Unit testing library: Catch2

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1. Don't reinvent the wheel: use a library

Many things you want to program have been thought of before: see if there is a library for it.

Library: 'program without main': you supply the main, functionality comes from library



2. External libraries: usage

Suppose the 'fancy' library does what you need.

- 1. Include a header file
- 2. Then use the functions defined there.

```
#include "fancylib.h"
int main() {
   x = fancyfunction(y);
}
```



3. External libraries: compile

1. Compiler needs to know where the header is:

```
icpc -c yourprogram.cpp -I/usr/include/fancylib
```

2. You may need to link a library file:

```
icpc -o yourprogram yourprogram.o \
    -L/usr/lib/fancylib -lfancy
```

(not for 'header only' libraries)



4. Libraries with CMake

```
Use 'package config' to find the library,
then use variables with include and library paths/names

find_package( PkgConfig REQUIRED )
pkg_check_modules( OPTS REQUIRED cxxopts )

target_include_directories(

${PROGRAM_NAME} PUBLIC

${OPTS_INCLUDE_DIRS}
)
```



5. Where to find libraries

Search ...

There is a lot of stuff on github.



6. Example: catch2

```
Clone development version
(better than the 2.x releases)
git clone https://github.com/catchorg/Catch2.git catch-git
Build:
mkdir build
cd build
cmake -D CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=../installation \
    ../catch-git
make
```



make install

7. Usage

See the TDD slides.

