

How to start a modern C++ project?

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Agenda

- Motivation
- Let's make a C++ project
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- Project layout
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- Dependency management
- Continue integrations
- IDEs

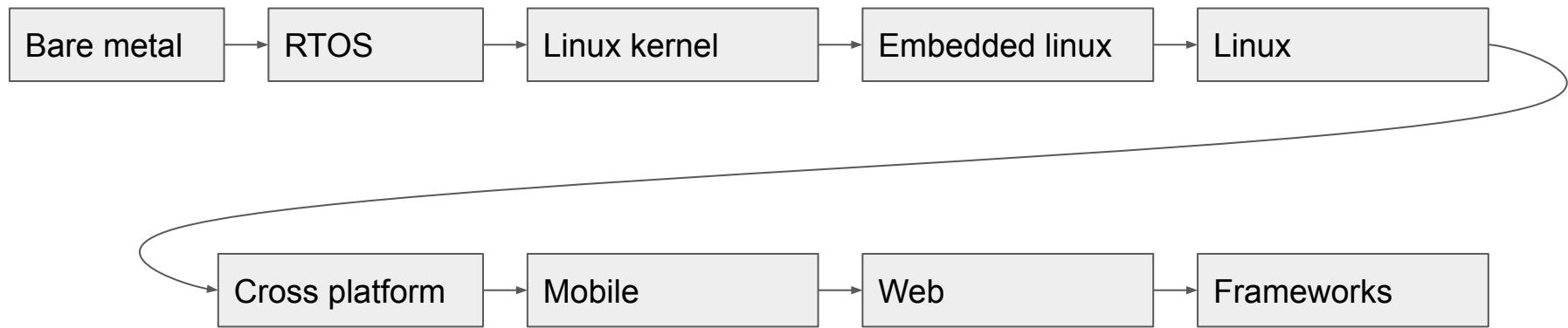
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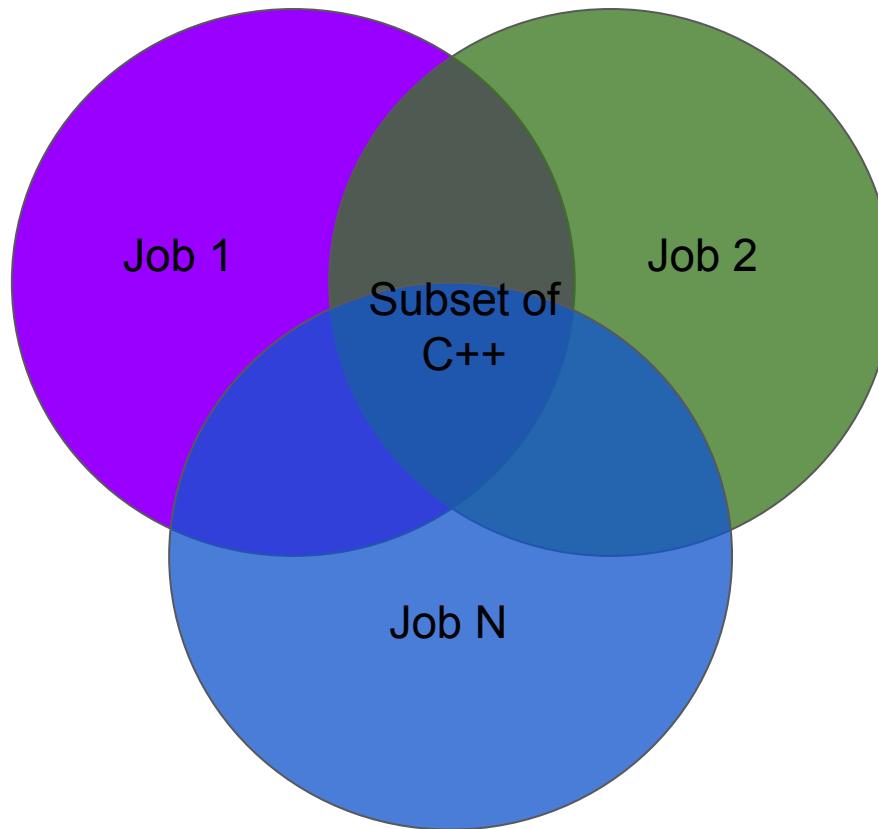
C++ programmer for last 12 years

Areas: architecture, networking, frameworks, libraries, build systems

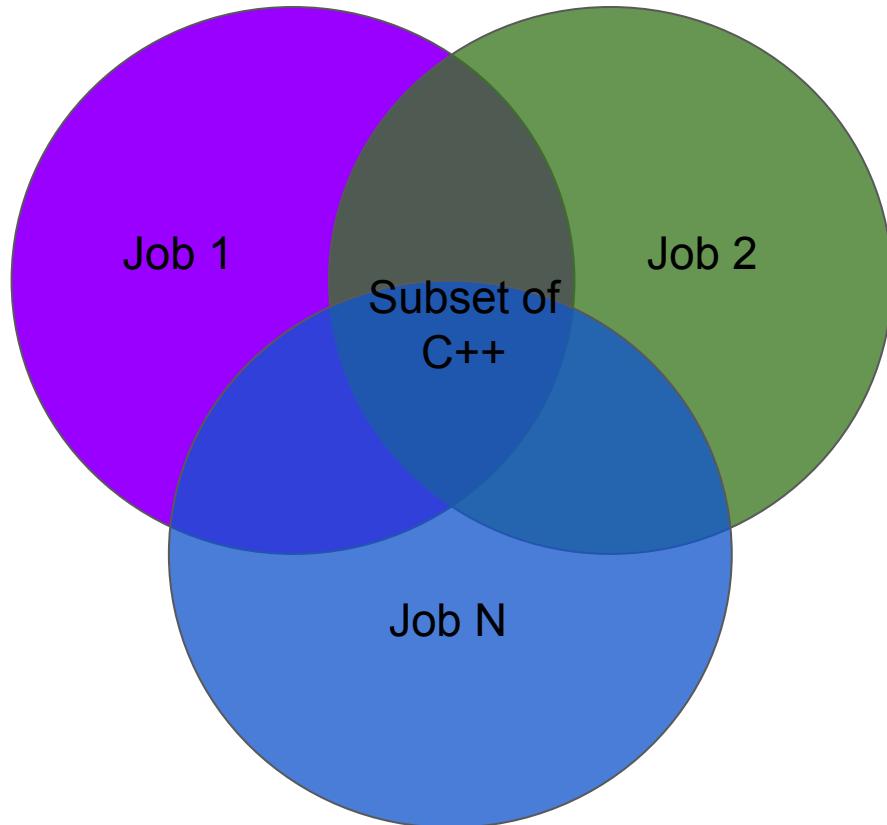
My journey



What was in common?



What was different?



- Host OS
- Build tool
- C++ standard
- Subset of C++ (templates/virtual, exceptions/return-code, RTTI, ...)
- Libs (Boost, Qt, ...)
- Project layout
- CI/CD
- Dependency management
- Tools

What did I learn?

- Everybody use the C++, but differently
- Everybody builds C++, but differently
- Everybody uses some tooling, but with different options
- Some best practises are the same

Motivation

- Rust
- Go
- cppfront

The image shows a video frame from CppCon 2022. At the top left is the conference logo with 'Cppcon 2022' and 'September 12th-16th'. On the right is a large pink graphic with a white plus sign. In the center is a video feed of Herb Sutter, a man with glasses and a black t-shirt, standing and speaking. Below the video is his name, 'Herb Sutter'. At the bottom of the video frame is the title of the talk: 'Can C++ be 10x simpler & safer ... ?'. To the right of the video, the slide content begins with the heading 'Structure & build & targets'. Below this, a section titled 'To build cppfront itself: Use any major C++20 compiler' lists three compiler commands:

MSVC	<code>c1 cppfront.cpp -std:c++20 -EHsc</code>
gcc	<code>g++-10 cppfront.cpp -std=c++20 -o cppfront</code>
Clang	<code>clang++-12 cppfront.cpp -std=c++20 -o cppfront</code>

On the right side of the slide, there are three icons: a purple Microsoft Visual Studio logo, a cartoon bull with a wrench, and a blue dragon.

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Let's create a modern C++ project

C++ project

```
#include <iostream>

int main() {
    std::cout << "Hello, World!" << std::endl;
}
```

- g++ main.cpp && ./a.out

Hello, world!

- clang++ main.cpp && ./a.out

Hello, world!

- cl.exe main.cpp && main.exe

fatal error C1034: iostream: no include path

- **vcvars64.bat** && cl.exe main.cpp && main.exe

Hello, world!

- clang-cl.exe main.cpp && main.exe

Hello, world!

Is it a modern C++ project?

Modern C++ project

```
#include <print>

int main() {
    std::print("Hello, World!\n");
}
```

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Deducing this

Stacktrace library

std::move_only_function

<expected>

std::mdspan: a non-owning multidimensional array reference

<flat_map>

<flat_set>

Formatted output library

Standard Library Modules

std::generator: synchronous coroutine generator for ranges

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Modern C++ project

```
import std;

int main() {
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- g++ main.cpp
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 - g++ -std=c++23 main.cpp
fatal error: module 'std' not found
 - clang++ -std=c++2b main.cpp
fatal error: module 'std' not found
 - cl.exe /std:c++latest main.cpp
error C2230: could not find module 'std'
 - cl.exe /std:c++latest "%VCToolsInstallDir%\modules\std.ixx"
 - cl.exe /std:c++latest main.cpp std.obj && main.exe
- Hello, World!

Maybe it was too modern

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Modern C++ project

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Hello, World!

- cl.exe /std:c++latest ... main.cpp

Hello, World!

- **But I still want <print>** if it is available

Modern C++ project

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- clang++ -std=c++23 ... main.cpp && ./a.out

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- cl.exe /std:c++latest main.cpp

Hello, from **std** world!

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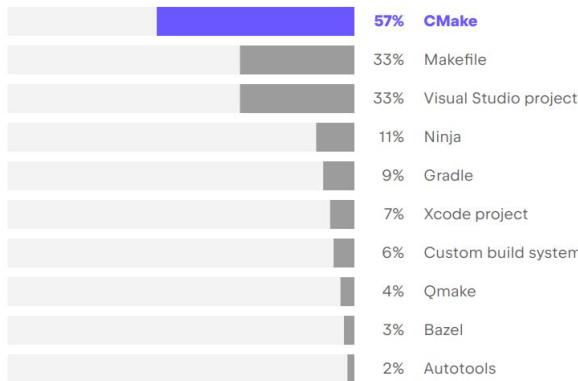
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We have only talked about C++

CMake - has become the de facto standard

Which project models or build systems do you regularly use?

Overall Embedded Games



I am on record as likening CMake to Stockholm syndrome for C++ engineers. It has become the de facto standard, for better or worse, as demonstrated by the clear lead it holds over its competitors.

Guy Davidson
Head of Engineering Practice, [Creative Assembly](#)

2022 Annual C++ Developer Survey "Lite"

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
CMake	80.87%
Ninja	41.92%
MSBuild	37.41%
Make/nmake	37.07%
distcc/ccache	15.65%
Xcode projects	10.20%
Other (please specify)	10.03%
QMake	9.27%
Autotools	8.93%
Gradle	6.97%
Incredibuild	6.04%
Boost Build (bjam)	5.27%
Meson	5.27%

CMake - has become the de facto standard

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	MAJOR PAIN POINT	MINOR PAIN POINT	NOT A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE FOR ME	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Managing libraries my application depends on	47.63% 563	34.77% 411	17.60% 208	1,182	2.30
Build times	43.94% 515	38.65% 453	17.41% 204	1,172	2.27
Setting up a continuous integration pipeline from scratch (automated builds, tests, ...)	33.73% 394	40.75% 476	25.51% 298	1,168	2.08
Setting up a development environment from scratch (compiler, build system, IDE, ...)	27.83% 329	42.98% 508	29.19% 345	1,182	1.99
Concurrency safety: Races, deadlocks, performance bottlenecks	25.04% 293	46.67% 546	28.29% 331	1,170	1.97
Managing CMake projects	29.34% 343	38.15% 446	32.51% 380	1,169	1.97

CMake - quick intro

- Meta-build system (generating platform-specific build)
- Cross platform
- Configurable-ish
- Scalable-ish

CMake - quick intro

- main.cpp
- **CMakeLists.txt**

```
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cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.25)
project(mcpp LANGUAGES CXX)

add_executable(app)

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CMake - quick intro

- cmake -B build .
- cmake --build build
- ./build/app

Hello, World!

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CMake - presets

- CMakeLists.txt
- **CMakePresets.json**
- **CMakeUserPresets.json**
- main.cpp

```
{  
    "include": [...],  
    "configurePresets": [...],  
    "buildPresets": [...],  
    "testPresets": [...],  
    "packagePresets": [...],  
    "workflowPresets": [...],  
}
```

CMake - configure presets

- cmake --preset <preset name>
- cmake --preset **base**

```
"configurePresets": [  
  {  
    "name": "base",  
    "inherits": [...],  
    "generator": "Ninja Multi-Config",  
    "binaryDir": "${sourceDir}/build/${presetName}",  
    "toolchainFile": "...",  
    "cacheVariables": [...],  
    "environment": [...],  
    "condition": {...}  
    ...  
  },  
]
```

CMake - build presets

- `cmake --build --preset <preset name> --config <Config>`
 - `cmake --build --preset base`
 - `cmake --build --preset base --config Debug`
 - `cmake --build --preset base --config Release`
- ```
 "buildPresets": [
 {
 "name": "base",
 "inherits": [...],
 "configurePresets": "base",
 "targets": [...],
 "environment": [...],
 "condition": {...}
 ...
 },
]
```

# CMake - test presets

- `ctest --preset <preset name> -C <Config>`
- `ctest --preset base`
- `ctest --preset base -C Debug`
- `ctest --preset base -C Release`

```
"testPresets": [
 {
 "name": "base",
 "inherits": [...],
 "configurePresets": "base",
 "execution": {...},
 "environment": [...],
 "condition": {...}
 ...
 },
]
```

# CMake - package presets

- `cpack --preset <preset name> --config <Config>`
- `cpack --preset base`
- `cpack --preset base --config Debug`
- `cpack --preset base --config Release`

```
"packagePresets": [
 {
 "name": "base",
 "inherits": [...],
 "configurePresets": "base",
 "generators": ["TGZ"],
 "configurations": [...],
 "variables": [...],
 ...
 },
]
```

# CMake - workflow presets

- cmake --workflow <preset name>
- cmake --workflow **base**

```
"workflowPresets": [
{
 "name": "base",
 "steps": [
 { "type": "configure", "name": "base" },
 { "type": "build", "name": "base" },
 { "type": "test", "name": "base" }
 { "type": "package", "name": "base" }
],
},
]
```

# CMake - presets names

- `cmake --preset <arch>-<os>-<compiler>-<linkage>`
- `cmake --preset x64-linux-gcc-static`
- `cmake --preset x64-linux-gcc-dynamic`
- `cmake --preset x86-windows-msvc-static`

# How to structure C++ project?

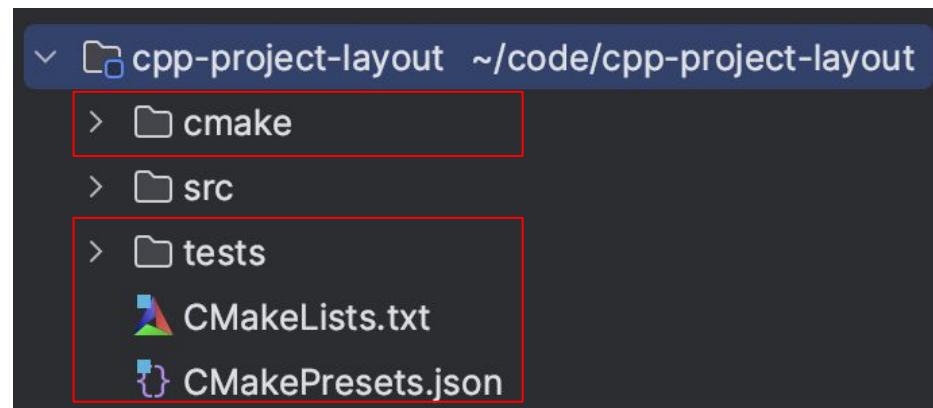
# CMake - modern project layout

The image shows a presentation slide with the following elements:

- Top Left:** C++ now logo.
- Top Right:** Title: "CMake + Conan: 3 Years Later".
- Middle Left:** Photo of the speaker, Mateusz Pusz.
- Middle Right:** A large orange rectangular area containing:
  - A white rectangular box with the text "MODERN PROJECT STRUCTURE" and "REFRESH" below it.
- Bottom Left:** Logos for JET BRAINS and Bloomberg Engineering.
- Bottom Center:** Logos for epam and CppNow 2021 - CMake + Conan: 3 years later.
- Bottom Right:** Page number 41 and CppNow.org.
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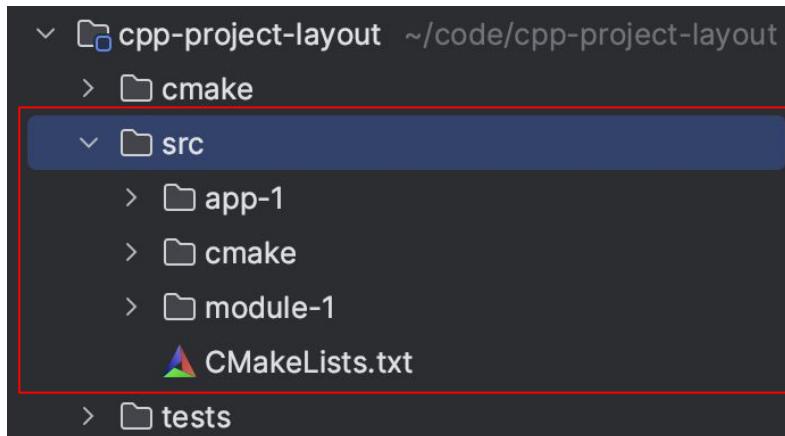
# CMake - modern project layout

- Simple project wrapper
- Entry point for development
- Enables all development features
  - dependency management
  - warnings
  - tests
  - docs
  - cache
  - ...



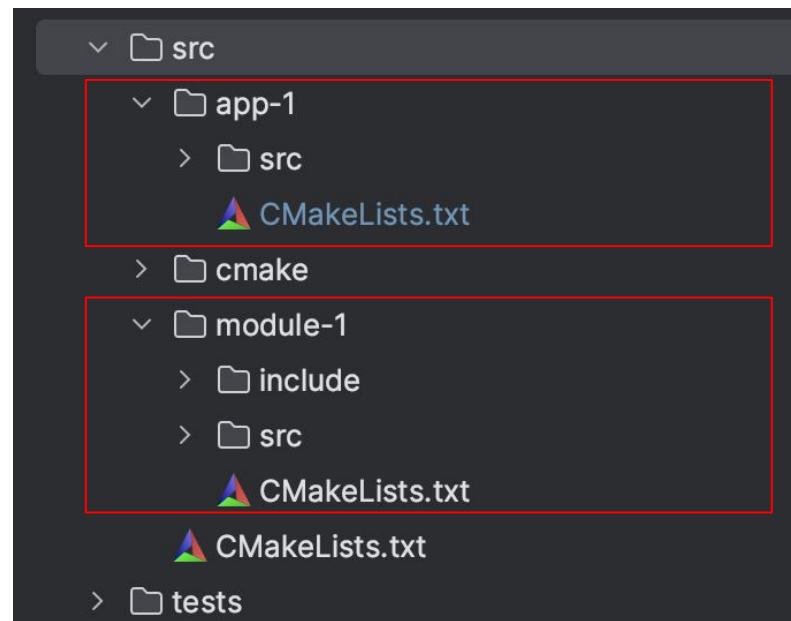
# CMake - modern project layout

- Standalone CMake project file
- Entry point for consumers
  - add\_subdirectory
  - package managers
- Does not affect development environment



# CMake - modern project layout

- Implementation of the project modules, apps
- Easy to enable / disable



# Let's add CMake to our C++ project

# Modern C++ project layout

```
#include <version>

#if defined(__cpp_lib_print)
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#else
include <fmt/core.h>
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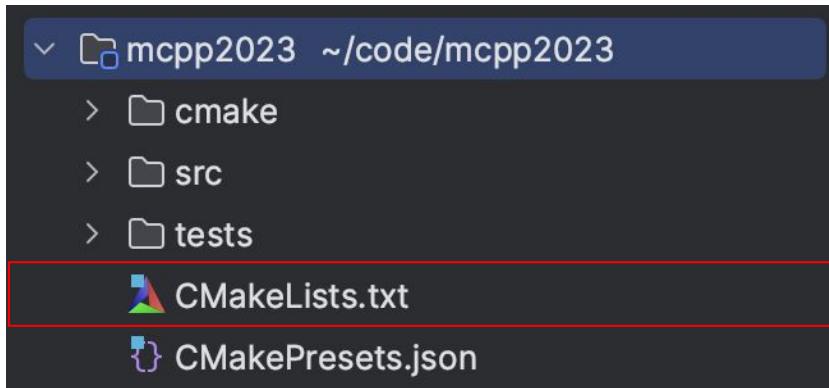
# Modern C++ project layout

```
#include "mcpp/log/debug.hpp"

int main() {
 mcpp::log::debug("Hello, world!\n");
}
```

- g++/clang++: `mcpp::print` → `fmt::print`
- cl.exe: `mcpp::print` → `std::print`

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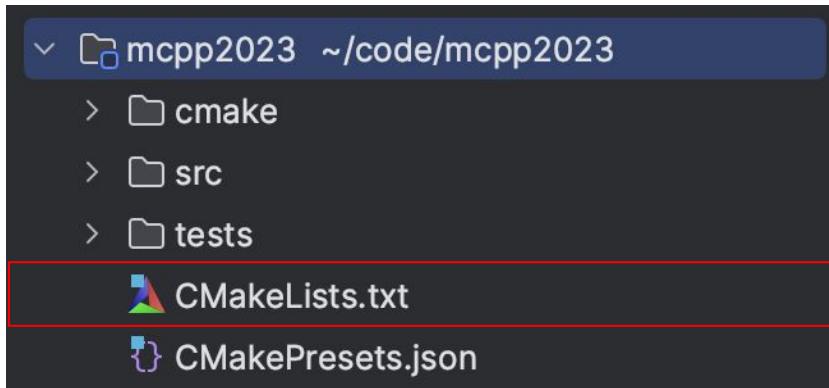
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project(mcpp-dev LANGUAGES CXX)

list(APPEND
 CMAKE_MODULE_PATH "${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/cmake")
enable cache, extra warnings,
docs generation and etc

add_subdirectory(src)

enable_testing()
add_subdirectory(tests)
```

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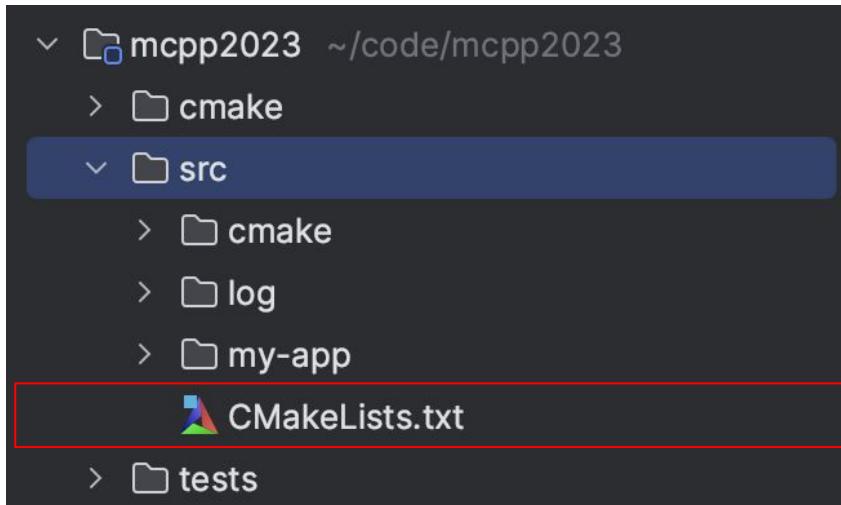
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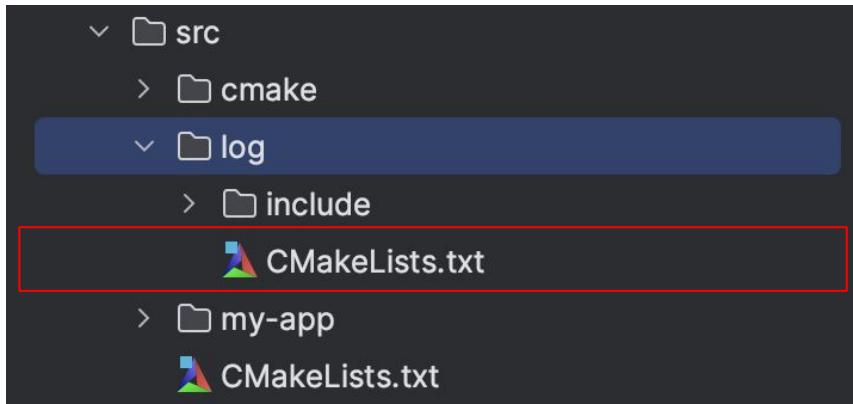
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project(mcpp VERSION 0.0.1 LANGUAGES CXX)

list(APPEND
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include(add_mcpp_module)

add_subdirectory(log)
add_subdirectory(my-app)
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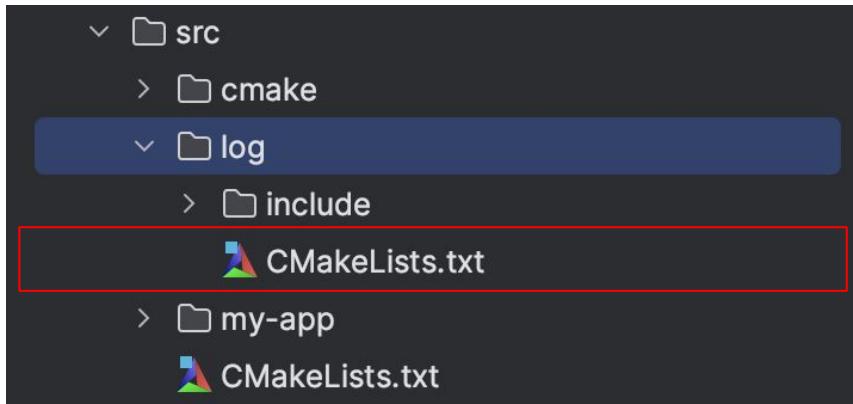


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target_sources(${mcpp_module_target}
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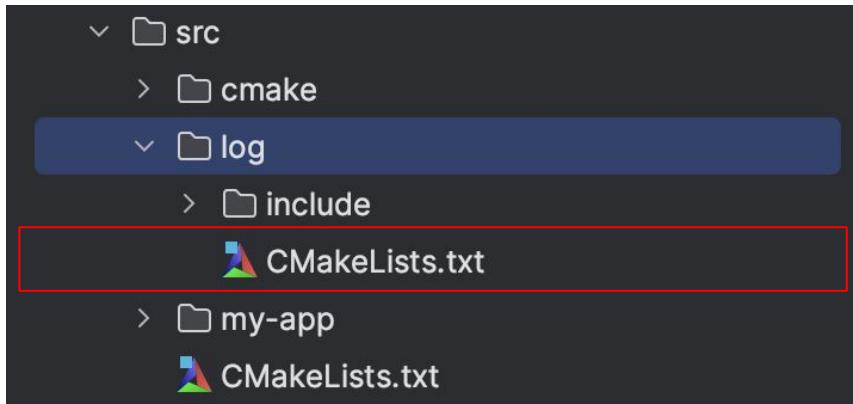


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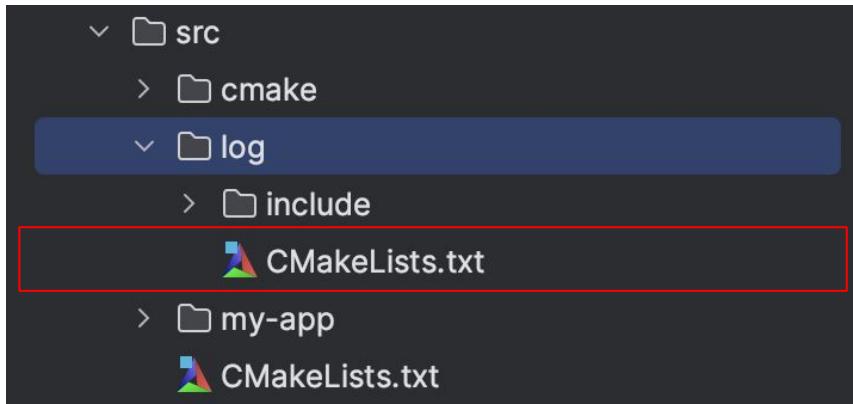


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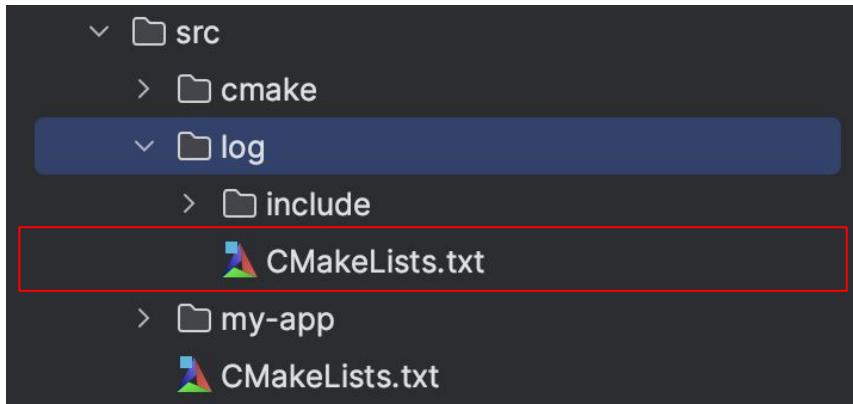


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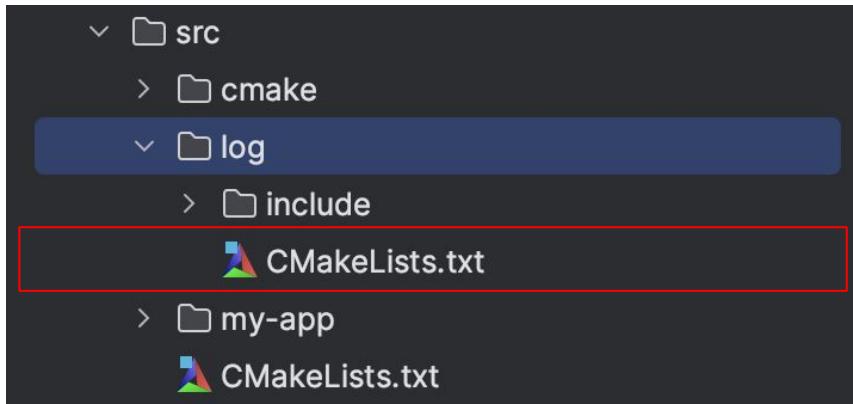


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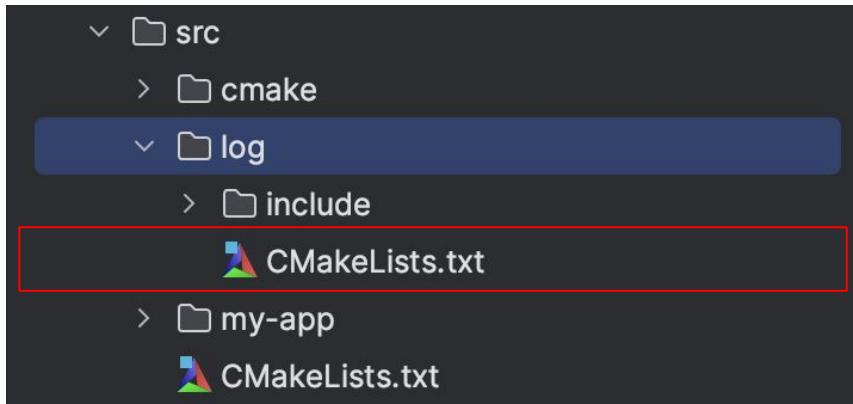


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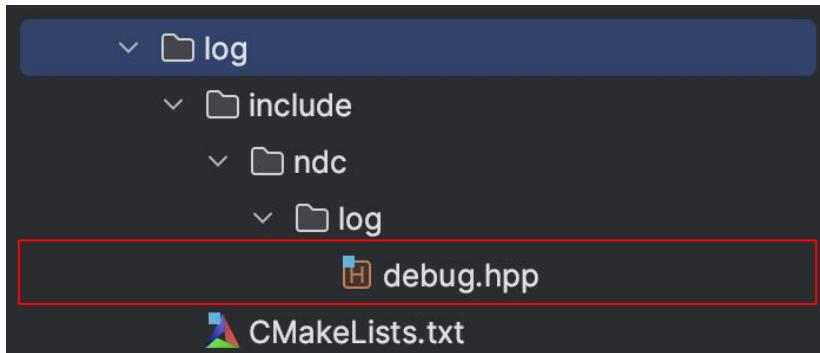


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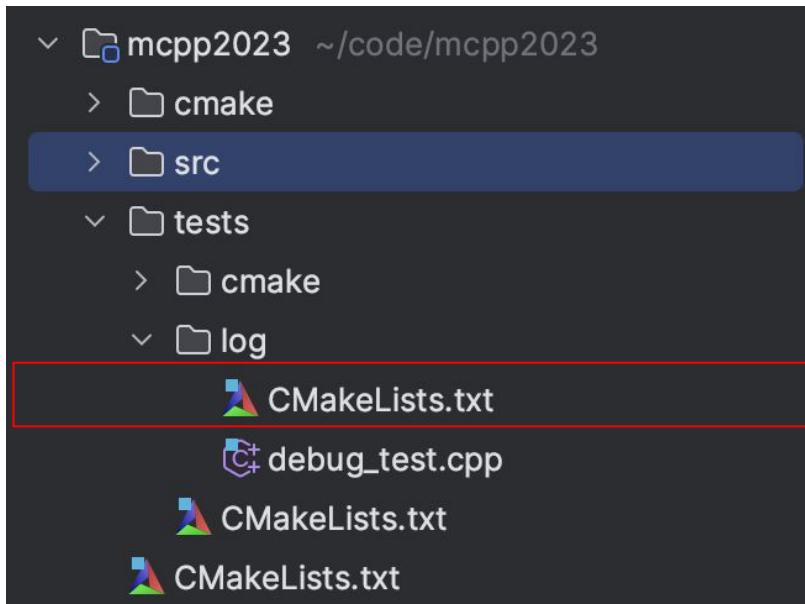


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// src/log/include/mcpp/log/debug.hpp

#ifndef mcpp_USE_FMT
include <fmt/core.h>
#else
include <print >
#endif

namespace mcpp::log {
 ...
}
```

# Modern C++ project layout

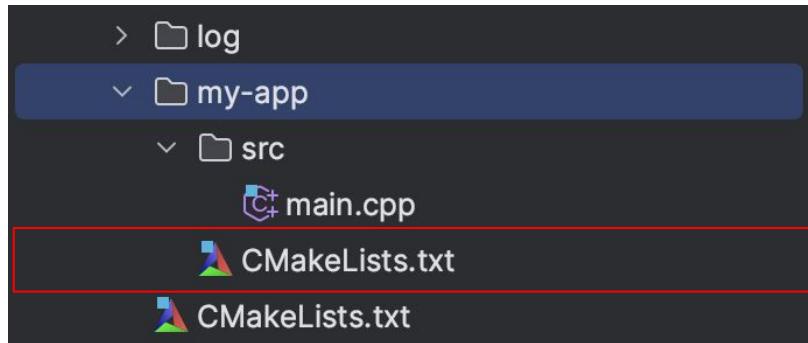


```
// test/log/debug_test.cpp
#include "mcpp/log/debug.hpp"

#include <catch2/catch_test_macros.hpp>

TEST_CASE("header sanity check") {
}
```

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```
// src/my-app/src/CMakeLists.txt
add_mcpp_executable(my-app)

target_sources(${mcpp_executable_target}
PRIVATE src/main.cpp)

target_link_libraries(${mcpp_executable_target}
PRIVATE mcpp::log)
```

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- cmake --workflow --preset x64-linux-gcc-dynamic
- ./build/x64-linux-gcc-dynamic/src/my-app

Hello, World!

- cmake --workflow --preset x64-linux-clang-dynamic
- ./build/x64-linux-clang-dynamic/src/my-app

Hello, World!

# Version control

# Why do you need version control?

- History tracking
- Collaboration
- Backup and recovery
- Choose what suits you the most (~~git/github~~)

# Git tips and tricks

- .git-blame-ignore-revs-file
- .gitignore

# Let's share with a friend

- git clone <git@github.com>:msvetkin/mcpp2023.git
  - cd mcpp2023
  - cmake --workflow --preset x64-linux-gcc-dynamic
- ```
-- The CXX compiler identification is GNU  
13.2.1  
-- Detecting CXX compiler ABI info  
...  
Could not find a package configuration  
file provided by "fmt" with any of  
the following names:  
  fmtConfig.cmake  
  fmt-config.cmake  
Call Stack (most recent call first):  
  src/log/CMakeLists.txt:9 (find_package)
```

Package Managers

Why do you need package manager?

For other distros, get the separate components below.

Build essentials

Ubuntu and/or Debian:	<code>sudo apt-get install build-essential perl python3 git</code>
Fedora 30:	<code>su - -c "dnf install perl-version git gcc-c++ compat-openssl10-devel harfbuzz-devel double-conversion-devel libzstd-devel at-spi2-atk-devel dbus-devel mesa-libGL-devel"</code>
OpenSUSE:	<code>sudo zypper install git-core gcc-c++ make</code>

Libxcb

Libxcb® is now the default window-system backend for platforms based on X11/Xorg, and you should therefore install libxcb and its accompanying packages. Qt5 should build with whatever libxcb version is available in your distro's packages (but you may optionally wish to use v1.8 or higher to have threaded rendering support). The [README](#) lists the required packages.

Ubuntu/Debian:	<code>sudo apt-get install '^libxcb.*-dev' libx11-xcb-dev libglul-mesa-dev libxrender-dev libxi-dev libxcbcommon-dev libxcbcommon-x11-dev</code>
Fedora 30:	<code>su - -c "dnf install libxcb libxcb-devel xcb-util xcb-util-devel xcb-util-*-devel libX11-devel libXrender-devel libxcbcommon-devel libxcbcommon-x11-devel libXi-devel libdrm-devel libXcursor-devel libXcomposite-devel"</code>
OpenSUSE 12+:	<code>sudo zypper in xorg-x11-libxcb xcb-util-devel xcb-util-image-devel xcb-util-keysyms-devel xcb-util-renderutil-devel xcb-util-wm-devel xorg-x11-devel libxcbcommon-x11-devel libxcbcommon-devel libXi-devel</code>
ArchLinux/Manjaro:	<code>sudo pacman -S - needed libxcb xcb-proto xcb-util xcb-util-image xcb-util-wm libxi</code>
Chakra Linux:	Install the ArchLinux packages, plus xcb-util-keysyms. It's available from CCR.
Mandriva/ROSA/Unity:	<code>urpmi 'pkgconfig(xcb)' 'pkgconfig(xcb-icccm)' 'pkgconfig(xcb-image)' 'pkgconfig(xcb-renderutil)' 'pkgconfig(xcb-keysyms)' 'pkgconfig(xrender)'</code>
Linux Mint:	<code>apt-get install libx11-xcb-dev libxcb-composite0-dev libxcb-cursor-dev libxcb-damage0-dev libxcb-dpms0-dev libxcb-dri2-0-dev libxcb-dri3-dev libxcb-glx0-dev libxcb-icccm4-dev libxcb-image0-dev libxcb-keysyms1-dev libxcb-present-dev libxcb-randr0-dev libxcb-render-util0-dev libxcb-render0-dev libxcb-shape0-dev libxcb-shm0-dev libxcb-sync-dev libxcb-util-dev libxcb-xfixes0-dev libxcb-xinerama0-dev libxcb-xkb-dev libxcb-xtest0-dev libxcb1-dev</code> Install missing Qt build dependencies: <code>yum install libxcb libxcb-devel xcb-util xcb-util-devel</code>
	Install Red Hat DevTools 1.1 for CentOS 5/6 x86_64, they are required due to outdated GCC shipped with default CentOS: <code>wget http://people.centos.org/tru/devtools-1.1/devtools-1.1.repo -O /etc/yum.repos.d/devtools-1.1.repo yum install devtoolset-1.1</code>
Centos 5/6	Initialise your newly installed dev tools: <code>scl enable devtoolset-1.1 bash # Test - Expect to see gcc version 4.7.2 (not gcc version 4.4.7) gcc -v</code> For more info on preparing the environment on CentOS, see this thread .
Centos 7	Update to gcc 7: <code>yum install centos-release-scl yum install devtoolset-7-gcc* scl enable devtoolset-7 bash</code> Install missing Qt build dependencies (Qt 5.13): <code>yum install libxcb libxcb-devel xcb-util xcb-util-devel mesa-libGL-devel libxcbcommon-devel</code>

What are the options?

- conan
- vcpkg

Let's add vcpkg to our C++ project

vcpkg - CMake integration

```
# CMakePresets.json                                # vcpkg.json
"configurePresets": [
{
    "name": "base",
    ...
    "toolchainFile": "<vcpkg>/vcpkg.cmake",
    ...
},
]
{
```

```
    "name": "mcpp",
    "version-string": "0.0.1",
    "dependencies": [
        "fmt",
        "catch2"
    ]
}
```

Let's share with a friend - part 2

me:

- git add cmake/presets/base.json vcpkg.json
- git commit -m "feat(cmake): add vcpkg"
- git push origin main

friend:

- git pull --rebase
- cmake --workflow --preset x64-linux-gcc-dynamic

-- Running vcpkg install

The following packages will be built and installed:

fmt:x64-linux-dynamic → 10.0.0

catch2:x64-linux-dynamic → 3.4.0

...

-- The CXX compiler identification is GNU
13.2.1

...

-- Configuring done (1.6s)

-- Generating done (0.0s)

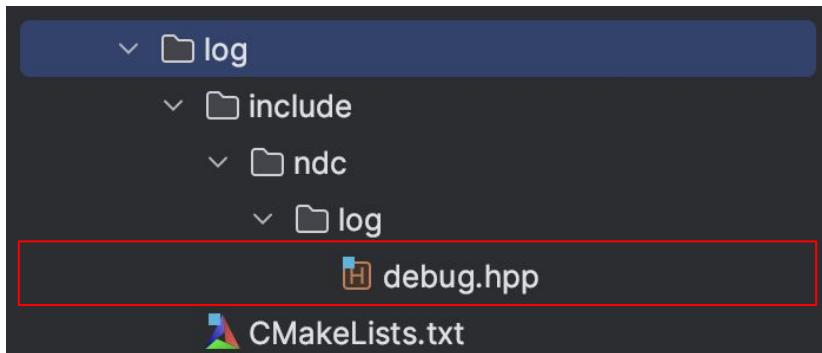
-- Building done

-- Testing done

Let's share with a friend - part 3

- git clone <git@github.com>:msvetkin/mcpp2023.git -- The CXX compiler identification is MSVC
- cd mcpp2023
- cmake --workflow --preset x64-windows-msvc-static
...
-- Configuring done (1.6s)
-- Generating done (0.0s)
-- Building
fatal error: print : No such file or directory

Let's share with a friend - part 3



```
// src/log/include/mcpp/log/debug.hpp

#ifndef mcpp_USE_FMT
# include <fmt/core.h>
#else
# include <print>
#endif

namespace mcpp::log {
    ...
}
```

Continuous Integration

What to do with CI?

- Build at least on: windows, linux, mac
- Build at least with: gcc, clang (stdlibc++/libc++) msvc
- Build at least Debug and Release versions
- Run at least: cppcheck, clang-tidy

Let's add github-actions to our C++ project

Github actions

```
name: ci

on: [push, pull_request]

jobs:
  build:
    runs-on: ${{matrix.target.os}}
    strategy:
      fail-fast: false
    matrix:
      ...
      steps:
        ...

```

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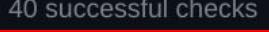
matrix:
  target: [
    { os: ubuntu-latest, preset: x64-linux-gcc-dynamic },
    { os: ubuntu-latest, preset: x86-linux-gcc-dynamic },
    { os: windows-latest, preset: x64-windows-msvc-dynamic },
    { os: macos-latest, preset: x86-osx-gcc-dynamic },
  ]
}
```

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    runs-on: ${{matrix.target.os}}  
  
    strategy:  
  
      fail-fast: false  
  
    matrix:  
  
      ...  
  
    steps:  
  
      ...  
  
      steps:  
  
        steps:  
          - uses: actions/checkout@v3  
  
          - name: Install system dependencies (compiler, cmake,  
            ninja, ...)  
  
          ...  
  
          - name: cmake  
            shell: bash  
  
            run: |  
  
              cmake --workflow --preset ${{matrix.target.preset}}
```

Github actions - <https://github.com/fmtlib/fmt/pull/3636>

 All checks have passed Hide all checks

 40 successful checks

	CI Fuzz / Fuzzing (pull_request)	Successful in 9m	Details
	doc / build (pull_request)	Successful in 1m	Details
	linux / build (g++-4.8, Debug, 11) (pull_request)	Successful in 2m	Details
	macos / build (macos-11, Debug, 11) (pull_request)	Successful in 3m	Details
	windows / build (windows-2019, Win32, v142, 17, Debug) (pull_request)	Successful in 1m	Details
	linux / build (g++-4.8, Release, 11) (pull_request)	Successful in 4m	Details

 This branch has no conflicts with the base branch
Only those with [write access](#) to this repository can merge pull requests.

C++ Tooling

- Formatters:
 - clang-format
 - cmake-format
- Linters:
 - clang-tidy
 - clazy
 - cppcheck
 - include-what-you-use
 - commercial linters(pvs-studio, sonar, ...)
- Pre-commit

What do if I just want to write code

Select a good IDE

- VIM / Emacs / VSCode
- CLion
- Visual Studio

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CLion - pros

- The most complete code model
- Bundled / Integration with C++ tooling
- Actively developed and maintained
- Emacs like user experience ;-)

Let's try to open our project in CLion

So how to start a modern C++ project?

cpp-project-template

- <https://github.com/msvetkin/cpp-project-template> →  Use this template ▾
- git clone git@github.com:msvetkin/cpp-project-template.git
- cmake -P init.cmake --project <name> --module <name> --header <name>

Thank you

Links

- [Developer Ecosystem C++ - JetBrains](#)
- [C++ Developer Survey "Lite" - isocpp](#)
- [CMake + Conan: 3 Years Later - Mateusz Pusz](#)
- [How C++23 changes the way we write code - Timur Doumler - mcpp TechTown 2022](#)
- [Standard C++ Toolset - Anastasia Kazakova - C++ on Sea 2023](#)
- [Dependency Management in C++ - Patricia Aas - mcpp TechTown 2021](#)
- [Dependency management in C++ - Xavier Bonaventura - code::dive 2019](#)
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- [cppfront](#)

Questions?