

A CMake toolkit for migrating to clang's module system



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- ▶ Replacing the old textual `#include` model for handling headers.
- ▶ Many advantages, most notably **faster compilation** times due to precompiled headers.
- ▶ Works with current C/C++ code!



Challenges when using modules in Clang

- ▶ Requires some extra configuration code.
 - Configuration happens via modulemap files.
- ▶ Still some bugs in the clang implementation.
- ▶ **System libraries are not modularized.**



Problems with system libraries

- ▶ System libraries...
 - are in read-only locations.
 - come in different versions.
 - are sometimes patched by the OS distribution, administrator or user.
 - and also need module configurations!
- ▶ Which means you have to modularize this in your build script for all versions.



Introducing ClangAutoModules

- ▶ A Python project for automatic module setup!
- ▶ Comes with modulemaps for many different system libraries.
- ▶ Checks on the fly which modulemap works for your current system setup.
- ▶ Places the right modulemaps in these paths with clang's virtual file system.



Using ClangAutoModules in CMake

- ▶ Standalone CMake wrapper containing all files.
- ▶ To add it to your CMake project:

```
file(DOWNLOAD https://github.com/Teemperor/ClangAutoModules/releases/\[...\]/ClangModules.cmake  
      ${CMAKE_BINARY_DIR}/ClangModules.cmake ...)
```

```
include(${CMAKE_BINARY_DIR}/ClangModules.cmake)
```

- ▶ Queries script with current CMake settings.
- ▶ Configures current CMake project with the results from the script.



External CMake configuration

- ▶ Wrapper script around clang (like scan-build)
- ▶ `$ CC=clang_modules CXX=clang_modules++ cmake ...`
- ▶ Automatically configures system modules and invokes clang with the needed flags.
- ▶ Still requires that the code is inside a CMake project at the moment.
- ▶ Optional fallback to non-module compilation.



github.com/Teemperor/ClangAutoModules

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- ▶ For more features, examples and API documentation.
- ▶ Create issues for other libraries we should support!

And thanks for your attention!