

# Crate `gitoxide`

This is the documentation of the binaries that come with `gitoxide`. These are called...

## `gix`

A developer tool to allow using `gitoxide` algorithms and functionality outside of the test suite. It will be unstable as long as the `gix` crate is unstable and is explicitly not to be understood as `git` replacement.

## `ein`

A program to eventually become the most convenient way to do typical operations on `git` repositories, with all tooling one typically needs built right into it. For now, it's most useful for its assorted set of `tools` which help to build automations or learn something about `git` repositories.

## Feature Flags

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Feature configuration can be complex and this document seeks to provide an overview.

### Build Configuration

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These combine common choices of building blocks to represent typical builds.

- **max** (*enabled by default*) — Everything, all at once.

As fast as possible, with TUI progress, progress line rendering with auto-configuration, all transports based on their most mature implementation (HTTP), all `ein` tools, CLI colors and local-time support, JSON output, regex support for rev-specs.

- **max-pure** — Like `max`, but only Rust is allowed.

This is the most compatible build as it won't need a C compiler or C toolchains to build. It's also not the fastest as or the most feature-rich in terms of available transports as it uses Rust's HTTP implementation.

As fast as possible, with TUI progress, progress line rendering with auto-configuration, all transports available but less mature pure Rust HTTP implementation, all `ein` tools, CLI colors and local-time support, JSON output, regex support for rev-specs.

- **max-control** — Like `max`, but with more control for configuration. See the *Package Maintainers* headline for more information.
- **lean** — All of the good stuff, with less fanciness for smaller binaries.

As fast as possible, progress line rendering, all transports based on their most mature implementation (HTTP), all `ein` tools, CLI colors and local-time support, JSON output.

- **small** — The smallest possible build, best suitable for small single-core machines.

This build is essentially limited to local operations without any fanciness.

Optimized for size, no parallelism thus much slower, progress line rendering.

- **lean-async** — Like `lean`, but uses Rust's async implementations for networking.

This build is more of a demonstration showing how `async` can work with `gitoxide`, which generally is blocking. This also means that the selection of `async` transports is very limited to only HTTP (without typical `git` configuration) and `git` over TCP like provided by the `git daemon`.

As fast as possible, progress line rendering, less feature-ful HTTP (pure Rust) and only `git-damon` support, all `ein` tools, CLI colors and local-time support, JSON output.

Due to `async` client-networking not being implemented for most transports, this one supports only the 'git+tcp' and HTTP transport. It uses, however, a fully asynchronous networking implementation which can serve a real-world example on how to implement custom `async` transports.

### Package Maintainers

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These features are meant to mimic the normal build configurations, but leave it to you to configure C libraries, involving choices for `zlib`, hashing and HTTP implementation.

Additional features *can* be provided with `--features` and are handled by the `gix-features` crate. If nothing else is specified, the Rust implementation is used. Note that only one feature of each section can be enabled at a time.

- **zlib**
  - `gix-features/zlib-ng`
  - `gix-features/zlib-ng-compat`
  - `gix-features/zlib-stock`
  - `gix-features/zlib-rust-backend` (*default if no choice is made*)
- **sha1**
  - `gix-features/fast-sha1`
  - `gix-features/rustsha1` (*default if no choice is made*)
- **HTTP** - see the *Building Blocks for mutually exclusive networking* headline

### Building Blocks

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Typical combinations of features of our dependencies, some of which are referred to in the `gitoxide` crate's code for conditional compilation.

- **fast** — Makes the crate execute as fast as possible by supporting parallel computation of otherwise long-running functions as well as fast, hardware accelerated hashing, along with a faster `zlib` backend. If disabled, the binary will be visibly smaller.
- **fast-safe** — Makes the crate execute as fast as possible by supporting parallel computation of otherwise long-running functions as well as fast, hardware accelerated hashing, along with a faster `zlib` backend. If disabled, the binary will be visibly smaller.
- **pretty-cli** — Use `clap` 3.0 to build the prettiest, best documented and most user-friendly CLI at the expense of binary size. Provides a terminal user interface for detailed and exhaustive progress. Provides a line renderer for leaner progress display, without the need for a full-blown TUI.
- **prodash-render-line-crossterm** — The `--verbose` flag will be powered by an interactive progress mechanism that doubles as log as well as interactive progress that appears after a short duration.
- **prodash-render-tui** — Progress reporting with a TUI, can then be enabled with the `--progress` flag.
- **prodash-render-line** — Progress reporting by visually drawing lines into the terminal without switching to an alternate window.
- **cache-efficiency-debug** — Prints statistical information to inform about cache efficiency when those are dropped. Use this as a way to understand if bigger caches actually produce greater yields.
- **gitoxide-core-tools** — A way to enable most `gitoxide-core` tools found in `ein tools`, namely `organize` and `estimate hours`.
- **gitoxide-core-tools-query** — A program to perform analytics on a `git` repository, using an auto-maintained `sqlite` database

### Building Blocks for mutually exclusive networking

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Blocking and `async` features are mutually exclusive and cause a compile-time error. This also means that `cargo ... --all-features` will fail. Within each section, features can be combined.

#### Blocking

The backends are mutually exclusive, e.g. choose either `curl` or `request`.

- **gitoxide-core-blocking-client** — Use blocking client networking.
- **http-client-curl** — Support synchronous 'http' and 'https' transports (e.g. for clone, fetch and push) using **curl**.
- **http-client-request** — Support synchronous 'http' and 'https' transports (e.g. for clone, fetch and push) using **request**.

#### Async

- **gitoxide-core-async-client** — Use `async` client networking.