# **Automating Builds** in Git on IBM i

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## Agenda



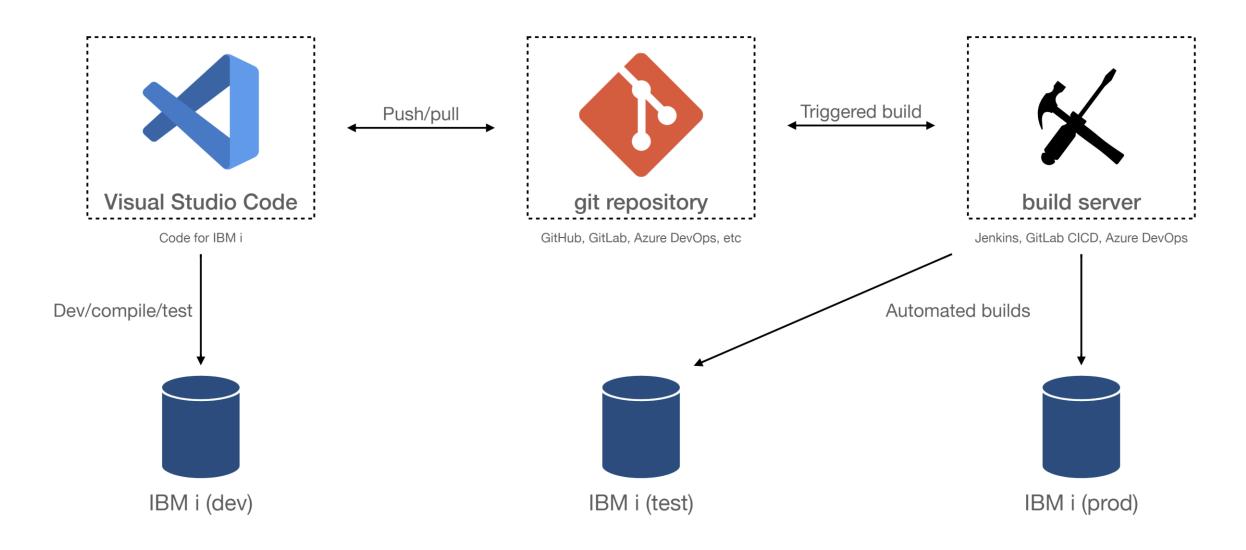
- The Modern Development Lifecycle with Git
- Unlock Automated Builds with ibmi-ci
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- Practical Use Case
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# The Modern Development Lifecycle with Git

# What Does Modern Development Look Like?





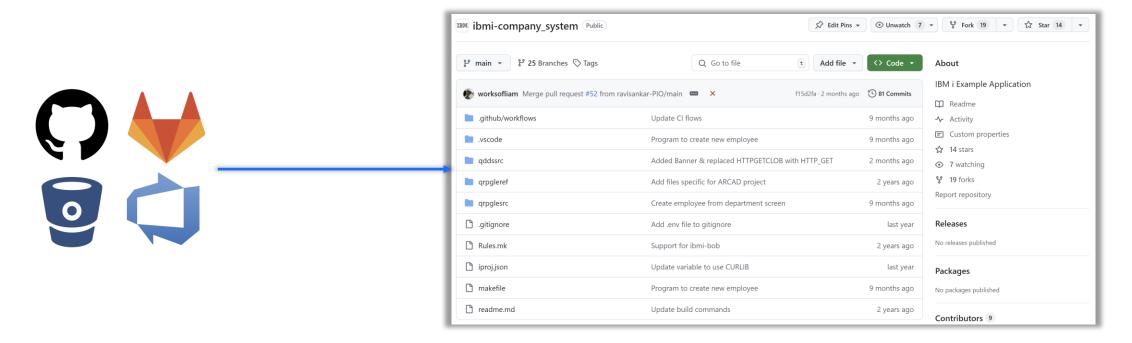
### **Development with Git**



- Source is managed by Git
  - Complete change history
  - Branching and merging capabilities
  - Traceability
- Variety of options for Git hosting services
  - GitHub, GitLab, Azure DevOps, etc



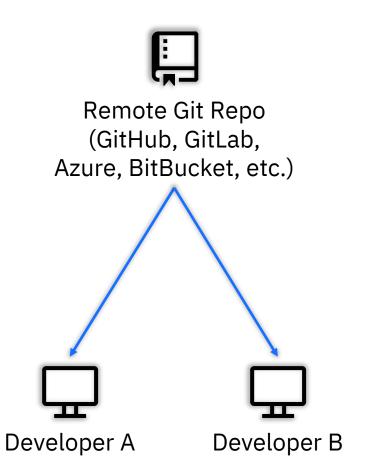
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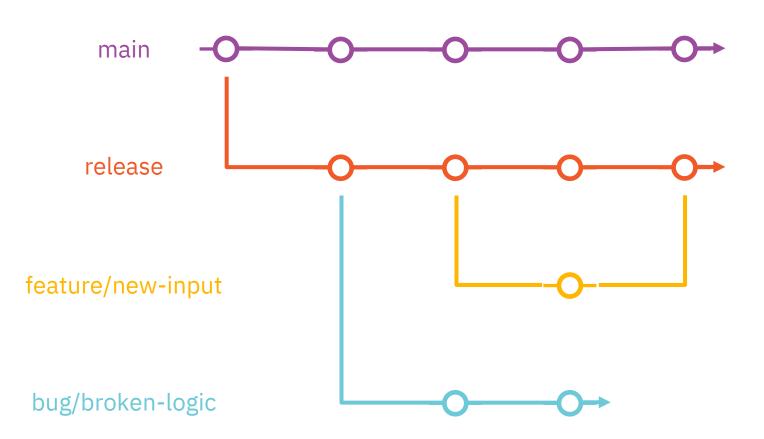
# Why use Git?



### Distributed Development



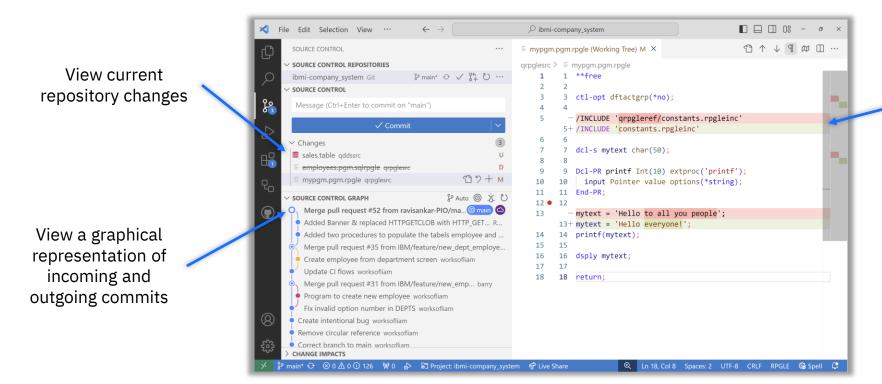
### Version Control and Git Workflow



### **Local Development Experience**



- IBM i
  - IBM i integration via open-source extensions
  - Support for RPGLE, COBOL, CL, SQL, and more!
- Git
  - First class Git support
  - Hundreds of Git tools



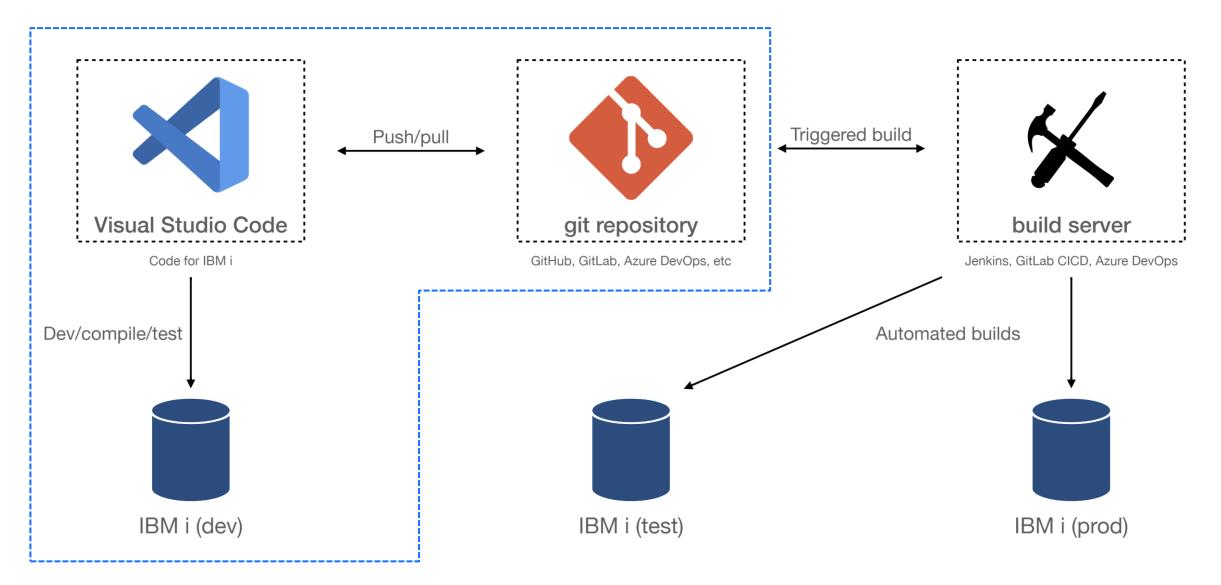


Code for IBM i

View changes line by line

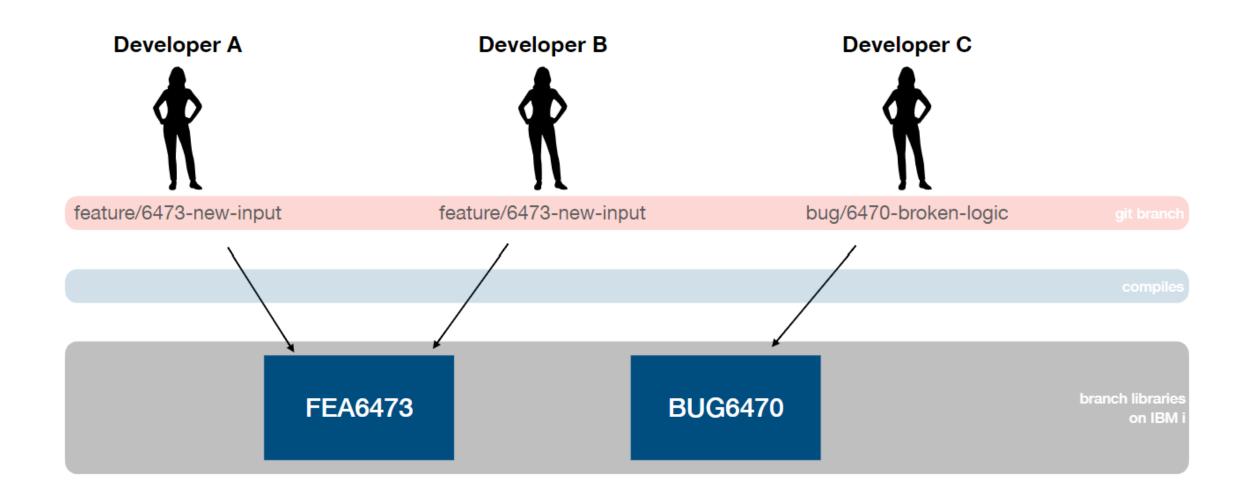
# How to work efficiently with these 3 components?





# Map Git branches to libraries on IBM i

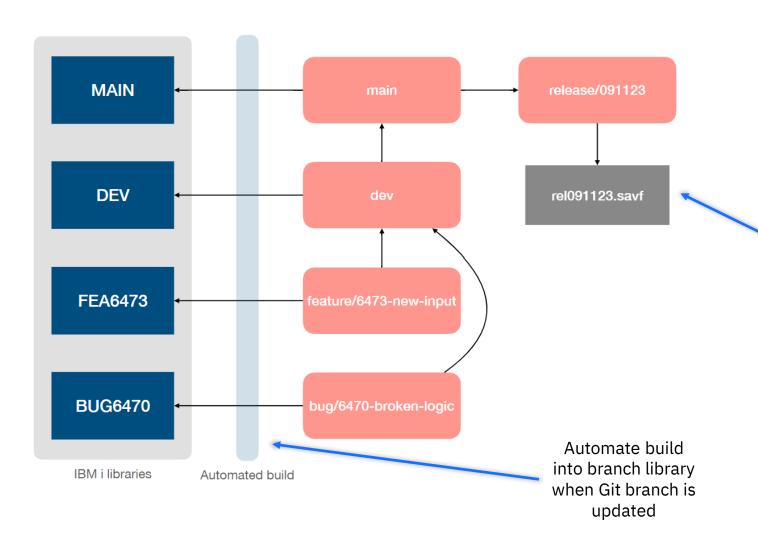


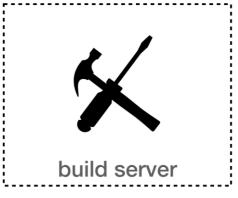


### **Build Server**



### Let's go one step further and automate this process





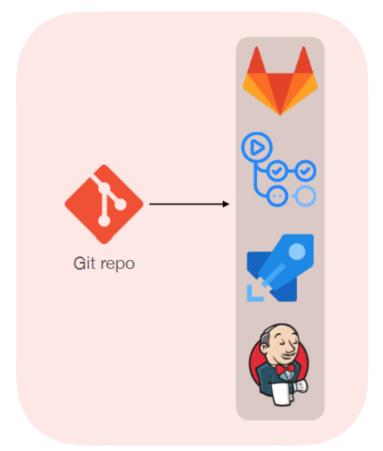
Jenkins, GitLab CICD, Azure DevOps

Generate save files when releases are created

### How to create workflows?



#### **Source Control & Automation**

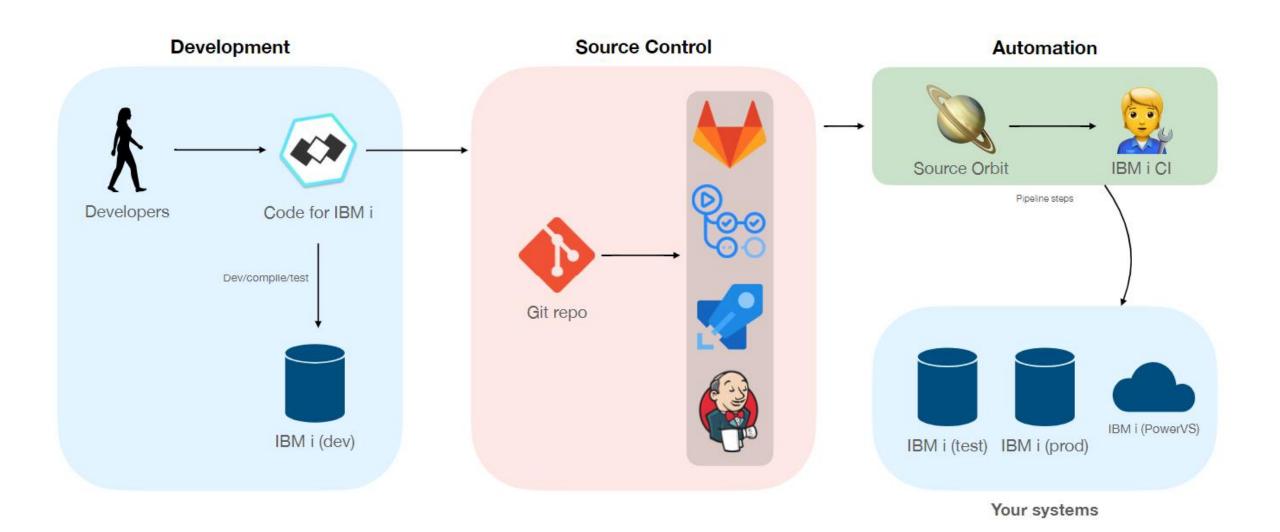


GitLab	.gitlab-ci.yml
Azure DevOps	azure-pipeline.yml
GitHub	anything.yml
Jenkins	Jenkinsfile

yml can also be yaml

### How to achieve automation with IBM i?





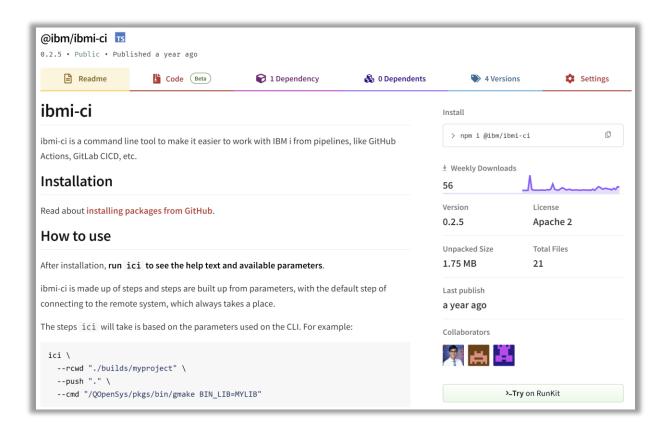


# Unlock Automated Builds with ibmi-ci

### **Overview**



- A CLI tool to simplify working with IBM i from pipelines (ex. GitHub Actions, GitLab CICD, etc.)
- Outline a series of steps to perform with the first default step being to connect to an IBM i
- Requirements
  - SSH server is running on IBM i
  - Node.js needs to be installed
- Installation
  - npm i -g @ibm/ibmi-ci
- Establishing IBM i connection
  - Required
    - IBMI HOST
    - IBMI USER
    - IBMI\_SSH\_POST
  - At least one required
    - IBMI\_PASSWORD
    - IBMI PRIVATE KEY



# **CLI Usage**



	continuous integratio
lcwd <localdirectory></localdirectory>	Sets the current working directory on the local system
rcwd <remotedirectory></remotedirectory>	Sets the current working directory on the remote system. It will be created if it does not exist.
push <remoterelativedirectory></remoterelativedirectory>	Pushes the current working directory to a chosen directory on the IBM i
pull <remoterelativedirectory></remoterelativedirectory>	Pulls a directory from IBM i to the local current working directory
get <remoterelativedirectory> <localrelativepath></localrelativepath></remoterelativedirectory>	Gets a specific file from IBM i
cmd <shellcommand></shellcommand>	Execute a command on the remote system
cl <clcommand></clcommand>	Execute a CL command on the remote system

## **Simplistic Example**



Upload the local working directory to the remote working directory (.)

Build project with gmake

```
ici \
    --rcwd "./builds/myproject" \
    --push "." \
    --ignore --cl "CRTLIB LIB(MYLIB)"
    --cmd "/QOpenSys/pkgs/bin/gmake BIN_LIB=MYLIB"
```

Set the remote working directory to ./builds/myproject

Create build library if it does not exist

★ IBM i connection is specified as environment variables

Suppress errors and continue execution

### **GitHub Action Example**

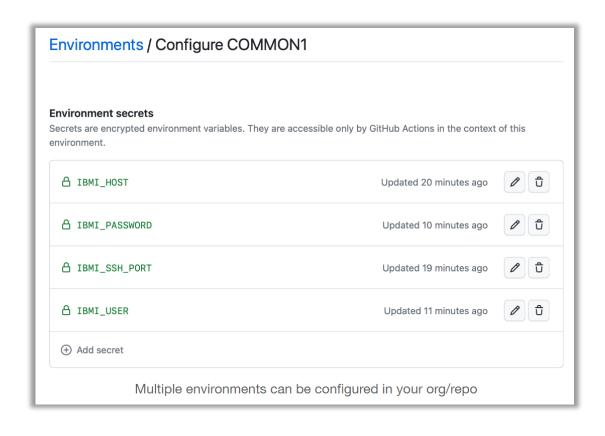


```
jobs:
               ibmi-build:
                 environment: COMMON1
                 runs-on: ubuntu-latest
                 steps:
                   # Checkout repository and setup node steps omitted
                   - name: Install Dependencies
                     run: npm i -g @ibm/ibmi-ci
                   - name: Deploy to IBM i
                     run:
                       ici \
                         --cmd "mkdir -p './builds/ics ${GITHUB HEAD REF}'" \
                         --rcwd "./builds/ics ${GITHUB HEAD REF}" \
IBM i connection is
  specified as
                         --push "." \
  environment
                         --cmd "/QOpenSys/pkgs/bin/gmake BIN LIB=CMPSYS"
   variables
                     env:
                       IBMI HOST: ${{ secrets.IBMI HOST }}
                       IBMI USER: ${{ secrets.IBMI USER }}
                       IBMI PASSWORD: ${{ secrets.IBMI PASSWORD }}
                       IBMI SSH PORT: ${{ secrets.IBMI SSH PORT }}
```

GITHUB\_HEAD\_REF is the head ref or source branch of the pull request

## Why use environments?

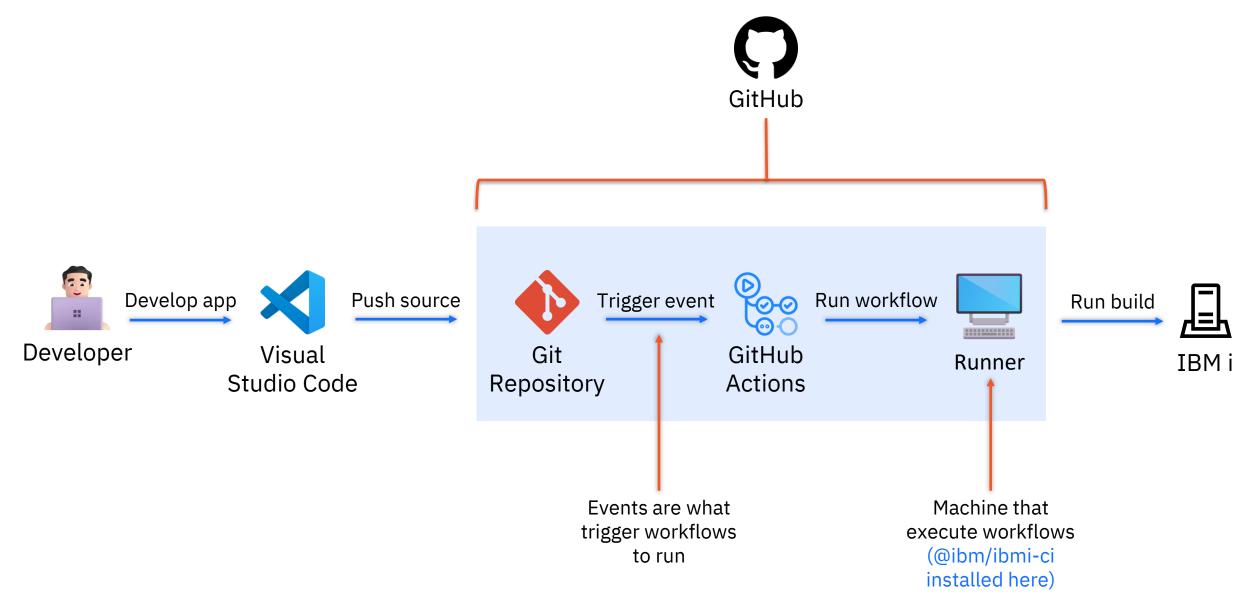




```
Jobs:
    ibmi-build:
        strategy:
        matrix:
        environment: [COMMON1, OSSBUILD]
        environment: ${{ matrix.environment }}
        runs-on: ubuntu-latest
```

### **How do GitHub Actions work?**





### What are Events and Runners?



Events

Workflow triggers that cause a workflow to run

```
on:
   push:
      branches: [ main ]

pull_request:
      branches: [ main ]
      types: [opened]

release:
      types: [created]

workflow_dispatch:
```

#### Runners



#### Machines that execute jobs in a workflow

Virtual Machine	Processor (CPU)	Memory (RAM)	Storage (SSD)	Workflow label
Linux	4	16 GB	14 GB	ubuntu-latest, ubuntu-24.04, ubuntu-22.04, ubuntu-20.04
Windows	4	16 GB	14 GB	windows-latest, windows-2022, windows-2019
macOS	3	14 GB	14 GB	macos-12
macOS	4	14 GB	14 GB	macos-13
macOS	3 (M1)	7 GB	14 GB	<pre>macos-latest , macos-14 , macos- 15 [Public preview]</pre>

-latest runner images are the latest stable images that GitHub provides, and might not be the most recent version of the operating system

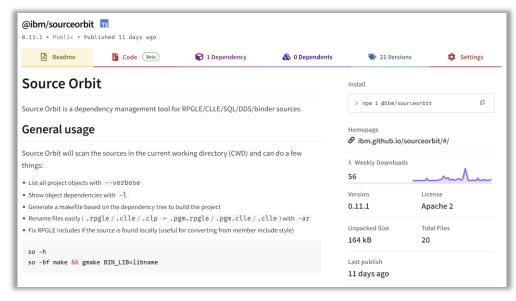


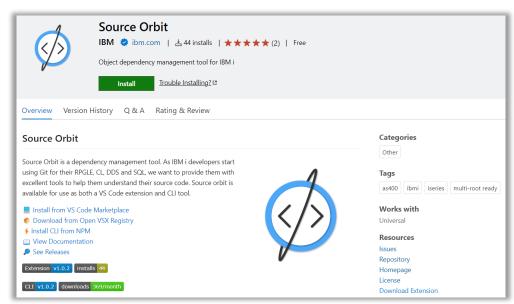
# ILE Dependency Analysis with Source Orbit

### **Overview**

continuous innovation continuous integration

- A dependency management tool (CLI and VS Code extension!)
  - Build dependency tree for RPGLE, DDS, SQL, CL, etc.
  - Generates impact analysis information
  - Generate scripts to automate builds
  - Clean up your project
- Requirements
  - Node.js needs to be installed
- CLI Installation
  - npm i -g @ibm/sourceorbit
- Extension Installation
  - https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=IBM.vscode-sourceorbit





### **CLI Usage**



- so –ar
  - Scan all source code and fix extensions
    - Rename programs to have .pgm.
    - Rename include files to use .rpgleinc
    - Rename SQL source to use extension based on *CREATE* statement
- so –fi
  - Fix include/directory directives to use UNIX style paths if found in local source
- so -bf <type>
  - Generate build and dependency files
    - make: Generate single makefile with targets and rules
    - bob: Generate Rules.mk files for Bob
    - imd: Generate impact analysis for branches
    - json: Generate dependency info as JSON
- so -bl <name>
  - Generate a deterministic library name given a branch name

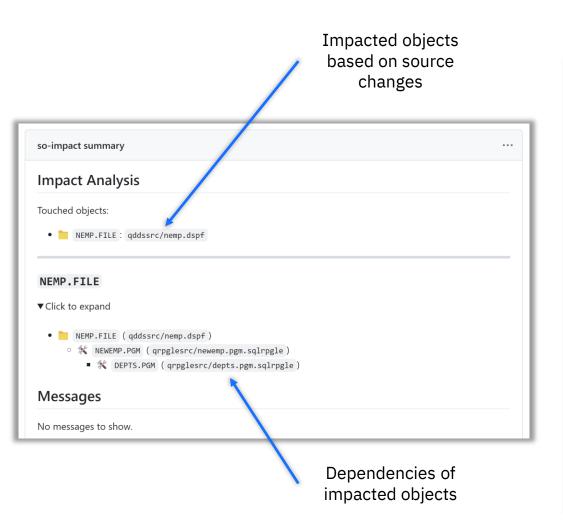
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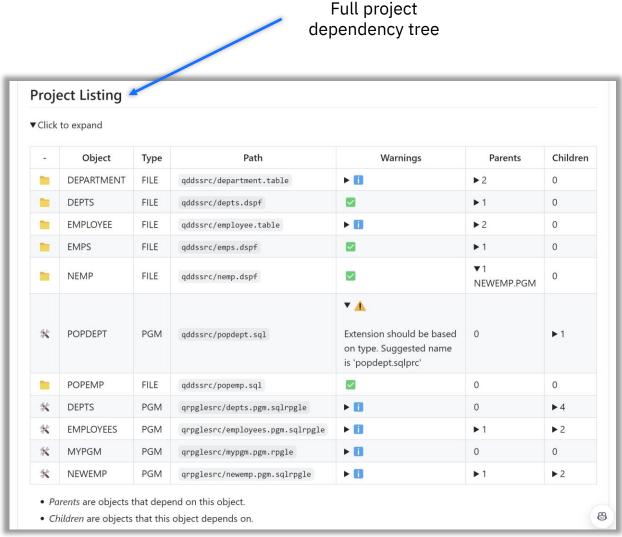




# **Impact Analysis...What Objects Am I Affecting?**







## **GitHub Action Example**



```
jobs:
    so-impact:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
        # Checkout repository and setup node steps omitted

        - name: Install Dependencies
            run: npm i -g @ibm/sourceorbit

        - name: Generate impact information
            run: so -bf imd -l `git diff --name-only origin/main origin/${GITHUB_HEAD_REF}`

        - name: Adding markdown
            run: cat impact.md >> $GITHUB_STEP_SUMMARY
```

Generate impact analysis for changed files (compare main branch with pull request branch)

Redirect output to
GITHUB\_STEP\_SUMMARY
to create a custom
Markdown job summary

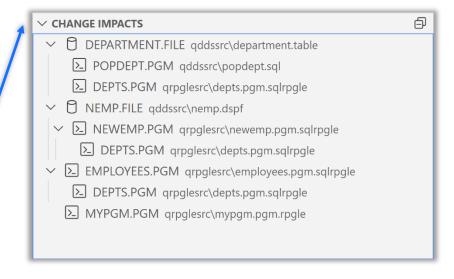
### What is built into the Source Orbit VS Code extension?

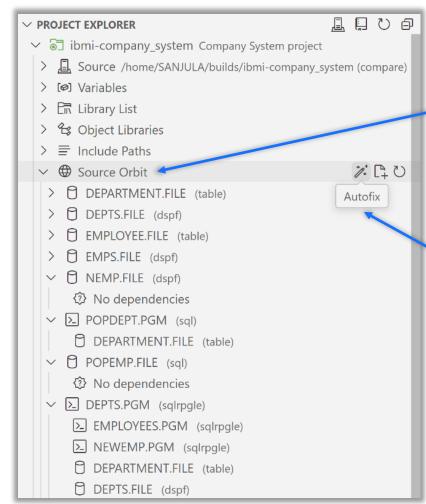


View impacted objects for the current active editor

✓ SOURCE IMPACTS
 ✓ È EMPLOYEE.FILE qddssrc\employee.table
 ✓ ∑ EMPLOYEES.PGM qrpglesrc\employees.pgm.sqlrpgle
 ∑ DEPTS.PGM qrpglesrc\depts.pgm.sqlrpgle
 ✓ ∑ NEWEMP.PGM qrpglesrc\newemp.pgm.sqlrpgle
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View impacted objects for any changed files detected by Git





View project's dependency tree with integration in IBM i Project Explorer

Actions to "Autofix" and "Generate Build Files"

## **Source migration made easy**



# CVTSRCPF from BOB



QSYS members in source physical files

Properly encoded, terminated, and named source files in an IFS directory

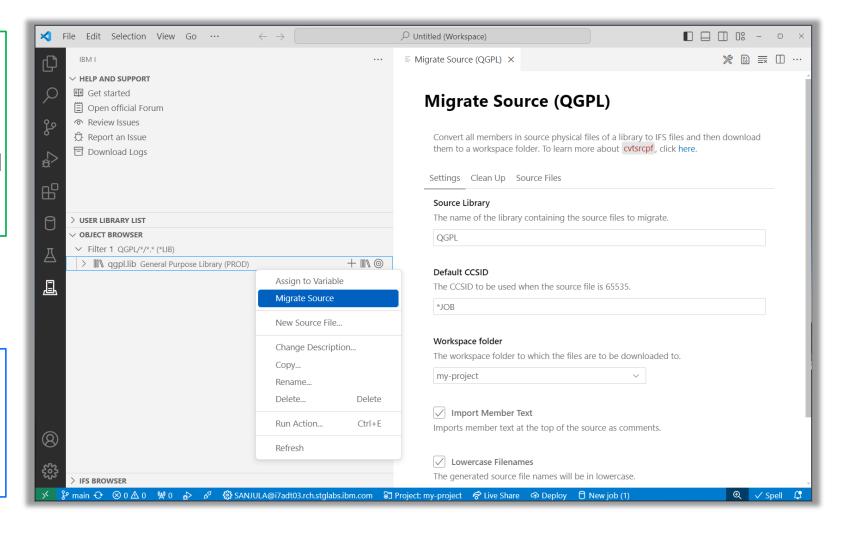
Download to local project

Source Orbit



Rename extensions

Convert includes/copy directives to Unix style paths



# **Source Code Rules – Supported Extensions**



Extension	Extension meaning	Notes
sqlrpgle	RPGLE (SQL)	Can use .pgm notation
rpgle	RPGLE	Can use .pgm notation
clle	CLLE	Can use .pgm notation
cl	CLLE	Can use .pgm notation
clp	CL (OPM)	Should be renamed to clle
pf	Physical File	Table
1f	Logical File	View/Index
dspf	Display File	
prtf	Printer File	
msgf	Message filee	
sql	Any SQL object	Type determined by create statement

table	SQL table	Expects CREATE TABLE
view	SQL view	Expects CREATE VIEW
index	SQL index	Expects CREATE INDEX
alias	SQL alias	Expects CREATE ALIAS
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sqlprc	SQL procedure	Expects CREATE PROCEDURE
sqludf	SQL function	Expects CREATE FUNCTION
sqludt	SQL table function	Expects CREATE FUNCTION
sqltrg	SQL trigger	Expects CREATE TRIGGER
sqlseq	SQL sequence	Expects CREATE SEQUENCE
bnd	Binder source	
binder	Binder source	Should be renamed bnd
cmd	Command	

## **Source Code Rules – Object Names**



- Base name of source file becomes object name
- If source includes .pgm, then it will become a program
- If source does not include .pgm, then it will become a module, cmd, dtaara, etc.
- Assumes binder source (.bnd/.binder) is a service program

Source name	Resulting object
LCUS.LF	LCUS.FILE
CUS.PF	PCUS.FILE
dothing.cmd	DOTHING.CMD
pos123.dspf	POS123.FILE
faq500.rpgle	FAQ500.MODULE
faq401.pgm.sqlrpgle	FAQ401.PGM
faq500.bnd	FAQ500.SRVPGM

# Source Code Rules – Long File Names



### Source Orbit will generate a deterministic object name based on the file name

Source name	Resulting object	Note
abcd.rpgle	ABCD.MODULE	No change
ab_cd.pgm.rpgle	AB_CD.PGM	No change
thisIsASuperLongName.pgm.clle	TIASLN.PGM	First character plus following capitals
FetchUserData.cmd	FUD.CMD	All capitals from file name
ua_fetchUserData.sqlrpgle	UAFUD.MODULE	Prefix, followed by first post-prefix character plus following capitals
ART200D- Work_with_Article.DSPF	ART200D.FILE	Support for ibmi-bob file name

### **Source Code Rules – Unresolved Objects**

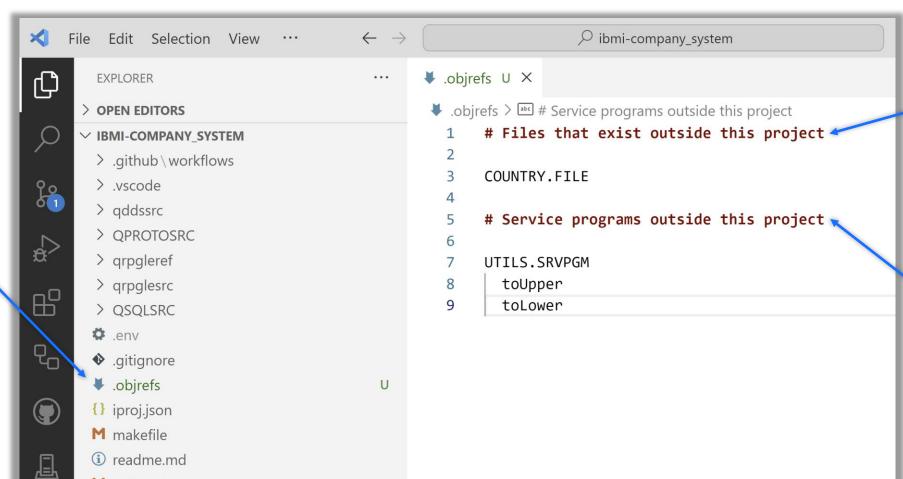


Source Orbit will complain about unresolved objects

Create file in

project root

no object found for reference 'COUNTRY'



List objects/source that are in another repository or already exist in a library

For service programs, list exports by indenting after reference

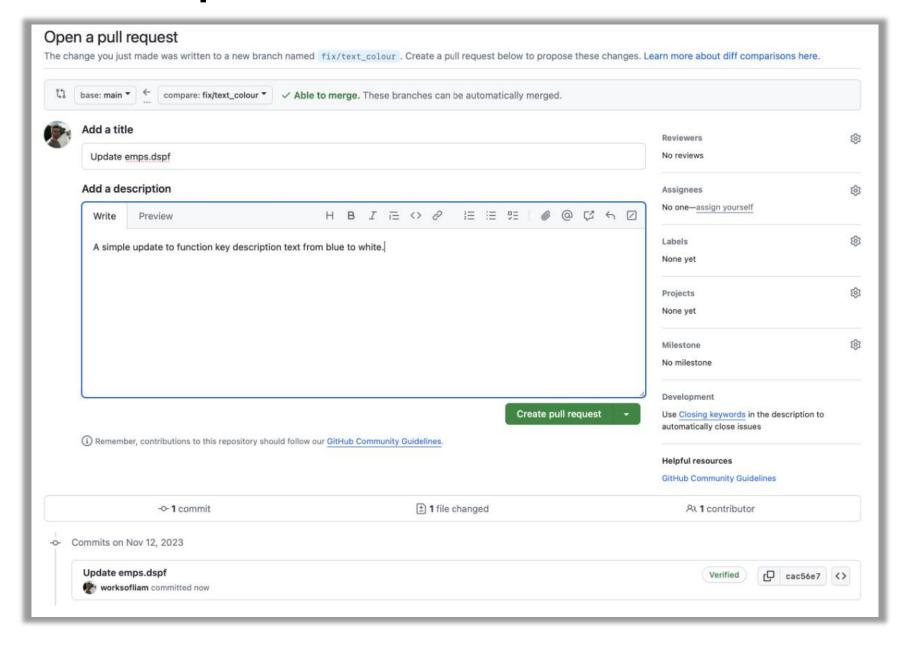
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# **Practical Use Cases**

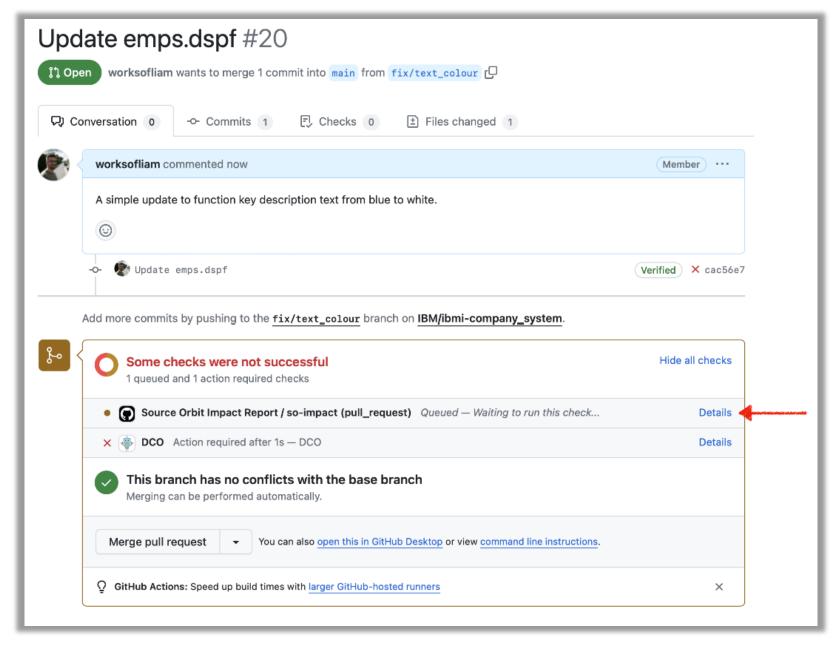
### **Create New Pull Request...**





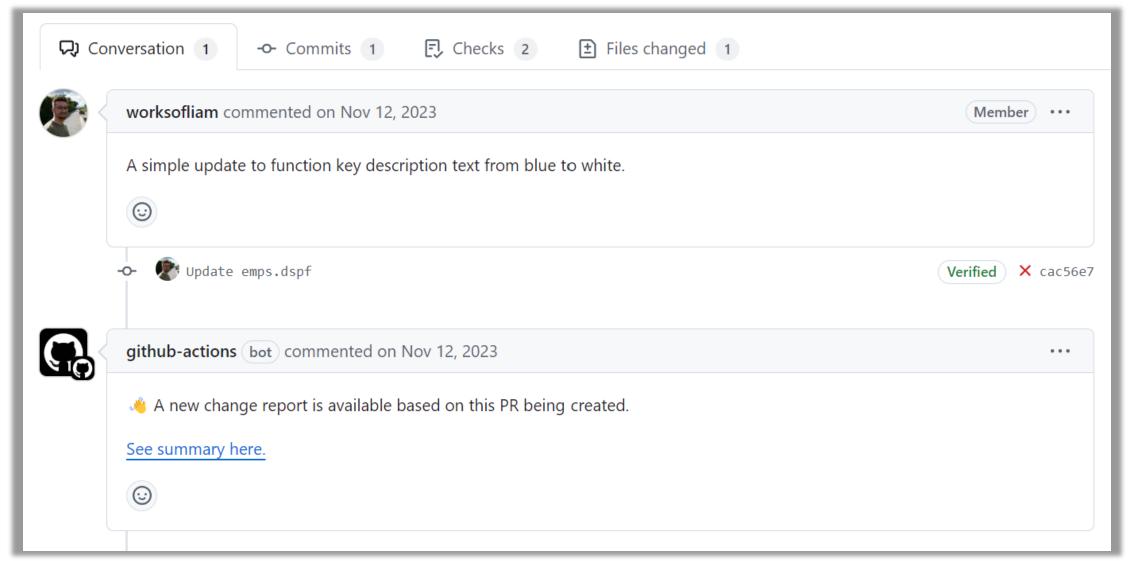
### Trigger a Workflow...





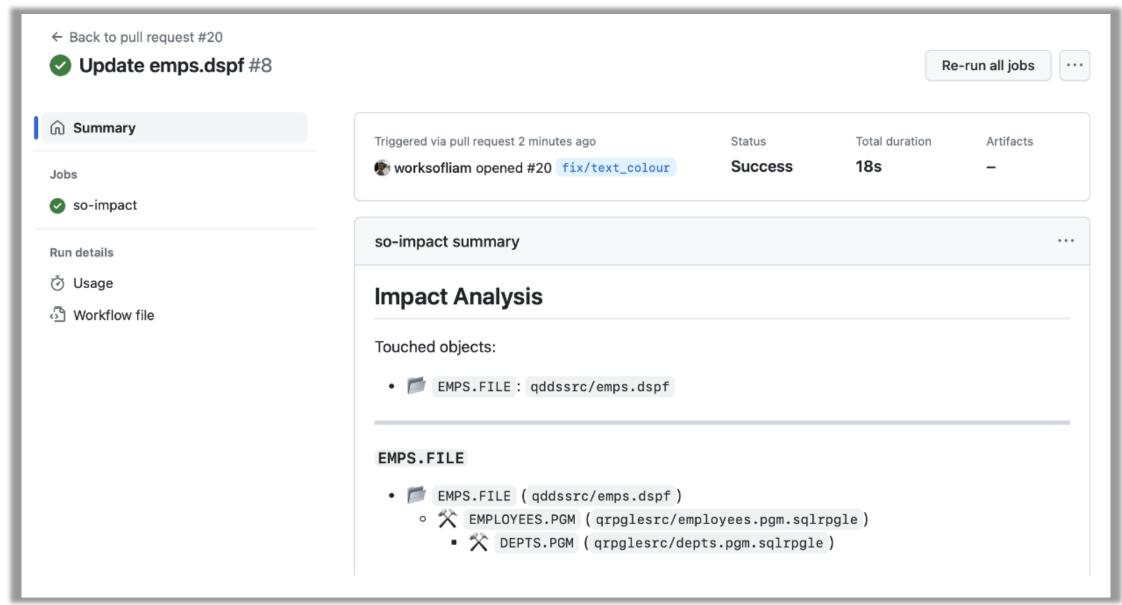
### **Post a Comment...**





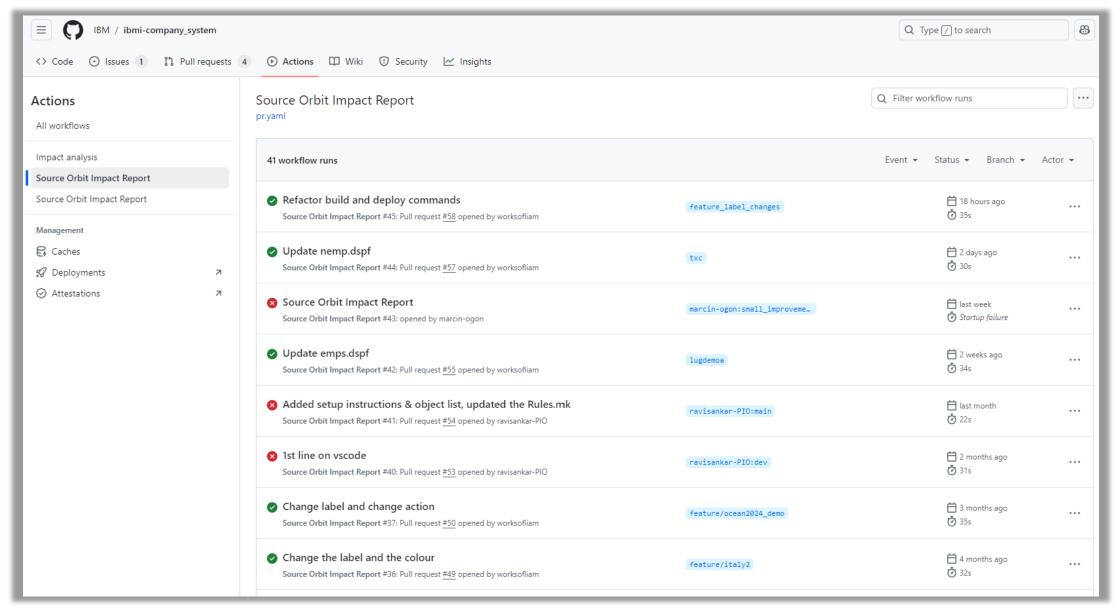
## **View Impact Analysis....**





### **View Build Status...**







# **Demo**



# **Any Questions?**

