



Building

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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**

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Example of a Three-File Program



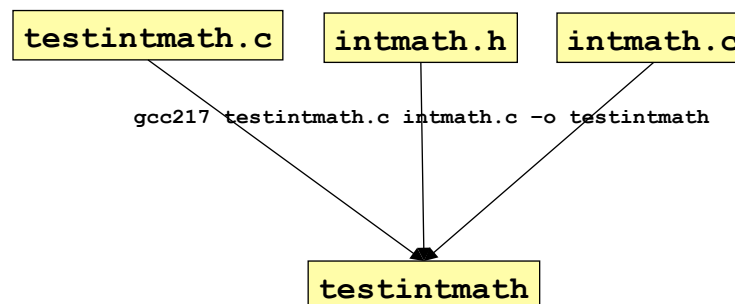
- Program divided into three files
 - `intmath.h`: interface, included into `intmath.c` and `testintmath.c`
 - `intmath.c`: implementation of math functions
 - `testintmath.c`: implementation of tests of the math functions
- Recall the program preparation process
 - `testintmath.c` and `intmath.c` are preprocessed, compiled, and assembled separately to produce `testintmath.o` and `intmath.o`
 - Then `testintmath.o` and `intmath.o` are linked together (with object code from libraries) to produce `testintmath`

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Motivation for Make (Part 1)



- Building `testintmath`, approach 1:
 - Use one `gcc217` command to preprocess, compile, assemble, and link



That's not how it's done in the real world...

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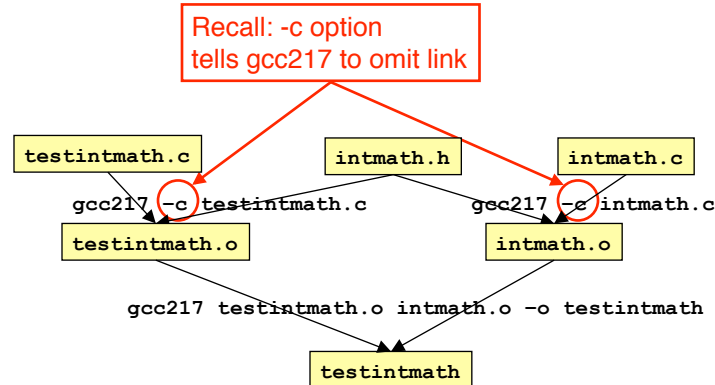
Motivation for Make (Part 2)



- Building `testintmath`, approach 2:

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

That's how it's done in the real world; Why?...



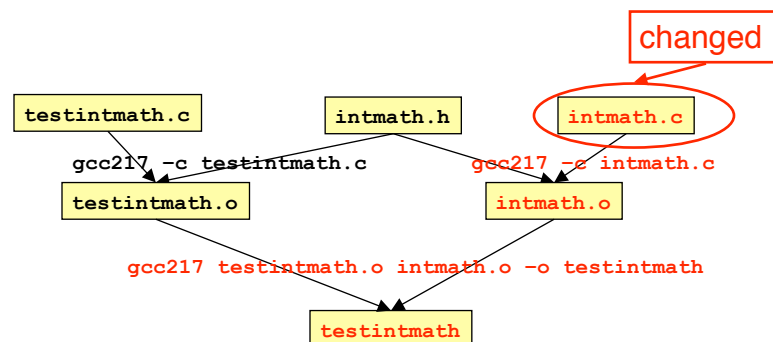
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Partial Builds



- Approach 2 allows for **partial builds**

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



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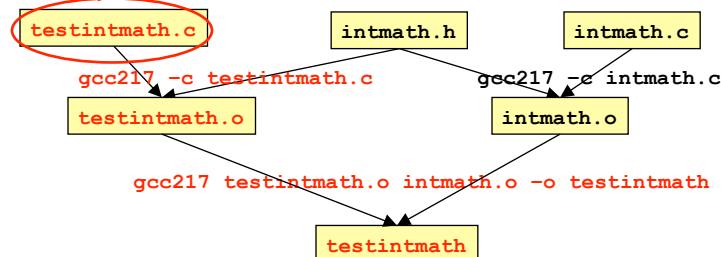
Partial Builds (cont.)



- 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



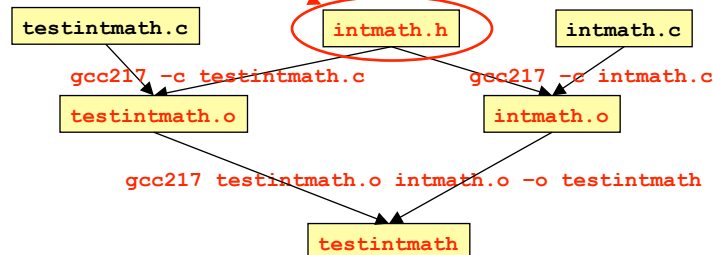
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Partial Builds (cont.)



- 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



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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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Make Fundamentals



- 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)

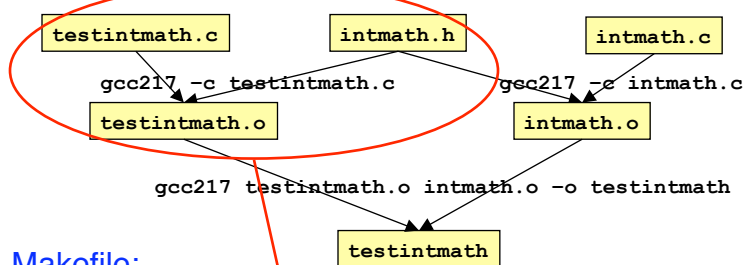
- Dependency rule semantics

- 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
```

Three dependency rules; each captures a fragment of the graph

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

```
$ touch intmath.c
```

```
$ make testintmath
gcc217 -c intmath.c
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 binary
 - **make clobber**: delete all temp files, core files, binaries, etc.
 - **make clean**: delete all binaries
- Commands in the example
 - **rm -f**: remove files without querying the user
 - Files ending in '~' and starting/ending in '#' are Emacs backup files
 - **core** is a file produced when a program "dumps core"

```
all: testintmath

clobber: clean
    rm -f *~ \#*\# core

clean:
    rm -f testintmath *.o
```

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Makefile Version 2



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

$ 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

```
macroname = macrodefinition
```

 - **make** replaces `$(macroname)` with `macrodefinition` in remainder of Makefile
- Example: Make it easy to change which build command is used

```
CC = gcc217
```
- Example: Make it easy to change build flags

```
CCFLAGS = -DNDEBUG -O3
```

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Makefile Version 3



```
# Macros
CC = gcc217
# CC = gcc217m
CCFLAGS =
# CCFLAGS = -g
# CCFLAGS = -DNDEBUG
# CCFLAGS = -DNDEBUG -O3

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

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

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Version 3 in Action



- Same as Version 2

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Sequence of Makefiles



1. Initial Makefile with file targets
testintmath, testintmath.o, intmath.o
 2. Non-file targets
all, clobber, and clean
 3. Macros
CC and CCFLAGS
- See Appendix for 2 additional versions

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Makefile Guidelines



- In a proper Makefile, object file x.o:
 - Depends upon x.c
 - Does not depend upon any .c file other than x.c
 - Does not depend upon any other .o file
 - Depends upon any .h file that is #included into x.c
 - Beware of indirect #includes: if x.c #includes a.h, and a.h #includes b.h, then x.c depends upon both a.h and b.h
- In a proper Makefile, an executable binary file:
 - Depends upon the .o files that comprise it
 - Does not depend directly upon any .c files
 - Does not depend directly upon any .h files

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Makefile Gotchas



- Beware:
 - Each command (i.e., second line of each dependency rule) begins with a TAB character, not spaces
 - Use the `rm -f` command with caution

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Making Makefiles



- In this course
 - Create Makefiles manually
- Beyond this course
 - Can use tools to generate Makefiles automatically from source code
 - See **mkmf**, others
 - Can use similar tools to automate Java builds
 - See **Ant**

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References on Make



- *Programming with GNU Software* (Loukides & Oram) Chapter 7
- *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



- Build process for multi-file programs
- Partial builds of multi-file programs
- **make**, a popular tool for automating (partial) builds
 - Example Makefile, refined in three steps

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Appendix: Fancy Stuff



- Some advanced **make** features
- Optional in the course...

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Appendix: Abbreviations



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

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



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

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Appendix: Makefile Version 4



```
# Macros
CC = gcc217
# CC = gcc217m
CCFLAGS =
# CCFLAGS = -g
# CCFLAGS = -DNDEBUG
# CCFLAGS = -DNDEBUG -O3

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

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

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Appendix: Version 4 in Action



- Same as Version 2

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Appendix: Pattern Rules



- Pattern rule
 - Wildcard version of dependency rule
 - Example:

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

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

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

Can omit build command

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Appendix: Pattern Rules Bonus



- Bonus with pattern rules
 - First dependency is assumed

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



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

Can omit first dependency

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Appendix: Makefile Version 5



```
# Macros
CC = gcc217
# CC = gcc217m
CCFLAGS =
# CCFLAGS = -g
# CCFLAGS = -DNDEBUG
# CCFLAGS = -DNDEBUG -O3

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

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

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

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Appendix: Version 5 in Action



- Same as Version 2

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Appendix: Sequence of Makefiles



1. Initial Makefile with file targets
testintmath, testintmath.o, intmath.o
2. Non-file targets
all, clobber, and clean
3. Macros
CC and CCFLAGS
4. Abbreviations
\$@ and \$<
5. Pattern rules
%.o: %.c

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