

Building and testing Swift

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You can create a continuous integration (CI) workflow to build and test your Swift project.

Introduction

This guide shows you how to build and test a Swift package.

GitHub-hosted runners have a tools cache with preinstalled software, and the Ubuntu and macOS runners include the dependencies for building Swift packages. For a full list of up-to-date software and the preinstalled versions of Swift and Xcode, see "[Using GitHub-hosted runners](#)."

Prerequisites


You should already be familiar with YAML syntax and how it's used with GitHub Actions. For more information, see "[Workflow syntax for GitHub Actions](#)."

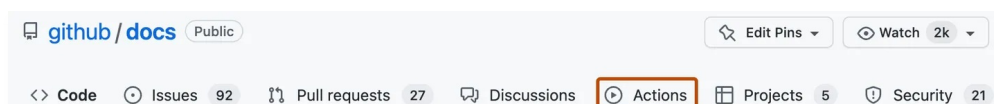
We recommend that you have a basic understanding of Swift packages. For more information, see "[Swift Packages](#)" in the Apple developer documentation.

Using a Swift starter workflow

To get started quickly, add a starter workflow to the `.github/workflows` directory of your repository.

GitHub provides a starter workflow for Swift that should work for most Swift projects. The subsequent sections of this guide give examples of how you can customize this starter workflow.

- 1 On GitHub.com, navigate to the main page of the repository.
- 2 Under your repository name, click  **Actions**.



- 3 If you already have a workflow in your repository, click **New workflow**.

- 4 The "Choose a workflow" page shows a selection of recommended starter workflows. Search for "swift".
- 5 Filter the selection of workflows by clicking **Continuous integration**.
- 6 On the "Swift" workflow, click **Configure**.
- 7 Edit the workflow as required. For example, change the branch on which the workflow will run.
- 8 Click **Commit changes**.

The `swift.yml` workflow file is added to the `.github/workflows` directory of your repository.

Specifying a Swift version [↗](#)

To use a specific preinstalled version of Swift on a GitHub-hosted runner, use the `swift-actions/setup-swift` action. This action finds a specific version of Swift from the tools cache on the runner and adds the necessary binaries to `PATH`. These changes will persist for the remainder of a job. For more information, see the [swift-actions/setup-swift](#) action.

If you are using a self-hosted runner, you must install your desired Swift versions and add them to `PATH`.

The examples below demonstrate using the `swift-actions/setup-swift` action.

Using multiple Swift versions [↗](#)

You can configure your job to use multiple versions of Swift in a matrix.

YAML



```
# This workflow uses actions that are not certified by GitHub.
# They are provided by a third-party and are governed by
# separate terms of service, privacy policy, and support
# documentation.

# GitHub recommends pinning actions to a commit SHA.
# To get a newer version, you will need to update the SHA.
# You can also reference a tag or branch, but the action may change without
# warning.

name: Swift

on: [push]

jobs:
  build:
    name: Swift ${ matrix.swift } on ${ matrix.os }
    strategy:
      matrix:
        os: [ubuntu-latest, macos-latest]
        swift: ["5.2", "5.3"]
    runs-on: ${ matrix.os }
    steps:
      - uses: swift-actions/setup-swift@65540b95f51493d65f5e59e97dcef9629ddf11bf
        with:
          swift-version: ${ matrix.swift }
      - uses: actions/checkout@v4
      - name: Build
```

```
run: swift build
- name: Run tests
  run: swift test
```

Using a single specific Swift version [↗](#)

You can configure your job to use a single specific version of Swift, such as `5.3.3`.

YAML



```
steps:
- uses: swift-actions/setup-swift@65540b95f51493d65f5e59e97dcef9629ddf11bf
  with:
    swift-version: "5.3.3"
- name: Get swift version
  run: swift --version # Swift 5.3.3
```

Building and testing your code [↗](#)

You can use the same commands that you use locally to build and test your code using Swift. This example demonstrates how to use `swift build` and `swift test` in a job:

YAML



```
steps:
- uses: actions/checkout@v4
- uses: swift-actions/setup-swift@65540b95f51493d65f5e59e97dcef9629ddf11bf
  with:
    swift-version: "5.3.3"
- name: Build
  run: swift build
- name: Run tests
  run: swift test
```

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