CI/CD and DevOps in 3 Weeks

Week 3

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Before you start: Make sure you did the "homework" from last week to setup your token and secret.

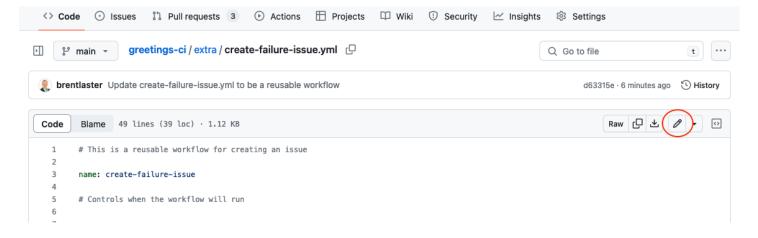
You will need the classic Personal Access Token created and stored in a secret named PIPELINE_USE.

HELPFUL HINT: For some of the labs, you will need to copy code from a file in the "extra" subdirectory of the *greetings-ci* project. To make it easy to copy the code into the editor, you can open a second tab in your browser to the same greetings-ci repository, and bring the file up in the "extra" subdirectory in that second tab. Then you can just copy and paste from the second tab into where you are editing on the first one.

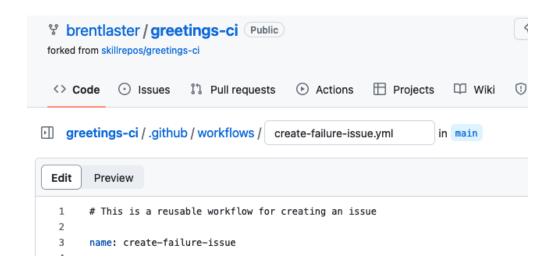
Lab 9: Working with fast feedback and automatically reporting issues

Purpose: Learning how to get fast feedback and automatic failure reporting in our pipeline

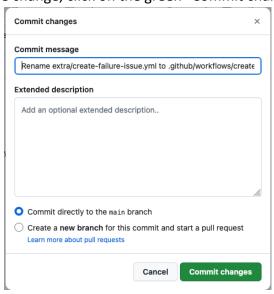
- 1. Start out in the "greetings-ci" repository in GitHub under your primary GitHub userid, and in the main branch. We're going to leverage a reusable workflow that will be able to automatically create a GitHub issue in our repository. And then we will invoke that workflow from our current workflow.
- 2. The workflow to create the issue using a REST API call is already written to save time. It is in the main project under "extra/create-failure-issue.yml". You need to get this file in the .github/workflows directory. You can just move it via GitHub with the following steps.
 - a. In the repository, browse to the "extra" folder and to the "create-failure-issue.yml" file.
 - b. Take a few moments to look over the file and see what it does. Notice that:
 - i. It has a workflow_call section in the "on" area, which means it can be run from another workflow.
 - ii. It has a workflow_dispatch section in the "on" area, which means it can be run manually.
 - iii. It has two inputs a title and body for the issue.
 - iv. The primary part of the body is simply a REST call (using the GITHUB_TOKEN) to create a new issue.
 - c. Click the pencil icon to edit it.



d. In the filename field at the top, change the name of file. Use the backspace key to backspace over "extra/" making sure to backspace over the word. Then type in the path to put it in the workflows ".github/workflows/create-failure-issue.yml".

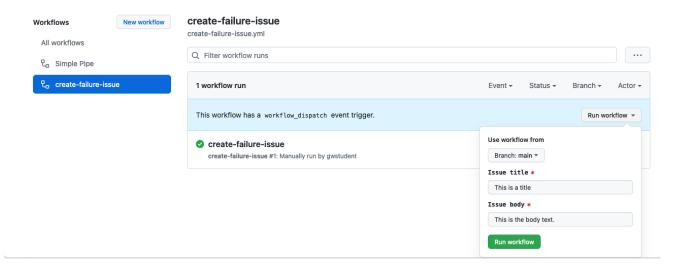


e. To complete the change, click on the green "Commit changes" button.

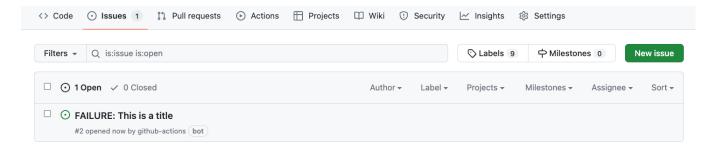


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3. Go back to the Actions tab. You'll see a new workflow execution due to the rename. Also, in the Workflows section on the left, you should now see a new workflow titled "create-failure-issue". Click on that. Since it has a workflow_dispatch event trigger available, we can try it out. Click on the "Run workflow" button and enter in some text for the "title" and "body" fields. Then click "Run workflow".



4. After a moment, you should see the workflow run start and then complete. If you now click on the Issues tab at the top, you should see your new issue there.



5. Now that we know that our new workflow works as expected, we can make the changes to the previous workflow to "call" this if we fail. Edit the pipeline.yml file and add the following lines as a new job and set of steps at the end of the workflow. (For convenience, these lines are also in the file "extra/create-issue-on-failure.txt" if you want to copy and paste from there.). Commit your changes when done.

```
create-issue-on-failure:
```

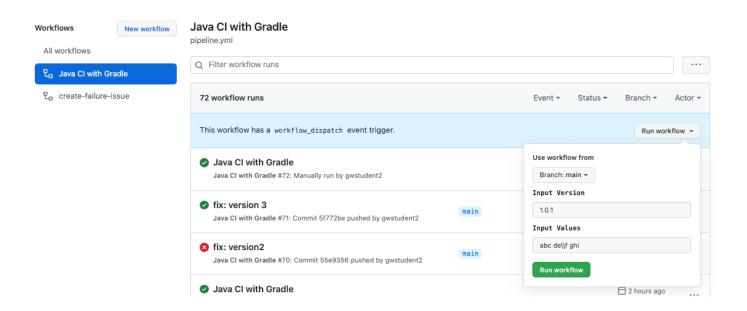
```
needs: test-run

permissions:
    issues: write

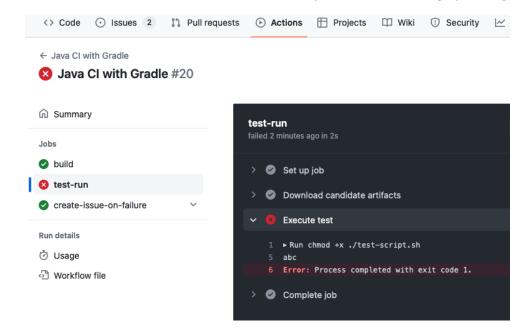
if: always() && failure()
    uses: ./.github/workflows/create-failure-issue.yml
    with:
        title: "Automated workflow failure issue for commit ${{ github.sha }}"
        body: "This issue was automatically created by the GitHub Action workflow ** ${{
    github.workflow }} **"
```

6. To have this executed via the "if" statement, we need to have a failure. Let's try some different input with special characters that may not print out as expected. Go to the Actions menu, and then select our main "Java CI with Gradle" workflow. Click on the "Run workflow" button and enter text like below: (that's two backslashes between the "de" and "f"). As long as you have two backslashes somewhere, this should fail.

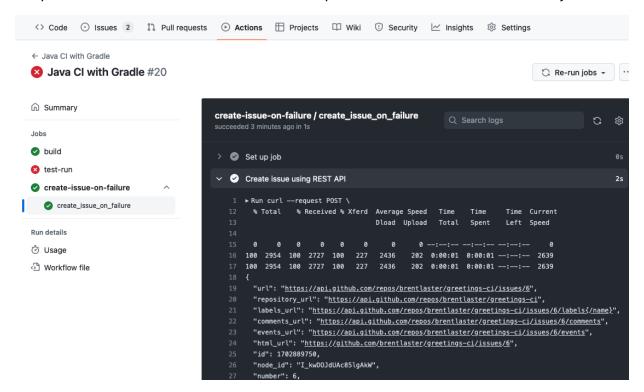
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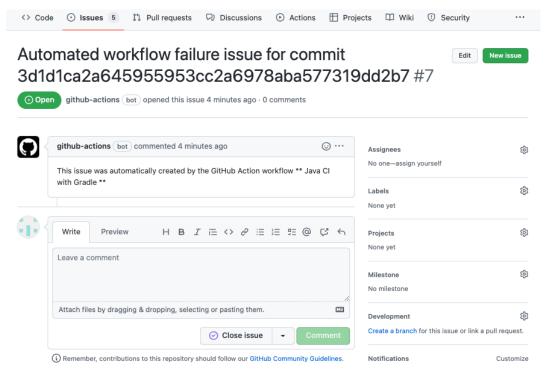
7. After the workflow run completes for this, there should be a failure in our testing. This will in turn, cause our other workflow to create an issue. You can verify the failure in testing by looking at the logs.



8. And you can see the run of the reusable workflow if you select the "create-issue-on-failure" job.



9. You can also verify the new issue got created as a result of the failure through the logs of that job and by looking in the Issues menu at the top.



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Lab 10 - Securing inputs

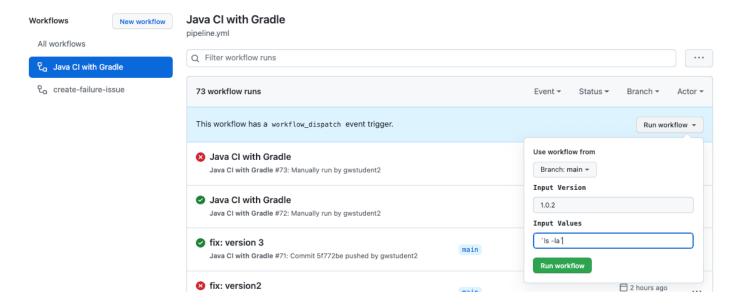
Purpose: In this lab, we'll look at how to plug a potential security hole with our inputs.

1. Switch to the pipeline.yml file in the .github/workflows directory and look at the "test-run" job and in particular, this line in the "Execute test" step:

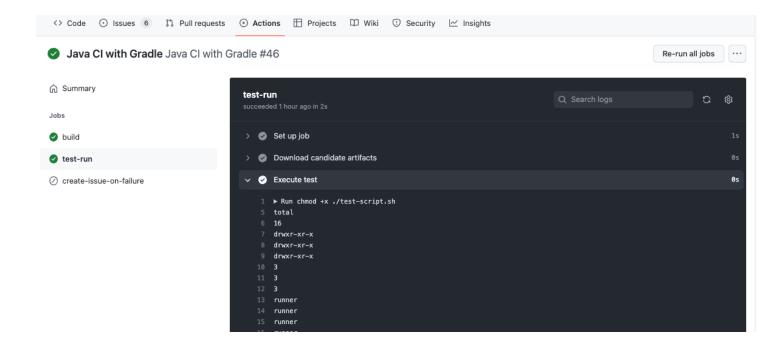
./test-script.sh \${{ needs.build.outputs.artifact-tag || github.event.inputs.myVersion
}} \${{ github.event.inputs.myValues }}

```
75
76 - name: Execute test
77 shell: bash
78 run: |
79 chmod +x ./test-script.sh
80 ./test-script.sh ${{ needs.build.outputs.artifact-tag || github.event.inputs.myVersion }} ${{ github.event.inputs.myValues }}
81
82 create-issue-on-failure:
```

2. When we create our pipelines that execute code based on generic inputs, we must be cognizant of potential security vulnerabilities such as injection attacks. This code is subject to such an attack. To demonstrate this, use the workflow_dispatch event for the workflow in the Actions menu, put in a version and pass in the following as the arguments in the arguments field (NOTE: That is two backquotes around Is -la)



3. After the run completes, look at the output of the step. Notice that it ran successfully, but it has actually run the `ls -la` command directly on the runner system. The command was innocuous in this case, but this could have been a more destructive command.

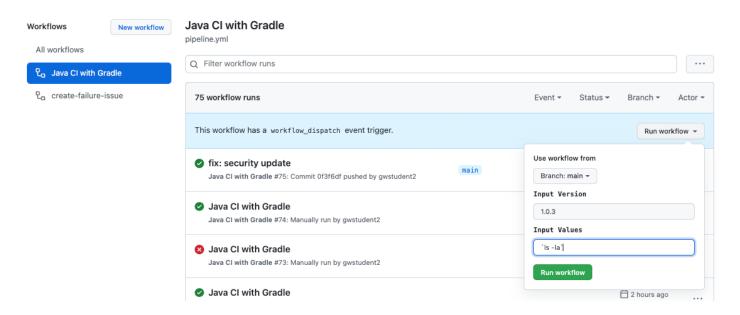


4. Let's fix the command to not be able to execute the code in this way. We can do that by placing the output into an environment variable first and then passing that to the step. Edit the *pipeline.yaml* file and change the code to look like the following (pay attention to how things line up):

```
env:
  ARGS: ${{ github.event.inputs.myValues }}
run: |
  chmod +x ./test-script.sh
  ./test-script.sh ${{ needs.build.outputs.artifact-tag || github.event.inputs.myVersion }} "$ARGS"
      65
             test-run:
      66
               runs-on: ubuntu-latest
      67
      68
               needs: build
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      70
               steps:
      71 ~
               - name: Download candidate artifacts
      72
                 uses: actions/download-artifact@v3
      73 ∨
                 with:
      74
                 name: greetings-jar
      75
      76
               - name: Execute test
      77
                 shell: bash
      78 🗸
                 env:
      79
                 ARGS: ${{ github.event.inputs.myValues }}
      80
             ···run: |
             chmod +x ./test-script.sh
      81
      82
             ./test-script.sh:${{\needs.build.outputs.artifact-tag-||\github.event.inputs.myVersion\}}\"$ARGS"
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      84 ~
             create-issue-on-failure:
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      86
               runs-on: ubuntu-latest
      87
               needs: test-run
```

5. Commit back the changes and wait till the action that's run for the push has completed.

6. Now, you can execute the code again with the same arguments as before.



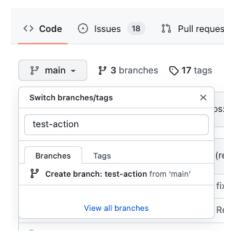
7. Notice that this time, the output did not run the commands, but just echoed them back out as desired.

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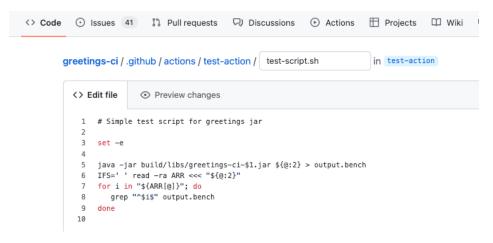
Lab 11 – Separating out jobs into a separate action

Purpose: In this lab, we'll look at how to separate our testing job into a separate action.

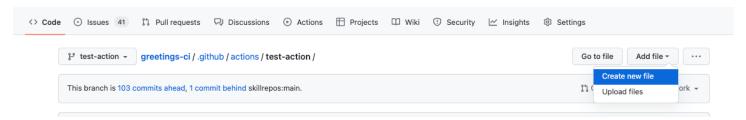
1. We're going to make our test script into a composite action. To do this, lets first create a new branch to work with called "test-action". In the "Code" tab, click on the branch dropdown that says "main". Then in the text area that says, "Find or create a branch...", enter the text "test-action". Then click on the "Create branch: test-action from 'main'" link.



2. You should now be on the "test-action" branch. The "test-script.sh" file will be the basis for our new composite action. So, let's move it to a separate local area for local actions. Select the test-script.sh file, edit it, and then add ".github/actions/test-action" to the path as shown below.

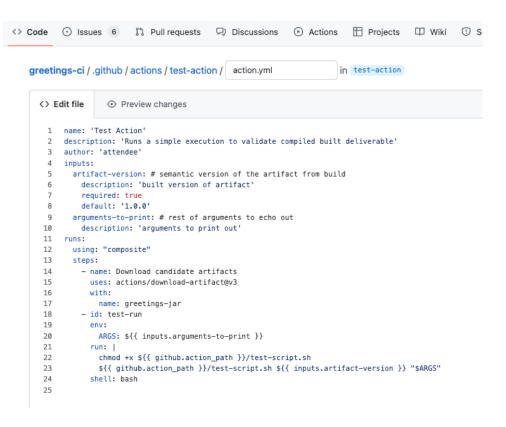


- 3. Click on the green button to commit your changes in the "test-action" branch. Notice that no workflows were kicked off because we don't have events defined in our workflow related to the "test-action" branch.
- 4. Now, let's create the action.yml file for our test action. You will need to create a new file in the path "greetings-ci/.github/actions/test-action" directory by going there, clicking on "Add file" and then clicking on "Create new file"



5. Name the new file "action.yml". So the full path would be "greetings-ci/.github/actions/test-action/action.yml". For the file contents, you can either copy and paste from below or from the file at extra/action.yml Commit the file when done to the "test-action" branch.

```
name: 'Test Action'
description: 'Runs a simple execution to validate compiled built deliverable'
author: 'attendee'
inputs:
  artifact-version: # semantic version of the artifact from build
    description: 'built version of artifact'
    required: true
    default: '1.0.0'
  arguments-to-print: # rest of arguments to echo out
    description: 'arguments to print out'
runs:
  using: "composite"
  steps:
    - name: Download candidate artifacts
     uses: actions/download-artifact@v3
     with:
        name: greetings-jar
    - id: test-run
      env:
        ARGS: ${{ inputs.arguments-to-print }}
        chmod +x ${{ github.action_path }}/test-script.sh
        ${{ github.action_path }}/test-script.sh ${{ inputs.artifact-version }} "$ARGS"
      shell: bash
```



6. This is all we need for our basic composite action. Notice that we've essentially copied over a couple of steps into our composite action that were in the original workflow file. So, we can go back and modify the original workflow file to use our new action. Still in the "test-action" branch, edit the file "greetings-ci/.github/workflows/pipeline.yaml".

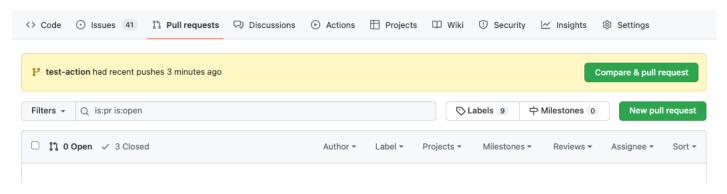
Replace the current steps of test-run, with the new set as shown below (checking alignment). Notice that we need to add a checkout action here to have the necessary pieces from our test-action directory present for the action to get to. Then we just call our new action passing in the parameters. Commit the file when done.

```
- name: run-test
  uses: ./.github/actions/test-action
  with:
    artifact-version: ${{ needs.build.outputs.artifact-tag || github.event.inputs.myVersion }}
  arguments-to-print: ${{ github.event.inputs.myValues }}
```

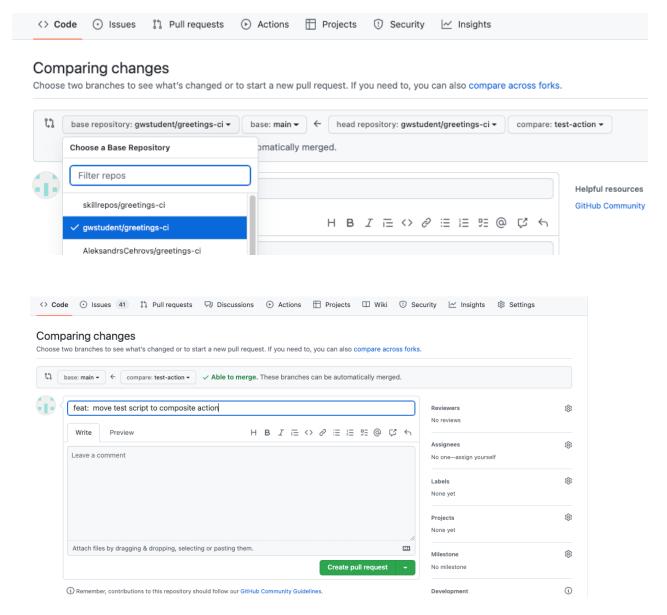
```
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      test-run:
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        runs-on: ubuntu-latest
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        needs: build
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        steps:
72
73
        - uses: actions/checkout@v3
74
75
        - name: run-test
76
          uses: ./.github/actions/test-action
77
            artifact-version: ${{ needs.build.outputs.artifact-tag || github.event.inputs.myVersion }}
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79
            arguments-to-print: ${{ github.event.inputs.myValues }}
80
      create-issue-on-failure:
```

- uses: actions/checkout@v3

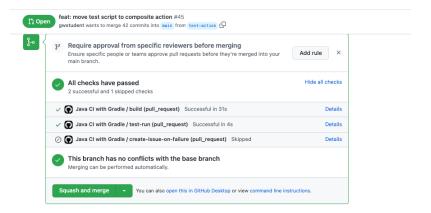
7. Finally, let's merge in the "test-action" branch to the "main" branch. Click on the top-level "Pull requests" menu. You should see a yellow bar with text that indicates the "test-action" branch had recent pushes. Click on the green "Compare & pull request" button.



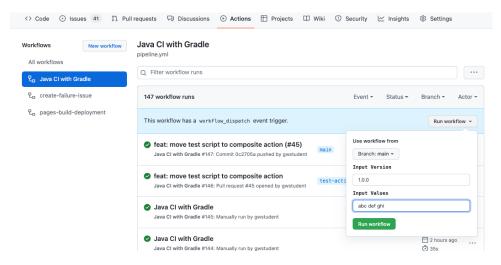
8. As we've done before, change the "base" portion to be the current repo. After this, it should show that you can merge from the "test-action" branch to the "main" branch of your "greetings-ci" repository. Fill in an appropriate comment and then click the green "Create pull request" button.



9. With the Pull Request created, the automated merge checks should run and succeed. After that, you can click on the "Squash and merge" button to complete the merge. (Select "Squash and merge" from the down arrow on the right of the green button if needed.). Confirm when asked. The merge should complete, and the Pull Request should be closed.



10. A workflow run will have occurred because of the merge. But if you want to try out the merged code with the action more fully, you can do a manual workflow run as before.

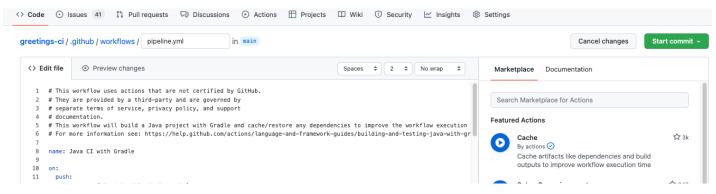


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Lab 12 - Adding Environments and Releases

Purpose: In this lab, we'll look at how to add staging (blue, green) and production environments and releases.

1. Let's add some deploy jobs to our pipeline.yaml file. Edit the .github/workflows/pipeline.yaml file. For simplicity, we can just do this in the main branch.



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2. We can illustrate blue/green deployment with new branches such as "blue" and "green". So, let's modify the "on:" section first to run the workflow on a push to any of these. Modify the **on: push:** command to be like the following.

```
on:
  push:
    branches: [ "main", "blue", "green" ]
        name: Java CI with Gradle
    8
    9
   10
        on:
   11
        push:
            branches: [ "main", "blue", "green" ]
   12
   13
          pull_request:
            branches: [ "main" ]
   14
```

3. You can also remove the "pull_request" portion.

```
9
10 on:
11 push:
12 branches: [ "main", "blue", "green" ]
13 workflow_dispatch:
14 inputs:
15 myVersion:
```

4. Now, let's add the job for deploying a "stage" environment/release. This job can be inserted between the "testrun" job and the "create-issue-on-failure" job. The code for this job is already done for you and can be copied from the file extra/deploy-stage.txt You can go to the same repository in another tab, open that file, and then just copy and paste. (Note double-check that the "create-issue-on-failure" job name didn't get moved to the end of the paste.)

(Note: You may need to add a space or two at the front of the first line of output once pasted to get it to line up correctly.)

This code essentially does the following:

- Waits for the build and test jobs to complete (line 79)
- Checks to see if the branch being pushed to is "blue" or "green" (line 80)
- Establishes an environment called "staging" (line 83)
- Sets the associated URL for the environment to the releases page (line 85)
- Checkouts the source code (line 87-90)
- Downloads the jar we built (line 92-95)
- Calls a GitHub Action to create a release that: (line 97-105)
 - is based on the tag we got from the build
 - is set as a draft and prerelease
 - includes the jar file we've built

```
66
         steps:
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 68
         - uses: actions/checkout@v3
 69
 70
         - name: run-test
           uses: ./.github/actions/test-action
 71
 72
           with:
 73
             artifact-version: ${{ needs.build.outputs.artifact-tag || github.event.inputs.myVersion }}
 74
             arguments-to-print: ${{ github.event.inputs.myValues }}
 75
 77
      deploy-stage:
 78
 79
         if: github.ref == 'refs/heads/blue' || github.ref == 'refs/heads/green'
         environment:
           url: https://github.com/${{ github.repository }}/releases/tag/v${{ needs.build.outputs.artifact-tag || github.event.inputs.myVersion }}
 87
 88
            - uses: actions/checkout@v3
 89
             with:
 90
               fetch-depth: 0
 91
           - name: Download candidate artifacts
 92
 93
             uses: actions/download-artifact@v3
 94
             with:
               name: greetings-jar
 95
 96
           - name: GH Release
 97
             uses: softprops/action-gh-release@v0.1.14
 98
 99
               tag_name: v${{ needs.build.outputs.artifact-tag || github.event.inputs.myVersion }}
100
101
               prerelease: true
102
               draft: true
103
               name: ${{ github.ref_name }}
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                 greetings-ci-${{ needs.build.outputs.artifact-tag || github.event.inputs.myVersion }}.jar
```

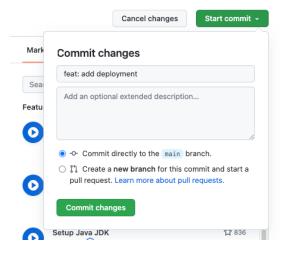
5. Now, let's add the job for deploying a "prod" (production) environment/release from a pull-request being merged into "main". This job can be inserted between the "deploy-stage" job and the "create-issue-on-failure" job. The code for this job is already done for you and can be copied from the file extra/deploy-prod.txt Just copy and paste. You can copy and paste this one the same way from the other tab.

(Note: You may need to add a space or two at the front of the first line of output once pasted to get it to line up correctly.)

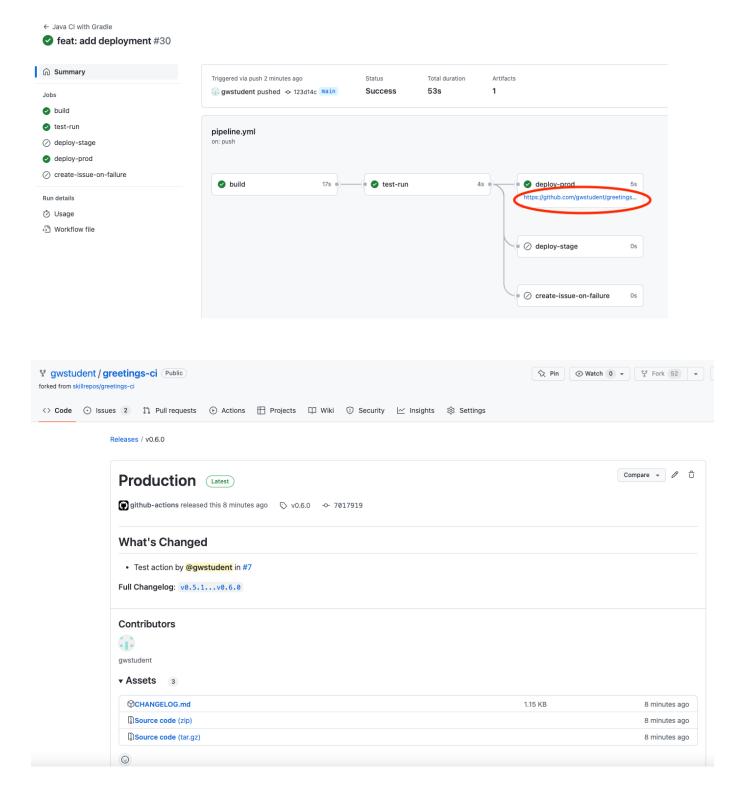
This code essentially does the following:

- Waits for the build and test jobs to complete (line 114)
- Checks to see if we got here on the main branch (line 115)
- Establishes an environment called "production" (line 119)
- Sets the associated URL for the environment to the releases page (line 120)
- Checkouts the source code (line 123-125)
- Downloads the jar we built (line 127-130)
- Calls a GitHub Action to create a release that: (line 132-140)
 - is based on the tag we got from the build
 - is named as "Production"
 - includes the jar file we've built and the CHANGELOG
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6. Go ahead and commit your changes **to the main branch**. You can include a "feat" conventional commit message.



7. This will kick off a new run of the workflow and will create an initial production deployment because of a change in main. After the run completes, you can click on the link in the deploy-prod job in the "Jobs" view to see the release.

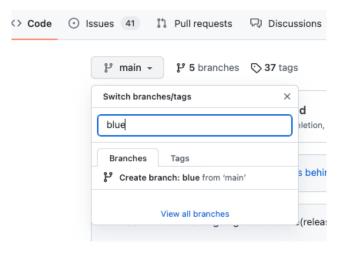


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Lab 13 - Exercising the entire workflow

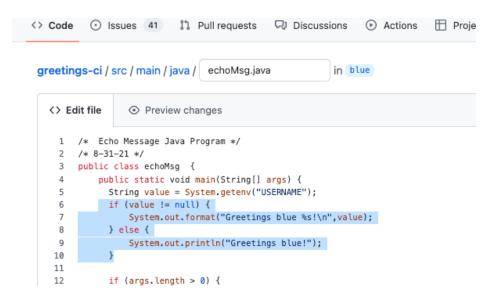
Purpose: In this lab, we'll see how to make a change in source code and have it processed through the pipeline.

1. In the example of using a "blue/green" environment, let's **create a branch called "blue" from the "main" branch** to make some changes on. Do this just as you've done before. (Note that you will need to make sure you're on the main branch before creating the blue one.)

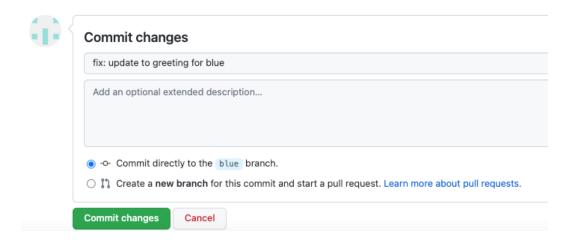


2. In the "blue" branch, edit the file src/main/java/echoMsg.java. Make a simple, non-breaking change like adding "blue" to the lines that print out "Greetings". See text and figure below.

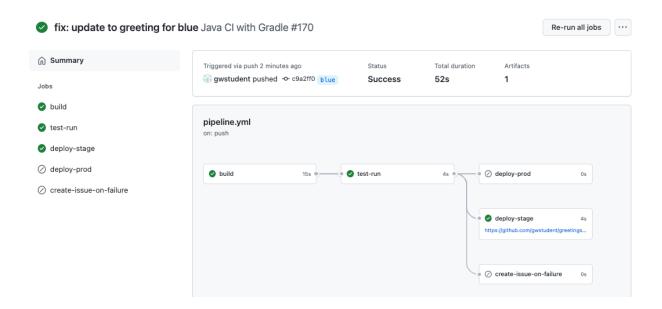
```
if (value != null) {
    System.out.format("Greetings blue %s!\n",value);
} else {
    System.out.println("Greetings blue!");
}
```



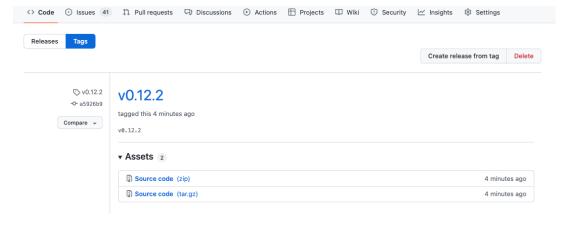
3. Commit the changes with an appropriate "fix: " conventional commit message.



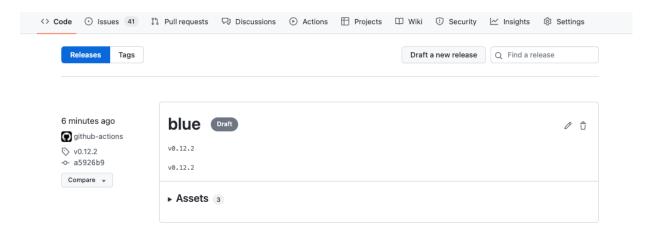
4. After the workflow run completes, you can click on the run and look at the job graph. You should be able to see that it executed the build and test pieces and then deployed it to the stage environment.



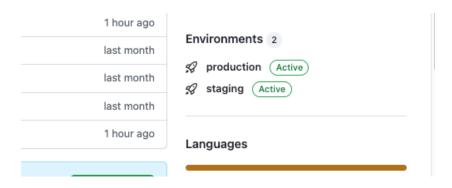
5. Now, click on the link in the "deploy-stage" box. This will take you to the tagged version of the source repo.

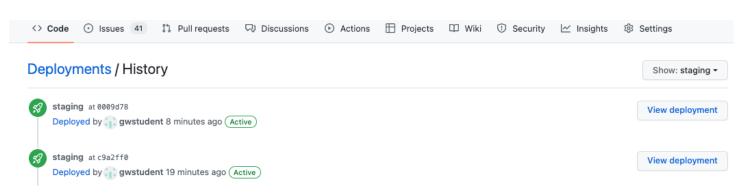


6. If you click on the "Releases" item next to "Tags", you can see the draft release that was created.

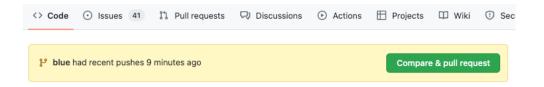


7. And, if you click on the main code page, in the lower right, you'll be able to see a new "Staging" environment. You can click on that to see a list of recent deployments there.

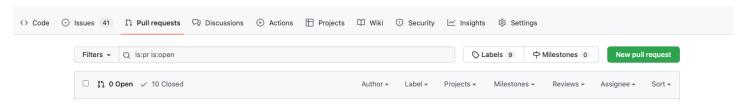




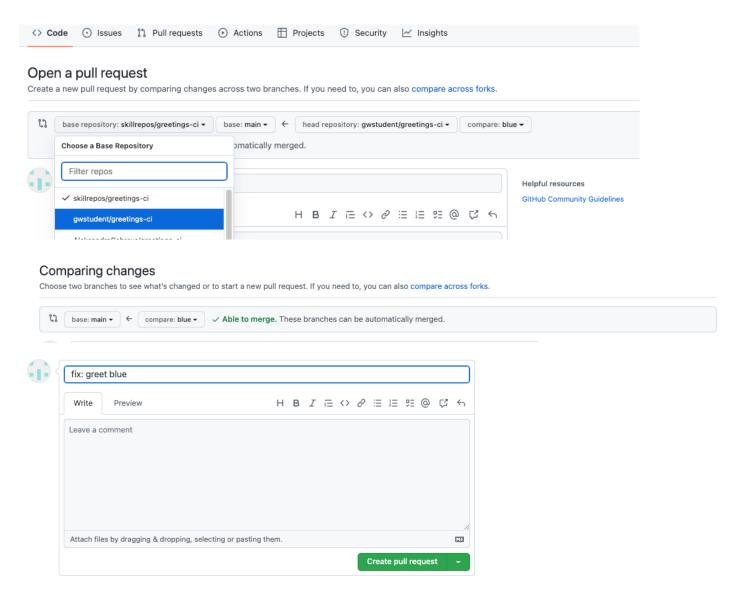
8. Since everything built ok, we can deploy this change to the production environment. To merge the changes, we can just create a pull request to main and merge it. In the "Code" page for your repository, there may be a yellow bar that says "blue had recent pushes..." If so, click on the big green "Compare & pull request" button.



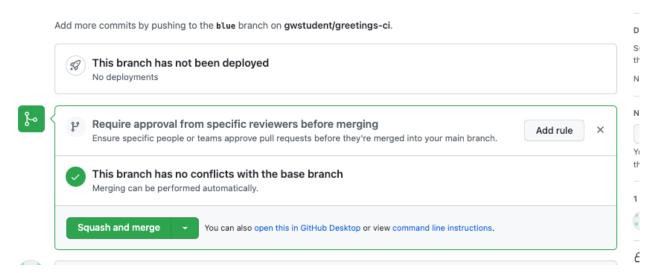
If not, got to "Pull requests" and then click on "New pull request" and "Create pull request".



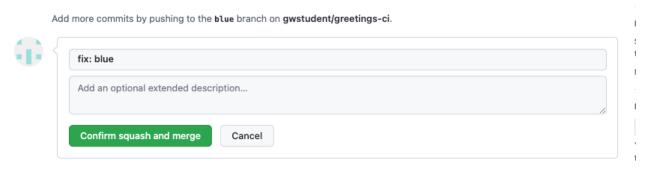
9. Change the dropdown at the top to select the same repository so you are merging the "blue" branch into the "main" branch of your repository. Add a conventional commit message like "fix: greet blue". Then proceed to "Create pull request" by clicking the other green button.



10. At this point, you can go ahead and click the "Squash and merge" button when available and confirm.



11. You can edit the main comment to have something like "fix: blue" in it and do what you want with the other commit messages. Then go ahead and click the "Confirm squash and merge" button.



12. This should kick off another run of the action workflow in main.

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