**What is ANT?**

It stand for **A**nother **N**eat **T**ool

ANT is open source Java application.

It is created as part of apache project.

Uses XML file to control the build process for

* Compiling code
* Controlling file management task
* Creating archive (jar war ear)
* Interacting with source control system such as cvs.
* Running testing tools like JUNIT
* Loggin to text files
* Initiating email reporting.
* Deploying to FTP.

ANT works on all environment.

* Windows
* Unix
* Mac

ANT requires Java Development Kit (JDK) 1.5 or greater.

Download ANT. (<https://ant.apache.org/bindownload.cgi> )

Download to a directory and set ANT\_HOME environment variable.

Verify ant installation by

Ant –version

This should show the ant version, else check the PATH variable and add %ANT\_HOME%/bin