

# Help! I want to write CMake myself!

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CMake is a portable build system that is becoming a *de facto* standard for C++ package management.

If you publish software, it's becoming expected that you deliver a CMake configuration.



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# Make your CMake configuration



You have a code that you want to distribute in source form for easy installation.

You decide to use CMake for portability.

To do: write the `CMakeLists.txt` file.



```
cmake_minimum_required( VERSION 3.12 )  
project( myproject VERSION 1.0 )
```

- Which cmake version is needed for this file?  
(CMake has undergone quite some evolution!)
- Give a name to your project.



- Declare a target: something that needs to be built, and specify what is needed for it

```
add_executable( myprogram program.cxx )
```

Use of macros:

```
add_executable( ${PROJECT_NAME} program.cxx )
```

- Do things with the target, for instance state where it is to be installed:

```
install( TARGETS myprogram DESTINATION . )
```



Build an executable from a single source file:

```
cmake_minimum_required( VERSION 3.12 )  
project( singleprogram VERSION 1.0 )  
  
add_executable( program program.cxx )  
install( TARGETS program DESTINATION . )
```





First a library that goes into the executable:

```
add_library( auxlib aux.cxx aux.h )  
target_link_libraries( program PRIVATE auxlib )
```



Full configuration for an executable that uses a library:

```
1  cmake_minimum_required( VERSION 3.12 )
2  project( cmakeprogram VERSION 1.0 )
3
4  add_executable( program program.cxx )
5  add_library( auxlib
6              aux.cxx aux.h )
7  target_link_libraries( program PRIVATE auxlib )
8  install( TARGETS program DESTINATION . )
```



To have the library released too, use **PUBLIC**.  
Add the library target to the **install** command.



```
1  cmake_minimum_required( VERSION 3.12 )
2  project( cmakeprogram VERSION 1.0 )
3
4  add_executable( program program.cxx )
5  target_include_directories(
6      program PRIVATE lib )
7  add_library(
8      auxlib STATIC
9      lib/aux.cxx lib/aux.h )
10 target_link_libraries( program PUBLIC auxlib )
11 install( TARGETS program DESTINATION bin )
12 install( TARGETS auxlib DESTINATION lib )
```

Note the separate destination directories.



The previous setup was messy  
Better handle the library through a recursive cmake  
and make the usual `lib include bin` setup



Declare that there is a directory to do recursive make:

```
cmake_minimum_required( VERSION 3.12 )  
project( cmakeprogram VERSION 1.0 )  
  
add_executable( program program.cxx )  
add_subdirectory( lib )  
target_include_directories(  
    program PRIVATE lib )  
target_link_libraries( program PUBLIC auxlib )  
install( TARGETS program DESTINATION bin )
```

(Note that the name of the library comes from the subdirectory)



Installs into `lib` and `include`

```
cmake_minimum_required( VERSION 3.12 )
project( cmakeprogram VERSION 1.0 )

add_executable( program program.cxx )
target_include_directories(
    program PRIVATE lib )
add_library(
    auxlib STATIC
    lib/aux.cxx lib/aux.h )
target_link_libraries( program PUBLIC auxlib )
install( TARGETS program DESTINATION bin )
install( TARGETS auxlib DESTINATION lib )
```



Static vs shared libraries. In the configuration file:

```
add_library( auxlib STATIC aux.cxx aux.h )  
# or  
add_library( auxlib SHARED aux.cxx aux.h )
```

or by adding a runtime flag

```
cmake -D BUILD_SHARED_LIBS=TRUE
```

Related: the `-fPIC` compile option is set by  
`CMAKE_POSITION_INDEPENDENT_CODE`.





- Use `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`, or
- use `rpath`.

(Apple note: forced to use second option)

```
set_target_properties(  
    ${PROGRAM_NAME} PROPERTIES  
    BUILD_RPATH "${CATCH2_LIBRARY_DIRS}"; ${  
    FMTLIB_LIBRARY_DIRS} "  
    INSTALL_RPATH "${CATCH2_LIBRARY_DIRS}"; ${  
    FMTLIB_LIBRARY_DIRS} "  
)
```



# Using other packages



```
find_package( PkgConfig REQUIRED )
pkg_check_modules( CATCH2 REQUIRED catch2-with-main )
target_include_directories(
    ${PROGRAM_NAME} PUBLIC
    ${CATCH2_INCLUDE_DIRS}
)
target_link_directories(
    ${PROGRAM_NAME} PUBLIC
    ${CATCH2_LIBRARY_DIRS}
)
target_link_libraries(
    ${PROGRAM_NAME} PUBLIC
    ${CATCH2_LIBRARIES}
)
```



header-only:

```
find_package( PkgConfig REQUIRED )  
pkg_check_modules( OPTS REQUIRED cxxopts )  
target_include_directories(  
    ${PROGRAM_NAME} PUBLIC  
    ${OPTS_INCLUDE_DIRS}  
)
```



```
find_package( PkgConfig REQUIRED )
pkg_check_modules( FMTLIB REQUIRED fmt )
target_include_directories(
    ${PROGRAM_NAME} PUBLIC ${FMTLIB_INCLUDE_DIRS}
)
target_link_directories(
    ${PROGRAM_NAME} PUBLIC ${FMTLIB_LIBRARY_DIRS}
)
target_link_libraries(
    ${PROGRAM_NAME} PUBLIC ${FMTLIB_LIBRARIES}
)
```



Has its own module:

```
find_package( range-v3 REQUIRED )  
target_link_libraries( ${PROGRAM_NAME} PUBLIC range-v3::range-  
    v3 )
```



MPI has a module:

```
find_package( MPI )  
target_include_directories(  
    ${PROJECT_NAME} PUBLIC  
    ${MPI_CXX_INCLUDE_DIRS} )  
target_link_libraries(  
    ${PROJECT_NAME} PUBLIC  
    ${MPI_CXX_LIBRARIES} )
```



```
find_package( MPI )
target_include_directories(
    ${PROJECT_NAME} PUBLIC
    ${MPI_C_INCLUDE_DIRS} )
target_link_libraries(
    ${PROJECT_NAME} PUBLIC
    ${MPI_C_LIBRARIES} )
```





```
find_package( MPI )
target_include_directories(
    ${PROJECT_NAME} PUBLIC
    ${MPI_INCLUDE_DIRS} )
target_link_directories(
    ${PROJECT_NAME} PUBLIC
    ${MPI_LIBRARY_DIRS} )
target_link_libraries(
    ${PROJECT_NAME} PUBLIC
    ${MPI_Fortran_LIBRARIES} )
```



```
if( MPI_Fortran_HAVE_F08_MODULE )  
else()  
    message( FATAL_ERROR "No f08 module for this MPI" )  
endif()
```



```
find_package(OpenMP)
if (OpenMP_CXX_FOUND)
else()
    message( FATAL_ERROR "Could not find OpenMP" )
endif()
target_link_libraries( ${PROJECT_NAME} PUBLIC OpenMP::
    OpenMP_CXX )
```



```
find_package(OpenMP)  
target_link_libraries( ${PROJECT_NAME} PUBLIC OpenMP::OpenMP_C  
    )
```



```
enable_language(Fortran)  
find_package(OpenMP)  
target_link_libraries( ${PROJECT_NAME} PUBLIC OpenMP::  
    OpenMP_Fortran )
```



```
find_package(TBB REQUIRED)  
target_link_libraries( ${PROJECT_NAME} PUBLIC TBB::tbb)
```

