

Lab 2. Using Maven



In this lab, we will cover the following topics:

- Creating a simple project with Maven
- Building a simple project with Maven
- Creating a new Maven project in IntelliJ
- Importing an existing Maven project in IntelliJ

Creating a simple project with Maven

Let's start creating the first simple project using Maven, by performing the following steps:

1. Open a command prompt and change the directory to the folder in which you want to create your first Maven project.
2. Run the following command:

```
mvn archetype:generate -DgroupId=com.fenago.maven -DartifactId=simple-project -DarchetypeArtifactId=maven-archetype-quickstart -DinteractiveMode=false
```

You can change the `groupId` and `artifactId` values in the preceding command as per your requirement.

3. You will see Maven downloading a bunch of files:

```
Downloading:
https://repo.maven.apache.org/maven2/org/apache/maven/plugins/maven-clean-plugin/2.5/maven-clean-plugin-2.5.pom
Downloaded:
https://repo.maven.apache.org/maven2/org/apache/maven/plugins/maven-clean-plugin/2.5/maven-clean-plugin-2.5.pom (4 KB at 1.4 KB/sec)
```

4. Then it will start generating sources:

```
[INFO] >>> maven-archetype-plugin:2.2:generate (default-cli) > generate-sources
@ standalone-pom >>>
```

5. When Maven has completed generating sources, it will create the project that we want:

```
[INFO] Using following parameters for creating project from Old (1.x)
Archetype:
maven-archetype-quickstart:1.0
[INFO] -----
----
[INFO] Parameter: groupId, Value: com.fenago.maven
[INFO] Parameter: packageName, Value: com.fenago.maven
[INFO] Parameter: package, Value: com.fenago.maven
[INFO] Parameter: artifactId, Value: simple-project
[INFO] Parameter: basedir, Value: maven-course
[INFO] Parameter: version, Value: 1.0-SNAPSHOT
```

```
[INFO] project created from Old (1.x) Archetype in dir: maven-course\simple-project
```

How it works...

You will notice the following things:

- The Maven project configuration file `pom.xml` is created in the root of the `simple-project` folder. We will explore this file in detail in subsequent sections.
- A bunch of folders are created:
 - `src\main\java` : This is for Java source files
 - `src\test\java` : This is for Java test source files
 - `src\main\resources` : This is for resource files for the project
 - `src\test\resources` : This is for resource files for the test
- Within each of the preceding folders, a folder structure corresponding to the `groupId` (`org.fenago.maven`) is created.

The following are essentially Maven conventions at work:

- Maven expects all Java source files to reside in `src\main\java`
- Similarly, it expects all Java test files to reside in `src\test\java`
- It expects all project resources to reside in `src\main\resources` and test resources to reside in `src\test\resources`
- It expects that source files will typically have the same package structure as the `groupId` parameter (though this is not mandatory)
- Two sample classes, namely `App.java` and `AppTest.java` , are also created and it is not expected that they will be used beyond testing how Maven works

In this case, Maven downloads the `archetype` plugin. This plugin, in turn, can depend on another plugin. In this case, the latter plugin gets downloaded. This happens in a recursive fashion and, at the end of the process, all the relevant plugins required to run the specified command are downloaded.

Building a simple project with Maven

Let us now build the project that was created in the preceding section.

How to do it...

To build the previously created simple project with Maven, perform the following steps:

1. Open the command prompt and run the following command, changing the directory to the folder the project was created:

```
cd simple-project/  
  
mvn package
```

2. Observe the following things in the output:

Notice the following warning (we will see how to resolve this later in this course):

```
[INFO] --- maven-resources-plugin:2.6:resources (default-resources) @ simple-project ---
[WARNING] Using platform encoding (Cp1252 actually) to copy filtered resources, i.e. build is platform dependent!
```

Check if the sources are compiled:

...

```
[INFO] --- maven-compiler-plugin:3.1:compile (default-compile) @ simple-project ---
```

Check if the tests are run:

...

```
[INFO] --- maven-surefire-plugin:2.12.4:test (default-test) @ simple-project ---
[INFO] Surefire report directory: maven-course\simple-project\target\surefire-reports
```

T E S T S

Running com.fenago.maven.AppTest

Tests run: 1, Failures: 0, Errors: 0, Skipped: 0, Time elapsed: 0.005 sec

...

3. A JAR file is now created.

How it works...

In this case, the `package` phase executes in the following order:

- Validate
- Compile
- Test
- Package

The `validate` phase makes sure that the project (specifically the `pom.xml` file that describes the project) is in order and all the necessary information to run the project is available.

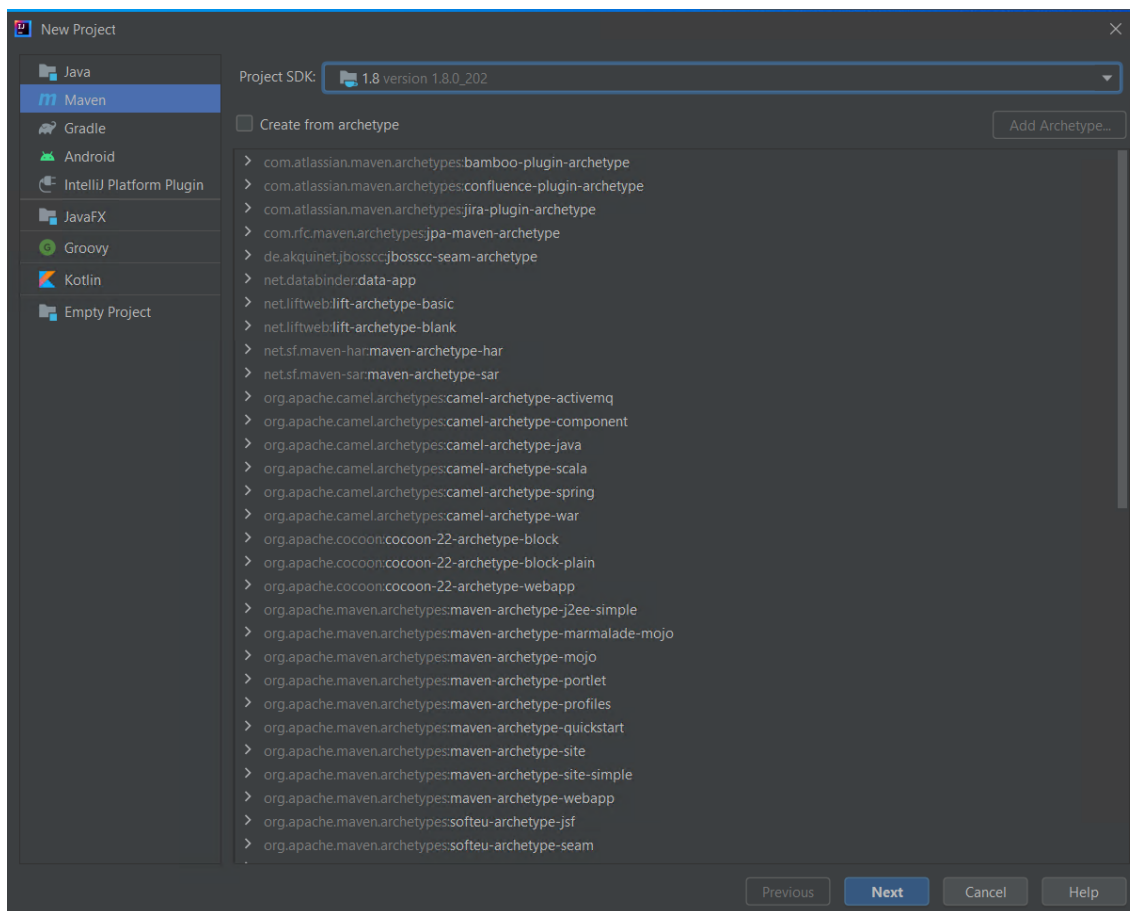
The `compile` phase compiles the sources.

The `test` phase compiles the test sources and then runs the test using a suitable test framework. In the earlier example, the **JUnit** framework is used to run the tests.

The `package` phase packages the artifacts to the format specified in the `pom.xml` file.

Creating a new Maven project in IntelliJ

- Open IntelliJ IDE and Click `New Project` button
- In New Project window, select Maven on the left
- At this point, we are not going to start from an archetype, so just click on Next button at the bottom



- Give a project name of `simple-project`
- Click on arrow next to Artifact Coordinates and fill out as we did using maven cli
 - Group Id: **com.fenago.maven**
 - Artifact Id: **simple-project**
- Click Finish

New Project

Name: simple-project

Location: ~\IdeaProjects\simple-project

▼ Artifact Coordinates

GroupId: com.fenago.maven

The name of the artifact group, usually a company domain

ArtifactId: simple-project

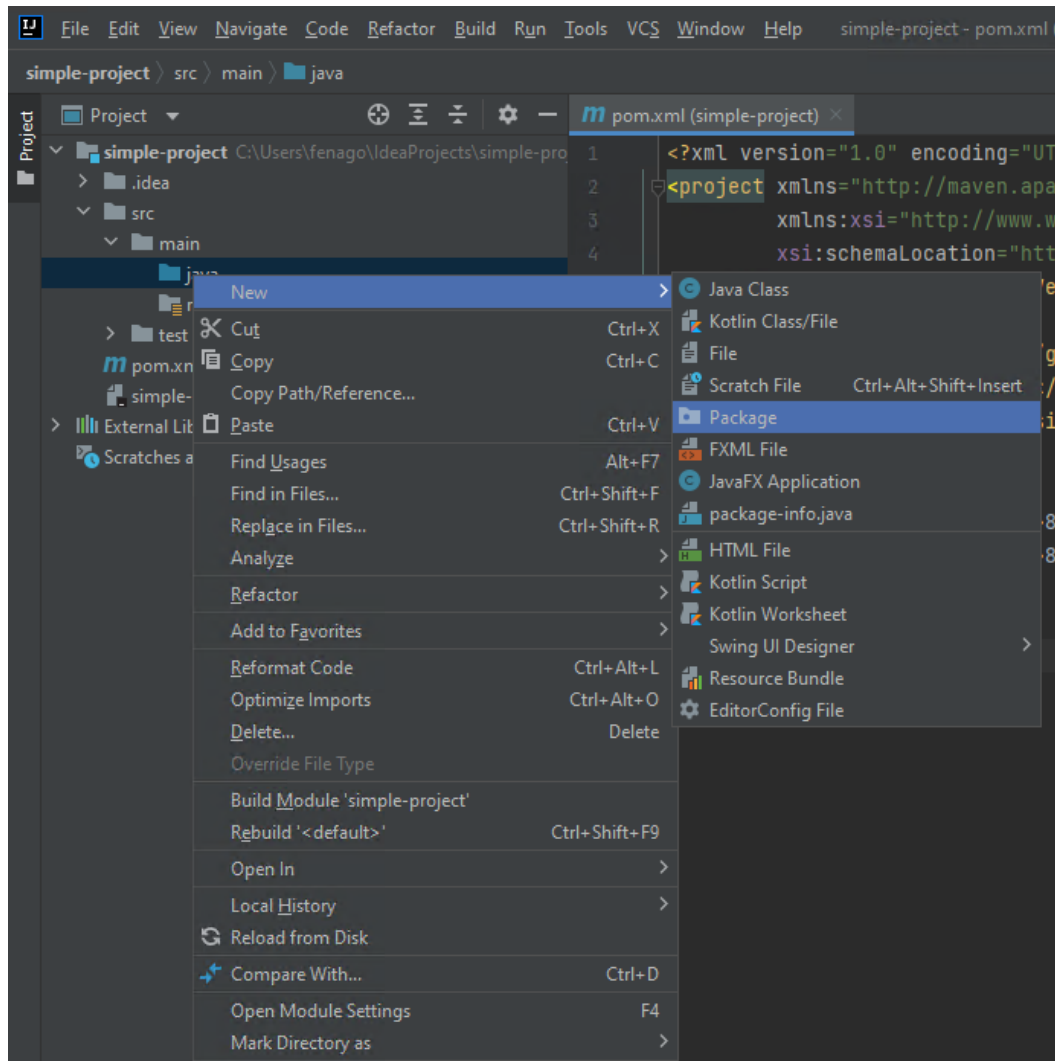
The name of the artifact within the group, usually a project name

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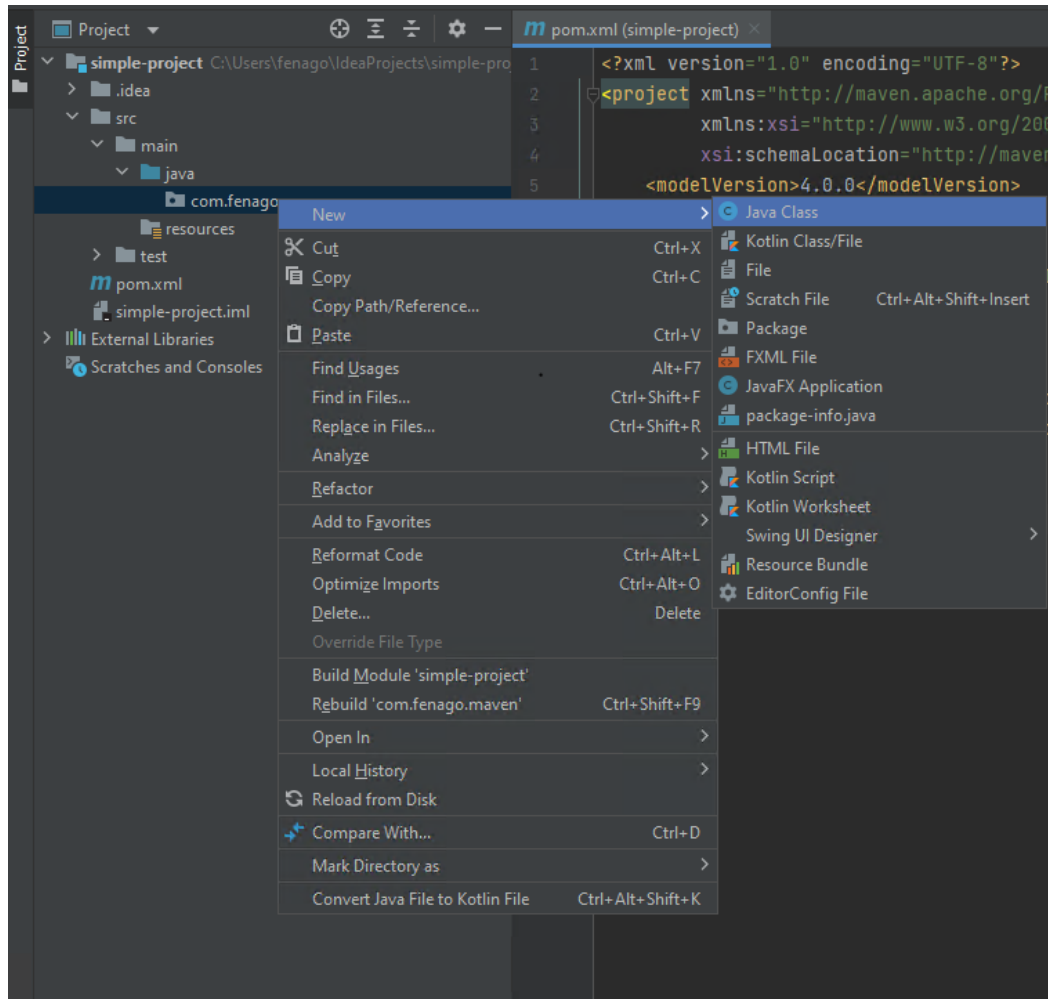
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- When it is finished loading into the IDE, the `pom.xml` the pom.xml file itself will be open. The Maven tab on the right side of the IDE may or may not be open.

- Define new package of `com.fenago.maven`



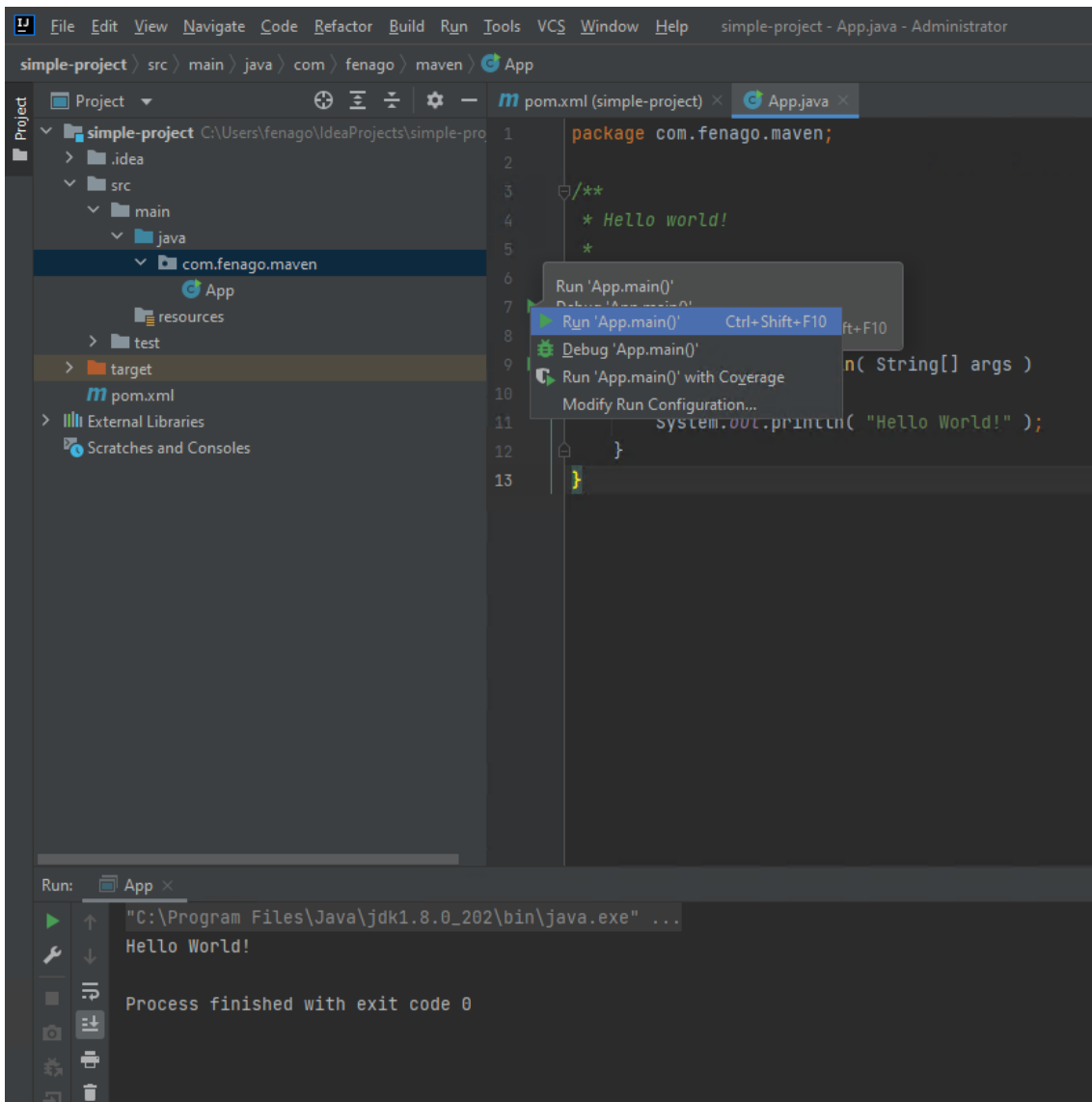
- Define new class called App



- Copy following code in `App.java` and run the application:

```
package com.fenago.maven;

/**
 * Hello world!
 *
 */
public class App
{
    public static void main( String[] args )
    {
        System.out.println( "Hello World!" );
    }
}
```



Note: The folder structure and contents are identical to the project created from the command-line.

Importing an existing Maven project in IntelliJ

If you have already set up a Maven project from the command-line, then it can easily be imported to IntelliJ.

How to do it...

- File | New | Project from Existing Sources (or Module from Existing Sources if we want to keep the original project in the same window)
- Find the simple-project we defined at the command line, select it and click on OK button
- Select Import module from external model. Then select Maven and click the Finish button