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How to install Geant4 and build an application

Geant4 tutorial course



Outline

- Supported platforms & compilers
- Required software
- Where to download the packages
- Geant4 toolkit installation (*release 9.6*)
 - Configuring the environment manually
 - Using *CMake*
- CLHEP full version installation (*optional*)
- Building a Geant4 application with Cmake
- Example of a Geant4 application

Supported platforms & compilers

- Linux systems

- Scientific Linux CERN SLC5, with gcc 4.1.2 or 4.3.X, 32/64bit
- Scientific Linux CERN 6 with gcc 4.6.X, 64bit

Geant4 has also been successfully compiled on other Linux distributions, including Debian, Ubuntu and openSUSE (not officially supported)



- MacOSX systems

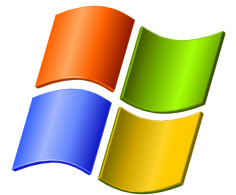
- Mac OS X 10.7 (Lion) and 10.8 (Mountain Lion) with gcc 4.2.1 (Apple), 64bit

Geant4 has also been successfully compiled on Mac OS X 10.6.8 (Snow Leopard) with gcc 4.2.1 (Apple), (not officially supported)



- Windows systems

- Windows 7 with Visual Studio 10 (VS2010).



Check current Geant4 supported platforms in <http://cern.ch/geant4>

Required software

- A **UNIX shell** and related basic UNIX commands
- **C++ compiler**
 - It is usually installed on your Linux. If not, you need to install it (*not shown here*)
- **Cmake** 2.6.4 or higher
- The **Geant4** toolkit source code
- **CLHEP** library
 - an internal version is now supplied with the geant4 source (since 9.5 version)
- The Geant4 **data files**
 - an automatic procedure can retrieve them (with cmake)

External software packages I

Visualization/GUI tools (optional):

- X11 OpenGL Visualization (Linux and Mac OS X)
 - Requires: X11, OpenGL or MesaGL (headers and libraries).
- Qt4 User Interface and Visualization (All Platforms)
 - Requires: Qt4, OpenGL or MesaGL (headers and libraries).
- Motif User Interface and Visualization (Linux and Mac)
 - Requires: Motif and X11, OpenGL or MesaGL headers and libraries.
- Open Inventor Visualization (All Platforms)
- X11 RayTracer Visualization (Linux and Mac OS X)
- GDML Support (All Platforms)
- DAWN postscript renderer
- HepRApp Browser
- VRML browser
- WIRED4 JAS Plug-In

External software packages II

Software for analysis and histogramming (optional):

- AIDA (Abstract Interfaces for Data Analysis)
 - iAIDA (an implementation of AIDA in C++)
 - JAS3 (Java Analysis Studio)
 - Open Scientist (Interactive Analysis Environment)
 - rAIDA (a Root implementation of AIDA)

<http://aida.freehep.org/>

[AIDA](#)

AIDA -- Abstract Interfaces for Data Analysis

- [Home](#)
- [Documentation](#)
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Recent News

- September 2005 - AIDA Workshop in St Malo, France.
- October 2003 - AIDA 3.2.1 is [has been released](#) to patch version 3.2.0. The [documentation](#) has been updated. Check the [release notes](#) for an
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- June 2003 - [AIDA Workshop at CERN](#).

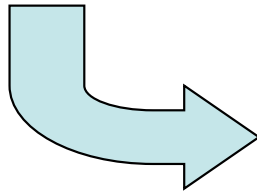
- ROOT (a data analysis framework)

<http://root.cern.ch/>



Where to download the packages

- Geant4

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Geant 4

Home > User Support > Download

Geant4 Software Download

Geant4 9.6
released 30 November 2012

The Geant4 source code is freely available. See the [licence conditions](#).

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Source files

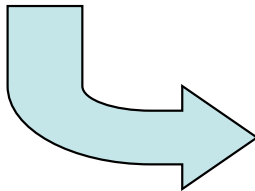
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- CLHEP



proj-clhep.web.cern.ch/proj-clhep/

CLHEP - A Class Library for High Energy Physics

Shortcuts to: [Documentation](#), [Download](#), [CLHEP editors](#), [Mailing List](#), [CLHEP Workshops](#), [News and Bug Reports](#).

The CLHEP project was proposed by [Leif Lönnblad](#) at CHEP 92. It is intended to be a set of HEP-specific [foundation](#) and [utility](#) classes such as random generators, physics vectors, geometry and linear algebra. CLHEP is structured in a set of [packages](#) independent of any external package (interdependencies within CLHEP are allowed under certain [conditions](#)).

A large fraction of contributions (mainly to the Random, Vector, Geometry and Matrix packages) came from using CLHEP within (in alphabetical order):

- the [BaBar experiment @ SLAC](#)
- the [Geant4 Collaboration](#)
- the [ZOOM Project @ Fermilab](#)

Latest Release:

The latest releases are:

- **2.1.0.1**, released on November 11th, 2010.
- **1.9.4.7/2.0.4.7**, released on July 2nd, 2010.

<http://proj-clhep.web.cern.ch>

Downloading Geant4 and data files

Source files

Please choose the archive best suited to your system and archiving tool:

- [Download](#) GNU or Linux tar format, compressed using gzip (27Mbytes, 28458437 bytes).
After downloading, *gunzip*, then unpack using [GNU tar](#).
- [Download](#) ZIP format (39Mbytes, 40826089 bytes).
After downloading, unpack using e.g. WinZip.

Pre-compiled Libraries

These are compiled with Geant4 default settings and optimization turned on. Please choose according to your system/compiler:

- [Download](#) compiled using gcc 4.1.2 on Scientific Linux CERN 5 (SLC5, based on Redhat Linux Enterprise 5), 64 bits - (32Mbytes, 33212295 bytes)
- [Download](#) compiled using gcc 4.2.1 on Mac (MacOSX 10.7), 64 bits - (31Mbytes, 32039379 bytes)
- [Download](#) compiled using VC++ 10.0 on Windows 7, 32 bits, zip file - (44Mbytes, 45719350 bytes)
- [Download](#) compiled using VC++ 10.0 on Windows 7, 32 bits, executable installer - (32Mbytes, 33111957 bytes)

**Geant4 source
or
pre-compiled
libraries**

data files

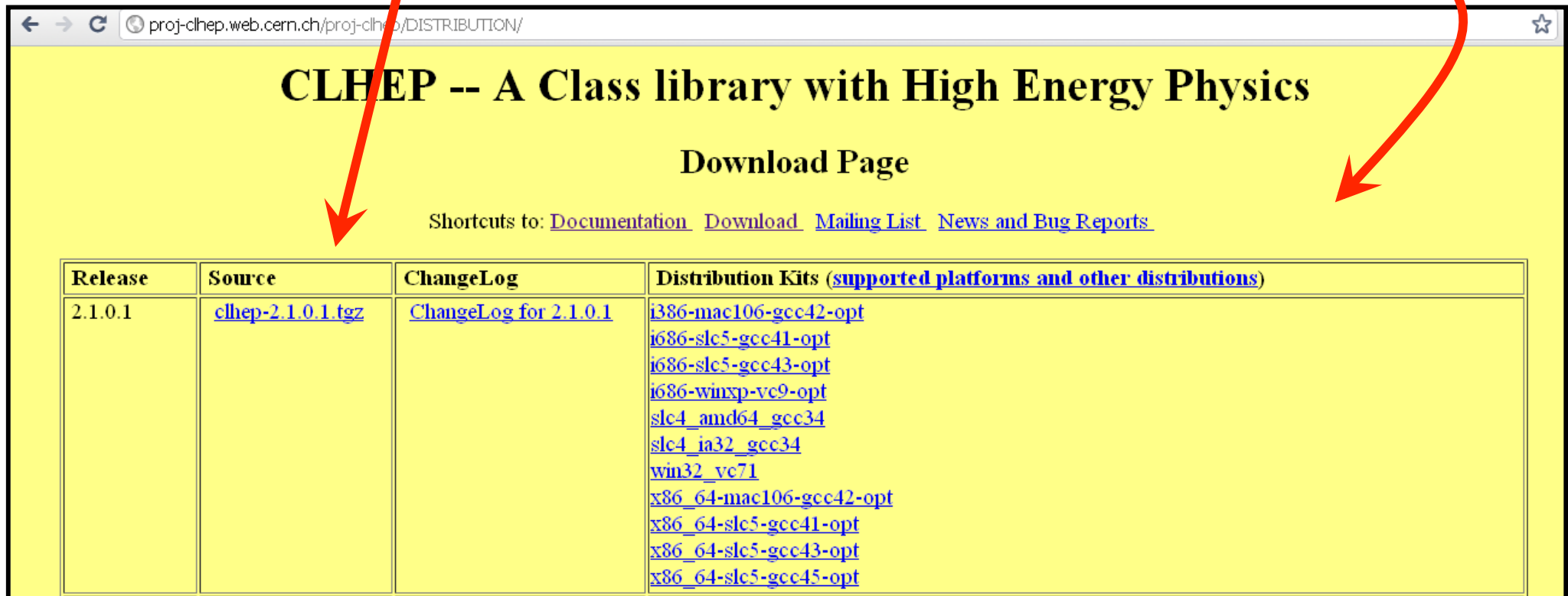
Data files (*)

For specific, optional physics processes some of the following files are required. The file format is compatible with Unix, GNU, and Windows utilities.

- [Download](#) Neutron data files with thermal cross sections - version 4.0 (381Mbytes, 400001140 bytes) **NEW**
- [Download](#) Neutron data files without thermal cross sections - version 0.2 (12Mbytes, 12465281 bytes)
- [Download](#) Data files for low energy electromagnetic processes - version 6.23 (15Mbytes, 15960390 bytes) **NEW**
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- [Download](#) Data files for shell ionisation cross sections - version 1.3 (4.1Mbytes, 4293607 bytes) **NEW**
- [Download](#) Data files for measured optical surface reflectance - version 1.0 (1.2Mbytes, 1257863 bytes)

Downloading CLHEP (optionally)

Source code or pre-compiled libraries



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CLHEP -- A Class library with High Energy Physics

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Release	Source	ChangeLog	Distribution Kits (supported platforms and other distributions)
2.1.0.1	clhep-2.1.0.1.tgz	ChangeLog for 2.1.0.1	i386-mac106-gcc42-opt i686-slc5-gcc41-opt i686-slc5-gcc43-opt i686-winxp-vc9-opt slc4_amd64_gcc34 slc4_ia32_gcc34 win32_vc71 x86_64-mac106-gcc42-opt x86_64-slc5-gcc41-opt x86_64-slc5-gcc43-opt x86_64-slc5-gcc45-opt

Geant4 installation (9.6 version)

Working area & installation area

- Why two different areas ?
 - To allow centralized installation of the Geant4 kernel libraries and related sources in a multi-user environment
 - To decouple user-developed code and applications from the kernel
 - To allow an easy integration of the Geant4 software in an existing software framework

Two ways to proceed:

- Manually installing by env variables (*deprecated*)
- Using **CMake** (*recommended and officially supported*)

Installing Geant4 with *CMake*

CMake installation *(if not provided)*

- Depending on the OS installation, CMake may not be installed by default. In that case you have to install it:
 - On Linux: it is recommended to use the CMake provided by the package management system of your distribution.

In case it does not meet the minimum version requirement:

1. download the latest version (<http://www.cmake.org/>)
 2. unzip the tar-ball
 3. `./bootstrap, make, make install`
- On Mac: install it using the Darwin64 dmg installerpackage
 - On Windows: install it using the Win32 exe installerpackage

Geant4 installation with CMake

- Unpack the geant4 source package geant4.9.6.tar.gz to a location of your choice:
 - ex.: /path/to/geant4.9.6 → [source directory](#)
- Create a directory in which to configure and run the build and store the build products (not inside the source dir!)
 - ex.: /path/to/geant4.9.6-build → [build directory](#)

```
$ cd /path/to
$ mkdir geant4.9.6-build
$ ls
geant4.9.6  geant4.9.6-build
```

- To configure, change into the build directory and run CMake:

```
$ cd /path/to/geant4.9.6-build
$ cmake -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/path/to/geant4.9.6-install /path/to/geant4.9.6
```

- CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX option is used to set the [install directory](#)
- The second argument to CMake is the path to the source directory.

Geant4 installation with CMake

- CMake configures the build and generates Unix Makefiles to perform the actual build:

```
$ cmake -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/path/to/geant4.9.6-install /path/to/geant4.9.6
-- The C compiler identification is GNU
-- The CXX compiler identification is GNU
-- Check for working C compiler: /usr/bin/gcc
-- Check for working C compiler: /usr/bin/gcc -- works
-- Detecting C compiler ABI info
-- Detecting C compiler ABI info - done
-- setting default compiler flags for CXX
-- Check for working CXX compiler: /usr/bin/c++
-- Check for working CXX compiler: /usr/bin/c++ -- works
-- Detecting CXX compiler ABI info
-- Detecting CXX compiler ABI info - done
-- Found EXPAT: /usr/lib64/libexpat.so
-- Pre-configuring dataset G4NDL (4.2)
-- Pre-configuring dataset G4EMLOW (6.32)
```

If you see that, you are successful !!!

```
-- Pre-configuring data
-- Pre-configuring data
-- Pre-configuring data
-- Pre-configuring data
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-- Pre-configuring data
-- Pre-configuring data
-- The following Geant4 features are enabled:
GEANT4_BUILD_CXXSTD: Compiling against C++ Standard 'c++98'
GEANT4_USE_SYSTEM_EXPAT: Using system install of EXPAT
-- Configuring done
-- Generating done
-- Build files have been written to: /path/to/geant4.9.6-build
```



If you see errors at this point, carefully check the messages output by CMake



Geant4 installation with CMake

- After the configuration has run, CMake have generated Unix Makefiles for building Geant4. To run the build, simply execute make in the build directory:

```
$ make -jN
```

- where N is the number of parallel jobs you require. The build will now run, and will output information on the progress of the build and current operations
- When build has completed, you can install Geant4 to the directory you specified earlier in CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX by running:

```
$ make install
```

Geant4 installation with CMake

- Additional arguments can be passed to CMake to activate optional components of Geant4 (*standard* and *advanced* options):
 - **-DGEANT4_INSTALL_DATA=ON** (*recommended*)
the additional external data libraries are automatically downloaded
 - **-DGEANT4_INSTALL_EXAMPLES=ON** (*recommended*)
examples are installed
 - **-DGEANT4_USE_OPENGL_X11=ON** (*recommended*)
build the X11 OpenGL visualization driver
 - **-DGEANT4_USE_QT=ON** (*optional, but nice!!!*)
build the Qt visualization driver
 - **-DGEANT4_USE_SYSTEM_CLHEP=ON** (*optional*)
external CLHEP are required

You can directly include the options since the beginning:

```
cmake -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/path/to/geant4.9.6-install -DGEANT4_INSTALL_DATA=ON  
-DGEANT4_USE_OPENGL_X11=ON -DGEANT4_INSTALL_EXAMPLES=ON /path/to/geant4.9.6
```


Geant4 installation with CMake

- The install of Geant4 is contained under the directory chosen (CMAKE_INSTALL_PATH), with the following structure:

```
+-- CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX
|
|-- bin/
|   |-- geant4-config    (UNIX ONLY)
|   |-- geant4.csh       (UNIX ONLY)
|   |-- geant4.sh        (UNIX ONLY)
|   |-- G4global.dll     (WINDOWS ONLY)
|   |-- ...
|
|-- include/
|   |-- Geant4/
|   |   |-- G4global.hh
|   |   |-- ...
|   |-- CLHEP/          (WITH INTERNAL CLHEP ONLY)
|   |-- tools/
```

- To make the Geant4 binaries and libraries available on your PATH and library path and to set the variables for external data libraries:

```
$ . geant4.sh
```

N.B.: each time you close the shell remember to source the `geant4.sh` script before executing an application !!!

- Alternatively, you may use the `geant4make.sh` (.csh) script to compile applications with GNUmakefile (*deprecated* → G4.10)

Installing CLHEP full version *(not mandatory)*

- Create a directory for the installation procedure (ex.:clhep)

```
[geant4-tutorial] ~ >  
[geant4-tutorial] ~ >  
[geant4-tutorial] ~ >  
[geant4-tutorial] ~ >  
[geant4-tutorial] ~ > mkdir clhep  
[geant4-tutorial] ~ > cd clhep  
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > █
```

- Move the downloaded tar-ball into this directory

```
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep >  
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep >  
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep >  
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > mv ~/Desktop/clhep-2.0.3.2-src.tgz .  
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > ls  
clhep-2.0.3.2-src.tgz  
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > █
```

- Unzip the extract tar-ball into this directory

```
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep >  
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep >  
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep >  
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > tar xzvf clhep-2.0.3.2-src.tgz  
2.0.3.2/  
2.0.3.2/CLHEP/  
2.0.3.2/CLHEP/CVS/  
2.0.3.2/CLHEP/CVS/Root  
2.0.3.2/CLHEP/CVS/Repository  
2.0.3.2/CLHEP/CVS/Entries  
2.0.3.2/CLHEP/CVS/Template  
2.0.3.2/CLHEP/CVS/Tag
```

- The extracted CLHEP package can be found in the subdirectory 2.0.3.2/CLHEP". Have a look at the content:

```
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > ls
2.0.3.2 clhep-2.0.3.2-src.tgz
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > ls 2.0.3.2/CLHEP
aclocal.m4      Evaluator      Matrix
autom4te.cache  Exceptions     missing
bootstrap       GenericFunctions Random
build-clheplib.in Geometry       RandomObjects
Cast            getObjectList.in README
ChangeLog       HepMC          ReadMe.cygwin-VC71
clhep-config.in HepPDT         RefCount
compilers.txt   INSTALL       setup.cygwin-VC71
config.guess    install-sh    StdHep
config.sub      makeBinaryTar.in Units
configure       Makefile.am   Utilities
configure.in    Makefile.in   Vector
CVS             makeSourceDist.in
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > █
```

Have a look in the "INSTALL" file: It contains more details on the installation procedure

- Create two directories (inside our "clhep" directory), which are used for building and installing the package:

```
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > mkdir build
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > mkdir install
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > ls
2.0.3.2 build clhep-2.0.3.2-src.tgz install
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > cd build
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build > █
```

NOTE: The package will be finally installed in the directory "~/clhep/install"

- Inside the “build” directory, call the CLHEP configure script (which is contained in the “2.0.3.2/CLHEP” directory).

NOTE: As argument you need to specify the directory, where CLHEP should be installed. Thus the full command to be called is: `../2.0.3.2/CLHEP/configure --prefix=/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/install`

```
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build > ../2.0.3.2/CLHEP/configure --prefix
x=/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/install
checking build system type... i686-pc-linux-gnu
checking host system type... i686-pc-linux-gnu
checking target system type... i686-pc-linux-gnu
checking for a BSD-compatible install... /usr/bin/install
checking whether build environment is sane... yes
checking for gawk... gawk
checking whether make sets $(MAKE)... yes
checking for a BSD-compatible install... /usr/bin/install -c
checking whether ln -s works... yes
checking for ranlib... ranlib
```

Adapt prefix path according to your own installation directory!

- The `configure` script checks for required programs and libraries, and creates some files, e.g. makefiles, and directories:

```
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build > ls
build-clheplib  Evaluator          makeBinaryTar      RandomObjects
Cast           Exceptions         Makefile           RefCount
clhep-config   GenericFunctions  makeSourceDist     Units
config.log     Geometry          Matrix             Vector
config.status  getObjectList     Random
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build > █
```

- If no error occurred in the configure process, one can start to build the CLHEP package using the “**make**” command:

```
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build > make
Making all in Units
make[1]: Entering directory `/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units'
Making all in Units
make[2]: Entering directory `/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units/Units'
make all-am
make[3]: Entering directory `/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units/Units'
make[3]: Für das Ziel »all-am« ist nichts zu tun.
make[3]: Leaving directory `/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units/Units'
make[2]: Leaving directory `/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units/Units'
Making all in .
make[2]: Entering directory `/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units'
/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/2.0.3.2/CLHEP/Units/autotools/install-sh -d /home/
geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units/CLHEP;
make[3]: Entering directory `/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units/Units'
install headers in /home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units/CLHEP/Units
make[3]: Leaving directory `/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units/Units'
make[2]: Leaving directory `/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units'
```

This may take a while...

Only the initial and last output messages of the make command are shown

```
liblist=`./getObjectList -static Units Vector Evaluator GenericFunct
ions Geometry Random Matrix RandomObjects RefCount Cast Exceptions`;
\
ar cru libCLHEP-2.0.3.2.a $liblist; ranlib libCLHEP-2.0.3.2.a
rm -f libCLHEP-2.0.3.2.so
liblist=`./getObjectList -shared Units Vector Evaluator Ge
ions Geometry Random Matrix RandomObjects RefCount Cast Ex
\
g++ -O0 -ansi -pedantic -Wall -D_GNU_SOURCE -g -O2 -o lib
3.2.so -shared -Wl,-soname,libCLHEP-2.0.3.2.so $liblist -o libCLHEP-
2.0.3.2.so
make[1]: Leaving directory `/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build'
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build > █
```

*Compiling was successful if
“make” does not exit with error
messages...*

- Once the package was compiled successfully, CLHEP can be installed using the “**make install**” command:

```
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/build > make install
Making install in Units
make[1]: Entering directory `/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units'
Making install in Units
make[2]: Entering directory `/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units/Units'
make[3]: Entering directory `/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/build/Units/Units'
make[3]: Für das Ziel »install-exec-am« ist nichts zu tun.
test -z "/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/install/include/CLHEP/Units" || mkdir -p -- "/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/install/include/CLHEP/Units"
/usr/bin/install -c -m 644 '../2.0.3.2/CLHEP/Units/Units/GlobalPhysicalConstants.h' '/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/install/include/CLHEP/Units/GlobalPhysicalConstants.h'
/usr/bin/install -c -m 644 '../2.0.3.2/CLHEP/Units/Units/GlobalSystemOfUnits.h' '/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/install/include/CLHEP/Units/GlobalSystemOfUnits.h'
/usr/bin/install -c -m 644 '../2.0.3.2/CLHEP/Units/Units/PhysicalConstants.h' '/home/geant4-tutorial/clhep/install/include/CLHEP/Units/PhysicalConstants.h'
```

- The CLHEP libraries are now installed in the directory “**~/clhep/install**”

(NOTE: We specified the installation directory in the configure process; see the previous slides)

```
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/install >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/install >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/install >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/install >
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/install > ls
bin include lib
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep/install > █
```

Congratulations!

- What do the subdirectories in “~/clhep/install” contain?
 - **include**: Contains (in a defined directory tree structure) the C++ header files of CLHEP
 - **lib**: Contains the (static and shared) CLHEP libraries
 - **bin**: Contains configure scripts and the very useful “clhep- config” script
- Finally, to save some disk space, you can remove the “build” directory, as well as the tar-ball and the source package

```
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > du -sh *
27M      2.0.3.2
93M      build
4,9M     clhep-2.0.3.2-src.tgz
53M      install
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > rm -r 2.0.3.2 build clhep-2.0.3.2-src.tgz
[geant4-tutorial] ~/clhep > █
```


Building an application with CMake

Building an application with cmake

- To build an application that uses the Geant4 toolkit, it is necessary to include Geant4 headers in the application sources and link the application to the Geant4 libraries:
 - using CMake → Geant4Config.cmake → writing a **CMakeLists.txt** script to locate Geant4 and describe the build of your application against it
- For instance: examples/basic/B1:

```
+-- B1/  
  +- CMakeLists.txt  
  +- exampleB1.cc  
  +- include/  
    | ... headers.hh ...  
  +- src/  
    ... sources.cc ...
```

Here, exampleB1.cc contains main() for the application, with include/ and src/ containing the implementation class headers and sources respectively.

CMakeLists.txt file has to be located in the root directory of the application

Building an application with cmake

```
# (1)
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 2.6 FATAL_ERROR)
project(B1)

# (2)
option(WITH_GEANT4_UIVIS "Build example with Geant4 UI and Vis drivers" ON)
if(WITH_GEANT4_UIVIS)
    find_package(Geant4 REQUIRED ui_all vis_all)
else()
    find_package(Geant4 REQUIRED)
endif()

# (3)
include(${Geant4_USE_FILE})
include_directories(${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/include)

# (4)
file(GLOB sources ${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/src/*.cc)
file(GLOB headers ${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/include/*.hh)

# (5)
add_executable(exampleB1 exampleB1.cc ${sources} ${headers})
target_link_libraries(exampleB1 ${Geant4_LIBRARIES})

# (6)
set(EXAMPLEB1_SCRIPTS
    exampleB1.in
    exampleB1.out
    init.mac
    init_vis.mac
    run1.mac
    run2.mac
    vis.mac
)

foreach(_script ${EXAMPLEB1_SCRIPTS})
    configure_file(
        ${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/${_script}
        ${PROJECT_BINARY_DIR}/${_script}
        COPYONLY
    )
endforeach()

# (7)
install(TARGETS exampleB1 DESTINATION bin)
```

- The text file CMakeLists.txt is the CMake script containing commands which describe how to build the exampleB1 application
- Example of structure:
 1. Cmake minimum version and set the project name
 2. Find and configure G4
 3. Configure the project to use G4 and B1 headers
 4. List the sources
 5. Define and link the executable
 6. Copy any runtime script to the build directory
 7. Install the executable

Building an application with cmake

- First step: create a build directory for the specific application (suggestion: build that alongside the application source directory):

```
$ cd $HOME
$ mkdir B1-build
```

- Change to this build directory and run CMake to generate the Makefiles needed to build the B1 application. Pass CMake two arguments:

```
$ cd $HOME/B1-build
$ cmake -DGeant4_DIR=/home/you/geant4-install/lib64/Geant4-9.6.0 $HOME/B1
```

- CMake will now run to configure the build and generate Makefiles.:

```
$ cmake -DGeant4_DIR=/home/you/geant4-install/lib64/Geant4-9.6.0 $HOME/B1
-- The C compiler identification is GNU
-- The CXX compiler identification is GNU
-- Check for working C compiler: /usr/bin/gcc
-- Check for working C compiler: /usr/bin/gcc -- works
-- Detecting C compiler ABI info
-- Detecting C compiler ABI info - done
-- Check for working CXX compiler: /usr/bin/c++
-- Check for working CXX compiler: /usr/bin/c++ -- works
-- Detecting CXX compiler ABI info
-- Detecting CXX compiler ABI info - done
-- Configuring done
-- Generating done
-- Build files have been written to: /home/you/B1-build
```

Building an application with cmake

- The following files have been generated:

```
$ ls
CMakeCache.txt      exampleB1.in  init_vis.mac  run2.mac
CMakeFiles          exampleB1.out Makefile      vis.mac
cmake_install.cmake init.mac      run1.mac
```

- Once the Makefile is available we can do:

```
$ make -jN
```

- The following output should be displayed:

```
$ make
Scanning dependencies of target exampleB1
[ 16%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/exampleB1.dir/exampleB1.cc.o
[ 33%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/exampleB1.dir/src/B1PrimaryGeneratorAction.cc.o
[ 50%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/exampleB1.dir/src/B1EventAction.cc.o
[ 66%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/exampleB1.dir/src/B1RunAction.cc.o
[ 83%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/exampleB1.dir/src/B1DetectorConstruction.cc.o
[100%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/exampleB1.dir/src/B1SteppingAction.cc.o
Linking CXX executable exampleB1
[100%] Built target exampleB1
```

Building an application with cmake

- List again the content of the build directory, you see the executable:

```
$ ls
CMakeCache.txt      exampleB1      init.mac      run1.mac
CMakeFiles          exampleB1.in  init_vis.mac  run2.mac
cmake_install.cmake exampleB1.out  Makefile      vis.mac
```

- Run the application, simply with `./exampleB1`, the following output should be displayed:

```
$ ./exampleB1
+++ G4StackManager uses G4SmartTrackStack. +++

*****
Geant4 version Name: geant4-09-06-ref-00    (30-November-2012)
                    Copyright : Geant4 Collaboration
                    Reference  : NIM A 506 (2003), 250-303
                    WWW       : http://cern.ch/geant4
*****

<<< Reference Physics List QBBC
Checking overlaps for volume Envelope ... OK!
Checking overlaps for volume Shape1 ... OK!
Checking overlaps for volume Shape2 ... OK!
WARNING: G4QInelastic is deprecated and will be removed in GEANT4 version 10.0.
### Adding tracking cuts for neutron TimeCut(ns)= 10000 KinEnergyCut(MeV)= 0
Visualization Manager instantiating with verbosity "warnings (3)"...
Visualization Manager initialising...
Registering graphics systems...
```

- And that's all !!!

Building an application with cmake


- For further details have a look at the Installation guide:

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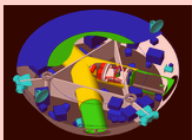
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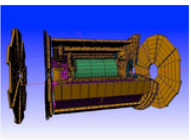
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User Documentation

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Welcome to the Geant4 User's Documents page. This page gives you an overview of all available documents which are created for the Geant4 toolkit.

GEANT4 is a toolkit for both full and fast Monte Carlo simulation of detectors in High Energy Physics. It is also designed to be used for applications, nuclear, heavy ion and radiation computations, and medical applications.

The following document gives you a more complete introduction to Geant4.

- [Introduction to Geant4 \[pdf version \]](#)

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The following four documents comprise a complete set of user's manuals for the Geant4 toolkit. They contain the information needed to use the toolkit, and to make improvements in the toolkit itself.

Installation Guide: For setting up Geant4 in your computing environment [pdf version] **UPDATE**

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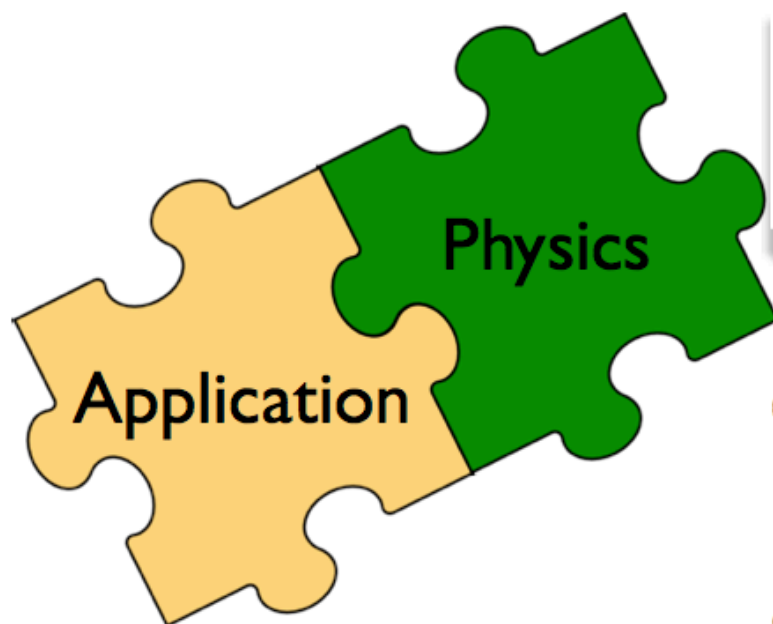
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- Geant4 is a **toolkit**: no “main” program
- User is responsible of building an application
- Increased flexibility, but...
 - ... more work to be done

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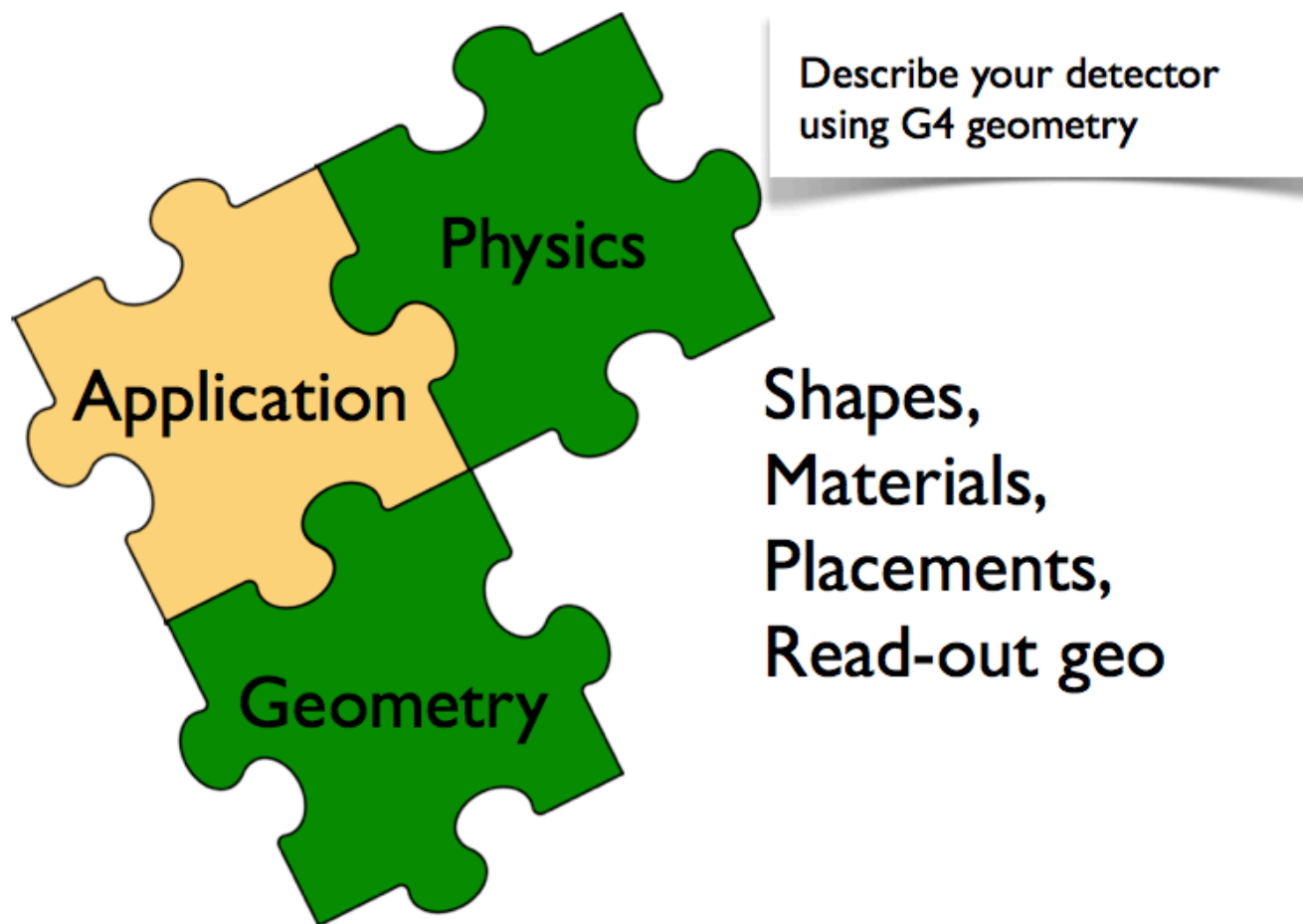


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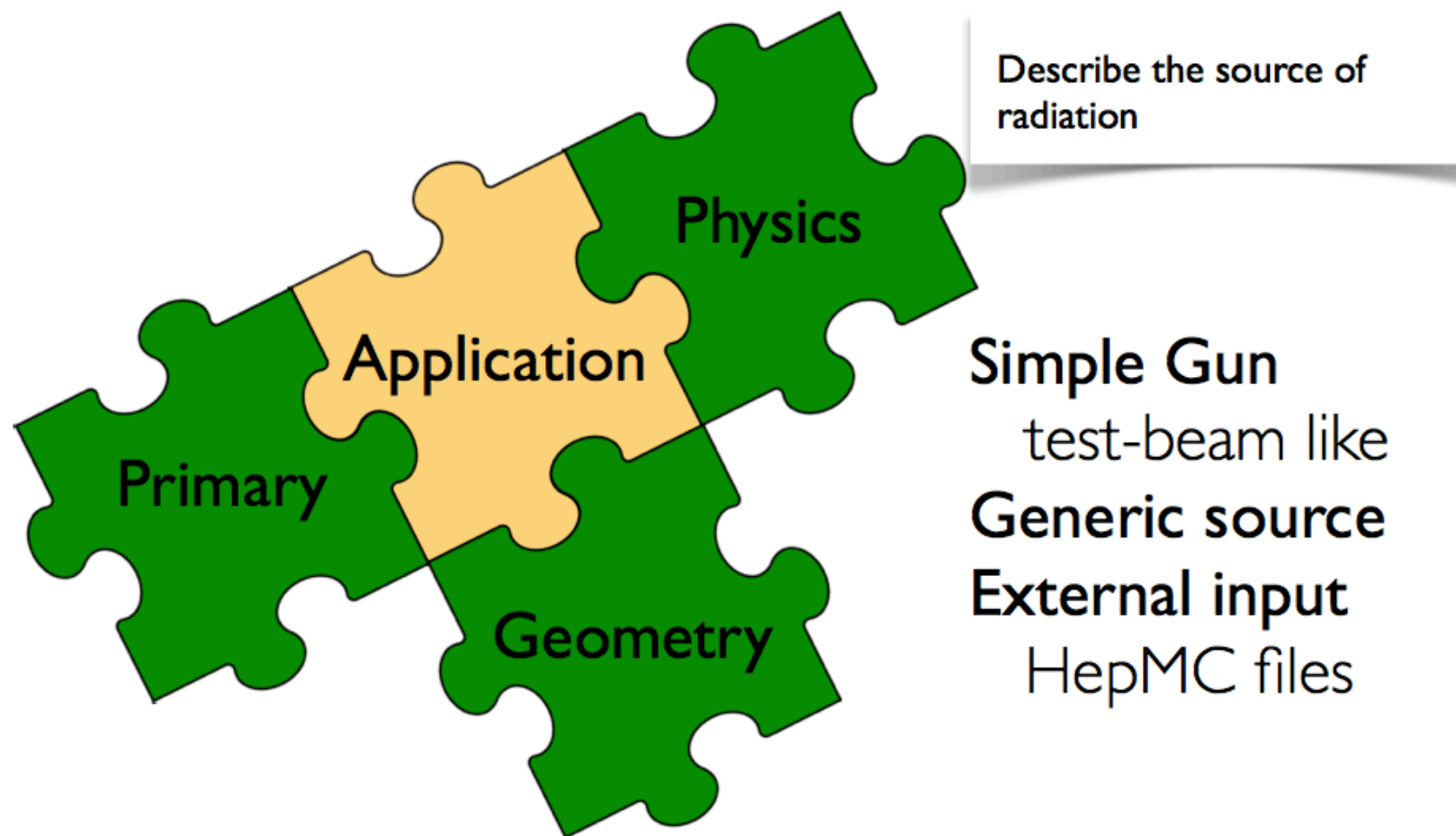
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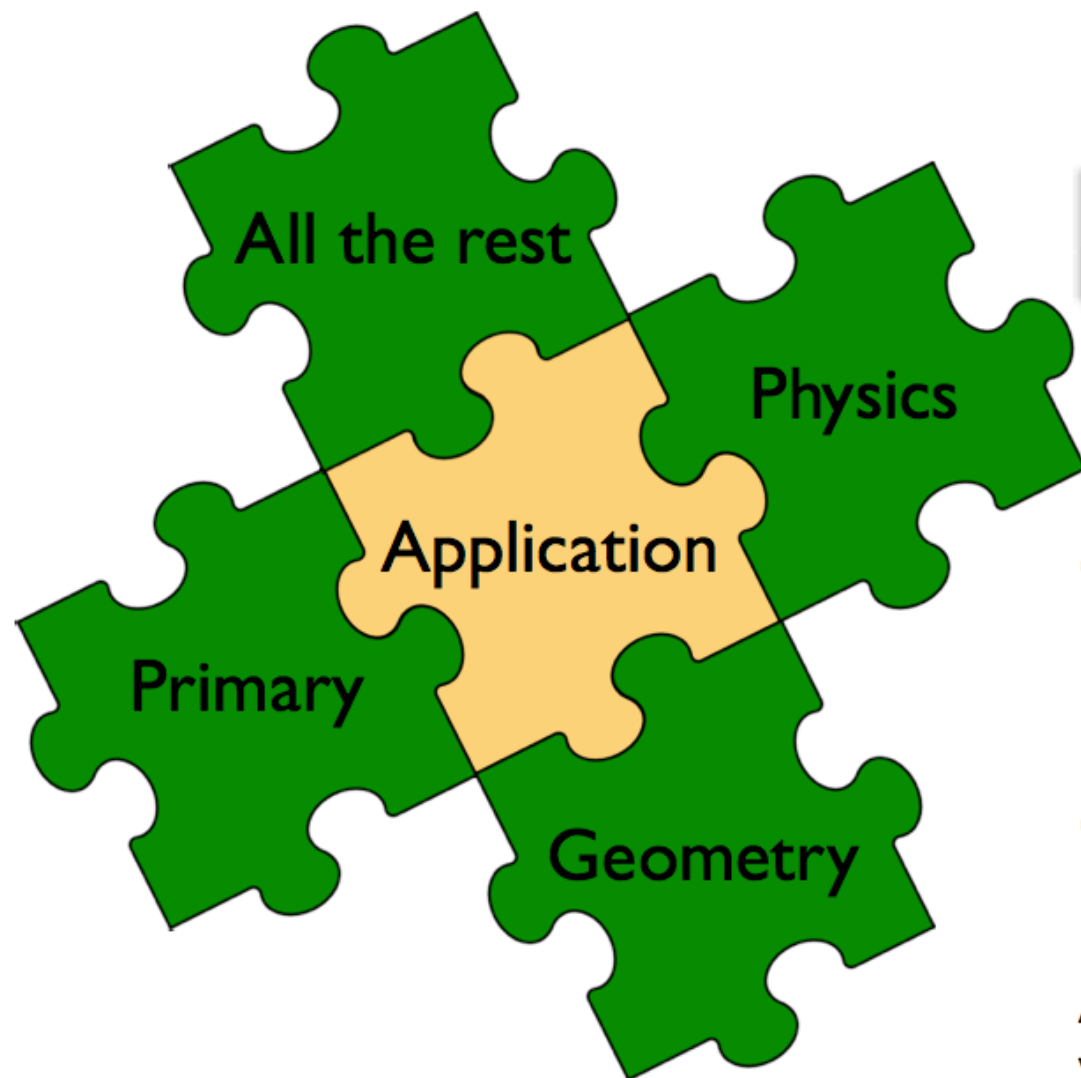
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