# **CI/CD** with Github Actions

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## What is CI/CD?

- Continuous Integration / Continuous Delivery
- CI: Get new changes integrated into the shared repository faster
- CD: Get new features deployed to users faster
- Main idea: Automate several steps that required slow human intervention
- Side idea: Change in mindset and how you develop software

### **Github Basics**

- Github is a platform that allows you to upload your git repository to the cloud
- Local repository vs remote repository
- Your basic local workflow is still the same:
  - Making changes
  - Tracking changes
  - Committing changes
- One extra step: pushing

## Pushing

- Pushing your changes after you commit them will make the remote repository synced with the local repository
- To push for the first time:
  - git push -u origin master
- After that:
  - git push

## **Pull Requests**

- Master branch is usually a very important and protected branch
  - $\circ$  Used for production
  - $\circ$   $\quad$  Should represent the most stable version of your software
  - Should be functional and bug free
- As a developer in a large project, you might not directly have access to modify the master branch
  - Safety concerns
- So how do we integrate our changes into the software?

## How to make pull requests?

- You can make changes to your feature branch and push them to Github
- You make a pull request on Github, which will create a request to merge the changes in your branch into the master branch
- The admins of the repository will be able to
  - Review your code
  - Give feedback
  - Ask for changes
  - Approve the changes and merge them into the master branch!!

## Typical Development Workflow

Let's say you are a developer working at a big company and you are creating a new feature for their app.

- 1. You create a new feature branch from the master branch
- 2. You write some new code
- 3. Every so often, you commit and push the code to your own branch
- 4. Once you are done working on that feature, you make a PR
- 5. Your project manager reviews the code, run tests and approves the changes.

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## **CI/CD** Paradigm

- Automate the code review process
- Accelerate the code development cycle
- Commit to master everyday
- The code changes more often in smaller amounts
  - Catch integration issues early and easier to fix

## **Github Actions**

- A feature for Github repositories
- Allows you to run workflows with Github events (push, PRs)
- We are going to use to it lint our code and run some tests!

#### Our example

- We are going to develop a simple arithmetic library
- Github Actions can make sure our functions are correct and efficient

#### **Getting Started with Github Actions**

