

```
name: GitHub Actions Demo
run-name: ${{ github.actor }} is testing out GitHub Actions 🚀
on: [push]
jobs:
  Explore-GitHub-Actions:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - run: echo "🎉 The job was automatically triggered by a ${{ github.event_name }} event."
      - run: echo "🔔 This job is now running on a ${{ runner.os }} server hosted by GitHub!"
      - run: echo "📁 The name of your branch is ${{ github.ref }} and your repository is ${{
github.repository }}."
      - name: Check out repository code
        uses: actions/checkout@v4
      - run: echo "📄 The ${{ github.repository }} repository has been cloned to the runner."
      - run: echo "🛠️ The workflow is now ready to test your code on the runner."
      - name: List files in the repository
        run: |
          ls ${{ github.workspace }}
      - run: echo "🍏 This job's status is ${{ job.status }}."
```

can you explain the step syntac here

I'll explain the GitHub Actions step syntax used in this workflow file.

In GitHub Actions, a "step" is a single task in a job that executes commands or actions. Each step in your workflow is defined using YAML syntax and can have several properties:

#### 1. Basic Step Format:

```
yaml
- run: "command to execute"
```

This is the simplest form, where you're directly running a shell command.

#### 2. Named Steps:

```
yaml
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  uses: actions/checkout@v4
```

The `name` property gives your step a descriptive label that appears in the GitHub Actions UI, making it easier to identify what each step does.

#### 3. Action Steps:

```
yaml
- uses: actions/checkout@v4
```

The `uses` keyword references a reusable action (either from the GitHub Marketplace

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The pipe character `|` allows you to run multiple shell commands as part of a single step. In this example, there's only one command, but you could add more lines below it.

#### 5. Context Variables:

Throughout the workflow, you're using expressions like `${{ github.event_name }}` and `${{ github.repository }}`. These are context variables that GitHub Actions provides to access information about the workflow run, the repository, and the event that triggered it.

Each step runs sequentially by default, and if any step fails (exits with a non-zero code), the remaining steps typically won't execute unless you've configured the job to continue on error.

How would I execute my code in this flow

To execute your code as part of your GitHub Actions workflow, you'll need to add steps that run your specific code after checking out the repository. Here's how you can do it:

#### For Scripts in Your Repository

If your code is already in your repository (like Python scripts, JavaScript files, shell scripts, etc.), you can execute them directly:

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# First checkout your code
- name: Check out repository code
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      uses: actions/checkout@v4
    - run: echo "📁 The ${ github.repository } repository has been cloned to the working directory."

    # Set up any dependencies your code needs
    - name: Set up Python
      uses: actions/setup-python@v4
      with:
        python-version: '3.10'

    - name: Install dependencies
      run: |
        python -m pip install --upgrade pip
        pip install -r requirements.txt # if you have a requirements file

    # Execute your code
    - name: Run my script
      run: python my_script.py # replace with your actual script

    # Or for other types of code:
    - name: Run JavaScript code
      run: node my_script.js

    - name: Run shell script
      run: |
        chmod +x ./my_script.sh
        ./my_script.sh

    - run: echo "🟢 This job's status is ${ job.status }."

```

## For Building and Testing Applications

If you're building and testing an application:

```

name: Build and Test
on: [push]
jobs:
  build:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v4

      # For a Node.js project
      - name: Setup Node.js
        uses: actions/setup-node@v3
        with:
          node-version: '16'

      - name: Install dependencies
        run: npm ci

      - name: Build the project
        run: npm run build

      - name: Run tests
        run: npm test

```

## Key Tips for Executing Code in GitHub Actions:

- 1. Environment Setup:** Always set up the correct environment (Python, Node.js, etc.) before running your code
- 2. Working Directory:** By default, commands run in the repository root directory
- 3. Environment Variables:** You can set environment variables for your code:

```

name: Run with environment variables
env:
  API_KEY: ${ secrets.API_KEY }
  DEBUG_MODE: true
run: python my_script.py

```

- 4. Artifacts:** If your code generates output files you want to save:

```

name: Upload artifacts
uses: actions/upload-artifact@v3
with:
  name: my-results
  path: results/

```

Remember that the workflow runs in an isolated environment, so you need to include all setup steps required for your code to run successfully.

AA I see on: [push], what are other triggers

GitHub Actions workflows can be triggered by a variety of events beyond just `push`. Here are the main trigger types available:

## Common Workflow Triggers

- 1. Push events:**

```

name: Build and Test
on: push

```

or with branch/path filtering:

```

name: Build and Test
on:
  push:
    branches:
      - main
    paths:
      - src/**

```

```
on:
  push:
    branches: [main, dev]
    paths: ['**/*.js', '!docs/**']
```

## 2. Pull request events:

```
yaml

on: pull_request
```

or with types:

```
yaml

on:
  pull_request:
    types: [opened, synchronize, reopened]
    branches: [main]
```

## 3. Scheduled events (using cron syntax):

```
yaml

on:
  schedule:
    - cron: '0 0 * * *' # Runs at midnight every day
```

## 4. Manual triggers with workflow\_dispatch :

```
yaml

on: workflow_dispatch
```

or with inputs:

```
yaml

on:
  workflow_dispatch:
    inputs:
      environment:
        description: 'Environment to deploy to'
        required: true
        default: 'staging'
```

## 5. Repository events:

```
yaml

on:
  create: # When branch or tag is created
  delete: # When branch or tag is deleted
  issues:
    types: [opened, edited, closed]
  issue_comment:
    types: [created, edited]
  release:
    types: [published, created, edited]
```

## 6. External events with repository\_dispatch :

```
yaml

on:
  repository_dispatch:
    types: [deploy, rollback]
```

## 7. Workflow completion with workflow\_run :

```
yaml

on:
  workflow_run:
    workflows: ["CI"]
    types: [completed]
    branches: [main]
```

## 8. Scheduled inactivity with schedule :

```
yaml

on:
  schedule:
    - cron: '0 0 * * *' # Runs at midnight every day
```

## Combining Multiple Triggers

You can combine multiple event types:

```
yaml

on:
  push:
    branches: [main]
  pull_request:
    branches: [main]
  schedule:
    - cron: '0 0 * * *'
  workflow_dispatch:
```

This flexibility allows you to create workflows that respond to specific events in your development process, whether they're automated (like pushes or scheduled runs) or manual (like workflow dispatch).



