

Homework 7

Build Systems

Due: Wednesday, February 28th, 11:59PM (Hard Deadline)

Submission Instructions

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For this assignment, we will experiment in the EECS 280 W15 repository you created for Homework 2.

1 Expressing Dependencies

1. Run `make` to build everything.
2. Run `make` again (nothing happens).
3. Edit `p2.cpp` and make a change (add a comment or something).
4. Run `make` again.
5. Edit `p2.h` and make a change (add a comment or something).
6. Run `make` again.

Why did `make` rebuild things after step 4 but not after step 6? Why is this a problem?

Rewrite the rule for `simple_test` so that `make` rebuilds correctly for any changes you make:¹

Think this is a pain? Check out the advanced homework for a BetterWayTM.

2 From Build Engine to Rules Engine

Makefiles are often asked to do more than simply build your software. A common example is a rule named `clean` that deletes everything built by the Makefile.

1. Run `make` to build everything.
2. Run `make clean` to delete everything that was built.
3. Run `make` to build everything.
4. Run `touch clean`
5. Run `ls` (do you understand what `touch` does?)
6. Run `make clean`

Why did `make` run the `clean` rule after step 2 but not after step 5?

What flag can you pass to `make` so that it unconditionally “builds” the `clean` target?

`make -- clean`

Describe how to fix the Makefile so that fake targets like `clean` work correctly.

¹You do not need to worry about system header files

3 Removing Duplicated Effort

Notice that currently the `all` target and the `test` target have the same list of dependencies.

List all the changes you have to make to the Makefile so that the `test` target correctly depends on the `all` target in all cases.

4 Anything Special about All?

Currently, if you just type `make`, `make` will run `make all`. One might wonder why `make` chooses the `all` goal by default. While you could look this up, we are computer *scientists*. Make changes to the Makefile until you are confident that you understand how `make` chooses the default goal.

Describe the experiments you ran in order to determine what target `make` builds by default.

5 Manipulating `make`'s environment

One neat feature of `make` is that it ships with a large number of *implicit rules*. `make` understands that `foo.c` \rightarrow `foo.o` \rightarrow `foo` without you writing any rules. In fact, you can actually run `make` without a `Makefile`! Let's play with this a little.

First let's get a simple environment set up and try some things out:

```
> mkdir /tmp/c4cs-build-systems && cd $_
> echo -e '#include <stdio.h>\n\nint main() {\n\tprintf("Howdy\\n");\n\treturn 0;\n}\n' > hello.c
> cat hello.c    # just so you can see what that did
> make
> make hello
> ./hello
```

Does `make` clean work? Why not?

Now try

```
> rm hello
> make -r hello
```

What does the `-r` flag do?

Next try

```
> rm hello
> make CFLAGS=-O3 hello
```

What changed when `hello` was built this time?

Finally run

```
> make hello -p | less
```

Make an educated guess at which built-in rule is used to create “hello” from “hello.c” and copy it here. What makes you think this rule is responsible?

Now let's add an additional file to the mix, only a C++ file this time:

(This example uses a [special shell syntax](#) for easily writing multiple lines to a shell command)

```
> cat << MARKER > wazzup.cpp
#include <iostream>

int main() {
    std::cout << "Wazzup?" << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
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> cat wazzup.cpp
```

Using what you have learned, write a single `make` command (i.e. only call `make` once) that, without a `Makefile`, will build both “hello” and “wazzup”, but builds `hello` optimized for speed (`-O3`) and `wazzup` optimized for size (`-Os`). *Hint: One is a C program and one is a C++ program...*

Roughly how long did you spend on this assignment? _____