github-api

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(require github-api) package: github-api

github-api is a wrapper for easily making requests to the GitHub api.

While this document contains usage examples, the functional tests found in the functional_tests directory of the github repository provide a good source of usage examples and patterns.

1 Authentication & Initialization

Before you begin making requests to the GitHub api, you must create an identity.

```
(struct github-identity (type data)
    #:extra-constructor-name make-github-identity)
    type : symbol?
    data : list?
```

This struct holds your GitHub identity.

type must be one of the following symbols: 'password 'personal-access-token 'oauth

'password authentication simply uses your GitHub username and password.

'personal-access-token authentication allows you to send your GitHub username and a personal access token (created on your GitHub settings page.)

'oauth uses an OAuth token for authorization.

For more information, see the github api documentation

The data field is a list whose contents are determined by user authentication method.

For 'password or 'personal-token types, your data will be of the form (list username password-or-token), where both username & password-or-token are strings.

For 'oauth, the data will simply be (list oauth-token), where oauth-token is a string.

Once you've created an identity, apply it to this procedure to receive a function for making api requests.

The optional #:endpoint keyword sets the root endpoint for making api requests. If you have a GitHub enterprise account, you may wish to change the endpoint. See this for more information on root-endpoints.

If you change the user-agent string, be aware that GitHub has certain rules explicated here

```
(struct github-response (code data)
    #:extra-constructor-name make-github-response)
    code : number?
    data : jsexpr?
```

This is the data structure returned as the result of making a GitHub API request. The code field holds the HTTP status code and data holds the content of the response.

This is a contract for the procedures returned by the function github-api. These functions are called with an api request and return a github-response struct.

Typically, one would not use this procedure directly but rather pass it along to another function.

The #:method keyword specifies what HTTP verb to use (I.e. "GET", "POST", "PATCH", etc.)

The #:data keyword specifies any information to send along with the request. This is almost always a JSON string.

Finally, #:media-type specifies the format in which you wish to receive data. Practically every github-* procedure has an optional keyword #:media-type that allows you to specify a media-type for a request.

For more information on media types see the GitHub api documentation.

2 A Note on Identity Security

According to the GitHub documentation, personal access tokens are equivalent to your password. Never give it out (and don't accidently commit your identity!)

Read more about your options for authentication here

3 Example

```
(define personal-token "fs52knf535djbfk2je43b2436")
(define username "alice")
(define id (github-identity 'personal-token (list username personal-token)))

(define github (github-api id))
(github "/users/plt/repos")
```

Here we make a request to get the repositories created by the user plt.

4 Working with JSON Data

When making requests to the GitHub API, it is common to receive data encoded in the JSON format. This quick section introduces Racket's JSON handling facilities.

Racket provides a library for working with JSON data, aptly called json.

This is used by the Racket github-api library to encode data before returning it.

Essentially, JSON expressions are represented as hashes. The JSON object

```
{ "name": "billy bob"}
```

becomes the hash

```
(define jsexpr (make-hash (list (cons 'name "billy bob"))))
```

To get the value associated with the key 'name, use hash-ref like so:

```
(hash-ref jsexpr 'name)
```

which should return "billy bob"

To learn more about working with hashes see the Racket guide and the Racket reference on hash-tables.

5 Gist API

The Gist API will return up to 1 megabyte of content from a requested gist.

To see if a file was truncated, check whether or not the key truncated is "true".

To get the full contents of the file, make a request to the url referenced by the key raw_url.

For more information on truncation see the GitHub documentation

For additional information on the Gist API, check here

Creates a gist containing files given as a list of pairs (filename contents). If the gist was created successfully, a jsexpr? is returned.

The optional keyword description provides a description of the gist. By default it is empty.

The optional keyword *public* determines whether or not the gist is public. By default this is #f.

Updates a gist. See github-create-gist for more explanation of the arguments.

To delete a file from a gist, for example "file1.txt", add an entry to the files list like so: (cons "file1.txt" 'delete).

Gets the gist, returning a jsexpr? on success.

```
(github-list-gist-commits api-req
                           gist-id
                          [#:media-type media-type])
 → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 gist-id : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-star-gist api-req
                  gist-id
                  [#:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 gist-id : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-unstar-gist api-req
                    [\#:media-type media-type]) \rightarrow github-response?
  api-req : github-api-req/c
  gist-id : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-gist-starred? api-req
                       gist-id
                      [\#:media-type\ media-type]) \rightarrow boolean?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 gist-id : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-fork-gist api-req
                   gist-id
                  [#:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
```

```
api-req : github-api-req/c
 gist-id : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-list-gist-forks api-req
                        gist-id
                        [#:media-type media-type])
→ github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 gist-id : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-delete-gist api-req
                    gist-id
                    [#:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 gist-id : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-get-gist-revision api-req
                          [#:media-type media-type])
\rightarrow github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 gist-id : string?
 sha : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-get-user-gists api-req
                       [#:media-type media-type])
→ github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 user : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-get-my-gists api-req
                    [#:media-type media-type])
→ github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
```

6 Gist Examples

```
(define new-gist-id
  (let ([response (github-create-gist github-req
                                      (list (cons "file1.txt" "blah
blah blah")
                                             (cons "file2.txt" "yadda
yadda yadda")))])
    (hash-ref (github-response-data response) 'id)))
(github-edit-gist github-req new-gist-id
    (list (cons "file2.txt" 'delete)))
(github-star-gist github-req new-gist-id)
(github-gist-starred? github-req new-gist-id)
(github-unstar-gist github-req new-gist-id)
(github-gist-starred? github-req new-gist-id)
(github-fork-gist github-req new-gist-id)
(github-list-gist-forks github-req new-gist-id)
(github-get-user-gists github-req username)
```

7 Events

For more information on the Events API, see the GitHub documentation

```
(github-list-events api-req
                     repo-owner
                    [#:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-list-issue-events api-req
                          repo-owner
                          repo
                          [#:media-type media-type])
 → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-list-public-org-events api-req
                               [#:media-type media-type])
 → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 org : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-list-user-received-events api-req
                                  [#:media-type media-type])
\rightarrow github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 user : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
 (github-list-user-received-public-events
  api-req
  user
 [#:media-type media-type])
```

8 Feeds

For more information about feeds, go here

9 Issues

For more information about the Issues API, click here

Furthermore, the Issues API uses custom media types. See this section

```
(github-list-all-issues api-req
                        [#:media-type media-type])
→ github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-list-my-issues api-req
                      [#:media-type media-type])
 → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-list-org-issues api-req
                        organization
                        [#:media-type media-type])
→ github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 organization : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-list-issues api-req
                    repo-owner
                    repo-name
                   [#:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-create-issue api-req
                     repo-owner
                     repo-name
                     title
                     [#:body body
                     #:assignee assignee
                     #:milestone milestone
                     #:labels label
                     #:media-type media-type])
```

```
\rightarrow github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 title : string?
 body : string? = ""
 assignee : string? = ""
 milestone : string? = ""
 label : (listof string?) = null
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-edit-issue api-req
                   repo-owner
                   repo-name
                   [#:title title
                   #:body body
                   #:assignee assignee
                   #:milestone milestone
                   #:labels label
                   #:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 title : string? = ""
 body : string? = ""
 assignee : string? = ""
 milestone : string? = ""
 label : (listof string?) = null
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-get-issue api-req
                  repo-owner
                  repo-name
                  issue-number
                  [#:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 issue-number : (or/c number? string?)
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-list-issue-comments api-req
                            repo-owner
                            repo-name
                            issue-number
                            [#:media-type media-type])
```

```
\rightarrow github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 issue-number : (or/c number? string?)
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-list-comments api-req
                      repo-owner
                      repo-name
                      [#:media-type media-type])
→ github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-get-comment api-req
                    repo-owner
                    repo-name
                     comment-id
                    [#:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 comment-id : (or/c number? string?)
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-create-comment api-req
                       repo-owner
                        repo-name
                        issue-number
                        comment-body
                       [#:media-type media-type])
\rightarrow github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 issue-number : (or/c number? string?)
 comment-body : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
```

```
(github-edit-comment api-req
                      repo-owner
                      repo-name
                      {\it comment-id}
                      comment-body
                     [#:media-type media-type])
→ github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 comment-id : (or/c number? string?)
 comment-body : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-delete-comment api-req
                        repo-owner
                        repo-name
                        {\it comment-id}
                       [#:media-type media-type])
\rightarrow github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 comment-id : (or/c number? string?)
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
```

10 Issue Examples

11 Repositories

```
(github-list-assignees api-req
                        repo-owner
                        repo-name
                       [#:media-type media-type])
 → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-check-assignee api-req
                        repo-owner
                        repo-name
                        user
                       [#:media-type media-type])
 \rightarrow github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 user : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
```

12 Git Data

Click here for more information on the Git Data API.

```
(github-get-blob api-req
                 repo-owner
                 repo-name
                 [#:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 sha : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-create-blob api-req
                    repo-owner
                    repo-name
                    content
                    [encoding
                    #:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 content : string?
 encoding : string? = "utf-8"
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-get-commit api-req
                   repo-owner
                   repo-name
                   sha
                  [#:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo-name : string?
 sha : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-create-commit api-req
                      repo-owner
                      repo-name
                      message
                      tree
                      parents
                      [#:media-type media-type])
```

```
→ github-response?
api-req : github-api-req/c
repo-owner : string?
repo-name : string?
message : string?
tree : string?
parents : (listof string?)
media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
```

13 Organizations

```
For more on Organizations, go "https://developer.github.com/v3/orgs/" "here"
 (github-list-orgs api-req
                    [\#{:}{\tt media-type}\  \, {\tt media-type}])\  \, \to\  \, {\tt github-response}?
   api-req : github-api-req/c
   media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
 (github-list-all-orgs api-req
                        [#:media-type media-type])
  → github-response?
   api-req : github-api-req/c
   media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
 (github-list-user-orgs api-req
                         [#:media-type media-type])
  → github-response?
  api-req : github-api-req/c
  user : string?
  media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
 (github-get-org api-req
                 [#:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
   api-req : github-api-req/c
   org : string?
   media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
 (github-list-org-members api-req
                           [#:media-type media-type])
  → github-response?
  api-req : github-api-req/c
   org : string?
   media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
 (github-list-pull-requests api-req
                              repo-owner
                             [#:media-type media-type])
  → github-response?
```

```
api-req : github-api-req/c
repo-owner : string?
repo : string?
media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
```

14 Users

15 Webhooks & Service Hooks

Webhooks are a sort-of user defined callback in the form of a listening webserver that github sends a message to whenever a certain type of event occurs.

A service hook is a webhook whose type is anything except "web"

To read more, see the GitHub documentation

```
(github-build-webhook-config api-req
                             [#:content-type content-type
                             #:secret secret
                             #:insecure-ssl insecure-ssl])
→ github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 url : string?
 content-type : string? = "form"
 secret : string? = ""
 insecure-ssl : string? = "0"
(github-hook-repo api-req
                  repo-owner
                  repo
                  type
                  config
                 [#:events events
                 #:active active]) → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo : string?
 type : string?
 config : jsexpr?
 events : (listof string?) = '("push")
 active : boolean? = #t
```

The type parameter must be the string "web" or a service name defined in this rather inconvenient JSON file.

Passing any other string results in an error response from the GitHub API.

Note: The type parameter is referred to in the GitHub documentation (misleadingly, I think) as the name of the webhook.

```
(github-get-hooks api-req
                  repo-owner
                  [#:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo : string?
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-get-hook api-req
                 repo-owner
                 repo
                 hook-id
                 [#:media-type media-type]) → github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo : string?
 hook-id : (or/c string? number?)
 media-type : string? = "application/vnd.github.v3+json"
(github-test-push-hook api-req
                       repo-owner
                       repo
                       hook-id) \rightarrow github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo : string?
 hook-id : (or/c string? number?)
(github-ping-hook api-req
                  repo-owner
                  repo
                            → github-response?
                  hook-id)
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo : string?
 hook-id : (or/c string? number?)
(github-delete-hook api-req
                    repo-owner
                    repo
                    hook-id) \rightarrow github-response?
 api-req : github-api-req/c
 repo-owner : string?
 repo : string?
 hook-id : (or/c string? number?)
```

16 Webhooks Example

```
(define config (github-build-webhook-config "http://example.com"
                                            #:insecure-ssl "0"
                                            #:content-
type "json"))
(define hook (github-hook-repo github-req username my-
repo "web" config))
(define hook-data (github-response-data hook))
(define hook-id (hash-ref hook-data 'id))
(github-get-hooks github-req username my-repo)
(define del-hook (thunk (github-delete-hook github-
req username my-repo hook-id)))
(define delete-response (del-hook))
(if (and (string? delete-response) (= 204 (get-status-code delete-
response)))
    (displayIn "successfully removed webhook")
    (displayln "trouble removing webhook"))
```