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Subject: Re: The power of Makefile

Posted by [dolik.rce](#) on Sat, 06 Feb 2010 22:34:03 GMT

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masu wrote on Sat, 06 February 2010 22:55: I tried your Makefile with gmake on FreeBSD and it works fine .

Matthias

Hi Matthias,

Thanks for testing! I was just playing with this idea, so I was not concerned about compatibility. After looking into BSD make docs, I believe I could do the same in BSD style too. It would just contain more shell commands. And it wouldn't be compatible with GNU make. BSD make uses different syntax for conditional inclusions. So if we want to use more of the make's power, we should stick to GNU version as it is available pretty much anywhere, from Linux through BSD and mac to cygwin.

Now, does someone actually think (like me ) that this is fascinating? Having universal Makefile for any project is a tempting idea, even though I'm not sure if it would be really useful.

Honza

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