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Maven - Maven is a project management and comprehension tool. Maven provides developers a complete build lifecycle framework. Development team can automate the project's build infrastructure in almost no time as Maven uses a standard directory layout and a default build lifecycle.

POM stands for Project Object Model. It is fundamental Unit of Work in Maven. It is an XML file. It always resides in the base directory of the project as pom.xml. It contains information about the project and various configuration details used by Maven to build the project(s). POM contains the some of the following configuration information - project dependencies, plugins, goals, build profiles, project version, developers, mailing list

Default lifecycle - validate, compile, test, package, verify, install, deploy

- validate validate the project is correct and all necessary information is available
- compile compile the source code of the project
- test test the compiled source code using a suitable unit testing framework. These tests should not require the code be packaged or deployed
- package take the compiled code and package it in its distributable format, such as a JAR.
- verify run any checks on results of integration tests to ensure quality criteria are met
- install install the package into the local repository, for use as a dependency in other projects locally
- deploy done in the build environment, copies the final package to the remote repository for sharing with other developers and projects.

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