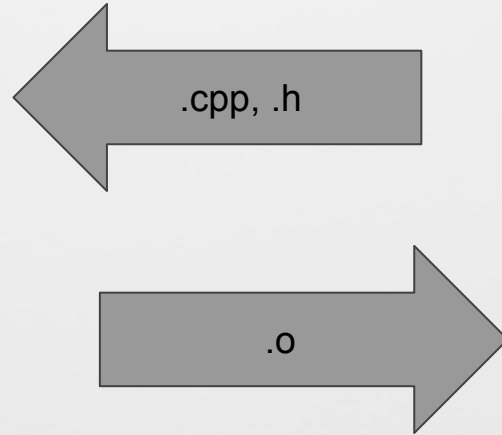


# Funner LLVM development

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# Goma



<https://chromium.googlesource.com/infra/goma/client/>

```
cmake -GNinja -DLLVM_ENABLE_ASSERTIONS=ON -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release
-DLLVM_TARGETS_TO_BUILD=X86 ../llvm-rw/ -DLLVM_ENABLE_DIA_SDK=NO
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-DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=c:/path/to/bin/clang-cl.exe
-DCMAKE_C_COMPILER_LAUNCHER=c:/goma/goma-win64/gomacc.exe
-DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER_LAUNCHER=c:/goma/goma-win64/gomacc.exe
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-Wno-nonportable-include-path"
```

**LLVM should keep  
using cmake**

**IMHO, not great for  
hacking on LLVM**

Slow, so caches. Now  
needs to solve one of  
the two hard  
problems.

Environment  
changed? New build  
dir. Want to change  
build config? New  
build dir. Etc.

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**Build file syntax  
workable but not fun.**

**gn: fast, fun**

“generate ninja”

Used by Chrome,  
Fuchsia, ...

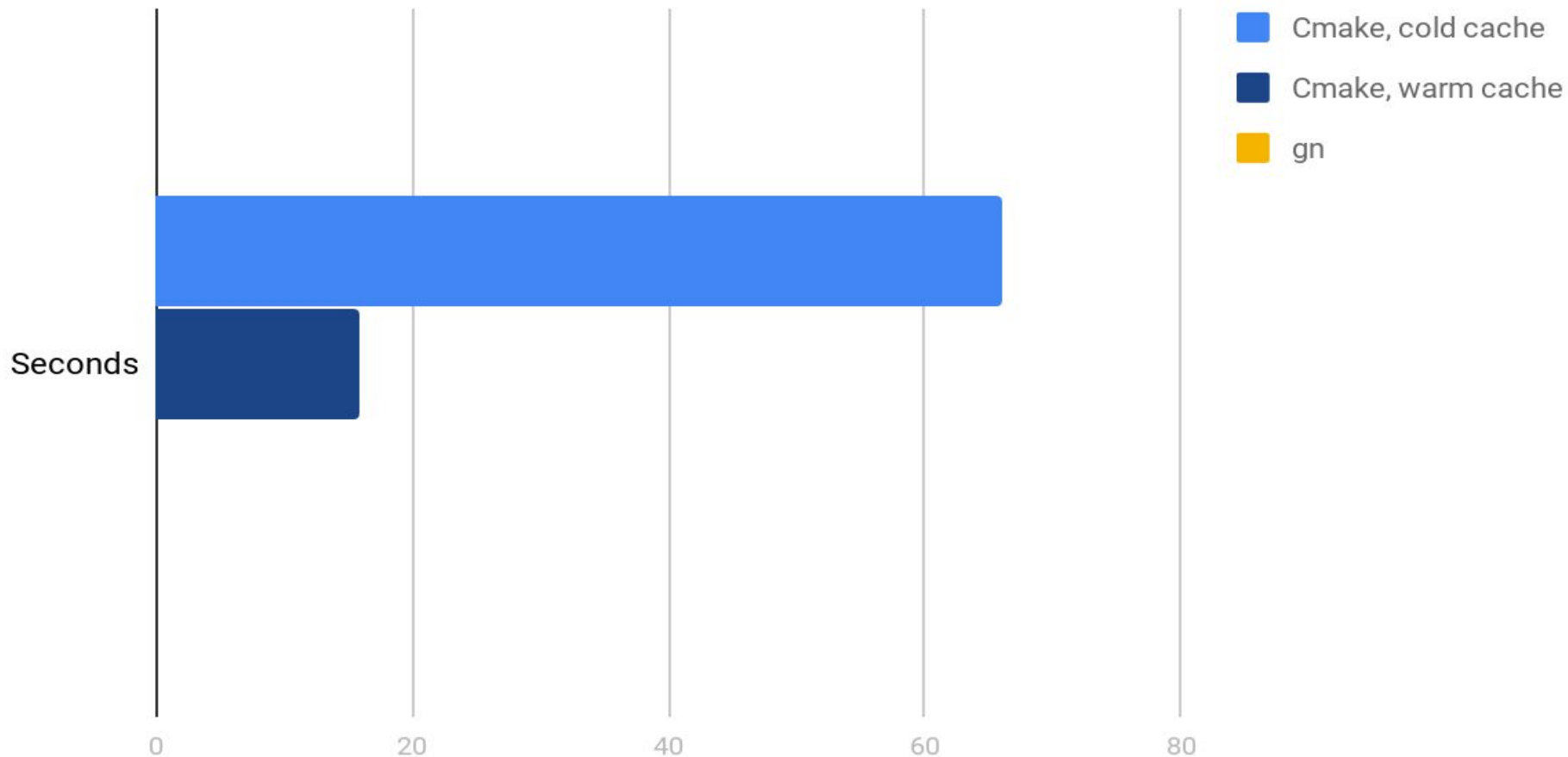
<https://gn.googlesource.com/gn>

[https://is.gd/gn intro](https://is.gd/gn_intro)

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**Manually converted  
llvm, lld, clang to gn**

# Time to generate .ninja files



# What works?

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- Everything needed for `check-llvm`, `check-lld`, `check-clang`
- On Linux, Mac, Win hosts
- Targets X86, ARM, AArch64
- Debug/Release, Asserts on/off, some other build flags

# Workflow

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- `gn gen some/dir`
- `ninja -C some/dir check-lld`
- Put something like this in `some/dir/args.gn`:

```
use_goma = true
```

```
clang_base_path = "c:/path/to"
```

# Workflow

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```
is_debug = true / false
```

```
`gn args --list some/dir` for list of toggles
```



```
[component_0]
type = Tool
name = llvm-undname
parent = Tools
required_libraries = Demangle Support
```

```
~
~
```

```
<name/LLVMBuild.txt 22,1 Bot
```

```
set(LLVM_LINK_COMPONENTS
  Demangle
  Support
)
```

```
add_llvm_tool(llvm-undname
  llvm-undname.cpp
)
```

```
<name/CMakeLists.txt 5,0-1
```

```
All
```

```
executable("llvm-undname") {
  deps = [
    "//llvm/lib/Demangle",
    "//llvm/lib/Support",
  ]
  sources = [
    "llvm-undname.cpp",
  ]
}
```

```
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
```

```
<undname/BUILD.gn 1,1
```

```
All
```

```
toolchain("posix") {
  cc = "cc"
  if (clang_base_path != "") {
    cc = "$clang_base_path/bin/clang"
  }
  if (use_goma) {
    cc = "$goma_dir/gomacc $cc"
  }
  tool("cc") {
    depfile = "{{output}}.d"
    command = "$cc -MMD -MF $depfile -o {{output}} -c {{source}} {{defines}} {{include_dirs}} {{cflags}} {{cflags_c}}"
    depsformat = "gcc"
    description = "CC {{output}}"
    outputs = [
      "{{source_out_dir}}/{{target_output_name}}.{{source_name_part}}.o",
    ]
  }
}
```

**mostly simple**

**`gn format` means  
build files are  
consistently  
formatted**

“configure” step runs  
at build time! Ild part  
of build can run while  
clang configures.

configure bad: serially  
at start of build &  
monolithic config.h  
causes needless  
rebuids

# Cool features

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- Targets can list data deps; easy to zip up all files needed for e.g. “check-llvm”, send to other machine, run tests there
- `gn desc --json` dumps description of build; can convert to bazel BUILD files, Android blueprint, ... from there
- Can create MSVC, Xcode, Eclipse, QtCreator... project files (which shell out to ninja for actual building)
- Great support for builds using multiple toolchains (e.g. cross builds, multi-stage builds in one build dir, ...)

# If you want to try it

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Get gn as described on <https://gn.googlesource.com/gn>

In your monorepo:

```
git remote add nico
```

```
https://github.com/nico/llvm-project-20170507
```

```
git fetch nico gn && git checkout nico/gn
```

```
gn gen out/gn && ninja -C out/gn
```

```
(`gn args --list out/gn` to see build toggles)
```



Keeping gn files in  
sync annoying? Did it  
for the last 8 months,  
no big deal