NIXOS

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"... reproducible, declarative and reliable systems."



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CONTENT



Nix

- Language
- Package Manager
- OS

USE CASES

• Reproducible artifacts (apps, environments ...)

```
mkDerivation {
  name = "myProject-1.0.0";
  src = ./src;
  buildInputs = [ python311 poetry ...];
}
```

Adhoc environments

```
$ nix shell nixpkgs#poetry nixpkgs#python311
$ nix run nixpkgs#poetry
```

NIX LANGUAGE

Derivation

```
"/nix/store/dvmidxj5...-myProject-1.0.0.drv": {
  "inputSrcs": [
    "/nix/store/9krlzvn...-default-builder.sh"
  "inputDrvs": {
    "/nix/store/1psqjc0l1..-bash-4.4-p23.drv": [
      "out"
    "/nix/store/8fbvqyxl9y...-myProject-1.0.0.tar.gz.drv": [
      "out"
    ],
    "/nix/store/m15naxf2...-stdenv-linux.drv": [
    . . .
```

NIX LANGUAGE

≈Json + Functions

```
mkDerivation {
  name = "myProject-1.0.0";
  src = ./src;
  buildInputs = [ python311 poetry ...];
}
```

Benefits

- Functional
- Pure (almost)
- Declarative

NIX LANGUAGE

- Numbers 42
- Strings "hello"
- List [1 2 3]
- Expressions 1+2+3
- Attribute Sets { key = value; ... }
- Let Bindings **let** x = ... in ...
- Functions f x

ATTRIBUTE SET

```
myNumber = 3;
myAttrSet = { name = "myProject-1.0.0"; src = ... };
myString = otherAttrSet.nestedSet.name;
myFunction = x: 2*x;
}
```

```
{
  name = "myProject-1.0.0";
  src = ./src;
  buildInputs = [ python311 poetry ...];
  ...
}
```

LET-BINDING

Factor out common expression:

```
{
  name = otherAttrSet.a.b.c;
  src = otherAttrSet.a.b.d;
  ...
}
```

```
let common = otherAttrSet.a.b;
in
{
   name = common.c;
   src = common.d;
   ...
}
```

Typescript

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```
const f = x => 2x
f(3)
```

```
f = x: 2*x # definition
f 3 # usage
```

Currying

```
g: (\mathbb{R},\mathbb{R}) \to \mathbb{R}
g: (x,y) \mapsto x+y
```

g:
$$\mathbb{R} \to (\mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R})$$

g: $x \mapsto (y \mapsto x+y)$

Usage

Typescript

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```
const g = (x,y) \implies x+y g(3,4)
```

```
g = x: y: x+y  # definition
g 3 4  # usage
((g 3) 4)
```

```
# Definition
mkDerivation = overrideAttrs: ...

# Usage
mkDerivation {
  name = "myProject-1.0.0";
  src = ./src;
}
```

Resulting Derivation

```
{
  "/nix/store/dvmidxj5...-myProject-1.0.0.drv": {
    "inputSrcs": [
        "/nix/store/9krlzvn...-default-builder.sh"
    ],
    ...
```

DERIVATION

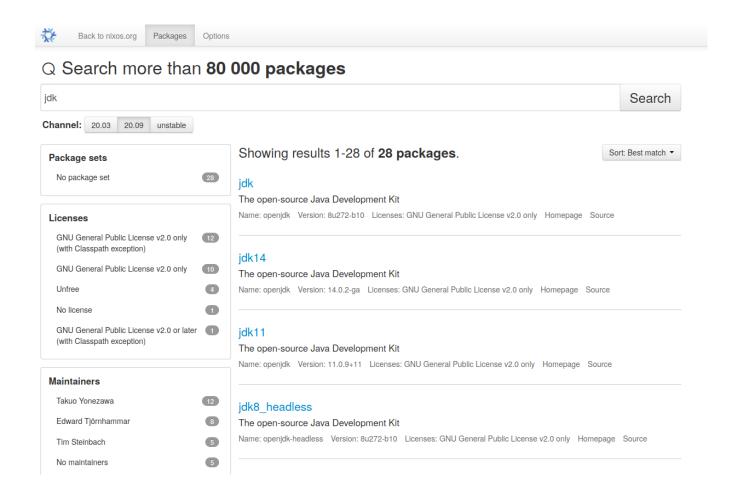
```
let
  pkgs = ...
in
pkgs.stdenv.mkDerivation {
  name = "myProject-1.0.0";
  src = ./src;
  buildInputs = [ pkgs.python311 pkgs.poetry ];
  buildPhase = "poetry build";
}
```

NIXPKGS

Just a huge attribute set:

```
\# pkgs =
  stdenv = { mkDerivation = .. ; ... }
  . . .
  poetry = stdenv.mkDerivation {... python311 ...}
  python39 = ...
  python311 = ...
  git = ....
  firefox = ...
```

SEARCH PACKAGES



https://search.nixos.org

REPRODUCIBLE BUILDS

Store

```
/nix/store/fdffffkdfj23j45r2102jfd-myProject-1.0.0.drv
/nix/store/9234jfkdfj23j45r2102jfd-myProject-1.0.0
/nix/store/34234sdfjskdfj32j4kjdsf-python311-3.11.0
...
/nix/store/fsdkf234jdfdsfjkj0111df-poetry-1.6.1
/nix/store/sdf34dfkjlkj09u123123ss-poetry-1.6.1
...
```

```
$ nix build <derivation> # build artifact, put into store
$ nix develop flake.nix # load environment with buildInputs
```

DEMO

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```
boot.kernelPackages = pkgs.linuxPackages 6 5;
users.users.mneuss = { home = "/home/mneuss"; ...};
environment.systemPackages = with pkgs; [
  jetbrains.idea-ultimate
  python311
services.xserver.desktopManager.gnome3.enable = true;
networking.firewall.allowedTCPPorts = [ 80 ];
```

```
nixos-rebuild switch ...
```

FURTHER STUDY



- Main Page https://nixos.org/
- Nix packages
 https://github.com
 /NixOS/nixpkgs

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- Switch Dev
 Environments
 https://direnv.net/