

# What need to know about GitHub Actions?

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Refer to the [file](#) which is going to discussed in detail.

## Step-by-step guide

**name:** This is just a human-readable name for the workflow. It can be seen as the workflow title in GitHub Actions.

```
name: Run Unit Tests
```

**on:** – When should this workflow run?

```
on:
  push:
    branches:
      - '**'
  pull_request:
```

- **push:** Triggers when someone pushes code to any branch ('\*\*' means “all branches”).
- **pull\_request:** Triggers when a pull request is created or updated (good for testing before merging code).

This ensures tests run automatically every time someone pushes or opens a PR.

**jobs:** – A job is a set of steps that run on a GitHub server

```
jobs:
  test:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
```

- The job is called **test**.
- **runs-on: ubuntu-latest:** The virtual machine (runner) GitHub will use. This runner comes with Python, Git, pip, and other dependencies.

**steps:** – Actions to perform inside this job

### 1. Checkout the repo

```
- name: Checkout the repository
  uses: actions/checkout@v3
```

This downloads GitHub repository into the runner so it can access your code.

## 2. Set up Python

```
- name: Set up Python
  uses: actions/setup-python@v4
  with:
    python-version: '3.10'
```

- This tells GitHub to install and use **Python 3.10** for all following steps.
- It can be changed to another version if needed.

## 3. Install dependencies

```
- name: Install dependencies
  run: |
    python -m pip install --upgrade pip
    pip install -r requirements.txt
```

- Upgrades pip
- Installs everything listed in requirements.txt — such as pytest
- Without this step, tests might fail because libraries like pytest will not be available.

## 4. Run the tests

```
- name: Run tests
  run: |
    export PYTHONPATH=.
    pytest
```

This does the actual testing:

- `export PYTHONPATH=.` tells Python to include current folder in the import path, so it can find imported modules/packages.
- `pytest` runs all the test files (files like `test_*.py` inside the `test/` folder).