

# Mozilla Addon Builder

## Definition of the Package Building System

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If in doubts, please take a look at the accompanied document:

<http://github.com/zalun/FlightDeck/raw/master/Docs/Addon%20Builder%20-%20Build%20System.pdf>.

## 1 Syntax

### 1.1 Objects

$x, y, z$  — *represents*  $[a..z]$

$m, n$  — *represents*  $[0..9]^+$

$Ux$  is the specific User (identified by *User:name*)

$Px$  is the specific Package (identified by *Package:name*)

It should always be used within its **type** context as  $Lx$  — Library or  $Ax$  — Addon

Every Package has an associated PackageRevision<sup>1</sup> (identified by a triplet  $Ux:Py.n$   
*User/Package/PackageRevision:revisionNumber*)

$Mx$  is the Module (identified by  $Ux:Py.n:Mz$  *PackageRevision/Module:name*<sup>2</sup>)

### 1.2 Object identification — revision numbers and HEAD

$Ux:Py.n$  defines revision of the Package.

$Ua:La.1$  — First revision of Library  $La$  saved by  $Ua$ .

$Ux:Py.n:Mz$  defines the precise Module revision — a Module inside the PackageRevision.

$Ua:La.1:Ma$  — Module  $Ma$  inside the first revision of Library  $La$  saved by  $Ua$ .

$Px \implies Uy:Px.n$  is the HEAD revision of the Package

$La \implies Ua:La.1$  —  $La$ 's HEAD points to the first revision of Library  $La$  saved by  $Ua$ .

$Ux:Py.n \supset \{Ux:Py.m:Mz, \dots\}$  Modules inside the Package revision.

$Ua:La.2 \supset \{Ua:La.1:Ma, Ub:La.2:Mb\}$  — Second revision of Library  $La$  saved by  $Ua$  contains  $Ma$  saved by  $Ua$  in his  $La$ 's first revision and  $Mb$  saved by  $Ub$  in his second  $La$ 's revision.

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<sup>1</sup>PackageRevision is not the same as Package version. The latter is just meta-data, a text field of PackageRevision object used only in exported XPI. It will no longer be used for data identification.

<sup>2</sup>Every data object is identified by a PackageRevision. The concept is similar to *git*'s commits. In essence, for every saved Module change, a new PackageRevision is created.

## 2 Editing Library and its Modules

### 2.1 Starting point

All next scenarios start from the  $Ua:La.1$  defined as follows.

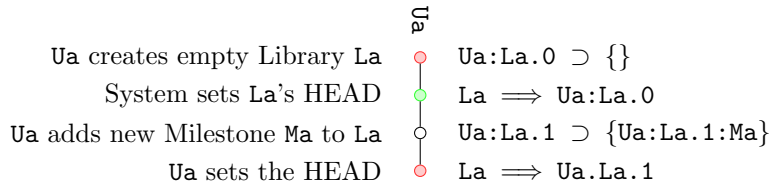
$$La \Rightarrow Ua:La.1 \supset \{Ua:La.1:Ma\}$$

Package  $La$  is created by User  $Ua$ .

$La$ 's HEAD is PackageRevision identified as  $Ua:La.1$

It contains only one module -  $Ma$

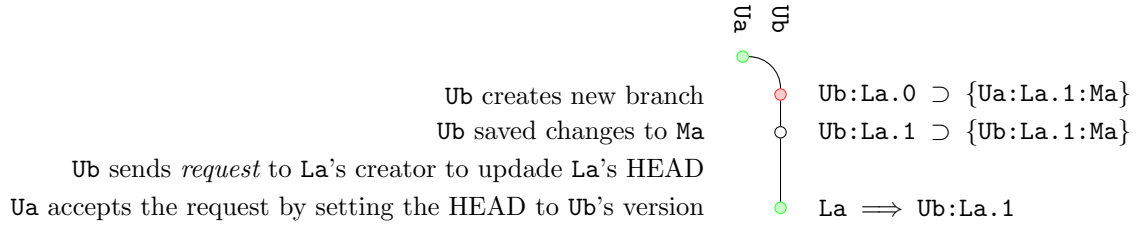
Following steps had to happen to achieve above status:



### 2.2 Scenario (1 Module, 2 Users, no dependencies)

$Ua$  and  $Ub$  are working on  $La$

$Ub$  modified one module



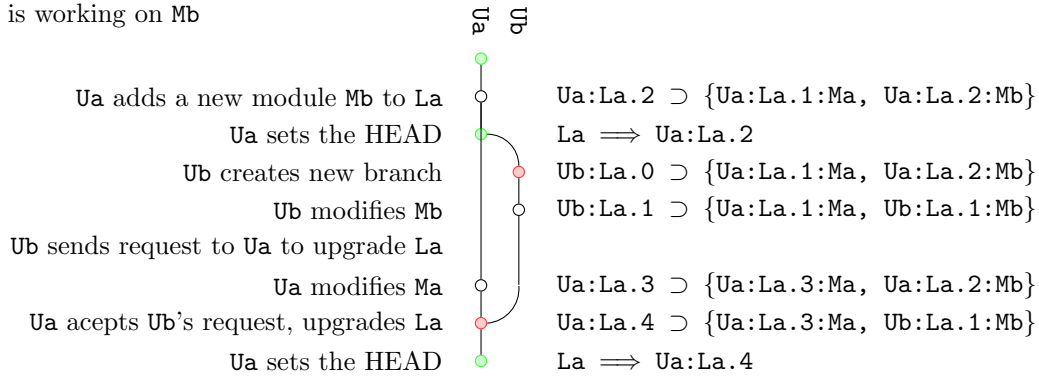
Result:  $La \Rightarrow Ub:La.1 \supset \{Ub:La.1:Ma\}$

### 2.3 Scenario (2 Modules, 2 Users, no dependencies)

$Ua$  and  $Ub$  are working on  $La$

$Ua$  created module  $Mb$

$Ub$  is working on  $Mb$



Result:  $La \Rightarrow Ua:La.4 \supset \{Ua:La.3:Ma, Ub:La.1:Mb\}$

## 2.4 Scenario (2 Modules, 2 Users, no dependencies)

Ua and Ub are working on La

Ub created module Mb

1. Ub adds a new module Mb to La  
 $Ub:La.0 \supset \{Ua:La.1:Ma\}$  — automatic fork of La  
 $Ub:La.1 \supset \{Ua:La.1:Ma, Ua:La.1:Mb\}$
2. Ub modifies Mb  
 $Ub:La.2 \supset \{Ua:La.1:Ma, Ub:La.2:Mb\}$
3. Ub sends request to Ua to upgrade La from Ub:La.2
4. Ua modifies Ma  
 $Ua:La.2 \supset \{Ua:La.2:Ma\}$
5. Ua accepts Ub's request  
 $Ua:La.3 \supset \{Ua:La.2:Ma, Ub:La.2:Mb\}$
6. Ua sets the HEAD  
 $La \implies Ua:La.3$
7. Result:  $La \implies Ua:La.3 \supset \{Ua:La.2:Ma, Ub:La.2:Mb\}$

## 2.5 Scenario with conflict (2 Modules, 2 Users, no dependencies)

Ua and Ub are working on La

Ua created module Mb

Ua and Ub are working on Mb

Conflict arises...

1. Ua adds a new module Mb to La  
 $Ua:La.2 \supset \{Ua:La.1:Ma, Ua:La.2:Mb\}$
2. Ua sets the HEAD  
 $La \implies Ua:La.2$
3. Ub modifies Mb  
 $Ub:La.0 \supset \{Ua:La.1:Ma, Ua:La.2:Mb\}$  — automatic fork of La  
 $Ub:La.1 \supset \{Ua:La.1:Ma, Ub:La.1:Mb\}$
4. Ua modifies Mb  
 $Ua:La.3 \supset \{Ua:La.1:Ma, Ua:La.2:Mb\}$
5. **CONFLICT**  
At the time we've got two versions of La.Mb which came out from the same version
6. Ua sets the HEAD  
 $La \supset Ua:La.3$
7. Ub receives info that his source is behind the HEAD  
 $Ub:La.1:Mb$  (and  $Ub:La.1$ ) is marked as *conflicted*  
Ub can't send the update request
8. Ub manually solves conflict by editing the Mb and removing the *conflict flag*  
 $Ub:La.2 \supset \{Ua:La.1, Ub:La.2:Mb\}$

9.  $U_b$  sends request to  $U_a$  to upgrade  $La$  from  $U_b:La.2$
10.  $U_a$  accepts  $U_b$ 's request  
 $U_a:La.4 \supset \{U_a:La.3:Ma, U_b:La.2:Mb\}$
11.  $U_a$  sets the HEAD  
 $La \Rightarrow U_a:La.4$
12. Result:  $La \Rightarrow U_a:La.4 \supset \{U_a:La.3:Ma, U_b:La.2:Mb\}$

## Draft/Ideas

**update Library** if Library HEAD has been changed something should tell the User that an update is possible. It should then (on request) change the versions of all Modules which are not in conflict with updating Library. In essence, if

$U_a:La.1 \supset \{U_a:La.1:Ma, U_b:La.2:Mb\}$  is a Library to be updated and  
 $La \Rightarrow U_c:La.3 \supset \{U_b:La.1:Ma, U_c:La.3:Mb, U_c:La.1:Mc\}$  is current HEAD, then  
 $U_b:La.2:Mb$  should be updated to  $U_c:La.3:Mb$  and  $U_c:La.1:Mc$  should be added.  
 User should receive a notification that  $U_a:La.1:Ma$  is not in sync with HEAD.

**forking** Consider forcing users to create their copy of a Package before entering to edit mode (as in *github*), find a better name if needed ...

**revision graphs** should be created inside this documentation.

Consider using tikz <http://www.texample.net/tikz/examples/>

**To be continued...**