Take a JAAB at Add-In Building:

Using GitHub Actions to Streamline Deployment of JMP Tools

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Overview

As the utilization of JSL continues to expand, there arises an increasing demand for nuanced control and enhanced maintenance capabilities.

Previously, limited options were available that could effectively integrate version control and the streamlined deployment of JMP Add-Ins.

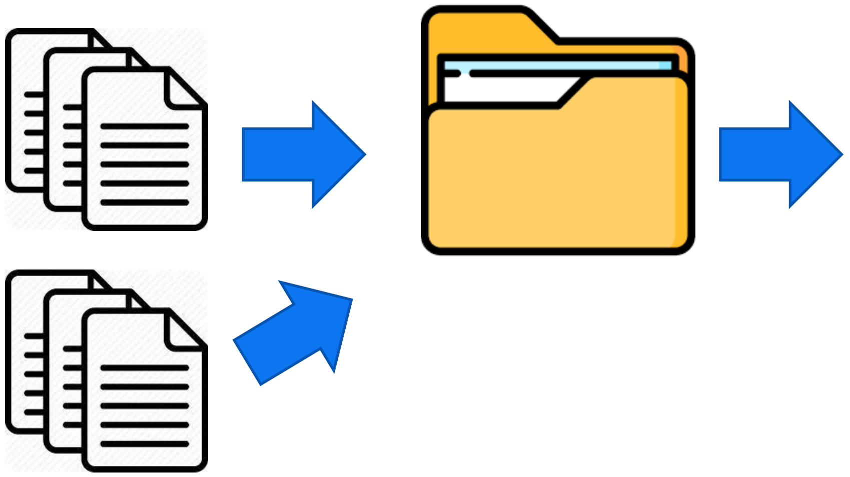
Enter Project JAAB (Just Another Add-In Builder)!

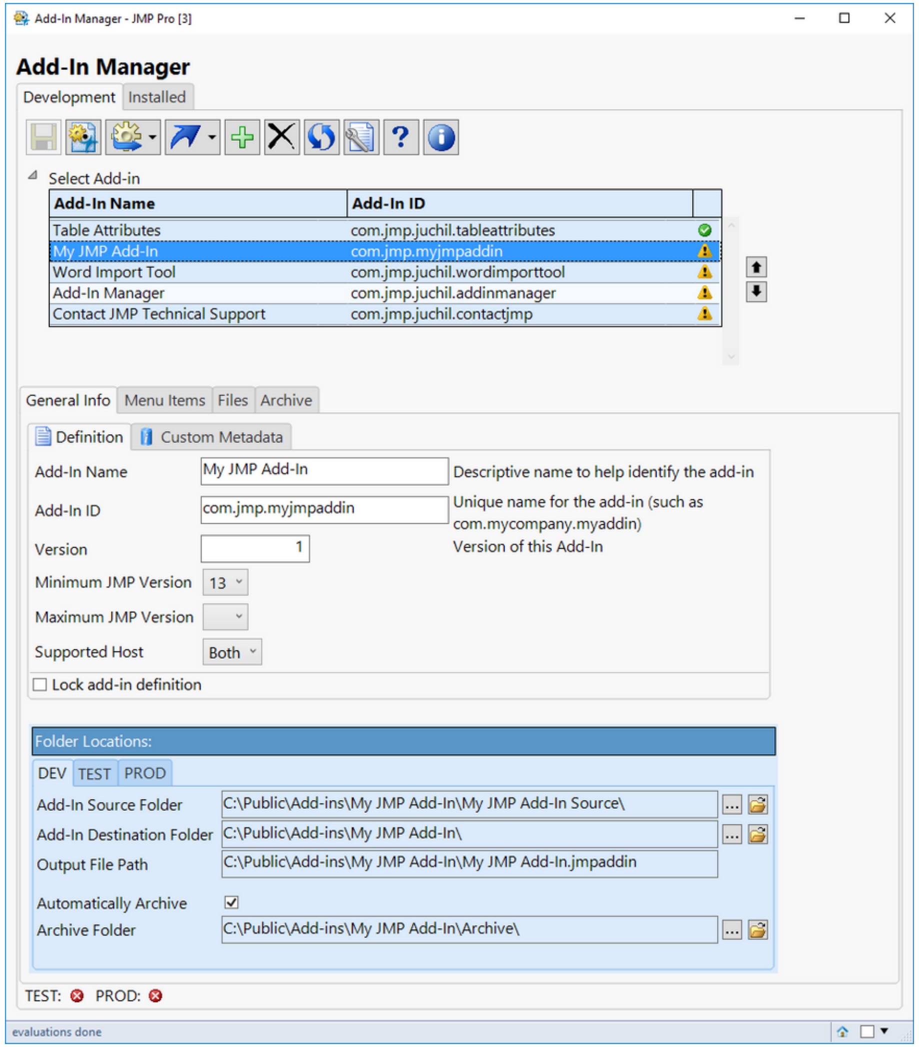
… a cutting-edge initiative leveraging the power of GitHub actions. This innovative approach enables the seamless packaging and deployment of add-ins, adapting dynamically to cater to the diverse requirements of JSL coders everywhere.

In the beginning Add-In Manager Changed the Game

Local Files / Source Control

Export to Folder





Add-In Manager - JMP Pro [3]

Add-In Manager

Development | Installed

Select Add-in

Add-In Name	Add-In ID	
Table Attributes	com.jmp.juchil.tableattributes	✓
My JMP Add-In	com.jmp.myjmpaddin	⚠
Word Import Tool	com.jmp.juchil.wordimporttool	⚠
Add-In Manager	com.jmp.juchil.addinmanager	⚠
Contact JMP Technical Support	com.jmp.juchil.contactjmp	⚠

General Info | Menu Items | Files | Archive

Definition | Custom Metadata

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Add-In ID: com.jmp.myjmpaddin — Unique name for the add-in (such as com.mycompany.myaddin)

Version: 1 — Version of this Add-In

Minimum JMP Version: 13

Maximum JMP Version:

Supported Host: Both

□ Lock add-in definition

Folder Locations:

DEV | TEST | PROD

Add-In Source Folder: C:\Public\Add-ins\My JMP Add-In\My JMP Add-In Source\

Add-In Destination Folder: C:\Public\Add-ins\My JMP Add-In\

Output File Path: C:\Public\Add-ins\My JMP Add-In\My JMP Add-In.jmpaddin

Automatically Archive: ☑

Archive Folder: C:\Public\Add-ins\My JMP Add-In\Archive\

TEST: ☒ PROD: ☒

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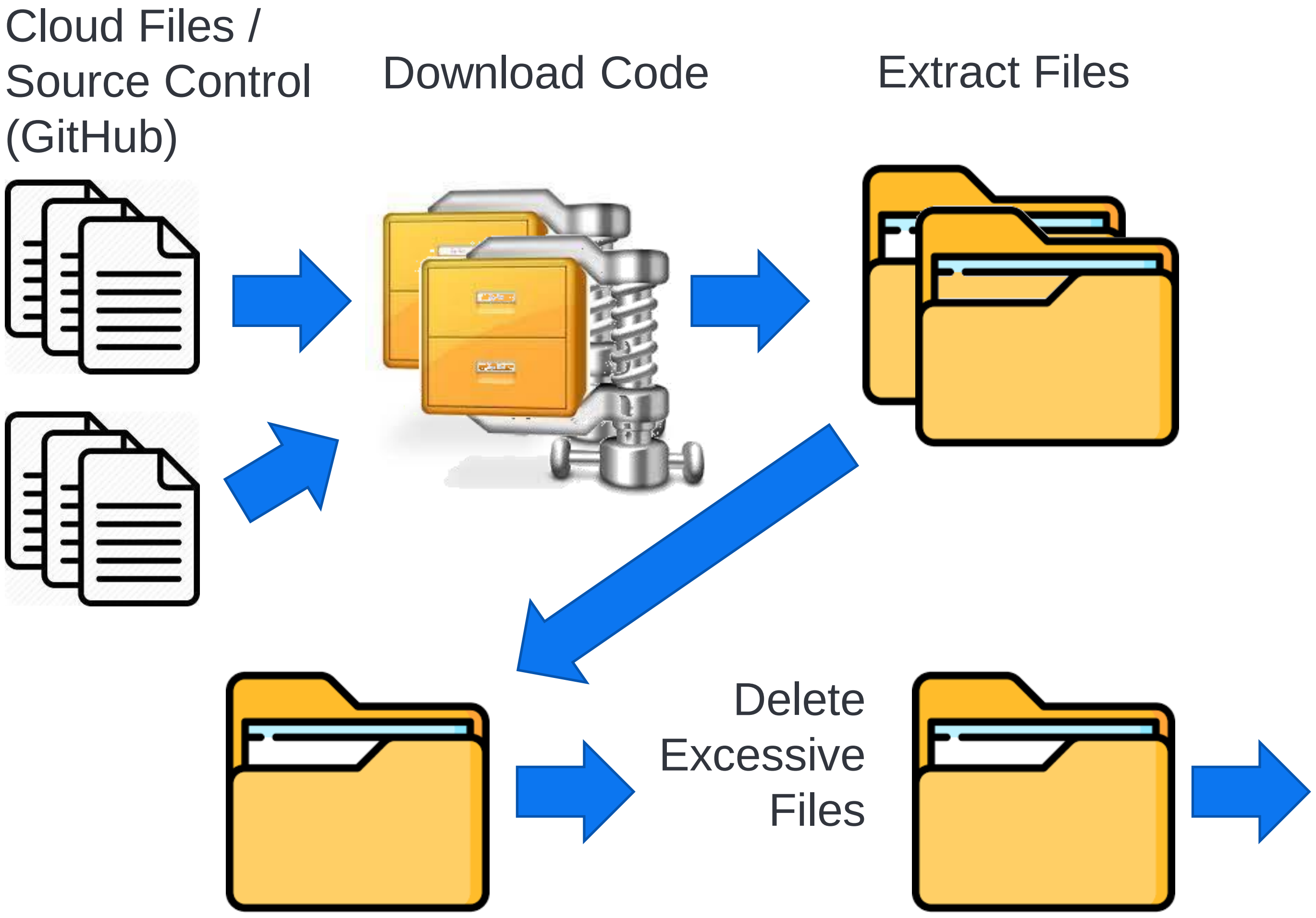
Packaged .jmpaddin

Version Archival

Network Deployment

Folder locations
Custom Meta Data
Published Addin List

Complications of the cloud…

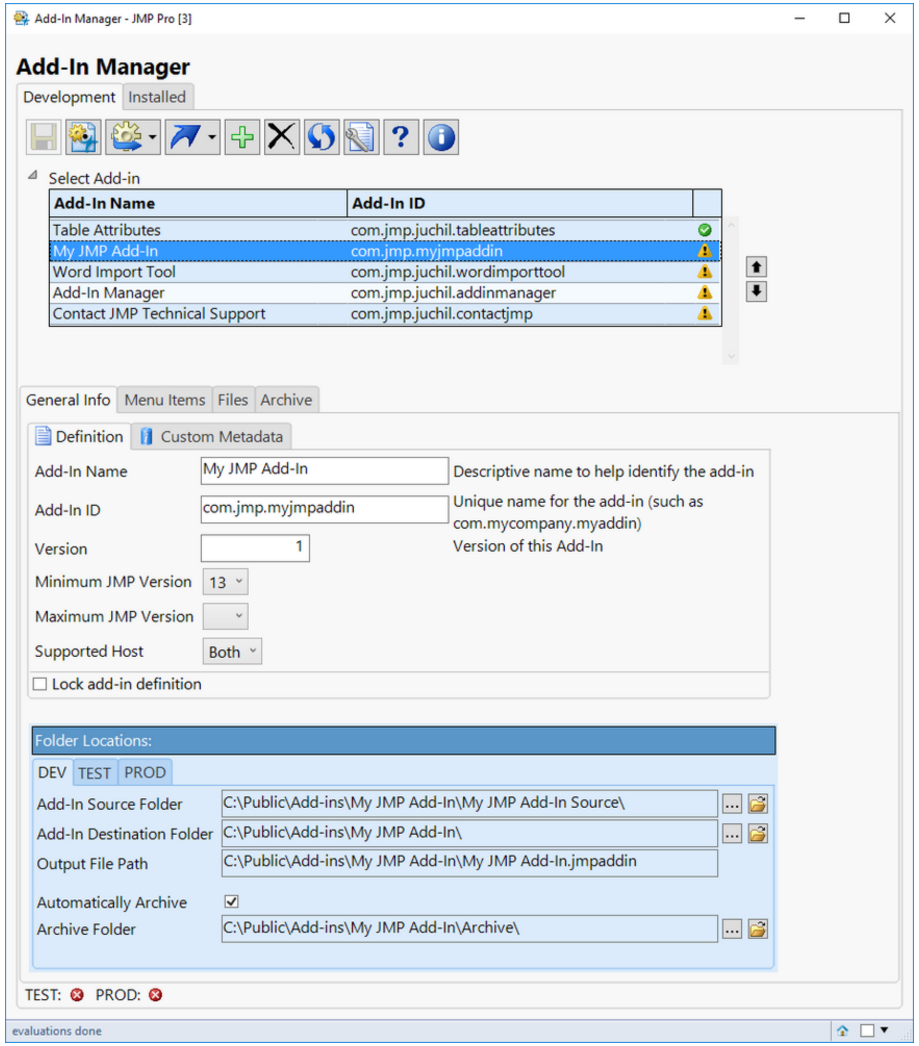


Cloud Files / Source Control (GitHub)

Download Code

Extract Files

Delete Excessive Files



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- Automatically names .jmpaddin file including version only when desired

  Examples:

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  addinName_v3.4.0-Beta2.jmpaddin
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DEMO

The addin is built.. How do you deploy it?

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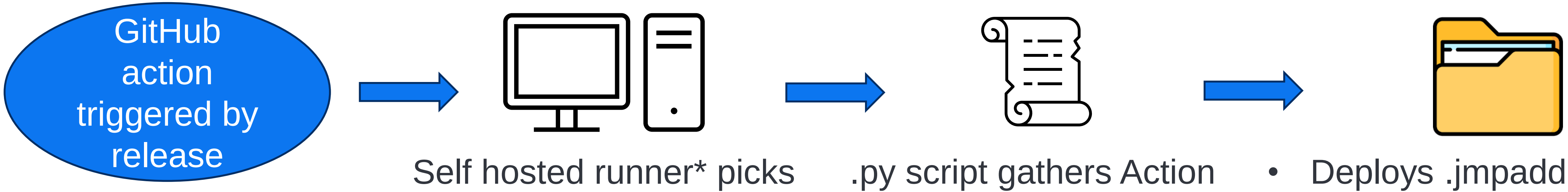
Our deployment strategy is highly unique to the specific IDEXX infrastructure that we have in place today and will likely evolve over time. But the synopsis goes like this:



GitHub action triggered by release

Self hosted runner* picks up the job

.py script gathers Action Inputs and retrieves the .jmpaddin file from GitHub.

- Deploys .jmpaddin to folder (PROD / TEST)
- Deploys updated published addin info

This is the part we talked about in the DEMO

Useful Links

Description	Link
Repo used for demo on “daily-affirmations” addin	https://github.com/sage-darling/daily-affirmations
Repo for the Project-JAAB action used for the demo that is available for your use	https://github.com/sage-darling/Project-JAAB
Project-JAAB action in the GitHub Marketplace	https://github.com/marketplace/actions/project-jaab
How to set up a security token for private repos	https://docs.github.com/en/authentication/keeping-your-account-and-data-secure/managing-your-personal-access-tokens
How to set up a self-hosted runner	https://docs.github.com/en/actions/hosting-your-own-runners/managing-self-hosted-runners/about-self-hosted-runners
JMP Built in Icons	https://community.jmp.com/t5/JMP-Add-Ins/Built-In-JMP-Icons/ta-p/42251
Add-In Manager	https://community.jmp.com/t5/JMP-Add-Ins/Add-In-Manager/ta-p/43736

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