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Please do not differentiate our development environment even more

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VERSION CONTROL SYSTEM	git
BUILDING	CMake
PACKAGE MANAGEMENT	None

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• Conan is a strong contender to become the Package Manager for C++

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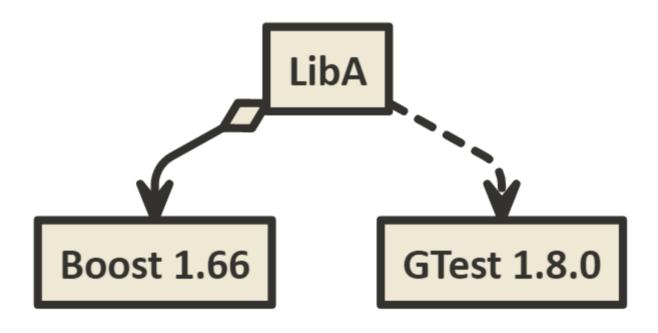
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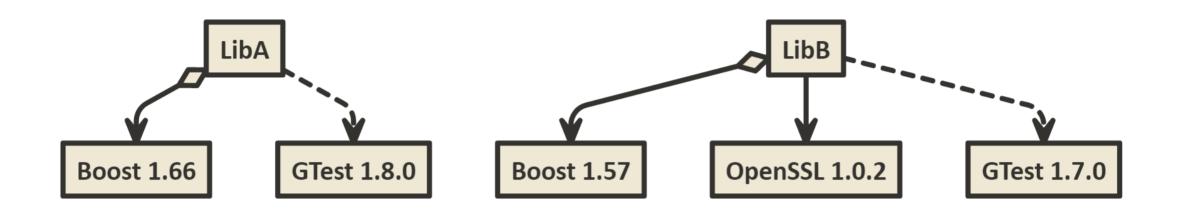
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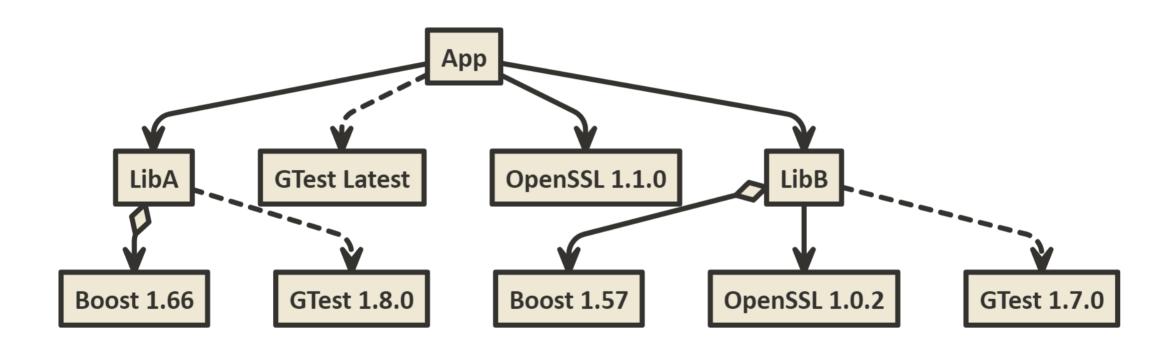
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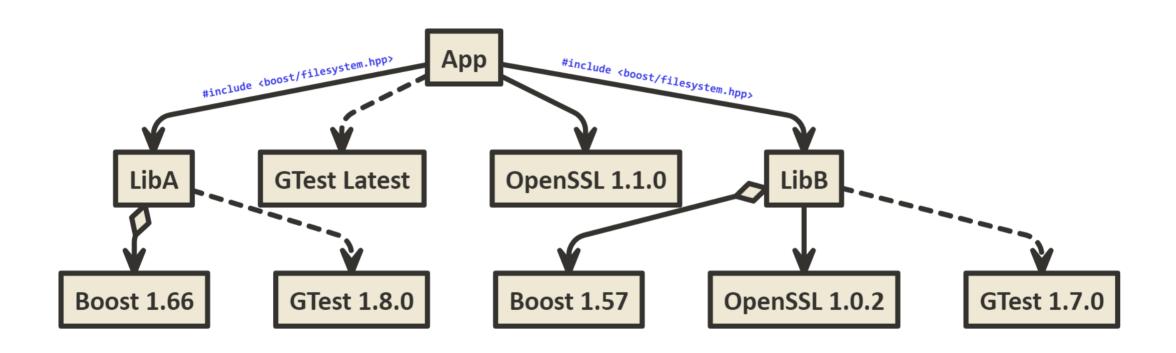
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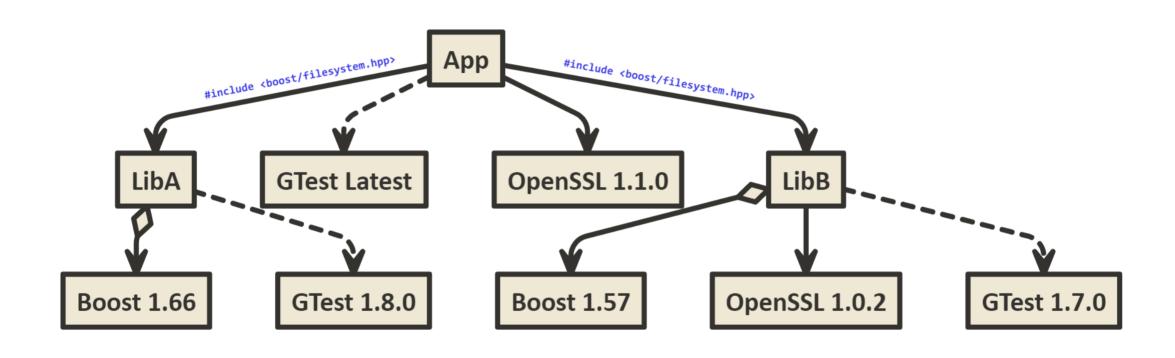
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Handling dependencies as subdirectories does not scale!

## **CMake**

Not a build system!

Cross-platform C++ build generator

#### TYPICAL CMAKE WORKFLOW

#### GCC

```
cmake -DCMAKE_BULD_TYPE=Release -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=~/.local ..
cmake --build .
ctest -VV
cmake --build . --target install
```

#### **VISUAL STUDIO**

```
cmake -G "Visual Studio 15 2017 Win64" -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=~/.local ..
cmake --build . --config Release
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C++Now 2017: Daniel Pfeifer "Effective CMake"

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STATIC LIBRARIES	add_library(STATIC)
OBJECT LIBRARIES	add_library(OBJECT)
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• If no type is given explicitly to add\_library() the type is STATIC or SHARED based on whether the current value of the variable BUILD\_SHARED\_LIBS is ON

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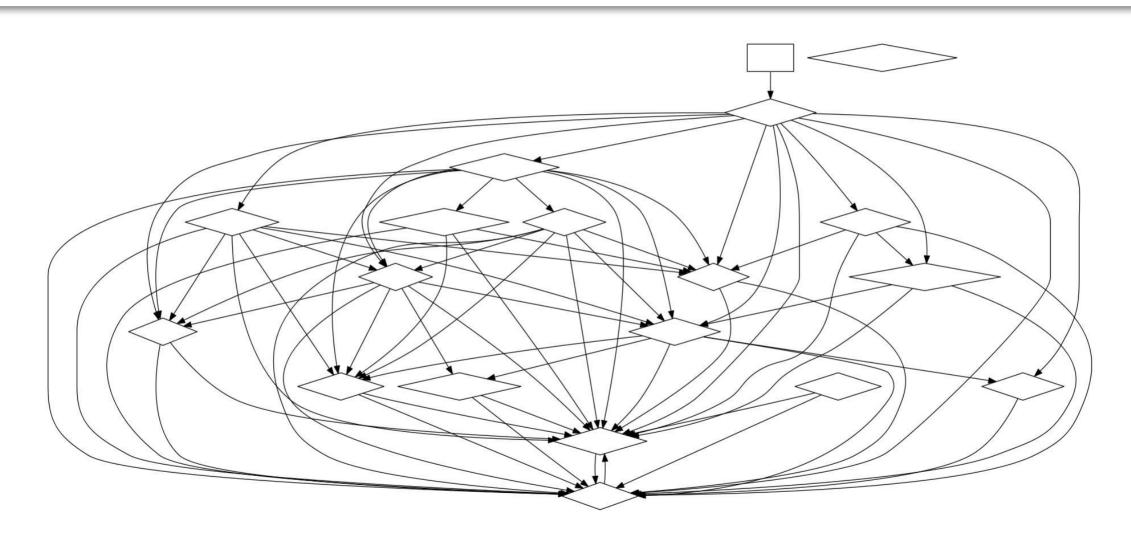
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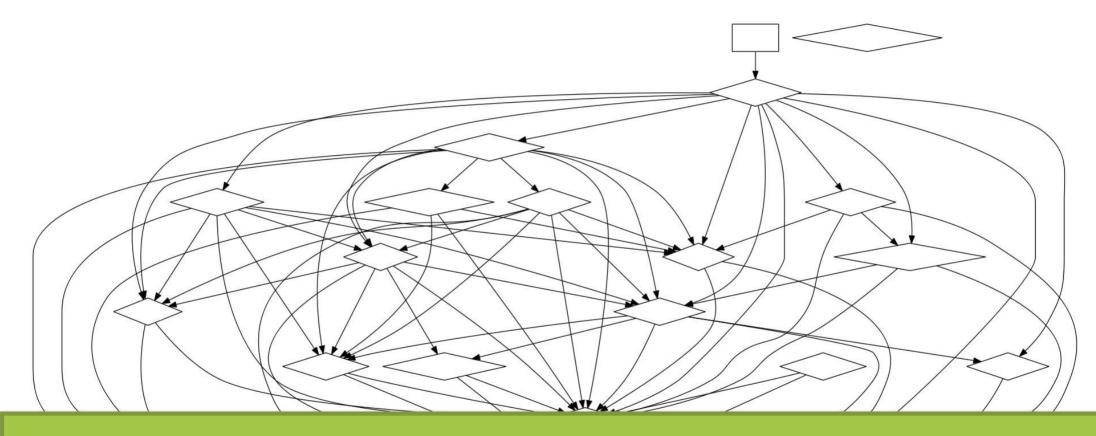
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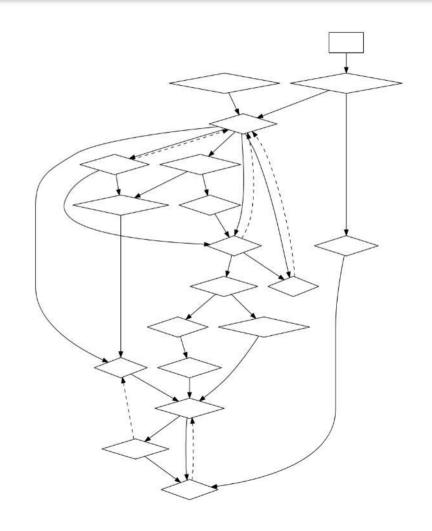
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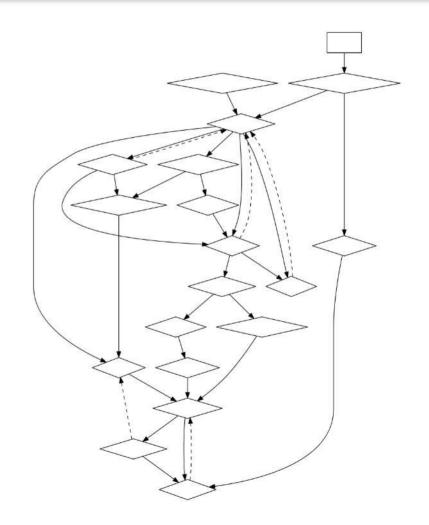
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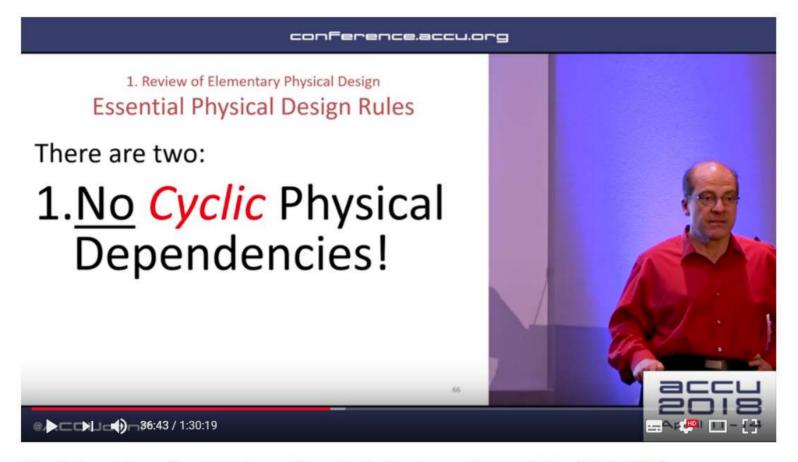


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#### **NO CYCLIC PHYSICAL DEPENDENCIES!**



http://cyber-dojo.org C++ Modules and Large-Scale Development - John Lakos [ACCU 2018]

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# find_package(MyLibrary CONFIG REQUIRED)

target_link_libraries(MyLibraryTest
    PUBLIC
        MyCompany::MyLibrary
        GTest::Main
)
```

- Unifies with find\_package() target naming
- :: has to be followed with Target name (prevents typos)

#### **GENERATOR EXPRESSIONS**

- Use the \$<> syntax
- *Not evaluated* by the command interpreter
- Evaluated during build system generation

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```
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target_include_directories(Foo PUBLIC
    $<BUILD_INTERFACE:${Foo_BINARY_DIR}/include>
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    $<INSTALL_INTERFACE:include>)
```

```
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project(MyLibrary VERSION 0.0.1)
# dependencies
find package(Foo 1.0 REQUIRED)
# library definition
add library(MyLibrary lib source.cpp)
target compile features(MyLibrary PUBLIC cxx std 17)
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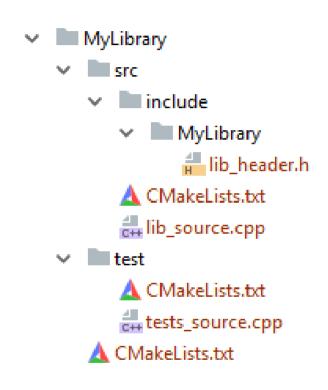
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Avoid <u>custom</u> variables in the arguments of project commands

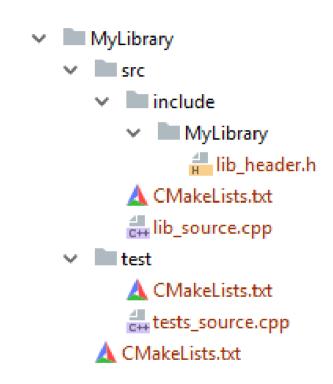
# **MODERN LIBRARY USAGE**

```
cmake minimum required(VERSION 3.8)
project(MyLibraryTests)
# dependencies
enable testing()
find_package(GTest MODULE REQUIRED)
if(NOT TARGET MyCompany::MyLibrary)
    find_package(MyLibrary CONFIG REQUIRED)
endif()
# target definition
add executable(MyLibraryTests tests source.cpp)
target_link_libraries(MyLibraryTests
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add test(NAME MyLibrary.UnitTests
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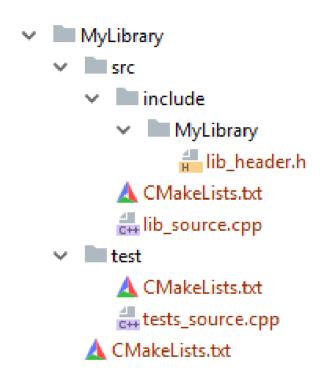


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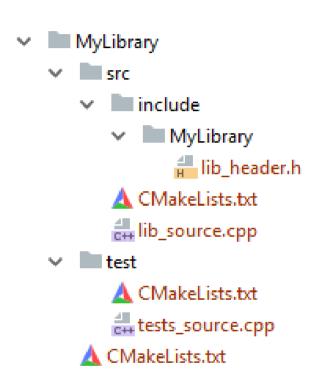
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- Simple project wrapper
- Entry point for development
- src and test subdirectories added with add\_subdirectory()



# **WRAPPER / ENTRY POINT**

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.5)
project(MyLibrary)

# add project code
add_subdirectory(src)

# add unit tests
enable_testing()
add_subdirectory(test)
```

- Useful for *project development* 
  - no need to install the library in order to run unit tests
- Entry point for IDEs like CLion or Visual Studio

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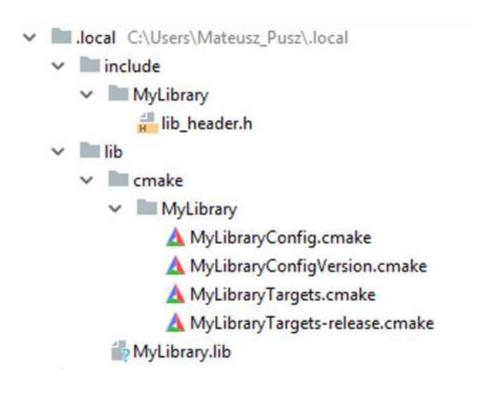
# **COMPILED, BUILT, TESTED**

Done?

# **DON'T BE ASOCIAL!**



David Sankel: Big Projects, and CMake, and Git, Oh My!



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        ITBRARY DESTINATION lib
        ARCHIVE DESTINATION lib
        RUNTIME DESTINATION bin
        INCLUDES DESTINATION include)
install(EXPORT MyLibraryTargets
        DESTINATION lib/cmake/MyLibrary
        FILE MyLibraryTargets.cmake
        NAMESPACE MyCompany::)
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#### **MYLIBRARYCONFIG.CMAKE**

```
include(CMakeFindDependencyMacro)
find_dependency(Foo 1.0)
include("${CMAKE_CURRENT_LIST_DIR}/MyLibraryTargets.cmake")
```

# **PACKAGE TESTING WORKFLOW**

• Create and install the package

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mkdir src/build
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mkdir test/build
cd test/build
cmake -DCMAKE_BULD_TYPE=Release -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=~/.local ..
ctest -VV
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#### **PROBLEMS**

- Updating a program implies recompiling its package and then every one of its dependers manually
- It doesn't scale (many levels of dependencies, many configurations, ...)
- What about supporting different versions?
  - Release, Debug, RelWithDebInfo, ...
  - different compilers (gcc, clang, ...), compiler versions, C++ libraries (libc++ vs libstdc++)
  - different runtime libraries
  - different package configurations (no exceptions, shared lib, ...)

### WHAT WE WANT?

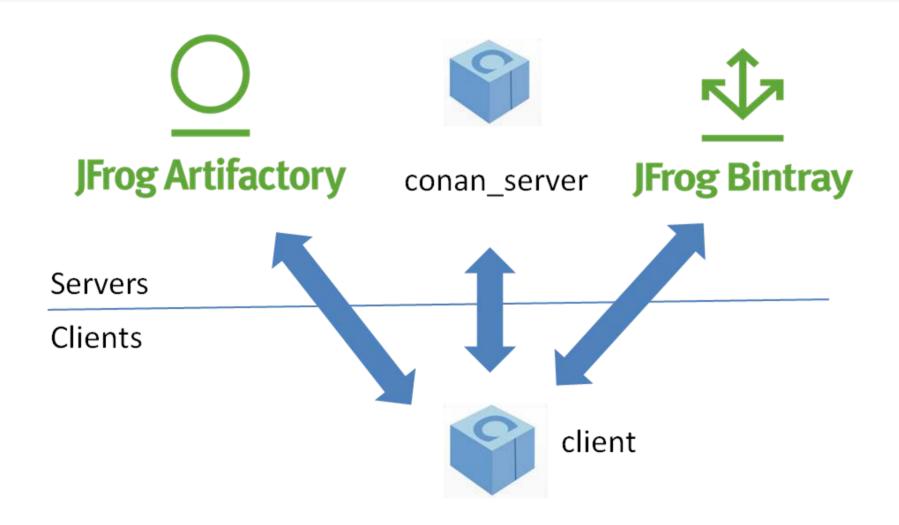
- One build process *builds the project and all dependencies*
- Only required dependencies are being rebuilt
  - reuse of prebuilt binaries if available and up-to-date
- No need to manually download, build and install the dependencies
- Possibility to use *our own versions of dependencies* (ZLib, Boost, etc) instead of using system versions

### CONAN

- Conan is OSS, with a MIT license
- Decentralized package manager with a client-server architecture
- The servers are just package storage
  - they do not build nor create the packages
- The packages are created by the client
  - packaging of prebuilt binaries
  - building from sources if needed
- Portable to any platform supporting Python
- Works with any build system
- Uses Python as its scripting language
- Easy hosting in a cloud or on a local server



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#### **JFROG ARTIFACTORY**

- Offers conan repositories
- More powerful than conan server (WebUI, multiple auth protocols, High Availability, ...)
- JFrog Artifactory Community Edition for C/C++

#### **JFROG BINTRAY**

- Provides public and free hosting service for OSS conan packages
- Account is only needed to upload packages (anonymous read access)
- conan-center moderated official repository

## **CONAN PACKAGE IDENTIFIER**

# package\_name/package\_version@user/channel

#### PACKAGE\_NAME

Usually project/library name

#### **USER**

- Owner of the package version
- Namespace that allows different users to have their own packages for the same library with the same name

#### PACKAGE\_VERSION

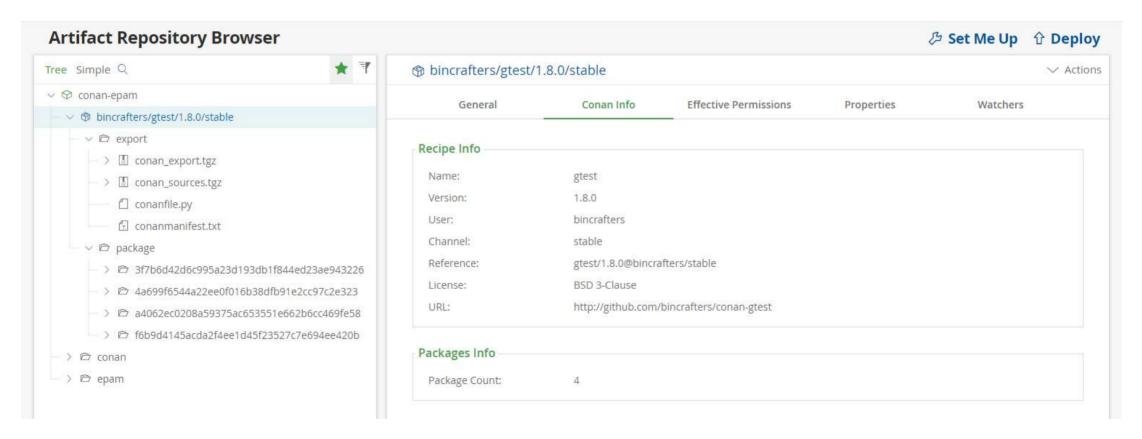
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#### **CHANNEL**

- Allows different packages for the same library
- Usually denote the maturity of a package ("stable", "testing")

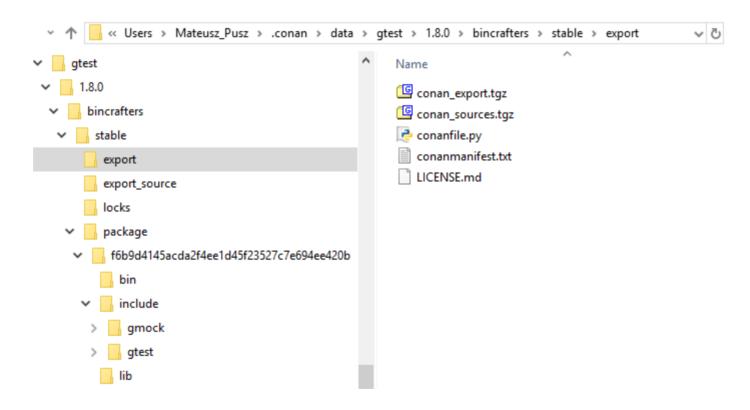
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Possibility to generate table of all binary packages and graph of all dependencies

conan search gtest/1.8.0@bincrafters/stable --table=conan\_matrix.html conan info .. --graph=graph.html

conan info OpenSSL/1.1.0g@conan/stable

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OpenSSL/1.1.0g@conan/stable
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   BuildID: None
   Remote: conan-center=https://conan.bintray.com
   URL: http://github.com/lasote/conan-openssl
   License: The current OpenSSL licence is an 'Apache style' license: https://www.openssl.org/source/license.html
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    ID: 6cc50b139b9c3d27b3e9042d5f5372d327b3a9f7
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   Package ID: f6b9d4145acda2f4ee1d45f23527c7e694ee420b
        [options]
            build gmock: True
            shared: False
        [settings]
            arch: x86 64
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            compiler: Visual Studio
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            os: Windows
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Installing specific package by hand

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Build packages from sources if prebuilt ones are not available

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```

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```
conan install .. -o gtest:shared=True
conan install .. -o *:shared=True
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### FIXING IMPORTS FOR SHARED LIBRARIES

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[imports]
bin, *.dll -> ./bin
lib, *.dylib* -> ./bin
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def imports(self):
    self.copy("*.dll", dst="bin", src="bin")
    self.copy("*.dylib*", dst="bin", src="lib")
```

- Copies all \*.dll files from packages bin folder to my ./bin folder
- Copies all \*.dylib\* files from packages lib folder to my ./bin folder

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from conans import ConanFile, CMake
class MyLibraryConan(ConanFile):
    settings = "os", "compiler", "build_type", "arch"
    requires = (
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```
conan install . -pr vs2017 --install-folder build
conan build . --build-folder build
```

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from conans import ConanFile
class MyLibraryConan(ConanFile):
    requires = (
        "gtest/1.8.0@bincrafters/stable"
   options = { "testing": [True, False] }
   default options = "testing=False"
   generators = "cmake"
   def requirements(self):
        if self.options.testing:
           self.requires("Foo/2.0@my_channel/testing")
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And many more features...

```
[settings]
setting=value

[options]
MyLib:shared=True

[env]
env_var=value

[build_requires]
Tool1/0.1@user/channel
Tool2/0.1@user/channel
```

• Stored in the default profile folder or anywhere in a project

conan profile show vs2017

conan profile show vs2017 Configuration for profile vs2017: [settings] os=Windows arch=x86\_64 compiler=Visual Studio compiler.version=15 build\_type=Release arch\_build=x86\_64 os\_build=Windows [options] [build\_requires] [env]

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Configuration for profile vs2017:
[settings]
os=Windows
arch=x86 64
compiler=Visual Studio
compiler.version=15
build_type=Release
arch build=x86 64
os_build=Windows
[options]
[build_requires]
[env]
```

• Easy to override or extend the profile

```
conan install .. -pr vs2017 -s build_type=Debug
```

• Example of a profile to install Poco dependencies as shared and in debug mode

#### **DEBUG\_SHARED**

```
include(default)

[settings]
build_type=Debug

[options]
Poco:shared=True
Poco:enable_apacheconnector=False
OpenSSL:shared=True
```

```
conan install .. -pr=../debug_shared
```

```
cmake minimum required(VERSION 3.5)
project(MyLibrary)
if(EXISTS ${CMAKE_BINARY_DIR}/conanbuildinfo.cmake)
    include(${CMAKE_BINARY_DIR}/conanbuildinfo.cmake)
    conan basic setup(TARGETS)
endif()
# add project code
add subdirectory(src)
# add unit tests
enable testing()
add_subdirectory(unit_tests)
```

- Above code supports optional use of Conan
- if() statement can be skipped if Conan usage is mandatory in a project

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```
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endif()
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```
class GTestConan(ConanFile):
    def package_info(self):
        # ...
        if self.settings.compiler == "Visual Studio" and float(str(self.settings.compiler.version)) >= 15:
             self.cpp_info.defines.append("GTEST_LANG_CXX11=1")
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#### **FINDGTEST.CMAKE**

set\_property(TARGET GTest::Main PROPERTY INTERFACE\_COMPILE\_DEFINITIONS \${CONAN\_COMPILE\_DEFINITIONS\_GTEST})

Choosing CONAN\_PKG::XXX

```
if(CONAN)
    target_link_libraries(MyLibraryTests PRIVATE MyCompany::MyLibrary CONAN_PKG::gtest)
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Starting from CMake 3.11

```
if(EXISTS ${CMAKE_BINARY_DIR}/conanbuildinfo.cmake)
    include(${CMAKE_BINARY_DIR}/conanbuildinfo.cmake)
    conan_basic_setup(TARGETS)
    add_library(GTest::Main INTERFACE IMPORTED)
    target_link_libraries(GTest::Main INTERFACE CONAN_PKG::gtest)
else()
    find_package(GTest MODULE REQUIRED)
endif()
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## **CONAN PACKAGE CREATION**

- It is a complex subject and we are out of time
- For now please refer to Conan documentation
- Hopefully see you on CppCon 2018;-)

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- For free and on MIT license
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- Give it a try!



# CAUTION **Programming** is addictive (and too much fun)