

The `build2` Toolchain Installation and Upgrade

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1 Introduction

One of the primary goals of the `build2` toolchain is to provide a uniform build interface across all the platforms and compilers. As a result, if you already have the toolchain installed and would like to upgrade to a newer version, then there is a single set of upgrade instructions for all the platforms.

If, however, you need to install the toolchain for the first time, then it has to be bootstrapped and that process is platform-specific. The rest of this section discusses a few general bootstrap considerations and then directs you to the appropriate platform-specific instructions.

In the rest of this guide we use the `$` symbol for a UNIX shell prompt and `>` for the Windows command prompt. Similarly, we use `\` for UNIX command line continuations and `^` for Windows. Usually you should be able to copy and paste (sans the prompt) example commands in order to execute them but sometimes you might need to change a thing or two (for example, replace `X.Y.Z` with the actual version). Once we are able to use the `build2` toolchain, the command line interface becomes regular and we usually only show the UNIX version of the commands. In this case making a Windows version is a simple matter of adjusting paths and, if used, line continuations.

The `build2` toolchain requires a C++14 compiler. From the commonly-used options, GCC 4.9, Clang 3.4, and MSVC 14 (2015) Update 3 or any later versions of these compilers should work. Note also that the C++ compiler that you use to build the `build2` toolchain and the one that you will use to build your projects need not be the same. For example, if you are using MSVC 12 (2013) (which cannot build `build2`), it is perfectly fine to get a minimal MinGW toolchain and use that to build `build2`; you will still be able to use MSVC to build your own code.

At the high level, the bootstrap process involves the following 5 steps.

1. Bootstrap, Phase 1

First, a minimal build system executable is built using provided shell scripts/batch files. The result is only guaranteed to be able to rebuild the build system itself.

2. Bootstrap, Phase 2

Then, the build system is rebuilt with static libraries. The result is only guaranteed to be able to build the toolchain.

3. Stage

At this step the entire toolchain is built and staged.

4. Install

Next, the staged toolchain is used to build and install the "final" toolchain from the package repository and using the `bpkg` package manager.

5. Clean

Finally, the staged toolchain is uninstalled.

The end result of the bootstrap process is the installed toolchain as well as the `bpkg` configuration (created at step 4) that can be used to upgrade to newer versions. You can also skip step 4 and instead install at step 3 if for some reason you prefer not to use the package manager (for example, because the machine is offline).

For Windows, if you are using either MSVC or MinGW, continue with Bootstrapping on Windows. If using MSYS or Cygwin, then instead refer to Bootstrapping on UNIX.

For Mac OS X, continue with Bootstrapping on Mac OS X.

For other UNIX-like operating systems (GNU/Linux, FreeBSD, etc; this also includes MSYS/Cygwin), continue with Bootstrapping on UNIX.

2 Bootstrapping on Windows

The following instructions are for bootstrapping `build2` with either MSVC or MinGW using the Windows command prompt. If you are using any kind of UNIX emulation layer (for example, MSYS or Cygwin) and already have a UNIX shell with standard utilities, then you most likely should follow Bootstrapping on UNIX instead.

Note also that if you continue with these instructions but you already have your own installation of MSYS and/or MinGW, then make sure that their paths are not in your `PATH` environment variable when building and using `build2` since they may provide conflicting DLLs.

The `build2` toolchain on Windows requires a set of extra utilities (`install`, `diff`, `wget`, `tar`, etc). These are provided by the `build2-baseutils` package (see the `README` file inside for details). Normally, the `build2` toolchain itself is installed into the same directory as the utilities in order to produce the combined installation.

To build on Windows you will need either MSVC 14 Update 3 or later or MinGW GCC 4.9 or later. Note also that MinGW GCC must be configured with the `posix` threading model (this is currently the only configuration that implements C++11 threads; run `g++ -v` to verify).

If you don't already have a suitable C++ compiler, then you can use the `build2-mingw` package which provides a minimal MinGW-W64 GCC distribution (see the `README` file inside for details). If used, then it should be unpacked into the same directory as `build2-baseutils`.

Note also that you **absolutely must** match the width (32/64-bit) of the toolchain build to the `baseutils` and `mingw` packages. They must all be 32-bit or all 64-bit. If you are running 64-bit Windows, it is strongly recommended that you build the 64-bit (`x86_64`) version of the toolchain as well as use the 64-bit versions of the `baseutils` and `mingw` packages.

To bootstrap on Windows with either MSVC or MinGW start with the following common steps:

1. Open Command Prompt

Start the standard Windows Command Prompt. If you plan to build with MSVC, then you may go ahead and start the Visual Studio Command Prompt (or wait for MSVC-specific instructions).

2. Create Build Directory

Note that you will want to keep this directory around in order to upgrade to new toolchain versions in the future. In this guide we will use `C:\build2-build\` as the build directory and `C:\build2\` as the installation directory but you can use other paths.

```
> C:
> cd \
> mkdir build2-build
> cd build2-build
```

3. Download Archives

Download the following files as well as their `.sha256` checksums from <https://download.build2.org>, replacing `<arch>` with `x86_64` for 64-bit Windows and with `i686` for 32-bit.

```
build2-baseutils-X.Y.Z-<arch>-windows.zip
build2-mingw-X.Y.Z-<arch>-windows.tar.xz    (if required)
build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z.tar.xz
```

Place everything into `C:\build2-build\` (build directory).

4. Verify Archive Checksums

Verify archive checksums match (compare visually):

```
> type *.sha256
> for %f in (*.zip *.xz) do certutil -hashfile %f SHA256
```

5. Unpack build2-baseutils

Unpack the `build2-baseutils-X.Y.Z-<arch>-windows.zip` archive into `C:\` using Windows Explorer (for example, copy the archive directory and then paste it). Rename it to `C:\build2\`. This will be the toolchain installation directory.

6. Set PATH

Set the `PATH` environment variable and verify that the utilities are found and work:

```
> set PATH=C:\build2\bin;%PATH%
> where tar
> tar --version
```

7. Unpack build2-mingw

If required, unpack the `build2-mingw-X.Y.Z-<arch>-windows.tar.xz` archive into `C:\build2\`:

```
> xz -d build2-mingw-X.Y.Z-<arch>-windows.tar.xz
> tar -xf build2-mingw-X.Y.Z-<arch>-windows.tar ^
    --one-top-level=C:\build2 --strip-components=1
```

Verify that the MinGW GCC is found and works:

```
> where g++
> g++ --version
```

8. Unpack build2-toolchain

Unpack the `build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z.tar.xz` archive and change to its directory:

```
> xz -d build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z.tar.xz
> tar -xf build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z.tar
> cd build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z
```

If building with MSVC, continue with Bootstrapping with MSVC.

If building with MinGW, continue with Bootstrapping with MinGW.

2.1 Bootstrapping with MSVC

Continuing from Bootstrapping on Windows, if you have already started an appropriate Visual Studio command prompt, then you can continue using it. Otherwise, start the "x64 Native Tools Command Prompt" if you are on 64-bit Windows or "x86 Native Tools Command Prompt" if you are on 32-bit. Also set the `PATH` environment variable:

```
> set PATH=C:\build2\bin;%PATH%
```

To build with MSVC you can either perform the following steps manually or, if after reviewing the steps you are happy with using the defaults, run the `build-msvc.bat` batch file. It performs (and echoes) the same set of steps as outlined below but only allows you to customize the installation directory (run `build-msvc.bat /?` for usage). You can also specify an alternative package repository with the `BUILD2_REPO` environment variable.

For example, you could run this batch file (from the above-mentioned command prompt) like this:

```
> .\build-msvc.bat
```

Note also that at about half way through (`bpkg fetch` at step 4 below) the script will stop and prompt you to verify the authenticity of the repository certificate. To run the script unattended you can specify the repository fingerprint as a second argument, after the installation directory (see `build-msvc.bat /?` for details).

The end result of the bootstrap process (performed either with the script or manually) is the installed toolchain as well as the `bpkg` configuration in `build2-toolchain-X.Y\` that can be used to upgrade to newer versions. It can also be used to uninstall the toolchain:

```
> cd build2-toolchain-X.Y
> bpkg uninstall build2 bpkg
```


Note also that in both cases (manual or scripted bootstrap), if something goes wrong and you need to restart the process, you **must** start with a clean toolchain source by unpacking it afresh from the archive.

The rest of this section outlines the manual bootstrap process.

1. Bootstrap, Phase 1

First, we build a minimal build system with the provided `bootstrap-msvc.bat` batch file. Normally, the only argument you will pass to this script is the C++ compiler to use but there is also a way to specify compile options; run `bootstrap-msvc.bat /?` and see the `build2\INSTALL` file for details.

```
> cd build2
> .\bootstrap-msvc.bat cl

> build2\b-boot --version
```

2. Bootstrap, Phase 2

Then, we rebuild the build system with the result of Phase 1 linking libraries statically.

```
> build2\b-boot config.cxx=cl config.bin.lib=static
> move /y build2\b.exe build2\b-boot.exe

> build2\b-boot --version
```

3. Stage

At this step the entire toolchain is built and staged:

```
> cd .. # Back to build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z\

> build2\build2\b-boot configure      ^
  config.cxx=cl                      ^
  config.bin.suffix=-stage           ^
  config.install.root=C:\build2      ^
  config.install.data_root=root\stage

> build2\build2\b-boot install
```

The strange-looking `config.install.data_root=root\stage` means install data files (as opposed to executable files) into the `stage\` subdirectory of wherever `config.install.root` points to (so in our case it will be `C:\build2\stage\`). This subdirectory is temporary and will be removed in a few steps.

Verify that the toolchain binaries can be found and work (this relies on the `PATH` environment variable we have set earlier):

```
> where b-stage
C:\build2\bin\b-stage.exe

> where bpkg-stage
C:\build2\bin\bpkg-stage.exe

> b-stage --version
> bpkg-stage --version
```

At the next step we will use `bpkg` to build and install the "final" toolchain. If for some reason you prefer not to build from packages (for example, because the machine is offline), then you can convert this step into the "final" installation and skip the rest. For this you will need to change the `configure` command line above along these lines:

```
> build2\build2\b-boot configure ^
    config.cxx=cl ^
    "config.cc.options=/O2 /Oi" ^
    config.install.root=C:\build2
```

4. Install

Next, we use the staged toolchain to build and install the "final" toolchain from the package repository using the `bpkg` package manager. First, we create the `bpkg` configuration. The configuration values are pretty similar to the previous step and you may want/need to make similar adjustments.

```
> cd .. # Back to build2-build\
> md build2-toolchain-X.Y
> cd build2-toolchain-X.Y

> bpkg-stage create ^
    cc ^
    config.cxx=cl ^
    "config.cc.options=/O2 /Oi" ^
    config.install.root=C:\build2
```

Next, we add the package repository, build, and install:

```
> bpkg-stage add https://pkg.cppget.org/1/alpha
> bpkg-stage fetch
> bpkg-stage build build2 bpkg
> bpkg-stage install build2 bpkg
```

Finally, we verify the result:

```
> where b
C:\build2\bin\b.exe

> where bpkg
C:\build2\bin\bpkg.exe

> b --version
> bpkg --version
```

5. Clean

The last thing we need to do is uninstall the staged toolchain:

```
> cd ..\build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z # Back to bootstrap.
> b uninstall
```

2.2 Bootstrapping with MinGW

Continuing from Bootstrapping on Windows, if you are using your own MinGW distribution, then the resulting `build2` binaries will most likely require a number of DLLs in order to run. It is therefore recommended that you copy the following files from your MinGW `bin\` subdirectory to `C:\build2\bin\` (* in the last name will normally be `dw2-1`, `seh-1`, or `sjlj-1`):

```
libwinpthread-1.dll
libstdc++-6.dll
libgcc_s_*.dll
```

To build with MinGW you can either perform the following steps manually or, if after reviewing the steps, you are happy with using the defaults, run the `build-mingw.bat` batch file. It performs (and echoes) the same set of steps as outlined below but only allows you to customize the compiler and installation directory (run `build-mingw.bat /?` for usage). You can also specify an alternative package repository with the `BUILD2_REPO` environment variable.

For example, if your MinGW distribution is in `C:\mingw\`, then you could run it (from the command prompt that we have started earlier) like this:

```
> .\build-mingw.bat C:\mingw\bin\g++
```

If you are using the `build2-mingw` package then you should be able to use just `g++` for the compiler:

```
> .\build-mingw.bat g++
```

Note also that at about half way through (`bpkg fetch` at step 4 below) the script will stop and prompt you to verify the authenticity of the repository certificate. To run the script unattended you can specify the repository fingerprint as a second argument, after the installation directory (see `build-mingw.bat /?` for details).

The end result of the bootstrap process (performed either with the script or manually) is the installed toolchain as well as the `bpkg` configuration in `build2-toolchain-X.Y\` that can be used to upgrade to newer versions. It can also be used to uninstall the toolchain:

```
> cd build2-toolchain-X.Y
> bpkg uninstall build2 bpkg
```

Note also that in both cases (manual or scripted bootstrap), if something goes wrong and you need to restart the process, you **must** start with a clean toolchain source by unpacking it afresh from the archive.

The rest of this section outlines the manual bootstrap process.

1. Bootstrap, Phase 1

First, we build a minimal build system with the provided `bootstrap-mingw.bat` batch file. Normally, the only argument you will pass to this script is the C++ compiler to use but there is also a way to specify compile options; run `bootstrap-mingw.bat /?` and see the `build2\INSTALL` file for details.

```
> cd build2
> .\bootstrap-mingw.bat g++ -static

> build2\b-boot --version
```

2. Bootstrap, Phase 2

Then, we rebuild the build system with the result of Phase 1 linking libraries statically.

```
> build2\b-boot config.cxx=g++ config.bin.lib=static
> move /y build2\b.exe build2\b-boot.exe

> build2\b-boot --version
```

3. Stage

At this step the entire toolchain is built and staged:

```
> cd .. # Back to build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z\

> build2\build2\b-boot configure      ^
  config.cxx=g++                    ^
  config.bin.suffix=-stage           ^
  config.install.root=C:\build2      ^
  config.install.data_root=root\stage

> build2\build2\b-boot install
```

The strange-looking `config.install.data_root=root\stage` means install data files (as opposed to executable files) into the `stage\` subdirectory of wherever `config.install.root` points to (so in our case it will be `C:\build2\stage\`). This subdirectory is temporary and will be removed in a few steps.

Verify that the toolchain binaries can be found and work (this relies on the `PATH` environment variable we have set earlier):

```
> where b-stage
C:\build2\bin\b-stage.exe

> where bpkg-stage
C:\build2\bin\bpkg-stage.exe

> b-stage --version
> bpkg-stage --version
```

At the next step we will use `bpkg` to build and install the "final" toolchain. If for some reason you prefer not to build from packages (for example, because the machine is offline), then you can convert this step into the "final" installation and skip the rest. For this you will need to change the `configure` command line above along these lines:

```
> build2\build2\b-boot configure ^
    config.cxx=g++                ^
    config.cc.coptions=-O3        ^
    config.install.root=C:\build2
```

4. Install

Next, we use the staged toolchain to build and install the "final" toolchain from the package repository using the `bpkg` package manager. First, we create the `bpkg` configuration. The configuration values are pretty similar to the previous step and you may want/need to make similar adjustments.

```
> cd .. # Back to build2-build\
> md build2-toolchain-X.Y
> cd build2-toolchain-X.Y

> bpkg-stage create ^
    cc                ^
    config.cxx=g++    ^
    config.cc.coptions=-O3 ^
    config.install.root=C:\build2
```

Next, we add the package repository, build, and install:

```
> bpkg-stage add https://pkg.cppget.org/1/alpha
> bpkg-stage fetch
> bpkg-stage build build2 bpkg
> bpkg-stage install build2 bpkg
```

Finally, we verify the result (note that the `where` command is not available on Windows XP without the Resource Kit installed):

```
> where b
C:\build2\bin\b.exe

> where bpkg
C:\build2\bin\bpkg.exe

> b --version
> bpkg --version
```

5. Clean

The last thing we need to do is uninstall the staged toolchain:

```
> cd ..\build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z # Back to bootstrap.
> b uninstall
```

3 Bootstrapping on Mac OS X

The `build2` toolchain requires Mac OS version 10.5 (Leopard) or later. We will also be using the system C++ toolchain that comes with the Xcode Command Line Tools. You should be able to use other/custom C++ toolchains, however, this is the only configuration that is tested and guaranteed to work.

To verify that Command Line Tools are installed, run:

```
$ clang++ --version
```

It should produce something along these lines:

```
Apple LLVM version X.Y.Z (clang-A.B.C) (based on LLVM M.N.P)
```

To install Command Line Tools, run:

```
$ xcode-select --install
```

Also, if you plan to install your own or use system-installed libraries, it is recommended to install the `pkg-config` utility available from pkg-config.freedesktop.org. For example, to download, build, and install version 0.29.2 (the latest available at the time of writing), run:

```
$ curl -O https://pkg-config.freedesktop.org/releases/pkg-config-0.29.2.tar.gz
$ tar xzf pkg-config-0.29.2.tar.gz
$ cd pkg-config-0.29.2
$ ./configure --prefix=/usr/local CC=clang --with-internal-glib
$ make
$ sudo make install
$ pkg-config --version
```

Once this is done continue with Bootstrapping on UNIX.

4 Bootstrapping on UNIX

The following instructions are for bootstrapping `build2` on UNIX-like operating systems (GNU/Linux, FreeBSD, etc). For Mac OS X first see Bootstrapping on Mac OS X. These instructions should also be used for UNIX emulation layers on Windows (for example, MSYS or Cygwin) where you already have a UNIX shell with standard utilities.

1. Create Build Directory

Note that you will want to keep this directory around in order to upgrade to new toolchain versions in the future. In this guide we will use `~/build2-build/` as the build directory and `/usr/local/` as the installation directory but you can use other paths.

```
$ cd
$ mkdir build2-build
$ cd build2-build
```

2. Download, Verify, and Unpack

Download `build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z.tar.xz` (or its `.tar.gz` variant if you don't have **xz (1)**) as well as its `.sha256` checksum from <https://download.build2.org>.

Place everything into `~/build2-build/` (build directory) and verify the archive checksum matches:

```
# Linux, MSYS, Cygwin:
#
$ sha256sum -c build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z.tar.xz.sha256

# Mac OS X:
#
$ shasum -a 256 -c build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z.tar.xz.sha256

# FreeBSD (compare visually):
#
$ cat build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z.tar.xz.sha256
$ sha256 -r build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z.tar.xz
```

Unpack the archive and change to its directory:

```
> tar -xf build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z.tar.xz
> cd build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z
```

Next you can either perform the rest of the steps manually or, if after reviewing the steps, you are happy with using the defaults, run the `build.sh` shell script. It performs (and echoes) the same set of steps as outlined below but only allows you to customize the compiler, installation directory, and a few other things (run `build.sh -h` for usage). You can also specify an alternative package repository with the `BUILD2_REPO` environment variable.

For example, this command will use `g++-5` and install the toolchain into `/usr/local/`.

```
$ ./build.sh g++-5
```

While this will use Clang and install into `/opt/build2`:

```
$ ./build.sh --install-dir /opt/build2 --sudo sudo clang++
```

Note also that at about half way through (`bpkg fetch` at step 4 below) the script will stop and prompt you to verify the authenticity of the repository certificate. To run the script unattended you can specify the certificate fingerprint with the `--trust` option (see `build.sh -h` for details).

The end result of the bootstrap process (performed either with the script or manually) is the installed toolchain as well as the `bpkg` configuration in `build2-toolchain-X.Y/` that can be used to upgrade to newer versions. It can also be used to uninstall the toolchain:

```
$ cd build2-toolchain-X.Y
$ bpkg uninstall build2 bpkg
```

Note also that in both cases (manual or scripted bootstrap), if something goes wrong and you need to restart the process, you **must** start with a clean toolchain source by unpacking it afresh from the archive.

The rest of this section outlines the manual bootstrap process.

1. Bootstrap, Phase 1

First, we build a minimal build system with the provided `bootstrap.sh` script. Normally, the only argument you will pass to this script is the C++ compiler to use but

there is also a way to specify compile options and a few other things; run `bootstrap.sh -h` and see the `build2/INSTALL` file for details.

```
$ cd build2
$ ./bootstrap.sh g++

$ build2/b-boot --version
```

2. Bootstrap, Phase 2

Then, we rebuild the build system with the result of Phase 1 linking libraries statically.

```
$ build2/b-boot config.cxx=g++ config.bin.lib=static
$ mv build2/b build2/b-boot

$ build2/b-boot --version
```

3. Stage

At this step the entire toolchain is built and staged. Here you may want to adjust a few things, such as the installation directory or the `sudo` program (remove the `config.install.sudo` line if you don't need one).

You may also need to remove the `config.bin.rpath` line if your target doesn't support *rpath*. Specifically, if building on Windows (with MSYS or Cygwin), remove both `.rpath` and `.sudo`. But if unsure, leave `.rpath` in – if your target doesn't support it, you will get an error and will need to reconfigure without it.

```
$ cd .. # Back to build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z/

$ build2/build2/b-boot configure \
  config.cxx=g++ \
  config.bin.suffix=-stage \
  config.bin.rpath=/usr/local/lib \
  config.install.root=/usr/local \
  config.install.data_root=root/stage \
  config.install.sudo=sudo

$ build2/build2/b-boot install
```

The strange-looking `config.install.data_root=root/stage` means install data files (as opposed to executable files) into the `stage/` subdirectory of wherever `config.install.root` points to (so in our case it will be `/usr/local/stage/`). Note that this subdirectory is temporary and will be removed in a few steps. But if you don't like the default location, feel free to change it (for example, to `/tmp/stage`).

Depending on the installation directory, the installed `build2` binaries may not be automatically found. On most platforms `/usr/local/bin/` is in the `PATH` environment variable by default and you should be able to run:


```
$ which b-stage
/usr/local/bin/b-stage

$ which bpkg-stage
/usr/local/bin/bpkg-stage

$ b-stage --version
$ bpkg-stage --version
```

If, however, you installed, say, into `/opt/build2`, then you will need to add its `bin/` subdirectory to `PATH` (re-run the above commands to verify):

```
$ export PATH="/opt/build2/bin:$PATH"
```

Strictly speaking this is not absolutely necessary and you can adjust the rest of the commands to use absolute paths. This, however, does not make for very readable examples so below we assume the installation's `bin/` subdirectory is in `PATH`.

At the next step we will use `bpkg` to build and install the "final" toolchain. If for some reason you prefer not to build from packages (for example, because the machine is offline), then you can convert this step into the "final" installation and skip the rest. For this you will need to change the `configure` command line above along these lines:

```
$ build2/build2/b-boot configure \
  config.cxx=g++ \
  config.cc.coptions=-O3 \
  config.bin.rpath=/usr/local/lib \
  config.install.root=/usr/local \
  config.install.sudo=sudo
```

4. Install

Next, we use the staged toolchain to build and install the "final" toolchain from the package repository using the `bpkg` package manager. First, we create the `bpkg` configuration. The configuration values are pretty similar to the previous step and you may want/need to make similar adjustments.

```
$ cd .. # Back to build2-build/
$ mkdir build2-toolchain-X.Y
$ cd build2-toolchain-X.Y

$ bpkg-stage create \
  cc \
  config.cxx=g++ \
  config.cc.coptions=-O3 \
  config.bin.rpath=/usr/local/lib \
  config.install.root=/usr/local \
  config.install.sudo=sudo
```

Next, we add the package repository, build, and install:

```
$ bpkg-stage add https://pkg.cppget.org/1/alpha
$ bpkg-stage fetch
$ bpkg-stage build build2 bpkg
$ bpkg-stage install build2 bpkg
```

Finally, we verify the result:

```
$ which b
/usr/local/bin/b

$ which bpkg
/usr/local/bin/bpkg

$ b --version
$ bpkg --version
```

5. Clean

The last thing we need to do is uninstall the staged toolchain:

```
$ cd ../build2-toolchain-X.Y.Z # Back to bootstrap.
$ b uninstall
```

5 Upgrading

At this point we assume that you have the build2 toolchain installed and would like to upgrade it to a newer version. We also expect that you have the toolchain `bpkg` configuration in the `build2-toolchain-X.Y/` directory, as produced by the bootstrap process. If you don't have the `bpkg` configuration but do have the toolchain installed somehow (for example, using your distribution's package manager), then you can create the configuration as shown at the end. If you have neither, then you will need to go through the bootstrap process.

There are two ways to upgrade: *dirty* (but quick) and *staged* (but more involved). In the *dirty upgrade* we override the existing installation without first uninstalling it. If some installed files no longer exist in the new version, they will remain "installed" until cleaned up manually. Also, with this approach we never get a chance to make sure the new build is functional.

In the *staged upgrade* we first install a `-stage` build of the new toolchain (similar to what we did during bootstrap), test it, uninstall the old toolchain, install the new toolchain as "final", and finally uninstall `-stage`.

We recommend that you use a dirty upgrade for bugfix-only releases (the same `X.Y` (MAJOR.MINOR) version) and a staged upgrade otherwise. With bugfix-only releases we guarantee not to alter the installation file set. Note also that without periodic upgrades your version of the toolchain may become too old to be able to upgrade itself. In this case you will have to fall back onto the bootstrap process.

The dirty upgrade is fairly simple:

```
$ cd build2-toolchain-X.Y
$ bpkg fetch
$ bpkg build build2 bpkg
$ bpkg install build2 bpkg
```

You may also want to issue the `status` command after `fetch` to examine which versions are available. By default `bpkg` will upgrade to the latest available but you can override this by specifying the desired version explicitly, for example:

```
$ bpkg status build2 bpkg
build2: configured 1.0.0; available 1.0.1 2.0.0
bpkg: configured 1.0.0; available 1.0.1 2.0.0
$ bpkg build build2/1.0.1 bpkg/1.0.1
```

The staged upgrade consists of several steps:

0. Check for Updates

There is no harm in running `bpkg fetch` in the existing configuration so we can use it to determine if any updates are available, whether we can use the simpler dirty upgrade, and, if not, the target `X.Y` (MAJOR.MINOR) version for the staged upgrade:

```
$ cd build2-toolchain-X.Y
$ bpkg fetch
$ bpkg status build2 bpkg
```

Let's say the new version is `X.Z`.

1. Create New Configuration

First we make a copy of the old configuration. We will need the original later to cleanly uninstall the old toolchain, and, maybe, to rollback the installation if the new version doesn't work out.

```
$ cd ..
$ cp -rp build2-toolchain-X.Y build2-toolchain-X.Z
```

Or, using Windows command prompt:

```
> cd ..
> xcopy /s /q /i build2-toolchain-X.Y build2-toolchain-X.Z
```

2. Build and Install as `-stage`

This step is similar to the dirty upgrade except we use the copied configuration and install the toolchain with the `-stage` suffix:

```
$ cd build2-toolchain-X.Z
$ bpkg build build2 bpkg
$ bpkg install \
  config.bin.suffix=-stage \
  config.install.data_root=root/stage \
  build2 bpkg
```

3. Test Staged

Now you can test the new toolchain on your projects, etc. Remember to use the `-stage`-suffixed binaries (`bpkg-stage` will automatically use `b-stage`):

```
$ b-stage --version
$ bpkg-stage --version
```

4. Uninstall Old, Install New

Once we are satisfied that the new toolchain works, we can uninstall the old one and install the new one:

```
$ cd ../build2-toolchain-X.Y
$ bpkg uninstall build2 bpkg

$ cd ../build2-toolchain-X.Z
$ bpkg-stage install build2 bpkg
```

5. Uninstall Staged

Finally, we clean up by removing the staged toolchain (hint: use the command line history to find the corresponding `install` command and change it to `uninstall`):

```
$ bpkg uninstall \
  config.bin.suffix=-stage \
  config.install.data_root=root/stage \
  build2 bpkg
```

You can also remove the old configuration in `build2-toolchain-X.Y/` if you think you no longer need it.

If you ever need to (re-)create the `bpkg` configuration for the toolchain from scratch, it is fairly simple (you may need to adjust the compiler, options, installation directory, etc; see the bootstrap steps for details):

For UNIX-like operating systems (GNU/Linux, Mac OS X, FreeBSD, etc):

```
$ bpkg-stage create \
cc \
config.cxx=g++ \
config.cc.coptions=-O3 \
config.bin.rpath=/usr/local/lib \
config.install.root=/usr/local \
config.install.sudo=sudo
```

For Windows with MSVC (from the Visual Studio command prompt):

```
> bpkg-stage create ^
cc ^
config.cxx=cl ^
"config.cc.coptions=/O2 /Oi" ^
config.install.root=C:\build2
```

For Windows with MinGW (from the command prompt):

```
> bpkg-stage create ^
cc ^
config.cxx=g++ ^
config.cc.coptions=-O3 ^
config.install.root=C:\build2
```