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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  
        uses: peaceiris/actions-gh-pages@v3.9.3  
        with:  
          github_token: ${ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }  
          publish_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 for deploying a Hugo website line by line:

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These are comments providing metadata about the workflow file, including its purpose, author, and date.

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Names the workflow - it will appear with this name in GitHub's Actions tab.

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      - main # Set a branch to deploy
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Specifies that this workflow should trigger when code is pushed to the 'main' branch only.

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jobs:
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Defines a single job named "deploy".

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  runs-on: ubuntu-22.04
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Specifies that this job should run on Ubuntu 22.04.

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First step: Checks out your repository code using checkout action v3.5.1

- `submodules: true` ensures Hugo themes (which are often submodules) are also downloaded
- `fetch-depth: 0` downloads the complete git history

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Sets up Hugo in the environment:

- Uses the peaceiris/actions-hugo action
- Installs Hugo version 0.144.1
- `extended: true` installs the extended version which includes SCSS/SASS support

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Builds the Hugo site:

- `-D` includes draft content
- `--gc` runs garbage collection
- `--minify` minimizes the output files

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Deploys the built site to GitHub Pages:

- Uses the peaceiris/actions-gh-pages action
- Uses GitHub's automatic token for authentication
- Publishes to the 'gh-pages' branch
- Sets the commit author to the GitHub Actions bot

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Commented-out option to set a custom domain for the GitHub Pages site.

This workflow automates the process of building a Hugo website and deploying it to GitHub Pages whenever changes are pushed to the main branch.

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DH what does `fetch-depth: 0` mean?

Let me explain `fetch-depth: 0` in simple terms:

When you use `git clone` or checkout an action, by default Git tries to save time and space by only getting the most recent version of your code. This is called a "shallow clone".

`fetch-depth` controls how many commits of history to download:

- `fetch-depth: 1` (default) = only get the latest commit
- `fetch-depth: 2` = get the latest 2 commits
- `fetch-depth: 0` = get ALL commits (the complete history)

In your Hugo workflow, `fetch-depth: 0` is important because:

1. Hugo uses Git history for features like `.GitInfo` and `.Lastmod`

2. These features show when pages were last modified
3. Without the full history, Hugo can't accurately determine when content was changed

Think of it like this:

- `fetch-depth: 1` is like only getting today's newspaper
- `fetch-depth: 0` is like getting all newspapers ever published
- Hugo needs all the old newspapers to tell you when articles were first written and last updated

DH why are we running garbage collection and minimizing output files?

Let me explain both flags in the Hugo build command `hugo -D --gc --minify`:

`--gc` (Garbage Collection):

- Cleans up unused files and cached resources
- Removes temporary files that were created during the build process
- Helps keep your site's build artifacts clean and efficient
- Especially useful for larger sites with many images or resources
- Think of it like cleaning your room after doing a big project - you remove all the scraps and unused materials

`--minify`:

- Reduces the size of your output files by:
 - Removing unnecessary whitespace and comments
 - Combining CSS/JS files where possible
 - Compressing HTML, CSS, JS, JSON, and XML files
- Makes your website load faster because browsers need to download smaller files
- Example:

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// Before minification
<div class="header">
  <h1>Welcome</h1>
</div>

// After minification
<div class="header"><h1>Welcome</h1></div>
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Using both together is a best practice for production builds because you get:

1. A clean build environment (gc)
2. Optimized file sizes for better performance (minify)

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