Maven cheat sheet

Getting started with Maven

Create Java project

```
mvn archetype:generate
-DgroupId=org.yourcompany.project
-DartifactId=application
```

Create web project

```
mvn archetype:generate
-DgroupId=org.yourcompany.project
-DartifactId=application
-DarchetypeArtifactId=maven-archetype-webapp
```

Create archetype from existing project

```
mvn archetype:create-from-project
```

Main phases

clean — delete target directory
validate — validate, if the project is correct
compile — compile source code, classes stored in target/classes
test — run tests
package — take the compiled code and package it in its distributable format, e.g. JAR, WAR
verify — run any checks to verify the package is valid and meets quality criteria
install — install the package into the local repository
deploy — copies the final package to the remote repository

Useful command line options

-DskipTests=true compiles the tests, but skips running them

-Dmaven.test.skip=true skips compiling the tests and does not run them

-T - number of threads:
-T 4 is a decent default
-T 2C - 2 threads per CPU

-rf, --resume-from resume build from the specified project

-pl, --projects makes Maven build only specified modules and not the whole project

-am, --also-make makes Maven figure out what modules out target depends on and build them too

-o, --offline work offline

-X, --debug enable debug output

-P, --activate-profiles comma-delimited list of profiles to activate

-U, --update-snapshots forces a check for updated dependencies on remote repositories

-ff, --fail-fast stop at first failure

Essential plugins

Help plugin — used to get relative information about a project or the system.
mvn help:describe describes the attributes of a plugin
mvn help:effective-pom displays the effective POM as an XML for the current build, with the active profiles factored in.

Dependency plugin — provides the capability to manipulate artifacts.
mvn dependency:analyze analyzes the dependencies of this project
mvn dependency:tree prints a tree of dependencies

Compiler plugin — compiles your java code.
Set language level with the following configuration:

```
<plugin>
 <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
 <artifactId>maven-compiler-plugin</
  artifactId>
 <version>3.6.1</version>
 <configuration>
   <source>1.8</source>
   <target>1.8</target>
 </configuration>
</plugin>
```

Version plugin — used when you want to manage the versions of artifacts in a project's POM.

Wrapper plugin — an easy way to ensure a user of your Maven build has everything that is necessary.

Spring Boot plugin — compiles your Spring Boot app, build an executable fat jar.

Exec — amazing general purpose plugin, can run arbitrary commands :)

The big picture