

Give me the step by step c commands considering there is 2 library files which needs during linking and main files and whatever required. Now give c code from the starting pre processing to linking for static libraries and dynamic libraries

Got it — you want the **full pipeline**, from **preprocessing** → **compilation** → **assembling** → **linking**, with **two library files**, shown for **both static and dynamic (shared) libraries**, plus **actual C code** and the **exact commands**. Let's do this clean, step-by-step, like you'd see in a systems programming or OS class.

I'll assume:

- OS: Linux
- Compiler: `gcc`
- Two libraries: `libmath1` and `libmath2`
- One main program: `main.c`

## 1 Project structure

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```
project/
|
└── main.c
|
|
└── math1.c
└── math1.h
|
└── math2.c
└── math2.h
```

## 2 Source code

## math1.h

C

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```
#ifndef MATH1_H
#define MATH1_H

int add(int a, int b);

#endif
```

## math1.c

C

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```
#include "math1.h"

int add(int a, int b) {
    return a + b;
}
```

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## math2.h

C

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```
#ifndef MATH2_H
#define MATH2_H

int multiply(int a, int b);

#endif
```

## math2.c

C

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```
#include "math2.h"

int multiply(int a, int b) {
    return a * b;
}
```

## main.c

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
#include "math1.h"
#include "math2.h"

int main() {
    int x = 10, y = 5;

    printf("Add: %d\n", add(x, y));
    printf("Multiply: %d\n", multiply(x, y));

    return 0;
}
```

## 3 Compilation stages (conceptual view)

Every `.c` file goes through:

1. Preprocessing → `.i`
2. Compilation → `.s`
3. Assembly → `.o`
4. Linking → executable

You normally don't do all manually, but I'll show you **explicit commands**.

## 4 STATIC LIBRARY (.a)

### Step 1: Preprocessing

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```
gcc -E math1.c > math1.i
gcc -E math2.c > math2.i
gcc -E main.c > main.i
```

## Step 2: Compilation (to assembly)

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```
gcc -S math1.i  
gcc -S math2.i  
gcc -S main.i
```

Produces:

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```
math1.s  math2.s  main.s
```

## Step 3: Assembly (to object files)

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```
gcc -c math1.s  
gcc -c math2.s  
gcc -c main.s
```

Produces:

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```
math1.o  math2.o  main.o
```

## Step 4: Create STATIC libraries

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```
ar rcs libmath1.a math1.o  
ar rcs libmath2.a math2.o
```

## Step 5: Linking (static)

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```
gcc main.o -L. -lmath1 -lmath2 -o static_app
```

- ◆ `-L.` → look in current directory
- ◆ `-lmath1` → finds `libmath1.a`
- ◆ `-lmath2` → finds `libmath2.a`

## Step 6: Run

bash

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```
./static_app
```

- All library code is copied into the executable

## 5 DYNAMIC (SHARED) LIBRARY (.so)

Now we do the same thing, but properly for shared libraries.

## Step 1: Compile with Position Independent Code (PIC)

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```
gcc -fPIC -c math1.c  
gcc -fPIC -c math2.c
```

Produces:

```
math1.o  math2.o
```

## Step 2: Create SHARED libraries

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```
gcc -shared -o libmath1.so math1.o
```

```
gcc -shared -o libmath2.so math2.o
```

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## Step 3: Compile main program

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```
gcc -c main.c
```

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## Step 4: Linking (dynamic)

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```
gcc main.o -L. -lmath1 -lmath2 -o dynamic_app
```

At this point the executable **references** the `.so` files — it does not copy them.

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## Step 5: Runtime linker path

### Option A: Temporary (recommended for testing)

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export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=.  
./dynamic_app
```

### Option B: Embed rpath (cleaner)

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```
gcc main.o -L. -lmath1 -lmath2 -Wl,-rpath=. -o dynamic_app
```

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## Step 6: Verify dynamic linking

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```
ldd dynamic_app
```

You'll see:

ini

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```
libmath1.so => ./libmath1.so  
libmath2.so => ./libmath2.so
```

## 6 Static vs Dynamic summary

Feature	Static (.a)	Dynamic (.so)
Linked at	Compile time	Run time
Executable size	Larger	Smaller
Dependency	None at runtime	.so required
Speed	Slightly faster startup	Slight overhead
Memory sharing		

If you want, next I can:

- Show `nm`, `objdump`, `readelf` output
- Explain **symbol resolution order**
- Show **what breaks if library order is wrong**
- Do the same thing with **Makefile**

Just say the word 

