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Lab Scenario

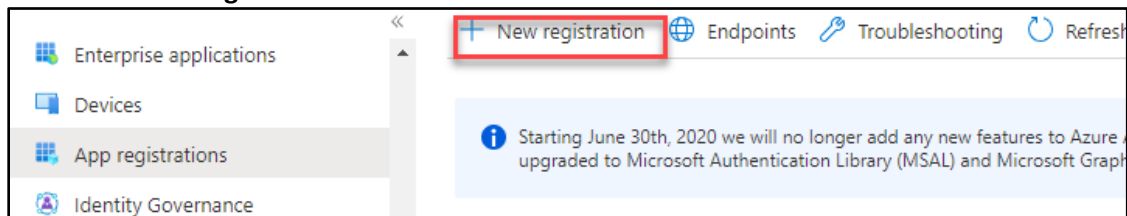
Working as part of the PrioritZ fusion team you will be configuring GitHub Actions using the Power Platform Build Tools to automate the team's deployments.

Exercise 1 – Configure a Service Principal

In this exercise, you will create service principal. The service principal will be used by the workflow actions, so they don't execute under your individual user identity.

Task 1: Create app registration

1. Navigate to <https://portal.azure.com/>
2. Select **Azure active directory**.
3. Select **App registrations**.
4. Click **+ New registration**.



5. Enter **GitHub Deploy <Your Name>** e.g., **GitHub Deploy Lab Admin 1** for Name, select **Accounts in this organizational directory only** for Supported account types, and click **Register**.

Home > April Environments >

Register an application

* Name

The user-facing display name for this application (this can be changed later).

GitHub Deploy Lab Admin 10 ✓

Supported account types

Who can use this application or access this API?

☒ Accounts in this organizational directory only (April Environments only - Single tenant)

☐ Accounts in any organizational directory (Any Azure AD directory - Multitenant)

☐ Accounts in any organizational directory (Any Azure AD directory - Multitenant) and personal Microsoft accounts (e.g. Skype, Xbox)

☐ Personal Microsoft accounts only

[Help me choose...](#)

Redirect URI (optional)

We'll return the authentication response to this URI after successfully authenticating the user. Providing this now is optional and it can be changed later, but a value is required for most authentication scenarios.

Select a platform ▼ e.g. https://example.com/auth

Register an app you're working on here. Integrate gallery apps and other apps from outside your organization by adding from [Enterprise applications](#).

By proceeding, you agree to the [Microsoft Platform Policies](#)

[Register](#)

- Copy the **Application (client) ID** and the Directory (tenant) ID. Keep the ids in a notepad, you will need them in future steps.

^ Essentials

Display name : [GitHub Deploy Lab Admin 10](#)

Application (client) ID : [4d63a99a-600e-4000-8000-712acb](#)

Object ID : f049e97f-64262-64262-64262-64262

Directory (tenant) ID : [6b63eeec-366b-4b6b-8b6b-6db8e](#)

Supported account types : [My organization only](#)

Client credentials

Redirect URIs

Application ID URI

Managed application in I...

Copy to clipboard

- Select **Certificates and secrets**.
- Click **+ New client secret**.
- Enter **Lab admin GitHub client secret** for Description, select **3 months** for Expires, and click **Add**.

Add a client secret

Description : Lab admin GitHub client secret

Expires : 3 months ▼

[Add](#) [Cancel](#)

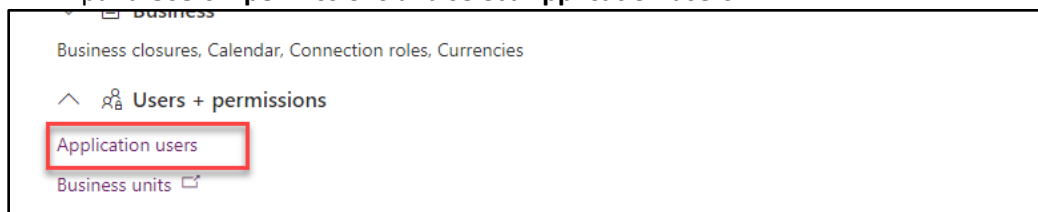
- Copy the **Value** and save it on a notepad, you will need this value in future step. The value will not show again after you leave this page.

+ New client secret			
Description	Expires	Value ⓘ	Copy to clipboard Client ID
Lab admin GitHub client secret	7/13/2022	brn8Q~	DaWe... 8a69bfd3-9b7

Task 2: Create app user in Dataverse

In this task, you will be registering the app you created in Azure Active Directory into the dev and test Dataverse environments. You will also be assigning a security role that will allow the service principal to deploy solutions.

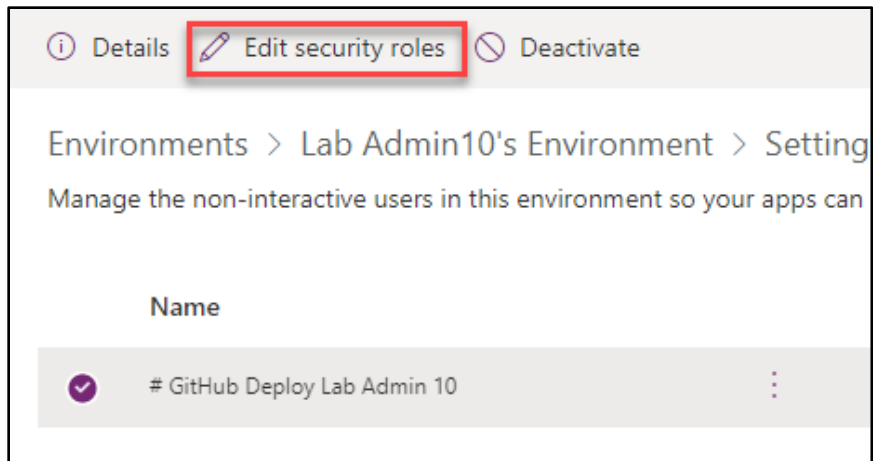
1. Navigate to [Power Platform admin center](#)
2. Select **Environments**.
3. Select your **Dev** environment and click **Settings**.
4. Expand **Users + permissions** and select **Application users**.



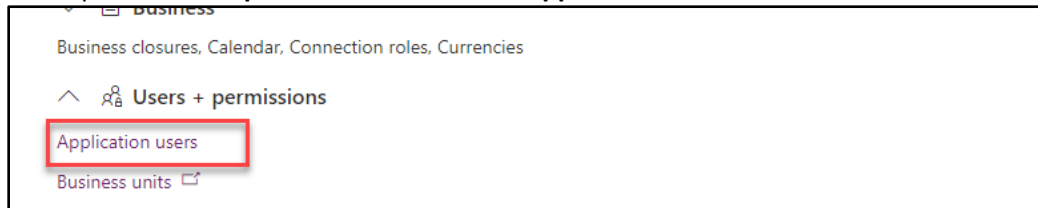
5. Click **+ New app user**.
6. Click **+ Add an app**.

The screenshot shows the 'Create a new app user' dialog box. It has a title bar with a close button (X). Below the title, there are two main sections: 'App *' and 'Business unit *'. In the 'App *' section, the '+ Add an app' button is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below it, the 'Business unit *' section has a dropdown menu with 'Select' as the current selection. At the bottom, there is a 'Security roles(0)' section with an edit icon (pencil).

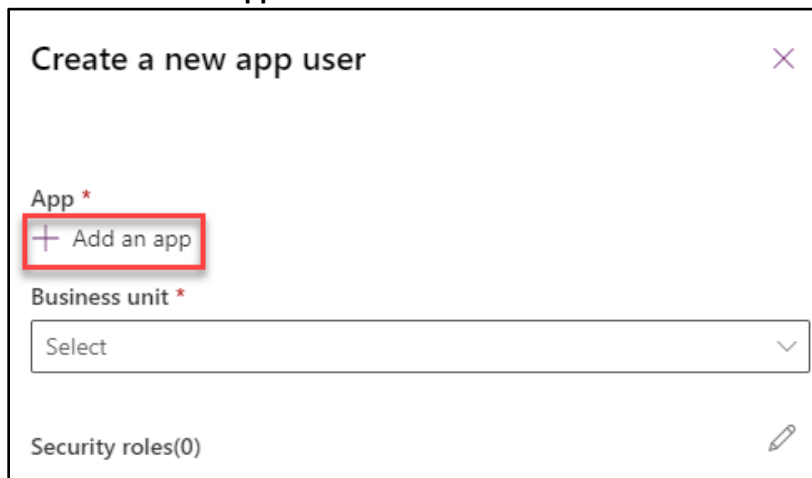
7. Select application registration you created and click **Add**.
8. Select your Business unit and click **Create**. There should only be one unless you created more.
9. Select the application user you just created and click **Edit security roles**.



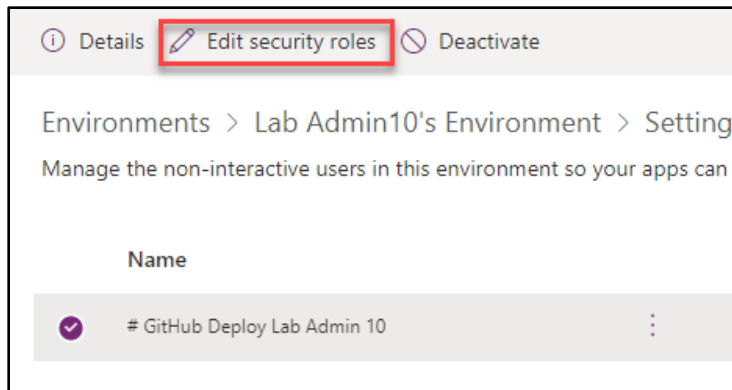
10. Select **System administrator** and click **Save**.
11. Select **Environments** again.
12. Select your **Test** environment and click **Settings**.
13. Expand **Users + permissions** and select **Application users**.



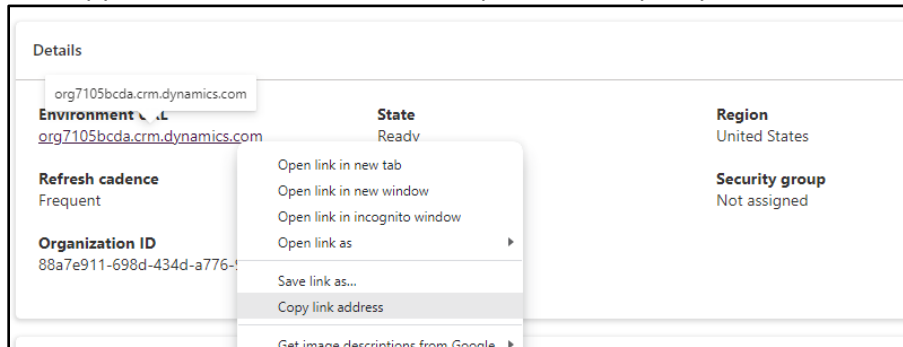
14. Click **+ New app user**.
15. Click **+ Add an app**.



16. Select application registration you created and click **Add**.
17. Select your Business unit and click **Create**.
18. Select the application user you just created and click **Edit security roles**.



19. Select **System administrator** and click **Save**.
20. Select **Environments** and click to open the **Dev** environment.
21. Copy the **Environment URL** and keep it on a notepad, you will use this URL in future steps.



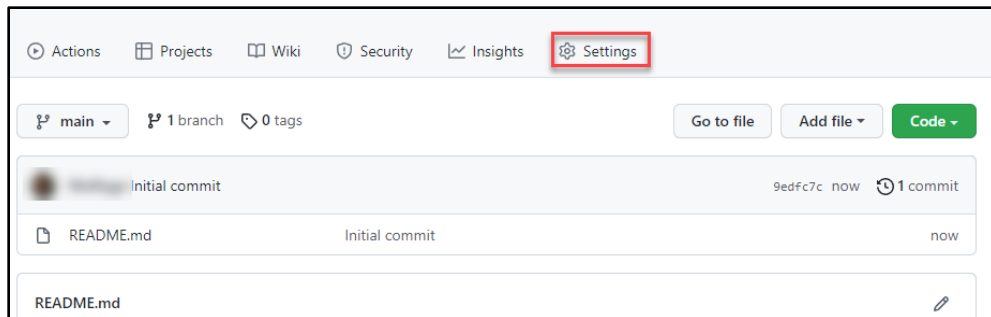
22. Select **Environments** and click to open the **Test** environment.
23. Copy the **Environment URL** and keep it on a notepad, you will use this URL in future steps.

Exercise 2 – Create GitHub Repo

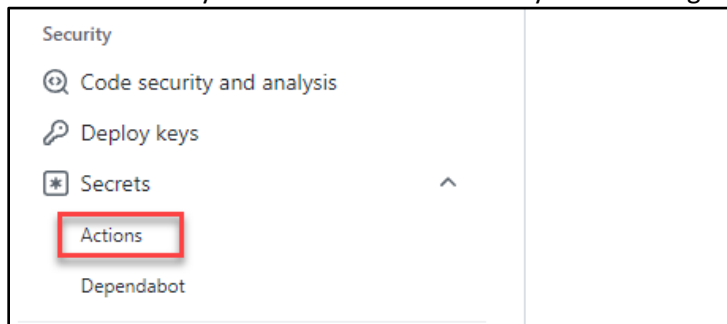
In this exercise, you will create a GitHub repository and add repository secrets.

Task 1: Create repository






1. Navigate to <https://github.com/>
2. Sign in or signup for GitHub.
3. Click **New repository**.
4. Enter **PrioritZ** for Repository name, select **Public**, check the **Add a README file**, and click **Create repository**.
5. Click **Settings**.



6. Go to the **Security** section, expand **Secrets** and select **Actions**. The values you provide will not be visible after you create the item so take your time to get the values correct.



7. Click **New repository secret**.
8. Enter **PowerPlatformAppID** for Name and paste the **Application (client) ID** from your notepad in the **Value** field and click **Add secret**.
9. Click **New repository secret** again.
10. Enter **PowerPlatformClientSecret** for Name and paste the secret **Value** from your notepad in the **Value** field and click **Add secret**.
11. Click **New repository secret** again.
12. Enter **PowerPlatformTenantID** for Name and paste the secret **Tenant ID** from your notepad in the **Value** field and click **Add secret**.
13. Click **New repository secret** again.
14. Enter **PowerPlatformDevUrl** for Name and paste the secret **Dev environment URL** from your notepad in the **Value** field and click **Add secret**.
15. Click **New repository secret** one more time.
16. Enter **PowerPlatformTestUrl** for Name and paste the secret **Test environment URL** from your notepad in the **Value** field and click **Add secret**.
17. You should now have **5** repository secrets.

Repository secrets		
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 POWERPLATFORMCLIENTSECRET	Updated 4 minutes ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
 POWERPLATFORMDEVURL	Updated 1 minute ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
 POWERPLATFORMTENANTID	Updated 2 minutes ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
 POWERPLATFORMTESTURL	Updated now	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>

18. Do not navigate away from this page.

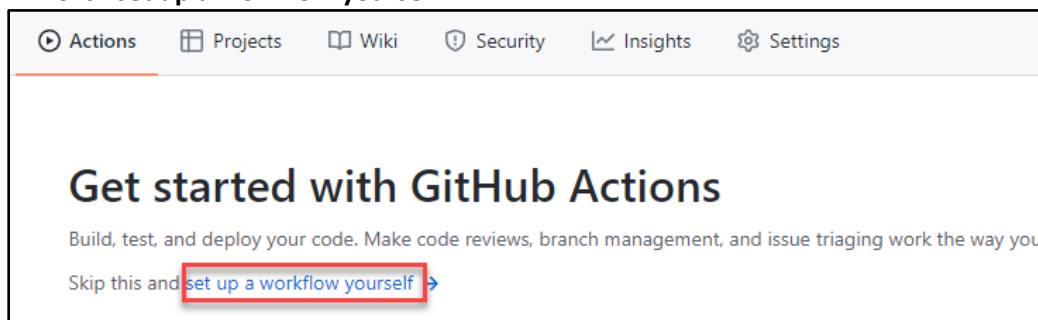
Exercise 3 – Export and Branch

In this exercise, you will setup a workflow action, and add steps that will export the solution from dev environment and create a new branch.

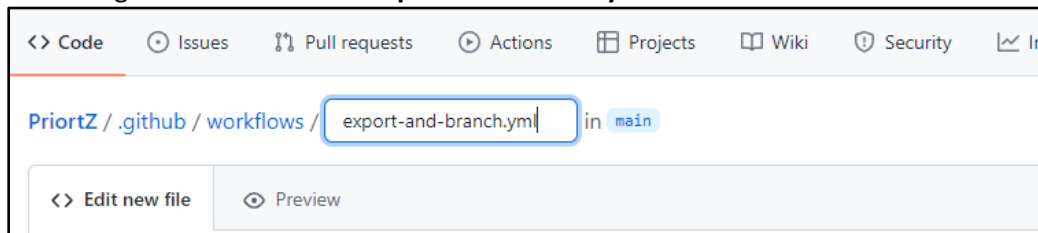
Task 1: Export and branch

In this task you will create the workflow definition using the YAML provided. The action YAML uses two space indentation so follow that carefully as you build the workflow definition. If in doubt, review the indentation shown in the images.

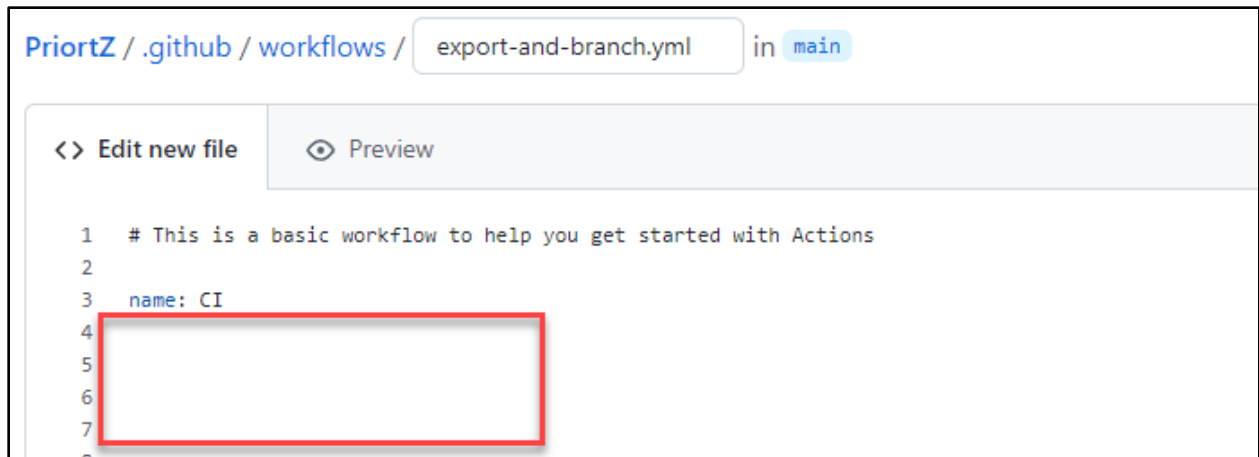
1. Select the **Actions** tab.
2. Click **set up a workflow yourself**.



3. Change the file name to it **export-and-branch.yml**.



4. Remove everything below the name line.

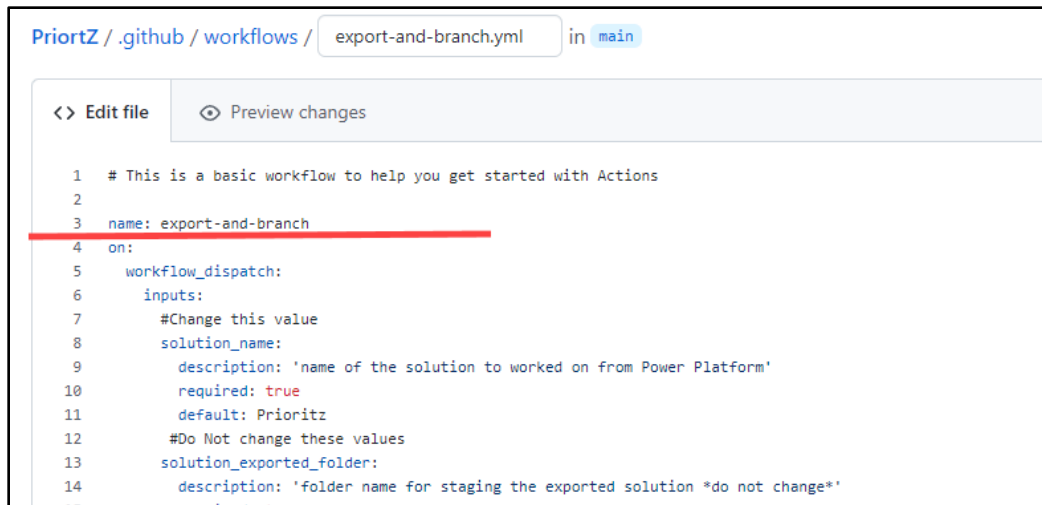


5. Change the name to **export-and-branch**
6. Add the below YAML snippet after the name line. This defines the action trigger and some input parameters that could be changed when manually running the action.

```

on:
  workflow_dispatch:
    inputs:
      #Change this value
      solution_name:
        description: 'name of the solution to worked on from Power Platform'
        required: true
        default: Prioritz
      #Do Not change these values
      solution_exported_folder:
        description: 'folder name for staging the exported solution *do not
change*'
        required: true
        default: out/exported/
      solution_folder:
        description: 'staging the unpacked solution folder before check-in *do
not change*'
        required: true
        default: out/solutions/
      solution_target_folder:
        description: 'folder name to be created and checked in *do not change*'
        required: true
        default: solutions/

```



7. Setup the workflow. Add below YAML snippet after the last snippet. This sets up the jobs and identifies the first job as export-from-dev. This also defines the steps with the first one checking out the current main branch content.

```
jobs:
  export-from-dev:
    runs-on: windows-latest
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v2
        with:
          lfs: true
```

8. Next you will export both an unmanaged and managed solution file from your dev environment.
9. Export the unmanaged solution. Add below snippet after the last snippet.

```
- name: export-solution action
  uses: microsoft/powerplatform-actions/export-solution@0.4.0
  with:
    environment-url: ${ secrets.PowerPlatformDevUrl}
    app-id: ${ secrets.PowerPlatformAppID}
    client-secret: ${ secrets.PowerPlatformClientSecret }
    tenant-id: ${ secrets.PowerPlatformTenantID}
    solution-name: ${ github.event.inputs.solution_name }
    solution-output-file: ${
github.event.inputs.solution_exported_folder}/${
github.event.inputs.solution_name }.zip
```

10. Export the managed solution. Add below snippet after the last snippet.

```
- name: export-managed-solution action
```

```

uses: microsoft/powerplatform-actions/export-solution@0.4.0
with:
  environment-url: ${ secrets.PowerPlatformDevUrl }
  app-id: ${ secrets.PowerPlatformAppID }
  client-secret: ${ secrets.PowerPlatformClientSecret }
  tenant-id: ${ secrets.PowerPlatformTenantID }
  solution-name: ${ github.event.inputs.solution_name }
  solution-output-file: ${
github.event.inputs.solution_exported_folder }/${
github.event.inputs.solution_name }_managed.zip
  managed: true

```

11. The solution files are compressed files and don't version control well. Using unpack you will expand the solution files into a set of files that can be easily checked into the repo.
12. Unpack solution file. Add below snippet after the last snippet.

```

- name: unpack-solution action
  uses: microsoft/powerplatform-actions/unpack-solution@0.4.0
  with:
    solution-file: ${ github.event.inputs.solution_exported_folder }/${
github.event.inputs.solution_name }.zip
    solution-folder: ${ github.event.inputs.solution_folder }/${
github.event.inputs.solution_name }
    solution-type: 'Both'

```

13. Branch and prepare for pull. Add below snippet after the last snippet.

```

- name: branch-solution, prepare it for a PullRequest
  uses: microsoft/powerplatform-actions/branch-solution@v0
  with:
    solution-folder: ${ github.event.inputs.solution_folder }/${
github.event.inputs.solution_name }
    solution-target-folder: ${
github.event.inputs.solution_target_folder }/${
github.event.inputs.solution_name }
    repo-token: ${ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }
    allow-empty-commit: true

```

14. Click **Start commit** and then click **Commit new file**.

Cancel changes Start commit

Commit new file

Create export-and-branch.yml

Add an optional extended description...

hassanrage@outlook.com

Choose which email address to associate with this commit

☒ Commit directly to the `main` branch.

☐ Create a new branch for this commit and start a pull request. [Learn more about pull requests.](#)

Commit new file

15. Select the **Actions** tab and select the workflow you created.

16. Click **Run workflow**.

Workflows New workflow

export-and-branch
export-and-branch.yml

All workflows

export-and-branch

Filter workflow runs

2 workflow runs

Event Status Branch Actor

This workflow has a workflow_dispatch event trigger.

Run workflow

17. Click **Run workflow** again and wait for the workflow run to complete.

Workflows New workflow

All workflows

Showing runs from all workflows

Filter workflow runs

3 workflow runs

Event Status Branch Actor

export-and-branch

export-and-branch #3: Manually run by MoRage

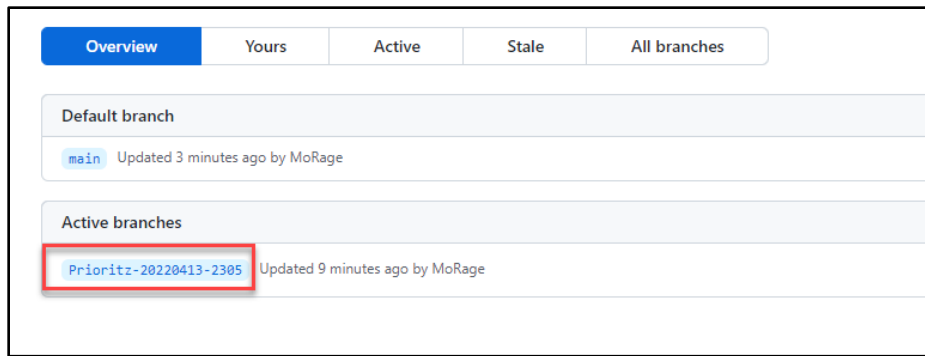
3 minutes ago

2m 29s

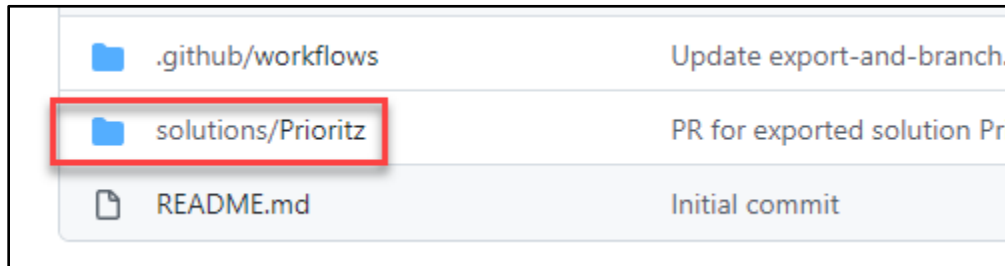
18. Select the **Code** tab.

19. Select **Branches**. You should see two branches.

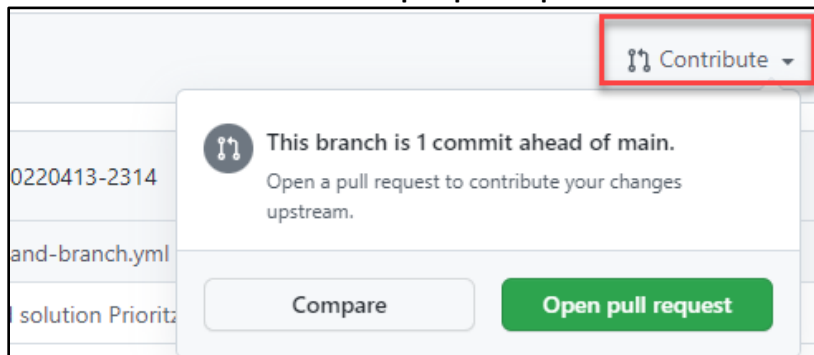
20. Click to open the branch that was created by the workflow action.



21. You should see solution folder.



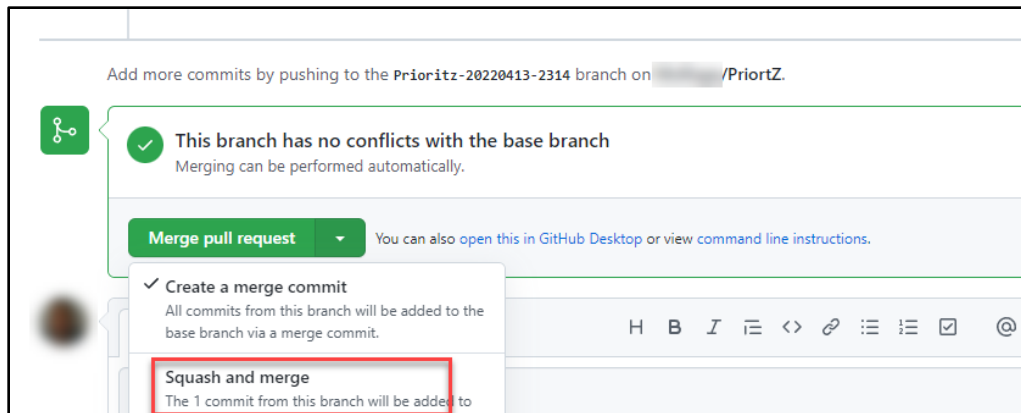
22. Click **Contribute** and select **Open pull request**.



23. Add description if you like and then click **Create pull request**.

24. You should now see the pull request summary. Confirm that the branch has no conflicts with the main branch and that the changes can be merged into the main branch automatically.

25. Click on the chevron button next to the **Merge pull request** button and select **Squash and merge**.



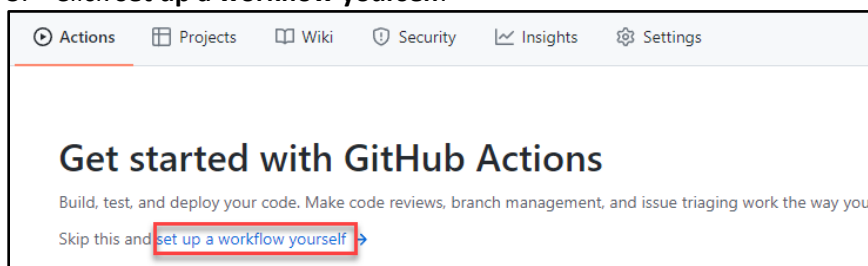
26. Click **Squash and merge**.
27. Click **Confirm squash and merge**.
28. The pull request should get merged successfully.
29. Do not navigate away from this page.

Exercise 4 – Release to Test

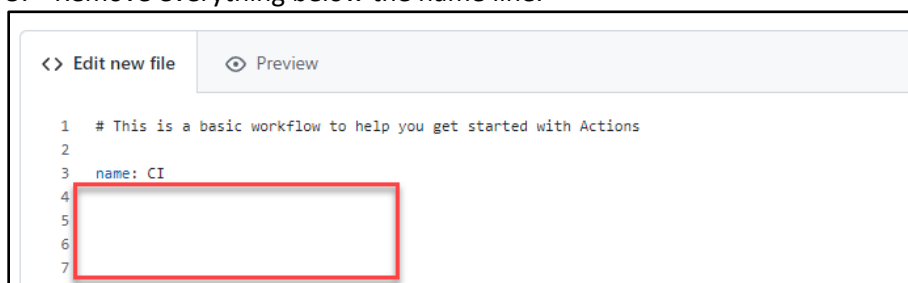
In this exercise, you will create a workflow action and add steps that will release the solution you exported to the test environment.

Task 1: Create workflow

1. Select the **Actions** tab.
2. Click **New workflow**.
3. Click **set up a workflow yourself**.

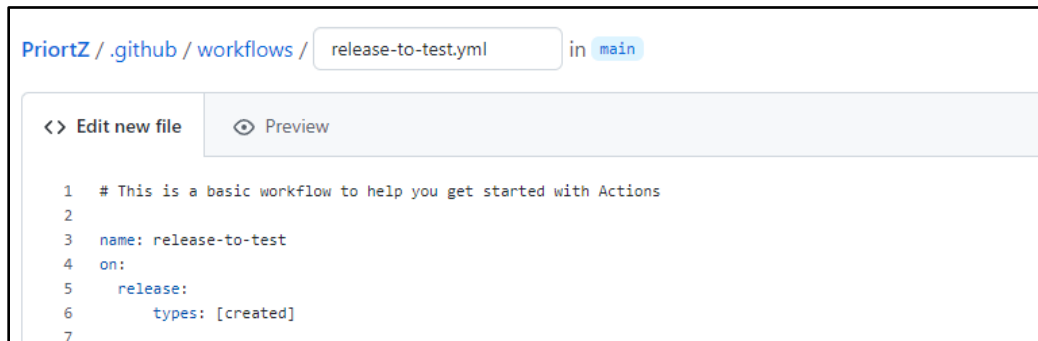


4. Change the file name to **release-to-test.yml**.
5. Remove everything below the name line.



6. Change the name to **release-to-test**
7. Add the following trigger. This will trigger on creation of a new release.

```
on:
  release:
    types: [created]
```



8. Define constants. Add the below YAML snippet.

```
env:
  solution_name: Prioritz
  solution_source_folder: solutions
  solution_outbound_folder: out/solutions
  solution_release_folder: out/release
```

9. Add job and steps. Add the below YAML snippet.

```
jobs:
  convert-to-managed:
    runs-on: windows-latest

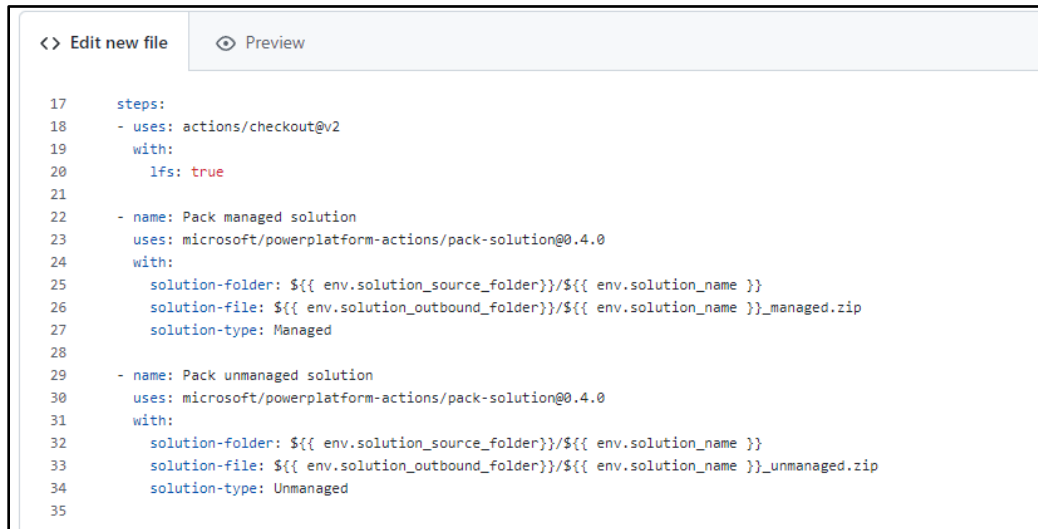
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v2
        with:
          lfs: true
```

10. Package managed solution. Add the below YAML snippet. This will take the individual files and put them in a compressed file that can be deployed.

```
- name: Pack managed solution
  uses: microsoft/powerplatform-actions/pack-solution@0.4.0
  with:
    solution-folder: ${ env.solution_source_folder}/${ env.solution_name
  }}
    solution-file: ${ env.solution_outbound_folder}/${ env.solution_name
  }}_managed.zip
    solution-type: Managed
```

11. Package unmanaged solution. Add the below YAML snippet.

```
- name: Pack unmanaged solution
  uses: microsoft/powerplatform-actions/pack-solution@0.4.0
  with:
    solution-folder: ${ env.solution_source_folder}/${ env.solution_name
}}
    solution-file: ${ env.solution_outbound_folder}/${ env.solution_name
}}_unmanaged.zip
    solution-type: Unmanaged
```

A screenshot of a code editor window. The top bar has two tabs: 'Edit new file' (active) and 'Preview'. The editor contains a YAML file with the following content:

```
17  steps:
18  - uses: actions/checkout@v2
19    with:
20      lfs: true
21
22  - name: Pack managed solution
23    uses: microsoft/powerplatform-actions/pack-solution@0.4.0
24    with:
25      solution-folder: ${ env.solution_source_folder}/${ env.solution_name }}
26      solution-file: ${ env.solution_outbound_folder}/${ env.solution_name }}_managed.zip
27      solution-type: Managed
28
29  - name: Pack unmanaged solution
30    uses: microsoft/powerplatform-actions/pack-solution@0.4.0
31    with:
32      solution-folder: ${ env.solution_source_folder}/${ env.solution_name }}
33      solution-file: ${ env.solution_outbound_folder}/${ env.solution_name }}_unmanaged.zip
34      solution-type: Unmanaged
35
```

12. Upload solution artifacts. Add the below YAML snippet.

```
- name: Upload the unmanaged solution to GH artifact store
  uses: actions/upload-artifact@v2
  with:
    name: unmanagedSolutions
    path: ${ env.solution_outbound_folder}/${ env.solution_name
}}_unmanaged.zip

- name: Upload the managed solution to GH artifact store
  uses: actions/upload-artifact@v2
  with:
    name: managedSolutions
    path: ${ env.solution_outbound_folder}/${ env.solution_name
}}_managed.zip
```


13. Release to staging. Add the below YAML snippet. This defines a second job to deploy.

```
release-to-staging:
  needs: [ convert-to-managed ]
  runs-on: windows-latest

  steps:
  - uses: actions/checkout@v2
    with:
      lfs: true
```

14. Download artifacts. Add the below YAML snippet.

```
- name: Fetch the ready to ship solution from GH artifact store
  uses: actions/download-artifact@v2
  with:
    name: managedSolutions
    path: ${ env.solution_release_folder}}
```

15. Import the managed solution to the test environment. Add the below YANL snippet.

```
- name: Import solution to prod env
  uses: microsoft/powerplatform-actions/import-solution@0.4.0
  with:
    environment-url: ${ secrets.PowerPlatformTestUrl}
    app-id: ${ secrets.PowerPlatformAppID}
    client-secret: ${ secrets.PowerPlatformClientSecret }
    tenant-id: ${ secrets.PowerPlatformTenantID}
    solution-file: ${ env.solution_release_folder}/${ env.solution_name
}}_managed.zip
    run-asynchronously: true
```

16. Click **Start commit** and then click **Commit new file**.

Cancel changes Start commit

Commit new file

Create release-to-test.yml

Add an optional extended description...

hassanrage@outlook.com

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☐ Create a new branch for this commit and start a pull request. [Learn more about pull requests.](#)

Commit new file

17. Select the **Code** tab.

18. Go to the **Releases** section and click **Create new release**.

Releases

No releases published

Create a new release

19. Click on the **Choose a tag** button, enter **v1.0.0**, and select **+ Create new tag on publish**.

Choose a tag Target: main

Choose a tag

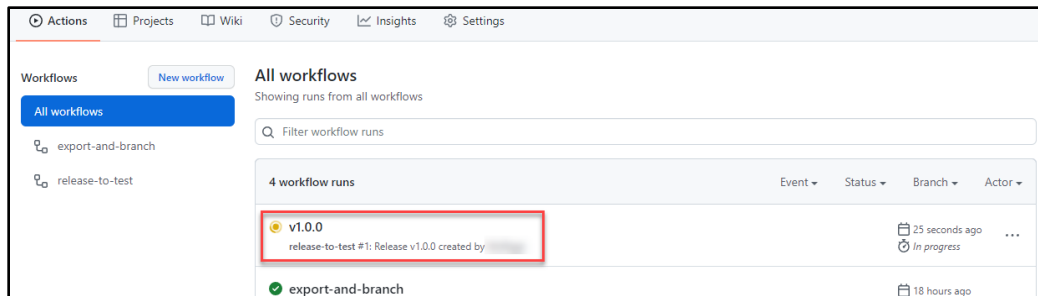
v1.0.0

+ Create new tag: v1.0.0 on publish

Publish this release.

20. Click **Publish release**.

21. Select the **Actions** tab and monitor the workflow.



22. The release should complete successfully.

23. Check your test environment and you should see the solution deployed.