Programmation in C

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Very important: write your code well!

- Indent it,
- Comment it,
- Almost never more than one instruction per line,
- Use header files (.h) properly,
- Use several files if needed,
- Always use a makefile!

This is not good!

International Obfuscated C Code Contest (http://www.ioccc.org):

Example 1: m(char*s.char*t) { return *t-42?*s?63==*t|*s==*t&&m(s+1,t+1): !*t:m(s,t+1) | | *s&&m(s+1,t);main(int c,char **v) { return!m(v[1],v[2]); } • Example 2: #include <stdio.h> int 0.o.i:char*I="": $main(1) \{0\&=1\&1?*I: ~*I, *I++ | (1=2*getchar(), i+=0>8)\}$ $?o:0?0:o+1,o=0>9,0=-1,I="t8B^pq",1>0)?main(1/2):$ printf("%d\n",--i);}

Makefile

- make detects automatically which pieces of a large program need to be recompiled and compile them.
- Need a makefile file to describe dependencies and compilation commands:

```
target: dependency list <TAB> Unix commands
```

• A first (bad) example:

A better makefile

```
test.out: test.o fact.o
        gcc -o test.out test.o fact.o
test.o: test.c fact.h
        gcc -o test.o -c test.c
fact.o: fact.c
        gcc -o fact.o -c fact.c
Without parameter, make uses the first target:
$ make
gcc -o test.o -c test.c
gcc -o fact.o -c fact.c
gcc -o test.out test.o fact.o
If we change only one file:
```

```
$ touch fact.c ; make
gcc -o fact.o -c fact.c
gcc -o test.out test.o fact.o
```

```
$ touch fact.h ; make
gcc -o test.o -c test.c
gcc -o test.out test.o fact.o
```

Additional targets

- all (first one) to group all executables,
- clean removes all intermediary files,
- fclean removes everything generated files.

```
all: test.out
test.out: test.o fact.o
        gcc -o test.out test.o fact.o
test.o: test.c fact.h
        gcc -o test.o -c test.c
fact.o: fact.c
        gcc -o fact.o -c fact.c
.PHONY: clean fclean
clean:
        rm *.o
fclean: clean
        rm test.out
(.PHONY to tell make which target are not files to be built)
```

Macros

- MACRO = whatever; later on, \$(MACRO) is whatever.
- CC for the name of the compiler we use,
- CFLAGS for the options of compilation,
- LDFLAGS for the options of the link edition step,
- several used by make for automatic rules

Predefined macros

- \$@ stands for the name of the target,
- \$< gives the name of the first dependency,
- \$^ is the list of all dependencies,
- \$* designs the target file without any suffix.

The previous makefile ca be written as follows:

```
CC = gcc
                                     test.o: test.c fact.h
                                             $(CC) -o $@ $< $(CFLAGS)
CFLAGS = -ansi -Wall -pedantic -c
                                     fact.o: fact.c
I.DFI.AGS =
EXEC = test.out
                                             \$(CC) - 0 \$0 \$ < \$(CFLAGS)
.PHONY: clean fclean
                                     clean:
all: $(EXEC)
                                             rm *.o
test.out: test.o fact.o
                                     fclean: clean
        $(CC) -o $@ $^ $(LDFLAGS)
                                           rm $(EXEC)
```

Generic rules

```
CC = gcc
CFLAGS = -ansi -Wall -pedantic -c
I.DFI.AGS =
EXEC = test.out
.PHONY: clean fclean
all: $(EXEC)
# rule to construct the executive files
% .out: %.o
        $(CC) -o $@ $^ $(LDFLAGS)
# rule to construct object files
% .o: %.c
        $(CC) -o $@ $(CFLAGS) $<
test.out: test.o fact.o
test.o: test.c fact.h
fact.o: fact.c
clean:
        rm *.o
fclean: clean
        rm $(EXEC)
```

Make can do more than compilation...

 Useful to any task where files have to be updated from others whenever they change.

```
= gnuplot
PLOT
VIEWER = evince
.PHONY: clean fclean usage showplot
usage:
        Qecho 'How to use make for these programs:'
# (...)
data.dat: test.out
        ./test.out > data.dat
# here plot.txt contains the command for gnuplot
plot.ps: plot.txt data.dat
        $(PLOT) <plot.txt
        Qecho plot.ps generated
showplot: plot.ps
        $(VIEWER) plot.ps &
```

- @ before a command: the command is not printed
- - before a command: make does not stop if an error occurs,

Multiple inclusions

```
main.c
/* whatever */
# include "a.h"
# include "b.h"
/* whatever */
int main(){
/*
 * using functions
 * and structures
  in a.h and b.h
   ( not tata1 ! )
  return 0:
```

```
a.h
# include "b.h"
struct toto tata2();
int tata3(int);
```

```
a.C
# include "b.h"
int tata1(int n){
/* code */
}
struct toto tata2(){
/* code */
}
int tata3(int n){
/*code using tata1*/
}
```

```
b.h

struct toto {

/* definition */ }

int titi1(int);

struct toto titi2();
```

```
b.c
/* whatever */
# include "b.h"

int titi1(int n){
/* code */
}
struct toto titi2(){
/* code */
}
```

Use include guards!

```
#ifndef NAME_FILE_H
#define NAME_FILE_H
/* definition of structures */
/* declaration of (extern) global variables */
/* declaration of functions */
#endif /* NAME FILE H */
  Files are included only once!
```

Function pointers

- Same as the prototype, just adding a *,
- Must declare the returned type and the type of the parameters,
- Warning: be cautious with priorities!
 - int (*pf)(int,int) is a pointer on a function that takes two integers as input and outputs one.
 - int *f(int,int) is a function that takes two integers as input and outputs a pointer on integer.