

CMake tutorial

and its friends CPack, CTest and CDash

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And thanks to contributors as well...

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CMake tool sets

CMake

CMake is a cross-platform build systems generator which makes it easier to build software in a unified manner on a broad set of platforms:



CMake has friends softwares that may be used on their own or together:

- CMake: build system generator
- CPack: package generator
- CTest: systematic test driver
- CDash: a dashboard collector



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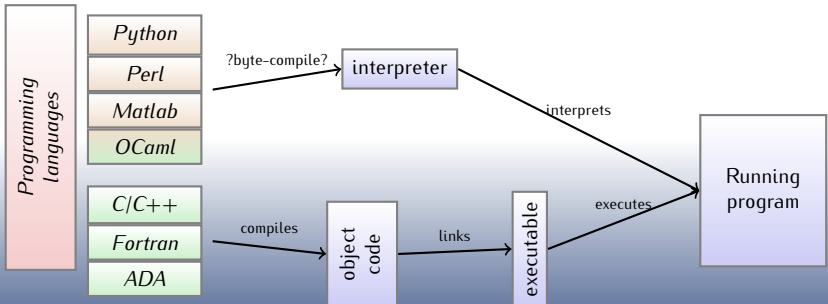
- because most softwares consist of several parts that need some building to put them together,
- because softwares are written in various languages that may share the same building process,
- because we want to build the same software for various computers (PC, Macintosh, Workstation, mobile phones and other PDA, embedded computers) and systems (Windows, Linux, *BSD, other Unices (many), Android, etc...)



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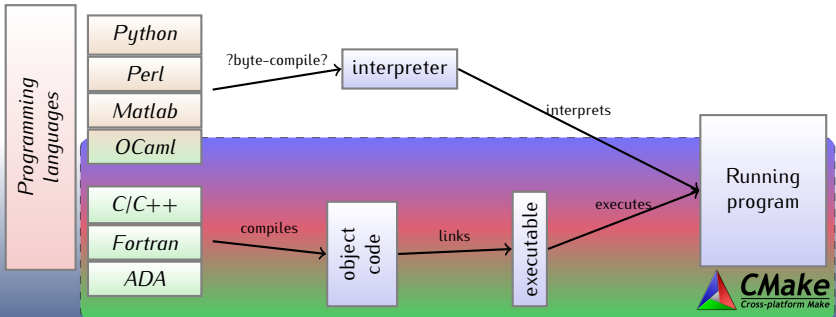




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Build systems: several choices

Alternatives

CMake is not the only build system [generator]:

- (portable) hand-written Makefiles, depends on make tool (may be **GNU Make**).
- Apache **ant** (or **Maven** or **Gradle**), dedicated to Java (almost).
- Portable IDE: Eclipse, Code::Blocks, Geany, NetBeans, ...
- GNU Autotools: **Autoconf**, Automake, Libtool. Produce makefiles. Bourne shell needed (and M4 macro processor).
- <http://www.scons.org> only depends on Python.
- ...



Build systems or build systems generator

Build systems

A tool which builds, a.k.a. compiles, a set of source files in order to produce binary executables and libraries. Those kind of tools usually takes as input a file (e.g. a Makefile) and while reading it issues compile commands. The main goal of a build tool is to (re)build the minimal subset of files when something changes. A non exhaustive list: [\[GNU\] make](#), [ninja](#), [MSBuild](#), [SCons](#), [ant](#), ...

A **Build systems generator** is a tool which generates files for a particular build system. e.g. [CMake](#) or [Autotools](#).



What build systems do?

Targets and sources

The main feature of a build system is to offer a way to describe how a target (executable, PDF, shared library...) is built from its sources (set of object files and/or libraries, a latex or rst file, set of C/C++/Fortran files...). Basically a target **depends** on one or several sources and one can run a set of **commands** in order to built the concerned target from its sources.

The main goals/features may be summarized as:

- describe dependency graph between sources and targets
- associate one or several commands to rebuild target from source(s)
- issue the minimal set of commands in order to rebuild a target



A sample Makefile for make

```
1 CC=gcc
2 CFLAGS=-Wall -Werror -pedantic -std=c99
3 LDFLAGS=
4 EXECUTABLES=Acrodictlibre Acrolibre
5
6 # default rule (the first one)
7 all : $(EXECUTABLES)
8 # explicit link target
9 Acrolibre: acrolibre.o
10     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $@ $^
11 # explicit link and compile target
12 Acrodictlibre: acrolibre.c acrodict.o
13     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -DUSE_ACRODICT -o $@ $^
14
15 # Implicit rule using file extension
16 # Every .o file depends on corresponding .c (and may be .h) file
17 %.o : %.c %.h
18     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c $<
19 %.o : %.c
20     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c $<
21 clean:
22     @\rm -f *.o $(EXECUTABLES)
```



Comparisons and [success] stories

Disclaimer

This presentation is biased. I mean totally.

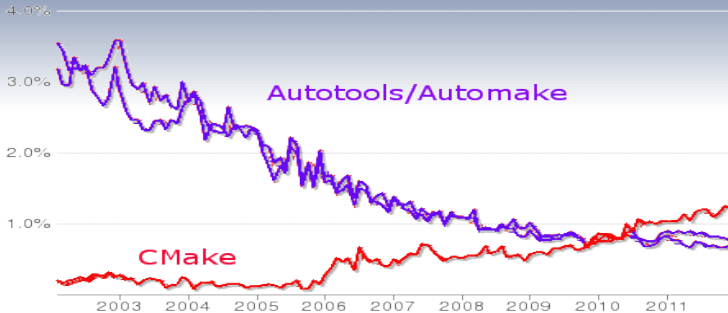
I am a big CMake fan, I did contribute to CMake, thus I'm not impartial at all. But I will be ready to discuss why CMake is the greatest build system out there :-)

Go and forge your own opinion:

- Bare list: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_build_automation_software
- A comparison: <http://www.scons.org/wiki/SconsVsOtherBuildTools>
- KDE success story (2006): "Why the KDE project switched to CMake – and how" <http://lwn.net/Articles/188693/>



CMake/Auto[conf|make] on OpenHub

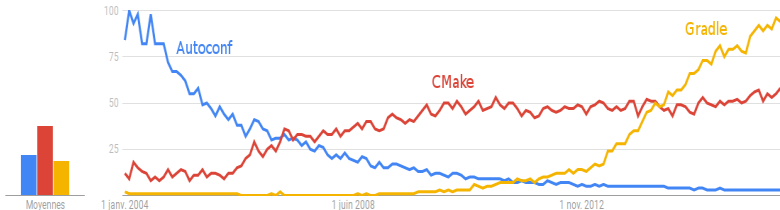


<https://www.openhub.net/languages/compare>

Language comparison of CMake to automake and autoconf showing the percentage of developers commits that modify a source file of the respective language (data from 2012).



CMake/Autoconf/Gradle on Google Trend



<https://www.google.com/trends>

Scale is based on the average worldwide request traffic searching for CMake, Autoconf and Gradle in all years (2004–now).



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A build system generator

- CMake is a generator: it generates native build systems files (Makefile, Ninja, IDE project files [XCode, CodeBlocks, Eclipse CDT, Codelite, Visual Studio, Sublime Text...], ...),
- CMake scripting language (declarative) is used to describe the build,
- The developer edits `CMakeLists.txt`, invokes CMake but should never edit the generated files,
- CMake may be (automatically) re-invoked by the build system,
- CMake has friends who may be very handy (CPack, CTest, CDash)



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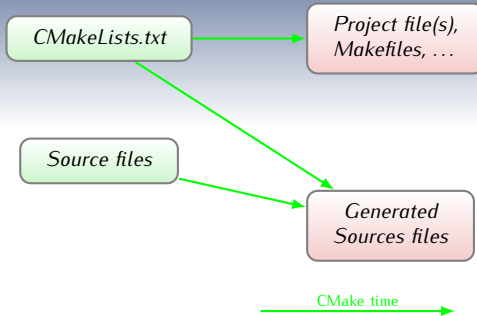
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CMakeLists.txt

Source files

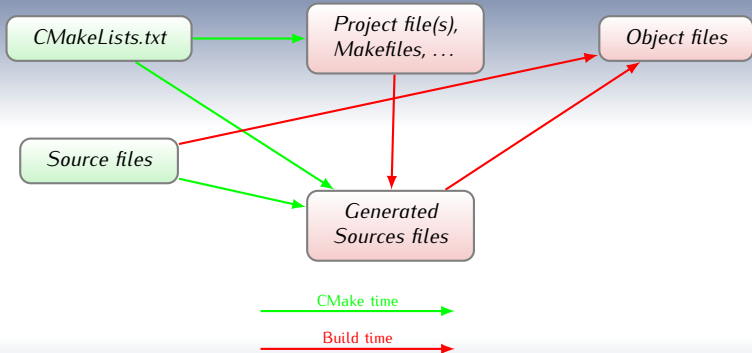


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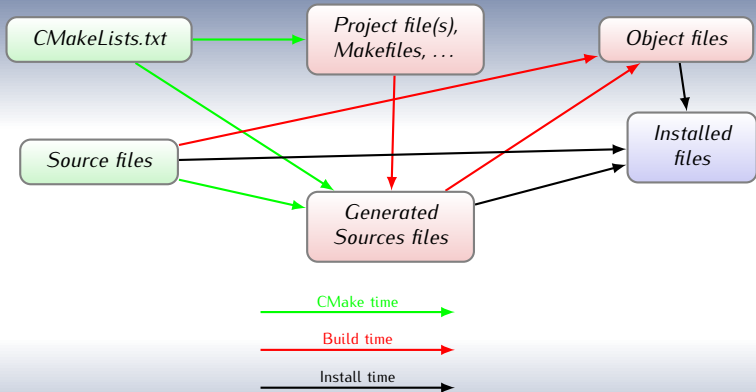


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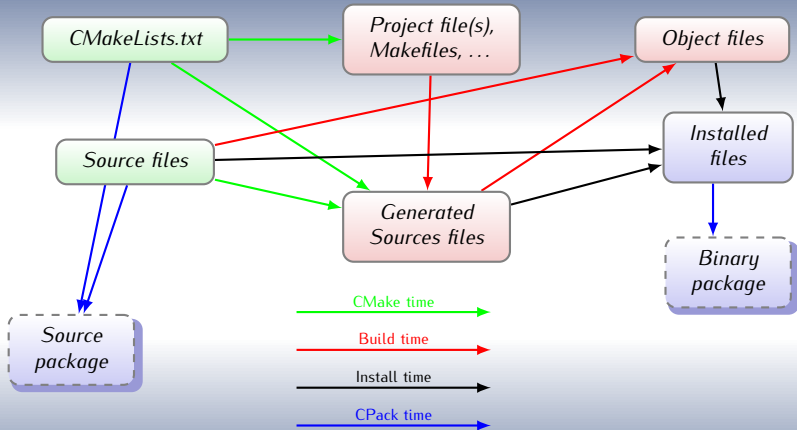


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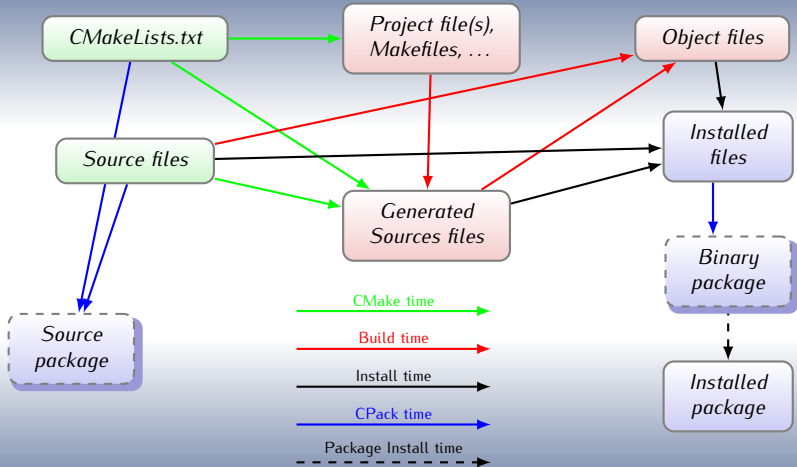


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Building an executable

Listing 1: Building a simple program

```
1 cmake_minimum_required (VERSION 3.0)
2 # This project use C source code
3 project (TotallyFree C)
4 set(CMAKE_C_STANDARD 99)
5 set(CMAKE_C_EXTENSIONS False)
6 # build executable using specified list of source files
7 add_executable(Acrolibre acrolibre.c)
```

CMake scripting language is [mostly] declarative. It has commands which are documented from within CMake:

```
$ cmake --help-command-list | wc -l
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$ cmake --help-command add_executable
...
add_executable
    Add an executable to the project using the specified source files.
```



Builtin documentation I

_____ CMake builtin doc for 'project' command _____

```
$ cmake --help-command project
project
-----
```

Set a name, version, and enable languages for the entire project.

```
project(<PROJECT-NAME> [LANGUAGES] [<language-name>...])
project(<PROJECT-NAME>
    [VERSION <major>[.<minor>[.<patch>[.<tweak>]]]]
    [LANGUAGES <language-name>...])
```

Sets the name of the project and stores the name in the
"PROJECT_NAME" variable.
[...]

Optionally you can specify which languages your project supports.

Example languages are **CXX** (i.e. C++), **C**, **Fortran**, etc. By default **C** and **CXX** are enabled.
E.g. if you do not have a C++ compiler, you can disable the check for it by explicitly
listing the languages you want to support, e.g. **C**. By using the special language **"NONE"**
all checks for any language can be disabled.



Builtin documentation II

Online doc : <https://cmake.org/documentation/>

Unix Manual: `cmake-variables(7)`, `cmake-commands(7)`, `cmake-xxx(7)`, ...

All doc generated using **Sphinx**, QtHelp file as well:

- 1 get QtHelp file from CMake:
<https://cmake.org/cmake/help/v3.6/CMake.qch>
and copy it to `CMake-tutorial/examples/`
- 2 use `CMake.qhcp` you may find in the source of this tutorial:
`CMake-tutorial/examples/CMake.qhcp`
- 3 compile QtHelp collection file:
`qcollectiongenerator CMake.qhcp -o CMake.qhc`
- 4 display it using Qt Assistant:
`assistant -collectionFile CMake.qhc`



Generating & building

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Building with make

```
1 $ ls totally-free
2 acrolibre.c CMakeLists.txt
3 $ mkdir build
4 $ cd build
5 $ cmake ../totally-free
6 -- The C compiler identification is GNU 4.6.2
7 -- Check for working C compiler: /usr/bin/gcc
8 -- Check for working C compiler: /usr/bin/gcc -- works
9 ...
10 $ make
11 ...
12 [100%] Built target Acrolibre
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Building with ninja

```
1 $ ls totally-free
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3 $ mkdir build-ninja
4 $ cd build-ninja
5 $ cmake -GNinja ../totally-free
6 -- The C compiler identification is GNU 4.6.2
7 -- Check for working C compiler: /usr/bin/gcc
8 -- Check for working C compiler: /usr/bin/gcc -- works
9 ...
10 $ ninja
11 ...
12 [6/6] Linking C executable Acrodictlibre
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Cross-Building with CMake and `make` is easy:

Building with cross-compiler

```
1 $ ls totally-free
2 acrolibre.c CMakeLists.txt
3 $ mkdir build-win32
4 $ cd build-win32
5 $ cmake -DCMAKE_TOOLCHAIN_FILE=./totally-free/Toolchain-cross-linux.cmake ../totally-free
6 -- The C compiler identification is GNU 6.1.1
7 -- Check for working C compiler: /usr/bin/i686-w64-mingw32-gcc
8 ...
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- `acrolibre.c`, the main C program
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- `acrodect.c`, the Acrodect library source
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The main program source

```
1  #include <stdlib.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3  #include <strings.h>
4  #ifdef USE_ACRODICT
5  #include "acrodict.h"
6  #endif
7  int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
8
9      const char * name;
10     #ifdef USE_ACRODICT
11         const acroltem_t* item;
12     #endif
13
14     if (argc < 2) {
15         fprintf(stderr, "%s: you need one
16             argument\n", argv[0]);
17         fprintf(stderr, "%s<name>\n", argv
18             [0]);
19         exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
20     }
21     name = argv[1];
22
23     #ifndef USE_ACRODICT
24         if (strcasecmp(name, "toulibre") == 0) {
25             printf("Toulibre is a french
26                 organization promoting FLOSS
27                 .\n");
28         }
29     }
30     #else
31         item = acrodict_get(name);
32         if (NULL != item) {
33             printf("%s: %s\n", item->name, item->
34                 description);
35         }
36     }
37     #else if (item = acrodict_get_approx(
38         name)) {
39         printf("<%s> is unknown, may be you
40             mean:\n", name);
41         printf("%s: %s\n", item->name, item->
42             description);
43     }
44     #endif
45     else {
46         printf("Sorry, I don't know: <%s>\n
47             ", name);
48         return EXIT_FAILURE;
49     }
50     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
51 }
```

The library source

```
1 #ifndef ACRODICT_H
2 #define ACRODICT_H
3 typedef struct acroltem {
4     char* name;
5     char* description;
6 } acroltem_t;
7
8 const acroltem_t*
9 acrodic_get(const char* name);
10 #endif

1 #include <stdlib.h>
2 #include <string.h>
3 #include "acrodic.h"
4 static const acroltem_t acrodic[] = {
5     {"Toulibre", "Toulibre is a french
6         organization promoting FLOSS"},
7     {"GNU", "GNU is Not Unix"},
8     {"GPL", "GNU general Public License"
9     },
10    {"BSD", "Berkeley Software
11        Distribution"},
12    {"CULTe", "Club des Utilisateurs de
13        Logiciels libres et de gnu/
14        linux de Toulouse et des
15        environs"},
16    {"Lea", "Lea-Linux: Linux entre ami(e)
17        s"},
18    {"RMLL", "Rencontres Mondiales du
19        Logiciel Libre"},
20    {"FLOSS", "Free Libre Open Source
21        Software"},
22    {"", ""}};
23
24 const acroltem_t*
25 acrodic_get(const char* name) {
26     int current = 0;
27     int found = 0;
28     while ((strlen(acrodic[current].name)
29         > 0) && !found) {
30         if (strcmp(name, acrodic[
31             current].name) == 0) {
32             found = 1;
33         } else {
34             current++;
35         }
36     }
37     if (found) {
38         return &acrodic[current];
39     } else {
40         return NULL;
41     }
42 }
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Building a library

Listing 2: Building a simple program + shared library

```
1 cmake_minimum_required (VERSION 3.0)
2 project (TotallyFree C)
3 set(CMAKE_C_STANDARD 99)
4 set(CMAKE_C_EXTENSIONS False)
5 add_executable(Acrolibre acrolibre.c)
6 set(LIBSRC acrodicth.c acrodicth.h)
7 add_library(acrodicth ${LIBSRC})
8 add_executable(Acrodictlibre acrolibre.c)
9 target_link_libraries(Acrodictlibre acrodicth)
10 set_target_properties(Acrodictlibre PROPERTIES COMPILE_FLAGS "-DUSE_ACRODICT")
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6 set(LIBSRC acrodic.c acrodic.h)
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- we define a variable and ask to build a library
- we link an executable to our library



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4 set(CMAKE_C_EXTENSIONS False)
5 add_executable(Acrolibre acrolibre.c)
6 set(LIBSRC acrodicth.c acrodicth.h)
7 add_library(acrodicth ${LIBSRC})
8 add_executable(Acrodictlibre acrolibre.c)
9 target_link_libraries(Acrodictlibre acrodicth)
10 set_target_properties(Acrodictlibre PROPERTIES COMPILE_FLAGS "-DUSE_ACRODICT")
```

- we precise that we want to compile with C99 flags
- we define a variable and ask to build a library
- we link an executable to our library
- we compile the source files of a particular target with specific compiler options



Building a library - continued I

And it builds...

All in all CMake generates appropriate Unix makefiles which build all this smoothly.

```
_____ CMake + Unix Makefile _____  
1  $ make  
2  [ 33%] Building C object CMakeFiles/acrodict.dir/acrodict.c.o  
3  Linking C shared library libacrodict.so  
4  [ 33%] Built target acrodict  
5  [ 66%] Building C object CMakeFiles/Acrodictlibre.dir/acrolibre.c.o  
6  Linking C executable Acrodictlibre  
7  [ 66%] Built target Acrodictlibre  
8  [100%] Building C object CMakeFiles/Acrolibre.dir/acrolibre.c.o  
9  Linking C executable Acrolibre  
10 [100%] Built target Acrolibre  
11 $ ls -F  
12 Acrodictlibre*  CMakeCache.txt  cmake_install.cmake  Makefile  
13 Acrolibre*      CMakeFiles/      libacrodict.so*
```




Building a library - continued II

And it works...

We get the two different variants of our program, with varying capabilities.

```
1 $ ./Acrolibre toulibre
2 Toulibre is a french organization promoting FLOSS.
3 $ ./Acrolibre FLOSS
4 Sorry, I don't know: <FLOSS>
5 $ ./Acrodictlibre FLOSS
6 FLOSS: Free Libre Open Source Software

$ make help
The following are some of the valid targets
  for this Makefile:
... all (the default if no target is provided)
... clean
... depend
... Acrodictlibre
... Acrolibre
... acrodict
...
```

Generated Makefiles has several builtin targets besides the expected ones:

- one per target (library or executable)
- clean, all
- more to come ...



Building a library - continued III

And it is homogeneously done whatever the generator...

The obtained build system contains the same set of targets whatever the combination of generator and [cross-]compiler used: Makefile+gcc, Ninja+clang, XCode, Visual Studio, etc...



User controlled build option

User controlled option

Maybe our users don't want the acronym dictionary support. We can use CMake **OPTION** command.

Listing 6: User controlled build option

```
1 cmake_minimum_required (VERSION 3.0)
2 # This project use C source code
3 project (TotallyFree C)
4 # Build option with default value to ON
5 option(WITH_ACRODICT "Include acronym dictionary support" ON)
6 set(BUILD_SHARED_LIBS true)
7 # build executable using specified list of source files
8 add_executable(Acrolibre acrolibre.c)
9 if (WITH_ACRODICT)
10     set(LIBSRC acrodict.h acrodict.c)
11     add_library(acrodict ${LIBSRC})
12     add_executable(Acrodictlibre acrolibre.c)
13     target_link_libraries(Acrodictlibre acrodict)
14     set_target_properties(Acrodictlibre PROPERTIES COMPILE_FLAGS "-DUSE_ACRODICT")
15 endif(WITH_ACRODICT)
```



Too much keyboard, time to click? I

CMake comes with several tools

A matter of choice / taste:

- a command line: `cmake`
- a curses-based TUI: `ccmake`
- a Qt-based GUI: `cmake-gui`

Calling convention

All tools expect to be called with a single argument which may be interpreted in 2 different ways.

- path to the source tree, e.g.: `cmake /path/to/source`
- path to an **existing** build tree, e.g.: `cmake-gui .`



Too much keyboard, time to click? II

ccmake : the curses-based TUI (demo)

```
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CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE
CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX /usr/local
WITH_ACRODICT ON

CMAKE BUILD TYPE: Choose the type of build, options are: None(CMAKE CXX FLAGS or
Press [enter] to edit option CMake Version 2.8.7.20120121-g751713-dirty
Press [c] to configure
Press [h] for help Press [q] to quit without generating
Press [t] to toggle advanced mode (Currently Off)
```

Here we can choose to toggle the WITH_ACRODICT **OPTION**.



Too much keyboard, time to click? III

cmake-gui : the Qt-based GUI (demo)

File Tools Options Help

Where is the source code:

Where to build the binaries:

Search: ☒ Grouped ☐ Advanced

Name	Value
▼ Ungrouped Entries	
WITH_ACRODICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
▼ CMAKE	
CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE	
CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX	/usr/local

Press Configure to update and display new values in red, then press Generate to generate selected build files.

Current Generator: Unix Makefiles

Configuring done

Again, we can choose to toggle the WITH_ACRODICT **OPTION**.



Remember CMake is a build **generator**?

The number of active generators depends on the platform we are running on Unix, **Apple**, **Windows**:

1	Borland Makefiles	16	Visual Studio 8 2005 Win64
2	MSYS Makefiles	17	Visual Studio 9 2008
3	MinGW Makefiles	18	Visual Studio 9 2008 IA64
4	NMake Makefiles	19	Visual Studio 9 2008 Win64
5	NMake Makefiles JOM	20	Watcom WMake
6	Unix Makefiles	21	CodeBlocks - MinGW Makefiles
7	Visual Studio 10	22	CodeBlocks - NMake Makefiles
8	Visual Studio 10 IA64	23	CodeBlocks - Unix Makefiles
9	Visual Studio 10 Win64	24	Eclipse CDT4 - MinGW Makefiles
10	Visual Studio 11	25	Eclipse CDT4 - NMake Makefiles
11	Visual Studio 11 Win64	26	Eclipse CDT4 - Unix Makefiles
12	Visual Studio 6	27	KDevelop3
13	Visual Studio 7	28	KDevelop3 - Unix Makefiles
14	Visual Studio 7 .NET 2003	29	XCode
15	Visual Studio 8 2005	30	Ninja



Equally simple on other platforms

It is as easy for a Windows build, however names for executables and libraries are computed in a **platform specific way**.

```
_____ CMake + MinGW Makefile _____
1  $ ls totally-free
2  acrodict.h acrodict.c acrolibre.c  CMakeLists.txt
3  $ mkdir build-win32
4  $ cd build-win32
5  $ cmake -DCMAKE_TOOLCHAIN_FILE=../totally-free/Toolchain-cross-linux.cmake ../totally-free
6  ...
7  $ make
8  Scanning dependencies of target acrodict
9  [ 33%] Building C object CMakeFiles/acrodict.dir/acrodict.c.obj
10 Linking C shared library libacrodict.dll
11 Creating library file: libacrodict.dll.a
12 [ 33%] Built target acrodict
13 Scanning dependencies of target Acrodictlibre
14 [ 66%] Building C object CMakeFiles/Acrodictlibre.dir/acrolibre.c.obj
15 Linking C executable Acrodictlibre.exe
16 [ 66%] Built target Acrodictlibre
17 Scanning dependencies of target Acrolibre
18 [100%] Building C object CMakeFiles/Acrolibre.dir/acrolibre.c.obj
19 Linking C executable Acrolibre.exe
20 [100%] Built target Acrolibre
```




Installing things

Install

Several parts of the software may need to be installed: this is controlled by the CMake `install` command.

Remember `cmake --help-command install!!`

Listing 7: install command examples

```
1  ...
2  add_executable(Acrolibre acrolibre.c)
3  install(TARGETS Acrolibre DESTINATION bin)
4  if (WITHACRODICT)
5      ...
6      install(TARGETS Acrodictlibre acrodict
7              RUNTIME DESTINATION bin
8              LIBRARY DESTINATION lib
9              ARCHIVE DESTINATION lib/static)
10     install(FILES acrodict.h DESTINATION include)
11 endif(WITHACRODICT)
```



Controlling installation destination

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```
$ cmake --help-variable CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX
```



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Then depending on when you install:

- At CMake-time set `CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX` value

```
$ cmake --help-variable CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX
```
- At Install-time use `DESTDIR` mechanism (Unix Makefiles)

```
$ make DESTDIR=/tmp/testinstall install
```



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Then depending on when you install:

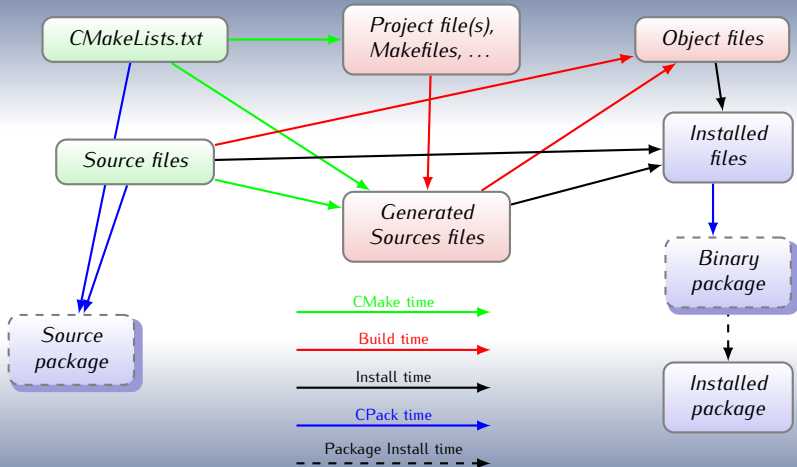
- At CMake-time set CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX value

```
$ cmake --help-variable CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX
```
- At Install-time use DESTDIR mechanism (Unix Makefiles)

```
$ make DESTDIR=/tmp/testinstall install
```
- At CPack-time, CPack what? ...be patient.
- At Package-install-time, we will see that later



The CMake workflow (pictured)





Using CMake variables

CMake variables

They are used by the user to simplify its CMakeLists.txt, but CMake uses many (~400+) of them to control/change its [default] behavior. Try: `cmake --help-variable-list`.

Inside a CMake script

```
set(CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX /home/eric/testinstall)  
$ cmake --help-command set
```

On the command line/TUI/GUI

Remember that (besides options) each CMake tool takes a single argument (source tree or **existing** build tree)

```
$ cmake -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/home/eric/testinstall .
```



The install target

Install target

The `install` target of the underlying build tool (in our case `make`) appears in the generated build system as soon as some **install** commands are used in the `CMakeLists.txt`.

```
1  $ make DESTDIR=/tmp/testinstall install
2  [ 33%] Built target acrodict
3  [ 66%] Built target Acrodictlibre
4  [100%] Built target Acrolibre
5  Install the project...
6  -- Install configuration: ""
7  -- Installing: /tmp/testinstall/bin/Acrolibre
8  -- Installing: /tmp/testinstall/bin/Acrodictlibre
9  -- Removed runtime path from "/tmp/testinstall/bin/Acrodictlibre"
10 -- Installing: /tmp/testinstall/lib/libacrodict.so
11 -- Installing: /tmp/testinstall/include/acrodict.h
12 $
```




Package the whole thing

CPack

CPack is a CMake friend application (detailed later) which may be used to easily package your software.

Listing 8: add CPack support

```
1  ...
2  endif(WITH_ACRODICT)
3  ...
4  # Near the end of the CMakeLists.txt
5  # Chose your CPack generator
6  set(CPACK_GENERATOR "TGZ")
7  # Setup package version
8  set(CPACK_PACKAGE_VERSION_MAJOR 0)
9  set(CPACK_PACKAGE_VERSION_MINOR 1)
10 set(CPACK_PACKAGE_VERSION_PATCH 0)
11 # 'call' CPack
12 include(CPack)
```

```
$ make package
[ 33%] Built target acrodict
[ 66%] Built target Acrodictlibre
[100%] Built target Acrolibre
Run CPack packaging tool...
CPack: Create package using TGZ
CPack: Install projects
CPack: - Run preinstall target for: TotallyFree
CPack: - Install project: TotallyFree
CPack: Create package
CPack: - package: <build-tree>/...
        TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux.tar.gz generated.
$ tar ztvf TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux.tar.gz
... TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux/include/acrodict.h
... TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux/bin/Acrolibre
... TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux/bin/Acrodictlibre
... TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux/lib/libacrodict.so
```



CPack the packaging friend

CPack is a standalone generator

As we will see later on, CPack is standalone application, which like CMake is a generator.

```
$ cpack -G ZIP
```

```
CPack: Create package using ZIP
CPack: Install projects
CPack: - Run preinstall target for: TotallyFree
CPack: - Install project: TotallyFree
CPack: Create package
CPack: - package: <build-tree>/...
      TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux.zip generated.
$ unzip -t TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux.zip
Archive:  TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux.zip
  testing: To.../include/acrodict.h    OK
  testing: To.../bin/Acrolibre         OK
  testing: To.../bin/Acrodictlibre     OK
  testing: To.../lib/libacrodict.so    OK
No errors detected in compressed
data of TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux.zip.
```

```
$ cpack -G RPM
```

```
CPack: Create package using RPM
CPack: Install projects
CPack: - Run preinstall target for: TotallyFree
CPack: - Install project: TotallyFree
CPack: Create package
CPackRPM: Will use GENERATED spec file: <build-tree>/...
      _CPack_Packages/Linux/RPM/SPECS/totallyfree.spec
CPack: - package: <build-tree>/...
      TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux.rpm generated.
$ rpm -qpl TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux.rpm
/usr
/usr/bin
/usr/bin/Acrodictlibre
/usr/bin/Acrolibre
/usr/include
/usr/include/acrodict.h
/usr/lib
/usr/lib/libacrodict.so
```



Didn't you mentioned testing? I

CTest

CTest is a CMake friend application (detailed later) which may be used to easily test your software (if not cross-compiled though).

Listing 9: add CTest support

```
1  ...
2  endif(WITH_ACRODICT)
3  ...
4  enable_testing()
5  add_test(toulibre-builtin
6           Acrolibre "toulibre")
7  add_test(toulibre-dict
8           Acrodictlibre "toulibre")
9  add_test(FLOSS-dict
10           Acrodictlibre "FLOSS")
11 add_test(FLOSS-fail
12           Acrolibre "FLOSS")
```

```
$ make test
Running tests...
Test project <buildtree-prefix>/build
  Start 1: toulibre-builtin
1/4 Test #1: toulibre-builtin .... Passed 0.00 sec
  Start 2: toulibre-dict
2/4 Test #2: toulibre-dict..... Passed 0.00 sec
  Start 3: FLOSS-dict
3/4 Test #3: FLOSS-dict ..... Passed 0.00 sec
  Start 4: FLOSS-fail
4/4 Test #4: FLOSS-fail .....***Failed 0.00 sec
75% tests passed, 1 tests failed out of 4
Total Test time (real) = 0.01 sec
The following tests FAILED:
  4 - FLOSS-fail (Failed)
```



Didn't you mentioned testing? II

Tailor success rule

CTest uses the return code in order to get success/failure status, but one can tailor the success/fail rule.

Listing 10: add CTest support

```
1 ...  
2 endif(WITH_ACRODICT)  
3 ...  
4 enable_testing()  
5 add_test(toulibre-builtin  
6         Acrolibre "toulibre")  
7 add_test(toulibre-dict  
8         Acrodictlibre "toulibre")  
9 add_test(FLOSS-dict  
10        Acrodictlibre "FLOSS")  
11 add_test(FLOSS-fail  
12        Acrolibre "FLOSS")  
13 set_tests_properties (FLOSS-fail  
14     PROPERTIES  
15     PASS_REGULAR_EXPRESSION  
16     "Sorry, I don't know:.*FLOSS")
```

```
$ make test  
Running tests...  
Test project <buildtree-prefix>/build  
  Start 1: toulibre-builtin  
1/4 Test #1: toulibre-builtin .... Passed 0.00 sec  
  Start 2: toulibre-dict  
2/4 Test #2: toulibre-dict..... Passed 0.00 sec  
  Start 3: FLOSS-dict  
3/4 Test #3: FLOSS-dict ..... Passed 0.00 sec  
  Start 4: FLOSS-fail  
4/4 Test #4: FLOSS-fail ..... Passed 0.00 sec  
  
100% tests passed, 0 tests failed out of 4  
  
Total Test time (real) = 0.01 sec
```



CTest the testing friend

CTest is a standalone generic test driver

CTest is standalone application, which can run a set of test programs.

```
$ ctest -R toulibre-
Test project <build-tree>/build
  Start 1: toulibre-builtin
1/2 Test #1: toulibre-builtin .. Passed 0.00 sec
  Start 2: toulibre-dict
2/2 Test #2: toulibre-dict ..... Passed 0.00 sec

100% tests passed, 0 tests failed out of 2

Total Test time (real) = 0.01 sec
```

```
$ ctest -R FLOSS-fail -V
Test project <build-tree>
Constructing a list of tests
Done constructing a list of tests
Checking test dependency graph...
Checking test dependency graph end
test 4
  Start 4: FLOSS-fail
4: Test command: <build-tree>/Acrolibre "FLOSS"
4: Test timeout computed to be: 9.99988e+06
4: Sorry, I don't know: <FLOSS>
1/1 Test #4: FLOSS-fail .....***Failed 0.00 sec

0% tests passed, 1 tests failed out of 1
Total Test time (real) = 0.00 sec

The following tests FAILED:
  4 - FLOSS-fail (Failed)
Errors while running CTest
```



CDash the test results publishing

Dashboard

CTest may help publishing the results of the tests on a CDash dashboard (<http://www.cdash.org/>) for easing collective regression testing. More on this later...

<http://www.orfeo-toolbox.org/~http://dash.orfeo-toolbox.org/>



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Summary

CMake basics

Using CMake basics we can already do a lot of things with minimal writing.

- Write simple build specification file: `CMakeLists.txt`
- Discover compilers (C, C++, Fortran)
- Build executable and library (shared or static) in a cross-platform manner
- Package the resulting binaries with CPack
- Run systematic tests with CTest and publish them with CDash



Seeking more information or help

There are several places you can go by yourself:

- 1 (re-)Read the documentation: <https://cmake.org/documentation>
- 2 Read the FAQ: https://cmake.org/Wiki/CMake_FAQ
- 3 Read the Wiki: <https://cmake.org/Wiki/CMake>
- 4 Ask on the Mailing List: <https://cmake.org/mailing-lists>
- 5 Browse the built-in help:

```
man cmake-xxxx
```

```
cmake --help-xxxxx
```

```
assistant -collectionFile examples/CMake.qhc
```




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How to discover system

System/compiler specific variables

Right after the **project** command CMake has set up variables which can be used to tailor the build in a platform specific way.

- system specific
 - **WIN32** True on Windows systems, including Win64.
 - **UNIX** True for UNIX and UNIX like operating systems.
 - **APPLE** True if running on Mac OS X.
 - **CYGWIN** True for Cygwin.
 - Have a look at `cmake --system-information` output
- compiler specific
 - `CMAKE_<LANG>_COMPILER_ID` A short string unique to the compiler vendor : Clang, GNU, MSVC, Cray, Absoft TI, XL...



Handle system specific code

Some functions like `strcasestr` (lines **6** and **7**) may not be available on all platforms.

Listing 11: excerpt from `acrodic.t.c`

```
1  const acroltem_t* acrodic_get_approx(const char* name) {
2      int current =0;
3      int found =0;
4      #ifdef GUESS.NAME
5          while ((strlen(acrodic[current].name)>0) && !found) {
6              if ((strcasestr(name,acrodic[current].name)!=0) ||
7                  (strcasestr(acrodic[current].name,name)!=0)) {
8                  found=1;
9              } else {
10                 current++;
11             }
12         }
13         if (found) {
14             return &(acrodic[current]);
15         } else
16     #endif
17     {
18         return NULL;
19     }
20 }
```



Use system specific option

```
1 # Build option with default value to ON
2 option(WITH_ACRODICT "Include_acronym_dictionary_support" ON)
3 if(NOT WIN32)
4   option(WITH_GUESS_NAME "Guess_acronym_name" ON)
5   endif(NOT WIN32)
6   ...
7   if (WITH_ACRODICT)
8     # list of sources in our library
9     set(LIBSRC acrodict.h acrodict.c)
10    if (WITH_GUESS_NAME)
11      set_source_files_properties(acrodict.c PROPERTIES COMPILE_FLAGS "-DGUESS_NAME")
12    endif(WITH_GUESS_NAME)
13    add_library(acrodict ${LIBSRC})
14    ...
```

Line 4 defines a CMake option, but not on WIN32 system. Then on line 11, if the option is set then we pass a source specific compile flags.

`cmake --help-command set_source_files_properties`



System specific in real life

Real [numeric] life project

Real projects (i.e. not the toy of this tutorial) have many parts of their `CMakeLists.txt` which deal with system/compiler specific option/feature.

- MuseScore
- CERTI, <http://git.savannah.gnu.org/cgit/certi.git/tree>
- SchedMCore, <https://svn.onera.fr/schedmcore/trunk/>
- CMake (of course)
- LLVM, <http://llvm.org/docs/CMake.html>
- many more ...



What about projectConfig.h file? I

Project config files

Sometimes it's easier to test for features and then write a configuration file (`config.h`, `project_config.h`, ...). The CMake way to do that is to:

- 1 lookup system information using CMake variable, functions, macros (built-in or imported) then set various variables,
- 2 use the defined variable in order to write a template configuration header file
- 3 then use **configure_file** in order to produce the actual config file from the template.



What about projectConfig.h file? II

Listing 12: Excerpt from CERTI project's main CMakeLists.txt

```
1  # Load Checker macros
2  INCLUDE(CheckFunctionExists)
3
4  FIND_FILE(HAVE_STDINT_H NAMES stdint.h)
5  FIND_FILE(HAVE_SYS_SELECT_H NAMES select.h
6    PATH_SUFFIXES sys)
7  INCLUDE(CheckIncludeFile)
8  CHECK_INCLUDE_FILE(time.h HAVE_TIME_H)
9  FIND_LIBRARY(RT_LIBRARY rt)
10 if(RT_LIBRARY)
11   SET(CMAKE_REQUIRED_LIBRARIES ${CMAKE_REQUIRED_LIBRARIES} ${RT_LIBRARY})
12 endif(RT_LIBRARY)
13
14 CHECK_FUNCTION_EXISTS(clock_gettime HAVE_CLOCK_GETTIME)
15 CHECK_FUNCTION_EXISTS(clock_settime HAVE_CLOCK_SETTIME)
16 CHECK_FUNCTION_EXISTS(clock_getres HAVE_CLOCK_GETRES)
17 CHECK_FUNCTION_EXISTS(clock_nanosleep HAVE_CLOCK_NANOSLEEP)
18 IF (HAVE_CLOCK_GETTIME AND HAVE_CLOCK_SETTIME AND HAVE_CLOCK_GETRES)
19   SET(HAVE_POSIX_CLOCK 1)
20 ENDIF (HAVE_CLOCK_GETTIME AND HAVE_CLOCK_SETTIME AND HAVE_CLOCK_GETRES)
21 ...
22 CONFIGURE_FILE(${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/config.h.cmake
23   ${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/config.h)
```




What about projectConfig.h file? III

Excerpt from CERTI config.h.cmake

```
1  /* define if the compiler has numeric_limits<T> */
2  #cmakedefine HAVE_NUMERIC_LIMITS
3
4  /* Define to 1 if you have the <stdint.h> header file. */
5  #cmakedefine HAVE_STDINT_H 1
6
7  /* Define to 1 if you have the <stdlib.h> header file. */
8  #cmakedefine HAVE_STDLIB_H 1
9
10 /* Define to 1 if you have the <strings.h> header file. */
11 #cmakedefine HAVE_STRINGS_H 1
12 ...
13 /* Name of package */
14 #cmakedefine PACKAGE "@PACKAGE_NAME@"
15
16 /* Define to the address where bug reports for this package should be sent. */
17 #cmakedefine PACKAGE_BUGREPORT "@PACKAGE_BUGREPORT@"
18
19 /* Define to the full name of this package. */
20 #cmakedefine PACKAGE_NAME "@PACKAGE_NAME@"
21
22 /* Define to the full name and version of this package. */
23 #cmakedefine PACKAGE_STRING "@PACKAGE_NAME@-@PACKAGE_VERSION@"
```



What about projectConfig.h file? IV

And you get something like:

```
_____ Excerpt from generated CERTI config.h _____  
1  /* define if the compiler has numeric_limits<T> */  
2  #define HAVE_NUMERIC_LIMITS  
3  
4  /* Define to 1 if you have the <stdint.h> header file. */  
5  #define HAVE_STDINT_H 1  
6  
7  /* Define to 1 if you have the <stdlib.h> header file. */  
8  #define HAVE_STDLIB_H 1  
9  
10 /* Define to 1 if you have the <strings.h> header file. */  
11 #define HAVE_STRINGS_H 1  
12 ...  
13 /* Name of package */  
14 /* #undef PACKAGE */  
15  
16 /* Define to the address where bug reports for this package should be sent. */  
17 #define PACKAGE_BUGREPORT "certi-devel@nongnu.org"  
18  
19 /* Define to the full name of this package. */  
20 #define PACKAGE_NAME "CERTI"  
21  
22 /* Define to the full name and version of this package. */  
23 /* #undef PACKAGE_STRING */
```



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The `find_package` command I

Finding external package

Project may be using external libraries, programs, files etc... Those can be found using the `find_package` command.

Listing 13: using libxml2

```
1 find_package (LibXml2)
2 if (LIBXML2_FOUND)
3     add_definitions(-DHAVE_XML ${LIBXML2_DEFINITIONS})
4     include_directories (${LIBXML2_INCLUDE_DIR})
5 else (LIBXML2_FOUND)
6     set (LIBXML2_LIBRARIES "")
7 endif (LIBXML2_FOUND)
8 ...
9 target_link_libraries (MyTarget ${LIBXML2_LIBRARIES})
```



The `find_package` command II

- Find modules usually define standard variables (for module XXX)
 - 1 `XXX_FOUND`: Set to false, or undefined, if we haven't found, or don't want to use XXX.
 - 2 `XXX_INCLUDE_DIRS`: The final set of include directories listed in one variable for use by client code.
 - 3 `XXX_LIBRARIES`: The libraries to link against to use XXX. These should include full paths.
 - 4 `XXX_DEFINITIONS`: Definitions to use when compiling code that uses XXX.
 - 5 `XXX_EXECUTABLE`: File location of the XXX tool's binary.
 - 6 `XXX_LIBRARY_DIRS`: Optionally, the final set of library directories listed in one variable for use by client code.
- See `doc cmake --help-module FindLibXml2`
- Many modules are provided by CMake (230 as of CMake 3.6.2)



The `find_package` command III

- Projects which are built with CMake usually provide a Project Config file see doc: <https://cmake.org/cmake/help/git-master/manual/cmake-packages.7.html>
- You may write your own:
https://cmake.org/Wiki/CMake:Module_Maintainers
- A module may provide not only CMake variables but new CMake macros (we will see that later with the **MACRO**, **FUNCTION** CMake language commands)



The other `find_xxxx` commands

The `find_xxx` command family

`find_package` is a high level module finding mechanism but there are lower-level CMake commands which may be used to write find modules or anything else inside `CMakeLists.txt`

- to find an executable program: **`find_program`**
- to find a library: **`find_library`**
- to find any kind of file: **`find_file`**
- to find a path where a file resides: **`find_path`**



FindPrelude.cmake example I

The FindPrelude.cmake is part of the Prelude synchronous language compiler made by ONERA:

<https://forge.onera.fr/projects/Prelude>. This a source-to-source compiler which takes as input prelude file (.plu1) and generates a bunch of C files which may be compiled in a dynamic library. The FindPrelude.cmake helps to automatize this task.



FindPrelude.cmake example II

```
1  # - Find Prelude compiler
2  # Find the Prelude synchronous language compiler with associated includes path.
3  # See http://www.lifl.fr/~forget/prelude.html
4  # and https://forge.onera.fr/projects/prelude
5  # This module defines
6  # PRELUDE_COMPILER, the prelude compiler
7  # PRELUDE_COMPILER_VERSION, the version of the prelude compiler
8  # PRELUDE_INCLUDE_DIR, where to find dword.h, etc.
9  # PRELUDE_FOUND, If false, Prelude was not found.
10 # On can set PRELUDE_PATH_HINT before using find_package(Prelude) and the
11 # module will use the PATH as a hint to find preludec.
12 #
13 # The hint can be given on the command line too:
14 #   cmake -DPRELUDE_PATH_HINT=/DATA/ERIC/Prelude/prelude-x.y /path/to/source
15 #
16 # The module defines some functions:
17 #   Prelude_Compile(NODE <Prelude Main Node>
18 #                   PLU_FILES <Prelude files>
19 #                   [USER_C_FILES <C files>]
20 #                   [NOENCODING]
21 #                   [REAL_IS_DOUBLE]
22 #                   [BOOL_IS_STDBOOL]
23 #                   [TRACING fmt])
24 #
```



FindPrelude.cmake example III

```
25
26 if (PRELUDE_PATH_HINT)
27     message (STATUS "FindPrelude: using PATH_HINT: ${PRELUDE_PATH_HINT}")
28 else ()
29     set (PRELUDE_PATH_HINT)
30 endif ()
31
32 #One can add his/her own builtin PATH.
33 #FILE (TO_CMAKE_PATH "/DATA/ERIC/Prelude/prelude-x.y" MYPATH)
34 #list (APPEND PRELUDE_PATH_HINT ${MYPATH})
35
36 # FIND_PROGRAM twice using NO_DEFAULT_PATH on first shot
37 find_program (PRELUDE_COMPILER
38     NAMES preludec
39     PATHS ${PRELUDE_PATH_HINT}
40     PATH_SUFFIXES bin
41     NO_DEFAULT_PATH
42     DOC "Path to the Prelude compiler command 'preludec'")
43
44 find_program (PRELUDE_COMPILER
45     NAMES preludec
46     PATHS ${PRELUDE_PATH_HINT}
47     PATH_SUFFIXES bin
48     DOC "Path to the Prelude compiler command 'preludec'")
49
```



FindPrelude.cmake example IV

```
50 if(PRELUDE_COMPILER)
51     # get the path where the prelude compiler was found
52     get_filename_component(PRELUDE_PATH ${PRELUDE_COMPILER} PATH)
53     # remove bin
54     get_filename_component(PRELUDE_PATH ${PRELUDE_PATH} PATH)
55     # add path to PRELUDE_PATH_HINT
56     list(APPEND PRELUDE_PATH_HINT ${PRELUDE_PATH})
57     execute_process(COMMAND ${PRELUDE_COMPILER} --version
58         OUTPUT_VARIABLE PRELUDE_COMPILER_VERSION
59         OUTPUT_STRIP_TRAILING_WHITESPACE)
60     message(STATUS "Prelude_compiler_version_is:${PRELUDE_COMPILER_VERSION}")
61     execute_process(COMMAND ${PRELUDE_COMPILER} --help
62         OUTPUT_VARIABLE PRELUDE_OPTIONS_LIST
63         OUTPUT_STRIP_TRAILING_WHITESPACE)
64     set(PRELUDE_TRACING_OPTION)
65     string(REGEX MATCH "-tracing_output" PRELUDE_TRACING_OPTION "${PRELUDE_OPTIONS_LIST}")
66     if(PRELUDE_TRACING_OPTION)
67         message(STATUS "Prelude_compiler_support_tracing.")
68         set(PRELUDE_SUPPORT_TRACING "YES")
69     else(PRELUDE_TRACING_OPTION)
70         message(STATUS "Prelude_compiler_DOES_NOT_support_tracing.")
71         set(PRELUDE_SUPPORT_TRACING "NO")
72     endif(PRELUDE_TRACING_OPTION)
73 endif(PRELUDE_COMPILER)
74
```



FindPrelude.cmake example V

```
75 find_path (PRELUDE_INCLUDE_DIR
76             NAMES dword.h
77             PATHS ${PRELUDE_PATH_HINT}
78             PATH_SUFFIXES lib/prelude
79             DOC "The Prelude include headers")
80
81 # Check if LTTng is to be supported
82 if (NOT LTTNG_FOUND)
83     option (ENABLE_LTTNG_SUPPORT "Enable LTTng support" OFF)
84     if (ENABLE_LTTNG_SUPPORT)
85         find_package (LTTng)
86         if (LTTNG_FOUND)
87             message (STATUS "Will build LTTng support into library...")
88             include_directories (${LTTNG_INCLUDE_DIR})
89         endif (LTTNG_FOUND)
90     endif (ENABLE_LTTNG_SUPPORT)
91 endif ()
92
93 # Macros used to compile a prelude library
94 include (CMakeParseArguments)
95 function (Prelude_Compile)
96     set (options NOENCODING REAL_IS_DOUBLE BOOL_IS_STDBOOL)
97     set (oneValueArgs NODE TRACING)
98     set (multiValueArgs PLU_FILES USER_C_FILES)
99     cmake_parse_arguments (PLU "${options}" "${oneValueArgs}" "${multiValueArgs}" ${ARGN})
```



FindPrelude.cmake example VI

```
100
101 if (PLU_NOENCODING)
102     set (PRELUDE_ENCODING "-no_encoding")
103     set (PRELUDE_OUTPUT_DIR "${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/${PLU_NODE}/noencoding")
104     set (PRELUDE_ENCODING_SUFFIX "-noencoding")
105 else ()
106     set (PRELUDE_ENCODING)
107     set (PRELUDE_OUTPUT_DIR "${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/${PLU_NODE}/encoded")
108     set (PRELUDE_ENCODING_SUFFIX "-encoded")
109 endif ()
110
111 if (PLU_REAL_IS_DOUBLE)
112     set (PRELUDE_REAL_OPT "-real_is_double")
113 else ()
114     set (PRELUDE_REAL_OPT "")
115 endif ()
116
117 if (PLU_BOOL_IS_STDBOOL)
118     set (PRELUDE_BOOL_OPT "-bool_is_stdbool")
119 else ()
120     set (PRELUDE_BOOL_OPT "")
121 endif ()
122
123 if (PRELUDE_SUPPORT_TRACING)
124     if (PLU_TRACING)
```



FindPrelude.cmake example VII

```
125     set(PRELUDE_TRACING_OPT "-tracing")
126     set(PRELUDE_TRACING_OPT_VALUE "${PLU_TRACING}")
127 else()
128     set(PRELUDE_TRACING_OPT "-tracing")
129     set(PRELUDE_TRACING_OPT_VALUE "no")
130 endif()
131 else(PRELUDE_SUPPORT_TRACING)
132     set(PRELUDE_TRACING_OPT "")
133     set(PRELUDE_TRACING_OPT_VALUE "")
134 endif(PRELUDE_SUPPORT_TRACING)
135
136 file(MAKE_DIRECTORY ${PRELUDE_OUTPUT_DIR})
137 set(PRELUDE_GENERATED_FILES
138     ${PRELUDE_OUTPUT_DIR}/${PLU_NODE}.c
139     ${PRELUDE_OUTPUT_DIR}/${PLU_NODE}.h)
140
141 add_custom_command(
142     OUTPUT ${PRELUDE_GENERATED_FILES}
143     COMMAND ${PRELUDE_COMPILER} ${PRELUDE_ENCODING} ${PRELUDE_BOOL_OPT} ${PRELUDE_REAL_OPT}
144     DEPENDS ${PLU_PLU_FILES}
145     WORKING_DIRECTORY ${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}
146     COMMENT "Compile_prelude_source(s):_${PLU_PLU_FILES}")
147 )
148 set_source_files_properties(${PRELUDE_GENERATED_FILES}
149     PROPERTIES GENERATED TRUE)
```



FindPrelude.cmake example VIII

```
150 include_directories(${PRELUDE_INCLUDE_DIR} ${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR} ${PRELUDE_OUTPUT_DIR}
151 add_library(${PLU_NODE}${PRELUDE_ENCODING_SUFFIX} SHARED
152             ${PRELUDE_GENERATED_FILES} ${PLU_USER_C_FILES}
153             )
154 if(LTTNG_FOUND)
155     target_link_libraries(${PLU_NODE}${PRELUDE_ENCODING_SUFFIX} ${LTTNG_LIBRARIES})
156 endif()
157 message(STATUS "Prelude: Added rule for building prelude library: ${PLU_NODE}")
158 endfunction(Prelude_Compile)
159
160 # handle the QUIETLY and REQUIRED arguments and set PRELUDE_FOUND to TRUE if
161 # all listed variables are TRUE
162 include(FindPackageHandleStandardArgs)
163 FIND_PACKAGE_HANDLE_STANDARD_ARGS(PRELUDE
164                                   REQUIRED_VARS PRELUDE_COMPILER PRELUDE_INCLUDE_DIR)
165 # VERSION FPHSA options not handled by CMake version < 2.8.2)
166 # VERSION_VAR PRELUDE_COMPILER_VERSION)
167 mark_as_advanced(PRELUDE_INCLUDE_DIR)
```



Advanced use of external package I

Installed External package

The previous examples suppose that you have the package you are looking for on your host.

- you did install the runtime libraries
- you did install eventual developer libraries, headers and tools

What if the external packages:

- are only available as source (tarball, VCS repositories, ...)
- use a build system (autotools or CMake or ...)



Advanced use of external package II

ExternalProject_Add

The `ExternalProject.cmake` CMake module defines a high-level macro which does just that:

- 1 download/checkout source
- 2 update/patch
- 3 configure
- 4 build
- 5 install (and test)

...an external project

```
$ cmake --help-module ExternalProject
```



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Command mode

list of command mode commands

```
1  $ cmake -E
2  CMake Error: cmake version 3.6.2
3  Usage: cmake -E <command> [arguments...]
4  Available commands:
5      chdir dir cmd [args...] - run command in a given directory
6      compare_files file1 file2 - check if file1 is same as file2
7      copy <file>... destination - copy files to destination (either file or directory)
8      copy_directory <dir>... destination - copy content of <dir>... directories to 'destination' directory
9      copy_if_different <file>... destination - copy files if it has changed
10     echo [<string>...] - displays arguments as text
11     echo_append [<string>...] - displays arguments as text but no new line
12     env [--unset=NAME]... [NAME=VALUE]... COMMAND [ARG]...
13         - run command in a modified environment
14     environment - display the current environment
15     make_directory <dir>... - create parent and <dir> directories
16     md5sum <file>... - create MD5 checksum of files
17     remove [-f] <file>... - remove the file(s), use -f to force it
18     remove_directory dir - remove a directory and its contents
19     rename oldname newname - rename a file or directory (on one volume)
20     tar [cxt][vf][zjJ] file.tar [file/dir1 file/dir2 ...]
21         - create or extract a tar or zip archive
22     sleep <number>... - sleep for given number of seconds
23     time command [args...] - run command and return elapsed time
24     touch file - touch a file.
25     touch_nocreate file - touch a file but do not create it.
26 Available on UNIX only:
27     create_symlink old new - create a symbolic link new -> old
```



CMake scripting

Overview of CMake language

CMake is a declarative language which contains 90+ commands. It contains general purpose constructs: **set**, **unset**, **if**, **elseif**, **else**, **endif**, **foreach**, **while**, **break** see [cmake-language\(7\)](#)

Remember:

```
1 $ cmake --help-command-list
2 $ cmake --help-command <command-name>
3 $ cmake --help-command message
4 cmake version 2.8.7
5 message
6     Display a message to the user.
7     message([STATUS|WARNING|AUTHOR_WARNING|FATAL_ERROR|SEND_ERROR]
8             "message to display" ...)
9     The optional keyword determines the type of message:
10     (none)      = Important information
11     STATUS      = Incidental information
12     WARNING     = CMake Warning, continue processing
13     AUTHOR_WARNING = CMake Warning (dev), continue processing
14     SEND_ERROR  = CMake Error, continue but skip generation
15     FATAL_ERROR  = CMake Error, stop all processing
```



Higher level commands as well

- file manipulation with **file** : **READ**, **WRITE**, **APPEND**, **RENAME**, **REMOVE**, **MAKE_DIRECTORY**
- advanced files operations: **GLOB**, **GLOB_RECURSE** file name in a path, **DOWNLOAD**, **UPLOAD**
- working with path: **file** (**TO_CMAKE_PATH** / **TO_NATIVE_PATH** ...), **get_filename_component**
- execute an external process (with stdout, stderr and return code retrieval): **execute_process**
- builtin list manipulation command: **list** with sub-commands **LENGTH**, **GET**, **APPEND**, **FIND**, **APPEND**, **INSERT**, **REMOVE_ITEM**, **REMOVE_AT**, **REMOVE_DUPLICATES** **REVERSE**, **SORT**
- string manipulation: **string**, upper/lower case conversion, length, comparison, substring, regular expression match, ...



Portable script for building CMake I

As an example of what can be done with pure CMake script (script mode) here is a script for building the CMake package using a previously installed CMake.

```
1  # Simple cmake script which may be used to build
2  # cmake from automatically downloaded source
3  #
4  #   cd tmp/
5  #   cmake -P CMake-autobuild-v2.cmake
6  # you should end up with a
7  #   tmp/cmake-x.y.z source tree
8  #   tmp/cmake-x.y.z-build build tree
9  # configure and compiled tree, using the tarball found on Kitware.
10 #
11 # if you access the internet through a proxy then you should
12 # set the "http_proxy" and "https_proxy" environment variable
13 # to appropriate value before running the CMake script.
14 # e.g.:
15 #   export http_proxy=http://myproxy.mydomain.fr:80
16 #   export https_proxy=https://myproxy.mydomain.fr:80
17
18
```



Portable script for building CMake II

```
19 cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.0)
20 set(CMAKE_VERSION "3.6.2")
21 set(CMAKE_FILE_PREFIX "cmake-${CMAKE_VERSION}")
22 string(REGEX MATCH "[0-9]\\.[0-9]" CMAKE_MAJOR "${CMAKE_VERSION}")
23 set(CMAKE_REMOTE_PREFIX "http://www.cmake.org/files/v${CMAKE_MAJOR}/")
24 set(CMAKE_FILE_SUFFIX ".tar.gz")
25 set(CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE "Debug")
26 set(CMAKE_BUILD_QT_DIALOG "ON")
27 set(CMAKE_BUILD_GENERATOR "")
28 #try Ninja (https://ninja-build.org) if you have it installed
29 #set(CMAKE_BUILD_GENERATOR "-GNinja")
30 set(CPACK_GEN "TGZ")
31 #try another CPack generator
32 set(CPACK_GEN "RPM")
33
34 set(LOCAL_FILE "./${CMAKE_FILE_PREFIX}${CMAKE_FILE_SUFFIX}")
35 set(REMOTE_FILE "${CMAKE_REMOTE_PREFIX}${CMAKE_FILE_PREFIX}${CMAKE_FILE_SUFFIX}")
36
37 message(STATUS "Trying to autoinstall CMake version ${CMAKE_VERSION} using {
    REMOTE_FILE} file...")
38
39 message(STATUS "Downloading...")
40 if (EXISTS ${LOCAL_FILE})
41     message(STATUS "Already there: nothing to do")
42 else (EXISTS ${LOCAL_FILE})
```



Portable script for building CMake III

```
43 message(STATUS "Not there, trying to download...")
44 file(DOWNLOAD ${REMOTE_FILE} ${LOCAL_FILE}
45     TIMEOUT 600
46     STATUS DL_STATUS
47     LOG DL_LOG
48     SHOW_PROGRESS)
49 list(GET DL_STATUS 0 DL_NOK)
50 if ("${DL_LOG}" MATCHES "404_Not_Found")
51     set(DL_NOK 1)
52 endif ("${DL_LOG}" MATCHES "404_Not_Found")
53 if (DL_NOK)
54     # we shall remove the file because it is created
55     # with an inappropriate content
56     file(REMOVE ${LOCAL_FILE})
57     message(SEND_ERROR "Download failed: ${DL_LOG}")
58 else (DL_NOK)
59     message(STATUS "Download successful.")
60 endif (DL_NOK)
61 endif (EXISTS ${LOCAL_FILE})
62
63 message(STATUS "Unarchiving the file")
64 execute_process(COMMAND ${CMAKE_COMMAND} -E tar zxvf ${LOCAL_FILE}
65     RESULT_VARIABLE UNTAR_RES
66     OUTPUT_VARIABLE UNTAR_OUT
67     ERROR_VARIABLE UNTAR_ERR)
```



Portable script for building CMake IV

```
68     )
69     message(STATUS "CMake_␣version_␣${CMAKE_VERSION}_␣has_␣been_␣unarchived_␣in_␣${
    CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/${CMAKE_FILE_PREFIX}.".")
70
71     message(STATUS "Configuring_␣with_␣CMake_␣(build_␣type=${CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE}_␣,␣QtDialog=${
    CMAKE_BUILD_QTDIALOG}_␣,␣build_␣generator=${CMAKE_BUILD_GENERATOR})...")
72     file(MAKE_DIRECTORY ${CMAKE_FILE_PREFIX}-build)
73     execute_process(COMMAND ${CMAKE_COMMAND} ${CMAKE_BUILD_GENERATOR} -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=
    ${CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE} -DBUILD_QtDialog:BOOL=${CMAKE_BUILD_QTDIALOG} ../${
    CMAKE_FILE_PREFIX}
74                     WORKING_DIRECTORY ${CMAKE_FILE_PREFIX}-build
75                     RESULT_VARIABLE CONFIG_RES
76                     OUTPUT_VARIABLE CONFIG_OUT
77                     ERROR_VARIABLE CONFIG_ERR
78                     TIMEOUT 200
79                 )
80     if (CONFIG_RES)
81         message(ERROR "Configuration_␣failed:␣_␣${CONFIG_OUT}_␣/_␣${CONFIG_ERR}")
82     endif()
83
84     message(STATUS "Building_␣with_␣cmake_␣--build_␣...")
85     execute_process(COMMAND ${CMAKE_COMMAND} --build .
86                     WORKING_DIRECTORY ${CMAKE_FILE_PREFIX}-build
87                     RESULT_VARIABLE CONFIG_RES
88                     OUTPUT_VARIABLE CONFIG_OUT
```



Portable script for building CMake V

```
89         ERROR_VARIABLE CONFIG_ERR
90     )
91
92     message(STATUS "Create␣package␣${CPACK_GEN}␣with␣CPack...")
93     execute_process(COMMAND ${CMAKE_CPACK_COMMAND} -G ${CPACK_GEN}
94         WORKING_DIRECTORY ${CMAKE_FILE_PREFIX}—build
95         RESULT_VARIABLE CONFIG_RES
96         OUTPUT_VARIABLE CONFIG_OUT
97         ERROR_VARIABLE CONFIG_ERR
98     )
99     message(STATUS "CMake␣version␣${CMAKE_VERSION}␣has␣been␣built␣in␣${
100         CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/${CMAKE_FILE_PREFIX}." )
101     string(REGEX MATCH "CPack:␣—␣package:(.*)generated" PACKAGES "${CONFIG_OUT}")
102     message(STATUS "CMake␣package(s)␣are:␣${CMAKE_MATCH_1}")
```



Portable script for building ROSACE Case Study

Another example taken from the “ROSACE Open Source Case Study” may be found here see [ROSACE-CaseStudy-auto.cmake](#)
The script:

- Download or checkout [Lustre](#) compiler and build it
- Download or checkout [Prelude](#) compiler and build it
- Download or checkout [SchedMCore](#) toolsuit and build it
- Checkout the [ROSACE Case Study](#) and build it using the previously built tools.



Build specific commands

- create executable or library: `add_executable`, `add_library`
- add compiler/linker definitions/options: `add_definitions`, `include_directories`, `target_link_libraries`
- powerful installation specification: `install`
- probing command: `try_compile`, `try_run`
- fine control of various properties: `set_target_properties`, `set_source_files_properties`, `set_directory_properties`, `set_tests_properties`, `set_property`: 300+ different properties may be used.

```
$ cmake --help-property-list
```

```
$ cmake --help-property COMPILE_FLAGS
```



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What are CMake targets?

CMake target

Many times in the documentation you may read about CMake target. A target is something that CMake should build (i.e. generate something enabling the building of the target). A CMake target has **dependencies** and **properties**.

- 1 Executables are targets: **add_executable**
- 2 Libraries are targets: **add_library**
- 3 There exist some builtin targets: `install`, `clean`, `package`, ...
- 4 You may create custom targets: **add_custom_target**



Target dependencies and properties I

A CMake target has **dependencies** and **properties**.

Dependencies

Most of the time, source dependencies are computed from target specifications using CMake builtin dependency scanner (C, C++, Fortran) whereas library dependencies are inferred via **target_link_libraries** specification.

If this is not enough then one can use **add_dependencies**, or some properties.



Target dependencies and properties II

Properties

Properties may be attached to either target or source file (or even test). They may be used to tailor the prefix or suffix to be used for libraries, compile flags, link flags, linker language, shared libraries version, ...

see : [set_target_properties](#) or [set_source_files_properties](#)

Sources vs Targets

Properties set to a target like **COMPILE_FLAGS** are used for all sources of the concerned target. Properties set to a source are used for the source file itself (which may be involved in several targets).



Custom targets and commands

Custom

Custom targets and custom commands are a way to create a target which may be used to execute arbitrary commands at **Build-time**.

- for target : **add_custom_target**
- for command : **add_custom_command**, in order to add some custom build step to another (existing) target.

This is usually for: generating source files (Flex, Bison) or other files derived from source like embedded documentation (Doxygen),

...



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Generated files

List all the sources

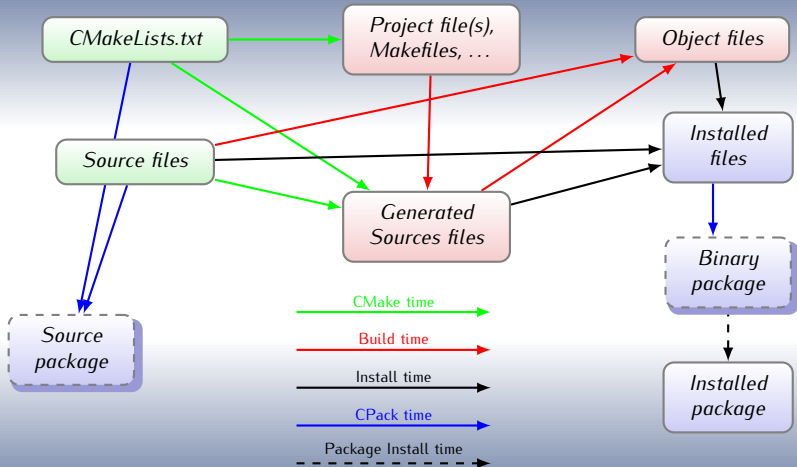
CMake advocates to specify all the source files explicitly (i.e. do not use **file** (**GLOB** ...)) This is the only way to keep robust dependencies. Moreover you usually already need to do that when using a VCS (CVS, Subversion, Git, hg,...).

However some files may be generated during the build (using `add_custom_xxx`), in which case you must tell CMake that they are **GENERATED** files using:

```
1 set_source_files_properties (${SOME_GENERATED_FILES}  
2                               PROPERTIES GENERATED TRUE)
```



The CMake workflow (pictured)





Example 1

```
1  ### Handle Source generation for task file parser
2  include_directories(${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR})
3  find_package(LexYacc)
4  set(YACC_SRC ${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/lsmc_taskfile_syntax.yy)
5  set(YACC_OUT_PREFIX ${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/y.tab)
6  set(YACC_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX ${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/lsmc_taskfile_syntax)
7  set(LEX_SRC ${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/lsmc_taskfile_tokens.ll)
8  set(LEX_OUT_PREFIX ${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/lsmc_taskfile_tokens.yy)
9  set(LEX_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX ${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/lsmc_taskfile_tokens)
10
11 #Exec Lex
12 add_custom_command(
13     OUTPUT ${LEX_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX}.c
14     COMMAND ${LEX_PROGRAM} ARGS -l -o${LEX_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX}.c ${LEX_SRC}
15     DEPENDS ${LEX_SRC}
16 )
17 set(GENERATED_SRCS ${GENERATED_SRCS} ${LEX_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX}.c)
18 #Exec Yacc
19 add_custom_command(
20     OUTPUT ${YACC_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX}.c ${YACC_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX}.h
21     COMMAND ${YACC_PROGRAM} ARGS ${YACC_COMPAT_ARG} -d ${YACC_SRC}
22     COMMAND ${CMAKE_COMMAND} -E copy ${YACC_OUT_PREFIX}.h ${YACC_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX}.h
23     COMMAND ${CMAKE_COMMAND} -E copy ${YACC_OUT_PREFIX}.c ${YACC_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX}.c
24     DEPENDS ${YACC_SRC}
```




Example II

```
25 )
26 set(GENERATED_SRCS ${GENERATED_SRCS}
27   ${YACC_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX}.c ${YACC_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX}.h)
28 # Tell CMake that some file are generated
29 set_source_files_properties(${GENERATED_SRCS} PROPERTIES GENERATED TRUE)
30
31 # Inhibit compiler warning for LEX/YACC generated files
32 # Note that the inhibition is COMPILER dependent ...
33 # GNU CC specific warning stop
34 if (CMAKE_COMPILER_IS_GNUCC)
35   message(STATUS "INHIBIT_compiler_warning_for_LEX/YACC_generated_files")
36   SET_SOURCE_FILES_PROPERTIES(${YACC_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX}.c ${YACC_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX}.h
37     PROPERTIES COMPILE_FLAGS "-w")
38
39   SET_SOURCE_FILES_PROPERTIES(${LEX_WANTED_OUT_PREFIX}.c
40     PROPERTIES COMPILE_FLAGS "-w")
41 endif (CMAKE_COMPILER_IS_GNUCC)
42 ...
43 set(LSCHED_SRC
44   lsmc_dependency.c lsmc_core.c lsmc_utils.c
45   lsmc_time.c lsmc_taskfile_parser.c
46   ${GENERATED_SRCS})
47 add_library(lsmc ${LSCHED_SRC})
```



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Cross-compiling

Definition: Cross-compiling

Cross-compiling is when the host system, the one the compiler is running on, is not the same as the target system, the one the compiled program will be running on.

CMake can handle cross-compiling using a Toolchain description file, see https://cmake.org/Wiki/CMake_Cross_Compiling.

```
1 mkdir build-win32
2 cd build-win32
3 cmake -DCMAKE_TOOLCHAIN_FILE=../totally-free/Toolchain-cross-mingw32-linux.cmake ../totally-free/
```

Demo



Linux to Windows Toolchain example

```
1  # the name of the target operating system
2  SET(CMAKE_SYSTEM_NAME Windows)
3
4  # Choose an appropriate compiler prefix
5  # for classical mingw32
6  # see http://www.mingw.org/
7  #set(COMPILER_PREFIX "i586-mingw32msvc")
8  # for 32 or 64 bits mingw-w64
9  # see http://mingw-w64.sourceforge.net/
10 set(COMPILER_PREFIX "i686-w64-mingw32")
11 #set(COMPILER_PREFIX "x86_64-w64-mingw32")
12
13 # which compilers to use for C and C++
14 find_program(CMAKE_RC_COMPILER NAMES ${COMPILER_PREFIX}-windres)
15 #SET(CMAKE_RC_COMPILER ${COMPILER_PREFIX}-windres)
16 find_program(CMAKE_C_COMPILER NAMES ${COMPILER_PREFIX}-gcc)
17 #SET(CMAKE_C_COMPILER ${COMPILER_PREFIX}-gcc)
18 find_program(CMAKE_CXX_COMPILER NAMES ${COMPILER_PREFIX}-g++)
19 #SET(CMAKE_CXX_COMPILER ${COMPILER_PREFIX}-g++)
20
21 # here is the target environment located
22 SET(USER_ROOT_PATH /home/erk/erk-win32-dev)
23 SET(CMAKE_FIND_ROOT_PATH /usr/${COMPILER_PREFIX} ${USER_ROOT_PATH})
24 # adjust the default behaviour of the FIND_XXX() commands:
25 # search headers and libraries in the target environment, search
26 # programs in the host environment
27 set(CMAKE_FIND_ROOT_PATH_MODE_PROGRAM NEVER)
28 set(CMAKE_FIND_ROOT_PATH_MODE_LIBRARY ONLY)
29 set(CMAKE_FIND_ROOT_PATH_MODE_INCLUDE ONLY)
```



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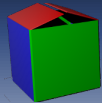
Exporting/Import your project

Export/Import to/from others

CMake can help a project using CMake as a build system to export/import targets to/from another project using CMake as a build system.

No more time for that today sorry, see:

[https://cmake.org/cmake/help/latest/manual/
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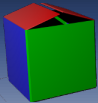


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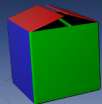
Introduction

A Package generator

In the same way that CMake generates build files, CPack generates package files.

- Archive generators [ZIP,TGZ,...] (All platforms)
- DEB, RPM (Linux)
- Cygwin Source or Binary (Windows/Cygwin)
- NSIS (Windows, Linux)
- DragNDrop, Bundle, OSXX11 (Mac OS)



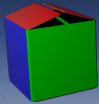


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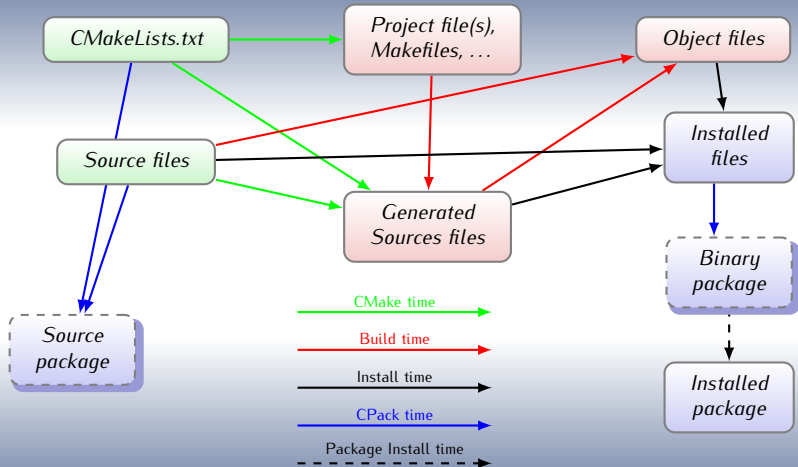
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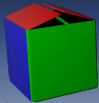
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The CMake workflow (pictured)





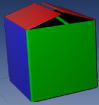
The CPack application

CPack standalone

CPack is a standalone application whose behavior is driven by a configuration file e.g. `CPackConfig.cmake`. This file is a CMake language script which defines `CPACK_XXXX` variables: the config parameters of the CPack run.

CPack with CMake

When CPack is used to package a project built with CPack, then the CPack configuration is usually generated by CMake by including `CPack.cmake` in the main `CMakeLists.txt`:
`include(CPack)`

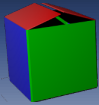


CPack variables in CMakeLists.txt

When used with CMake, one writes something like this in CMakeLists.txt:

```
1  set(CPACK_GENERATOR "TGZ")
2  if (WIN32)
3      list(APPEND CPACK_GENERATOR "NSIS")
4  elseif (APPLE)
5      list(APPEND CPACK_GENERATOR "Bundle")
6  endif(WIN32)
7  set(CPACK_SOURCE_GENERATOR "ZIP;TGZ")
8  set(CPACK_PACKAGE_VERSION_MAJOR 0)
9  set(CPACK_PACKAGE_VERSION_MINOR 1)
10 set(CPACK_PACKAGE_VERSION_PATCH 0)
11 include(CPack)
```

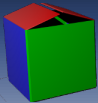
This will create CPackSourceConfig.cmake and CPackConfig.cmake in the build tree and will bring you the package and package_source built-in targets.



A CPack config file I

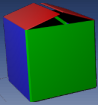
A CPack config file looks like this one:

```
1  # This file will be configured to contain variables for CPack.
2  # These variables should be set in the CMake list file of the
3  # project before CPack module is included.
4  ...
5  SET(CPACK_BINARY_BUNDLE "")
6  SET(CPACK_BINARY_CYGWIN "")
7  SET(CPACK_BINARY_DEB "")
8  ...
9  SET(CPACK_BINARY_ZIP "")
10 SET(CPACK_CMAKE_GENERATOR "Unix_Makefiles")
11 SET(CPACK_GENERATOR "TGZ")
12 SET(CPACK_INSTALL_CMAKE_PROJECTS "/home/erk/erkit/CMakeTutorial/
    examples/build;TotallyFree;ALL;/")
13 SET(CPACK_INSTALL_PREFIX "/usr/local")
14 SET(CPACK_MODULE_PATH "")
15 SET(CPACK_NSIS_DISPLAY_NAME "TotallyFree_0.1.0")
```



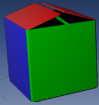
A CPack config file II

```
16 SET(CPACK_NSIS_INSTALLER_ICON_CODE "")
17 SET(CPACK_NSIS_INSTALL_ROOT "$PROGRAMFILES")
18 SET(CPACK_NSIS_PACKAGE_NAME "TotallyFree_0.1.0")
19 SET(CPACK_OUTPUT_CONFIG_FILE "/home/erk/erkit/CMakeTutorial/
    examples/build/CPackConfig.cmake")
20 SET(CPACK_PACKAGE_DEFAULT_LOCATION "/")
21 SET(CPACK_PACKAGE_DESCRIPTION_FILE "/home/erk/CMake/cmake-Verk-
    HEAD/share/cmake-2.8/Templates/CPack.GenericDescription.txt
    ")
22 SET(CPACK_PACKAGE_DESCRIPTION_SUMMARY "TotallyFree_0.1.0 built using
    CMake")
23 SET(CPACK_PACKAGE_FILE_NAME "TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux")
24 SET(CPACK_PACKAGE_INSTALL_DIRECTORY "TotallyFree_0.1.0")
25 SET(CPACK_PACKAGE_INSTALL_REGISTRY_KEY "TotallyFree_0.1.0")
26 SET(CPACK_PACKAGE_NAME "TotallyFree")
27 SET(CPACK_PACKAGE_RELOCATABLE "true")
28 SET(CPACK_PACKAGE_VENDOR "Humanity")
29 SET(CPACK_PACKAGE_VERSION "0.1.0")
```



A CPack config file III

```
30 SET(CPACK_RESOURCE_FILE_LICENSE "/home/erk/CMake/cmake-Verk-HEAD  
    /share/cmake-2.8/Templates/CPack.GenericLicense.txt")  
31 SET(CPACK_RESOURCE_FILE_README "/home/erk/CMake/cmake-Verk-HEAD/  
    share/cmake-2.8/Templates/CPack.GenericDescription.txt")  
32 SET(CPACK_RESOURCE_FILE_WELCOME "/home/erk/CMake/cmake-Verk-HEAD  
    /share/cmake-2.8/Templates/CPack.GenericWelcome.txt")  
33 SET(CPACK_SET_DESTDIR "OFF")  
34 SET(CPACK_SOURCE_CYGWIN "")  
35 SET(CPACK_SOURCE_GENERATOR "TGZ;TBZ2;TZ")  
36 SET(CPACK_SOURCE_OUTPUT_CONFIG_FILE "/home/erk/erkit/  
    CMakeTutorial/examples/build/CPackSourceConfig.cmake")  
37 SET(CPACK_SOURCE_TBZ2 "ON")  
38 SET(CPACK_SOURCE_TGZ "ON")  
39 SET(CPACK_SOURCE_TZ "ON")  
40 SET(CPACK_SOURCE_ZIP "OFF")  
41 SET(CPACK_SYSTEM_NAME "Linux")  
42 SET(CPACK_TOPLEVEL_TAG "Linux")
```

CPack running steps I

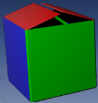
For a CMake enabled project one can run CPack in two ways:

- 1 use the build tool to run targets: `package` or `package_source`
- 2 invoke CPack manually from within the build tree e.g.:

```
$ cpack -G RPM
```

The CPack documentation is currently found on the Wiki or on the CPack specific modules:

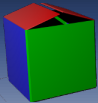
- <https://cmake.org/Wiki/CMake:CPackPackageGenerators>
- https://cmake.org/Wiki/CMake:Component_Install_With_CPack
- `cpack --help-module CPackXXX` with `CPack`, `CPackComponent`, `CPackRPM`, `CPackDEB`, `CPackIFW`, `CPackWIX`, ...



CPack running steps II

Whichever way you call it, the CPack steps are:

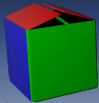
- ❶ cpack command starts and parses arguments etc...
- ❷ it reads CPackConfig.cmake (usually found in the build tree) or the file given as an argument to `--config` command line option.
- ❸ it iterates over the generators list found in `CPACK_GENERATOR` (or from `-G` command line option). For each generator:
 - ❸ (re)sets `CPACK_GENERATOR` to the one currently being iterated over
 - ❸ includes the `CPACK_PROJECT_CONFIG_FILE`
 - ❸ installs the project into a CPack private location (using `DESTDIR`)
 - ❸ calls the generator and produces the package(s) for that generator



CPack running steps III

cpack command line example

```
1  $ cpack -G "TGZ;RPM"
2  CPack: Create package using TGZ
3  CPack: Install projects
4  CPack: - Run preinstall target for: TotallyFree
5  CPack: - Install project: TotallyFree
6  CPack: Create package
7  CPack: - package: <...>/build/TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux.tar.gz generated.
8  CPack: Create package using RPM
9  CPack: Install projects
10 CPack: - Run preinstall target for: TotallyFree
11 CPack: - Install project: TotallyFree
12 CPack: Create package
13   CPackRPM: Will use GENERATED spec file: <...>/build/_CPack_Packages/Linux/RPM/SPECS/totallyfree.spec
14 CPack: - package: <...>/build/TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux.rpm generated.
15  $
```



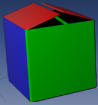
CPack running steps IV

make package example

```
1 $ make package
2 [ 33%] Built target acrodict
3 [ 66%] Built target Acrodictlibre
4 [100%] Built target Acrolibre
5 Run CPack packaging tool...
6 CPack: Create package using TGZ
7 CPack: Install projects
8 CPack: - Run preinstall target for: TotallyFree
9 CPack: - Install project: TotallyFree
10 CPack: Create package
11 CPack: - package: <...>/build/TotallyFree-0.1.0-Linux.tar.gz generated.
```

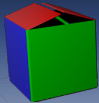
Rebuild project

In the `make package` case CMake is checking that the project does not need a rebuild.



CPack running steps V

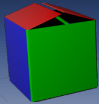
```
_____ make package_source example _____  
1  $ make package_source  
2  make package_source  
3  Run CPack packaging tool for source...  
4  CPack: Create package using TGZ  
5  CPack: Install projects  
6  CPack: - Install directory: <...>/totally-free  
7  CPack: Create package  
8  CPack: - package: <...>/build/TotallyFree-0.1.0-Source.tar.gz generated.  
9  CPack: Create package using TBZ2  
10 CPack: Install projects  
11 CPack: - Install directory: <...>/totally-free  
12 CPack: Create package  
13 CPack: - package: <...>/build/TotallyFree-0.1.0-Source.tar.bz2 generated.  
14 CPack: Create package using TZ  
15 CPack: Install projects  
16 CPack: - Install directory: <...>/totally-free  
17 CPack: Create package  
18 CPack: - package: <...>/build/TotallyFree-0.1.0-Source.tar.Z generated.
```



The CPack workflow (pictured)

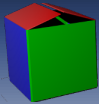
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Source files

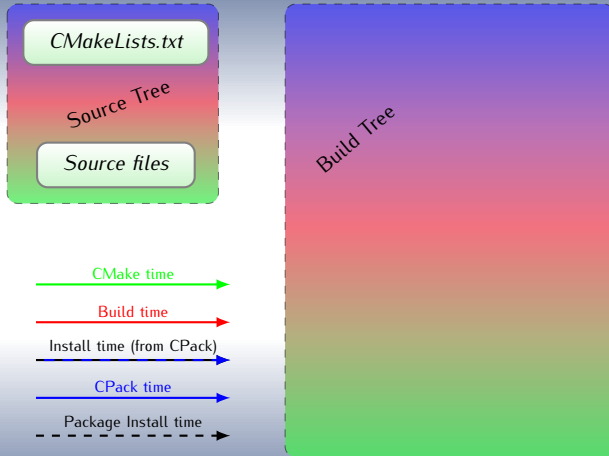


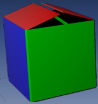
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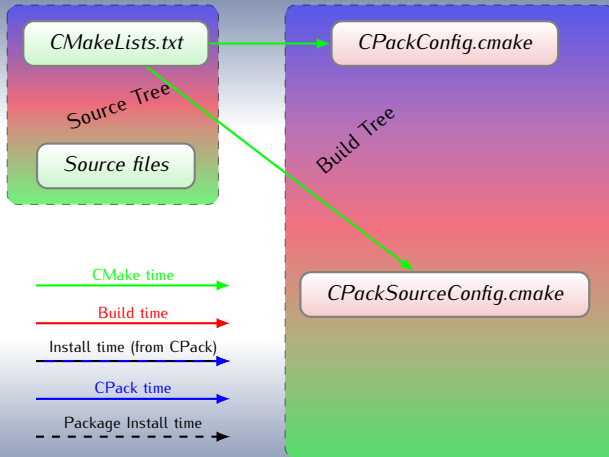


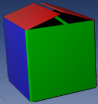
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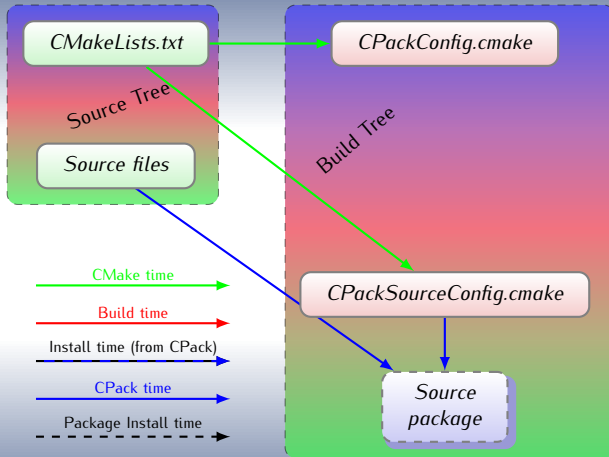


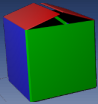
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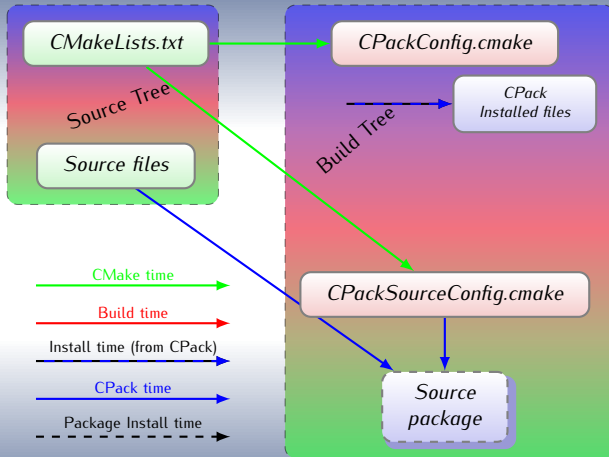


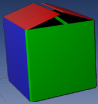
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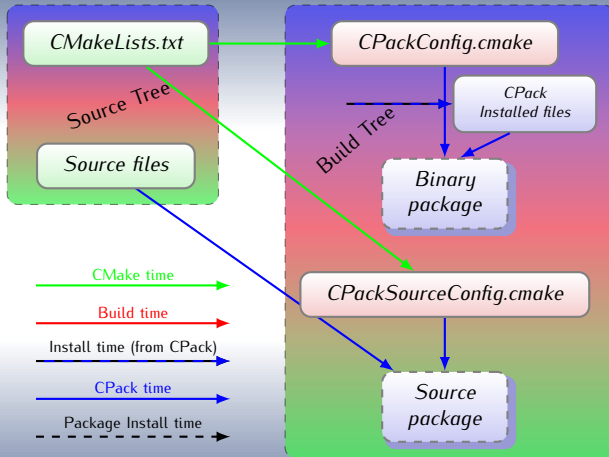


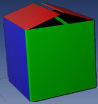
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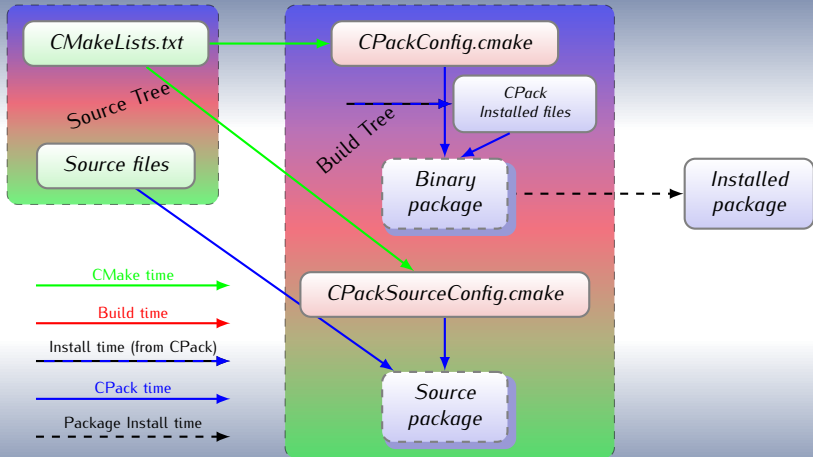


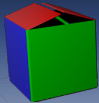
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Source vs Binary Generators

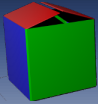
CPack does not really distinguish “source” from “binaries”!!

CPack source package

The CPack configuration file is: `CPackSourceConfig.cmake`. The CPack source generator is essentially packaging directories with install, exclude and include rules.

CPack binary package

The CPack configuration file is: `CPackConfig.cmake`. Moreover CPack knows that a project is built with CMake and inherits many properties from the install rules found in the project.

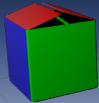


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Archive Generators

A family of generators

The archive generators is a family of generators which is supported on all CMake supported platforms through libarchive:
<http://code.google.com/p/libarchive/>.

STGZ Self extracting Tar GZip compression

TBZ2 Tar BZip2 compression

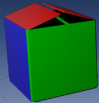
TGZ Tar GZip compression

TZ Tar Compress compression

TXZ Tar XZ compression

7Z 7-zip archive

ZIP Zip archive

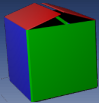


Linux-friendly generators I

- Tar-kind archive generators
- Binary RPM: only needs `rpmbuild` to work.
- Binary DEB: works on any Linux distros.
- IFW: Qt Installer framework

CPack vs native tools

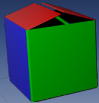
One could argue “why use CPack for building `.deb` or `.rpm`”. The primary target of CPack RPM and DEB generators are people who are NOT professional packagers. Those people can get a clean package without too much effort and get a better package than a bare TAR archive.



Linux-friendly generators II

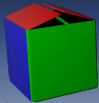
No official packaging replacement

Those generators are **no replacement** for official packaging tools.



Windows-friendly generators

- Zip archive generator
- NullSoft System Installer generator:
<http://nsis.sourceforge.net/>
Supports component installation, produces nice GUI installer.
- WiX installer: <http://wixtoolset.org/>
Windows Installer XML which produces MSI.
- IFW: Qt Installer framework
- Cygwin: Binary and Source generators.



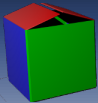
Mac OS-friendly generators

- Tar-kind archive generators
- DragNDrop
- PackageMaker
- Bundle
- OSXX11
- may be Qt IFW as well...

Don't ask me

I'm not a Mac OS user and I don't know them.
Go and read the CPack doc or ask on the ML.

<https://cmake.org/mailing-lists/>

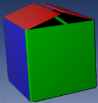


Packaging Components I

CMake+CPack installation components?

Sometimes you want to split the installer into components.

- 1 Use COMPONENT argument in your install rules (in the CMakeLists.txt),
- 2 Add some more [CPack] information about how to group components,
- 3 Choose a component-aware CPack generator
- 4 Choose the behavior (1 package file per component, 1 package file per group, etc...)
- 5 Possibly specify generator specific behavior in CPACK_PROJECT_CONFIG_FILE
- 6 Run CPack.



Packaging Components II

demo with ComponentExample

More detailed documentation here:

https://cmake.org/Wiki/CMake:Component_Install_With_CPack

Component aware generator

- Not all generators do support components (i.e. they are MONOLITHIC)
- Some produce a single package file containing all components. (e.g. NSIS, WiX, Qt IFW)
- Others produce several package files containing one or several components. (e.g. ArchiveGenerator, RPM, DEB)



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More to come on CTest/CDash

Sorry...out of time!!

CMake and its friends are so much fun and powerful that I ran out of time to reach a detailed presentation of CTest/CDash, stay tuned for next time...

In the meantime:

- Go there: <http://www.cdash.org>
- Open your own (free) Dashboard: <http://my.cdash.org/>



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