

IMAS Distribution and Deployment options

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Current state? EB + py wheel + do-it-yourself

IMAS Core + IMAS Python => python wheel, solved

IMAS Core + IMAS HLI (Matlab, C++, Fortran, ...) + DataDictionary

- EasyBuild (compile from source, but “easier”)
 - **automated compiling from source + creates modules**
 - large overhead & maintenance load when not used by local IT
 - not suitable for containers, packaged applications, further distribution, etc.

- Compile from source (with suggested Ubuntu dependency list)
 - compiling from source
 - get all dependencies manually

Linux package system - for IMAS HLIs

Why?

- system package-based HPC infrastructure
- docker/apptainer containers, user-managed workstations, etc.
- non-easybuild modules (manually writing a Modulefile)
- easier compile-from-source for HLIs with pre-compiled AL-Core

IMAS Core with a “standard set of backends”

- Purpose: shared dependency library for HLIs
- al-core (runtime)
- **al-core-dev** (with headers, static lib, cmake config)

Used on
COMPASS

IMAS Matlab - runtime, supports “some set of Matlab versions”

- Purpose: provides MEX routines
- al-matlab-dd3
- al-matlab-dd4

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(module)

IMAS C++/Fortran - dev with headers, cmake, etc.

- Purpose: provides headers & pre-compiled code for one DD version
- al-cpp-fortran-dd4-dev

TODO?

-dev style packages (with headers, etc.)

- needs some CMakeLists.txt adjustments to allow compiling HLI against system-wide **al-core**
 - adjust “install()” directives
 - link to system-wide **al-core-dev**

DD version management - **complication...**

- fixed major DD version
- new releases with minor DD updates?

CI Pipeline

Compile in image

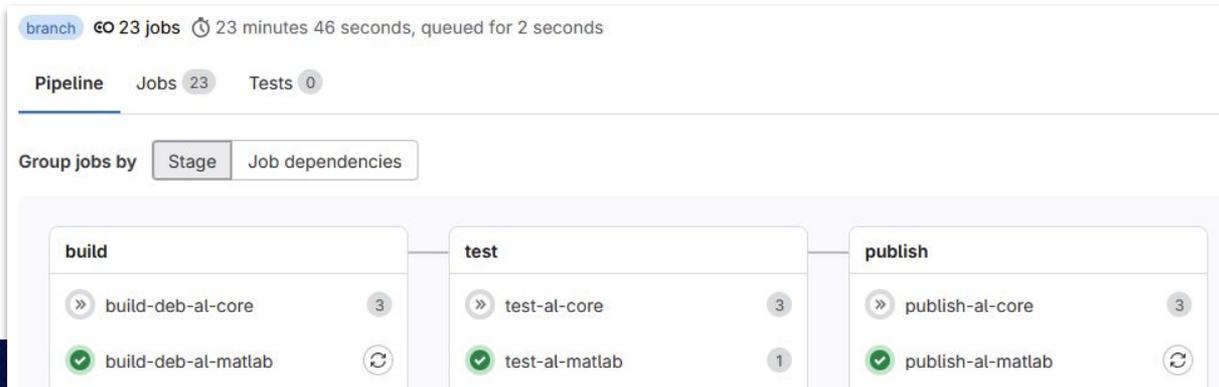
- specific Ubuntu version
- install deps
- **cmake --build**

Package (.deb, .rpm)

- a few extra lines in CMakeLists.txt
- **cpack**

Publish

- **github releases** would be enough?
- (or host a dedicated deb/rpm repository?)



branch 🔗 23 jobs 🕒 23 minutes 46 seconds, queued for 2 seconds

Pipeline Jobs 23 Tests 0

Group jobs by Stage Job dependencies

Stage	Job Name	Status	Count
build	build-deb-al-core	⏸️	3
	build-deb-al-matlab	✅	🔄
test	test-al-core	⏸️	3
	test-al-matlab	✅	1
publish	publish-al-core	⏸️	3
	publish-al-matlab	✅	🔄