
ckon Documentation

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Introduction

ckon is a C++ program/tool which automatically takes care of compilation, dictionary generation and linking of programs and libraries developed for data analyses within the [CERN ROOT](#) analysis framework. This includes parsing include headers to figure out which libraries the main programs need to be linked to. It uses [automake/autoconf](#) to be platform independent and GNU install compliant. In addition, [m4 macros](#) are automatically downloaded and the according compiler flags included based on a list of [boost](#) libraries provided in the config file. For the purpose of YAML database usage, a m4 macro can be downloaded during setup to link against the [yaml-cpp](#) library.

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Reference [Talk](#) (LBNL, 2011/11/14)

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Software Requirements

- m4/1.4.6
- autoconf/2.68
- automake/1.11.4
- libtool/2.4
- boost/1.50
- libcurl/7.27.0

Installation

- clone *ckon* via `git clone git@github.com:tschaume/ckon.git`
- install via `cd ckon; ./installCkon <install-path>`
 - replace `<install-path>` with an install path in your `$PATH`
 - see `./installCkon -h` for help
- see `./configure --help` for configure options in case something goes wrong

Usage

3.1 Generic Options

Shown below are the generic command line options which can be given to *ckon*:

Generic Options:

-h [--help]	show this help
-v [--verbose]	verbose output
-j arg	call make w/ -j <#cores>
--ckon_cmd arg	setup clean install

The long option `--ckon_cmd` is implemented as optional positional option to run the setup, clean all compilation products (i.e. `make clean`) and globally install libraries and programs (i.e. `make install`):

- `ckon setup`: run the setup
- `ckon`: compile
- `ckon clean`: make clean
- `ckon install`: make install
- `ckon dry`: only generates Makefiles, no compilation

3.2 Setup

`ckon setup` generates the files *configure.ac* and *.autom4te.cfg* (both autoconf specific, no need for modifications) as well as *ckon.cfg*. Modify the latter to resemble your directory structure and linker options. Simply remove the lines/options you don't need, thus using the default options.

3.3 Configuration

The following options can be set on the command line or preferably in *ckon.cfg*. Optionally, a file named *ckonignore* with a list of strings to be ignored during the build process, can be created in the working directory. Wildcards are not supported (yet). Instead each path currently processed by *ckon* will be checked against the strings/lines in *ckonignore*. If one of the strings in *ckonignore* is contained in the path, the path is ignored/skipped.:

Configuration:

```
-s [ --suffix ] arg      add suffix + in LinkDef.h (bool)
-y [ --yaml ] arg        use yaml
--ckon.src_dir arg        source dir
--ckon.exclSuffix arg     no + suffix
--ckon.NoRootCint arg     no dictionary
--ckon.prog_subdir arg     progs subdir
--ckon.build_dir arg      build dir
--ckon.install_dir arg    install dir
--ckon.cppflags arg       add CPPFLAGS
--ckon.boost arg          boost libraries
```

In addition, unregistered options of the form `ldadd.prog_name` are allowed to use for adding LDFLAGS to the linker of specific programs. The given string/value is added verbatim in LDADD. Unregistered options are only allowed in `ckon.cfg`

The unregistered option group `ldadd` is allowed. For instance, link the programs *genCharmContrib* and *dedxCut* versus *Pythia6* and *RooFit*, respectively, by adding the following to `ckon.cfg`:

```
[ldadd]
genCharmContrib=-lPhysics -lEG -lEGPythia6  # link pythia
dedxCut=-lRooFit -lRooFitCore -lMinuit      # link roofit
```

`ckon.boost` is set during `ckon setup` to use and link against specific boost libraries. Try not to run `rootcint` (`ckon.NoRootCint`) on the library if compilation fails.

Note: `ckon` version 0.4 now allows for the automatic download of a `yaml.m4` macro during `ckon setup` to link against the `yaml-cpp` library. Please submit an [issue](#) if the macro doesn't find the library after you installed it. This added functionality shouldn't break anything if you choose not to use YAML during `ckon setup`.

Warning: For the recursive header scan to work, make sure that all include directives for C++ and ROOT headers are enclosed in `<...>`! Only your local/private headers should be enclosed in `"..."`. Otherwise `ckon` will fail reporting a `basic_string::_S_create` error.

3.4 Typical Directory Structure

Put header and source files for each library into a separate folder in `ckon.src_dir`. Running `ckon` should automatically take the right action for the current status of your build directory (no need to run `ckon clean` before re-compilation). Makefiles and LinkDef's are generated automatically based on the contents and timestamps in the `ckon.src_dir` directory.

A typical directory structure could look as follows - using the current defaults for illustration purposes.:

```
StRoot/
  ElectronPid/
    BetaPanels.cxx
    BetaPanels.h
    PureSampleAnalysis.cxx
    PureSampleAnalysis.h
    SigmaElFitsMaker.cxx
    SigmaElFitsMaker.h
    SigmaElFitsPlotter.cxx
    SigmaElFitsPlotter.h
```

```
SigmaElFitsUtils.cxx
SigmaElFitsUtils.h
programs/
  README
  beta3sig.cc
  dedxCut.cc
  nsigparamsGP.cc
  pureSamp.cc
StBadRdosDb/
  StBadRdosDb.cxx
  StBadRdosDb.h
  database/
    dbfiles
    genAll.sh
    genBadRdosDb.pl
  macros/
    testStBadRdosDb.C
YamlCfgReader/
  YamlCfgReader.cxx
  YamlCfgReader.h
  config.yml
...
```

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