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# Envoy on Kittens

Improving Developer and Maintainer Velocity

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# Cats are important part of CS



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## Google's Artificial Brain Learns to Find Cat Videos



How much of the Internet is cats?

15 percent

But **cats** are more popular with online audiences. In fact, according to Bloomberg's The Magazine Trying to Bring the Web's **Cat** Obsession Offline, **cats** drive almost 15 percent of all Web traffic. There are also about 30 million Google searches per month for the search term "**cat**". Feb 26, 2015

### About

Cloud-native high-performance edge/middle/service proxy

[www.envoyproxy.io](http://www.envoyproxy.io)

- cats
- rocket-ships
- cars
- more-cats
- cats-over-dogs
- nanoservices
- corgis
- cncf

# The need

When a project have a growing number of contributors, there are procedures that need to be set in place.

These procedures need to be enforced, and better yet, automated if possible.



# The need

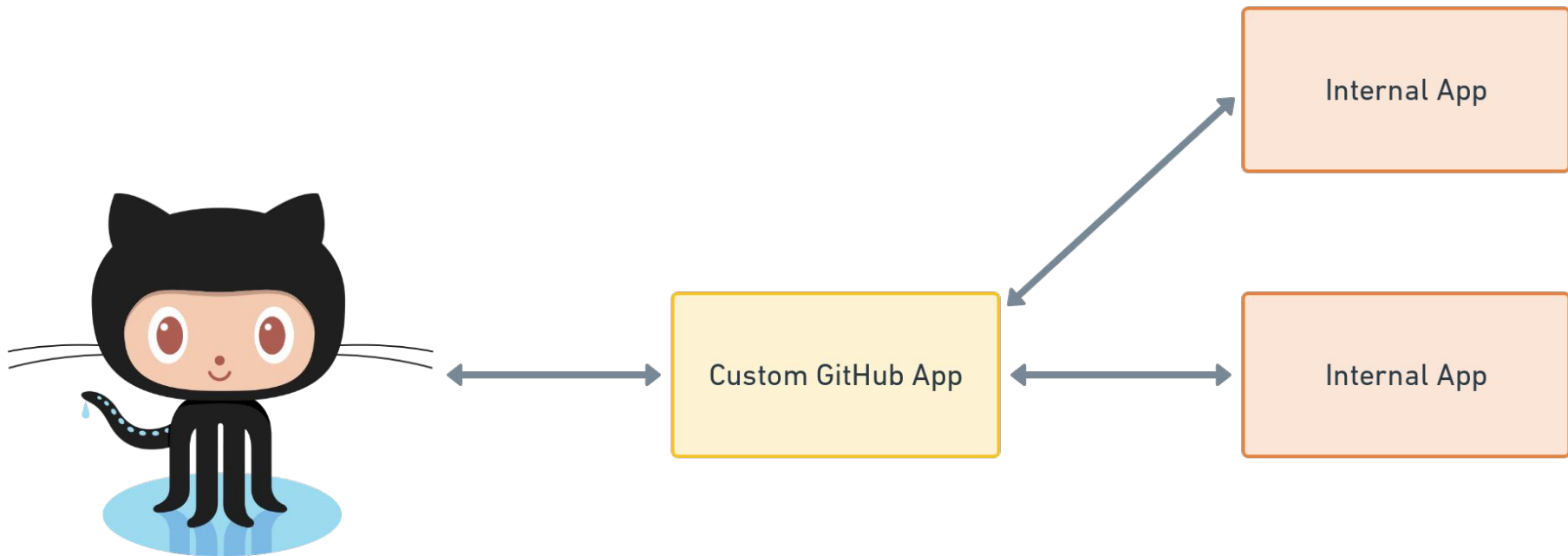


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For contributors, some operations need to be performed under customized constraints, such allowing only some people assign people on issues/PR, informing about various procedures, and more.

For maintainers, automation can help with issue tracking, specialized approval policies, and enforcing various rules.

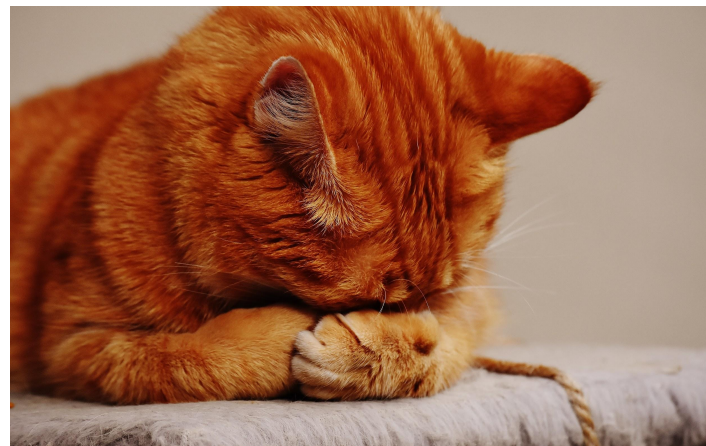
# Traditional Approach



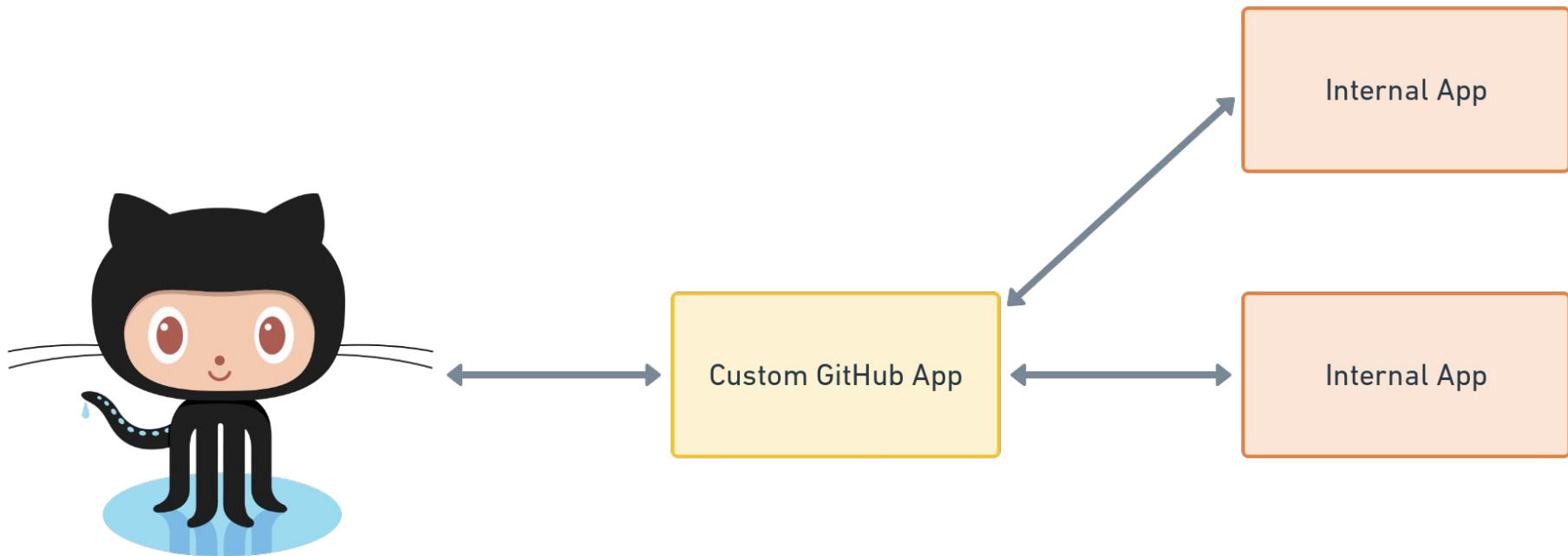
# That's not that simple...

Lots of things to take care of:

- Service maintenance
- Authentication
- Monitoring
- High Availability
- Secrets management
- Adapt to GitHub API changes
- Dealing with GitHub API...  
oddities.
- Preserving issue context

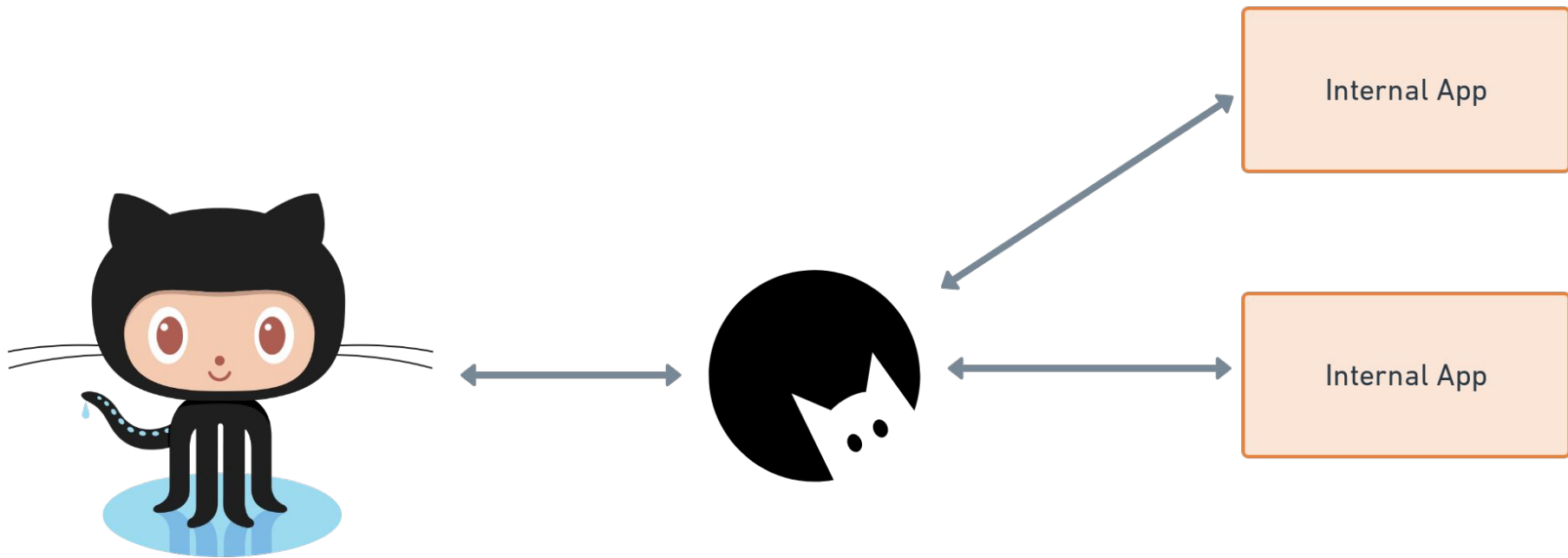


# Traditional Approach





# Meow RepoKittteh!



# Now it's simpler



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# The right abstraction

There is no need to worry about intricate non-GitHub events related things. This is already done for you.

You only need to deal with the actual required business logic.

For that, the right abstraction is required.



# Meow Starlark!



# Starlark is fun



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*“Starlark is a language intended for use as a configuration language. It was designed for the **Bazel** build system, but may be useful for other projects as well”* [github.com/bazelbuild/starlark](https://github.com/bazelbuild/starlark)

Starlark allows for **deterministic** evaluation, **hermetic** execution and **parallel** evaluation.

This allows for a “jailed” low-cost/overhead “serverless” architecture where only Starlark code is executed. No containers required!

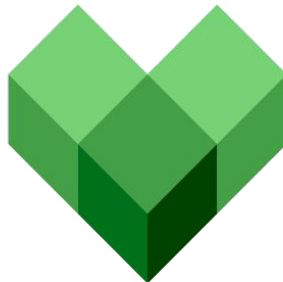
# Starlark is easy



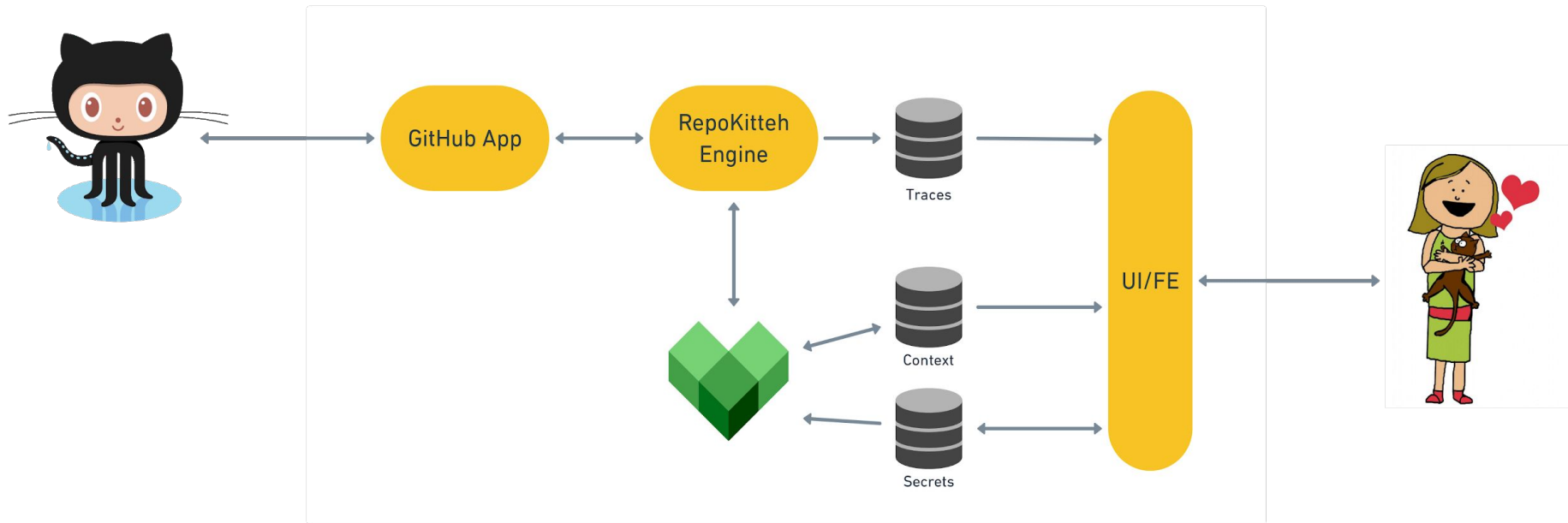
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Starlark is a dialect of Python, with a few [differences](#). These allow it to be deterministic, hermetic and concurrent.

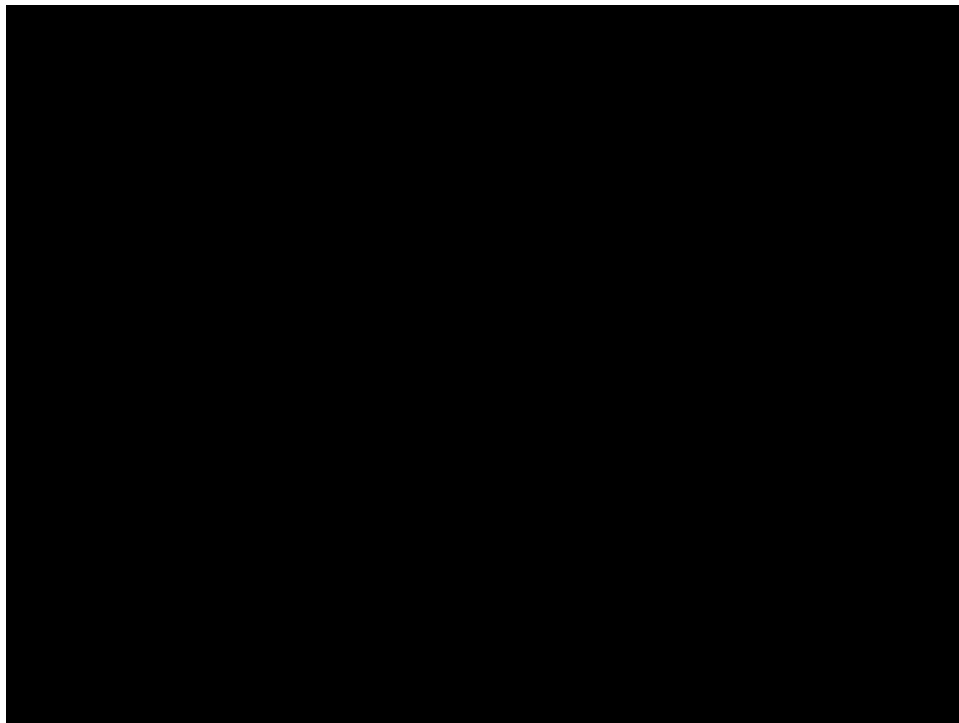
RepoKittēh is using the excellent Starlark Go module: [github.com/google/starlark-go](https://github.com/google/starlark-go).



# How does it fit in



## Enforce BUG=NNN annotation in PR body





# Batteries Included

RepoKittē includes tooling and APIs for frequently needed capabilities:

- Secrets management
- Detailed debug output
- GitHub API access
- Fine grained permission model
- Modules with version pinning
- And more!



 master ▾

[envoy](#) / [repokitteh.star](#)

The root module is the entry point to everything repokitteh.  
The module is evaluated on every event.

# Handlers | Commands



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```
def _backport():  
    github.issue_label('backport/review')
```

```
handlers.command(name='backport', func=_backport)
```

[handlers.command](#) registers a command handler that is executed on /slash-commands.



antoniovicente commented on Jul 27

Member



/backport



repokitteh

bot

added the `backport/review` label on Jul 27

[repokitteh.io/docs/ref/modules/#handlers.command](https://repokitteh.io/docs/ref/modules/#handlers.command)  
[repokitteh.io/docs/ref/modules/#github.issue\\_label](https://repokitteh.io/docs/ref/modules/#github.issue_label)

`github.issue_label(*labels, repo_owner, repo_name, issue_number):dict` 🗨️

Add a label to an issue.

ARGUMENTS

- `*labels`: `list(str)`
- `repo_owner`: `str` (default=from context) - Must be supplied as a keyword argument.
- `repo_name`: `str` (default=from context) - Must be supplied as a keyword argument.
- `issue_number`: `int` (default=from context) - Must be supplied as a keyword argument.

RETURNS

- `dict` - Same as GitHub API.

REQUIRED PERMISSIONS

- `github_call(method=POST, path=repos/{repo_owner}/{repo_name}/issues/{issue_number}/labels)`

EXAMPLES

```
1 print(github.issue_label('wip', 'pending')[0]['id'])
```

SEE ALSO

- GitHub API Docs: [Add labels to an issue](#)

[github.com/repokitteh/modules/blob/master/wait.star](https://github.com/repokitteh/modules/blob/master/wait.star)

```
def _pull_request(action, labels):  
    if action != 'synchronize':  
        return  
  
    if _waiting_push_label in labels:  
        github.issue_unlabel(_waiting_push_label)  
  
    if _waiting_any_label in labels:  
        github.issue_unlabel(_waiting_any_label)  
  
handlers.issue_comment(func=_issue_comment)  
  
handlers.pull_request(func=_pull_request)  
handlers.pull_request_review(func=_issue_comment)  
handlers.pull_request_review_comment(func=_issue_comment)
```

[repokitteh.io/docs/ref/modules/#handlers.pull\\_request](https://repokitteh.io/docs/ref/modules/#handlers.pull_request)

Handlers can be registered on virtually any GitHub event. In this (partial) example, which is taken from a RepoKittteh Module, an handler is registered on GitHub's [pull-request event](#), among others.

Handlers receive context when executed, depending on their parameters and type.

# Modules | use



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```
use(  
  "github.com/envoyproxy/envoy/ci/repokitteh/modules/ownerscheck.star",  
  paths=[  
    {  
      "owner": "envoyproxy/api-shepherds!",  
      "path":  
        "(api/envoy[\\w/]*/(v1alpha\d?|v1|v2alpha\d?|v2))|(api/envoy/type/(matcher)?\\w+.proto)",  
      "label": "v2-freeze",  
      "allow_global_approval": False,  
      "github_status_label": "v2 freeze violations",  
    },  
    {  
      "owner": "envoyproxy/api-shepherds!",  
      "path": "api/envoy/",  
      "label": "api",  
      "github_status_label": "any API change",  
    },  
    {  
      "owner": "envoyproxy/api-watchers",  
      "path": "api/envoy/",  
    },  
    {  
      "owner": "envoyproxy/dependency-watchers",  
      "path":  
        "(bazel/repository_locations\\.bzl)|(api/bazel/repository_locations\\.bzl)(\\.*/requirements\\.txt)",  
    },  
  ],  
)
```

[repokitteh.io/docs/ref/funcs/#use](https://repokitteh.io/docs/ref/funcs/#use)

[use](#) loads a module and registers its handlers. A module is defined in its own file which can reside in github.

Configuration is supplied to the loaded module by using key-value parameters.

Some generic modules:

[github.com/repokitteh/modules](https://github.com/repokitteh/modules)

```
handlers.command(name='checkowners', func=_reconcile)
```

```
def _get_specs(config):
```

```
    return _get_relevant_specs(config.get('paths', []), github.pr_list_files())
```

```
def _reconcile(config, specs=None):
```

```
    specs = specs or _get_specs(config)
```

```
    if not specs:
```

```
        return []
```

# Modules | use vs load



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```
load('text', 'match')
```

```
load("github.com/repokitteh/modules/lib/utils.star", "react")
```

```
load("github.com/repokitteh/modules/lib/circleci.star", "retry", "cancel")
```

```
m = match(text=target_url, pattern='(/[0-9]+)\?')
```

```
if m and len(m) == 2:
```

```
    failed_builds.append((int(m[1]), target_url, context))
```

`load` is a *Starlark builtin* which brings in functions from other modules.

*It can be called from any module.*

`use` is a *RepoKitteh function* that registers handlers from other modules.

*It can be called only from the root module.*

[repokitteh.io/docs/ref/modules/#text.match](https://repokitteh.io/docs/ref/modules/#text.match)

[github.com/google/starlark-go/blob/master/doc/spec.md#load-statements](https://github.com/google/starlark-go/blob/master/doc/spec.md#load-statements)



# Issue Context Store



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```
def _store_partial_approval(who, files):  
    for f in files:  
        store_put('ownerscheck/partial/%s:%s' % (who, f['filename']), f['sha'])
```

```
def _is_partially_approved(who, files):  
    for f in files:  
        sha = store_get('ownerscheck/partial/%s:%s' % (who, f['filename']))  
        if sha != f['sha']:  
            return False  
  
    return True
```

`store_put` and `store_read` write and read data associates with the issue/PR in context. This can be used to store state for an issue/PR.

[repokitteh.io/docs/ref/funcs/#store\\_get](https://repokitteh.io/docs/ref/funcs/#store_get)  
[repokitteh.io/docs/ref/funcs/#store\\_put](https://repokitteh.io/docs/ref/funcs/#store_put)

# Secrets



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```
use("github.com/repokitteh/modules/circleci.star", secret_token=get_secret('circle_token'))  
use("github.com/envoyproxy/envoy/ci/repokitteh/modules/azure_pipelines.star", secret_token=get_secret('azp_token'))  
  
return http(secret_url=url, method='POST')
```

`get_secret` can be called only from the root module.

[repokitteh.io/docs/ref/funcs/#get\\_secret](https://repokitteh.io/docs/ref/funcs/#get_secret)



# Context & Tracing



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repokitteh bot commented 3 days ago



CC @envoyproxy/dependency-watchers: FYI only for changes made to `(bazel/repository_locations\.bzl) | (api/bazel/repository_locations\.bzl) | (.*requirements\.txt) .`



Caused by: [#13364](#) was opened by rebello95.

see: [more](#), [trace](#).

## Event Trace

**Repository** envoyproxy/envoy  
**Delivery-ID** 874b6400-0428-11eb-8994-3d5b9f2dc65d  
**Event-Type** github:pull\_request  
**Reason** <https://github.com/envoyproxy/envoy/pull/13364> was opened by rebello95. ([link](#))

Ingestion

Evaluation

**Version** 0.41.4 46d1002d666d36ad2bdb0eb392a4d43a2c1a383b  
**Receive-Time** 2020-10-01 20:56:08.948198023 +0000 UTC  
**HTTP-Response-Code** 202  
**HTTP-Response-Text**

processing

<https://prod.repokitteh.app/traces/ui/envoyproxy/envoy/874b6400-0428-11eb-8994-3d5b9f2dc65d>

### ▼ Event-Payload

```
{
  "action": "opened",
  "number": 13364,
  "pull_request": {
    "url": "https://api.github.com/repos/envoyproxy/envoy/pulls/13364",
    "id": 496541591,
    "node_id": "MDExOlb1bGxSZXF1ZXN0NDk2NTQxNTkx",
    "html_url": "https://github.com/envoyproxy/envoy/pull/13364",
    "diff_url": "https://github.com/envoyproxy/envoy/pull/13364.diff",
    "patch_url": "https://github.com/envoyproxy/envoy/pull/13364.patch",
    "issue_url": "https://api.github.com/repos/envoyproxy/envoy/issues/13364",
    "number": 13364,
    "state": "open",
    "locked": false,
    "title": "build: update abseil & enable -Wrangle-loop-analysis",
    "user": {
      "login": "rebello95",
      "id": 2643476,
      "node_id": "MDQ6VXNlcjI2NDM0NzY=",
      "avatar_url": "https://avatars1.githubusercontent.com/u/2643476?v=4",
      "gravatar_id": ""
    }
  }
}
```

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**Start-Time** 2020-10-01 20:56:08.949636468 +0000 UTC  
**End-Time** 2020-10-01 20:56:12.566362588 +0000 UTC

▼ Console

```
specs: [struct(allow_global_approval = True, files = [{"additions": 3, "sha": "fc308b6b0689b5342e20eac9dde6dd7daa78174c", "filename": "ba
reviews=[]
  approvers: []
  team dependency-watchers(4043948) = ["moderation", "asraa", "htuch"]
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```

Commands Empty

- ▶ Pinned Refs
- ▶ Modules
- ▶ Calls
- ▶ Perms
- ▶ Context

▼ Context

```
{
  "action": "opened",
  "assignee": null,
  "assignees": [],
  "blessed": false,
  "branches": null,
  "commands": [],
  "comment": null,
  "comment_id": null,
  "context": null,
  "delivery_id": "874b6400-0428-11eb-8994-3d5b9f2dc65d",
  "description": null,
  "draft": true,
  "event_source": "github",
  "event_type": "pull_request",
  "head_repo_name": "envoy",
  "head_repo_owner": "rebello95",
  "is_pr": true,
  "issue_body": "**NOT READY FOR REVIEW, USING CI TO VALIDATE**\r\n\r\nRisk Level: Low\r\nTesting: CI\r\nDocs Changes: N/A\r\n",
  "issue_number": 13364,
  "issue_title": "build: update abseil & enable -Wrangle-loop-analysis",
  "issue_user": "rebello95",
  "labels": [],
  "merge_commit_sha": null,
  "merged": false,
  "pusher": null,
  "reason": {
    "description": "https://github.com/envoyproxy/envoy/pull/13364 was opened by rebello95.",
    "link": "https://github.com/envoyproxy/envoy/pull/13364"
  },
  "ref": "wrange",
  "ref_or_sha": "wrange",
  "repo_name": "envoy",
  "repo_owner": "envoyproxy",
  "review_commit_id": null,
  "review_id": null,
  "review_state": null,
  "sender": "rebello95",
  "sha": "75b5e65c9a1e728eb7a62d2d7076ccb71125a27b",
  "state": null,
  "target_url": null,
  "trace_id": "envoyproxy/envoy/874b6400-0428-11eb-8994-3d5b9f2dc65d"
}
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```
$use(
  "github.com/repokitteh/modules/circleci.star",
  secret_token="redacted",
) -> (
  null,
)
$get_secret(
  "azp_token",
) -> (
  "redacted",
)
$use(
  "github.com/envoyproxy/envoy/ci/repokitteh/modules/azure_pipelines.star",
  secret_token="redacted",
) -> (
  null,
)
$use(
  "github.com/envoyproxy/envoy/ci/repokitteh/modules/ownerscheck.star",
  paths=[{"allow_global_approval":false,"github_status_label":"v2 freeze violations","label":"v2-freeze","owner":"envoyproxy/api-shepherd"}]
) -> (
  null,
)
github_call(
  method="GET",
  path="repos/envoyproxy/envoy/pulls/13364/files?page=1\u0026",
  body=null,
  success_codes=[200,201],
  accept=null,
) -> (
  {"body":[{"sha":"068b7c6af70bb5419f8dcc71914db0f3a8a11457","filename":"bazel/envoy_internal.bzl","status":"modified","add
  null,
}
```



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### ▼ Pinned Refs

github.com/repokitteh/modules/ -> 4ee2ed0c3622aad7fcddc04cb5dc866e44a541e6

### ▼ Modules

github.com/repokitteh/modules/assign.star (repokitteh/modules#4ee2ed0c3622aad7fcddc04cb5dc866e44a541e6)  
github.com/repokitteh/modules/lib/utils.star (repokitteh/modules#4ee2ed0c3622aad7fcddc04cb5dc866e44a541e6)  
github.com/repokitteh/modules/review.star (repokitteh/modules#4ee2ed0c3622aad7fcddc04cb5dc866e44a541e6)  
github.com/repokitteh/modules/wait.star (repokitteh/modules#4ee2ed0c3622aad7fcddc04cb5dc866e44a541e6)  
github.com/repokitteh/modules/circleci.star (repokitteh/modules#4ee2ed0c3622aad7fcddc04cb5dc866e44a541e6)  
github.com/repokitteh/modules/lib/circleci.star (repokitteh/modules#4ee2ed0c3622aad7fcddc04cb5dc866e44a541e6)  
github.com/envoyproxy/envoy/ci/repokitteh/modules/azure\_pipelines.star  
github.com/envoyproxy/envoy/ci/repokitteh/modules/ownerscheck.star

# RepoKittteh in Envoy



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Documentation: [envoy/source/docs/repokitteh.md](https://envoyproxy.github.io/repokitteh/docs/repokitteh.md)

Root module: [envoy/repokitteh.star](https://github.com/envoyproxy/repokitteh)

Envoy specific modules: [envoy/ci/repokitteh/modules](https://github.com/envoyproxy/repokitteh/tree/main/modules)

Available Commands:

- /assign & /review
- /retest & /retest-circle
- /wait & /wait-any
- /backport

Also custom made ownerscheck.

GitHub Actions essentially supply the same functionality.

The difference is that Actions are more optimized for long running processes, like CI and deployments. They are more resource intensive, and are generally more cumbersome to implement, as they require Docker and containerization, thus resulting in a slower turnaround time.

RepoKitteh is optimized for short-running actions and enables much lower latency, faster turnaround time and lower cost.

# RepoKittē's Future



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- GitLab Integration
- On-premise
- Improved UI
- Scripts Testing & GitHub Fake
- More documentation

Looking for more projects! [repokittē.io/waitlist](https://repokittē.io/waitlist)

# For more information...



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[repokitteh.io](https://repokitteh.io) (Docs, Support)

Waitlist: [repokitteh.io/waitlist](https://repokitteh.io/waitlist)

Lab: [repokitteh.io/lab](https://repokitteh.io/lab)



# Thank you!

## Questions?

