

Deep CMake For Library Authors

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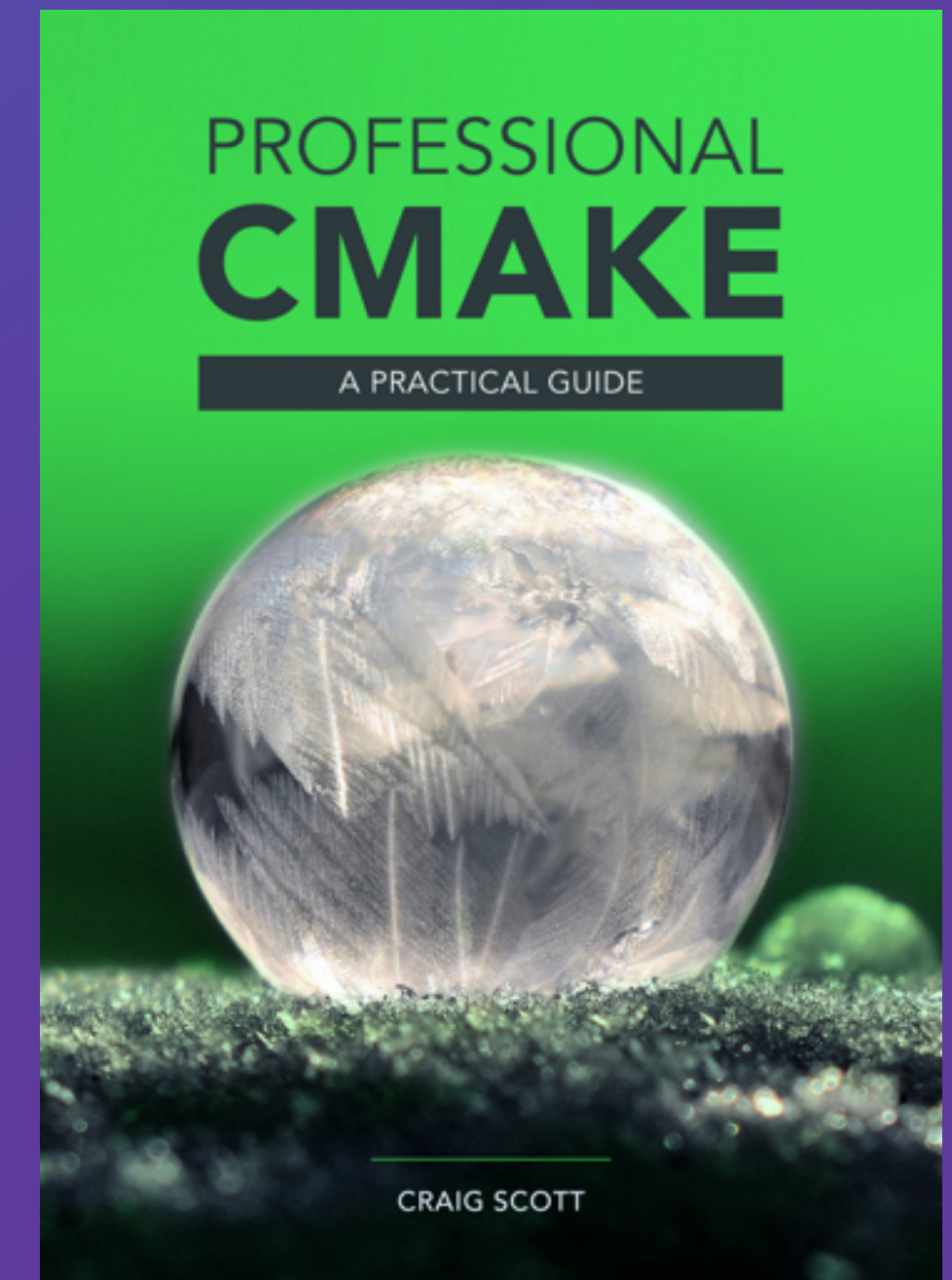
- Cross-platform C++ developer since 2001
- CMake co-maintainer (volunteer)
- Author of *Professional CMake: A Practical Guide*
- Consulting services available through Crascit Pty Ltd



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Focus of Talk



Libraries (mostly shared)



Cross-platform considerations



Highlight CMake features

Key Questions For Library Authors



API Control

What does the library provide?



Library Consumers

How might the library be used?



API Compatibility

How does the library evolve?



Package Maintainers

How might the library be packaged?

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- ✓ Visual Studio hides symbols by default
- ✗ GCC and Clang do NOT hide symbols by default

Visual Studio Visibility Control

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Building

```
class __declspec(dllimport) MyGenerator  
{  
public:  
    int nextValue();  
};
```

Using

Visual Studio Visibility Control

```
class __declspec(dllexport) MyGenerator  
{  
public:  
    int nextValue();  
};
```

Visual Studio Visibility Control

```
class MYTGT_EXPORT MyGenerator  
{  
public:  
    int nextValue();  
};
```

Visual Studio Visibility Control

```
#include "mytgt_export.h"  
  
class MYTGT_EXPORT MyGenerator  
{  
public:  
    int nextValue();  
};
```

Header defines
MYTGT_EXPORT

Visual Studio Visibility Control

```
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class MYTGT_EXPORT MyGenerator
{
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```

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```
#ifndef MYTGT_EXPORT
#   ifdef MyTgt_EXPORTS
#       define MYTGT_EXPORT __declspec(dllexport)
#   else
#       define MYTGT_EXPORT __declspec(dllimport)
#   endif
#endif
```


Visual Studio Visibility Control

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class MYTGT_EXPORT MyGenerator
{
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};
```

Only define
MyTgt_EXPORTS
when building the
library

```
#ifndef MYTGT_EXPORT
#   ifdef MyTgt_EXPORTS
#       define MYTGT_EXPORT __declspec(dllexport)
#   else
#       define MYTGT_EXPORT __declspec(dllimport)
#   endif
#endif
```

GCC/Clang Visibility Control

- Change default visibility to hidden
`-fvisibility=hidden`
- Change visibility of inlined code (including templates)
`-fvisibility-inlines-hidden`

GCC/Clang Visibility Control

```
class __attribute__((visibility("default"))) MyGenerator  
{  
public:  
    int nextValue();  
};
```

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# define MYTGT_EXPORT __attribute__((visibility("default")))  
#endif
```

CMake Visibility Control

```
set(CMAKE_CXX_VISIBILITY_PRESET hidden)
set(CMAKE_VISIBILITY_INLINES_HIDDEN YES)

add_library(MyTgt ...)

include(GenerateExportHeader)
generate_export_header(MyTgt)
```

CMake Visibility Control

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```

```
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```

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Set default visibility
to hidden for all
targets

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add_library(MyTgt ...)
```

```
include(GenerateExportHeader)
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```

Generates a suitable
`mytgt_export.h`

Ensures `MYTGT_EXPORT`
is defined

Adds `MyTgt_EXPORTS`
definition to `MyTgt`

Export Examples

```
#include "mytgt_export.h"

class MYTGT_EXPORT MyGenerator
{
public:
    int nextValue();
};

MYTGT_EXPORT double computeSomething();

MYTGT_EXPORT extern int naughtyGlobal;
```

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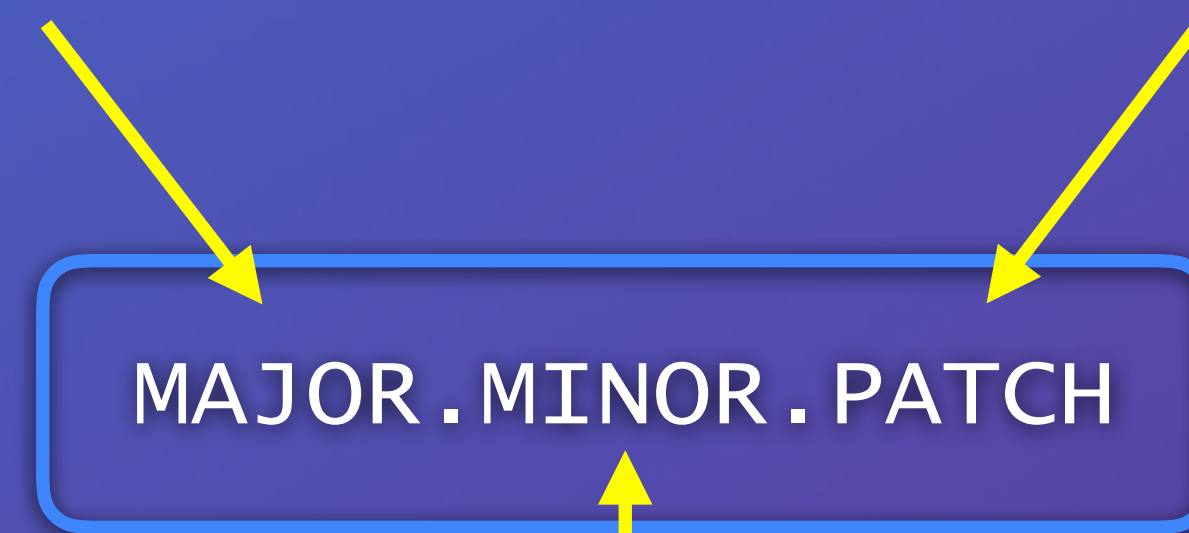
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Shared Library Symlinks

Common convention used on Unix and Unix-like operating systems

Ordering of suffix and version number may vary, but principle is the same

```
libExample.so -> libExample.so.2.4.7
```

```
libExample.so.2 -> libExample.so.2.4.7
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Shared Library Symlinks

Run-time loader

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Check with commands like `ldd` or `otool -L`

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Shared Library Symlinks

Build-time linker

NAME LINK

`libExample.so` -> `libExample.so.2.4.7`

Run-time loader

SONAME

`libExample.so.2` -> `libExample.so.2.4.7`

Humans, packages

REAL LIBRARY

`libExample.so.2.4.7`

Specified on linker command line as `-lExample`

Shared Library Symlinks

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Run-time loader

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Humans, packages

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`libExample.so.2.4.7`

SONAME is most critical from a compatibility perspective

Library Versioning In CMake

```
add_library(Example ...)  
  
set_target_properties(  
  Example PROPERTIES  
    SOVERSION 2  
    VERSION 2.4.7  
)
```

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libExample.so.2 -> libExample.so.2.4.7  
libExample.so.2.4.7
```

Always created

Library Versioning In CMake

```
add_library(Example ...)  
  
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    SOVERSION 2  
    VERSION 2.4.7  
)
```

Missing SONAME



Library Versioning In CMake

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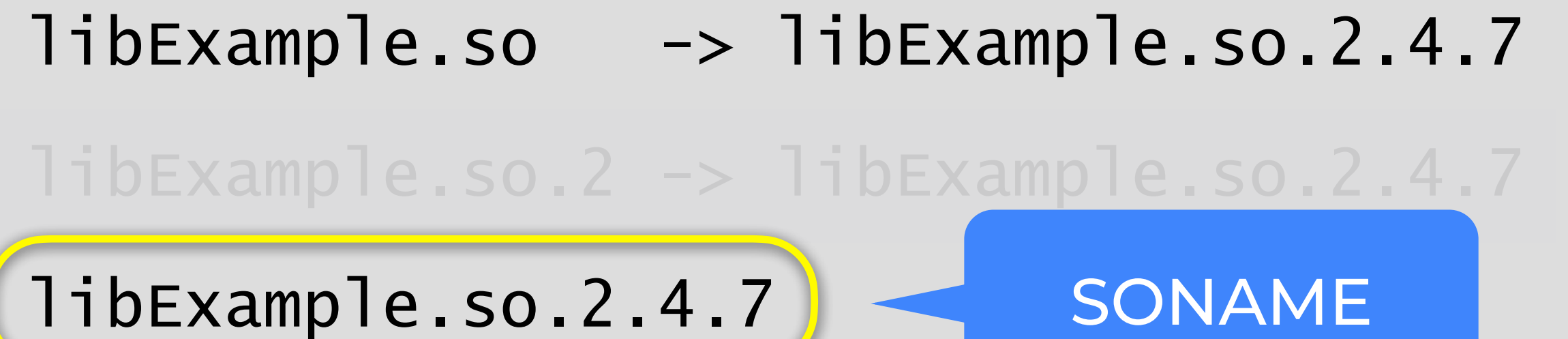
```
libExample.so -> libExample.so.2.4.7  
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```

If **SOVERSION** is missing, it defaults to same as **VERSION**

Library Versioning In CMake

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)
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```




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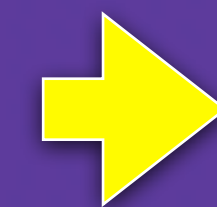
Library Versioning In CMake

```
add_library(Example ...)  
  
set_target_properties(  
  Example PROPERTIES  
    SOVERSION 2  
    VERSION 2.4.7  
)
```

```
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```



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**PROBABLY
WRONG!**

Library Versioning In CMake

```
add_library(Example ...)  
  
set_target_properties(  
  Example PROPERTIES  
    SOVERSION 9  
    VERSION 2.4.7  
)
```

Independent SONAME



Library Versioning In CMake

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    SOVERSION 9  
    VERSION 2.4.7  
)
```

```
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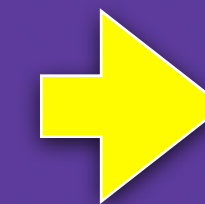
Is this valid?

Library Versioning In CMake

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```

Is this valid?



YES!

Library Versioning In CMake

```
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)
```

Windows?

Library Versioning In CMake

```
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)
```

```
Example.dll  
Example.lib
```



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Example.lib

Acts like NAME LINK

Library Versioning In CMake

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)
```

Example.dll

Acts like SONAME

Example.lib

Acts like NAME LINK

Some version details may be encoded into the binaries, but not into the file names

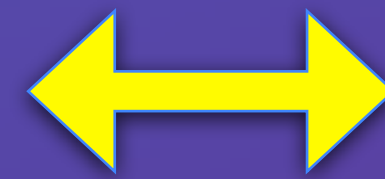
Package Versioning

```
find_package(SomeProj 2.3)
```

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```

- SomeProjConfig.cmake
- SomeProjConfigVersion.cmake



- someproj-config.cmake
- someproj-config-version.cmake

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```

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```
include(CMakePackageConfigHelpers)

write_basic_package_version_file(
    SomeProjConfigVersion.cmake
    VERSION 2.4.7
    COMPATIBILITY SameMajorVersion
)
```

How Might A Library Be Packaged?

- By you in your own dedicated package
- As part of some other package (i.e. an embedded dependency)
- By a distribution maintainer
- By a packaging system not part of the OS

Installing Libraries With CMake

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```
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  LIBRARY DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}
  ARCHIVE DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}
)
```

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Windows DLLs

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Non-Windows shared libraries
(including symlinks)

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```

Static libraries (all platforms)
Windows import libraries

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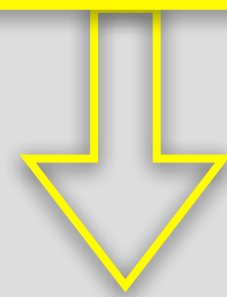
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```

```
/usr/lib
/usr/lib64
/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu
...
```


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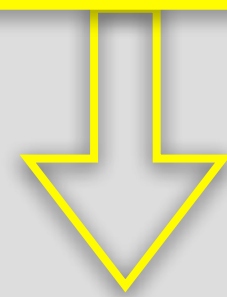


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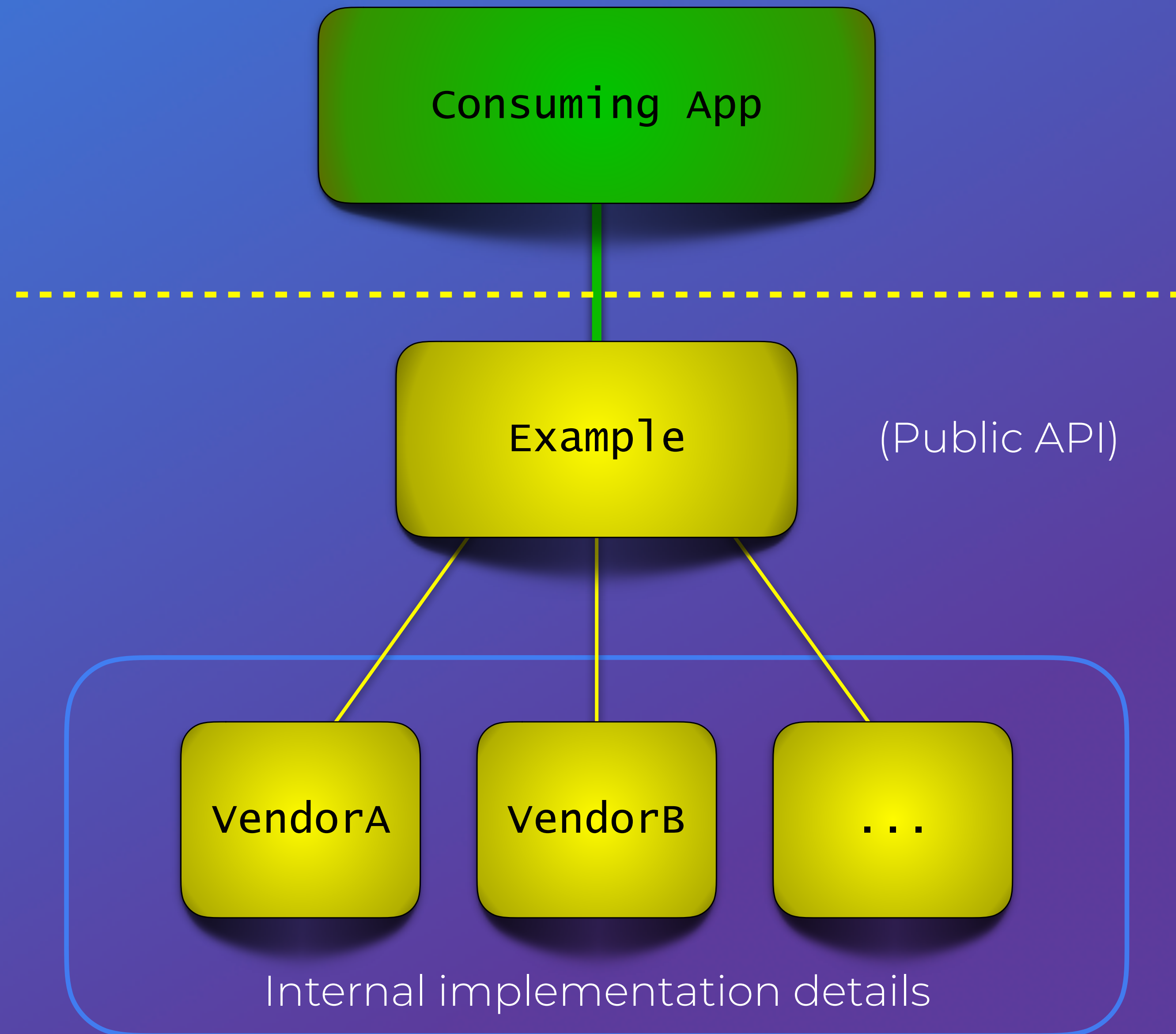
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CMake replaces the **RPATH** information it recorded for the build tree with a different set which is *empty by default*.

Libraries lose their **RPATH** connection to their dependencies unless you specify them.

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ld.so man page:

```
...[DT_RUNPATH] are searched only to find those objects required by DT_NEEDED (direct dependencies) entries and do not apply to those objects' children, which must themselves have their own DT_RUNPATH entries. This is unlike DT_RPATH, which is applied to searches for all children in the dependency tree.
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Apple has a similar feature, but uses different keywords (e.g. **@loader_path**)

- Checks environment variables first
- Recursive searching like DT_RPATH

Questions?

- You can also catch me at tonight's **Tool Time Labs** for one-on-one discussions of your specific issues
- Consulting services available

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Bonus Material

Ensure Dependencies Are Found

```
find_package(SomeProj 2.3)
```

- SomeProjConfig.cmake
- SomeProjConfigVersion.cmake

```
find_dependency(...)
```

See "Exporting Targets" slide (2 after this one)

```
include(${CMAKE_CURRENT_LIST_DIR}/SomeProj-Targets.cmake)
```

Config File Location

```
include(GNUInstallDirs)
set(SomeProj_INSTALL_CMAKEDIR
    ${CMAKE_INSTALL_LIBDIR}/cmake/SomeProj
    CACHE STRING "Path to SomeProj cmake files"
)

install(FILES
    SomeProjConfig.cmake
    ${CMAKE_CURRENT_BINARY_DIR}/SomeProjConfigVersion.cmake
    DESTINATION ${SomeProj_INSTALL_CMAKEDIR}
)
```

Exporting Targets

```
install(TARGETS Example
```

```
  EXPORT SomeProj_Targets
```

```
  INCLUDES DESTINATION ${CMAKE_INSTALL_INCLUDEDIR}
```

```
  ... # Other lines as discussed in the main part of the talk
```

```
)
```

```
install(EXPORT SomeProj_Targets
```

```
  DESTINATION ${SomeProj_INSTALL_CMAKEDIR} # See previous slide
```

```
  NAMESPACE SomeProj:: # See next slide
```

```
  FILE SomeProj-Targets.cmake
```

```
  COMPONENT SomeProj_Development
```

```
)
```

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Alias Library Matching Exported Target

```
add_library(SomeProj_Example ...)  
  
# Exported target has SomeProj:: namespace prepended (see previous  
# slide), so we drop the project-specific prefix from the exported name  
set_target_properties(SomeProj_Example PROPERTIES  
    EXPORT_NAME Example  
)  
  
# Create alias to match exported name of target, consuming projects can  
# use that name whether they use find_package() or add_subdirectory()  
add_library(SomeProj::Example ALIAS SomeProj_Example)
```

Useful References

Symbol visibility

- <https://gcc.gnu.org/wiki/Visibility>
- <http://www.open-std.org/jtc1/sc22/wg21/docs/papers/2016/p0276r0.html>
- <http://www.open-std.org/jtc1/sc22/wg21/docs/papers/2018/p1283r0.html>

Useful References

RPATH

- https://gms.tf/ld_library_path-considered-harmful.html
- <https://developercommunity.visualstudio.com/idea/566616/support-rpath-for-binaries-during-development.html>

Everything you ever wanted to know about shared libraries (and also things you didn't)

- <https://akkadia.org/drepper/dsohowto.pdf>