

# CPM User's Manual

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# 1 Introduction

This document describes the Curry package manager (CPM), a tool to distribute and install Curry libraries and manage version dependencies between these libraries.

A distinguishing feature of CPM is its ability to perform *semantic versioning checking*, i.e., CPM provides a command to check the semantics of a new package version against an older version of the same package.

## 2 Installing the Curry Package Manager

### 2.1 Requirements

CPM requires *Git*<sup>1</sup>, *curl*<sup>2</sup>, *tar*, and *unzip* to be available on the `PATH` during installation and operation.

It is strongly recommended that SQLite<sup>3</sup> is installed so that the executable `sqlite3` is in your path. In this case, CPM uses a SQLite database for caching the central package index (see Section 9). This yields faster response times of various CPM commands.

CPM is part of recent distributions of the Curry systems PAKCS<sup>4</sup> (since version 1.15.0) and KiCS2<sup>5</sup> (since version 0.6.0) so that it can directly be used with these Curry systems. If you use an older release of PAKCS or KiCS2 or you want to install some CPM version from the source repository, the following section contains some hints about the installation of CPM.

### 2.2 Source Code Installation

To install and use CPM, a working installation of either PAKCS in version 1.14.1 or greater, or KiCS2 in version 0.5.1 or greater is required. You need to ensure that your Haskell installation reads files using UTF-8 encoding by default. Haskell uses the system locale charmap for its default encoding. You can check the current value using `System.IO.localeEncoding` inside a `ghci` session.

To install CPM from the sources, enter the root directory of the CPM source distribution. The main executable `curry` of your Curry system must be in your path (otherwise, you can also specify the root location of your Curry system by modifying the definition of `CURRYROOT` in the `Makefile`). Then type `make` to compile CPM which generates a binary called `cypm` in the `bin` subdirectory. Put this binary somewhere on your path.

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.git-scm.com>

<sup>2</sup><https://curl.haxx.se>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.sqlite.org>

<sup>4</sup><https://www.informatik.uni-kiel.de/~pakcs/>

<sup>5</sup><https://www-ps.informatik.uni-kiel.de/kics2/>

### 3 Starting the Curry Package Manager

If the binary `cypm` is on your path, execute the command

```
> cypm update
```

to pull down a copy of the central package index to your system. You can use the same command to update later your copy of the central package index to the newest version.

Afterwards, you can show a list of all packages in this index by

```
> cypm list
```

The command

```
> cypm info PACKAGE
```

can be used to show more information about a package. There is also a command

```
> cypm search QUERY
```

to search inside the central package index.

Section [10](#) contains a complete list of all available CPM commands.

## 4 Package Basics

Essentially, a Curry package is nothing more than a directory structure containing a `package.json` file and a `src` directory at its root. The `package.json` file is a JSON file containing package metadata, the `src` directory contains the Curry modules that make up the package.

We assume familiarity with the JSON file format. A good introduction can be found at <http://json.org>. The package specification file must contain a top-level JSON object with at least the keys `name`, `author`, `version`, `synopsis` and `dependencies`. More possible fields are described in Section 11. A package's name may contain any ASCII alphanumeric character as well as dashes (-) and underscores (\_). It must start with an alphanumeric character. The `author` field is a free-form field, but the suggested format is either a name (John Doe), or a name followed by an email address in angle brackets (John Doe <john.doe@goldenstate.gov>). Multiple authors can either be separated by commas or written as a list of strings.

Versions must be specified in the format laid out in the semantic versioning standard:<sup>6</sup> each version number consists of numeric major, minor and patch versions separated by dot characters as well as an optional pre-release specifier consisting of ASCII alphanumerics and hyphens, e.g. `1.2.3` and `1.2.3-beta5`. Please note that build metadata as specified in the standard is not supported.

The `synopsis` should be a short summary of what the package does. Use the `description` field for longer form explanations.

Dependencies are specified as a nested JSON object with package names as keys and dependency constraints as values. A dependency constraint restricts the range of versions of the dependency that a package is compatible to. Constraints consist of elementary comparisons that can be combined into conjunctions, which can then be combined into one large disjunction—essentially a disjunctive normal form. The supported comparison operators are `<`, `<=`, `>`, `>=`, `=`, `~`, and `^`. The first five are interpreted according to the rules for comparing version numbers laid out in the semantic versioning standard. `~` requires<sup>7</sup> that the package version be at least as large as its argument but still within the same minor version, i.e., `~1.2.3` would match `1.2.3`, `1.2.9`, and `1.2.55` but not `1.2.2`, `1.3.0`, or `2.1.0`. Analogously, `^` requires that the package version be at least as large as its argument but still within the same major version, i.e., `^1.2.3` would match `1.2.3` and `1.4.3` but not `2.1.0`.

To combine multiple comparisons into a conjunction, separate them by commas, e.g.,

```
>= 2.0.0, < 3.0.0
```

would match all versions with major version 2. Note that it would not match `2.1.3-beta5` for example, since pre-release versions are only matched if the comparison is explicitly made to a pre-release version, e.g., `= 2.1.3-beta5` or `> 2.1.3-beta2`.

Conjunctions can be combined into a disjunction via the `||` characters, e.g.,

```
>= 2.0.0, < 3.0.0 || >= 4.0.0
```

would match any version within major version 2 and from major version 4 onwards, but no version within major version 3.

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<sup>6</sup><http://www.semver.org>

<sup>7</sup>In previous versions of CPM this was denoted as `~>` and called *semantic versioning arrow*.

## 5 Using Packages

Curry packages can be used as dependencies of other Curry packages or to install applications implemented with a package. In the following we describe both possibilities of using packages.

### 5.1 Creating New Packages

Creating a new Curry package is easy. To use a Curry package in your project, create a `package.json` file in the root, fill it with the minimum amount of information discussed in the previous session, and move your Curry code to a `src` directory inside your project's directory. One can also use the command

```
cypm init
```

to initialize the current directory with a minimal version of `package.json` and a few other files (like `README` or license information). When starting a new project, one can also use the command

```
cypm new <project-name>
```

to create a new project directory with a `package.json` file and some other useful template files (look into the output of this command). Then declare the dependencies inside the new `package.json` file, e.g.:

```
{
  ...,
  "dependencies": {
    "base": "^1.0.0",
    "html": ">= 2.0.0, < 2.2.0"
    "json": "~1.1.0"
  }
}
```

Now you can run

```
cypm install
```

to install all dependencies of the current package and start your interactive Curry environment with the command

```
cypm curry
```

You will be able to load the JSON package's modules in your Curry session.

### 5.2 Installing and Updating Dependencies

To install the current package's dependencies, run `cypm install`. This will install the most recent version of all dependencies that are compatible to the package's dependency constraints. Note that a subsequent run of `cypm install` will always prefer the versions it installed on a previous run, if they are still compatible to the package's dependencies. If you want to explicitly install the newest compatible version regardless of what was installed on previous runs of `cypm install`, you can use the `cypm upgrade` command to upgrade all dependencies to their newest compatible versions,

or `cypm upgrade <package>` to update a specific package and all its transitive dependencies to the newest compatible version.

If the package also contains an implementation of a complete executable, e.g., some useful tool, which can be specified in the `package.json` file (see Section 11), then the command `cypm install` also compiles the application and installs the executable in the `bin` install directory of CPM (see Section 8 for details). The installation of executables can be suppressed by the `cypm install` option `-n` or `--noexec`.

### 5.3 Checking out Packages

In order to use, experiment with or modify an existing package, one can use the command

```
cypm checkout <package>
```

to install a local copy of a package. This is also useful to install some tool distributed as a package. For instance, to install `curry-check`, a property-testing tool for Curry, one can check out the most recent version and install the tool:

```
> cypm checkout currycheck
... Package 'currycheck-1.0.1' checked out into directory 'currycheck'.
> cd currycheck
> cypm install
...
INFO Installing executable 'curry-check' into '/home/joe/.cpm/bin'
```

Now, the tool `curry-check` is ready to use if `$HOME/.cpm/bin` is in your path (see Section 8 for details about changing the location of this default path).

### 5.4 Installing Applications of Packages

Some packages do not contain only useful libraries but also application programs or tools. In order to install the executables of such applications without explicitly checking out the package in some local directory, one can use the command

```
cypm install <package>
```

This command checks out the package in some internal directory (default: `$HOME/.cpm/apps_Currysystem`, see Section 8) and installs the binary of the application provided by the package in `$HOME/.cpm/bin` (see also Section 5.3).

For instance, the most recent version of the web framework `Spicey` can be installed by the following command:

```
> cypm install spicey
... Package 'spicey-xxx' checked out ...
...
INFO Installing executable 'spiceup' into '/home/joe/.cpm/bin'
```

Now, the binary `spiceup` of `Spicey` can be used if `$HOME/.cpm/bin` is in your path (see Section 8 for details about changing the location of this default path).

## 5.5 Executing the Curry System in a Package

To use the dependencies of a package, the Curry system needs to be started via CPM so that it will know where to search for the modules provided. You can use the command “`cypm curry`” to start the Curry system (which is either the compiler used to install CPM or specified with the configuration option `CURRY_BIN`, see Section 8). Any parameters given to “`cypm curry`” will be passed along verbatim to the Curry system. For example, the following will start the Curry system, print the result of evaluating the expression `39+3` and then quit.

```
> cypm curry :eval "39+3" :quit
```

To execute other Curry commands, such as “`curry check`”, with the package’s dependencies available, you can use the “`cypm exec`” command. This command will set the `CURRYPATH` environment variable and then execute the command given after “`exec`”.

## 5.6 Using Packages Outside a Package

In principle, packages can be used only inside another package by declaring dependencies in the package specification file `package.json`. If you invoke `cypm` in a directory which contains no package specification file, CPM searches for such a file from the current directory to the parent directories (up to the root of the file system). Thus, if you are outside a package, such a file is not available. In order to support the use other packages outside package, CPM provides a meta-package which is usually stored in your home directory at `~/.cpm/Currysystem-homepackage`.<sup>8</sup> This meta-package is used when you are not inside another package. Hence, if you write some Curry program which is not a package but you want to use some package `P`, you have to add a dependency to `P` to this meta-package. CPM does this automatically for you with the CPM command `cypm add --dependency` (short: `cypm add -d`).

For instance, to use the libraries of the `JSON` package in your application, one can use the following commands:

```
> cypm add -d json # add 'json' dependency to meta-package
> cypm install    # download and install all dependencies
> cypm curry      # start Curry system with JSON libraries in load path
...
Prelude> :load JSON.Data
JSON.Data>
```

The default behavior of the `add` command is to add the dependency *and* install all dependencies, i.e., the previous commands can be reduced as follows:

```
> cypm add json
> cypm curry
...
Prelude> :load JSON.Data
JSON.Data>
```

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<sup>8</sup>Use `cypm config` and look at `HOME_PACKAGE_PATH` to see the current location of this meta-package.



## 5.7 Replacing Dependencies with Local Versions

During development of your applications, situations may arise in which you want to temporarily replace one of your package's dependencies with a local copy, without having to publish a copy of that dependency somewhere or increasing the dependency's version number. One such situation is a bug in a dependency not controlled by you: if your own package depends on package *A* and *A*'s current version is 1.0.3 and you encounter a bug in this version, then you might be able to investigate, find and fix the bug. Since you are not the the author of *A*, however, you cannot release a new version with the bug fixed. So you send off your patch to *A*'s maintainer and wait for 1.0.4 to be released. In the meantime, you want to use your local, fixed copy of version 1.0.3 from your package. The `cypm link` command allows you to replace a dependency with your own local copy.

`cypm link` takes a directory containing a copy of one of the current package's dependencies as its argument. It creates a symbolic link from that directory to the current package's local package cache. If you had a copy of `A-1.0.3` in the `~/src/A-1.0.3` directory, you could use `cypm link ~/src/A-1.0.3` to ensure that any time `A-1.0.3` is used from the current package, your local copy is used instead of the one from the global package cache. To remove any links, use `cypm upgrade` without any arguments, which will clear the local package cache. See Section 9 for more information on the global and local package caches.

## 6 Authoring Packages

If you want to create packages for other people to use, you should consider filling out more metadata fields than the bare minimum. See Section 11 for a reference of all available fields.

### 6.1 Semantic Versioning

The versions of published packages should adhere to the semantic versioning standard, which lays out rules for which components of a version number must change if the public API of a package changes. Recall that a semantic versioning version number consists of a major, minor and patch version as well as an optional pre-release specifier. In short, semantic versioning defines the following rules:

- If the type of any public API is changed or removed or the expected behavior of a public API is changed, you must increase the major version number and reset the minor and patch version numbers to 0.
- If a public API is added, you must increase at least the minor version number and reset the patch version number to 0.
- If only bug fixes are introduced, i.e. nothing is added or removed and behavior is only changed to removed deviations from the expected behavior, then it is sufficient to increase the patch version number.
- Once a version is published, it must not be changed.
- For pre-releases, sticking to these rules is encouraged but not required.
- If the major version number is 0, the package is still considered under development and thus unstable. In this case, the rules do not apply, although following them as much as possible as still encouraged. Release 1.0.0 is considered to be the first stable version.

To aid you in following these rules, CPM provides the `diff` command. `diff` can be used to compare the types and behavior of a package's public API between two versions of that package. If it finds any differences, it checks whether they are acceptable under semantic versioning for the difference in version numbers between the two package versions. To use `diff`, you need to be in the directory of one of the versions, i.e., your copy for development, and have the other version installed in CPM's global package cache (see the `cypm install` command). For example, if you are developing version 1.3.0 of the JSON package and want to make sure you have not introduced any breaking changes when compared to the previous version 1.2.6, you can use the `cypm diff 1.2.6` command while in the directory of version 1.3.0.

CPM will then check the types of all public functions and data types in all exported modules of both versions (see the `exportedModules` field of the package specification) and report any differences and whether they violate semantic versioning. CPM will also compare the behavior of all exported functions in all exported modules whose types have not changed. Actually, this part is performed by CurryCheck [3], a property-based test tool for Curry. For this purpose, CPM generates a Curry program containing properties stating the equivalence of two operations with the same name but

defined in two different versions of a package. The ideas and scheme of this generation process are described in [4]. Note that not all functions can be compared via CurryCheck. In particular, functions taking other functions as arguments (there are a few other minor restrictions) can not be checked so that CPM automatically excludes them from checking.

Note that the results of non-terminating operations, like `Prelude.repeat`, cannot be compared in a finite amount of time. To avoid the execution of possibly non-terminating check programs, CPM compares the behavior of operations only if it can prove the termination or productivity<sup>9</sup> of these operations. Since CPM uses simple criteria to approximate these properties, there might be operations that are terminating or productive but CPM cannot show it. In these cases you can use the compiler pragmas `{-# TERMINATE -#}` or `{-# PRODUCTIVE -#}` to annotate such functions. Then CPM will trust these annotations and treat the annotated operations as terminating or productive, respectively. For instance, CPM will check the following operation although it cannot show its termination:

```
{-# TERMINATE -#}
mcCarthy :: Int -> Int
mcCarthy n | n<=100 = mcCarthy (mcCarthy (n+11))
           | n>100 = n-10
```

As another example, consider the following operation defining an infinite list:

```
ones :: [Int]
ones = 1 : ones
```

Although this operation is not terminating, it is productive since with every step a new constructor is produced. CPM compares such operations by comparing their results up to some depth. On the other hand, the following operation is not classified as productive by CPM (note that it would not be productive if the filter condition is changed to `(>1)`):

```
{-# PRODUCTIVE -#}
anotherOnes :: [Int]
anotherOnes = filter (>0) ones
```

Due to the pragma, CPM will compare this operation as other productive operations.

There might be situations when operations should not be compared, e.g., if the previous version of the operation was buggy. In this case, one can mark those functions with the compiler pragma `{-# NOCOMPARE -#}` so that CPM will not generate tests for them.

Note that there are different ways to state the equivalence of operations (e.g., see the discussion in [2]). CPM offers two kinds of equivalence tests:

- *Ground equivalence* means that two operations are considered as equivalent if they yield identical values for identical input values.
- *Contextual or full equivalence* means that two operations are considered as equivalent if they produce the same results in all possible contexts.

Since contextual equivalence is more meaningful in the context of semantic versioning, CPM tests this kind of equivalence in the default case, based on the techniques described in [1]. However, using

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<sup>9</sup>An operation is productive if it always produces outermost constructors, i.e., it cannot run forever without producing constructors.

the option `--ground` of the `diff` command, one can also enforce the checking of ground equivalence as described in [4].

## 6.2 Adding Packages to the Central Package Index

When you have your package ready and want to use it in other packages, it must be added to the central package index so that CPM can find it when searching for packages. For this purpose, you can use the “`cypm add`” command:

```
> cypm add --package mypackage
```

In this case, `mypackage` is the name of the directory containing your package. In particular, the JSON file “`mypackage/package.json`” must contain the metadata of the package (see also Section 11). This command copies your package into your local copy of the central package index so that it can be used in other packages. If you want to replace this copy by an improved version of the same package, you have to provide the option `-f` or `--force`.

Note that this command makes your package only available on your local system. If you want to publish your package so that it can be used by other CPM users, follow the instruction described next.

## 6.3 Testing a Package

Before publishing a package and make it available to other developers (see Section 6.4), it should be carefully checked and tested. For this purpose, CPM offers two commands:

```
> cypm check
```

This command checks the current package specification for consistency of the dependencies. All source code modules are compiled and their actual imports are examined. If there is some imported module which is not part of a package specified in the dependencies, an error is reported. If there is some package in the dependency specification which is not used, a warning is reported.

```
> cypm test
```

This tests the current package with CurryCheck, i.e., all modules are compiled and possible properties contained in the modules are tested with automatically generated test data. Moreover, one can also specify test suites. More details about these commands can be found in Section 10.

## 6.4 Publishing a Package

There are three things that need to be done to publish a package: make the package accessible somewhere, add the location to the package specification, and add the package specification to the central package index.

CPM supports ZIP (suffix “`.zip`”) or compressed TAR (suffix “`.tar.gz`”) files accessible over HTTP as well as Git repositories as package sources. You are free to choose one of those, but a publicly accessible Git repository is preferred. To add the location to the package specification, use the `source` key. For a HTTP source, use:

```
{  
  ...,
```

```

    "source": {
      "http": "http://example.com/package-1.0.3.zip"
    }
  }
}

```

For a Git source, you have to specify both the repository as well as the revision that represents the version:

```

{
  ...,
  "source": {
    "git": "git+ssh://git@github.com:john-doe/package.git",
    "tag": "v1.2.3"
  }
}

```

There is also a shorthand, `$version`, available to automatically use a tag consisting of the letter `v` followed by the current version number, as in the example above. Specifying `$version` as the tag and then tagging each version in the format `v1.2.3` is preferred, since it does not require changing the source location in the `package.json` file every time a new version is released. If one already has a repository with another tagging scheme, one can also place the string `$version$` in the tag, which will be automatically replaced by the current version number. Thus, the tag `"$version"` is equivalent to the tag `"v$version$"`.

After you have published the files for your new package version, you have to add the corresponding package specification to the central package index. This can be done with the `"cypm add"` command (see Section 6.2). If you have access to the Git repository containing the central package index, then you can push the modified version of this Git repository. Otherwise, send your package specification file to [packages@curry-lang.org](mailto:packages@curry-lang.org) in order to publish it.

## 7 The base Package

Every Curry distribution comes with some libraries to support basic operations, like list operations, actions to read and write files, etc. The most prominent library is the `Prelude` which is implicitly added to the import list of a Curry module. In order to manage different versions of these base libraries, there is a distinguished package `base` containing these libraries. Thus, one can include a dependency to a specific version of the `base` package in the `package.json` file, e.g.:

```
{
  ...,
  "dependencies": {
    "base": ">= 2.1.0, < 3.0.0",
    "html": ">= 2.0.0, < 2.2.0"
    "json": "~1.1.0"
  }
  ...
}
```

Each Curry system comes with a specific version of the `base` package. This version can be queried with the option `--base-version`, e.g.,

```
> pakcs --base-version
3.0.0
```

If CPM tries to install a package, it adds the condition that the version of package `base` must be identical to the `base` version of the compiler used by CPM. For instance, if `pakcs` is used by CPM (see Section 8 how to change the default compiler of CPM), the dependencies shown above are changed to

```
{
  ...,
  "dependencies": {
    "base": "= 3.0.0, >= 2.1.0, < 3.0.0",
    "html": ">= 2.0.0, < 2.2.0"
    "json": "~1.1.0"
  }
  ...
}
```

before resolving all constraints. Of course, in this case, the constraints are not solvable so that one has to choose another Curry compiler for this package.

## 8 Configuration

CPM can be configured via the `$HOME/.cpmrc` configuration file. The following list shows all configuration options and their default values.

`CURRY_BIN` The name of the executable of the Curry system used to compile and test packages. The default value is the binary of the Curry system which has been used to compile CPM.

`REPOSITORY_PATH` The path to the index of all packages. Default value: `$HOME/.cpm/index`.

`PACKAGE_INSTALL_PATH` The path to the global package cache. This is where all downloaded packages are stored. Default value: `$HOME/.cpm/packages`

`BIN_INSTALL_PATH` The path to the executables of packages. This is the location where the compiled executables of packages containing full applications are stored. Hence, in order to use such applications, one should have this path in the personal load path (environment variable `PATH`). Default value: `$HOME/.cpm/bin`

`APP_PACKAGE_PATH` The path to the package cache where packages are checked out if only their binaries are installed (see Section 5.4). Default value: `$HOME/.cpm/apps_Currysystem`.

`HOME_PACKAGE_PATH` The path to the meta-package which is used if you are outside another package (see Section 5.6). Default value: `$HOME/.cpm/Currysystem-homepackage`.

`PACKAGE_INDEX_URL` The URL of the central package index which is used by the `update` command to download the index of all repositories. Default value:

`https://cpm.curry-lang.org/PACKAGES/INDEX.tar.gz`

One can also provide more than one URL which are tried in sequential order until one index could be downloaded. In this case, the URLs should be separated by a vertical bar (“|”).

`PACKAGE_TARFILES_URL` The URL prefix to the directory containing the “tar” files of all packages. If a package  $p$  with version  $v$  is downloaded (via the `install` or `checkout` command), the source of the package is downloaded from this location as file  $p-v.tar.gz$ . Default value:

`https://cpm.curry-lang.org/PACKAGES/`

For instance, the package `cpm` with version `3.1.0` is downloaded from

`https://cpm.curry-lang.org/PACKAGES/cpm-3.1.0.tar.gz`

One can also provide more than one URL prefix which are tried in sequential order until the package could be downloaded from one of them. In this case, the URL prefixes should be separated by a vertical bar (“|”).

The CPM command

```
> cypm config
```

shows the current values of the configuration options.

Note that one write the option names also in lowercase or omit the underscores. For instance, one can write `currybin` instead of `CURRY_BIN`. Moreover, one can override the values of these configuration options by the CPM options `-d` or `--define`. For instance, to install the binary of the package `spicey` in the directory `$HOME/bin`, one can execute the command

```
> cypm --define bin_install_path=$HOME/bin install spicey
```



## 9 Some CPM Internals

CPM's central package index contains all package specification files. It is stored at a central server where the actual location is defined by CPM's configuration variable `PACKAGE_INDEX_URL`, see Section 8. When the command

```
> cypm update
```

is executed, a copy of this index is downloaded and stored on your local system in the directory `$HOME/.cpm/index`, unless you changed the location using the `REPOSITORY_PATH` setting. CPM uses the package index when searching for and installing packages and during dependency resolution. This index contains a directory for each package, which contain subdirectories for all versions of that package which in turn contain the package specification files. So the specification for version 1.0.5 of the `json` package would be located in `json/1.0.5/package.json`.

When a package is installed on the system, it is stored in the *global package cache*. By default, the global package cache is located in `$HOME/.cpm/packages`. When a package `foo`, stored in directory `foo`, depends on a package `bar`, a link to `bar`'s directory in the global package cache is added to `foo`'s local package cache when dependencies are resolved for `foo`. The *local package cache* is stored in `foo/.cpm/package_cache`. Whenever dependencies are resolved, package versions already in the local package cache are preferred over those from the central package index or the global package cache.

When a module inside a package is compiled, packages are first copied from the local package cache to the *run-time cache*, which is stored in `foo/.cpm/packages`. Ultimately, the Curry compiler only sees the package copies in the run-time cache, and never those from the local or global package caches.

## 10 Command Reference

This section gives a short description of all available CPM commands. In addition to the commands listed below, there are some global options which can be placed in front of the CPM command:

- `-d|--define option=value`: This option overrides the configuration options of CPM, see Section 8.
- `-v|--verbosity [info|debug]`: The default value is `info`. The value `debug` provides more output messages in order to see what CPM is doing.
- `-t|--time`: This option adds the elapsed time to every info or debug output line.

The available commands of CPM are:

`check` Checks the current package for consistency of the dependencies specified in the package specification. All source code modules are compiled and their actual imports are examined. If there is some imported module which is not part of a package specified in the dependencies, an error is reported. If there is some package in the dependency specification which is not used, a warning is reported. The option `--info` shows some more information, e.g., the complete list of all Curry source modules.

In addition to the interface checks, the static source code of all package modules are examined by CurryCheck in order to report unintended uses of some Curry functions, e.g., set functions or non-strict unification (`=:<=`). The latter checks can be suppressed by the option `--source`.

`config` Shows the current configuration of CPM (see also Section 8). The option `--all` shows also the names and version of the packages installed in the global package cache.

`info` Gives information on the current package, e.g. the package's name, author, synopsis and its dependency specifications.

`info package [--all]` Prints information on the newest known version (compatible to the current compiler) of the given package. The option `--all` shows more information.

`info package version [--all]` Prints basic information on the given package version. The option `--all` shows more information.

`list [--system] [--versions] [--csv]` List the names and synopses of all packages of the central package index. Unless the option `--versions` is set, only the newest version of a package is shown. The option `--system` restricts the list to those packages which are compatible with the current compiler (if it is explicitly specified in the package). The option `--versions` shows all versions of the packages. If a package is not compatible to the current compiler, then the package version is shown in brackets (e.g., "(1.5.4)"). The option `--csv` shows the information in CSV format.

`list --category [--csv]` List the category names together with the packages belonging to this category (see Section 11) of the central package index. The option `--csv` shows the information in CSV format.

`search [--module|--exec] query` Searches the names, synopses, and exported module names of all packages of the central package index for occurrences of the given search term. If the option `--module` is set, then the given name is searched in the list of exported modules. Thus, the package exporting the module `JSON.Data` can be found by the command

```
> cypm search --module JSON.Data
```

If the option `--exec` is set, then the search is restricted to the name of the executable provided by the package. For instance, the command

```
> cypm search --exec show
```

lists all packages where the name of the executable contains the string “`show`”.

`update` Updates the local copy of the central package index to the newest available version. This command also cleans the global package cache in order to support the download of fresh package versions. Note that this also removes local copies of packages installed by the command “`add --package`”. The option `--url` allows to specify a different URL for the central package index (might be useful for experimental purposes).

`install` Installs all dependencies of the current package. Furthermore, if the current package contains also executables for an application, the executables specified in the package are compiled and installed (unless the option `-n` or `--noexec` is set). With the option `-x` or `--exec`, the executables are installed without installing all dependencies again. This is useful to speed up the re-installation of a previously installed application. If a name is added to the option `-x` or `--exec`, e.g.,

```
> cypm install --exec compiler
```

then only the executable with this name is installed.

`install package [--pre]` Installs the application provided by the newest version (compatible to the current compiler) of a package. The binary of the application is installed into the directory `$HOME/.cpm/bin` (this location can be changed via the `$HOME/.cpmrc` configuration file or by the CPM option `--define`, see Section 8). `--pre` enables the installation of pre-release versions.

`install package version` Installs the application provided by a specific version of a package. The binary of the application is installed into the directory `$HOME/.cpm/bin` (this location can be changed via the `$HOME/.cpmrc` configuration file or by the CPM option `--define`, see Section 8).

`install package.zip` Installs a package from a ZIP file to the global package cache. The ZIP file must contain at least the package description file `package.json` and the directory `src` containing the Curry source files.

`uninstall` Uninstalls the executable installed for the current package.

`uninstall package` Uninstalls the executable and the cached copy of a package which has been installed by the `install` command.

`uninstall package version` Uninstalls a specific version of a package from the global package cache.

`checkout package [--pre]` Checks out the newest version (compatible to the current compiler) of a package into the local directory *package* in order to test its operations or install a binary of the package. `--pre` enables the installation of pre-release versions.

`checkout package version` Checks out a specific version of a package into the local directory *package* in order to test its operations or install a binary of the package..

`upgrade` Upgrades all dependencies of the current package to the newest compatible version.

`upgrade package` Upgrades a specific dependency of the current package and all its transitive dependencies to their newest compatible versions.

`deps` Does a dependency resolution run for the current package and prints the results. The result is either a list of all package versions chosen or a description of the conflict encountered during dependency resolution. In order to reduce the amount of information shown, only the first occurrence of a package is shown. If the option `--full` is given, then also repeated package dependencies are shown.

If the option `--path` is set, only the value of `CURRYPATH` required to load modules of this package is shown.

If the option `--language-server` is set, the full path containing all source directories is written into the file in the file `“.curry/language-server/paths.json”`. This file is used by the Curry Language Server<sup>10</sup> to find all imported modules of the current package when it is used in the VS Code source-code editor. When starting the Curry Language Server with VS Code, the language server invokes CPM with this option in order to set its import path.

For older version of the Curry Language Server, one can also use the option `--code` to set the full path of all source directories as property `curry.languageServer.importPaths` in the file `“.vscode/settings.json”` (which is updated if it already exists).

If the option `--graph` is provided, then the dependency graph is translated into a graph in GraphViz<sup>11</sup> format. With the option `--viewgraph`, the dependency graph is visualized with the command defined in the `dotviewcommand` field of the rc file of the Curry system (e.g., `/.paksrc` in case of PAKCS).

`test [--modules modules] [--compile]` Tests the current package with CurryCheck. If the package specification contains a definition of a test suite (entry `testsuite`, see Section 11), then the modules defined there are tested. If there is no test suite defined, the list of exported modules are tested, if they are explicitly specified (field `exportedModules` of the package specification), otherwise all modules in the directory `src` (including hierarchical modules stored in its sub-directories) are tested. Using the option `--modules`, one can also specify a comma-separated list of module names to be tested.

If the executable `curry-check` is not installed or the option `--compile` is provided, then the modules are only compiled and not tested. Hence, a package can be checked for compilation errors by the command

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<sup>10</sup><https://github.com/fwcd/curry-language-server>

<sup>11</sup><http://www.graphviz.org/>

```
cypm test --compile
```

**doc** Generates the documentation of the current package. The documentation consists of the API documentation (in HTML format) and the manual (if provided) in PDF format. The options `--programs` and `--text` forces to generate only the API documentation and the manual, respectively. Using the option `--docdir`, one can specify the target directory where the documentation should be stored. If this option is not provided, “`cdoc`” is used as the documentation directory. The actual documentation will be stored in the subdirectory *name-version* of the documentation directory.

The API documentation in HTML format is generated with CurryDoc. If the package specification contains a list of exported modules (see Section 11), then these modules are documented. Otherwise, the main module (if the package specification contains the entry `executable`, see Section 11) or all modules in the directory `src` (including hierarchical modules stored in its subdirectories) are documented. Using the option `--modules`, one can also specify a comma-separated list of module names to be documented.

In the default case, modules contained in packages used by the current package are not documented. Instead, it is assumed that these packages are already documented<sup>12</sup> so that links to these package documentations are generated. Using the option `--full`, one can generate also the documentation of packages used by the current package. This might be reasonable if one uses packages which are only locally installed.

The manual is generated only if the package specification contains a field `documentation` where the main file of the manual is specified (see Section 11 for more details).

**diff [version]** Compares the API and behavior of the current package to another version of the same package. If the version option is missing, the latest version of the current package found in the repository is used for comparison. If the options `--api-only` or `--behavior-only` are added, then only the API or the behavior are compared, respectively. In the default case, all modules commonly exported by both versions of the package are compared. Using the option `--modules`, one can restrict this comparison to a list of modules specified by a comma-separated list of module names.

As described in Section 6.1, CPM uses property tests to compare the behavior of different package versions. In order to avoid infinite loops during these tests, CPM analyzes the termination behavior of the involved operations. Using the operation `--unsafe`, CPM omits this program analysis but then you have to ensure that all operations are terminating (or you can annotate them by pragmas, see Section 6.1).

In the default case, CPM tests the contextual equivalence of operations (see Section 6.1). With the option `--ground`, the ground equivalence of operations is tested.

**exec command** Executes an arbitrary command with the `CURRYPATH` environment variable set to the paths of all dependencies of the current package. For example, it can be used to execute “`curry check`” or “`curry analyze`” with correct dependencies available.

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<sup>12</sup>See <https://cpm.curry-lang.org/DOC/> for the documentation of all packages. This default location can be changed with the option `--url`.

`curry args` Executes the Curry compiler with the dependencies of the current package available. Any arguments are passed verbatim to the compiler.

`link source` Can be used to replace a dependency of the current package using a local copy, see Section 5.7 for details.

`add --package dir [--force]` Copies the package contained in directory *dir* into the local copy of the central package index so that it can be used by other packages in the local environment (see Section 6.2 for details). The option “--force” allows to overwrite existing copies in the central package index.

`add --dependency package [--force]` Adds the package *package* as a new dependency. This command adds a dependency to the given package either in the package description file (`package.json`) of the current package or in the meta-package (see Section 5.6). The option “--force” allows to overwrite existing dependencies in the package description file.

`add package [--force]` Adds the package *package* as a new dependency and install the new dependencies. Thus, this abbreviates the two commands

```
cypm add package && cypm install
```

`clean [--dependencies]` Cleans the current package from the generated auxiliary files, e.g., intermediate Curry files, installed dependent packages, etc. Note that a binary installed in the CPM `bin` directory (by the `install` command) will not be removed. For instance, this command can be used to clean an application package after installing the application.

If the option `-d` or `--dependencies` is provided, then *all* dependencies in the package specification are removed. This might be reasonable in the “homepackage” to remove locally installed packages.

`new project` Creates a new project package with the given name and some template files in the directory *project*.

`init` Initializes a new project package in the current directory and puts some template files in this directory. The name of the new package is the same as the directory name.

`upload [--tag] [--nopublish] [--force] [--login name] [--password passwd]` Uploads the current package to the central package index managed by Masala.<sup>13</sup> Thus, one has to be registered to Masala (see Masala’s homepage for further information). Registration is free but only trusted users or the Masala administrator can publish the package so that it can be used by other developers via CPM (after updating their local copy of the central package index by “`cypm update`”). Uploading requires that the package has a public source location, e.g.,

```
{
  ...,
  "source": {
    "git": "https://github.com/curry-packages/....git",
    "tag": "$version"
  }
}
```

---

<sup>13</sup>See <https://cpm.curry-lang.org/masala/>

```
    }  
}
```

Thus, the uploaded package will be taken from this public source and **not from the local files**.

If the source location is a git repository with tag “`$version`” (as shown above) and the upload option `--tag` is set, the version tag will be automatically set in the local repository (and pushed to the remote repository, i.e., one should have write access to the remote repository). If the option `--tag` is not provided, the user will be asked whether the repository should be tagged (if it is a git repository).

Before uploading the package to Masala, the remote repository will be cloned and tested (by “`cypm test`”). If this is successful, the package specification of the repository will be added to the central package index (by a web service of the central package index) and then published (unless the option “`--nopublish`” is set or the user is not a trusted Masala user).

One can also use the options `--login` and `--password` to provide the login name and password of Masala at the command line. Otherwise, one will be asked for this information after the package has been successfully tested.

Users registered with administrator rights at Masala can also use the option “`--force`” to overwrite an existing version in the central package index.

## 11 Package Specification Reference

This section describes all metadata fields available in a CPM package specification. Mandatory fields are marked with a \* character.

**name\*** The name of the package. Must only contain ASCII letters, digits, hyphens and underscores. Must start with a letter.

**version\*** The version of the package. Must follow the format for semantic versioning version numbers.

**author\*** The package's author. This is a free-form field, the suggested format is either a name or a name followed by an email address in angle brackets, e.g.,

John Doe <john@doe.com>

Multiple authors can either be separated by commas or written as a list of strings.

**maintainer** The current maintainers of the package, if different from the original authors. This field allows the current maintainers to indicate the best person or persons to contact about the package while attributing the original authors.

The suggested format is similarly to the authors, i.e., a name followed by an email address in angle brackets, e.g.,

John Doe <john@doe.com>

Multiple maintainers can either be separated by commas or written as a list of strings.

**synopsis\*** A short form summary of the package's purpose. It should be kept as short as possible (ideally, less than 100 characters).

**description** A longer form description of what the package does.

**category** A list of keywords that characterize the main area where the package can be used, e.g., Data, Numeric, GUI, Web, etc.

**license** The license under which the package is distributed. This is a free-form field. In case of a well-known license such as the GNU General Public License<sup>14</sup>, the SPDX license identifier<sup>15</sup> should be specified. If a custom license is used, this field should be left blank in favor of the license file field.

**licenseFile** The name of a file in the root directory of the package containing explanations regarding the license of the package or the full text of the license. The suggested name for this file is LICENSE.

**copyright** Copyright information regarding the package.

**homepage** The package's web site. This field should contain a valid URL.

<sup>14</sup><https://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl-3.0.en.html>

<sup>15</sup><https://spdx.org/licenses/>



**bugReports** A place to report bugs found in the package. The suggested formats are either a valid URL to a bug tracker or an email address.

**repository** The location of a SCM repository containing the package's source code. Should be a valid URL to either a repository (e.g. a Git URL), or a website representing the repository.

**dependencies\*** The package's dependencies. This must be JSON object where the keys are package names and the values are version constraints. See Section 4 for more details.

**compilerCompatibility** The package's compatibility to different Curry compilers. Expects a JSON object where the keys are compiler names and the values are version constraints. Currently, the supported compiler names are `pkcs` and `kics2`. If this field is missing or contains an empty JSON object, the package is assumed to be compatible to all compilers in all versions.

The compiler compatibility of a package is also relevant when some version of a package should be examined or installed (with CPM commands `info`, `checkout`, `install`). If a newest package should be installed, i.e., no specific version number is provided, then only the newest version which is compatible to the current Curry compiler (see also Section 8 for configuration option `CURRY_BIN`) is considered. Similarly, the current package is executed (CPM commands `curry` and `test`) only if the current Curry compiler is compatible to this package.

**source** A JSON object specifying where the version of the package described in the specification can be obtained. See Section 6.4 for details.

**sourceDirs** A list of directories inside this package where the source code is located. When the package is compiled, these directories are put at the front of the Curry load path. If this field is not specified, `src` is used as the single source directory.

**exportedModules** A list of modules intended for use by consumers of the package. These are the modules compared by the `cypm diff` command (and tested by the `cypm test` command if a list of test modules is not provided). Note that modules not in this list are still accessible to consumers of the package.

**configModule** A module name into which some information about the package configuration (location of the package directory, name of the executable, see below) is written when the package is installed. This could be useful if the package needs some data files stored in this package during run time. For instance, a possible specification could be as follows:

```
{
  ...,
  "configModule": "CPM.PackageConfig",
  ...
}
```

In this case, the package configuration is written into the Curry file `src/CPM/PackageConfig.curry`.

**executable** A JSON object specifying the name of the executable and the main module if this package contains also an executable application. The name of the executable must be defined (with key `name`) whereas the name of the main module (key `main`) is optional. If the

latter is missing, CPM assumes that the main module is `Main`. Furthermore, the executable specification can also contain options for various Curry compilers. The options must be a JSON object consisting of compiler names as keys and an option string for the compiler. For instance, a possible specification could be as follows:

```
{
  ...,
  "executable": {
    "name": "cypm",
    "main": "CPM.Main",
    "options": { "kics2" : ":set rts -T" }
  }
}
```

If a package contains an `executable` specification, the command `cypm install` also compiles the main module and installs the executable in the `bin` install directory of CPM (see Section 8 for details).

**executables** It is also possible to specify more than one executable in package which will be installed by the command `cypm install`. In this case, one can use `executables` instead of `executable`. The value of `executables` is an array of JSON objects as used as `executable` values. For instance, a possible specification could be

```
{
  ...,
  "executables": [ {
    "name": "compiler",
    "main": "Compiler.Main"
  },
  {
    "name": "repl",
    "main": "REPL.Main"
  }
]
}
```

**testsuite** A JSON object specifying a test suite for this package. This object contains a directory (with key `src-dir`) in which the tests are executed. Furthermore, the test suite must also define a list of modules to be tested (with key `modules`). For instance, a possible test suite specification could be as follows:

```
{
  ...,
  "testsuite": {
    "src-dir": "test",
    "modules": [ "testDataConversion", "testIO" ]
  }
}
```

All these modules are tested with CurryCheck by the command `cypm test`. If no test suite is

defined, all (exported) modules are tested in the directory `src`. A test suite can also contain a field `options` which defines a string of options passed to the call to `CurryCheck`.

If a test suite contains a specific test script instead modules to be tested with `CurryCheck`, then one can specify the name of this test script in the field `script`. In this case, this script is executed in the test directory (with the possible `options` value added). The script should return the exit code 0 if the test is successful, otherwise a non-zero exit code. Note that one has to specify either a (non-empty) list of modules or a test script name in a test suite, but not both.

One can also specify several test suites for a package. In this case, the `testsuite` value is an array of JSON objects as described above. For instance, a test suite specification for tests in the directories `test` and `examples` could be as follows:

```
{
  ...,
  "testsuite": [
    { "src-dir": "test",
      "options": "-v",
      "script": "test.sh"
    },
    { "src-dir": "examples",
      "options": "-m80",
      "modules": [ "Nats", "Ints" ]
    }
  ]
}
```

**documentation** A JSON object specifying the name of the directory which contains the sources of the documentation (e.g., a manual) of the package, the main file of the documentation, and an optional command to generate the documentation. For instance, a possible specification could be as follows:

```
{
  ...,
  "documentation": {
    "src-dir": "docs",
    "main"    : "manual.tex",
    "command": "pdflatex -output-directory=OUTDIR manual.tex"
  }
  ...
}
```

In this case, the directory `docs` contains the sources of the manual and `manual.tex` is its main file which will be processed with the specified command. Occurrences of the string `OUTDIR` in the command string will be replaced by the actual documentation directory (see description of the command `cypm doc`). If the command is omitted, the following commands are used (and you have to ensure that these programs are installed):

- If the main file has the extension `.tex`, e.g., `manual.tex`, the command is

```
pdflatex -output-directory=OUTDIR manual.tex
```

and it will be executed twice.

- If the main file has the extension `.md`, e.g., `manual.md`, the command is

```
pandoc manual.md -o OUTDIR/manual.pdf
```

In order to get a compact overview over all metadata fields, we show an example of a package specification where all fields are used:

```
{
  "name": "PACKAGE_NAME",
  "version": "0.0.1",
  "author": "YOUR NAME <YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS>",
  "maintainer": [ "ANOTHER NAME <ANOTHER EMAIL ADDRESS>",
                  "FURTHER NAME <FURTHER EMAIL ADDRESS>" ],
  "synopsis": "A ONE-LINE SUMMARY ABOUT THE PACKAGE",
  "description": "A MORE DETAILED SUMMARY ABOUT THE PACKAGE",
  "category": [ "Category1", "Category2" ],
  "license": "BSD-3-Clause",
  "licenseFile": "LICENSE",
  "copyright": "COPYRIGHT INFORMATION",
  "homepage": "THE URL OF THE WEB SITE OF THE PACKAGE",
  "bugReports": "EMAIL OR BUG TRACKER URL FOR REPORTING BUGS",
  "repository": "THE (GIT) URL OF THE WEB SITE REPOSITORY",
  "dependencies": {
    "PACKAGE1" : ">= 0.0.1, < 1.5.0",
    "PACKAGE2" : "~1.2.3",
    "PACKAGE3" : ">= 2.1.4, < 3.0.0 || >= 4.0.0",
    "PACKAGE2" : "^2.1.3",
  },
  "compilerCompatibility": {
    "pakcs": ">= 1.14.0, < 2.0.0",
    "kics2": ">= 0.5.0, < 2.0.0"
  },
  "sourceDirs" : [ "src", "include" ],
  "exportedModules": [ "Module1", "Module2" ],
  "configModule": "ConfigPackage",
  "executable": {
    "name": "NAME_OF_BINARY",
    "main": "Main",
    "options": {
      "kics2" : ":set rts -T",
      "pakcs" : ":set printdepth 100"
    }
  },
  "testsuite": [
    { "src-dir": "src",
      "options": "-m80",
      "modules": [ "Module1", "Module2" ]
    }
  ]
}
```

```
    },
    { "src-dir": "examples",
      "options": "-v",
      "script" : "test.sh"
    }
  ],
  "documentation": {
    "src-dir": "docs",
    "main"    : "manual.tex",
    "command": "pdflatex -output-directory=OUTDIR manual.tex"
  },
  "source": {
    "git": "URL OF THE GIT REPOSITORY",
    "tag": "$version"
  }
}
```

## 12 Error Recovery

There might occur situations when your package or repository is in an inconsistent state, e.g., when you manually changed some internal files or such files have been inadvertently changed or deleted, or a package is broken due to an incomplete download. Since CPM checks these files, CPM might exit with an error message that something is wrong. In such cases, it might be a good idea to clean up your package file system. Here are some suggestions how to do this:

`cypm clean`

This command cleans the current package from generated auxiliary files (see Section 10). Then you can re-install the package and packages on which it depends by the command `cypm install`.

`rm -rf $HOME/.cpm/packages`

This cleans all packages which have been previously installed in the global package cache (see Section 9). Such an action might be reasonable in case of some download failure. After clearing the global package cache, all necessary packages are downloaded again when they are needed.

`rm -rf $HOME/.cpm/index`

This removes the central package index of CPM (see Section 9). You can simply re-install the newest version of this index by the command `cypm update`.

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