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Simplify your external dependency management

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Dependencies?





Dependencies?

internal Dependencies



external Dependencies



What are external dependencies?



What are external dependencies?

Anything your application requires to run...



What are external dependencies?

Extensions, Systemtools, PHP Libs





Our first project....





Our first project - the structure

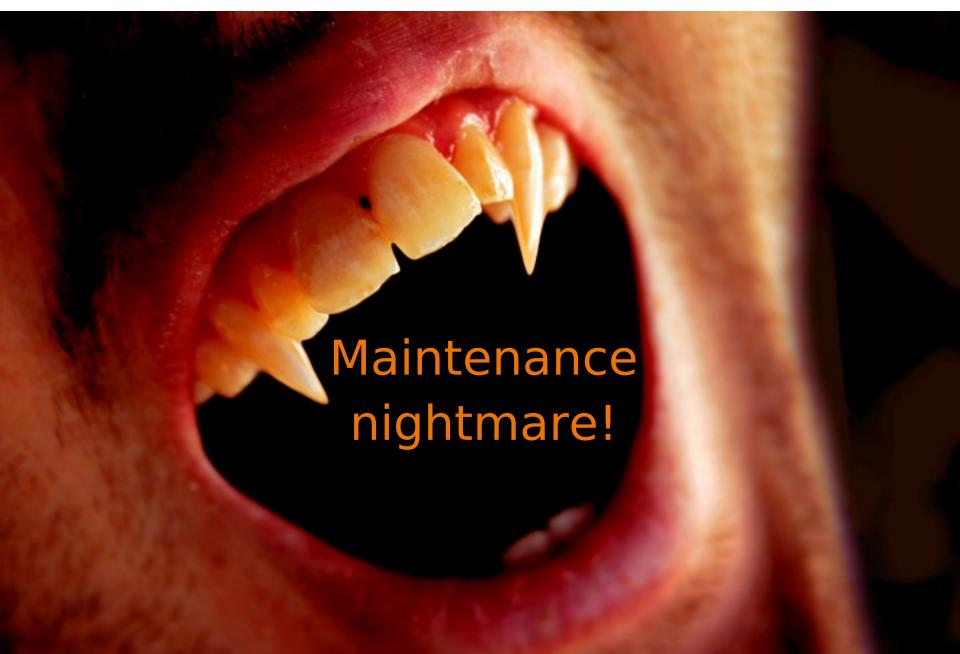
```
yourpoject
   |-application
   -library
   ---Facebook
    ---Zend
   -public
    ---js
    ---CSS
   -tests
```



And some more projects...

```
yourpoject
                      yourpoject2
   |-application
                          |-application
   |-library
                          -library
    ---Facebook
                          ---Zend
    ---Zend
                          -public
   |-public
                          ---js
    ---js
                           ---CSS
                           -tests
   ---CSS
   |-tests
```





First try...

Let's use what we already have...



First try...

...our version control system!



First try...

For Subversion users: SVN externals



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Step
 Delete Zend directory



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```

2. Step
svn propedit \
svn:externals library

Add line: Zend/ http://framework...



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3. Step svn commit && svn update



SVN externals - Recap

- Links local dirs to remote SVN dirs
- Synced on every (local) update
- Pull-based system



SVN externals - Drawbacks

- You can only reference other SVN repos!
- You need access rights for the external repo!
- You can commit to externals!



SVN externals - Pro tip I

Always link to a tag or branch, not to trunk!



SVN externals - Pro tip II

Add svn:externals only to direct parent directory!



First try – Alternatives?



First try – Alternatives?

Git + Git submodules



Git submodules

- Clone external history and re-merge local changes
- is a checkout of an external (Git) project
- partial checkout possible
- pull-based system
- you need to manually merge fixes in local repo!



Some recap



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A VCS is not made for dependency management!



What else?



Requirements first!



1. Do not hide dependency metadata



2. Support transitive dependencies



3. Seperation from VCS



4. Do not reinvent the wheel



What else?



What else? - Packaging standards

*nix packages

PEAR



What else? - Build Tools

Phing

Maven



1. Create directory yourproject-0.0.1



2. dh_make -createorig -s



3. Add Makefile



```
BINDIR = $(DESTDIR)/usr/bin
clean:
install:
    mkdir -p $(BINDIR)
    cp info.php $(BINDIR)
uninstall:
    rm -f $(BINDIR)/info.php
```



4. fakeroot debian/rules binary



*nix packages - Dependencies?



*nix packages - Dependencies?

Add them to debian/control file



*nix packages - Pros

- Independant of your repo state, build it manually
- Dependency metadata not hidden!
- *nix packages can depend on other packages
- Allows dependencies on other system packages



*nix packages - Cons

- Packaging diversity: .deb, .rpm, .tgz, ...
- Only one version of a package for one server



1. Create directory yourproject-0.0.1



2. Create package.xml



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<package packagerversion="1.8.0" version="2.0"</pre>
xmlns="http://pear.php.net/dtd/package-2.0"
xmlns:tasks="http://pear.php.net/dtd/tasks-1.0"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://pear.php.net/dtd/tasks-1.0
    http://pear.php.net/dtd/tasks-1.0.xsd
    http://pear.php.net/dtd/package-2.0
    http://pear.php.net/dtd/package-2.0.xsd">
 <name>Yourapp</name>
 <channel>pear.yourapp.com</channel>
 <summary>Yourapp summary
 <description>Yourapp description.</description>
 <lead>
  <name>Stephan Hochdoerfer</name>
  <user>sh</user>
```



3. pear package



PEAR packages - Pros

- Similar to *nix packages, but platform independent
- Transitive dependency management
- Multiple versions of a package on one server (with work-a-round)
- PEAR is a PHP standard way of distribution
- Easy to set-up a server (Pyrus, Pirim, ...)



Phing

- Is a build tool, is not aware of dependency management!
- Can communicate with CVS, SVN, Git, ...
- You need to provide your own dependency logic
- No task to automatically deploy to PEAR / Pyrus / Pirum



What else?

Unfortunately the PHP community misses ONE tool to rule them all!



What else?

Java, anyone?



What is Maven?

Maven is a declarative project management tool.



Maven - Project Object Model



What can Maven do?

After first downloading it, almost nothing, but...



What can Maven do?

- Run goals
- Run phases (which are a collection of goals)
- Download (transitive) dependencies automatically
- Download plugins as well!
- Once downloaded provides offline access to the packages



1. Add Maven PHP repository



```
<pluginRepository>
     <id>release-repo1.php-maven.org</id>
     <name>PHP-Maven 2 Release Repository</name>
     <url>http://repo1.php-maven.org/release</url>
     <releases>
           <enabled>true</enabled>
           </releases>
</pluginRepository>
```



2. Create new Maven project



Maven Beginners guide

```
mvn archetype:generate \
-DarchetypeGroupId=org.phpmaven \
-DarchetypeArtifactId=php5-lib-archetype \
-DarchetypeVersion=1.1 \
-DgroupId=org.yourproject \
-DartifactId=appname
```



2. Deploy your project



mvn deploy



Maven Bonus points

- Lot`s of plugins, eg. Liquibase
- Automatic release management
- Automatic deployment
- Build profiles
- IDE support, e.g. Eclipse





Thank you!

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