

CMake Scripts for Building Applications

Overview

This page provides information on using CMake to build applications with simple scripts:

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How to Build an Application with CMake

These are the basic steps to build an application with a CMake script and the HDF5 libraries built with CMake. More information on these steps is provided after.

Steps

1. *Build HDF5 with CMake according to the instructions on the [Building HDF5 with CMake](#) page.* (Set options in `HDF5options.cmake` as needed.)
2. Set the `HDF5_DIR` environment variable to the location of the `hdf5-config.cmake` file in the `cmake` directory of the HDF5 built binaries.
3. Create a source directory and put your script (`CMakeLists.txt`) and application in it.
4. Create a build directory and build the application:

```
cmake [ -G <generator> ] <path>/<your source directory>
cmake --build . --config <Release|Debug>
```
5. Run the application `runapp`.

Detailed Information on the Steps to Build an Application

Set the `HDF5_DIR` environment variable

Set the `HDF5_DIR` environment variable to the location of the CMake files in the built HDF5 binary distribution. They are located in the `share/cmake/hdf5/` directory on Unix and in the `cmake` directory on Windows.

Unix:

The `HDF5-1.N.N-Linux.tar.gz` file is created in the `CMake-hdf5-1.N.N` directory when HDF5 is built on Linux with CMake. Uncompress the file. It contains the `share/cmake/hdf5/` directory. From a command line, set the `HDF5_DIR` environment variable to the location of this directory:

```
setenv HDF5_DIR <mypath>/HDF5-1.N.N-Linux/HDF_Group/HDF5/1.N.N/share/cmake/hdf5)
```

Windows 64-bit:

The `HDF5-1.N.N-win64.zip` is created in the `CMake-hdf5-1.N.N` directory when HDF5 is built on Windows 64-bit. Uncompress the file. It contains a directory with `cmake` files in `cmake\`. Set the `HDF5_DIR` environment variable to the location of this directory.

Setting an Environment Variable on Windows 7:

Left click on Start at the bottom left and then right-click on Computer and select Properties from the menu that pops up. The Control Panel Home window opens. Select "Advanced system settings" on the left to bring up the "System Properties". Select the "Environment Variables" button near the bottom, from which you can add User and System variables.

Create a source directory for the build script and application

1. Create the directory: `mkdir source`
2. Place the build script (`CMakeLists.txt`) and the application in the source directory.
The [Scripts](#) use `find_package`, which returns both the HDF5 libraries and properties.

Create a build directory and build and run the script

1. Create the directory: `mkdir build`
2. Go into the build directory: `cd build`
3. Run cmake with the path to the source directory:
On Unix: `cmake <path>/source`
On Windows include the generator. For example: `cmake -G "Visual Studio 12 2013 Win64" <path>/source`
4. Build the application: `cmake --build . --config <Release|Debug>`
5. Run the created executable:
Unix: `runapp`
Windows: `cd Release`
`.\runapp.exe`

Change the script (optional)

NOTE that you can change the script to include the `HDF5_DIR` environment variable.

Also note that if you have multiple versions of HDF5 on your machine, then you must specify the HDF5 version in the `find_package` call:

```
find_package (HDF5 1.10.5 NAMES "hdf5" COMPONENTS ${FIND_HDF_COMPONENTS})
```

Scripts

Following are simple scripts for compiling applications. The scripts can be used for other languages or libraries (in parenthesis), by editing the script and changing the application to build near the bottom.

C, shared (and C++)

- The `README.txt` file describes how to build shared and release HDF5 binaries and how to compile an application.
- The `CMakeLists.txt` file is a script for compiling C and C++ shared libraries.
- The application, `h5_write.c`, is an application taken from the C examples in the HDF5 source code.

Fortran, shared (and C, C++)

- The `README.txt` file describes how to build shared and release HDF5 binaries and how to compile an application.
- The `CMakeLists.txt` file is a script for compiling C, C++ and Fortran shared libraries.
- The application, `rwdsset_fortran2003.f90`, is an application taken from the FORTRAN examples in the HDF5 source code.

C++, debug, static (and C, HL, HL C++)

- The `README.txt` file describes how to build HDF5 with static and debug and how to compile an application.
- The `CMakeLists.txt` file is a script for compiling C, C++, HL, and HL C++ static libraries.
- The application, `writedata.cpp`, is an application taken from the C++ examples in the HDF5 source code.