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## Build and Deploy Hugo Website to GitHub Pages
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###
name: 🏠 Build and Deploy GitHub Pages
on:
  push:
    branches:
      - main # Set a branch to deploy
jobs:
  deploy:
    runs-on: ubuntu-22.04
    steps:
      - name: 🔄 Check Out Source Repository
        uses: actions/checkout@v3.5.1
        with:
          submodules: true # Fetch Hugo themes (true OR recursive)
          fetch-depth: 0 # Fetch all history for .GitInfo and .Lastmod
      - name: ⚙️ Initialize Hugo Environment
        uses: peaceiris/actions-hugo@v2.6.0
        with:
          hugo-version: "0.144.1"
          extended: true
      - name: 🏠 Compile Hugo Static Files
```

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Let me break this down for you. This is a GitHub Actions workflow file that automatically builds and deploys a Hugo website (Hugo is a popular static site generator) to GitHub Pages. Let's go through it step by step:

1. File Header and Trigger:

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yaml

name: 🏠 Build and Deploy GitHub Pages
on:
  push:
    branches:
      - main
```

This section says: "Run this workflow whenever someone pushes code to the 'main' branch"

2. Job Configuration:

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jobs:
  deploy:
    runs-on: ubuntu-22.04
```

This creates a job called "deploy" that runs on Ubuntu 22.04

3. **The Steps:** Each step is like a task in the process:

A. Checkout Code:

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- name: 📄 Check Out Source Repository
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name: 📄 Check out source repository
uses: actions/checkout@v3.5.1
with:
  submodules: true
  fetch-depth: 0
```

This downloads your website's code, including any themes (submodules)

B. Setup Hugo:

```
yaml
- name: ⚙️ Initialize Hugo Environment
  uses: peaceiris/actions-hugo@v2.6.0
  with:
    hugo-version: "0.144.1"
    extended: true
```

This installs Hugo version 0.144.1 with extended features

C. Build Website:

```
yaml
- name: 🏗️ Compile Hugo Static Files
  run: hugo -D --gc --minify
```

This builds your website files, including draft posts (-D), cleaning up unused files (--gc), and making files smaller (--minify)

D. Deploy to GitHub Pages:

```
yaml
- name: 🚀 Publish to GitHub Pages
  uses: peaceiris/actions-gh-pages@v3.9.3
  with:
    github_token: ${ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }
    publish_branch: gh-pages
```

This publishes your built website to a branch called 'gh-pages' which GitHub

This publishes your built website to a branch called `gh-pages`, which GitHub Pages will use to show your site

In simple terms, when you push changes to your main branch, this workflow:


1. Gets your code
2. Sets up Hugo
3. Builds your website
4. Publishes it to GitHub Pages

To use this:

1. Save this file as `.github/workflows/hugo.yml` in your repository
2. Enable GitHub Pages in your repository settings
3. Push changes to your main branch
4. GitHub will automatically build and deploy your site

Would you like me to explain any specific part in more detail?

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Ah, good question! The actions (like `peaceiris/actions-hugo`) are public reusable components from the GitHub Actions Marketplace. Let me explain:

When you specify something like:

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uses: peaceiris/actions-hugo@v2.6.0
```

Here's what's happening:

- `peaceiris` is the GitHub username/organization that created the action
- `actions-hugo` is the name of their repository containing the action

- `@v2.6.0` specifies which version of the action to use

GitHub automatically:

1. Looks up this repository at `github.com/peaceiris/actions-hugo`
2. Finds version 2.6.0
3. Downloads and runs the action code

The same applies to the other actions in your workflow:

- `actions/checkout@v3.5.1` is the official GitHub action for checking out repositories
- `peaceiris/actions-gh-pages@v3.9.3` is another action by peaceiris specifically for GitHub Pages deployment

You can find these actions by:

1. Going to `github.com/marketplace`
2. Searching for "Actions"
3. Looking for actions that match your needs

For example, if you search for "Hugo" in the marketplace, you'll find the `peaceiris/actions-hugo` action with documentation on how to use it.

Think of these actions like packages or libraries - they're pre-made components that handle common tasks so you don't have to write all the code yourself.

Would you like me to explain more about how to find and choose actions for your workflows?

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