C++ Course 9: Using cmake

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Technology of the day: CUDA

So you heard about running stuff on a GPU? Nvidia uses CUDA.

Important facts about CUDA and GPU:

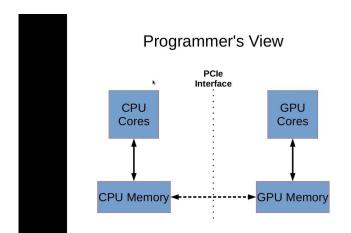
- 1. GPU is not a super-CPU! Each core is *much slower*!
- 2. Only makes sense for *massively parallel* algorithms.
- 3. GPU uses separate memory. CPU<->GPU transfer can be a bottleneck!
- 4. It is unlikely you will succeed if you are not a pro.
- 5. Use higher level libraries if possible: cublas, cudnn ...
- 6. CUDA is not very friendly to CPU multithreading.

Terminology:

HOST = CPU + CPU memory

DEVICE = GPU + GPU memory

Read: <u>article1</u> <u>article2</u> <u>programming guide</u>



How CUDA works?

It is a language extension to C/C++. Compile with **nvcc** from the CUDA distro.

It compiles *host* (CPU) code using the regular **gcc** or **cl**.

It compiles device (GPU) code into PTX bytecode or GPU machine code.

PTX = Parallel Thread Execution, same for all Nvidia GPU models.

GPU machine code differs for different GPU models: compute capability 1.0 - 8.0.

PTX is compiled to the machine code by the Nvidia driver: takes time on the first run!

Using CUDA with CMake: you need to enable language CUDA.

cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.8)

project(e_cuda LANGUAGES CXX CUDA) # Enable language CUDA

add_executable(add1 add1.cu) # CUDA files have extension .cu

CMake takes care of everything if it can find nvcc.

Technical note: **nvcc** often requires outdated **gcc** versions on Linux.

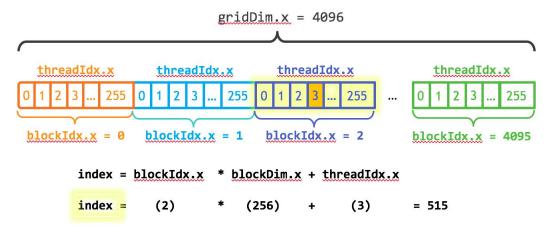
CUDA kernel: A function which runs on the device

```
Add n numbers on GPU. Pointers must point to GPU memory!

__global__ void add(int n, float *x, float *y){
```

```
int index = blockldx.x * blockDim.x + threadldx.x; // Total thread index
int stride = blockDim.x * gridDim.x; // Total number of threads
for (int i = index; i < n; i += stride)
    y[i] += x[i];</pre>
```

Threads are divided into blocks:



Running the kernel: Using unified CPU/GPU memory

```
// Alloc unified CPU/GPU memory
float *x, *y;
cudaMallocManaged(&x, n*sizeof(float));
cudaMallocManaged(&y, n*sizeof(float));
... // Initialize the arrays
// Run the kernel
int blockSize = 4;
int numBlocks = 3;
add<<<numBlocks, blockSize>>>(n, x, y);
// Wait for the GPU, needed here because of cudaMallocManaged()
cudaDeviceSynchronize();
// Free memory
cudaFree(x);
cudaFree(y);
```

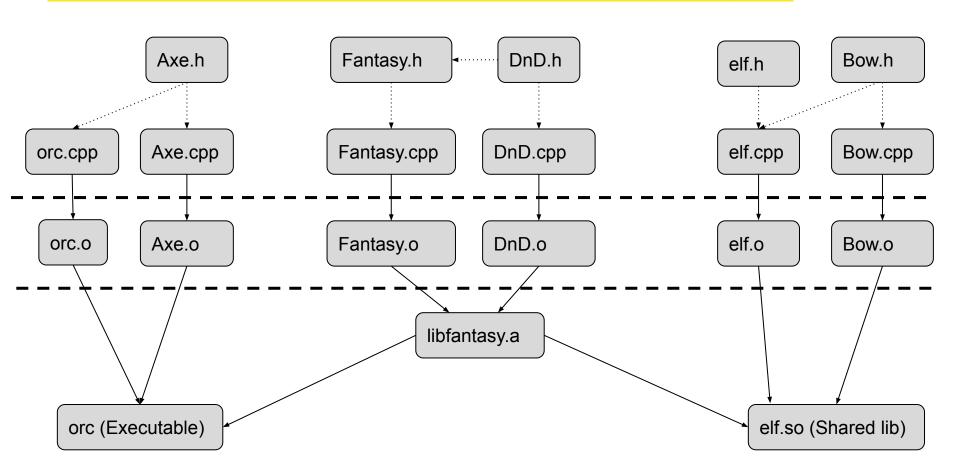
Running the kernel: Transfer CPU<->GPU by hand

```
int nF = n*sizeof(float);
std::vector<float> x(n, 2.0f), y(n, 1.0f); // Create data in the CPU memory (host)
// Allocate GPU (device) memory
float *dX, *dY;
cudaMalloc(&dX, nF);
cudaMalloc(&dY, nF);
// Copy Device->Host
cudaMemcpy(dX, x.data(), nF, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
cudaMemcpy(dY, y.data(), nF, cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
// Run the kernel
add<<<numBlocks, blockSize>>>(n, x, y);
// Copy Host->Device
cudaMemcpy(y.data(), dY, nF, cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);
// Free memory
cudaFree(dX);
cudaFree(dY);
```

Compiling and linking C++ code

```
Compile to executable (.exe file on Windows):
gcc:
g++ -o myprog main.cpp file1.cpp file2.cpp
clang (LLVM):
clang -o myprog main.cpp file1.cpp file2.cpp
cl (Microsoft):
cl /o myprog main.cpp file1.cpp file2.cpp
Where: myprog = name of the executable
main.cpp file1.cpp file2.cpp = C++ source files
Compile ONE source file to the object file (.o or .obj):
g++ -c main.cpp
Link object files (and static libraries .a/.lib) to executable (or shared library .so/.dll):
g++ -o myprog main.o file1.o file2.o
```

Build process: The code is built from *.cpp and *.h (header) files



Low-level build systems for C/C++: make, nmake, ninja, ...

Unix/Linux and MinGW/Msys use **make**. Note: **nmake** = exotic Microsoft fork of **make**.

Project file: **Makefile** . To build a project:

make Unix/Linux

mingw32-make MinGW (Both 32 and 64 bit)

More options:

make clean Clean project (delete executables and .o)

make hello Build target hello

make all Build all targets

make -f Makefile2 -j3 Build file Makefile2 on 3 cores

Compile and install software on Unix/Linux (ffmpeg etc.):

./configure <options>

make

make install

Extra slides: Writing Makefile

Why make is not enough?

- 1. Different incompatible versions (gmake, remake, mingw32-make, nmake ...)
- 2. No configuration/library finding abilities. Extensions (Unix/Linux mostly):
- pkgconfig Find a package (headers + libraries), used by make
- GNU Build System (autotools): autoconf, automake, libtool, gnulib
- **autoconf** Generate ./configure script
- automake Generate Makefile.in (used by ./configure)
- 3. This is not very popular (or convenient) on Windows
- 4. Compiler dependent, works best for gcc
- 5. Outdated and can be difficult to use. Mostly used for C, not C++.

CMake (since 2000): Alternative to GNU Build System for C, C++, Fortran, Assembler, ...

- 1. Generates projects for make, nmake, ninja, Code::Blocks, XCode, Visual Studio, ...
- 2. Cross platform, including Windows + Microsoft Compiler and Android NDK (ninja).
- 3. Package and library search.
- 4. Powerful, with (relatively) easy-to-use syntax.

Simplest cmake projects

My first CMake project (CMakeLists.txt)

```
add_executable (hello hello.cpp)
```

My second CMake project

```
# This is a comment
cmake minimum required (VERSION 3.1)
project (hello)
set (CMAKE CXX STANDARD 14)
set (SRCS
    somefile.h somefile.cpp
    hello.cpp
add executable (${PROJECT NAME} ${SRCS})
```

How to build a CMake project?

```
mkdir build
cd build
cmake ..
cmake --build .
```

Rebuild after you have edited some source files ...

```
cmake --build .
```

Using *generators* (Example: Windows, MinGW)

```
mkdir build
cd build
cmake -G "MinGW Makefiles" ..
cmake --build .
```

CMake does not call the C++ compiler directly. Generators use low-level build systems (**make**, **nmake**, **ninja**, ...) and IDEs (Visual Studio, Code.Blocks, xcode)

Configuring cmake project:

We run (in the directory **build**):

cmake -G "MinGW Makefiles" ..

Configure project using the generator **MinGW Makefiles**.

.. = path to the directory with the file **CMakeLists.txt**

Directory **build**:

CMakeFiles

cmake_install.cmake

CMakeCache.txt Project configuration (can be edited)

Makefile Project file for make

Directory build/CMakeFiles:

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hello.dir Configuration/build directory for target hello

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Building

We run (in the directory **build**):

cmake --build.

Build the project in the directory . (current directory) using e.g. make

New files in **build**:

hello (or hello.exe in Windows) : executable

New files in **build/CMakeFiles/hello.dir**:

hello.cpp.obj Object file

objects.a Object files packed as a static lib

Build commands:

make or mingw32-make or nmake or ninja Build project

cmake --build . --target hello -- -j2 Build target hello on 2 cores (make flag -j2)

cmake --build . --target clean

cmake --build . --target install

CMake language (example lang)

```
set(): Create/Assign CMake variable:
set(CMAKE CXX STANDARD 14)
Variable value: ${CMAKE CXX STANDARD}
message(): Print string or variable
message("Hello world !")
message("PROJECT NAME = ${PROJECT NAME}")
message("CMAKE CXX STANDARD = ${CMAKE CXX STANDARD}")
message(${CMAKE CXX STANDARD})
math(): Evaluate a mathematical expression, put result to c:
math(EXPR c "5*(10+13) + 7")
message("5*(10+13) + 7 = \{c\}")
```

Important! CMake script is executed at the configure (cmake ..) stage, NOT at the build stage!

```
if(), while()
```

```
if() statement :
set(n 15)
if(n GREATER 10)
    message("${n} > 10")
else()
    message("${n} < 10")
endif()
while() statement :
set(n 1)
while(n LESS_EQUAL 10)
    message(${n})
    math(EXPR n "${n}+1")
endwhile()
```

CMake standard variables

```
message("CMAKE BINARY DIR = ${ CMAKE BINARY DIR }")
message("CMAKE SOURCE DIR = ${ CMAKE SOURCE DIR }")
message("CMAKE BUILD TYPE = ${ CMAKE BUILD TYPE }")
message("CMAKE CXX FLAGS = ${ CMAKE CXX FLAGS}")
message("CMAKE CXX FLAGS DEBUG = ${ CMAKE CXX FLAGS DEBUG }")
message("CMAKE CXX FLAGS RELEASE = ${ CMAKE CXX FLAGS RELEASE }")
message("CMAKE EXECUTABLE SUFFIX = ${ CMAKE EXECUTABLE SUFFIX }")
message("CMAKE SYSTEM = ${ CMAKE SYSTEM}")
message("CMAKE SYSTEM NAME = ${ CMAKE SYSTEM NAME }")
message("CMAKE SIZEOF VOID P = ${ CMAKE SIZEOF VOID P}") # Size of void *
message("WIN32 = \{WIN32\}")
message("APPLE = ${ APPLE}")
message("UNIX = ${UNIX}")
message("MINGW = ${MINGW}")
if (WIN32)
    message("Windows !!!")
else()
    message("NOT Windows !!!")
endif()
```

CMake standard variables (MinGW example)

Executables and libraries:

```
Build an executable:
add executable(<target> <sources>)
add executable(hello hello.cpp)
                                                   # Build hello from hello.cpp
add executable(${PROJECT_NAME} ${SRCS})
                                                   # The same with variables
Specify libraries needed by target:
target link libraries(<target> libraries>)
target link libraries(${PROJECT NAME} a b)
Build a library:
add_library(<target> [STATIC|SHARED] libraries>)
add library(b ${SRCS B})
                                               # Default (static?) library
add library(b STATIC ${SRCS B})
                                               # Static library .a/.lib
add library(b SHARED ${SRCS B})
                                               # Shared (dynamic) library .so/.dll
Include a subdirectory (with its own CMakeLists.txt):
add subdirectory(liba)
```

Example lib: hello + 2 libraries: Main CMakeLists.txt

```
cmake minimum required (VERSION 3.1)
project (hello)
set (CMAKE CXX STANDARD 14)
# Build library a from the separate directory liba
add subdirectory (liba)
include directories (liba)  # Search for header files (a.h) in liba
# Build SHARED library b : in this directory
set (SRCS B B.cpp)
add library(b SHARED ${SRCS B})
# Build hello
set (SRCS HELLO main.cpp)
add executable (${PROJECT NAME} ${SRCS HELLO})
target link libraries (${PROJECT NAME} a b)
```

Here **hello** and **b** are built in the same directory. It's better to put every target to a separate directory.

Example lib : CMakeLists.txt in subdirectory liba

```
cmake_minimum_required (VERSION 3.1)
project(a)
set(CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD 14)

set(SRCS
    a.cpp
)
add_library(${PROJECT_NAME} STATIC ${SRCS}) # Static library a
```

Files after build in the directory **build**:

hello.exe Executable

libb.dll Shared library b

libb.dll.a Import lib for libb.dll (Used for .dll, not .so!)

CMakeFiles/b.dir/

CMakeFiles/hello.dir/

liba/liba.a Static library a

liba/CMakeFiles/a.dir/

Configuring a CMake project

```
Build types (CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE): Release, Debug, MinSizeRel, RelWithDebInfo
Warning! This is ignored by Visual C++! For VC++, choose build type at the build stage!
cmake -DCMAKE BUILD TYPE=Debug ..
Set default build type in CMakeLists.txt:
if(NOT CMAKE BUILD TYPE)
 set( CMAKE BUILD TYPE "Release" )
endif()
Configuring parameters:
cmake -DWITH MAGIC=YES ..
option(): declare boolean parameters (with description+default!) in CMakeLists.txt:
option(WITH DRAGONS "Any dragons in our story?" OFF)
option(WITH ELVES "Any elves in our story?" OFF)
option(WITH ORCS "Any orcs in our story?" ON)
Configuring options:
cmake -DWITH ELVES=ON ..
```

Passing variables to C++

```
Using add definition():
if(DEFINED WITH_DRAGONS)
    add definitions(-DWITH DRAGONS=${WITH DRAGONS})
endif()
Using configure file():
configure file(config.h.in config.h)
include_directories("${PROJECT_BINARY_DIR}") # To find config.h
File config.h.in:
 #cmakedefine WITH MAGIC @WITH MAGIC@ // Defined only if NOT OFF/0/NO
 #define WITH ELVES @WITH ELVES@
                                            // Defined always
 #cmakedefine01 WITH ORCS
```

File config.h:

The complete example (vars) CMakeLists.txt

```
cmake minimum required (VERSION 3.1)
project (hello)
set (CMAKE CXX STANDARD 14)
# Options
option (WITH DRAGONS "Any dragons in our story ?" OFF)
option (WITH ELVES "Any elves in our story ?" OFF)
option (WITH ORCS "Any orcs in our story ?" ON)
message("WITH MAGIC = ${WITH MAGIC}") # And all_others
# Pass definition to C++ using add definition()
if (DEFINED WITH DRAGONS)
add definitions (-DWITH DRAGONS=${WITH DRAGONS})
endif()
# Pass definitions to C++ using configure file()
configure file (config.h.in config.h)
include directories ("${PROJECT BINARY DIR}") # To find config.h
# Build executable hello
set (SRCS hello.cpp)
add executable (${PROJECT NAME} ${SRCS})
```

Multiple parameters?

Do we really have to write?

cmake -G "MinGW Makefiles" -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Debug -DWITH_MAGIC=YES

-DWITH_ELVES=ON -DWITH_DRAGONS=ON -DWITH_ORCS=OFF ...

```
No, we can work in steps:

cmake -G "MinGW Makefiles" ..

cmake -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Debug ..

cmake -DWITH_MAGIC=YES ..

cmake -DWITH_ELVES=ON ..

cmake -DWITH_DRAGONS=ON ..

cmake -DWITH_ORCS=OFF ..
```

CMake stores variables in **CMakeCache.txt**Delete this file to reset cache!

Extra slides: CMake cache

Finding external libraries in CMake : 1. The CMake way

```
cmake_minimum_required (VERSION 3.0)
project( grabcam )
set (CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD 14)

find_package( OpenCV REQUIRED )
include_directories( ${OpenCV_INCLUDE_DIRS} )
add_executable( grabcam grabcam.cpp )
target_link_libraries( grabcam ${OpenCV_LIBS} )
```

It finds OpenCV package installed at the standard locations only.

Otherwise you must specify OpenCV directory:

cmake -DOpenCV_DIR=/home/seymour/opencv/411/lib/cmake/opencv4 ...

This must be the directory with *.cmake files!

Alternatively, you can specify CMake package search path (works as a filesystem root!): cmake -DCMAKE_PREFIX_PATH=/home/seymour/opency/411..

Finding external libraries in CMake : 2. find_library()

```
Standard libraries of Linux/MinGW can be found simply by name (without lib- prefix):
                                             # Needed by CIma
target link libraries(dijkdemo gdi32 png)
Alternative names can be checked by find library():
find library(GLFW LIB NAMES glfw glfw3)
find_library(GLEW_LIB NAMES glew GLEW glew32)
find_package(OpenGL REQUIRED)
target link libraries(triangle ${GLEW LIB} ${GLFW LIB} ${OPENGL gl LIBRARY})
How to enable C++ threads (links thread library on Unix/Linux)?
Dont try to put "-pthread" anywhere. The proper cross-platform CMake way is:
find package(Threads)
target_link_libraries(${PROJECT_NAME} ${CMAKE_THREAD_LIBS_INIT})
```

Finding external libraries in CMake : 3. pkg-config

```
cmake minimum required(VERSION 3.1)
project(hello)
set (CMAKE CXX STANDARD 14)
# qtkmm libraries
find package (PkgConfig) # Find pkg-config
 kg check modules (GTKMM gtkmm-3.0)
link directories (${GTKMM LIBRARY DIRS})
include directories (${GTKMM INCLUDE DIRS})
add executable (${PROJECT NAME})
  HelloWorld.h
  main.cpp
target link libraries (${PROJECT NAME} ${GTKMM LIBRARIES} )
```

PkgConfig is a pre-CMake package finder, still popular on Linux/Unix. It is mostly used for C libraries (e.g. ffmpeg), but also for gtkmm.

Brief OpenCV building guide (Linux mostly)

So you want to build OpenCV from the source?

First, you need to download OpenCV as ZIP file (particular version), or clone from github.

```
Then configure the build: mkdir build; cd build cmake ..
```

You see the detailed opency build configuration. Check everything!

Check that you have found: ffmpeg (for video), jpeg+png+tiff+..., gtk+ (for imshow).

Build debug (release is default): cmake -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Debug ..

Build static libs (shared is default): cmake -DBUILD_SHARED_LIBS=OFF ..

Build with Qt backend (gtk+ is default): cmake -DWITH_QT=ON ..

```
Finally, build OpenCV (-j4 = build in 4 threads):
make -j4
sudo make install
Right? !!! WRONG !!!
```

"sudo make install" is evil!

- It writes stuff to system directories! Requires root access.
- It is difficult to undo (**sudo make uninstall**, but only if you keep the build dir!).
- Can even overwrite files of DEB (or RPM) packages!

Solution 1: Use *prefixes* (recommended, does not require root access).

mkdir ~/opencv

cmake -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=~/opencv ..

make -j4

Solution 2: Create your own DEB package and install (Debian/Ubuntu, very robust). cmake ..

make -j4 sudo checkinstall

make install

Solution 3: Use CPack to create a package, then install (Not always works).

Building OpenCV with contrib (+nonfree algos aka SIFT+SURF)

 Download both opencv and opencv_contrib from github. git clone git@github.com:opencv/opencv.git git clone git@github.com:opencv/opencv_contrib.git

make install

- Choose the same version (or latest master) for both, important!
 cd opencv;git checkout 4.2.0
 cd ../opencv_contrib;git checkout 4.2.0
- To build only some modules, copy selected modules from opencv_contrib/modules to some other location. Then specify that directory in -DOPENCV_EXTRA_MODULES_PATH.

Building OpenCV with CUDA (and contrib)

- CUDA is in contrib (since OpenCV 4.0.0)
- CMake must be able to find CUDA
- Needs older gcc, particular version depends on the CUDA version!
- Don't worry, compiled OpenCV will still work with your gcc-9 (hopefully).
- Compiled libraries will NOT work without CUDA or on a different CUDA version!
- OpenCV team hates CUDA, prefers OpenCL.

```
cmake -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/home/seymour/opencv_cuda \
-DOPENCV_EXTRA_MODULES_PATH=../../opencv_contrib/modules \
-DCMAKE_C_COMPILER=/usr/bin/gcc-7 \
-DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=/usr/bin/g++-7 \
-DWITH_CUDA=ON \
-DWITH_CUBLAS=ON \
-DOPENCV_ENABLE_NONFREE=ON ..
```

configure+make example: building ffmpeg from the source

First, install many external libraries (dev-versions): sudo apt install libass-dev libaom-dev ... Then, configure and build ffmpeg (and tell where to place **pc** files for PkgConfig): mkdir ~/ffmpeg PKG CONFIG PATH=/home/seymour/ffmpeg/lib/pkgconfig/ ./configure \ --prefix=\${HOME}/ffmpeg \ --enable-gpl --enable-nonfree \ --enable-libass --enable-libaom \ --enable-libfdk-aac --enable-libfreetype \ --enable-libmp3lame --enable-libopus \ --enable-libvorbis --enable-libvpx \ --enable-libx264 --enable-libx265 make -j4 make install

--enable-cuda --enable-cuvid --enable-nvdec --enable-nvenc --enable-libnpp

Options to enable nvidia GPU codecs:

Thank you for your attention!



Makefile example (Makefile2)

```
CXX = q++
CXXFLAGS = -Wall -g
all: example
example: main.o a.o B.o
<tab>$(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -0 $@ $^
main.o: main.cpp a.h B.h
<tab>$(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -c $<
a.o: a.cpp a.h
<tab>$(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -c $<
B.o: B.cpp B.h
<tab>$(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -c $<
clean:
<tab>-rm *.o example
<tab>-del *.o example.exe
```

Makefile targets

make targets:

```
target : dependencies
```

<tab>command

main.o: main.cpp a.h B.h

<tab>\$(CXX) \$(CXXFLAGS) -c \$<

make variables:

```
CXX = g++
CXXFLAGS = -Wall -g
$(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -c $<
```

Special variables:

- **\$@**: target name
- \$^ : All dependencies
- \$< : First dependency</pre>

Makefile with rules (Makefile)

```
CXX = q++
CXXFLAGS = -Wall -g
LIBS =
OBJS = main.o a.o B.o
DEPS = a.h B.h
.PHONY: all
all: example
example: $(OBJS)
<tab>$(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -o $@ $^ $(LIBS)
%.o: %.cpp $(DEPS)
<tab>$(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -o $@ -c $<
.PHONY: clean
clean:
<tab>-rm *.o example
<tab>-del *.o example.exe
```

CMake: How it works

Project directory (folder):

CMakeLists.txt
hello.cpp

We run: mkdir build cd build

Directory build appears:
build
CMakeLists.txt
hello.cpp

All build process takes place in the directory build!

Useful external libraries and APIs (C++/C):

- 1. GUI: Qt, gtkmm
- 2. Video/Audio processing: ffmpeg (C), gstreamer (C), openmax (C)
- 3. Image processing : Clmg, OpenCV
- 4. Cross-platform TCP/UDP: Boost.Asio
- 5. Unit tests : CppUnit, CppTest, Google Test, Boost
- 6. 3D graphics: OpenGL (C) + glew/glad/epoxy, glfw, glm

CMakeCache.txt

```
//Any dragons in our story ?
WITH_DRAGONS:BOOL=ON

//Any elves in our story ?
WITH_ELVES:BOOL=ON

//No help, variable specified on the command line.
WITH_MAGIC:UNINITIALIZED=YES

//Any orcs in our story ?
WITH_ORCS:BOOL=OFF
```

To view CMake cache:

cmake -L ..