

Cross-Compiling the C++ Example Project

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The Greeter Library

For this example, we'll create a very simple library function that just takes a name and an output stream as arguments, and that prints a greeting message to this stream. It's basically a "Hello, World!" example, but as a library for demonstration purposes.

The structure of the library will be as follows:

```
greeter
├── CMakeLists.txt
├── include
│   └── greeter
│       └── greeter.hpp
├── src
│   └── greeter.cpp
└── test
    ├── CMakeLists.txt
    └── greeter.test.cpp
```

As is very common for C++ libraries, the function prototypes/declarations will be in the header file `greeter.hpp`. The implementations for these functions are in the implementation file `greeter.cpp`.

The `CMakeLists.txt` file in the `greeter` directory specifies how the library should be compiled, and where to find the headers.

Additionally, there's a `test` folder with unit tests in `greeter.test.cpp`. The `CMakeLists.txt` file in this folder specifies how to compile and link the tests executable.

```
1  #pragma once
2
3  #include <iosfwd> // std::ostream
4  #include <string> // std::string
5
6  namespace greeter {
7
8  /**
9   * @brief   Function that greets a given person.
10  *
11  * @param   name
12  *          The name of the person to greet.
13  * @param   os
14  *          The output stream to print the greetings to.
15  */
16  void sayHello(const std::string &name, std::ostream &os);
17
18 }
```

```
1  #include <greeter/greeter.hpp>
2  #include <iostream>
3
4  namespace greeter {
5
6  void sayHello(const std::string &name, std::ostream &os) {
7      os << "Hello, " << name << "!" << std::endl;
8  }
9
10 }
```

```
1  add_library(greeter
2             src/greeter.cpp
3             )
4
5  target_include_directories(greeter
6                             PUBLIC
7                             $<INSTALL_INTERFACE:include>
8                             $<BUILD_INTERFACE:${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/include>
9                             PRIVATE
10                             src
11                             )
12
13  add_subdirectory(test)
```

```
1  # Add a new executable with the name "hello-world" that is compiled from the
2  # source file "hello-world.cpp".
3  add_executable(hello-world
4                 hello-world.cpp
5                 )
6
7  # The "hello-world" program requires the "greeter" library.
8  # The target_link_libraries command ensures that all compiler options such as
9  # include paths are set correctly, and that the executable is linked with the
10 # library as well.
11 target_link_libraries(hello-world
12                       greeter
13                       )
```

```

1 #include <greeter/greeter.hpp> // Our own custom library
2
3 #include <iostream> // std::cout, std::cin
4 #include <string> // std::getline
5
6 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
7     std::string name;
8     if (argc > 1) { // If the user passed arguments to our program
9         name = argv[1]; // The name is the first argument
10    } else { // If not, ask the user for his name
11        std::cout << "Please enter your name: ";
12        std::getline(std::cin, name);
13    }
14    greeter::sayHello(name, std::cout); // Greet the user
15 }

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