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# nuts, the Java Package Manager

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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 that 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

```
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

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><project xmlns="..."><modelVersion>
4.0.0</modelVersion>
<groupId>net.thevpc.nuts.doc</groupId>
<artifactId>base-project</artifactId>
<version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>
<dependencies>
<dependency>
  <groupId>ch.qos.logback</groupId>
  <artifactId>logback-classic</artifactId>
  <version>1.2.10</version>
</dependency>
</dependencies>
</project>
```



## 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 its dependencies)
- Special packaging
- Execution Sandbox
- Deprecated!! since Java9
- No Shared Dependencies / Centralize Dep Mgt
- What about **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
  - 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
  - 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

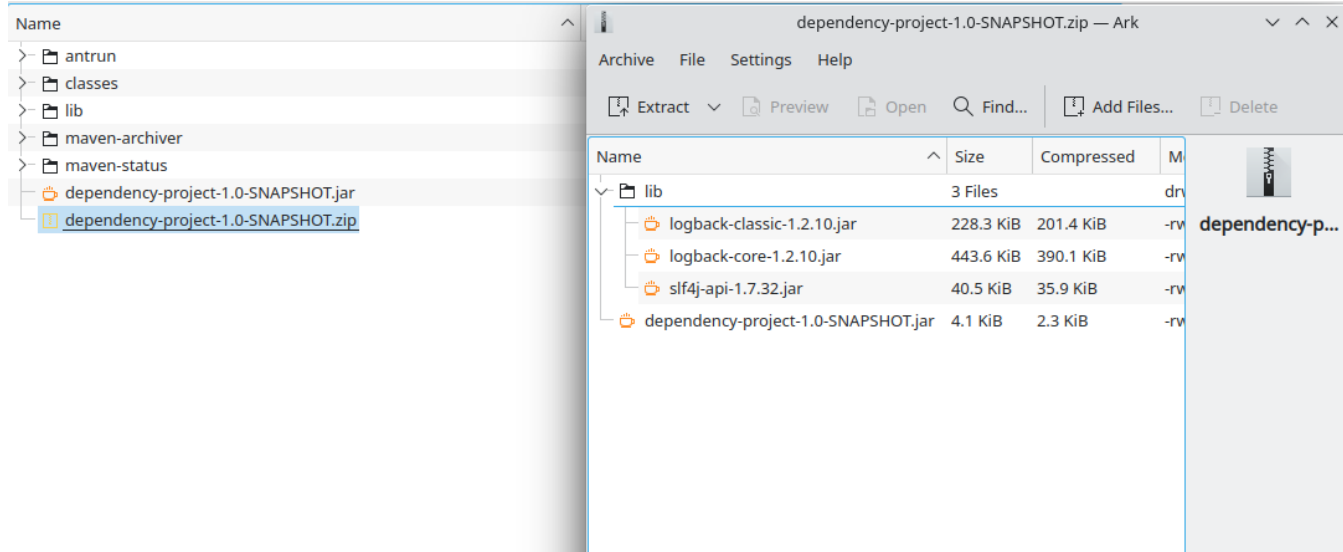


## 1.10. Fat Packages: maven-dependency-plugin

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



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





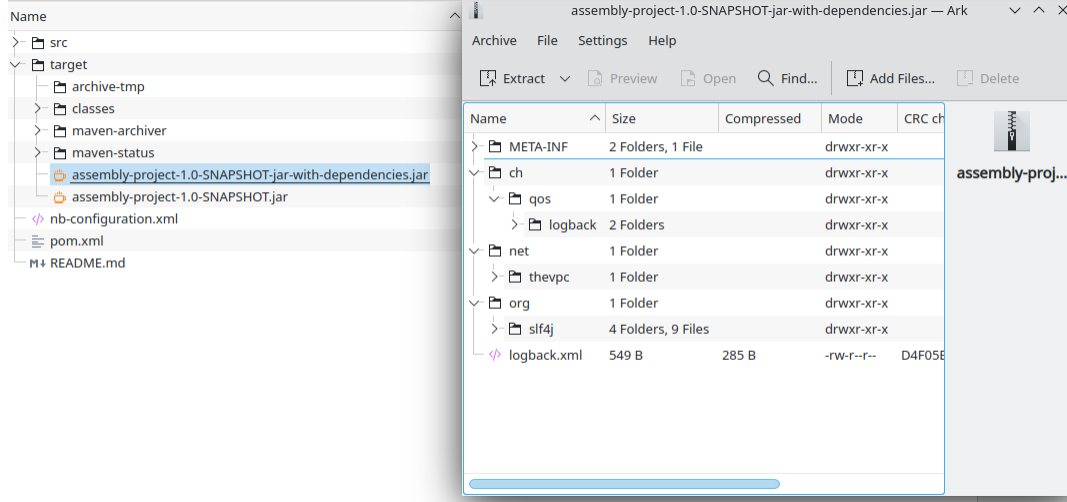
## 1.11. Fat Jars : Uber Jar

- **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</groupId>
      <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>
</build>
```



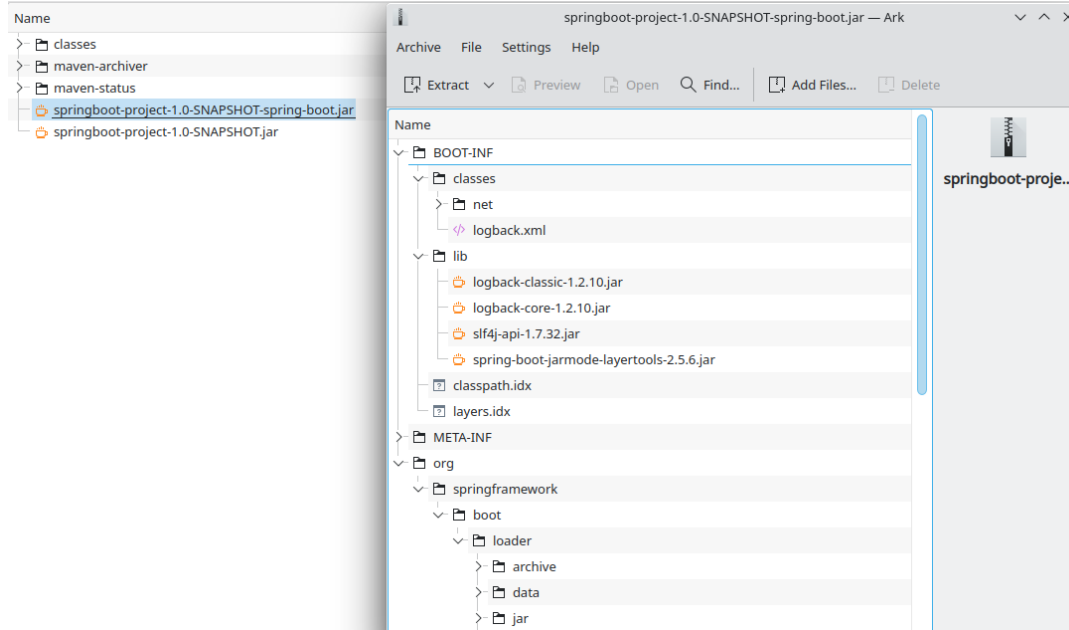


## 1.12. Fat Jars : Jar Jar

- **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</groupId>
      <artifactId>spring-boot-maven-plugin</artifactId>
      <version>2.5.6</version>
      <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 resolver
- Has a clean and rich API





## 2.10. nuts: Stability

- Tested:
  - over 140 regression tests with 3500+ lines of test-code in the repository.
  - `opensuse`, `ubuntu`, `docker`, `windows7`, `windows10`
  - `sh`, `bash`, `csch`, `zsh`, `fish`



## 2.11. 'nuts'... really?

- Network Updatable Things Services
- 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, with no modification
- We use the built (by maven) jar



```
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]> nuts ./simple-project-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar
22:54:33.963 [main] DEBUG net.thevpc.nuts.tutorial.simpleproject.Main - A simple app with dependencies
. Won't work out of the box!, unless...
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> █
```



### 3.4. Demonstration : Install Application

- Or we can install the app (and its **required** dependencies)
- And then we run it



```
target: fish — Konsole <2>
File Edit View Bookmarks Plugins Settings Help
vpc@linux-rogue /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.thevpc.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 work out of the box!, unless...
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> █
```





## 3.5. Install Gui App

- We can run a gui app of course, **nuts** will create a shortcut for it



target : fish — Konsole <2>

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```
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts -y install netbeans-launcher
install net.thevpc:netbeans-launcher#1.3.0 ...
require net.thevpc:common:thevpc-common-plaf#1.1.0 from local repository (maven-local).
require com.formdev:flatlaf#1.1.2 from local repository (maven-local).
update file /home/vpc/.bashrc
force updating .nuts-env.sh, .nuts-env.fish, .nuts-init.sh, .nuts-init.fish, nuts, .nuts-term-init.sh, .nuts-term-in
it.fish, nuts-term, .bashrc, .profile, .zshenv, .cshrc, .kshrc, config.fish, net.thevpc.nuts-nuts.desktop, net.thevpc
c.nuts-nuts.menu to point to workspace /home/vpc/.config/nuts/default-workspace
create file /home/vpc/.config/nuts/default-workspace/apps/ld/net/thevpc/nuts/nuts/0.8.3-rc1/bin/netbeans-launcher
install net.thevpc:netbeans-launcher#1.3.0 from local repository (maven-local). set as default.
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> []
```

Taha BEN SALAH

Search...

Applications

Places

Sleep Hibernate Restart Shut Down

Netbeans Launcher

Netbeans Java SDK

Name	Status	Release D...
Netbeans IDE 12.6	Not Installed	2021 Nov 22
Netbeans IDE 12.5	Not Installed	2021 Sep 08
Netbeans IDE 12.4	Not Installed	2021 May 14
Netbeans IDE 12.4-be...	Not Installed	2021 Apr 07
Netbeans IDE 12.3	Not Installed	2021 Feb 25
Netbeans IDE 12.2	Not Installed	2020 Nov 21

v1.3.0

Settings...



### 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>
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vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts search -l
d-- 2022-01-04 23:06:04.694 anonymous <main> com.formdev:flatlaf#1.1.2
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-rogue /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

```
target: fish -- Konsole <2>
vpc@linux-rogue /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/td
│   ├── 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

- using `--json`, `--xml`, `--props`, `--yaml`, `--table`, `--tree` for any command will customize output

```
target: fish — Konsole <2>
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vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master) > nuts search --long
d-- 2022-01-04 23:06:04.694 anonymous <main> com.fordev:flatlaf#1.1.2
l-x 2022-01-04 23:06:04.668 anonymous <main> net.thevpc:netbeans-launcher#1.3.0
l-x 2022-01-04 23:06:04.021 admin <main> net.thevpc:nuts:nuts#0.8.3-rc1
l-r 2022-01-04 23:06:04.558 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.fordev: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 --xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<root>
  <string value="com.fordev: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"/>
</root>
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master) > nuts search --table


| id                                         |
|--------------------------------------------|
| com.fordev: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) >
```



### 3.9. Companions

- We can use **nsh** instead of **bash** / **cmd** and make usage of **json** support out of the box

```
core : fish — Konsole
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vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/core (master)> nsh -c ls
nuts
nuts-runtime
pom.xml
vpc@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",
      "perms": "rwxrwxrwx",
      "jperms": "rwx",
      "owner": "vpc",
      "group": "users",
      "length": 4896,
      "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",
      "perms": "rwxrwxrwx",
      "jperms": "rwx",
      "owner": "vpc",
      "group": "users",
      "length": 4896,
      "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": "-",
      "perms": "rwxrwxrwx",

```



## 3.10. Bot Mode

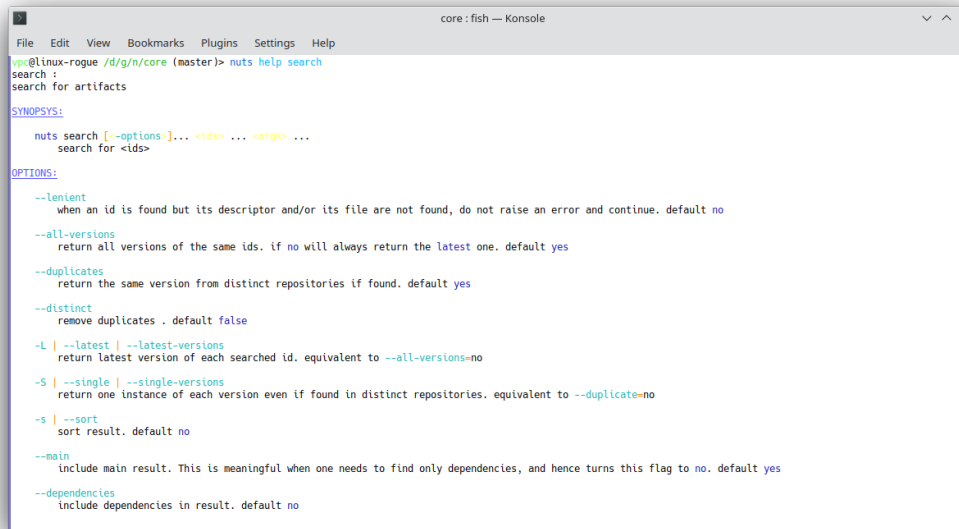
- Running with **--bot** will disable all interaction and terminal coloring

```
target: fish — Konsole <2>
File Edit View Bookmarks Plugins Settings Help
vpc@linux-rogue /d/g/n/t/s/target (master)> nuts search --json
[
  "com.fordev: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.fordev: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

SYNOPSIS:
  nuts search [--options-]... <ids> ... <args> ...
  search for <ids>

OPTIONS:
  --lenient
    when an id is found but its descriptor and/or its file are not found, do not raise an error and continue. default no
  --all-versions
    return all versions of the same ids. if no will always return the latest one. default yes
  --duplicates
    return the same version from distinct repositories if found. default yes
  --distinct
    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
  -s | --sort
    sort result. default no
  --main
    include main result. This is meaningful when one needs to find only dependencies, and hence turns this flag to no. default yes
  --dependencies
    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**



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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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