

**NAME**

ExtUtils::MM\_Any - Platform-agnostic MM methods

**SYNOPSIS**

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY!

```
package ExtUtils::MM_SomeOS;

# Temporarily, you have to subclass both. Put MM_Any first.
require ExtUtils::MM_Any;
require ExtUtils::MM_Unix;
@ISA = qw(ExtUtils::MM_Any ExtUtils::Unix);
```

**DESCRIPTION****FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY!**

ExtUtils::MM\_Any is a superclass for the ExtUtils::MM\_\* set of modules. It contains methods which are either inherently cross-platform or are written in a cross-platform manner.

Subclass off of ExtUtils::MM\_Any *and* ExtUtils::MM\_Unix. This is a temporary solution.

**THIS MAY BE TEMPORARY!****METHODS**

Any methods marked *Abstract* must be implemented by subclasses.

**Cross-platform helper methods**

These are methods which help writing cross-platform code.

**os\_flavor Abstract**

```
my @os_flavor = $mm->os_flavor;
```

@os\_flavor is the style of operating system this is, usually corresponding to the MM\_\*.pm file we're using.

The first element of @os\_flavor is the major family (ie. Unix, Windows, VMS, OS/2, etc...) and the rest are sub families.

Some examples:

```
Cygwin98      ('Unix', 'Cygwin', 'Cygwin9x')
Windows NT   ('Win32', 'WinNT')
Win98        ('Win32', 'Win9x')
Linux        ('Unix', 'Linux')
MacOS X      ('Unix', 'Darwin', 'MacOS', 'MacOS X')
OS/2         ('OS/2')
```

This is used to write code for styles of operating system. See os\_flavor\_is() for use.

**os\_flavor\_is**

```
my $is_this_flavor = $mm->os_flavor_is($this_flavor);
my $is_this_flavor = $mm->os_flavor_is(@one_of_these_flavors);
```

Checks to see if the current operating system is one of the given flavors.

This is useful for code like:

```
if( $mm->os_flavor_is('Unix') ) {
    $out = `foo 2>&1`;
}
else {
    $out = `foo`;
}
```

### split\_command

```
my @cmds = $MM->split_command($cmd, @args);
```

Most OS have a maximum command length they can execute at once. Large modules can easily generate commands well past that limit. Its necessary to split long commands up into a series of shorter commands.

`split_command` will return a series of `@cmds` each processing part of the args. Collectively they will process all the arguments. Each individual line in `@cmds` will not be longer than the `$self->max_exec_len` being careful to take into account macro expansion.

`$cmd` should include any switches and repeated initial arguments.

If no `@args` are given, no `@cmds` will be returned.

Pairs of arguments will always be preserved in a single command, this is a heuristic for things like `pm_to_blib` and `pod2man` which work on pairs of arguments. This makes things like this safe:

```
$self->split_command($cmd, %pod2man);
```

### echo

```
my @commands = $MM->echo($text);
my @commands = $MM->echo($text, $file);
my @commands = $MM->echo($text, $file, $appending);
```

Generates a set of `@commands` which print the `$text` to a `$file`.

If `$file` is not given, output goes to STDOUT.

If `$appending` is true the `$file` will be appended to rather than overwritten.

### wraplist

```
my $args = $mm->wraplist(@list);
```

Takes an array of items and turns them into a well-formatted list of arguments. In most cases this is simply something like:

```
FOO \  
BAR \  
BAZ
```

### cd Abstract

```
my $subdir_cmd = $MM->cd($subdir, @cmds);
```

This will generate a make fragment which runs the `@cmds` in the given `$dir`. The rough equivalent to this, except cross platform.

```
cd $subdir && $cmd
```

Currently `$dir` can only go down one level. "foo" is fine. "foo/bar" is not. "../foo" is right out.

The resulting `$subdir_cmd` has no leading tab nor trailing newline. This makes it easier to embed in a make string. For example.

```
my $make = sprintf <<'CODE', $subdir_cmd;
foo :
$(ECHO) what
%s
$(ECHO) mouche
CODE
```

### oneliner Abstract

```
my $oneliner = $MM->oneliner($perl_code);
my $oneliner = $MM->oneliner($perl_code, \@switches);
```

This will generate a perl one-liner safe for the particular platform you're on based on the given `$perl_code` and `@switches` (a -e is assumed) suitable for using in a make target. It will use the proper shell quoting and escapes.

`$(PERLRUN)` will be used as perl.

Any newlines in `$perl_code` will be escaped. Leading and trailing newlines will be stripped. Makes this idiom much easier:

```
my $code = $MM->oneliner(<<'CODE', [...switches...]);
some code here
another line here
CODE
```

Usage might be something like:

```
# an echo emulation
$oneliner = $MM->oneliner('print "Foo\n"');
$make = '$oneliner > somefile';
```

All dollar signs must be doubled in the `$perl_code` if you expect them to be interpreted normally, otherwise it will be considered a make macro. Also remember to quote make macros else it might be used as a bareword. For example:

```
# Assign the value of the $(VERSION_FROM) make macro to $vf.
$oneliner = $MM->oneliner('$vf = "$(VERSION_FROM)");
```

Its currently very simple and may be expanded sometime in the future to include more flexible code and switches.

### quote\_literal Abstract

```
my $safe_text = $MM->quote_literal($text);
```

This will quote `$text` so it is interpreted literally in the shell.

For example, on Unix this would escape any single-quotes in `$text` and put single-quotes around the whole thing.

**escape\_newlines Abstract**

```
my $escaped_text = $MM->escape_newlines($text);
```

Shell escapes newlines in \$text.

**max\_exec\_len Abstract**

```
my $max_exec_len = $MM->max_exec_len;
```

Calculates the maximum command size the OS can exec. Effectively, this is the max size of a shell command line.

**Targets**

These are methods which produce make targets.

**all\_target**

Generate the default target 'all'.

**blibdirs\_target**

```
my $make_frag = $mm->blibdirs_target;
```

Creates the blibdirs target which creates all the directories we use in blib/.

The blibdirs.ts target is deprecated. Depend on blibdirs instead.

**clean (o)**

Defines the clean target.

**clean\_subdirs\_target**

```
my $make_frag = $MM->clean_subdirs_target;
```

Returns the clean\_subdirs target. This is used by the clean target to call clean on any subdirectories which contain Makefiles.

**dir\_target**

```
my $make_frag = $mm->dir_target(@directories);
```

Generates targets to create the specified directories and set its permission to 0755.

Because depending on a directory to just ensure it exists doesn't work too well (the modified time changes too often) `dir_target()` creates a `.exists` file in the created directory. It is this you should depend on. For portability purposes you should use the `$(DIRFILESEP)` macro rather than a `/` to separate the directory from the file.

```
yourdirectory$(DIRFILESEP).exists
```

**distdir**

Defines the scratch directory target that will hold the distribution before tar-ing (or shar-ing).

**dist\_test**

Defines a target that produces the distribution in the scratchdirectory, and runs 'perl Makefile.PL; make ;make test' in that subdirectory.

**dynamic (o)**

Defines the dynamic target.

**makemakerdflt\_target**

```
my $make_frag = $mm->makemakerdflt_target
```

Returns a make fragment with the makemakerdflt\_target specified. This target is the first target in the Makefile, is the default target and simply points off to 'all' just in case any make variant gets confused or something gets snuck in before the real 'all' target.

**manifypods\_target**

```
my $manifypods_target = $self->manifypods_target;
```

Generates the manifypods target. This target generates man pages from all POD files in MAN1PODS and MAN3PODS.

**metafile\_target**

```
my $target = $mm->metafile_target;
```

Generate the metafile target.

Writes the file META.yml YAML encoded meta-data about the module in the distdir. The format follows Module::Build's as closely as possible. Additionally, we include:

```
version_from
installdirs
```

**distmeta\_target**

```
my $make_frag = $mm->distmeta_target;
```

Generates the distmeta target to add META.yml to the MANIFEST in the distdir.

**realclean (o)**

Defines the realclean target.

**realclean\_subdirs\_target**

```
my $make_frag = $MM->realclean_subdirs_target;
```

Returns the realclean\_subdirs target. This is used by the realclean target to call realclean on any subdirectories which contain Makefiles.

**signature\_target**

```
my $target = $mm->signature_target;
```

Generate the signature target.

Writes the file SIGNATURE with "cpansign -s".

**distsignature\_target**

```
my $make_frag = $mm->distsignature_target;
```

Generates the distsignature target to add SIGNATURE to the MANIFEST in the distdir.

## special\_targets

```
my $make_frag = $mm->special_targets
```

Returns a make fragment containing any targets which have special meaning to make. For example, .SUFFIXES and .PHONY.

## Init methods

Methods which help initialize the MakeMaker object and macros.

### init\_INST

```
$mm->init_INST;
```

Called by `init_main`. Sets up all `INST_*` variables except those related to XS code. Those are handled in `init_xs`.

### init\_INSTALL

```
$mm->init_INSTALL;
```

Called by `init_main`. Sets up all `INSTALL_*` variables (except `INSTALLDIRS`) and `*PREFIX`.

### init\_INSTALL\_from\_PREFIX

```
$mm->init_INSTALL_from_PREFIX;
```

### init\_from\_INSTALLBASE

```
$mm->init_from_INSTALLBASE
```

### init\_VERSION Abstract

```
$mm->init_VERSION
```

Initialize macros representing versions of MakeMaker and other tools

MAKEMAKER: path to the MakeMaker module.

MM\_VERSION: ExtUtils::MakeMaker Version

MM\_REVISION: ExtUtils::MakeMaker version control revision (for backwards compat)

VERSION: version of your module

VERSION\_MACRO: which macro represents the version (usually 'VERSION')

VERSION\_SYM: like version but safe for use as an RCS revision number

DEFINE\_VERSION: -D line to set the module version when compiling

XS\_VERSION: version in your .xs file. Defaults to `$(VERSION)`

XS\_VERSION\_MACRO: which macro represents the XS version.

XS\_DEFINE\_VERSION: -D line to set the xs version when compiling.

Called by `init_main`.

### init\_others Abstract

```
$MM->init_others();
```

Initializes the macro definitions used by `tools_other()` and places them in the `$MM` object.

If there is no description, its the same as the parameter to `WriteMakefile()` documented in `ExtUtils::MakeMaker`.

Defines at least these macros.

Macro	Description
NOOP	Do nothing
NOECHO	Tell make not to display the command itself
MAKEFILE	
FIRST_MAKEFILE	
MAKEFILE_OLD	
MAKE_APERL_FILE	File used by MAKE_APERL
SHELL	Program used to run shell commands
ECHO	Print text adding a newline on the end
RM_F	Remove a file
RM_RF	Remove a directory
TOUCH	Update a file's timestamp
TEST_F	Test for a file's existence
CP	Copy a file
MV	Move a file
CHMOD	Change permissions on a file
UMASK_NULL	Nullify umask
DEV_NULL	Supress all command output

### init\_DIRFILESEP Abstract

```
$MM->init_DIRFILESEP;
my $dirfilesep = $MM->{DIRFILESEP};
```

Initializes the `DIRFILESEP` macro which is the seperator between the directory and filename in a filepath. ie. / on Unix, \ on Win32 and nothing on VMS.

For example:

```
# instead of $(INST_ARCHAUTODIR)/extralibs.ld
$(INST_ARCHAUTODIR)$ (DIRFILESEP)extralibs.ld
```

Something of a hack but it prevents a lot of code duplication between `MM_*` variants.

Do not use this as a seperator between directories. Some operating systems use different seperators between subdirectories as between directories and filenames (for example: `VOLUME:[dir1.dir2]file` on VMS).

### init\_linker Abstract

```
$mm->init_linker;
```

Initialize macros which have to do with linking.

PERL\_ARCHIVE: path to libperl.a equivalent to be linked to dynamic extensions.

PERL\_ARCHIVE\_AFTER: path to a library which should be put on the linker command line *after* the external libraries to be linked to dynamic extensions. This may be needed if the linker is one-pass, and Perl includes some overrides for C RTL functions, such as malloc().

EXPORT\_LIST: name of a file that is passed to linker to define symbols to be exported.

Some OSes do not need these in which case leave it blank.

### init\_platform

```
$mm->init_platform
```

Initialize any macros which are for platform specific use only.

A typical one is the version number of your OS specific module. (ie. MM\_Unix\_VERSION or MM\_VMS\_VERSION).

### Tools

A grab bag of methods to generate specific macros and commands.

### manifypods

Defines targets and routines to translate the pods into manpages and put them into the INST\_\* directories.

### POD2MAN\_macro

```
my $pod2man_macro = $self->POD2MAN_macro
```

Returns a definition for the POD2MAN macro. This is a program which emulates the pod2man utility. You can add more switches to the command by simply appending them on the macro.

Typical usage:

```
$(POD2MAN) --section=3 --perm_rw=$(PERM_RW) podfile1 man_page1 ...
```

### test\_via\_harness

```
my $command = $mm->test_via_harness($perl, $tests);
```

Returns a \$command line which runs the given set of \$tests with Test::Harness and the given \$perl.

Used on the t/\*.t files.

### test\_via\_script

```
my $command = $mm->test_via_script($perl, $script);
```

Returns a \$command line which just runs a single test without Test::Harness. No checks are done on the results, they're just printed.

Used for test.pl, since they don't always follow Test::Harness formatting.

### tool\_autosplit

Defines a simple perl call that runs autosplit. May be deprecated by pm\_to\_blib soon.

### File::Spec wrappers

ExtUtils::MM\_Any is a subclass of File::Spec. The methods noted here override File::Spec.

**catfile**

File::Spec <= 0.83 has a bug where the file part of catfile is not canonicalized. This override fixes that bug.

**Misc**

Methods I can't really figure out where they should go yet.

**find\_tests**

```
my $test = $mm->find_tests;
```

Returns a string suitable for feeding to the shell to return all tests in t/\*.t.

**extra\_clean\_files**

```
my @files_to_clean = $MM->extra_clean_files;
```

Returns a list of OS specific files to be removed in the clean target in addition to the usual set.

**installvars**

```
my @installvars = $mm->installvars;
```

A list of all the INSTALL\* variables without the INSTALL prefix. Useful for iteration or building related variable sets.

**libscan**

```
my $wanted = $self->libscan($path);
```

Takes a path to a file or dir and returns an empty string if we don't want to include this file in the library. Otherwise it returns the the \$path unchanged.

Mainly used to exclude version control administrative directories from installation.

**platform\_constants**

```
my $make_frag = $mm->platform_constants
```

Returns a make fragment defining all the macros initialized in init\_platform() rather than put them in constants().

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