

# SmokeTest

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Note: if you just want to try out Isis then there's no need to build it first; just use our [quickstart maven archetype](#)

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## Introduction

As a contributor there are a couple of things you can do to check your build; either:

- use your locally-built archetype to generate a test app, and try out, or
- import one of the example applications directly

## Prereqs

The [BuildProcess](#) page explains how to build the Isis source code.

You ALSO need to make sure that you've built the archetype module (using `-Dmodules=support`) and the release module (using `-D modules=release`).

## Running the locally-built Archetype

Assuming you've completed the prereqs (see above), you can try generating a new application using:

```
mvn archetype:generate \  
    -DarchetypeGroupId=org.apache.isis.support \  
    -DarchetypeArtifactId=quickstart-archetype \  
    -DarchetypeCatalog=internal
```

nb: it ought not to be necessary to include `-DarchetypeVersion=...` ; mvn should pick up the latest version. But, if you want to pick up an earlier build or if you want to just be explicit in specifying the current version, then there's no harm in including it.

This should generate the 'quickstart' app. Full details on then using the generated app are on the [Isis website](#).

## Importing an Example Application

Isis has a number of example applications, though (at the time of writing) they aren't particularly well maintained. Probably the best one to try importing is the 'claims' app, which lives in `trunk/examples/claims`.

You should import this using `File>Import>Maven>Existing Maven Projects`, then `Root Directory`: `trunk/examples/claims`, and also `Advanced>Name Template=` [groupId:artifactId](#).