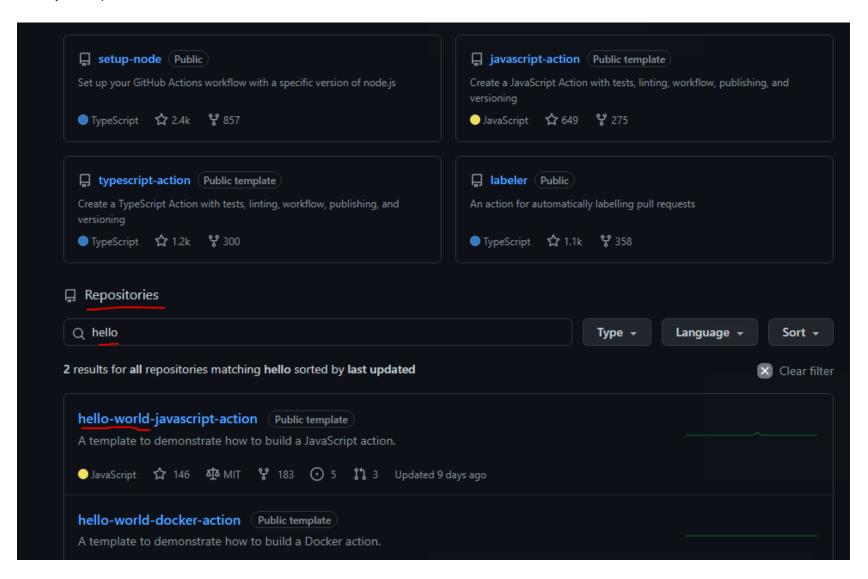
uses: actions/checkout@v3

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    Preview changes

  <> Edit file
        name: first workflow
        on:
          workflow_dispatch:
        jobs:
          firstjob:
            runs-on: ubuntu-latest
            steps:
              - name: firstJob script
                shell: bash
                run: echo Hello World! This is the first job
             - name: checkout
                uses: actions/checkout@v3
          secondjob:
            runs-on: ubuntu-latest
            steps:
             - name: secondJob script
                shell: bash
                run:
                  echo this is the second job
                  echo and this is a multi-line script
```

7) Next, lets add another action that we can interact with, this time we will use an action from a repository instead of an action from the marketplace. In another tab open https://github.com/actions, and in the repositories search bar, type "hello", and click on the "hello-



8) At the bottom of the repository, you will find the instructions to use this action under the "Example usage" section. Make note of the output section as well, this means that this action has an output, which in this case is the time in which the action ran:



9) Copy the code from the "Example usage" code block, add a new step with name "greetings" and paste the code that we copied into this step. Add a key for "id" to this step with the value "greetings" so we can reference its output in other steps.

name: greetings
 id: greetings
 uses: actions/hello-world-javascript-action@main
 with:
 who-to-greet: 'Mona the Octocat'

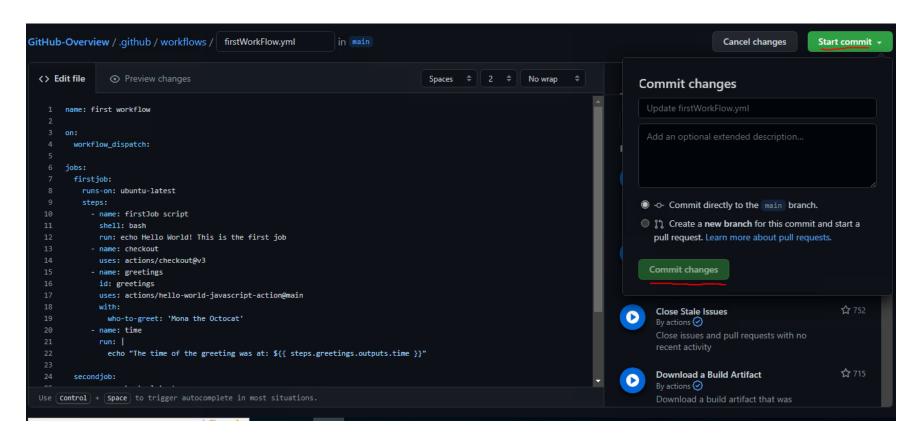
```
- name: greetings
id: greetings
uses: actions/hello-world-javascript-action@main
with:
   who-to-greet: 'Mona the Octocat'
```

10) Create another step with the name "time" and the run command with the following code:

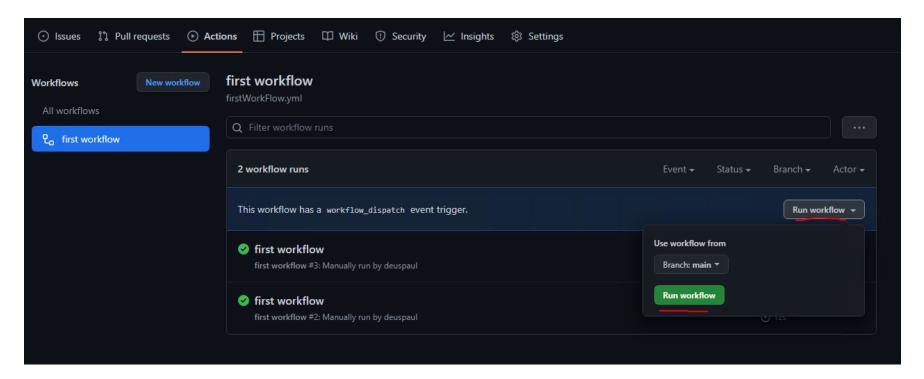
```
- name: time
run: |
  echo "The time of the greeting was at: ${{ steps.greetings.outputs.time }}"
```

```
- name: time
  run: |
    echo "The time of the greeting was at: ${{ steps.greetings.outputs.time }}"
```

11) Go ahead and click on the green "Start commit" button, add a message and description and click on commit changes (leave "commit directly to main branch selected)

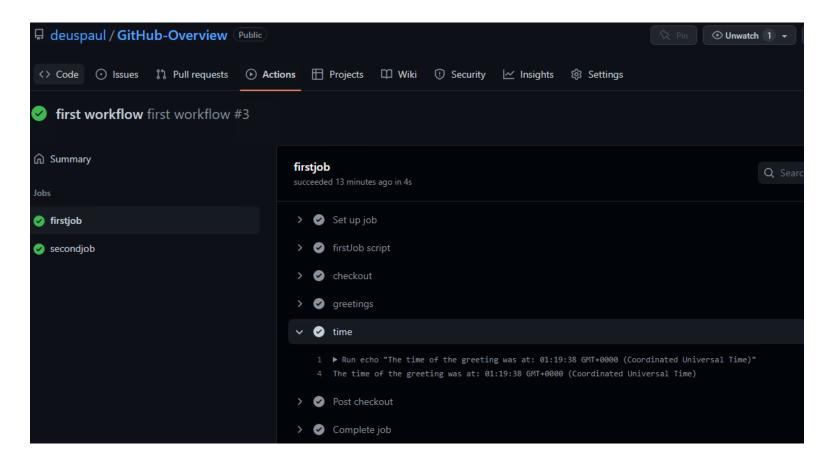


12) Click on the actions tab, select your workflow and click on the "run workflow" button (remember we have set it up to work this way with the "workflow\_dispatch" trigger



13) Click on the first job, there you should see our 3 new stages, "checkout" which basically initializes a git repository in the runner, links our GitHub repository with the git remote add command and then fetches the contents, though we do not have anything in our repository right now.

Then in the "greetings" step, it basically outputs Hello followed by the value of the "who-to-greet" parameter And in the "time" step just outputs our message followed by the time



14) Now let's go back to our editor to keep working on our workflow. The first thing we are going to do is make job2 wait for job1 to finish in order to serialize them instead of having them run in parallel. This is done with the "needs" keyword, so add the following code right after the "runs-on: ubuntu-latest" line:

needs: firstjob

15) Next we will learn how to use variables. The highest level for variables is at the workflow level, this variable will be available to all the jobs and steps, so add the following code right after the line of code where we name our workflow:

env:

WORKFLOW\_VAR: "This variable is declared at the workflow level"

```
name: first workflow
env:
WORKFLOW_VAR: "This variable is declared at the workflow level"

on:
workflow_dispatch:
```

16) Next, lets add a variable at the job level, so in the "secondjob" add the following block of code after the line of code with the "needs" keyword

env:

JOB\_VAR: "This is a job variable"

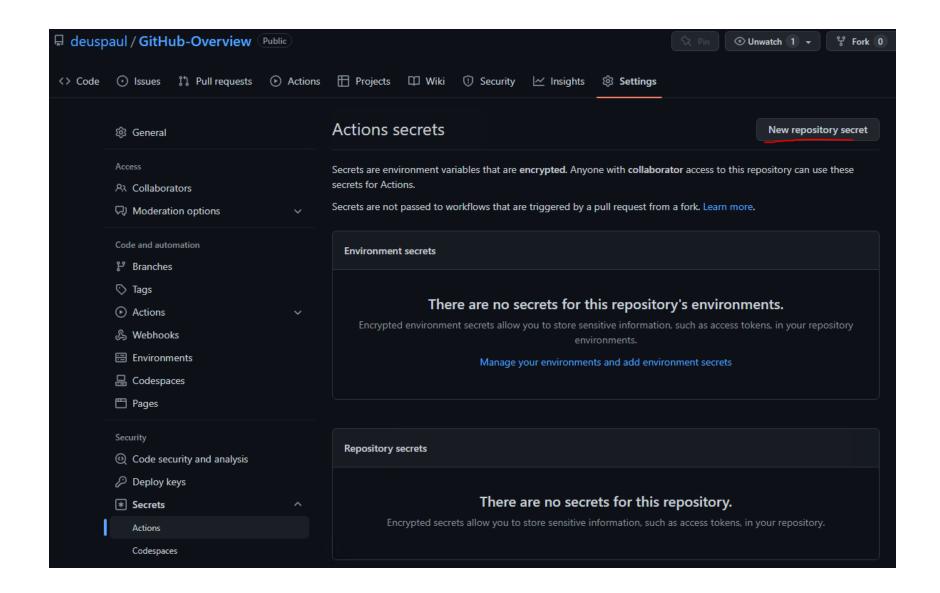
```
secondjob:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    needs: firstjob
    env:
        JOB_VAR: "This is a job variable"
    steps:
        - name: secondJob script
```

- 17) And last, the variable at the step level, so lets go ahead and create a new step with name "environment variables" next add "env:" and the step variable "STEP\_VAR" with the following code:
  - name: environment variables env:

STEP\_VAR: "This variable is declared at the step level"

```
    name: environment variables
        env:
            STEP_VAR: "This variable is declared at the step level"
```

18) Next lets add a secret to our repository. Right click on "Settings" and open it in a new tab. Locate the "Security" section in the left menu, click on "Secrets" and then on "Actions". From there click on "New repository secret"



19) Name it "SOME\_SECRET" and in the value of the secret field, input "password", and click on "add secret"

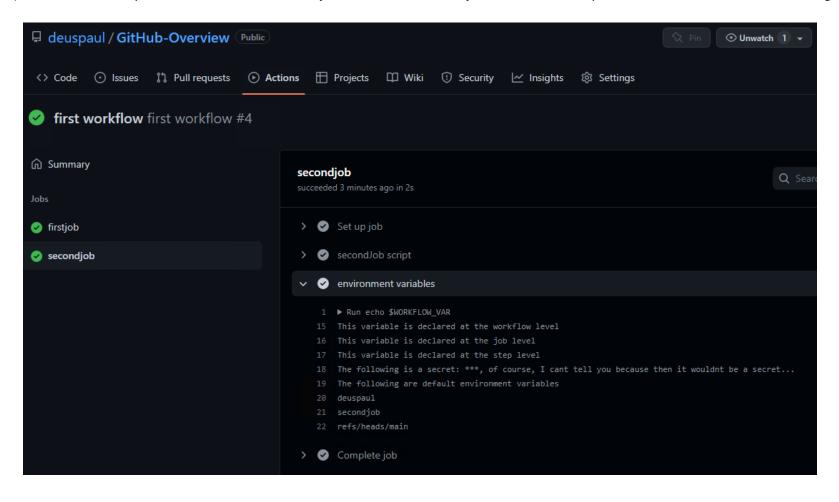
20) Go back to the tab where we are editing our workflow, and lets echo all our variables in the step we created in the previous step. Add the following code:

```
run: |
echo $WORKFLOW_VAR
echo $JOB_VAR
echo $STEP_VAR
echo "The following is a secret: ${{ secrets.SOME_SECRET }}, of course, I cant tell you because then it wouldnt be a secret..."
echo "The following are default environment variables:"
echo $GITHUB_ACTOR
echo $GITHUB_JOB
echo $GITHUB_REF
```

The code for the second job should look as follows:

```
secondjob:
27
        runs-on: ubuntu-latest
        needs: firstjob
        env:
          JOB_VAR: "This variable is declared at the job level"
        steps:
          - name: secondJob script
            shell: bash
            run:
              echo "this is the second job"
              echo and this is a multi-line script
          - name: environment variables
              STEP_VAR: "This variable is declared at the step level"
            run:
              echo $WORKFLOW_VAR
              echo $JOB_VAR
              echo $STEP_VAR
              echo "The following is a secret: ${{ secrets.SOME_SECRET }}, of course, I cant tell you because then it wouldnt be a secret..."
              echo "The following are default environment variables"
              echo $GITHUB_ACTOR
              echo $GITHUB_JOB
              echo $GITHUB_REF
```

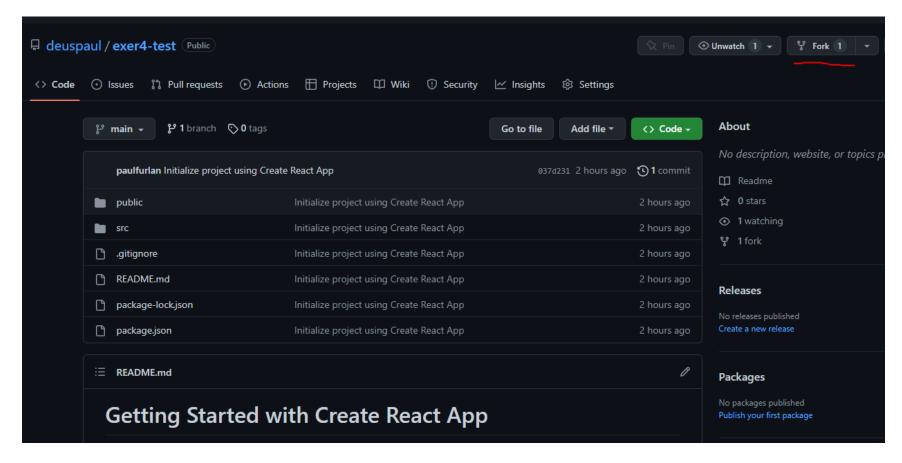
21) In the actions tab, you will notice that the second job comes after the first job now, and the output of the variables will be the following:



## **Exercise #4: Building & testing**

1) Access the following link GitHub repository and click on the fork button: https://github.com/deuspaul/exer4-test

This is a simple NPM based react project created with the "npx create-react-app" command



2) Click on "Actions" and select "set up a workflow yourself". Erase all the content from the default file and add the following code:

name: build
on:
workflow\_dispatch:

jobs:
build:
runs-on: ubuntu-latest
steps:
- uses: actions/checkout@v3

3) In this workflow we will be building and testing our project. The first thing we will do is setup our cache to speed up this job in our workflow. To do so, add the following step to the code from the previous step.

- name: Cache

uses: <a href="mailto:actions/cache@v3.0.8">actions/cache@v3.0.8</a>

with:

path: ~/.npm key: buildCache

4) Next we instruct it to install the packages it depends on based on the package-lock file in the repository. The difference here is that npm ci is used in automated environments such as CI pipelines.

- run: npm ci

5) Next we will use the included function to run unit tests. It already has a default single unit test defined in /src/App.test.js, which just tests that the text: "learn react" is in the page. We also run code coverage to get a report on the % of code covered by tests by adding ---coverage. We also have to tell it that we are running this command in a workflow/pipeline, to do so, we set an environment variable named "CI" to "true"

```
run: npm test -- --coverage
env:CI: true
```

```
exer4-test-fork / .github / workflows / main.yml
                                                                    in main
  <> Edit file
                  Preview changes
        name: build
        on:
          workflow_dispatch:
        jobs:
          build:
            runs-on: ubuntu-latest
            steps:
              - uses: actions/checkout@v3
              - name: Cache
               uses: actions/cache@v3.0.8
                with:
                 path: ~/.npm
                 key: buildCache
              - run: npm ci
              - run: npm test -- --coverage
                env:
                 CI: true
```

6) Next, we will upload the artifacts generated by the tests so they can be reviewed outside of the pipeline. To do so, add the following block of code:

```
    name: Upload code coverage
uses: <u>actions/upload-artifact@v3.1.0</u>
with:
```

name: codecoverage

path: coverage

7) And finally, we will build our application with the "npm run build" command followed by an action to upload the build artifacts.

- name: build

run: npm run build

- name: Upload build files

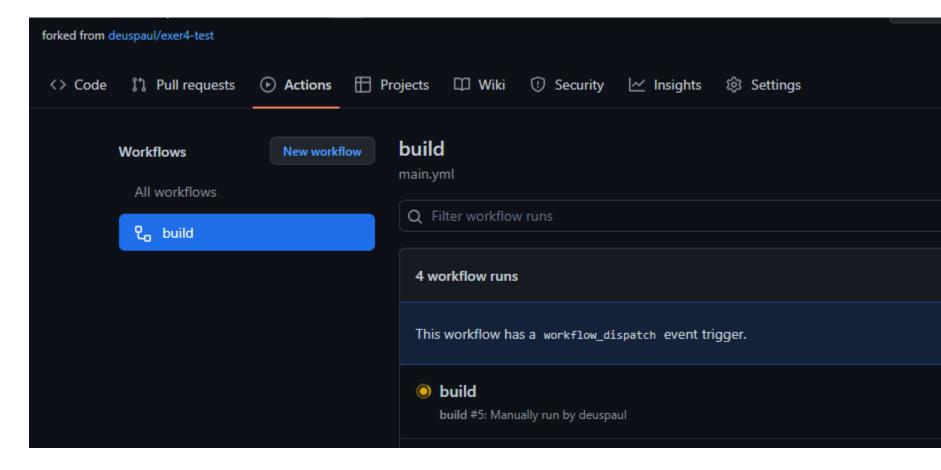
uses: actions/upload-artifact@v3.1.0

with:

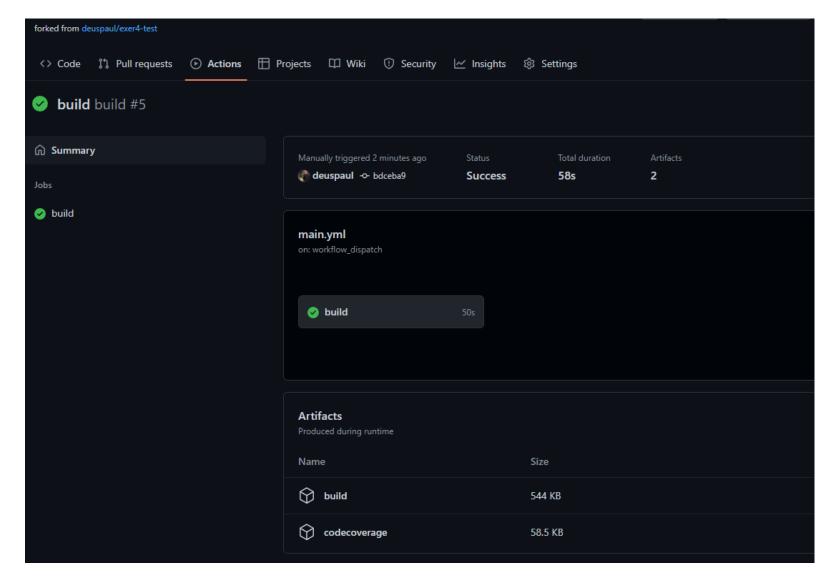
name: build path: build

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  1 name: build
      on:
        workflow_dispatch:
      jobs:
        build:
          runs-on: ubuntu-latest
          steps:
           - uses: actions/checkout@v3
           - name: Cache
              uses: actions/cache@v3.0.8
              with:
                path: ~/.npm
                key: buildCache
            - run: npm ci
            - run: npm test -- --coverage
              env:
                CI: true
            - name: Upload code coverage
              uses: actions/upload-artifact@v3.1.0
              with:
                name: codecoverage
                path: coverage
            - name: build
              run: npm run build
            - name: Upload build files
              uses: actions/upload-artifact@v3.1.0
              with:
                name: build
                path: build
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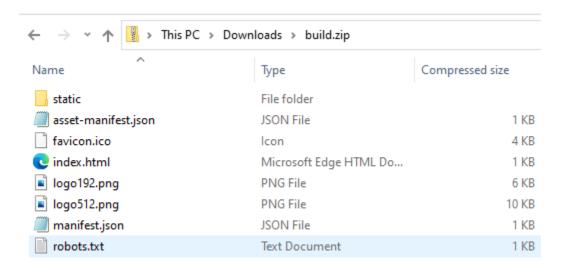
8) Head on over to actions and click on "run workflow" on main branch



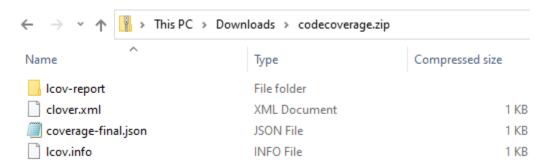
9) The workflow should look like the following and you should be able to see the artifacts at the bottom:



10) The contents of the build file should look like the following:

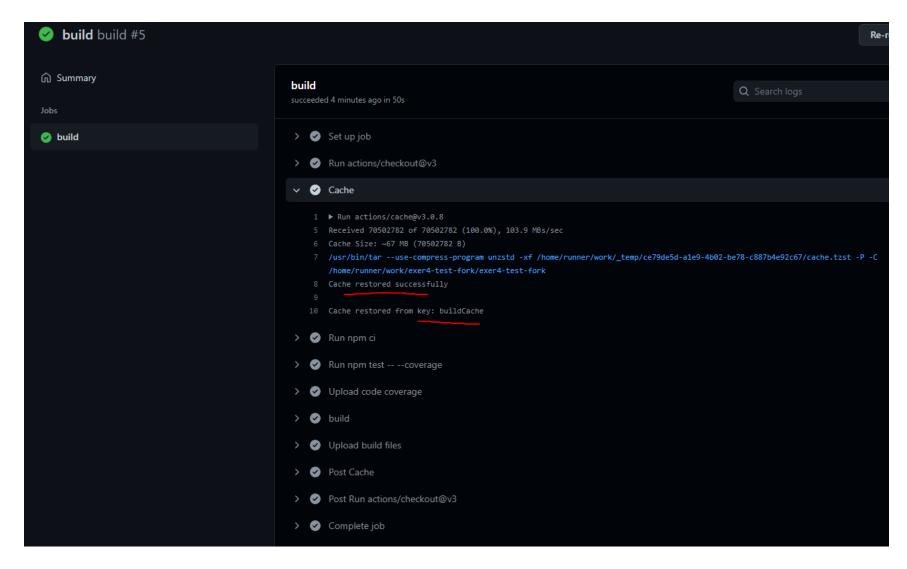


11) And the ones from code coverage should look like the following:

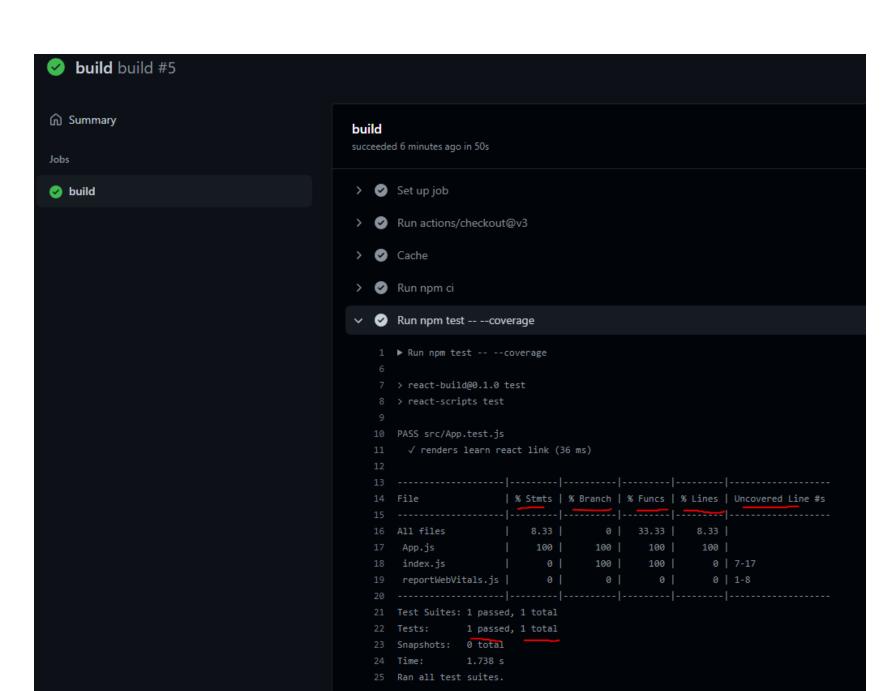


12) Upon clicking on the build job, you should notice the following:

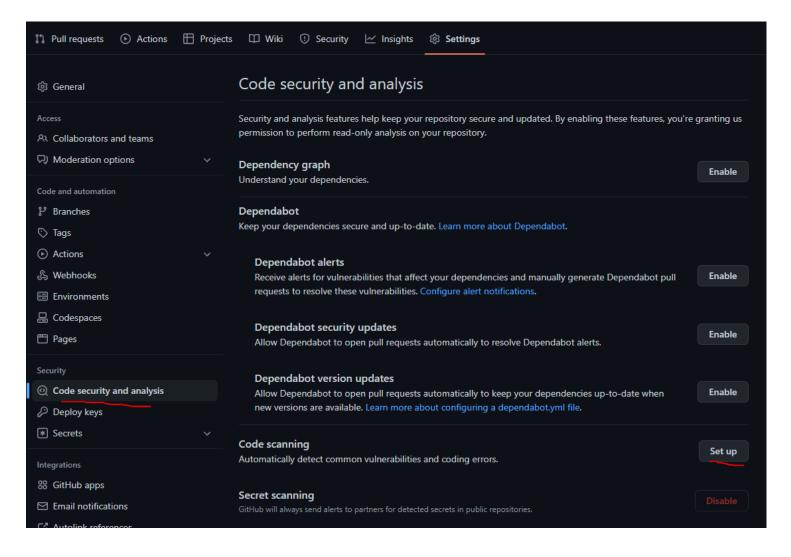
If you have run this workflow more than once, the cache should say cache restored. Otherwise, if it is the first time it is run, the cache will be created:



13) The report for the unit test and code coverage can be viewed in the pipeline job as well as in the artifacts where it can be viewed as a webpage:



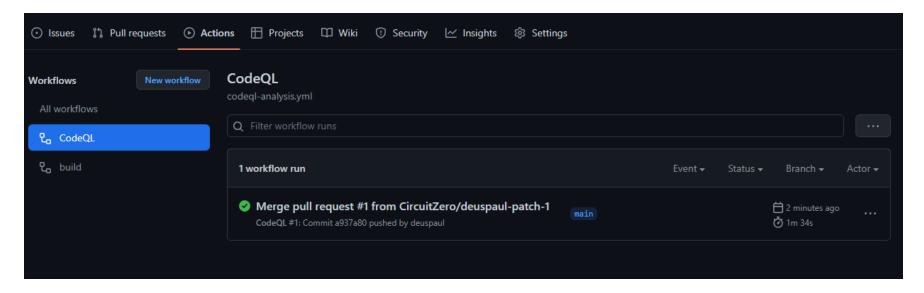
- 14) Next lets set up code scanning. Click on settings, then "code security and analysis" within the "security" section at the left.
- 15) Click on the "set up" button for Code Scanning.



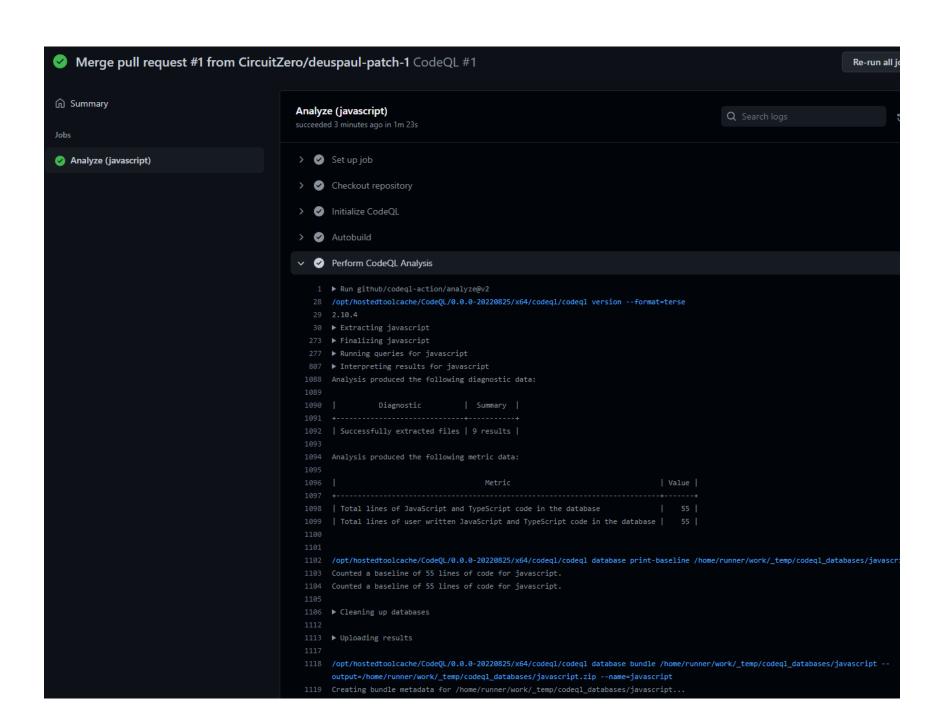
16) Then click on "Configure CodeQL alerts"



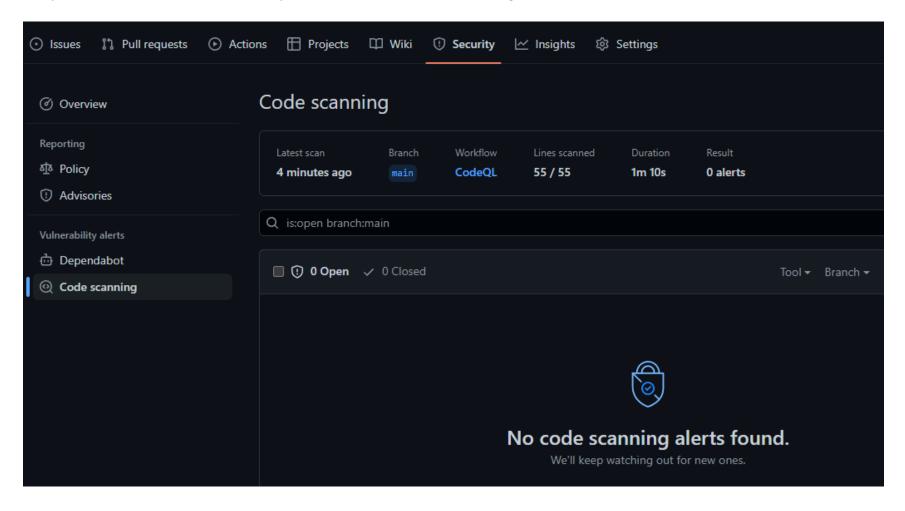
17) Leave the default settings, and click on "Start commit". This will add a new workflow to your repository that will run code scanning



18) You can view details about the scan as it is running by expanding the "Perform CodeQL Analysis" step:



19) And you can view the status in the "Security" tab and then click on "Code scanning"



## **Exercise #5: Deploy**

- 1) Make sure you have NPM installed in your system, if you don't have it installed follow the documentation: https://nodejs.org/en/download/
- 2) Next open a terminal/powershell/cmd and install surge: npm install –global surge
- 3) Next run: "surge" in terminal/powershell/cmd. If you get an error message about scripts being disabled in the system, run the following to bypass scripts for the process:

  Set-ExecutionPolicy bypass -Scope Process
- 4) It should ask you for your email, and to create a password.

  Then it will ask you for your project location and a domain to host your project. You can hit ctrl+c to escape from the command as we are just creating the account now.
  - You should receive an email to activate your account.

```
PS C:\dev\projects\react-build\react-build> Set-ExecutionPolicy bypass -Scope Process
PS C:\dev\projects\react-build\react-build> surge

Welcome to surge! (surge.sh)
Login (or create surge account) by entering email & password.

email: paulfurlan@live.com
password:

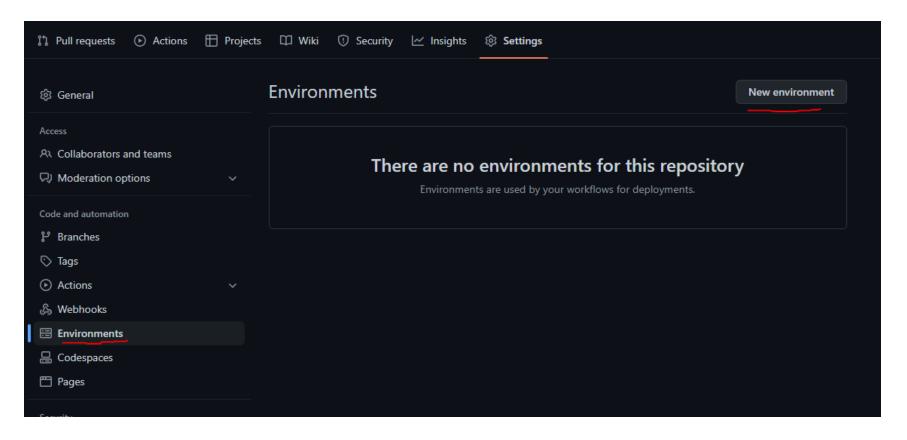
Running as paulfurlan@live.com (Student)

project:
domain: melted-chickens.surge.sh

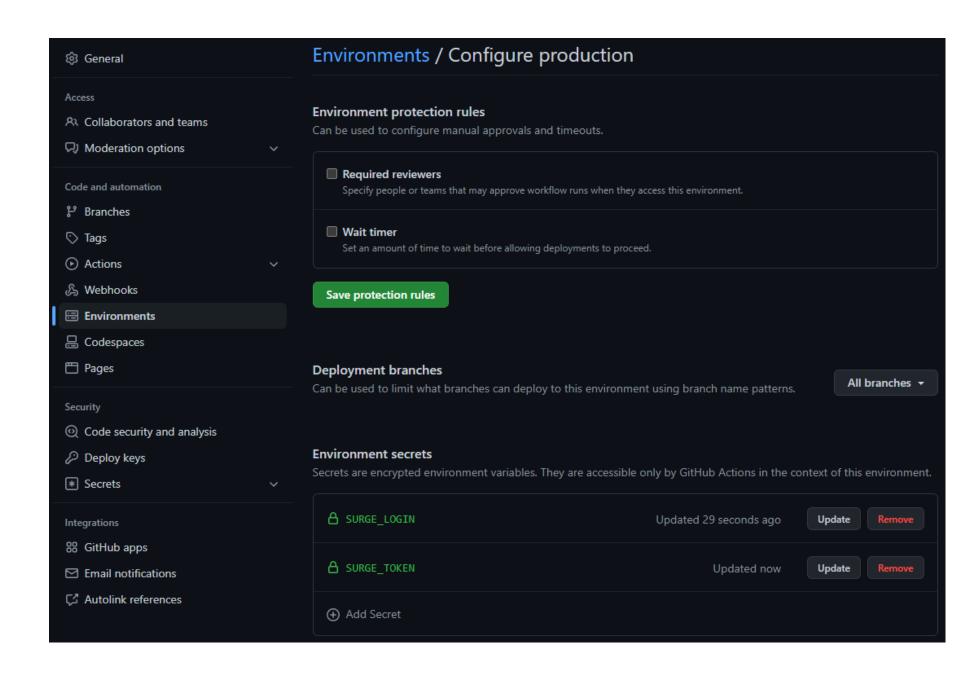
Aborted - Not initiated.

PS C:\dev\projects\react-build\react-build> ^C
PS C:\dev\projects\react-build\react-build> []
```

- 5) Generate a token with the command: surge token copy that token
- 6) Open the project from the previous exercise (the one we forked) and click on "settings". Then click on "environments" and click on "New environment". Name it "production" and do not add any protection rules.



7) Next, click on "Add Secret" within "Environment Secrets" and create the following: SURGE\_LOGIN (Input the email address for your surge account)
SURGE\_TOKEN (paste the token that we copied on step #5)



8) Next let's edit our workflow to deploy our application. Create a new job and add the following:

```
deploy:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    needs: build
    environment:
    name: production
    url: http://< WhateverURLThatIsNotTaken >.surge.sh
```

```
31 deploy:
32 runs-on: ubuntu-latest
33 needs: build
34 environment:
35 name: production
36 url: http://melted-chickens.surge.sh
```

9) Now we are ready to add the steps. Let'sdownload the build artifact from the "build" job.

## steps:

- name: Download the Build Artifact

uses: actions/download-artifact@v3.0.0

with:

name: build

10) Next, lets deploy our application. Add another step with the following code:

```
- name: deploy to surge
run: npx surge -project '.' -domain melted-chickens.surge.sh
env:
   SURGE_LOGIN: ${{ secrets.SURGE_LOGIN }}
   SURGE_TOKEN: ${{ secrets.SURGE_TOKEN }}
```

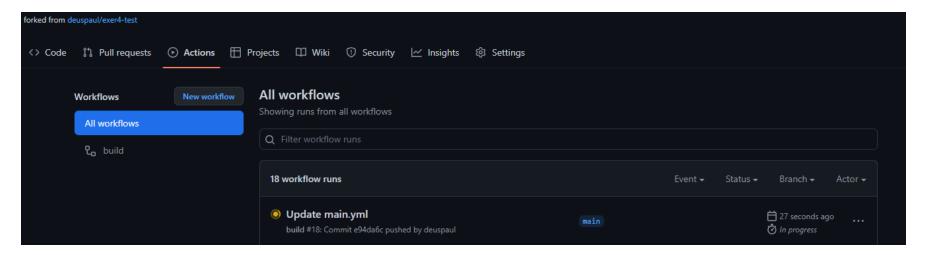
```
deploy:
 runs-on: ubuntu-latest
 needs: build
 environment:
   name: production
   url: http://melted-chickens.surge.sh
 steps:
   - name: Download the Build Artifact
     uses: actions/download-artifact@v3.0.0
     with:
       name: build
   - name: deploy to surge
     run: npx surge --project '.' --domain melted-chickens.surge.sh
      env:
       SURGE_LOGIN: ${{ secrets.SURGE_LOGIN }}
       SURGE_TOKEN: ${{ secrets.SURGE_TOKEN }}
```

11) Change the trigger from "workflow\_dispatch" to "push: branches: -main"

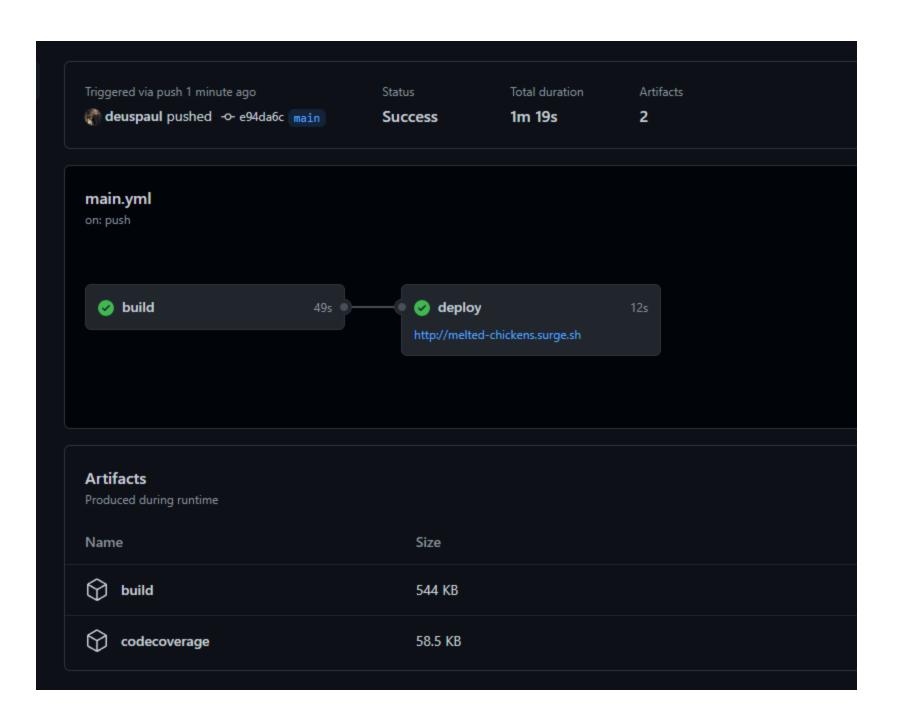
```
on:
push:
branches:
- main
```

```
1 name: build
2 on:
3 push:
4 branches:
5 - main
```

- 12) Click on "start commit" and commit directly to main branch
- 13) This will automatically trigger our workflow from now on everytime we make changes on the main branch



14) And once the job finishes successfully, you should see your environment url in the deploy job:



As well as in the main page of your repository:

