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name: GitHub Actions Demo
run-name: ${{ github.actor }} is testing out GitHub Actions 🚀
on: [push]
jobs:
  Explore-GitHub-Actions:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - run: echo "🎉 The job was automatically triggered by a ${{ github.event_name }} event."
      - run: echo "🐙 This job is now running on a ${{ runner.os }} server hosted by GitHub!"
      - run: echo "📁 The name of your branch is ${{ github.ref }} and your repository is ${{
github.repository }}."
      - name: Check out repository code
        uses: actions/checkout@v4
      - run: echo "💡 The ${{ github.repository }} repository has been cloned to the runner."
      - run: echo "🖨️ The workflow is now ready to test your code on the runner."
      - name: List files in the repository
        run: |
          ls ${{ github.workspace }}
      - run: echo "🍏 This job's status is ${{ job.status }}."

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This is a GitHub Actions workflow configuration file in YAML format. GitHub Actions is a CI/CD (Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment) platform that helps you

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name: GitHub Actions Demo
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- This sets the name of the workflow to "GitHub Actions Demo". This name will appear in the GitHub Actions tab of your repository.

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run-name: ${{ github.actor }} is testing out GitHub Actions 🚀
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- This defines a custom name for workflow runs, which will be shown in the GitHub Actions UI. It uses a variable `github.actor` (the username of the person who triggered the workflow) and adds a fun rocket emoji.

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on: [push]
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- This specifies when the workflow should run. In this case, it runs on any push to the repository.

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jobs:
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- This begins the section that defines the jobs to be executed as part of this workflow.

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  Explore-GitHub-Actions:
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- This is the name of the first (and only) job in this workflow.

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    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
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- This specifies that the job will run on a GitHub-hosted runner using the latest Ubuntu version.

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steps:
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- This begins the list of steps that will be executed as part of this job.

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- run: echo "🚀 The job was automatically triggered by a ${github.event_name}"
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- This is the first step. It outputs a message confirming the event that triggered the workflow (in this case, a push event).

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- run: echo "🐧 This job is now running on a ${runner.os} server hosted by GitHub Actions"
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- This step outputs a message indicating the operating system of the runner (ubuntu in this case).

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- run: echo "📁 The name of your branch is ${github.ref} and your repository is ${github.repository}"
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- This step outputs the name of the branch that was pushed to and the repository name.

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```
- name: Check out repository code
  uses: actions/checkout@v4
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- This step has a name "Check out repository code".
- It uses a predefined GitHub Action called `actions/checkout@v4` to check out your repository code to the runner, so the workflow can access it.

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```
- run: echo "💡 The ${github.repository} repository has been cloned to the runner"
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- This step outputs a message confirming that your repository has been cloned to the runner.

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```
- run: echo "🔧 The workflow is now ready to test your code on the runner."
```

- This step outputs a message indicating that the workflow is ready to test your code.

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```
- name: List files in the repository
  run: |
    ls ${github.workspace}
```

- This step has a name "List files in the repository".
- It runs the `ls` command to list all files in the root directory of your repository.
- `${github.workspace}` is a variable that points to the directory where your repository is checked out on the runner.
- The pipe `|` allows you to run a multi-line command (though only one command is used here).

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- run: echo "🟢 This job's status is ${ job.status }."
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- This step outputs the current status of the job (typically "success" if it reaches this point).

This workflow is essentially a demonstration of basic GitHub Actions features. It:

1. Triggers on any push to the repository
2. Runs on an Ubuntu environment
3. Outputs various pieces of information about the workflow and environment
4. Checks out your repository code
5. Lists the files in your repository
6. Reports the job status

It's a good starting point for learning GitHub Actions, as it shows you how to define a workflow, specify triggers, use predefined actions (like checkout), and run shell commands.

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🕒 is the operating system here ubuntu or will it be indicated as linux instead?

Based on the workflow file you shared, the operating system will be indicated as "Linux" when the workflow runs, not "Ubuntu".

This is because of this specific line:

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- run: echo "🟢 This job is now running on a ${ runner.os } server hosted by GitHub!"
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The `runner.os` context variable in GitHub Actions returns the operating system family rather than the specific distribution. For Ubuntu runners, it will return "Linux". This is consistent across all Linux-based runners in GitHub Actions.

The actual runner is using Ubuntu (as specified by `runs-on: ubuntu-latest`), but when the workflow outputs information about the OS using `${ runner.os }`, it will show "Linux".

So when this workflow runs, that echo statement will output something like:

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🟢 This job is now running on a Linux server hosted by GitHub!
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If you wanted to output the specific Ubuntu version, you would need to use a different command, such as running `lsb_release -a` or checking the `/etc/os-release` file.

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🕒 okay what happens if a step fails

If a step in a GitHub Actions workflow fails, several things happen:

1. **Immediate failure indication:** The failed step will be marked with a red ❌ in the GitHub Actions UI, while successful steps are marked with a green ✔.
2. **Exit code handling:** A step fails when its command exits with a non-zero code. By default, GitHub Actions stops executing the remaining steps in the job when this happens.
3. **Job status change:** The entire job will be marked as failed, and `${ job.status }` will contain "failure" instead of "success".

4. **Workflow notifications:** If you have notifications configured for workflow failures, you'll receive an alert.

5. **Subsequent job behavior:** If your workflow has multiple jobs that depend on the failed job, those dependent jobs won't run. Independent jobs will still execute.

However, you can control this behavior with a few options:

To continue despite failures:

Add `continue-on-error: true` to a step to allow the workflow to continue even if that step fails:

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- name: This step might fail
  run: some-command-that-might-fail
  continue-on-error: true
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To implement conditional steps:

Use `if` conditions to run steps only when previous steps succeed or fail:

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- name: Step that might fail
  id: might-fail
  run: risky-command
  continue-on-error: true

- name: Recovery step (runs only if previous step failed)
  if: ${{ steps.might-fail.outcome == 'failure' }}
  run: recovery-command
```

Error handling strategies:

1. **Built-in retries:** Use `timeout-minutes` to limit how long a step can run before failing.
2. **Custom error handling:** Implement try/catch logic within your script.
3. **Post-job cleanup:** Use the `always()` conditional function to ensure cleanup steps run regardless of success or failure:

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- name: Cleanup
  if: ${{ always() }}
  run: cleanup-command
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The final `echo "🍏 This job's status is ${{ job.status }}."` step in your example workflow would display "failure" instead of "success" if any previous step failed (unless you use `continue-on-error`).

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