The PAL (Package Administration Layers) Model

First Informal Overview

High Level Layer – The Management Layer

Entities

I.P.M Independent Package Manager

Independent Ruby-Based Package Meta data Magnament Tool

Data Members

M.D.P.T - Meta Data Package Tree Xml-Based Data Structure

Layer Description

This is the higher level layer of the PAL model, it is the interface between the user and the package management system. In this layer the IPM is the most central feature ,due to this entity handles the information stored in the MDPT using a friendly user interface. The developer challenge is to provide a easy-to-understand and power full API (Application Programming Interface) that can make the software management task easy and fun.

Medium Level Layer – The Installation Layer

Entities

I.P.T Independent Package Translator

Independent C/C++Based Package Installing Tool

Layer Description

The medium Lever layer is the Layer that makes the package installation tasks, The central entity of this layer is the IPT and its main function is install the ("Smart Packages") provides by the building process in the subsequent L.L.L Low Level Layer, The IPT acts like a "translator", It provides a common interface between the H.L.L and the L.L.L, layers that in another way can't be comunicated. The IPT will be implemented like a daemon that will be "hearing" for requests from the user thorough the H.L.L, and at the same time it will send requests to the L.L.L to satisface the

Low Level Layer - The Building Layer

Entities

needs of the H.L.L.

P.P Package Provider

C/C++Based Raw Package Providing Tool

B.P.P Binary Package Builder

Ruby-Based Binary Package Building Tool

S.P.B Source Package Builder

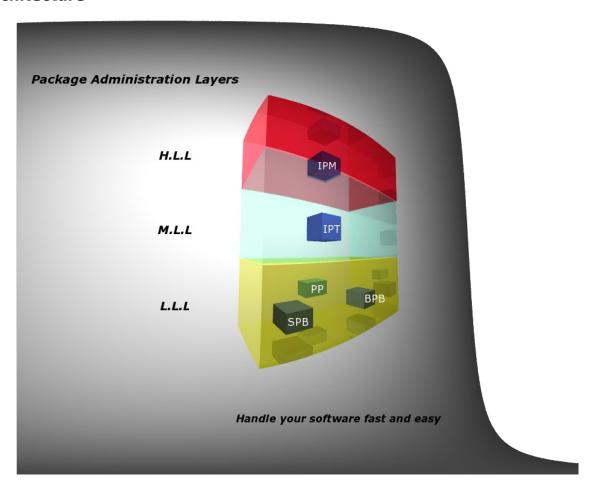
Ruby-Based Source Package Building Tool

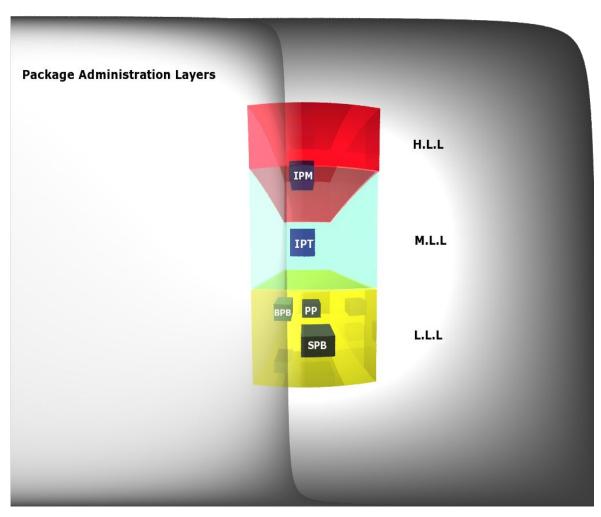
Layer Description

The Low Level Layer is one of the most important of this model, It's main functionality is the Package Building work,to perform this job the L.L.L layer has three entities each of them with a well defined function. First, on Top of the Layer is located the PP package provider, It's function of is to provide the data needed by the SPB and the BPB to perform it's work including here the source code and all the respective metadata to build the packages.

The other two entities are the SPB and the BPB and it's main function is build , pack and encapsulate the data provided by the P.P to provide to the M.L.L one type of (I.S.B.P) Independent Smart Binary Package that the M.L.L can handle

Pal Architecture





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