

# CMT

## Configuration Management Tool

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### 1 - Presentation

This environment, based on some management conventions and comprising several utilities, is an attempt to formalize software production and especially configuration management around a *package* -oriented principle.

The notion of *packages* represents hereafter a set of software components (that may be applications, libraries, documents, tools etc...) that are to be used for producing a *system* or a *framework* . In such an environment, several persons are assumed to participate in the development and the components themselves are either independent or related to each other.

The environment provides conventions (for *naming* packages, files, directories and for *addressing* them) and tools for *automating* as much as possible the implementation of these conventions. It permits the *description* of the configuration requirements and automatically deduce from the description the effective set of configuration parameters needed to operate the packages (typically for *building* them or *using* them).

CMT lays upon some organisational or managerial principles or mechanisms described below. However, it permits in many respects the users or the managers to *control* , specialize and customize these mechanisms, through parameterization, strategy control and generic specifications.

- Many such packages are produced and maintained.
- Packages sets may be structured in *areas* implementing a *project* oriented organization.
- The projects represent independent organisations of packages, but may be interconnected as a *direct acyclic graph* of projects
- The packages may or not be related with each other (defining also a *direct acyclic graph* of packages - not just a single tree).
- The concept of package may be extended to implement structuring or organizing patterns such as those involved in project management.
- Project management policies and behavioural patterns can be easily expressed and automated by CMT.
- Each *executable application* (from now on simply named *applications* ) either belongs to a

particular package and/or defines its own environment and then makes use of some other packages.

- Each package can be uniquely identified within the system or the framework by a *name* which is usually a short *mnemonic* and which may be also used for isolating its name-space (eg. by *prefixing* components of the package by its mnemonic).
- A package installed in this environment may be *exported* to a site where the architecture is reproduced, and as long as the local organisation defined for the package is preserved through the transport, the reconstruction procedure will be preserved. Configuration specifications can be easily provided to cope with machine, site or system specific features.
- Packages are maintained consistently to their declared relationships to each other through a *version* identification model based on :
  - a version is defined with a mnemonic comprising one to three numbers the *major* id, the *minor* id, and the *patch* id
  - versions with different major ids are said to be incompatible,
  - versions with same major ids but different minor ids are said to be backward compatible with respect of the minor id ordering.
  - versions differing only by their patch id are said to be fully compatible with each other.
- Projects are also referenced using a *release*
- Version control and management schemes (eg. by using CVS ) are usually consistently operated, applying the conventions on organization and version identification.
- An application that uses one or several packages managed in this environment should not itself be constrained to be managed by CMT . The tools should only require a few exported features (such as a few environment variables) for referencing any given package.
- Similarly, a package maintained in this environment must be able to use packages that are *not* managed in this environment (which are often called *external* packages).

Following these definitions, the basic configuration management operations involved here (and serviced by the CMT tools) consist of :

- installing the packages in conventional locations so that they can be referenced by each other, following projects or teams structuring paradigms,
- describing the configuration requirements for each package:
  - dependencies to other packages,
  - generic behavioural patterns meant to describe generic configuration items or project specific policies.
  - symbols to be exported to client packages (environment variables, make macros, etc...)
  - parameterized configuration activities (documentation generation, deployment, installation, etc...)
  - components (also named *constituents* ) of the packages (libraries, applications, generated documents)
  - parameterization of the build and test tools
  - parameterization of the deployment tools
  - strategies that CMT should follow at run time, overriding its default ones.
- deducing the effective configuration parameters from the requirements so as to automatize the building phases and the run-time operations and connections between packages (typically for generating makefiles, generating compiler and linker options, shared libraries paths etc...). This construction mechanism follows customizable strategies (eg. for selecting among possible alternate versions of available packages).

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## 2 - The conventions

This environment relies on a set of conventions, mainly for organizing the directories where projects and packages are maintained and developed :

- Each package is installed in a standard directory structure defined at least as follows:

```
<some root>/<Package mnemonic>/<version mnemonic>/cmt
```

or (*obsolescent convention* )

```
<some root>/<Package mnemonic>/<version mnemonic>/mgr
```

The <version mnemonic> directory level may also be omitted, in which case the version information will be stored inside the cmt directory in a conventional file named `version.cmt` leading to the following alternate organization:

```
<some root>/<Package mnemonic>/cmt/version.cmt
```

In both cases, the `cmt` directory holds the main source of information needed by CMT : the *requirements* file. All CMT -related operations are generally executed from this directory.

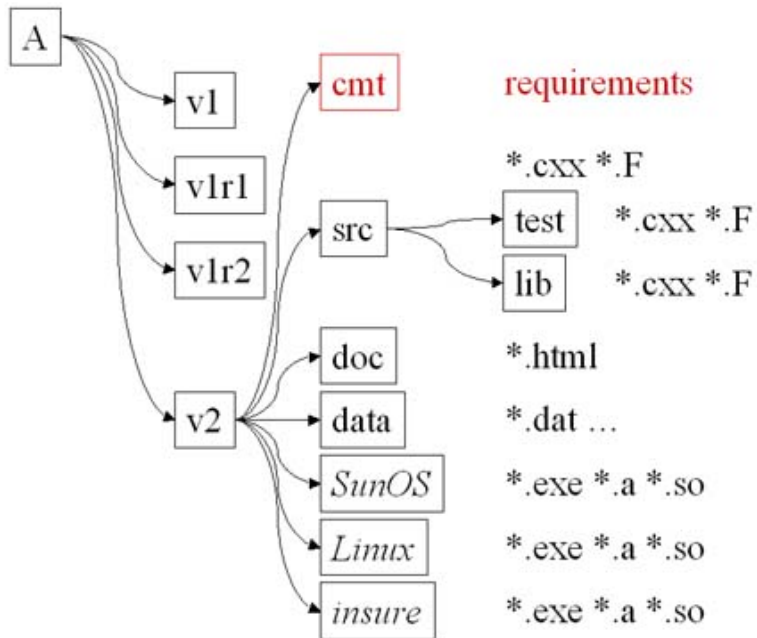
This style of organization should be considered as the basic (and unique) criterion for a package to be recognized as a valid *CMT package* . Any other structuring convention will be supported by CMT and its operations can always be customized to follow them

This structure is a central concept since all relationships between packages relies on the package identification which unambiguously and exclusively consists in the duet [ *package-name* , *package-version* ] (or *package-name* only when the version directory level is omitted).

- Constructing the internal structure of a package.

Many other parallel directory branches (similar to `cmt` ) such as `src` , `include` or `test` may be freely added to this list according to the specific needs of each package. In particular, a set of such parallel branches are expected to contain *binary* outputs (those that compilers, linkers, archive managers or other kinds of code or pseudo-code generators can produce). Their name always corresponds to the particular *configuration tag* used to produce the output (such as the machine or operating system type). The CMT toolkit provides, through the `cmt system` utility, a default value for this token. An environment variable (`CMTCONFIG` ) is also assigned to this value (See the [complete description](#) of configuration tags).

Each branch may in addition be freely structured, and there is no constraint to the complexity of this organization.



1 - Structuring a package - A typical example.

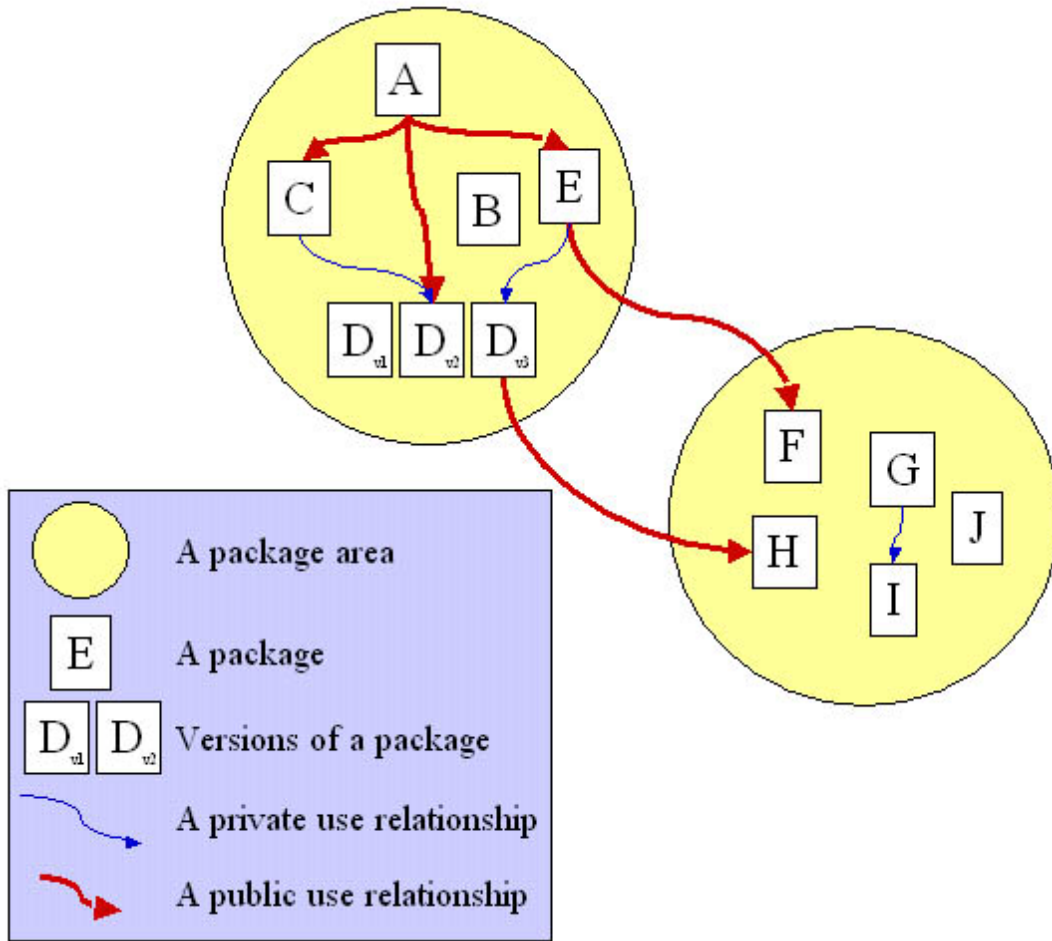
- Organizing a software base.

A software base is generally composed of multiple coherent sets of packages, each installed in its specific root directory and forming different *package areas* or *sub-projects*

Package areas implement the concept of *projects* or *sub-projects* which correspond to the practical organization of the software base.

There are no constraints on the number of such sub-projects or areas into which CMT packages are installed. We'll see later how the different sub-projects can be declared and identified by CMT .

examples of such organization can be :



2 - Structuring a software base.

### 3 - The architecture of the environment

This environment is based on the fact that one of its packages (named CMT ) provides the basic management tools. CMT , as a package, has very little specificities and as such itself obeys the general conventions.

Then the complete software base is organized in terms of projects (or *sub-projects* ), containing consistently managed package sets. Projects are localized either globally or individually:

- globally using the environment variable CMTPROJECTPATH that describes all locations where CMT projects can be found
- individually using the environment variable CMTPATH that describe all package areas where packages can be found

Packages are localized respectively to the projects they belong to.

It should be noted that the choice of a location for installing CMT itself is totally independent of the locations where projects are installed and managed.

CMT is operated through one main user interface : the `cmt` command, which operates the CMT conventions and which provides a set of services for :

- creating a new package. This operation will create or check the local package directory tree and generate several minimal scripts (see the description of the `create` command),
- describing or monitoring :
  - the relationships between the package and other packages
  - the configuration features either specified in the current package, or imported from related (*used*) ones. (symbols, patterns, fragments)
  - the constituents of the package in terms of libraries, executables, or generated documents.
- automatically generating the reconstruction scripts (`makefiles`) from this description.
- recursively acting upon the hierarchy of used packages.

Several other utilities are also provided for some specific activities (such as the automatic production of shared libraries, C prototypes, management of interactions between CVS and CMT itself, the management of a similar architecture for Windows or OS9 , setting up protections for packages (through locks) etc...).

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### **3. 1 - Supported platforms**

CMT has been ported and tested on a wide range of machines/operating systems, including :

- DEC-Unix V4.0
- HP-UX-10 (several types of platforms)
- AIX-4
- Solaris
- IRIX
- Several variants of LynxOS
- All variants of Linux (RedHat, Debian, SuSe, ScientificLinux, ...)
- Windows 95/98/NT/Windows2000 in various environments:
  - CYGWIN\_NT-5.1 environment
  - nmake based environment
  - MSDev/VisualC 6 environment
  - MSDev/VisualC 7 environment
- Darwin (Mac OS X)

This in particular means that a package developed on one platform may be re-configured towards any of these platforms without any change to its configuration description. All platform specific tools will be dynamically reconfigured and parameterized transparently.

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## **4 - Defining and managing projects**

In the CMT terminology, the complete software base is composed of CMT packages. Those packages are organized into sub-projects. The semantics of a sub-project is very opened since it's merely an area for grouping CMT packages. Typically sub-projects may correspond to

- a structuration in software domains, such as Reconstruction, Simulation, Graphics, Core, etc.
- how responsibilities or management policies are defined and assigned

- reusing or sharing different software products from different projects

Considering the simple structuring aspects of sub-projects, two important configuration parameters (environment variables) handled by CMT must be understood before attempting to manage packages:

- CMTPROJECTPATH for a global specification of where projects can be found. This specification should be considered as the standard mechanism for structuring the software base since from it, CMT can and will deduce all other localization parameters (like CMTPATH ).
- CMTPATH offers a more internal mechanism for localizing packages. It's not generally meant to be defined manually since CMT will construct it from CMTPROJECTPATH . However, it's important to understand how this configuration parameter is used to locate packages.

Projects receive detailed descriptions or specifications in a dedicated *project file* , always located in a cmt directory at their top directory level, and named `cmt/project.cmt` . It can receive the following specifications:

```
project <project-name>           [1]
project-use specifications...    [2]
strategy specifications...      [3]
```

1. The project name specified here takes precedence over the project name specified in the directory structure. However when CMTPROJECTPATH is not specified, this may cause conflicts in the localization of projects. In this case it's highly recommended to always use the same naming convention in project files as in the directory hierarchy.
2. Projects are hierarchized as a directed acyclic graph. The minimal hierarchy simply corresponds to the order of the CMTPATH items. A more complex hierarchy can be specified through use statements between sub-projects. This hierarchy also defines a *parent/child* relationship between projects. If a project A uses another project B , A is also named the *parent* and B the *child*
3. CMT Strategies (for build or setup) are separately collected into each project. Therefore one can apply different strategies to different sub-projects. The strategy specifications may appear in requirements file of any package of a project or in the `cmt/project.cmt` project file.

By default a project inherits the strategies of its parents. Or if it's the top project, it follows the default strategies defined by CMT (Refer to this [appendix](#) to see the default strategies currently defined by CMT).

## **4. 1 - The project file**

The project file can be created using the command:

```
> cmt create_project <project-name> [<release>] [<path>]
> cmt create_project <project-name> [<release>] [<path>] [-use=<package>:<version>:<path>]...
```

This will create the complete directory hierarchy from the current directory (or, when it is specified from the optional project path). It will also create a project file containing the project name, and optionnally will initialize it with some use statements.

*Note that the <release> argument may be left empty (or to an empty string). In this case, the directory hierarchy will be limited to the single level of the project name.*

```
<path>/<project-name>/<release>/cmt/project.cmt
<path>/<project-name>/cmt/project.cmt
```

As an example, we create the following projects:

```
> cmt create_project WorkArea "" /test
> cmt create_project ProjectA 1.0 /test
> cmt create_project ProjectB 1.0 /test
```

And we manually fill CMTPATH with:

```
/test/WorkArea:/test/ProjectA/1.0:/test/ProjectB/1.0
```

Then, when standing in the WorkArea the following projects will appear displayed from bottom to top as

```
> cd /test/WorkArea
> cmt show projects
WorkArea (in /test/WorkArea) (current)
  ProjectA 1.0 (in /test/ProjectA/1.0)
  ProjectB 1.0 (in /test/ProjectB/1.0)
```

Of course the preferred way to characterize this software base should rather be based on specifying the relationships between those three sub-projects, through the use statements in the projects files.

For instance in our little example, we could add the following statement into the project file of WorkArea:

```
use ProjectA 1.0
```

and the following statement into the project file of ProjectB:

```
use ProjectB 1.0
```

Then instead of specifying CMTPATH we'd rather simply define CMTPROJECTPATH as:

```
/test
```

This complete sequence may also be shortened as follows:

```
> cmt create_project ProjectB 1.0 /test
> cmt create_project ProjectA 1.0 /test -use=ProjectB:1.0
> cmt create_project WorkArea "" /test -use=ProjectA:1.0
```

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## 4. 2 - Projects and strategies

Few behaviours of the configuration management process can be tailored with respect to CMT, via means of defining *strategies* . Then according to these strategies, CMT will behave in well defined ways.

Every strategy setting is a boolean value, instructing CMT to activate or not a given behaviour. As such it defines two mutually exclusive CMT *tags* and it activates one of them.

```
<project>_<have_item>  
<project>_<have_not_item>
```

### Examples

```
<project>_with_install_area  
<project>_without_install_area  
<project>_config  
<project>_no_config  
<project>_root  
<project>_no_root  
<project>_cleanup  
<project>_no_cleanup  
<project>_with_version_directory  
<project>_without_version_directory  
<project>_prototypes  
<project>_no_prototypes
```

In the context of a hierarchy - *a graph* - of projects, strategies are transmitted along the graph, according to the use relationships specified between the projects. A project transmits its strategies to its clients except when one of them overrides those strategies.

Several mechanisms help defining project specific properties, and more specifically making use of the strategies:

- The `<project>` parameter is expanded in the `cmtpath_pattern` construct in addition to the `<path>` parameter. This parameter is assigned the name of the project associated with the running CMTPATH entry.
  - The `<project>` parameter is also available for normal patterns. In this case it is assigned the project name associated with the `cmtpath` parameter for the current package.
  - Every project defines a tag of the same name, and the tag of the current project is active.
  - The `cmt_installarea_prefix` macro is specialized *per project* and every project may override the `<project>_installarea_prefix` macro. The default value of any `<project>_installarea_prefix` is `${cmt_installarea_prefix}` (which itself is a global macro that receives a default value from CMT )
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## 4. 3 - CMTPROJECTPATH

This is an environment variable containing a search list, very similar to the well know Unix or Windows PATH environment variable. It specifies a list of file paths where CMT projects can be found. The syntax of this search list follows the standard syntax of search lists, i.e. items are separated using a `:` character on Unix and a `;` character on Windows.

*One should understand this search list as the primary mechanism to locate sub-projects in the software base, and therefore packages. This in particular can completely replace the CMTPATH -based search mechanism for packages that was used before v1r18 . However the two mechanisms are still both supported and in fact interact with each other.*

A sub-project in itself is a multi-level directory structure, located below one of the items of this search list, and composed of:

- the sub-project name
- the sub-project release (which may span several directory levels)

Then, below this directory structure, we find

- A project definition file in `cmt/project.cmt`
- A set of CMT packages

A typical example of such a structure could be:

```
/project-area1/Reconstruction/1.0/cmt/project.cmt
    /RecA/...
    /RecB/...
/project-area1/Reconstruction/2.0/cmt/project.cmt
    /RecA/...
    /RecB/...

/project-area1/Simulation/1.0/cmt/project.cmt
    /SimA/...
    /SimB/...
/project-area1/Core/1.0/cmt/project.cmt
    /CoreA/...
    /CoreB/...

/project-area2/ProductA/1.1.2/cmt/project.cmt
    /PA_A/...
    /PA_B/...
    /PA_C/...
/project-area2/ProductB/v1r8p3/cmt/project.cmt
    /PB_A/...
    /PB_B/...
/project-area2/ProductB/v1r10/cmt/project.cmt
    /PB_A/...
    /PB_B/...
```

In this example:

- there are two project areas, one for the main developments (`/project-area1`), and another one for managing external products (`/project-area2`)

- `project-area1` offers three sub-projects `Reconstruction`, `Simulation` and `Core`
- `project-area2` offers two sub-projects `ProductA` and `ProductB`
- the sub-project `Reconstruction` is available in two releases `1.0` and `2.0`
- the sub-project `Reconstruction` offers two packages `RecA` and `RecB`
- the sub-project `ProductB` is available in two releases `v1r8p3` and `v1r10`

This search list is used to interpret the *use* statements written in the project files. This project use statement takes the form:

```
project-use : use project-name project-release
```

Typically, in our example one could construct the project file of the `Reconstruction` sub-project as follows:

```
use Core 1.0
use ProductA 1.1.2
```

*Note that sub-project release identifiers are always considered using a perfect-match principle.*

Structuring the set of sub-projects comprising a software base is sufficient to permit CMT to find *all* sub-projects and thus *all* packages in them. Defining `CMTPROJECTPATH` and installing the list of use statements in all appropriate project files entirely suppress the need of manually defining the `CMTPATH` search list.

## **4. 4 - CMTPATH**

This is an environment variable containing a search list, very similar to the well know `PATH` environment variable, containing a list of file paths where CMT packages can be found. The syntax of this search list follows the standard syntax of search lists, i.e. items are separated using a `:` character on Unix and a `;` character on Windows.

*When the software base is organized and configured using the CMTPROJECTPATH search list and project-use statements in the project files, this search list is automatically and internally generated by CMT, and therefore it should not be manually defined nor manipulated. If this is your case, you can skip this section*

It is possible to manually define this search list (when `CMTPROJECTPATH` is not defined or when project files are not provided)

There should be one entry per package area, and the list is ordered. The order of items is used to prioritize the package search.

`CMTPATH` can be specified:

- as the environment variable named `CMTPATH`

```
sh> export CMTPATH=/home/arnault/mydev:/ProjectB
```

```
bat> set CMTPATH=/home/arnault/mydev:/ProjectB
```

or (in a requirements file)

```
path_append CMTPATH "/home/arnault/mydev"  
path_append CMTPATH "/ProjectB"
```

- in `.cmtrc` files, which can be located either in the current directory, in the *home* directory of the developer or in `${CMTRoot}/mgr`. The syntax to use in this configuration file is:

```
CMTPATH=/home/arnault/mydev:/ProjectB
```

- In the Windows environment, this configuration parameter may also be installed as a *Registry* under the alternate keys:
  - `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE/Software/CMT/path`
  - `HKEY_CURRENT_USER/Software/CMT/path`

*The project file (i.e. the file `cmt/project.cmt`), when it exists for the current package (i.e. upstream in the directory hierarchy), also provides an automatic value for the `CMTPATH` search list.*

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## 5 - Installing a new package

We consider here the installation of a user package. Installing CMT itself requires special attention and is described in a dedicated [section](#) of this document.

Therefore, we assume that CMT is already installed in some location in the system. One first has to *setup* CMT in order to gain access to the various management utilities, using for example the shell command:

```
csh> source /lal/CMT/v1r18p20051101/mgr/setup.csh
```

or

```
ksh> . /lal/CMT/v1r18p20051101/mgr/setup.sh
```

or

```
dos> call \lal\CMT\v1r18p20051101\mgr\setup.bat
```

Obviously, this operation *must* be performed (once) before any other CMT action. Therefore it is often recommended to install this setup action straight in the *login* script.

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*The setup script used in this example is a constant in the CMT environment : every configured package will have one such setup script automatically generated and installed by CMT . It is one important entry point to any package (and thus to CMT itself). It provides environment variable definitions for all related (used ) packages (A corresponding cleanup script is also provided). This script contains a uniform mechanism for interpreting the requirements file so as to dynamically define environment variables, aliases for the package itself and all its used packages. It is constructed once per package installation by the `cmt create` command, or restored by the `cmt config` command (if it has been lost).*

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It is generally good to start by immediately defining a *project* . This project is our first disk area where CMT packages will be located. Remember that several such projects can be set up and defined. The simplest way to do this is:

```
> cmt create_project Dev
-----
Configuring environment for project Dev
CMT version v1r18p20051101.
-----
Installing the cmt directory
Creating a new project file
```

This creates a project structure `Dev/cmt/project.cmt` from the current directory. Once this project has been created we have a complete environment to start creating packages below `Dev` and working out our software base.

A package is primarily defined by a *name* and a *version* identifier (this duet actually forms the complete *package identifier* ). These two attributes will be given as arguments to `cmt create` such as in the following example :

```
csh> cd Dev
csh> cmt create Foo v1
-----
Configuring environment for package Foo version v1.
CMT version v1r18p20051101. [1]
Root set to /home/arnault/Dev. [2]
System is Linux-i686 [2]
-----
Installing the package directory [3]
Installing the version directory
Installing the cmt directory
Installing the src directory
Creating setup scripts.
Creating cleanup scripts.
```

1. This shows which actual CMT version you are currently using
2. This shows the current configuration tag (also available by the `cmt system` command). In this example this is a `Linux` machine
3. This shows the detailed construction of the complete directory structure, starting from the top directory which has the name of the package. Since we are creating a completely new package, there will be by default only two branches below the version directory : `cmt` and `src` .

The package creation occurred from the current directory, creating from there the complete directory tree for this new package.

In the next example, we install the package in a completely different area, by explicitly specifying the path to it as a third argument to `cmt create` :

```
> cmt create Foo v1 /ProjectB
-----
Configuring environment for package Foo version v1.
CMT version v1r18p20051101.
Root set to /ProjectB.
System is Linux-i686
-----
```

Installing the path directory  
Installing the package directory  
Installing the version directory  
Installing the cmt directory  
Installing the src directory  
Creating setup scripts.  
Creating cleanup scripts.

Several file creations occurred at this level :

- a minimal directory tree for the package, including `src` and `cmt` (the other branches will be installed when needed or generated at build time).
- an empty configuration specification file (named `requirements` ) installed in the `cmt` branch.
- A minimal `Makefile` (on Unix environments only), containing

```
include $(CMTROOT)/src/Makefile.header  
  
include $(CMTROOT)/src/constituents.make
```

This `Makefile` does not need any further modification to build any of the constituents managed by CMT . The intermediate makefile fragments will always be re-generated transparently and automatically at build time. However (and thanks to this feature), this file will not be modified *anymore* by CMT itself. Thus you may insert any particular make statement you would feel appropriate, typically when you ask for operations that cannot be taken - if any - into account by CMT .

- A similar minimal `NMake` file (on Windows environments only), containing

```
!include $(CMTROOT)\src\NMakefile.header  
  
!include $(CMTROOT)\src\constituents.nmake
```

- the setup and cleanup scripts (one flavour for each shell family).

One *may* then setup this new package by running the setup script (which will not have much effect yet since the requirements file is empty) :

```
sh> cd ~/mydev/Foo/v1/cmt  
sh> . setup.sh
```

or

```
csh> cd ~/mydev/Foo/v1/cmt  
csh> source setup.csh
```

or

```
dos> cd \mydev\Foo\v1\cmt  
dos> call setup.bat
```

The `FOOROOT` and `FOOCONFIG` environment variables are defined automatically by this operation.

It should be noted that running the setup script of a package is not always necessary for building operations. The only situation where running this script *may* become useful, is when an application is to be run, while requiring domain specific environment variables defined in one of

the used packages. Besides this particular situation, running the setup scripts may not be needed at all.

Lastly, this newly created package may be removed by the quite similar remove command, using exactly the same arguments as those used for creating the package.

```
csh> cd mydev
csh> cmt remove Foo v1
-----
Removing package Foo version v1.
CMT version v1r18p20051101.
Root set to /home/arnault/mydev.
System is Linux-i686
-----
Version v1 has been removed from /home/arnault/mydev/Foo
Package Foo has no more versions. Thus it has been removed.
```

OR:

```
csh> cmt remove Foo v1 /ProjectB
-----
Removing package Foo version v1.
CMT version v1r18p20051101.
Root set to /ProjectB.
System is Linux-i686
-----
Version v1 has been removed from /ProjectB/Foo
Package Foo has no more versions. Thus it has been removed.
```

So far our package is not very useful since no constituent (application or library) is installed yet. You can jump to the section showing how to work on an [application](#) or on a [library](#) for details on these operations or we can roughly draw the sequence used to specify and build the simplest application we can think of as follows:

```
csh> cd ~/mydev/Foo/v1/cmt
csh> cat >../src/FooTest.c
#include <stdio.h>

int main ()
{
    printf ("Hello Foo\n");
    return (0);
}

csh> vi requirements
...
application FooTest FooTest.c
csh> gmake
csh> source setup.csh
csh> FooTest.exe
Hello Foo
```

Directly running the application is possible since the application has been installed after being built in an automatic *installation area* reachable through the standard PATH environment variable

This can also be integrated in the build process by providing the -check option to the application definition:

```
csh> cd ../cmt
csh> vi requirements
...
application FooTest -check FooTest.c
csh> gmake check
Hello Foo
```

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## 6 - Localizing a package

In the next sections, we'll see that packages *reference* each other by means of *use* relationships. Generally packages are found in different locations, according to the project - or sub-project - they belong to. CMT provides a quite flexible mechanism for *localizing* the referenced packages.

The first ingredient we need at this level is to understand how projects themselves are localized, since packages will be found inside project areas. You should therefore refer to the [section on projects](#) where the complete mechanism based on [CMTPROJECTPATH](#) or [CMTPATH](#) is described.

However, there is one special case where this path list can be avoided, i.e. when only one project is considered. In this case, the knowledge of this single project area can simply be deduced from the detection of the project file, created at the top of its disk space.

A given version of a given package is always referred to by using a *use* statement within its [requirements](#) file. This statement should specify the package through three *keys* :

- its name (such as Bar )
- its version (such as v7r5 )
- optionally its expected absolute location or relative offset

```
use Bar v7r5 [1]
```

*or*

```
use Bar v7r5 A [2]
```

*or*

```
use Bar v7r5 /ProjectB/A [3]
```

Given these keys, the referenced package is looked for according to a prioritized search list which is (in decreasing priority order) :

1. the absolute access path, if the *use path* is absolute (case #3),
2. the access paths registered in the configuration parameter [CMTPATH](#) (and in decreasing priority, the first element being searched for first).

If the *path* argument is specified as a relative path (case #2 above) (ie. there is no leading *slash* character or it's not a *disk* on windows machines), it will be used as an *offset* to each search case. The search is done starting from the list specified in the [CMTPATH](#) configuration parameter; and the offset is appended at each searched location.



As an example, if the CMTPATH parameter contains:

```
/home/arnault/mydev:/ProjectB
```

Then a *use* statement (defined within a given package) containing :

```
...  
use Bar v7r5  
use BarA v1 A
```

would look for the package Bar from :

1. /home/arnault/mydev/Bar/v7r5/cmt
2. /ProjectB/Bar/v7r5/cmt

Whereas the package BarA would be searched from :

1. /home/arnault/mydev/A/BarA/v1/cmt
2. /ProjectB/A/BarA/v1/cmt

The packages are searched assuming that the directory hierarchy below the access paths always follow the convention :

1. there is a first directory level exactly named according to the package name (this is case sensitive),
2. then (optionally) the next directory level is named according to the version tag,
3. then there is a branch named cmt ,
4. lastly there is a *requirements* file within this cmt branch.

Thus the list of access paths is searched for until these conditions are properly met.

The actual complete search list can always be visualized by the command:

```
> cmt show path  
# Add path /home/arnault/dev from CMTPATH  
# Add path /ProjectB from CMTPATH  
#  
/home/arnault/dev:/ProjectB
```

---

## 7 - Assigning semantics to packages. Common practices

Generally speaking, CMT makes no assumption on how or why is used a package. However past experience has shown that packages can be categorized according to their purpose or their type of contents.

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### 7. 1 - The primary package

This is the most general and basic package type, which provides actual pieces of software, such as libraries or applications. Generally the main activities performed by such a package include building the software (compiling, linking), testing, generating the documentation, installing, ...

A typical package of that kind will contain:

- a `./src` directory containing the sources of the package
- a directory for the include files, with a name that will depend on the structuring policies defined for the project. Typical examples are

```
../include/  
../<packagename>/
```

- a `../doc` directory for the documentation
- a `../test` directory for the test programs.

The requirements file will generally contain at least `library` and `application` statements.

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## **7. 2 - The policy package**

This kind of package only provides conventions, working methods, general purpose shell scripts but generally provides no software per se. It is designed to gather all policies and management conventions for a project or a sub project.

The basic contents of such a package is the requirements file including

- strategy definitions
- pattern definitions
- general purpose symbol definitions

In principle the idea when such a policy package is defined, is that all packages of the project or of the sub-project will use it

Global patterns may be specified so as to automate the applying of basic policies and conventions.

Typical examples of policies that are profitably specified in such a package are:

- include search path convention (using a global pattern with the `include_dir` statement)
- build or setup strategies
- compiler or linker generic options
- defining the project-wide production tools (compiler, documentation generator, etc...)
- tag associations need to describe the binary tag convention in the project

In large projects, it is even often desirable to split the policies into a set of specialized policies and to associate one dedicated policy package with each of those.

- policies for the test
- policies for each programming language
- policies for documentation management
- policies for installation and deployment
- policies for external software organisation

Then the global policy package will use them

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## **7. 3 - The container or management package**

In large projects, it's often useful to decompose the software base into specialized domains (Core software, Graphics, Database, Online, etc...) or subsets of the software (eg per detector in a physics experiment). Then a container package consists in constructing a simple package with only one requirements file in it and only containing a set of use statements.

Management activities directly related with the associated sub-domain can then be undertaken through this special package:

- version management (such as CVS tagging) of packages belonging to the domain
- consistently building the domain
- Generally the `cmt broadcast` command is widely exploited to perform those management activities.

Generally the use statements installed in a container package make use of explicit version specification (and prohibit wild carding) since each version of this container package acts as a reference of the set of version tags validated for the packages of the domain.

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## **7. 4 - The release package**

This package is one particular example of the container concept, but dedicated to manage the project-wide activities. This release package is the primary target of the project manager. It will generally receive as its version tags the version tags assigned to the project releases themselves.

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## **7. 5 - The glue or interface package**

This kind of package defines an interface to an existing software product not managed in the context of the project itself. Typical examples concern:

- packages shared from external projects that don't use CMT as their configuration tool
- third party software (free software, commercial products, ...) locally installed on the development platform.

The primary goal of such a glue package is to convert the management conventions and policies expected by the referenced product to the ones appropriate for the current project.

- compiler and linker options
- run time settings such as environment variable definitions (`PATH`, `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`, etc..)
- data file access
- specification of local installation according to the project strategy

Generally this kind of package only provides a requirements file, or make fragments used to automate some actions (typically when document generation is expected from this interfaced product)

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## 8 - Managing site dependent features - The CMTSITE environment variable

Software bases managed by CMT are often replicated to multiple geographically distant sites (as opposed to machines connected through AFS-like WAN). In this kind of situation, some of the configuration parameters (generally those used for instance to reference local installations of *external* software) take different values.

The CMTSITE environment variable or *registry* in Windows environments, is entirely under the control of the *site* manager and can be set with a value representing the site (typical values may be LAL , Virgo , Atlas , LHCb , CERN , etc.).

This variable, when set, corresponds to a *tag* which can be used to select different values for make macros or environment variables.

A typical use for this tag is to build up actual values for the location path of an external software package. Here we take the example of the Anaphe utility:

```
macro AnapheTOP "" \  
    CERN  "/afs/cern.ch/sw/lhcxx" \  
    BNL   "/afs/rhic/usatlas/offline/external/lhcxx" \  
    LBNL  "/auto/atlas/sw/lhcxx"
```

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## 9 - Configuring a package

The first ingredient of a proper package configuration is the set of configuration parameters which has to be specified in a text file uniquely named requirements and necessarily installed in the `cmt` branch of the package directory tree.

An empty version of this file is automatically created the first time the package is installed, and the package manager is expected to augment it with configuration specifications.

The primary goal of this configuration file is to specify *any* configuration information for this package. There is virtually no limit to what could be specified there. And we can expect to find exhaustive information about:

- the primary constituents of the package
- how to rebuild the software
- how to setup and use the software
- how to transport and deploy the package

Many configuration parameters are supposed to be described into this requirements file - see the detailed syntax specifications here - namely :

- the package information about its author(s) and manager(s)
- the relationships with other packages
- the package constituents (libraries, applications, documents, etc.)
- the policy patterns to be applied by clients of this package
- the parameterization of the tools used in the build process (eg. make macros)
- the parameterization of the run-time activity (eg. environment variables, search paths, etc.)

Generally, every such appropriate parameter will be deduced on demand from the requirements file(s) through the various query functions available from the `cmt` main driver. Therefore there is no systematic package re-configuration per se, besides the very first time a package is newly installed in its location (using the `cmt create` action).

Query actions (generally provided using the `cmt show . . . family` of commands) are to be embedded in the various productivity tools, such as the setup shell scripts, or makefile fragment generators.

These query actions always interpret the set of requirements files obtained from the current package *and* from the packages in the effective *used* chain. Symbols, tags and other definitions are then computed and built up according to inheritance-like mechanisms set up between used packages.

Conversely one may say that parameters defined in a requirements file are meant to be exported to the clients of the package.

Other configuration parameters are also optionally inserted from the HOME and USER context requirements files

Typical examples of these query functions are:

- `cmt setup` builds a shell command line for setting up environment variables
- `cmt show projects` gives the ordered sequence of sub-projects comprising the complete software base
- `cmt show macros` construct the effective set of inherited make macros
- `cmt show uses` gives the ordered and flattened set of used packages
- `cmt show constituents` lists the package's constituents
- `cmt show path` lists the effective search path for packages.
- `cmt show strategies` shows the current setup of various functional CMT strategies.
- `cmt show setup` combines in one display the result of `uses`, `tags` and `path`

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## **10 - Selecting a specific configuration**

A configuration describes the conditions in which the package has to be built (ie. compiled and linked) or applications can be run. This configuration can depend on :

- the operating system (such as *Linux*, *Windows*, ...)
- the platform (such as *Intel*, *Compaq*, *Sun*, etc...)
- the sub-project into which a package is inserted
- the choice of the compiler (such as *g++*, *egcs*, *CC*, etc...)
- options used for compiling (such as *optimizer*, *debugger*, etc...) or linking
- the context specifications (selecting a particular version of a firmware, selecting a database server, ...)
- the site itself
- the context of a constituent during its rebuild operation

Carefully describing this configuration is essential both for maintenance operations (so as to remember the precise conditions in which the package was built) and when the development area is *shared* between machines running different operating systems, or when a project has to be deployed on several sites.

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## 10. 1 - Describing a configuration

CMT relies on several complementary conventions or mechanisms for this description and the associated management. All these conventions rely on the concept of *configuration tags* .

- A tag is a symbol that describes one aspect of the configuration.
  - A tag can be *active* when the corresponding aspect of the configuration is true or *inactive* otherwise
  - The set of active tags represents the complete configuration known by CMT, and can be visualized with the `cmt show tags` command
  - Tags can be combined using logical expressions to form tag associations
1. Some aspects of the configuration - and their associated tags - are automatically deduced from some standard environment variables that the user is expected to specify (typically using shell commands):
    - `CMTCONFIG` describes the current settings for producing binary objects. One default value is provided automatically by CMT, but generally project will override it to apply specific conventions.

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The default value is computed by CMT in the `${CMTROOT}/mgr/cmt_system.sh` shell script.

This script automatically builds a value characterizing both the machine type and the operating system type (using a mixing of the `uname` standard UNIX command with various operating system specific definitions such as the AFS based `fs sysname` command)

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- `CMTSITE` characterizes the current site. Its syntax is completely free
  - `CMTEXTRATAGS` may contain a space-separated list of additional tags to systematically activate

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*Note that the `CMTBIN` variable which represents the current binary installation of CMT itself does NOT correspond to any tag.*

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2. Some aspects of the configuration represents the implicit knowledge CMT gets of the current context:
  - The value given by the `uname` standard Unix facility is always a valid configuration tag. (eg. `Linux` )
  - The current major version id of CMT is a valid tag and takes the form `CMTv<n>` (eg. `CMTv1` )
  - The current minor version id of CMT is a valid tag and takes the form `CMTtr<n>` (eg. `CMTtr18` )
  - The current patch id of CMT is a valid tag and takes the form `CMTp<n>` (eg. `CMTp20030616` )
  - The current sub-project to which the current package belongs, and the various tags

automatically generated by CMT to qualify the strategy options.

- The current hardware understood as filled in the `cmt_hardware` macro
- The current OS understood as filled in the `cmt_system_version` macro
- The version of the C++ compiler understood as filled in the `cmt_compiler_version` macro

3. During a make session, each individual target being rebuilt may define its own context, when the `-target_tag` is set to the associated constituent, and this is materialized with a dedicated tag named `target_<constituent>`.

For instance, a package defines a library A and an application P, both in the default group. Both constituents have their `-target_tag` option set. Thus, when the standard make command is run, then those two targets will be rebuilt successively (eg A then B). Then, during the build of A (and only then) the tag named `target_A` will be active and during the build of B, the tag named `target_B` will in turn be active.

```
library A -target_tag A.cxx
application P -target_tag P.cxx

macro_append cppflags "" target_A "-DA" target_P "-DP"
```

4. During the execution of an action, a specific context is created, which is materialized with a dedicated tag named `target_<action>`, very similarly to the target tags for constituents.

5. User defined tags can be explicitly or implicitly activated:

- explicitly from the `cmt` command line, using the `-tag=<tag-list>` option
- explicitly from requirements files using the `apply_tag <tag>` syntax
- implicitly from requirements files using the tag association syntax, when a tag is associated with an otherwise activated tag. One example is the Unix tag associated by CMT itself with most Unix variants

The minimal tag set available from CMT can be visualized as follows (note that the exact output will obviously not necessarily be the one presented in this document according to the context effectively used):

```
> cd ${CMTROOT}
> cmt show tags
CMTv1 (from CMTVERSION) [1]
CMTr18 (from CMTVERSION) package CMT implies [CMTr14] [1]
CMTp20040701 (from CMTVERSION) [1]
Linux (from uname) package CMT implies [Unix] [2]
i686-rh73-gcc32-opt (from CMTCONFIG) [3]
CERN (from CMTSITE) [4]
CMT_prototypes (from PROJECT) excludes [CMT_no_prototypes] [5]
CMT_with_installarea (from PROJECT) excludes [CMT_without_installarea]
CMT_setup_config (from PROJECT) excludes [CMT_setup_no_config]
CMT_setup_root (from PROJECT) excludes [CMT_setup_no_root]
CMT_setup_cleanup (from PROJECT) excludes [CMT_setup_no_cleanup]
CMTr14 (from package CMT)
i686 (from package CMT) [6]
rh73 (from package CMT) [7]
gcc32 (from package CMT) [8]
Unix (from package CMT) excludes [WIN32 Win32] [9]
```

1. Implicit tags deduced from the current version of CMT

2. Implicit tag obtained from the `uname` command (note that there is an associated tag defined here)
  3. The current value of `CMTCONFIG`
  4. The current value of `CMTSITE`
  5. The strategy tags
  6. Automatic detection of the hardware
  7. Automatic detection of the current OS
  8. Automatic detection of the C++ compiler version
  9. A indirectly activated tag (associated with another active tag)
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## **10. 2 - Defining the user tags**

The user configuration tags can generally be specified though various complementary mechanisms:

- `CMTSITE` and `CMTCONFIG` can be specified using standard shell commands (`setenv`, `export`, `set`)

```
sh> export CMTSITE=CERN
```

- `CMTSITE` and `CMTCONFIG` can alternatively be specified using the `set` statement in a requirements file

```
set CMTSITE "CERN"  
set CMTCONFIG "${CMTBIN}" sun "Solaris-CC-dbg"
```

- Additional tags may also be associated with other tags, using the `tag` statement (in a requirements file):

```
tag newtag tag1 tag2 tag3
```

which means that:

- `newtag` defines a tag (inactive by default)
- when `newtag` is active, then both `tag1`, `tag2` and `tag3` are simultaneously active

- Tags may be declared as *exclusive* using the `tag_exclude` syntax.

```
tag_exclude debug optimized
```

This example implies that the two tags `debug` and `optimized` should never become active simultaneously.

- Tags are assigned priorities according to the way they have been defined. The priority is particularly useful for specifying exclusion. The tag association promotes the priority of the associated tags to the priority of the defining tag. The following decreasing priorities are currently defined by CMT:

1. tag specified in the command line using the `-tag=<tag-list>` option
2. tag deduced from `CMTCONFIG`
3. tag defined in a requirements file using the `tag` syntax
4. tag deduced from `CMTSITE`
5. tag deduced from `uname`



## 10. 3 - Activating tags

By default, CMTCONFIG , *uname* and CMTSITE (also named system tags) are always active.

The tag associated with the current project name as well as those describing the strategy properties of all projects are also always active.

The target tags associated with constituents (when the `-target_tag` option was set on them) or with actions are automatically activated during the build of the constituent or during the execution of the action.

It is possible to *activate* other tags through the following arguments to *any* cmt command:

- `-tag=<tag-list>`  
will cleanup the complete current tag set, and activate the new tags (the system tags are restored).
  - `-tag_add=<tag-list>`  
will add to the current tag set the tags specified in the comma separated list
  - `-tag_remove=<tag-list>`  
will remove from the current tag set the tags specified in the comma separated list
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Beware that giving these arguments generally make the selected tag set active only during the selected command. Therefore two different CMT commands run with different tag sets will generally yield different results.

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However it's often useful to state that a given tag or tag set should be active. This can be obtained by the following mechanisms:

### 1. Forcing a tag in a requirements file using the `apply_tag` syntax

Eg the following syntax installed in a requirements file will force the tag `foo` :

```
tag_apply foo

> cmt show tags
CMTv1 (from CMTVERSION)
CMTr18 (from CMTVERSION)
CMTp0 (from CMTVERSION)
Linux (from uname)
Linux-i686 (from CMTCONFIG) package CMT implies [Linux]
A (From PROJECT)
Default (from Default)
foo (from package Foo)
```

### 2. Implying a tag from another one using the tag association syntax

```

tag Linux foo

> cmt show tags
CMTv1 (from CMTVERSION)
CMTr18 (from CMTVERSION)
CMTp0 (from CMTVERSION)
Linux (from uname) package Foo implies [foo]
Linux-i686 (from CMTCONFIG) package CMT implies [Linux]
A (From PROJECT)
Default (from Default)
foo (from package Foo)

```

### 3. Through conventionally encoded values of CMTCONFIG

```

tag Linux-foo Linux foo

> export CMTCONFIG=Linux-foo
> cmt show tags
CMTv1 (from CMTVERSION)
CMTr18 (from CMTVERSION)
CMTp0 (from CMTVERSION)
Linux (from uname)
Linux-foo (from CMTCONFIG) package Foo implies [Linux foo]
A (From PROJECT)
Default (from Default)
Linux-i686 (from package CMT) package CMT implies [Linux]
foo (from package Foo)

```

The current active tag set can always be visualized using the `cmt show tags` command.

```

> cmt show tags
CMTv1 (from CMTVERSION)
CMTr18 (from CMTVERSION)
CMTp0 (from CMTVERSION)
Linux (from uname)
Linux-i686 (from CMTCONFIG) package CMT implies [Linux]
A (From PROJECT)
Default (from Default)
> cmt -tag_add=tag1,tag2,tag3 show tags
CMTv1 (from CMTVERSION)
CMTr18 (from CMTVERSION)
CMTp0 (from CMTVERSION)
Linux (from uname)
Linux-i686 (from CMTCONFIG) package CMT implies [Linux]
A (From PROJECT)
tag1 (from arguments)
tag2 (from arguments)
tag3 (from arguments)
Default (from Default)

```

Typical usages of those extra tags are:

- when using special compiler options (e.g. optimization, debugging, ...)
- for switching to different compilers (e.g. `gcc` versus the native compiler)
- when one uses a special debugging environment such as `Insure` or `Purify`
- when using special system specific features (such as whether one uses thread-safe algorithms or not)

All symbol definitions providing specific values triggered by the active selectors will be selected, such as in:

```
macro_append cppflags " " \  
              debug   " -g "
```

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## **11 - Working on a package**

In this section, we'll see, through a quite simple scenario, the typical operations generally needed for installing, defining and building a package. We are continuing the example of the `Foo` package already used in this document.

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### **11. 1 - Working on a library**

Let's assume, as a first example, that the `Foo` package is originally composed of one library `libFoo.a` itself made from two sources: `FooA.c` and `FooB.c`. A shared flavour of the library `libFoo.so` or `libFoo.sl` or `libFoo.dll` is also foreseen.

The minimal set of branches provided by CMT (once the `cmt create` operation has been performed) for a package includes `src` for the sources and `cmt` for the *Makefiles* and other scripts.

The various tools CMT provide will be fully exploited if one respects the roles these branches have to play. However it is always possible to extend the default understanding CMT gets on the package by appropriate modifiers (typically by overriding standard macros).

Assuming the conventional usage is selected, the steps described in this section can be undertaken in order to actually develop a software package.

We first have to create the two source files into the `src` branch (typically using our favourite text editor). Then a description of the expected library (ie. built from these two source files) will be entered into the `requirements` file. The minimal syntax required in our example will be :

```
csh> cd ../cmt  
csh> vi requirements          (1)  
library Foo FooA.cxx FooB.cxx
```

1. the requirements file located in the `cmt` branch of the package receives the description of this *library* component. This is done using one `library` statement.

The `cmt create` command had generated a simple *Makefile* (or `NMake` file) which is generally sufficient for all standard operations, since CMT continuously and transparently manages the automatic reconstruction of all intermediate makefile fragments. We therefore simply and immediately execute `gmake` as follows:

```
...v1/cmt> gmake QUIET=1  
-----> (Makefile.header) Rebuilding constituents.make  
-----> (constituents.make) Rebuilding setup.make Linux-i686.make [1]  
setup.make ok  
-----> (constituents.make) Rebuilding library links  
-----> (constituents.make) all done
```

```

-----> (constituents.make) Building Foo.make [2]
Library Foo
-----> (constituents.make) Starting Foo
-----> (Foo.make) Rebuilding ../Linux-i686/Foo_dependencies.make [3]
rebuilding ../Linux-i686/FooA.o
rebuilding ../Linux-i686/FooB.o
rebuilding library
-----> Foo : library ok
-----> Foo ok
Installing library libFoo.so into /home/arnault/mydev/InstallArea/Linux-i686/lib
installation done [4]
-----> (constituents.make) Foo done
all ok.
Linux-i686.make ok
gmake[2]: 'config' is up to date.
gmake[2]: 'all' is up to date.

```

1. Some intermediate makefile fragments are automatically built to reflect the current effective set of Makefile macros deduced from the configuration (read from the `requirements` file). These fragments are automatically rebuilt (if needed) each time one of the `requirements` file changes.
  2. Each component of the package (be it a particular *library* or a particular *executable*) will have its own *makefile* fragment (named `./${CMTCONFIG}/<name>.[n]mak[e]`). This dedicated *makefile* takes care of filling up the library and creating the shared library (on the systems where this is possible).
  3. The directory which is used for the binaries (i.e. the results of compilation or the libraries) has been automatically created by a generic target (`dirs`) which is defined within `[N]Makefile.header`. A new binary directory will be created each time a new value of the `CMTCONFIG` environment variable is defined or a *tag* is provided on the command line to `make`.
  4. An automatic installation mechanism is applied for all successfully built binaries.
- or, for `nmake`:

```
...v1/cmt> nmake /f nmake
```

This mechanism relies on some conventional *macros* and incremental *targets* used within the specific makefiles. Some are automatically generated, some have to be specified in user packages. It's quite important to understand the list of possible customization macros, since this is the main communication medium between CMT and the package manager. See the complete [table](#) of those conventional macro when you want to interact with the standard CMT behaviour.

However, it is also possible to use a simplified and platform independent form to build a constituent

```
...v1/cmt> cmt make
```

This syntax is identical on all platforms, and also does not require any `cmt config` nor `source setup` operation

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## 11. 2 - Working on an application

Assume we now want to add a test program to our development. Then we create a `FooTest.cxx` source, and generate the associated makefile (specifying that it will be an executable instead of a library) :

```
csh> cd ../src
csh> emacs FooTest.cxx
...
csh> cd ../cmt
csh> vi requirements
...
application FooTest FooTest.cxx
```

So that we may simply build the complete stuff by running :

```
> cmt make QUIET=1
-----> (Makefile.header) Rebuilding constituents.make
-----> (constituents.make) Rebuilding setup.make Linux-i686.make
setup.make ok
-----> (constituents.make) Rebuilding library links
-----> (constituents.make) all done
-----> (constituents.make) Building Foo.make
Library Foo
-----> (constituents.make) Starting Foo
-----> Foo : library ok
-----> Foo ok
installation done
-----> (constituents.make) Foo done
-----> (constituents.make) Building FooTest.make
Application FooTest
-----> (constituents.make) Starting FooTest
-----> (FooTest.make) Rebuilding ../Linux-i686/FooTest_dependencies.make
rebuilding ../Linux-i686/FooTest.o
rebuilding ../Linux-i686/FooTest.exe
-----> FooTest ok
Installing application FooTest.exe into /home/arnault/mydev/InstallArea/Linux-i686/bin
installation done
-----> (constituents.make) FooTest done
all ok.
Linux-i686.make ok
gmake[2]: 'config' is up to date.
gmake[2]: 'all' is up to date.
```

Which shows that a program `FooTest.exe` has been built from our sources. Assuming now that this program needs to access the `Foo` library, we'll just add the following definition in the requirements file :

```
...
macro Foo_linkopts " -lFoo " \
    WIN32          " $(FOOROOT)/$(Foo_tag)/Foo.lib "
...
```

The `Foo_linkopts` conventional macro will be automatically inserted within the `use_linkopts` macro. And the shared library location will be automatically set to the installation areas.

It is also possible to select extra tag sets when running gmake as follows (in this example we first cleanup the previous build and rebuild with debug options added to the compiler and linker commands) :

```
> cmt make clean
> cmt make CMTEXTRATAGS=debug
```

Like all other make macros used to build a component, the `Foo_linkopts` will be specified within the `requirements` which gives several benefits:

- variants of the macro definition can be provided
- monitoring features of CMT such as the `cmt show macro Foo_linkopts` command can be used later on
- macros defined this way may be later on inherited by client packages which will *use* our package.

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## **11. 3 - Working on a test or external application**

It is also possible to work on a *test* or *external* application, ie. when one does not wish to configure the development for this application using CMT . Even in this case, it is possible to benefit from the packages configured using CMT by partially using CMT , just for *used* relationships.

Here, no special convention is assumed on the location of the sources, the binaries, the management scripts, etc... However, it is possible to describe in a `requirements` file the *use* relationships, as well as the make macro definitions, quite similarly to the package entirely configured using CMT .

Most of the options provided by the `cmt` user interface are still available in these conditions.

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## **12 - Defining a document generator**

In a Unix environment, documents are built using `make` (well generally its *gnu* flavour) or `nmake` in Windows environments. The basic mechanism provided in CMT relies on *make fragment patterns* containing instructions on how to rebuild document pieces. Many such generators are provided by CMT itself so as to take care of of the most usual cases (e.g. compilations, link operations, archive manipulations, etc...). In addition to those, any package has to possibility to provide a new generator for its own purpose, i.e. either for providing rules for a special kind of document, or even to override the default ones provided by CMT . This mechanism is very similar to the definition or re-definition of *macros* or environment variables in that every new generator has to be first declared in a `requirements` file belonging to a package (CMT actually declares all its default generators within its `requirements` file), allowing all its client packages to transparently acquire the capacity to generate documents of that sort.

CMT manages two categories of constituents:

1. *Applications* and *Libraries* are handled using pre-defined make fragments (mainly related with languages) and behaviour.
2. *Documents* offer a quite general framework for introducing completely new behaviours through user-defined make fragments. This includes actually generating documents, but also

simply performing an operation (in which case sometimes no real *document* is produced).

In this section we only discuss the latter category and the following paragraphs explain the framework used for defining new document types.

The main concept of this framework is that each document to be generated or manipulated must be associated with a "document-type" (also sometimes named "document-style"), which corresponds to a dedicated make fragment of that name. Then, when specified in a `document` statement, this make fragment will be *instanciated* once or several times (typically once per source file) to construct a complete and functional make fragment, containing one main target. Both the resulting make fragment and the make target will have the name of the constituent.

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## 12. 1 - An example : the tex document-style

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*This section discusses one simple example (the production of postscript from latex files) available in the standard CMT distribution kit.*

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Converting a latex source file into a postscript output implies to chain two text processors, with an intermediate dvi format.

The fragment described here exactly performs this sequence, taking care of intermediate file deletion. The document style is named "tex" (the associated fragment shown here and named "tex" is actually provided by CMT itself, and can be looked at in `${CMTROOT}/fragments/tex`):

```
===== tex =====
${CONSTITUENT} :: ${FILEPATH}/${NAME}.ps

${FILEPATH}/${NAME}.dvi : ${FULLNAME}
    cd ${doc}; latex ${FULLNAME}

${FILEPATH}/${NAME}.ps : ${FILEPATH}/${NAME}.dvi
    cd ${doc}; dvips ${FILEPATH}/${NAME}.dvi

${CONSTITUENT}clean ::
    cd $(doc); /bin/rm -f ${FILEPATH}/${NAME}.ps ${FILEPATH}/${NAME}.dvi
=====
```

- They are declared in the CMT 's requirements file as follows :

```
make_fragment tex -header=tex_header
```

where:

1. "tex" represents both the fragment name and the document style.
2. the `-header=tex_header` option indicates that the generated makefile fragment will first include this header (which is actually an empty file in this case)

- A user package willing to apply this behaviour will have to include in its requirements file a statement similar to the following:

```
document tex MyDoc -s=../doc doc1.tex doc2.tex
```

where:

1. The first parameter "tex" is the document-style
2. The second parameter "MyDoc" is used for building the constituent's makefile (under the name MyDoc.make) and for providing the make target "MyDoc".
3. The other parameters (doc1.tex and doc2.tex) are the sources of the document. Explicit location is required (since default is currently defined to be ../src)
4. The constituent's makefile MyDoc.make is built as follows :
  1. Install a copy of the \$CMTROOT/fragments/make\_header generic fragment
  2. Install a copy of the \$CMTROOT/fragments/tex\_header fragment
  3. For each of the sources, install a copy of the fragment "tex"
  4. Install a copy of the \$CMTROOT/fragments/cleanup\_header fragment

The result for our example is:

```
===== MyDoc.make =====

#####
# Document MyDoc
#
#   Generated   by
#
#####

help ::
@echo 'MyDoc'

doc1_dependencies = ../doc/doc1.tex
doc2_dependencies = ../doc/doc2.tex

MyDoc :: ../doc/doc1.ps

../doc/doc1.dvi : $(doc)doc1.tex
                cd ${doc}; latex $(doc)doc1.tex

../doc/doc1.ps : ../doc/doc1.dvi
                cd ${doc}; dvips ../doc/doc1.dvi

MyDocclean ::
                cd $(doc); /bin/rm -f ../doc/doc1.ps ../doc/doc1.dvi

MyDoc :: ../doc/doc2.ps

../doc/doc2.dvi : $(doc)doc2.tex
                cd ${doc}; latex $(doc)doc2.tex

../doc/doc2.ps : ../doc/doc2.dvi
                cd ${doc}; dvips ../doc/doc2.dvi

MyDocclean ::
                cd $(doc); /bin/rm -f ../doc/doc2.ps ../doc/doc2.dvi
```



```

clean :: MyDocclean
      cd .

MyDocclean ::
=====

```

## 12. 2 - How to create and install a new document style

*This section presents the general framework for designing a document generator.*

1. Select a name for the document style. It should not clash with existing ones (use the `cmt show fragments` for a complete list of document types currently defined).
2. A fragment exactly named after the document style name must be installed into a subdirectory named `fragments` below the `cmt` branch of a given package (which becomes the *provider* package).
3. Optionally, two other fragments may be installed into the same subdirectory, one of them will be the *header* of the generated complete fragment, the other will be its *trailer*
4. Those fragments *must* be declared in the `requirements` file of the provider package as follows:

```
make_fragment <fragment-name> [ options... ]
```

where options may be :

<code>-suffix=&lt;suffix&gt;</code>	provide the suffix of the output files (without the dot)
<code>-header=&lt;header&gt;</code>	provide another make fragment meant to be prepended to the constituent's make fragment.
<code>-trailer=&lt;trailer&gt;</code>	provide another make fragment meant to be appended to the constituent's make fragment.
<code>-dependencies</code>	install the automatic generation of dependencies into the constituent's make fragment

Once a fragment is installed and declared, it may be used by any *client* package (ie a package *using* the provider), and queried upon using the command

```
> cmt show fragment <fragment name>
```

which will show where this fragment is defined (ie. in which of the used packages).

The `cmt show fragments` commands lists all declared fragments.

If a package re-defines an already declared make fragment, ie it provides a new copy of the fragment (possibly with new copies of the header and the trailer), and declares it inside its requirements file, then this package becomes the new provider for the document style.

For building a fragment, one may use pre-defined generic "templates" (which will be substituted when a fragment is copied into the final constituent's makefile).

CONSTITUENT	the constituent name
CONSTITUENTSUFFIX	the optional constituent's output suffix
FULLNAME	the full source path name (including directory and suffix)
FILENAME	the complete source file name (only including the suffix)
NAME	the short source file name (without directory and suffix)
FILEPATH	the source directory
SUFFIX	the suffix provided in the -suffix option
OBJS	(only available in headers) the list of outputs, formed by a set of expressions : $\$(\${CONSTITUENT}_output)\${NAME}\${SUFFIX}$

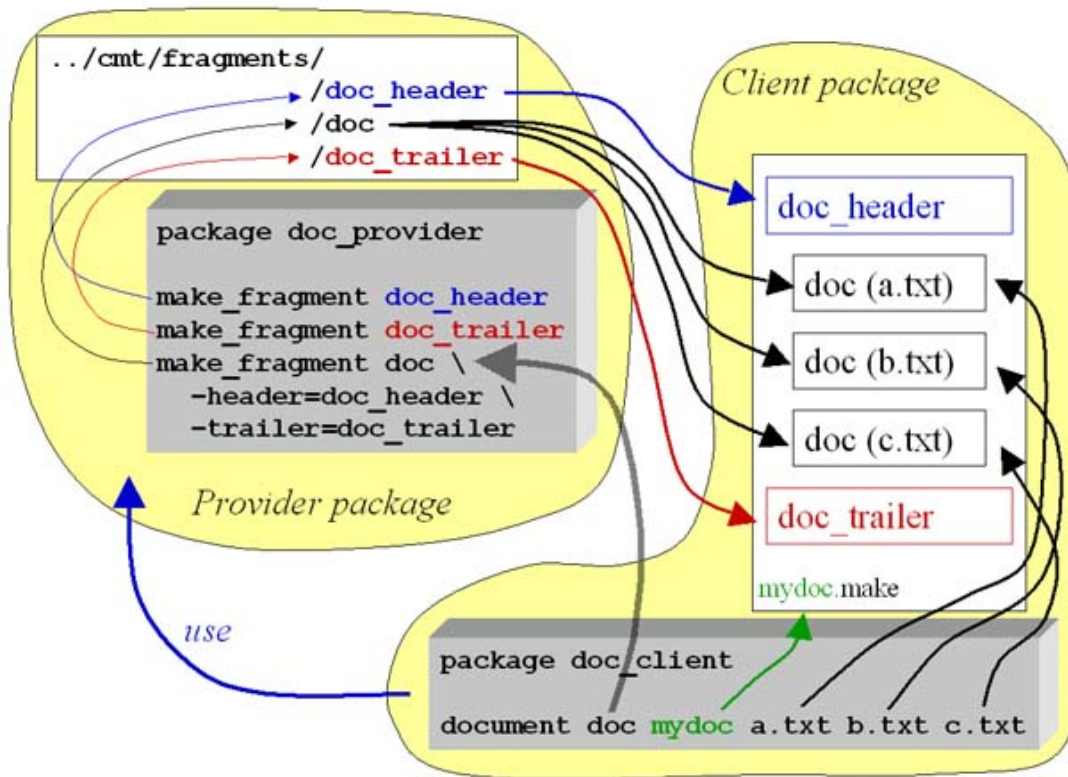
Templates must be enclosed between  $\{$  and  $\}$  or between  $($  and  $)$  and will be substituted at the generation time. Thus, if a fragment contains the following text :

```
 $\$(\${CONSTITUENT}_output)\${NAME}\${SUFFIX}$ 
```

then, the expanded constituent's makefile will contain (referring to the "tex" example)

```
 $\$(MyDoc_output)doc1.ps$ 
```

Which shows that make macros may be dynamically generated.



3 - The architecture of document generation.

## 12. 3 - Examples

### 1. rootcint

It generates C++ hubs for the Cint interpreter in Root.

```
===== rootcint =====
$(src)${NAME}.cc :: ${FULLNAME}
    ${rootcint} -f $(src)${NAME}.cc -c ${FULLNAME}
=====
```

### 2. agetocxx and agetocxx\_header.

It generates C++ source files (xxx.g files) from Atlas' AGE description files.

```
===== agetocxx =====
output=$( ${CONSTITUENT}_output )

$(output)${NAME}.cxx : $( ${NAME}_cxx_dependencies )
    (echo '#line 1 "${FULLNAME}"'; cat ${FULLNAME}) > /tmp/${NAME}.gh.c
    gcc -E -I$(output) $(use_includes) -D_GNU_SOURCE \
        cd ${output}; $(agetocxx) -o ${NAME} -ohd ${FILEPATH} \
        -ohp ${FILEPATH} /tmp/${NAME}.gh
    rm -f /tmp/${NAME}.gh /tmp/${NAME}.gh.c
    cd $(bin); $(cppcomp) $(use_cppflags) $( ${CONSTITUENT}_cppflags ) \
        $( ${NAME}_cppflags ) ${ADDINCLUDE} $(output)${NAME}.cxx
    cd $(bin); $(ar) $( ${CONSTITUENT}lib ) ${NAME}.o; /bin/rm -f ${NAME}.o
=====
```

```

===== agetocxx_header =====
${CONSTITUENT}lib      = $(bin)lib${CONSTITUENT}.a
${CONSTITUENT}stamp   = $(bin)${CONSTITUENT}.stamp
${CONSTITUENT}shstamp = $(bin)${CONSTITUENT}.shstamp

${CONSTITUENT} :: dirs ${CONSTITUENT}LIB
                @/bin/echo ${CONSTITUENT} ok

${CONSTITUENT}LIB :: ${${CONSTITUENT}lib} ${${CONSTITUENT}shstamp}
                @/bin/echo ${CONSTITUENT} : library ok

${${CONSTITUENT}lib} ${${CONSTITUENT}stamp} :: ${OBJS}
                ${ranlib} ${${CONSTITUENT}lib}
                cat /dev/null >${${CONSTITUENT}stamp}

${${CONSTITUENT}shstamp} :: ${${CONSTITUENT}stamp}
                cd $(bin); $(make_shlib) $(tag) ${CONSTITUENT} \
                ${${CONSTITUENT}shlibflags}; \
                cat /dev/null >${${CONSTITUENT}shstamp}
=====

```

It must be declared as follows :

```
make_fragment agetocxx -suffix=cxx -dependencies -header=agetocxx_header
```

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## **13 - The tools provided by CMT**

The set of conventions and tools provided by CMT is mainly composed of :

- the syntax of the requirements file,
- and the general cmt user interface, available in the mgr branch of the CMT package.

The *setup* script found in the CMT installation directory actually adds its location to the definition of the standard UNIX PATH environment variable in order to give direct access to the main cmt user interface.

The sections below will detail the complete syntax of the requirements file since it is the basis of most information required to run the tools as well as the main commands available through the cmt user interface.

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### **13. 1 - The requirements file**

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#### **13. 1. 1 - The general requirements syntax**

- A requirements file is made of *statements* , each describing one named configuration parameter.

Statements generally occupy one single line, but may be split into several lines using the reverse-slash character (in this case the reverse-slash character *must* be the last character on the line or must be only followed by space characters).

Each statement is composed of words separated with spaces or tabulations.

The first word of a statement is the name of the configuration parameter.

The rest of the statement provides the value assigned to the configuration parameter.

- Words composing a statement are separated with space or tab characters. They may also be enclosed in quotes when they have to include space or tab characters. Single or double quotes may be freely used, as long as the same type of quote is used on both sides of the word.

Special characters (tabs, carriage-return and line-feed) may be inserted into the statements using an XML-based convention:

tabulation	<cmt:tab/>
carriage-return	<cmt:cr/>
line-feed	<cmt:lf/>

- Comments : they start with the # character and extend up to the end of the current line.

The complete syntax specification is available in [Appendix](#) .

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## **13. 2 - The concepts handled in the requirements file**

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### **13. 2. 1 - The package structuring style**

Packages are installed in a directory structure that can optionnally include a version directory (just after the top directory of the package name). This is controlled through the *structuring style* or *structuring strategy* parameters specified using one of the following means:

1. Through the environment variable CMTSTRUCTURINGSTYLE taking one of the alternate values:

```
with_version_directory  
without_version_directory
```

2. Through the command line options `-with_version_directory` or `-without_version_directory`

3. Through the `structure_strategy` specification entered into the project file of the current project, using the alternate values:

```
with_version_directory  
without_version_directory
```

It should be noted that the command line option will take precedence over the strategy specification, in case of conflict.

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### **13. 2. 2 - Meta-information : author, manager**

The author and manager names

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### **13. 2. 3 - package, version**

The package name and version. These statements are purely informational.

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### **13. 2. 4 - Constituents : application, library, document**

Describe the composition of a constituent. Application and library correspond to the standard meaning of an application (an executable) and a library, while document provides for a quite generic and open mechanism for describing any type of document that can be generated from sources.

Applications and libraries are assigned a name (which will correspond to a generated make fragment, and a dedicated make target).

A document is first associated with a document type (which must correspond to a previously declared make fragment). The document name is then used to name a dedicated make fragment and a make target.

Various options can be used when declaring a constituent:

	<i>validity</i>	
	any	switch to a new default directory ( <u>1</u> )
	any	specify an exclusion regular expression to be a
	any	specify a finer selection regular expression to b
	libraries	do not generate the shared library
	libraries	do not generate the static library ( <i>not yet imple</i>
	applications, libraries	do generate the prototype header files
	applications, libraries	do not generate the prototype header files
	applications	generate a check target meant to execute the re
	any	install the constituent within this group target
	applications, libraries	provide a suffix to names of all object files gen
	applications, libraries	explicitly import for this constituent the standa
	any	construct a specific tag named target_<con
	applications	When used in a Windows environment, genera
	any	define a variable and its value to be given to th

1.

The sources of the constituents are generally specified as a set of file names with their suffixes, and are by default expected from the `./src` directory

```
library A A.cxx B.cxx
```

Then it is possible to change the default search location as well as to use a simplified wildcarding syntax:

```
library A -s=A *.cxx -s=B *.cxx
```

- `-s=A` means that next source files should be taken searched from `./src/A`
- `-s=B` means that next source files should be taken searched from `./src/B`. Note that this new specification is *not* relative to the previous `-s=A` but relative to the default search path `./src`
- `*.cxx` indicates that all files with a `.cxx` suffix in the current search path should be considered

It's also possible to select or exclude files using regular expressions from general wildcarding techniques:

```
library A -s=A -x=[0-9] *.cxx -s=B -k=^B *.cxx
```

- The exclusion specification `-x=[0-9]` added to the statement will exclude all files from `./src/A` containing a *number* in their name.
- The selection specification `-k=^B` added to the statement will select files from `./src/B` strictly starting with the B letter.

2.

When several constituents need to share source files, (a typical example is for building different libraries from the same sources but with different compiler options), it is possible to specify an optional output suffix with the `-suffix=<suffix>` option. With this option, every object file name will be automatically suffixed by the character string "`<suffix>`", avoiding name conflicts between the different targets, as in the following example:

```
library AXt -suffix=Xt *.cxx  
library AXaw -suffix=Xaw *.cxx
```

3.

It's possible to specify in the list of parameters one or more pairs of `variable-name=variable-value` (without any space characters around the "=" character), such as in the next example:

```
make_fragment doc_to_html (1)
```

```
document doc_to_html Foo output=FooA.html FooA.doc (2) (3)
```

1. This makefile fragment is meant to contain some text conversion actions and defines a document type named `doc_to_html`.
2. This constituent exploits the document type `doc_to_html` to convert the

source FooA.doc into an html file.

3. The user defined template variable named `output` is specified and assigned the value `FooA.html`. If the fragment `doc_to_html` contains the string `#{output}`, then it will be substituted to this value.

4.

For any constituent that has the `-target_tag` option set, a dedicated *tag* named `target_<constituent>` is automatically constructed by CMT. This tag becomes active during the construction of this constituent when using `make`, and therefore can be used as any other tag to select symbol values, or other configuration parameters.

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## **13. 2. 5 - Groups**

Groups permit the organization of the constituents that must be consistently built at the same development phases or with similar constraints.

Each group is associated with a make target (of the same name) which, when used in the `make` command, selectively rebuilds all constituents of this group.

The default group (into which all constituents are installed by default) is named `all`, therefore, running `make` without argument, activates the default target (ie. `all`).

As a typical usage of this mechanism, one may exemplify the case in which one or several constituents are making use of one special facility (such as a database service, real-time features, graphical libraries) and therefore might require a controlled re-build. This is especially useful for having these constituents only rebuilt on demand rather than rebuilt automatically when the default `make` command is run.

One could, for instance specify within the requirements file :

```
# Constituents belonging to the default all group
... constituents without group specification ...
library Foo *.cxx

# Constituents belonging to specific groups

library Foo-objy -group=objy <sources making use of Objectivity>

application FooGUI -group=graphics <sources making use of Qt>
application BarGUI -group=graphics <sources making use of Qt>
```

*(Beware of the position of the `-group` option which must be located after the constituent name. Any other position will be misunderstood by CMT)*

Then, running `gmake all` would only rebuild the un-grouped constituents, whereas running

```
> gmake objy
> gmake graphics
```



in the context of the `Foo` package would rebuild *objy* related or *graphics* related constituents.

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## 13. 2. 6 - Languages

Some computer languages are known by default by CMT (`C`, `C++`, `Fortran77`, `Java`, `lex`, `yacc`). However it is possible to extend this knowledge to any other language.

We consider here languages that are able to produce object files from sources.

Let's take an example. We would like to install support for `Fortran90`. We first have to *declare* this new language support to CMT within the `requirements` file of one of our packages (Notice that it's not at all required to modify CMT itself since all clients of the selected package will inherit the knowledge of this language).

The language support is simply named `fortran90` and is declared by the following statement:

```
language fortran90 \  
-suffix=f90 -suffix=F90 \           [1]  
-linker=$(f90link) \               [2]  
-preprocessor_command=$(ppcmd)
```

1. The recognized suffixes for source files will be `f90` and `F90`
2. The linker command used to build a `Fortran90` application is described inside the macro named `f90link` (which must be defined in this `requirements` file but which can also be overridden by clients)

The language support being named `fortran90`, two associated make fragments are expected, one under the name `fortran90` (for building application modules), the other with the name `fortran90_library` (for modules meant to be archived), both without extension.

These two fragments should be installed in the `fragments` sub-directory of the `cmt` branch of our package.

Due to the similarity of the example to `fortran77`, we may easily provide the expected fragments simply by copying the `f77` fragments found in CMT (thus the fragments `$(CMTROOT)/fragments/fortran` and `$(CMTROOT)/fragments/fortran_library`

These fragments make use of the `fcomp` macro, which holds the `fortran77` compiler command (through the `for` macro).

```
macro for           "f77" \  
...  
macro fcomp        "$ (for) -c $(fincludes) $(fflags) $(pp_fflags)"
```

We therefore simply replace these macros by new macros named `f90comp` and `f90`, defined as follows:

```
macro f90                "f90"
...
macro f90comp            "$ (f90) -c $(fincludes) $(fflags) $(pp_fflags)"
```

Some languages (this has been seen for example in the IDL generators in Corba environments) do provide several object files from one unique source file. It is possible to specify this feature through the (repetitive) `-extra_output_suffix` option like in:

```
language idl -suffix=idl -fragment=idl -extra_output_suffix=_skel
```

where, in this case, two object files are produced for each IDL source file, one named `<name>.o` the other named `<name>_skel.o`.

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## **13. 2. 7 - Symbols**

This is a generic concept supporting the notion of valued symbols. Several alternate semantics are implemented by these symbols, all specified using the same syntactic schema, but leading to different behaviours or interpretations by CMT:

- The `set` keyword is translated into an environment variable definition.
- The `macro` keyword is translated into a make 's macro definition.
- The `path` keyword is translated into a prioritized *path*-like environment variable, which is supposed to be composed of search paths separated with colon characters `' : '` (on Unix) or semi-colon characters `' ; '` (on Windows). It is generally recommended to construct such a variable by iteratively concatenating individual items one by one using `path_append` or `path_prepend`
- The `action` keyword is translated into a shell command definition, that can be activated using the `cmt do <action>` command or the associated make target.
- The `alias` keyword is translated into a shell alias definition,

Variants of these keywords are also provided for modifying already defined symbols. This generally happens when a package needs to modify (append, prepend or subtract) an inherited symbol (ie. which has been already defined by a used package).

The translations occur while running either the setup scripts (for alias, set or path) or the make command (for macro and actions).

All these definitions follow the same pattern:

*symbol* : *symbol-type symbol-name default-value [ tag-expr value ... ]*  
*symbol-type* : *definition*  
| *modification*  
*definition* : *macro*  
| *set*  
| *path*  
| *action*  
| *alias*  
*modification* : *macro\_prepend*  
| *macro\_append*  
| *macro\_remove*  
| *macro\_remove\_regexp*  
| *macro\_remove\_all*  
| *macro\_remove\_all\_regexp*  
| *set\_prepend*  
| *set\_append*  
| *set\_remove*  
| *set\_remove\_regexp*  
| *path\_prepend*  
| *path\_append*  
| *path\_remove*  
| *path\_remove\_regexp*  
*tag-expr* : *tag [ & tag ... ]*

- The symbol-name identifies the symbol.
- Values are generally quoted strings (using either simple or double quotes). They may be unquoted only if they are composed of one single non-empty word, since the general syntax parsing relies on space separated words.
- The default-value is mandatory (although it can be an empty string) optionally followed by a set of tag/value pairs, each representing an alternate value for this symbol.

- Each tag-value pair describes an alternate value to be used when the corresponding tag or tag-expression is active.
- When several alternate values are specified through several tag-value pairs the *first* matching condition is selected. Therefore one should always specify the most contraining condition first.
- The removal operations can be specified using either plain sub-strings or regular repressions. One should notice that even for the `path_remove_regex` operation, full regular expression are expected rather than file-system wild carding syntaxes.
- The `path_remove` keyword is slightly specialized since it removes all individual search paths that *contain* the specified sub-string.

Be aware that there is only one name space for all kinds of symbols. Therefore, if a symbol was originally defined using a `macro` statement, using `set_append` to modify it will produce an undefined result (and a warning message).

The `tag` expression is used to select one alternate value to replace the default value, using the following matching rule:

- The first matching condition in the ordered list of alternate values is selected, ignoring the following ones
- A tag expression matches when all tags in the expression are active.

Examples of such definition are :

```
package CMT

macro cflags          "" \
  LynxOS-VGPW2       "-X" \
  insure             "-std1" \
  HP-UX              "+Z" \
  hp700_ux101        "-fpic -ansi" \
  alpha              "-std1" \
  alphas             "-std1" \
  SunOS              "-KPIC" \
  WIN32              '/nologo /DWIN32 /MD /W3 $(includes) /c'

macro pp_cflags       "" \
  LynxOS-VGPW2       "-DVGW2" \
  HP-UX              "-D_HPUX_SOURCE" \
  alphas             "-DCTHREADS" \
  AIX                 "-D_ALL_SOURCE -D_BSD" \
  Linux              "-Di586"

macro ccomp           "$ (cc) -c $(includes) $(cdebugflags) $(cflags) $(pp_cflags)" \
  VisualC            "cl.exe $(cdebugflags) $(cflags) $(pp_cflags)"

macro clinkflags      ""

macro clink           "$ (cc) $(clinkflags)" \
  VisualC            "link.exe /nologo /machine:IX86 "
```

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### 13. 2. 7. 1 - actions

Actions are one of the possible symbols. Their definition as said previously follow the generic conventions for any symbol type, and they implement the concept of a generic shell command.

An example of a symple action:

```
action directory "ls $(dir_options)" WIN32 "dir $(dir_options)"
```

Like other symbols, actions can be visualized using the `cmt show actions` or the `cmt show action <name>` command.

Some specialized mechanisms are available on actions, in order to execute in various ways the corresponding shell commands.

Actually two operating modes are supported:

#### 1. Immediate mode

This can be done via the `cmt do` command:

```
> cmt <action-name>
```

or, when the action name conflicts with a native CMT keyword,

```
> cmt do <action-name>
```

This mode immediately executes the specified command, after locally setting all environment variables known from the current package.

#### 2. Through make

```
> cmt make <action-name>
```

- Actions are always associated with a make target of the same name
- Action are always defined under a constituent group named `cmt_actions`. This means that action targets are never activated by default. Instead they must be explicitly called.
- Action targets can be made dependent to other make targets (or vice versa), similarly to other constituents (libraries, applications, documents), using the `<name>_dependencies` macro.

##### Example 1

```
library A ...  
action B ...  
macro B_dependencies " A "
```

In this example when doing `gmake B`, the library A will be rebuilt first.

##### Example 2

```
library A ...
action B ...
macro A_dependencies " B "
```

In this example when doing `gmake A` (or simply `gmake`), the action B will be executed first.

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### **13. 2. 8 - use**

Describe the relationships with other packages; the generic syntax is :

```
use <package> [ <version> [ <offset> ] ] [ -no_auto_imports=<package> ... ]
```

Omitting the version specification means that the most recent version (ie. the one with highest ids) that can be found from the search path list will be automatically selected.

The *offset* specification can be relative (i.e. on Unix it does not contain a leading `'/'` character). In this case, this offset is systematically considered when the package is looked for in the search path list. But it can also be absolute (ie. with a leading `'/'` character on Unix), in which case this path takes precedence over the standard search path list (see `CMPATH`).

The additional `-no_auto_imports` options suppress the automatic inheritance of some standard parameters from the specified used packages, such as include paths, compiler flags, ...

Examples of such relationships are :

```
use OnX v5r2
use CSet v2r3
use Gb v2r1

# A package installed in a sub-directory one step below the root :
use CS v3r1 virgo

# Back to the default root :
use Cm v7r3

# Get the most recent version of CERNLIB
use CERNLIB
```

By default, a set of standard macros, which are expected to be specified by used packages, is automatically imported from them (see the [detailed list](#) of these macros). This automatic feature can be discarded using the `-no_auto_imports` option to the use statement, or re-activated using the `-auto_imports`. When it is discarded, the macros will not be transparently inherited, but rather, each individual constituent willing to make use of them will have to explicitly import them using the `-import=<package >option`.

When a use statement is in a private section, the corresponding used package will only be reached if when CMT operations occur in the context of the holder package. Otherwise (ie if the operation occurs in some upper level client package), then this *privately* used package will be entirely hidden. (*This behaviour follows a very similar pattern to the private or public inheritance of C++*). Suppose we have the following

organization:

```
-----  
package A  
  
use B v1  
use D v1  
-----  
  
-----  
package B  
  
private  
use C v1  
use D v1  
-----
```

- all operations done in the context of package B will *see* both packages C and D
  - all operations done in the context of package A will *see* both packages B and D, but not package C
- 

### **13. 2. 9 - patterns**

Often, similar configuration items are needed over a set of packages (sometimes over all packages of a project). This reflects either similarities between packages or generic conventions established by a project or a team.

Typical examples are the definition of the search path for shared libraries (through the LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH environment variable), the systematic production of test applications, etc.

The concept of pattern proposed here implements this genericity. Patterns may be either *global*, in which case they will be systematically applied onto every package, or *local* (the default) in which case they will be applied on demand only by each package.

The general principle of a pattern is to associate a templated (set of) `cmt` statement(s) with the pattern name. Then every time the pattern is applied, its associated statements are applied as if they were directly specified in the requirements file, replacing the template with its current value. If several statements are to be associated with a given pattern, they will be separated with the " ; " separator pattern (beware of really enclosing the ; character between two space characters).

The general syntax for defining a pattern in a requirements file is:

```
pattern    :    pattern [ -global ] pattern-name cmt-statement  
              [ ; cmt-statement ... ]
```

Pattern templates are names enclosed between the < and > characters. A set of predefined templates are automatically provided by CMT :

package	the name of the current package
PACKAGE	the name of the current package in upper case
version	the version tag of the current package
path	the access path of the current package
project	the project name of the current package

Then, in addition, user defined templates can be installed within the pattern definitions. Their actual value will be provided as arguments to the `apply_pattern` statement.

User defined templates that have not been assigned a value when the pattern is applied are simply ignored (ie. replaced with an empty string).

Some examples:

1. Changing the standard include search path.

The standard include path is set by default to `${<package>_root}/src`. However, often projects need to override this default convention, and typical example is to set it to a branch named with the package name. This convention is easily applied by defining a pattern which will apply the `include_path` statement as follows:

```
pattern -global include_path include_path ${<package>_root}/<package>/
```

For instance, a package named `PackA` will expand this pattern as follows:

```
include_path ${PackA_root}/PackA/
```

2. Providing a value to the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable

On some operating systems (eg. Linux), shared library paths must be explicated, through an environment variable. The following pattern can automate this operation:

```
pattern ld_library_path \
  path_remove LD_LIBRARY_PATH "/<package>/" ; \
  path_append LD_LIBRARY_PATH ${<PACKAGE>ROOT}/${CMTCONFIG}
```

In this example, the pattern was not set global, so that only packages actually providing shared libraries would be concerned. These packages will simply have to apply the pattern as follows:

```
apply_pattern ld_library_path
```

The schema installed by this pattern provides first a cleanup of the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable and then the new assignment. This choice is useful in this case to avoid conflicting definitions from two different versions of the same package.



### 3. Installing a systematic test application in all packages

Quality assurance requirements might specify that every package should provide a test program. One way to enforce this is to build a global pattern declaring this application. Then every make command would naturally ensure its actual presence.

```
pattern quality_test application <package>test <package>test.cxx <other_sources>
```

In this example, an additional pattern (<other\_sources>) permits the package to specify extra source files to the test application (the pattern assumes at least one source file <package>test.cxx).

---

## **13. 2. 9. 1 - Applying a pattern**

According to whether the `-global` qualifier was used in the pattern definition, the application mode will be completely different.

### 1. *Normal patterns*

Such patterns must be applied explicitly using the `apply_pattern` construct

Doing so, it is possible to specify customization values for user defined template parameters

```
pattern TA macro <base>AAA "AAA"

apply_pattern TA base=abc
apply_pattern TA base=def
```

In the `apply_pattern` syntax, it is even possible to simply *omit* the keyword itself, and thus using the pattern name as a plain CMT keyword. The previous example becomes:

```
TA base=abc
TA base=def
```

This can be seen as a way to *extend* the CMT language. Notice that there is a risk of a conflict between the primary CMT keywords and pattern names then. Suppose that a pattern name is defined to be exactly a primary CMT keyword. In this case, the syntax parser will always understand this name as the CMT primary keyword, and thus won't override the original syntax. When this (not recommended) situation occurs, it is therefore required to use the full notation with an explicit `apply_pattern` keyword, so as to avoid any possible ambiguity.

### 2. *Global patterns* (ie when the `-global` qualifier is used)

In this case, the pattern is automatically applied to *all* packages that effectively see the pattern definition, which includes all clients of the package defining the pattern.

Another consequence of the automatic application of the pattern, is that it is not possible to give values to parameters. Therefore it is not recommended to design global patterns with user defined parameters.

Conversely it is possible to inhibit the automatic application of a global pattern in a particular package by using the following statement:

```
ignore_pattern <name>
```

---

### **13. 2.10 - cmtpath\_patterns**

These patterns act quite similarly to the *global* patterns previously described, ie they defines a set of CMT statements to be applied in a generic way. The difference is that instead of being applied to *packages* , they are automatically applied to all entries in the CMTPATH list.

Only few system parameters can be used here:

- `<path>` which stands for any entry in the CMTPATH list.
- `<project>` which stands for the project name associated with an entry in the CMTPATH list.

As an example suppose we define

```
path          CMTPATH "/ProjectA"
path_append  CMTPATH "/ProjectB"

cmtpath_pattern \
  macro_prepend pp_cppflags " -I<path>/InstallArea/include "
```

this will assemble one `-I` option (towards the preprocessor) per entry in CMTPATH, implementing a mechanism for a multiple installation area for header files. In the example above the resulting macro will be

```
-I/ProjectA/InstallArea/include -I/ProjectB/InstallArea/include
```

This can be combined with the standard and automatic macros (automatically setup for all used packages)

```
<package>_cmtpath
<package>_offset
```

which provide the CMTPATH entry and the directory offset in this CMTPATH for all used packages.

---

### **13. 2.11 - branches**

Describe the specific directory branches to be added while configuring the package.

```
branches <branch-name> ...
```

These branches will be created (if needed) at the same level as the `cmt` branch. Typical examples of such required branches may be `include` , `test` or `data` .

---

### 13. 2.12 - Strategy specifications

Users can control the behaviour of CMT through a set of strategy specifications. The current implementation provides such control over several aspects :

#### 1. The build strategy

This controls some aspects of the building process.

The following keywords are available:

---

Files will automatically produce a header file containing a prototype of all global entry points

---

Production of automatic prototype header files for C sources

---

Installation area mechanisms are activated. This implies applying the `cmtpath_patterns` that may be defined (eg in CMT itself)

---

Installation area mechanisms are inhibited

---

#### 2. The setup strategy

This controls various actions that may be performed during the sourcing of the setup scripts.

The following keywords are available:

<code>config</code>	An environment variable <code>&lt;PACKAGE&gt;CONFIG</code> will be generated for all packages in the dependency chain
<code>no_config</code>	The <code>&lt;PACKAGE&gt;CONFIG</code> environment variable is not generated
<code>root</code>	An environment variable <code>&lt;PACKAGE&gt;ROOT</code> will be generated for all packages in the dependency chain
<code>no_root</code>	The <code>&lt;PACKAGE&gt;ROOT</code> environment variable is not generated
<code>cleanup</code>	The automatic cleanup operation to the current installation area is launched
<code>no_cleanup</code>	The automatic cleanup operation to the current installation area is not launched

The strategy specifications are setup on a per-project basis. This means that they are generally applicable to all packages of a given sub-project, and can be overridden in other sub-projects of the same software base.

Every strategy setting defines two mutually exclusive tags and activates one of them.

```
<project>_<have_item>  
<project>_<have_not_item>
```

Examples

```
<project>_prototypes  
<project>_no_prototypes  
<project>_with_install_area  
<project>_without_install_area  
<project>_config  
<project>_no_config  
<project>_root  
<project>_no_root  
<project>_cleanup  
<project>_no_cleanup
```

---

### **13. 2.13 - setup\_script, cleanup\_script**

Specify user defined configuration scripts, which will be activated together with the execution of the main `setup` and `cleanup` scripts.

The script names may be specified without any access path specification, in this case, they are looked for in the `cmt` or `mgr` branch of the package itself. They may also be specified without any `.csh` or `.sh` suffix, the appropriate suffix will be appended accordingly when needed. Therefore, when such a user configuration script is specified, CMT expects that the corresponding shell scripts actually exist in the appropriate directory (the `cmt` branch by default) and is provided in whatever format is appropriate (thus suffixed by `.csh` and/or `.sh`).

---

### **13. 2.14 - include\_path**

Override the specification for the default include search path, which is internally set to `${<package >_root}/src`.

Specifying the value *none* (a reserved CMT keyword) means that no default include search path is expected from CMT, and thus no `-I` compiler option will be generated by default (generally this means that user include search paths should be specified via explicit `include_dirs` instead).

*Note that this behaviour is expected to become obsolete in some next release of CMT. The default include search path of `./src` will then simply disappear, and the `include_path` statement will become meaningless. When this happens, include search paths will always have to be explicitly specified using the `include_dirs` statement. In order to anticipate this evolution, it is suggested to always use `include_path none` and add all include search directories using the `include_dirs` statement.*

---

### **13. 2.15 - include\_dirs**

Add explicit specifications for include access paths. The value may be provided through a macro reference.

The statement is sensitive to private scoping.

---

### **13. 2.16 - make\_fragment**

This statement specifies a specialized makefile fragment, used as a building brick to construct the final makefile fragment dedicated to build the constituents.

There are basically three categories of such fragments :

1. some are provided by CMT itself (they correspond to its internal behaviour)
2. others handle the language support
3. and the last serve as specialized document generators.

The fragments defined in CMT can be:

- those used to construct the application or library constituents. Their semantic is standardized (they are all associated with a `language` statement in the CMT requirements file).

---

*c c\_library cpp cpp\_library lex lex\_library fortran fortran\_library yacc  
yacc\_library jar jar\_header java java\_copy java\_header check\_java  
cleanup\_java*

---

- those used internally by CMT as primary building blocks for assembling the makefile. (Generally developers should not see them).

---

*cleanup\_objects application constituent application\_header  
constituents\_header buildproto protos\_header os9\_header dependencies  
check\_application dependencies\_and\_triggers check\_application\_header  
document\_header library cleanup library\_header cleanup\_application  
library\_no\_share cleanup\_header make\_header cleanup\_library*

---

- some document generators which *may* be used if needed, but are not mandatory:

---

*installer installer\_header readme readme\_header readme\_trailer  
readme\_use dvi tex generator generator\_header*

---

- those used to generate configuration files for MSVisualC++:

---

*dsp\_windows\_header dsw\_all\_project dsw\_all\_project\_dependency  
dsw\_all\_project\_header dsw\_all\_project\_trailer dsw\_header dsw\_project  
dsw\_trailer dsp\_all dsp\_application\_header dsp\_contents  
dsp\_library\_header dsp\_shared\_library\_header dsp\_trailer*

---

Language fragments should provide two forms, one for the applications (in which case they are named exactly after the language name eg `c`, `cpp`, `fortran`) and the other for the libraries (in which case they have the `_library` suffix (eg. `c_library`, `cpp_library`, `fortran_library`). A set of language definitions (C, C++, Fortran, Java, Lex, Yacc) is

provided by CMT itself but it is expected that projects add new languages according to their needs. Even if the make fragment meant to be the implementation of a language support is declared, the language support itself must be declared too, using the `language` statement

All make fragments are provided as (suffixless) files which must be located in the `fragments` sub-directory inside the `cmt/mgr` branch of one package. They must also be declared in the requirements file (through the `make_fragment` statement) so as to be visible.

A package declaring, and implementing a make fragment may override a fragment of the same name when it is already declared by a used package. This implies in particular that any package may freely override any make fragment provided by CMT itself (although in this case a deep understanding of what the original fragment does is recommended).

Makefile fragments may take any form convenient to the document style, and some special pre-built templates (see the [appendix](#) ) can be used in their body to represent running values, meant to be properly expanded at actual generation time :

CONSTITUENT	the constituent name
FULLNAME	the full source path
FILENAME	the source file name without its path
NAME	the source file name without its path and suffix
FILESUFFIX	the dotted file suffix
FILEPATH	the output path
SUFFIX	the default suffix for output files

---

### **13. 2.17 - public, private**

The `public` or `private` keywords introduce sections containing *public* or *private* statements. This concerns:

- the definition of symbols
- the specification of use relationships
- the declaration of make fragments
- the declaration of patterns
- the declaration of include search paths (via the `include_dirs` statement)

Public definitions are meant to be exported to any client of the package whereas private ones are only available for the package *developper* ie. when the current directory is within the package itself.

Public use relationships expose the complete sub-tree to the package clients, whereas private ones entirely hide the sub-tree, expanding it only when the operator really acts from within the context of the package. It should be noticed that private use relationships are completely invisible from clients, which implies that none of the

definitions (not only symbols) will be set.

However, the `cmt broadcast` and `cmt show uses` commands are configured to always ignore the private specification and therefore will always traverse the sub-trees whether they are public or private (in order to ensure the hierarchy dependencies)

---

### **13. 2.17. 1 - Scoping sections**

By using the `public` or `private` keywords, one defines *scoping* sections. This sections continues until:

- another scoping statement is found, which simply switch to this new mode
- an `end_private` or `end_public` keyword is found, in which case the scoping mode is reset to the state prior to the previous matching `private` or `public` statement. This latter mechanisms permits in particular to define autonomous scoping sections within patterns.

By default `cmt` commands operate according to the scoping specifications found in the requirements files of the reachable packages. Ie. in the current package all statements are considered whether being public or private, while in used packages, only public statements are considered.

This standard behaviour though is not applied when running `cmt broadcast` or `cmt show uses`, and in this case all statements public or private, are always considered, even in used packages.

However it is always possible to override the default behaviours by using the `-private` or `-public` modifier to the `cmt` command:

- `-private`

Force the command to consider all definitions even those installed in private sections

- `-public`

Force the command to really mask the private sections

---

### **13. 2.18 - tag, apply\_tag**

The `tag` keyword provides tag definitions, while the `apply_tag` keyword *activates* a tag.

A tag is a token which can be used to select particular values of symbols.

Some tags are automatically constructed by CMT according to its knowledge of the context (see this [section](#) for more details), but they may be also defined within a requirements file as follows :

```

tag Foo [1]
tag Bar Foo FooA FooB [2]
apply_tag Bar [3]

```

1. This simply declares a tag. This does not activate it by default
2. This construct declares that the tags `Foo`, `FooA` and `FooB` will become active if `Bar` becomes active. Note that this statement implicitly *declares* `FooA` and `FooB`
3. This activates the `Bar` tag. Tags that have been associated with it (in [2]), will all become active as well.

Running the setup script (through the *source* `setup.[c]sh` or *call* `setup.bat` command ) can also receive tag specifications using the `-tag=tag-list` options.

## 13. 3 - The general cmt user interface

This utility (a shell script combined with a C++ application) provides a centralised access to various commands to the CMT system. The first way to use `cmt` is to run it without argument, this will print a minimal help text showing the basic commands and their syntax :

```

> cmt command [option...]
command :
  none
  awk
  broadcast [-select=list] [-exclude=list] [-local] [-global] [-begin=pattern] [-depth=n] <command>
    apply a command to [some of] the used packages
  build <option> : build actions. (Try cmt help build)
  build constituent_makefile <constituent> : generate constituent Makefile fragment
  build constituents_makefile : generate constituents.make
  build dependencies : generate dependencies
  build library_links : build symbolic links towards all imported libraries
  build make_setup : build a compiled version of setup scripts
  build msdev : generate MSDEV files
  build CMT_pacman : generate PACMAN manifest file for CMT
  build vsnet : generate VS.NET files
  build os9_makefile : generate Makefile for OS9
  build prototype : generate prototype file
  build readme : generate README.html
  build tag_makefile : generate tag specific Makefile
  build temporary_name : generate a name for a temporary file
  build triggers <constituent> : generate library trigger file
  build windefs <library_name> : generate def file for Windows shared libraries
  check <option> : check actions. (Try cmt help check)
  check configuration : check configuration
  check files <old> <new> : compare two files and overrides <old> by <new> if different
  check version <name> : check if a name follows a version tag syntax
  co | checkout : perform a cvs checkout over a CMT package
  cleanup [-csh/-sh/-bat] : generate a cleanup script
  config : generate setup and cleanup scripts
  create <package> <version> [<path>] : create and configure a new package
  create_project <project> <name> [<path>] : create and configure a new project
  cvsbranches <module> : display the subdirectories for a module
  cvssubpackages <module> : display the subpackages for a module
  cvssubprojects <module> : display the subprojects for a module
  cvstags <module> : display the CVS tags for a module
  do <action> [<param>=<value>] ... : Execute an action
  expand model <model> :

```



```

filter <in> <out>           : filter a file against CMT macros and env. variables
help | -help | --help      : display this help
load
lock [<p> <v> [<path>]]    : lock a package
remove <package> <version> [<path>] : remove a package version
remove library_links       : remove symbolic links towards all imported libraries
run '<command>'           : apply a command
run_sequence <sequence file> : execute a cmt equence file
set version <version>      : generate a version file in the current package
set versions               : generate version files into packages
setup [-csh|-sh|-bat]     : generate a setup script
show <option>              : query actions. (Try cmt help show)
show action <name>         : a formatted action definition
show action_value <name>  : a raw action definition
show action_names         : all action names
show actions               : all action definitions
show all_tags              : all defined tags
show applied_patterns     : all patterns actually applied
show author                : package author
show branches              : added branches
show clients               : package clients
show cmtpath_patterns     : cmtpath_patterns
show constituent <name>   : constituent definition
show constituent_names    : constituent names
show constituents         : constituent definitions
show cycles                : cycles in the use graph
show fragment <name>      : one fragment definition
show fragments            : fragment definitions
show groups                : group definitions
show include_dirs         :
show language <name>      : language definition
show languages            : language definitions
show macro <name>         : a formatted macro definition
show macro_value <name>  : a raw macro definition
show macro_names          : all macro names
show macros                : all macro definitions
show manager               : package manager
show packages              : packages reachable from the current context
show path                  : the package search list
show pattern <name>       : the pattern definition and usages
show pattern_names        : pattern names
show patterns              : the pattern definitions
show projects              : project definitions
show setup                 : setup definitions
show pwd                   : filtered current directory
show set <name>            : a formatted set definition
show set_names             : set names
show set_value <name>     : a raw set definition
show sets                  : set definitions
show strategies            : all strategies (build & version)
show tags                  : all currently active tags
show use_paths <pack>     : all paths to the used package
show uses                  : used packages
show version               : version of the current package
show versions <name>      : visible versions of the selected package
system                     : display the system tag
unlock [<p> <v> [<path>]] : unlock a package
version                    : version of CMT

global options :
-quiet                : don't print errors
-use=<p>:<v>:<path>    : set package version path
-pack=<package>       : set package

```

```
-version=<version>      : set version
-path=<path>            : set root path
-f=<requirement-file>   : set input file
-e=<statement>         : add a one line statement
-tag=<tag-list>        : select a new tag-set
-tag_add=<tag-list>    : add specific comma-separated tag(s)
-tag_remove=<tag-list> : remove specific comma-separated tag(s)
-warnings              : display various warnings
-with_version_directory : reset to default structuring style
-without_version_directory : switch structuring style
```

The following sections present the detail of each available command.

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### **13. 3. 1 - Global options of the cmt command**

These options of the general form `-<option>` or `-<option>=<value>` should be provided *before* the command itself. They give special hints to cmt onto how to perform the command.

Some options have meaning over all commands (such as the `-quiet` option) while some others only have a meaning in the context of some specialized commands (such as the `-with_version_directory` option which is only useful for the `create` or `co` commands)

The following table describes the various global options of the cmt tool:

<i>option</i>	<i>effect</i>	<i>commands</i>
-quiet	don't print errors	<i>all</i>
-use=<p>:<v>:<path>	set current package version and path in one option	<i>all</i>
-pack=<package>	set current package, version and root path	<i>all</i>
-version=<version>		
-path=<path>		
-f=<requirement-file>	override input file	<i>all</i>
-e=<statement>	add a one line statement	<i>all</i>
-tag=<tag-list>	select a new tag-set	<i>all</i>
-tag_add=<tag-list>	add specific comma-separated tag(s)	<i>all</i>
-tag_remove=<tag-list>	remove specific comma-separated tag(s)	<i>all</i>
-warnings	displays various warnings, such as invalid PATH items	broadcast run setup
-with_version_directory	reset to default structuring style	create co
-without_version_directory	switch structuring style	create co

### **13. 3. 2 - cmt broadcast**

This command tries to repeatedly execute a shell command in the context of each of the used package of the current package. The used packages are listed using the `cmt show uses` command, which also indicates in which order the broadcast is performed. When the `all_packages` option, the set of packages reached by the broadcast is rather the same as the one shown by the `cmt show packages` command, ie all CMT packages and versions available through the current `CMPATH` list.

Typical uses of this *broadcast* operation could be:

```

csh> cmt broadcast cmt config
csh> cmt broadcast - gmake
csh> cmt broadcast '(cd ../; cvs -n update)'
```

The loop over used packages will stop at the first error occurrence in the application of the command, except if the command was preceded by a '-' (minus) sign (similarly to the make convention).

It is possible to specify a list of selection or exclusion criteria set onto the package path, using the following options, right after the `broadcast` keyword. These selection criteria may be combined (eg one may combine the *begin* and *select* modifiers)

```

sh> cmt broadcast -begin=Cm gmake (1)
sh> cmt broadcast -select=Cm gmake (2)
sh> cmt broadcast -select='/Cm/ /CSet/' gmake (3)
sh> cmt broadcast -select=Cm -exclude=Cmo gmake (4)
sh> cmt broadcast -local gmake (5)
sh> cmt broadcast -depth=<n> gmake (6)
sh> cmt broadcast -global gmake (7)
sh> cmt broadcast -all_packages gmake (8)
```

According to the option, the loop will only operate onto:

1. the first package which path contains the string "Cm" , and then all other reachable packages (in case other specifiers are used)
2. the packages which path contains the string "Cm"
3. the packages which path contains either the string "/Cm/" or the string "/CSet/"
4. the packages which path contains the string "Cm" , but which does not contain the string "Cmo"
5. the packages at the same level as the current package
6. the packages at the same level as the current package or among the <n> first entries in the CMTPATH list
7. the packages at any level of the CMTPATH search list
8. all the packages and versions currently available through the CMTPATH list

The environment variables as specified in the requirements files of the use graph are internally pre-set before running the specified shell command. Thus it's not required to *source* the setup scripts before using the `broadcast` command

### **13. 3. 2. 1 - Specifying the shell command**

A priori any Unix or DOS shell command can be specified in a broadcast command. However, it's important to understand the order of the various parsing actions:

1. The current shell first parses the complete command line
2. CMT catches all possible options given to the broadcast command itself
3. CMT then gets the rest of the command line and makes it the shell command to be executed during the broadcast scan.
4. This command line may be subject to template substitution (see below) by CMT

5. Eventually the command line is passed to the local shell (which may then perform additional parsing actions)

Considering this complex sequence of parsing, it may be appropriate to selectively enclose the shell command passed to the broadcast action into quotes. It may even be sometimes useful to have two levels of quotes

---

### **13. 3. 2. 2 - Templates in the shell command**

Similarly to what exists in the `pattern` mechanism, some standard *templated* values can be embedded inside the command to be executed by the broadcast action. They take a standard form of `<template-name>`. These templates acquire their value on each package effectively reached during the broadcast scan, and the effective value is substituted before launching the command. The possible templates are:

<code>&lt;package_cmtpath&gt;</code>	The element in the CMTPATH search list where the package has been found
<code>&lt;package_offset&gt;</code>	The directory offset to cmtpath
<code>&lt;package&gt;</code>	The package name
<code>&lt;version&gt;</code>	The version of the package

The next example shows a typical broadcast command listing the header files as expected in the conventional location `../<package>`:

```
> cmt broadcast 'ls ../<package>'
[...]
```

```
#-----
# Now trying [ ls ../GenzModuleEvent] in ../../GenzModuleEvent/../../cmt (149/609)
#-----
CVS KineHepMcmmap.h
#-----
# Now trying [ ls ../Tauola_i] in ../../Tauola_i/../../cmt (150/609)
#-----
CVS   Jaki.icc      Tauola_i.h   Taurad.h   config.h   rn_tau.h
Jaki.h ReadPDGtable.h Tauola_i.icc Taurad.icc polhep.inc tauola_cblk.inc
#-----
# Now trying [ ls ../NavigationEvent] in ../../NavigationEvent/../../cmt (151/609)
#-----
CVS INavigable.h INavigationCondition.h INavigationSelector.h
INavigationToken.h NavigationToken.h
[...]
```

---

One should note that when templates are used in a broadcast command, it's important to enclose the command in quotes so as to inhibit any possible parsing of the `<>` syntax by the shell.

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### 13. 3. 3 - cmt build <option>

The actions associated with the build options are generally meant for internal use only, and users will rarely (if ever!) apply them manually

All build commands are generally meant to change the current package (some file or set of files is generated). Therefore a check against conflicting locks (ie. a lock owned by another user) is performed by all these commands prior to execute it.

- [-nmake] constituent\_makefile <constituent-name >

This command is internally used by CMT in the standard Makefile.header fragment. It generates a specific makefile fragment (named <constituent-name >.make) which is used to re-build this fragment.

All such constituent fragments are automatically included from the main Makefile.

Although this command is meant to be used internally (and transparently) by CMT when the make command is run, a developer may find useful in very rare cases to manually re-generate the constituent fragment, using this command.

The -nmake option (which must precede the command) provides exactly the same features but in a Windows/nmake context. In this case, all generated makefiles are suffixed by .nmake instead of .make for Unix environments. The main makefile is expected to be named NMake and the standard header is named NMakefile.header

- [-nmake] constituents\_makefile

This command is internally (and transparently) used by CMT in the standard Makefile.header fragment, and when the make command is run, to generate a specialized make fragment containing all "cmt build constituent\_makefile" commands for a given package.

The -nmake option (which must precede the command) provides exactly the same feature but in a Windows/nmake context. In this case, all generated makefiles are suffixed by .nmake instead of .make for Unix environments. The main makefile is expected to be named NMake and the standard header is named NMakefile.header

- dependencies

This command is internally (and transparently) used by CMT from the constituent specific fragment, and when the make command is run, to generate a fragment containing the dependencies required by a source file.

This fragment contains a set of macro definitions (one per constituent source file), each containing the set of found dependencies.

CMT is able to recursively compute the dependencies implied by the `include` statements found in the source files. However it's also possible to make plain use of the standard mechanisms provided by some standard tools like `cpp -M`. In this case, it will be required to *format* the output produced by the selected tool so as to let CMT parse it and properly deduce the dependencies. Formatting the output of external tools may require to interface the tool itself e.g. using a shell script.

The standard CMT macro `$(build_dependencies)` must be used to specify an alternate dependency builder. The default value is:

```
$(cmtexe) -quiet -tag=$(tags) build_dependencies
```

The expected output format from any dependency builder is as follows:

- Each file corresponds to one single dependency line in the output
- A dependency line should be formatted as follows:

```
<file-name>_<file_suffix>_dependencies = <source> <file> ...
```

Where:

- `<file-name>` is given without the file suffix
- `<file_suffix>` is given without the dot
- `<source>` is the path to the source file
- the list of `<file>` paths corresponds to the effective list of dependent files. This is a list of relative or absolute file paths.

A Unix shell script in `/${CMTROOT}/mgr/cmt_build_deps.sh` is offered as an example of how to interface the standard `cpp -M` command with CMT. It can be declared as a substitute to the internal mechanism as follows:

```
macro build_dependencies "${CMTROOT}/mgr/cmt_build_deps.sh"
```

Of course this shell script should be considered as an example and might have to be adapted for other dependency builders, or for Windows.

- `library_links`

This command builds a local symbolic link towards all exported libraries from the used packages. A package exports its libraries through the `<package>_libraries` macro which should contain the list of constituent names corresponding to libraries that must be exported.

```
library Foo ...
library Foo-utils ...
...
macro Foo_libraries "Foo Foo-utils"
```

The corresponding `cmt remove library_links` command will remove all these links.

- `msdev`

This command generates workspace (.dsw) and project (.dsp) files required for the MSDev tool.

- `vsnet`

This command generates workspace and project files required for the Visual.net tool.

- `os9_makefile`

This command generates external dedicated *makefile* fragments for each individual component of the package (ie. libraries or executable applications) to be used in OS9 context. It generates specific syntaxes for the OS9 operating systems.

The output of this tool is a set of files (named with the components' name and suffixed by `.os9make`) that are meant to be *included* within the main Makefile that the developer has to write anyhow.

The syntax of the `cmt build os9_makefile` utility is as follows :

```
sh> cmt build os9_makefile <package>
```

- `prototype <source-file-name>`

This command is internally (and transparently) used by CMT from the constituent specific fragment, and when the make command is run, to generate prototype header files from C source files.

The prototype header files (named `<file-name>.ph`) will contain prototype definitions for every global entry point defined in the corresponding C source file.

The effective activation of this feature is controled by the build strategy of CMT . The build strategy may be freely and globally overridden from any requirements file, using the `build_strategy` cmt statement, providing either the "prototypes" or the "no\_prototypes" values.

In addition, any constituent may locally override this strategy using the "-prototypes" or "-no\_prototypes" modifiers.

- `readme`

This command generates a README.html file into the cmt branch of the referenced package. This html file will include

- a table containing URLs to equivalent pages for all used packages,
- a copy of the local README file (if it exists).

- `tag_makefile`

This command produces onto the standard output, the exhaustive list of all macros controled by CMT , ie. those defined in the requirements files as well as the standard macros internally built by CMT , taking into account all used packages.



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### **13. 3. 4 - cmt check configuration**

This command reads the hierarchy of requirements files referenced by a package, check them, and signals syntax errors, version conflicts or other configuration problems.

An empty output means that everything is fine.

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### **13. 3. 5 - cmt check files <reference-file> <new-file>**

This command compares the reference file to the new file, and substitutes the reference file by the new one if they are different.

If substitution is performed, a copy (with additional extension `sav`) is produced.

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### **13. 3. 6 - cmt checkout ...**

See the [paragraph](#) on how to use cvs together with CMT, and more specifically the details on [checkout oprations](#).

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### **13. 3. 7 - cmt co ...**

This is simply a short cut to the `cmt checkout` command.

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### **13. 3. 8 - cmt cleanup [-csh|-sh]**

This command generates (to the standard output) a set of shell commands (either for `csh` or `sh` shell families) meant to unset all environment variables specified in the [requirements](#) files of the used packages.

This command is internally used in the `cleanup.[c]sh` shell script, itself generated by the `cmt config` command.

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### **13. 3. 9 - cmt config**

This command (re-)generates the setup scripts and the minimal Makefile (when it does not exist yet or have been lost).

```
csh> cd ~/Packages/Foo/v1/cmt
csh> cmt config
```

To be properly operated, one must *already* be in the `cmt` or `mgr` branch of a package (where the [requirements](#) file can be found).

This command also performs some cleanup operations (eg. removing all makefile fragments previously generated). Generally speaking, one may say that this command restores the CMT-related files to their original state (ie before any document generation)

The situations in which it is useful to run this command are:

- When the setup or cleanup scripts have been lost
- When the minimal Makefile have been lost
- When the version of CMT is changed
- After restoring a package from CVS
- After having manually changed the directory structure of a package (using a manual copy operation, or renaming one of its parent directory, such as the version directory)

It should be noted however that when using *actions*, such as the one defined by default to launch make tools neither `cmt config` nor `source setup` are required any longer.

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### **13. 3.10 - `cmt create <package> <version> [<area>]`**

This command creates a new package or a new version of a package

```
csh> cmt create Foo v1
```

or:

```
csh> cmt create Foo v1 ~/dev
```

In the first mode (ie. without the *area* argument) the package will be created in the default path.

The second mode explicitly provides an alternate path.

A minimal configuration is installed for this new package:

- A `src` and a `cmt` branch
- A very minimal requirements file
- The setup and cleanup shell scripts
- The minimal Makefile

A version directory may be created according to the structuring style or structuring strategy parameters specified using one of the following means:

1. Through the environment variable `CMTSTRUCTURINGSTYLE` taking one of the alternate values:

```
with_version_directory  
without_version_directory
```

2. Through the command line options `-with_version_directory` or `-without_version_directory`
3. Through the `structure_strategy` specification entered into the project file of the current project, using the alternate values:

```
with_version_directory
without_version_directory
```

It should be noted that the command line option will take precedence over the strategy specification, in case of conflict.

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### **13. 3.11 - cmt expand model [-strict] <model-string>**

This command produces on the standard output an *expansion* of the model string given in the argument.

The expansion consists in:

- Expanding macros referenced in the model string using the standard notations  $\$( )$  or  $\$\{ \}$  or  $\% \%$

```
> cmt expand model "abcd $(CMTVERSION) efgh"
abcd v1r18p20051101 efgh
```

- *Recursively* expanding text files with parameters. The model string must then take a conventional XML-based syntax:

```
> cmt expand model "text <file-name parameter=value ... /> text ..."
```

or

```
> cmt expand model -strict "text <cmts:file-name parameter='value' ... /> text ..."
```

or

```
> cmt expand model -strict "text <cmtv:file-name parameter='v1 v2 v3 ...' ... /> text ..."
```

Where:

- *file-name* is the name of a file declared using the `make_fragment` statement
- *parameter =value* specifies the value of a parameter that will be substituted in the file when referenced using the  $\$(parameter)$  notation. Several such values may be specified in one model string
- the `-strict` form is useful to handle XML files, and file names must be prefixed (*namespaced*) by a special keyword `cmts:` or `cmtv:`.

`cmts:` Perform a unique substitution over one copy of the file

`cmtv:` Perform a multiple substitution over N copies of the file, taking the N space-separated values specified for the parameters

The following examples will explain some of the mechanisms.

We consider A containing:

```
A$(P1)B$(P2)C
```

And B containing:

```
i<cmts:A P1='j' P2='${P2}' />k

> cmt expand model "abcd <A P1=XXX/> efgh" [1]
abcd AXXXBC efgh
> cmt expand model -strict "abcd <cmts:A P1='XXX' P2='YYY' /> efgh" [2]
abcd AXXXBYYC efgh
> cmt expand model -strict "abcd <cmts:A P1='XXX' /> <cmts:B P2='YYY' /> efgh" [3]
abcd AXXXBC iAjBYYCk efgh
> cmt expand model -strict "abcd <cmtv:A P1='X Y Z' P2='YYY' /> efgh" [4]
abcd AXBYYCAYBCAZBC efgh
> cmt expand model -strict "abcd <cmtv:A P1='X Y Z' P2='\ '\ ' <cmt:null /> ZZZ' /> efgh" [5]
abcd AXBCAYBCAZBZZC efgh
...
```

1. A simple expansion using the non-strict model syntax. P1 is substituted, but \$(P2) becomes empty
  2. The same using the strict model. Here P2 is valued.
  3. A more complex model, using a recursive expansion described in B showing how parameter values are transmitted
  4. A model showing the multiple expansion. Here P1 receives 3 values. P2 has only one value. The largest vector (3 values) dictates the number of copies. smaller vectors are completed by empty values.
  5. A model showing the multiple expansion with empty values in a vector. Here P1 receives 3 values. P2 has also 3 values, but only one non-empty. This examples show the two possible means of specifying empty vector values: using either "\ \" or the reserved keyword <cmt:null /> .
- The file expansion is recursive. This means that files specified in model elements will themselves be considered as model texts (ie following the same syntax), and be expanded in turn. This processus is entirely recursive, with no limit to the depth. The *-strict* option, when selected is propagated during the recursion.

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### **13. 3.12 - cmt filter <in-file> <out-file>**

This command reads <in-file>, substitutes all occurrences of macro references (taking either the form \$(macro-name) or \${macro-name}) by values deduced from corresponding macro specifications found in the [requirements](#) files, and writes the result into <out-file>.

This mechanism is widely internally used by CMT, especially for instantiating make fragments. Then, users may use it for any kind of document, including manual generation of MSDev configuration files, etc...

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### **13. 3.13 - cmt help | --help**

This command shows the list of options of the cmt driver.

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### **13. 3.14 - cmt lock [ <package> <version> [<area>] ]**

This command tries to set a lock onto the current package (or onto the specified package). This consists in the following operations:

1. Check if a conflicting lock is already set onto this package (ie. a lock owned by another user).
2. If not, then install a small text file named `lock.cmt` into the `cmt/mgr` branch of the package, containing the following text:  

```
locked by <user-name> date <now>
```
3. Run a shell command described in the macro named `lock_command` meant to install physical locks onto all files for this version of this package. A typical definition for this macro could be:

```
macro lock_command    "chmod -R a-w ../*" \  
WIN32                "attrib /S /D +R ../*"
```

---

### **13. 3.15 - cmt remove <package> <version> [<area>]**

This command removes one version of the specified package. If the package does not contain a conflicting lock, and if the user is granted enough access rights to remove files, *all* files below the version directory will be definitively removed. Therefore this command should be used with as much care as possible.

The arguments needed to reach the package version to be removed are the same as the ones which had been used to create it.

If the removed version is the last version of this package, (and only if its directory is really empty) the package directory itself will be deleted.

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### **13. 3.16 - cmt remove library\_links**

This command removes symbolic links towards all imported libraries which had been installed using the `cmt build library links` command. This command is generally transparently executed when one runs `gmake clean`

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### **13. 3.17 - cmt run [shell-command]**

This command runs any shell command, in the context of the *current* package.

In particular all environment variables defined in requirements file are first set before running the command. This may be seen as a generic *application launcher*.

This may be combined with the global options `-pack=package`, `-version=version`, `-path=access-path`, to give a direct access to any package context.

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### **13. 3.18 - cmt set version <version>**

This command creates and/or fills in the `version.cmt` file for a package structured without the version directory.

This command has no effect when run in the context of a package structured *with* the version directory

This command must be run while being in the context of one CMT package.

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### **13. 3.19 - cmt set versions**

This command applies recursively the `cmt set version ...` command onto all used packages using a broadcast operation.

Packages reached during the broadcast scan acquire their version from the original use statement. This is this specified version which will be stored inside the `version.cmt` files

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### **13. 3.20 - cmt setup [-csh|-sh|-bat]**

This command generates (to the standard output) a set of shell commands (either for `csh`, `sh` or `bat` shell families) meant to set all environment variables specified in the requirements files of the used packages.

This command is internally used in the `setup.[c]sh` or `setup.bat` shell script, itself generated by the `cmt config` command.

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### **13. 3.21 - cmt show <option>**

- `all_tags`

This command displays all currently defined tags, even when not currently active

- `applied_patterns`

This command displays all patterns actually applied in the current package

- `author`

- `branches`

- `clients <package> [ <version> ]`

This command displays all packages that express an explicit **use** statement onto the specified package. If no version is specified on the argument list, then all uses of that package are displayed.

Note that the search on clients is *not* performed recursively. Thus only clients explicitly using the specified package will be displayed.

- `constituent_names`
- `constituents`
- `cycles`

This command displays all cycles in the use graph of the current package. Although CMT smoothly accepts such cycles, it is generally a bad practice to have cycles in a use graph, because CMT can never decide on the preferred entry point in the cycle, leading to somewhat unpredictable results, eg in constructing the `use_linkopts` macro.

- `fragment <name>`

This command displays the actual location where the specified make fragment is currently found by CMT, taking into account possible overridden definitions.

- `fragments`

Display the effective location of all declared make fragments

- `groups`

This command displays all groups possibly defined in constituents of the current package (using the `-group=<group-name >` option).

- `languages`

Display all languages declared using the `language` keyword

- `macro <name>`  
`set <name>`  
`action <name>`

This set of commands displays a quite detailed explanation on the value assigned to the symbol (macro, set or action) specified as the additional argument. It presents in particular each intermediate assignments made to this symbol by the hierarchy of used statements, as well as the final result of these assignment operations.

By adding a `-tag=<tag>` option to this command, it is possible to simulate the behaviour of this command in another context, without actually going to a machine or an operating system where this configuration is defined.

- `macro_value <name>`  
`set_value <name>`  
`action_value <name>`

This set of commands displays the raw value assigned to the symbol (macro, set or action) specified as the additional argument. It only presents the final result of the assignment operations performed by used packages.

By adding a `-tag=<tag>` option to this command, it is possible to simulate the behaviour of this command in another context, without actually going to a machine or an operating system where this configuration is defined.

The typical usage of the `show macro_value` command is to get at the shell level (rather than within a `Makefile`) the value of a macro definition, providing means of accessing them (quite similarly to an environment variable) :

```
csh> set compiler='cmt show macro_value cppcomp'
csh> ${compiler} ....
```

- `macros`  
`sets`  
`actions`

This set of commands extracts from the `requirements` file(s) the complete set of symbol (macro, set or action) definitions, selects the appropriate `tag` definition (or uses the one provided in the `-tag=<tag>` option) and displays the effective symbol values corresponding to this tag.

This command is typically used to show the effective list of macros used when running `make` and can be also used to build, as an argument list, the `make` command as follows :

```
csh> eval make `cmt show macros`
```

This use of `cmt show macros` is directly installed within the default target provided in the standard `Makefile.header` file. Therefore if this file is included into the package's `Makefile`, macro definitions provided in the `requirements` files (the one of the currently built package as well as the ones of the used packages) will be expanded and provided as arguments to `make`.

By adding a `-tag=<tag>` option to this command, it is possible to simulate the behaviour of this command in another context, without actually going to a machine or an operating system where this configuration is defined.

- `manager`
- `packages`

This command displays all packages (and all versions of them) currently reachable through the current `access_path` definition (which can be displayed using the `cmt show path` command).

- `path`

This command displays the complete and effective `access_path` currently defined using any possible alternate way.

- `pattern <name>`

This command displays how and where the specified pattern is defined, and which packages do apply it.



- `patterns`

This command displays all pattern definitions.

- `projects`

This command displays the current knowledge of sub-project definitions and settings. It shows the project names and their location (ie the corresponding item in `CMTPATH`)

```
> cmt show projects
PA (in C:\Arnault\test\tprojects\PC) (current)
Project1 (in C:\Arnault\test\tprojects\PB)
PA (in C:\Arnault\test\tprojects\PA\1.1)
Project2 (in C:\Arnault\test\tprojects\P0)
CMT (in C:\Arnault)
```

- `pwd`

This command displays a filtered version of the standard `pwd` unix command. The applied filter takes into account the set of aliases installed in the standard configuration file located in `/${CMTRoot}/mgr/cmt_mount_filter`.

This configuration file contains a set of path aliases (one per line) each proposing a translation for non-portable file paths (imposed by mount constraints on some contexts).

- `setup`

This command combines in one go the output of:

```
> cmt show uses
> cmt show tags
> cmt show path
```

- `strategies`

- `tags`

This command displays all currently *active* tags, and what part of the configuration actually activates them

- `uses`

This command displays the use graph for the current package. Private sections of used packages are reached and considered. This behavior can be changed to effectively hide the private sections in used packages by using the `-public` modifier

```
> cmt -public show uses
```

A typical output produced by this command is:

```

> cmt show uses
# use GaudiPolicy v* [1]
# use GaudiKernel v*
# use GaudiPolicy v5r* [2]
# use CLHEP v* (native_version=1.8.2.0) [3]
# use ExternalLibs v4r*
#
# Selection : [4]
use CMT v1r18p20051101 (/afs/cern.ch/sw/contrib)
use ExternalLibs v4r2p0 (/afs/cern.ch/atlas/offline/external/Gaudi/0.12.1.5) [5]
use CLHEP v2r1820p0 (/afs/cern.ch/atlas/offline/external/Gaudi/0.12.1.5)
use GaudiPolicy v5r11p2 (/afs/cern.ch/atlas/offline/external/Gaudi/0.12.1.5)
use GaudiKernel v13r5p1 (/afs/cern.ch/atlas/offline/external/Gaudi/0.12.1.5)

```

1. The first section of the display (up to the `Selection` keyword) displays the hierarchical use graph.

Use statements as specified in the requirements files are displayed, rather than the result of the effective selection performed by CMT

2. Sub-uses are expanded only once and indented according to the depth in the graph
3. Various precisions on the use statements are shown in the first section, such as the scoping section, the `-no_auto_imports` modifier, and the *native version* of this package, (when a `<package>_native_version` macro has been defined)
4. The second section shows the effective ordered set of use statements resolved by CMT according to the combined use specifications.
5. On every line the effective location of the found package is displayed.

The `-quiet` option may be used to remove the first section from the output so as to only display a simple list of used packages, starting from the deepest uses.

- `use_paths <target-package>`

This command displays all possible paths between the current package and the specified used target package.

In particular this will detect if a package has no access to another one, due to private use statements

- `version`

This command displays the version tag of the current package.

- `versions <name>`

This command displays the reachable versions of the specified package, looking at the current access paths.

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### **13. 3.22 - cmt system**

This command displays the current value assigned by default to the CMTCONFIG environment variable.

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### **13. 3.23 - cmt unlock [ <package> <version> [<area>] ]**

This command tries to remove a lock from the current package (or from the specified package). This consists in the following operations:

1. Check if a conflicting lock is already set onto this package (ie. a lock owned by another user).
2. If not, then remove the text file named `lock.cmt` from the `cmt/mgr` branch of the package.
3. Run a shell command described in the macro named `unlock_command` meant to remove physical locks from all files for this version of this package. A typical definition for this macro could be:

```
macro unlock_command "chmod -R g+w ../*" \  
WIN32               "attrib /S /D -R ../*"
```

---

### **13. 3.24 - cmt version | --version**

This command shows the current version of CMT, including (if applicable) the actual patch level. This always corresponds to the corresponding CVS tag assigned to CMT sources.

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### **13. 3.25 - cmt cvstags <module>**

(see the section on *how to use CVS together with CMT* for more details on this command)

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### **13. 3.26 - cmt cvsbranches <module>**

### **13. 3.27 - cmt cvssubpackages <module>**

### **13. 3.28 - cmt cvssubprojects <module>**

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## **13. 4 - The setup and cleanup scripts**

They are produced by the `cmt config` command and their contents is built according to the specifications stored in the `requirements` file.

One flavour of these scripts is generated per shell family (csh , sh and bat ), yielding the following scripts :

```
setup.csh
setup.sh
setup.bat
cleanup.csh
cleanup.sh
```

The main sections installed within a setup script are :

1. Connection to the current version of the CMT package.
2. Setting the set of user defined public variables specified in the requirements file (including those defined by all used packages). This is achieved by running the `cmt setup` utility into a temporary file and running this temporary file.
3. Activation of the user defined setup and cleanup scripts (those specified using the `setup_script` and `cleanup_script` statements).

It should be noted that these setup scripts do *not* contain machine specific information (due to the online use of the `cmt setup` command). Therefore, it is perfectly possible to use the same setup script on various platforms (as soon as they share the directories) and this also shows that the configuration operation (the `cmt config` command) is required only once for a set of multiple platforms sharing a development area.

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## **13. 5 - cmt build prototype**

This command is only provided for development of C modules. It generates a C header file containing the set of prototype statements for all public functions of a given module. Its output is a file with the same name as the input source (given as the argument) and suffixed with `.ph`.

The generated prototype header file is meant to be included wherever it is needed (in the module file itself for instance).

A typical example of the use of `cmt build prototype` could be :

```
csh> cd ../src
csh> cmt build prototype FooA.c
Building FooA.ph
```

Running `cmt build prototype` will only produce a new prototype header file if the output is actually different from the existing one (if it exists) in order to avoid confusing *make* checks.

The effective use of this facility (which may not be appropriate in all projects) is controlled by one option of the build strategy, which can take one of the two values:

```
build_strategy prototypes
build_strategy no_prototypes
```

In addition to this global strategy specification, each application or library may individually override it using the `-prototypes` or `-no_prototypes` options.

Lastly, the actual behaviour of the prototype generator is defined in the standard make macro `build_prototype` (which default to call the `cmt build prototype` command, allowing a user defined behaviours to this feature)

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## **14 - Using cvs together with CMT**

Nothing special is apriori required by CMT with respect to the use of CVS . Nevertheless, one may advertize some well tested conventions and practices which turned out to ensure a good level of consistency between the two utilities.

Although none of these are required, the `cmt` general command provides a few utilities so as to simplify the use of these practices. It should be noted that the added features provided by `cmt` rely on the possibility to *query* CVS about the existing CMT packages and the possible tags setup for these packages. CVS does not by default permit such query operations (since they require to scan the physical CVS repository). Therefore CMT provides a hook to CVS (based upon standard CVS features - not patches) for this. This hook can be installed following a recipe explained in the dedicated [appendix](#) .

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### **14. 1 - Importing a package into a cvs repository**

Generally, everything composing a package (below the *version* directory and besides the *binary* directories) is relevant to be imported. Then choosing a *cvs module* name is generally done on the basis of the package name. Taking the previous examples, one could import the `Foo` package as follows :

```
csh> cd ...../Foo/v1
csh> cvs import -m "First import" -I alpha -I hp9000s700 Foo LAL v1
```

In this example,

- we have ignored the currently existing binary directories (here `alpha` and `hp9000s700` )
- the *cvs* module name is identical to the package name (`Foo` )
- the original symbolic insertion tag is identical to the version identifier (`v1` )

The choice of the module name can generally be identical to the package name. However, some site specific management issues may lead to different choices (typically, a top directory where groups of packages are gathered may be inserted).

Conversely, using symbolic tags identical to version identifiers appears to be a very good practice. The only constraint induced by *cvs* is that the symbolic tags may not contain *dot* characters ( `' . '` ), whereas no restriction exist from CMT itself. Thus version identifiers like `v3r2` will be preferred to the `v3 . 2` form.

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## 14. 2 - Checking a package out from a cvs repository

Assuming the previous conventions on module name and version identifier have been selected when importing a package, the following operations will naturally intervene when one need to check a package out (typically to work on it or to install it on some platform) :

```
csh> cd <some root>          (1)
csh> mkdir Foo              (2)
csh> cd Foo
csh> cvs checkout -d v1 Foo  (3)
csh> cd v1/cmt
csh> cmt config             (4)
csh> source setup.csh       (5)
csh> [g]make                (6)
```

1. one always have to select a root directory where to settle down this copy of the extracted package. This may either be the so-called *default root* or any other appropriate directory. In both cases, the next `cmt config` operation will automatically take care of this effective location.
2. creating a base directory with the package name is mandatory here, and is *not* taken into account by `cvs` during the *check*out operation since one wants to insert the *version* branch in between.
3. the package is checked out into a directory named with the expected version identifier exactly corresponding to the version currently stored in the `cvs` repository.
4. then using the `cmt config` command (from the `cmt` branch) will update the setup scripts against the `requirements` file and the effective current package location.
5. using this updated version of the setup script provides the appropriate set of environment variables
6. lastly, rebuilding the entire package is possible simply using the `[g]make` command.

The actions deccribed just above (from number 2 to number 4 included) can also be performed using the `cmt checkout` command.

```
> cd <some work area>
> cmt checkout [modifier ...] <package> ...
```

*modifier :*

```
-l          Do not process used packages (default).
-R          Process used packages recursively.
-r rev      Check out version tag. (is sticky)
-d dir      Check out into dir instead of module name.
-o offset   Offset in the CVS repository
-n          Simulation mode on
-v          Verbose mode on
-help      Print this help
```

Thus the previous example would become:

```
csh> cd <some root>
csh> cmt checkout Foo
csh> cd Foo/v1/cmt
csh> source setup.csh
csh> [g]make
```

---

## 14. 3 - Querying CVS about some important infos

It is possible, using the commands :

- `cmt cvstags <module>`
- `cmt cvsbranches <module>`
- `cmt cvssubpackages <module>`
- `cmt cvssubprojects <module>`

to query the CVS repository about the existing tags installed onto a given CVS module, the subdirectories and the subpackages (in the CMT meaning, i.e. when a requirements file exists).

```
> cmt cvstags Cm
v7r6 v7r5 v7r4 v7r3 v7r1 v7
> cmt cvstags Co
v3r7 v3r6 v3
```

One should notice here that the `cvstags` command can give informations about any type of module, even if it is not managed in the CMT environment.

However, in order to let this mechanism operate, it is required to install some elements into the physical CVS repository ( *which may require some access rights into it* ). This installation procedure (to be done only once in the life of the repository) can be achieved through the following command:

```
sh> (cd ${CMTROOT}/mgr; gmake installcvs)
```

However, the details of the procedure is listed below (this section is preferably reserved for system managers and can easily be skipped by standard users):

1. copy the `cmt_buildcvsinfos2.sh` shell script into the management directory `${CVSROOT}/CVSROOT` as follows :

```
sh> cp ${CMTROOT}/mgr/cmt_buildcvsinfos2.sh ${CVSROOT}/CVSROOT
```

2. install one special statement in the `loginfo` administrative file as follows :

```
sh> cd ...
sh> cvs checkout CVSROOT
sh> cd CVSROOT
sh> vi loginfo
...
.cmtecvinfos ${CVSROOT}/CVSROOT/cmt_buildcvsinfos2.sh
sh> cvs commit -m "set up commitinfo for CMT"
```

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## 14. 4 - Working on a package, creating a new release

This section presents the way to instantiate a new release of a given package, which happens when the foreseen modifications will yield additions or changes to the application programming interface of the package.

Then the version tag is supposed to be moved forward, either increasing its minor identifier (in case of simple additions) or its major identifier (in case of changes).

The following actions should be undertaken then :

1. understand what is the latest version tag (typically by using the `cmt cvstags` command). Let's call it `old-tag` .
2. select (according to the foreseen amount of changes) what will be the next version tag. Let's call it `new-tag` .
3. check the most recent version of the package in your development area :

```
sh> cd <development area>
sh> cvs checkout -d <new-tag> <package>
```

4. configure this new release, and rebuild it :

```
sh> cd <new-tag>/cmt
sh> cmt config
sh> source setup.csh
sh> [g]make
```

---

## **14. 5 - Getting a particular tagged version out of CVS**

The previous example presented the standard case where one gets the *most recent* version of a given package. The procedure is only slightly modified when one wants to extract a previously tagged version. Let's imagine that the `Foo` package has evolved by several iterations, leading to several tagged releases in the `CVS` repository (say `v2` and `v3` ). If the `v2` release is to be used (e.g. for understanding and fixing a problem discovered in the running version) one will operate as follows :

```
csh> cd <some root>
csh> mkdir Foo
csh> cd Foo
csh> cvs checkout -d v2 -r v2 Foo
csh> cd v2/cmt
csh> cmt config
csh> source setup.csh
csh> make
```

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## **15 - Interfacing an external package with CMT**

Very often, external packages (typically commercial products, or third party software) are to be used by packages developed in the context of the `CMT` environment. Although this can obviously be done simply by specifying compiler or linker options internally to the client packages, it can be quite powerful to interface these so-called *external* packages to `CMT` by defining a *glue* package, where configuration specifications for this external package are detailed.

Using this approach, one may :



- provide a *nickname* for this external package,
- adapt the version tag convention consistently to the project, hiding the version tag specificities of eg. commercial packages.
- provide compiler options using the the standard make macros `<package>_cflags` , `<package>_cppflags` or `<package>_fflags` ,
- specify a set of search paths for the include files, using the `include_dirs` statement,
- provide linker options using the the standard make macros `<package>_linkopts`

Let's consider the example of the OPACS package. This package is provided outside of the CMT environment. Providing a directory tree following the CMT conventions (ie. a branch named after the version identifier, then an `cmt` branch) then a `requirements` file, containing (among other statements not shown for the sake of clarity) :

```
package OPACS

include_dirs ${Wo_root}/include ${Co_root}/include ${Xx_root}/include \
${Ho_root}/include ${Go_root}/include ${Xo_root}/include

public
macro OPACS_cflags      "-DHAS_XO -DHAS_XM"
macro OPACS_cppflags    " $(OPACS_cflags) "

macro OPACS_linkopts    "$ (Wo_linkopts) $(Xo_linkopts) $(Go_linkopts) \
$(Glo_linkopts) $(Xx_linkopts) $(Ho_linkopts) $(Htmlo_linkopts) \
$(W3o_linkopts) $(Co_linkopts) $(X_linkopts) "
```

Then every package or application, client of this OPACS package would have just to provide a use statement like :

```
use OPACS v3
```

This procedure gives the complete benefit of the use relationships between packages (a client application transparently inherits all configuration specifications) while keeping unchanged the original referenced package, allowing to apply this approach even to commercial products so that they may be integrated in resource usage surveys similarly to local packages.

## 16 - The installation area mechanism

CMT proposes and implements a flexible architecture for installation areas, meant to group the results of the build process or any other information belonging to packages into shared disk spaces. The typical usage of such installation areas is classical and expect to make only visible to the clients of a given (sub-)project the results of the build process while hiding the details of the package sources.

the basics of the mechanisms supported by CMT are the following:

1. The installation area mechanism is activated on demand via a dedicated strategy specification, that can be written either in a requirements file or in a project file. By default the mechanism is *not* active.
2. All mechanisms are customizable on a per-project basis, so as to easily follow the project specific conventions

3. However CMT proposes a minimal default behaviour based on the concrete experience in large projects, as well as frequently met practices
  4. A typical well supported convention is to map the set of installation areas onto the set of CMTPATH entries, associating the concept of CMTPATH splitting with the sub-project organization
  5. A typical consequence of this approach is that many configuration parameters need to be set according to the list of CMTPATH items. Eg on a Unix system, if one expects to find shared libraries in every installation area, each of them being created in a corresponding CMTPATH entry, one also expects to have LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH entries accordingly. The mechanism of `cmtpath_pattern` is exactly designed for that.
  6. The mechanism easily supports the extension for installing binary files (libraries, applications, java classes), runtime files, documentation and header files.
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## **16. 1 - The default implementation**

It is provided in terms of

1. A set of `cmtpath_patterns` defined in the CMT requirements file. This can be displayed using the command

```
> cmt show cmtpath_patterns
```

2. A consistent set of actions added to the following `make_fragments`

<code>application</code>	applications
<code>library</code>	shared libraries
<code>library_no_share</code>	static libraries
<code>java_header</code>	Java applications
<code>jar</code>	Java libraries

3. One shell script for installing or uninstalling files or directories

```

${CMTROOT}/mgr/cmt_install_action.sh
${CMTROOT}/mgr/cmt_uninstall_action.sh
${CMTROOT}/mgr/cmt_install_action.bat
${CMTROOT}/mgr/cmt_uninstall_action.bat

```

4. The default architecture of this installation scheme is by default set for each CMTPATH entry to:

```

<path>/$(<project>_installarea_prefix)/$(tag)/bin/...           [1]
                                                                /$(tag)/lib/...       [2]
                                                                /include/<package>/... [3]
                                                                /share/bin/...        [4]
                                                                /share/lib/...        [5]
                                                                /...                  [6]
                                                                /doc/<package>/...    [7]
                                                                /...                  [8]

```

1. Platform dependent executables
2. Platform dependent libraries
3. Public header files
4. Platform independent applications (eg Java applications)
5. Platform independent libraries (eg Java libraries)
6. other platform independent files
7. package specific documentations
8. project-wide documentation

The `<project>_installarea_prefix` takes the default value of `$(cmt_installarea_prefix)` for all projects, which itself takes the default value of `InstallArea`. Of course it can be overridden to other values in each project

The `cmtpath_patterns` are designed in this implementation for constructing a proper and consistent sequence of system specific environment variables (eg `PATH`, `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`, `CLASSPATH`) as well as compiler or linker options so as to transparently refer to the installation area only when it is appropriate to override the local patterns.

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## **16. 2 - Tuning the installation area mechanisms**

First of all every individual sub-project may activate or inhibit the installation area mechanisms using the `build_strategy` statement, with either `with_installarea` or `without_installarea` option.

Then a dedicated tag materializes the selected strategy:

`<project>_with_installarea` or `<project>_without_installarea`

This tag set will be used in various macro or set definitions to produce or not the appropriate values

CMT manipulate some standard macros or environment variables according to the effective strategy:

<i>name</i>	<i>purpose</i>	<i>default</i>
<code>cmt_installarea_prefix</code>	The default prefix for all projects	InstallArea
<code>&lt;project&gt;_installarea_prefix</code>	The prefix for a given sub-project	<code>\$(cmt_installarea_prefix)</code>
<code>&lt;project&gt;_installarea_prefix_remove</code>	The regexp pattern to cleanup symbols	<code>\$(&lt;project&gt;_installarea_prefix)</code>
<code>cmt_installarea_linkopts</code>	Implicit linker options due to the installation area	...
<code>PATH</code>	Accessing the executables in the installation area	...
<code>LD_LIBRARY_PATH</code>	Accessing the shared libraries in the installation area	...
<code>CLASSPATH</code>	Accessing the jar files in the installation area	...

## **17 - Installing CMT for the first time**

These sections are of interest only if CMT is not yet installed on your site, or if you need a private installation.

The first question you need to answer is the location where to install CMT . This location is typically a disk area where most of packages managed in your project will be located.

Then, you have to fetch the distribution kit from the Web at <http://www.cmts.org> . You must get at least the primary distribution kit containing the basic configuration information and the CMT sources. This operation results in a set of directories hanging below the CMT root and the version directory. The src branch contains the sources of CMT , the fragments branch contains the makefile fragments and the mgr branch contains the scripts needed to build or operate CMT .

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## **17. 1 - Installing CMT on your Unix site**

The very first operation after downloading CMT consists in running the `INSTALL` shell script. This will build the setup scripts required by any CMT user.

Then you may either decide to build CMT by yourself or fetch a pre-built binary from the same Web location. The prebuilt binary versions may not exist for the actual platform you are working on. You will see on the distribution page the precise configurations used for building those binaries.

In case you have to build CMT yourself, you need a C++ compiler capable of handling templates (although the support for STL is not required). There is a Makefile provided in the distribution kit which takes `g++` by default as the compiler. If you need a specific C++ compiler you will override the `cpp` macro as follows:

```
sh> gmake cpp=CC
```

The `cppflags` macro can also be used to override the behaviour of the compilation.

Another important concern is the way CMT will identify the platform. CMT builds a configuration tag per each type of platform, and uses this tag for naming the directory where all binary files will be stored. As such this tag has to be defined prior to even build CMT itself.

CMT builds the default configuration by running the `cmt_system.sh` script found in the `mgr` branch of CMT . Run it manually to see what is the default value provided by this script. You might consider changing its algorithm for your own convenience.

A distribution kit may be obtained at the following URL :

```
http://www.cmtsite.org
```

Once the `tar` file has been downloaded, the following operations must be achieved :

1. Select a root directory where to install CMT . Typically this will correspond to a development area or a public distribution area.
2. Import the distribution kit mentioned above.
3. Uncompress and untar it.
4. Configure CMT .
5. CMT is ready to be used for developing packages.

A typical corresponding session could look like :

```
csh> cd /Packages
csh> <get the tar file from the Web>
csh> tar xzf CMTv1r18p20051101.tar.gz
csh> cd CMT/v1r18p20051101/mgr
csh> ./INSTALL
csh> source setup.csh
csh> gmake
```

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## **17. 2 - Installing CMT on a Windows or Windows NT site**

You first have to fetch the distribution kit from the Web at <http://www.cmtsite.org> . You must get at least the primary distribution kit containing the basic configuration information and the CMT sources. This operation results in a set of directories hanging below the CMT root and the version directory. The binary kit provided for Windows environments will generally fit your needs.

You should consider getting the pre-compiled (for a Windows environment) applications, and especially the `.\VisualC\install.exe` application, which interactively configures the registry entries as described in the next paragraph.

The next operation consists in defining a few registries (typically using the standard RegEdit facility or the `install.exe` special application):

- `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE/Software/CMT/root` will contain the root directory where CMT is installed (eg. "e: " ).
- `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE/Software/CMT/version` will contain the current version tag of CMT ("v1r18p20051101" for this version).
- `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE/Software/CMT/path/` may optionally contain a set of text values corresponding to the different package global access paths.
- `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE/Software/CMT/site` will contain the conventional site name.
- `HKEY_CURRENT_USER/Software/CMT/path/` may contain a set of text of text values corresponding to the different package private access paths.

CMT can also be configured to run on DOS-based environments using the `nmake` facility. In this case, the installation procedure is very similar to the Unix one:

A typical corresponding session could look like :

```
dos> cd Packages
dos> <get the tar file from the Web>
dos> cd CMT\v1r18p20051101\mgr
dos> call INSTALL
dos> call setup.bat
dos> nmake /f nmake
```

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## **18 - Appendices**

### **18. 1 - Copyright**

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## **18. 2 - Standard make targets predefined in CMT**

These targets can always be listed through the following command :

```
sh> gmake help
```

<i>target</i>	<i>usage</i>
help	Get the list of possible make target for this package.
all	build all components of this package.
clean	remove everything that can be rebuilt by make
binclean	completely remove the <code>./\$(tag)</code> binary directory
configclean	remove all intermediate makefile fragments
install	install binaries of this package to the current installation area
uninstall	uninstall binaries of this package from the current installation area
check	run all applications defined with the <code>-check</code> option
<i>component-name</i>	only build this particular component (as opposed to the <code>all</code> target that build all)
<i>group-name</i>	build all constituents belonging to this group (ie. those defined using the <code>group</code> option)

These targets have to be specified as follows :

```
sh> gmake clean
sh> gmake Foo
```

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## **18. 3 - Standard macros predefined in CMT**

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### **18. 3. 1 - CMT static macros**

These macros provide static data about CMT itself. They cannot be modified by the user.

<i>macro</i>	<i>usage</i>	<i>default value</i>
CMTrelease	gives the current release number of CMT	18
CMTVERSION	gives the current complete version tag of CMT	v1r18p20051101

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### **18. 3. 2 - Structural macros**

These macros describe the structural conventions followed by CMT . They receive a conventional default value from the CMT requirements file. However, they can be overridden in any package for its own needs.

<i>macro</i>	<i>usage</i>	<i>default value</i>
tag	gives the binary tag	$\${CMTCONFIG}$
src	the src branch	../src/
inc	the include branch	../src/
mgr	the cmt or mgr branch	../cmt/ or ../mgr/
bin	the branch for binaries	../ $\$( <package>$
javabin	the branch for java classes	../classes/
doc	the doc branch	../doc/
cmt_hardware	the description of the current hardware	<none>
cmt_system_version	the version of the current OS	<none>
cmt_compiler_version	the version of the currently visible C++ compiler	<none>

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### 18. 3. 3 - Language related macros

These macros are purely conventional. They are expected in the various make fragments available from CMT itself for providing the various building actions.

During the mechanism of new language declaration and definition available in the CMT syntax, developers are expected to define similar conventions for corresponding actions.

Their default values are originally defined inside the `requirements` file of the CMT package itself but can be *redefined* by providing a new definition in the package's requirements file using the `macro` statement. The original definition can be *completed* using the `macro_append` or `macro_prepend` statements.

<i>macro</i>	<i>usage</i>
<code>cc</code>	The C compiler
<code>ccomp</code>	The C compiling command
<code>clink</code>	The C linking command
<code>cflags</code>	The C compilation flags
<code>pp_cflags</code>	The preprocessor flags for C
<code>clinkflags</code>	The C link flags

<code>cpp</code>	The C++ compiler
<code>preproc</code>	The C++ preprocessor
<code>cppcomp</code>	The C++ compiling command
<code>cpplink</code>	The C++ linking command
<code>cppflags</code>	The C++ compilation flags
<code>pp_cppflags</code>	The preprocessor flags for C++
<code>cpplinkflags</code>	The C++ link flags

<code>for</code>	The Fortran compiler
<code>fcomp</code>	The Fortran compiling command
<code>flink</code>	The Fortran linking command
<code>fflags</code>	The Fortran compilation flags
<code>pp_fflags</code>	The preprocessor flags for fortran
<code>flinkflags</code>	The Fortran link flags
<code>ppcmd</code>	The include file command for Fortran

javacomp	The java compiling command	javac
jar	The java archiver command	jar

lex	The Lex command	lex \$(lexflags)
lexflags	The Lex flags	<i>none</i>
yacc	The Yacc command	yacc \$(yaccflags)
yaccflags	The Yacc flags	<i>none</i>
ar	The archive command	ar -clr
ranlib	The ranlib command	ranlib

### **18. 3. 4 - Package customizing macros**

These macros do not receive default values. They are all prefixed by the package name. They are meant to provide specific variant to the corresponding generic language related macros.

They are automatically and by default concatenated by CMT to fill in the corresponding global *use* macros (see appendix on [generated macros](#) ). However, this concatenation mechanism is discarded when the `-no_auto_imports` option is specified in the corresponding use statement.

<i>macro</i>
<code>&lt;package &gt;_cflags</code>
<code>&lt;package &gt;_pp_cflags</code>
<code>&lt;package &gt;_cppflags</code>
<code>&lt;package &gt;_pp_cppflags</code>
<code>&lt;package &gt;_fflags</code>
<code>&lt;package &gt;_pp_fflags</code>
<code>&lt;package &gt;_libraries</code>
<code>&lt;package &gt;_linkopts</code>
<code>&lt;package &gt;_stamps</code>

The following macros are not subject to automatic concatenation (and therefore are not hidden by the `-no_auto_imports` modifier).

<i>macro</i>
<code>&lt;package &gt;_native_version</code>
<code>&lt;package &gt;_export_paths</code>
<code>&lt;package &gt;_home</code>

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### **18. 3. 5 - Constituent specific customizing macros**

These macros do not receive any default values (ie they are empty by default). They are meant to provide for each constituent, specific variants to the corresponding generic language related macros.

By convention, they are all prefixed by the constituent name. But macros used for defining compiler options are in addition prefixed by the constituent type (either `lib_`, `app_` or `doc_`).

They are used in the various make fragments for fine customization of the build command parameters.

<pre>&lt;type &gt;_&lt;constituent &gt;_cflags</pre>	specific C flags
<pre>&lt;type &gt;_&lt;constituent &gt;_pp_cflags</pre>	specific C preprocessor flags
<pre>&lt;type &gt;_&lt;constituent &gt;_cppflags</pre>	specific C++ flags
<pre>&lt;type &gt;_&lt;constituent &gt;_pp_cppflags</pre>	specific C++ preprocessor flags
<pre>&lt;type &gt;_&lt;constituent &gt;_fflags</pre>	specific Fortran flags
<pre>&lt;type &gt;_&lt;constituent &gt;_pp_fflags</pre>	specific Fortran preprocessor flags
<pre>&lt;constituent &gt;linkopts</pre>	provides additional linker options to the application. It is complementary to <code>-</code> and should not be confused with <code>-</code> the <code>&lt;package &gt;_linkopts</code> macro, which provides exported linker options required by clients packages to use the package libraries.
<pre>&lt;constituent &gt;_shlibflags</pre>	provides additional linker options used when building a shared library. Generally, a simple shared library does not need any external reference to be resolved at build time (it is in this case supposed to get its unresolved references from other shared libraries). However, (typically when one builds a dynamic loading capable component) it might be desired to statically link it with other libraries (making them somewhat private).
<pre>&lt;constituent &gt;_dependencies</pre>	provides user defined dependency specifications for each constituent. The typical use of this macro is fill it with the name of the list of some other constituents which <i>have</i> to be rebuilt first (since each constituent is associated with a target with the same name). This is especially needed when one want to use the parallel gmake (ie. the <code>-j</code> option of gmake).
<pre>&lt;group &gt;_dependencies</pre>	provides user defined dependency specifications for each group. The typical use of this macro is fill it with the name of the list of some other constituents which <i>have</i> to be rebuilt first (since each constituent is associated with a target with the same name). This is especially needed when one want to use the parallel gmake (ie. the <code>-j</code> option of gmake).

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### 18. 3. 6 - Source specific customizing macros

These macros do not receive any default values (ie they are empty by default). They are meant to provide for each source file, specific variants to the corresponding generic language related macros.

By convention, they are all prefixed by the source file name followed by the source file suffix (either `_c` , `_cxx` , `_f` , etc.)

They are used in the various make fragments for fine customization of the build command parameters.

<code>&lt;constituent &gt;_&lt;suffix &gt;_cflags</code>	specific C flags
<code>&lt;constituent &gt;_&lt;suffix &gt;_cppflags</code>	specific C++ flags
<code>&lt;constituent &gt;_&lt;suffix &gt;_fflags</code>	specific Fortran flags

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### 18. 3. 7 - Generated macros

These macros are automatically *generated* when any cmt command is run (and thus when make is run).

The first set of them provide constant values corresponding to CMT based information. They are not meant to be overridden by the user, since they serve as a communication mean between CMT and the user.

<code>&lt;PACKAGE &gt;ROOT</code>	The access path of
<code>&lt;package &gt;_root</code>	The access path of
<code>&lt;PACKAGE &gt;VERSION</code>	The used version of
<code>PACKAGE_ROOT</code>	The access path of
<code>package</code>	The name of the c
<code>version</code>	The version tag of
<code>package_offset</code>	The directory offs
<code>package_cmtpath</code>	The package area
<code>&lt;package &gt;_project</code>	The project name
<code>&lt;package &gt;_cmtpath</code>	The package area
<code>&lt;package &gt;_offset</code>	The directory offs

The second set is deduced from the context and from the requirements file of the package. They can be overridden by the user so as to customize the CMT behaviour.

<code>&lt;package &gt;_tag</code>	The specific configuration tag for the package. By default it is set to \$(tag) but can be freely overridden
<code>constituents</code>	The ordered set of constituents declared without any group option
<code>&lt;group-name&gt;_constituents</code>	The ordered set of all constituents declared using a <code>group=&lt;group-name&gt;</code> option

The third set of generated macros are the *global use macros* . They correspond to the concatenation of the corresponding package specific customizing options that can be deduced from the ordered set of *use* statements found in the requirements file (taking into account the complete hierarchy of used packages with the exception of those specified with the `-no_auto_imports` option in their use statement) :

<code>use_cflags</code>	C compiler flags
<code>use_pp_cflags</code>	Preprocessor flags for the C language
<code>use_cppflags</code>	C++ compiler flags
<code>use_pp_cppflags</code>	Preprocessor flags for the C++ language
<code>use_fflags</code>	Fortran compiler flags
<code>use_pp_fflags</code>	Preprocessor flags for the Fortran language
<code>use_libraries</code>	List of library names
<code>use_linkopts</code>	Linker options
<code>use_stamps</code>	Dependency stamps
<code>use_requirements</code>	The set of used requirements
<code>use_includes</code>	The set of include search paths options for the preprocessor from the used packages
<code>use_fincludes</code>	The set of include search paths options for the fortran preprocessor from the used packages
<code>includes</code>	The overall set of include search paths for the preprocessor
<code>fincludes</code>	The overall set of include search paths options for the fortran preprocessor

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### **18. 3. 8 - Macros related with the installation area mechanisms**

These macros contain the parameterisation of the installation area mechanisms.

<i>macro</i>	<i>usage</i>
cmt_installarea_command	
cmt_uninstallarea_command	
cmt_install_action	\$(CMTROOT)\mgr\cmt_insta
cmt_installdir_action	\$(CMTROOT)\mgr\cmt_insta
cmt_uninstall_action	\$(CMTROOT)\mgr\cmt_unins
cmt_uninstalldir_action	\$(CMTROOT)\mgr\cmt_unins
cmt_installdir_excludes	\$(CMTROOT)\mgr\cmt_insta
cmt_installarea_prefix	InstallArea
<project>_installarea_prefix	\$(cmt_installarea_prefix
CMTINSTALLAREA	C:\Arnault\test\tproject
cmt_installarea_paths	
cmt_installarea_linkopts	

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### **18. 3. 9 - Utility macros**

These macros are used to specify the behaviour of various actions in CMT.

<i>macro</i>	<i>usage</i>
X11_cflags	compilation flags for X11
Xm_cflags	compilation flags for Motif
X_linkopts	Link options for XWindows (and Motif)
make_shlib	The command used to generate the shared library from the s
shlibsuffix	The system dependent suffix for shared libraries
shlibbuilder	The loader used to build the shared library
shlibflags	The additional options given to the shared library builder
application_suffix	The default extension for applications
library_prefix	The default name prefix of libraries
library_suffix	The default name suffix of libraries
symlink	The command used to install a symbolic link
	The command used to remove a symbolic link
build_prototype	The command used to generate the C prototype header file
build_dependencies	The command used to generate dependencies (default to the
lock_command	The command used to physically lock a package
unlock_command	The command used to physically unlock a package
make_hosts	The list of remote host names which exactly require the ma
gmake_hosts	The list of remote host names which exactly require the gma

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## **18. 4 - Standard tags generated by CMT**



<i>tag name</i>	<i>usage</i>
CMTv<n>	Primary version id of CMT
CMTTr<n>	Secondary version id of CMT
CMTp<n>	Patch id of CMT
'uname'	The basic platform id
<project-name>	The current project name
<project>_prototypes <project>_no_prototypes	The prototypes strategy for each project
<project>_with_installarea <project>_without_installarea	The installation area strategy for each project
<project>_setup_config <project>_setup_no_config	The strategy for generating <P>CONFIG for each project
<project>_setup_root <project>_setup_no_root	The strategy for generating <P>ROOT for each project
<project>_setup_cleanup <project>_setup_no_cleanup	The installation area cleanup strategy for each project

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## **18. 5 - Standard templates for makefile fragments**

<i>template name</i>
ADDINCLUDE
CONSTITUENT
DATE
FILENAME
FILEPATH
FILESUFFIX
FILESUFFIX
FULLNAME
GROUP
LINE
LINKMACRO
NAME
OBJS
OUTPUTNAME
PACKAGE
PACKAGEPATH
PROTOSTAMPS
PROTOTARGET
SUFFIX
TITLE
USER
VERSION

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## **18. 6 - Makefile generation sequences**

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This section describes the various makefile generation sequences provided by CMT . Each sequence description shows the precise set of make fragments used during the operation.

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<i>Generated makefile</i>	<i>description</i>
<code>constituents.make</code>	the main entry point point for all constituent targets
<code>&lt;constituent &gt;.make</code>	application or library specific make fragment
<code>&lt;constituent &gt;.make</code>	document specific make fragment
<code>&lt;package&gt;.dsw</code>	Visual workspace configuration files
<code>&lt;constituent&gt;.dsp</code>	Visual project configuration files
README	.

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## **18. 7 - The complete project file syntax**

The syntax of specification statements that can be installed in a `project.cmt` file are :

```
cmt-statement          : build_strategy
                        | container
                        | project
                        | setup_strategy
                        | structure_strategy
                        | use

build_strategy       : build_strategy build-strategy-name

build-strategy-name : prototypes
                        | no_prototypes
                        | with_installarea
                        | without_installarea

container           : container container-name [ version-tag [ access-path ] ]

project             : project project-name

setup_strategy     : setup_strategy setup-strategy-name

setup-strategy-name : config
                        | no_config
                        | root
                        | no_root
                        | cleanup
                        | no_cleanup

structure_strategy : structure_strategy structure-strategy-name

structure-strategy-name : with_version_directory
                        | without_version_directory

use                 : use project-name [ release-tag [ access-path ] ]
```

---

## **18. 8 - The complete requirements syntax**

The syntax of specification statements that can be installed in a `requirements` file are :

*cmt-statement* : *application*  
| *apply\_pattern*  
| *apply\_tag*  
| *author*  
| *branches*  
| *build\_strategy*  
| *cleanup\_script*  
| *cmtpath\_pattern*  
| *document*  
| *ignore\_pattern*  
| *include\_dirs*  
| *include\_path*  
| *language*  
| *library*  
| *make\_fragment*  
| *manager*  
| *package*  
| *pattern*  
| *private*  
| *public*  
| *setup\_script*  
| *setup\_strategy*  
| *structure\_strategy*  
| *symbol*  
| *tag*  
| *tag\_exclude*  
| *use*  
| *version*

*alias* : alias *alias-name* *default-value* [ *tag-expr* *value* ... ]  
*application* : application *application-name* [ *constituent-option* ... ]  
                   [ *source* ... ]  
*constituent-option* : -no\_share  
                   | -no\_static  
                   | -prototypes  
                   | -no\_prototypes  
                   | -check  
                   | -target\_tag  
                   | -group=*group-name*  
                   | -suffix=*output-suffix*  
                   | -import=*package-name*  
                   | *variable-name* = *variable-value*  
                   | -OS9  
                   | -windows  
*source* : *name.suffix*  
           | *\*.suffix*  
           | *\*.\**  
           | -s=*new-search-path*  
           | -k=*selection-regexp*  
           | -x=*exclusion-regexp*  
*apply\_pattern* : apply\_pattern *pattern-name* [ *template-name* = *value* ...  
                   ] ]  
*apply\_tag* : apply\_tag *tag-name* [ *tag-name* ... ]  
*author* : author *author-name*  
*branches* : branches *branch-name* ...  
*build\_strategy* : build\_strategy *build-strategy-name*  
*build-strategy-name* : prototypes  
                   | no\_prototypes  
                   | with\_installarea  
                   | without\_installarea

*cleanup\_script* : cleanup\_script *script-name*  
*cmtpath\_pattern* : cmtpath\_pattern *cmt-statement*  
                   [ ; *cmt-statement* ... ]  
*document* : document *document-name* [ *constituent-option* ... ]  
                   [ *source* ... ]  
*ignore\_pattern* : ignore\_pattern *pattern-name*  
*include\_dirs* : include\_dirs *search-path*  
*include\_path* : include\_path *search-path*  
*language* : language *language-name* [ *language-option* ... ]  
*language-option* : -suffix=*suffix*  
                   | -linker=*linker-command*  
                   | -prototypes  
                   | -preprocessor\_command=*preprocessor\_command*  
                   | -fragment=*fragment*  
                   | -output\_suffix=*output-suffix*  
                   | -extra\_output\_suffix=*extra-output-suffix*  
*library* : library *library-name* [ *constituent-option* ... ]  
                   [ *source* ... ]  
*action* : action *action-name* [ *tag-expr* *value* ... ]  
*macro* : macro *macro-name* [ *tag-expr* *value* ... ]  
*macro\_append* : macro\_append *macro-name* [ *tag-expr* *value* ... ]  
*macro\_prepend* : macro\_prepend *macro-name* [ *tag-expr* *value* ... ]  
*macro\_remove* : macro\_remove *macro-name* [ *tag-expr* *value* ... ]  
*macro\_remove\_regexp* : macro\_remove\_regexp *macro-name* [ *tag-expr* *value* ... ]  
                   ]  
*macro\_remove\_all* : macro\_remove\_all *macro-name* [ *tag-expr* *value* ... ]  
*macro\_remove\_all\_regexp* : macro\_remove\_all\_regexp *macro-name* [ *tag-expr* *value*  
                   ... ]  
*make\_fragment* : make\_fragment *fragment-name* [ *fragment-option* ... ]  
*fragment-option* : -suffix=*suffix*  
                   | -dependencies

		-header= <i>fragment</i>
		-trailer= <i>fragment</i>
<i>manager</i>	:	manager <i>manager-name</i>
<i>package</i>	:	package <i>package-name</i>
<i>path</i>	:	path <i>path-name</i> [ <u><i>tag-expr</i></u> <i>value</i> ... ]
<i>path_append</i>	:	path_append <i>path-name</i> [ <u><i>tag-expr</i></u> <i>value</i> ... ]
<i>path_prepend</i>	:	path_prepend <i>path-name</i> [ <u><i>tag-expr</i></u> <i>value</i> ... ]
<i>path_remove</i>	:	path_remove <i>path-name</i> [ <u><i>tag-expr</i></u> <i>value</i> ... ]
<i>path_remove_regexp</i>	:	path_remove_regexp <i>path-name</i> [ <u><i>tag-expr</i></u> <i>value</i> ... ]
<i>pattern</i>	:	pattern [ -global ] <i>pattern-name</i> <u><i>cmt-statement</i></u> [ ; <u><i>cmt-statement</i></u> ... ]
<i>private</i>	:	private
<i>public</i>	:	public
<i>set</i>	:	set <i>set-name</i> [ <u><i>tag-expr</i></u> <i>value</i> ... ]
<i>set_append</i>	:	set_append <i>set-name</i> [ <u><i>tag-expr</i></u> <i>value</i> ... ]
<i>set_prepend</i>	:	set_prepend <i>set-name</i> [ <u><i>tag-expr</i></u> <i>value</i> ... ]
<i>set_remove</i>	:	set_remove <i>set-name</i> [ <u><i>tag-expr</i></u> <i>value</i> ... ]
<i>set_remove_regexp</i>	:	set_remove_regexp <i>set-name</i> [ <u><i>tag-expr</i></u> <i>value</i> ... ]
<i>setup_script</i>	:	setup_script <i>script-name</i>
<i>setup_strategy</i>	:	setup_strategy <i>setup-strategy-name</i>
<i>setup-strategy-name</i>	:	config   no_config   root   no_root   cleanup   no_cleanup
<i>structure_strategy</i>	:	structure_strategy <i>structure-strategy-name</i>
<i>structure-strategy-name</i>	:	with_version_directory   without_version_directory
<i>symbol</i>	:	<u><i>alias</i></u>



		<u>action</u>
		<u>macro</u>
		<u>macro append</u>
		<u>macro prepend</u>
		<u>macro remove</u>
		<u>macro remove regexp</u>
		<u>macro remove all</u>
		<u>macro remove all regexp</u>
		<u>path</u>
		<u>path append</u>
		<u>path prepend</u>
		<u>path remove</u>
		<u>path remove regexp</u>
		<u>set</u>
		<u>set append</u>
		<u>set prepend</u>
		<u>set remove</u>
		<u>set remove regexp</u>
<i>tag</i>	:	tag <i>tag-name</i> [ <i>tag-name ...</i> ]
<i>tag_exclude</i>	:	tag_exclude <i>tag-name</i> [ <i>tag-name ...</i> ]
<i>tag-expr</i>	:	<i>tag-name</i> [ & <i>tag-name ...</i> ]
<i>use</i>	:	use <i>package-name</i> [ <u><i>version-tag</i></u> [ <i>access-path</i> ] ] [ <u><i>use-option</i></u> ]
<i>version</i>	:	version <u><i>version-tag</i></u>
<i>version-tag</i>	:	<u><i>key</i></u> <i>version-number</i> [ <u><i>key</i></u> <i>release-number</i> [ <u><i>key</i></u> <i>patch-number</i> ] ]
<i>use-option</i>	:	-no_auto_imports   -auto_imports
<i>key</i>	:	<i>letter ...</i>

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## 18. 9 - The default strategies defined in CMT

```
build_strategy prototypes | without_installarea
setup_strategy config | root
structure_strategy with_version_directory
```

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### 18.10 - The internal mechanism of cmt cvs operations

Generally, CVS does not handle queries upon the repository (such as knowing all installed modules, all tags of the modules etc..). Various tools such as CVSWeb, LXR etc. provide very powerful answers to this question, but all through a Web browser.

CMT provides a hook that can be installed within a CVS repository, based on a helper script that will be activated upon a particular CVS command, and that is able to perform some level of scan within this repository and return filtered information.

More precisely, this helper script (found in `${CMTROOT}/mgr/cmt_buildcvsinfos2.sh`) is meant to be declared within the `loginfo` management file (see the [CVS manual](#) for more details) as one entry named `.cmtcvsinfos`, able to launch the helper script. This installation can be operated at once using the following sequence:

```
sh> cd ${CMTROOT}/mgr
sh> gmake installcvs
```

This mechanism is thus fully compatible with standard remote access to the repository.

Once the helper script is installed, the mechanism operates as follows (this actually describes the algorithms installed in the `CvsImplementation::show_cvs_infos` method available in `cmt_cvs.cxx` and is transparently run when one uses the `cmt cvsxxx` commands):

1. Find a location for working with temporary files. This is generally deduced from the `${TMPDIR}` environment variable or in `/tmp` (or in the current directory if none of these methods apply).
2. There, install a directory named `cmtcvs/<unique-name>/cmtcvsinfos`
3. Then, from this directory, try to run a fake import command built as follows:

```
cvs -Q import -m cmt .cmtcvsinfos/<protocol-level>/<package-name> CMT v1
```

Obviously this command is fake, since no file exist in the temporary directory we have just created. The `protocol-level` referenced in this command is described in the standard macro `$(cmt_cvs_protocol_level)`.

4. This action actually triggers the CVS pluggin installed in the `loginfo` CVS metafile. A default pluggin is provided by CMT implemented as a shell script, `cmt_buildcvsinfos2.sh`, which simply receives in its argument the module name onto which we need information. This information is obtained by scanning the files into the repository, and an answer is built with the following syntax:

[error=*error-text*] (1)  
tags=*tag* ... (2)  
branches=*branch* ... (3)  
subpackages=*sub-package* ... (4)

1. In case of error (typically when the requested module is not found in the repository) a text explaining the error condition is returned
  2. The list of tags found on the requirements file
  3. The list of branches defined in this packages (ie subdirectories not containing a requirements file)
  4. The list of subpackages (ie subdirectories containing a requirements files)
  5. Another version of this pluggin is also available as a C++ application. This application is available for download at the [CMT web site](#) .
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