

Q What is Maven?

Ans Apache Maven is a Software project management and ~~comp~~ comprehension tool. Based on the concept of a Project Object Model (POM), Maven can manage a projects build reporting and documentation from a central piece of information. primarily used for Java Projects.

Q What Maven can do?

- Model our Software project.
- Centralize project information.
- Manage our build process.
- Gather data about our Software project and the build itself.
- Document the Software and our project

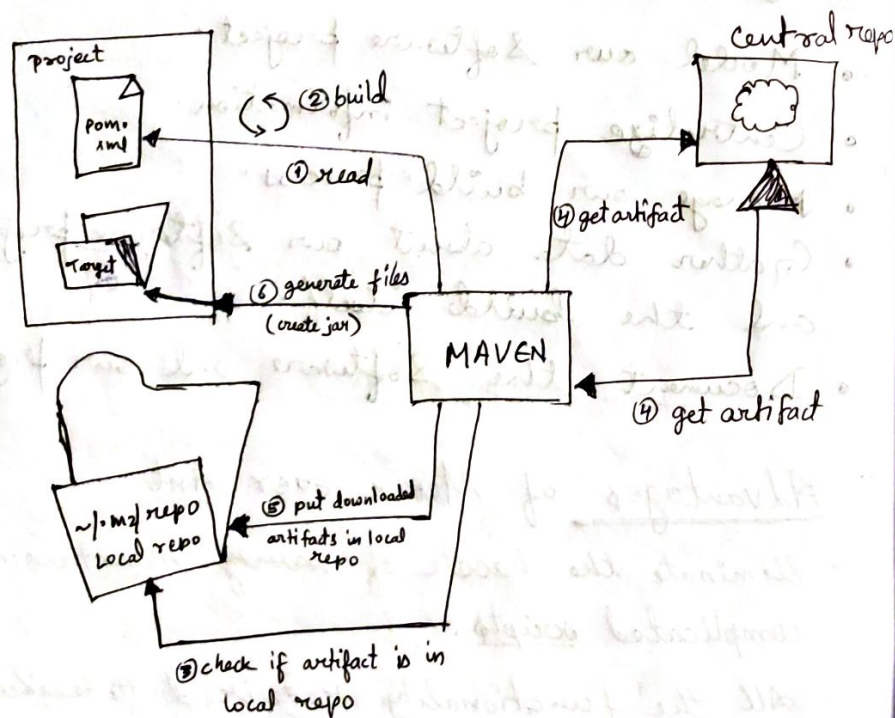
* Advantages of Maven over Ant

- Eliminate the hassle of ~~manag~~ maintaining complicated scripts.
- All the functionality required to build our project that is clean, compile, copy resources, install, deploy etc is built right into the Maven.

→ cross project reuse - and has no convenient way to reuse target across projects, but Maven does provide this functionality.

→ Logic & looping Maven provides conditional logic, looping constructs and reuse mechanisms which were missing in Ant.

How Maven Works? Try



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Terms related to Maven

① POM:

→ Project Object Model.

→ fundamental unit of work in ~~Maven~~ Maven.

→ It is a XML file that contains information about the project & configuration details used by Maven to build the project.

→ project.xml in Maven1

→ pom.xml in Maven2 and onwards.

→ Project Type (Packaging - JAR, WAR, EAR)

→ Minimal pom.xml

<project>

<modelVersion> 4.0.0 </modelVersion>

<groupId> com.mycompany.app </groupId>

<artifactId> my-app </artifactId>

<version> 1 </version>

</project>

② Archetype:

• In general ⇒ a primitive type or an original model or pattern from which all other things of same kind are made.

• for Maven: A template of a project which is combined with some user inputs to produce a working Maven project that has been tailored to the user's reqmts.

③ Plugins:

- A plugin provides a set of goals that can be executed to perform a task.
- There are Maven plugins for building, testing, source control management, running a web server, generating Eclipse project files and much more.
- Some basic plugins are included in every project by default, and they have sensible default settings.

④ Goals:

- A goal is like an Ant target.
- We can write our own plugins with goals, or use those that are provided by Maven.
- For eg: A Java project can be compiled with the compiler - plugins compile goal by running `mvn compiler:compile`.

⑤ Artifact:

- It is a unique identifier or a simple name given to a module within a group.
- There can be multiple modules in a group.
eg - If a group has a module called webapp, its artifact id will be "webapp".

⇒ GroupId :- name of the company.
eg - com.example.app

⇒ ArtifactId ⇒ Project Name

⑥ Version:

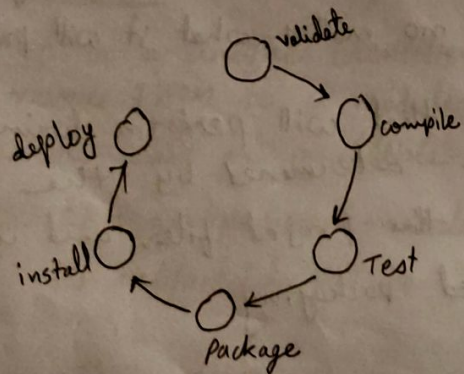
- It is an identifier for the release or build number of the project.
- Two types of version:
 - ⇒ Releases: A version that is assumed never to change.
 - ⇒ Snapshot: used by projects during development & it implies that development is still occurring & project may change.

*** Build Life Cycle 10 marks

- In Maven, the build is run using a predefined ordered set of steps called the build life-cycle.
- The individual steps are called phases, and the same phases are run for every Maven build using default life-cycle, no matter what it will produce.
- The build tasks that will perform during each phase are determined by the configuration in the project file, and in particular selected packaging.

→ Some of the most commonly used ~~to~~ lifecycle phases in the default life-cycle are:-

- 1) ⇒ validate — checks build prerequisites
- 2) ⇒ compile — compiles the source code identified for the build.
- 3) ⇒ Test — runs ~~a~~ unit tests for the compiled code.
- 4) ⇒ package — assembles the compiled code into a binary build result ~~like~~ jar file
- ~~5) ⇒ install — shares the build with other projects on the same machine.~~
- 6) ⇒ deploy — publishes ~~a~~ the build into a remote repository for other projects to use.
- 5) install — The package is installed into local repository, as making it available as a dependency for other projects locally.



Q. What is Maven Repository? & its types?

In Maven, a repository is a directory where all the project jars, library jar, plugins or any other project specific artifacts are stored and can be easily used by Maven.

There are ~~3~~ 2 types of repositories:-

- ① Local repo
- ② Remote repo
- ~~③ Central repo~~

① Local Repository:- .m2

→ This repository is stored on the local machine.

→ When we run a Maven build, it downloads required dependencies from central repository and stores them in our local repository.

→ Default location of Local Repository:-
'{user.home}/.m2/repository'.

② Remote Repository (Global)

- This repository is located on a remote server. Maven can download ~~these~~ dependencies from these repositories when needed.
- Central repository is the default remote repository for Maven, which contains a large number of commonly used libraries.
- Other remote repositories can also be configured in the "pom.xml" file to download dependencies from them.

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Q: How does Maven works?

Maven is a build automation tool primarily used for Java projects. It simplifies the build process by providing a standard way to build and manage projects, including dependencies, build lifecycle and project structure. Here is how Maven works:

(i) Project Object Model (POM):

Maven uses POM file usually named as pom.xml that contains project configuration and settings.

(ii) Dependencies and repositories

dependencies: These are external java libraries required for our projects. Maven manages them ~~from~~ by downloading jar files from repositories.

repositories: These are directories containing packaged JAR files. Local repo resides on the machine's Hard Drive. If ~~no~~ Maven does not find dependencies locally, it fetches them from a central Maven repository.

ii) Build lifecycle:

Maven defines a set of build phases (eg. compile, test, package, install, deploy) that represents the sequence of steps to build a project. Each phase is associated with a set of goals, which are executed to achieve that phase's tasks.

iv) Build profiles:-

Build profiles allows to build the project with different configurations.

For eg - We might need profiles for local development, testing and or production.

v) Build plugins:-

⇒ plugins perform specific tasks during the build process. We can add POM plugins to our POM file.

Overall, Maven simplifies the build process and promotes best practices by providing a standardized way to manage projects & their dependencies.

Diagram here.

MAVEN Installation

- download from official website.
- unzip
- create environment variable by pasting the directory (till "\bin" depth).

Creating Maven project

- open cmd
- type the following and press Enter:

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mvn archetype:generate -DgroupId=com.example.app
-DartifactId=helloworld -DarchetypeArtifactId=maven-archetype
-quickstart -DarchetypeVersion=1.4 -DinteractiveMode=false
```

default project creation command.

Maven Dependencies

Eg - Junit ⇒ used for testing the app.

Maven Plugins

They enhance Maven's capabilities and perform specific tasks during build process.

Eg - Compiler plugin

Jan plugin

Javadoc plugin

Release plugin

deploy plugin