

GitHub Enforcer -

How Rookout enforces good

dev practices on GitHub

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Who Am I?



- DevOps @ Rookout
- Self-taught developer
- Work smarter, not harder
- Passionate about automation







Once upon a time...



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Github Enforcer













@handler(event_type="pull_request")
def enforce_jira_issue_is_referenced(payload, event_type):





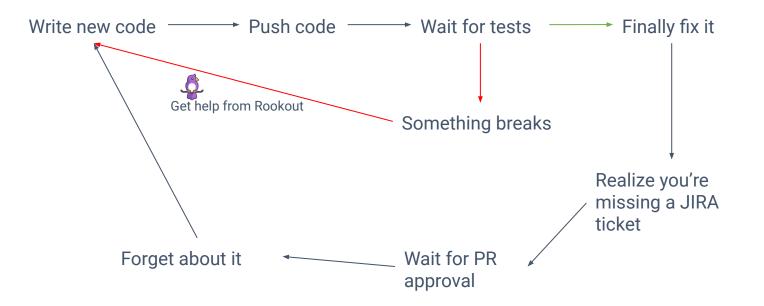
Github Enforcer - Yes, it's a very generic name.

- What can it do? Coffee?
- Why do we need it?
- But.. did we really need to write our own?
- The hard moments



Typical day in the skin of a developer







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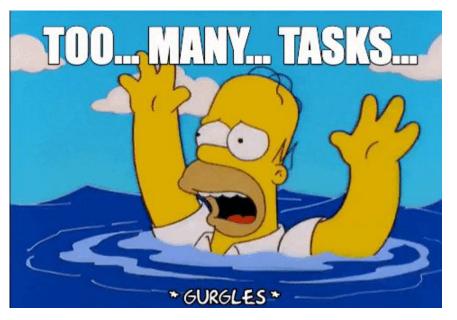




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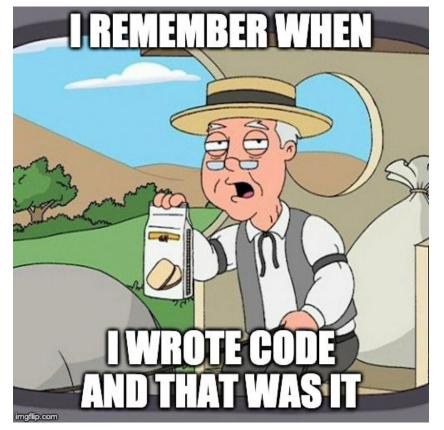
Your code is now in staging. Good job !





Developer pains











Track your PRs

Manage your kanban

Work fast

Deal with CI/CD issues



Developer pains







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Dealing with life - Automating your workflow



Automatic Merge

Notifications on old stale PRs

Update with master branch



Dealing with life - Automating important bullsh**



Automatic ticket state transitioning

Release notes

Labels enforcement

Various QoL improvements



Dealing with life - Automating actually important stuff



Slack notifications on success/failures

Dry-run release notes

3rd party integrations sync

Opening tickets `/jira open task`



Ok, but why did we need all of that?



Bla bla bla, automation is trending

Bla bla bla, better best practices for development

Bla bla bla, we need pipelines - release notes, audit, labels, checks



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As I said -

BLA BLA BLA



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Ok, but why did we REALLY need all of that?



TO SAVE TIME !



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Isn't there already something out there?



• At the time - there were nothing that could do ALL of it.

• Choosing to add a service to your company's flow is already tough enough.

• Creating your own makes it easier to customize and match your workflow, instead of customizing your workflow to match your automation.

• Today is easier to use something already made (Probot Apps, Github Apps/Actions)



Wallowing in despair



- Understanding GitHub's API
- Rate-limiting
- Concurrency
- Regrets about Python
- Testability & Development process for a GitHub service





PRO	CONS
Save time in the long run	It's not a 1 day project to build
Makes your life a LOT easier	Tests are hard
It's cool - look, I'm talking here	Things break - and you will get the blame

Alternatives? Probot, GitHub Actions, Serverless

GitHub apps scraps? Mergify, Issue-Label Bot, Stale



Thank you !



Questions ?

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