DevOps Shack

Maven Best Practices

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1. Consistent Directory Structure

- Follow Maven's standard directory layout to ensure consistency and compatibility with other tools and plugins.
- `project`
- `├── src`
- `│   ├── main`
- `│   │   ├── java`
- `│   │   ├── resources`
- `│   └── test`
- `│       ├── java`
- `│       └── resources`
- `├── pom.xml`

2. Dependency Management

- Declare dependencies in the `pom.xml` file to handle versions and transitive dependencies.
- `<dependencies>`
- `    <dependency>`
- `        <groupId>org.springframework</groupId>`
- `        <artifactId>spring-core</artifactId>`
- `        <version>5.3.8</version>`
- `    </dependency>`

`</dependencies>`

3. Use Dependency Management for Consistency

- Use `<dependencyManagement>` to manage versions of dependencies across multiple modules.

```
<dependencyManagement>
    <dependencies>
        <dependency>
            <groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
            <artifactId>spring-core</artifactId>
            <version>5.3.8</version>
        </dependency>
    </dependencies>
</dependencyManagement>
```

4. Profiles for Environment-specific Configurations

- Use Maven profiles to handle different environments (e.g., development, testing, production).

```
<profiles>
    <profile>
        <id>development</id>
        <properties>
            <env>dev</env>
        </properties>
    </profile>
    <profile>
        <id>production</id>
        <properties>
            <env>prod</env>
        </properties>
    </profile>
</profiles>
```

5. Property Variables for Reusability

- Use properties to define values that can be reused throughout the `pom.xml`.

```
<properties>
    <spring.version>5.3.8</spring.version>
</properties>
<dependencies>
    <dependency>
        <groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
        <artifactId>spring-core</artifactId>
        <version>${spring.version}</version>
    </dependency>
</dependencies>
```

6. Plugin Management

- Use `<pluginManagement>` to manage plugins and their versions across modules.

```
<build>
    <pluginManagement>
        <plugins>
            <plugin>
                <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
                <artifactId>maven-compiler-plugin</artifactId>
                <version>3.8.1</version>
                <configuration>
                    <source>11</source>
                    <target>11</target>
                </configuration>
            </plugin>
        </plugins>
    </pluginManagement>
</build>
```

7. Effective Use of Maven Phases

- Understand and use Maven phases effectively
  (e.g., `clean`, `validate`, `compile`, `test`, `package`, `verify`, `install`, `deploy`).

8. Custom Goals and Plugins

- Define custom goals using plugins to extend Maven's functionality.

```
<build>
    <plugins>
        <plugin>
            <groupId>org.codehaus.mojo</groupId>
            <artifactId>exec-maven-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>3.0.0</version>
            <executions>
                <execution>
                    <goals>
                        <goal>java</goal>
                    </goals>
                </execution>
            </executions>
            <configuration>
                <mainClass>com.mycompany.app.Main</mainClass>
            </configuration>
        </plugin>
    </plugins>
</build>
```

9. Consistent Versioning

- Keep consistent versions across your projects and dependencies to avoid conflicts.

10. Use Parent POMs for Multi-module Projects

- Utilize a parent POM to manage common configurations and dependencies for multi-module projects.

```
<modules>
    <module>module1</module>
    <module>module2</module>
</modules>
```

11. Avoid SNAPSHOT Dependencies in Production

- Use SNAPSHOT dependencies only during development and avoid them in production to ensure stability.

12. Centralized Repository Management

- Configure repositories in the `pom.xml` to manage where dependencies are fetched from.

```
<repositories>
    <repository>
        <id>central</id>
        <url>https://repo.maven.apache.org/maven2</url>
    </repository>
</repositories>
```

13. Ensure Build Reproducibility

- Ensure that builds are reproducible by using specific versions and avoiding dynamic dependencies.

14. Use Checkstyle and PMD for Code Quality

- Integrate Checkstyle and PMD plugins to maintain code quality.

```
<build>
    <plugins>
        <plugin>
            <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
            <artifactId>maven-checkstyle-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>3.1.1</version>
        </plugin>
        <plugin>
            <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
            <artifactId>maven-pmd-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>3.12.0</version>
        </plugin>
    </plugins>
</build>
```

15. Automated Testing

- Ensure automated tests run as part of the build process.

```
<build>
    <plugins>
        <plugin>
            <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
            <artifactId>maven-surefire-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>2.22.2</version>
        </plugin>
    </plugins>
</build>
```

16. Documentation Generation

- Use the Maven Site plugin to generate project documentation.

```
<build>
    <plugins>
        <plugin>
            <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
            <artifactId>maven-site-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>3.9.1</version>
        </plugin>
    </plugins>
</build>
```

17. Avoiding Plugin Repetition

- Use `pluginManagement` to manage plugin versions and configurations centrally.

```
<pluginManagement>
    <plugins>
        <plugin>
            <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
            <artifactId>maven-compiler-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>3.8.1</version>
        </plugin>
    </plugins>
</pluginManagement>
```

18. Configure Proper Logging

- Configure Maven to use a consistent logging level across different environments.

19. Minimize Build Times

- Use parallel builds and incremental builds to minimize build times.

20. Continuous Integration

- Integrate Maven with CI/CD tools like Jenkins, Bamboo, or GitLab CI for automated builds.

This list covers some essential best practices, but there are many more nuanced strategies depending on the specific needs of your project. Here are a few more advanced practices:

Advanced Practices

21. Managing Transitive Dependencies

- Use the `dependency:tree` command to understand and manage transitive dependencies.

  ```
  mvn dependency:tree
  ```

22. Using Dependency Scopes

- Use appropriate dependency scopes (`compile`, `provided`, `runtime`, `test`, `system`, `import`) to manage dependencies efficiently.

23. Excluding Unnecessary Dependencies

- Exclude unnecessary dependencies to avoid conflicts and reduce build size.
- ```
  <dependency>
  ```
- ```
      <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  ```
- ```
      <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
  ```
- ```
      <exclusions>
  ```
- ```
          <exclusion>
  ```
- ```
              <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  ```
- ```
              <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-tomcat</artifactId>
  ```
- ```
          </exclusion>
  ```
- ```
      </exclusions>
  ```

  ```
  </dependency>
  ```

24. Multi-module Project Structure

- Organize large projects into multiple modules for better manageability.
- ```
  parent-project
  ```
- ```
  ├── pom.xml
  ```
- ```
  ├── module1
  ```
- ```
  │   └── pom.xml
  ```
- ```
  └── module2
  ```

- `└── pom.xml`

25. Effective Use of Parent POM

- Use a parent POM to manage common configurations, dependencies, and plugin versions across modules.
- `<modules>`
- `    <module>module1</module>`
- `    <module>module2</module>`
  `</modules>`

26. Version Management

- Use properties to manage versions of plugins and dependencies centrally.
- `<properties>`
- `<maven.compiler.plugin.version>3.8.1</maven.compiler.plugin.version>`
- `    <spring.version>5.3.8</spring.version>`
  `</properties>`

27. Maven Enforcer Plugin

- Use the Maven En

forcer plugin to enforce rules on your Maven project (e.g., banning certain dependencies, enforcing Maven version). `xml <build> <plugins> <plugin> <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId> <artifactId>maven-enforcer-plugin</artifactId> <version>3.0.0-M3</version> <executions> <execution> <id>enforce-versions</id> <goals> <goal>enforce</goal> </goals> <configuration> <rules> <requireMavenVersion> <version>[3.5.0,)</version> </requireMavenVersion> </rules> </configuration> </execution> </executions> </plugin> </plugins> </build>`

28. Using Property Files

- Externalize configuration using property files and Maven filtering.
- `<build>`
- `    <resources>`
- `        <resource>`
- `            <directory>src/main/resources</directory>`
- `            <filtering>true</filtering>`
- `        </resource>`
- `    </resources>`
  `</build>`

29. Ensuring Build Consistency

- Use the `versions-maven-plugin` to update and manage dependency versions consistently.

  ```
  mvn versions:use-latest-releases
  ```

30. Artifact Signing

- Sign your artifacts for integrity and authenticity using the GPG plugin.

```
<build>
    <plugins>
        <plugin>
            <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
            <artifactId>maven-gpg-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>1.6</version>
            <executions>
                <execution>
                    <id>sign-artifacts</id>
                    <phase>verify</phase>
                    <goals>
                        <goal>sign</goal>
                    </goals>
                </execution>
            </executions>
        </plugin>
    </plugins>
</build>
```

31. Handling Large Projects

- For very large projects, consider using a combination of profiles and modules to keep the build process manageable.

32. Dependency Locking

- Lock dependencies to specific versions to ensure consistent builds across environments.

33. Custom Build Plugins

- Develop custom Maven plugins if your project has unique build requirements.

34. Build Lifecycle Extensions

- Extend the Maven build lifecycle with custom goals to perform additional tasks during the build process.

35. Artifact Repository Management

- Use Nexus or Artifactory to manage your project's artifacts and dependencies.

36. Effective Use of Build Profiles

- Create profiles to handle different build configurations and requirements.

```
<profiles>
    <profile>
        <id>dev</id>
        <build>
            <finalName>${project.artifactId}-dev</finalName>
        </build>
    </profile>
    <profile>
        <id>prod</id>
        <build>
            <finalName>${project.artifactId}-prod</finalName>
        </build>
    </profile>
</profiles>
```

37. Parallel Builds

- Enable parallel builds to speed up the build process.

```
mvn -T 1C clean install
```

38. Incremental Builds

- Use incremental builds to compile only the changed modules.

```
mvn -am -pl module1 clean install
```

39. Dependency Convergence

- Ensure dependency convergence to avoid conflicts and ensure consistency.

```
<build>
    <plugins>
        <plugin>
            <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
            <artifactId>maven-dependency-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>3.1.2</version>
            <executions>
                <execution>
                    <id>analyze</id>
                    <goals>
                        <goal>analyze</goal>
```

```
                    </goals>
                </execution>
            </executions>
        </plugin>
    </plugins>
</build>
```

40. Documentation and Reporting

- Generate project reports and documentation using the Maven Site plugin.

```
mvn site
```

41. Effective SCM Management

- Configure SCM information in the `pom.xml` for version control systems.

```
<scm>
    <connection>scm:git:git://github.com/user/repo.git</connection>
    <developerConnection>scm:git:ssh://github.com:user/repo.git</developerConnection>
    <url>https://github.com/user/repo</url>
</scm>
```

42. Modularizing Legacy Projects

- Refactor legacy projects into modular structures to improve maintainability and scalability.

43. Using BOMs for Dependency Management

- Use Bill of Materials (BOM) for consistent dependency versions across projects.

```
<dependencyManagement>
    <dependencies>
        <dependency>
            <groupId>org.springframework.cloud</groupId>
            <artifactId>spring-cloud-dependencies</artifactId>
            <version>Hoxton.SR3</version>
            <type>pom</type>
            <scope>import</scope>
        </dependency>
    </dependencies>
</dependencyManagement>
```

44. Custom Repositories

- Define custom repositories for resolving dependencies.

```
<repositories>
```

```
    <repository>
        <id>custom-repo</id>
        <url>https://repo.custom.org/maven2</url>
    </repository>
</repositories>
```

45. Effective Use of Parent POMs

- Use parent POMs to manage common configurations, dependencies, and plugin versions across modules.

46. Ensuring Build Consistency Across Teams

- Use the same Maven version across all development environments to ensure consistency.

47. Centralized Plugin Configuration

- Centralize plugin configuration to avoid duplication and maintain consistency.

48. Handling Dependencies with Different Scopes

- Use different scopes (`compile`, `provided`, `runtime`, `test`, `system`, `import`) to manage dependencies effectively.

49. Effective Use of the `dependency:analyze` Goal

- Use the `dependency:analyze` goal to identify and manage unused dependencies.

```
mvn dependency:analyze
```

50. Regular Cleanup of Local Repository

- Clean up the local repository regularly to avoid conflicts and save disk space.

```
mvn dependency:purge-local-repository
```

51. Automated Deployment

- Use Maven Deploy plugin to automate the deployment process.

```
<build>
    <plugins>
        <plugin>
            <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
            <artifactId>maven-deploy-plugin</artifactId>
```

```
            <version>2.8.2</version>
        </plugin>
    </plugins>
</build>
```

52. Effective Use of Properties

- Use properties to manage versions and other configurations centrally.

53. Ensuring Security

- Manage sensitive information securely, using tools like the Maven Password Encryption feature.

```
<servers>
    <server>
        <id>my-server</id>
        <username>my-user</username>
        <password>{encrypted}</password>
    </server>
</servers>
```

54. Consistent Naming Conventions

- Follow consistent naming conventions for modules, artifacts, and versions.

55. Effective Use of Archetypes

- Use Maven Archetypes to generate project structures quickly.

```
mvn archetype:generate -DgroupId=com.mycompany.app -DartifactId=my-app
```

56. Minimizing Plugin Versions

- Avoid specifying plugin versions in child POMs to minimize maintenance.

57. Using Parent POM for Centralized Management

- Use a parent POM to manage common configurations, dependencies, and plugin versions across modules.

58. Ensuring Code Quality

- Use the Maven PMD plugin to maintain code quality.

```
<build>
```

```
    <plugins>
        <plugin>
            <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
            <artifactId>maven-pmd-plugin</artifactId>
            <version>3.12.0</version>
        </plugin>
    </plugins>
</build>
```

59. Build Performance Monitoring

- Monitor build performance and optimize build times by identifying bottlenecks.

60. Effective Use of the `dependency:tree` Command

- Use the `dependency:tree` command to understand and manage transitive dependencies.

  ```
  mvn dependency:tree
  ```

61. Managing Large Projects

- Split large projects into smaller, manageable modules.

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- Define custom repositories for resolving dependencies.

```
<repositories>
    <repository>
        <id>custom-repo</id>
        <url
```

https://repo.custom.org/maven2 ```

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- `    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>`
- `    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>`
- `    <exclusions>`
- `        <exclusion>`
- `            <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>`
- `            <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-tomcat</artifactId>`
- `        </exclusion>`
- `    </exclusions>`
  `</dependency>`

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-     <plugins>
-         <plugin>
-             <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
-             <artifactId>maven-enforcer-plugin</artifactId>
-             <version>3.0.0-M3</version>
-             <executions>
-                 <execution>
-                     <id>enforce-versions</id>
-                     <goals>
-                         <goal>enforce</goal>
-                     </goals>
-                     <configuration>
-                         <rules>
-                             <requireMavenVersion>
-                                 <version>[3.5.0,)</version>
-                             </requireMavenVersion>
-                         </rules>
-                     </configuration>
-                 </execution>

```
            </executions>
        </plugin>
    </plugins>
</build>
```

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```
<build>
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            <version>1.6</version>
            <executions>
                <execution>
                    <id>sign-artifacts</id>
                    <phase>verify</phase>
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        </build>
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            <version>3.1.2</version>
            <executions>
                <execution>
                    <id>analyze</id>
                    <goals>
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          <plugin>
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              <artifactId>maven-pmd-plugin</artifactId>
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          </plugin>
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