

# nuts, the Java Package Manager

https://github.com/thevpc/nuts (git repo)

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# Plan

- 1. Why a package manager
- 2. **nuts** features
- 3. Demo



## 1. Why a Package Manager

- Popularity of a language is proportional to popularity of its PM
  - Javascript: npm/npx/yarn
  - Python: pip, conda
  - Ruby: rubygems
- Newcomer languages already include a PM
  - golang package manager (modules)
- Java ecosystem already have more than 7M packages deployed



## 1.1. Java Package Manager?

- maven, gradle
  - Build tools
  - Dependency-management tools
  - Poor package/deployment management (maven 's deploy is a build time stage)
  - Lack of deployment lifecycle (install/uninstall/update)



## 1.2. Example

Let's take a hello-world example with dependencies:

```
package net.thevpc.nuts.doc.baseproject;
import org.slf4j.Logger;
import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;

public class Main {
  private static final Logger LOG = LoggerFactory.getLogger(Main.class);
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        LOG.debug("A simple app with dependencies. Won't work out of the box!,
        unless...");
    }
}
```



## 1.3. pom.xml

# A minimal pom.xml is:



### 1.4. Example

- With a minimal pom.xml we cannot execute unless we add the transitive dependencies to the classpath
- We also need to adjust the pom.xml to include the main class too!

```
target:fish — Konsole <2>

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Vpc@linux—rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> java —jar __/simple=project—1.0—SNAPSHOT.jar

no main manifest attribute, in __/simple=project—1.0—SNAPSHOT.jar

vpc@linux—rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master) [1]> java —classpath __/simple=project—1.0—SNAPSHOT.jar net.

thevpc.nuts.tutorial.simpleproject.Main

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NoClassDefFoundError: org/slf4j/LoggerFactory

at net.thevpc.nuts.tutorial.simpleproject.Main.<clinit>(Main.java:11)

Caused by: java.lang.ClassNotFoundException: org.slf4j.LoggerFactory

at java.base/jdk.internal.loader.BuiltinClassLoader.loadClass(BuiltinClassLoader.java:581)

at java.base/jdk.internal.loader.ClassLoaders$AppClassLoader.loadClass(ClassLoaders.java:178)

at java.base/java.lang.ClassLoader.loadClass(ClassLoader.java:522)

... 1 more

vpc@linux—rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master) [1]> ■
```



# 1.5. Alternatives for deployment

- Java Web Start
- System PM / Installers
- Portable Installers
- Custom Deployments
- Build time Processors (Fat Jars)



#### 1.6. Java Web start

- Run Remote App using jnlp file (with all of it dependencies)
- Special packaging
- Execution Sandbox : More Limitations
- Deprecated!! since Java9
- No Shared Dependencies / Centralized Dep Mgt
- The same applies to alternatives: trivrost, OpenJNLP



# 1.7. System PM / Installers

- rpm, deb, dmg, msi
  - Native integration with OS/Env
  - Centralized management
  - Automatable (cmdline)
  - Not portable
  - Multiple deployment packages for each release
  - Problem with installing multiple versions of the same package



### 1.8. Portable Installers

- InstallAnywhere, GetDown, IzPack, BitRock InstallBuilder
  - Good integration with OS/Env
  - No centralized management
  - Disk and network overload of dependencies
  - Graphical! not suitable for automation (most of the time)
  - Still Manual



## 1.9. Custom Deployers

- Custom (tomcat, netbeans) with multiple formats (tarball, zip)
  - Manual
  - No centralized management
  - Difficult to automate
  - Lack of integration with environment
  - Disk and network overload of dependencies



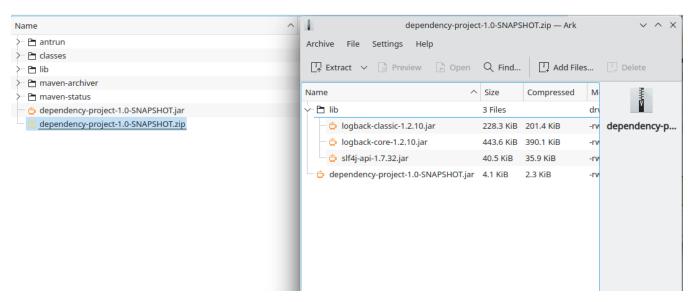
## 1.10. Fat Packages: maven-dependency-plugin

- maven-dependency-plugin
  - Maven plugin
  - Jars included in the "lib" folder
  - Still need to bundle the jar and the lib folder (zip with mavenantrun-plugin)



```
<build>
   <plugins>
           <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins
           <artifactId>maven-jar-plugin</artifactId>
           <version>3.2.0
           <configuration>
               <archive>
                   <manifest>
                       <addClasspath>true</addClasspath>
                       <classpathPrefix>lib/</classpathPrefix>
                       <mainClass>net.thevpc.nuts.doc.mvndepproject.Main</mainClass>
                   </manifest>
               </archive>
           </configuration>
       </plugin>
       <plugin>
           <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins
           <artifactId>maven-dependency-plugin</artifactId>
               <execution>
                   <id>copy-dependencies</id>
                   <phase>prepare-package</phase>
                   <goals>
                       <goal>copy-dependencies</goal>
                   </goals>
                   <configuration>
                      <outputDirectory>${project.build.directory}/lib</outputDirectory>
                   </configuration>
               </execution>
           </executions>
       </plugin>
       <plugin>
           <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins
           <artifactId>maven-antrun-plugin</artifactId>
           <version>3.0.0
           <executions>
               <execution>
                   <id>antrun-archive</id>
                   <phase>package</phase>
                   <goals>
                       <goal>run</goal>
                   </goals>
                   <configuration>
                      <target>
                           <property name="final.name" value="${project.build.directory}/${project.build.finalName}"/>
                           <property name="archive.includes" value="${project.build.finalName}.${project.packaging} lib/*"/>
                           cproperty name="tar.destfile" value="${final.name}.tar"/>
                          <zip basedir="${project.build.directory}" destfile="${final.name}.zip" includes="${archive.includes}" />
                       </target>
                   </configuration>
               </execution>
           </executions>
       </plugin>
   </plugins>
```







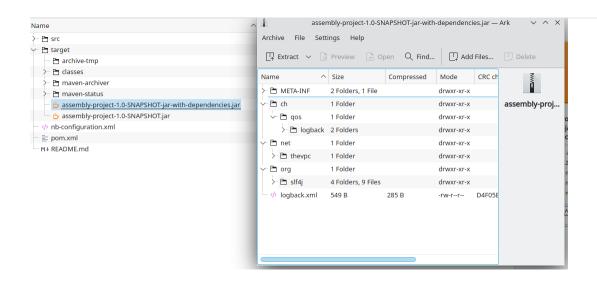
#### 1.11. Fat Jars: Uber Jar

- maven-assembly-plugin
  - Jars deflated into the same jar
  - Can rewrite classes/resources
- maven-shade-plugin
  - Jars deflated into the same jar
  - Rewrites classes/resources
  - Simpler than maven-assembly-plugin



```
<build>
   <plugins>
       <plugin>
           <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins
           <artifactId>maven-assembly-plugin</artifactId>
           <executions>
               <execution>
                   <phase>package</phase>
                   <goals>
                       <goal>single</goal>
                   </goals>
                   <configuration>
                       <archive>
                           <manifest>
                               <mainClass>net.thevpc.nuts.doc.mvnassproject.Main</mainClass>
                           </manifest>
                       </archive>
                       <descriptorRefs>
                           <descriptorRef>jar-with-dependencies</descriptorRef>
                       </descriptorRefs>
                   </configuration>
               </execution>
           </executions>
       </plugin>
   </plugins>
/huilds
```







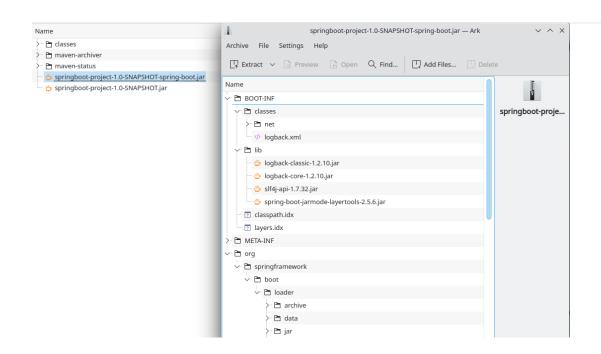
### 1.12. Fat Jars: Jar Jar

- onejar-maven-plugin
  - Rewrites jar to include dependencies as jars!
  - Adds bootstrap classes
  - Changes classloader
- spring-boot-maven-plugin
  - Rewrites jar to include dependencies as jars!
  - Adds bootstrap classes
  - Changes classloader



```
<build>
   <plugins>
       <plugin>
           <groupId>org.springframework.boot
           <artifactId>spring-boot-maven-plugin</artifactId>
           <version>2.5.6
           <executions>
               <execution>
                   <goals>
                       <goal>repackage</goal>
                   </goals>
                   <configuration>
                      <classifier>spring-boot</classifier>
                       <mainClass>net.thevpc.nuts.doc.springbootproject.Main/mainClass>
                   </configuration>
               </execution>
           </executions>
       </plugin>
   </plugins>
</build>
```







### 1.13. So...

- All alternatives are poor and/or ugly
- pom.xml polluted with +16-20 lines of code
- Why do we need a package manager for Java
- Why don't we already have a package manager for Java!



## 2. nuts Package Manager for Java

#### Main Idea:

- Little to no Intrusion and Backward compatibility to support existing apps and repos
- Good Integration with Java ecosystem and popular build/deploy/devops tools
- Solid enough to support multiple platforms
- Simple but extensible
- Open Source



## 2.1. nuts: A Package Manager for Java

- Centralized package manager for Java Apps and Libs (not only)
  - install, uninstall, update, search and exec for packages
  - Optimized dependency resolution solver
  - Cache for dependencies across installed apps
- Automation/devops friendly commandline tool
- Portable across Architectures, OSes, OS Distibs, Desktop Environments, Platforms (Java versions)
- Libre and Open Source, developed in java



## 2.2. nuts: A Package Manager for Java

#### Is Not:

- a replacement for maven, gradle or any build tool (used at deploy time)
- a plugin for maven, gradle or any build tool (do not change the build process)
- a replacement for spring framework or any other framework
- a replacement for IzPack or InstallAnywhere (but can do pretty much of it)
- a replacement for ansible or chef (but is conceptually driven by automation)
- a mere download tool



#### 2.3. nuts: Maven & Gradle

- Integrates seamlessly with maven
  - No required modification of the build process
  - Does not alter/rewrite the package
  - No special maven/gradle plugin needed
- Supports local Jars, public packages (maven central), and private packages (local .m2, nexus repos,...)
- Solves at runtime what maven/gradle solve at build time
  - Supports maven and gradle dependency resolution algorithms, scopes, ...



## 2.4. nuts: Dependency Optimization

- Downloads, Caches and Installs only relevant dependencies according to
  - arch (hardware architecture: x86, x64, relevant for native dependencies)
  - os (operating system: Win/Linux/Mac, relevant for specific tasks)
  - osDist (operating distribution : Ubuntu/OpenSuse,...)
  - desktop (desktop environment, relevant for icon/shortcut creation and environment integration)
  - platform (java SE versions installed to know what dependencies to use)



### 2.5. nuts: Integration

- Solid integration with environments
  - Uses OS's File System Layouts (XDG for Linux, ...)
    - separate folders per app
    - separate folders for log, config, lib, cache, etc.
    - portable across OSes (~/.config versus ~/AppData)
  - Supports cmdline and gui apps (installs scripts, icons, menus, ...)
  - Supports jar and zip based apps



#### 2.6. nuts: Toolbox

- Terminal Coloring on Linux/Windows
- Supports Windows cmd/PowerShell and \*NIX sh, bash, csh, zsh and fish and their relative rcfiles
- Bundles a bash/GNU binutils compatible (still incomplete) but enhanced java implementations
  - ls, cp, touch, mkdir, rmdir, ...
  - works on windows
  - adds some extra goodies (ssh, json, support ...)



## 2.7. nuts: Existing Apps

- Supports out of the box
  - maven 's repos (including central, spring, google, ...), more than 7M dependencies
  - Apache repos (netbeans, tomcat, derby, etc...)



### 2.8. nuts: Automation

- Powerful toolbox with customizable output formats
  - props
  - · xml
  - json
  - yaml
  - table
  - tree



### 2.9. nuts: Unique features

- Is statically built and has (almost) no dependencies
- Can be used as a library to support transitive ClassPath resolution
- Has a clean and rich API



## 2.10. nuts: Stability

- Tested:
  - over 160 regression tests with 3500+ lines of test-code in the repository.
  - opensuse, ubuntu, docker, windows7, windows10
  - sh, bash, csh, zsh, fish



# 2.11. 'nuts'... really?

- N etwork U pdatable T hings S ervices
- The **nuts** (fool) companion for the **maven** (sage) in the Software Kingdom's Palace!



### 3. Demonstration

### 3.1. Install Nuts

- 1. Download nuts.jar
- 2. Run java -jar nuts.jar -Zy
- 3. Restart your terminal



### 3.2. Install Nuts (Linux)

Install for Preview/Evaluation, most recent

```
$ wget https://thevpc.net/nuts-preview.jar -o nuts.jar
$ java -jar nuts.jar -Zy -r=+dev
$ exit
```

Install for Production, most stable

```
$ wget https://repo.maven.apache.org/maven2/net/thevpc/nuts/nuts/0.8.3/nuts-0.8.3.jar
-O nuts.jar
$ java -jar nuts.jar -Zy
$ exit
```

• In all cases, do not forget to restart your terminal



#### 3.3. Run the app

- We just run the app
- No modification is required
- We use the already built (by maven) jar
- The "artifactId" is (almost) sufficient to resolve the application to install



```
target: fish - Konsole <2>
File Edit View Bookmarks Plugins Settings Help
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> java -jar ./simple-project-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar
no main manifest attribute, in ./simple-project-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar
vpc@linux-roque /d/q/n/t/s/target (master) [1]> java -classpath ./simple-project-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar net.
thevpc.nuts.tutorial.simpleproject.Main
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NoClassDefFoundError: org/slf4j/LoggerFactory
        at net.thevpc.nuts.tutorial.simpleproject.Main.<clinit>(Main.java:11)
Caused by: java.lang.ClassNotFoundException: org.slf4j.LoggerFactory
        at java.base/jdk.internal.loader.BuiltinClassLoader.loadClass(BuiltinClassLoader.java:581)
       at java.base/jdk.internal.loader.ClassLoaders$AppClassLoader.loadClass(ClassLoaders.java:178)
        at java.base/java.lang.ClassLoader.loadClass(ClassLoader.java:522)
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master) [1]> nuts ./simple-project-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar
22:54:33.963 [main] DEBUG net.theypc.nuts.tutorial.simpleproject.Main - A simple app with dependencies
. Won't work out of the box!, unless...
vpc@linux-roque /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)>
```



## 3.4. Demonstration: Install Application

- Or we can install the app
  - All required dependencies will be resolved and downloaded
  - dependencies are shared across multiple apps
  - multiple versions of the same dependencies can coexists (required by different apps)
- And then we run it



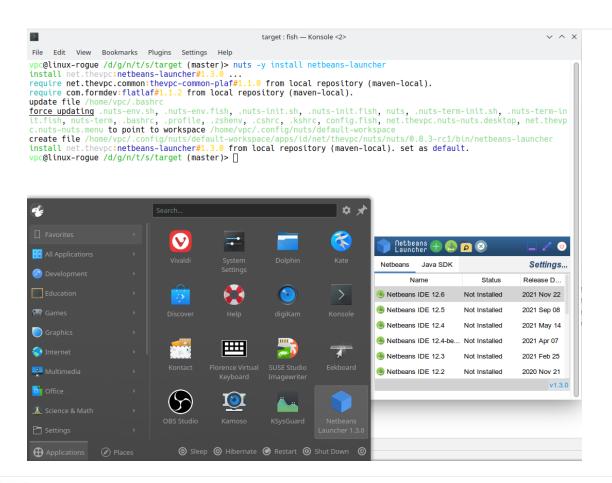
```
target: fish - Konsole <2>
File Edit View Bookmarks Plugins Settings Help
vpc@linux-roque /d/g/n/t/s/target (master) [245] > nuts install simple-project
the following new artifacts are going to be installed : net.thevpc.nuts.doc:simple-project#1.0-SNAPSHOT, net.the
vpc.nuts.tutorial:simple-project#1.0-SNAPSHOT
should we proceed?
(default is y, accepts y, n) ? : y
install net.thevpc.nuts.doc:simple-project#1.0-SNAPSHOT ...
require ch.qos.logback:logback-classic#1.2.10 from local repository (maven-local).
require ch.qos.logback:logback-core#1.2.10 from local repository (maven-local).
require org.slf4j:slf4j-api#1.7.32 from local repository (maven-local).
install net.thevpc.nuts.doc:simple-project#1.0-SNAPSHOT from local repository (maven-local). set as default.
install net.thevpc.nuts.tutorial:simple-project#1.0-SNAPSHOT ...
install net.thevpc.nuts.tutorial:simple-project#1.0-SNAPSHOT from local repository (maven-local). set as default
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts simple-project
22:58:56.722 [main] DEBUG net.thevpc.nuts.tutorial.simpleproject.Main - A simple app with dependencies. Won't wo
rk out of the box!, unless...
vpc@linux-roque /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)>
```



# 3.5. Install Gui App

- We can run a gui app of course
- nuts will create for it
  - a Desktop Shortcut (Icon)
  - a Menu Item







#### 3.6. Search for available applications

- We can search for installed or available (local/remote) apps
- We can search for apps and/or libs

```
target : fish - Konsole <2>
File Edit View Bookmarks Plugins Settings Help
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts search -l
                                                      com.formdev:flatlaf#1.1.2
d-- 2022-01-04 23:06:04.694 anonymous <main>
I-X 2022-01-04 23:06:04.668 anonymous <main>
                                                      net.thevpc:netbeans-launcher#1.3.0
i-x 2022-01-04 23:05:47.821 admin
                                        <main>
                                                      net.thevpc.nuts:nuts#0.8.3-rc1
ir- 2022-01-04 23:05:48.558 admin
                                       <main>
                                                      net.thevpc.nuts:nuts-runtime#0.8.3.0-rc1
d-- 2022-01-04 23:06:04.666 anonymous <main>
                                                      net.thevpc.common:thevpc-common-plaf#1.1.0
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts search --apps
net.thevpc:netbeans-launcher#1.3.0
net.thevpc.nuts:nuts#0.8.3-rc1
           browse ~/.config/.../thevpc-common-plaf/1.1.0 ↔
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts search --lib
com.formdev:flatlaf#1.1.2
net.thevpc.nuts:nuts-runtime#0.8.3.0-rc1
net.thevpc.common:thevpc-common-plaf#1.1.0
vpc@linux-roque /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)>
```



## 3.7. Repositories

- We can configure Repositories used to install/update packages
- We can list Repositories used to install/update packages
- Supports
  - Standard Maven Repositories
  - Plain Folders
  - Browsable HTTP folders (Parses HTML for common Webserver Directory Lists)



```
target : fish — Konsole <2>
File Edit View Bookmarks Plugins Settings Help
vpc@linux-roque /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts settings list repos --tree
      - name=maven-local
        type=maven
     — location=/home/vpc/.m2/repository
      — enabled=enabled
      - mirrors
      name=system
       type=nuts
      location=/opt/nuts/lib/default-workspace/id
      - enabled=enabled
     mirrors
      name=maven-central
       type=maven
     — location=htmlfs:https://repo.maven.apache.org/maven2
      enabled=enabled
      mirrors
     - name=local
      type=nuts

    location=/home/vpc/.config/nuts/default-workspace/local

    — enabled=enabled
— mirrors
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)>
```



## 3.8. Integration and Formats

- Customize any command's output to use structured/parsable or user friendly output formats
- All Commands support options!
  - structured (parsable): --json, --xml, --props, --yaml
  - unstructured: --plain, --table, --tree



```
target : fish - Konsole <2>
File Edit View Bookmarks Plugins Settings Help
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts search --long
                                                   com.formdev:flatlaf#1.1.2
d-- 2022-01-04 23:06:04.694 anonymous <main>
I-X 2022-01-04 23:06:04.668 anonymous <main>
                                                   net.thevpc:netbeans-launcher#1.3.0
i-x 2022-01-04 23:05:47.821 admin <main>
                                                   net.thevpc.nuts:nuts#0.8.3-rc1
ir- 2022-01-04 23:05:48.558 admin <main>
                                                   net.thevpc.nuts:nuts-runtime#0.8.3.0-rc1
d-- 2022-01-04 23:06:04.666 anonymous <main>
                                                   net.thevpc.common:thevpc-common-plaf#1.1.0
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts search --json
 "com.formdev:flatlaf#1.1.2"
, "net.thevpc:netbeans-launcher#1.3.0"
, "net.thevpc.nuts:nuts#0.8.3-rc1"
, "net.thevpc.nuts:nuts-runtime#0.8.3.0-rc1"
, "net.thevpc.common:thevpc-common-plaf#1.1.0"
 /pc@linux-roque /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts search --xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding=?>
<string value="com.formdev:flatlaf#1.1.2"/>
<string value="net.thevpc:netbeans-launcher#1.3.0"/>
<string value="net.thevpc.nuts:nuts#0.8.3-rc1"/>
<string value="net.thevpc.nuts:nuts-runtime#0.8.3.0-rc1"/>
<string value="net.thevpc.common:thevpc-common-plaf#1.1.0"/>
vpc@linux-roque /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts search --table
           id
com.formdev:flatlaf#1.1.2
net.thevpc:netbeans-launcher#1.3.0
net.thevpc.nuts:nuts#0.8.3-rc1
net.thevpc.nuts:nuts-runtime#0.8.3.0-rc1
net.thevpc.common:thevpc-common-plaf#1.1.
vpc@linux-roque /d/q/n/t/s/target (master)>
```



## 3.9. Companions

- We can use nsh instead of bash / cmd
- Implements common internal bash commands (cd,...) and constructs (pipes,...)
- Implements common binutils commands (ls,mkdir,....)
- All commands support **json** (and **yaml**, ...) out of the box
- All commands support ssh and extended path format (including URLS)
  out of the box, so that cp can be used as a simple alternative to wget



```
core : fish — Konsole
                                                                                                                                                               < ^ ×
File Edit View Bookmarks Plugins Settings Help
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/core (master)> nsh -c ls
nuts
nuts-runtime
pc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/core (master)> nsh -c ls --json
 "/data/git/nuts/core": [
     "name": "nuts",
     "path": "/data/git/nuts/core/nuts",
     "type": "d",
     "uperms": "rwxrwxrwx",
     "jperms": "rwx",
     "owner": "vpc",
     "group": "users",
     "length": 4096,
     "modified": "2022-01-04T21:05:25.439838Z",
     "created": "2022-01-04T21:05:25.439Z",
     "accessed": "2022-01-04T21:05:26.539Z"
     "name": "nuts-runtime",
     "path": "/data/git/nuts/core/nuts-runtime",
     "type": "d",
     "uperms": "rwxrwxrwx",
     "jperms": "rwx",
     "owner": "vpc",
     "group": "users",
     "length": 4096,
     "modified": "2022-01-04T21:49:07.938503Z",
     "created": "2022-01-04T21:49:07.938Z",
     "accessed": "2022-01-04T21:49:08.954Z"
     "name": "pom.xml",
     "path": "/data/git/nuts/core/pom.xml",
"type": "-",
     "uperms": "rwxrwxrwx",
```



#### 3.10. Bot Mode

Running with --bot will disable all interaction and terminal coloring

```
target: fish - Konsole <2>
                                                                                                                                                             < < <</p>
File Edit View Bookmarks Plugins Settings Help
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts search --json
 "com.formdev:flatlaf#1.1.2"
, "net.thevpc:netbeans-launcher#1.3.0"
, "net.thevpc.nuts:nuts#0.8.3-rc1"
, "net.thevpc.nuts:nuts-runtime#0.8.3.0-rc1"
, "net.thevpc.common:thevpc-common-plaf#1.1.0"
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts search --json --bot
 "com.formdev:flatlaf#1.1.2"
, "net.thevpc:netbeans-launcher#1.3.0"
"net.thevpc.nuts:nuts#0.8.3-rc1"
, "net.thevpc.nuts:nuts-runtime#0.8.3.0-rc1"
 "net.thevpc.common:thevpc-common-plaf#1.1.0"
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)>
```



## 3.11. Help

• An extensive help is available from within the command line

```
core : fish — Konsole
 File Edit View Bookmarks Plugins Settings Help
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/core (master)> nuts help search
search :
search for artifacts
   nuts search [<-options>]... <ids> ... <args> ...
       search for <ids>
OPTIONS:
       when an id is found but its descriptor and/or its file are not found, do not raise an error and continue. default no
       return all versions of the same ids. if no will always return the latest one. default yes
       return the same version from distinct repositories if found. default yes
       remove duplicates . default false
    -L | --latest | --latest-versions
       return latest version of each searched id. equivalent to --all-versions=no
   -S | --single | --single-versions
       return one instance of each version even if found in distinct repositories. equivalent to --duplicate=no
       sort result. default no
       include main result. This is meaningful when one needs to find only dependencies, and hence turns this flag to no. default yes
       include dependencies in result. default no
```



#### 3.12. Conclusion

- nuts tries to be for java what npm is for javascript
- nuts is a versatile toolbox
- nuts is 2800+ classes, 600ko+ boot jar
- I invite you to
  - Take a shot, try to use it and give feedback
  - Star(\*) the repository https://github.com/thevpc/nuts
  - Spread the word
  - Join the Core Team to enhance nuts



# Thank you

please support us by starring our repo at

https://github.com/thevpc/nuts (git repo)

https://thevpc.github.io/nuts (website)

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