



❓ Why REY_FetchV4 ?

1. What is REY_FetchV4 ?

- it's like a '*Package Manager*' but built with CMake

2. When will YOU need REY_FetchV4 ?

- if your project requires some other library made by some other person on github.
- (assuming that it's a project in C/C++ or similar ones) with which `cmake` works

3. Why is this important?

- Managing External Library is a big hassle.... i can't describe in words >_<

4. Why yet another package manager?

- Well there are many many out there. But non with `cmake`
- even tho `cmake` is very popular and used literally almost by every popular tools/libraries you are gonna use

5. Why should YOU use REY_FetchV4 ?

- can help a lot 😊 if you are someone who forgets `git clone/recursive/submodule` stuffs
- many ways to Fetch/Grab
 - i. `Scout` [/find/look-for]
 - ii. `[Git] Submodule`
 - iii. `ZipLinks`
 - iv. `[Git] Clone/Fetch` 😊
 - see `.\REY_FetchV4\REY_FetchV4_X_DOCS.cmake`
- Super Easy to include a new package support
 - e.g. Adding support for `REY_FetchV4_rapidyaml.cmake` ---> Took me about a minute
 - /see guide below

6. How does REY_FetchV4 work?

- Rest of the document is dedicated to answer this question 😊

🔗 V4 [Short]

1. `REY_FetchV4.cmake` :- THE SOFTWARE
2. `REY_FetchV4_X.<lib-name>.cmake` :- "X" = variables 😊
3. `REY_FetchV4_MOD.<lib-name>.cmake` :- Modifying Variables 😊
4. `REY_FetchV4.<lib-name>.cmake` :- INTERFACE = Includes and Patches/Joins/Connets Together 😊
5. `REY_FetchV4_X_RESET.cmake` :- RESET ---> EMPTY-STRINGS

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# 4 Ways/Flavours [more to be added]
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1. find_library() + find_path()
2. Git_SubModule()
3. Zip_Links()
4. Git_Clone() [faster than CMAKE_FETCH]
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Pseudocode inside `REY_FetchV4.cmake`

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📖 V4 [Long]

1. `REY_FetchV4.cmake` :- The Goddamn Main file, where all the work happens
2. `REY_FetchV4_X.<lib-name>.cmake` :- "X" = variables 😊
3. `REY_FetchV4_MOD.<lib-name>.cmake` :- imagine B uses A. C uses B. C also directly uses A. C wants to control how B fetches A.
 - C should have a copy of this file & SET `REY_FetchV4_MODS_PATH`
4. `REY_FetchV4.<lib-name>.cmake` :- includes the above two thingies
 - Here in These files ---> We can do Library Specific Extra Stuffs
5. `REY_FetchV4_X_Reset.cmake` :- RESETs the Variables back to EMPTY-STRING

👁👁 Official Alternative:- `FetchContent_MakeAvailable()`

example:- https://rapidyaml.readthedocs.io/latest/sphinx_using.html#quickstart-build-samples

✂ 1. How to add new Packages

1. **make & rename a copy of** `REY_FetchV4.rapidyaml/vulkan/fmt.cmake`
 - [all of these 3 files are identical, only change is library name]
 - i. change the library name inside that new copied file to `<new package that you wanna have support for>`
2. **make & rename a copy of** `REY_FetchV4_X.rapidyaml/vulkan/fmt.cmake`
 - choose which of the 4-Ways of fetching you want! & change those variables 😊
3. yes, it's soooo easy, just like [scoop.sh](#) 😊
4. if you want some extra `feature/functionality/new way to grab or fetch` inside `REY_FetchV4.cmake`
 - create me an issue on Github 😊

👉 [old docs - before release] Why `REY_FetchV4`

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0. REY_FetchV4 --> Mix of it all below
+5:- Use Github to keep track of LIBS & Include Versions
 https://github.com/REYNep/libs-win32
 https://github.com/REYNep/libs-include

1. How Blender Does it --> 4/10
 -1:- Libs & Include has to be Manually Updated.

2. CMAKE FETCH --> 7/10
 -1:- Download Progress is shown by taking up so many lines, like hundreds.
 -2:- Can't Fetch SPECIFIC Folder/SubDirectory from a repo from GITHUB

3. Python Script to Download --> 5/10
4. GIT SubModule --> 4/10
5. Maintaining a .zip in GDrive --> 2/10
6. Just supplying all the external library binaries along with the project source --> 1/10
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Problem:- Authors that are gonna use "REY_LoggerNUtils" will need to modify variables inside
".CMakeFiles/REY_FetchV3_fmt.cmake"
But How can they? That file is inside REYNep's "REY_LoggerNUtils" Repo.

Solution-1 [HECTIC]
the variables from inside of ".CMakeFiles/REY_FetchV3_fmt.cmake"
Authors can just set those themselves before add_subdirectory(REY_LoggerNUtils)
HECTIC ISSUE:- after add_subdirector(REY_LoggerNUtils) is done ---> Authors also need
to RESET Those Variables to EMPTY

Solution-2 [HECTIC]
have a variable inside REY_LoggerNUtils/CMakeLists.txt to control PRIORITY_BASED_LOCATION
for ".CMakeFiles/REY_FetchV3_fmt.cmake"
like authors that are gonna use REY_LoggerNUtils, having the modified copy of
".CMakeFiles/REY_FetchV3_fmt.cmake"
and then they are directing REY_LoggerNUtils/CMakeLists.txt to include their
MODIFIED COPY
#
HECTIC ISSUE:- But this would mean that REY_Fetch can't ever be like a PACKAGE
Manager itself....

Solution-3 [WORKS & Feels like a Package Manager]
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The Idea is:- REY_LoggerNUtils/CMakeLists.txt includes ".CMakeFiles/REY_FetchV3_fmt.cmake"

Now, obviously any library that uses REY_LoggerNUtils, can't modify
REY_LoggerNUtils/CMakeLists.txt
+obviously any library that uses REY_LoggerNUtils, can't modify ".CMakeFiles/
REY_FetchV3_fmt.cmake"

1. Having multiple copies of ".CMakeFiles/REY_FetchV3_fmt.cmake" felt dumb
2.
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## My Approach to External Libraries:- CMAKE\_FETCH + Blender's Approach

1. CMAKE\_FETCH most stuffs ----> like fmt
2. .libs\_REYMOD = Libraries CUT/Stripped/Modified by REYNEP ----> like vulkan  
Supplying these like Blender supplies their External Libraries
3. Even the stuff inside .libs\_REYMOD would be fetches by CMAKE ☹️