Preparing macOS command-line tools for distribution

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Creation

```
swift package init ——type executable
swift package init ——type tool
       import ArgumentParser
       @main
       struct MyAwesomeTool: ParsableCommand {
          mutating func run() throws {
              /* your code here */
```

Local Execution

swift run

swift package experimental-install

~/ swiftpm/bin/MyAwesomeTool

swift build ——configuration release ——arch arm64 ——arch x86_64

./.build/apple/Products/Release/MyAwesomeTool

Distribution

- Code Signing
- Notarization

Code Signing

Use "Developer ID Application" certificate

- A command-line tool is not a bundle: no embedded Info.plist file
- Options
 - Create a linker section containing Info.plist
 - Provide identifier explicitly when signing

Code Signing

```
codesign ——force
  --entitlements /path/to/entitlements/file
  --options runtime
  --sign identity_or_certificate_hash
  --identifier com.mydomain.MyAwesomeTool
  /path/to/MyAwesomeTool
```

Notarization

- notarytool input
 - disk image
 - installer package
 - zipped application

Installer package

- Needs to be signed
 - "Developer ID Installer" certificate
 - Can reuse identifier
- Create filesystem path
 - installer_root/usr/local/bin/MyAwesomeTool

Installer package

```
pkgbuild
  --identifier com.mydomain.MyAwesomeTool
  --version 1.0
  --root installer_root
  --sign identity_or_certificate_hash
  MyAwesomeTool.pkg
```

Notarization

- Keychain Profile
 - Generate app-specific password (https://appleid.apple.com)
 - xcrun notarytool store-credentials MyNotaryProfile

- xcrun notarytool submit MyAwesomeTool.pkg
 --keychain-profile MyNotaryProfile --wait
- xcrun stapler staple -v MyAwesomeTool.pkg

Summary

- swift build
- codesign
- pkgbuild
- notarytool submit
- notarytool staple

swift-export.pkg

https://github.com/franklefebvre/swift-export

cd /path/to/your/project
swift export

