


Princeton University  
Computer Science 217: Introduction to Programming Systems

# Building



## Goals of this Lecture

Help you learn about:

- The build process for multi-file programs
- Partial builds of multi-file programs
- make**, a popular tool for automating (partial) builds

Why?

- A complete build of a large multi-file program typically consumes many hours
- To save build time, a power programmer knows how to do partial builds
- A power programmer knows how to automate (partial) builds using **make**

## Review: Multi-File Programs

**intmath.h (interface)**

```
#ifndef INTMATH_INCLUDED
#define INTMATH_INCLUDED
int gcd(int i, int j);
int lcm(int i, int j);
#endif
```

**testintmath.c (client)**

```
#include "intmath.h"
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    int i;
    printf("Enter the first integer:\n");
    scanf("%d", &i);
    printf("Enter the second integer:\n");
    scanf("%d", &j);
    printf("Greatest common divisor: %d.\n",
        gcd(i, j));
    printf("Least common multiple: %d.\n",
        lcm(i, j));
    return 0;
}
```

**intmath.c (implementation)**

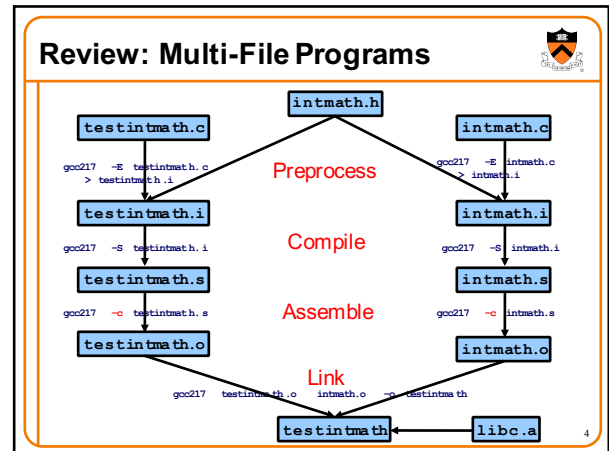
```
#include "intmath.h"

int gcd(int i, int j)
{
    int temp;
    while (j != 0)
    {
        temp = i % j;
        i = j;
        j = temp;
    }
    return i;
}

int lcm(int i, int j)
{
    return (i / gcd(i, j)) * j;
}
```

Note: intmath.h is #included into intmath.c and testintmath.c

See precept handouts for stylistically better version



## Agenda

- Motivation for Make
- Make Fundamentals
- Non-File Targets
- Macros
- Abbreviations
- Pattern Rules

## Motivation for Make (Part 1)

Building testintmath, approach 1:

- Use one gcc217 command to preprocess, compile, assemble, and link

```
gcc217 testintmath.c intmath.c -o testintmath
```

### Motivation for Make (Part 2)

Building `testintmath`, approach 2:

- Preprocess, compile, assemble to produce `.o` files
- Link to produce executable binary file

Recall: `-c` option tells `gcc217` to omit link

```

    graph TD
      testintmath_c[testintmath.c] -- gcc217 -c --> testintmath_o[testintmath.o]
      intmath_h[intmath.h] --> testintmath_o
      intmath_c[intmath.c] -- gcc217 -c --> intmath_o[intmath.o]
      intmath_h --> intmath_o
      testintmath_o -- gcc217 --> testintmath[testintmath]
      intmath_o -- gcc217 --> testintmath
  
```

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### Partial Builds

Approach 2 allows for **partial builds**

- Example: Change `intmath.c`
- Must rebuild `intmath.o` and `testintmath`
- Need not rebuild `testintmath.o`!!

changed

```

    graph TD
      testintmath_c[testintmath.c] -- gcc217 -c --> testintmath_o[testintmath.o]
      intmath_h[intmath.h] --> testintmath_o
      intmath_c[intmath.c] -- gcc217 -c --> intmath_o[intmath.o]
      intmath_h --> intmath_o
      testintmath_o -- gcc217 --> testintmath[testintmath]
      intmath_o -- gcc217 --> testintmath
  
```

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### Partial Builds

- Example: Change `testintmath.c`
- Must rebuild `testintmath.o` and `testintmath`
- Need not rebuild `intmath.o`!!

If program contains many `.c` files, could save many hours of build time

changed

```

    graph TD
      testintmath_c[testintmath.c] -- gcc217 -c --> testintmath_o[testintmath.o]
      intmath_h[intmath.h] --> testintmath_o
      intmath_c[intmath.c] -- gcc217 -c --> intmath_o[intmath.o]
      intmath_h --> intmath_o
      testintmath_o -- gcc217 --> testintmath[testintmath]
      intmath_o -- gcc217 --> testintmath
  
```

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### Partial Builds

However, changing a `.h` file can be more dramatic

- Example: Change `intmath.h`
- `intmath.h` is `#included` into `testintmath.c` and `intmath.c`
- Changing `intmath.h` effectively changes `testintmath.c` and `intmath.c`
- Must rebuild `testintmath.o`, `intmath.o`, and `testintmath`

changed

```

    graph TD
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      intmath_h[intmath.h] --> testintmath_o
      intmath_c[intmath.c] -- gcc217 -c --> intmath_o[intmath.o]
      intmath_h --> intmath_o
      testintmath_o -- gcc217 --> testintmath[testintmath]
      intmath_o -- gcc217 --> testintmath
  
```

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### Wouldn't It Be Nice...

Observation

- Doing partial builds manually is tedious and error-prone
- Wouldn't it be nice if there were a tool

How would the tool work?

- Input:
  - Dependency graph (as shown previously)
    - Specifies file dependencies
    - Specifies commands to build each file from its dependents
  - Date/time stamps of files
- Algorithm:
  - If file B depends on A and date/time stamp of A is newer than date/time stamp of B, then rebuild B using the specified command

That's **make**!

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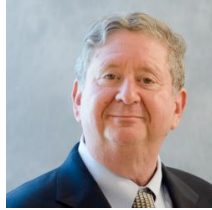
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## The Make Tool



- Who?** Stuart Feldman '68
- When?** 1976
- Where?** Bell Labs
- Why?** Automate partial builds



(This is Stu Feldman recently; in 1976 he looked younger)

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## Make Command Syntax



### Command syntax

- ```
make [-f makefile] [target]
```
- **makefile**
    - Textual representation of dependency graph
    - Contains **dependency rules**
    - Default name is **makefile**, then **Makefile**
  - **target**
    - What **make** should build
    - Usually: **.o** file, or an executable binary file
    - Default is first one defined in **makefile**

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## Dependency Rules



### Dependency rule syntax

```
target: dependencies
<tab>command
```

- **target**: the file you want to build
- **dependencies**: the files on which the target depends
- **command**: what to execute to create the target (after a TAB character)

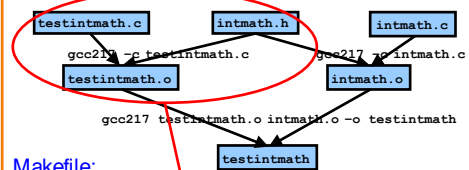
### Dependency rule semantics

- Build **target** iff it is older than any of its **dependencies**
- Use **command** to do the build

Work recursively; examples illustrate...

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## Makefile Version 1



### Makefile:

```
testintmath: testintmath.o intmath.o
gcc217 testintmath.o intmath.o -o testintmath

testintmath.o: testintmath.c intmath.h
gcc217 -c testintmath.c

intmath.o: intmath.c intmath.h
gcc217 -c intmath.c
```

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## Version 1 in Action



At first, to build testintmath make issues all three gcc commands

Use the touch command to change the date/time stamp of intmath.c

```
$ make testintmath
gcc217 -c testintmath.c
gcc217 -c intmath.o
gcc217 testintmath.o intmath.o -o testintmath

$ touch intmath.c

$ make testintmath
gcc217 -c intmath.o
gcc217 testintmath.o intmath.o -o testintmath

$ make testintmath
make: 'testintmath' is up to date.

$ make
make: 'testintmath' is up to date.
```

make does a partial build

make notes that the specified target is up to date

The default target is testintmath, the target of the first dependency rule

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## Non-File Targets

Adding useful shortcuts for the programmer

- **make all**: create the final executable binary file
- **make clean**: delete all .o files, executable binary file
- **make clobber**: delete all Emacs backup files, all .o files, executable binary file

Commands in the example

- `rm -f`: remove files without querying the user
- Files ending in '~' and starting/ending in '#' are Emacs backup files

```
all: testintmath
clobber: clean
rm -f *~ \#*\#
clean:
rm -f testintmath *.o
```

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## Makefile Version 2

```
# Dependency rules for non-file targets
all: testintmath
clobber: clean
rm -f *~ \#*\#
clean:
rm -f testintmath *.o

# Dependency rules for file targets
testintmath: testintmath.o intmath.o
gcc217 testintmath.o intmath.o -o testintmath
testintmath.o: testintmath.c intmath.h
gcc217 -c testintmath.c
intmath.o: intmath.c intmath.h
gcc217 -c intmath.c
```

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## Version 2 in Action

make observes that "clean" target doesn't exist; attempts to build it by issuing "rm" command

```
$ make clean
rm -f testintmath *.o

$ make clobber
rm -f testintmath *.o
rm -f *~ \#*\#

$ make all
gcc217 -c testintmath.c
gcc217 -c intmath.c
gcc217 testintmath.o intmath.o -o testintmath

$ make
make: Nothing to be done for 'all'.
```

Same idea here, but "clobber" depends upon "clean"

"all" depends upon "testintmath"

"all" is the default target

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## Macros

**make** has a macro facility

- Performs textual substitution
- Similar to C preprocessor's `#define`

Macro definition syntax

```
macro_name = macro_definition
```

- **make** replaces `$(macro_name)` with `macro_definition` in remainder of Makefile

Example: Make it easy to change build commands

```
CC = gcc217
```

Example: Make it easy to change build flags

```
CFLAGS = -D NDEBUG -O
```

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## Makefile Version 3

```
# Macros
CC = gcc217
# CC = gcc217/m
CFLAGS =
# CFLAGS = -g
# CFLAGS = -D NDEBUG
# CFLAGS = -D NDEBUG -O

# Dependency rules for non-file targets
all: testintmath
clobber: clean
rm -f *~ \#*\#
clean:
rm -f testintmath *.o

# Dependency rules for file targets
testintmath: testintmath.o intmath.o
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) testintmath.o intmath.o -o testintmath
testintmath.o: testintmath.c intmath.h
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c testintmath.c
intmath.o: intmath.c intmath.h
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c intmath.c
```

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## Version 3 in Action

Same as Version 2

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## Abbreviations

### Abbreviations

- Target file: `$$`
- First item in the dependency list: `$$<`

### Example

```
testintmath: testintmath.o intmath.o
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) testintmath.o intmath.o -o testintmath
```



```
testintmath: testintmath.o intmath.o
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) $$< intmath.o -o $$@
```

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## Makefile Version 4

```
# Macros
CC = gcc217
# CC = gcc217m
CFLAGS = -g
# CFLAGS = -D NDEBUG
# CFLAGS = -D NDEBUG -O

# Dependency rules for non-file targets
all: testintmath
clobber: clean
clean:
  rm -f *~ \#*\#
  rm -f testintmath *.o

# Dependency rules for file targets
testintmath: testintmath.o intmath.o
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) testintmath.o -o testintmath
testintmath.o: testintmath.c intmath.h
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c testintmath.c
intmath.o: intmath.c intmath.h
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c testintmath.c
```

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## Version 4 in Action

Same as Version 2

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### Pattern Rules

**Pattern rule**

- Wildcard version of dependency rule
- Example:

```
%.o: %.c
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c $<
```

- Translation: To build a .o file from a .c file of the same name, use the command `$(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c $<`
- With pattern rule, dependency rules become simpler:

```
testintmath: testintmath.o intmath.o
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) $< intmath.o -o $@
testintmath.o: testintmath.c intmath.h
intmath.o: intmath.c intmath.h
```

Can omit build command

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### Pattern Rules Bonus

**Bonus with pattern rules**

- First dependency is assumed

```
testintmath: testintmath.o intmath.o
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) $< intmath.o -o $@
testintmath.o: testintmath.c intmath.h
intmath.o: intmath.c intmath.h
```

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```
testintmath: testintmath.o intmath.o
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) $< intmath.o -o $@
testintmath.o: intmath.h
intmath.o: intmath.h
```

Can omit first dependency

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### Makefile Version 5

```
# Macros
CC = gcc217
# CC = gcc217m
CFLAGS =
# CFLAGS = -g
# CFLAGS = -D NDEBUG
# CFLAGS = -D NDEBUG -O

# Pattern rule
%.o: %.c
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c $<

# Dependency rules for non-file targets
all: testintmath
clobber: clean
clean:
rm -f *~ \#*~*

# Dependency rules for file targets
testintmath: testintmath.o intmath.o
$(CC) $(CFLAGS) $< intmath.o -o $@
testintmath.o: intmath.h
intmath.o: intmath.c
```

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### Version 5 in Action

Same as Version 2

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### Makefile Guidelines

```
a.o: a.c a.h c.h d.h
gcc217 -c a.c
```

In a proper Makefile, each object file:

- Depends upon its .c file
- Does not depend upon any other .c file
- Does not depend upon any .o file
- Depends upon any .h file that its .c file #includes **directly or indirectly**

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### Makefile Guidelines

```
x: a.o b.o
gcc217 a.o b.o -o x
```

In a proper Makefile, each executable binary file:

- Depends upon the .o files that comprise it
- Does not depend upon any .c files
- Does not depend upon any .h files

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## Making Makefiles



### In this course

- Create Makefiles manually

### Beyond this course

- Can use tools to generate Makefiles
  - See `mkmf`, others

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## Makefile Gotchas



### Beware:

- Each command (i.e., second line of each dependency rule) must begin with a tab character, not spaces
- Use the `rm -f` command with caution

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## Make Resources



*C Programming: A Modern Approach* (King) Section 15.4

### GNU make

- <http://www.gnu.org/software/make/manual/make.html>

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## Summary



### Motivation for Make

- Automation of partial builds

### Make fundamentals (Makefile version 1)

- Dependency rules, targets, dependencies, commands

### Non-file targets (Makefile version 2)

### Macros (Makefile version 3)

### Abbreviations (Makefile version 4)

### Pattern rules (Makefile version 5)

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## Debugging (Part 1)



The material for this lecture is drawn, in part from  
*The Practice of Programming* (Kernighan & Pike) Chapter 5

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## For Your Amusement



“When debugging, novices insert corrective code; experts remove defective code.”

– Richard Pattis

“If debugging is the act of removing errors from code, what's programming?”

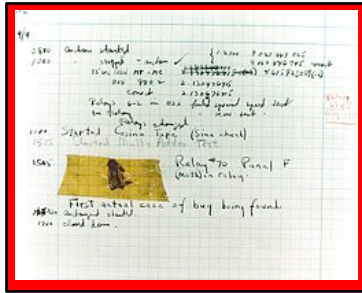
– Tom Gilb

“Debugging is twice as hard as writing the code in the first place. Therefore, if you write the code as cleverly as possible, you are, by definition, not smart enough to debug it.”

– Brian Kernighan

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## For Your Amusement



The first computer bug  
(found in the Harvard Mark II computer)

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## “Programming in the Large” Steps

### Design & Implement

- Program & programming style
- Common data structures and algorithms
- Modularity
- Building techniques & tools (done)

### Test

- Testing techniques (done)

### Debug

- Debugging techniques & tools <-- we are here

### Maintain

- Performance improvement techniques & tools

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## Goals of this Lecture

### Help you learn about:

- Strategies and tools for debugging your code

### Why?

- Debugging large programs can be difficult
- A power programmer knows a wide variety of debugging **strategies**
- A power programmer knows about **tools** that facilitate debugging
  - Debuggers
  - Version control systems

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## Testing vs. Debugging

### Testing

- What should I do to try to **break** my program?

### Debugging

- What should I do to try to **fix** my program?

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## Agenda

- (1) Understand **error messages**
- (2) Think before writing
- (3) Look for familiar bugs
- (4) Divide and conquer
- (5) Add more internal tests
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## Understand Error Messages

Debugging at **build-time** is easier than debugging at **run-time**, if and only if you...

Understand the error messages!

```
#include <stdio.h>
/* Print "hello, world" to stdout and
return 0.
int main(void)
{ printf("hello, world\n");
return 0;
}
```

What are the errors? (No fair looking at the next slide!)

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## Understand Error Messages



```
#include <stdio.h>
/* Print "hello, world" to stdout and
return 0.
int main(void)
{ printf("hello, world\n");
return 0;
}
```

Which tool  
(preprocessor,  
compiler, or  
linker) reports  
the error(s)?

```
$ gcc217 hello.c -o hello
hello.c:1:20: error: stdio.h: No such file or
directory
hello.c:2:1: error: unterminated comment
hello.c:7: warning: ISO C forbids an empty
translation unit
```

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## Understand Error Messages



```
#include <stdio.h>
/* Print "hello, world" to stdout and
return 0. */
int main(void)
{ printf("hello, world\n");
return 0;
}
```

What are the  
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## Understand Error Messages



```
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return 0. */
int main(void)
{ printf("hello, world\n")
return 0;
}
```

Which tool  
(preprocessor,  
compiler, or  
linker) reports  
the error?

```
$ gcc217 hello.c -o hello
hello.c: In function 'main':
hello.c:6: error: expected ';' before 'return'
```

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## Understand Error Messages



```
#include <stdio.h>
/* Print "hello, world" to stdout and
return 0. */
int main(void)
{ printf("hello, world\n");
return 0;
}
```

What are the  
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## Understand Error Messages



```
#include <stdio.h>
/* Print "hello, world" to stdout and
return 0. */
int main(void)
{ printf("hello, world\n")
return 0;
}
```

Which tool  
(preprocessor,  
compiler, or  
linker) reports  
the error?

```
$ gcc217 hello.c -o hello
hello.c: In function 'main':
hello.c:5: warning: implicit declaration of function
'printf'
/tmp/ccLSPMTR.o: In function 'main':
hello.c:(.text+0x1a): undefined reference to 'printf'
collect2: ld returned 1 exit status
```

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## Understand Error Messages



```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
enum StateType
{ STATE_REGULAR,
STATE_INWORD
};
int main(void)
{ printf("just hanging around\n");
return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

What are the  
errors? (No  
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the next slide!)

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## Understand Error Messages



```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
enum StateType
{
    STATE_REGULAR,
    STATE_INWORD
}
int main(void)
{
    printf("just hanging around\n");
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

What does this error message even mean?

```
$ gcc217 hello.c -o hello
hello.c:7: error: two or more data types in declaration specifiers
hello.c:7: warning: return type of 'main' is not 'int'
```

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## Understand Error Messages



### Caveats concerning error messages

- Line # in error message may be approximate
- Error message may seem nonsensical
- Compiler may not report the real error

### Tips for eliminating error messages

- Clarity facilitates debugging
  - Make sure code is indented properly
- Look for missing semicolons
  - At ends of structure type definitions
  - At ends of function declarations
- Work incrementally
  - Start at first error message
  - Fix, rebuild, repeat

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## Think Before Writing



Inappropriate changes could make matters worse, so...

### Think before changing your code

- Explain the code to:
  - Yourself
  - Someone else
  - A Teddy bear?
- Do experiments
  - But make sure they're disciplined



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## Look for Common Bugs



Some of our favorites:

```
switch (i)
{
    case 0:
        ...
        break;
    case 1:
        ...
    case 2:
        ...
}
```

```
int i;
...
scanf("%d", i);
```

```
char c;
...
c = getchar();
```

```
while (c = getchar() != EOF)
    ...
```

```
if (i = 5)
    ...
```

```
if (5 < i < 10)
    ...
```

```
if (i & j)
    ...
```

What are the errors?

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## Look for Common Bugs

Some of our favorites:

```
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
{
  for (j = 0; j < 10; i++)
  {
    ...
  }
}
```

```
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
{
  for (j = 10; j >= 0; j++)
  {
    ...
  }
}
```

What are the errors?

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## Look for Common Bugs

Some of our favorites:

```
{ int i;
...
i = 5;
if (something)
{ int i;
...
i = 6;
...
}
...
printf("%d\n", i);
...
}
```

What value is written if this statement is present? Absent?

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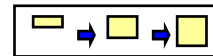
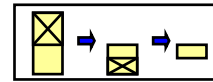
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## Divide and Conquer

Divide and conquer: To debug a **program**...

- Incrementally find smallest **input file** that illustrates the bug
- Approach 1: **Remove** input
  - Start with file
  - Incrementally remove lines until bug disappears
  - Examine most-recently-removed lines
- Approach 2: **Add** input
  - Start with small subset of file
  - Incrementally add lines until bug appears
  - Examine most-recently-added lines



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## Divide and Conquer

Divide and conquer: To debug a **module**...

- Incrementally find smallest **client code subset** that illustrates the bug
- Approach 1: **Remove** code
  - Start with test client
  - Incrementally remove lines of code until bug disappears
  - Examine most-recently-removed lines
- Approach 2: **Add** code
  - Start with minimal client
  - Incrementally add lines of test client until bug appears
  - Examine most-recently-added lines

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## Add More Internal Tests

### (5) Add more internal tests

- Internal tests help **find** bugs (see "Testing" lecture)
- Internal test also can help **eliminate** bugs
  - Validating parameters & checking invariants can eliminate some functions from the bug hunt

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## Display Output

Write values of important variables at critical spots

### • Poor:

```
printf("%d", keyvariable);
```

`stdout` is buffered; program may crash before output appears

### • Maybe better:

```
printf("%d\n", keyvariable);
```

Printing '\n' flushes the `stdout` buffer, but not if `stdout` is redirected to a file

### • Better:

```
printf("%d", keyvariable);
fflush(stdout);
```

Call `fflush()` to flush `stdout` buffer explicitly

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## Display Output

### • Maybe even better:

```
fprintf(stderr, "%d", keyvariable);
```

Write debugging output to `stderr`; debugging output can be separated from normal output via redirection

### • Maybe better still:

```
FILE *fp = fopen("logfile", "w");
...
fprintf(fp, "%d", keyvariable);
fflush(fp);
```

Bonus: `stderr` is unbuffered

Write to a log file

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## Use a Debugger

### Use a debugger

- Alternative to displaying output

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## The GDB Debugger

### GNU Debugger

- Part of the GNU development environment
- Integrated with Emacs editor
- Allows user to:
  - Run program
  - Set breakpoints
  - Step through code one line at a time
  - Examine values of variables during run
  - Etc.

For details see precept tutorial, precept reference sheet, Appendix 1

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## Focus on Recent Changes

### Focus on recent changes

- Corollary: Debug now, not later

#### Difficult:

- (1) Compose entire program
- (2) Test entire program
- (3) Debug entire program

#### Easier:

- (1) Compose a little
- (2) Test a little
- (3) Debug a little
- (4) Compose a little
- (5) Test a little
- (6) Debug a little

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## Focus on Recent Changes

### Focus on recent change (cont.)

- Corollary: Maintain old versions

#### Difficult:

- (1) Change code
- (2) Note new bug
- (3) Try to remember what changed since last version

#### Easier:

- (1) Backup current version
- (2) Change code
- (3) Note new bug
- (4) Compare code with last version to determine what changed

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## Maintaining Old Versions

To maintain old versions...

Approach 1: Manually copy project directory

```
$ mkdir myproject
$ cd myproject

Create project files here.

$ cd ..
$ cp -r myproject myprojectDateTIme
$ cd myproject

Continue creating project files here.
...
```

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## Maintaining Old Versions

Approach 2: Use a Revision Control System such as subversion or git

- Allows programmer to:
  - **Check-in** source code files from **working copy** to **repository**
  - **Commit** revisions from **working copy** to **repository**
    - saves all old versions
  - **Update** source code files from **repository** to **working copy**
    - Can retrieve old versions
- Appropriate for one-developer projects
- Extremely useful, almost *necessary* for multideveloper projects!

Not required for COS 217, but good to know!

Google "subversion svn" or "git" for more information.

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## Summary

### General debugging strategies and tools:

- (1) Understand error messages
- (2) Think before writing
- (3) Look for common bugs
- (4) Divide and conquer
- (5) Add more internal tests
- (6) Display output
- (7) Use a debugger
  - Use GDB!!!
- (8) Focus on recent changes
  - Consider using RCS, etc.

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## Appendix 1: Using GDB

### An example program

File testintmath.c:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int gcd(int i, int j)
{
    int temp;
    while (j != 0)
    {
        temp = i % j;
        i = j;
        j = temp;
    }
    return i;
}

int lcm(int i, int j)
{
    return (i / gcd(i, j)) * j;
}

...

int main(void)
{
    int iGcd;
    int iLcm;
    iGcd = gcd(8, 12);
    iLcm = lcm(8, 12);
    printf("%d %d\n", iGcd, iLcm);
    return 0;
}

The program is correct

But let's pretend it has a
runtime error in gcd()...
```

Euclid's algorithm;  
Don't be concerned  
with details

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## Appendix 1: Using GDB

### General GDB strategy:

- Execute the program to the point of interest
  - Use breakpoints and stepping to do that
- Examine the values of variables at that point

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## Appendix 1: Using GDB

### Typical steps for using GDB:

- (a) Build with `-g`

```
gcc217 -g testintmath.c -o testintmath
```

  - Adds extra information to executable file that GDB uses
- (b) Run Emacs, with no arguments
 

```
emacs
```
- (c) Run GDB on executable file from within Emacs
 

```
<Esc key> x gdb <Enter key> testintmath <Enter key>
```
- (d) Set breakpoints, as desired
 

```
break main
```

  - GDB sets a breakpoint at the first executable line of main()

```
break gcd
```

  - GDB sets a breakpoint at the first executable line of gcd()

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## Appendix 1: Using GDB

### Typical steps for using GDB (cont.):

- (e) Run the program
 

```
run
```

  - GDB stops at the breakpoint in main()
  - Emacs opens window showing source code
  - Emacs highlights line that is to be executed next

```
continue
```

  - GDB stops at the breakpoint in gcd()
  - Emacs highlights line that is to be executed next
- (f) Step through the program, as desired
 

```
step
```

 (repeatedly)
  - GDB executes the next line (repeatedly)
- Note: When next line is a call of one of your functions:
  - `step` command *steps into* the function
  - `next` command *steps over* the function, that is, executes the next line without stepping into the function

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## Appendix 1: Using GDB

### Typical steps for using GDB (cont.):

- (g) Examine variables, as desired
 

```
print i
```

```
print j
```

```
print temp
```

  - GDB prints the value of each variable
- (h) Examine the function call stack, if desired
 

```
where
```

  - GDB prints the function call stack
  - Useful for diagnosing crash in large program
- (i) Exit gdb
 

```
quit
```
- (j) Exit Emacs
 

```
<Ctrl-x key> <Ctrl-c key>
```

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## Appendix 1: Using GDB



GDB can do much more:

- Handle command-line arguments  
`run arg1 arg2`
- Handle redirection of stdin, stdout, stderr  
`run < somefile > someotherfile`
- Print values of expressions
- Break conditionally
- Etc.