

"Maven **passes** all phases (up to and including the given)" instead of "runs" or "executes" (e.g. `mvn compile`) --

`"mvn <phase>"`

Performing "mvn clean" does the following:

Calls the "clean phase" in the "clean life cycle". Since phases are executed in order, it will call the "pre-clean phase", followed by the "clean phase"

Plugin goal's code is executed (e.g. `mvn archetype:generate`) --

`"mvn <plugin name>:<goal-name>"`

`"mvn pre-clean clean:clean"` is not the same as calling `"mvn clean"`!

Plugin is a collection of goals; Analogy : Plugin is a class and goals are methods within the class. Most of Maven's functionality is in plugins.

Life cycle is a sequence of named **phases**.

Maven is based around the central concept of a build lifecycle; each is made up of phases. There are three built-in build lifecycles and each has phases:

1. Default (aka build)
 - a. **validate** - validate the project is correct and all necessary information is available.
 - b. **Initialize** - initialize build state, e.g. set properties or create directories.
 - c. **generate-sources** - generate any source code for inclusion in compilation.
 - d. **process-sources** - process the source code, for example to filter any values.
 - e. **generate-resources** - generate resources for inclusion in the package.

- f. **process-resources** - copy and process the resources into the destination directory, ready for packaging. compile compile the source code of the project. process-classes post-process the generated files from compilation, for example to do bytecode enhancement on Java classes.
 - g. **generate-test-sources** - generate any test source code for inclusion in compilation. process-test-sources process the test source code, for example to filter any values. generate-test-resources create resources for testing.
 - h. **process-test-resources** - copy and process the resources into the test destination directory.
 - i. **test-compile** - compile the test source code into the test destination directory
 - j. **process-test-classes** - post-process the generated files from test compilation, for example to do bytecode enhancement on Java classes. For Maven 2.0.5 and above.
 - k. **test** - run tests using a suitable unit testing framework. These tests should not require the code be packaged or deployed.
 - l. **prepare-package** - perform any operations necessary to prepare a package before the actual packaging. This often results in an unpacked, processed version of the package. (Maven 2.1 and above)
 - m. **package** - take the compiled code and package it in its distributable format, such as a JAR.
 - n. **pre-integration-test** - perform actions required before integration tests are executed. This may involve things such as setting up the required environment.
 - o. **integration-test** - process and deploy the package if necessary into an environment where integration tests can be run.
 - p. **post-integration-test** - perform actions required after integration tests have been executed. This may including cleaning up the environment.
 - q. **verify** - run any checks to verify the package is valid and meets quality criteria.
 - r. **install** - install the package into the local repository, for use as a dependency in other projects locally.
 - s. **deploy** - done in an integration or release environment, copies the final package to the remote repository for sharing with other developers and projects.
2. Clean
- a. **pre-clean** - execute processes needed prior to the actual project cleaning
 - b. **clean** - remove all files generated by the previous build
 - c. **post-clean** - execute processes needed to finalize the project cleaning
3. Site
- a. **pre-site** - execute processes needed prior to the actual project site generation
 - b. **Site** - generate the project's site documentation
 - c. **post-site** - execute processes needed to finalize the site generation, and to prepare for site deployment
 - d. **site-deploy** - deploy the generated site documentation to the specified web server

Some phases are not usually called from the command line (e.g. pre-, post-*, and process-*) - these phases sequence the build, producing intermediate results that are not useful outside the build.*

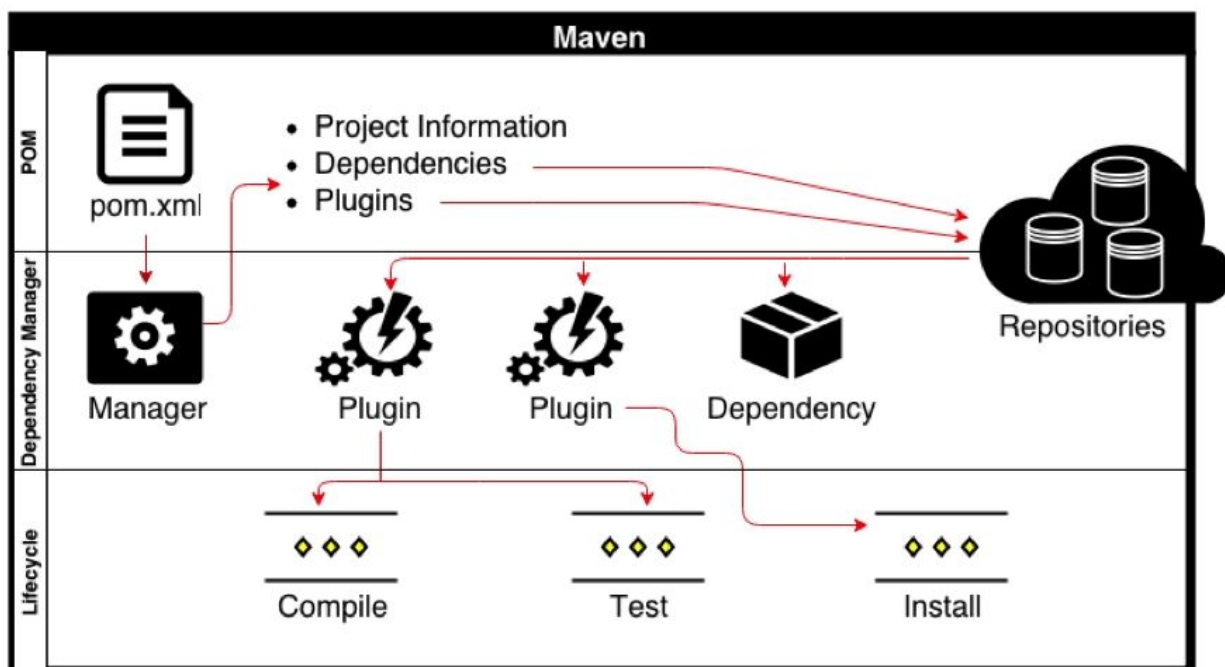
Plugins are artifacts that provide one or more goals. These goals are bound to life-cycle phases, but this is largely dependent upon the packaging type (jar, war, etc.)

A build phase is made up of Plugin Goals which are “registered with” (or “bound to”) build phases. These goals can individually be executed via the command line. For example, a java project can be compiled with the compiler-plugin’s compile-goal by running: mvn compiler:compile. This particular goal is associated with the “compile” phase.

A plugin goal represents a specific task that can be execute. It can be bound to zero or more build phases:

- *A goal not bound to any build phase can be executed outside of the build lifecycle by direct invocation (e.g. mvn <plugin>:<goal>).*
- *A goal bound to multiple phases will be executed as each phase is processed*

Some phases have goals bound to them by default. And for the default lifecycle, these bindings depend on the packaging value.



When configuring a plugin in a POM, goal needs to be specified.

In case a plugin definition does not have a default build phase, the phase can be specified/bound with the plugin goal.

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<project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0
http://maven.apache.org/maven-v4\_0\_0.xsd"
>
  <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
  <groupId>com.maventest</groupId>
  <artifactId>aproject</artifactId>
  <packaging>pom</packaging>
  <version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>
  <name>aproject</name>
  <url>http://maven.apache.org</url>
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    <dependency>
      <groupId>junit</groupId>
      <artifactId>junit</artifactId>
      <version>3.8.1</version>
      <scope>test</scope>
    </dependency>
  </dependencies>
  <build>
    <plugins>
      <plugin>
        <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
        <artifactId>maven-antrun-plugin</artifactId>
        <version>1.1</version>
        <executions>
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            <id>id.pre-clean</id>
            <phase>pre-clean</phase>
            <goals>
              <goal>run</goal>
            </goals>
            <configuration>
              <tasks>
                <echo>in pre-clean phase</echo>
              </tasks>
            </configuration>
          </execution>
          <execution>
            <id>id.clean</id>
            <phase>clean</phase>
            <goals>
              <goal>run</goal>
            </goals>
            <configuration>
              <tasks>
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        <echo>in clean phase</echo>
      </tasks>
    </configuration>
  </execution>
  <execution>
    <id>id.post-clean</id>
    <phase>post-clean</phase>
    <goals>
      <goal>run</goal>
    </goals>
    <configuration>
      <tasks>
        <echo>in post-clean phase</echo>
      </tasks>
    </configuration>
  </execution>
</executions>
</plugin>
</plugins>
</build>
</project>
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