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Schedule and Deliverables

Item	Value	Format	Outcomes	Deadline
Portfolio12 (Optional)	1%	GitHub Repo	Pass/Fail	28 May 2021, 23:00

Notes and Advice

- The Extenuating Circumstances procedure is there to support you if you have had any circumstances (problems) that have been serious or significant enough to prevent you from attending, completing or submitting an assessment on time.
- The UNION Extenuating Circumstances Extenuating Circumstances procedure
- ASDAC are available to any students who disclose a disability or require additional support for their academic studies with a good set of resources on the ASDAC Moodle site
- The University takes plagiarism seriously. Please ensure you adhere to the plagiarism guidelines. Examination Regulations (http://regulations.docstore.port.ac.uk/ExamRegs12AssessmentOffences.pdf).
- Any material included in your coursework should be fully cited and referenced in APA format (seventh edition). Detailed advice on referencing is available from http://referencing.port.ac.uk/
- Any material submitted that does not meet format or submission guidelines, or falls outside of the submission deadline could be subject to a cap on your overall result or disqualification entirely.
- If you need additional assistance, you can ask your personal tutor, learning support ana.baker@port.ac.uk and xia.han@port.ac.uk or your lecturers.

Git commands

Your repository will be copied for marking automatically at the deadline. EDITS after the deadline are automatically ignored.

When you update the CheckList.md file. This will trigger an action to inspect the work for this part of the Portfolio. (You can also manually run the PortfolioAdvisor if you need to see if changes solve any errors)

Files, external to this repo and any images imported via URL will be ignored (Even if they are stored in GitHub).

Large blocks of text that use the 'CODE' formatting will be ignored. This includes using triple "' (Unless it is code or something sensible). If it looks like you are using "' to contain Markdown to avoid the lint checker, it will be ignored. Code blocks should be labeled with the code language so that the syntax highlighter is enabled.

 $Here \ is \ a \ helpful \ Markdown \ link: \ https://github.com/adam-p/markdown-here/wiki/Markdown-Cheatsheet \# code$

At no point in this Assessment should you use the Add file button on the GitHub webpage – Pretend it does not exist

Marking is performed on a Ubuntu machine. This means that everything is case sensitive, where it may not be on Windows.

Clone, Edit, Commit, Push (Preferably on the command line)

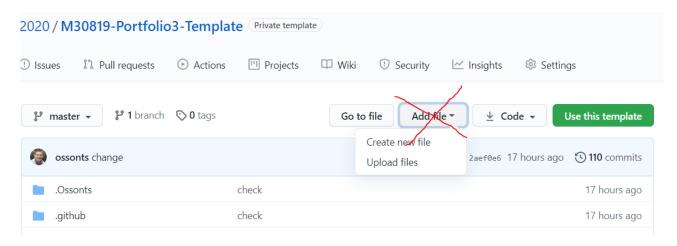


Figure 1: AddFile.png

Objectives

• Creat a basic GitHub action

Portfolio 11 Part 1

- 1. Create a file with the filename Student.id, add your Student ID to the content of this file. Note:
 - Invalid ID = No marks
 - The file extension is .id other file extensions e.g. .txt are not permitted
 - The content of the file should be your ID ONLY, e.g. UP1234567
 - You may have a return character at the end of the line \n (Note this is not two ASCII text characters)
 - You need the UP
 - Filename is case sensitive
 - File contents are case sensitive
 - File should contain one line of text only
 - Markdown formatting is NOT permitted e.g. * or -
- 2. Remove the README.md import statement from your .pandoc.yml file. This is here to generate a PDF of instructions, but should be removed and not included as part of your submission.
- 3. Import your Student.id as the last import in your .pandoc.yml. This will add your Student ID to your PDF submission.
 - Usually just after CheckList.md

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Portfolio 11 Part 2

- 1. Create a new file called Portfolio.md on the root of this repo.
- 2. Create a level 1 heading in Portfolio.md for this portfolio; Exactly like this (where X is the current portfolio number):

Portfolio X

3. For every part of this Portfolio that adds content to this .md file, add a level **two** heading. Exactly like this:

Portfolio X Part Y

(Where X is the Portfolio number and Y is the part number.)

4. Add the markdown Portfolio.md file to your .pandoc file so that it will be included into the resulting PDF. Check that your Portfolio.md content appears in the PDF once the pandoc action has completed (You may need to manually trigger the GitHub action)

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Portfolio 11 Part 3

In this portfolio you will create two GitHub actions and use them to execute an existing script. Read this article:

 $\bullet \ \ https://docs.github.com/en/actions/learn-github-actions/introduction-to-github-actions$

There is plenty more information on actions, please be aware of the contents of this page:

• https://docs.github.com/en/actions/learn-github-actions

In this repo there is a python script PlatformInfo.py. You cannot alter the contents of this file.

There are two empty GitHub workflow files that you will edit for this Portfolio.

- .github/workflows/StudentWorkflow.yml
- .github/workflows/StudentWorkflowMatrix.yml

Do not edit any other files in the .github/workflows/ folder.

1. All GitHub actions need a name. Add a name on line 1 of .github/workflows/StudentWorkflow.yml. Set this name to your Student ID.

For example:

name: UP1234567

2. Change the name on line 1 of .github/workflows/StudentWorkflowMatrix.yml to your Student ID with Matrix appended to the end.

For example:

name: UP1234567Matrix

The .github/workflows folder may be hidden on some operating systems. On Windows you should setup your machine so you can see hidden files.

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Portfolio 11 Part 4

Workflow files are defined in YAML which is markup language. YAML is space delimited (e.g. just like Python – indentation counts!).

For those familiar with JSON you may want to read this short article comparing the two:

• https://gettaurus.org/docs/YAMLTutorial/

Formatting YAML can be painful and you might want to consider ways to validate the content before committing:

• https://github.com/cschleiden/vscode-github-actions

The complete workflow syntax is located here. You will need to understand and reference this page frequently when making actions:

https://docs.github.com/en/actions/reference/workflow-syntax-for-github-actions/reference/workflow-github-actions/reference/workflow-syntax-for-github-act

- 1. Modify the .github/workflows/StudentWorkflow.yml so that the workflow is triggered manually.
 - You should have one line in your workflow so far (a name which you just set to your ID)
 - Read the on YAML options here:
 - https://docs.github.com/en/actions/reference/workflow-syntax-for-github-actions#on
 - There is a new on option that enables the Run Workflow button that you have used in previous portfolios.
 - $-\ https://github.blog/changelog/2020-07-06-github-actions-manual-triggers-with-workflow_dispatch$

You do not need to provide any options to workflow_dispatch. Do **not** trigger the workflow on any other events, as this will result in multiple executions.

For example:

on:

workflow_dispatch:

Now your workflow has a name an did it will execute when the Run workflow button is pressed.

2. Add a jobs section that contains a single job called LinuxJob.

You will need to read:

• https://docs.github.com/en/actions/reference/workflow-syntax-for-github-actions#jobsjob id

In this example jobs is made up of one job. The job is called Linux:

jobs:

```
# This workflow contains a single job called "Linux"
Linux:
```

Be sure to understand the YAML that we are using, and how it relates to the syntax definition. Only using copy & paste will quickly become an illegible mess that will take ages to debug.

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Portfolio 11 Part 5

We need to pick an operating system that will be used to execute our the python PlatformInfo.py script. The list of hosted GitHub OS versions are detailed here:

- $\bullet \ \, \text{https://docs.github.com/en/actions/using-github-hosted-runners/about-github-hosted-runners\#support\ ed-runners-and-hardware-resources} \\$
- 1. Set the operating system in your StudentWorkflow.yml file to Ubuntu by adding a runs-on parameter to your LinuxJob.
 - Read: https://docs.github.com/en/actions/learn-github-actions/introduction-to-github-actions
 - You should **never** use any YAML OS workflow label that ends with **-latest**. If you do, a working workflow/action might break randomly in the future as the OS version advances. You will suspect the failure is due to a change in your code and spend ages debugging perfectly operational code.
 - Use Ubuntu version 18.
 - It is also good practice to add [and] around your selected OS, to indicate that this can be a list.

TIP: You can see which packages/tools are installed on any supported OS, e.g. https://github.com/actions/virtual-environments/blob/main/images/linux/Ubuntu2004-README.md

In this example, there is one job Linux and it runs on the latest version of Ubuntu:

jobs:

```
# This workflow contains a single job called "linux"
Linux:
    # The type of runner that the job will run on
    runs-on: [ubuntu-latest]
```

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Portfolio 11 Part 6

The job needs some steps (tasks) to perform, these are called steps. Read:

- https://docs.github.com/en/actions/reference/workflow-syntax-for-github-actions#jobsjob_idsteps
- 1. Give your first step the name Checkout my repo and call actions/checkout@v2 to clone your repo.
 - Read the checkout options: https://github.com/actions/checkout
 - Checkout this repo as your first step (we will need our code so we can do something). There is a very simple predefined action to do this: actions/checkout@v2
 - Note we will specify a version for this action: @v2. You should always specify a version when calling an action.

In this example there is only one step to the steps section, it has a name Checkout and it will checkout the current repo using the actions/checkout@v2 action.

```
steps:
```

- name: Checkout

uses: actions/checkout@v2

We are building up the .yml file as we go, be careful to get the formatting / layout correct.

2. You can **now run** this workflow. It will start up a Ubuntu instance and checkout your repo (this repo)

Your action must run successfully. Do not proceed until it runs without failure.

- 3. Capture a WorkflowRunning.png that shows the successful run of your workflow. Add this image to your Portfolio.md file. Your image must include:
 - Your full repo url and name
 - The job name
 - The expanded call to checkout v2

For example:

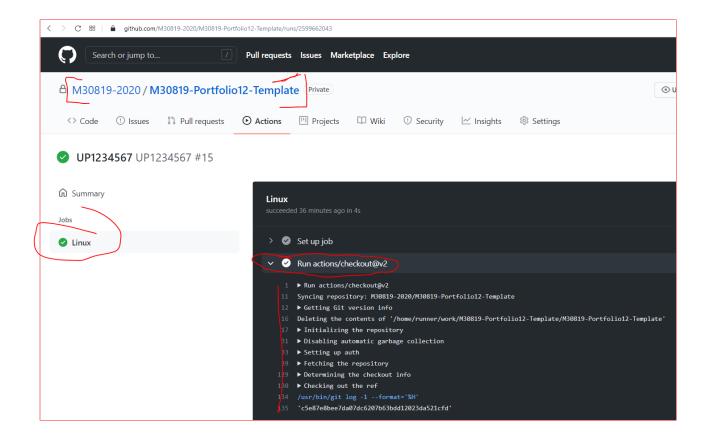


Figure 2: Checkout

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Portfolio 11 Part 7

View the files that we have checked out by adding another step to your workflow.

- $\bullet \ \ Read \ https://docs.github.com/en/actions/reference/workflow-syntax-for-github-actions\#jobsjob_idstepsrun$
- As you will very often want to execute multiple commands e.g. cd then cat it is best to always use the pipe | character. Be sure you know what this character does and where to put it.
- 1. Add another step to your workflow that runs two shell commands pwd and tree. Name this step List files

In the example below, we print the current directory pwd and list the files using tree in a step called pwd.

pwd
tree .

2. Run your workflow and add a ListFiles.png image of the output to your Portfolio.md file. For example:

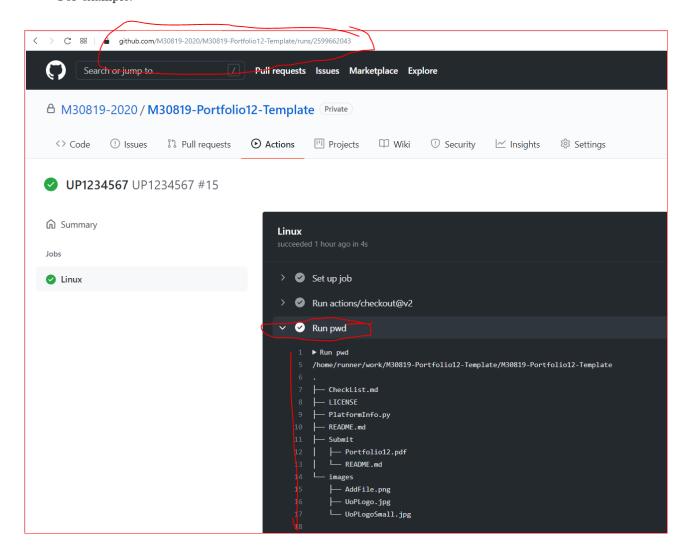


Figure 3: List files

- 3. Install Version 3 of python and execute the PlatformInfo.py script that is supplied in this repo.
 - Read: https://github.com/actions/setup-python
 - Name this step name : Run Python
 - Version 3.x will work

In the example below we install Python 3.x and run the script my_script.py:

```
steps:
<...>
- uses: actions/setup-python@v2
with:
    python-version: '3.x' # Version range or exact version of a Python version to use, using SemVe architecture: 'x64' # optional x64 or x86. Defaults to x64 if not specified
```

Tip: The above example does not give the steps any names, you need not name your steps.

- 4. Run your workflow. Create a Script.png image of your output and add it to the Portfolio.md file.
 - It must show your repo URL

- run: python my_script.py

- It must show your checkout and list files steps.
- It must show an expanded output from the python execution.

For example:

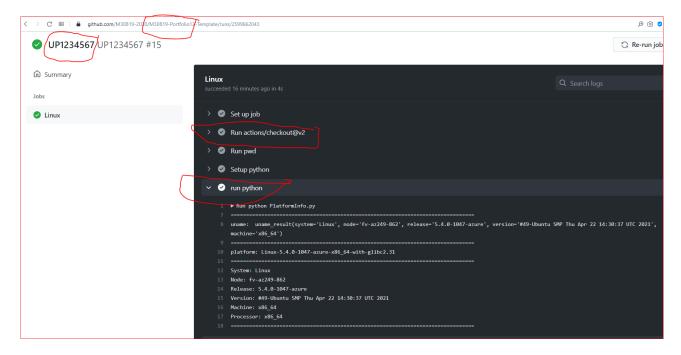


Figure 4: Action results

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Portfolio 11 Part 8

There are breaking changes between Python version v2.x and Python version v3.x. We will need to run our code on both versions of Python. We need to use a **matrix strategy**.

- $\bullet \ \ Read: \ https://docs.github.com/en/actions/reference/workflow-syntax-for-github-actions\#jobsjob_idstrategy$
- 1. Copy your working workflow from StudentWorkflow.yml to a second file called StudentWorkflowMatrix.yml in the same folder.
- 2. In StudentWorkflowMatrix.yml ensure the first line containing the workflow name is your Student ID plus the word Matrix. For example: UP1234567Matrix
- 3. Add a strategy section to your workflow with a property called pythonVersion and the values ['2.x', '3.x'].
- 4. Replace the python version in your *step* to use the matrix value. For example python-version: \${{ matrix.pythonVersion }}

- 5. Add a Python2and3.png image of your successful action to the Portfolio.md file.
 - It must show the URL
 - Two jobs, python version 2.x and 3.x
 - An expanded section for the setup-python action for Python version 2.x
 - Output from the Python script when run using Python version 2.x

Fore example:

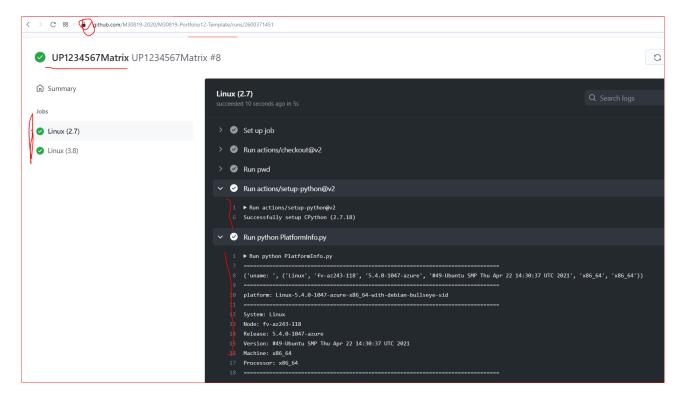


Figure 5: 2 versions of python

Portfolio 11 Part 9

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Modify your StudentWorkflowMatrix.yml workflow and add another matrix property called os. Set the matrix values to include Ubuntu, Windows and MacOS.

 $\label{lem:red:runners} Read: \ https://docs.github.com/en/actions/using-github-hosted-runners/about-github-hosted-runners\#supported-runners-and-hardware-resources$

- 1. Your workflow will now start 6 parallel jobs (3 OS X 2 Python versions)
- 2. Attempt to run you workflow. It will fail. Capture an image Error.png of the reason it has failed and add the image to your Portfolio.md

- The image must show the URL
- All 6 jobs with an indication of run/not run or failed.

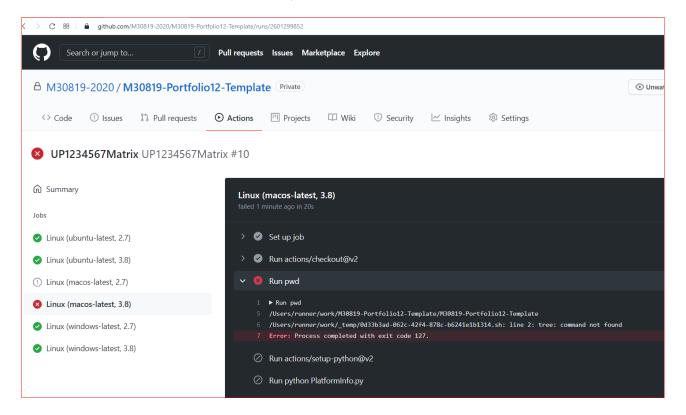


Figure 6: Error

3. The reason this job has failed is that the command tree is not installed on MacOS by default (It is, the Windows PS and Ubuntu supported by GitHub). Remember that if you run your code across OS versions you may hit this issue. Replace tree in your StudentWorkflowMatrix.yml file with the command ls. Re-run your workflow.

 $Capture \ an \ image \ {\tt Success.png} \ of \ the \ successful \ re-run. \ Add \ the \ image \ to \ your \ {\tt Portfolio.md}$

- The image must show:
 - the URLall 6 jobs with a successful outcome.

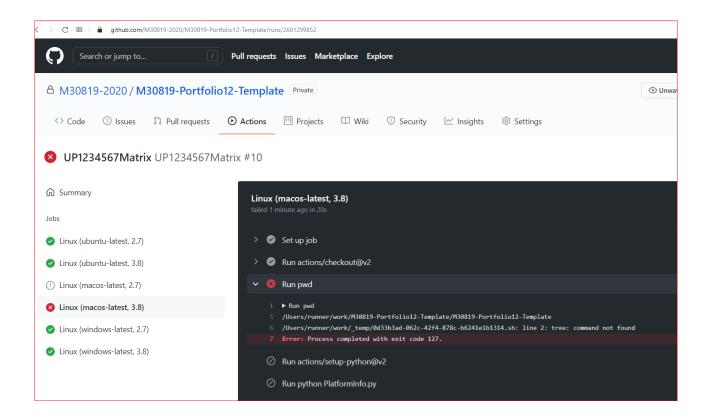


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Portfolio 11 Completed

You must run these actions [Run these actions manually now]:

- MarkdownChecker [Must pass]
- Pandoc [Must pass]
- PortfolioAdvisor [Must pass]

[Banners above are **EXPERIMENTAL**; do not rely on them]

• Commit and push your changes to GitHub

Complete the checklist and submit by putting an X in the portfolio checklist to indicate the Portfolio is complete and ready to mark.

If you want to re-submit your work, any time before the deadline. You can un-tick the Portfolio Completed checkbox; commit & push; then re-tick Portfolio Completed checkbox; commit & push.

Once you have done this step, the commit hash of your latest commit should be in .Ossonts/latestSHA.log

- Double check that this commit hash (URL is included in .Ossonts/latestSHA.log) is the hash of your last commit.
- If this commit hash is **incorrect**; Re-submit your portfolio. (See above).
- If you commit hash was NOT correct please raise an issue as well as resubmitting to correct the SHA.

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Your repository will be copied for marking automatically at the coursework deadline OR when the Completed checklist item is ticked; whichever is earliest

Checklist

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Please accept as submitted and READY to be marked.