Developing cross-platform CPython extensions

1) Create simple examplemodule/CMakeLists.txt describing the extension

project(examplemodule) find_package(Python REQUIRED CONFIG) include_directories(\${PYTHON_INCLUDE_DIRS}) add_library(example MODULE examplemodule.cxx) target_link_libraries(example \${PYTHON_LIBRARIES}) set_target_properties(example PROPERTIES PREFIX "")

cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 2.8.9)

(2) Create **examplemodule.cxx** implementing the extension

(3) Configure and build mkdir examplemodule && cd \$_

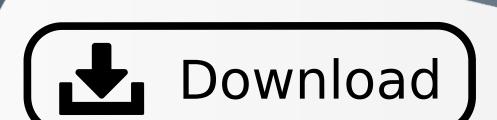
cmake -DPython_DIR=\${HOME}/scratch/python-build ../examplemodule make -j4

Require CMake >= 2.8.9

github.com/jcfr/python-cmake-custom-extension

Motivation

- Maintainable build system
- Easy embedding of CPython
- Built-in support for cross-compilation
- First class support for Visual Studio



Python source [0]

CMake [1]

Python CMake build system [2]

Install

Generation of pkg-config file

cmake \

make install

Configurable install prefix

Install tree layout similar to "Autoconf" one

-DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/path/to/python-install

CMake build system for CPython Simple with built-in support for cross-compilation.

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What is CMake?

- One simple language for all platforms
- Generates native build system
- Cross-platform
- Open-source BSD-like license
- Self-contained No dependencies
- Large community

CMake generators

A CMake Generator is responsible for writing the input files for a native build system.

Use cmake - G option to specify the generator for a new build tree.

Extra Generators for auxiliary IDE

CodeBlocks CodeLite Eclipse CDT4 KDevelop3 Kate

Sublime Text 2

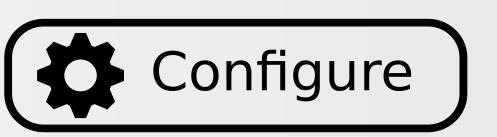
Borland Makefiles

MSYS Makefiles MinGW Makefiles NMake Makefiles NMake Makefiles JOM Ninja Unix Makefiles

Watcom WMake

Command-Line Build Tool Generators IDE Build Tool Generators

Visual Studio 6 Visual Studio 7 Visual Studio 7 .NET 2003 Visual Studio 8 2005 Visual Studio 9 2008 Visual Studio 10 2010 Visual Studio 11 2012 Visual Studio 12 2013 Xcode



Support for cross-compilation

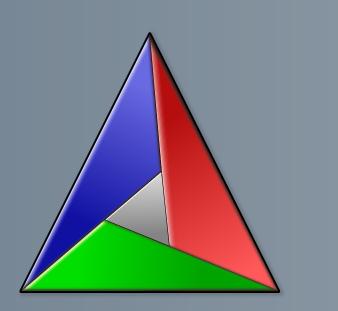
libpython: shared and/or static

Python modules: shared or built-in

Dependencies: system or explicit

Support for in or out of source build

Configurable install prefix







davidsansome/python-cmake-buildsystem



Cross-compiling for RaspberryPi

(1) Build the toolchain using crosstool-ng [5]

② Create Toolchain-RaspberryPi.cmake [6] set(CMAKE_C_COMPILER \${toolchain}/bin/arm-unknown-linux-gnueabi-gcc)

set(CMAKE_FIND_ROOT_PATH \${toolchain}/arm-unknown-linux-gnueabi/sysroot)

(3) Configure mkdir python-install-pi && mkdir python-build-pi && cd \$_ cmake -DCMAKE_TOOLCHAIN_FILE=/path/to/Toolchain-RaspberryPi.cmake \ -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/home/jchris/sratch/python-install-pi \ ../python-cmake-buildsystem

4 Edit TryRunResults.cmake with expected values

5 Re-configure

cmake -C TryRunResults.cmake -DCMAKE_TOOLCHAIN_FILE=Toolchain-RaspberryPi.cmake -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/home/jchris/sratch/python-install-pi ../python-cmake-buildsystem

6 Cross-compile 7 Upload to target

make install

Ubuntu 13.10 / CMake 2.8.9

Build

Unix/Ubuntu build (see ReadMe for Windows and others)

Install build tools sudo apt-get install build-essential cmake git

Create directory mkdir ~/scratch && cd \$_

Download python source wget python.org/ftp/python/2.7.3/Python-2.7.3.tgz

tar -xzvf Python-2.7.3.tgz # Download buildsystem

git clone git@github.com:\ davidsansome/python-cmake-buildsystem.git

Configure

mkdir python-install && mkdir python-build && cd \$_ -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=\${HOME}/scratch/python-install

Build make -j4

Install make install

Future work

Support 2.7.8 and 3.x

Document CMake buildsystem using sphinx.

Setup Travis CI

Setup dashboard for RaspberryPi

First class support for frozen module [7].

Integrate SetupTools with CMake

Contributing

Follow the Github flow [8]:

Create a branch

Open a Pull Request

→ Test

Discuss and review

Merge

Run tests

\$ ctest -D Experimental -j10 Test project /home/jchris/scratch/python-build Start 1: test_site [...]

391/392 Test #374: test_poll Passed 10.16 sec 392/392 Test #255: test_io Passed 38.07 sec

Test

100% tests passed, 0 tests failed out of 392

Total Test time (real) = 66.09 sec

Test results submitted to CDash [3]

Website similar to buildbot [4] with built-in support for cmake and ctest

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- [5] http://www.kitware.com/blog/home/post/426
- [6] http://www.kitware.com/blog/home/post/428 [7] http://conference.scipy.org/scipy2013/presentation_detail.php?id=129
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