

Steps to build a site using the [Chirpy](#) template:

1. Use their starter-pack to copy the template: <https://github.com/cotes2020/chirpy-starter/generate>
  - a. If you use `<username>.github.io` as the repository name, it will become your main website (**recommended!**), but another name is fine too

## Create a new repository from chirpy-starter

The new repository will start with the same files and folders as [cotes2020/chirpy-starter](#).

Owner \* velthuis / Repository name \* site ✓

Great repository names site is available. memorable. Need inspiration? How about [silver-octo-waffle?](#)

Description (optional)

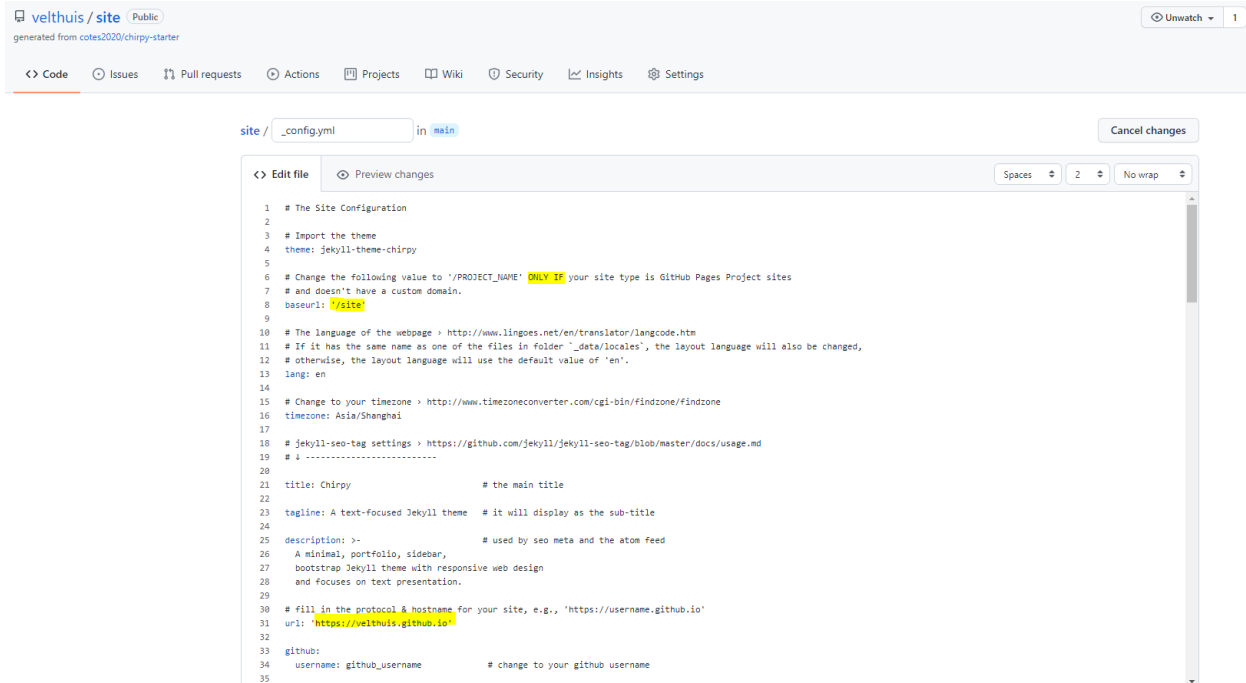
☒ **Public**  
Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit.

☐ **Private**  
You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

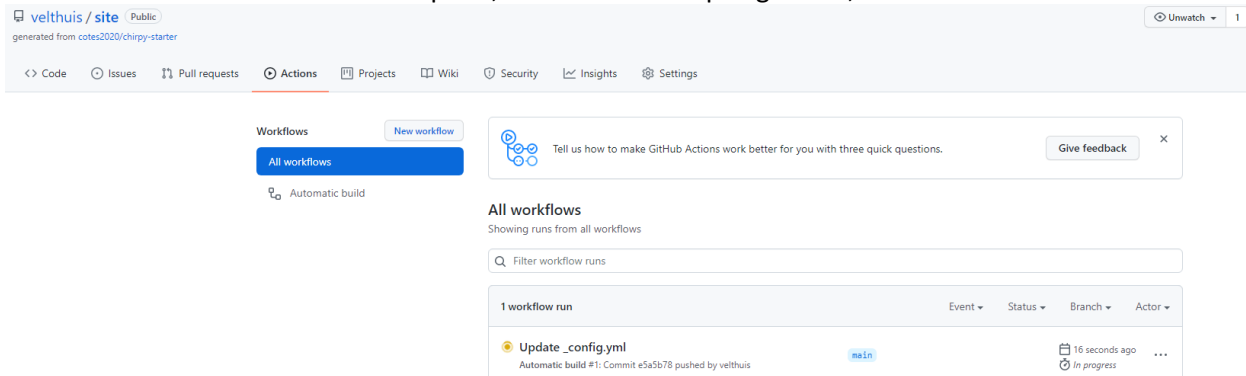
☐ **Include all branches**  
Copy all branches from `cotes2020/chirpy-starter` and not just `main`.

[Create repository from template](#)

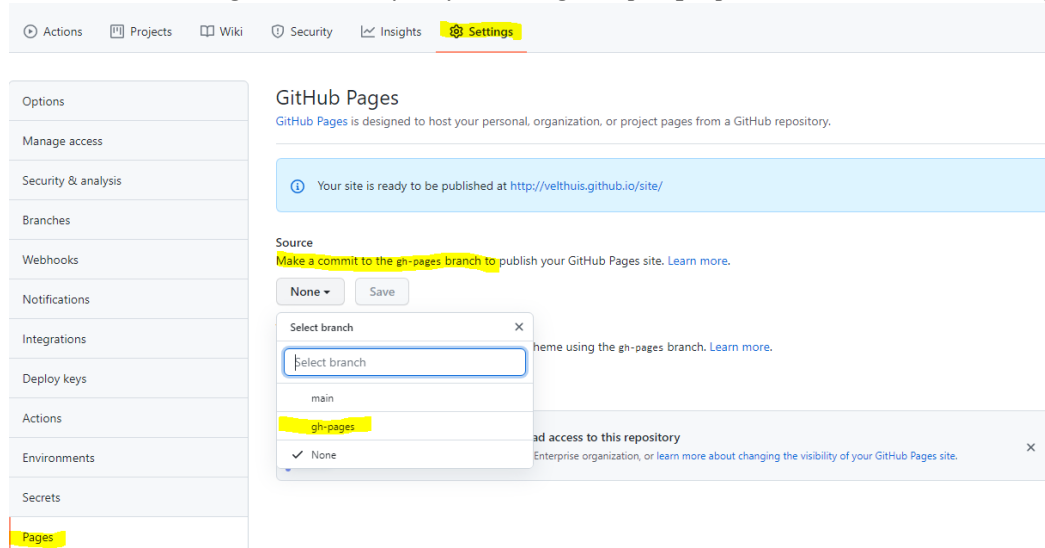
2. Make an edit in the `_config.yml` file. This will activate the GitHub Action to compile your website. The first time around it takes about 5 minutes, thereafter just 20 seconds.



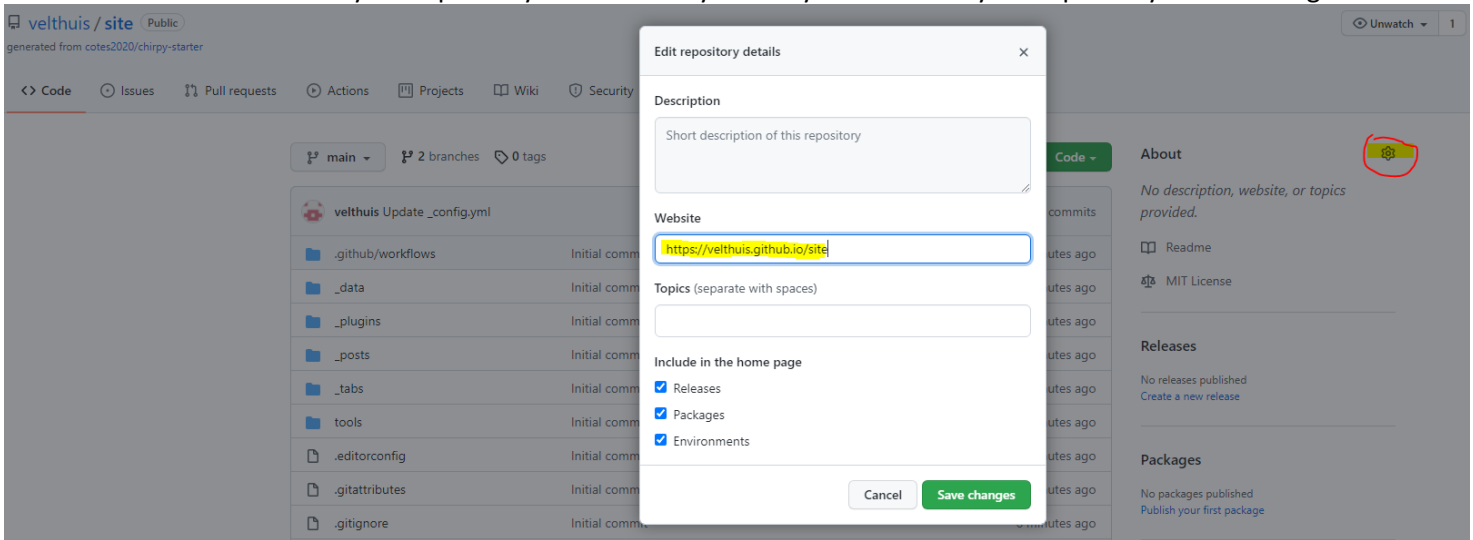
3. Wait for the Action to complete, or check for compiling issues, on the Actions tab



4. Enable GitHub Pages for this repo by selecting the `gh-pages` branch under Settings > Pages.



5. Add a link to your repository to more easily access your site from your repository while editing



6. Wait 10 seconds or so, and refresh your site. It should be up and running!

- a. The *Writing a new post* page on <https://chirpy.cotes.info/> is helpful to start personalizing more elements of your site.
  - i. Posts use the *markdown* language, which is easy to learn! (use a cheat sheet)
  - ii. Example: *filename* = 2021-11-12-New site, who dis.md

*Contents:*

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```
title: A new beginning
date: 2021-11-12 15:00:00 -0500
categories: [Skills, Code]
tags: [website, workshop] # lowercase
```

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```
# This is my first post
Welcome to my site! I'm so happy you are here. I look
forward to contributing my skills for a better world.
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I can write code
```
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```
__Check back soon for more content!__
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- b. To add your avatar (picture), add a link to an avatar image in the `_config.yml` file. You can make a new folder `/assets/img/` and store a picture there.
  - i. Make sure the link matches exactly
- c. To change your favicon (small icon in the browser tab), you can add a `favicon.ico` file in the folder `/assets/img/favicons/`.
- d. To overwrite default color schemes, add a `style.scss` file in the `/assets/css/` folder (may need to create this folder).