

Managing Projects with the Haskell Tool Stack

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The Haskell Stack: Cross-Platform Build Tool

You specify a GHC version and which packages (and versions) to use, then can build and test your project (executables and libraries).

<http://www.haskellstack.org>

```
$ stack new my-project
$ cd my-project
$ stack setup
$ stack build
$ stack exec my-project-exe
$ stack run
$ stack install
```

Files generated by *stack new*

my-project/	
.gitignore	Files for git to ignore
LICENSE	E.g., BSD3. Add your name
ChangeLog.md	If you like
README.md	E.g., for github
→ stack.yaml	GHC version, non-standard package details
→ package.yaml	Build instructions: packages, libraries, versions, etc.
my-project.cabal	Generated from package.yaml as necessary
Setup.hs	Part of Cabal build system; boilerplate
app/	Source files for executables
→ Main.hs	Main function for my-project-exe
src/	Source files for libraries
Lib.hs	Sample library file
test/	Unit test files
Spec.hs	Sample test file

YAML Ain't (a) Markup Language (but it's almost JSON)

```
# Single-line comments
```

```
key1: value1
```

```
key2:          # Keys in a group should be distinct
```

```
  key1: value2 # Value here is a dictionary
```

```
  key2: 34     # Space-only indentation for grouping
```

```
key3:
```

```
  - list-element # List element here is a string
```

```
  - list-element # List elements may repeat
```

```
key4: [el1, el2] # Alternative syntax for lists
```

```
key5:
```

```
  - item: foo
```

```
    price: 42
```

```
    name: "The first name" # Double-quotes forces a string type
```

```
  - item: bar
```

```
    price: 17
```

stack.yaml: Global build configuration

Main thing here is the “resolver”: a combination of GHC version and versions for many (2500+) standard packages.

Use Long-Term Support packages from Stackage: <https://www.stackage.org>

```
resolver: lts-16.23
```

This is GHC-8.8.4 plus containers-0.6.2.1, bytestring-0.10.10.1, etc.

See, e.g., <https://www.stackage.org/lts-16.23>

```
packages:
```

```
- .
```

Optional list of directories (this is the default value).

“There’s one package to be built in the current directory” (see *package.yaml*)

stack.yaml optional fields

```
extra-deps:      # Packages outside the resolver
- acme-missiles-0.3
- git: https://github.com/commercialhaskell/stack.git
  commit: e7b331f14bcfffb8367cd58fbfc8b40ec7642100a

require-stack-version: ">=2.5"

extra-include-dirs: # Searched during builds
- /opt/include
- baz/include

extra-lib-dirs:   # Searched during builds
- foo/baz/lib
```

package.yaml: Package-specific build rules

Translated into .cabal files by sparsely-documented *hpack*

<https://github.com/sol/hpack>

```
name:                peng                # The main name
version:             0.1.0.0
github:              "sedwards-lab/peng"
license:             BSD3
author:              "Stephen A. Edwards"
maintainer:          "sedwards@cs.columbia.edu"
copyright:           "2020 Stephen A. Edwards"
extra-source-files:
- README.md
- ChangeLog.md
description:         Please see the README on GitHub
```

package.yaml: Common, optional directives

In executable, library, tests, or global

```
source-dirs: src # Directory in which to look for .hs files

ghc-options:      # A list to pass to GHC while compiling
- -Wall
- -threaded

dependencies:      # On which libraries to depend
- base >= 4.7 && < 5 # In resolver
- acme-missiles     # or extra-deps in stack.yaml

build-tools:
- alex # Scanner generator, for .x files
- happy # Parser generator, for .y files
```


package.yaml: the library directive

All but the smallest projects will include this

```
library:  
  source-dirs: src      # Consider all the .hs files here  
  
  ghc-options:         # Optional  
  - -Wall  
  
  build-tools:        # Optional  
  - happy
```

package.yaml: executables

```
executables:  
  my-exe:                                # Generates a my-exe executable  
    main: Main.hs                        # Where to look for main  
    source-dirs: app                     # Consider all .hs files here  
    dependencies:                         # Optional  
      - peng                             # Name of the package (library)  
  
  another-exe:                           # Optional  
    main: Another.hs  
    source-dirs: app2                    # May want to make it distinct
```

package.yaml: tests

```
tests:  
  basic-test:          # Name of the particular test/executable  
    type: exitcode-stdio-1.0 # Interface to the test (default)  
    main: test/Basic.hs # Where to find the main function  
    dependencies:      # We typically test the main library  
      - peng  
  
  another-test:  
    type: detailed-1.0 # More complicated than exitcode-stdio-1.0  
    main: test/Another.hs  
    dependencies:  
      - peng
```

```
$ stack test          # Runs all tests  
$ stack test peng:basic-test # Run a single test
```

Approach

Mostly editing *package.yaml* and source files in *src/*

Have *app/Main.hs* include the *main* function, command-line stuff, and calls into the library. Don't put other *.hs* files in *app/*

Tests are set up for unit tests. See the documentation for *cabal* for more information about how to structure tests