#### github.com/satelliteworkshops/github-apps



How to build your first GitHub App



### Wilhelm Klopp

Software Engineer at GitHub

## Objectives

- Understand the basics of GitHub Apps
  - Receiving webhook events
  - Making API calls
  - Authentication model
- Where to find documentation
- · Build a GitHub App, using Probot
  - Understand the structure of webhook payloads
  - Interact with the Issues API
  - Interact with the Checks API
  - Use webhook redeliveries to debug your GitHub App

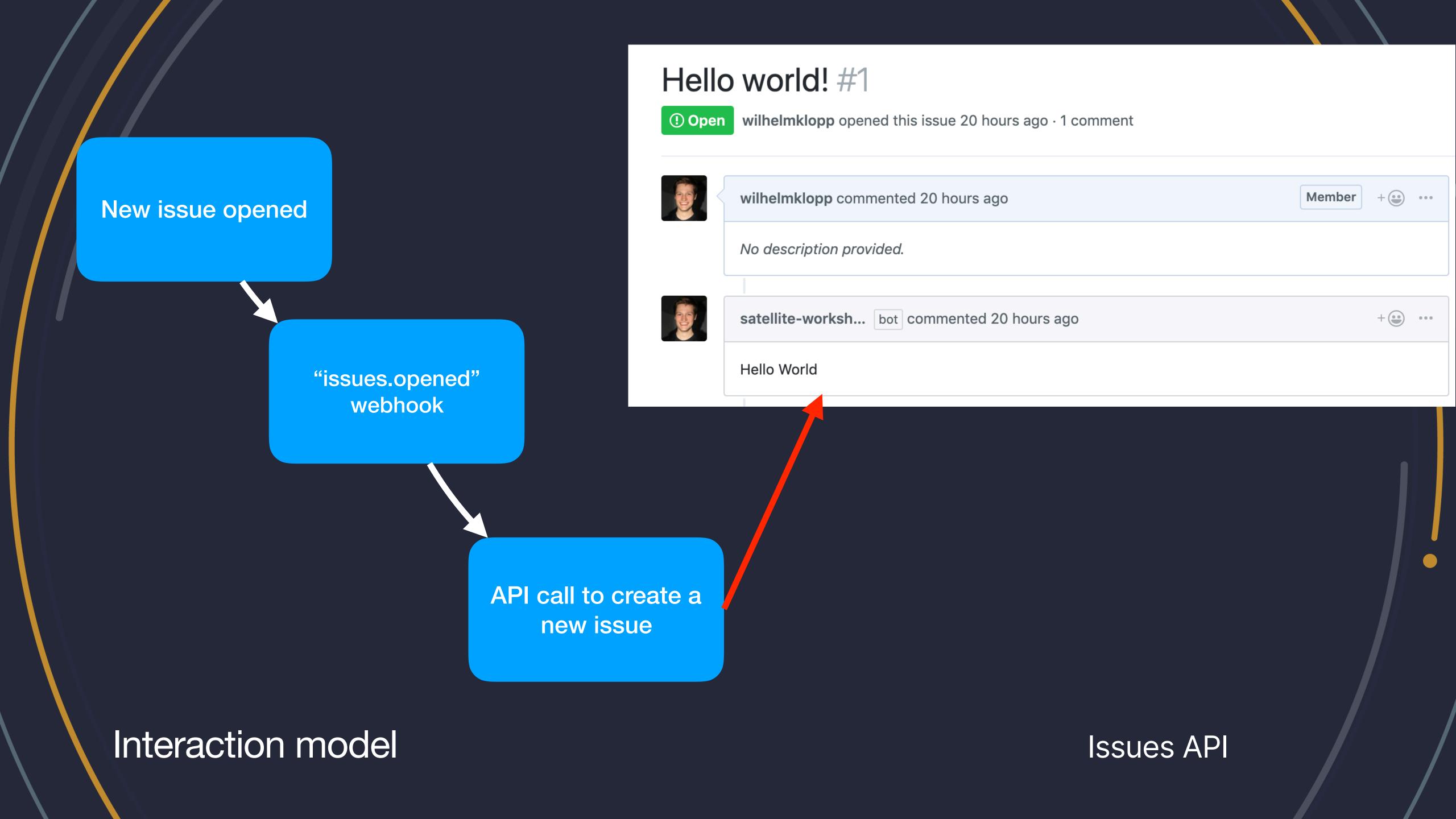
## 

# What is a GitHub App?

#### A GitHub App

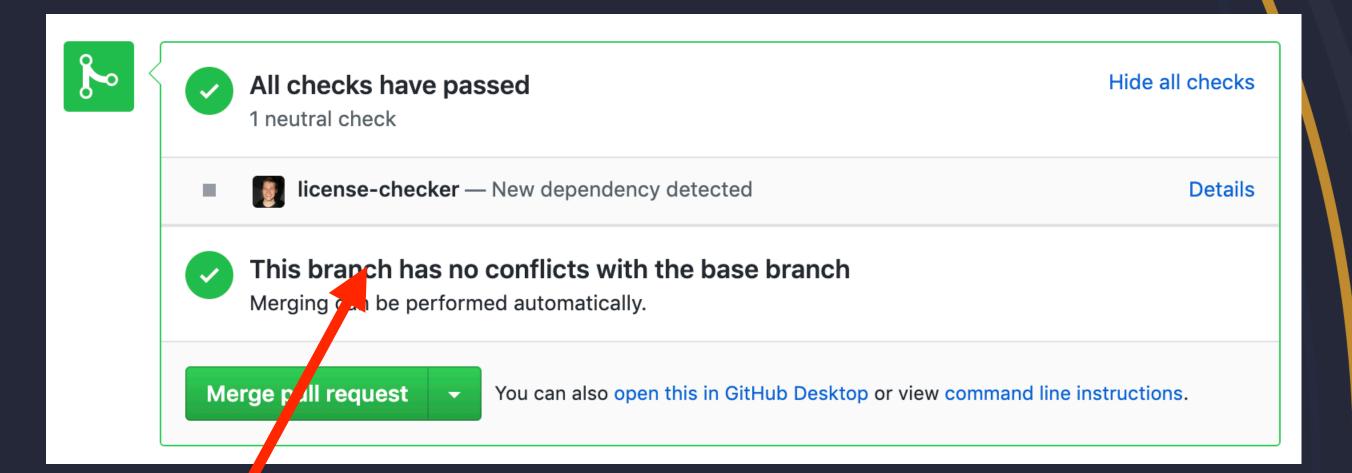
- · is an actor independent of any user account
- · can be installed on individual repositories or entire orgs
- has a set of permissions (e.g. read access to code, write access to pull requests, etc.)
- receives webhook events from GitHub and acts on those events (by making API calls)

What is a GitHub App?



New code pushed

"check\_suite.requested" webhook



API call to create a new check run

Interaction model

Checks API

### Webhookevents

```
check_run
check_suite
commit_comment
content_reference
create
delete
deployment
deployment_status
download
follow
fork
fork_apply
gist
gollum
installation
installation_repositories
issue_comment
```

```
issues
label
member
membership
milestone
organization
org_block
page_build
project_card
project_column
project
public
pull_request
pull_request_review
pull_request_review_comment
push
release
```

repository status team team\_add watch

# Things a GitHub App can do

# (almost) anything you can do as a GitHub user, you can also do with a GitHub App

Open a new issue

Submit a pull request review

Add a label to a pull request

Move a card on a project board

Comment on an issue

Read Git data

git pull code from a branch

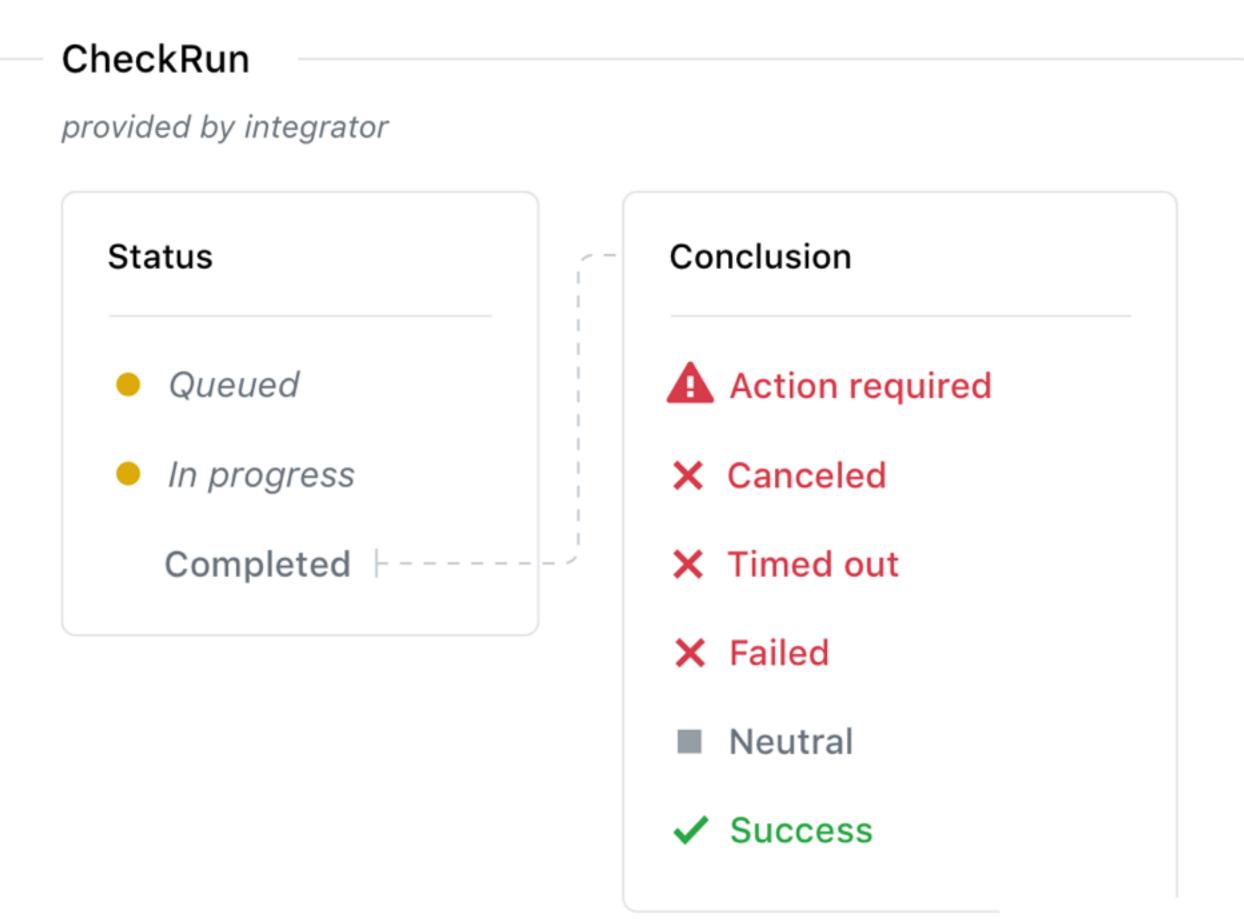
Create a new project board

Create a pull request

Lock an issue

## Checks API

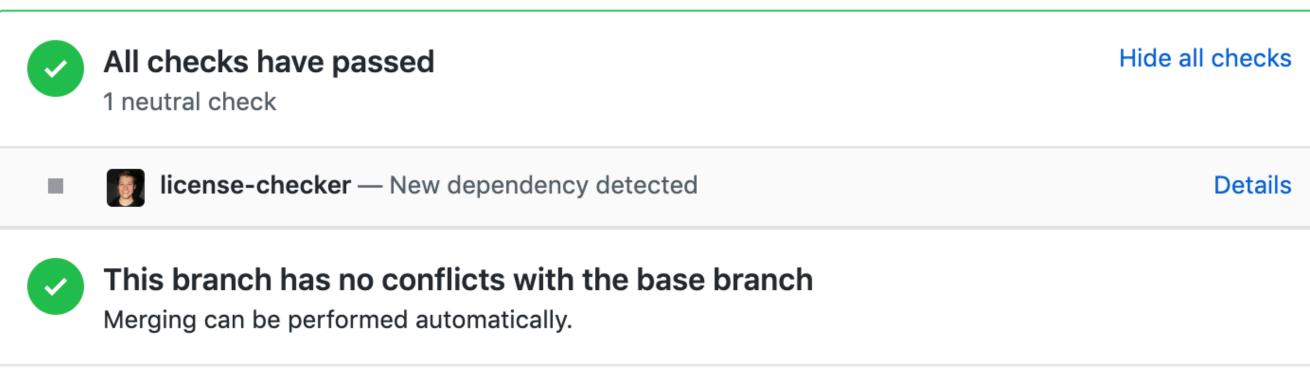
developer.github.com/v3/checks







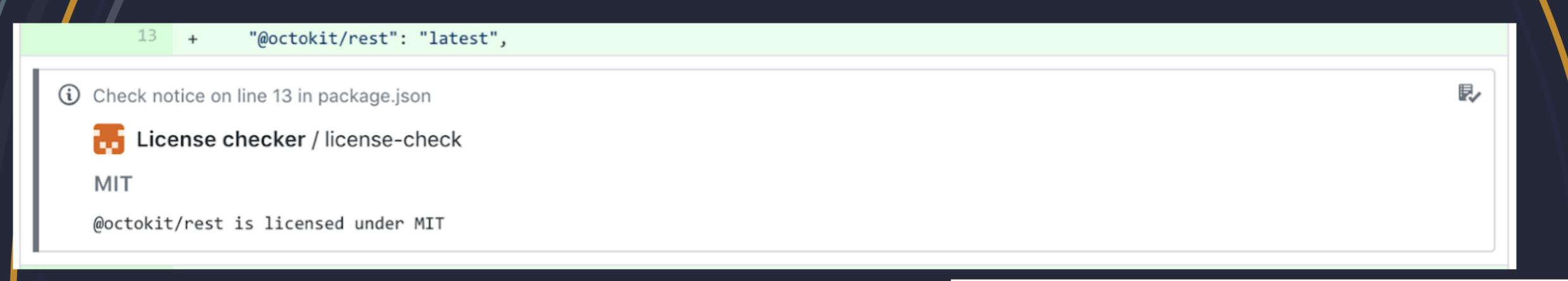
Merge pull request



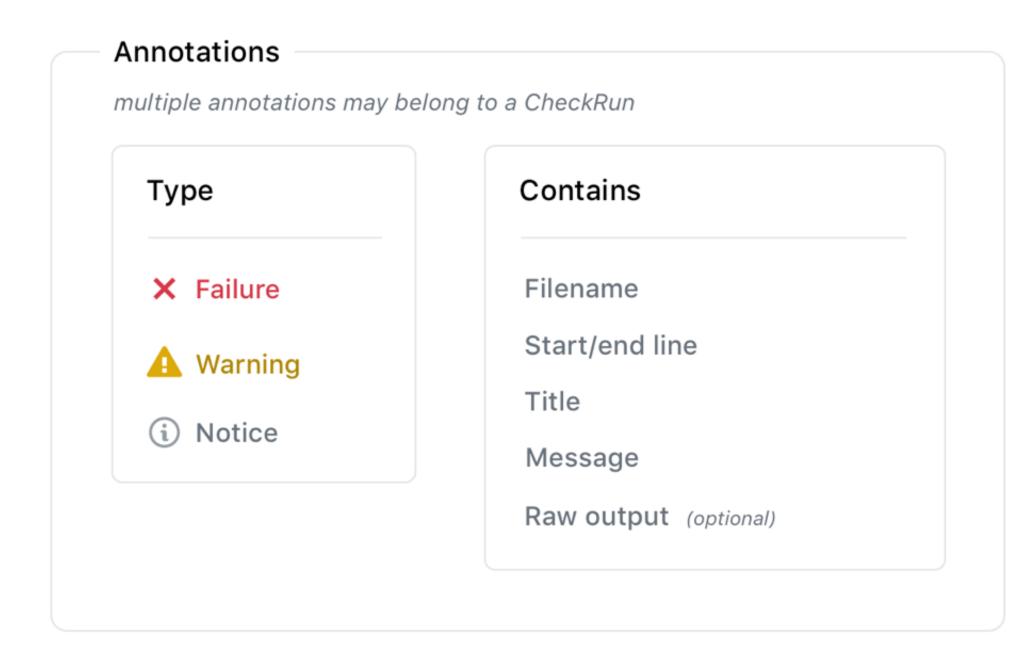
You can also open this in GitHub Desktop or view command line instructions.

Checks API

## Check Annotations



Checks API



## Content Attachments API

developer.github.com/apps/using-content-attachments

#### SyntaxErrors ignore startLine option #8

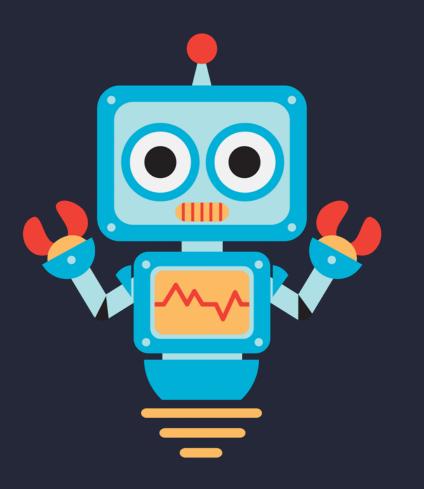


Me1000 opened this issue 23 hours ago · 1 comment



```
Me1000 commented 23 hours ago • edited ▼
Bug Report
Current Behavior
If a SyntaxError is thrown from @babel/parse, startLine is ignored (it uses the "real" start line).
Input Code
https://runkit.com/me1000/5c06f31db95038001226cd38
                                                                                     Remove
     RunKit Notebook
  Babel Issue 9015 - SyntaxErrors ignore startLine option
    const { parse } = require("@babel/parser");
    parse("5+", { startLine: 10 });
   SyntaxError
                    Stack Trace Viewer ▼
     A) SyntaxError: Unexpected token (1:2)
     at Parser.raise in @babel/parser/lib/index.js ~ — line 4021
```

Content Attachments API

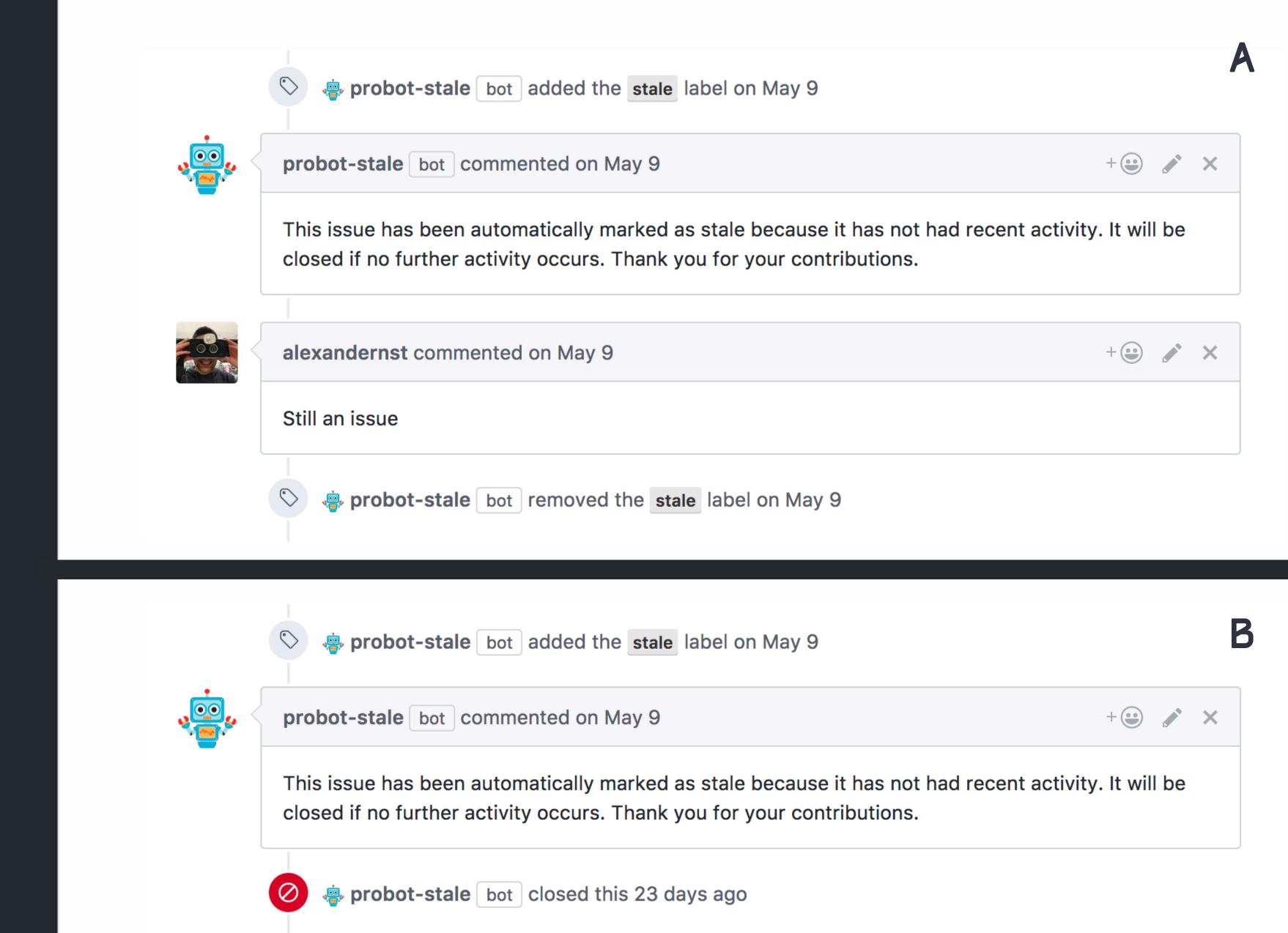


## 

A framework for building GitHub Apps

### Stale

Close stale Issues and Pull Requests



### TODO

Creates new issues from actionable comments in your code.

#### Take over the world #23





```
+ \cdots
todo bot commented just now
Humans are weak; Robots are strong. We must cleans the world of the virus that is humanity.
  test/index.js
  Lines 6 to 11 in f7d286a
           * @todo Take over the world
            * @body Humans are weak; Robots are strong. We must cleans the world of the vir
            */
           function ruleOverPunyHumans () {
            // We must strategize beep boop
   11
This issue was generated by todo based on a @todo comment in f7d286a . It's been assigned to @JasonEtco
because they committed the code.
```

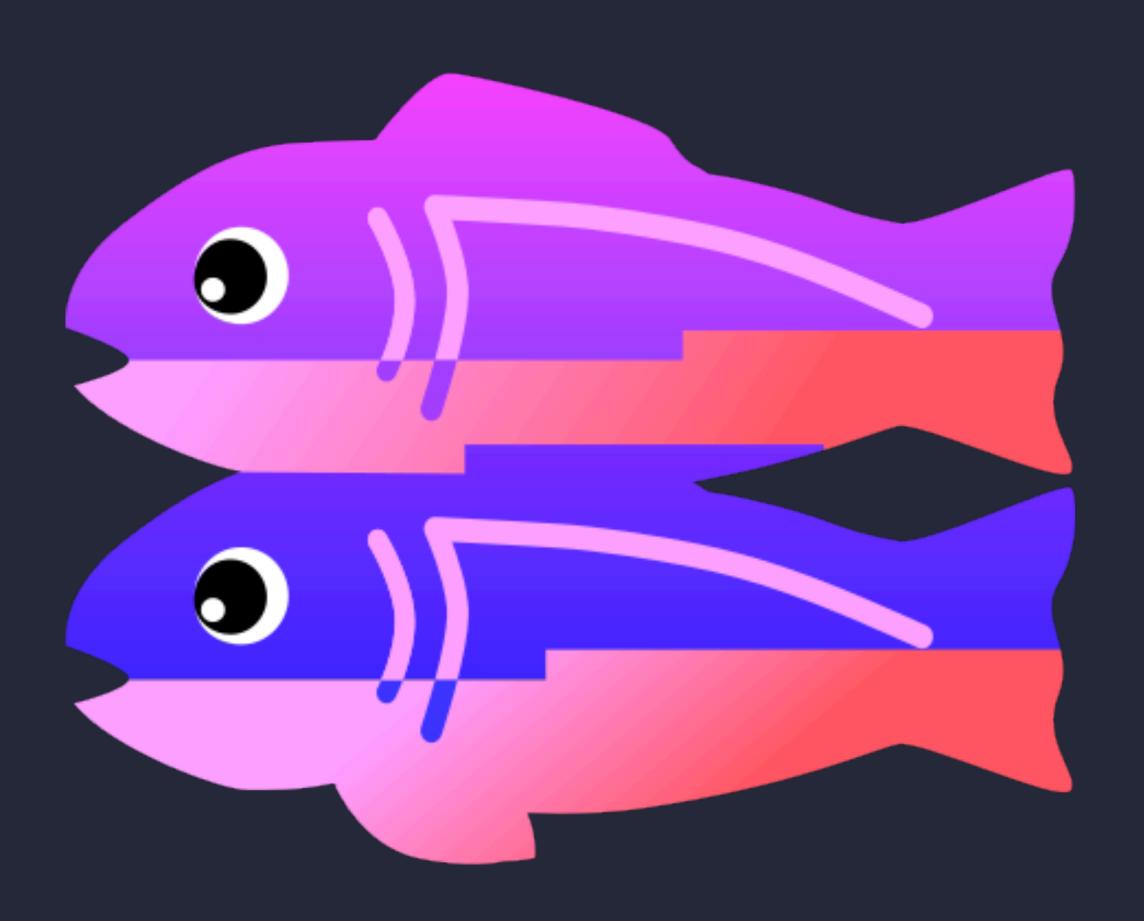


# GitHub App or GitHub Action?

GitHub App	GitHub Action
Generally available	Limited public beta
Hosted by you	Hosted by GitHub
Can receive multiple webhook events	Part of a `workflow` that runs when one specific `event` happens
Great if you need to persist data	Great for completely stateless workflows
	Great if you want to run git commands against your repo
If you ever need to act on behalf of a user, you can (GitHub Apps offer OAuth)	No support for acting on behalf of users
Once created, very easy to install on other repositories and organisations.	Some setup required in each new repository

•

## Gitch



#### Let's get started

# GITHUB.COM/SATELLITEWORKSHOPS/ GITHUB-APPS



## Extend your app further

- Support multiple changing dependencies in a single pull request
- Show license information as part of the annotation
- Customise warning/notices
- Add an "action button" to let the legal team "approve" the dependency changes
- Modify the check "conclusion" based on the changed dependencies
- Experiment further with all the other APIs and build something completely different

# 



## WORKSHOP DAY

