just Command runner

CONCEPTS

just is a command runner, not a build system: recipes always run, no file timestamps are checked. Indent recipe bodies consistently with spaces or tabs.

justfile found upwards from cwd
↓ `just <recipe>`
Dependencies run first, once each
↓ then
Recipe lines each in its own shell
↓ `cwd = justfile dir`
Result stops at first failure

Every recipe line runs in a fresh shell, so cd and shell variables do not carry to the next line. Use a shebang recipe or && for multi-step state.

RUNNING

`just`
Run the default (first) recipe

`just <recipe> [<args>...]`
Run one or more recipes in order

`just --list / just -l`
List recipes with doc comments

`just --dry-run / just -n`
Print recipe lines without running them

`just --show <recipe> / just -s <recipe>`
Print a recipe's source

`just --init`
Write a starter justfile in the project root

`just <var>=<value> <recipe>`
Override a variable for this run

`just --justfile <file> / just -f <file>`
Use a specific justfile

RECIPE SYNTAX

A recipe

```
# doc comment shown by --list
build:
    cargo build --release
```

`<name>: <dep> <dep>`
Run dependencies before the recipe

`@<name>:`
Don't echo this recipe's lines

`@<command>`
Don't echo one line

`-<command>`
Keep going if this line fails

`{{<var>}}`
Insert a variable or expression into a line

`<name> <param>:`
Required parameter

`<name> <param>=<default>:`
Parameter with a default

VARIABLES

`<name> := "<value>"`
Define a variable

`set dotenv-load`
Load .env into the environment

SETTINGS

`set shell := ["bash", "-euo", "pipefail", "-c"]`
Choose the shell for lines and backticks

ATTRIBUTES

`[private]`
Hide from --list (also names starting with _)

SCRIPTS & MODULES

Shebang recipe

```
stats:
    #!/usr/bin/env python3
    import sys
    print(sys.version)
```