Learn-OCaml: How to contribute?

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Environment for learn-ocaml developers

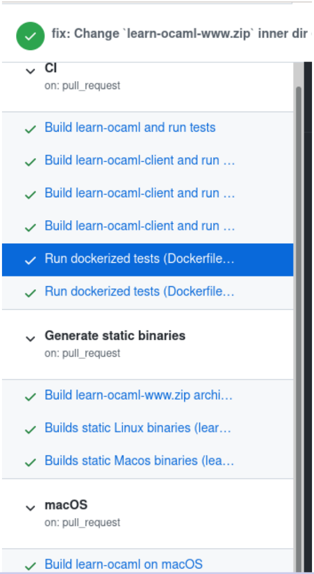
Needs:

- Linux or macOS
- `opam` 2 + `ocaml` 4.12 (currently)
- a "Merlin-aware" OCaml IDE (such as Tuareg+this config)
- Git (+ ideally Magit) + a GitHub account
- Docker Engine + `docker-compose`
  - https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/
  - https://docs.docker.com/compose/install/

Environment for learn-ocaml.el developers

https://gist.github.com/erikmd/35251ac083e7433f3e780f7eb8856782

Continuous Integration



✓ fix: Change `learn-ocaml-www.zip` inner dir

CI
on: pull_request

- ✓ Build learn-ocaml and run tests
- ✓ Build learn-ocaml-client and run ...
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- ✓ Run dockerized tests (Dockerfile...
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Generate static binaries
on: pull_request

- ✓ Build learn-ocaml-www.zip archi...
- ✓ Builds static Linux binaries (lear...
- ✓ Builds static Macos binaries (lea...

macOS
on: pull_request

- ✓ Build learn-ocaml on macOS

Learn-OCaml contains "CI tests" to automate the Pull-Request checks

Continuous Deployment

Learn-OCaml actually contains a whole "CI/CD chain" to automate the releases:

- release-please automatically generates the CHANGELOG and computes/updates the version number
- the static binaries are built for Linux and macOS
- a tag and a GitHub release are made, along with the binaries
- three Docker images are pushed to Docker Hub
- and a PR is opened by a bot in the main `opam-repository`

Contributing guidelines

Learn-OCaml has a very permissive open-source license (MIT)

Contributions are very welcome!

- See also CONTRIBUTING.md, in particular:
  - Use Atomic Commits so each commit gathers a single logical change
  - Use Conventional Commits messages (needed by release-please)
- Integration tests are stored in:
  `https://github.com/ocaml-sf/learn-ocaml/tree/master/tests`
- Documentation is stored in:
  `https://github.com/ocaml-sf/learn-ocaml/tree/master/docs`
  and automatically deployed in `https://ocaml-sf.org/learn-ocaml/`

(these links are recalled in so-called "PR templates / issue templates")

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What about discussing these topics further at the end of the meeting?