Developing cross-platform CPython extensions

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

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 2.8.9)
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 "")
```

2. Create examplemodule.cxx implementing the extension

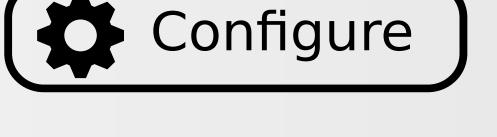
```
3. Configure and build
 mkdir examplemodule && cd $_
 cmake -DPython_DIR=${HOME}/scratch/python-build ../examplemodule
 make -j4
```

Require CMake >= 2.8.9

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

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



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

Cross-compiling for RasperyPi

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.

Integrate SetupTools with CMake

Download

Python source [O]

CMake [1]

Python CMake build system [2]

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

Jean-Christophe Fillion-Robin, Matt McCormick



davidsansome/python-cmake-buildsystem



Motivation

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

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

Install

Install tree layout similar to "Autoconf" one

Generation of pkg-config file

Configurable install prefix

cmake \ -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/path/to/python-install make install



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

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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