

A Deep Dive into the Mill Scala Build Tool

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About Myself

Been using Scala since 2012

Work on the Databricks Developer Platform

Lots of Scala OSS work: Scala.js, Mill, Ammonite, uPickle, Fastparse, ...

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Why Care About Mill

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Gradle is such garbage. I can't count the number of times our ex-Gradler has said "you're not going to like the answer..." - Hacker News

SBT's bizarre abstraction and unreadable syntax is a huge, frustrating obstacle to adopting Scala - Reddit

I only have good things to say about Mill, except maybe that I wish it had been released 10 years earlier or so :) - Reddit

The developer experience is so delightful compared to the other build system in the JVM land. And the task model seems just right - Hacker News

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2. Getting Started with Mill
3. Mill Fundamentals
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1.1 Build Tools As Pure Functional Programs

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def make_tiramisu(eggs, sugar1, wine, cheese, cream, fingers, espresso, sugar2, cocoa):  
    beat_eggs = beat(eggs)  
    mixture = beat(beat_eggs, sugar1, wine)  
    whisked = whisk(mixture)  
    beat_cheese = beat(cheese)  
    cheese_mixture = beat(whisked, beat_cheese)  
    whipped_cream = whip(cream)  
    folded_mixture = fold(cheese_mixture, whipped_cream)  
    sweet_espresso = dissolve(sugar2, espresso)  
    wet_fingers = soak2seconds(fingers, sweet_espresso)  
    assembled = assemble(folded_mixture, wet_fingers)  
    complete = sift(assembled, cocoa)  
    ready_tiramisu = refrigerate(complete)  
    return ready_tiramisu
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                        ),  
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                    ),  
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            ),  
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2 Getting Started with Mill

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2.1 Single Scala Module

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object foo extends RootModule with ScalaModule {
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```
// src/Foo.scala
package foo
import scalatags.Text.all._
import mainargs.{main, ParserForMethods}

object Foo {
  def generateHtml(text: String) = h1(text).toString

  @main
  def main(text: String) =
    println(generateHtml(text))

  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit =
    ParserForMethods(this).runOrExit(args)
}
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```
> ./mill resolve _
assembly
...
clean
...
compile
...
run
...
show
...
inspect
...
```

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```
> ./mill inspect compile
compile(ScalaModule.scala:212)
  Compiles the current module to
  generate compiled classfiles.
```

Inputs:

```
scalaVersion
upstreamCompileOutput
allSourceFiles
compileClasspath
```

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...
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<h1>hello</h1>

> ./mill test
...
+ foo.FooTests.simple ... <h1>hello</h1>
+ foo.FooTests.escaping ...
<h1>&lt;hello&gt;</h1>
```

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```
> ./mill assembly
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```
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```
".../out/assembly.dest/out.jar"
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> java -jar out/assembly.dest/out.jar --text hello
```

```
<h1>hello</h1>
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```

sources	mill.T[Seq[PathRef]]
sourceJar	mill.T[PathRef]
millSourcePath	Path
allSourceFiles	mill.T[Seq[PathRef]]
generatedSources	mill.T[Seq[PathRef]]
allSources	mill.T[Seq[PathRef]]
docSources	mill.T[Seq[PathRef]]
compileResources	mill.T[Seq[PathRef]]
docResources	mill.T[Seq[PathRef]]
resources	mill.T[Seq[PathRef]]

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```
mill.scalalib.ScalaModule
override def allSourceFiles: T[Seq[PathRef]]
```

All individual source files fed into the Zinc compiler.

 mill-scalalib_2.13-0.11.0-30-e5dea9.jar ⋮

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> ./mill show lineCount
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```
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```
> ./mill inspect lineCount
```

```
lineCount(build.sc:7)
```

```
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```

```
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```
// src/Foo.scala
package foo

object Foo{
  def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
    val lineCount = scala.io.Source
      .fromResource("line-count.txt")
      .mkString

    println(s"Line Count: $lineCount")
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> ./mill run
...
Line Count: 19
```

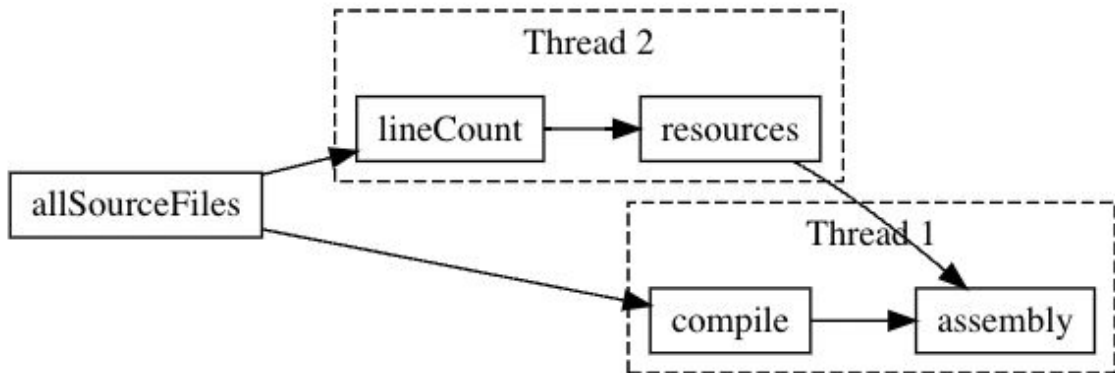
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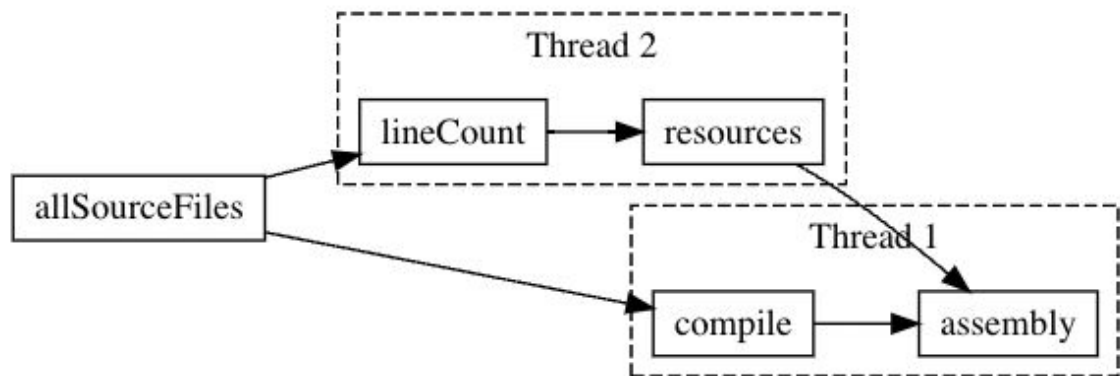


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```
  def main = {
    > ./mill show lineCount
    val 19
```

```
  }
  > ./mill inspect lineCount
  pri lineCount(build.sc:7)
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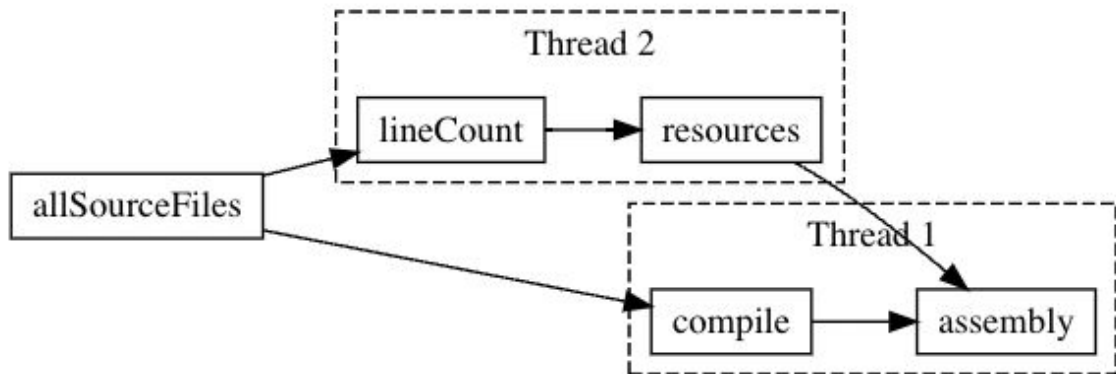
```
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```

```
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```

```
...
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```

```
  def main > ./mill show lineCount
```

```
  val lineCount = 19
```

```
  .
```

```
  .
```

```
  > ./mill inspect lineCount
```

Overrides member from `JavaModule` (`mill.scalalib`)

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```
> ./mill run
```

```
...
```

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2.3 Multiple Scala Modules

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```
build.sc
foo/
  src/
    Foo.scala
  resources/
  ...
bar/
  src/
    Bar.scala
  resources/
  ...
out/
  foo/
    compile.json
    compile.dest/
    ...
  bar/
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foo.run
bar.run
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```

```
> ./mill foo.run --foo-text hello --bar-text world
Foo.value: hello
Bar.value: <p>world</p>
```


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```
// build.sc
import mill._, scalalib._

trait MyModule extends ScalaModule {
  def scalaVersion = "2.13.11"
}

object foo extends MyModule {
  def moduleDeps = Seq(bar)
  def ivyDeps = Agg(ivy"com.lihaoyi::mainargs:0.4.0")
}

object bar extends MyModule {
  def ivyDeps = Agg(ivy"com.lihaoyi::scalatags:0.8.2")
}
```

```
> ./mill resolve __.run
foo.run
bar.run
```

```
> ./mill __.compile
```

```
> ./mill foo.run --foo-text hello --bar-text world
Foo.value: hello
Bar.value: <p>world</p>
```

```
> ./mill show {foo,bar}.assembly
{
  "foo.assembly": "out/foo/assembly.dest/out.jar",
  "bar.assembly": "out/foo/assembly.dest/out.jar"
}
```

2 Getting Started with Mill

1. Single Scala Module
2. Customizing Tasks
3. **Multiple Scala Modules**

A Deep Dive into the Mill Scala Build Tool

1. Why Build Tools Are Hard
2. Getting Started with Mill
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3. Mill Fundamentals

1. **Tasks**

2. Modules

3. DIY Java Modules

3.1 Tasks

```
// build.sc
import mill._

def sources = T.source { millSourcePath / "src" }

def allSources = T {
  os.walk(sources().path)
    .filter(_.ext == "java")
    .map(PathRef(_))
}

def lineCount: T[Int] = T {
  println("Computing line count")
  allSources()
    .map(p => os.read.lines(p.path).size)
    .sum
}
```

3.1 Tasks



```
// build.sc
import mill._

def sources = T.source { millSourcePath / "src" }

def allSources = T {
  os.walk(sources().path)
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}

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  allSources()
  .map(p => os.read.lines(p.path).size)
  .sum
}
```

3.1 Tasks

```
// build.sc
import mill._

def sources = T.source { millSourcePath / "src" }

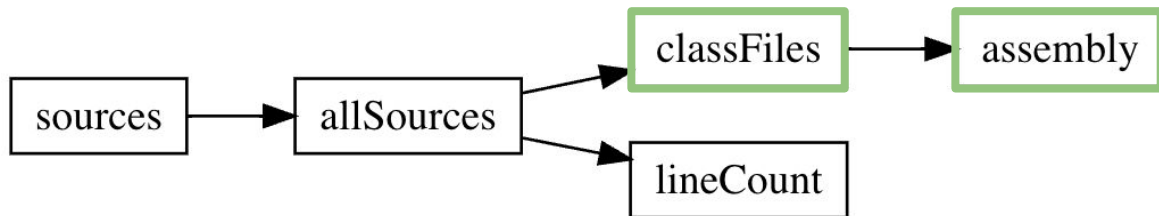
def allSources = T {
  os.walk(sources().path)
    .filter(_.ext == "java")
    .map(PathRef(_))
}

def lineCount: T[Int] = T {
  println("Computing line count")
  allSources()
    .map(p => os.read.lines(p.path).size)
    .sum
}
```



```
> ./mill show lineCount
Computing line count
16
```

3.1 Tasks



```
def classFiles = T {  
  println("Generating classfiles")  
  val javacArgs = allSources().map(_.path)  
  os.proc("javac", javacArgs, "-d", T.dest)  
    .call(cwd = T.dest)
```

```
  PathRef(T.dest)
```

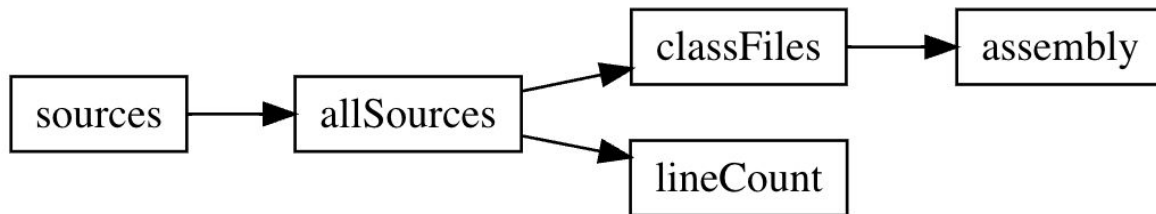
```
}
```

```
def assembly = T {  
  println("Generating assembly")  
  val jarPath = T.dest / "out.jar"  
  os.proc("jar", "-cfe", jarPath, "foo.Foo", ".")  
    .call(cwd = classFiles().path)
```

```
  PathRef(T.dest / "out.jar")
```

```
}
```


3.1 Tasks



```
def classFiles = T {  
  println("Generating classfiles")  
  val javacArgs = allSources().map(_.path)  
  os.proc("javac", javacArgs, "-d", T.dest)  
    .call(cwd = T.dest)
```

```
  PathRef(T.dest)
```

```
}
```

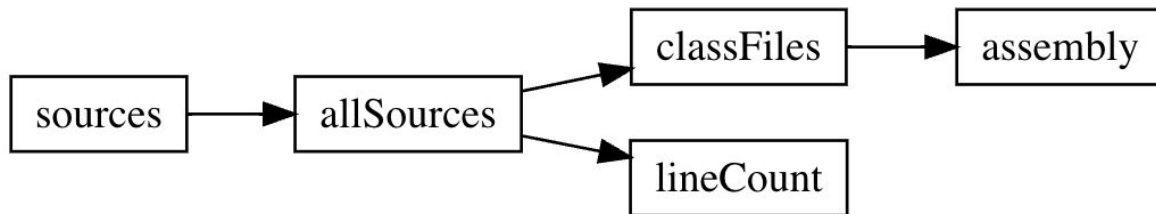
```
def assembly = T {  
  println("Generating assembly")  
  val jarPath = T.dest / "out.jar"  
  os.proc("jar", "-cfe", jarPath, "foo.Foo", ".")  
    .call(cwd = classFiles().path)
```

```
  PathRef(T.dest / "out.jar")
```

```
}
```

```
> ./mill show assembly  
Generating classfiles  
Generating assembly  
".../out/assembly.dest/out.jar"
```

3.1 Tasks

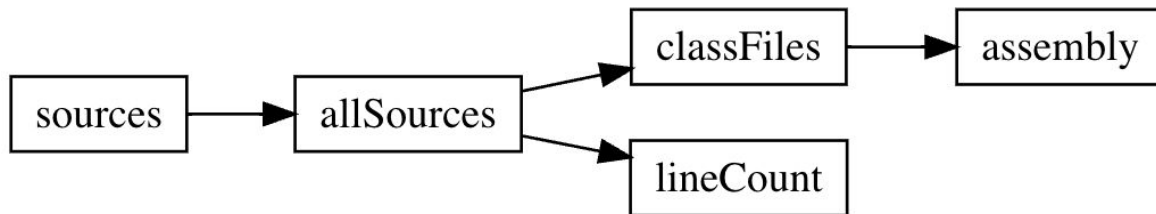


```
def classFiles = T {  
  println("Generating classfiles")  
  val javacArgs = allSources().map(_.path)  
  os.proc("javac", javacArgs, "-d", T.dest)  
    .call(cwd = T.dest)  
  
  PathRef(T.dest)  
}
```

```
def assembly = T {  
  println("Generating assembly")  
  val jarPath = T.dest / "out.jar"  
  os.proc("jar", "-cfe", jarPath, "foo.Foo", ".")  
    .call(cwd = classFiles().path)  
  
  PathRef(T.dest / "out.jar")  
}
```

```
> ./mill show assembly  
Generating classfiles  
Generating assembly  
".../out/assembly.dest/out.jar"  
  
> ./mill show assembly  
".../out/assembly.dest/out.jar"
```

3.1 Tasks

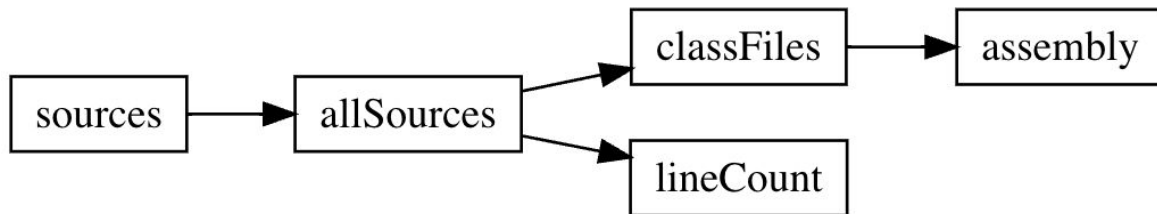


```
def classFiles = T {  
  println("Generating classfiles")  
  val javacArgs = allSources().map(_.path)  
  os.proc("javac", javacArgs, "-d", T.dest)  
    .call(cwd = T.dest)  
  
  PathRef(T.dest)  
}
```

```
def assembly = T {  
  println("Generating assembly")  
  val jarPath = T.dest / "out.jar"  
  os.proc("jar", "-cfe", jarPath, "foo.Foo", ".")  
    .call(cwd = classFiles().path)  
  
  PathRef(T.dest / "out.jar")  
}
```

```
> ./mill show assembly  
Generating classfiles  
Generating assembly  
".../out/assembly.dest/out.jar"  
  
> ./mill show assembly  
".../out/assembly.dest/out.jar"  
  
> echo "package hello2" > src/hello2.java
```

3.1 Tasks



```
def classFiles = T {
  println("Generating classfiles")
  val javacArgs = allSources().map(_.path)
  os.proc("javac", javacArgs, "-d", T.dest)
    .call(cwd = T.dest)

  PathRef(T.dest)
}

def assembly = T {
  println("Generating assembly")
  val jarPath = T.dest / "out.jar"
  os.proc("jar", "-cfe", jarPath, "foo.Foo", ".")
    .call(cwd = classFiles().path)

  PathRef(T.dest / "out.jar")
}
```

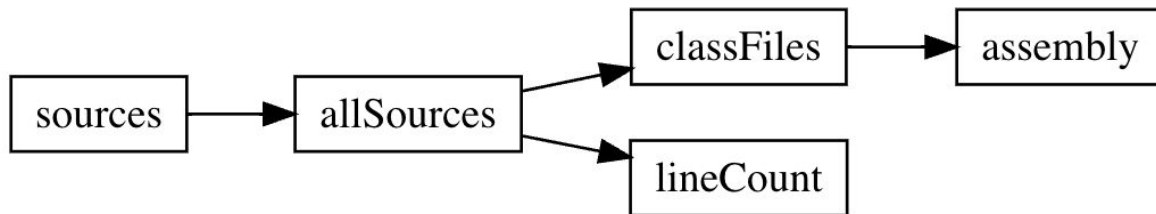
```
> ./mill show assembly
Generating classfiles
Generating assembly
".../out/assembly.dest/out.jar"
```

```
> ./mill show assembly
".../out/assembly.dest/out.jar"
```

```
> echo "package hello2" > src/hello2.java
```

```
> ./mill show assembly
Generating classfiles
Generating assembly
".../out/assembly.dest/out.jar"
```

3.1 Tasks



```
def classFiles = T {
  println("Generating classfiles")
  val javacArgs = allSources().map(_.path)
  os.proc("javac", javacArgs, "-d", T.dest)
    .call(cwd = T.dest)

  PathRef(T.dest)
}

def assembly = T {
  println("Generating assembly")
  val jarPath = T.dest / "out.jar"
  os.proc("jar", "-cfe", jarPath, "foo.Foo", ".")
    .call(cwd = classFiles().path)

  PathRef(T.dest / "out.jar")
}
```

```
> ./mill show assembly
Generating classfiles
Generating assembly
".../out/assembly.dest/out.jar"
```

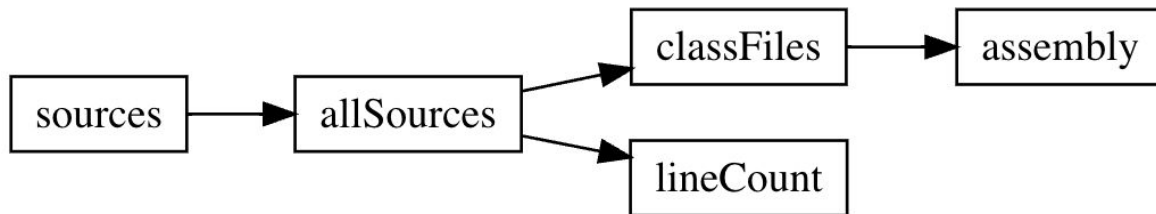
```
> ./mill show assembly
".../out/assembly.dest/out.jar"
```

```
> echo "package hello2" > src/hello2.java
```

```
> ./mill show assembly
Generating classfiles
Generating assembly
".../out/assembly.dest/out.jar"
```

```
> java -jar out/assembly.dest/out.jar i am cow
Foo.value: 31337
args: i am cow
```

3.1 Tasks



```
// build.sc  
import mill._
```

```
def sources = T.source { millSourcePath / "src" }
```

```
def allSources = T {  
  os.walk(sources().path)  
    .filter(_.ext == "java")  
    .map(PathRef(_))  
}
```

```
def lineCount: T[Int] = T {  
  println("Computing line count")  
  allSources()  
    .map(p => os.read.lines(p.path).size)  
    .sum  
}
```

```
def classFiles = T {  
  println("Generating classfiles")  
  val javacArgs = allSources().map(_.path.toString)  
  os.proc("javac", javacArgs, "-d", T.dest)  
    .call(cwd = T.dest)
```

```
  PathRef(T.dest)  
}
```

```
def assembly = T {  
  println("Generating jar")  
  val jarPath = T.dest / "out.jar"  
  os.proc("jar", "-cfe", jarPath, "foo.Foo", ".")  
    .call(cwd = classFiles().path)
```

```
  PathRef(T.dest / "out.jar")  
}
```

3. Mill Fundamentals

1. Tasks

2. Modules

3. DIY Java Modules

3.2 Modules

```
// build.sc
```

```
import mill._
```

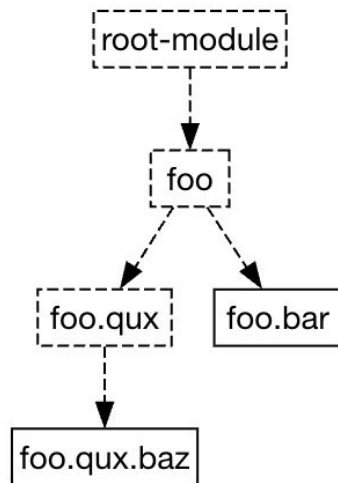
```
object foo extends Module {  
  def bar = T { "hello" }  
  object qux extends Module {  
    def baz = T { "world" }  
  }  
}
```


3.2 Modules

```
// build.sc
```

```
import mill._
```

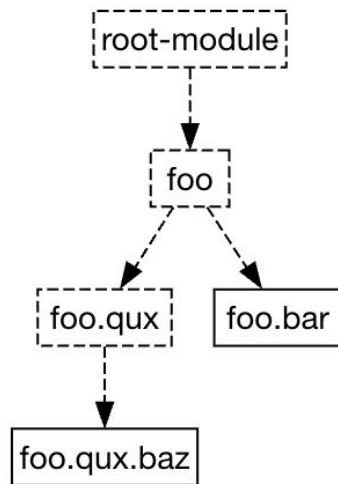
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  object qux extends Module {  
    def baz = T { "world" }  
  }  
}
```



3.2 Modules

```
// build.sc  
import mill._
```

```
object foo extends Module {  
  def bar = T { "hello" }  
  object qux extends Module {  
    def baz = T { "world" }  
  }  
}
```



```
> ./mill show foo.bar
```

```
"hello"
```

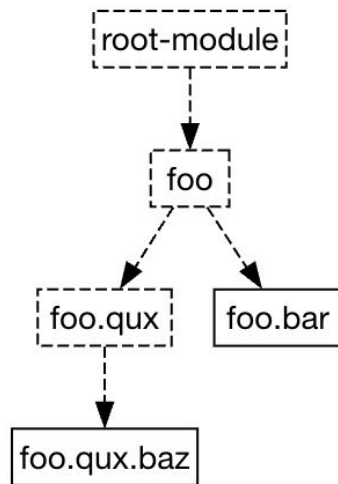
```
> ./mill show foo.qux.baz
```

```
"world"
```

3.2 Modules

```
// build.sc
import mill._
```

```
object foo extends Module {
  def bar = T { "hello" }
  object qux extends Module {
    def baz = T { "world" }
  }
}
```



```
> ./mill show foo.bar
```

```
"hello"
```

```
> ./mill show foo.qux.baz
```

```
"world"
```

```
> cat out/foo/bar.json
```

```
... "value": "hello" ...
```

```
> cat out/foo/qux/baz.json
```

```
... "value": "world" ...
```

3.2 Modules

```
// build.sc
```

```
import mill._
```

```
trait FooModule extends Module {  
  def bar: T[String] // required override  
  def qux = T { bar() + " world" }  
}
```

3.2 Modules

```
// build.sc
import mill._

trait FooModule extends Module {
  def bar: T[String] // required override
  def qux = T { bar() + " world" }
}

object foo1 extends FooModule{
  def bar = "hello"
  def qux = super.qux().toUpperCase
}

object foo2 extends FooModule {
  def bar = "hi"
  def baz = T { qux() + " I am Cow" }
}
```

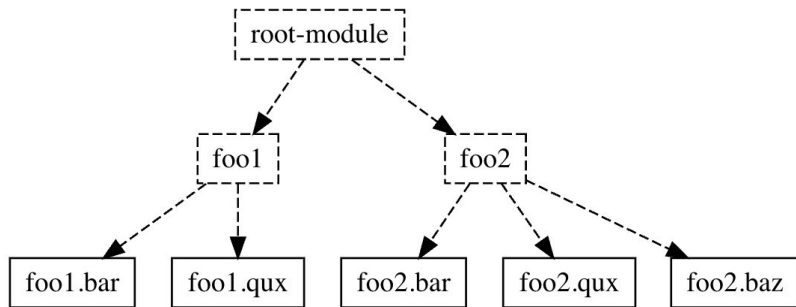
3.2 Modules

```
// build.sc
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```

```
trait FooModule extends Module {
  def bar: T[String] // required override
  def qux = T { bar() + " world" }
}
```

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object foo1 extends FooModule{
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  def qux = super.qux().toUpperCase
}
```

```
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}
```



3.2 Modules

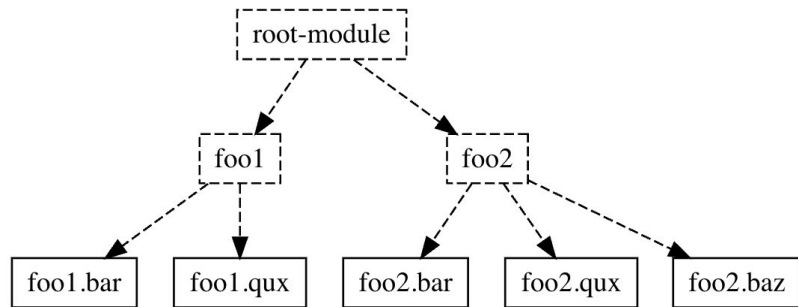
```
// build.sc
```

```
import mill._
```

```
trait FooModule extends Module {  
  def bar: T[String] // required override  
  def qux = T { bar() + " world" }  
}
```

```
object foo1 extends FooModule{  
  def bar = "hello"  
  def qux = super.qux().toUpperCase  
}
```

```
object foo2 extends FooModule {  
  def bar = "hi"  
  def baz = T { qux() + " I am Cow" }  
}
```



```
> ./mill show foo1.bar
```

```
"hello"
```

3.2 Modules

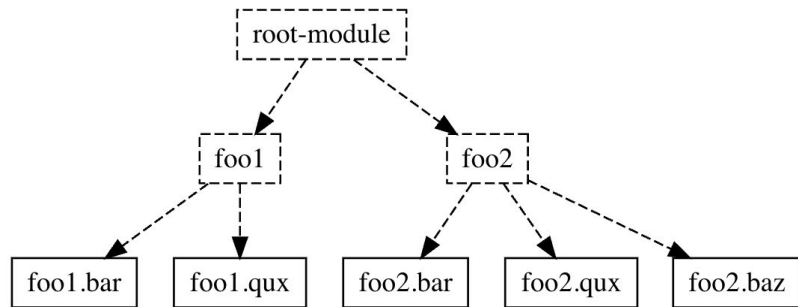
```
// build.sc
```

```
import mill._
```

```
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  def bar: T[String] // required override  
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}
```

```
object foo1 extends FooModule{  
  def bar = "hello"  
  def qux = super.qux().toUpperCase  
}
```

```
object foo2 extends FooModule {  
  def bar = "hi"  
  def baz = T { qux() + " I am Cow" }  
}
```



```
> ./mill show foo1.bar
```

```
"hello"
```

```
> ./mill show foo1.qux
```

```
"HELLO WORLD"
```


3.2 Modules

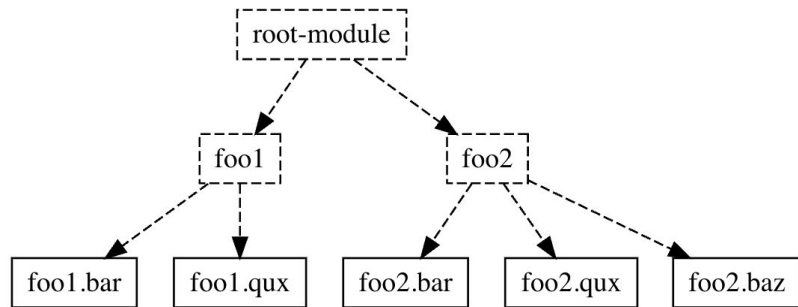
```
// build.sc
```

```
import mill._
```

```
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  def qux = T { bar() + " world" }  
}
```

```
object foo1 extends FooModule{  
  def bar = "hello"  
  def qux = super.qux().toUpperCase  
}
```

```
object foo2 extends FooModule {  
  def bar = "hi"  
  def baz = T { qux() + " I am Cow" }  
}
```



```
> ./mill show foo1.bar
```

```
"hello"
```

```
> ./mill show foo1.qux
```

```
"HELLO WORLD"
```

```
> ./mill show foo2.qux
```

```
"hi world"
```

3.2 Modules

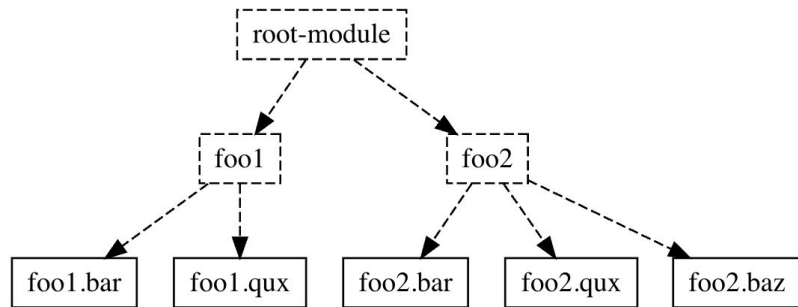
```
// build.sc
```

```
import mill._
```

```
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  def qux = T { bar() + " world" }  
}
```

```
object foo1 extends FooModule{  
  def bar = "hello"  
  def qux = super.qux().toUpperCase  
}
```

```
object foo2 extends FooModule {  
  def bar = "hi"  
  def baz = T { qux() + " I am Cow" }  
}
```



```
> ./mill show foo1.bar
```

```
"hello"
```

```
> ./mill show foo1.qux
```

```
"HELLO WORLD"
```

```
> ./mill show foo2.qux
```

```
"hi world"
```

```
> ./mill show foo2.baz
```

```
"hi world I am Cow"
```

3. Mill Fundamentals

1. Tasks

2. Modules

3. DIY Java Modules

```

import mill._

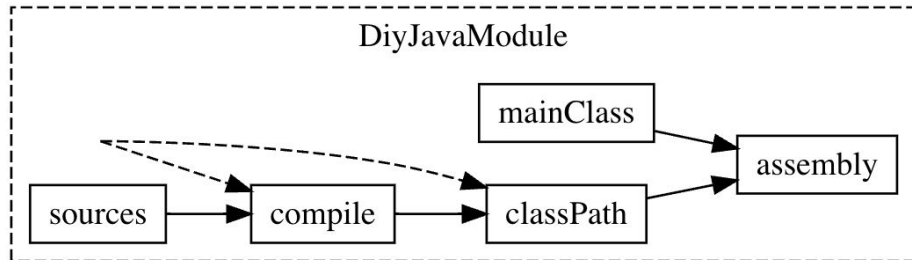
trait DiyJavaModule extends Module{
  def moduleDeps: Seq[DiyJavaModule] = Nil
  def mainClass: T[Option[String]] = None
  def upstream: T[Seq[PathRef]] = T{
    T.traverse(moduleDeps)(_.classPath()).flatten
  }
  def sources = T.source(millSourcePath / "src")
  def compile = T {
    val allSources = os.walk(sources().path)
    val cpFlag = upstream().map(_.path).mkString(":")
    os.proc("javac", "-cp", cpFlag, allSources, "-d", T.dest).call()
    PathRef(T.dest)
  }
  def classPath = T{ Seq(compile()) ++ upstream() }
  def assembly = T {
    for(cp <- classPath()) os.copy(cp.path, T.dest, mergeFolders = true)

    val mainFlags = mainClass().toSeq.flatMap(Seq("-e", _))
    os.proc("jar", "-c", mainFlags, "-f", T.dest / s"out.jar", ".")
      .call(cwd = T.dest)

    PathRef(T.dest / s"out.jar")
  }
}

```

3.3 DIY Java Modules



```

import mill._

trait DiyJavaModule extends Module{
  def moduleDeps: Seq[DiyJavaModule] = Nil
  def mainClass: T[Option[String]] = None
  def upstream: T[Seq[PathRef]] = T{
    T.traverse(moduleDeps)(_.classPath()).flatten
  }
  def sources = T.source(millSourcePath / "src")
  def compile = T {
    val allSources = os.walk(sources().path)
    val cpFlag = upstream().map(_.path).mkString(":")
    os.proc("javac", "-cp", cpFlag, allSources, "-d", T.dest).call()
    PathRef(T.dest)
  }
  def classPath = T{ Seq(compile()) ++ upstream() }
  def assembly = T {
    for(cp <- classPath()) os.copy(cp.path, T.dest, mergeFolders = true)

    val mainFlags = mainClass().toSeq.flatMap(Seq("-e", _))
    os.proc("jar", "-c", mainFlags, "-f", T.dest / s"out.jar", ".")
      .call(cwd = T.dest)

    PathRef(T.dest / s"out.jar")
  }
}

```

3.3 DIY Java Modules

```

object foo extends DiyJavaModule {
  def moduleDeps = Seq(bar)
  def mainClass = Some("foo.Foo")

  object bar extends DiyJavaModule
}

object qux extends DiyJavaModule {
  def moduleDeps = Seq(foo)
  def mainClass = Some("qux.Qux")
}

```

```

import mill._

trait DiyJavaModule extends Module{
  def moduleDeps: Seq[DiyJavaModule] = Nil
  def mainClass: T[Option[String]] = None
  def upstream: T[Seq[PathRef]] = T{
    T.traverse(moduleDeps)(_.classPath()).flatten
  }
  def sources = T.source(millSourcePath / "src")
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    val allSources = os.walk(sources().path)
    val cpFlag = upstream().map(_.path).mkString(":")
    os.proc("javac", "-cp", cpFlag, allSources, "-d", T.dest).call()
    PathRef(T.dest)
  }
  def classPath = T{ Seq(compile()) ++ upstream() }
  def assembly = T {
    for(cp <- classPath()) os.copy(cp.path, T.dest, mergeFolders = true)

    val mainFlags = mainClass().toSeq.flatMap(Seq("-e", _))
    os.proc("jar", "-c", mainFlags, "-f", T.dest / s"out.jar", ".")
      .call(cwd = T.dest)

    PathRef(T.dest / s"out.jar")
  }
}

```

3.3 DIY Java Modules

```

object foo extends DiyJavaModule {
  def moduleDeps = Seq(bar)
  def mainClass = Some("foo.Foo")
}

```

```

object bar extends DiyJavaModule
}

```

```

object qux extends DiyJavaModule {
  def moduleDeps = Seq(foo)
  def mainClass = Some("qux.Qux")
}

```

```

> ./mill show qux.assembly
".../out/qux/assembly.dest/qux.jar"

```

```

import mill._

trait DiyJavaModule extends Module{
  def moduleDeps: Seq[DiyJavaModule] = Nil
  def mainClass: T[Option[String]] = None
  def upstream: T[Seq[PathRef]] = T{
    T.traverse(moduleDeps)(_.classPath()).flatten
  }
  def sources = T.source(millSourcePath / "src")
  def compile = T {
    val allSources = os.walk(sources().path)
    val cpFlag = upstream().map(_.path).mkString(":")
    os.proc("javac", "-cp", cpFlag, allSources, "-d", T.dest).call()
    PathRef(T.dest)
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  def assembly = T {
    for(cp <- classPath()) os.copy(cp.path, T.dest, mergeFolders = true)

    val mainFlags = mainClass().toSeq.flatMap(Seq("-e", _))
    os.proc("jar", "-c", mainFlags, "-f", T.dest / s"out.jar", ".")
      .call(cwd = T.dest)

    PathRef(T.dest / s"out.jar")
  }
}

```

3.3 DIY Java Modules

```

object foo extends DiyJavaModule {
  def moduleDeps = Seq(bar)
  def mainClass = Some("foo.Foo")
}

```

```

object bar extends DiyJavaModule
}

```

```

object qux extends DiyJavaModule {
  def moduleDeps = Seq(foo)
  def mainClass = Some("qux.Qux")
}

```

```

> ./mill show qux.assembly
".../out/qux/assembly.dest/qux.jar"

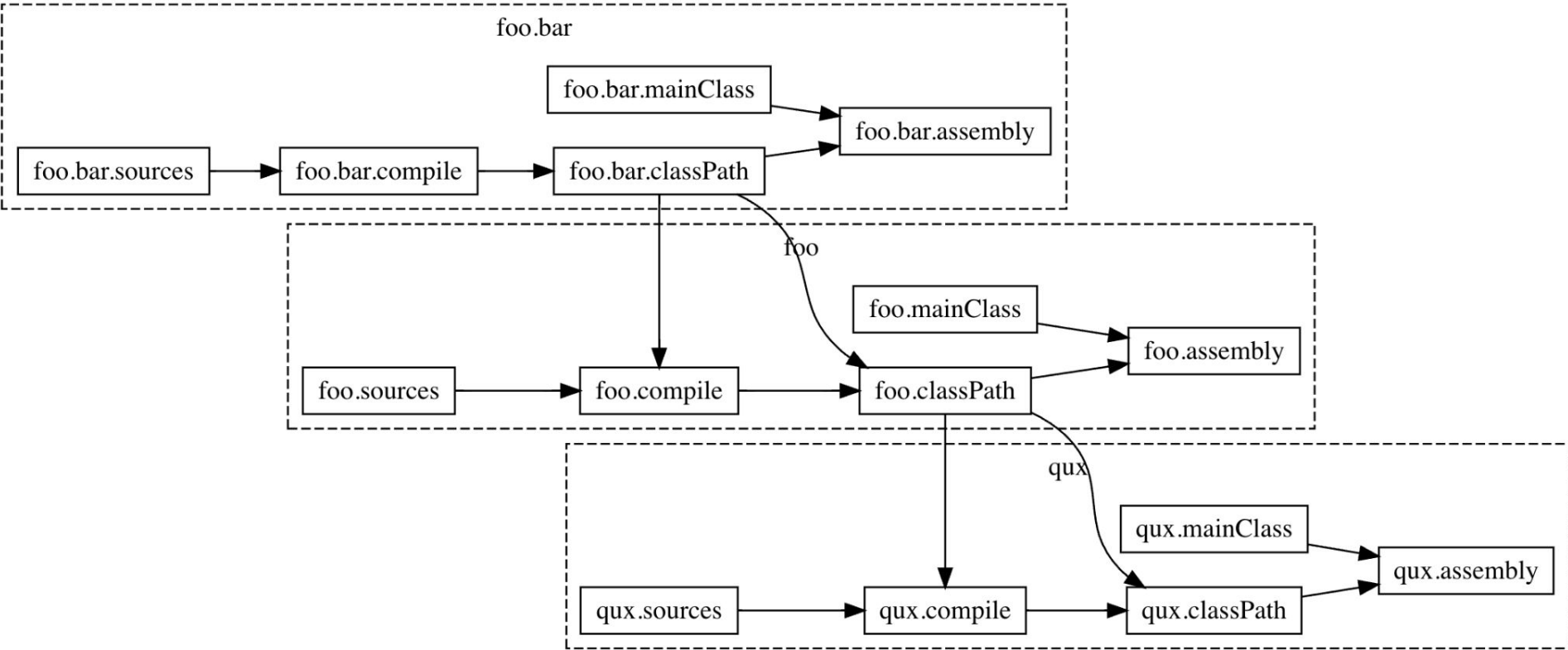
```

```

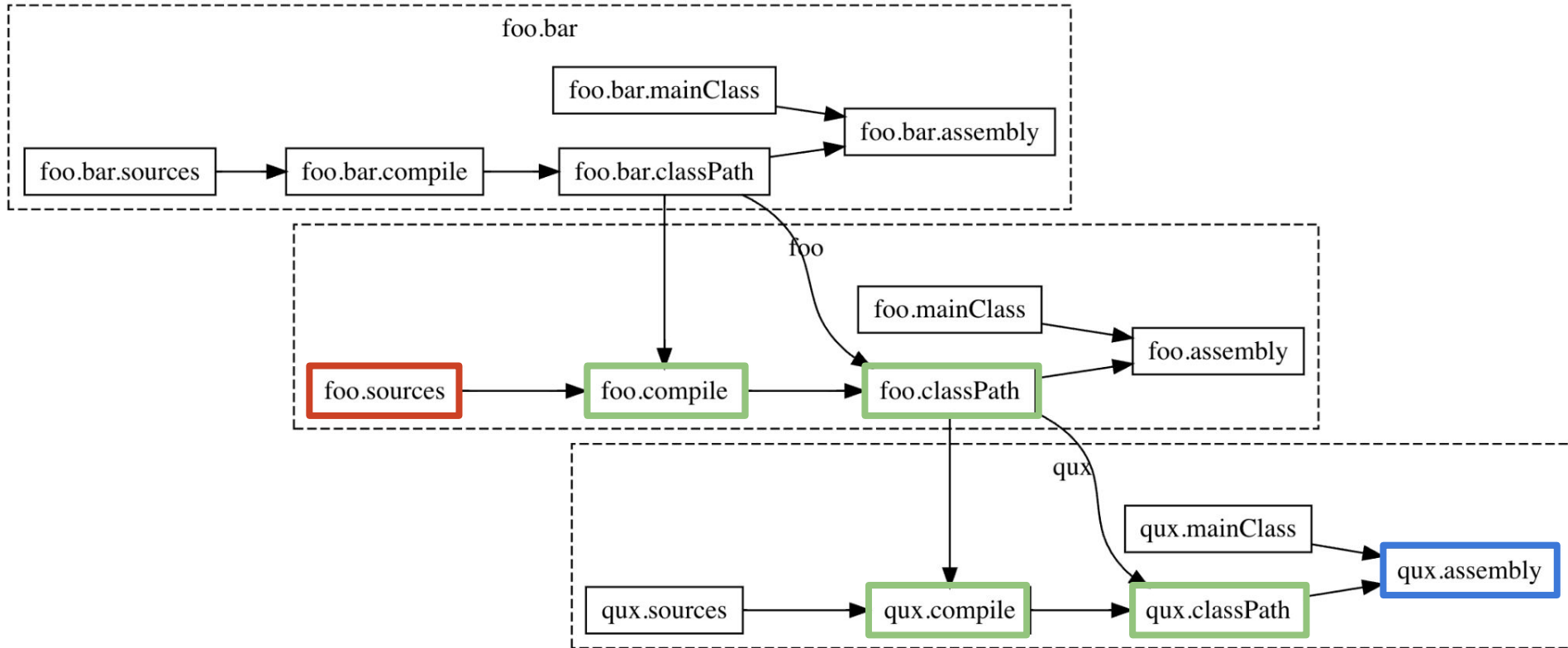
> java -jar out/qux/assembly.dest/qux.jar
Foo.value: 31337
Bar.value: 271828
Qux.value: 9000

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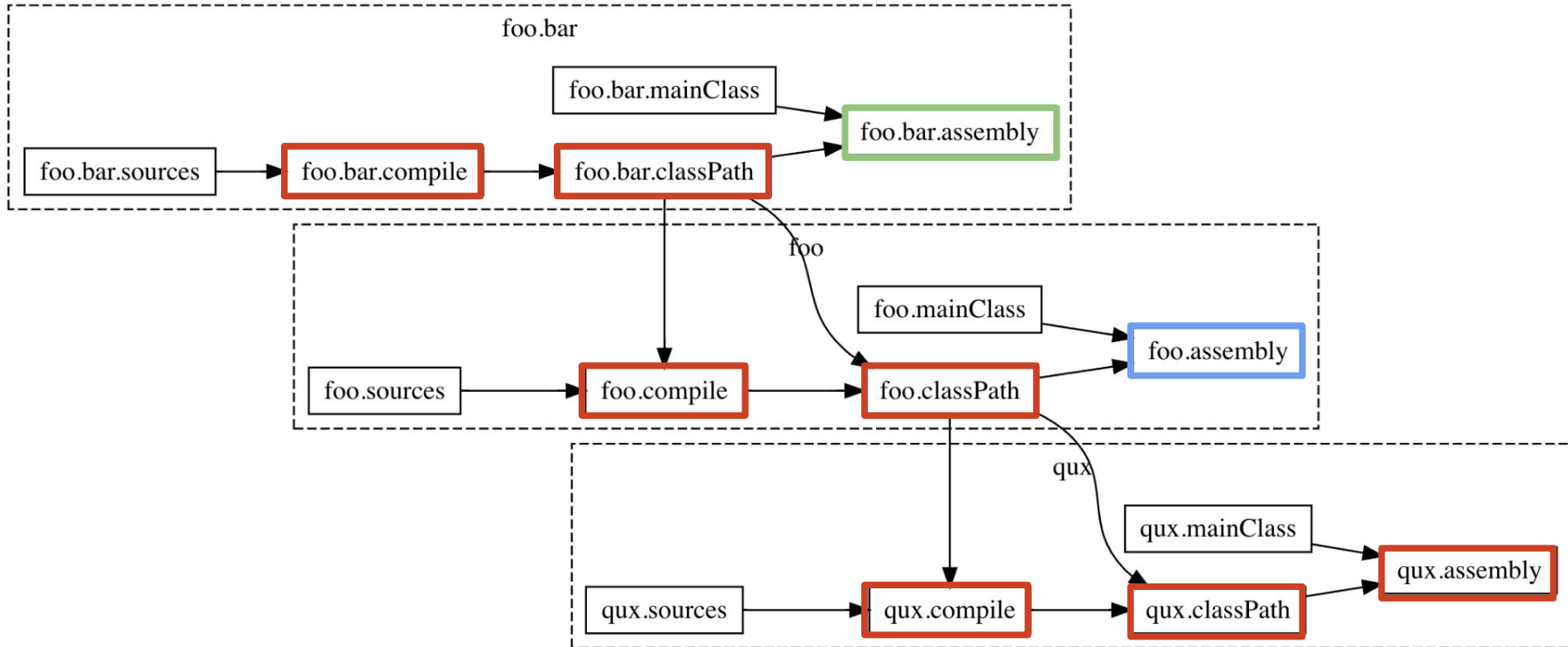
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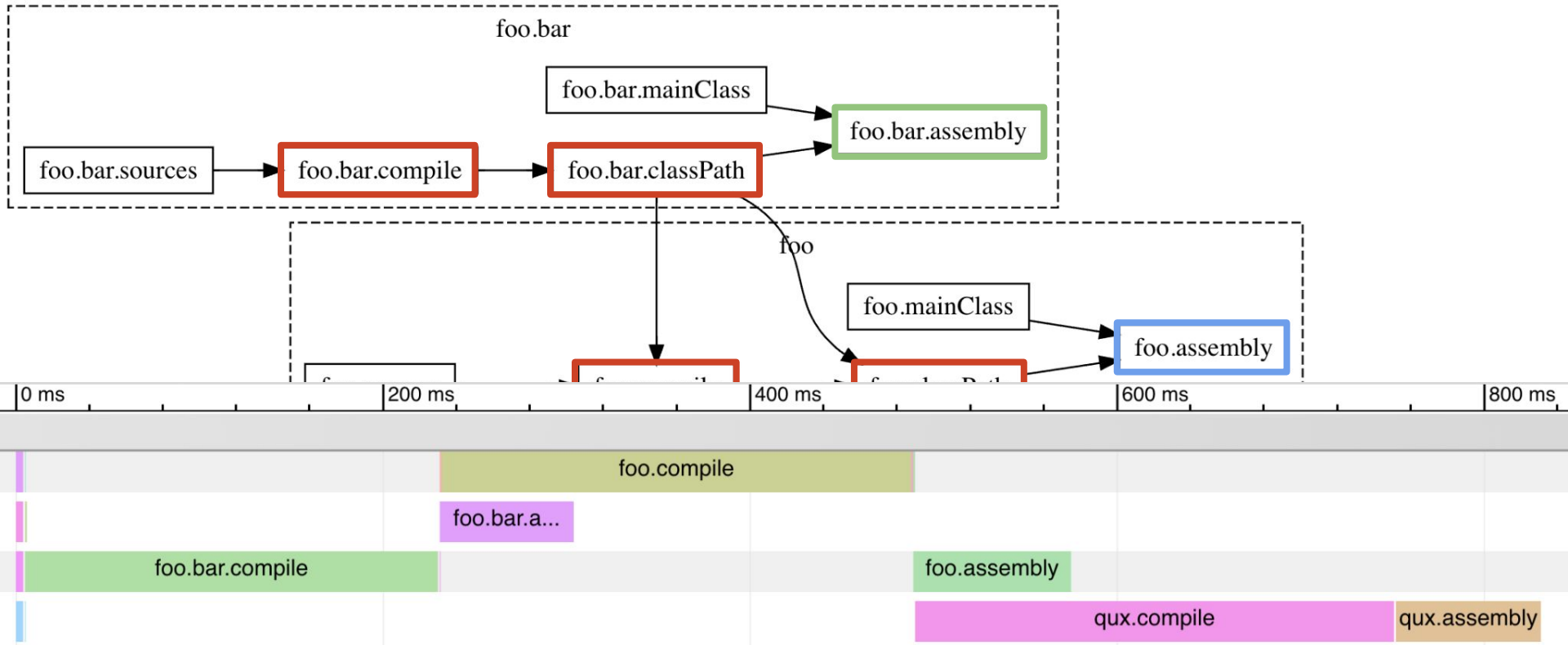
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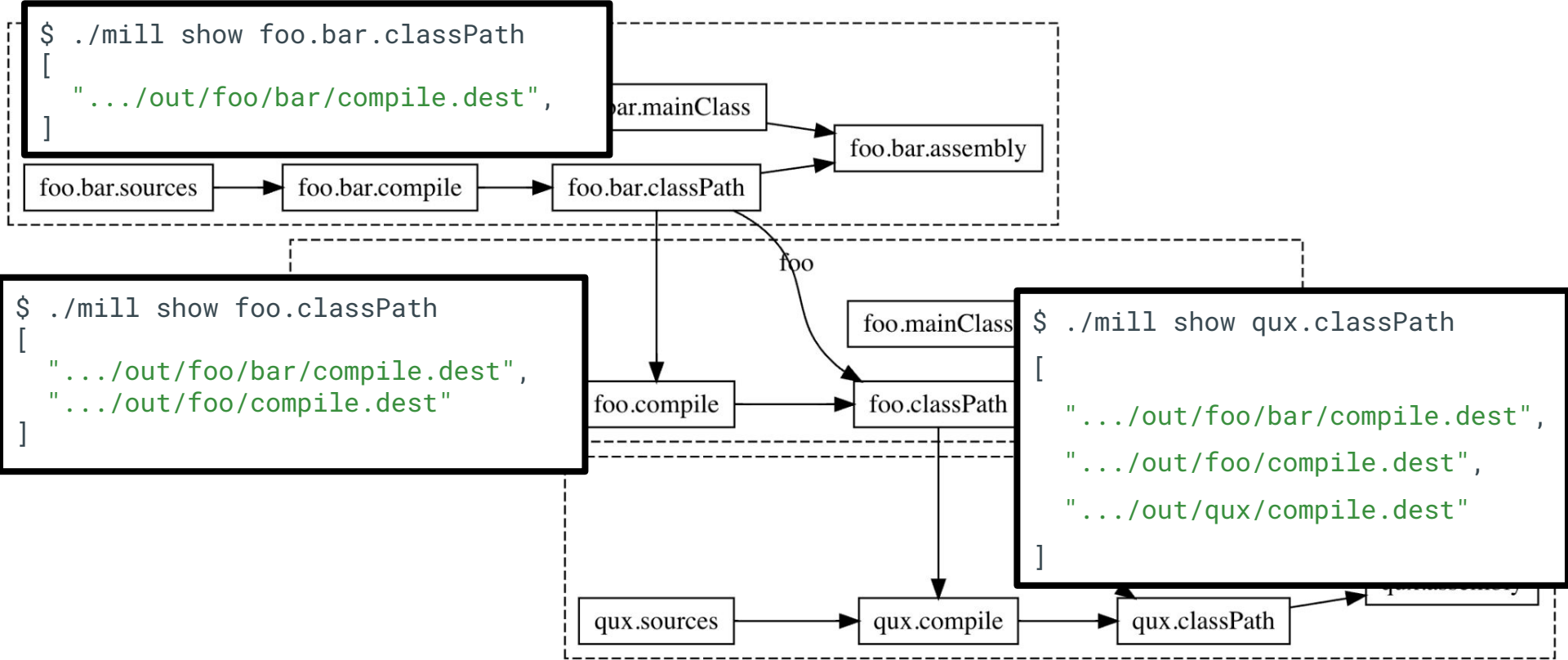
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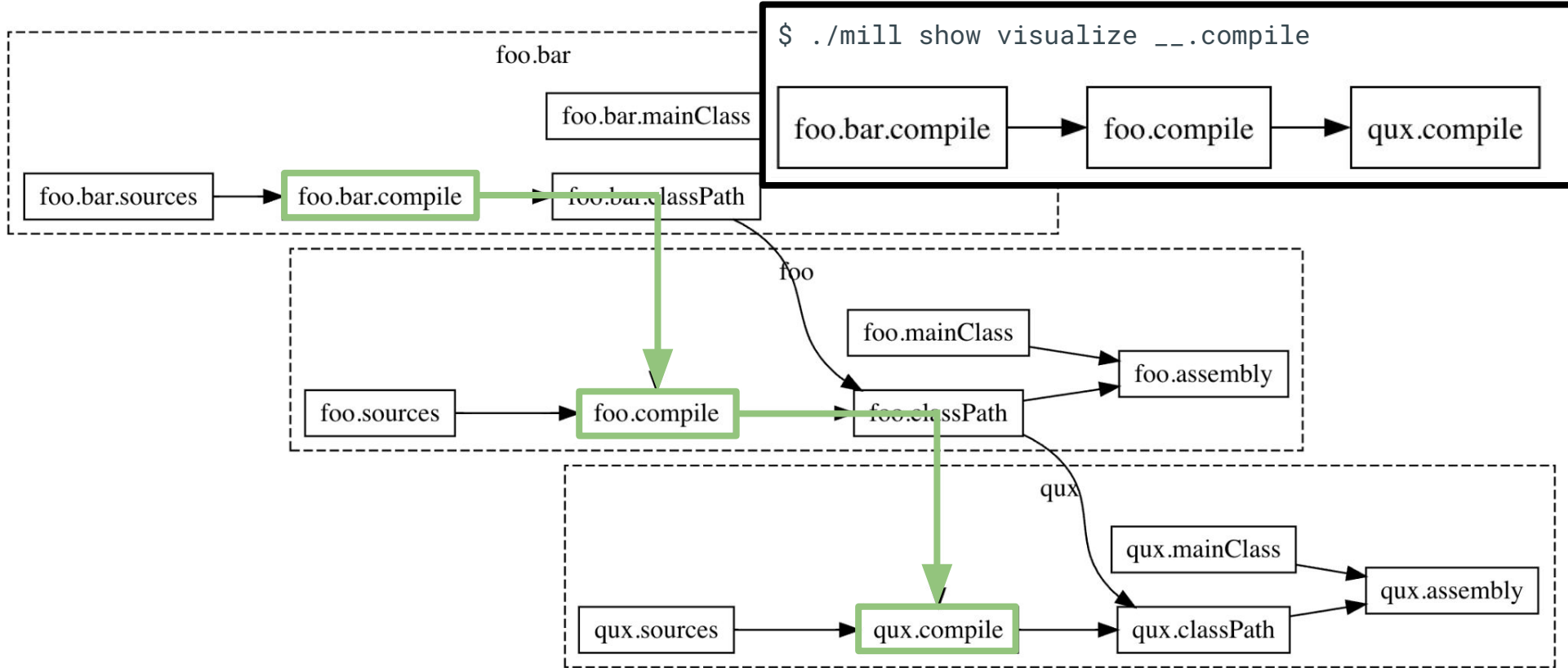
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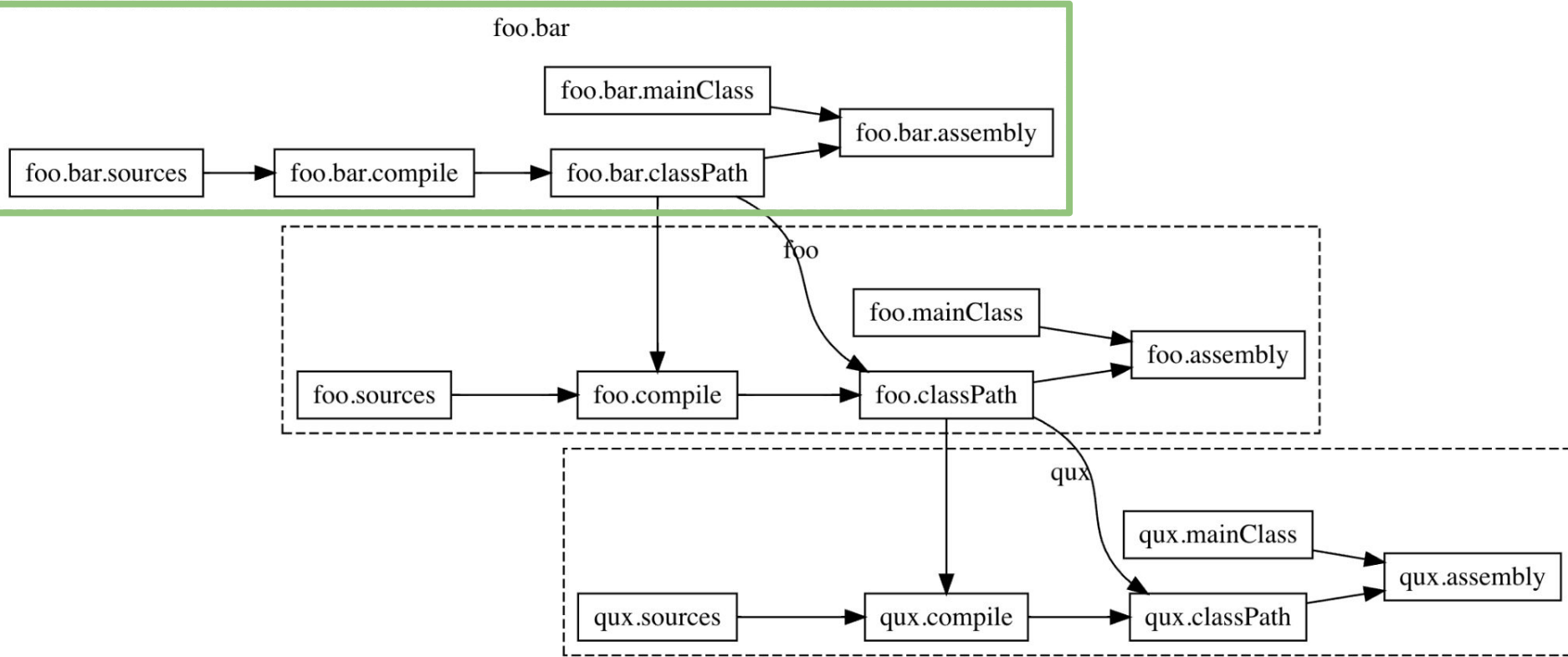
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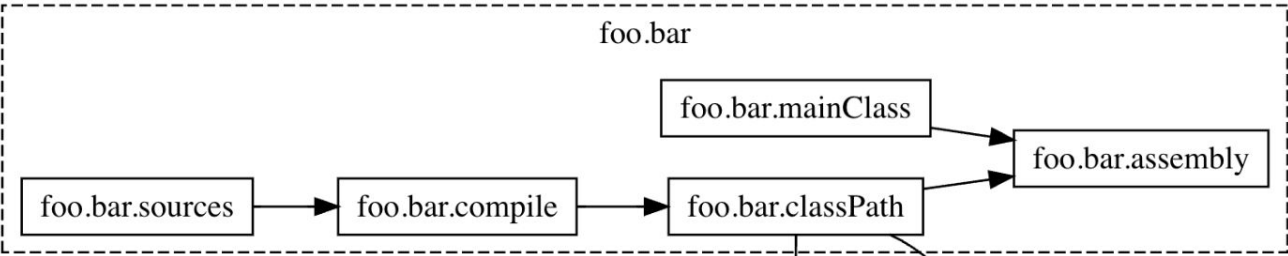
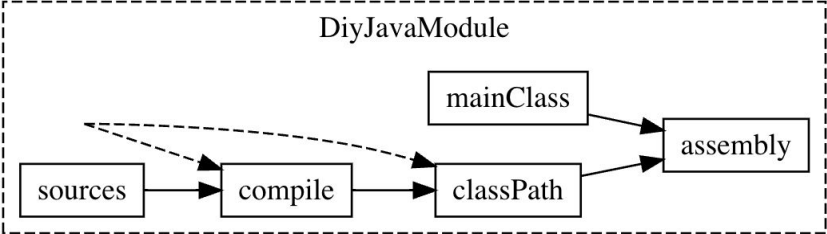
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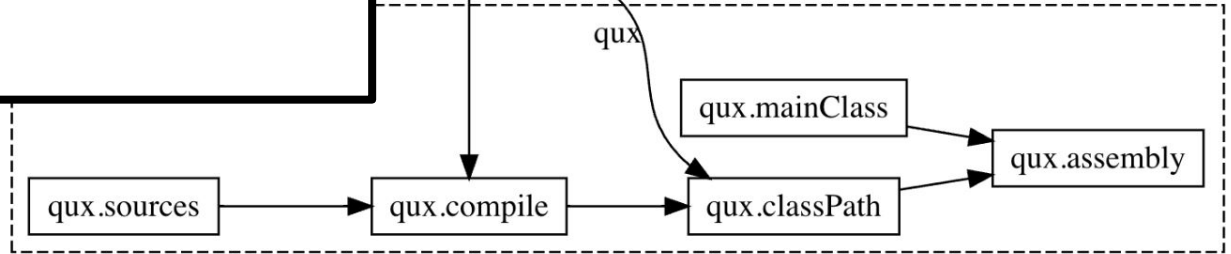
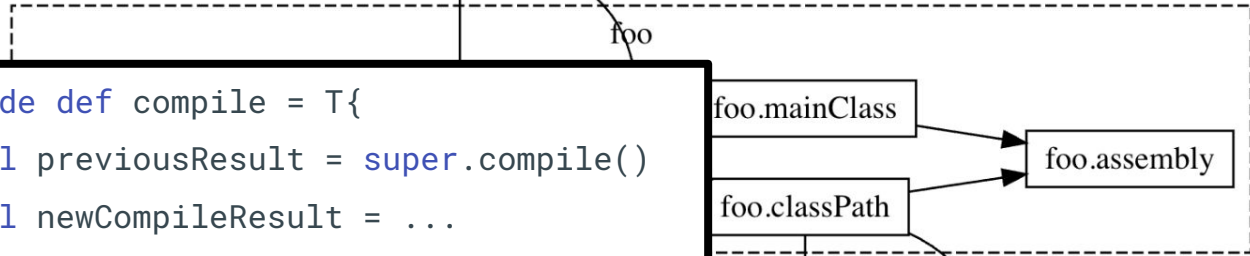
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```
override def compile = T{  
  val previousResult = super.compile()  
  val newCompileResult = ...  
  newCompileResult  
}
```



foo

qux

```

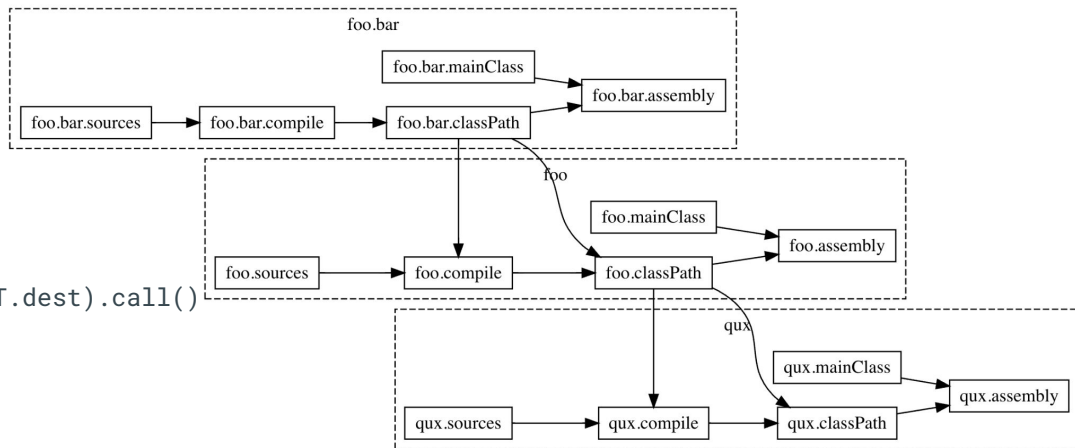
import mill._
trait DiyJavaModule extends Module{
  def moduleDeps: Seq[DiyJavaModule] = Nil
  def mainClass: T[Option[String]] = None
  def upstream: T[Seq[PathRef]] = T{
    T.traverse(moduleDeps)(_.classPath()).flatten
  }
  def sources = T.source(millSourcePath / "src")
  def compile = T {
    val allSources = os.walk(sources().path)
    val cpFlag = upstream().map(_.path).mkString(":")
    os.proc("javac", "-cp", cpFlag, allSources, "-d", T.dest).call()
    PathRef(T.dest)
  }
  def classPath = T{ Seq(compile()) ++ upstream() }
  def assembly = T {
    for(cp <- classPath()) os.copy(cp.path, T.dest, mergeFolders = true)

    val mainFlags = mainClass().toSeq.flatMap(Seq("-e", _))
    os.proc("jar", "-c", mainFlags, "-f", T.dest / s"out.jar", ".")
      .call(cwd = T.dest)

    PathRef(T.dest / s"out.jar")
  }
}

```

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// build.sc
import mill._, scalalib._

trait MyModule extends ScalaModule {
  def scalaVersion = "2.13.11"
}

object foo extends MyModule {
  def moduleDeps = Seq(bar)
  def ivyDeps = Agg(ivy"com.lihaoyi::mainargs:0.4.0")
}

object bar extends MyModule {
  def ivyDeps = Agg(ivy"com.lihaoyi::scalatags:0.8.2")
}
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object foo extends DiyJavaModule {
  def moduleDeps = Seq(bar)
  def mainClass = Some("foo.Foo")

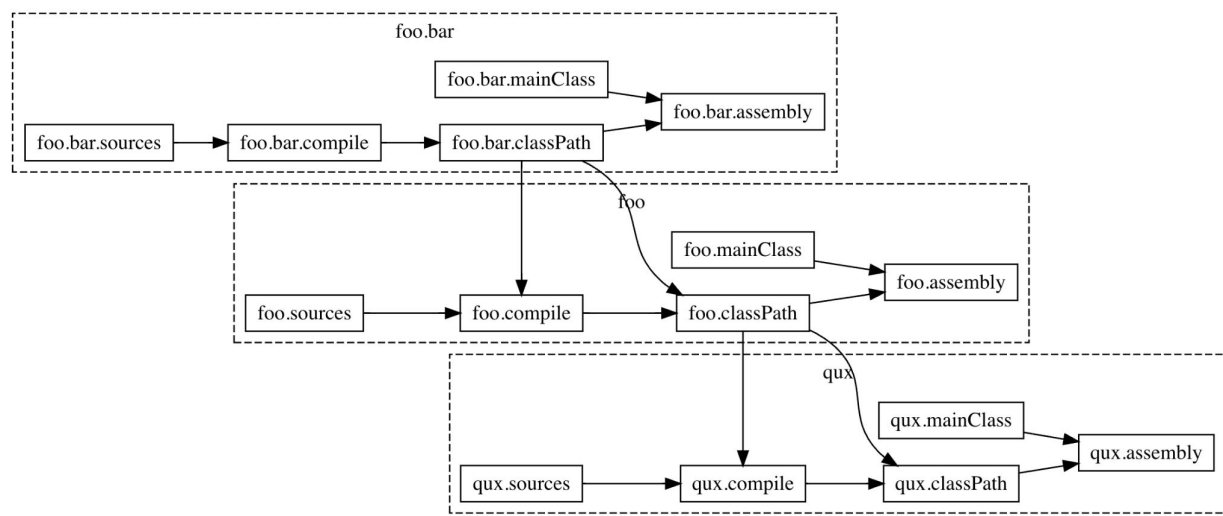
  object bar extends DiyJavaModule
}

object qux extends DiyJavaModule {
  def moduleDeps = Seq(foo)
  def mainClass = Some("qux.Qux")
}
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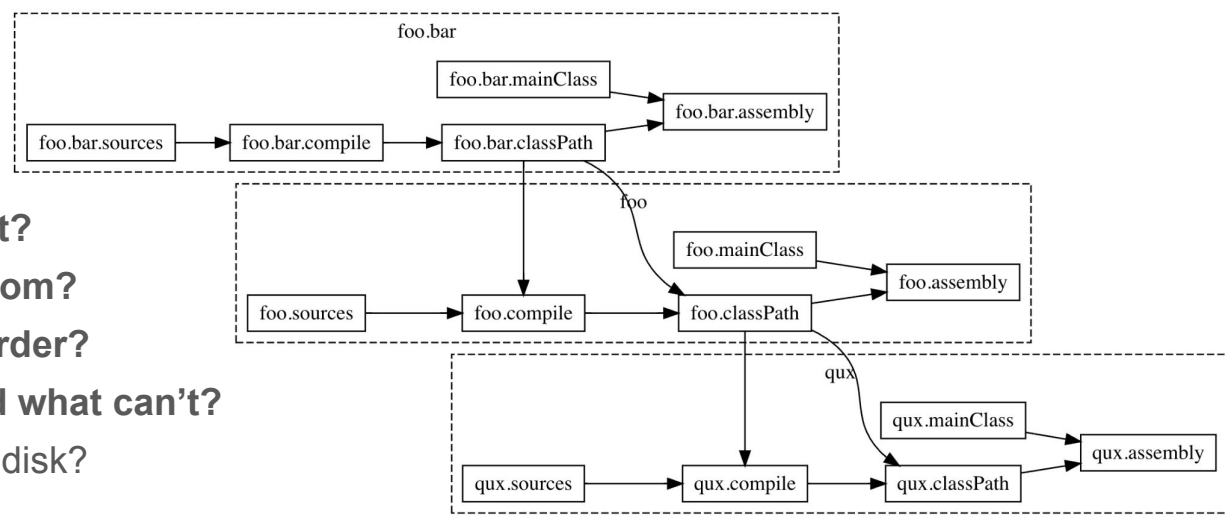
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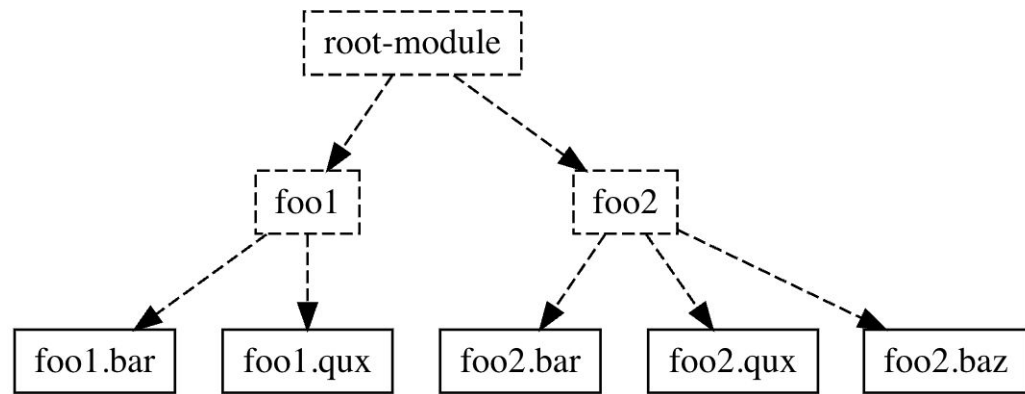
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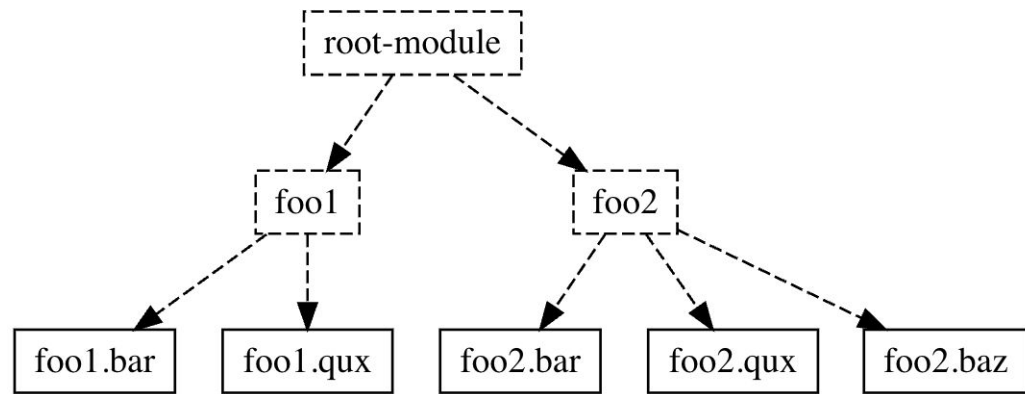
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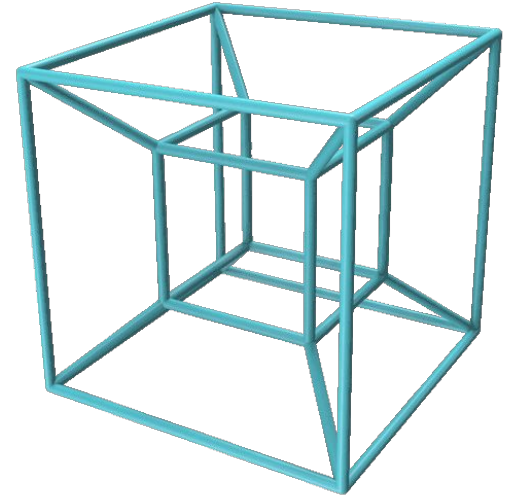
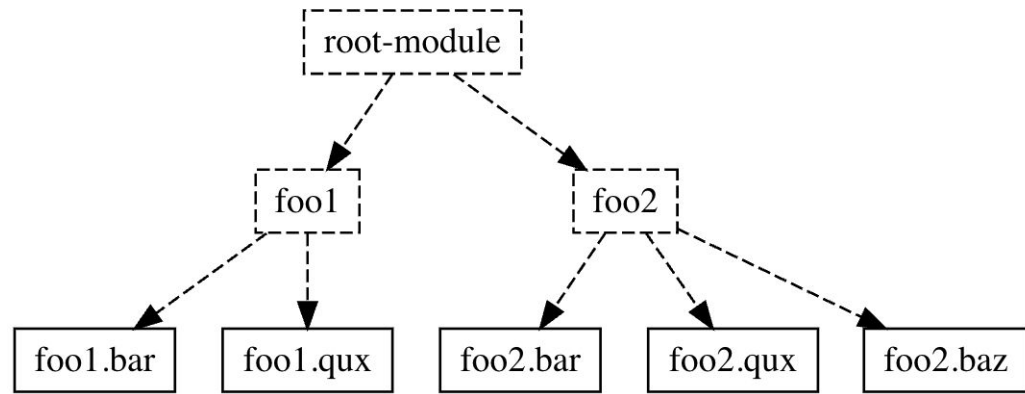
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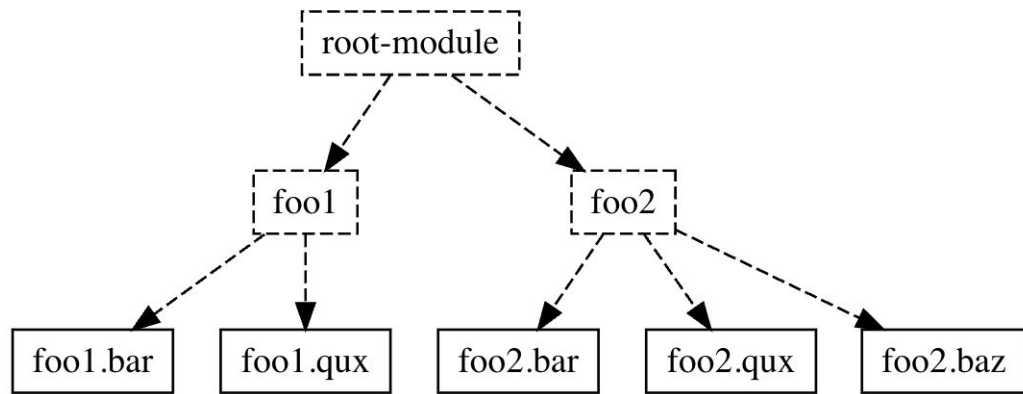
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    ...  
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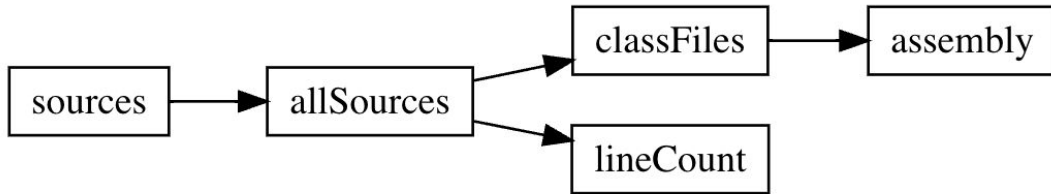
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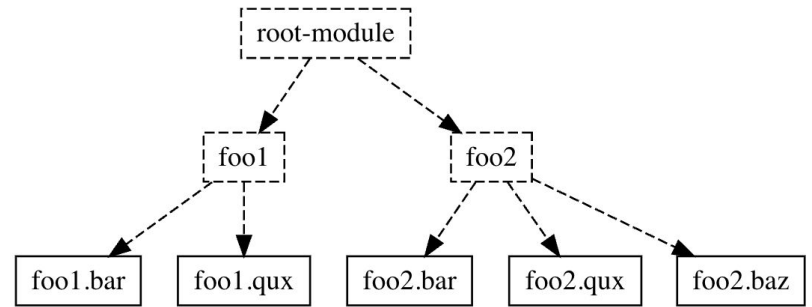
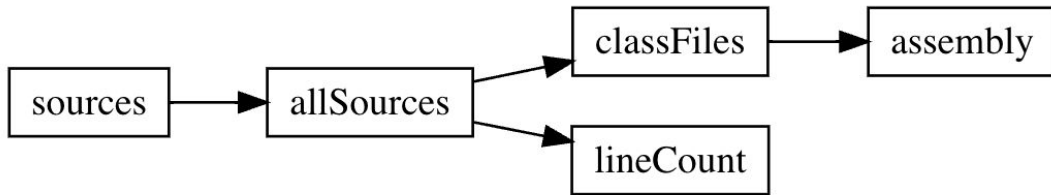
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trait FooModule extends Module {  
  def qux = ...  
}
```

```
object foo1 extends FooModule {  
  def bar = ...  
  def qux = ...  
}  
  
object foo2 extends FooModule {  
  def bar = ...  
  def baz = ...  
  // def qux = ...  
}
```

Dashed arrows connect the code blocks to the tree diagram. An arrow points from the 'foo1' object definition to the 'foo1' node in the tree. Another arrow points from the 'foo2' object definition to the 'foo2' node in the tree. A third arrow points from the 'qux' definition in the 'foo2' object to the 'foo2.qux' node in the tree.

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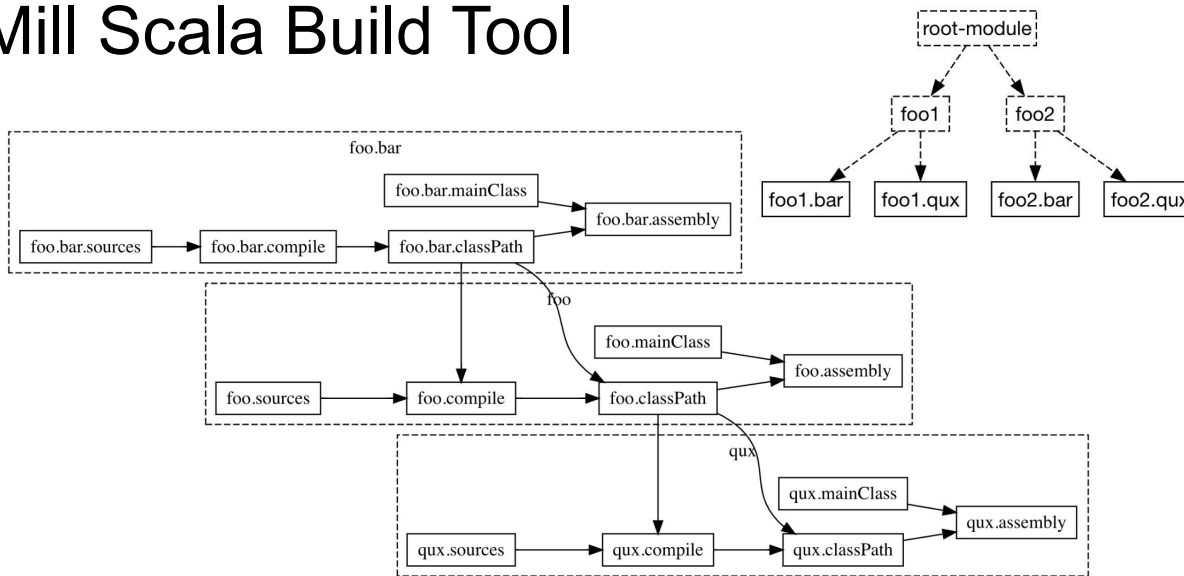
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