

Building

Jennifer Rexford



1

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**

2

Review: Multi-File Programs

intmath.h (interface)

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

intmath.c (implementation)

```
#include "intmath.h"

int god(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 / god(i, j)) * j;
}
```

testintmath.c (client)

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

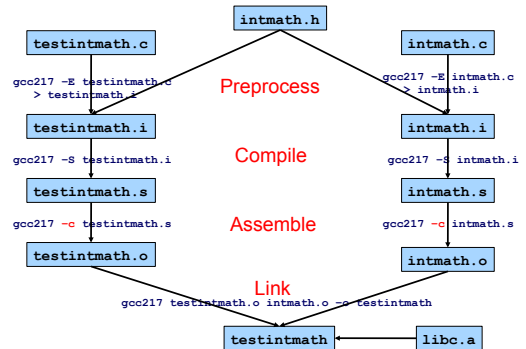
int main(void)
{
    int i;
    int j;
    printf("Enter the first integer:\n");
    scanf("%d", &i);
    printf("Enter the second integer:\n");
    scanf("%d", &j);
    printf("Greatest common divisor: %d.\n",
        god(i, j));
    printf("Least common multiple: %d.\n",
        lcm(i, j));
    return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

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

See precept handouts for stylistically better version

3

Review: Multi-File Programs



4

Agenda

Motivation for Make

Make Fundamentals

Non-File Targets

Macros

Abbreviations

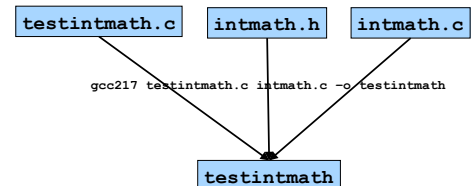
Pattern Rules

5

Motivation for Make (Part 1)

Building testintmath, approach 1:

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

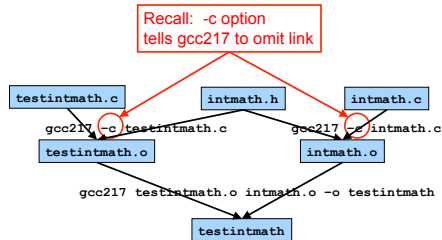


6

Motivation for Make (Part 2)

Building `testintmath`, approach 2:

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

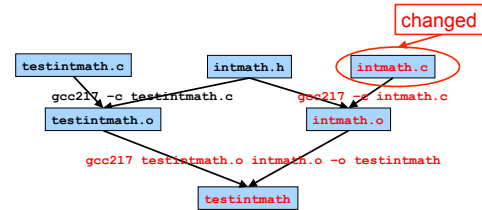


7

Partial Builds

Approach 2 allows for **partial builds**

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

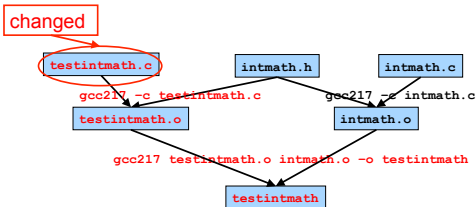


8

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

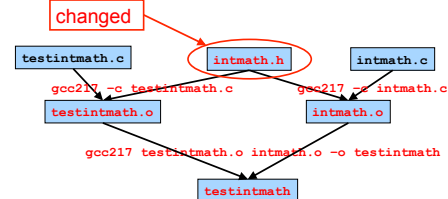


9

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`



10

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

11

Agenda

Motivation for Make

Make Fundamentals

Non-File Targets

Macros

Abbreviations

Pattern Rules

12

The Make Tool



Who? Stuart Feldman

When? 1976

Where? Bell Labs

Why? Automate partial builds



13

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**

14

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)

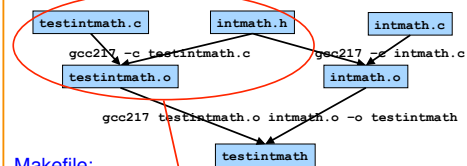
Dependency rule semantics

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

Work recursively; examples illustrate...

15

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
```

16

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

17

Agenda



Motivation for Make

Make Fundamentals

Non-File Targets

Macros

Abbreviations

Pattern Rules

18

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
```

19

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
```

20

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

21

Agenda

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

22

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 build commands

```
CC = gcc217
```

Example: Make it easy to change build flags

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

23

Makefile Version 3

```
# Macros
CC = gcc217
# CC = gcc217m
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
```

24

Version 3 in Action

Same as Version 2

25

Agenda

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

26

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 $@
```

27

Makefile Version 4

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

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

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

28

Version 4 in Action

Same as Version 2

29

Agenda

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

30

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

31

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
```

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

Can omit first dependency

32

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

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

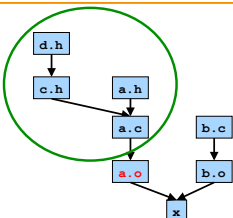
33

Version 5 in Action

Same as Version 2

34

Makefile Guidelines



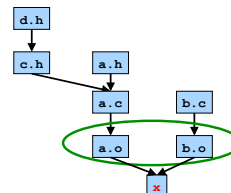
```
a.o: a.c a.h c.h d.h
gcc217 -c a.c
```

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**

35

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

36

Making Makefiles



In this course

- Create Makefiles manually

Beyond this course

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

37

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

38

Make Resources



C Programming: A Modern Approach (King) Section 15.4

GNU make

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

39

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)

40