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Spack Configuration Manager: Automating Toolchain Installations



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- Department of Software Engineering and Research at Sandia National Labs
 - Software engineering and research for scientific computation
 - Software engineering principles and best practices
- Spack from Lawrence Livermore National Labs
 - Package manager for HPCs
 - High level of complexity for users



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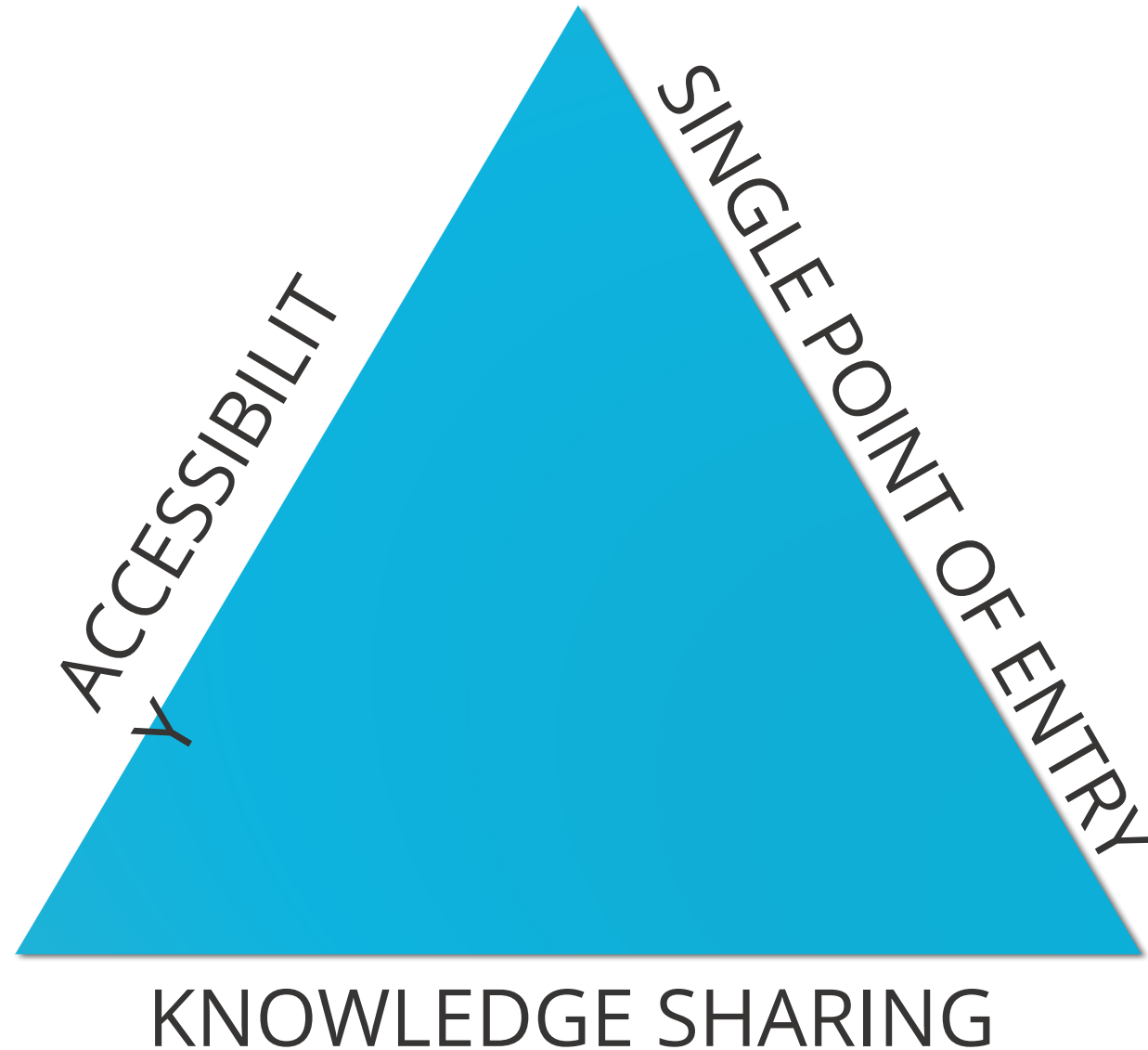
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- Originally created a homegrown tool for third-party library installation
 - Spack was in its infancy
 - Consistent environment across multiple platforms
 - High maintenance cost
- Spack improvements over the years became an attractive option
 - More maintainers / contributors
 - More platform support
 - Package configuration lives with a maintainer, not the tool creator
- Needed to handle the complexities introduced by Spack

Three Core Requirements



- Dependencies
 - Spack
 - Python 3.6+
 - PyYAML
- Light wrapper around Spack
 - Utilizes core mechanisms of Spack
 - Remove knowledge barrier for configuration specifics





```
[(env_python) (base) $ spack-cm setup -h  
usage: spack-cm setup [-h] [-p PROJECT] [-m ALTHOSTNAME] [--spack SPACKVERSION]
```

Run set up routine for a new project/machine combination.

optional arguments:

```
-h, --help            show this help message and exit  
-p PROJECT, --project PROJECT  
                        REQUIRED: Project for which to install TPLs (e.g., trilinos, pyomo, etc.).  
-m ALTHOSTNAME, --machine ALTHOSTNAME  
                        OPTIONAL: Designate an alternate machine name (i.e., not the hostname of the machine).  
--spack SPACKVERSION  OPTIONAL: Version of spack. Default: 0.16.1
```

7 DEMO: Manifest

BASE_COMPILER: Compiler to install base packages

BASE_PACKAGES: Base packages that will be installed once/used in later steps

COMPILERS: Compilers to install

EXTERNAL_COMPILERS: Compilers already on the system to use

UTILITY_COMPILER: Compiler to install utilities

UTILITIES: Utilities (single-installation packages like Cmake, git)

MPIS: MPIS to install

EXTERNAL_MPIS: MPIS already on the system to use

CUDAS: Cudas to install

EXTERNAL_CUDAS: Cudas already on the system to use

TPLS: Third-party library packages to install (using compilers, MPIS, and cudas)

EXCLUDE_COMBOS: Broken/excluded packages

```
BASE_COMPILER:
- ''
BASE_PACKAGES:
- autoconf
- bzip2
- curl
- readline
- xz
- zlib
- zstd
COMPILERS:
- gcc@7.3.0
- gcc@10.1.0
EXTERNAL_COMPILERS:
- gcc@4.8.5
UTILITY_COMPILER:
- gcc@7.3.0
UTILITIES:
- cmake
- git
- ninja
- python
MPIS:
- openmpi@4.0.5
EXTERNAL_MPIS:
- ''
CUDAS:
- ''
EXTERNAL_CUDAS:
- ''
TPLS:
- hdf5@1.10.6
- boost
- cgns@3.4.0
- metis@5.1.0
- parallel-netcdf@1.9.0
- parmetis@4.0.3
- zlib@1.2.11
- superlu-dist@5.4.0
- superlu@4.3
EXCLUDE_COMBOS:
- superlu@4.3%gcc@4.8.5
```





```
(env_python) (base) $ spack-cm install -h
usage: spack-cm install [-h] [-p PROJECT] [-m ALTHOSTNAME] [-r ROOT_PATH] [-s STAGE] [--spack SPACKVERSION] [--install-spack-deps] [-d] [-e]
                        [--no-project-modules] [--add-machine-to-install-path]
```

Run install routine for a project/machine combination.

optional arguments:

```
-h, --help            show this help message and exit
-p PROJECT, --project PROJECT
                        REQUIRED: Project for which to install TPLs (e.g., trilinos, pyomo, etc.).
-m ALTHOSTNAME, --machine ALTHOSTNAME
                        OPTIONAL: Designate an alternate machine name (i.e., not the hostname of the machine).
-r ROOT_PATH, --root ROOT_PATH
                        REQUIRED: Root path in which to install TPLs (e.g. ~/install/path, /shared/mount, etc.).
-s STAGE, --stage STAGE
                        OPTIONAL: Select a single stage of the install to run. By default, all stages will run. Available choices: [base, compiler, utility,
                        tpl]
--spack SPACKVERSION  OPTIONAL: Version of spack. Default: 0.16.1
--install-spack-deps  OPTIONAL: Install spack system dependencies.
-d, --debug           OPTIONAL: Enable "spack --debug" install mode.
-e, --external        OPTIONAL: Allow spack to find and use system packages.
--no-project-modules  OPTIONAL: Turn off use of project name in modulefile generation.
--add-machine-to-install-path
                        OPTIONAL: Add the machine name to the install path.
```


DEMO: Configuration Files



```
*****
spack:
include:
- ../.. /project/uscg/repos.yaml
- ../.. /platform/virtual/packages.yaml
- ../.. /platform/virtual/mirrors.yaml
- ../.. /platform/virtual/compiler.yaml
definitions:
- compilers:
  - gcc@7.3.0
  - gcc@10.1.0
- packages:
  - hdf5@1.10.6
  - boost
  - cmake@3.4.8
  - metis@5.1.0
  - parallel-netcdf@1.9.0
  - parmetis@4.0.3
  - superlu@4.3
  - mpi:
  - openmpi@4.0.5
specs:
- matrix:
  - [mpi]
  - [ compilers ]
- matrix:
  - [ packages ]
  - [ compilers ]
  - [ mpi ]
config:
install_tree:
root: /Users/mmndt/install/rootpath/install/uscg/
projections:
mpi: "(name)/(version)/(compiler.name)/(compiler.version)/('mpi_name')/('mpi_version')/('hash:7)"
all: "(name)/(version)/(compiler.name)/(compiler.version)/base/('hash:7)"
module_roots:
lmod: /Users/mmndt/install/rootpath/modulefiles/uscg/
install_missing_compilers: false
view: false
modules:
enable:
- lmod
prefix_inspections:
bin:
- PATH
- FPATH
man:
- MANPATH
share/man:
- ACLOCAL_PATH
lib:
- LIBRARY_PATH
- LD_LIBRARY_PATH
lib64:
- LIBRARY_PATH
- LD_LIBRARY_PATH
include:
- CPATH
- INCLUDE
lib/pkgconfig:
- PKG_CONFIG_PATH
lib64/pkgconfig:
- PKG_CONFIG_PATH
share/pkgconfig:
- PKG_CONFIG_PATH
"":
- CMAKE_PREFIX_PATH
lmod:
core_compilers:
- gcc@7.3.0
core_specs:
- gcc@7.3.0
- gcc@10.1.0
hierarchy:
- mpi
hash_length: 0
whitelist:
- hdf5@1.10.6
- boost
- cmake@3.4.8
- metis@5.1.0
- parallel-netcdf@1.9.0
- parmetis@4.0.3
- superlu@4.3
- gcc@7.3.0
- gcc@10.1.0
- openmpi@4.0.5
blacklist:
- lmod
blacklist_implicit: true
all:
conflict:
- "(name)"
projections:
all: "uscg-(name)/(version)"
verbose: true
*****
```



```
$ module av
```

```
----- /where/ever/you/install/your/modulefiles/linux-rhel7-ppc64le/Core -----  
gcc/7.3.0      gcc/10.1.0 (D)
```

```
$ module load gcc/7.3.0
```

```
$ module av
```

```
----- /where/ever/you/install/your/modulefiles/linux-rhel7-ppc64le/gcc/7.3.0 -----  
boost/1.73.0   boost/1.74.0 (D)  metis/5.1.0   openmpi/4.0.4   openmpi/4.0.5 (D)  superlu/4.3   zlib/1.2.11
```

```
----- /where/ever/you/install/your/modulefiles/linux-rhel7-ppc64le/Core -----  
gcc/7.3.0 (L)  gcc/10.1.0 (D)
```

```
$ module load openmpi/4.0.5
```

```
$ module av
```

```
----- /where/ever/you/install/your/modulefiles/linux-rhel7-ppc64le/openmpi/4.0.5-ly7lkxy/gcc/7.3.0 -----  
cgns/3.4.0     hdf5/1.10.6   parmetis/4.0.3  superlu-dist/5.4.0  valgrind/3.15.0
```

```
----- /where/ever/you/install/your/modulefiles/linux-rhel7-ppc64le/gcc/7.3.0 -----  
boost/1.73.0   boost/1.74.0 (D)  metis/5.1.0   openmpi/4.0.4   openmpi/4.0.5 (L,D)  superlu/4.3   zlib/1.2.11
```

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- Future Steps:
 - Add additional functionality (to address more general use cases)
 - Plan to open-source (ETA: End of CY21)
- Long-term Goals:
 - Become obsolete