**What is Travis CI:**

Travis is a hosted distributed continuous integration service used to build and test software. Hosted at GitHub.

Open source projects can be tested for free via travis-ci.org

Private projects may be tested at travis-ci.org on a fee basis

Uses a YAML format text file as a config file, specifies the programming language used

Travis CI can be configured to run tests on a range of different machines and supports building software in numerous languages including C, C++, C#, Clojure, D, Erlang, F#, Go, Apache Groovy, Haskell, Java, JavaScript, Julia, Perl, PHP, Python, R, Ruby, Rust, Scala and Visual Basic.

Github will notify it whenever new commits are pushed or a pull request is submitted. When that process is complete Travis will notify devs in the way it has been configured to do so.