Refactoring: Continuous Integration / Development

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Makefiles

To make or not to make



Makefiles

- make is an automation tool found in unix type operating system (and others) like Linux
- Since 1976. Designed around c and not Java.
- As software grew from single file programs to multiple files it became common that program could be compiled incorrectly (old compiled code vs newly fixed code)
- Makefiles are a standardization of compile scripts into standardized text file containing series of commands
- One key feature in a makefile is that it is designed to track dependencies of files so that one command can track by through source and compile and connect everything that is necessary in the right order



Makefile - example

all: helloworld

helloworld: helloworld.o

Commands start with TAB not spaces \$(CC) \$(LDFLAGS) -o \$@ \$^

helloworld.o: helloworld.c

\$(CC) \$(CFLAGS) -c -o \$@ \$<

clean:

rm -f helloworld helloworld.o

make all

- Will follow all -> helloworld -> helloworld.o -> helloworld.c
- Where it will compile it from .c to .o
- Then it will link .o to make binary
- Dependencies are dealt with before own command

make clean

Will remove binary and .o, then follow





- Basic idea of make commands in makefile is to be a one stop shop from someone downloading your codebase
- The user downloads your source, looks at readme, picks target make command with options relevant to their desired compiled result
- make target
- Many unix tools/programs are distributed or accessible as source (and not as a binary). When you download them they expect you to make the binary yourself.
 - make is not in windows (cygwin will get you access to it)



First came ANT

What is this a build automation tool for ants!



Apache ANT

- Another Neat Tool (ANT)
- Originally Apache Tomacat project
- Ant is not limited to Java but found its first big usage there as Makefiles didn't really fit Java (c more naturally had .o dependencies that needed linking, Java compiles differently)
- A lot similar to makefiles, such that simple build.xml configs were easy
- From the era of structure files (xml), rather than relying on self managed structure like makefiles



Build.xml

```
<project>
<target name="clean">
<delete dir="classes" />
</target>
<target name="compile" depends="clean">
.....<mkdir.dir="classes"./>
....<javac.srcdir="src".destdir="classes"./>
 </target>
<target name="jar" depends="compile">
....<mkdir dir="jar" />
....<manifest>
.....value="antExample.HelloWorld"/>
/manifest>
····</jar>
<target name="run" depends="jar">
/> <java jar="jar/HelloWorld.jar" fork="true" />
</project>
```

Four different commands here

- 1. Setup clean (remove .class files)
- Where to find src .java files and where to put .class files on compile command
- 3. Configuration of packing command to make a **jar**
- 4. Configuration for out to **run** the program





- ANT is flexible (like makefiles)
- But this means project coders can make really large and complex files which are hard to maintain
- No original built in dependency support (was added later)
- This original frustration drove Apache Maven



Then came Maven

What is this a build automation tool for mavens?



Apache Maven

- Like ANT it uses XML files for structure
- Added a lot of regularized structure seen in most project configurations so that certain commands could be automated
- pom.xml
- mvn compile
- Unlike ANT a standard directory structure developed
- Rather inflexible than Ant
- Great for quick projects
- Insufficient for complex

```
+---src
| +---main
| | +---java
| | | \---com
| | | \---baeldung
| | | \---maven
| | HelloWorld.java
| | \---resources
| \---test
| +---java
| \---resources
```

Apache Maven

<project xmlns="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"

- xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
- xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0
- http://maven.apache.org/xsd/maven-4.0.0.xsd">
- <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
- <groupId>baeldung</groupId>
- <artifactId>mavenExample</artifactId>
- <version>0.0.1-SNAPSHOT</version>

```
<dependencies>
```

```
·····</dependency>
```

-<groupId>junit</groupId>
-<artifactId>junit</artifactId>
- version>4.12</version>
-<scope>test</scope>
- ·····</dependency>

/project>

- A lot is direct encoded in xml
- Junit config is expected parts
- Name of jar and versioning
- Etc.



Now Gradle

What is this a build automation tool for gradles?



Gradle

- No XML (follows a recent trend away from strict structured files)
- Actually designed around specific language for
- Gradle needs user to add plugins to gain most features, i.e. regular java actions need a Java plugin
- Maven has most of market share but lots of growing support for Gradle (partially as it is less language specific)

```
apply plugin: 'java'
repositories {
  mavenCentral()
jar {
  baseName = 'gradleExample'
version = '0.0.1-SNAPSHOT'
dependencies {
   testImplementation 'junit: junit: 4.12'
```



Continuous Integration (CI)



Continuous Integration

- JUnit testing enforces the idea that as a user makes changes to their changing part of codebase, that they run Unit Tests to ensure it stays correct
- This leads to a development process where a change is made and then immediately tested against existing unit tests
- The addition of version control leads to an environment where users are making changes on local repositories and/or branches (such as bugfixes) and desired to merge them back into a branch for the coming release
- Continuous integration is this process where users are continuously pushing in code and we design automated tests to build and verify the code each time
- Think of unit tests (and others) that run against codebase after a merge request is made



Continuous Integration

- Continuous integration can be done on your own systems, but is also available through web hosting services (share with your worldwide git project)
- Gitlab/Github: when project contributor push changes to remote, or commits to remote, a 'pipeline' can be triggered
- Gitlab -> .gitlab-ci.yml file
 - Tells gitlab what commands to run (can also configure what triggers them)
 - Ex. On a commit, run static analysis, compile code, run unit tests, compile and package into a binary release file



CI Maven

#Pipeline stages

stages:

- Build
- Test
- Package

#Compile program based on pom.xml
build:

stage: Build

script:

- cd projectname

- mvn compile

tags:

- cpsc501

#Test program based on pom.xml

test:

stage: Test

script:

- cd projectname
- mvn test

tags:

- cpsc501

#Package program based on pom.xml

package:

stage: Package

script:

- cd projectname
- mvn package
- cd ..

- cp projectname/target/projectname-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar projectname-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar artifacts:

paths:

- projectname-1.0-SNAPSHOT.jar

tags:

- cpsc501
- only:
 - master

Leads to Continuous Deployment/Delivery (CD)



Continuous Deployment/Delivery

Gitlab -> .gitlab-ci.yml file

- Tells gitlab what commands to run (can also configure what triggers them)
- Ex. On a commit, run static analysis, compile code, run unit tests, compile and package into a binary release file
- You can declare that certain finalized artifacts like a binary release file are created (or like a jar file)
- Continuous deployment is to make these available to manually be installed into production setups (if you've seen a github project that you can download a file from after each commit)
- Continuous delivery is to distribute these so that they are integrated into production systems







CI/CD by yourself

- You need to connect the repository (passive storage) to an active system which will run your commands
- In your regular dev environment you are used to running commands (like compile and unit testing yourself)
- Now you want the repository (often remote) to do it by itself
- Example for class: gitlab.ucalgary.ca
 - Gitlab uses program called gitlab-runner
 - Put it onto a machine, register it with repo, when repo has a commit it looks at .gitlabci.yml and pushes commands triggered to registered **gitlab-runner**
 - The gitlab-runner will received these **jobs** and execute
 - In general a job is a sequence of commands (ex. javac *.java to compile)



Docker

- Docker is a service/tool that hosts and provides virtual machine configurations
- Example a linux system with latest version of python 3 installed
- You can make a CI file that will load a docker config, then run commands
- Allows you to make compile setups for multiple environments (load docker for windows and compile, load docker for linux red hat and compile, load osx docker, etc.)
- Challenge (docker files are vm files so they aren't small files)
- Docker often integrated into .gitlab-ci.yml files to indicate container environments used for pipeline steps.



Kubernetes

- Open source automated tool for managing containers (like docker)
- If you have an account you essentially request environments to be setup in their cloud environment to do your compile operations
- Like most cloud services it claims to scale to your needs as you add compile environments, complexity of actions, or customizations to the process
- Tools like gitlab will include ability that you can connect to your Kubernetes config so that you can install a gitlab-runner in their managed environment vs having to configure your own



Onward to ... refactoring.

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