

C++ bitand Nix

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NixOS: A Linux distribution?

```
$ find /bin /usr  
/bin  
/bin/sh  
/usr  
/usr/bin  
/usr/bin/env
```

NixOS: A Linux distribution?

```
$ find /bin /usr
```

```
/bin
```

```
/bin/sh
```

```
/usr
```

```
/usr/bin
```

```
/usr/bin/env
```

```
$ file /bin/sh
```

```
symbolic link to /nix/store/
```

```
↪ pd3xx55jjik53gvbyrs4h0him03l3wah-bash-
```

```
↪ interactive-4.4-p23/bin/sh
```

Installing Dependencies

```
$ cmake
bash: cmake: No such file or directory
```

```
$ nix-env -i cmake
installing 'cmake-3.11.2'
building '/nix/store/
  ↳ hgzmmpfg5kmm88rdwl4rixzvq4fz0nbh-user-
  ↳ environment.drv'...
created 2467 symlinks in user environment
```

```
$ cmake -Hsrc -Bbuild/release
CMake Error: CMake was unable to find a build program
  ↳ corresponding to "Unix Makefiles".
CMake Error: CMAKE_CXX_COMPILER not set, after
  ↳ EnableLanguage
```

Installing Dependencies

```
$ nix-env -i gnumake gcc
installing 'gnumake-4.2.1'
installing 'gcc-7.3.0'
these paths will be fetched (1.44 MiB download, 6.65
  ↪ MiB unpacked):
/nix/store/5f6f618a5vlp3cgx39p6kzfykmmmpf896-
  ↪ gnumake-4.2.1-info
/nix/store/ba0p194b03201r0dphg4h4lnlp5rrz3w-gcc-
  ↪ 7.3.0-info
/nix/store/kmhbrdyg6fsabp8kl8xs367xmf7lbv9c-
  ↪ gnumake-4.2.1-man
/nix/store/wdi1a5zl3xnpln1warb7sskyvvkbns8-gcc-
  ↪ 7.3.0-man
created 2573 symlinks in user environment
```


Installing Dependencies

```
$ cmake -Hsrc -Bbuild/release
--The CXX compiler identification is GNU 7.3.0
--Check for working CXX compiler: /nix/store/
  ↳ iw94llkj05wgaz268mlzvgx8jkb1ss0-gcc-wrapper-
  ↳ 7.3.0/bin/c++
...
CMake Error at cmake/Modules/
  ↳ FindPackageHandleStandardArgs.cmake:91 (
  ↳ MESSAGE):
  Could NOT find GMP (missing: GMP_INCLUDE_DIR
  ↳ GMP_LIBRARIES) (Required is at
  least version "5.0.5")
```

Build Environment

▶ shell.nix

```
with import <nixpkgs> { };

stdenv.mkDerivation rec {
  name = "lean-${version}";
  version = "3.4.2";

  nativeBuildInputs = [ cmake python ];
  buildInputs = [ gmp ];
}
```

Build Environment

```
$ nix-shell
[nix-shell]$ $ cmake -Hsrc -Bbuild/release
...
--Found GMP: /nix/store/
  ↳ ipba8r4418ls0j55p5y5gi4zmg2kna5n-gmp-6.1.2-
  ↳ dev/include (Required is at least version "5.0.5")
--Found PythonInterp: /nix/store/6
  ↳ b6lzbq74g95j8qlbrdjzkn2ghh81mgy-python-
  ↳ 2.7.15/bin/python (found version "2.7.15")
--Configuring done
--Generating done
--Build files have been written to: /home/atnnn/nix-and-
  ↳ c++/lean/build/release
```

Build Environment

```
[nix-shell]$ nethack
```

```
Shall I pick a character's race, role,  
gender and alignment for you? [ynaq] y
```

You, a newly trained Aspirant, have been heralded from birth as the instrument of Poseidon. You are

↪ destined

to recover the Amulet for your deity, or die in the attempt. Your hour of destiny has come. For the sake of us all: Go bravely with Poseidon!

Build Environment

```
[nix-shell]$ $ cmake -Hsrc -Bbuild/release
```

```
...
```

```
--Check for working CXX compiler: /home/atnnn/.nix-  
  ↪ profile/bin/c++
```

Build Environment

```
$ nix-shell --pure
```

```
[nix-shell]$ nethack
```

```
nethack: command not found
```

```
[nix-shell]$ cmake -Hsrc -Bbuild/release
```

```
...
```

```
--Check for working CXX compiler: /nix/store/
```

```
  ↪ iw94llkj05wgaz268mlzvngx8jkb1ss0-gcc-wrapper-
```

```
  ↪ 7.3.0/bin/g++
```

Package

▶ default.nix

```
with import <nixpkgs> {};  
  
stdenv.mkDerivation rec {  
  name = "lean-${version}";  
  version = "3.4.2";  
  
  nativeBuildInputs = [ cmake python ];  
  buildInputs = [ gmp ];  
  
  src = lib.cleanSource ./.;  
  sourceRoot = "lean/src";  
  postUnpack = "chmod -R a+w $sourceRoot/..";  
}}
```

Package

```
$ nix build  
[1/0/1 built] building lean-3.4.2 (configurePhase): --  
  ↳ Detecting CXX compiler ABI info -done
```

```
[1/0/1 built] building lean-3.4.2 (buildPhase): [ 21%]  
  ↳ Building CXX object util/CMakeFiles/util.dir/lbool.  
  ↳ cpp.o
```

```
[1 built]
```

```
$
```


Package

```
$ result/bin/lean --version  
Lean (version 3.4.2, Release)
```

```
ldd result/bin/lean  
libgmp.so.10 => /nix/store/  
  ↪ rxac1c3vhxbzgfllv7601i85z854h48a-gmp-6.1.2/  
  ↪ lib/libgmp.so.10 (0x00007f7d66270000)  
libstdc++.so.6 => /nix/store/  
  ↪ zk5zj2307zxaq7dx585yia3dn5k4qlsl-gcc-7.3.0-  
  ↪ lib/lib/libstdc++.so.6 (0x00007f7d65ce5000)
```

Package

```
$ file result
```

```
The program 'file' is currently not installed. You can
```

```
↪ install it by typing:
```

```
nix-env -iA nixos.file
```

```
$ nix run nixpkgs.file -c file result
```

```
result: symbolic link to /nix/store/8
```

```
↪ n0f5i03k72j7wwkfaafnkn4hg7c8pdb-lean-3.4.1
```

Different Compiler

```
$ nix run nixpkgs.clang -c bash  
[0/1 built, 1/28/30 copied (1279.7/1284.6 MiB),  
  ↪ 108.8/230.7 MiB DL] fetching clang-5.0.2 from  
  ↪ https://cache.nixos.org
```

```
[30 copied (1284.5 MiB), 0.0 MiB DL]
```

```
[run]$ clang --version  
clang version 5.0.2 (tags/RELEASE_502/final)
```

Different Compiler

```
$ nix run nixpkgs.clang_7 -c clang --version  
[16 copied (982.7 MiB), 0.0 MiB DL]  
clang version 7.0.0 (tags/RELEASE_700/final)
```

```
$ nix run nixpkgs.gcc8 -c gcc --version  
[4 copied (134.0 MiB), 0.0 MiB DL]  
gcc (GCC) 8.2.0
```

<https://hydra.nixos.org/project/nixos>

1457674	2018-05-18	nixpkgs → b12448c	38221	7282	+65
1457544	2018-05-17	nixpkgs → 456369f	38156	7347	+151
1457303	2018-05-17	nixpkgs → 2ecba01	38005	7498	+183
1457241	2018-05-16	nixpkgs → 283a61a	37822	7681	+2462
1456897	2018-05-15	nixpkgs → da5a692	35360	9974	+5253
1456381	2018-05-13	nixpkgs → 116cce8	30107	15230	+19
1456363	2018-05-13	nixpkgs → d93b315	30088	15249	+719
1456001	2018-05-12	nixpkgs → 1ac6445	29369	15968	+1314

<https://hydra.nixos.org/jobset/nixos/gcc-8>

Name	Description	Last evaluated	Success
✗ gcc-8	GCC 8 test	2018-12-01 14:09:59	83% 38221 7282
✗ nixup	Combined NixOS/Nixpkgs for https://github.com/NixOS/nixpkgs/pull/9250	2018-12-01 05:35:05	98% 19110 210
✗ openssl-1.1	openssl 1.1 test	2018-12-01 13:06:33	65% 20964 11114
✗ release-16.09	NixOS 16.09 release branch	2018-12-01 14:09:47	99% 26238 182
✗ release-16.09-small	NixOS 16.09 small release branch	2018-12-01 14:09:37	83% 36 7
✗ release-17.03	NixOS 17.03 release branch	2018-12-01 07:09:01	79% 21780 5490
✓ release-17.03-small	NixOS 17.03 small release branch	2018-12-01 14:09:42	100% 42
✗ release-17.09	NixOS 17.09 release branch	2018-12-01 07:09:07	99% 18886 159
✓ release-17.09-small	NixOS 17.09 small release branch	2018-12-01 13:13:32	100% 43
✗ release-18.03	NixOS 18.03 release branch	2018-12-01 09:30:28	99% 20374 93
✗ release-18.03-aarch64	NixOS 18.03 release branch: aarch64	2018-12-01 04:13:39	94% 11284 686
✓ release-18.03-small	NixOS 18.03 small release branch	2018-12-01 13:06:37	100% 48
? release-18.09	NixOS 18.09 release branch	2018-12-01 09:30:22	98% 26907 258 159
? release-18.09-aarch64	NixOS 18.09 release branch: aarch64	2018-12-01 11:04:40	44% 6116 7692 11

Testing

▶ default.nix

```
doCheck = true;  
checkPhase = "ctest -j$NIX_BUILD_CORES -V";
```

```
[1/0/1 built, 0.0 MiB DL] building lean-3.4.2 (  
  ↪ checkPhase): 103/1313 Test #1218:  
  ↪ leanfailtest_all ..... Passed
```

Testing

```
$ nix build
builder for '/nix/store/
  ↳ ijpk5dbykpi8qnp30krqg5gwg8hbprnm-lean-3.4.2.
  ↳ drv' failed with exit code 8; last 10 log lines:
...
1311 -c_univ_test (Failed)
1312 -c_expr_test (Failed)
1313 -thread_test (Failed)
Errors while running CTest
[0 built (1 failed), 0.0 MiB DL]
```


Testing

```
$ nix log /nix/store/  
  ↪ ijpk5dbykpi8qnp30krqg5gwg8hbprnm-lean-3.4.2.  
  ↪ drv  
...  
1231: ./test_single.sh: ./run_single.sh: /usr/bin/env: bad  
  ↪ interpreter: No such file or directory  
...  
97% tests passed, 36 tests failed out of 1313
```

```
checkPhase = "  
  patchShebangs "../..../tests"  
  ctest -j$NIX_BUILD_CORES -V;  
";
```

Nix Logo



Dream Catcher



Lambda Capture



Lambda capture

The *captures* is a comma-separated list of zero or more *captures*, optionally beginning with the *capture-default*. The only capture defaults are

- `&` (implicitly capture the used automatic variables by reference) and
- `=` (implicitly capture the used automatic variables by copy).

The current object (`*this`) can be implicitly captured if either capture default is present. If implicitly captured, it is always captured by reference, even if the capture default is `=`. The implicit capture of `*this` when the capture default is `=` is deprecated. (since C++20)

The syntax of an individual capture in *captures* is

Distributed Builds

```
$ nix-build --builders ssh://10.233.1.2 -j0  
building '/nix/store/33  
  ↪ van4xpnj5j8g4z4h5dl47ivnvfz3ah-lean-3.4.2.  
  ↪ drv' on 'ssh://10.233.1.2'...
```

Distributed Builds

```
distributedBuilds = true;
buildMachines = [
  { hostName = "10.233.1.2";
    maxJobs = 3;
    system = "x86_64-linux";
    supportedFeatures = [ "kvm" ];
  } ];
```

Nix Source

```
syswrite($to, pack("L<x4L<x4", 7, $includeOutputs ? 1
  ↪ : 0)) or die;
if (scalar @missing > 0) {
  print STDERR "copying ", scalar @missing, " missing
  ↪ paths from '$sshHost'...\n";
  writeInt(5, $to); # == cmdExportPaths
  writeInt(0, $to); #
  writeStrings(\@missing, $to);
  importPaths(fileno($from), 1);
}
```

Nix Source

```
void copyPaths(ref<Store> srcStore, ref<Store>
    ↪ dstStore, const PathSet & storePaths,
    RepairFlag repair, CheckSigsFlag checkSigs,
    ↪ SubstituteFlag substitute)
{
    PathSet valid = dstStore->queryValidPaths(
        ↪ storePaths, substitute);

    PathSet missing;
    for (auto & path : storePaths)
        if (!valid.count(path)) missing.insert(path);

    if (missing.empty()) return;

    Activity act(*logger, lvlInfo, actCopyPaths, fmt("
        ↪ copying %d paths", missing.size()));
```


Multiple Jobs

▶ default.nix

```
{
  nixpkgs ? import <nixpkgs> {},
  stdenv ? nixpkgs.stdenv,
  doCheck ? false
}:
with nixpkgs;
```

Multiple Jobs

▶ extra.nix

```
let
  nixpkgs = import <nixpkgs> {};
  build = import ./default.nix;
in with nixpkgs;
{
  lean = build {};
  clang = build { stdenv = overrideCC stdenv clang; };
}
```

Multiple Jobs

```
$ nix build -f extra.nix clang  
[0/2 built, 1/4/8 copied (154.3/893.2 MiB), 0.0/165.9  
  ↪ MiB DL] fetching llvm-5.0.2 from https:
```

```
[1 built, 8 copied (893.2 MiB), 0.0 MiB DL]
```

```
$ nix log ./result  
...  
--The CXX compiler identification is Clang 5.0.2  
--The C compiler identification is Clang 5.0.2
```

Musl

```
musl = build { stdenv = pkgsCross.musl64.stdenv; };
```

```
$ nix build -f extra.nix musl
```

```
[1/2/6 built, 3 copied (334.1/334.1 MiB), 0.0/66.8 MiB
```

- ↪ DL] building x86_64-unknown-linux-musl-stage-
- ↪ final-gcc-debug-7.3.0 (buildPhase): g++ -fno-PIE
- ↪ ...

Musl

```
$ nix log ./result
```

```
...
```

```
--Check for working CXX compiler: /nix/store/6
```

```
  ↪ kb5kq1livcc6xzsl881ssi5qrf13dmn-x86_64-
```

```
  ↪ unknown-linux-musl-stage-final-gcc-debug-
```

```
  ↪ wrapper-7.3.0/bin/...
```

```
...
```

```
--Found GMP: /nix/store/
```

```
  ↪ s039f6082dpgribnkzgwdblmif3g28h-gmp-6.1.2-
```

```
  ↪ x86_64-unknown-linux-musl-dev/include
```

Musl

```
$ result/bin/lean --version  
Lean (version 3.4.2, Release)
```

Clang Versions

```
clang6 = build { stdenv = overrideCC stdenv clang_6;  
  ↪ };  
clang7 = build { stdenv = overrideCC stdenv clang_7;  
  ↪ };
```

```
$ nix build -f extra.nix clang7  
[1 built, 15 copied (10.2 MiB), 0.0 MiB DL]
```

Packaging For Other Platforms

```
xenial32 = vmTools.runInLinuxImage (derivation {  
  name = "lean-${lean.version}-xenial-i386.deb";  
  system = builtins.currentSystem;  
  diskImage = vmTools.diskImageFuns.ubuntu1604i386  
    { extraPackages = [ "cmake" "libgmp-dev" ]; };  
  src = lean.src;  
  builder = ".";
```


Packaging For Other Platforms

```
args = builtins.toFile "builddeb.sh" "  
  export PATH=/bin:/usr/bin  
  cp -a $src lean  
  mkdir build && cd build  
  cmake ../lean/src  
  make -j 12  
  cpack -G DEB  
  cp *.deb ../out  
";
```

Packaging For Other Platforms

```
QEMU_OPTS = "-smp 12";  
memSize = 4096;  
});
```

Packaging For Other Platforms

```
$ nix-build extra.nix -A xenial32
...
Creating filesystem with 1048576 4k blocks and
  ↪ 262144 inodes
...
unpacking Debs...
/nix/store/n0skxhr3hdwr3rb5zw4i3nv0pma5hf6z-gcc-6-
  ↪ base_6.0.1-0ubuntu1_i386.deb...
/nix/store/0wzg0ds79cl8ql0lwnqas6jszp67rlkb-libgcc1_6
  ↪ .0.1-0ubuntu1_i386.deb...
...
```

Packaging For Other Platforms

```
Booting from ROM...
```

```
...
```

```
mounting Nix store...
```

```
mounting host's temporary directory...
```

```
starting stage 2 (/nix/store/
```

```
  ↪ iwq4vg0da1x84j2dk1y43vlcbplq2avf-vm-run-
```

```
  ↪ stage2)
```

```
...
```

```
++ cmake ../lean/src
```

```
--The CXX compiler identification is GNU 5.3.1
```

```
...
```

Packaging For Other Platforms

```
[ 99%] Linking CXX executable lean
[100%] Linking CXX executable lean_js
[100%] Built target lean
...
CPack: Create package
CPack: -package: /tmp/build/lean-3.4.2-linux.deb
      ↪ generated.
...
/nix/store/36w2fmibkgh1xvr74m3zpr65m4m8r8gy-lean-
      ↪ 3.4.2-xenial-i386.deb
```

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CC Wrapper

```
$ NIX_DEBUG=1 clang -c -x c <(echo "")  
...  
extra flags after to /nix/store/  
  ↪ m95qssx1fylql22jixp76pcnmwa5w5al-clang-  
  ↪ 5.0.1/bin/clang:  
-B/nix/store/m95qssx1fylql22jixp76pcnmwa5w5al-  
  ↪ clang-5.0.1/lib  
-B/nix/store/1zv5dwifxg5fh08gif8ld3h9f40y8czh-glibc-  
  ↪ 2.26-115/lib/  
...
```

CC Wrapper

```
-D_FORTIFY_SOURCE=2  
-fstack-protector-strong  
--param  
ssp-buffer-size=4  
-fPIC  
-fno-strict-overflow  
-Wformat  
-Wformat-security  
-Werror=format-security
```


Docker

```
docker = dockerTools.buildImage {  
  name = "lean";  
  tag = lean.version;  
  contents = lean;  
  config.Env = { "PATH" = "/bin"; };  
  config.Cmd = [ "/bin/lean" "--version" ];  
};
```

Docker

```
$ nix build -f extra.nix docker  
[5 built, 0.0 MiB DL]
```

```
$ docker load < result  
f5697c6709b5: Loading layer [====>] 96.99MB/96.99  
  ↪ MB  
Loaded image: lean:3.4.2
```

```
$ docker run --rm -i lean:3.4.2  
Lean (version 3.4.2, Release)
```

Cross-compiling

▶ default.nix

```
nativeBuildInputs = with nixpkgs.buildPackages; [  
  ↪ cmake python ];  
buildInputs = with nixpkgs; [ gmp ];
```

Raspberry Pi

```
raspberrypi = build { nixpkgs = pkgsCross.raspberryPi;  
  ↪ };
```

```
$ nix build -f extra.nix raspberrypi  
[0/3 built, 1/15/25 copied (570.9/1177.8 MiB),  
  ↪ 61.8/203.1 MiB DL] fetching armv6l-unknown-  
  ↪ linux-gnueabi-hf-stage-static-gcc-debug-7.3.0
```

Raspberry Pi

```
$ file result/bin/lean
result/bin/lean: ELF 32-bit LSB executable, ARM, EABI5
  ↪ version 1 (GNU/Linux), dynamically linked
```

```
$ qemu-arm result/bin/lean --version
Lean (version 3.4.2, Release)
```

Windows

```
windows = build { nixpkgs = pkgsCross.mingwW64; };
```

```
$ nix build -f extra.nix windows
```

```
[1 built, 0.0 MiB DL]
```

```
$ file result/bin/lean.exe
```

```
result/bin/lean.exe: PE32+ executable (console) x86-64
```

Hydra

centos6-x86_64	✓	✓	✓	✗
centos7-x86_64	✓	✓	✓	✓
checkStyle	✓	✓	✓	✓
fetchDependencies	✓	✓	✓	✓
integrationTests	✗	✗	✗	✗
jessie-amd64	✓	✗	✗	✗
jessie-i386	✓	✗	✗	✗
jessie-src	✓	✓	✓	✓

Overview

Pros

- Nothing by default
- Immutability by default
- Amazing build and test environments
- Decent desktop experience
- Declarative DSL

Cons

- Learning Curve
 - No Native Windows
 - Lack of documentation for advanced features
-

Questions?

Nix: <https://nixos.org>