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Post-Modern Cmake

From 3.0 to 4.0

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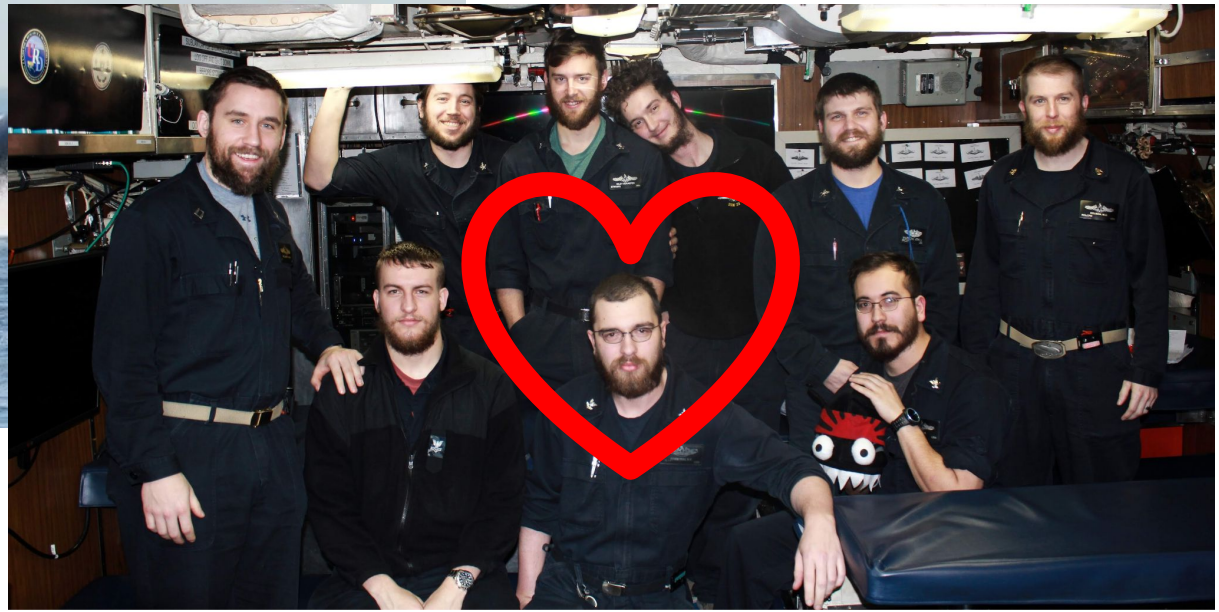

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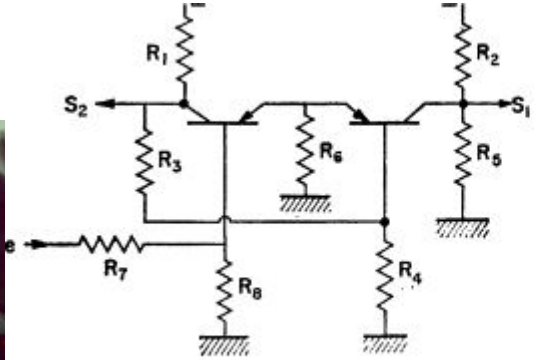

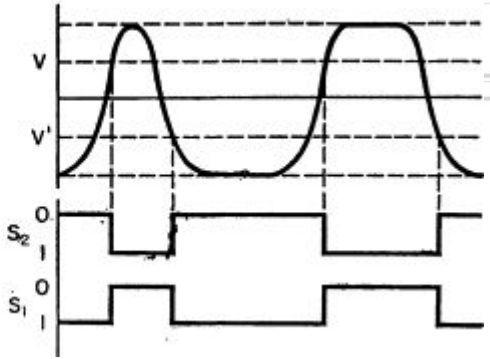

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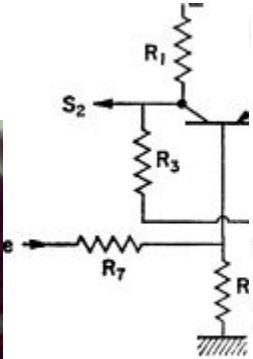

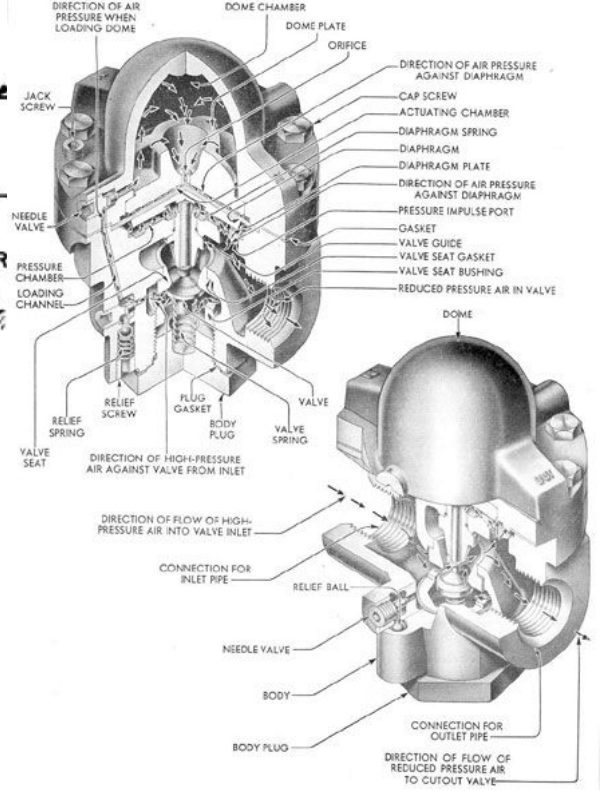

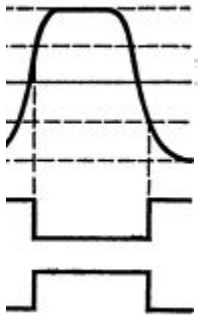

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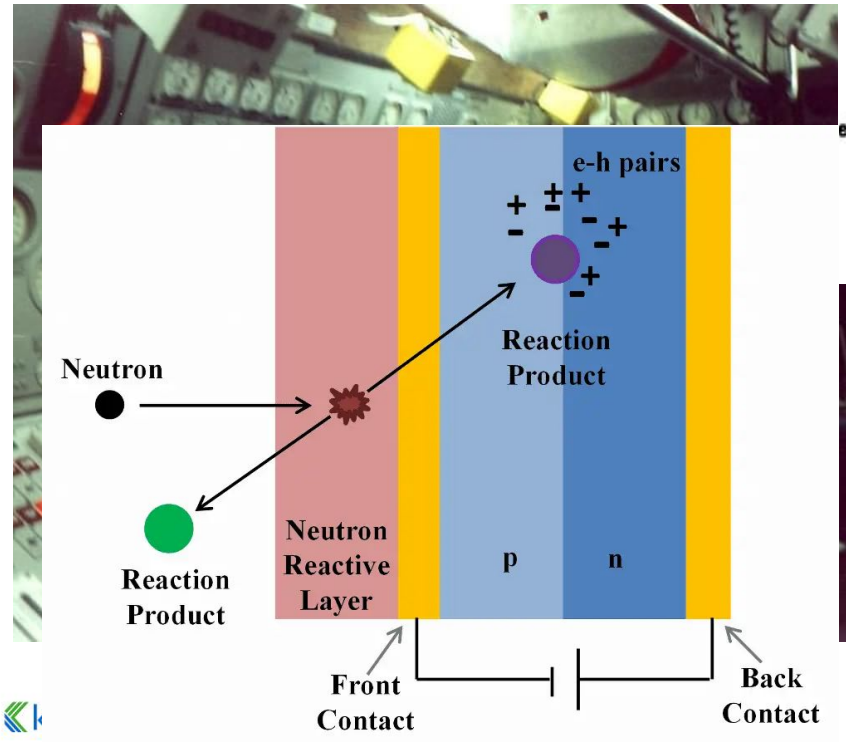

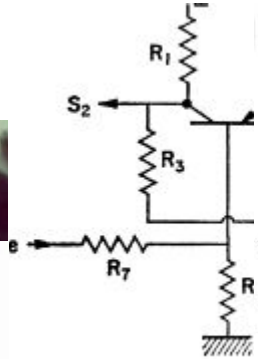

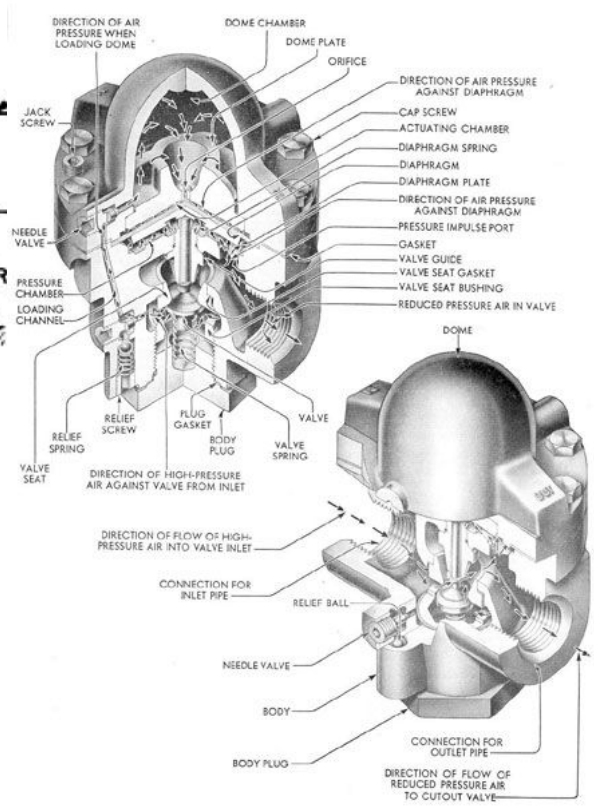

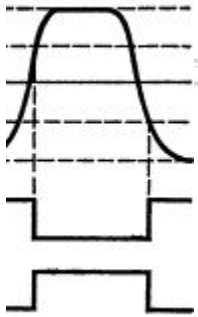

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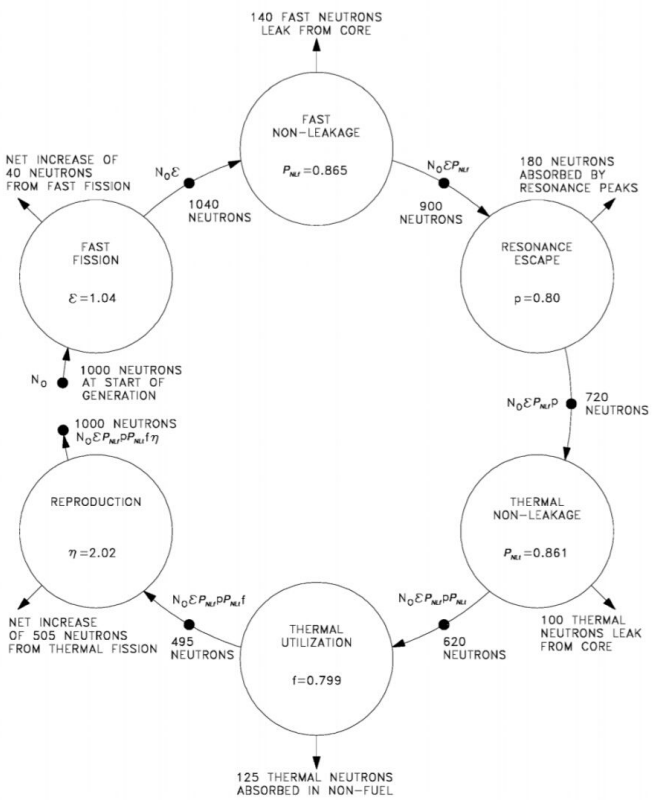

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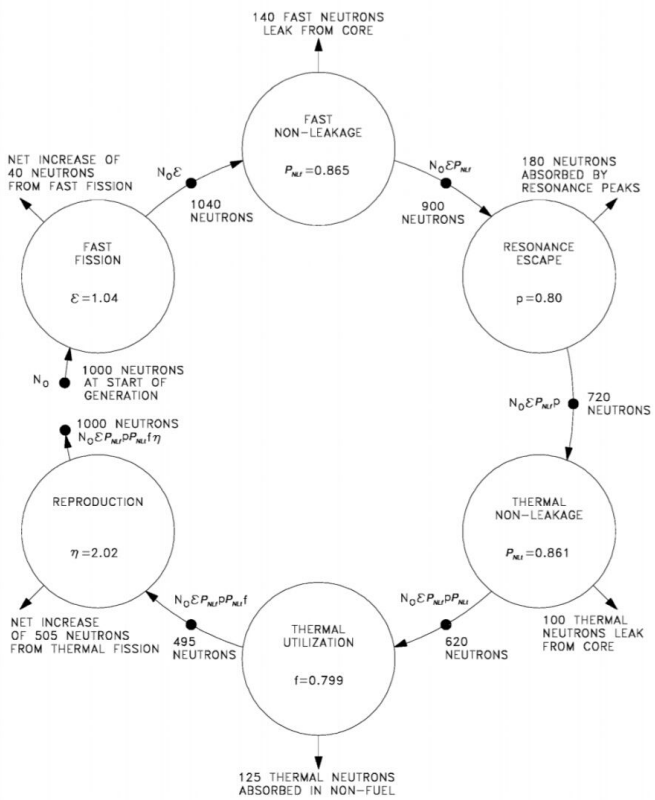

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Agenda

- Pragmatic CMake Usage
- Latest Features: C++20 Module Support
- New Stuff On the Horizon: CPS

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Pragmatic CMake

How to Avoid Headaches with Simple CMake

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import CMake; // Mastering C++ Modules

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CPS in Cmake

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- CMake 1: Primordial Flag Soup
- CMake 2: World Domination
- CMake 3: I hope you like target_* commands
- CMake 4: ???

CMake 1: Primordial Flag Soup

```
1  PROJECT(CMake)
2  SUBDIRS(Source)
```

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```
1  SOURCE_FILES(SRCS
2  cmake
3  #...
4  cmSourceGroup
5  cmakemain
6  )
7
8  IF (WIN32)
9    SOURCE_FILES(SRCS cmDSWWriter cmDSPWriter cmMSProjectGenerator)
10 ELSE (WIN32)
11   SOURCE_FILES(SRCS cmUnixMakefileGenerator)
12 ENDIF (WIN32)
13
14 ADD_EXECUTABLE(cmake SRCS)
15
16 ADD_TEST(burn cmake)
17
18 INSTALL_TARGETS(/bin cmake)
```

But also…

- `find_file()`
- `find_library()`
- `find_package()`
- `find_path()`
- `find_program()`

Re: the *-config scripts

- *From*: Havoc Pennington <hp redhat com>
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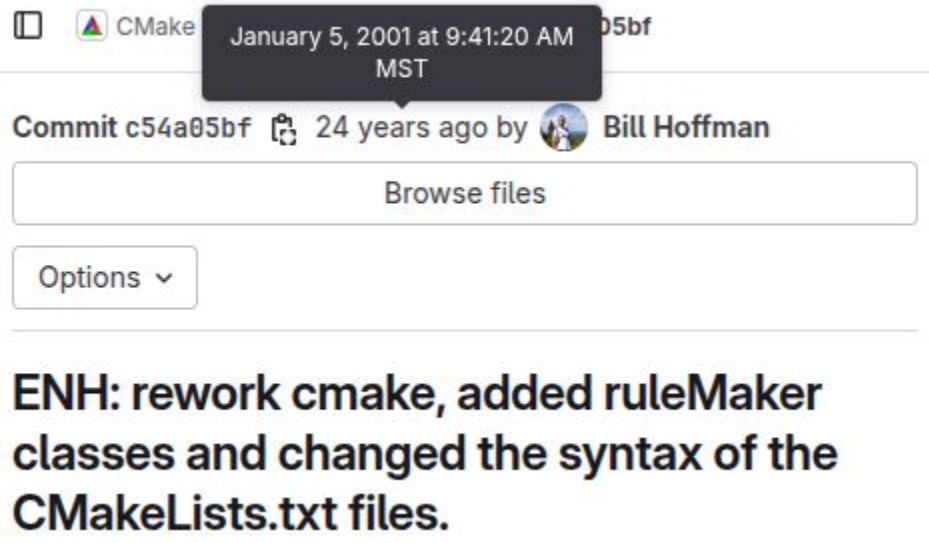

CMake 2: World Domination

- `add_subdirectory()`
- `cmake_policy()`
- `enable_language()`
- `export()`
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- `math()`

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CMake 3: I hope you like `target_*` commands

- `target_compile_definitions()`
- `target_compile_features()`
- `target_compile_options()`
- `target_include_directories()`
- `target_link_directories()`
- `target_link_options()`
- `target_precompile_headers()`
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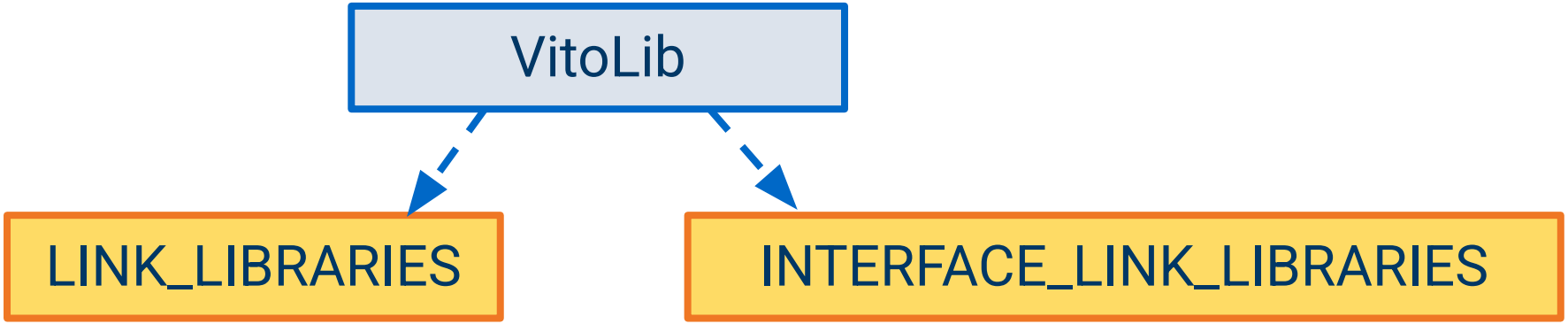

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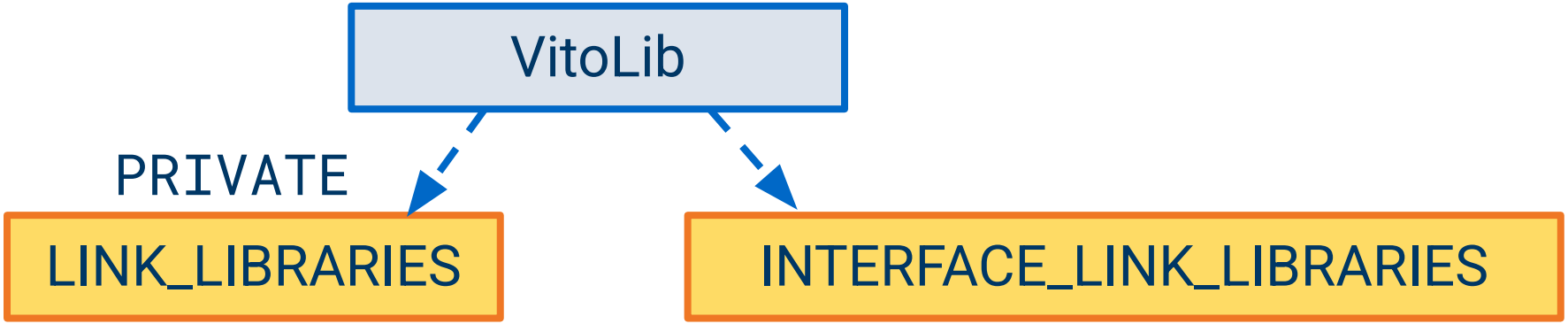

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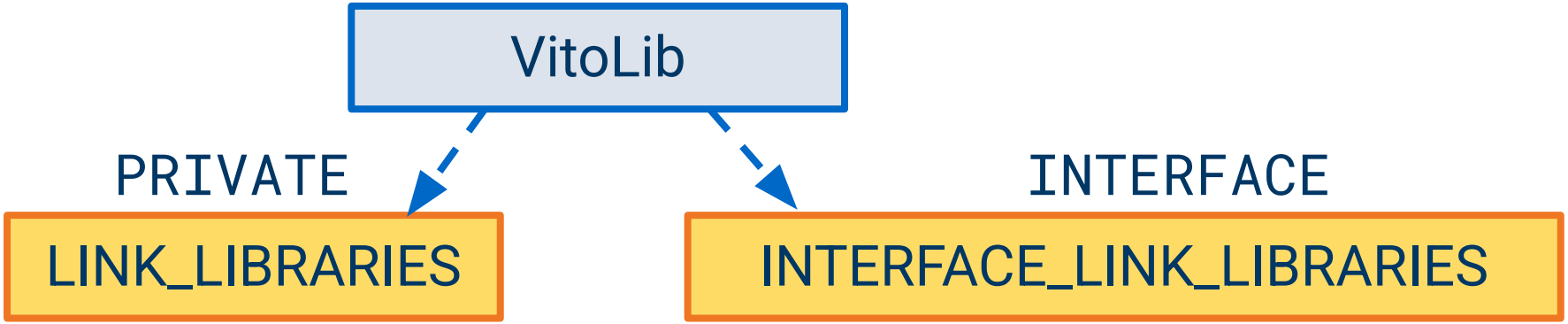

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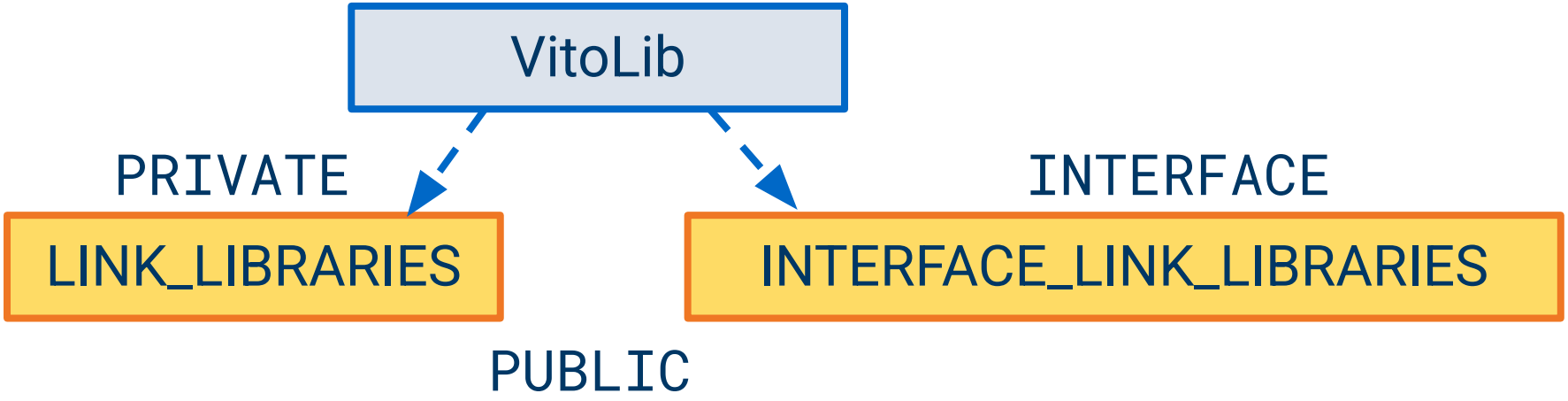

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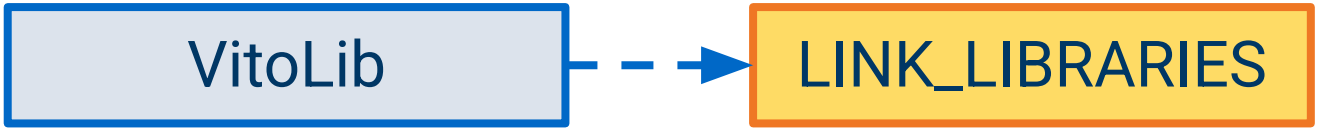

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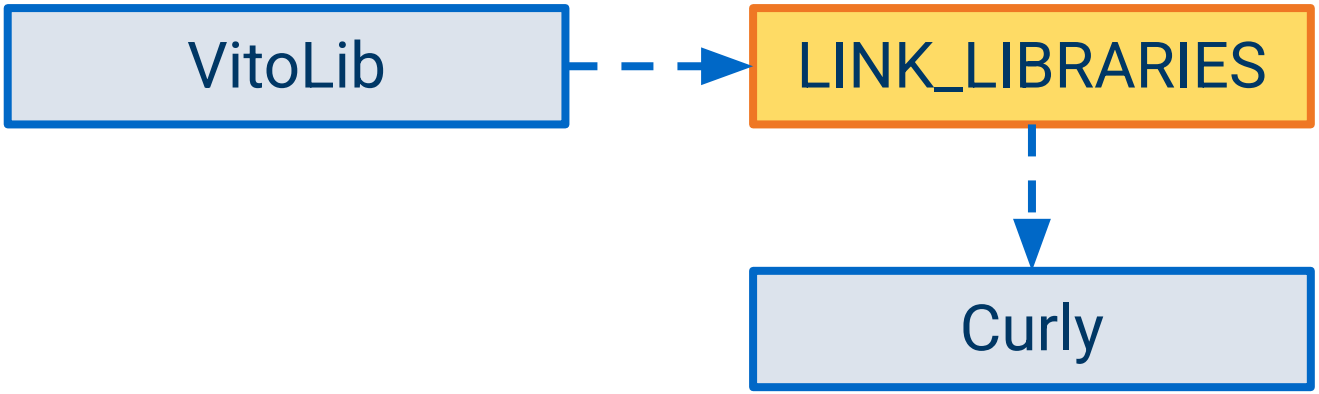

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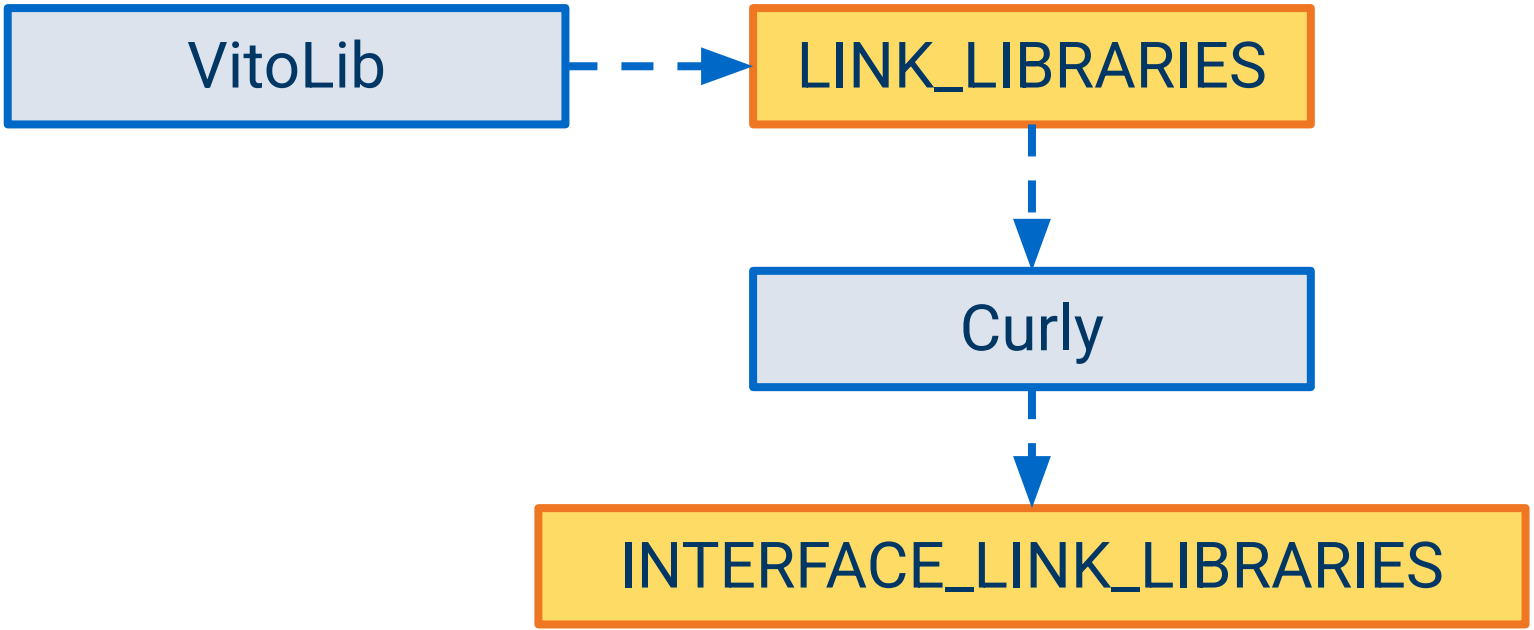

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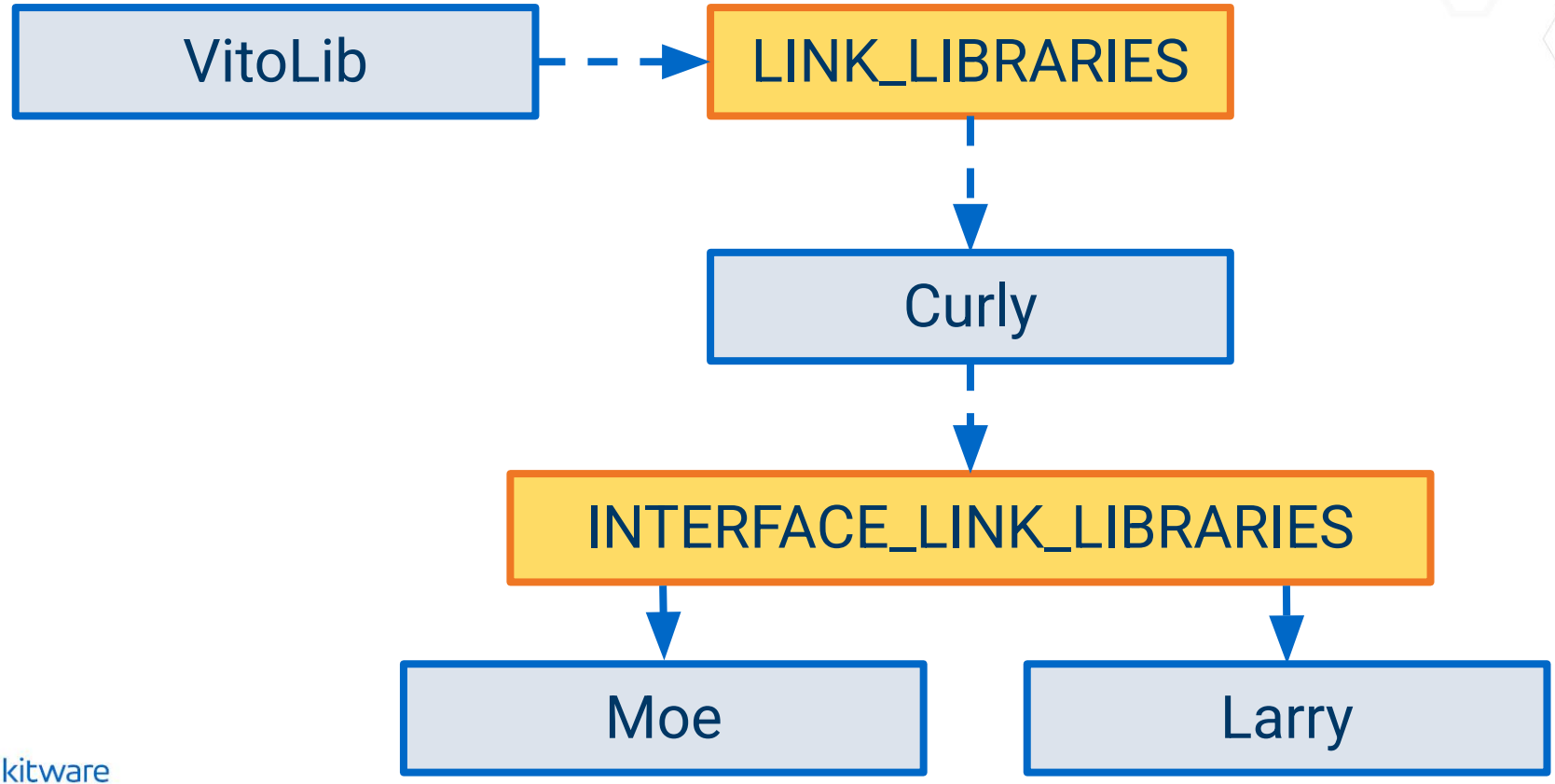

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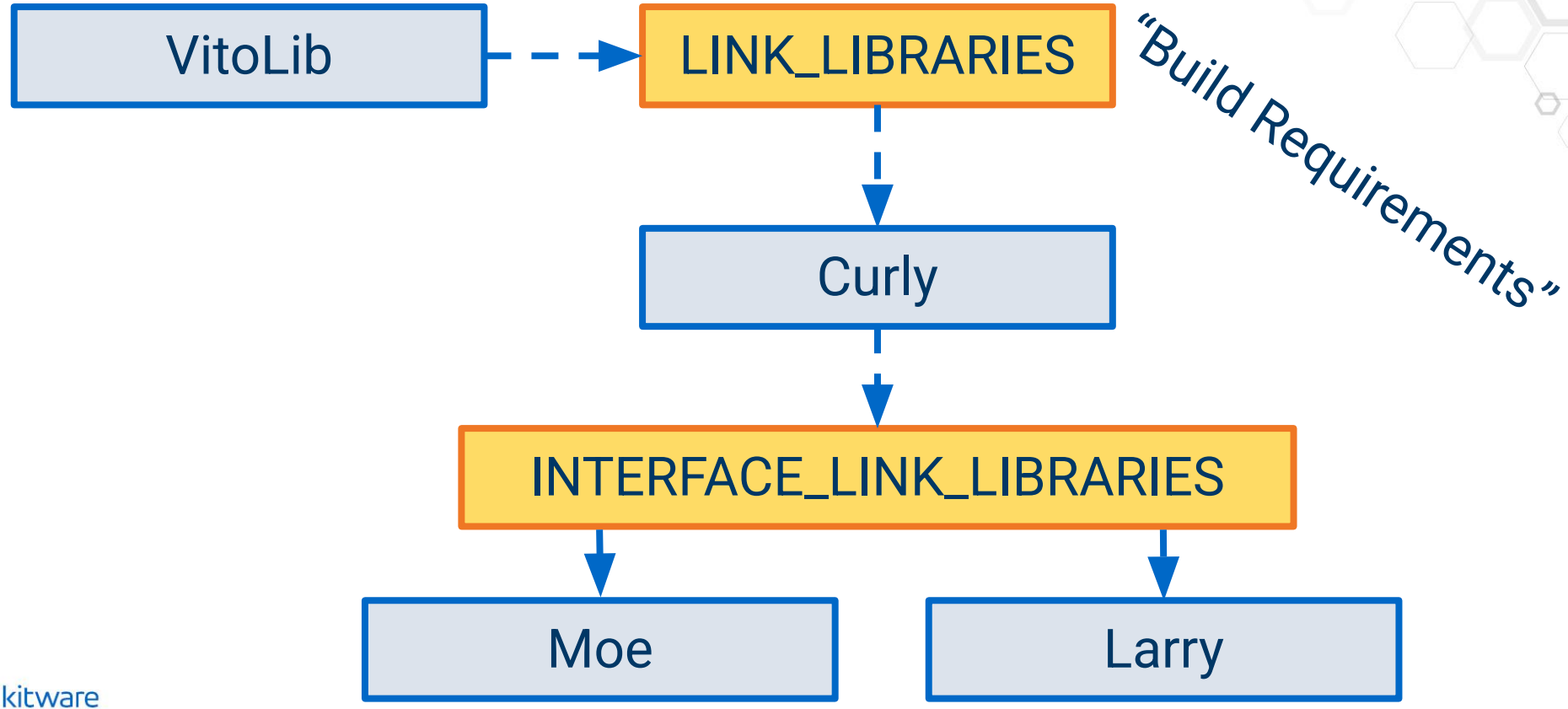

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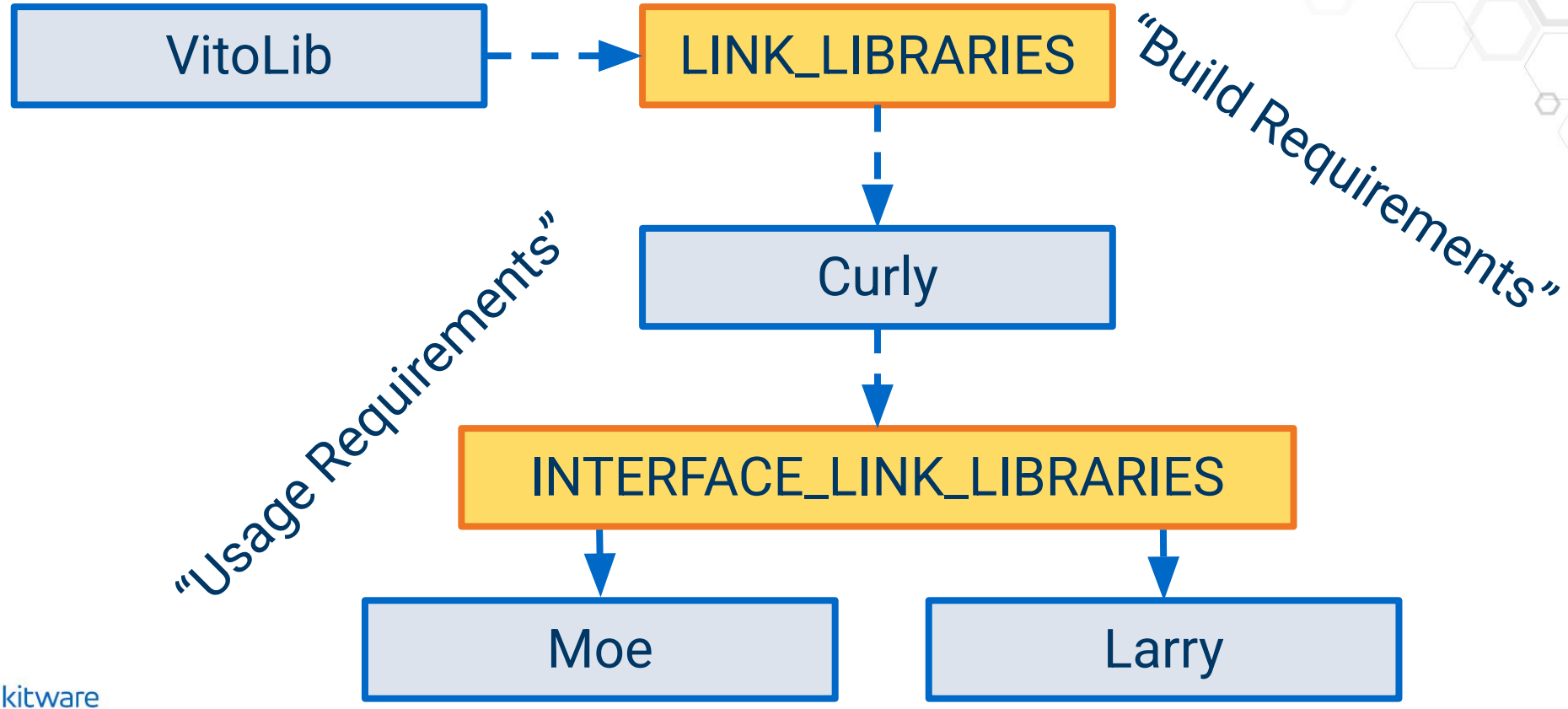

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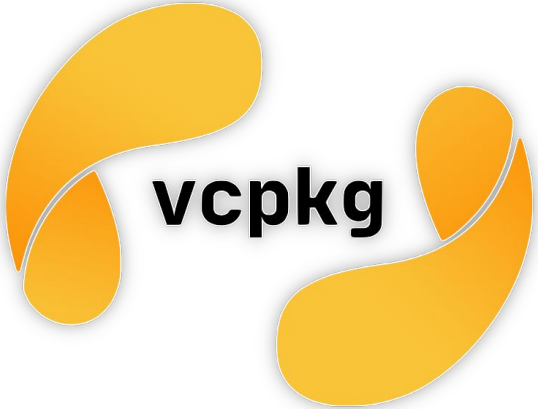

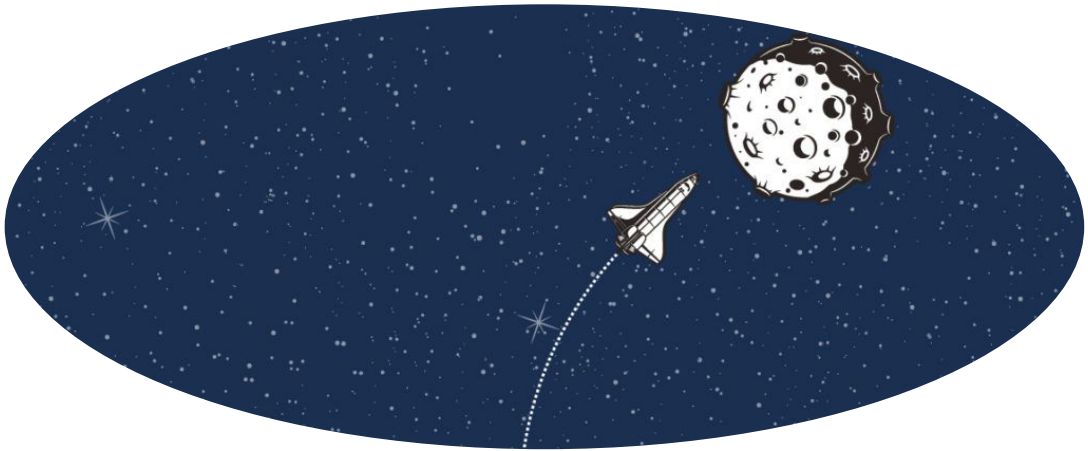

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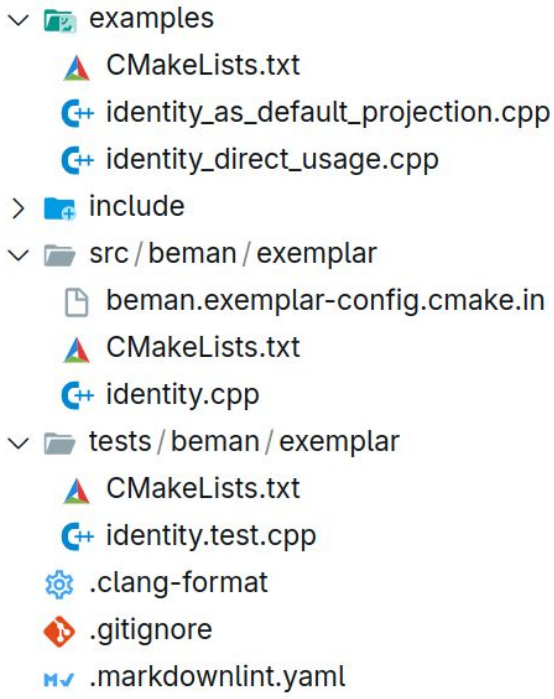

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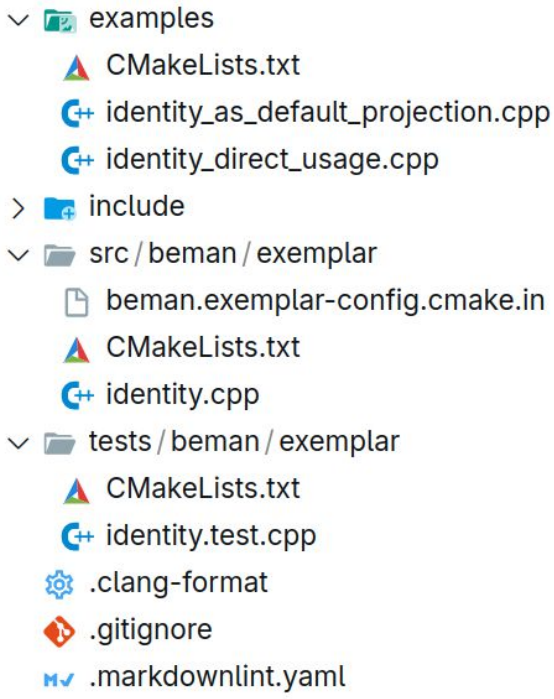

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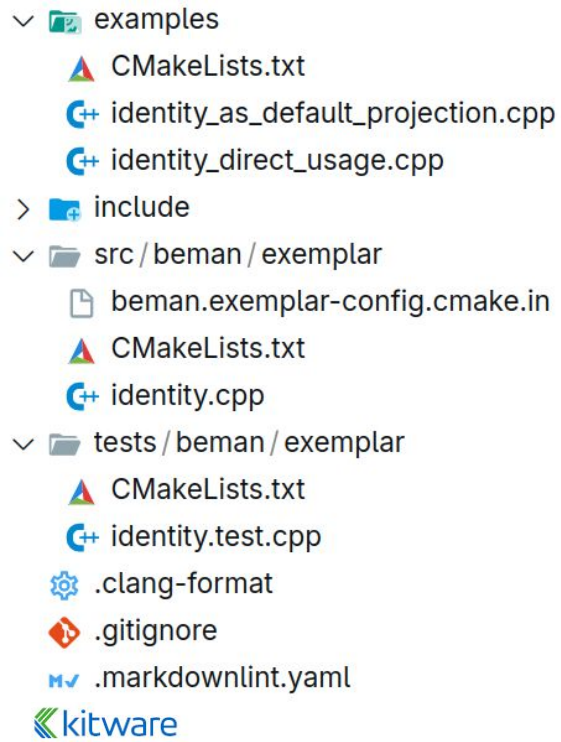

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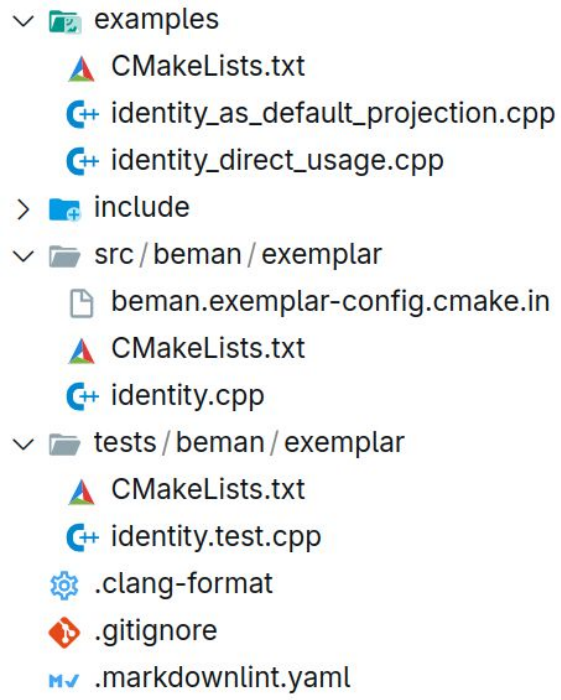

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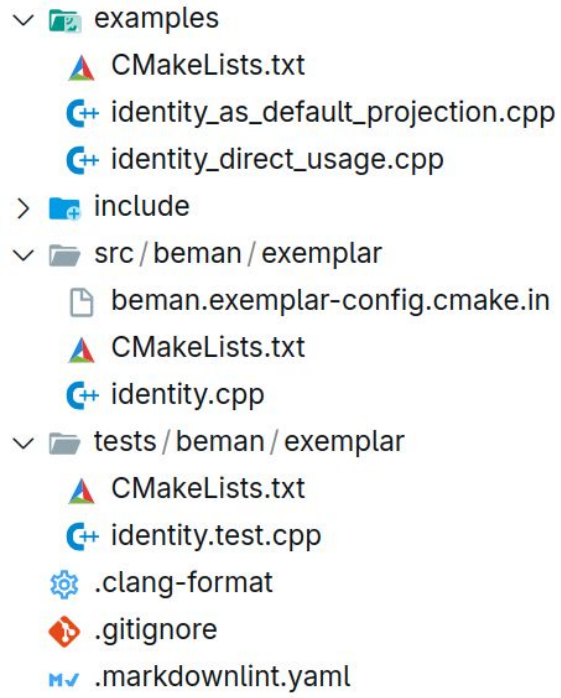

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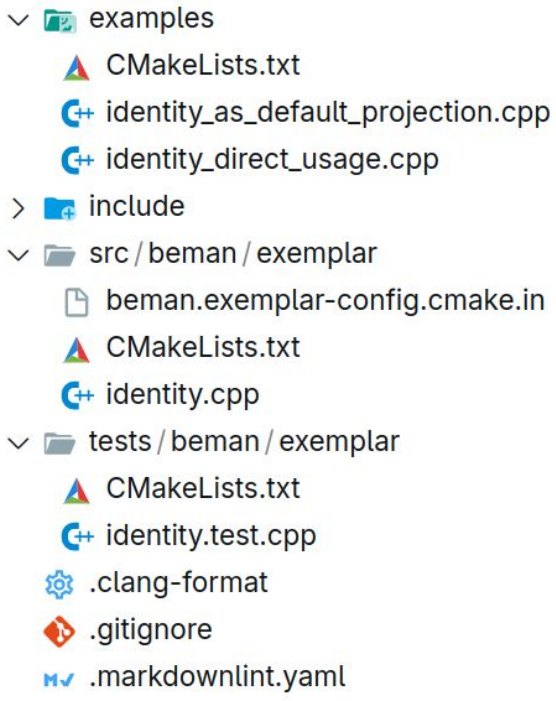

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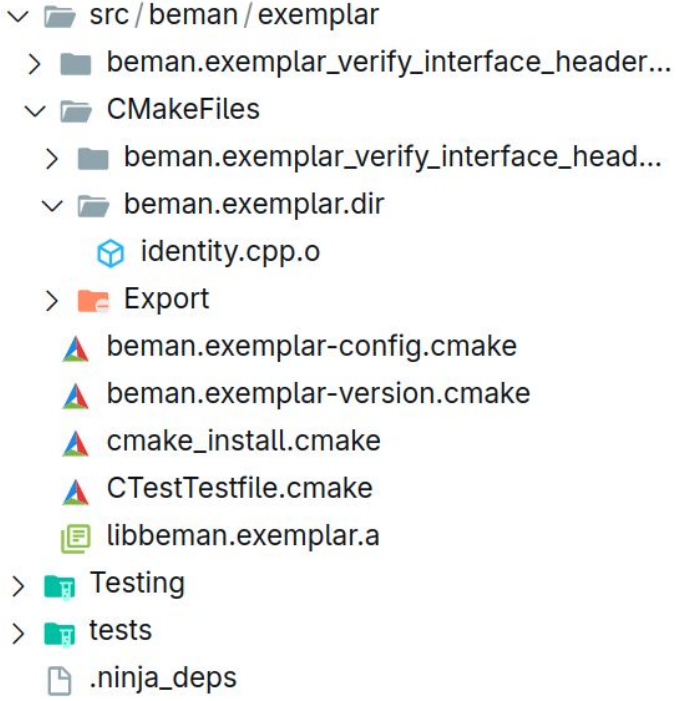

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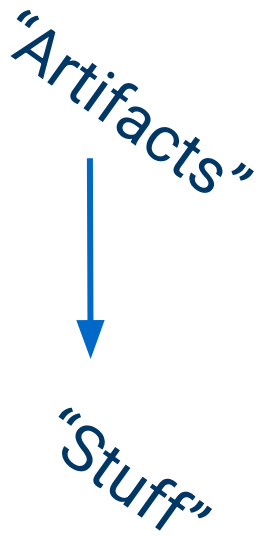

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How to Describe A Source Tree In Post-Modern CMake

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  <INTERFACE|PUBLIC|PRIVATE>
    FILE_SET <set>
    TYPE <type>
    BASE_DIRS
      <dirs>...
    FILES
      <files>...
)
```

```
target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    FILE_SET privateHeaders
    TYPE HEADERS
    BASE_DIRS
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    FILES
      vito.hpp
      rishyak.hpp
)
```

How to Describe A Source Tree In Post-Modern CMake

```
target_sources(<target>
  <INTERFACE|PUBLIC|PRIVATE>
    FILE_SET <set>
    TYPE <type>
    BASE_DIRS
      <dirs>...
    FILES
      <files>...
)
```

```
target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    FILE_SET privateHeaders
    TYPE HEADERS
    BASE_DIRS
      ${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}
      ${CMAKE_PROJECT_DIR}/include
    FILES
      vito.hpp
      ${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/rishyak.hpp
      ${CMAKE_PROJECT_DIR}/include/brett.hpp
)
```

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“Post-Modern”

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target_sources(VitoLib
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How to Describe A Source Tree In Post-Modern CMake

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```

“Post-Modern”

```
target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    FILE_SET HEADERS
)
```

“Modern”

```
target_include_directories(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    ${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}
)
```

How to Describe A Source Tree In Post-Modern CMake

```
target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    FILE_SET HEADERS
)
```

How to Describe A Source Tree In Post-Modern CMake

```
target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    FILE_SET HEADERS
)

target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    FILE_SET EMBED
)
```

```
#embed <data.bin>
```

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```
target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    FILE_SET HEADERS
)
```

```
target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    FILE_SET SOURCES
)
```

```
target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    FILE_SET EMBED
)
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target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    FILE_SET CXX_MODULES
)
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How to Describe A Source Tree In Post-Modern CMake

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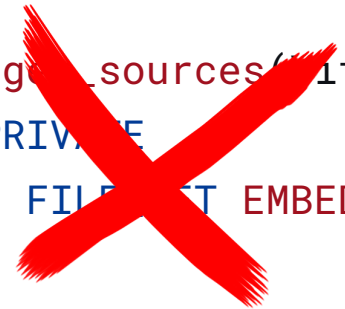

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https://gitlab.kitware.com/cmake/cmake/-/merge_requests/8904

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target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    FILE_SET HEADERS
)

target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    FILE_SET CXX_MODULES
)
```

```
target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    vito.cpp
    rishyak.cpp
    #...
)
```

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```
target_sources(VitoLib
  PRIVATE
    vito.cpp
    rishyak.cpp

  PRIVATE
    FILE_SET privateHeaders
    TYPE HEADERS
    BASE_DIRS
      include/internal
  ...
  ...
  PUBLIC
    FILE_SET HEADERS
    BASE_DIRS
      include
    FILES
      vito.hpp
      rishyak.hpp
)
```

How to Describe A Build Tree In Post-Modern CMake

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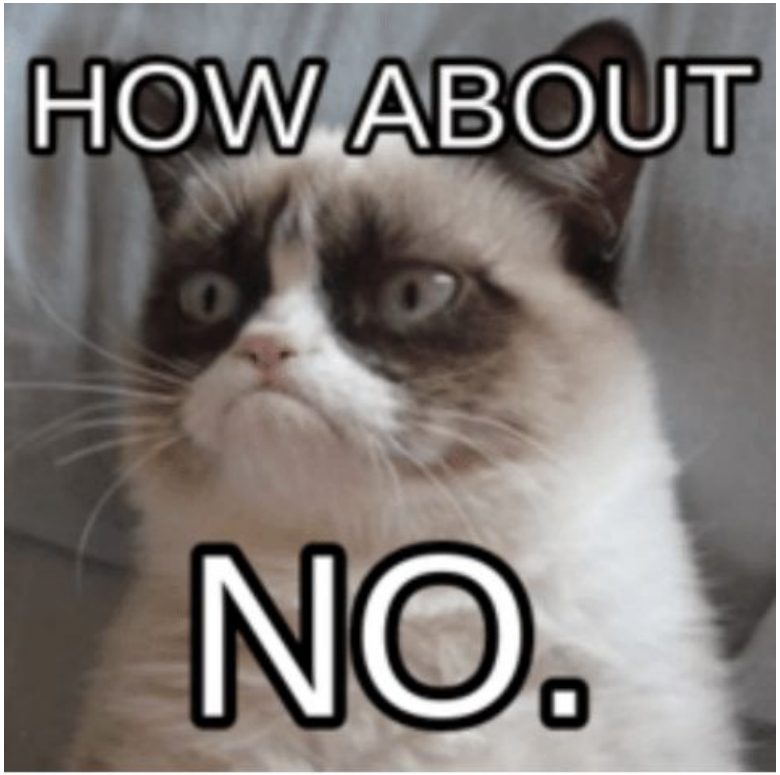

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

```
install(
  TARGETS beman.exemplar
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
  EXPORT beman.exemplar
  DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  RUNTIME
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  FILE_SET HEADERS
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR}
)
```

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

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install(
  TARGETS beman.exemplar
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
  EXPORT beman.exemplar
  DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  RUNTIME
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  FILE_SET HEADERS
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR}
)
```

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

```
install(
  TARGETS beman.exemplar
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
  EXPORT beman.exemplar
  DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL
  RUNTIME
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  FILE_SET HEADERS
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR}
)
```

`--install <dir>`

Project binary directory to install. This is required and must be first.

`--config <cfg>`

For multi-configuration generators, choose configuration `<cfg>`.

`--component <comp>`

Component-based install. Only install component `<comp>`.

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```
install(
  TARGETS beman.exemplar
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
  EXPORT beman.exemplar
  DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  RUNTIME
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  FILE_SET HEADERS
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR}
)
```

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

```
install(
  TARGETS beman.exemplar
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
  EXPORT beman.exemplar-targets
  DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  RUNTIME
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  FILE_SET HEADERS
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR}
)
```

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

```
install(
  TARGETS beman.curly beman.larry beman.moe
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
  EXPORT beman.exemplar-targets
  DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  RUNTIME
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  FILE_SET HEADERS
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR}
)
```

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

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install(
  TARGETS beman.exemplar
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
  EXPORT beman.exemplar
  DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  RUNTIME
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  FILE_SET HEADERS
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR}
)
```

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Target Type	GNUInstallDirs Variable	Built-In Default
`RUNTIME`	`${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}`	`bin`
`LIBRARY`	`${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}`	`lib`
`ARCHIVE`	`${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}`	`lib`
`PRIVATE_HEADER`	`${CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR}`	`include`
`PUBLIC_HEADER`	`${CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR}`	`include`
`FILE_SET` (type `HEADERS`)	`${CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR}`	`include`

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install(
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  RUNTIME
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
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    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR}
)
```

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)
```

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  TARGETS beman.exemplar
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
  EXPORT beman.exemplar
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  RUNTIME
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
)
```

```
cmake \
  -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=VitoRelease
  -DCMAKE_CXX_FLAGS="-O3"
```

```
${PREFIX}/lib/libbeman.exemplar.a
```

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```
install(
  TARGETS beman.exemplar
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
  EXPORT beman.exemplar
  DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  RUNTIME
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
)
```

```
cmake \
  -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=VitoDebug
  -DCMAKE_CXX_FLAGS="-ggdb -O0 -Wall -Werror"
```

```
${PREFIX}/lib/libbeman.exemplar.a
```

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

```
install(
  TARGETS beman.exemplar
  COMPONENT beman.exempl
  EXPORT beman.exemplar
  DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  RUNTIME
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
)
```

```
cmake \
  -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=VitoDebug \
  -DCMAKE_CXX_FLAGS="-ggdb -O0 -Wall -Werror" \
  -DCMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR=lib/debug
```

```
${PREFIX}/lib/debug/libbeman.exemplar.a
```

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

```
install(
  TARGETS beman.exemplar
  COMPONENT beman.exempl
  EXPORT beman.exemplar
  DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  RUNTIME
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
)
```

```
cmake \
  -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Debug \
  -DCMAKE_CXX_FLAGS="-ggdb -O0 -Wall -Werror" \
  -DCMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR=lib/debug
```

```
${PREFIX}/lib/debug/debug/libbeman.exemplar.a
```

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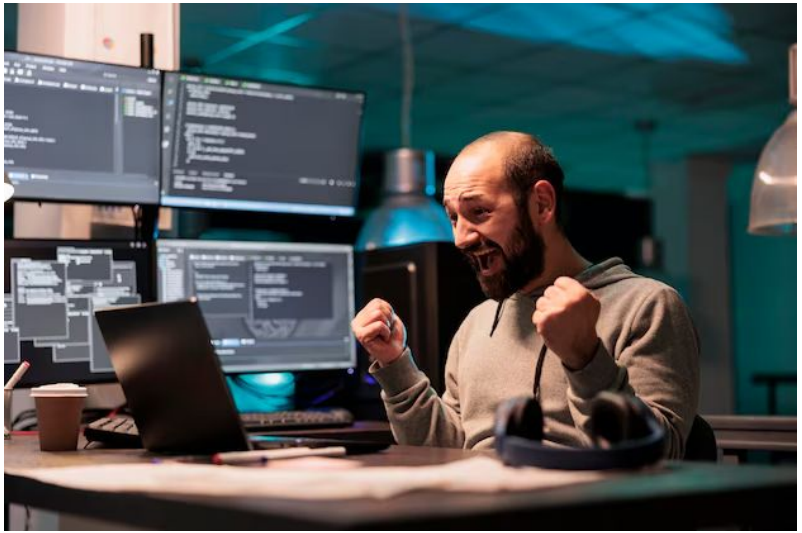
Developer



Packager

Sidebar

```
cmake \
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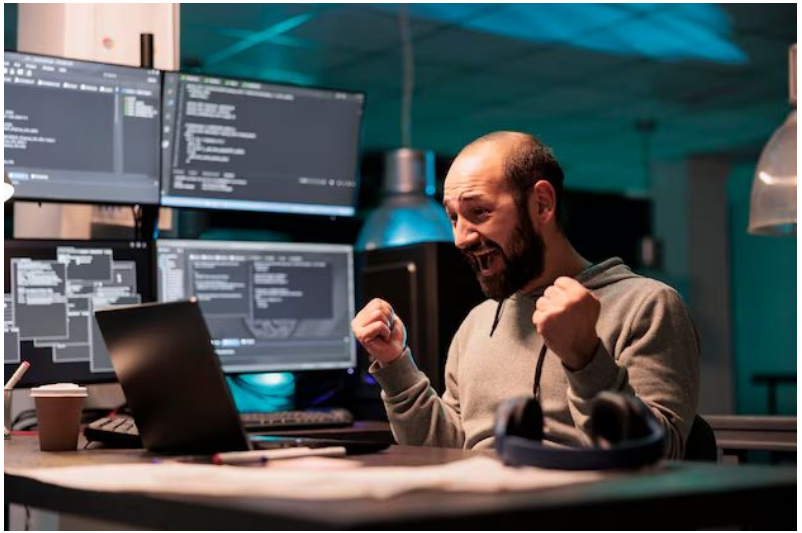
  -DCMAKE_CXX_FLAGS="-ggdb -O0" \
  -DCMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR=lib/debug
```

Developer



Packager

Sidebar

Things that aren’t any of your business:

- `CMAKE_*`
- `$ENV{*}`
- `install(DESTINATION)`
- Anything for which there already exists a reasonable default and is configurable by the packager

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install(
  TARGETS beman.exemplar
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
  EXPORT beman.exemplar
  DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
  RUNTIME
    DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_BINDIR}$<$<CONFIG:Debug>:/debug>
)
```

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

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How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

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install(
  TARGETS beman.exemplar
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
  EXPORT beman.exemplar
)

install(
  TARGETS beman.exemplar
  EXPORT beman.exemplar-targets
)
```

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

```
include(CMakePackageConfigHelpers)
configure_package_config_file(
  "${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR}/beman.exemplar-config.cmake.in"
  "${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/beman.exemplar-config.cmake"
  INSTALL_DESTINATION "${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}/cmake/beman.exemplar"
  PATH_VARS PROJECT_NAME PROJECT_VERSION
)
write_basic_package_version_file(
  "${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/beman.exemplar-version.cmake"
  VERSION ${PROJECT_VERSION}
  COMPATIBILITY ExactVersion
)
```

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

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  INSTALL_DESTINATION "${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}/cmake/beman.exemplar"
)

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  INSTALL_DESTINATION "${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}/cmake/beman.exemplar"
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  INSTALL_DESTINATION "${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}/cmake/beman.exemplar"
)

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  COMPATIBILITY ExactVersion
)
```

beman.exemplar-config.cmake

Timmy J Developer's CMakeLists.txt

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find_package(beman.exemplar)
```

beman.exemplar-config.cmake

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```

beman.exemplar-config.cmake

```
include(${CMAKE_CURRENT_LIST_DIR}/beman.exemplar-targets.cmake)
```

beman.exemplar-config.cmake

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beman.exemplar-config.cmake

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```
find_package(beman.exemplar
  COMPONENTS Interpreter Development
)
```

beman.exemplar-config.cmake

beman.exemplar-config.cmake

```
include(${CMAKE_CURRENT_LIST_DIR}/beman.exemplar-targets.cmake)

foreach(comp IN LISTS beman.exemplar_FIND_COMPONENTS)
 if(beman.exemplar_FIND_REQUIRED_${comp})
   set(beman.exemplar_FOUND FALSE)
   return()
 endif()
endforeach()
```

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

```
install(
  FILES
    "${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/beman.exemplar-config.cmake"
    "${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/beman.exemplar-version.cmake"
  DESTINATION "${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}/cmake/beman.exemplar"
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
)
```

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

```
install(
  EXPORT beman.exemplar
  DESTINATION "${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}/cmake/beman.exemplar"
  NAMESPACE beman::
  FILE beman.exemplar-targets.cmake
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
)
```

How to Describe An Install Tree In Post-Modern CMake

```
install(
  EXPORT beman.exemplar
  DESTINATION "${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}/cmake/beman.exemplar"
  NAMESPACE beman::
  FILE beman.exemplar-targets.cmake
  COMPONENT beman.exemplar
)
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Dependencies

beman.exemplar-config.cmake

```
include(CMakeFindDependencyMacro)

find_dependency(Moe)
find_dependency(Larry)
find_dependency(Curly)

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- Common Package Specification
- Language & Platform agnostic package discovery mechanism
- Tool agnostic (JSON!), portable beyond the CMake ecosystem
- Open source and publicly developed, learn more at: github.com/cps-org/cps

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Old

```
install(
  EXPORT Example-targets
)

install(
  FILES
    Example-config.cmake
    Example-config-version.cmake
)
```

New

```
install(
  PACKAGE_INFO Example
  EXPORT Example-targets
)
```

Same

```
find_package(Example)
```

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How am I doing on time?

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Let’s Change Gears

C++ is not the only programming language

Python is a C++ Ecosystem

“The most common C++ build system in our ecosystem is Python”

~Steve Downey

Thousands of C/C++ codebases are built, shipped, and installed every day by beginners who have never heard of a compiler.

It Used to Suck

```
from distutils.core import setup, Extension

module1 = Extension('VitoExt',
                    sources = ['vito.cpp'])

setup (name = 'PyVitoExt',
       version = '1.0',
       description = 'This is a demo package',
       ext_modules = [module1])
```

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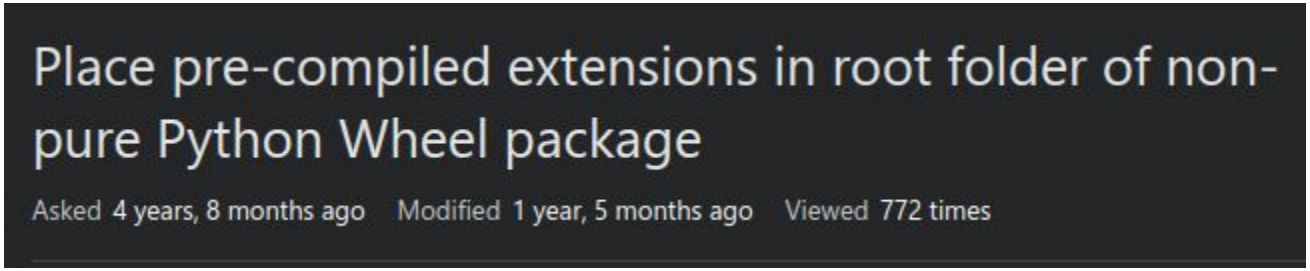
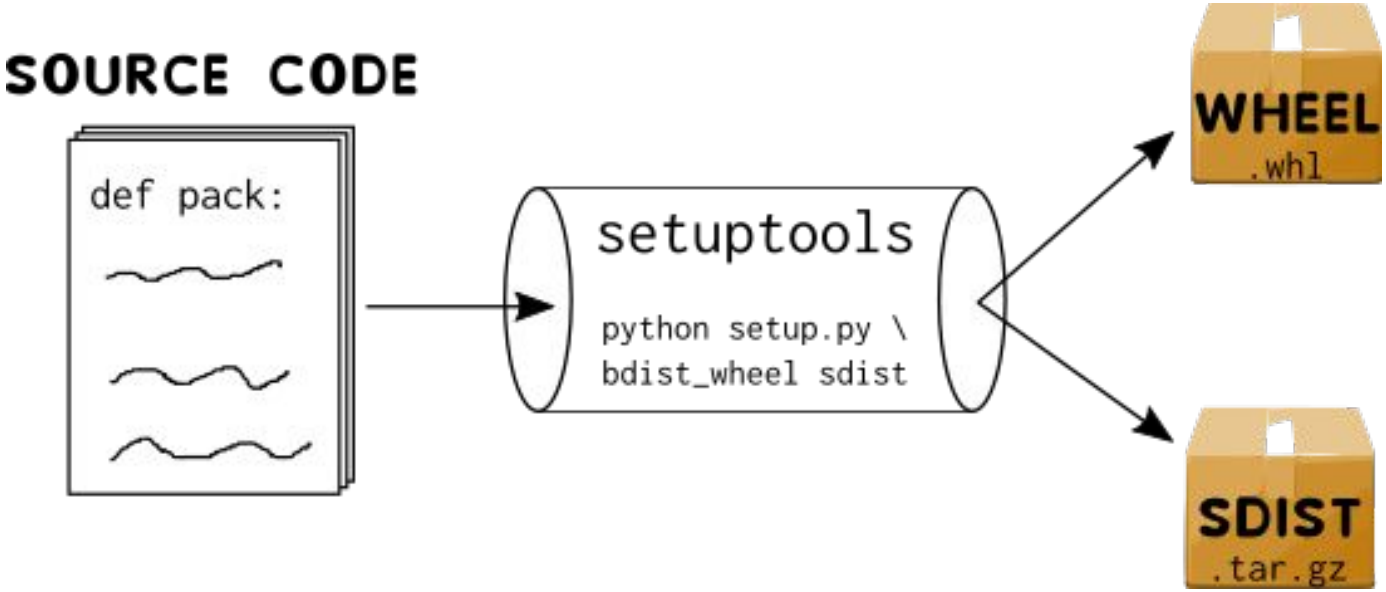


https://stackoverflow.com/a/63436907/1201456

They Solved Packaging: PEP 427



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pyproject.toml

```
[project]
name = "velocem"
version = "0.0.13"
description = "Hyperspeed Python Web Framework"
readme = "ReadMe.md"
requires-python = ">=3.13"
license = { "file" = "UsageLicense" }
authors = [{ "name" = "Vito Gamberini", "email" =
"vito@gamberini.email" }]
keywords = ["WSGI"]
```

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```
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PEP 751 – A file format to record Python dependencies for installation reproducibility

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PEP 518 – Specifying Minimum Build System Requirements for Python Projects

```
[build-system]
requires = ["py-build-cmake~=0.4.0"]
build-backend = "py_build_cmake.build"
```

Python Build Backends

Let’s Change Gears

C++ and Python are not the only programming language

I’m not going to talk about Rust
... I am going to talk about Cargo

- Mostly declarative
- Sane defaults for the 99%
- Keyed off filesystem layout
- Escape hatch to Turing complete behavior

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Toolchain File

```
cmake \
  --toolchain=scripts/buildsystems/vcpkg.cmake
```

Introduction

CMake uses a toolchain of utilities to compile, link libraries and create archives, and other tasks to drive the build. The toolchain utilities available are determined by the languages enabled. In normal builds, CMake automatically determines the toolchain for host builds based on system introspection and defaults. In cross-compiling scenarios, a toolchain file may be specified with information about compiler and utility paths.

CMAKE_PROJECT_TOP_LEVEL_INCLUDES

```
cmake \
  -DCMAKE_PROJECT_TOP_LEVEL_INCLUDES=cmake/use-fetch-content.cmake
```

```
cmake_language(
  SET_DEPENDENCY_PROVIDER BemanExemplar_provideDependency
  SUPPORTED_METHODS FIND_PACKAGE
)
```

```
{"dependencies": [{
   "name": "googletest",
   "package_name": "GTest",
   "git_repository": "https://github.com/google/googletest.git",
   "git_tag": "6910c9d9165801d8827d628cb72eb7ea9dd538c5"
}]}
```

Vito's CMake Wishlist:

- CMake Formatter
- CMake Linter
- Scanner-Enabled Code Generation
- Better Package Manager Integration / Bootstrapping
- Deprecate ${MOST_RECENT_NIGHTLY_FAIL_PLATFORM}