

A CMake build system for deal.II

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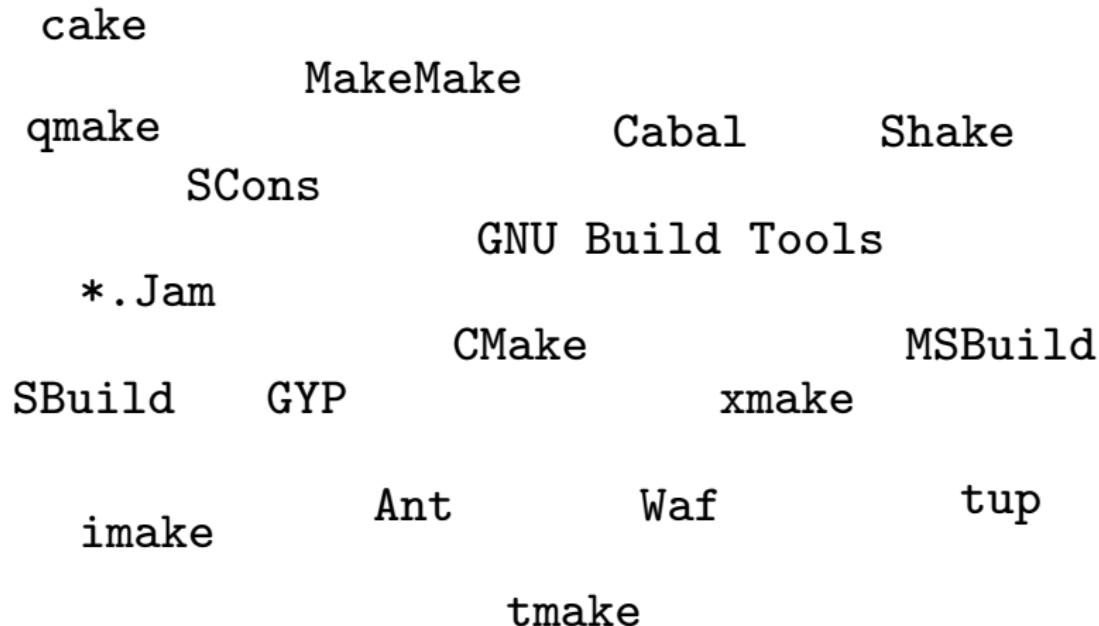
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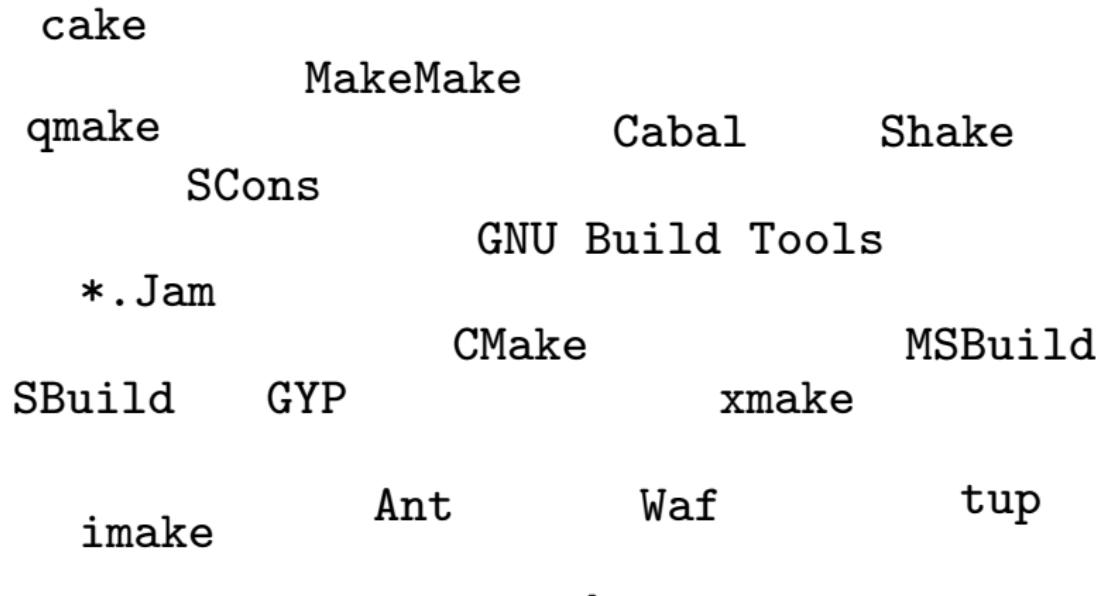
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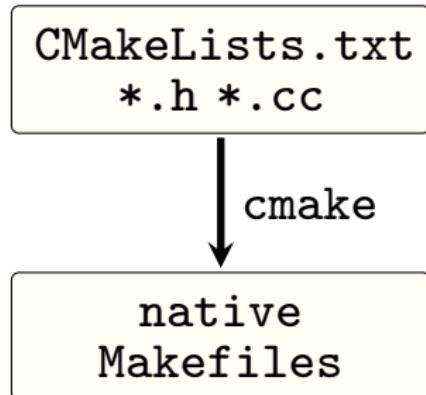
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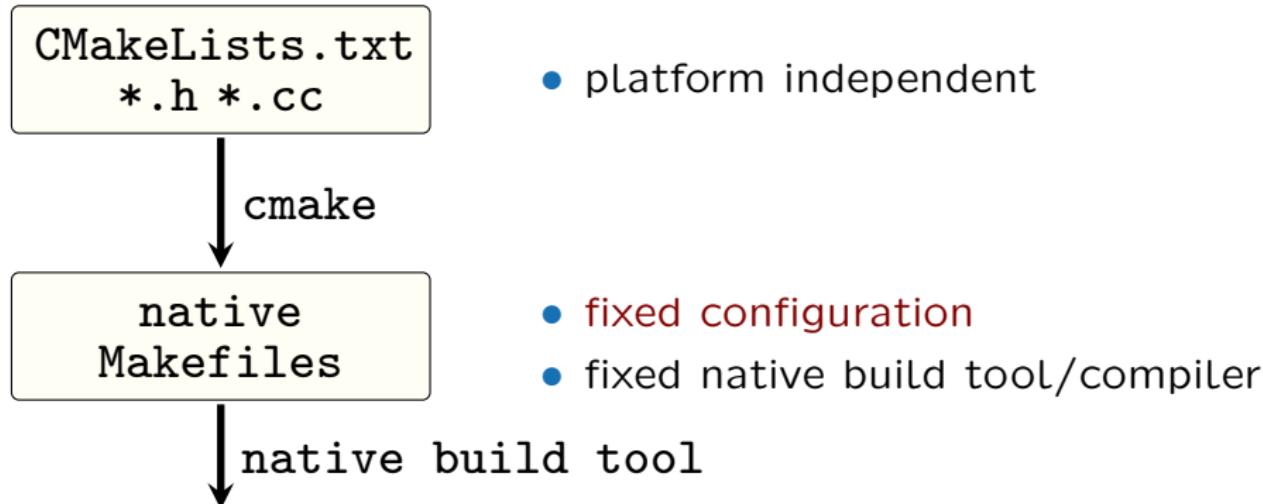
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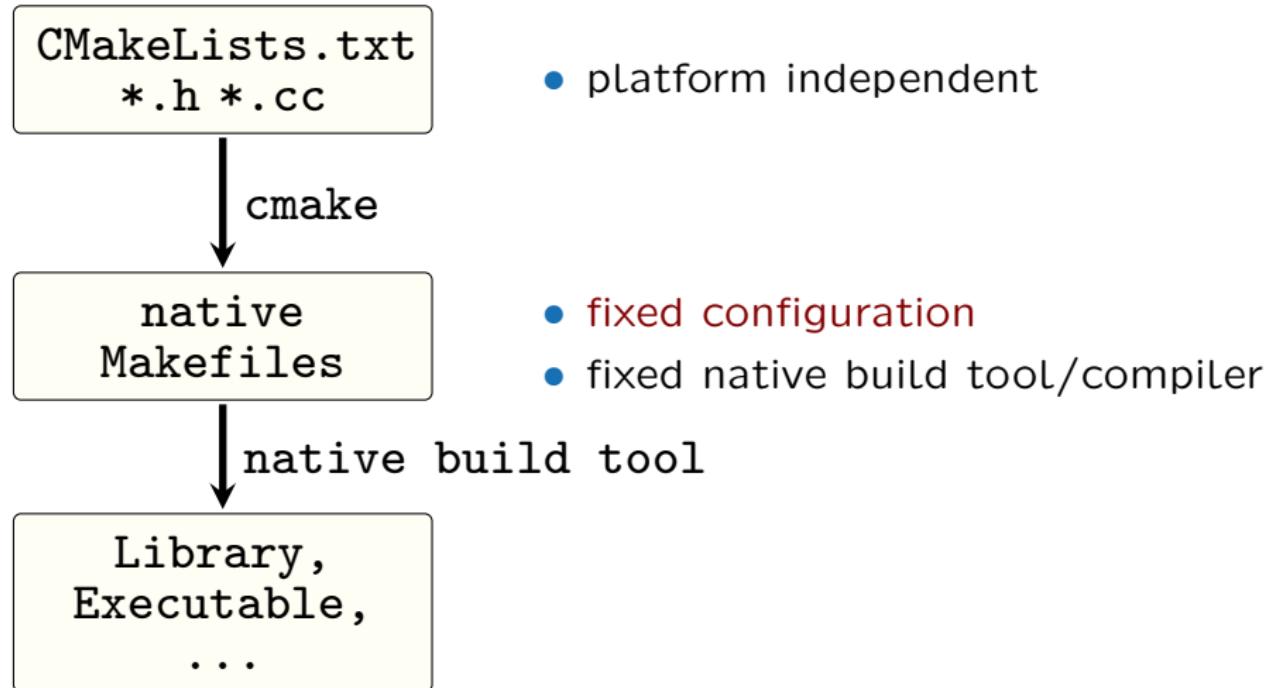


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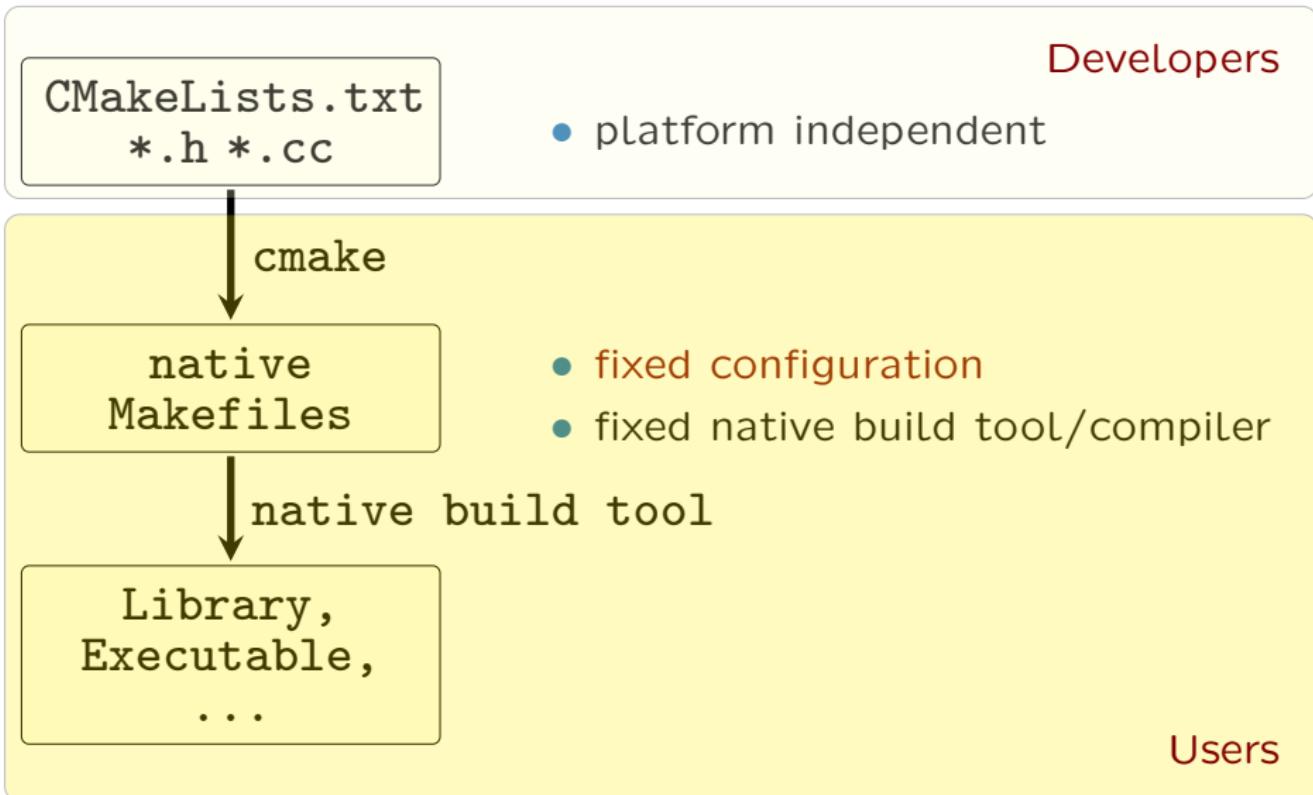
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Design goals

- Cross-platform support with a minimal set of dependencies:
 - CMake and a native build tool (no Perl, Python)
 - a native C++-compiler
- Flexible support of external dependencies
 - compiled by user
 - compiled and installed by user
 - packaged by a distribution
- Be as easy to use as possible (autodetection)
- ... but try to support uncommon use cases
- Provide a possibility to easily override any configuration
- Support out-of source builds

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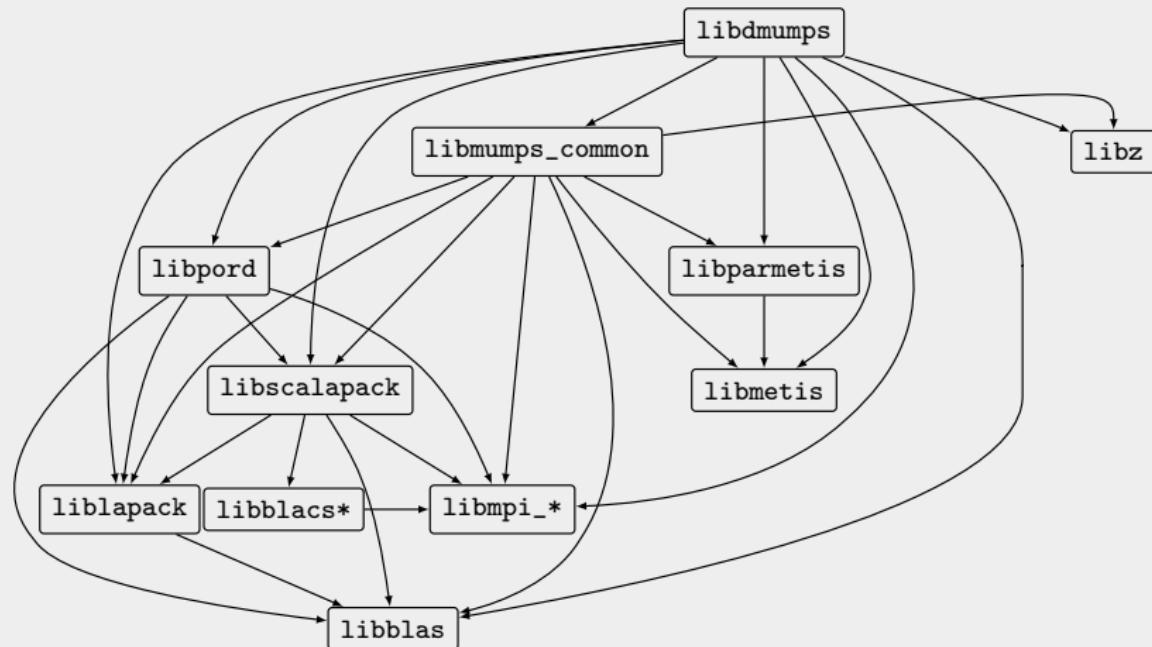
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An example:



Now, try this with Trilinos or PETSc.

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Configure and let's see what happens:

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CMakeLists.txt cmake include source [...]  
  
deal.II % mkdir build  
deal.II % cd build  
  
build % cmake ..
```

Demo

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build % cmake ..
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[...]
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#
# deal.II configuration:
#   CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE:           DebugRelease
#   BUILD_SHARED_LIBS:          ON
#   CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX:        /usr/local
#   CMAKE_SOURCE_DIR:           /tmp/deal.II (Version 8.1.pre)
#   CMAKE_BINARY_DIR:           /tmp/deal.II/build
[...]
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And what if the `METIS_DIR` is accidentally omitted?

```
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[...]
CMake Error at cmake/macros/macro_configure_feature.cmake:116 (MESSAGE)
    Could not find themetis library!
    Could not find a sufficient modern metis installation: Version 5.x
    required!
    Please ensure that a suitable metis library is installed on your
    computer.
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    hints for autodetection,
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build %
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Finally, build and install the library:

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Part II

Using CMake in user projects

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Hello World

Just a `hello_world.cc` file:

Project:

```
project % ls  
CMakeLists.txt hello_world.cc
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```
ADD_EXECUTABLE(hello_world  
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```

Hello Deallog

A `hello_deallog.cc` file with dependency on deal.II:

CMakeLists.txt

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PROJECT(hello_world CXX)

FIND_PACKAGE(deal.II 8.0 REQUIRED)

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INCLUDE_DIRECTORIES(${FOO_INCLUDE_DIRS})  
  
ADD_EXECUTABLE(hello_deallog hello_deallog.cc)  
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TARGET_LINK_LIBRARIES(hello_deallog  
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```
...
ADD_DEFINITIONS(-DFOO -DNAME="Matthias Maier")
...
ADD_EXECUTABLE(hello_deallog hello_deallog.cc)
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Or the modern way to do this:

```
...
ADD_EXECUTABLE(hello_deallog hello_deallog.cc)
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- A support library **Kiyo** providing wrappers for third party libraries
- A library **Grendel** that provides multiscale data structures and algorithms
- An executable **Cynder**

Project structure:

```
project % ls  
  
cynder/*.{h,cc}  
grendel/*.{h,cc}  
kiyo/*.{h,cc}
```

Advanced example

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```
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```
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FIND_PACKAGE(deal.II 8.0 REQUIRED
    HINTS ${DEAL_II_DIR} ${ENV{DEAL_II_DIR}}
)

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PROJECT(cynder CXX)

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Advanced example

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kiyo/CMakeLists.txt

```
FIND_PACKAGE(quantim REQUIRED)

INCLUDE_DIRECTORIES(
    ${QUANTIM_INCLUDE_DIRS}
)

ADD_LIBRARY(kiyo SHARED
    boundary_values.cc
    coefficients.cc
    ...
)
DEAL_II_SETUP_TARGET(kiyo)
TARGET_LINK_LIBRARIES(kiyo ${QUANTIM_LIBRARIES})
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grendel/CMakeLists.txt

```
INCLUDE_DIRECTORIES(  
    ${CMAKE_SOURCE_DIR}/kiyo  
)  
  
ADD_LIBRARY(grendel SHARED  
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    diffusion_problem.cc  
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Finally, the executable Cynder:

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```
SET(DIM 2 CACHE STRING "The dimension")
INCLUDE_DIRECTORIES(
    ${CMAKE_SOURCE_DIR}/grendel
    ${CMAKE_SOURCE_DIR}/kiyo
)
ADD_EXECUTABLE(cynder
    cynder.cc
    loop.cc
)
DEAL_II_SETUP_TARGET(cynder)
TARGET_LINK_LIBRARIES(cynder rendel kiyo)
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    loop.cc
)
DEAL_II_SETUP_TARGET(cynder)
TARGET_LINK_LIBRARIES(cynder rendel kiyo)
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    PROPERTY COMPILE_DEFINITIONS DIM=${DIM}
)
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Advanced example

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```
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```

grendel/CMakeLists.txt

```
INSTALL(TARGETS rendel DESTINATION lib)
```

kiyo/CMakeLists.txt

```
INSTALL(TARGETS kiyo DESTINATION lib)
```

./CMakeLists.txt

```
INSTALL(DIRECTORY run/ DESTINATION run)
```

And beyond that...

Thank you for your attention!