



Building Multi-File Programs with the `make` Tool



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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
```

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;
}
```

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",
        gcd(i, j));
    printf("Least common multiple: %d.\n",
        lcm(i, j));
    return 0;
}
```

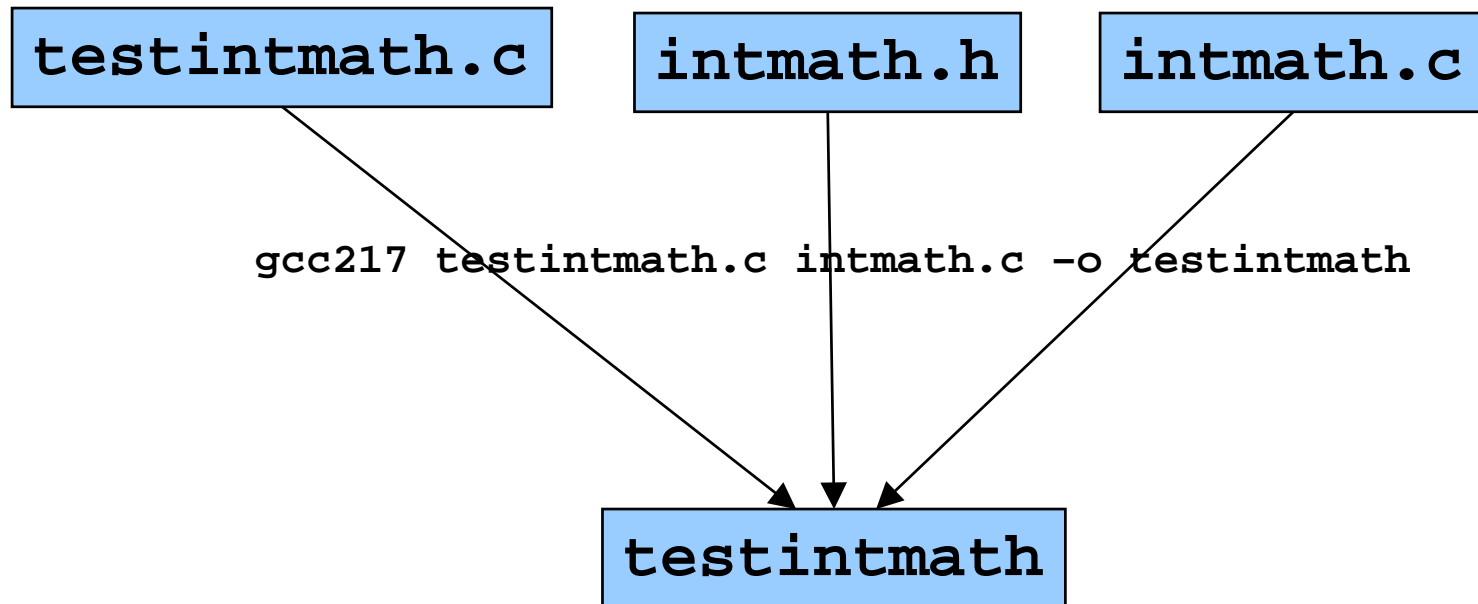
Note: intmath.h is
#included into intmath.c
and testintmath.c



Motivation for Make (Part 1)

Building `testintmath`, approach 1:

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

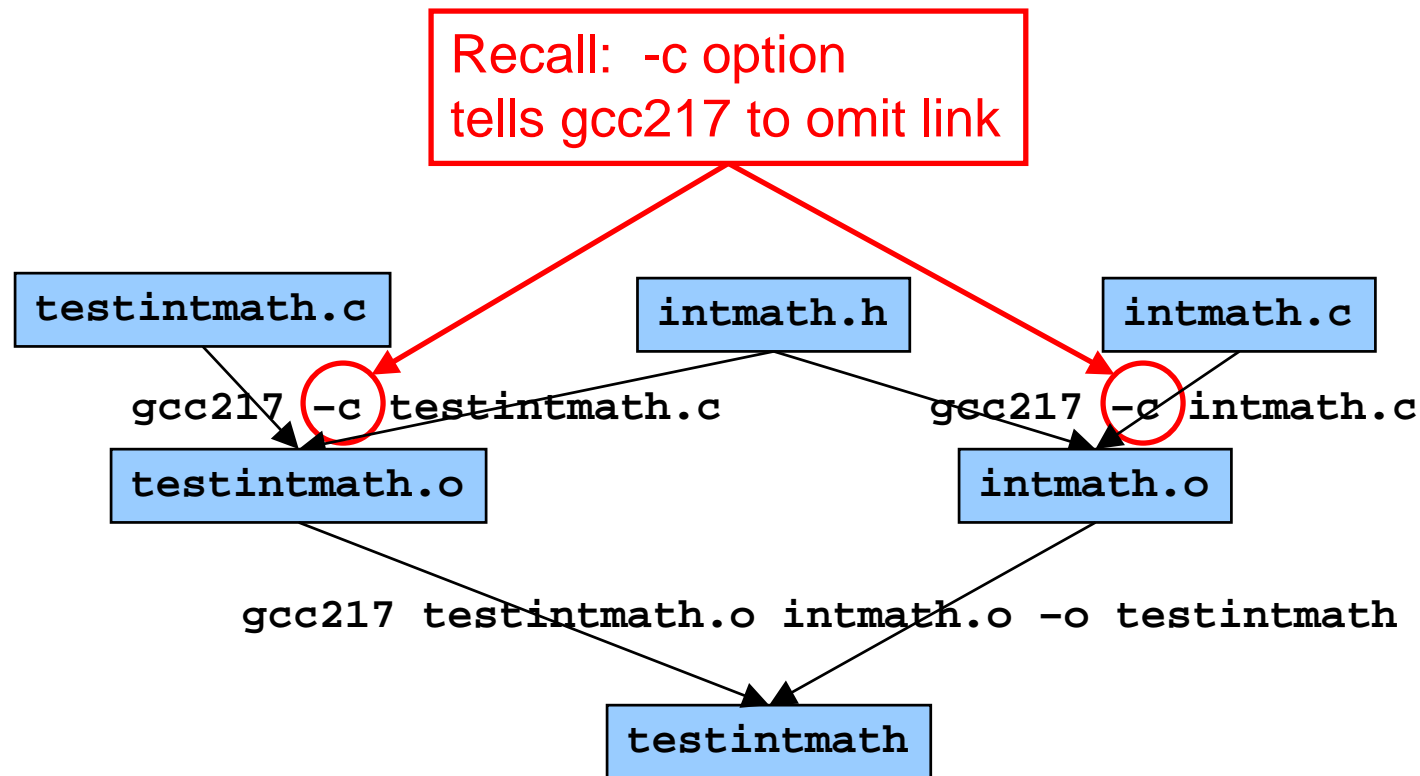




Motivation for Make (Part 2)

Building `testintmath`, approach 2:

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

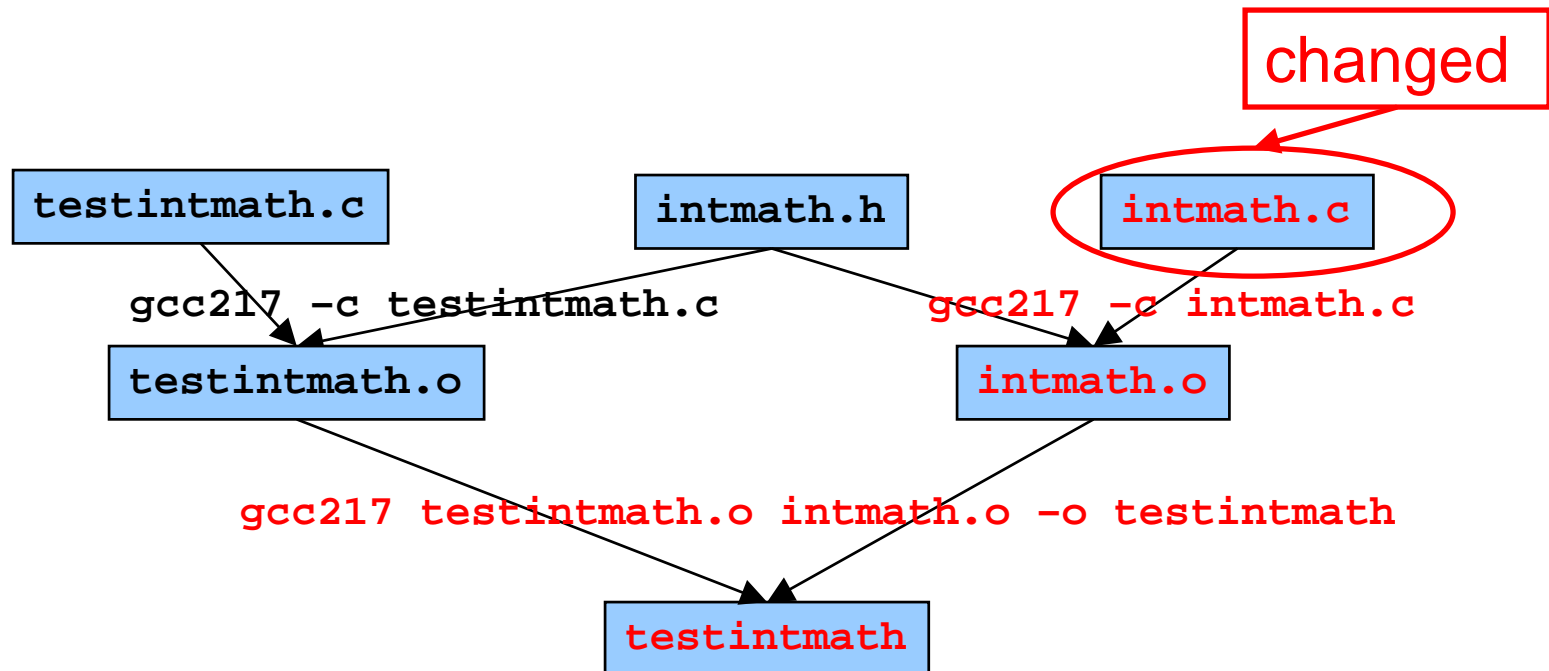




Partial Builds

Approach 2 allows for **partial builds**

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

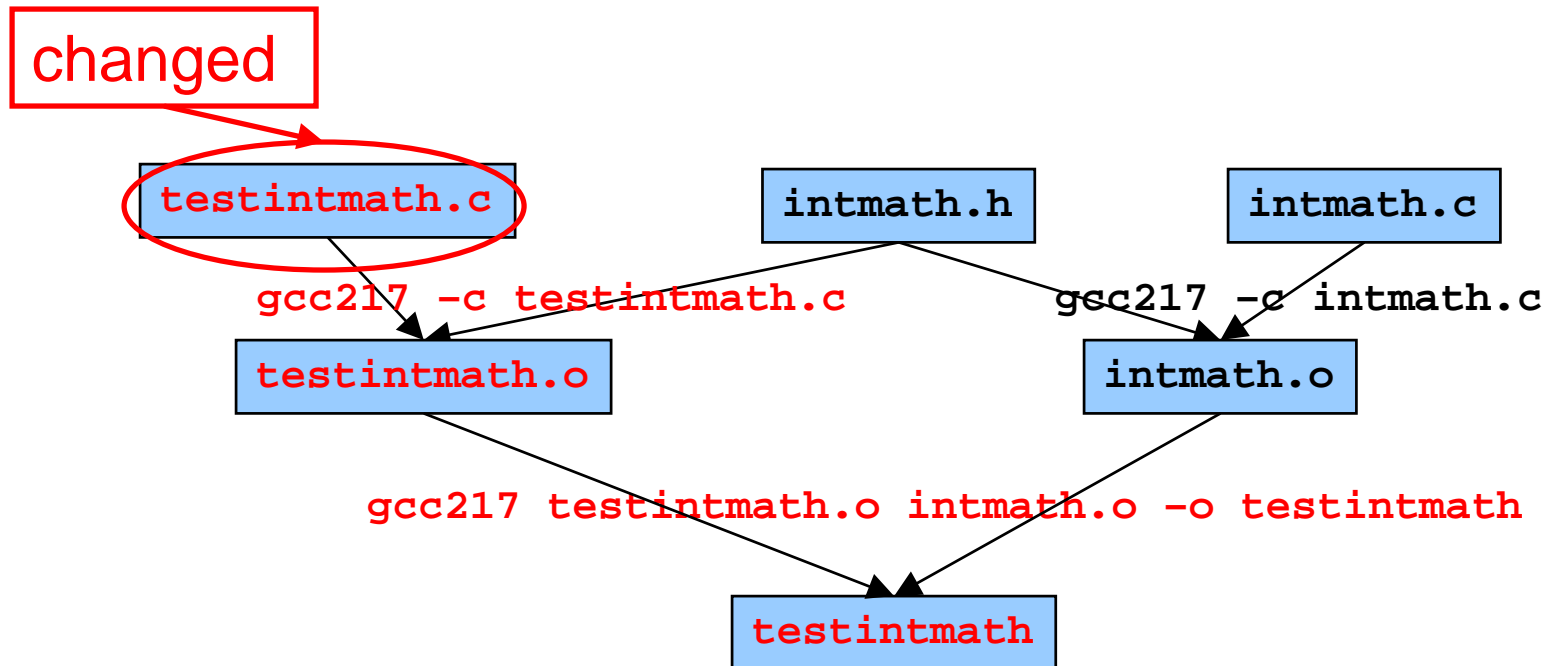




Partial Builds

- 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

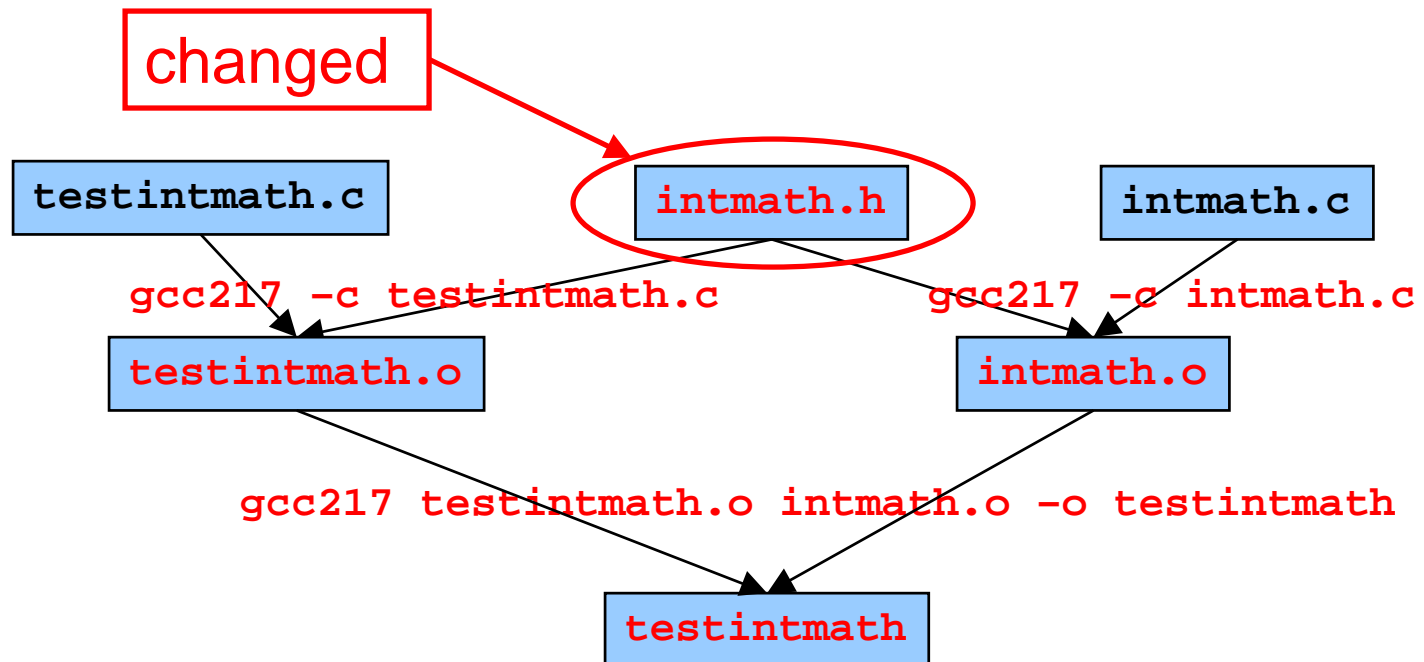




Partial Builds

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`





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 Command Syntax

Command syntax

```
$ man make
```

SYNOPSIS

```
make [-f makefile] [options] [targets]
```

- *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*



Dependency Rules in Makefile

Dependency rule syntax

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

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

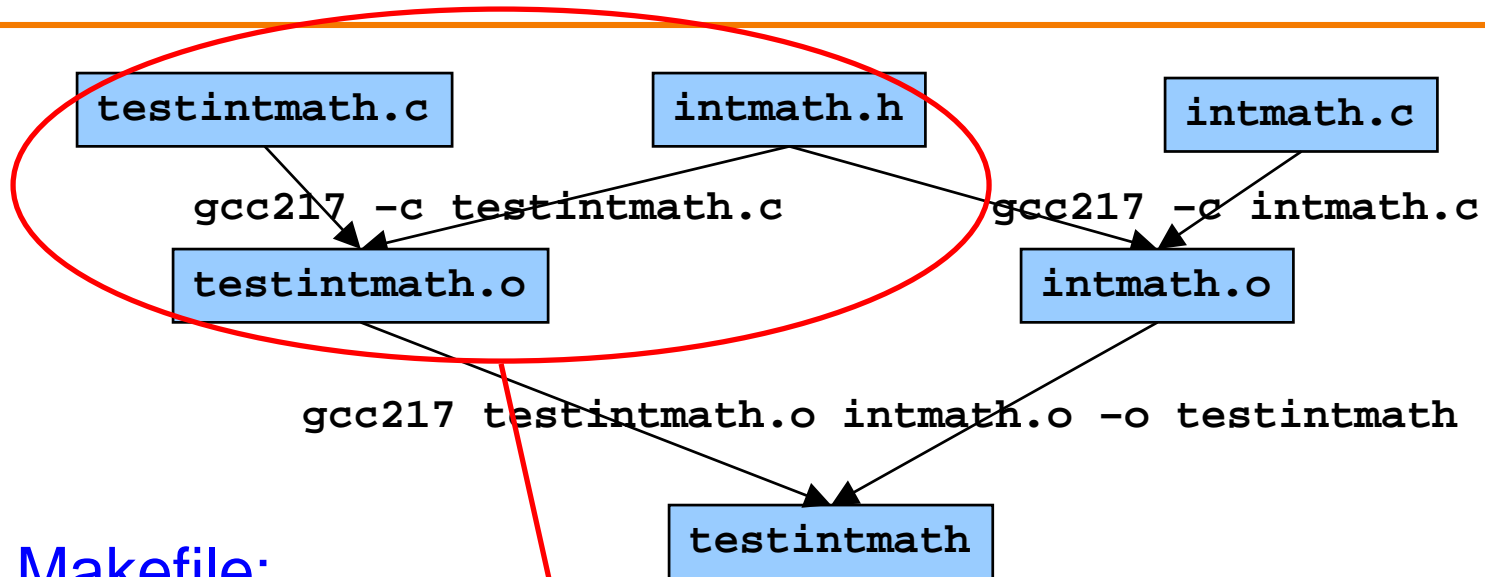
Dependency rule semantics

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

Work recursively; examples illustrate...



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
```



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

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
```


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
```



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

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
```

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
```

Version 3 in Action



Same as Version 2

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make has implicit rules for compiling and linking C programs

- **make** knows how to build `x.o` from `x.c`
 - Automatically uses `$(CC)` and `$(CFLAGS)`
- **make** knows how to build an executable from `.o` files
 - Automatically uses `$(CC)`

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



```
intmath.o: intmath.c intmath.h
```

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



```
testintmath: testintmath.o intmath.o
```


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

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

Version 4 in Action



Same as Version 2

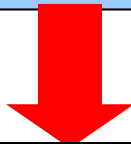


Implicit Dependencies

make has implicit rules for inferring dependencies

- **make** will assume that `x.o` depends upon `x.c`

```
intmath.o: intmath.c intmath.h
```



```
intmath.o: intmath.h
```

Makefile Version 5



```
# 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
testintmath.o: intmath.h
intmath.o: intmath.h
```

Version 5 in Action



Same as Version 2

▶ iClicker Question

Q: If you were making a **Makefile** for this program, what should **a.o** depend on?

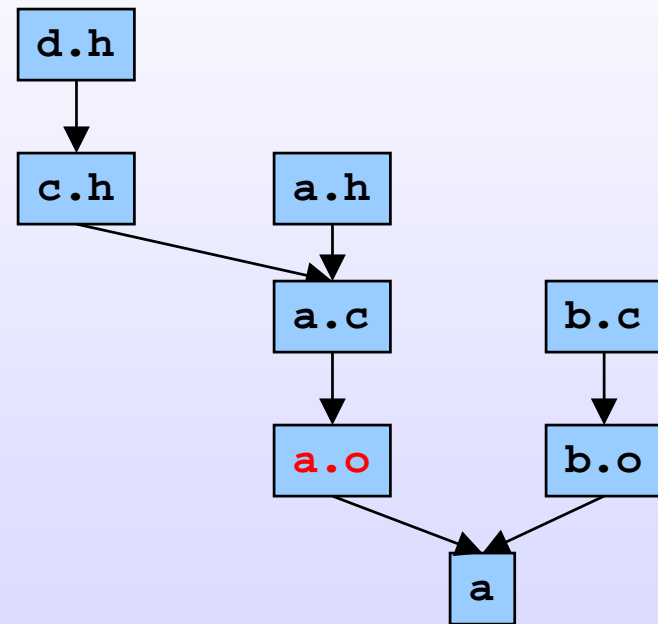
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B. **a.c a.h**

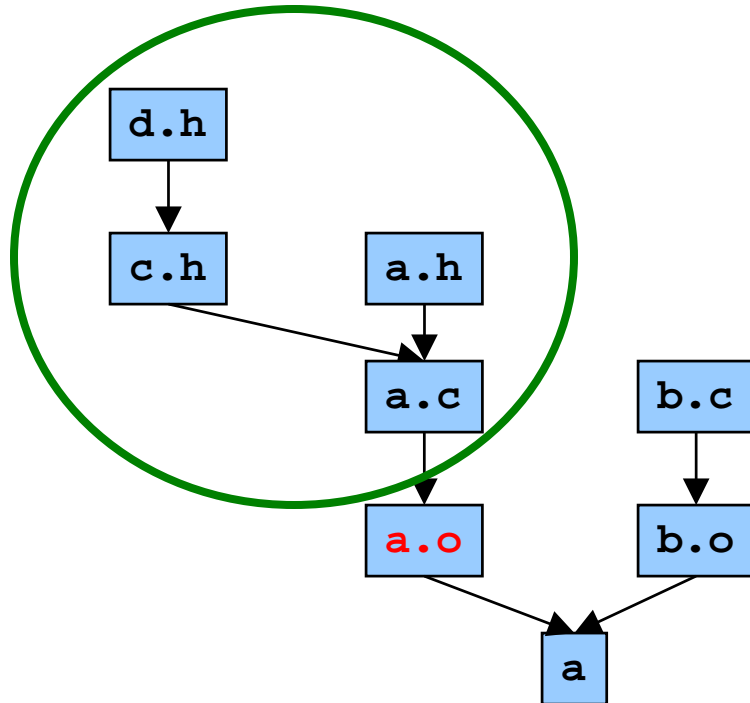
C. **a.c a.h c.h d.h**

D. **a.h c.h d.h**

E. C or D – they're equivalent



Makefile Guidelines



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

In a proper Makefile, each object file:

- Depends upon its `.c` file (but can rely on an implicit dependency)
 - Does not depend upon any other `.c` file
 - Does not depend upon any `.o` file
- Depends upon any `.h` files that are `#included` **directly or indirectly**

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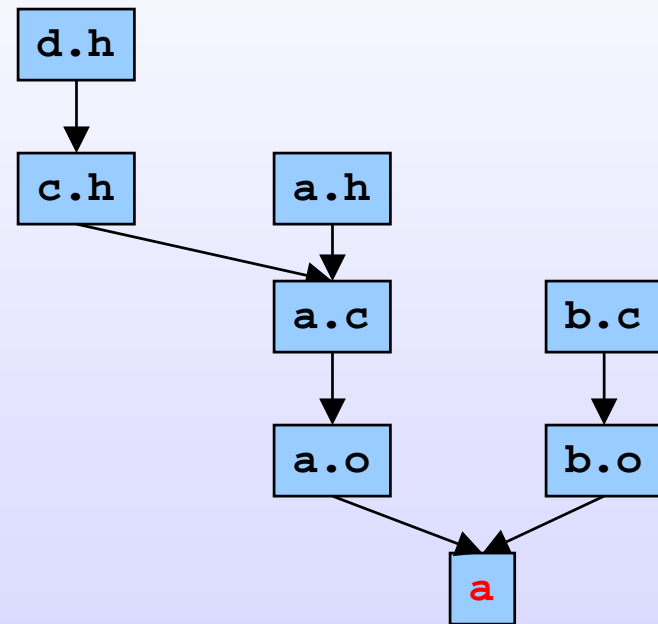
A. a.o b.o

B. a.o b.o a.c b.c

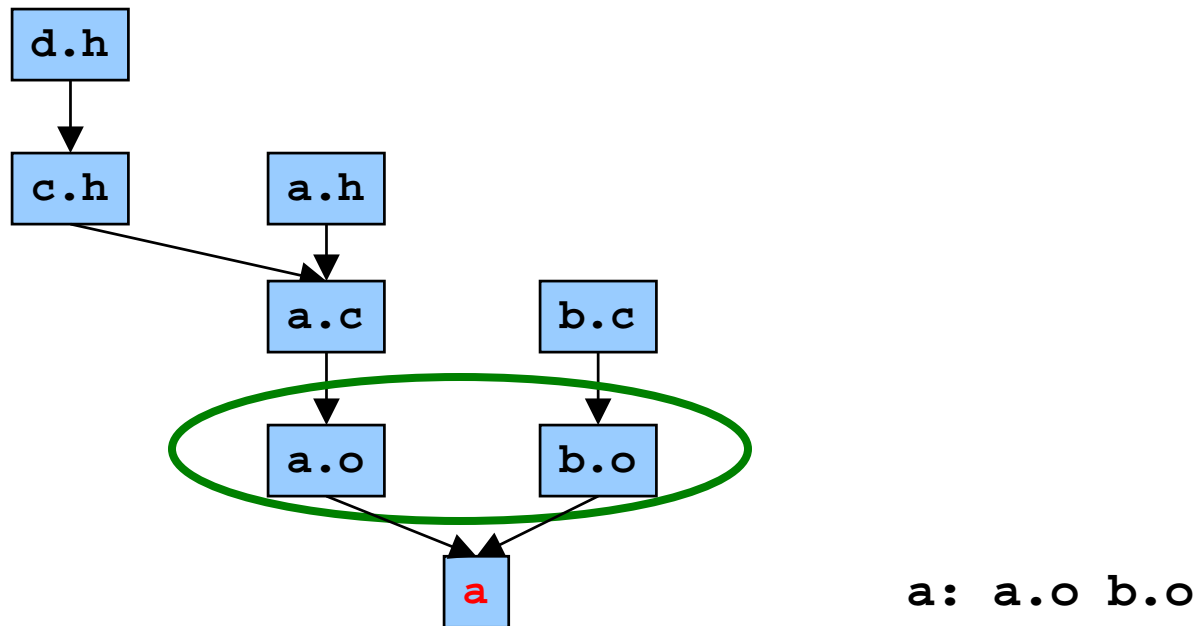
C. a.o b.o a.h c.h d.h

D. a.c b.c a.h c.h d.h

E. a.o b.o a.c b.c a.h c.h d.h



Makefile Guidelines



In a proper Makefile, each executable:

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

Making Makefiles



In this course

- Create Makefiles manually

Beyond this course

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

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
- To use an implicit rule to make an *executable*, the executable must have the same name as one of the `.o` files

Correct:

```
myprog: myprog.o someotherfile.o
```



Won't work:

```
myprog: somefile.o someotherfile.o
```



Make Resources



C Programming: A Modern Approach (King) Section 15.4

GNU make

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

Summary



Motivation for Make

- Automation of partial builds

Make fundamentals (Makefile version 1)

- Dependency rules, targets, dependencies, commands

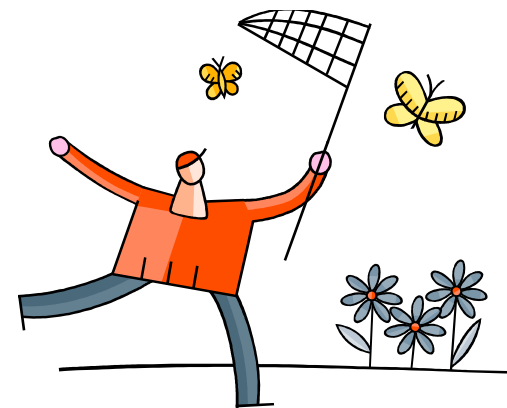
Non-file targets (Makefile version 2)

Macros (Makefile version 3)

Implicit rules (Makefile versions 4 and 5)



Debugging (Part 1)



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

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

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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(1) Understand error messages

(2) Think before writing

(3) Look for familiar bugs

(4) Divide and conquer

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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!)

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
```

Understand Error Messages



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{ printf("hello, world\n")
  return 0;
}
```

Which tool
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linker) reports
the error?

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

Understand Error Messages



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

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

Which tool
(preprocessor,
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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
```

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;
}
```

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#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'
```



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 / plushie stuffed tiger?
- 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:
  ...
}
```

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

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

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

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

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

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

What are the errors?

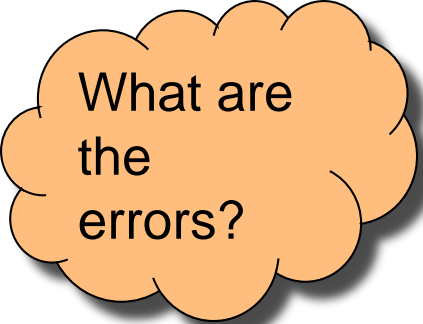
Look for Common Bugs



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?

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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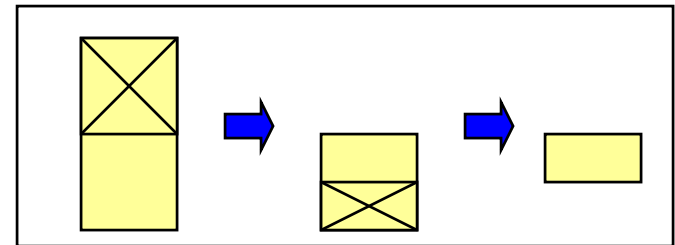
Divide and Conquer

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

- Incrementally find smallest **input file** that illustrates the bug

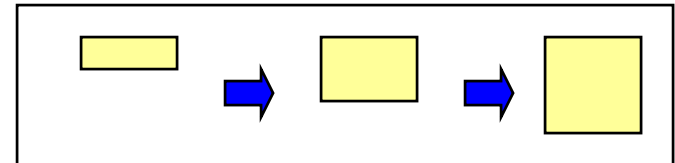
- Approach 1: **Remove** input

- 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





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



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

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

Agenda



- (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
- (8) Focus on recent changes**

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
- ...

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

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.  
...
```



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.

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 git, etc.

Appendix 1: Using GDB



An example program

File testintmath.c:

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

```
#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()**...

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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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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()`

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

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>
```

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.