

# Building Github 'Bots

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# What is a Github 'bot'?

They're like Post-Commit hooks.

But with a better name. 'Bots.

What can they do?

Compress images

Revert test code

Email your team when an  
important file changes

# Ya heard of Continuous Integration?

Your build server's API sucks. Github's doesn't.

How do they work?



Push changes to Github

Post-Receive hook fires

The 'bot receives a POST  
request

'Bot does some cool stuff

Before we get started...

# Advanced Git

Tellin' you now so it'll sink in. You'll need it later.

Blobs

Trees

Commits

Refs

# Blobs

They're like files.

```
1 ▼ {  
2   sha: "519aebd5b99e65cafa2321f734f53982c1c1a4cc",  
3   size: 21,  
4   url: ".../git/blobs/519aebd5...",  
5   content: "Ym90LWltYWd1cwo9PT09PT09PT09 ",  
6   encoding: "base64"  
7 ▲ }  
8 |
```

# Trees

They're like folders.

```
{
  sha: "768865570abfca90e28e32a98c61d4823ff673b7",
  url: ".../git/trees/76886557...",
  tree: [{
    mode: "100644",
    type: "blob",
    sha: "519aebd5b99e65cafa2321f734f53982c1c1a4cc",
    path: "README.md",
    size: 21,
    url: ".../git/blobs/519aebd5..."
  },
  {
    mode: "040000",
    type: "tree",
    sha: "c740dcc73ed5fc9281b2888c35b1202d544b923d",
    path: "subdir",
    url: ".../git/trees/c740dcc7..."
  }
]
```



# Commits

They're like commits.

```
1 ▼ {
2   sha: "a45ff3f19ba8a0d1e1c1957cdd7e4f773d67a955",
3   url: ".../git/commits/a45ff3f1...",
4 ▼  author: {
5     name: "Erik Person",
6     date: "2013-02-21T02:25:23Z"
7 ▲ },
8 ▼  tree: {
9     sha: "768865570abfca90e28e32a98c61d4823ff673b7",
10    url: ".../git/trees/76886557..."
11 ▲ },
12  message: "Revert...",
13 ▼  parents: [
14 ▼    {
15      sha: "b43b526a6d6cc9585af7522accb6c8ae4cc86219",
16      url: ".../git/commits/b43b526a..."
17 ▲    }
18 ▲  ]
19  }
```

# Refs

They're like branches.

```
{  
  ref: "refs/heads/master",  
  url: ".../git/refs/heads/master",  
  object: {  
    sha: "a45ff3f19ba8a0d1e1c1957cdd7e4f773d67a955",  
    type: "commit",  
    url: ".../git/commits/a45ff3f1...."  
  }  
}
```

# Enough Git

Don't forget it.

Image 'Bot in Action

Add a .png to repository

Image Bot finds it,  
compresses it

Makes commit with new  
image file

Creates Pull Request

Add a .png to your  
local repository





Push to Github (duh)

# Github's Post-Receive Service Hook fires

<https://github.com/:user/:repo/settings/hooks>

Your 'bot receives a  
POST request

```
1 ▼ post '/' do
2
3     payload = JSON.parse(params[:payload])
4
5 ▲ end
```

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```

Find added or modified  
pngs

```
1 ▼ def find_image_paths(commits)
2 ▼   paths = commits.map do |commit|
3     all_paths = (commit["added"] || []) +
4                 (commit["modified"] | [])
5     image_paths = all_paths.grep(/\.png$/)
6     image_paths
7 ▲   end
8   paths.flatten.uniq
9 ▲ end
10 |
```

Find tree items for .png  
images



```
1 ▼ def image_tree_items_from_commit(gh, commit)
2   tree_sha = commit["tree"]["sha"]
3
4   full_tree = gh.tree_recursive(tree_sha)
5
6 ▼   full_tree["tree"].select do |object|
7     object["type"] == "blob" &&
8       valid_image?(object["path"])
9 ▲   end
10 ▲ end
```

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```

Compress images and  
save as blobs

```
1 ▼ def save_image_files_from_tree_items(gh, items)
2   new_blobs = []
3   i_o = ImageOptim.new(pngout: false)
4 ▼   items.each do |item|
5     blob = gh.blob(item["sha"])
6     return if blob["encoding"] != "base64"
7 ▼     Tempfile.open(item["sha"]) do |temp|
8       temp.write(Base64.decode64(blob["content"]))
9 ▼       File.open(i_o(temp.path)) do |f|
10         encoded = Base64.strict_encode64(f.read)
11 ▲       end
12 ▼       if encoded.length < blob["content"].length
13         new_blob = gh.create_blob(encoded)
14         new_blobs << new_blob
15 ▲       end
16 ▲     end
17 ▲   end
18   new_blobs
19 ▲ end
```

Create all the git things

```
1  commit_sha = head_commit["sha"]
2  tree_sha = head_commit["tree"]["sha"]
3  new_tree = gh.create_tree(tree_sha, blobs)
4
5  new_commit = gh.create_commit("...",
6                                [commit_sha], new_tree["sha"])
7
8  update_branch_with_commit(gh, new_commit)
9  body = blobs.map { |b| "* #{b["path"]}\n" }
10 gh.create_pull_request("...", body, branch)
```

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```

That's all it takes, you guys.

Easy, right?

# Getting started with your own 'bot

github.com/erikperson/  
image-bot



Put yours on Github

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github.com/erikperson

/image-bot

/bot-images