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Subject: updating portage tree, questions, etc.  
Posted by [ebojd](#) on Sat, 23 Aug 2008 00:48:07 GMT  
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Hello luzr et. al,

After a long hiatus I am back to programming and wanted to sync U++ to the latest. I've cleaned up a new version of the experimental portage tree and was working on setting up a live ebuild (directly from the svn source tree). I have the following questions:

1) has there ever been developed a method for bootstrap generation of the Makefiles without a full blown version of U++ installed? I am having a real chicken and egg problem with getting the live ebuild working, and a clean solution to the problem could clean up all of the patches I am hacking over the Makefiles.

2) at one point we discussed the inclusion of a pkg-config interface to find the includes/libraries/flags. Has any work been done on this?

3) is there anyone would would like to test my new ebuilds before I put them up on the server?

Thanks and best regards,

EBo --

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Subject: Re: updating portage tree, questions, etc.  
Posted by [vcunat](#) on Sat, 23 Aug 2008 10:30:25 GMT  
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3) I would test the ebuild gladly. But with paludis only, I've stopped using portage... (it shouldn't matter for the ebuild)

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Subject: Re: updating portage tree, questions, etc.  
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Thanks for the reply vcunat,

I remember reading that portage was being replaced, but was far and away when the switch really started happening. I'll check into it and see about converting too. I'll put you an a list to for beta testing. Hmm... before punching the send button I did a quick read on paludis. There are enough subtle changes that I think I will put off switching over until I have a little more time to deal with potential snafoo's (like how I deal with overlays, and it looks like one or two of my packages may be known to be broken). Anyway, I'll send you the tree for testing.

As a note, trying to figure out generating the Makefiles would hugely simplify the ebuilds; any suggestions on that front would be greatly appreciated.

EBo --

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Subject: Re: updating portage tree, questions, etc.  
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 24 Aug 2008 13:49:14 GMT  
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Have you tried recent "Export project.." function?

It is not perfect, but the new way how makefiles are generated is IMO long-term viable option.

I would like to hear comments about this and gradually improve it.

Mirek

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Subject: Re: updating portage tree, questions, etc.  
Posted by [ebojd](#) on Sun, 24 Aug 2008 14:07:13 GMT  
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Mirek,

Sorry for dropping off the face of the earth so long...

A couple of questions/comments:

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Thanks,

EBo --

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Subject: Re: updating portage tree, questions, etc.  
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First impressions is that it cannot be easily made into a non GUI standalone tool.

After trying to hack this for a boot strapping tool I see that it is going to take more time that I can break away for the next few weeks. I'll take another look then.

To facilitate collaboration if people are willing, what I would like to see/work-on is a bootstrapping program that generates the Makefile/project files. As a bootstrapping program is a minimal command line program which does not require any upper level Ide or GUI tools to configure or build. They typically have a series of very simple hand coded Makefile/project files for the different architectures supported. Once the bootstrapper is built, the head and ide Makefile/project files are generated and we can begin building the entire system from working Makefiles.

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Posted by [ebojd](#) on Sun, 24 Aug 2008 15:39:18 GMT  
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luzr wrote on Sun, 24 August 2008 09:38  
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luzr  
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Ok... searching the forums I do not see any info or documentation on the command line Makefile generation tools. What I have found looking in the code is so dependent on Win\* or GUI stuff that I cannot even begin to build it for bootstrapping.

Later,

EBo --

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Subject: Re: updating portage tree, questions, etc.  
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Mirek

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Subject: Re: updating portage tree, questions, etc.  
Posted by [ebojd](#) on Sun, 24 Aug 2008 20:21:23 GMT  
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I'm curious though why you think the X11 libs must be present on the system when building umk? If it has no gui requirements then it should be able to be built independently. If you are saying that for umk to configure the Makefiles it has to know where the x11 libs are, then that is different, and I agree.

When do you think the beta version of umk will be available?

EBo -

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Subject: Re: updating portage tree, questions, etc.  
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ebojd wrote on Sun, 24 August 2008 16:21

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I am afraid that someone else has to generate the Makefile in any case. OTOH, this process can easily be automated (in nightly build).

Quote:

I'm curious though why you think the X11 libs must be present on the system when building umk?

You got it wrong... With X11 we already have 'umk' (it is just called 'theide').

The real goal, with 'umk', is to get rid of X11.

Quote:

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Realistically, OTOH, there is not that high pressure right now. Most things can be achieved with current 'theide' as commandline tool.

Mirek

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if the Makefiles were generated every night (or preferably as part of every commit), then me generating a live ebuild would be a snap.

I still think we are not communicating clearly on the X11/umk thing, but I think I see where you are going at this point. umk will be usable for boot strapping, and theide has to already be up and running to process the makefiles.

One other thing... You do not have to worry about making u++ great because it already is. It's just making it \*better\*

Thanks,

EBo --

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vcunat was kind enough to test the new portage ebuilds which helped me clean up a thing or two...

I would love to have one or more people test them before committing them to the repository. Are there any more takers?

EBo --

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