

# THE RACKET PACKAGE SYSTEM

*Planet 5.0 and Beyond!*



*.oO I want to write a program to simulate my  
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```
% emacs magitek.rkt
```





*.oO Now I need to share my package...*



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```
% scp magitek.rkt server:public-html/
```



**Terra wrote:** Please try my program at:  
<http://terra.com/magitek.rkt>

```
% scp magitek.rkt server:public-html/
```





*.oO I should expand my simulation to include the treasure house.*



*.oO I should expand my simulation to include the treasure house.*

```
% mkdir narshe
```



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```
% mv magitek.rkt narshe/magitek.rkt  
% mkdir narshe
```



*.oO I should expand my simulation to include the treasure house.*

```
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf.rkt  
% mv magitek.rkt narshe/magitek.rkt  
% mkdir narshe
```



*.oO I should expand my simulation to include the treasure house.*

```
% scp -r narshe server:public-html/  
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf.rkt  
% mv magitek.rkt narshe/magitek.rkt  
% mkdir narshe
```



**Terra wrote:** Please try my program at:  
<http://terra.com/narshe>

```
% scp -r narshe server:public-html/  
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf.rkt  
% mv magitek.rkt narshe/magitek.rkt  
% mkdir narshe
```





*.oO Ah, I messed up the first time... let me fix that*



*.oO Ah, I messed up the first time... let me fix that*

```
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf
```



*.oO Ah, I messed up the first time... let me fix that*

```
% scp -r narshe server:public-html/  
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf
```



**Terra wrote:** Please re-download my program at:  
<http://terra.com/narshe>

```
% scp -r narshe server:public-html/  
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf
```





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```
% raco pkg install http://terra.com/narshe
```



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```
% ....
```

```
% raco pkg install http://terra.com/narshe
```



**Banon:** Did you know you can install as a package to get updates without having to remember what to download?

```
% raco pkg update
```

```
% ....
```

```
% raco pkg install http://terra.com/narshe
```





*.oO I'd like to analyze the sound from Narshe.*



*.oO I'd like to analyze the sound from Narshe.*

```
% dd if=/dev/dsp of=narshe/soundtrack.wav
```



*.oO I'd like to analyze the sound from Narshe.*

```
% emacs narshe/music.rkt
```

```
% dd if=/dev/dsp of=narshe/soundtrack.wav
```



*.oO I'd like to analyze the sound from Narshe.*

```
% zip -r narshe.zip narshe
```

```
% emacs narshe/music.rkt
```

```
% dd if=/dev/dsp of=narshe/soundtrack.wav
```



*.oO I'd like to analyze the sound from Narshe.*

```
% scp narshe.zip server:public-html/  
% zip -r narshe.zip narshe  
% emacs narshe/music.rkt  
% dd if=/dev/dsp of=narshe/soundtrack.wav
```





**Terra wrote:** I just updated my package! The new source is...

```
% raco pkg update http://terra.com/narshe.zip
```





*.oO I found a way to improve the Lone Wolf scenario.*



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```
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf.rkt
```



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```
% zip -r narshe.zip narshe  
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf.rkt
```



*.oO I found a way to improve the Lone Wolf scenario.*

```
% scp narshe.zip server:public-html/  
% zip -r narshe.zip narshe  
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf.rkt
```





**Terra wrote:** I updated the package, you may want to update!



**Celes:** Um, I try to check for updates regularly and it's annoying that it always downloads the whole ZIP file and it is never different.



**Racket Developer:** You should be using a checksum file for that.



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```
% md5sum narshe.zip > narshe.zip.CHECKSUM
```



**Racket Developer:** You should be using a checksum file for that.

```
% scp narshe.zip.CHECKSUM server:public-html/  
% md5sum narshe.zip > narshe.zip.CHECKSUM
```





*.oO I found ANOTHER way to improve everything.*



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```
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf.rkt
```



*.oO I found ANOTHER way to improve everything.*

```
% md5sum narshe.zip > narshe.zip.CHECKSUM  
% zip -r narshe.zip narshe  
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf.rkt
```



*.oO I found ANOTHER way to improve everything.*

```
% scp narshe.zip narshe.zip.CHECKSUM  
    server:public-html/  
% md5sum narshe.zip > narshe.zip.CHECKSUM  
% zip -r narshe.zip narshe  
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf.rkt
```



**Terra wrote:** Please run 'raco pkg update' if you want the new version.

```
% scp narshe.zip narshe.zip.CHECKSUM  
    server:public-html/  
% md5sum narshe.zip > narshe.zip.CHECKSUM  
% zip -r narshe.zip narshe  
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf.rkt
```





**Terra:** Why is it so inconvenient to update my package?



**Racket Developer:** It's because you're not using Github.



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```
% git push  
% ....  
% git init  
% cd narshe
```



**Terra wrote:** Thanks, now you should use a new source:

```
% raco pkg update git://github.com/terra/narshe  
% git push  
% ....  
% git init  
% cd narshe
```





*.oO Is it much easier to update now?*



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```
% git push
```

```
% emacs narshe/music.rkt
```



*.oO That was awesome!*

```
% git push
```

```
% emacs narshe/music.rkt
```



Terra wrote: I just did an update everyone!

```
% git push
```

```
% emacs narshe/music.rkt
```





**Racket Developer:** Please stop spamming the mailing list when your package changes, just put it on the catalog and people can read the RSS feed.



.oO *That's great!*



*.oO That's great!*

```
% raco pkg catalog-upload narshe  
  git://github.com/terra/narshe
```



Terra wrote: Now you can use:

```
% raco pkg update narshe  
% raco pkg catalog-upload narshe  
   git://github.com/terra/narshe
```





*.oO Let's make a change...*



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```
% git push
```

```
% emacs narshe/music.rkt
```





*.oO I'll go to the next stage of the simulation*



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```
% emacs returners/banon.rkt  
    (require narshe/magitek)  
% mkdir returners
```



*.oO I'll go to the next stage of the simulation*

```
% racket returners/banon.rkt  
  ERROR  
% emacs returners/banon.rkt  
  (require narshe/magitek)  
% mkdir returners
```



*.oO I'll go to the next stage of the simulation*

```
% raco pkg install --link narshe  
% racket returners/banon.rkt  
  ERROR  
% emacs returners/banon.rkt  
  (require narshe/magitek)  
% mkdir returners
```





*.oO Now I need to distribute Returners*



*.oO Now I need to distribute Returners*

```
% raco pkg catalog-upload ....  
% git push  
% ....  
% git init  
% cd returners
```





**Cyan:** I tried to install Returners and it died because narshe/magitek wasn't found.



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```
% emacs returners/info.rkt  
  #lang info  
  (define deps '("narshe"))
```





*.oO I should really be using tm-halts from Racket  
v6*



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v6*

```
% emacs narshe/lone-wolf.rkt  
.... tm-halts? ....
```





Edgar: Um, I can't use this in Racket v5.9



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```
% git push
```

```
% git branch narshe-for-v5.9
```

```
% git checkout master^
```



Edgar: Um, I can't use this in Racket v5.9

```
% raco pkg catalog-version narshe 5.9  
    git://github.com/terra/narshe#narshe-for-v5.9  
% git push  
% git branch narshe-for-v5.9  
% git checkout master^
```





**Gau:** Um, when I check this out on my machine into 'narshe-for-v5.9', then it is messed up because I can't require 'narshe/magitek'.



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```
% emacs narshe/info.rkt  
  #lang info  
  (define collection "narshe")
```



Racket Developer: Internal linking is bad!

```
% emacs narshe/info.rkt  
  #lang info  
  (define collection "narshe")
```





*.oO I have a new feature to include about Locke*



*.oO I have a new feature to include about Locke*

```
% emacs narshe/locke.rkt
```



*.oO I have a new feature to include about Locke*

```
% emacs returners/jidoor.rkt  
  (require narshe/locke)  
% emacs narshe/locke.rkt
```



**Locke:** I just installed returners on my machine that already has narshe and it was broken because narshe/locke isn't there!

```
% emacs returners/jidoor.rkt  
  (require narshe/locke)  
% emacs narshe/locke.rkt
```



**Racket Developer:** You should use version 1.0 if this is the stable interface and version 2.0 if you meant to use version 1.0 before.

```
% emacs returners/jidoor.rkt  
  (require narshe/locke)  
% emacs narshe/locke.rkt
```



**Racket Developer:** You should use version 1.0 if this is the stable interface and version 2.0 if you meant to use version 1.0 before.

```
% emacs narshe/info.rkt  
  (define version "2.0")  
% emacs returners/jidoor.rkt  
  (require narshe/locke)  
% emacs narshe/locke.rkt
```



**Racket Developer:** You should use version 1.0 if this is the stable interface and version 2.0 if you meant to use version 1.0 before.

```
% emacs returners/info.rkt
  (define deps '("narshe" #:version "2.0"))
% emacs narshe/info.rkt
  (define version "2.0")
% emacs returners/jidoor.rkt
  (require narshe/locke)
% emacs narshe/locke.rkt
```





**Leo:** How do I get version 0.0 of narshe after it has gone? I loved that version even though it didn't last long.



**Racket Developer:** This question does not make sense.



*.oO I should play the music rather than analyze it.*



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```
% emacs narshe/music-player.rkt  
  (match (system-type) .... dynamic-require ...)
```



*.oO I should play the music rather than analyze it.*

```
% emacs narshe/info.rkt
  (define deps
    '(("openal" #:platform macosx)
      ("directaudio" #:platform windows)
      ("libsndfile" #:platform unix)))
% emacs narshe/music-player.rkt
  (match (system-type) .... dynamic-require ...)
```





*.oO Gee, maybe I should write some documentation.*



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```
% emacs narshe/narshe.scrbl
```



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```
% emacs narshe/info.rkt  
  (define scribblings '(("narshe.scrbl")))  
% emacs narshe/narshe.scrbl
```



**Ghost:** Um, raco setup dies when I install your package because scribble isn't on my EC2 instance.

```
% emacs narshe/info.rkt  
  (define scriblings '(("narshe.scribl")))  
% emacs narshe/narshe.scribl
```



**Ghost:** Um, raco setup dies when I install your package because scribble isn't on my EC2 instance.

```
% emacs narshe/info.rkt
  (define deps .... "scribble-lib" ....)
% emacs narshe/info.rkt
  (define scriblings '(("narshe.scrbl")))
% emacs narshe/narshe.scrbl
```



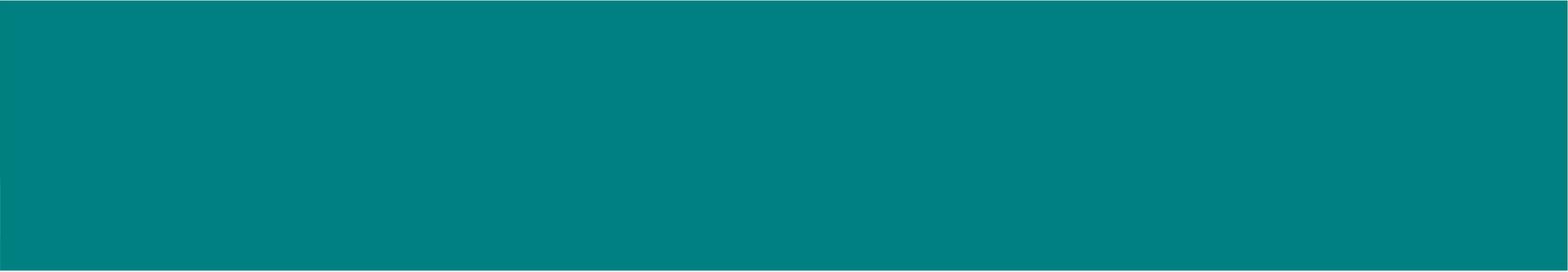
**Ghost:** Um, I don't /want/ to install scribble to run your package.

```
% emacs narshe/info.rkt
  (define deps .... "scribble-lib" ....)
% emacs narshe/info.rkt
  (define scribblings '(("narshe.scrbl")))
% emacs narshe/narshe.scrbl
```



**Ghost:** Um, I don't /want/ to install scribble to run your package.

```
% emacs narshe/info.rkt
  (define build-deps '("scribble-lib"))
% emacs narshe/info.rkt
  (define deps .... "scribble-lib" ....)
% emacs narshe/info.rkt
  (define scriblings '(("narshe.scribble")))
% emacs narshe/narshe.scribble
```





**Terra:** How do you install it at all without building it?



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```
% raco pkg export-pkg --binary narshe
```





**Gogo:** I do the same thing for my students, but I want them to have the code too, so I use a built package and just download it from the server.



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```
% wget http://.../built/v6.0/narshe.zip
```





**Terra:** I'd really like to run 'raco play  
soundtrack.wav'



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soundtrack.wav'

```
% emacs narshe/raco.rkt
```



Terra: I'd really like to run 'raco play soundtrack.wav'

```
% emacs narshe/info.rkt  
  (define raco-commands ....)  
% emacs narshe/raco.rkt
```



**Mog:** I installed your package and 'raco play'  
doesn't work like you say it does.

```
% emacs narshe/info.rkt  
  (define raco-commands ....)  
% emacs narshe/raco.rkt
```



**Mog:** I installed your package and 'raco play' doesn't work like you say it does.

```
% emacs narshe/info.rkt  
  (define setup-collects ....)  
% emacs narshe/info.rkt  
  (define raco-commands ....)  
% emacs narshe/raco.rkt
```





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```
% mkdir music-player
```



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```
% mkdir music-player/music  
% mkdir music-player
```



**Mog:** This music player stuff is cool, but why do I need this Narshe stuff?

```
% mv narshe/music-player.rkt  
    music-player/music/music-player.rkt  
% mkdir music-player/music  
% mkdir music-player
```



**Mog:** This music player stuff is cool, but why do I need this Narshe stuff?

```
% mkdir music-player/narshe
% mv narshe/music-player.rkt
   music-player/music/music-player.rkt
% mkdir music-player/music
% mkdir music-player
```





```
% emacs music-player/narshe/music-player.rkt
```



```
% emacs music-player/info.rkt  
  (define collection 'multi)  
  (define raco-commands ....)  
% emacs music-player/narshe/music-player.rkt
```



```
% raco play ....
```

```
ERROR
```

```
% emacs music-player/info.rkt
```

```
(define collection 'multi)
```

```
(define raco-commands ....)
```

```
% emacs music-player/narshe/music-player.rkt
```



```
% emacs music-player/narshe /info.rkt  
  (define raco-commands ....)  
% raco play ....  
  ERROR  
% emacs music-player/info.rkt  
  (define collection 'multi)  
  (define raco-commands ....)  
% emacs music-player/narshe/music-player.rkt
```



```
% emacs narshe /info.rkt
  (define deps ....)
% emacs music-player/narshe /info.rkt
  (define raco-commands ....)
% raco play ....
  ERROR
% emacs music-player/info.rkt
  (define collection 'multi)
  (define raco-commands ....)
% emacs music-player/narshe/music-player.rkt
```





**ReIm:** Um, when I compile my program that built on narshe/music-player, I get a warning from raco setup.



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```
% emacs narshe /info.rkt  
  (define implies ....)
```





**Mash:** Here's a patch that makes it faster by using the GPU!



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```
% curl ... | git am
```



**Mash:** Here's a patch that makes it faster by using the GPU!

```
% cat music-player/data/gpu-vector.rkt  
% curl ... | git am
```



**Setzer:** Um, I can't install music-player and general-gpu

```
% cat music-player/data/gpu-vector.rkt  
% curl ... | git am
```



**Racket Developer:** There's a conflict. I think we should talk about it.

```
% cat music-player/data/gpu-vector.rkt  
% curl ... | git am
```



**Racket Developer:** There's a conflict. I think we should talk about it.

```
% rm music-player/data/gpu-vector.rkt  
% cat music-player/data/gpu-vector.rkt  
% curl ... | git am
```



Terra: Isn't this backwards incompatible?

```
% rm music-player/data/gpu-vector.rkt  
% cat music-player/data/gpu-vector.rkt  
% curl ... | git am
```





*.oO I have a new implementation idea...*



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`% emacs narshe/*`



**Shadow:** Ah, everything is broken!!

```
% emacs narshe/*
```



**Racket Developer:** This is a different package, you should name it different.

```
% emacs narshe/*
```



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```
% git branch narshe-v1  
% git checkout master^  
% emacs narshe/*
```



**Racket Developer:** This is a different package, you should name it different.

```
% raco pkg catalog-source narshe  
    git://github.com/terra/narshe#narshe-v1  
% git branch narshe-v1  
% git checkout master^  
% emacs narshe/*
```



**Racket Developer:** This is a different package, you should name it different.

```
% raco pkg catalog-upload narshe2  
    git://github.com/terra/narshe  
% raco pkg catalog-source narshe  
    git://github.com/terra/narshe#narshe-v1  
% git branch narshe-v1  
% git checkout master^  
% emacs narshe/*
```





**Strago:** I'd like to run all the versions at the same time for my Narshian simulation simulation environment



**Racket Developer:** Yes, it is possible to deprecate completely, but we generally want to allow all old versions.



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```
% emacs narshe/info.rkt  
  (define collection "narshe2")
```





**Umaro:** I need to make sure I get everything install exactly right on my deployment.



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```
% raco pkg export-installed > narshe.com.pkgs
```



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```
% scp narshe.com.pkgs server:
```

```
% raco pkg export-installed > narshe.com.pkgs
```



**Umaro:** I need to make sure I get everything install exactly right on my deployment.

```
% raco pkg import-installed < narshe.com.pkgs  
% scp narshe.com.pkgs server:  
% raco pkg export-installed > narshe.com.pkgs
```





**Umaro:** It takes too long to run import-installed, because it installs everything and I'm worried that this Zip-backed package won't have old versions.



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```
% raco pkg export-pkgs --binary narshe.com.zip  
  pkg ...
```



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```
% scp narshe.com.zip server:
```

```
% raco pkg export-pkgs --binary narshe.com.zip  
  pkg ...
```



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```
% raco pkg import-pkgs narshe.com.zip  
% scp narshe.com.zip server:  
% raco pkg export-pkgs --binary narshe.com.zip  
  pkg ...
```

Thank You!



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- Dependencies are vanilla, versioned, and platformed.
- Dependency violations are warnings, not errors.

# A Good Package...

- uses a neutral name.
- is on Github\*.
- has an explicit name or is 'multi.
- is listed officially and does not conflict with anything.

# A Better Package...

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- updates the catalog when dependencies on Racket versions are added.
- has informative tags and description in catalog.

# A Best Package...

- includes documentation and tests.
- is a 'multi package.
- specifies a license and uses a problem tracker.
- has a responsive author.

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- You can communicate with different groups by sharing sources and making your own catalog.

# Model of a System

- The same computer may contain many users of Racket and many installations of Racket.
- Packages can be arbitrarily shared or not shared between any combination of these through installation names and scopes.

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