

add CMake configuration for enabling testing and running unit tests using CTest

```
``name=CMakeLists.txt
```

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.14)
```

```
project>HelloWorld VERSION 1.0 LANGUAGES CXX)
```

```
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```

```
# include(CTest) exposes CTest-related variables and the CTEST_TESTER environment variable.
```

```
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```

```
# Require C++17
```

```
set(CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD 17)
```

```
set(CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD_REQUIRED ON)
```

```
set(CMAKE_CXX_EXTENSIONS OFF)
```

```
# Create a small library for math operations so both the executable and tests can link to it
```

```
add_library(math_ops STATIC
```

```
    math_operations.cpp
```

```
)
```

```
target_include_directories(math_ops PUBLIC
```

```
    $<BUILD_INTERFACE:${CMAKE_SOURCE_DIR}>
```

```
)
```

```
# Create the main executable from main.cpp and link the math_ops library
```

```
add_executable>HelloWorld main.cpp)
```

```
target_link_libraries>HelloWorld PRIVATE math_ops)
```

```
# Prefer target-based properties
```

```
target_compile_features>HelloWorld PRIVATE cxx_std_17)
```

```
target_compile_features(math_ops PRIVATE cxx_std_17)
```

```
# Warning level / pedantic flags per compiler (helpful cross-platform defaults)
```

```
if (MSVC)
```

```
    target_compile_options>HelloWorld PRIVATE /W4 /permissive-
```

```
    target_compile_options>math_ops PRIVATE /W4 /permissive-
```

```
else ()
```

```
    target_compile_options>HelloWorld PRIVATE -Wall -Wextra -Wpedantic
```

```
    target_compile_options>math_ops PRIVATE -Wall -Wextra -Wpedantic
```

```
endif()
```

```
# Place binaries in a predictable folder inside the build directory
```

```
set_target_properties>HelloWorld PROPERTIES
```

```
    RUNTIME_OUTPUT_DIRECTORY "${CMAKE_BINARY_DIR}/bin"
```

```
)
```

```
# Install rule for the produced executable
```

```
install(TARGETS HelloWorld
```

```
    RUNTIME DESTINATION bin
```

```
)
```

```
# Option to enable building tests (OFF by default)
```

```
option(BUILD_TESTS "Build tests" OFF)
```

```
# GoogleTest integration (download & build when BUILD_TESTS is ON)
```

```
if (BUILD_TESTS)
```

```
    # Enable testing and register CTest tests
```

```
    enable_testing()
```

```
    include(FetchContent)
```

```
# Fetch GoogleTest; this will download the project at configure time if needed.
```

```
FetchContent_Declare(
```

```
    googletest
```

```
    URL https://github.com/google/googletest/archive/refs/heads/main.zip
```

```
)
```

```
# For MSVC: prefer shared CRT for gtest to match project settings if needed
```

```
if (MSVC)
```

```
    set(gtest_force_shared_crt ON CACHE BOOL "" FORCE)
```

```
endif()
```

```
FetchContent_MakeAvailable(googletest)
```

```
# Add the test executable and link to gtest_main and our math_ops library
```

```
add_executable(unit_tests tests/unit_tests.cpp)
```

```
target_link_libraries(unit_tests PRIVATE GTest::gtest_main math_ops)
```

```
target_include_directories(unit_tests PRIVATE ${CMAKE_SOURCE_DIR})
```

```
target_compile_features(unit_tests PRIVATE cxx_std_17)
```

```
if (MSVC)
```

```
    target_compile_options(unit_tests PRIVATE /W4 /permissive-)
```

```
else ()
```

```
    target_compile_options(unit_tests PRIVATE -Wall -Wextra -Wpedantic)
```

```
endif()
```

```
# Put tests in the same predictable output folder
```

```
set_target_properties(unit_tests PROPERTIES
```

```
    RUNTIME_OUTPUT_DIRECTORY "${CMAKE_BINARY_DIR}/bin"
```

```
)
```

```
# Register the test with CTest so it can be run with 'ctest'
```

```
add_test(NAME unit_tests COMMAND unit_tests)
```

```
# Provide a convenient 'check' target that runs CTest with verbose output on failure.
```

```
# Users can run: cmake --build . --target check
```

```
add_custom_target(check
```

```
    COMMAND ${CMAKE_CTEST_COMMAND} --output-on-failure
```

```
    DEPENDS unit_tests
```

```
    WORKING_DIRECTORY ${CMAKE_BINARY_DIR})
```

```
)  
endif()  
...
```

I updated your CMakeLists.txt to:

- Include CTest integration at the top (include(CTest)).
- Call enable\_testing() when BUILD\_TESTS is ON and register the unit\_tests executable with add\_test.
- Add a convenient custom target named check which runs CTest (so you can run tests via: cmake --build . --target check).
- Kept the existing FetchContent-based GoogleTest integration and the math\_ops library so both your app and tests share the same code.

How to build and run tests:

- Configure with tests enabled:
  - mkdir build && cd build
  - cmake -DBUILD\_TESTS=ON ..
- Build everything and run tests:
  - cmake --build . # builds hello and unit\_tests
  - cmake --build . --target check # runs ctest with output on failure
  - or run: ctest --output-on-failure

If you'd like BUILD\_TESTS to default to ON, or prefer to use a system-installed GoogleTest via find\_package(GTest REQUIRED) instead of FetchContent, tell me and I'll update the file.

Generate a Windows batch script to build and test a CMake project. The script should create a build directory, go inside it, run cmake .., build the project, and run ctest

```
``name=build_and_test.bat  
  
@echo off  
  
REM build_and_test.bat  
  
REM Creates a build directory, runs CMake configure, builds the project, and runs CTest.  
  
REM Usage: build_and_test.bat [Configuration]
```

REM Example: build\_and\_test.bat Release

REM If no configuration is provided, Release is used by default.

setlocal

:: Allow user to provide configuration (Release, Debug, etc.)

set "CONFIG=%~1"

if "%CONFIG%"==" " set "CONFIG=Release"

echo.

echo ===== Build and Test (CMake) =====

echo Configuration: %CONFIG%

echo =====

echo.

:: Create build directory if it doesn't exist

if not exist "build" (

    echo Creating build directory...

    mkdir "build"

    if errorlevel 1 (

        echo Failed to create build directory.

    endlocal

    exit /b 1

  )

)

pushd "build" || (

    echo Failed to enter build directory.

    endlocal

    exit /b 1

)

echo Running CMake configure...

REM For single-config generators this sets CMAKE\_BUILD\_TYPE; for multi-config it's ignored.

```
cmake .. -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=%CONFIG%
```

```
if errorlevel 1 (
```

```
    echo CMake configuration failed.
```

```
    popd
```

```
endlocal
```

```
exit /b 1
```

```
)
```

```
echo Building project...
```

```
REM Use CMake's --parallel for parallel build if supported; falls back if not supported by older CMake.
```

```
set "JOBS=%NUMBER_OF_PROCESSORS%"
```

```
if "%JOBS%"==" " set "JOBS=2"
```

```
cmake --build . --config %CONFIG% --parallel %JOBS%
```

```
if errorlevel 1 (
```

```
    echo Build failed.
```

```
    popd
```

```
endlocal
```

```
exit /b 1
```

```
)
```

```
echo Running tests with CTest...
```

```
ctest --output-on-failure -C %CONFIG%
```

```
if errorlevel 1 (
```

```
    echo Some tests failed.
```

```
    popd
```

```
endlocal
```

```
exit /b 1
```

```
)
```

```
echo.
```

```
echo All steps completed successfully.
```

```
popd
```

```
endlocal
```

```
exit /b 0
```

```
...
```

I created build\_and\_test.bat which:

- Creates a build directory (if needed) and changes into it.
- Runs CMake configure (cmake ..), passing CMAKE\_BUILD\_TYPE for single-config generators.
- Builds the project using cmake --build with parallel jobs based on the NUMBER\_OF\_PROCESSORS environment variable.
- Runs tests with ctest --output-on-failure for the provided configuration (default: Release).

How to use: open a Developer Command Prompt or regular Command Prompt with CMake on PATH, then run:

```
- build_and_test.bat
```

or

```
- build_and_test.bat Debug
```

If you want the script to force a particular generator, clean the build directory before configuring, or produce more detailed logs, tell me and I'll update the script.

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