

## Approaching EasyBuild with an Intel toolchain

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EasyBuild:

- an open source python framework to **build** scientific software
- makes the maintenance of **multiple software** deployments easy
- **automatically** downloads, compiles and installs software packages
- takes care of **resolving dependencies** and **creating modulefiles** too
- successfully adopted by many HPC centres, on **Cray systems** as well
- **CSCS** has already experimented this tool **successfully** on few platforms

## Get it started on your platform

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## Start from scratch

### Test cluster @ CSCS

2 x 12 core Intel Haswell CPU

```
processor      : 23
vendor_id     : GenuineIntel
cpu family    : 6
model         : 63
model name    : Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2680 v3 @ 2.50GHz
stepping      : 2
cpu MHz       : 2501.000
cache size    : 30720 KB
physical id   : 1
siblings      : 12
core id       : 13
cpu cores     : 12
apicid        : 58
initial apicid : 58
fpu           : yes
fpu_exception : yes
cpuid level   : 15
wp            : yes
flags         : fpu vme de pse tsc msr pae mce cx8 apic sep mtrr pge mca cmov
               l nx pdpe1gb rdtscp lm constant_tsc arch_perfmon pebs bts rep_good xtopology no
               est tm2 ssse3 fma cx16 xtpr pdcm pcid dca sse4_1 sse4_2 x2apic movbe popcnt tsc
               b xsaveopt pln pts dts tpr_shadow vnmi flexpriority ept vpid fsgsbase bmi1 avx2
bogomips      : 4988.09
clflush size  : 64
cache_alignment : 64
address sizes  : 46 bits physical, 48 bits virtual
power management:
```

# Easybuild @ GitHub : bootstrap!

## Step by step:

1. download the bootstrap script:  
**bootstrap\_eb.py**
2. **./bootstrap\_eb.py \$PREFIX**
  1. download easy\_install
  2. download and install EasyBuild
  3. install EasyBuild in \$PREFIX
3. EasyBuild module available in  
**\$PREFIX/modules/all/EasyBuild**



hpcugent.github.io/easybuild/

A screenshot of the EasyBuild website. The header features the EasyBuild logo (a stack of colored cubes) and the text "easybuild". Below the logo is the tagline "EasyBuild: building software with ease." and three buttons: "EasyBuild @PyPI", "EasyBuild docs", and "EasyBuild @GitHub". The main content area has a dark blue background on the left and a white background on the right. The right side contains a description of EasyBuild as a software build and installation framework, a "Latest news" section with a list of recent updates, a "Documentation" section with a link to the manual, and a "Getting started" section with instructions on how to install and use EasyBuild.

EasyBuild: building software with ease.

EasyBuild is a software build and installation framework that allows you to manage (scientific) software on High Performance Computing (HPC) systems in an efficient way.

### Latest news

- 20150902 - **EasyBuild v2.3.0** is available
- 20150622 - **10th EasyBuild/Lmod hackathon** @ Austin (before SC15)
- 20150315 - ISC'15 BoF "Getting Scientific Software Installed" accepted
- 20141104 - Revamped documentation @ [easybuild.readthedocs.org](http://easybuild.readthedocs.org)
- 20141020 - pre-print of HUST-14 workshop paper available

### Documentation

Read the fine manual (RTFM!) at <http://easybuild.readthedocs.org/>.

### Getting started

The recommended way of installing EasyBuild is via the [documented bootstrap procedure](#). You should [configure](#) EasyBuild to behave as you prefer, subsequently.

That is all that is needed to get started with installing (scientific) software with ease. Take a look at the [typical workflow](#) example in the EasyBuild documentation that shows how to make EasyBuild build and install WRF with a single command.

## Requirements

- Linux (or OS X)
- Python version  $\geq 2.6$
- modules tool: e.g. Tcl modules
- module command/script (**modulecmd**, modulecmd.tcl or lmod) must be available via \$PATH

```
# .bash_profile

# Get the aliases and functions
if [ -f ~/.bashrc ]; then
    . ~/.bashrc
fi

# User specific environment and startup programs

export PATH=$PATH:$HOME/bin:/cm/local/apps/environment-modules/3.2.10/Modules/3.2.10/bin
export MODULEPATH=$MODULEPATH:/users/lucamar/bin/easybuild/modules/all
```



# Building scientific applications

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## Search for packages and dependencies

Looking for software packages available in the repository: start with the help screen

```
Usage: eb [options] easyconfig [...]  
  
Options:  
  -h                      show short help message and exit  
  
□ Basic options:  
  Basic runtime options for EasyBuild. (configfile section basic)  
  
  -D                      Print build overview incl. dependencies (short paths)  
                          (def False)  
  -r PATH[:PATH]          Enable dependency resolution, using easyconfigs in  
                          specified paths (type pathsep-separated list; def )  
  -S STR                   Search for easyconfig files in the robot directory,  
                          print short paths
```

## Search for packages and dependencies

Example:

- search for the software Gromacs (version 5.0.5) using **eb -S**
- discover that Gromacs-5.0.5 can be installed with the toolchain intel-2015a
- have a look at the configuration file (easyconfig) provided
- check the dependencies needed in order to build the software

```
$ eb -S gromacs-5.0.5
== temporary log file in case of crash /tmp/eb-6qZ10a/easybuild-q9BUxc.log
== Searching (case-insensitive) for 'gromacs-5.0.5' in /users/lucamar/bin/easybuild/software/EasyBuild/2.2.0/lib/python2.6/site-packages/easybuild_easyconfigs-2.2.0-py2.6.egg/easybuild/easyconfigs
CFGS1=/users/lucamar/bin/easybuild/software/EasyBuild/2.2.0/lib/python2.6/site-packages/easybuild_easyconfigs-2.2.0-py2.6.egg/easybuild/easyconfigs/g/GROMACS
* $CFGS1/GROMACS-5.0.5-intel-2015a-hybrid.eb
== temporary log file(s) /tmp/eb-6qZ10a/easybuild-q9BUxc.log* have been removed.
== temporary directory /tmp/eb-6qZ10a has been removed.
```

# Resolving the dependencies

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## Gromacs-5.0.5 dependencies

EasyBuild flags -D and -r combined:

-D / --dry-run-short (print dependencies)

-r / --robot (resolve dependencies)

N.B.: “Using --robot is particularly useful for software packages that have an **extensive list of dependencies**, or when reinstalling software using a different compiler toolchain”

Build using a new toolchain version:

**--try-toolchain with --robot**

E.g.: **eb GROMACS-5.0.5-intel-2015a-hybrid.eb -r --try-toolchain-version=2015b**

```
eb GROMACS-5.0.5-intel-2015a-hybrid.eb -Dr
== temporary log file in case of crash /tmp/eb-tNVGiq/easybuild-gAHJwZ.log
Dry run: printing build status of easyconfigs and dependencies
CFGS=/users/lucamar/bin/easybuild/software/EasyBuild/2.2.0/lib/python2.6/site-
uild/easyconfigs
* [x] $CFGS/g/GCC/GCC-4.9.2.eb (module: GCC/4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/icc/icc-2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2.eb (module:
icc/2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/fort/fort-2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2.eb (module:
ifort/2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/iccfort/iccfort-2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2.eb (module:
iccfort/2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/mpi/mpi-5.0.2.044-iccfort-2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2.eb (module:
impi/5.0.2.044-iccfort-2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/impi/iimpi-7.2.3-GCC-4.9.2.eb (module: iimpi/7.2.3-GCC-4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/imkl/imkl-11.2.1.133-iimpi-7.2.3-GCC-4.9.2.eb (module:
imkl/11.2.1.133-iimpi-7.2.3-GCC-4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/intel/intel-2015a.eb (module: intel/2015a)
* [ ] $CFGS/b/bzip2/bzip2-1.0.6-intel-2015a.eb (module:
bzip2/1.0.6-intel-2015a)
* [ ] $CFGS/z/zlib/zlib-1.2.8-intel-2015a.eb (module: zlib/1.2.8-intel-2015a)
* [ ] $CFGS/n/ncurses/ncurses-5.9-intel-2015a.eb (module:
ncurses/5.9-intel-2015a)
* [ ] $CFGS/l/libreadline/libreadline-6.3-intel-2015a.eb (module:
libreadline/6.3-intel-2015a)
* [ ] $CFGS/t/Tcl/Tcl-8.6.3-intel-2015a.eb (module: Tcl/8.6.3-intel-2015a)
* [ ] $CFGS/c/CMake/CMake-3.2.2-intel-2015a.eb (module:
CMake/3.2.2-intel-2015a)
* [ ] $CFGS/l/libxml2/libxml2-2.9.2-intel-2015a.eb (module:
libxml2/2.9.2-intel-2015a)
* [ ] $CFGS/s/SQLite/SQLite-3.8.8.1-intel-2015a.eb (module:
SQLite/3.8.8.1-intel-2015a)
* [ ] $CFGS/t/Tk/Tk-8.6.3-intel-2015a-no-X11.eb (module:
Tk/8.6.3-intel-2015a-no-X11)
* [ ] $CFGS/p/Python/Python-2.7.9-intel-2015a.eb (module:
Python/2.7.9-intel-2015a)
* [ ] $CFGS/b/Boost/Boost-1.58.0-intel-2015a-Python-2.7.9.eb (module:
Boost/1.58.0-intel-2015a-Python-2.7.9)
* [ ] $CFGS/g/GROMACS/GROMACS-5.0.5-intel-2015a-hybrid.eb (module:
GROMACS/5.0.5-intel-2015a-hybrid)
```

## Easyconfig files

```
name = 'GROMACS'
version = '5.0.5'
versionsuffix = '-hybrid'

homepage = 'http://www.gromacs.org'
description = """GROMACS is a versatile package to perform molecular dynamics,
i.e. simulate the Newtonian equations of motion for systems with hundreds to millions of particles

toolchain = {'name': 'intel', 'version': '2015a'}
toolchainopts = {'openmp': True, 'usempi': True}

source_urls = ['ftp://ftp.gromacs.org/pub/gromacs/']
sources = [SOURCELOWER_TAR_GZ]

builddependencies = [
    ('CMake', '3.2.2'),
    ('libxml2', '2.9.2')
]

dependencies = [('Boost', '1.58.0', '-Python-2.7.9')]

moduleclass = 'bio'
```

# How to setup an Intel toolchain

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## List of toolchains

A number of toolchains is provided:

**eb --list-toolchains**

Brief mnemonic names:

- goolf  
GCC, OpenMPI, OpenBLASLAPACK,  
FFTW and ScaLAPACK

- iimpi  
icc/ifort, impi

Full list on EasyBuild documentation:

[http://easybuild.readthedocs.org/en/latest/eb\\_list\\_toolchains.html#toolchains-table](http://easybuild.readthedocs.org/en/latest/eb_list_toolchains.html#toolchains-table)

Redundancies? E.g.: ictce and intel

```
foss: BLACS, FFTW, GCC, OpenBLAS, OpenMPI, ScaLAPACK
gccuda: CUDA, GCC
gimkl: GCC, imkl, impi
gimpi: GCC, impi
gmacml: ACML, BLACS, FFTW, GCC, MVAPICH2, ScaLAPACK
gmpich: GCC, MPICH
gmpich2: GCC, MPICH2
gmpolf: BLACS, FFTW, GCC, MPICH, OpenBLAS, ScaLAPACK
gmvapich2: GCC, MVAPICH2
gmvolff: BLACS, FFTW, GCC, MVAPICH2, OpenBLAS, ScaLAPACK
goalf: ATLAS, BLACS, FFTW, GCC, OpenMPI, ScaLAPACK
gomp: GCC, OpenMPI
gompic: CUDA, GCC, OpenMPI
goolf: BLACS, FFTW, GCC, OpenBLAS, OpenMPI, ScaLAPACK
goolfc: BLACS, CUDA, FFTW, GCC, OpenBLAS, OpenMPI, ScaLAPACK
gpsmpi: GCC, psmi
gpsolf: BLACS, FFTW, GCC, OpenBLAS, ScaLAPACK, psmi
gqacml: ACML, BLACS, FFTW, GCC, QLogicMPI, ScaLAPACK
iccifort: icc, ifort
ictce: icc, ifort, imkl, impi
iimpi: icc, ifort, impi
iiqmpi: QLogicMPI, icc, ifort
impich: MPICH, icc, ifort
impmkl: MPICH, icc, ifort, imkl
intel: icc, ifort, imkl, impi
```



## Which dependencies are needed to build the toolchain?

Focus on a specific toolchain e.g. intel-2015a:

- **eb intel2015a -Dr** prints out the list of dependencies to build the full toolchain
- each dependency comes with an easyconfig file and can be resolved automatically

```
$ eb intel-2015a -Dr
== temporary log file in case of crash /tmp/eb-0YWPVK/easybuild-9Ff56G.log
Dry run: printing build status of easyconfigs and dependencies
CFGS=/users/lucamar/bin/easybuild/software/EasyBuild/2.2.0/lib/python2.6/site-packages/easybuild_easyconfigs-2.2.0-py2.6.egg/easyb
uild/easyconfigs
* [x] $CFGS/g/GCC/GCC-4.9.2.eb (module: GCC/4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/icc/icc-2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2.eb (module: icc/2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/fort/fort-2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2.eb (module: ifort/2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/iccifort/iccifort-2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2.eb (module: iccifort/2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/impi/impi-5.0.2.044-iccifort-2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2.eb (module: impi/5.0.2.044-iccifort-2015.1.133-GCC-4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/iimpi/iimpi-7.2.3-GCC-4.9.2.eb (module: iimpi/7.2.3-GCC-4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/imkl/imkl-11.2.1.133-iimpi-7.2.3-GCC-4.9.2.eb (module: imkl/11.2.1.133-iimpi-7.2.3-GCC-4.9.2)
* [ ] $CFGS/i/intel/intel-2015a.eb (module: intel/2015a)
== temporary log file(s) /tmp/eb-0YWPVK/easybuild-9Ff56G.log* have been removed.
== temporary directory /tmp/eb-0YWPVK has been removed.
```

## Intel packages and license files

Building Intel 2015.3.187:

- l\_ccomp\_xe\_2015.3.187.tgz
- l\_fcomp\_xe\_2015.3.187.tgz
- l\_mkl\_11.2.3.187.tgz
- l\_mpi\_p\_5.0.3.048.tgz

```
name = 'icc'
version = '2015.3.187'

homepage = 'http://software.intel.com/en-us/intel-compilers/'
description = "C and C++ compiler from Intel"

toolchain = {'name': 'dummy', 'version': 'dummy'}

sources = ['l_ccomp_xe_%(version)s.tgz']

dontcreateinstalldir = 'True'

# license file
import os
license_file = os.path.join(os.getenv('HOME'), "licenses", "intel", "license.lic")

moduleclass = 'compiler'
```

Quick and dirty solution for license path:

- export INTEL\_LICENSE\_FILE=/cm/shared/licenses/intel

## Easyconfig and modulefiles wrappers

Some of the dependencies are wrappers i.e. contain already installed features:

- iccifort (icc and ifort)
- limpi (icc, ifort, intel-mpi)

Their easyconfig files do not contain any source file, their dependency is resolved immediately

```
easyblock = "Toolchain"

name = 'iccifort'
version = '2015.3.187'

homepage = 'http://software.intel.com/en-us/intel-cluster-toolkit-compiler/'
description = """Intel Cluster Toolkit Compiler Edition provides Intel C,C++ and fortran compilers, Intel MPI and Intel MKL"""

toolchain = {'name': 'dummy', 'version': 'dummy'}

dependencies = [
    ('icc', version),
    ('ifort', version),
]

moduleclass = 'toolchain'
```

## Conclusion

Editing few easyconfig files changing version numbers one easily builds a new version of Intel

```
$ module show intel/2015b
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/users/lucamar/bin/easybuild/modules/all/intel/2015b:

module-whatis      Description: Intel Cluster Toolkit Compiler Edition provides
Intel C/C++ and Fortran compilers, Intel MPI & Intel MKL. - Homepage:
http://software.intel.com/en-us/intel-cluster-toolkit-compiler/
conflict           intel
module             load icc/2015.3.187-GCC-4.9.2
module             load ifort/2015.3.187-GCC-4.9.2
module             load impi/5.0.3.048-iccifort-2015.3.187-GCC-4.9.2
module             load imkl/11.2.3.187-iimpi-7.3.5-GCC-4.9.2
setenv             EBR00TINTEL /users/lucamar/bin/easybuild/software/intel/2015b
setenv             EBVERSIONINTEL 2015b
setenv             EBDEVELINTEL
/users/lucamar/bin/easybuild/software/intel/2015b/easybuild/intel-2015b-easybuild-devel
-----
```

# Conclusion

Minimal difference between easyconfig files of the toolchains: little effort is required to adapt them

```
easyblock = "Toolchain"

name = 'intel'
version = '2015a'

homepage = 'http://software.intel.com/en-us/intel-cluster-toolkit-compiler/'
description = """Intel Cluster Toolkit Compiler Edition provides Intel C/C++
and Fortran compilers, Intel MPI & Intel MKL."""

toolchain = {'name': 'dummy', 'version': 'dummy'}

compver = '2015.1.133'
gccsuff = '-GCC-4.9.2'

dependencies = [
    ('icc', compver, gccsuff),
    ('ifort', compver, gccsuff),
    ('impi', '5.0.2.044', '', ('iccifort', '%s%s' % (compver, gccsuff))),
    ('imkl', '11.2.1.133', '', ('iimpi', '7.2.3%s' % gccsuff)),
]

moduleclass = 'toolchain'
```

```
easyblock = "Toolchain"

name = 'intel'
version = '2015b'

homepage = 'http://software.intel.com/en-us/intel-cluster-toolkit-compiler/'
description = """Intel Cluster Toolkit Compiler Edition provides Intel C/C++
and Fortran compilers, Intel MPI & Intel MKL."""

toolchain = {'name': 'dummy', 'version': 'dummy'}

compver = '2015.3.187'
gccsuff = '-GCC-4.9.2'

dependencies = [
    ('icc', compver, gccsuff),
    ('ifort', compver, gccsuff),
    ('impi', '5.0.3.048', '', ('iccifort', '%s%s' % (compver, gccsuff))),
    ('imkl', '11.2.3.187', '', ('iimpi', '7.3.5%s' % gccsuff)),
]

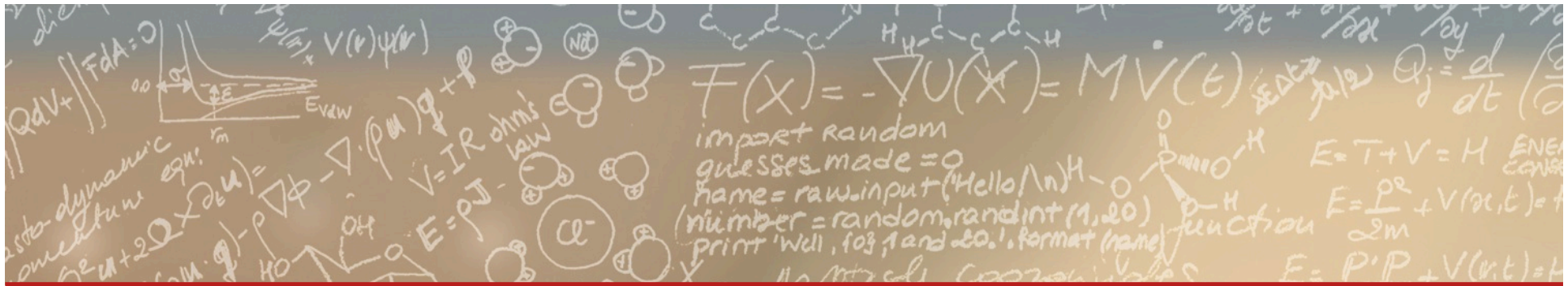
moduleclass = 'toolchain'
```

## Conclusion

Using the flag **--try-toolchain-version** one can easily build **libs** and **apps** with the new Intel:

- Boost
- FFTW
- Gromacs
- QuantumEspresso

```
----- /users/lucamar/bin/easybuild/modules/all -----  
Boost/1.58.0-intel-2015b-Python-2.7.9      iccifort/2015.3.187-GCC-4.9.2      intel/2015b  
bzip2/1.0.6-intel-2015b                   ictce/7.3.5                       libreadline/6.3-intel-2015b  
CMake/3.2.2-intel-2015b                   ifort/2015.3.187                  libxml2/2.9.2-intel-2015b  
EasyBuild/2.2.0                           ifort/2015.3.187-GCC-4.9.2        ncurses/5.9-intel-2015b  
FFTW/3.3.4-intel-2015b                   iimpi/7.3.5                       Python/2.7.9-intel-2015b  
GCC/4.9.2                                 iimpi/7.3.5-GCC-4.9.2             QuantumESPRESSO/5.0.2-ictce-7.3.5-hybrid  
GROMACS/5.0.5-intel-2015b-hybrid          imkl/11.2.3.187-iimpi-7.3.5       SQLite/3.8.8.1-intel-2015b  
icc/2015.3.187                            imkl/11.2.3.187-iimpi-7.3.5-GCC-4.9.2  Tcl/8.6.3-intel-2015b  
icc/2015.3.187-GCC-4.9.2                 impi/5.0.3.048-iccifort-2015.3.187  Tk/8.6.3-intel-2015b-no-X11  
iccifort/2015.3.187                      impi/5.0.3.048-iccifort-2015.3.187-GCC-4.9.2  zlib/1.2.8-intel-2015b
```



**Thank you for your attention**