Default lifecycle contains of 23 phases.

The most important of them are:

* Compile
  + Compiles the code in the source/main/java directory
  + Creates .class files from .java files
* Test-compile
  + Compiles the test code from source/test/java
* Test
  + Runs tests (f.e. Junit)
  + The lifecycles will stop if a test fails, however that can be configured
* Package
  + Takes the compile code and packages in a distributed format (f.e. JAR or WAR)
* Install
  + Install the package (created in the package phase)
* Deploy
  + Integrates with f.e. a remote repository.