

Can you explain the following github actions workflow with line-by-line explanations?

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## Build and Deploy Hugo Website to GitHub Pages  
## Author: Jérémie Lumbroso <lumbroso@seas.upenn.edu>  
## Date: 2024-02-24  
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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: "0.144.1"  
          extended: true  
      - name: 📦 Compile Hugo Static Files  
        run: hugo -D --gc --minify  
      - name: 🚀 Publish to GitHub Pages
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publish_to_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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I'll explain this GitHub Actions workflow line by line:

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This is a comment block providing metadata about the workflow: purpose, author, and creation date.

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name: 🚀 Build and Deploy GitHub Pages
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This sets the name of the workflow that will appear in the GitHub Actions interface.

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on:  
  push:  
    branches:  
      - main # Set a branch to deploy
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This defines when the workflow runs - specifically when code is pushed to the `main` branch.

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jobs:  
  deploy:
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This begins the definition of jobs in the workflow. There's only one job called "deploy".

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runs-on: ubuntu-22.04
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Specifies that this job will run on an Ubuntu 22.04 virtual machine.

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steps:
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Begins the list of steps that will be executed sequentially in this job.

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- name: 📄 Check Out Source Repository
  uses: actions/checkout@v3.5.1
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First step: checks out the repository code using the checkout action (version 3.5.1).

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with:
  submodules: true # Fetch Hugo themes (true OR recursive)
  fetch-depth: 0 # Fetch all history for .GitInfo and .Lastmod
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Configuration for the checkout action:

- `submodules: true` - Initializes any Git submodules in the repository (often used for Hugo themes)
- `fetch-depth: 0` - Fetches the complete Git history to make `.GitInfo` and `.Lastmod` available in Hugo

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  uses: peaceiris/actions-hugo@v2.6.0
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Second step: sets up Hugo using a specialized GitHub Action.

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with:
  hugo-version: "0.144.1"
  extended: true
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Hugo configuration:

- Sets a specific Hugo version (0.144.1)
- Uses the extended version of Hugo which includes additional features like Sass processing

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Third step: runs the Hugo command to build the static site with these flags:

- `-D` - Include draft content
- `--gc` - Run garbage collection during build
- `--minify` - Minify output files (HTML, CSS, JS, etc.) to reduce size

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- name: 🚀 Publish to GitHub Pages
  uses: peaceiris/actions-gh-pages@v3.9.3
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Final step: deploys the built site to GitHub Pages using another specialized action.

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with:
  github_token: ${ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }
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Uses the automatically provided GitHub token for authentication.

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publish_branch: gh-pages
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Specifies that the compiled site will be pushed to the `gh-pages` branch (standard for GitHub Pages).

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user_name: "github-actions[bot]"
user_email: "github-actions[bot]@users.noreply.github.com"
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Sets the Git user configuration for the deployment commit.

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## NOTE: uncomment below if using a custom domain
## cname: mydomain.com
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A commented-out option to set a custom domain for the GitHub Pages site via a CNAME file.

In summary, this workflow automates the process of building and deploying a Hugo website to GitHub Pages whenever changes are pushed to the main branch - handling checkout, Hugo setup, building the site, and publishing the results.

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