

## GammaLib - Feature #1080

### Extend "Contributing to GammaLib" guide with info about @make install@

01/14/2014 08:55 AM - Deil Christoph

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Start date:</b>	01/14/2014
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<b>Target version:</b>	00-08-00		
<b>Description</b>			
The "Contributing to GammaLib" guide contains lots of very useful information. <a href="https://cta-redmine.irap.omp.eu/projects/gammalib/wiki/Contributing_to_GammaLib">https://cta-redmine.irap.omp.eu/projects/gammalib/wiki/Contributing_to_GammaLib</a>			
In addition, it would be great to describe how to set <code>./configure --prefix=XXX</code> and when to make <code>install</code> to get an updated GammaLib version.			
For new developers it can be confusing that <code>make check</code> automatically picks up the currently development version of GammaLib, but if they have their own test Python scripts or C++ programs or work on ctools, the old installed GammaLib version is picked up if they didn't say <code>make install</code> .			
Michael, from the last coding sprint I vaguely remember that you had a nice and fast edit - build - test development cycle where I think you didn't need <code>make install</code> but somehow directly used the GammaLib library from the source directory that gets generated simply by <code>make</code> ?			

#### History

##### #1 - 01/14/2014 09:25 AM - Mayer Michael

Michael,  
from the last coding sprint I vaguely remember that you had a nice and fast edit - build - test development cycle where I think you didn't need `make install` > but somehow directly used the GammaLib library from the source directory that gets generated simply by `make`?

I actually don't remember to have such a cycle. When I make changes, I rebuild `gammalib` with `make -j5` followed by `make install`. Of course, you could always write these two commands in a shell script but this will make you insensitive for error output.

##### #2 - 01/16/2014 03:39 PM - Knödseder Jürgen

When you use the unit tests you don't have to install. Just typing

```
make check
```

should do the job. The only problem arises when you change interfaces of functions, as not everything is necessarily rebuilt correctly. In this case you may need a

```
make clean
```

before to get a clean system, which then gives you time for a coffee break ...

**#3 - 01/17/2014 02:30 PM - Deil Christoph**

- Status changed from New to Resolved
- Assigned To set to Deil Christoph
- Priority changed from Normal to Low

This was the kind of information I think was missing:

[https://cta-redmine.irap.omp.eu/projects/gammalib/wiki/Contributing\\_to\\_Gammalib#Installing-Gammalib](https://cta-redmine.irap.omp.eu/projects/gammalib/wiki/Contributing_to_Gammalib#Installing-Gammalib)

I wasn't sure whether it should be integrated at the top or put in a separate section ... feel free to improve it.

**#4 - 01/18/2014 02:43 AM - Knödseder Jürgen**

- Status changed from Resolved to Closed
- Target version changed from 2nd coding sprint to 00-08-00