

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

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```
#ifndef MATH1_H
#define MATH1_H

int add(int a, int b);

#endif
```

math1.c

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```
#include "math1.h"

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

math2.h

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```
#ifndef MATH2_H
#define MATH2_H

int multiply(int a, int b);

#endif
```

math2.c

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```
#include "math2.h"

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

main.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
```

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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
```

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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)

bash

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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
```

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Step 2: Create SHARED libraries

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

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

Step 3: Compile main program

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

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.

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
```

Step 6: Verify dynamic linking


```
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```
ldd dynamic_app
```

You'll see:

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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	<code>.so</code> 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 🙌

