

# **Sharing Toolchain Files Across Beman Projects**

# How Beman.exemplar uses CMake Toolchain files

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 bretbrownjr Clean up install logic  

Name

..

appleclang-toolchain.cmake

gnu-toolchain.cmake

llvm-toolchain.cmake

msvc-toolchain.cmake

use-fetch-content.cmake

```
include_guard(GLOBAL)

set(CMAKE_C_COMPILER gcc)
set(CMAKE_CXX_COMPILER g++)

if(BEMAN_BUILDSYS_SANITIZER STREQUAL "MaxSan")
    set(SANITIZER_FLAGS
        "-fsanitize=address -fsanitize=leak -fsanitize=pointer-compare -fsanitize=pointer-subtract -fsanitize=undefined -fsanitize=undefined-trap-on-error"
    )
elseif(BEMAN_BUILDSYS_SANITIZER STREQUAL "TSan")
    set(SANITIZER_FLAGS "-fsanitize=thread")
endif()

set(CMAKE_C_FLAGS_DEBUG_INIT "${SANITIZER_FLAGS}")
set(CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS_DEBUG_INIT "${SANITIZER_FLAGS}")

set(RELEASE_FLAGS "-O3 ${SANITIZER_FLAGS}")

set(CMAKE_C_FLAGS_RELWITHDEBINFO_INIT "${RELEASE_FLAGS}")
set(CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS_RELWITHDEBINFO_INIT "${RELEASE_FLAGS}")

set(CMAKE_C_FLAGS_RELEASE_INIT "${RELEASE_FLAGS}")
set(CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS_RELEASE_INIT "${RELEASE_FLAGS}")
```

```
{
    "name": "gcc-debug",
    "displayName": "GCC Debug Build",
    "inherits": [
        "_root-config",
        "_debug-base"
    ],
    "cacheVariables": {
        "CMAKE_TOOLCHAIN_FILE": "cmake-gnu-toolchain.cmake"
    }
},
```

# Status Quo

The diagram illustrates the relationship between a GitHub repository and various Beman Project components. A central GitHub repository page for `exemplar / cmake /` is shown on the left. On the right, a list of 18 repositories from the Beman Project is displayed. Arrows point from specific components in the GitHub repository to their corresponding GitHub pages.

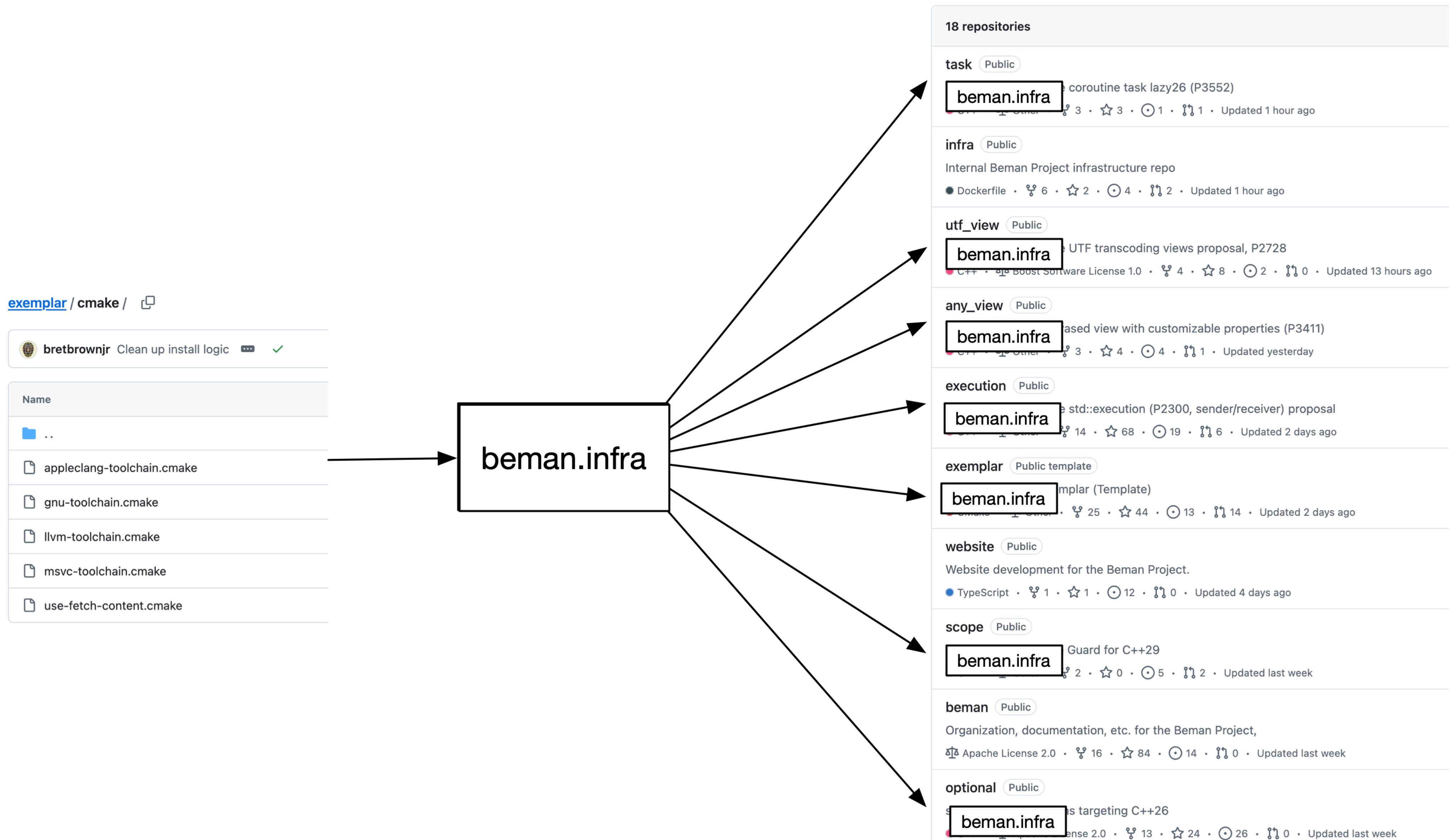
**GitHub Repository: exemplar / cmake /**

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  - ..
  - appleclang-toolchain.cmake
  - gnu-toolchain.cmake
  - llvm-toolchain.cmake
  - msvc-toolchain.cmake
  - use-fetch-content.cmake

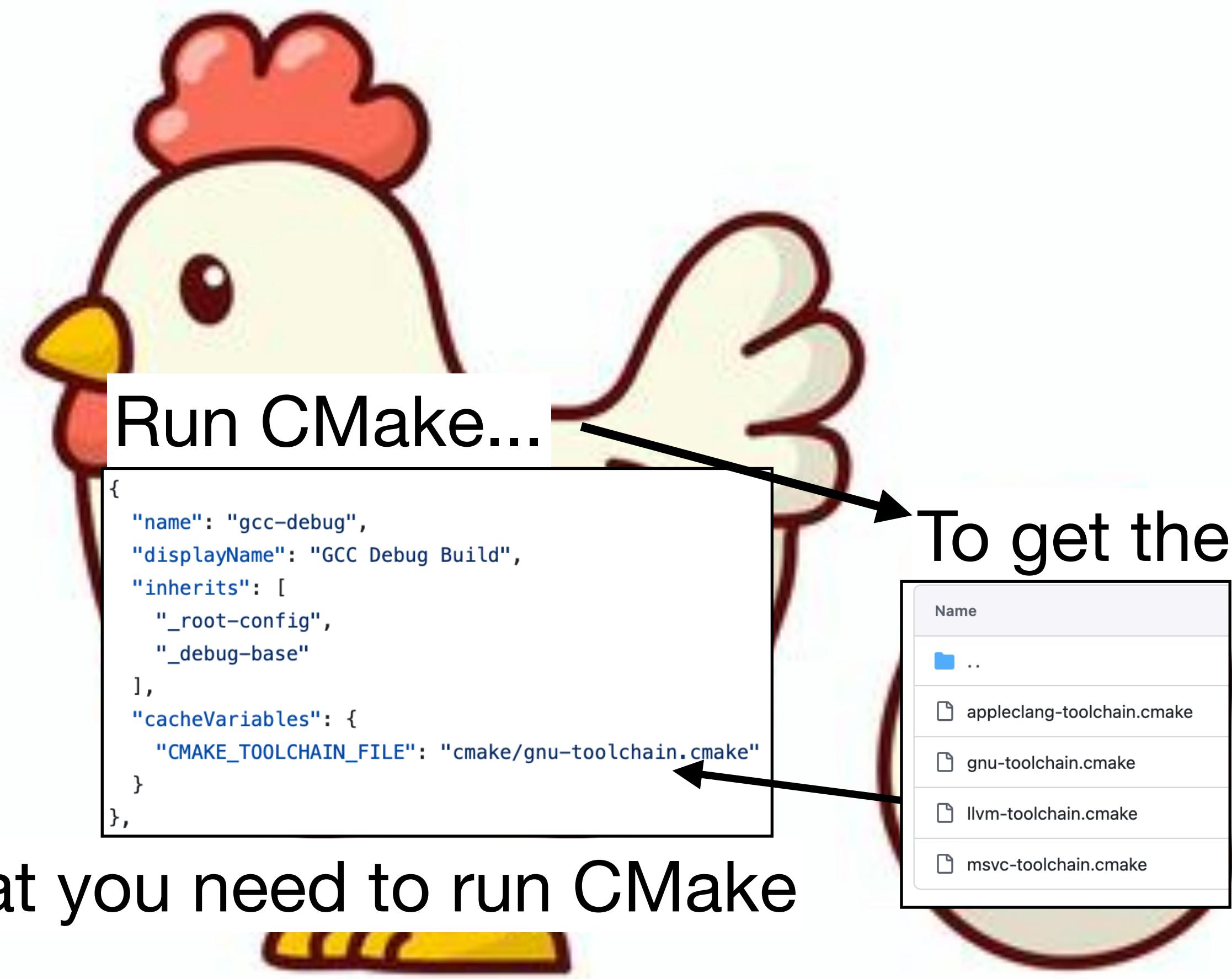
**Beman Project Repositories:**

- task** Public  
Implementation of the coroutine task lazy26 (P3552)  
C++ · Other · 3 · 3 · 1 · 1 · Updated 1 hour ago
- infra** Public  
Internal Beman Project infrastructure repo  
Dockerfile · 6 · 2 · 4 · 2 · Updated 1 hour ago
- utf\_view** Public  
Implementation of the UTF transcoding views proposal, P2728  
C++ · Boost Software License 1.0 · 4 · 8 · 2 · 0 · Updated 13 hours ago
- any\_view** Public  
A generalized type-erased view with customizable properties (P3411)  
C++ · Other · 3 · 4 · 4 · 1 · Updated yesterday
- execution** Public  
Implementation of the std::execution (P2300, sender/receiver) proposal  
C++ · Other · 14 · 68 · 19 · 6 · Updated 2 days ago
- exemplar** Public template  
A Beman Library Exemplar (Template)  
CMake · Other · 25 · 44 · 13 · 14 · Updated 2 days ago
- website** Public  
Website development for the Beman Project.  
TypeScript · 1 · 1 · 12 · 0 · Updated 4 days ago
- scope** Public  
P3610 Generic Scope Guard for C++29  
C++ · Other · 2 · 0 · 5 · 2 · Updated last week
- beman** Public  
Organization, documentation, etc. for the Beman Project,  
Apache License 2.0 · 16 · 84 · 14 · 0 · Updated last week
- optional** Public  
std::optional extensions targeting C++26  
C++ · Apache License 2.0 · 13 · 24 · 26 · 0 · Updated last week

# Move the toolchain files into beman.infra



# CMake can't give us this dependency



# Option 1: Git Subtree

On the other hand, git subtrees take advantage of git's support for merging together unrelated commit histories in order to incorporate the git commits of the dependency into the commit graph of the parent. For example, imagine we have a git repo called `parent` with the following history:

```
o Frobnicate widgets
|
o Reticulate splines
|
o Initial commit
```

And a repo called `dependency` with the history:

```
o Reinitialize enigmas
|
o Calibrate flux capacitors
|
o Initial commit
```

# Git Subtree Continued

When `dependency` is added as a subtree, the repository's history will look like:

```
o Add 'dependency/' from commit '12345abcdef'  
|\  
| \\  
| | o Reinitialize enigmas  
| | |  
| | o Calibrate flux capacitors  
| | |  
| | o Initial commit  
| | |  
| | o Frobnciate widgets  
| | |  
| | o Reticulate splines  
| | |  
| | o Initial commit
```

When a further change is made to `dependency` that needs to be brought in to `parent`, it's incorporated as a merge commit:

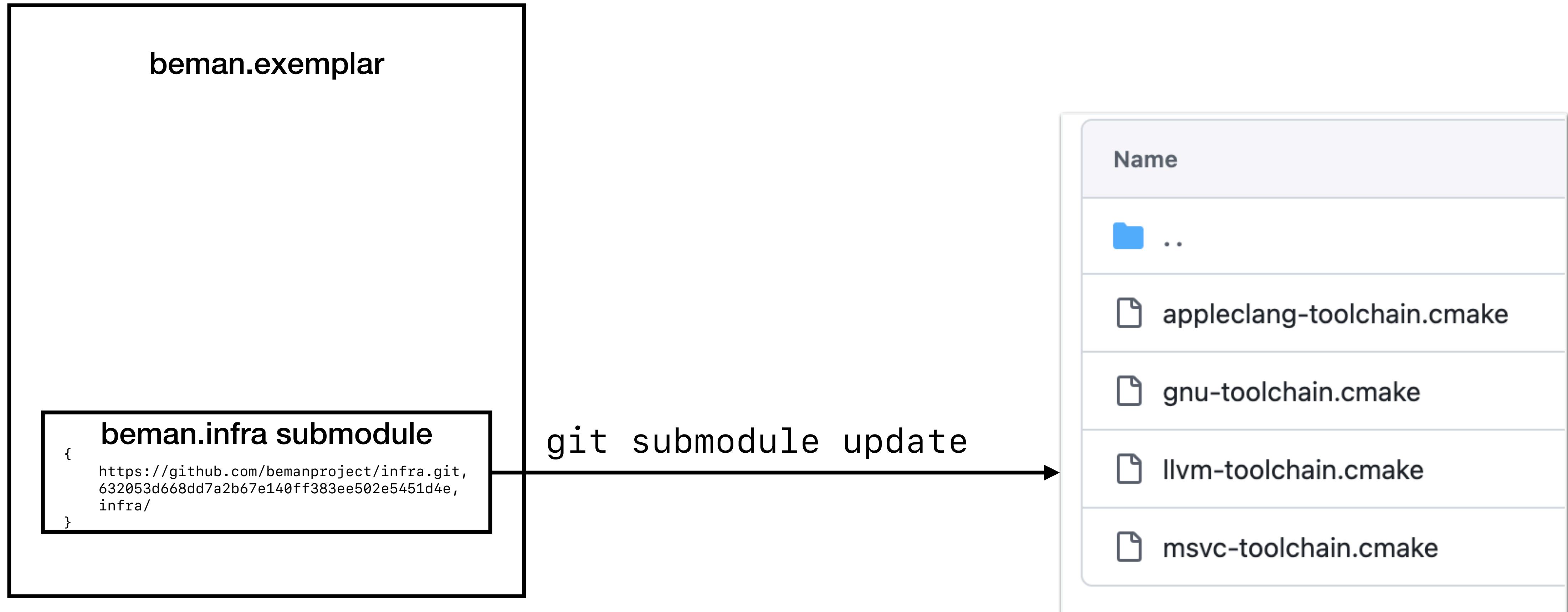
```
o Merge commit '54321fedcba'  
| \  
| | \  
| | | o Ameliorate checksums  
| | | |  
o | Add 'dependency/' from commit '12345abcdef'  
| | \  
| | | \  
| | | | o Reinitialize enigmas  
| | | | |  
| | | | o Calibrate flux capacitors  
| | | | |  
| | | | o Initial commit  
| | | | |  
| | | | o Frobnciate widgets  
| | | | |  
| | | | o Reticulate splines  
| | | | |  
| | | | o Initial commit
```

# Problems with git subtree

- No single source of truth
- Requires merge commits
- Messy git history
- Doesn't work like a normal dependency



# Option 2: git submodule



# Advantages of git submodules

- No messy git history full of merge commits
- Single source of truth
- Works like other dependencies

# Objection to git submodules #1: User Experience

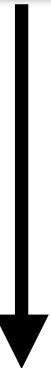
```
~/sync/cpp/bemanproject/exemplar → enolan_infr submodule1* $ cmake --workflow --preset gcc-debug
Executing workflow step 1 of 3: configure preset "gcc-debug"

Preset CMake variables:

BEMAN_BUILDSYS_SANITIZER="MaxSan"
CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE="Debug"
CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD="20"
CMAKE_EXPORT_COMPILE_COMMANDS="ON"
CMAKE_PROJECT_TOP_LEVEL_INCLUDES=".cmake/use-fetch-content.cmake"
CMAKE_TOOLCHAIN_FILE="infra/cmake/gnu-toolchain.cmake"

CMake Error at /home/eddie/localbuild/cmake/share/cmake-3.31/Modules/CMakeDetermineSystem.cmake:152 (message):
  Could not find toolchain file: infra/cmake/gnu-toolchain.cmake
Call Stack (most recent call first):
  CMakeLists.txt:5 (project)

CMake Error: CMake was unable to find a build program corresponding to "Ninja".  CMAKE_MAKE_PROGRAM is not set. You probably need to select
  a different build tool.
CMake Error: CMAKE_CXX_COMPILER not set, after EnableLanguage
-- Configuring incomplete, errors occurred!
```



You should have run `git submodule update --init` or `git clone --recursive`

# Objection to git submodules #2: GitHub releases

**Presets to FetchContent** Latest

bretbrownjr released this 3 days ago 2.1.1 -o 0a275de

### About

This change sets all CMake presets to use FetchContent explicitly. Note that this is a breaking change. Please use explicit, step-by-step CMake workflows to build in situations where this change impacts your build.

### Release Maturity

This release has a status of "under development". It is not recommended for use in production. The under development maturity status implies:

### What's Changed

- Set CMAKE\_PROJECT\_TOP\_LEVEL\_INCLUDES in base preset by @steve-downey

Full Changelog: [2.1.0...2.1.1](#)

### Contributors

steve-downey

### Assets

- Source code (zip)
- Source code (tar.gz)

```
/tmp/exemplar $ tree .
.
├── cmake
│   └── use-fetch-content.cmake
├── CMakeLists.txt
└── CMakePresets.json
├── docs
│   ├── README.md
│   └── using_exemplar.md
├── examples
│   ├── CMakeLists.txt
│   ├── identity_as_default_projection.cpp
│   └── identity_direct_usage.cpp
├── include
│   └── beman
│       └── exemplar
│           └── identity.hpp
└── infra
    ├── LICENSE
    ├── lockfile.json
    └── README.md
├── src
│   └── beman
│       └── exemplar
│           ├── beman.exemplar-config.cmake.in
│           ├── CMakeLists.txt
│           └── identity.cpp
└── tests
    └── beman
        └── exemplar
            ├── CMakeLists.txt
            └── identity.test.cpp
```

14 directories, 17 files

# Objection to git submodules #2: GitHub releases

```
~/sync/cpp/bemanproject/exemplar → enolan_releaseaction1* $ git tag -a v99.99
~/sync/cpp/bemanproject/exemplar → enolan_releaseaction1* $ git push ednolan tag v99.99
Enumerating objects: 1, done.
Counting objects: 100% (1/1), done.
Writing objects: 100% (1/1), 249 bytes | 249.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 1 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0 (from 0)
To github.com:ednolan/exemplar.git
 * [new tag]           v99.99 -> v99.99
~/sync/cpp/bemanproject/exemplar → enolan_releaseaction1*
```

```
Default (ssh)
GNU nano 8.1 /home/eddie/sync/cpp/bemanproject/exemplar/.git/TAG_EDITMSG *
In release 99.99, we finally slay the wandering grue that was causing the recurring bitrot.

Thanks to grueslayer123 for their contributions.

#
# Write a message for tag:
#   v99.99
# Lines starting with '#' will be ignored.

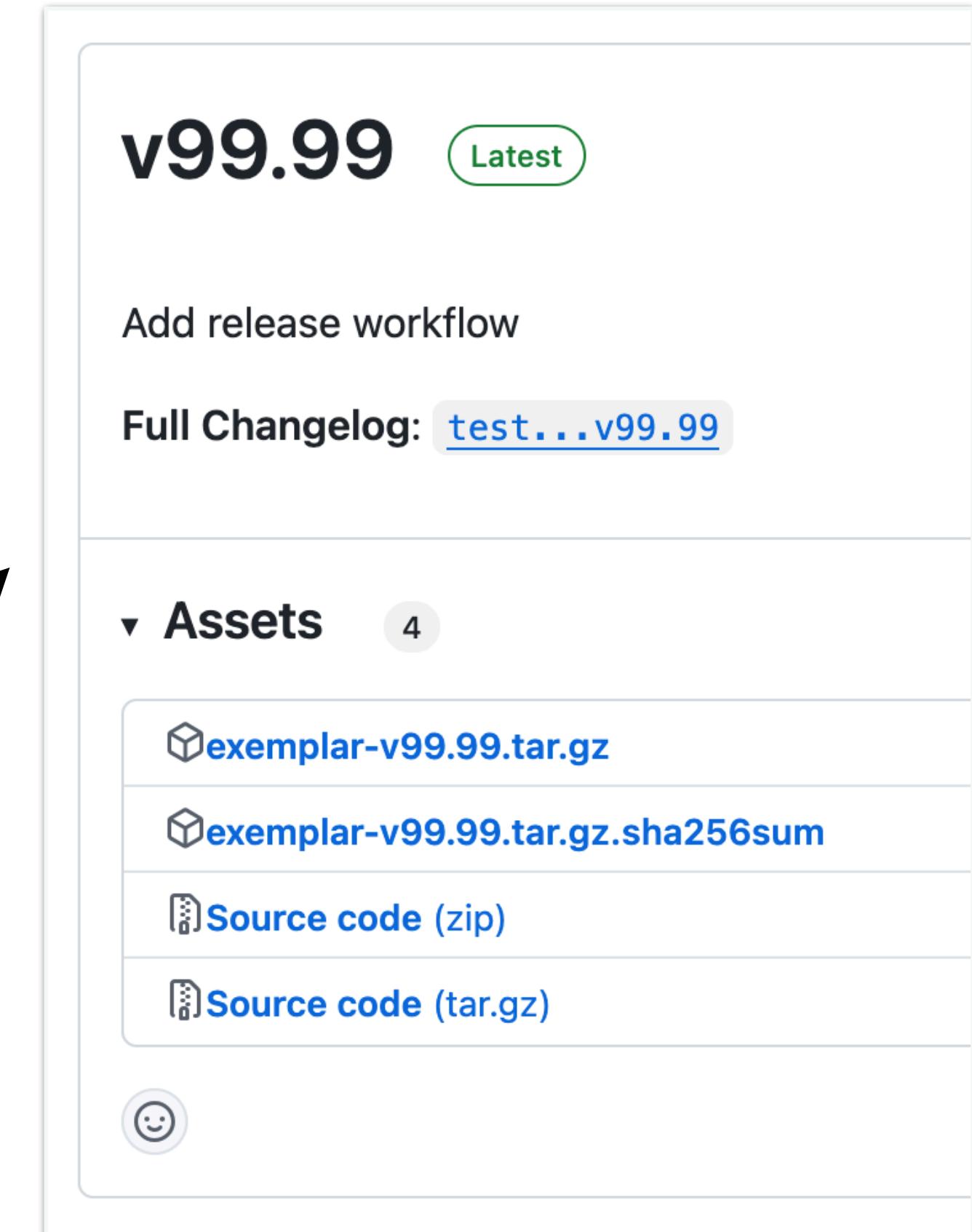
^G Help      ^O Write Out    ^F Where Is    ^K Cut        ^T Execute    ^C Location
^X Exit      ^R Read File    ^\ Replace     ^U Paste      ^J Justify    ^/ Go To Line
[exemplar]1:emacs 2:git* 3:bash- 4:bas> eddie@ed-ubuntu-pc Thu May 1 12:03 A
```

```
Do release
succeeded 1 hour ago in 5s

> Set up job
> Checkout code
> Get Tag Information
> Set up filename variables
> Create Source Tarball
> Generate Checksum
> Create GitHub Release

1 ▶ Run cd repo
2   cd repo
3   gh release create "v99.99" \
4     --title "v99.99" \
5     --notes "Add release workflow" \
6     --generate-notes \
7     --draft=false \
8     --prerelease=false \
9     ".../exemplar-v99.99.tar.gz" \
10    ".../exemplar-v99.99.tar.gz.sha256sum"
11 shell: /usr/bin/bash -e {0}
12 env:
13   TAG_NAME: v99.99
14   TAG_BODY: Add release workflow
15   ARCHIVE_BASENAME: exemplar-v99.99
16   ARCHIVE_NAME: exemplar-v99.99.tar.gz
17   CHECKSUM_NAME: exemplar-v99.99.tar.gz.sha256sum
18   GITHUB_TOKEN: ***
19   https://github.com/ednolan/exemplar/releases/tag/v99.99

> Post Checkout code
> Complete job
```



# Objection to git submodules #2: GitHub releases

The image shows a GitHub release page for version v99.99 and a terminal tree command output.

**Github Release Page:**

- Created 2 hours ago by **github-actions**.
- Tag **v99.99** commit **3936d93**.
- Add release workflow.
- Full Changelog: [test...v99.99](#)
- Assets (4):
  - exemplar-v99.99.tar.gz**
  - exemplar-v99.99.tar.gz.sha256sum**
  - Source code (zip)** (circled in red)
  - Source code (tar.gz)** (circled in red)

**Terminal Tree Output:**

```
/tmp/exemplar $ tree .
.
├── cmake
│   └── use-fetch-content.cmake
├── CMakeLists.txt
└── CMakePresets.json
├── docs
│   ├── README.md
│   └── using_exemplar.md
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│   ├── CMakeLists.txt
│   ├── identity_as_default_projection.cpp
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│   └── beman
│       └── exemplar
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```

A red arrow points from the circled "Source code (zip)" and "Source code (tar.gz)" assets on the GitHub release page to the "infra" directory in the terminal tree output, highlighting the inconsistency between the release artifacts and the project's submodule structure.

# Objection to git submodules #2: GitHub releases

No way to disable auto-generated source code links  
#6003

Answered by MylesBorins kornelski asked this question in General

kornelski on Oct 5, 2021 edited

GitHub automatically adds "Source Code.zip" and "Source Code.tar.gz" links to every release. These are problematic for a few reasons:

1. When I make releases for non-technical audience (a binary build of my software), these links are unwanted. They add clutter and confuse non-developer users.
2. When my repo uses git submodules, these archives lack submodules' code, which causes confusing compilation errors. I can't even replace my own archives that contain complete source code.
3. The source tarballs are not even suitable for distribution of many projects in source code form, because they don't support inclusion of auto-generated files (e.g. `./configure` or compiled data files). Auto-generated files should be under version control — that causes repo bloat and merge pains.

So from my perspective the Source Code links are unnecessary, often unnecessary and even when I'd like some source code links, the auto-generated archives are incomplete and unfit for the purpose.

Please remove these links or at least add an option to disable them.

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v1.0.27: libusb 1.0.27

tormodvolden released this Jan 31, 2024 · 64 commits to master since this release v1.0.27

-o- d52e355

Note: The Windows binaries in libusb-1.0.27.7z are provided as-is and may not work for your toolchain. In that case, please build libusb from source using your own toolchain.

**Note:**

\*.tar.bz are our official release files, these are proper release tarballs including configure.

\*.tar.gz and .zip are something GitHub generates, unfortunately we haven't found a way to disable them.  
They are just a git snapshot, without e.g. configure.

\*) <https://github.com/orgs/community/discussions/6003>

▼ Assets 8

libusb-1.0.27.7z	3.91 MB	Jan 31, 2024
libusb-1.0.27.7z.asc	833 Bytes	Jan 31, 2024
libusb-1.0.27.tar.bz2	629 KB	Jan 31, 2024
libusb-1.0.27.tar.bz2.asc	833 Bytes	Jan 31, 2024
SIGNING_KEYS.txt	905 Bytes	Jul 29, 2024
SIGNING_KEYS.txt.asc	833 Bytes	Jul 29, 2024
Source code (zip)		Jan 31, 2024
Source code (tar.gz)		Jan 31, 2024

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iked about internally. We would need to stems that rely on these artifacts that fore we could follow through on this.

are looking at a number of cts / assets, but we may not be funding pectations)

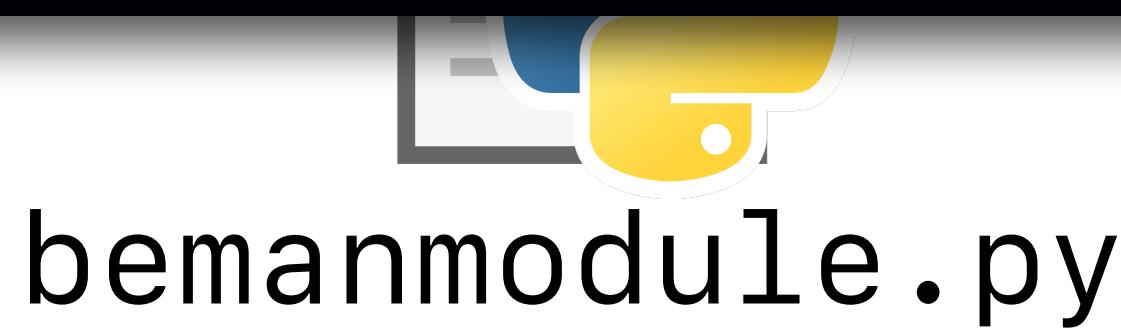
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# Option 3: Reinventing the wheel

**Check bemanmodules**  
failed 3 hours ago in 4s

- >  Set up job
- >  Checkout
- <  Run bemanmodule check
  - 1 ► Run ./infra/bemanmodule.py --check
  - 4 Mismatch between /home/runner/work/exemplar/exemplar/infra and <https://github.com/bemanproject/infra.git>
  - 5 Found bemanmodules at: ['/home/runner/work/exemplar/exemplar/infra']
  - 6 Checking /home/runner/work/exemplar/exemplar/infra equivalence with <https://github.com/bemanproject/infra>
  - 7 **Error:** Process completed with exit code 1.

**beman.infra bemanmodule**  
bemanproject/exemplar \$ cat infra/.bemanmodule  
<https://github.com/bemanproject/infra.git>  
2164f14d1f8e35644f14678f5ee264155f57209b  
bemanproject/exemplar \$



bemanmodule.py

--pull  
--check

```
1#!/usr/bin/env python3
2
3import argparse
4import filecmp
5import os
6import pathlib
7import shutil
8import subprocess
9import sys
10import tempfile
11
12def directory_compare(dir1, dir2, ignore):
13    compared = filecmp.dircmp(dir1, dir2, ignore=ignore)
14    if compared.left_only or compared.right_only or compared.diff_files:
15        return False
16    for common_dir in compared.common_dirs:
17        path1 = os.path.join(dir1, common_dir)
18        path2 = os.path.join(dir2, common_dir)
19        if not directory_compare(path1, path2, ignore):
20            return False
21    return True
22
23class Submodule:
24    def __init__(self, dirpath, url, commit_hash):
25        self.dirpath = dirpath
26        self.url = url
27        self.commit_hash = commit_hash
28
29    def get_submodule(dir):
30        with open(os.path.join(dir, ".bemanmodule"), 'r') as f:
31            return Submodule(dir, f.readline().strip(), f.readline().strip())
32
33    def find_submodule_dirs_in(dir):
34        assert os.path.isdir(dir)
35        result = []
36        for dirpath, _, filenames in os.walk(dir):
37            if ".bemanmodule" in filenames:
38                result.append(dirpath)
39        return result
40
41    def pull_submodule_into_tmpdir(submodule):
42        tmpdir = tempfile.TemporaryDirectory()
43        subprocess.run(
44            ["git", "clone", submodule.url, tmpdir.name], capture_output=True, check=True)
45        subprocess.run(
46            ["git", "-C", tmpdir.name, "reset", "--hard", submodule.commit_hash],
47            capture_output=True, check=True)
48        return tmpdir
49
50    def submodule_pull(submodule):
51        print(
52            "Pulling", submodule.url, "at commit", submodule.commit_hash, "to",
53            submodule.dirpath)
54        tmpdir = pull_submodule_into_tmpdir(submodule)
55        shutil.rmtree(os.path.join(tmpdir.name, ".git"))
56        shutil.copytree(tmpdir.name, submodule.dirpath, dirs_exist_ok=True)
57
58    def submodule_check(submodule):
59        print(
60            "Checking", submodule.dirpath, "equivalence with", submodule.url, "at commit",
61            submodule.commit_hash)
62        tmpdir = pull_submodule_into_tmpdir(submodule)
63        if not directory_compare(tmpdir.name, submodule.dirpath, [".bemanmodule", ".git"]):
64            print(
65                "Mismatch between", submodule.dirpath, "and", submodule.url, "at commit",
66                submodule.commit_hash, file=sys.stderr)
67            sys.exit(1)
68
69    def main():
70        parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Beman pseudo-submodule tool")
71        parser.add_argument('--pull', help="Update all pseudo-submodules to latest main",
72                            action="store_true")
73        parser.add_argument('--check', help="Check pseudo-submodule consistency",
74                            action="store_true")
75        args = parser.parse_args()
76        script_path = pathlib.Path(__file__).resolve().parent
77        script_parent = script_path.parent
78        submodule_dirs = find_submodule_dirs_in(script_parent)
79        print("Found bemanmodules at: ", submodule_dirs)
80        submodules = [get_submodule(dir) for dir in submodule_dirs]
81        for submodule in submodules:
82            if args.pull:
83                submodule_pull(submodule)
84            elif args.check:
85                submodule_check(submodule)
86            else:
87                raise Exception("Specify either --pull or --check")
88
89if __name__ == "__main__":
90    main()
```

# Option 3: Reinventing the wheel

- Pros:
  - beman.infra files are always present; no file-not-found errors\*
  - GitHub autogenerated source tarballs aren't broken \*
- Cons:
  - It's a hack
  - Maintenance/training burden of bemanmodule.py
  - No equivalent of git submodule add (need to manually copy over bemanmodule.py to get the infra module working)

\*git subtrees also solve these, but I still don't like them

# Option 4: Let bx handle it

```
./bx cmake -B build -S . -DCMAKE_CXX_STANDARD=20
```