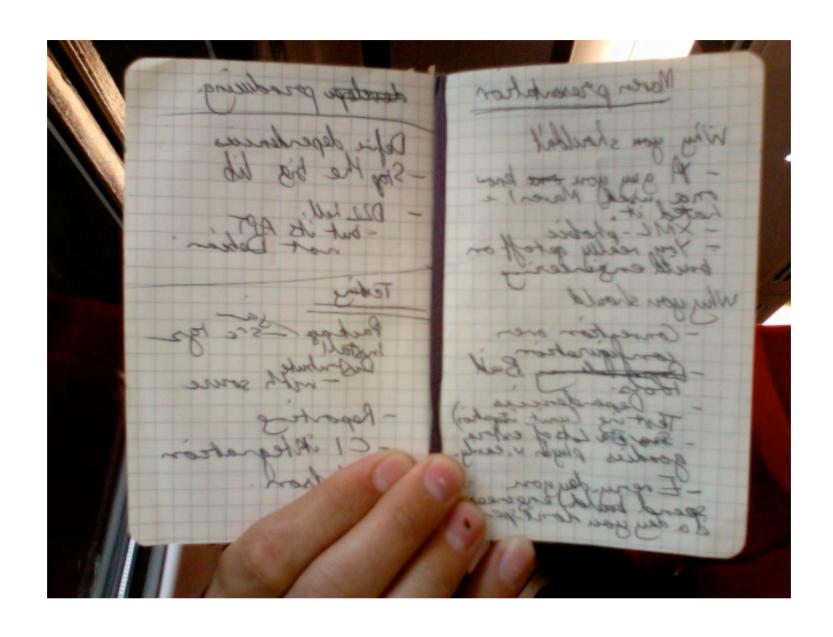
Maven 2 a.k.a. M2, mvn

The Java Developer's Very Best Frenemy

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Plan

Reasons you shouldn't use M2

- Bob
- Wuss
- Perversion
- Allergic to paracetamol

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Bob – some guy you know once used Maven1 and didn't like it. (Not the best way to make tool decisions)

Wuss – M2 uses XML. A lot. If you're scared of XML, you shouldn't use M2 Perversion – if you really get off on build engineering, then M2 is going to spoil your fun because it makes it too easy.

Allergic – when M2 goes off the rails it can be a pain to figure out. Be prepared for brief periods of headache.

Reasons you **should** use M2

- Convention over configuration
- Toys
- Enjoy programming

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M2 works through convention in how projects are laid out, how they fit together and how they are built and deployed. This standardisation is generally a Good Thing.

M2 has loads of plugins, which work together wonderfully.

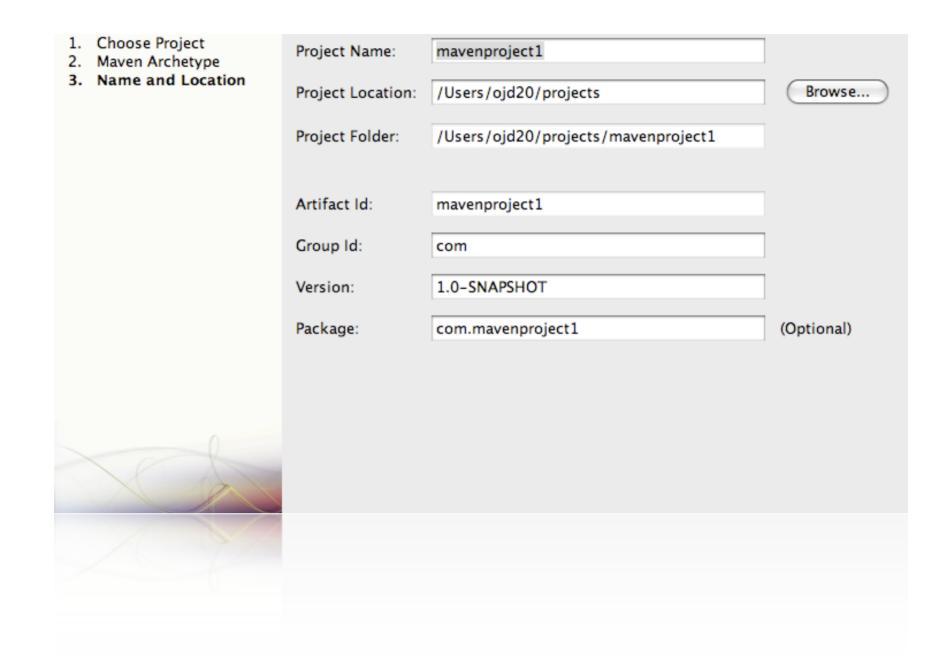
Productivity is gained to the cost of production. Every day you spend fiddling with your build engineering is a day you don't spend talking to users, programming or testing.

Getting started

Install it, obviously

Use the archetype plugin to create a basic project

```
> mvn -DarchetypeVersion=1.0 \
-Darchetype.interactive=false \
-DgroupId=com.example \
-DarchetypeArtifactId=\
maven-archetype-quickstart \
-Dversion=1.0-SNAPSHOT \
-Dpackage=com.example \
-DartifactId=example \
archetype:generate
```



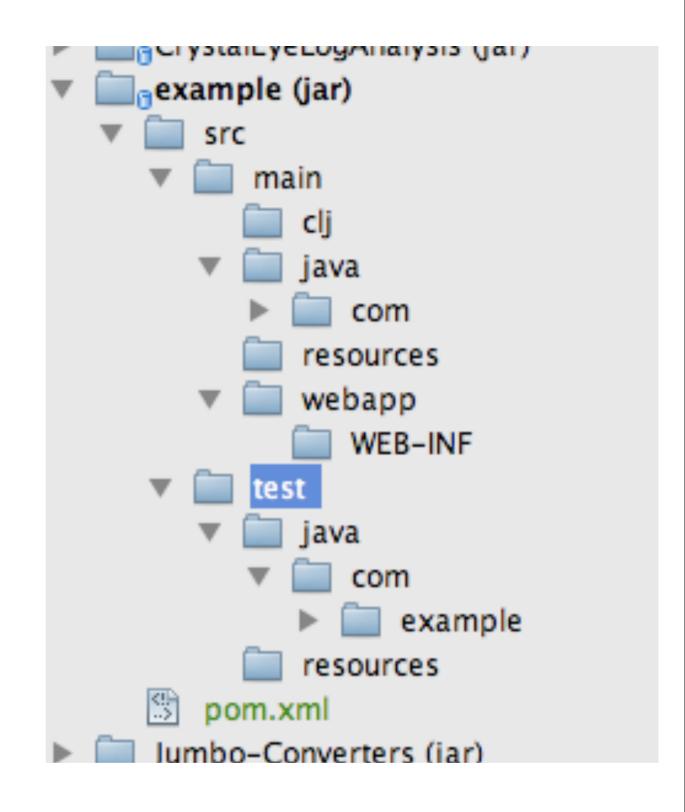
Netbeans GUI version

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If you're a GUI type of a person, this might appeal more. Or you can hack it out manually without using the archetype stuff. Up to you.

Standard Project Layout

src / target
main / test



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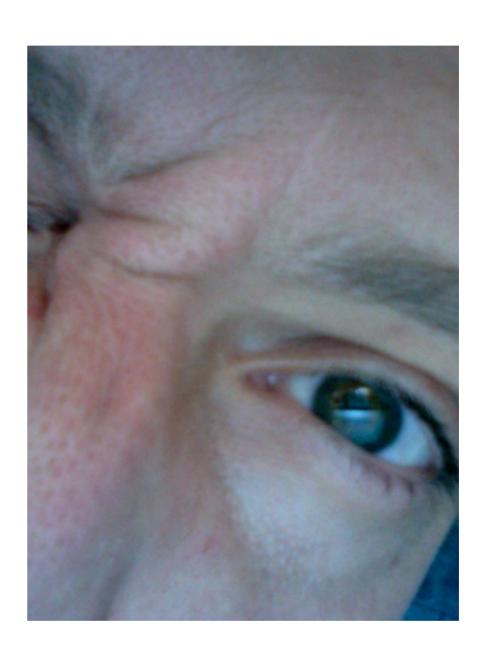
I know you're thinking "overkill! overkill!". Turns out to be really useful later on.

Tiddly POM

Navigator POM model Model Version: 4.0.0 GroupId : com ArtifactId: example Packaging: jar Name: example Version: 1.0-SNAPSHOT Url: http://maven.apache.org Dependencies junit commons-io □ GroupId : commons-io Artifactld : commons-io Version: 1.4

Dependencies

- lib/ considered harmful
- APT, not Debian



compile, test, integration-test, package et cetera et blah blah lots of things your IDE can do, or that take 5 mins in ant... not the point, what you really get is

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The reason this is better than ant is that it's easier to write plugins because the build process and the project layout is standard.

Distributing Code

- 1. Set up a DAV folder on a server
- 2. Bit of XML
- 3. mvn deploy

Assembly

```
<plugin>
  <artifactId>maven-assembly-plugin</artifactId>
  <configuration>
      <descriptorRefs>
        <descriptorRef>src</descriptorRef>
      </descriptorRefs>
      </configuration>
  </plugin>
```

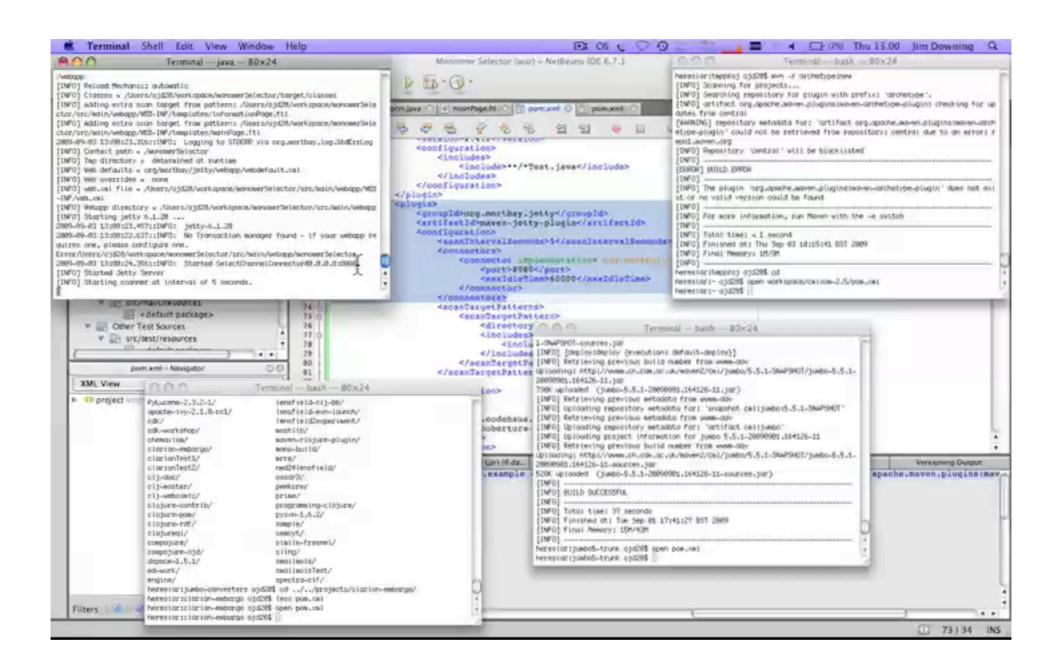
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Does executable jars (bundling all the libraries), source and binary distributions for sourceforge etc.

Jetty

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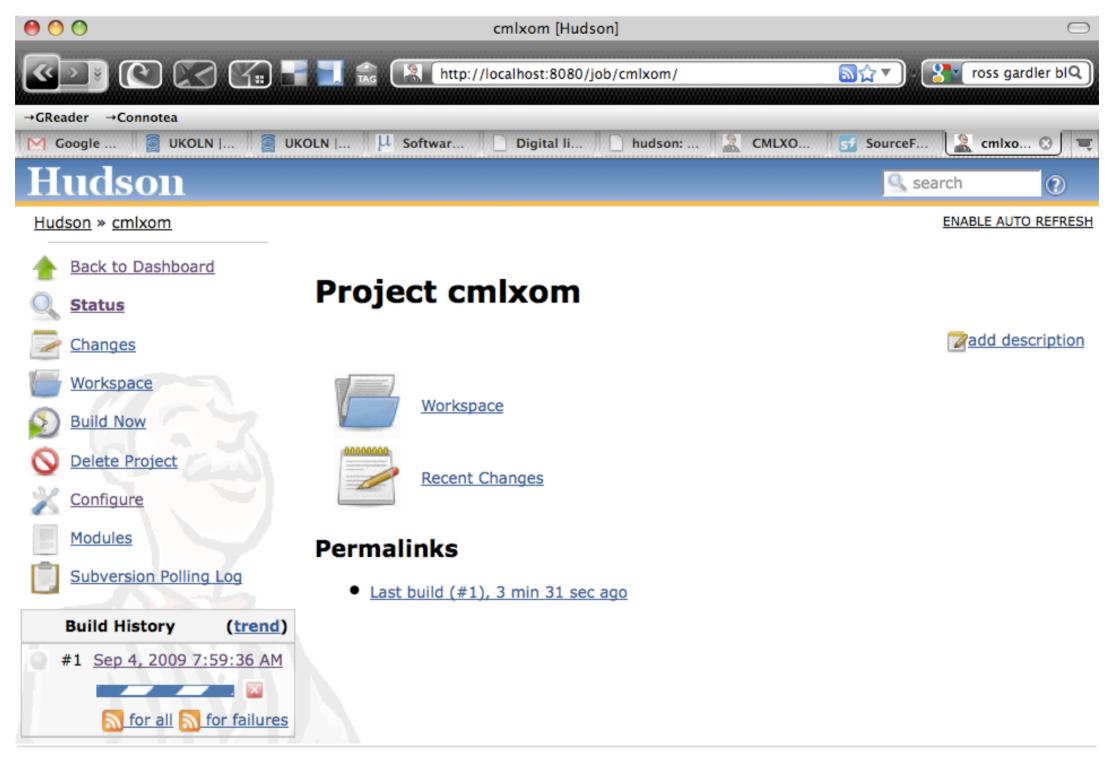
Good for rapid development, also allows integration testing.



Reports

```
<reporting>
  <plugins>
    <plugin>
     <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
     <artifactId>maven-project-info-reports-plugin</artifactId>
     <reportSets>
       <reportSet>
          <reports>
           <report>index</report>
           <report>summary</report>
           <report>dependencies</report>
           <report>project-team</report>
           <report>license</report>
          </reports>
       </reportSet>
     </reportSets>
     </plugin>
```

CI made easy



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Hudson. Because the project layout is standard, and the build phases are standard, it's really easy for tools like Hudson to do their thing.