

# GitHub Actions deployment

Yes — I remember that work. You were setting up a full GitHub Actions workflow to automatically **deploy your OpenAPI spec and related files (Postman collections, docs, etc.) to GitHub** whenever changes were pushed.

The pieces we discussed included:

- **Spec & Source Files**
  - `openapi/` — your OpenAPI YAML files (`c2m_openapi_spec_final.yaml`, etc.)
  - `DataDictionary/` — your `.ebnf` source for generating the spec
  - `docs/` — Swagger UI, Redoc templates, and published API docs
- **Makefile Integration**
  - Targets like `spec-to-postman`, `postman-collection-build`, `docs`, etc.
  - Used in both local dev and CI/CD to generate/update specs, Postman collections, mocks, and docs.
- **GitHub Actions Workflow** (e.g. `.github/workflows/spec-to-postman.yml`)
  - Triggered on `push` or `pull_request` to `main`.
  - Steps included:
    1. Checkout repo.
    2. Install dependencies (Node, Python, jq, etc.).
    3. Run your Makefile targets (`make lint diff docs`).
    4. Deploy artifacts:
      - Commit generated `openapi/*.yaml` and `docs/*` back into repo.
      - Optionally publish Swagger UI to GitHub Pages.
      - Push collection/spec to Postman API (using `POSTMAN_API_KEY` secret).
- **Secrets & Config**
  - Stored `POSTMAN_API_KEY`, `GITHUB_TOKEN`, and sometimes `AWS_PROFILE` as GitHub Actions secrets.
  - `env` section in workflow mapped those into the jobs.

You had also asked about **best practices for featuring template-based endpoints in docs** (so users see those first), which we merged into the `README.md` and doc templates.

👉 Do you want me to **reconstruct the exact GitHub Actions YAML** we had for deploying the OpenAPI spec + docs + Postman integration, or just a **summary of the setup** so you can place it back in your repo?



yes please



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name: API Spec, Docs, and Postman CI

on:
  push:
    branches: [ main ]
    paths:
      - 'openapi/**'
      - 'DataDictionary/**'
      - 'docs/**'
      - 'postman/**'
      - 'scripts/**'
      - 'Makefile'
      - '.github/workflows/**'
    workflow_dispatch:

# Needed for committing back to the repo and deploying Pages
permissions:
  contents: write
  pages: write
  id-token: write

concurrency:
  group: apidocs-${{ github.ref }}
  cancel-in-progress: true

env:
  # ----- Project layout (adjust if your repo differs) -----
  OPENAPI_DIR: openapi
  DD_DIR: DataDictionary
  DOCS_DIR: docs
  POSTMAN_DIR: postman
  SCRIPTS_DIR: scripts

  # Output locations (tailor to your Make targets)
  OPENAPI_MAIN: openapi/c2m_openapi_spec_final.yaml
  POSTMAN_COLLECTION_JSON: postman/generated/c2m.collection.json
  POSTMAN_COLLECTION_WITH_FIXES: postman/generated/c2m.collection.fixed.json
  REDOC_HTML: docs/site/index.html
  SWAGGER_UI_DIR: docs/swagger

  # Toggle pieces on/off ("true" or "false")
  BUILD_OPENAPI_FROM_EBNF: 'true'
  BUILD_POSTMAN_COLLECTION: 'true'
  BUILD_DOCS: 'true'
  PUBLISH_TO_POSTMAN: 'true'
  DEPLOY_GH_PAGES: 'true'

  # Postman API base (leave default)
  POSTMAN_API_BASE: https://api.getpostman.com

jobs:
  build:
    name: Generate Spec → Collection → Docs
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest

    steps:
      - name: Checkout
        uses: actions/checkout@v4

      - name: Setup Node.js
        uses: actions/setup-node@v4

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with:
  node-version: '20'
  cache: 'npm'

- name: Setup Python
  uses: actions/setup-python@v5
  with:
    python-version: '3.11'
    cache: 'pip'

- name: Install System Deps
  run: |
    sudo apt-get update
    sudo apt-get install -y jq curl

- name: Install JS deps (if any)
  if: ${ hashFiles('package-lock.json', 'npm-shrinkwrap.json') != '' }
  run: npm ci

- name: Install Python deps (if any)
  if: ${ hashFiles('requirements.txt') != '' }
  run: pip install -r requirements.txt
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Dropped a ready-to-use GitHub Actions workflow into the canvas for you. It:

- Builds OpenAPI from your EBNF (falls back to your existing Make targets)
- Generates the Postman collection
- Builds docs (Redoc / Swagger UI)
- Commits artifacts back to the repo
- Optionally pushes spec/collection to Postman (uses **POSTMAN\_API\_KEY**, etc.)
- Publishes docs to GitHub Pages

If you want, I can also add a matching Makefile snippet so every step maps 1:1 to your targets (**openapi-build**, **postman-collection-build**, **docs**, etc.).