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# CSE 390

## Lecture 8

Large Program Management: Make; Ant

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# Motivation

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- single-file programs do not work well when code gets large
  - compilation can be slow
  - hard to collaborate between multiple programmers
  - more cumbersome to edit
- larger programs are split into multiple files
  - each file represents a partial program or *module*
  - modules can be compiled separately or together
  - a module can be shared between multiple programs
- but now we have to deal with all these files just to build our program...

# Compiling: Java

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- What happens when you compile a Java program?

```
$ javac Example.java
```

- Example.java is compiled to create Example.class
- The class file is then run with java: java Example

# Compiling: C

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command	description
gcc	GNU C compiler

- to compile a program, type:

```
gcc -o target source.c
```

(where *target* is the name of the executable program to build)

- the compiler builds an actual executable file, not a .class like Java
- example: `gcc -o hi hello.c`

- to run your program, just execute that file

- example: `./hi`

# Object files (.o)

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- A .c file can be compiled into an *object (.o) file* with **-c** :

```
$ gcc -c part1.c
```

```
$ ls
```

```
part1.c  part1.o  part2.c
```

- a .o file is a binary blob of compiled C code that cannot be directly executed, but can be directly inserted into a larger executable later
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- You can compile a mixture of .c and .o files:

```
$ gcc -o combined part1.o part2.c
```
  - avoids recompilation of unchanged partial program files

# Header files (.h)

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- **header** : A C file whose only purpose is to be included (java import)
  - generally a filename with the .h extension
  - holds shared variables, types, and function declarations
  - similar to a java interface: contains function declarations but not implementations
- key ideas:
  - every *name*.c intended to be a module (not a stand alone program) has a *name*.h
  - *name*.h declares all global functions/data of the module
  - other .c files that want to use the module will #include *name*.h

# Compiling large programs

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- compiling multi-file programs repeatedly is cumbersome:

```
$ gcc -o myprogram file1.c file2.c file3.c
```

- retyping the above command is wasteful:
  - for the developer (so much typing)
  - for the compiler (may not need to recompile all; save them as .o)
- improvements:
  - use up-arrow or history to re-type compilation command for you
  - use an alias or shell script to recompile everything
  - use a system for compilation/build management, such as make

# make

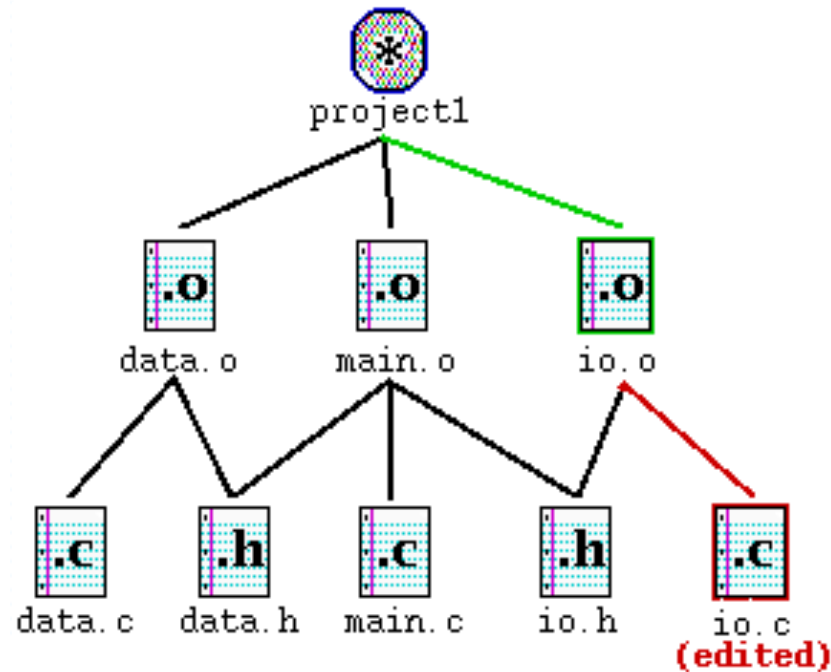
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- **make** : A utility for automatically compiling ("building") executables and libraries from source code.
  - a very basic compilation manager
  - often used for C programs, but not language-specific
  - primitive, but still widely used due to familiarity, simplicity
  - similar programs: ant, maven, IDEs (Eclipse), ...
- **Makefile** : A script file that defines rules for what must be compiled and how to compile it.
  - Makefiles describe which files depend on which others, and how to create / compile / build / update each file in the system as needed.



# Dependencies

- **dependency** : When a file relies on the contents of another.
  - can be displayed as a *dependency graph*
  - to build `main.o`, we need `data.h`, `main.c`, and `io.h`
  - if any of those files is updated, we must rebuild `main.o`
  - if `main.o` is updated, we must update `project1`



# make demo

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- **figlet** : program for displaying large ASCII text (like banner).
  - <http://freshmeat.net/projects/figlet>
- Let's download a piece of software and compile it with make:
  - download `.tar.gz` file
  - un-tar it
  - (optional) look at README file to see how to compile it
  - (sometimes) run `./configure`
    - for cross-platform programs; sets up make for our operating system
  - run `make` to compile the program
  - execute the program

# Makefile rule syntax

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```
target : source1 source2 ... sourceN  
    command  
    command  
    ...
```

- *source1* through *sourceN* are the dependencies for building *target*
- Example:

```
myprogram : file1.c file2.c file3.c  
    gcc -o myprogram file1.c file2.c file3.c
```

- The *command* line must be indented by a single tab
  - not by spaces; **NOT BY SPACES! SPACES WILL NOT WORK!**

# Running make

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\$ make *target*

- uses the file named Makefile in current directory
- finds rule in Makefile for building *target* and follows it
  - if the *target* file does not exist, or if it is older than any of its *sources*, its *commands* will be executed

- variations:

\$ make

- builds the *first* target in the Makefile

\$ make -f *makefilename*

\$ make -f *makefilename target*

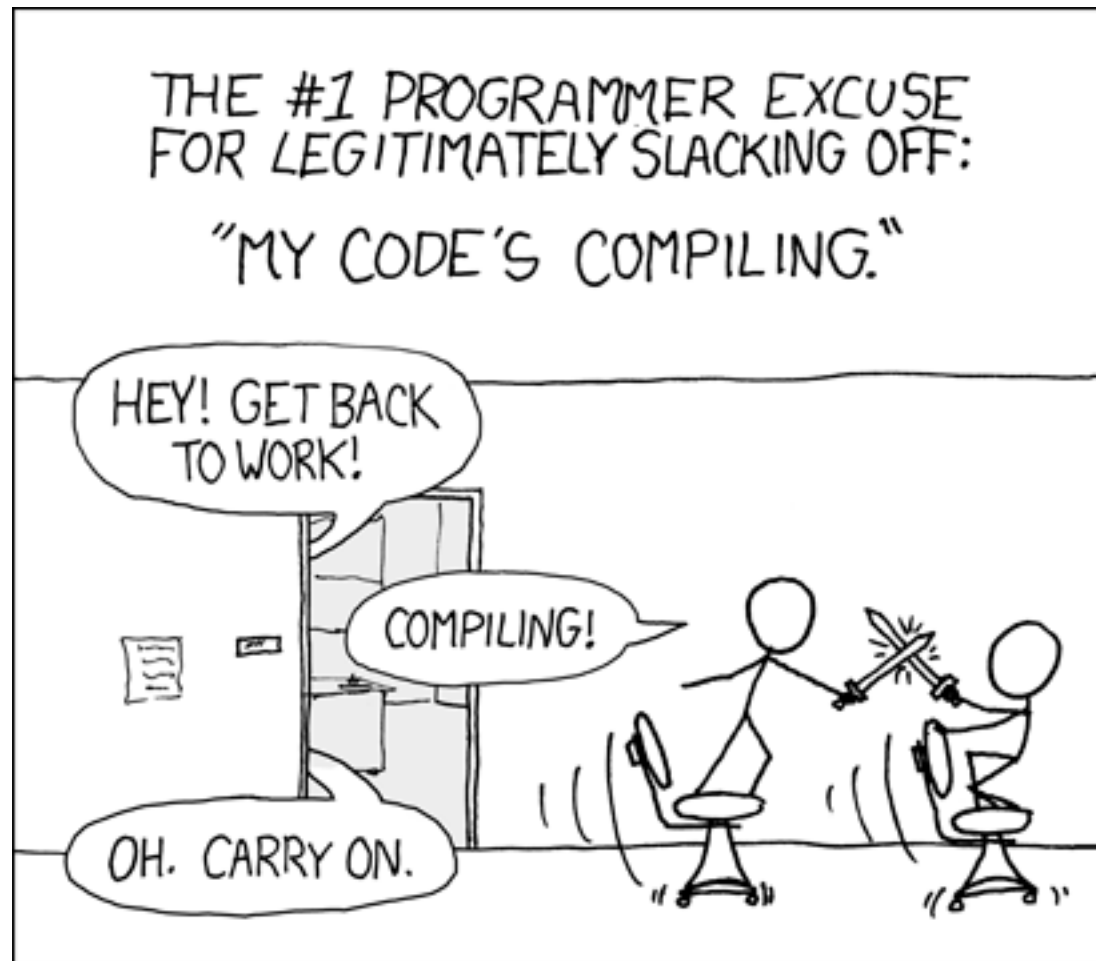
- uses a makefile other than Makefile

# Making a Makefile

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- Exercise: Create a basic Makefile to build {hello.c, file2.c, file3.c}
  - Basic works, but is wasteful. What happens if we change file2.c?
    - everything is recompiled. On a large project, this could be a huge waste

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courtesy XKCD

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  - Augment the makefile to make use of precompiled object files and dependencies
    - by adding additional targets, we can avoid unnecessary re-compilation

# Rules with no dependencies

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```
myprog: file1.o file2.o file3.o
    gcc -o myprog file1.o file2.o file3.o
```

**clean:**

```
rm file1.o file2.o file3.o myprog
```

- make assumes that a rule's command will build/create its target
  - but if your rule does not actually create its target, the target will still not exist the next time, so the rule will always execute (clean above)
  - make `clean` is a convention for removing all compiled files



# Rules with no commands

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```
all: myprog myprog2
```

```
myprog: file1.o file2.o file3.o  
    gcc -o myprog file1.o file2.o file3.o
```

```
myprog2: file4.c  
    gcc -o myprog2 file4.c
```

```
...
```

- `all` rule has no commands, but depends on `myprog` and `myprog2`
  - typing `make all` will ensure that `myprog`, `myprog2` are up to date
  - `all` rule often put first, so that typing `make` will build everything
- Exercise: add “clean” and “all” rules to our hello Makefile

# Variables

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*NAME* = *value*                    (declare)

$\$(NAME)$                                 (use)

```
OBJFILES = file1.o file2.o file3.o
```

```
PROGRAM = myprog
```

```
 $\$(PROGRAM): \$(OBJFILES)$ 
```

```
    gcc -o  $\$(PROGRAM)$   $\$(OBJFILES)$ 
```

```
clean:
```

```
    rm  $\$(OBJFILES)$   $\$(PROGRAM)$ 
```

- variables make it easier to change one option throughout the file
  - also makes the makefile more reusable for another project

# More variables

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```
OBJFILES = file1.o file2.o file3.o
```

```
PROGRAM = myprog
```

```
CC = gcc
```

```
CCFLAGS = -g -Wall
```

```
$(PROGRAM): $(OBJFILES)
```

```
    $(CC) $(CCFLAGS) -o $(PROGRAM) $(OBJFILES)
```

- many makefiles create variables for the compiler, flags, etc.
  - this can be overkill, but you will see it "out there"

# Special variables

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<code>\$@</code>	the current target file
<code>\$\$</code>	all sources listed for the current target
<code>\$&lt;</code>	the first (left-most) source for the current target

(there are [other special variables](#))

```
myprog: file1.o file2.o file3.o
       gcc $(CCFLAGS) -o $@ $$
```

```
file1.o: file1.c file1.h file2.h
       gcc $(CCFLAGS) -c $<
```

- Exercise: change our hello Makefile to use variables for the object files and the name of the program

# Auto-conversions

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- rather than specifying individually how to convert every `.c` file into its corresponding `.o` file, you can set up an *implicit* target:

```
# conversion from .c to .o
```

```
.c.o:
```

```
gcc $(CCFLAGS) -c $<
```

- "To create *filename.o* from *filename.c*, run `gcc -g -Wall -c filename.c`"

- for making an executable (no extension), simply write `.c :`

```
.c:
```

```
gcc $(CCFLAGS) -o $@ $<
```

- Exercise: simplify our hello Makefile with a single `.c.o` conversion

# What about Java?

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- Create Example.java that uses a class MyValue in MyValue.java
  - Compile Example.java and run it
    - javac automatically found and compiled MyValue.java
  - Now, alter MyValue.java
    - Re-compile Example.java... does the change we made to MyValue propagate?
    - Yep! javac follows similar timestamping rules as the makefile dependencies. If it can find both a .java and a .class file, and the .java is newer than the .class, it will automatically recompile
    - But be careful about the depth of the search...
- But, this is still a simplistic feature. Ant is a commonly used build tool for Java programs giving many more build options.

# Ant

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- Similar idea to Make, though Ant uses build.xml instead of Makefile:

```
<project>
  <target name="name">
    tasks
  </target>

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    tasks
  </target>
</project>
```

- Tasks can be things like:

- `<javac ... />`
- `<mkdir ... />`
- `<delete ... />`
- A whole lot more... <http://ant.apache.org/manual/taskoverview.html>

# Ant Example

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- Create an Ant file to compile our Example.java program

- Running ant (assuming build.xml in current directory):

```
$ ant targetname
```



# Ant Example

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- Create an Ant file to compile our Example.java program

```
<project>
  <target name="clean">
    <delete dir="build"/>
  </target>

  <target name="compile">
    <mkdir dir="build/classes"/>
    <javac srcdir="src" destdir="build/classes"/>
  </target>
</project>
```

# Automated Build Systems

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- Fairly essential for any large programming project
  - Why? Shell scripts instead? What are these tools aiming to do?
  - Is timestamping the right approach for determining “recompile”?
  - What about dependency determination?
  - What features would you want from an automated build tool?
  - Should “building” your program also involve non-syntactic checking?
    - Ant can run JUnit tests...