Embedded Software

C++ programming in a Linux environment

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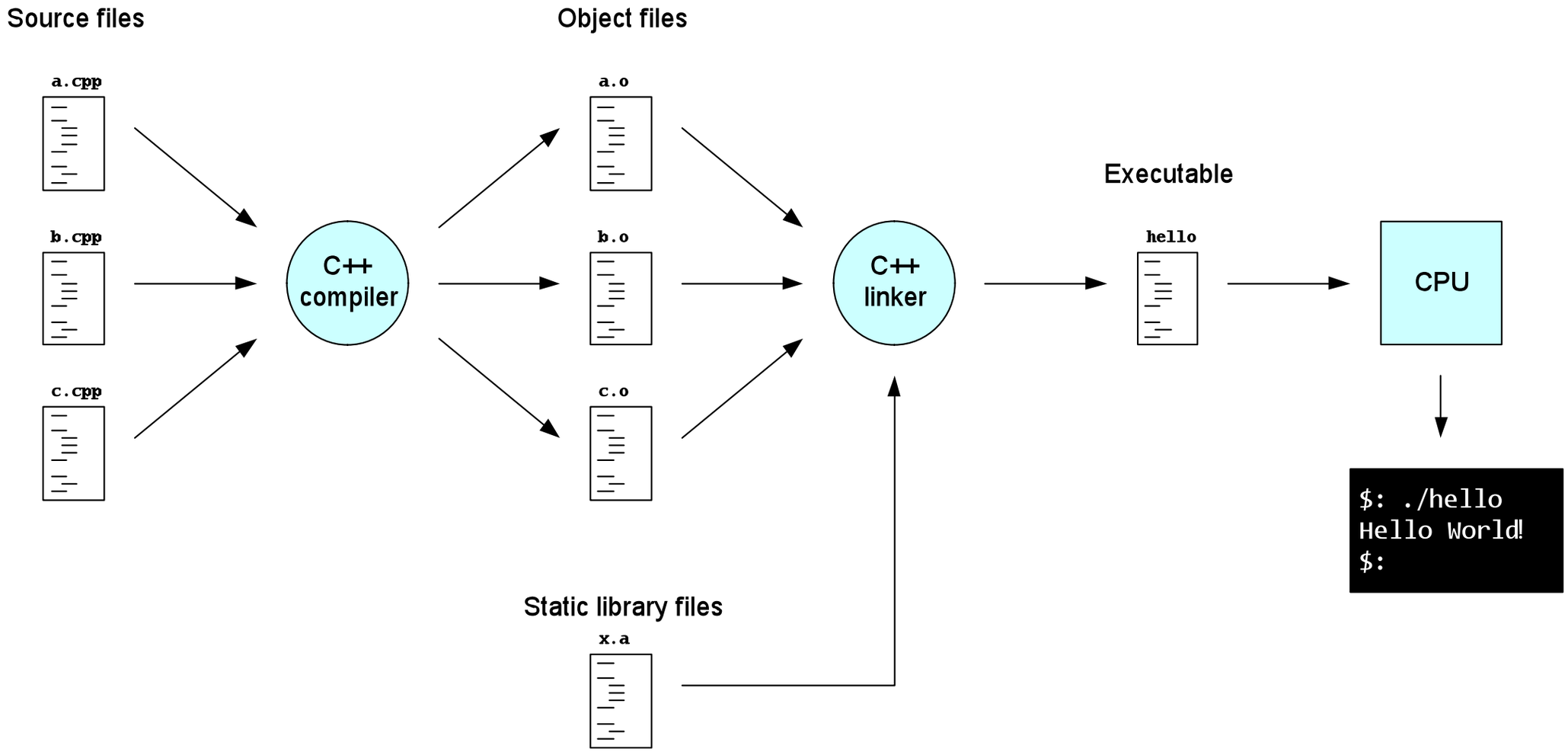
Agenda

- Code compilation - whats to happen
  - source, object & library code to executable
- Build tool - why?
- Make and how it works

A crash course in compilation



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using namespace std;

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}
```

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$ g++ -o hello hello.cpp
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Invoke compiler **g++** to create executable **hello** from source file **hello.cpp**

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Complex & Error prone

Building tool

- Provides the ability to repeat and guarantee builds between builds
  - Reproducible results
  - Simplification of complexity
- Which one? Many exists
  - In this course
    - ***makefile*** - the most used in the unix world
  - Others include
    - ant
    - scons
    - rake
    - CMake

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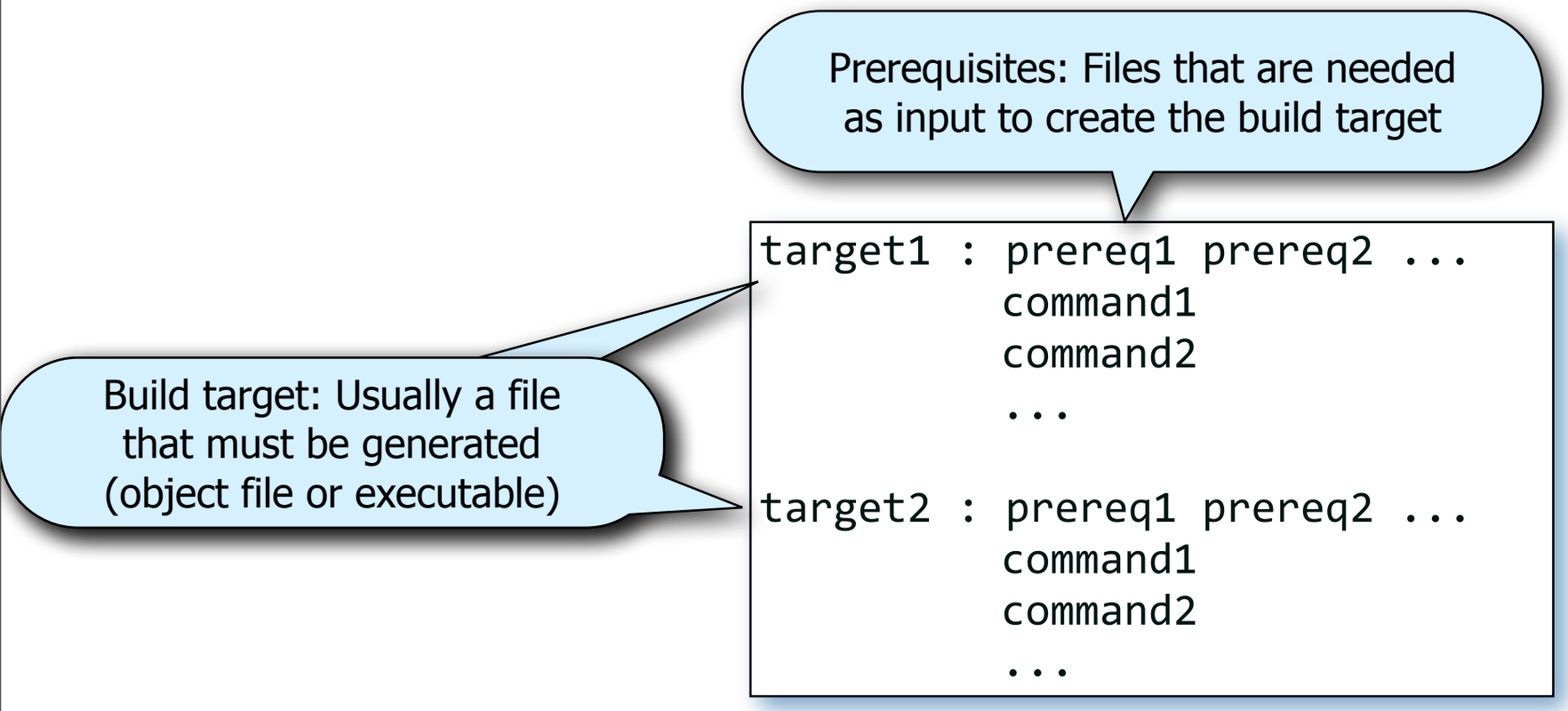

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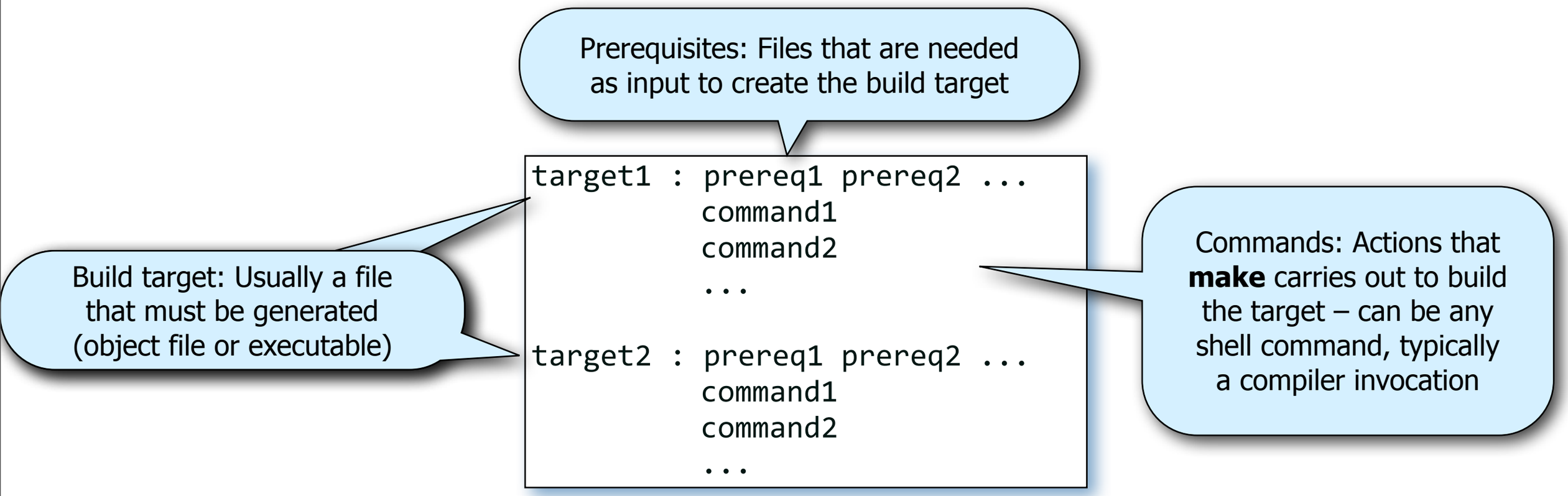

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	g++ -o edit main.o kbd.o command.o display.o

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kbd.o : kbd.cpp defs.h command.h
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command.o : command.cpp defs.h command.h
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display.o : display.cpp defs.h buffer.h
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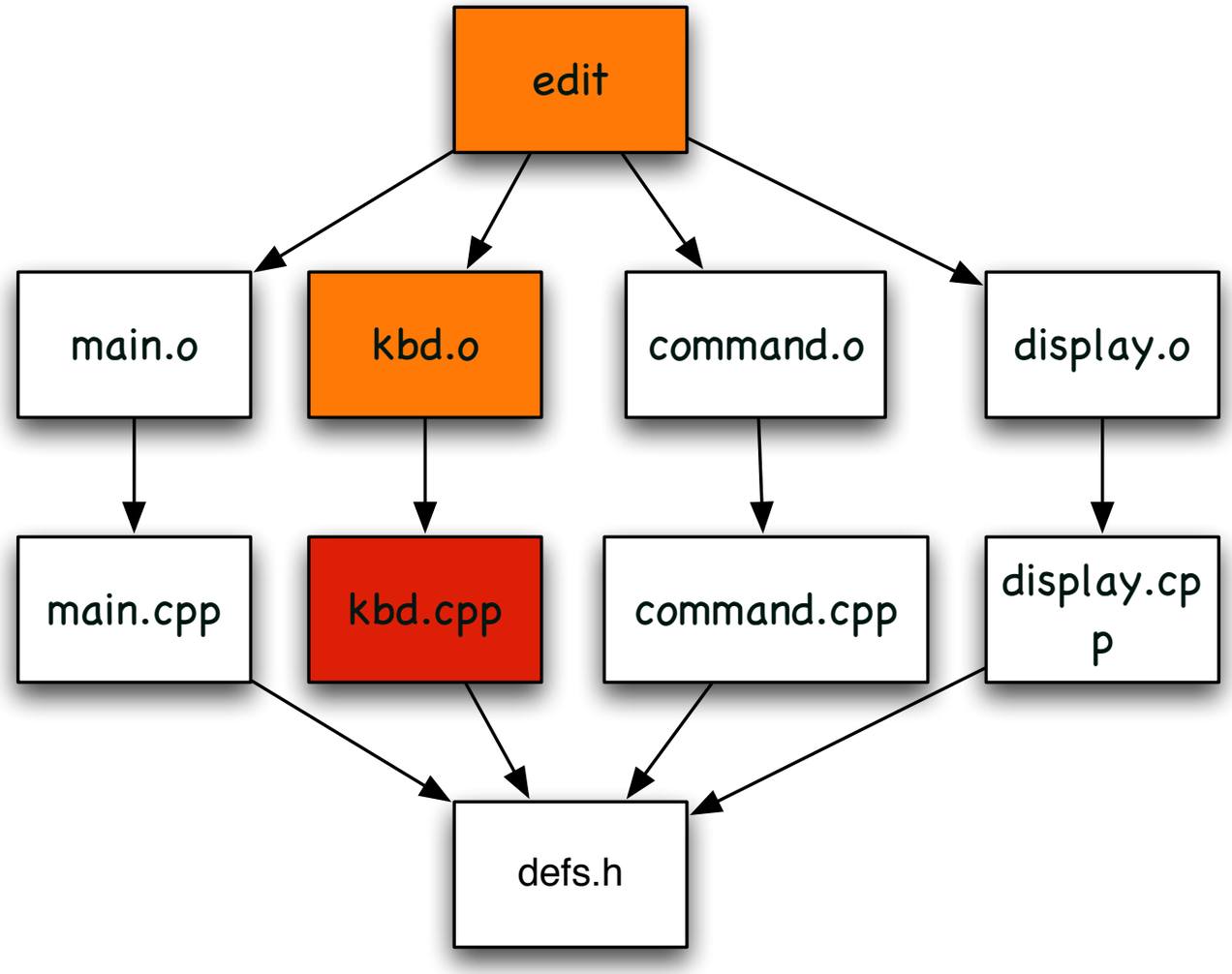
- Dependency tree for *edit* makefile
  - *kbd.cpp* has changed resulting in a rebuild of
    - *kbd.o*
    - *edit*



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- Makefiles can be used to perform “service tasks” by running normal shell commands

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$ make clean
$ make install
$ make run
```

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SOURCES = main.cpp kbd.cpp cmd.cpp disp.cpp
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EXECUTABLE=edit
INSTALL_DIR=/home/me/exec
CXX=g++


...

${EXECUTABLE}: ${OBJECTS}
	${CXX} -o $< $@
...

clean:
	rm ${EXECUTABLE} ${OBJECTS}

install:
	cp ${EXECUTABLE} ${INSTALL_DIR}

run:
	 ${INSTALL_DIR}/${EXECUTABLE}
```