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<!-- List of all components -->

<property name="components" value="component-a,component-b"/>

<!-- Define dependencies -->

<property name="component.component-a.deps" value=""/>

<property name="component.component-b.deps" value="component-a"/>

<property name="component.common-utils.deps" value="component-a,component-b"/>

<project name="MultiModuleWithDeps" default="build-all" basedir=".">

<property name="build.dir" value="build"/>

<property name="dist.dir" value="dist"/>

<property name="components" value="component-a,component-b"/>

<property environment="env"/>

<property name="jdk.home" value="${env.JAVA\_HOME}"/>

<!-- Define dependencies -->

<property name="component.component-a.deps" value=""/>

<property name="component.component-b.deps" value="component-a"/>

<!-- Load ant-contrib -->

<taskdef resource="net/sf/antcontrib/antlib.xml">

<classpath>

<pathelement location="lib/ant-contrib.jar"/>

</classpath>

</taskdef>

<!-- Clean -->

<target name="clean">

<delete dir="${build.dir}"/>

<delete dir="${dist.dir}"/>

</target>

<!-- Init -->

<target name="init">

<mkdir dir="${build.dir}"/>

<mkdir dir="${dist.dir}"/>

</target>

<!-- Build all components -->

<target name="build-all" depends="init">

<foreach list="${components}" param="component" target="build-component"/>

</target>

<!-- Build a single component, handling dependencies -->

<target name="build-component">

<property name="src.dir" location="components/@{component}/src"/>

<property name="out.dir" location="${build.dir}/@{component}"/>

<property name="jar.file" location="${dist.dir}/@{component}.jar"/>

<property name="deps" value="${component.@{component}.deps}"/>

<!-- Resolve dependency classpath -->

<path id="component.classpath">

<foreach list="${deps}" param="dep">

<sequential>

<pathelement path="${build.dir}/${dep}"/>

</sequential>

</foreach>

</path>

<!-- Compile -->

<javac srcdir="${src.dir}"

destdir="${out.dir}"

includeantruntime="false"

fork="true">

<compilerarg value="--release"/>

<compilerarg value="11"/>

<classpath refid="component.classpath"/>

</javac>

<!-- Package into JAR -->

<jar destfile="${jar.file}" basedir="${out.dir}">

<manifest>

<attribute name="Built-By" value="Ant JDK11"/>

</manifest>

</jar>

</target>

</project>

Extend the sample for Eclipse workspace having multiple projects imported, Eclipse Workspace -> com.misys.portal , com.misys.interfaces, com.,isys.portal.common ... 3 projects . create ANY build to complete and add to war file

**ChatGPT said:**

Thanks! Let’s now create an Ant build system tailored for your Eclipse workspace with three imported projects:

* com.misys.portal
* com.misys.interfaces
* com.misys.portal.common

Each is a separate Eclipse project (likely in the same workspace) with its own src directory, and some may depend on each other.

We'll:

1. Handle dependencies between projects.
2. Compile each project separately.
3. Package compiled classes into JARs.
4. Bundle all necessary classes and resources into a single WAR file (web archive).

📁 Sample Workspace Layout:

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/EclipseWorkspace/

com.misys.portal/

src/

WebContent/ (for WAR content)

com.misys.interfaces/

src/

com.misys.portal.common/

src/

build/

dist/

✅ Step-by-step: Modular Ant Build with WAR Packaging

Here’s a complete sample build.xml:

xml

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<project name="MisysPortalBuild" default="build-all" basedir=".">

<property name="build.dir" value="build"/>

<property name="dist.dir" value="dist"/>

<property name="war.name" value="misys-portal.war"/>

<property name="webapp.dir" value="com.misys.portal/WebContent"/>

<!-- Define your projects -->

<property name="projects" value="com.misys.portal.common,com.misys.interfaces,com.misys.portal"/>

<!-- Project dependencies -->

<property name="project.com.misys.portal.common.deps" value=""/>

<property name="project.com.misys.interfaces.deps" value="com.misys.portal.common"/>

<property name="project.com.misys.portal.deps" value="com.misys.portal.common,com.misys.interfaces"/>

<!-- Ant-Contrib for foreach -->

<taskdef resource="net/sf/antcontrib/antlib.xml">

<classpath>

<pathelement location="lib/ant-contrib.jar"/>

</classpath>

</taskdef>

<!-- Clean -->

<target name="clean">

<delete dir="${build.dir}"/>

<delete dir="${dist.dir}"/>

</target>

<target name="init">

<mkdir dir="${build.dir}"/>

<mkdir dir="${dist.dir}"/>

</target>

<!-- Build all projects -->

<target name="build-all" depends="init">

<foreach list="${projects}" param="project" target="build-one"/>

<antcall target="create-war"/>

</target>

<!-- Compile and JAR a project -->

<target name="build-one">

<property name="src.dir" location="@{project}/src"/>

<property name="out.dir" location="${build.dir}/@{project}"/>

<property name="jar.file" location="${dist.dir}/@{project}.jar"/>

<property name="deps" value="${project.@{project}.deps}"/>

<!-- Collect classpath from dependent project output -->

<path id="compile.classpath">

<foreach list="${deps}" param="dep">

<sequential>

<pathelement path="${build.dir}/${dep}"/>

</sequential>

</foreach>

</path>

<mkdir dir="${out.dir}"/>

<javac srcdir="${src.dir}"

destdir="${out.dir}"

includeantruntime="false"

fork="true">

<compilerarg value="--release"/>

<compilerarg value="11"/>

<classpath refid="compile.classpath"/>

</javac>

<jar destfile="${jar.file}" basedir="${out.dir}">

<manifest>

<attribute name="Built-By" value="Ant JDK11"/>

</manifest>

</jar>

</target>

<!-- WAR packaging -->

<target name="create-war">

<war destfile="${dist.dir}/${war.name}" webxml="${webapp.dir}/WEB-INF/web.xml">

<fileset dir="${webapp.dir}"/>

<!-- Include compiled classes into WEB-INF/classes -->

<classes dir="${build.dir}/com.misys.portal"/>

<!-- Include JARs from dependent projects into WEB-INF/lib -->

<lib file="${dist.dir}/com.misys.portal.common.jar"/>

<lib file="${dist.dir}/com.misys.interfaces.jar"/>

</war>

<echo message="WAR created: ${dist.dir}/${war.name}"/>

</target>

</project>

🧠 Notes:

* This setup assumes:
  + All Java code lives in src/
  + WebContent/ of com.misys.portal contains JSPs, static assets, WEB-INF, etc.
* You need to have ant-contrib.jar in a lib/ folder next to your build.xml
* You can run from command line:

bash

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ant clean build-all

🧰 Optional Enhancements:

* Detect changes and build only modified modules
* Handle external dependencies via a /lib directory and <classpath>
* Separate out test sources (e.g., src/test)
* Add Javadoc or unit test targets

Want me to help set this up as a reusable template or break it into per-module build.xml + master orchestrator?

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**You said:**

Extend the Example to externalize properties into build.properties file

**ChatGPT said:**

Great idea! Externalizing properties into a build.properties file keeps your Ant build clean, centralized, and maintainable.

Let’s update the build system so that:

* All paths (build, dist, WAR name, etc.)
* Project list and dependencies

… are declared in a build.properties file instead of hardcoded inside build.xml.

🗂 Directory structure:

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/build.xml

/build.properties

/lib/ant-contrib.jar

/com.misys.portal/

/com.misys.interfaces/

/com.misys.portal.common/

✅ Step 1: Create build.properties file

build.properties

properties

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# Output directories

build.dir=build

dist.dir=dist

# WAR file settings

war.name=misys-portal.war

webapp.dir=com.misys.portal/WebContent

# Project list

projects=com.misys.portal.common,com.misys.interfaces,com.misys.portal

# Dependencies (optional if no deps)

project.com.misys.portal.common.deps=

project.com.misys.interfaces.deps=com.misys.portal.common

project.com.misys.portal.deps=com.misys.portal.common,com.misys.interfaces

✅ Step 2: Update build.xml to use the external properties

build.xml

xml

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<project name="MisysPortalBuild" default="build-all" basedir=".">

<!-- Load external build.properties -->

<property file="build.properties"/>

<!-- Load ant-contrib for foreach, etc. -->

<taskdef resource="net/sf/antcontrib/antlib.xml">

<classpath>

<pathelement location="lib/ant-contrib.jar"/>

</classpath>

</taskdef>

<!-- Clean -->

<target name="clean">

<delete dir="${build.dir}"/>

<delete dir="${dist.dir}"/>

</target>

<!-- Create folders -->

<target name="init">

<mkdir dir="${build.dir}"/>

<mkdir dir="${dist.dir}"/>

</target>

<!-- Master build-all target -->

<target name="build-all" depends="init">

<foreach list="${projects}" param="project" target="build-one"/>

<antcall target="create-war"/>

</target>

<!-- Build individual project -->

<target name="build-one">

<property name="src.dir" location="@{project}/src"/>

<property name="out.dir" location="${build.dir}/@{project}"/>

<property name="jar.file" location="${dist.dir}/@{project}.jar"/>

<property name="deps" value="${project.@{project}.deps}"/>

<mkdir dir="${out.dir}"/>

<!-- Resolve dependency classpath -->

<path id="compile.classpath">

<foreach list="${deps}" param="dep">

<sequential>

<pathelement path="${build.dir}/${dep}"/>

</sequential>

</foreach>

</path>

<!-- Compile the project -->

<javac srcdir="${src.dir}"

destdir="${out.dir}"

includeantruntime="false"

fork="true">

<compilerarg value="--release"/>

<compilerarg value="11"/>

<classpath refid="compile.classpath"/>

</javac>

<!-- Create JAR -->

<jar destfile="${jar.file}" basedir="${out.dir}">

<manifest>

<attribute name="Built-By" value="Ant JDK11"/>

</manifest>

</jar>

</target>

<!-- Create WAR -->

<target name="create-war">

<war destfile="${dist.dir}/${war.name}" webxml="${webapp.dir}/WEB-INF/web.xml">

<fileset dir="${webapp.dir}"/>

<!-- Add compiled classes from portal -->

<classes dir="${build.dir}/com.misys.portal"/>

<!-- Add dependent JARs -->

<lib file="${dist.dir}/com.misys.portal.common.jar"/>

<lib file="${dist.dir}/com.misys.interfaces.jar"/>

</war>

<echo message="WAR created: ${dist.dir}/${war.name}"/>

</target>

</project>

🎯 Benefits of This Setup:

* All configuration lives in build.properties
* build.xml is clean, logic-focused
* Easy to change paths or project names without editing XML
* Supports project dependencies and WAR generation

⚡ To build:

From command line or Eclipse Ant Runner:

ant clean build-all

🛠️ Next Steps?

Would you like to extend this to:

* Automatically detect dependencies from Eclipse .classpath files?
* Include external JARs from a lib/ folder?
* Generate multiple WARs (per market/environment)?