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A new build system for GStreamer?

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Why change build systems?

- performance problems

- unpleasant syntax, hard to debug

- Autotools without a native package manager is painful

- xdg-app means that embedding is the future even on Linux

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Meson in a nutshell

- Fast, easy to write, reliable
- Support all platforms: Win, OSX, Linux, iOS etc
- comply with distro packaging requirements
- system checks like with autoconf

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Wrap dependency system

- Like Cerbero/jhbuild but inside the build system

- embed Meson subprojects in a sandbox

- "internal pkg-config" for dependencies

- transparent switching between internal and external dependencies

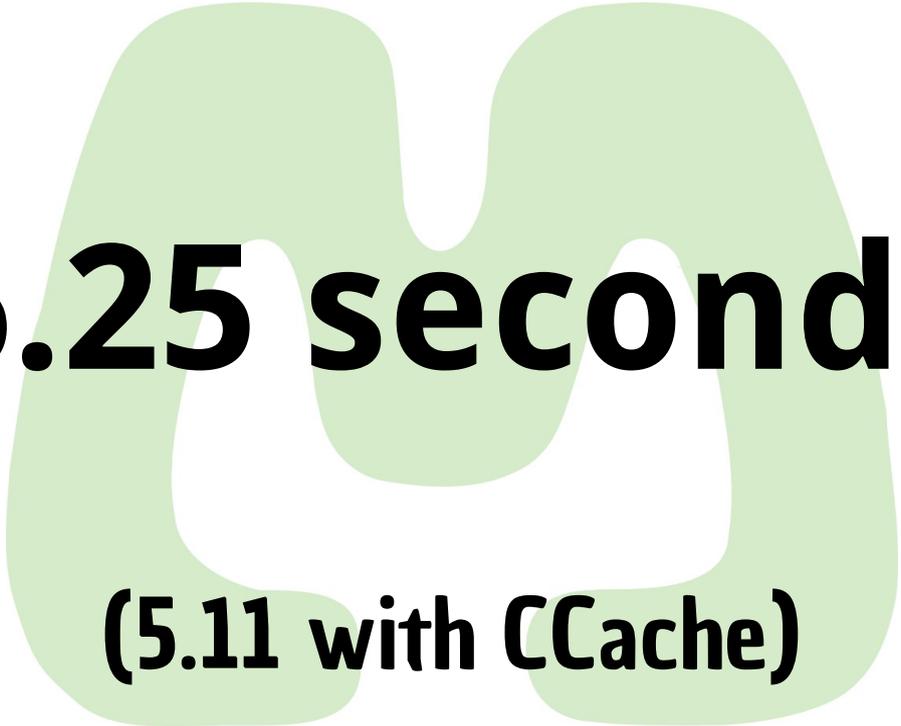- online wrapdb for dependencies

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GST build experiment

- port GST base to Meson

- cooperation with core devs

- compiles on Linux, OSX, MinGW

- 1116 lines of code vs 3395 for Autotools

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GST build time on ARM board

- Autotools
  - conf: 3m 4s
  - build: 5m 21s
  - no change: 7s
  - one change: 1m 19s

- Meson
  - conf: 12s
  - build: 5m 14s
  - no change: 0.15s
  - one change: 27s

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Build time on Tim's machine

6.25 seconds

(5.11 with CCache)

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