

# LLVM Testsuite Under The Hood

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# Who Am I and Who is Linaro?

- Who Am I?
  - Toolchain Engineer with core expertise in debug technologies
  - Contribution in GDB, LLDB and OpenOCD
  - Linaro's project lead for LLDB, Flang and Windows on Arm toolchain
  - LLVM release manager for Arm/AArch64 Linux/Windows
- Who is Linaro?
  - Linaro is a collaborative engineering organization
  - Leads collaboration on open-source software development for Arm
  - Contributes to Linux kernel, GNU/LLVM Toolchains and many more...
  - [www.linaro.org](http://www.linaro.org)

# Agenda for the Next 20 Minutes

- What and Why of LLVM Testsuite?
- LLVM Testsuite vs LLVM Project Tests: What is Different?
- Tools and Technology used by LLVM Testsuite
- LIT and CMake: How LLVM Testsuite Works?
- LLVM Test Suite Repository: A Peek Inside..
- Our Mission: LLVM Testsuite enablement for Windows

# What is LLVM Testsuite?

- The llvm-test-suite is hosted at <https://github.com/llvm/llvm-test-suite.git>
- Houses a variety of tests
  - Single/Multi source whole programs, real-world applications
  - Written in high-level languages like C, C++, Fortran or even in LLVM Bitcode
  - Benchmarks, Regression and Unit Tests
  - Supports importing external source code repositories
- These tests serve multiple purposes
  - Validate LLVM's correctness
  - Benchmark LLVM's performance
  - Exports performance results to visualize in LNT
  - Support various build configurations with different optimization levels



# Why segregate llvm-test-suite from llvm-project?

- Nature of Tests
  - llvm-project
    - Tests tightly coupled with LLVM source code
    - Conforming to LLVM license and coding standards
    - Primarily focused on correctness validation
      - Unit tests that test LLVM code
      - Regression tests that validates output
  - llvm-test-suite
    - Real-world programs
    - Generates a variety of performance metrics
    - Variety of licenses coding standards



# Why segregate llvm-test-suite from llvm-project?

- Clutter Reduction in *llvm-project*
  - Reduced Repository Size
  - Optimized Build and Test Times
  - Reduce maintenance burden
- Collaboration and Scalability in *llvm-test-suite*
  - Room for Expansion
    - Import of external code-bases
    - Easier integration of tools like perf
  - Licensing Flexibility
    - Can host GPL, MIT, Apache etc under one roof



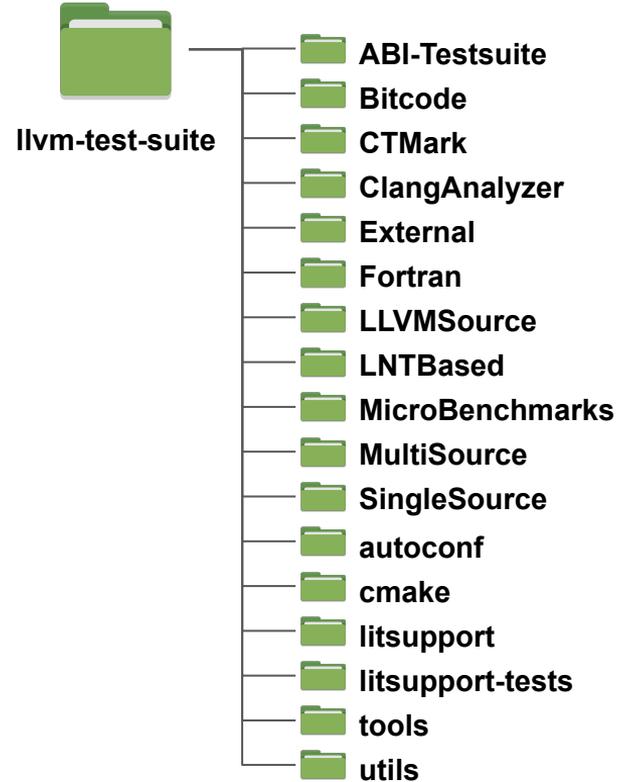
# Performance Metrics emitted by LLVM Testsuite

- Compilation correctness
- Code Size
- Compilation Speed
- Linking Speed
- Output Correctness
- Running Time
- Benchmark Score
- Performance Data for LNT server
- Generates Perf reports

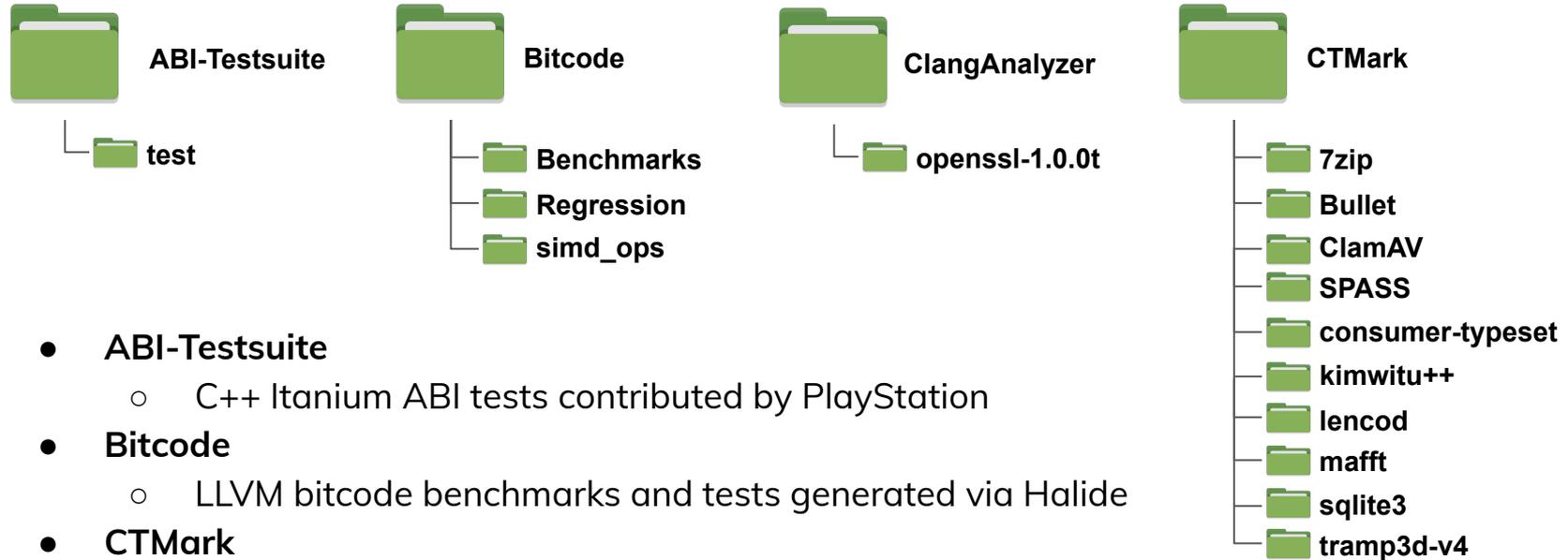


# LVM Test Suite Repository: A Peek Inside

- llvm-test-suite source tree



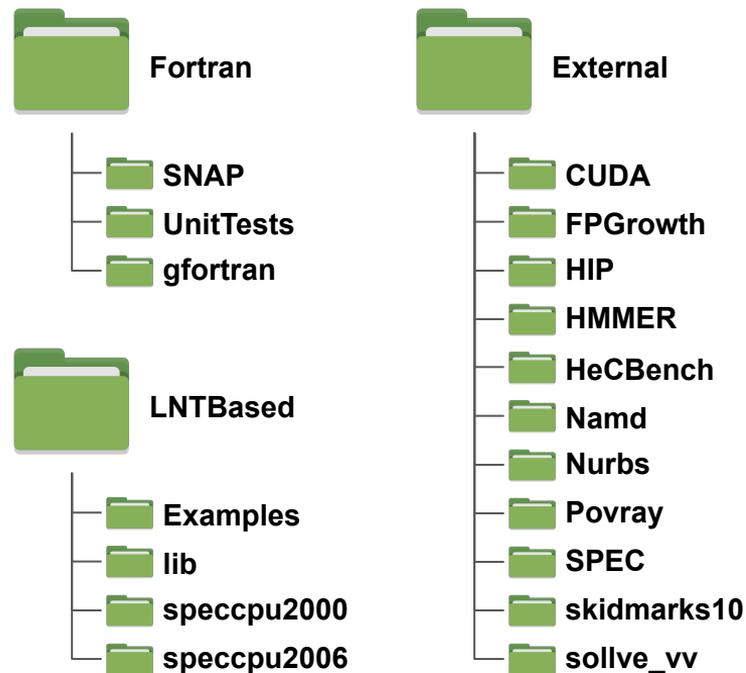
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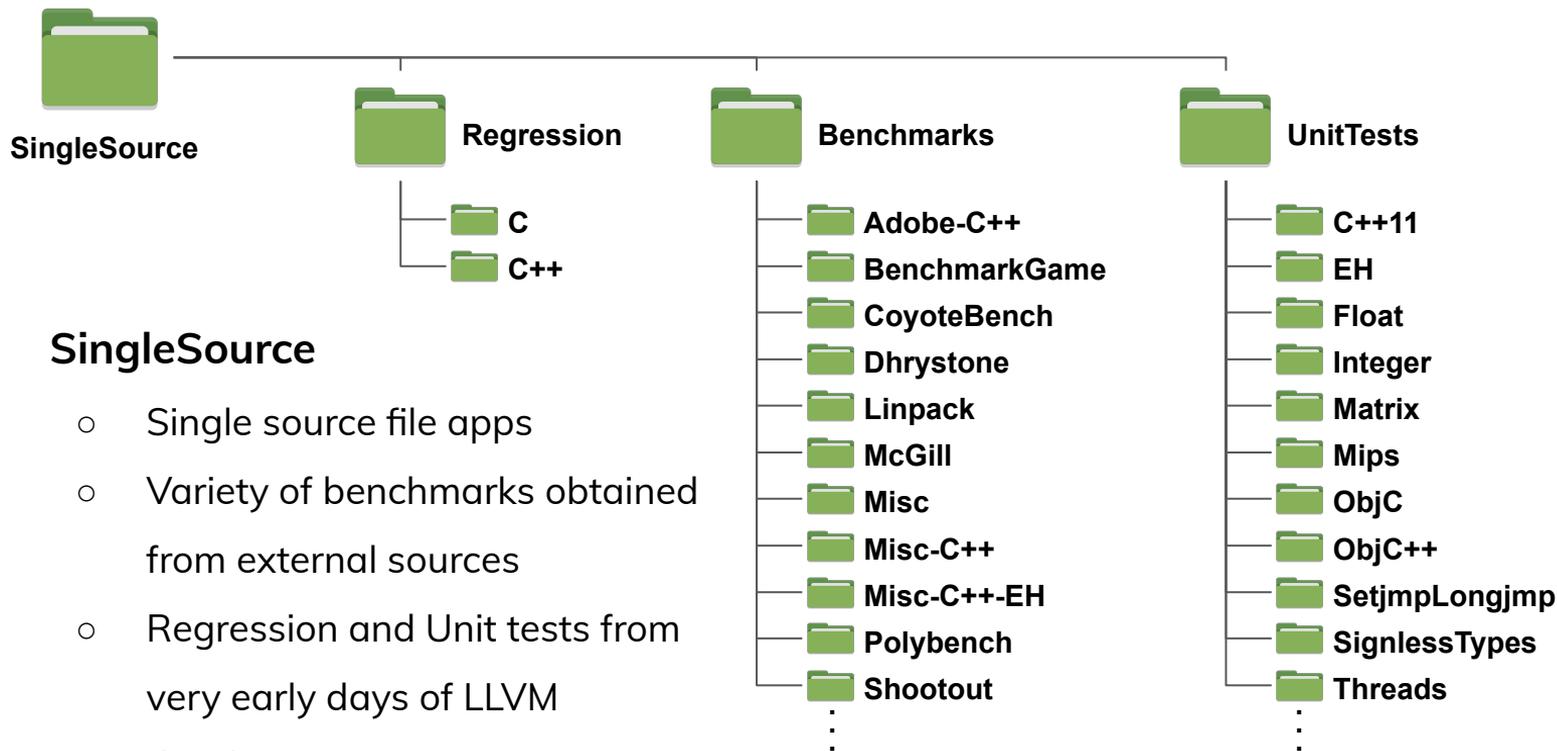
- **ABI-Testsuite**
  - C++ Itanium ABI tests contributed by PlayStation
- **Bitcode**
  - LLVM bitcode benchmarks and tests generated via Halide
- **CTMark**
  - Compile time tracking using long compile time applications
- **ClangAnalyzer**
  - Benchmark and test the clang static analyzer

# LLVM Test Suite Repository: A Peek Inside

- **Fortran**
  - Includes SNAP application gfortran, and NIST test suites.
- **LNTBased**
  - Tests written as LNT NT(nightly test) Python modules.
  - Return an LNT testing report based on user parameters.
- **External**
  - Provides configuration data to imports Benchmarks and tests from external source into LLVM Testsuite



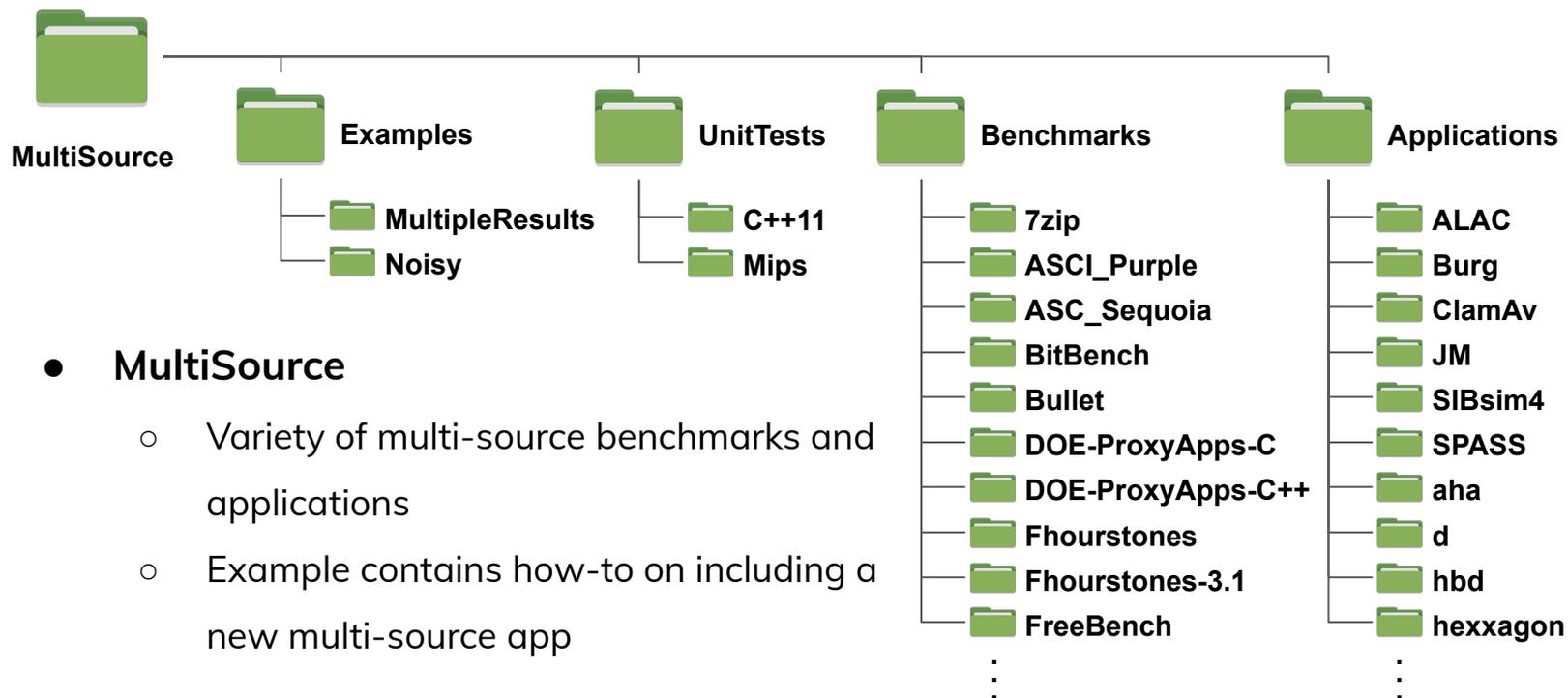
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- **SingleSource**

- Single source file apps
- Variety of benchmarks obtained from external sources
- Regression and Unit tests from very early days of LLVM development.

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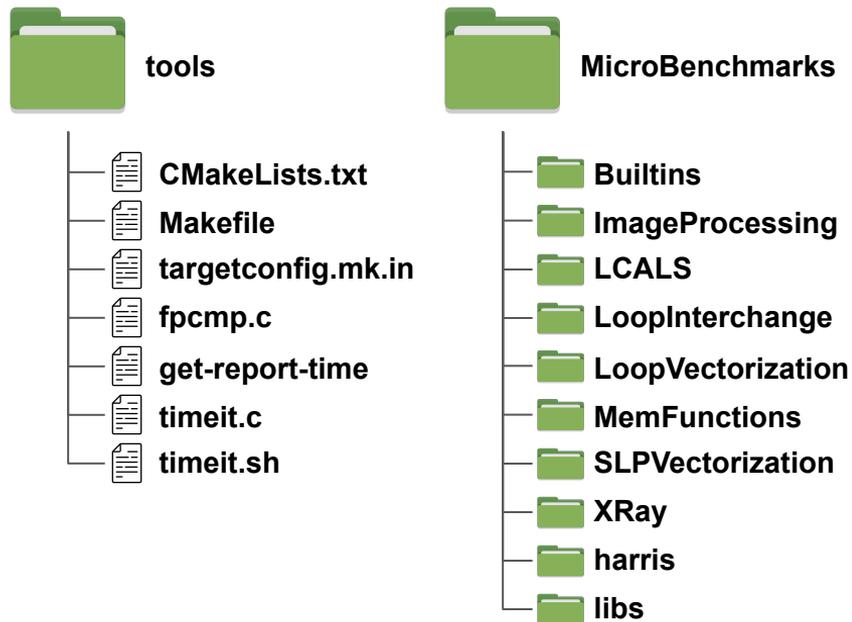
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- **Tools**

- **timeit** utility which forks compilation, linking and execution and calculates time
- **fpcmp** compares execution output against reference output for correctness validation.

- **MicroBenchmarks**

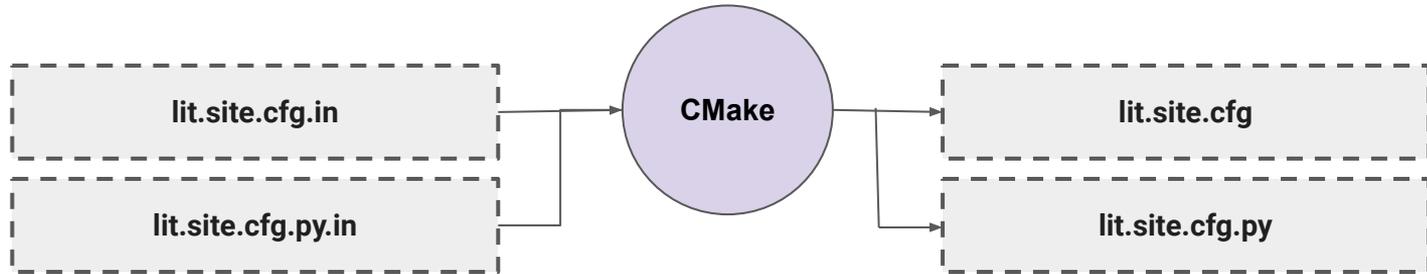
- Benchmarks based on google benchmark library



# Anatomy of basic CMake + LIT Testsuite

- Processing by CMake **lit.site.cfg.in** or **lit.site.cfg.py.in**
  - CMake fills placeholders based on the build environment
  - Helps out-of-tree test execution
- Invoke llvm-lit with a path to test folder or build directory
  - bin/llvm-lit [test or test suite path]
- LIT locates a valid **lit.site.cfg** or **lit.site.cfg.py**
  - Apply test suite configuration from lit.cfg or lit.cfg.py file.
  - Recursively searches for tests files and prepares a list of tests
- Runs tests based on **test\_format** found in configuration file
- Report tests results after running tests in the test directory

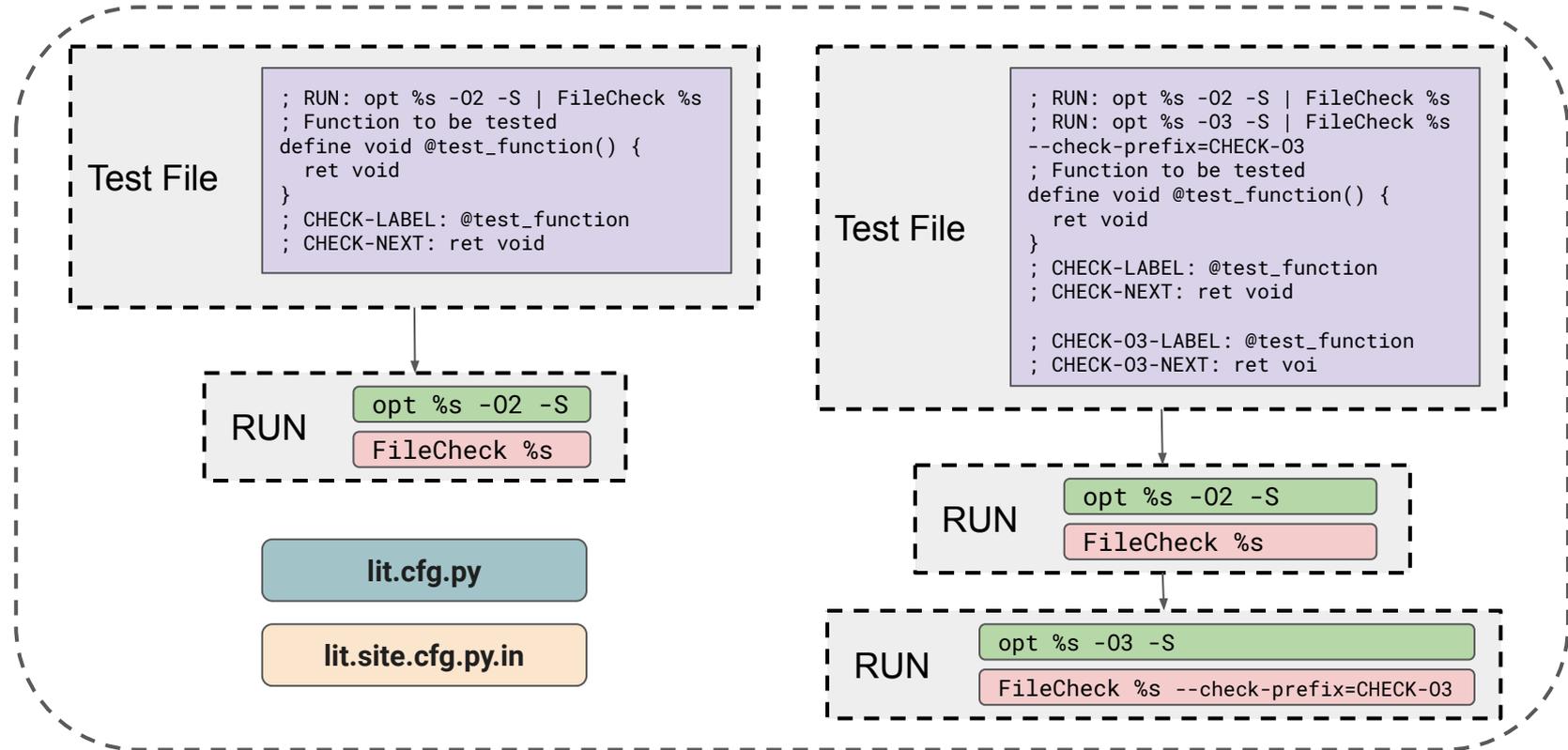
# Anatomy of basic CMake + LIT Testsuite



```
config.test_source_root = _directory
config.test_exec_root = _directory
config.remote_client = "@TEST_SUITE_REMOTE_CLIENT@"
config.remote_host = "@TEST_SUITE_REMOTE_HOST@"
config.run_under = "@TEST_SUITE_RUN_UNDER@"
config.user_mode_emulation =
@TEST_SUITE_USER_MODE_EMULATION@
config.strip_tool = "@CMAKE_STRIP@"
config.profile_generate = @TEST_SUITE_PROFILE_GENERATE@
config.llvm_profdata = "@TEST_SUITE_LLVM_PROFDATA@"
config.test_modules = "@LIT_MODULES@" .split(";")
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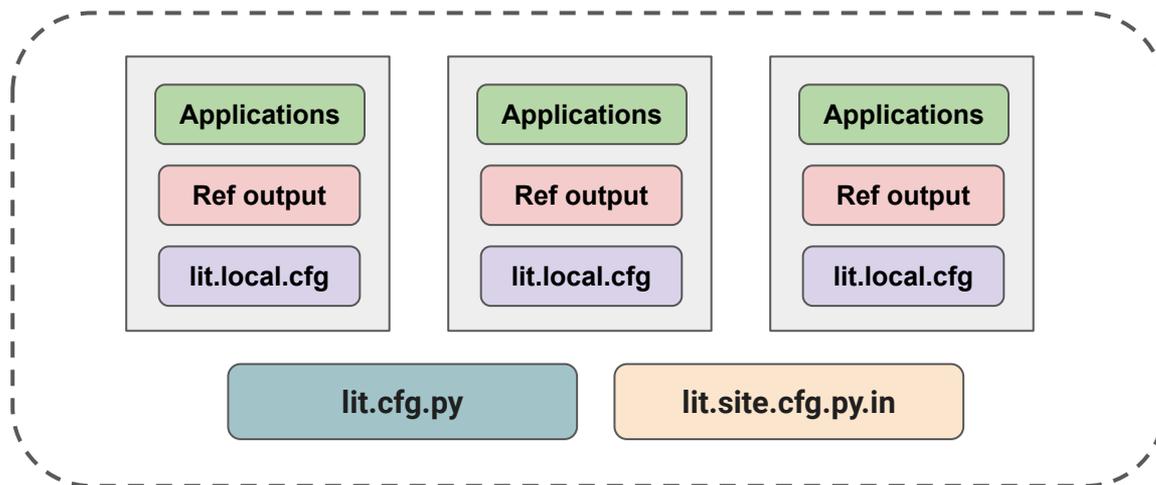
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config.test_source_root = _directory
config.test_exec_root = _directory
config.remote_client = "ssh"
config.remote_host = ""
config.run_under = ""
config.user_mode_emulation = False
config.strip_tool = "/usr/bin/strip"
config.profile_generate = False
config.llvm_profdata = ""
config.test_modules =
"run;hash;completetime;timeit".split(";")
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# Anatomy of basic CMake + LIT Testsuite



# LIT and CMake: How LLVM Testsuite Works?

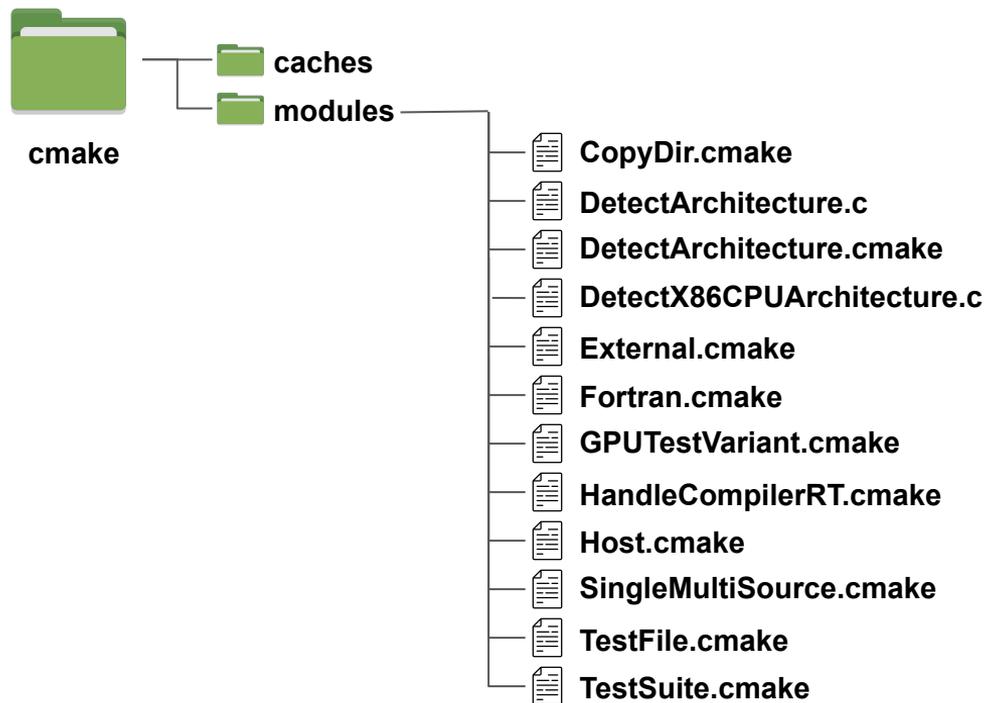
LLVM Testsuite source code before CMake invocation



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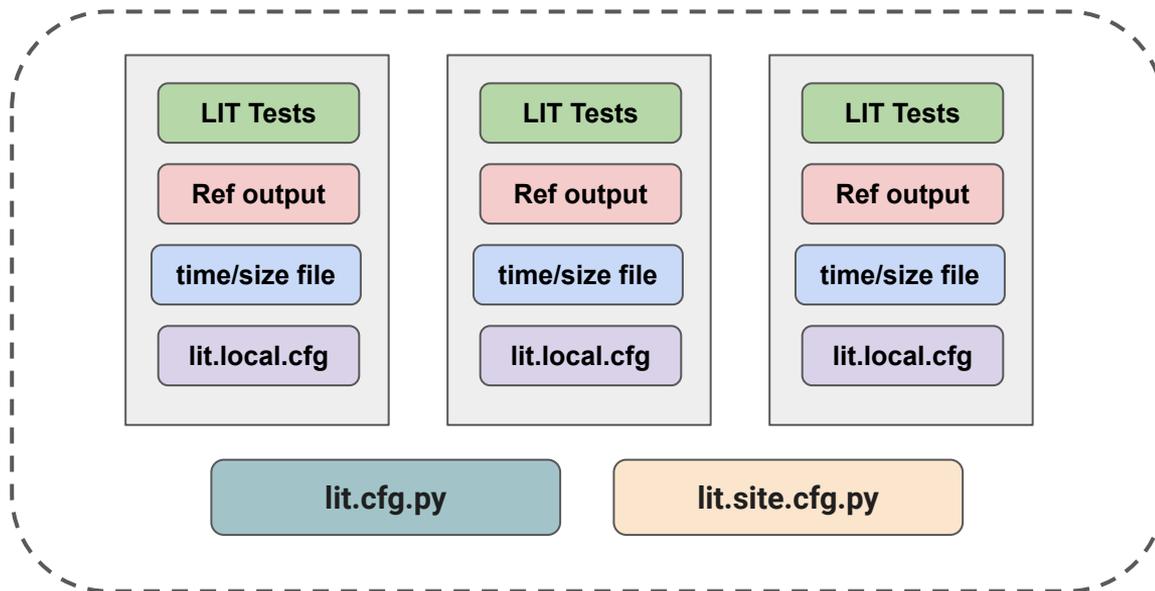
## cmake → modules

- Generates LIT test files for each application included in current build.
- Test files are created in build folder
- Symlinks are created in builds folder for reference output
- Wraps compilation and linking around **timeit** for time file generation
- Add build step for size file generation using `llvm-size`



# LIT and CMake: How LLVM Testsuite Works?

CMake generates LIT tests in build directory



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## LIT `config.test_format`

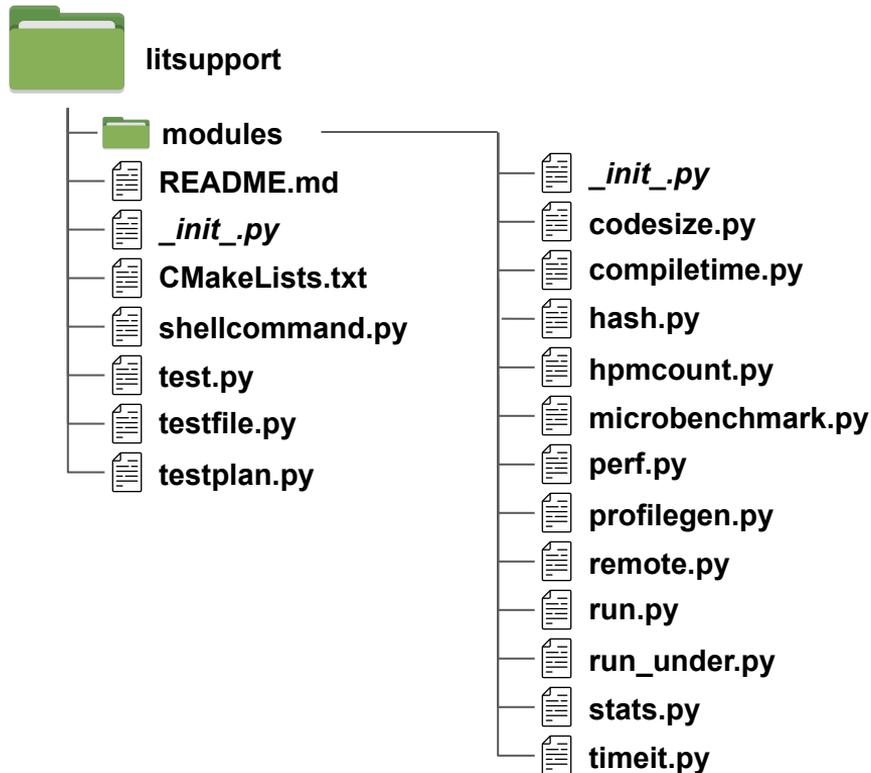
- Extend LIT functionality by introducing custom `test_format`

## `litsupport.test.TestSuiteTest()`

- Inherits from LIT builtin shell format

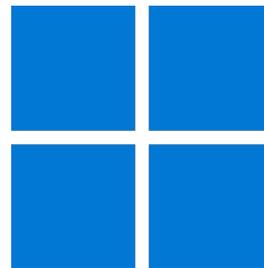
## `litsupport` and `litsupport` → `modules`

- Extend LIT functionality
- Executes tests under **timeit** or **perf**
- Generates time files



# LLVM Testsuite enablement for Windows

- Mission → Benchmark clang-cl and flang-new on windows
  - All tests should be able to compile
  - Generate performance metrics similar to Linux
  - LNT should be able to execute LLVM Testsuite on Windows
  - Integration with Windows Perf tools
- Steps in progress
  - Porting of timeit and fpcmp
  - Tweaking of CMake module to enable on Windows
  - Porting to TestSuite LIT test\_format to run on Windows
  - Porting of test various applications to support clang-cl and cl
- Future Goals
  - Expand test coverage and port more test applications
  - Integration with LNT
  - Integration with Windows Perf



# LLVM Testsuite enablement for Windows

- Questions?
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Thank you

