Nim Compiled, Python-like language

CONCEPTS

nim c builds a debug binary with checks on. Benchmark and ship with -d:release (or -d:danger).

Nim source app.nim
↓ nim c
Generated C in nimcache
↓ cc + ld
Binary app
↓ nim js
JavaScript app.js

Nim output defaults to the source name beside the file; nim r keeps the binary in nimcache.

COMPILE AND RUN

`nim c <file.nim>`
Compile with the C backend

`nim c -r <file.nim> <args>`
Compile, then run with args

`nim r <file.nim> <args>`
Compile to nimcache and run

`nim c -d:release <file.nim>`
Optimized release build

`nim c -o:<file> <file.nim>`
Set the output file name

`nim c --outdir:<dir> <file.nim>`
Set the output directory

`nim cpp <file.nim>`
Compile via C++

`nim js <file.nim>`
Compile to JavaScript

`nim c -d:danger <file.nim>`
Optimize, all runtime checks off

CHECKS AND FLAGS

`nim check <file.nim>`
Check syntax and types only

`nim c -d:<symbol> <file.nim>`
Define a symbol

`nim c -d:<symbol>:<val> <file.nim>`
Define a symbol with a value

`nim c --threads:on <file.nim>`
Enable threads

CHECKS AND FLAGS (cont.)

`nim c --mm:<orc|arc|refc> <file.nim>`
Pick memory management

`nim c --path:<dir> <file.nim>`
Add a module search path

`nim c --hints:off <file.nim>`
Silence hints

C TOOLCHAIN AND CROSS

`nim c --cc:<gcc|clang> <file.nim>`
Choose the C compiler

`nim c --passC:<flag> <file.nim>`
Pass a flag to the C compiler

`nim c --passL:<flag> <file.nim>`
Pass a flag to the linker

`nim c --cpu:<cpu> --os:<os> <file.nim>`
Cross compile

CONFIGURATION

nim.cfg
Per-project switches, one per line

config.nims
NimScript project config

config.nims

```
switch("d", "release")
switch("mm", "orc")
switch("path", "$projectDir/src")
task build, "build app":
  exec "nim c -o:bin/app src/app.nim"
```

Command-line switches win over config files; later configs override earlier ones.

NIMBLE PACKAGES

nimble init
Start a new package (wizard)

nimble build
Build the package binaries

nimble run *<bin> <args>*
Build and run a binary

nimble test
Run tests/t*.nim

NIMBLE PACKAGES (cont.)

nimble install
Install the package in this dir

nimble install *<pkg>*
Install a package

nimble install *<pkg>*@*<ver>*
Install a specific version

nimble install --depsOnly
Install only dependencies

nimble search *<term>*
Find packages by name or tag

nimble list -i
List installed packages

nimble refresh
Update the package list

nimble tasks
List custom tasks

nimble *<task>*
Run a task from the .nimble file

LOCAL WORKFLOW

nimble setup
Create nimble.paths for the project

nimble lock
Pin versions in nimble.lock

Commit nimble.lock; keep nimble.paths and nimble.develop out of git, they are machine-local.

PACKAGE FILE

mypkg.nimble

```
version     = "0.1.0"
author      = "Jane Doe"
description = "Small tool"
license     = "MIT"
srcDir      = "src"
bin         = @["mytool"]

requires "nim ≥ 2.0.0"
requires "jester ≥ 0.5.0"
```

LANGUAGE BASICS

Variables

```
let x = 1        # immutable
var y = 2        # mutable
const z = 3      # compile time
```

Procs

```
proc add(a, b: int): int =
  a + b

echo add(1, 2)
```