# CS100 Introduction to Programming

Lecture 18. CMake

# Today's learning objectives

- Build systems tour
- Introduction to CMake
- Step-by-step tutorial

#### **Outline**

- Build systems
- Meeting CMake
- Basic CMake Usage
- CMake Tutorial

#### Why build systems?

- We write an application (source code) and need to:
  - Compile the source-code
  - Link to other libraries
  - Distribute your application as source and/or binary
- We would also like to be able to:
  - Run tests on your software
  - Run test of the redistributable package
  - See the results of that

#### Compiling

Manually?

```
g++ -DMYDEFINES -c myapp.o myapp.cpp
```

- Unfeasible when:
  - we have many files
  - some files should be compiled only in a particular platform
  - different defines depending on debug/release, platform, compiler, etc.
- We really want to automate these steps

#### Linking

Manually?

```
ld -o myapp file1.o file2.o file3.o -lc -lmylib
```

- Unfeasible if we have many files, or if dependencies depend on the platform we are working on, etc.
- We also want to automate this step

# Distribute your software

- Traditional way of doing things:
  - Developers develop code
  - Once the software is finished, other people package it
  - There are many packaging formats depending on operating system version, platform, Linux distribution, etc.
- We'd like to automate this but, is it possible to bring packagers into the development process?

# **Testing**

- We like to use unit tests when developping software
- When and how to run unit tests? Usually a three step process:
  - manually invoke the build process (e.g. make)
  - when finished, manually run a test suite
  - when finished, look at the results and search for errors and/or warnings
  - can we test the packaging? Do we need to invoke the individual tests or the unit test manually?

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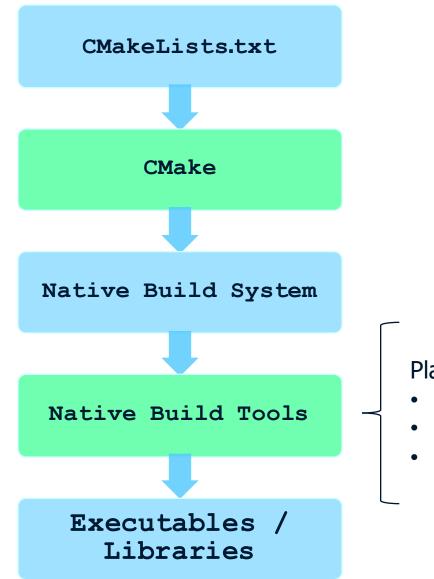
#### What is Cmake?

- CMake:
  - Generates native build environments
  - Supports multiple platforms
    - UNIX/Linux->Makefiles
    - Windows->VSProjects/Workspaces
    - Apple->Xcode
  - Open-Source
  - Cross-Platform

#### **CMake features**

- Manage complex, large build environments (KDE4)
  - Very Flexible & Extensible
  - Support for Macros
  - Modules for finding/configuring software (bunch of modules already available)
  - Extend CMake for new platforms and languages
  - Create custom targets/commands
  - Run external programs
- Very simple, intuitive syntax
- Support for regular expressions (\*nix style), support for "In-Source" and "Out-of-Source" builds, and cross compilation
- Integrated Testing & Packaging (Ctest, CPack)

# **Build-system generator**



Platform-dependent

- Compiler
- Assembler
- Linker

#### CMakeLists.txt

 Input text files that contain the project parameters and describe the flow control of the build process in a simple language (CMake language)

#### CMake Modules

• Special cmake files written for the purpose of finding a certain piece of software and to set it's libraries, include files and definitions into appropriate variables so that they can be used in the build process of another project. (e.g. FindJava.cmake, FindZLIB.cmake, FindQt4.cmake)

- The Source Tree contains:
  - CMake input files (CMakeLists.txt)
  - Program source files (hello.cpp)
  - Program header files (hello.hpp)
- The Binary Tree contains:
  - Native build system files (Makefiles)
  - Output from build process:
    - Libraries
    - Executables
    - Any other build generated file
- Source and binary trees may be:
  - In the same directory (in-source build)
  - In different directories (out-of-source build)

- CMAKE\_MODULE\_PATH
  - Path to where the CMake modules are located
- CMAKE INSTALL PREFIX
  - Where to put files when calling 'make install'
- CMAKE BUILD TYPE
  - Type of build (Debug, Release, ...)
- BUILD\_SHARED\_LIBS
  - Switch between shared and static libraries

- Variables can be changed directly in the build files
   (CMakeLists.txt) or through the command line by prefixing a variable's name with '-D':
  - cmake -DBUILD\_SHARED\_LIBS=OFF
- A GUI is also available: ccmake

#### The CMake workflow

- Create a build directory ("out-of-source-build" concept)
  - mkdir build ; cd build
- Configure the package for your system:
  - cmake [options] <source\_tree>
- Build the package:
  - make
- Install it
  - make install
- The last 2 steps can be merged into one (just "make install")

# Simple executable

PROJECT( helloworld )
SET( hello\_SRCS hello.cpp )
ADD\_EXECUTABLE( hello \${hello\_SRCS} )

- PROJECT is not mandatory but should be used
- ADD\_EXECUTABLE creates an executable from the listed sources
- Typically: add sources to a list (hello\_srcs), do not list them in ADD EXECUTABLE.

# Simple library

PROJECT( mylibrary )
SET( mylib\_SRCS library.cpp )
ADD\_LIBRARY( my SHARED \${mylib\_SRCS} )

- ADD\_LIBRARY creates an static library from the listed sources
- Add SHARED to generate shared libraries (Unix) or dynamic libraries (Windows)

#### Shared vs static libs

- Static libraries: upon linking, adds the used code to your executable
- Shared/Dynamic libraries: upon linking, tell the executable where to find some code it needs
- If you build shared libs in C++, you should also use so-versioning to state binary compatibility (too long to be discussed here)

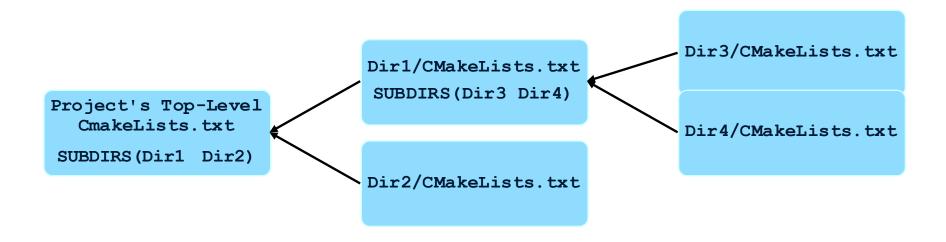
# **Showing verbose info**

- To see the command line CMake produces:
  - SET (CMAKE\_VERBOSE\_MAKEFILE on)
- Or:
  - \$make VERBOSE=1
- Or:
  - \$export VERBOSE=1
  - \$make
- Tip: only use it if your build is failing and you need to find out why

#### The CMake cache

- Created in the build tree (CMakeCache.txt)
- Contains Entries VAR: TYPE=VALUE
- Populated/Updated during configuration phase
- Speeds up build process
- Can be re-initialized with cmake -C <file>
- GUI can be used to change values
- There should be no need to edit it manually

#### Source tree structure



- Subdirectories added with subdirectory
- Child inherits from parent (feature that is lacking in traditional Makefiles)
- Order of processing: Dir1; Dir3; Dir4; Dir2 (When CMake finds a SUBDIR command it stops processing the current file immediately and goes down the tree branch)

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# Adding other sources

```
clockapp
                        PROJECT (clockapp)
  build
                        ADD SUBDIRECTORY (libwakeup)
                        ADD SUBDIRECTORY (clock)
   trunk
    - doc
    - img
                        SET(wakeup SRCS wakeup.cpp)
                        ADD LIBRARY (wakeup SHARED
    - libwakeup
                        ${wakeup SRCS})
       - wakeup.cpp
       - wakeup.hpp
    - clock
                        SET(clock SRCS clock.cpp)
                        ADD EXECUTABLE (clock $
       - clock.cpp
                        {clock SRCS})
       - clock.hpp
```

#### **Variables**

- No need to declare them
- Usually, no need to specify type
- SET creates and modifies variables
- **SET** can do everything but **LIST** makes some operations easier
- Use <u>SEPARATE\_ARGUMENTS</u> to store space separated arguments (i.e. a string) into a list (semicolon-separated)

# Changing build parameters

- CMake uses common, sensible defaults for the preprocessor, compiler and linker
- Modify preprocessor settings with
   ADD\_DEFINITIONS and REMOVE\_DEFINITIONS
- Compiler settings: CMAKE\_C\_FLAGS and
   CMAKE CXX FLAGS variables
- Tip: some internal variables (CMAKE\_\*) are read only and must be changed executing a command

#### Debug and release builds

- SET (CMAKE\_BUILD\_TYPE Debug)
- As any other variable, it can be set from the command line:
  - cmake -DCMAKE\_BUILD\_TYPE=Release ../trunk
- Specify debug and release targets and 3rdparty libs:
  - TARGET\_LINK\_LIBRARIES (wakeup RELEASE \$
     {wakeup\_SRCS})
  - TARGET\_LINK\_LIBRARIES (wakeupd DEBUG \$ {wakeup SRCS})

#### Find installed software

- FIND\_PACKAGE ( xxx REQUIRED )
- CMake includes finders (FindXXXX.cmake) for around 130 software packages, many more are available on the internet
- If using a non-CMake FindXXXX.cmake, tell CMake where to find it by setting the CMAKE\_MODULE\_PATH variable
- Think of FIND\_PACKAGE as an #include

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#### **CMake tutorial**

- The remainder is a step-by-step tutorial covering common build system use cases that CMake helps to address:
  - Basic starting point
  - Adding a library
  - Installing and testing
  - Adding system introspection
  - Adding a generated file and generator
  - Building an installer

- The most basic project is an executable built from source code files. For simple projects a two line
   CMakeLists.txt file is all that is required. This will be the starting point for our tutorial
- The CMakeLists.txt file looks like:

```
cmake_minimum_required (VERSION 2.6)
project (Tutorial)
add_executable(Tutorial tutorial.cxx)
```

 The source code for tutorial.cxx will compute the square root of a number, and the first version of it is very simple, as follows:

```
// A simple program that computes the square root of a number
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
  if (argc < 2)
    fprintf(stdout, "Usage: %s number\n", argv[0]);
   return 1;
  double inputValue = atof(argv[1]);
  double outputValue = sgrt(inputValue);
  fprintf(stdout, "The square root of %g is %g\n",
          inputValue, outputValue);
  return 0;
```

- Adding a version number and configured header file:
  - We add a feature to provide our executable and project with a version number
  - doing it inside CMakeLists.txt provides more flexibility
  - To add a version number we modify the CMakeLists.txt file as follows:

```
cmake minimum required (VERSION 2.6)
project (Tutorial)
# The version number.
set (Tutorial VERSION MAJOR 1)
set (Tutorial VERSION MINOR 0)
# configure a header file to pass some of the CMake settings
# to the source code
configure file (
  "${PROJECT SOURCE DIR}/TutorialConfig.h.in"
  "${PROJECT BINARY DIR}/TutorialConfig.h"
# add the binary tree to the search path for include files
# so that we will find TutorialConfig.h
include directories("${PROJECT BINARY DIR}")
# add the executable
add executable (Tutorial tutorial.cxx)
```

• Since the configured file will be written into the binary tree, we must add that directory to the list of paths to search for include files. We then create a TutorialConfig.h.in file in the source tree with the following content:

```
// the configured options and settings for Tutorial
#define Tutorial_VERSION_MAJOR @Tutorial_VERSION_MAJOR@
#define Tutorial_VERSION_MINOR @Tutorial_VERSION_MINOR@
```

- When CMake configures this header file, the values for @Tutorial\_VERSION\_MAJOR@ and @Tutorial\_VERSION\_MINOR@
   will be replaced by the values from the CMakeLists.txt file
- Next we modify tutorial.cxx to include the configured header file and to make use of the version numbers. The resulting source code is listed below
- The main changes are the inclusion of the TutorialConfig.h
  header file, and printing out a version number as part of the
  usage message

### **Basic starting point**

```
// A simple program that computes the square root of a number
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>
#include "TutorialConfig.h"
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
  if (argc < 2)
    fprintf(stdout, "%s Version %d.%d\n",
            argv[0],
            Tutorial VERSION MAJOR,
            Tutorial VERSION MINOR);
    fprintf(stdout, "Usage: %s number\n", argv[0]);
    return 1:
  double inputValue = atof(argv[1]);
  double outputValue = sqrt(inputValue);
  fprintf(stdout, "The square root of %g is %g\n",
          inputValue, outputValue);
  return 0;
```

- We will add a library that contains our own implementation for computing the square root of a number
- The executable can then use this library instead of the standard square root function provided by the compiler
- For the tutorial we will put the library into a subdirectory called MathFunctions. It will have the following one line CMakeLists.txt file:

add\_library(MathFunctions mysqrt.cxx)

- The source file mysqrt.cxx has one function called mysqrt that provides similar function to the compiler's
- We add an add\_subdirectory call in the top level
   CMakeLists.txt file so that the library will get built
- We also add another include directory so that the
   MathFunctions/MathFunctions.h header file can be found
   for the function prototype
- The last change is to add the new library to the executable.
   The last few lines of the top level CMakeLists.txt file now look like:

```
include_directories
("${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/MathFunctions")
add_subdirectory (MathFunctions)

# add the executable
add_executable (Tutorial tutorial.cxx)
target_link_libraries (Tutorial MathFunctions)
```

- Now let us consider making the MathFunctions library optional. In larger libraries or libraries that rely on third party code we might need it. The first step is to add an option to the top level CMakeLists.txt file
- The option will show up in the CMake GUI with a default value of ON that the user can change as desired
- This setting will be stored in the cache so that the user does not need to keep setting it each time they run CMake on this project

```
# should we use our own math functions?
  option (USE_MYMATH
    "Use tutorial provided math implementation" ON)
```

• The next change is to make the build and linking of the MathFunctions library conditional. To do this we change the end of the top level CMakeLists.txt file to look like the following:

```
# add the MathFunctions library?
#
if (USE_MYMATH)
  include_directories ("${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/MathFunctions")
  add_subdirectory (MathFunctions)
  set (EXTRA_LIBS ${EXTRA_LIBS} MathFunctions)
endif (USE_MYMATH)

# add the executable
add_executable (Tutorial tutorial.cxx)
target_link_libraries (Tutorial ${EXTRA_LIBS})
```

- This uses the setting of USE\_MYMATH to determine if the MathFunctions should be compiled and used.
- Note the use of a variable (EXTRA\_LIBS in this case) to collect up any optional libraries to later be linked into the executable
- This is a common approach used to keep larger projects with many optional components clean. The corresponding changes to the source code are fairly straight forward and leave us with:

In the source code we make use of USE\_MYMATH as well. This is provided from CMake to the source code through the TutorialConfig.h.in configure file by adding the following line to it:

#cmakedefine USE\_MYMATH

```
// A simple program that computes the square root of a number
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>
#include "TutorialConfig.h"
#ifdef USE MYMATH
#include "MathFunctions.h"
#endif
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
  if (argc < 2)
    fprintf(stdout,"%s Version %d.%d\n", argv[0],
            Tutorial VERSION MAJOR,
            Tutorial VERSION MINOR);
    fprintf(stdout, "Usage: %s number\n", argv[0]);
    return 1;
  double inputValue = atof(argv[1]);
#ifdef USE MYMATH
  double outputValue = mysqrt(inputValue);
#else
  double outputValue = sqrt(inputValue);
#endif
  fprintf(stdout, "The square root of %g is %g\n",
          inputValue, outputValue);
  return 0;
```

- We will add install rules and testing support to our project
- The install rules are fairly straight forward. For the MathFunctions library we setup the library and the header file to be installed by adding the following two lines to MathFunctions' CMakeLists.txt file:

```
install (TARGETS MathFunctions DESTINATION bin)
install (FILES MathFunctions.h DESTINATION include)
```

 For the application, the following lines are added to the top level CMakeLists.txt file to install the executable and the configured header file:

- At this point you should be able to build the tutorial, then type make install and it will install the appropriate header files, libraries, and executables
- The CMake variable CMAKE\_INSTALL\_PREFIX is used to determine the root of where the files will be installed
- Adding testing is also a straightforward process: At the end of the top level CMakeLists.txt file, we can add a number of basic tests to verify that the application is working correctly.

```
include (CTest)
# does the application run
add test (TutorialRuns Tutorial 25)
# does it sgrt of 25
add test (TutorialComp25 Tutorial 25)
set tests properties (TutorialComp25 PROPERTIES PASS REGULAR EXPRESSION "25 is 5")
# does it handle negative numbers
add test (TutorialNegative Tutorial -25)
set tests properties (TutorialNegative PROPERTIES PASS REGULAR EXPRESSION "-25 is 0")
# does it handle small numbers
add test (TutorialSmall Tutorial 0.0001)
set tests properties (TutorialSmall PROPERTIES PASS REGULAR EXPRESSION "0.0001 is 0.01")
# does the usage message work?
add test (TutorialUsage Tutorial)
set tests properties (TutorialUsage PROPERTIES PASS REGULAR EXPRESSION "Usage:.*number")
```

- After building, run the "ctest".
- First test simply verifies that the application runs, does not segfault or otherwise crash, and has a zero return value
- Next few tests make use of the PASS\_REGULAR\_EXPRESSION test property to verify that the output of the test contains certain strings
- If we wanted to add a lot of tests to test different input values,
   we might consider creating a macro like the following:

 For each invocation of do\_test, another test is added to the project with a name, input, and results based on the passed arguments

```
#define a macro to simplify adding tests, then use it
macro (do test arg result)
  add test (TutorialComp${arg} Tutorial ${arg})
  set tests properties (TutorialComp${arg}
    PROPERTIES PASS REGULAR EXPRESSION ${result})
endmacro (do test)
# do a bunch of result based tests
do test (25 "25 is 5")
do test (-25 "-25 is 0")
```

## Adding system introspection

- We will add some code that depends on whether or not the target platform has the log and exp functions
- If the platform has log then we will use that to compute the square root in the mysqrt function. We first test for the availability of these functions using the
   CheckFunctionExists.cmake macro in the top level
   CMakeLists.txt file as follows:

```
# does this system provide the log and exp functions?
include (CheckFunctionExists)
check_function_exists (log HAVE_LOG)
check_function_exists (exp HAVE_EXP)
```

## Adding system introspection

 Next we modify TutorialConfig.h.in to define those values if CMake found them on the platform as follows:

```
// does the platform provide exp and log functions?
#cmakedefine HAVE_LOG
#cmakedefine HAVE_EXP
```

## Adding system introspection

- Tests for log and exp should be done before the configure\_file command for TutorialConfig.h.
- The configure\_file command configures the file using the current settings in CMake.
- mysqrt function we can provide an alternate implementation based on log and exp if they are available on the system:

```
// if we have both log and exp then use them
#if defined (HAVE_LOG) && defined (HAVE_EXP)
  result = exp(log(x) *0.5);
#else // otherwise use an iterative approach
  . . .
```

- We will create a table of precomputed square roots as part of the build process
- Then compile that table into our application. To accomplish this, we first need a program that will generate the table
- In the MathFunctions subdirectory a new source file named MakeTable.cxx will do just that.

```
// A simple program that builds a sgrt table
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
  int i:
  double result:
  // make sure we have enough arguments
  if (argc < 2)
    return 1:
  // open the output file
  FILE *fout = fopen(argv[1],"w");
  if (!fout)
    return 1;
```

- Note that the table is produced as valid C++ code and that the name of the file to write the output to is passed in as an argument
- The next step is to add the appropriate commands to

  MathFunctions' CMakeLists.txt file to build the MakeTable

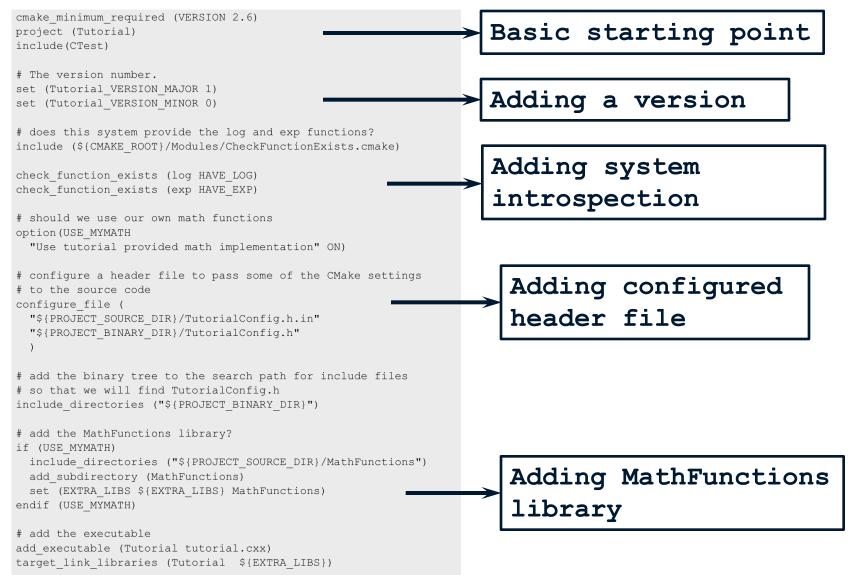
  executable, and then run it as part of the build process. A few

  commands are needed to accomplish this, as shown below.

```
# first we add the executable that generates the table
add executable (MakeTable MakeTable.cxx)
# add the command to generate the source code
add custom command (
  OUTPUT ${CMAKE CURRENT BINARY DIR}/Table.h
  COMMAND MakeTable ${CMAKE CURRENT BINARY DIR}/Table.h
  DEPENDS MakeTable
# add the binary tree directory to the search path for
# include files
include directories( ${CMAKE CURRENT BINARY DIR} )
# add the main library
add library (MathFunctions mysgrt.cxx ${CMAKE CURRENT BINARY DIR}/Table.h
```

- First the executable for MakeTable is added as any other executable would be added
- Then we add a custom command that specifies how to produce Table.h by running MakeTable
- Next we have to let CMake know that mysqrt.cxx depends on the generated file Table.h. This is done by adding the generated Table.h to the list of sources for the library
   MathFunctions
- We also have to add the current binary directory to the list of include directories so that Table.h can be found and included by mysqrt.cxx.

- When this project is built it will first build the MakeTable executable
- It will then run MakeTable to produce Table.h
- Finally, it will compile mysqrt.cxx which includes Table.h to produce the MathFunctions library
- At this point the top level CMakeLists.txt file with all the features we have added looks like the following:



```
# add the install targets
install (TARGETS Tutorial DESTINATION bin)
install (FILES "${PROJECT BINARY DIR}/TutorialConfig.h" =
         DESTINATION include)
# does the application run
add test (TutorialRuns Tutorial 25)
# does the usage message work?
add test (TutorialUsage Tutorial)
set tests properties (TutorialUsage
  PROPERTIES
  PASS REGULAR EXPRESSION "Usage:.*number"
#define a macro to simplify adding tests
macro (do test arg result)
 add test (TutorialComp${arg} Tutorial ${arg})
  set tests properties (TutorialComp${arg}
    PROPERTIES PASS REGULAR EXPRESSION ${result}
endmacro (do test)
# do a bunch of result based tests
do test (4 "4 is 2")
do test (9 "9 is 3")
do test (5 "5 is 2.236")
do test (7 "7 is 2.645")
do test (25 "25 is 5")
do test (-25 "-25 is 0")
do test (0.0001 "0.0001 is 0.01")
```

install the executable
and the configured
header file

add a number of basic
tests

creating a macro to add a lot of tests

TutorialConfig.h.in looks like:

```
// the configured options and settings for Tutorial
#define Tutorial_VERSION_MAJOR @Tutorial_VERSION_MAJOR@
#define Tutorial_VERSION_MINOR @Tutorial_VERSION_MINOR@
#cmakedefine USE_MYMATH

// does the platform provide exp and log functions?
#cmakedefine HAVE_LOG
#cmakedefine HAVE_EXP
```

And the CMakeLists.txt file for MathFunctions looks like:

```
# first we add the executable that generates the table
add executable (MakeTable MakeTable.cxx)
# add the command to generate the source code
add custom command (
 OUTPUT ${CMAKE CURRENT BINARY DIR}/Table.h
 DEPENDS MakeTable
 COMMAND MakeTable ${CMAKE CURRENT BINARY DIR}/Table.h
# add the binary tree directory to the search path
# for include files
include directories( ${CMAKE CURRENT BINARY DIR} )
# add the main library
add library (MathFunctions mysqrt.cxx ${CMAKE CURRENT BINARY DIR}/Table.h)
install (TARGETS MathFunctions DESTINATION bin)
install (FILES MathFunctions.h DESTINATION include)
```

- We want to:
  - distribute our project to other people so that they can use it
  - provide both binary and source distributions on a variety of platforms
- We will build installation packages that support binary installations and package management features as found in cygwin, debian, RPMs etc.
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- Use CPack to create platform specific installers
- The toplevel CMakeLists.txt file will be:

```
# build a CPack driven installer package
include (InstallRequiredSystemLibraries)
set (CPACK_RESOURCE_FILE_LICENSE
        "${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/License.txt")
set (CPACK_PACKAGE_VERSION_MAJOR "${Tutorial_VERSION_MAJOR}")
set (CPACK_PACKAGE_VERSION_MINOR "${Tutorial_VERSION_MINOR}")
include (CPack)
```

- We start by including InstallRequiredSystemLibraries.
   This module will include any runtime libraries that are needed by the project for the current platform
- Next we set some CPack variables to where we have stored the license and version information for this project. The version information makes use of the variables we set earlier in this tutorial
- Finally we include the CPack module which will use these variables and some other properties of the system you are on to setup an installer

 The next step is to build the project in the usual manner and then run CPack on it. To build a binary distribution you would run:

```
cpack --config CPackConfig.cmake
```

To create a source distribution you would type:

```
cpack --config CPackSourceConfig.cmake
```