

OpenEmbedded - devtool

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1 Overview

OpenEmbedded is a build system to generate **distributions** via images or to generate a **SDK**.

A tool is available on OpenEmbedded to step into development with your OpenEmbedded distribution, this tool is named **devtool**.

This tool allows to:

- add new recipe
- create append on actual recipe by creating bbappend file
- update existing bbappend file



Official documentation of devtool: [Using devtool in your sdk workflow \(from www.yoctoproject.org\)](https://www.yoctoproject.org/docs/3.5.5/devtool/devtool.html)

Display **devtool** help:

```
$ devtool --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool [--basepath BASEPATH] [--bbpath BBPATH] [-d] [-q]
              [--color COLOR] [-h]
              <subcommand> ...

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options:
  --basepath BASEPATH  Base directory of SDK / build directory
  --bbpath BBPATH      Explicitly specify the BBPATH, rather than getting it
                       from the metadata
  -d, --debug          Enable debug output
  -q, --quiet          Print only errors
  --color COLOR        Colorize output (where COLOR is auto, always, never)
  -h, --help          show this help message and exit

subcommands:
  Beginning work on a recipe:
```

2 Examples

2.1 Add a new application or a new library

2.1.1 Goal

The goal is to integrate a new application or a new library on your OpenEmbedded build setup.

The application or library doesn't have any recipe available on any layer referenced by your OpenEmbedded build setup.

Devtool can help you to generate recipe in your OpenEmbedded build setup and more specifically in a layer you manage.

Devtool is able to detect some mandatory things to help you to integrate application or library like type of configuration (cmake, autotools) but not to define the parameters to pass for configuration. At least you must manually adapt the recipe to your needs :

- ① - by populating correctly SRC_URI,
- by surcharging configure, compile, install command,
- by specifying the list of files to install on target,
- ...

2.1.2 Way of working (step-by-step)

1. Create a source directory if does not exist (example 'mysources' in build dir)

```
$> mkdir mysources/myapp
```

2. Get the source of application (git clone, extract tarball, ...) and put it in the source directory
3. Add the application to the workspace

```
$> devtool add myapp mysources/myapp
(devtool create on workspace a recipe for myapp, see description of command devtool add.)
```

4. Build it:

```
$> devtool build myapp
```

5. Deploy to the target device build output (via network access)

```
$> devtool deploy-target myapp root@<ip of board>
```

6. Edit source code & repeat 4-5 as necessary
7. Populate the layer with your new recipe

First, make sure to create/enable your custom layer **meta-my-custo-layer**. For that you can refer to [How to create a new open embedded layer](#) article.

```
$> mkdir ../meta-st/meta-my-custo-layer/recipes-custom/myapp
$> cp workspace/recipes/myapp/myapp.bb ../meta-st/meta-my-custo-layer/recipes-custom/myapp
$> mkdir ../meta-st/meta-my-custo-layer/recipes-custom/myapp/myapp
$> cp mysources/myapp/* ../meta-st/meta-my-custo-layer/recipes-custom/myapp/myapp
$> cp <appropriated license file> ../meta-st/meta-my-custo-layer/recipes-custom/myapp/myapp
```

Note that all copied files into folder `../meta-st/meta-my-custo-layer/recipes-custom/myapp/myapp` **must be added in SRC_URI field of myapp.bb**

Then the new recipe (myapp.bb) must be added inside the custom image you compile

```
$> cd meta-st/meta-my-custo-layer/recipes-samples/images/
```

Open my-custom-image.bb and add this line : `IMAGE_INSTALL += "myapp"`

2.1.3 Material

- content of recipe file

```
$> cat workspace/recipes/myapp/myapp.bb
# Recipe created by recipetool
# This is the basis of a recipe and may need further editing in order to be fully functional.
# (Feel free to remove these comments when editing.)
#
# WARNING: the following LICENSE and LIC_FILES_CHKSUM values are best guesses - it is
# your responsibility to verify that the values are complete and correct.
LICENSE = "Unknown"
LIC_FILES_CHKSUM = "file://LICENSE;md5 =6dc31330b6fcb6a82dea131bf3d33d33"
# No information for SRC_URI yet (only an external source tree was specified)
SRC_URI = ""
DEPENDS += "wayland"
inherit cmake
# Specify any options you want to pass to cmake using EXTRA_OECMAKE:
EXTRA_OECMAKE = ""
```

Red text: information detected automatically by devtool.

- workspace tree

```
$> tree workspace/ mysources/
workspace/
|-- appends
|  `-- myapp.bbappend
|-- conf
|  `-- layer.conf
|-- README
`-- recipes
   |-- myapp
   |-- myapp.bb
mysources/
   |-- myapp
```

2.2 modify an existing application or library managed by a recipe on which you have the ownership



devtool is based on external source (externalsrc) and is not able to work on recipes which are already using external source

2.2.1 Goal

The goal is to update a recipe owned by you.

On the following example, we take the library **libsmf** on which we would like to apply some modifications.

2.2.2 Way of working (step-by-step)

1. Create a source directory (example 'mysources' in build dir)

```
$> mkdir mysources
```

2. Extract source

```
$> devtool modify -x libsmaf mysources/libsmaf
(option -x: request to devtool to extract the source code and patch it following
the rules available on libsmaf recipe.)
```

3. Edit the code and/or commit your changes on local git repository

4. Build it:

```
$> devtool build libsmaf
```

5. Deploy to the target device build output (via network access)

```
$> devtool deploy-target libsmaf root@<ip of board>
```

6. Edit source code & repeat 3-5 as necessary

7. Write as patches on top of recipe

```
$> devtool update-recipe -a ../meta-st/meta-my-custo-layer libsmaf
```

First, make sure to create/enable your custom layer **meta-my-custo-layer**. For that you can refer to [How to create a new open embedded layer](#) article.

8. Come back to normal (remove the component from workspace)

```
$> devtool reset libsmaf
```

2.2.3 Material

- modification made by devtool on libsmaf.bb

```
$> git diff recipessecurity/smaf/libsmaf.bb
diff git a/recipessecurity/smaf/libsmaf.bb b/recipessecurity/smaf/libsmaf.bb
index 78d5882..6c04a2f 100644
a/recipessecurity/smaf/libsmaf.bb
+++ b/recipessecurity/smaf/libsmaf.bb
@@ 8,7 +8,9 @@ PV="1.0+git"

inherit autotools gettext pkgconfig

-SRC_URI = "git://git.linaro.org/people/benjamin.gaignard/libsmaf.git;protocol=http"
+SRC_URI = "git://git.linaro.org/people/benjamin.gaignard/libsmaf.git;protocol=http \
+          file://0001Someschanges.patch \
+          "
S = "${WORKDIR}/git"
```

Red text: information automatically modified by devtool

```
$> ls recipessecurity/smaf/libsmaf
0001Someschanges.patch
```

Red text: patch file added by devtool

2.3 Create/update an append on application or library



devtool are based on external source (externalsrc) and are not able to work on recipe which are already using external source

2.3.1 Goal

The goal are to update (or create) an append made for a specific recipe.

On this example, we take the library **pixman** on which we are would like to apply some modification.

2.3.2 Way of working (step by step)

1. Create a source directory if not exist (here mysources on build dir)

```
$> mkdir mysources
```

2. Extract source

```
$> devtool modify -x pixman mysources/pixman
```

3. Edit the code and/or commit your change on local git repository
4. Build it:

```
$> devtool build pixman
```

5. Deploy to target device build output (via network access)

```
$> devtool deploy-target pixman root@<ip of board>
```

6. Edit source code & repeat 3-5 as necessary
7. Write as patches on top of recipe append file

```
$> devtool update-recipe -a ../meta-st/meta-my-custo-layer pixman
```

First, make sure to create/enable your custom layer **meta-my-custo-layer**. For that you can refer to [How to create a new open embedded layer](#) article. Then:

8. Come back to normal (remove the component of workspace)

```
$> devtool reset pixman
```

2.3.3 Material

- content of created append file: pixman.bbappend

```
$> cat meta-st/meta-st-framework/recipes-graphics/xorg-lib/pixman_0.32.6.bbappend
# look for files in the layer first
FILESEXTRAPATHS_prepend := "${THISDIR}/${PN}:"
SRC_URI += "file://0001-NV12-format-support.patch \
            file://0001-Somes-Changes.patch \
            "
```

- tree of append made in your layer

```
$> tree meta-st/meta-st-framework/recipes-graphics/xorg-lib
|-- pixman
| |-- 0001-NV12-format-support.patch
| `-- 0001-Somes-Changes.patch
`-- pixman_0.32.6.bbappend
```

3 List of devtool commands

3.1 Beginning to work on a recipe

3.1.1 devtool add

Add a new recipe to the workspace

- Help command:

```
$ devtool add --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool add [-h] [--same-dir | --no-same-dir] [--fetch URI]
                  [--fetch-dev] [--version VERSION] [--no-git]
                  [--srcrev SRCREV | --autorev] [--srcbranch SRCBRANCH]
                  [--binary] [--also-native] [--src-subdir SUBDIR]
                  [--mirrors] [--provides PROVIDES]
                  [recipeName] [srcTree] [fetchUri]

Adds a new recipe to the workspace to build a specified source tree. Can
optionally fetch a remote URI and unpack it to create the source tree.

arguments:
  recipeName      Name for new recipe to add (just name - no version,
                  path or extension). If not specified, will attempt to
                  auto-detect it.
  srcTree         Path to external source tree. If not specified, a
                  subdirectory of
                  <WORKSPACE_LAYER_PATH>/workspace/sources will be used.
```

- Example

```
$ devtool add mylibrary <source path/mylibrary>
```

- Workspace: result of add command

```
$ tree workspace/workspace/
|-- appends
|  `-- mylibrary.bbappend
|-- conf
|  `-- layer.conf
|-- README
|-- recipes
|   `-- mylibrary
|      `-- mylibrary.bb
```

.bb: recipe file of mylibrary automatically filled with the information found in mysource/mylibrary directory

.bbappend: recipe file for managing source code of mylibrary via externalsrc class.

3.1.2 devtool modify

Modify the source for an existing recipe and add to the workspace.

- Help command:

```
$ devtool modify --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool modify [-h] [--wildcard] [--extract | --no-extract]
                    [--same-dir | --no-same-dir] [--branch BRANCH]
                    [--keep-temp]
                    recipeName [srctree]

Sets up the build environment to modify the source for an existing recipe. The
default behaviour is to extract the source being fetched by the recipe into a
git tree so you can work on it; alternatively if you already have your own
pre-prepared source tree you can specify -n/--no-extract.

arguments:
  recipeName      Name of existing recipe to edit (just name - no
                  version, path or extension)
  srctree         Path to external source tree. If not specified, a
                  subdirectory of
                  <WORKSPACE_LAYER_PATH>//workspace/sources will be used.
```

- Example

```
$ devtool modify -x mylibrary <source path/mylibrary>
(option -x: request to devtool to extract the source code and patch it on <source path/mylibrary>
following the rule available on mylibrary recipe.
```

- Workspace:


```
$ tree workspace
workspace/
|-- appends
| `-- mylibrary_<version>.bbappend
|-- conf
| `-- layer.conf
|-- README
|-- recipes
```

3.1.3 devtool upgrade

Upgrade the source of an existing recipe to a new version

- Help command:

```
$ devtool upgrade --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool upgrade [-h] [--version VERSION] [--srcrev SRCREV]
                        [--srcbranch SRCBRANCH] [--branch BRANCH] [--no-patch]
                        [--same-dir | --no-same-dir] [--keep-temp]
                        recipeName [srcTree]

Upgrades an existing recipe to a new upstream version. Puts the upgraded
recipe file into the workspace along with any associated files, and extracts
the source tree to a specified location (in case patches need rebasing or
adding to as a result of the upgrade).

arguments:
  recipeName      Name of recipe to upgrade (just name - no version,
                  path or extension)
  srcTree         Path to where to extract the source tree. If not
                  specified, a subdirectory of
                  <WORKSPACE_LAYER_PATH>/workspace/sources will be used.
```

- Example

```
$ devtool upgrade mylib --srcrev <NEW SHA1>
```

3.2 Getting information

3.2.1 devtool status

Show workspace status (list of recipe(s) on workspace).

- Help command:

```
$ devtool status --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool status [-h]

Lists recipes currently in your workspace and the paths to their respective
external source trees

options:
  -h, --help  show this help message and exit
```

- Example

```
$ devtool status
```

3.2.2 devtool search

Search available recipes (same as **bitbake -s** but with matching pattern).

- Help command:

```
$ devtool search --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool search [-h] keyword

Searches for available target recipes. Matches on recipe name, package name,
description and installed files, and prints the recipe name on match.

arguments:
  keyword      Keyword to search for (regular expression syntax allowed)

options:
  -h, --help  show this help message and exit
```

- Example

```
$ devtool search weston
glibc          GLIBC (GNU C Library)
weston         Weston, a Wayland compositor
libgcc         GNU cc and gcc C compilers
gcc-runtime    Runtime libraries from GCC
weston-init    Startup script and systemd unit file for the Weston Wayland compositor
```

3.3 Working on a recipe in the workspace

3.3.1 devtool build

Build a recipe, request to devtool to perform `do_configure`, `do_compile` and `do_install` for a specific package managed in the workspace.

- Help command:

```
$ devtool build --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool build [-h] [-s] recipename

Builds the specified recipe using bitbake (up to and including
do_populate_sysroot, do_packagedata)

arguments:
  recipename          Recipe to build

options:
  -h, --help          show this help message and exit
  -s, --disable-parallel-make
                      Disable make parallelism
```

- Example

```
$ devtool build myapp
```

3.3.2 devtool rename

Rename the recipe file name with a new name.

- Help command:

```
$ devtool rename --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool rename [-h] [--version VERSION] [--no-srctree]
      recipename [newname]

Renames the recipe file for a recipe in the workspace, changing the name or
version part or both, ensuring that all references within the workspace are
updated at the same time. Only works when the recipe file itself is in the
workspace, e.g. after devtool add. Particularly useful when devtool add did
not automatically determine the correct name.

arguments:
  recipename          Current name of recipe to rename
  newname             New name for recipe (optional, not needed if you only
                      want to change the version)

options:
  -h, --help          show this help message and exit
  --version VERSION, -V VERSION
```

- Example

```
$ devtool rename mylib mylib_newname
```



This commands only works after usage of 'devtool add' or 'devtool upgrade' command as it needs the recipe file itself to be in the workspace.

3.3.3 devtool edit-recipe

Edit recipe file in the configured editor

- Help command:

```
$ devtool edit-recipe --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool edit-recipe [-h] [--any-recipe] recipename
```

Runs the default editor (as specified by the EDITOR variable) on the specified recipe. Note that the recipe file itself must be in the workspace (i.e. as a result of "devtool add" or "devtool upgrade"); you can override this with the -a/--any-recipe option.

arguments:

 recipename Recipe to edit

options:

 -h, --help show this help message and exit
 --any-recipe, -a Edit any recipe, not just where the recipe file itself is
 in the workspace

- Example

```
$ devtool edit-recipe mylib
```

3.3.4 devtool find-recipe

Find any recipe file

- Help command:

```
$ devtool find-recipe --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool find-recipe [-h] [--any-recipe] recipename
```

By default, this will find a recipe file in your workspace; you can override this with the -a/--any-recipe option.

arguments:

 recipename Recipe to find

options:

 -h, --help show this help message and exit
 --any-recipe, -a Find any recipe, not just where the recipe file itself is
 in the workspace

- Example

```
$ devtool find-recipe mylib
```

3.3.5 devtool configure-help

Display the configure help for a recipe using such script.

- Help command:

```
$ devtool configure-help --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool configure-help [options] recipename [--arg ...]

Displays the help for the configure script for the specified recipe (i.e. runs
./configure --help) prefaced by a header describing the current options being
specified. Output is piped through less (or whatever PAGER is set to, if set)
for easy browsing.

arguments:
  recipename      Recipe to show configure help for

options:
  -h, --help      show this help message and exit
  -p, --no-pager  Disable paged output
  -n, --no-header  Disable explanatory header text
  --arg ...       Pass remaining arguments to the configure script instead of
                  --help (useful if the script has additional help options)
```

- Example

```
$ devtool configure-help mylib
```

3.3.6 devtool update-recipe

Apply changes from external source tree to recipe:

- by updating bb file
- by updating or creating bbappend file

- Help command:

```
$ devtool update-recipe --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool update-recipe [-h] [--mode MODE] [--initial-rev INITIAL_REV]
                             [--append LAYERDIR] [--wildcard-version]
                             [--no-remove]
                             recipename

Applies changes from external source tree to a recipe
(updating/adding/removing patches as necessary, or by updating SRCREV). Note
that these changes need to have been committed to the git repository in order
to be recognised.

arguments:
  recipename      Name of recipe to update

options:
  -h, --help      show this help message and exit
  --mode MODE, -m MODE  Update mode (where MODE is patch, srcrev, auto;
                        default is auto)
```

- Example

Create a bbappend for a specific recipe, here pixman

```
$ devtool update-recipe -a ../meta-st/meta-st-framework pixman
```

Update the recipe libsmf

```
$ devtool update-recipe libsmf
```

3.3.7 devtool reset

Remove a recipe from your workspace (only on workspace).

- Help command:

```
$ devtool reset --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool reset [-h] [--all] [--no-clean] [recipeName [recipeName ...]]

Removes the specified recipe(s) from your workspace (resetting its state back
to that defined by the metadata).

arguments:
  recipeName      Recipe to reset

options:
  -h, --help      show this help message and exit
  --all, -a       Reset all recipes (clear workspace)
  --no-clean, -n  Don't clean the sysroot to remove recipe output
```

- Example

```
$ devtool reset myapp
```

3.3.8 devtool finish

Allow to complete the development done through devtool by updating layer(s) with the work done.

- Help command:

```
$ devtool finish --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool finish [-h] [--mode MODE] [--initial-rev INITIAL_REV]
                    recipeName destination

Pushes any committed changes to the specified recipe to the specified layer
and removes it from your workspace. Roughly equivalent to an update-recipe
followed by reset, except the update-recipe step will do the "right thing"
depending on the recipe and the destination layer specified.

arguments:
  recipeName      Recipe to finish
  destination     Layer/path to put recipe into. Can be the name of a
                  layer configured in your bblayers.conf, the path to
                  the base of a layer, or a partial path inside a layer.
                  devtool finish will attempt to complete the path based
                  on the layer's structure.

options:
```

- Example

```
$ devtool finish mylib Layer/path
```

3.4 Testing changes on target

3.4.1 devtool deploy-target

Deploy recipe output files to live target machine.

- Help command:

```
$ devtool deploy-target --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool deploy-target [-h] [-c] [-s] [-n] [-p] [--no-check-space]
                             [-P PORT] [-S | --no-strip]
                             recipeName target

Deploys a recipe's build output (i.e. the output of the do_install task) to a
live target machine over ssh. By default, any existing files will be preserved
instead of being overwritten and will be restored if you run devtool undeploy-
target. Note: this only deploys the recipe itself and not any runtime
dependencies, so it is assumed that those have been installed on the target
beforehand.

arguments:
  recipeName      Recipe to deploy
  target          Live target machine running an ssh server:
                  user@hostname[:destDir]

options:
```

- Example

```
$ devtool deploy-target myapp root@<ip of board>
```

⚠ If your package depends on an other package on runtime (RDEPENDS), it will not force the installation of the dependent package in your rootfs. Therefore you will need to use "devtool build-image" to make sure your rootfs is updated.

'deploy-target' copies '[D](#)' directory. It contains all files generated by the recipe. So its content depends on which recipe packages are installed on the target. However '[D](#)' could contain files that do not need to be installed on target.

⚠ This is the case in particular for virtual/kernel recipe that generates the file 'vmlinux' which is not installed on target. So by doing a 'deploy-target' with kernel recipe, it could generate some 'no space left' errors (that can be solved by manually removing 'vmlinux' before launching the deploy command)

3.4.2 devtool undeploy-target

Remove recipe output files from live target machine.

- Help command:

```
$ devtool undeploy-target --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool undeploy-target [-h] [-c] [-s] [-a] [-n] [-P PORT]
                                [recipeName] target

Un-deploys recipe output files previously deployed to a live target machine by
devtool deploy-target.

arguments:
  recipeName      Recipe to undeploy (if not using -a/--all)
  target          Live target machine running an ssh server:
                  user@hostname

options:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  -c, --no-host-check   Disable ssh host key checking
  -s, --show-status     Show progress/status output
  -a, --all             Undeploy all recipes deployed on the target
  -n, --dry-run         List files to be undeployed only
```

- Example

```
$ devtool undeploy-target myapp root@<ip of board>
```



this command may permanently remove the files from the live target machine

3.4.3 devtool build-image

Build image including workspace recipe packages.

- Help command:


```
$ devtool build-image --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool build-image [-h] [-p PACKAGES] [imagename]

Builds an image, extending it to include packages from recipes in the
workspace

arguments:
  imagename          Image recipe to build

options:
  -h, --help          show this help message and exit
  -p PACKAGES, --add-packages PACKAGES
                      Instead of adding packages for the entire workspace,
                      specify packages to be added to the image (separate
                      multiple packages by commas)
```

- Example

```
$ devtool build-image st-image-weston
```

3.5 Advanced

3.5.1 devtool create-workspace

Create a specific workspace folder instead of the default one

- Help command:

```
$ devtool create-workspace --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool create-workspace [-h] [--create-only] [layerpath]

Sets up a new workspace. NOTE: other devtool subcommands will create a
workspace automatically as needed, so you only need to use devtool create-
workspace if you want to specify where the workspace should be located.

arguments:
  layerpath          Path in which the workspace layer should be created

options:
  -h, --help          show this help message and exit
  --create-only       Only create the workspace layer, do not alter configuration
```

- Example

```
$ devtool create-workspace NewWorkspace/path
```

3.5.2 devtool import

Import any exported workspace into the workspace.

- Help command:

```
$ devtool import --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool import [-h] [--overwrite] FILE

Import tar archive previously created by "devtool export" into workspace

arguments:
  FILE                Name of the tar archive to import

options:
  -h, --help          show this help message and exit
  --overwrite, -o     Overwrite files when extracting
```

- Example

```
$ devtool import ExportedWorkspaceFileName
```

3.5.3 devtool extract

Extract the source for an existing recipe:

- extract of source code (do_unpack).
- patch it (do_patch).

- Help command:

```
$ devtool extract --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool extract [-h] [--branch BRANCH] [--keep-temp] recipeName srcTree

Extracts the source for an existing recipe

arguments:
  recipeName          Name of recipe to extract the source for
  srcTree              Path to where to extract the source tree

options:
  -h, --help          show this help message and exit
  --branch BRANCH, -b BRANCH
                        Name for development branch to checkout (default
                        "devtool")
  --keep-temp          Keep temporary directory (for debugging)
```

- Example

```
$ devtool extract pixman <source path/pixman>
```

3.5.4 devtool sync

Synchronize extracted sources

- Help command:

```
$ devtool sync --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool sync [-h] [--branch BRANCH] [--keep-temp] recipename srctree

Synchronize the previously extracted source tree for an existing recipe

arguments:
  recipename      Name of recipe to sync the source for
  srctree         Path to the source tree

options:
  -h, --help      show this help message and exit
  --branch BRANCH, -b BRANCH
                  Name for development branch to checkout (default:
                  devtool)
  --keep-temp     Keep temporary directory (for debugging) (default:
                  False)
```

- Example

```
$ devtool sync libsmaf mysources/libsmaf
```

3.5.5 devtool export

Export the workspace as tarball.

- Help command:

```
$ devtool export --help
NOTE: Starting bitbake server...
usage: devtool export [-h] [--file FILE] [--overwrite]
                  [--include INCLUDE [INCLUDE ...] | --exclude EXCLUDE
                  [EXCLUDE ...]]

Export one or more recipes from current workspace into a tar archive

options:
  -h, --help      show this help message and exit
  --file FILE, -f FILE Output archive file name
  --overwrite, -o Overwrite previous export tar archive
  --include INCLUDE [INCLUDE ...], -i INCLUDE [INCLUDE ...]
                  Include recipes into the tar archive
  --exclude EXCLUDE [EXCLUDE ...], -e EXCLUDE [EXCLUDE ...]
                  Exclude recipes into the tar archive
```

- Example

```
$ devtool export ExportWokspaceFileName
```