Tutorial 2: Single & Multiple Source-File Programs

Instructions

This tutorial consists of two simple tasks with the second task requiring uploading of your completed source code. How'll your grades be assigned? You'll have to upload your source code no later than the deadline specified on the assignment web page.

Topics

- Practice programming single and multiple source-file programs
- Learn to interpret warning and error messages from the compiler.
- Learn the development environment to become more efficient and productive.

References

- 1. Lecture 3 & 4 notes.
- 2. The world wide web.

Task 1

1. Begin by creating a directory called tut02/task1 as a container and workspace for Task 1
files. Transcribe the following code in source file main.c:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int sq(int x) {
    return x * x;
}

int main(void) {
    int i = 2;
    printf("Square of %d is %d", i, sq(i));
    return 0;
}
```

- 2. Compile and link main.c as follows:
 - 1. In WSL go to the directory where main.c is saved.
 - 2. Issue the following command:

```
gcc main.c -Wall -Werror -Wextra -std=c11 -o ex1
```

The above is to ensure that your source file compiles without any warnings using the full slate of warnings options: -wall, -werror, and -wextra. We compile with the ISO C11 standard with option -std=c11. The compiled program is saved in a file called ex1.

3. Run the program by entering:

Task 2

- 1. Having sq defined in the same file as main is not so useful if we want other programs to use sq too. This is because of the following reason: Another program would have its own main function. Since sq is already with the Task 1 main, sq cannot be compiled with any other main.
- 2. To allow other programs to use sq, we can put sq in another file called calc.c:

```
/* calc.c */
int sq(int x) {
    return x * x;
}
```

Text surrounded by '/*' and '*/' are comments for human readers that are ignored by the compiler.

3. Before creating calc.c we create a file containing a brief description of sq. This description includes the input information of sq, i.e. int x, and the return datatype int. This description is called a declaration of sq. We call the file containing the declaration 'calc.h':

```
/* calc.h */
int sq(int x);
```

4. We then include calc.h in calc.c as follows:

```
/* calc.c */
#include "calc.h"
int sq(int x) {
   return x * x;
}
```

5. Next we include calc.h in the file where main is so that, when main is compiled, the compiler knows there is a function sq with the input and return information described in calc.h:

```
/* main2.c */
#include <stdio.h>
#include "calc.h"
int main(void) {
   int i = 2;
   printf("Square of %d is %d", i, sq(i));
   return 0;
}
```

6. Complete and submit calc.h and calc.c below so each function has a declaration in calc.h and a definition in calc.c.

```
/* calc.h */
int sq(int x);
double cube(/* Add input parameter here */);
/* Add declaration for minus here */
```

```
/* calc.c */
#include "calc.h"

int sq(int x) {
    return x * x;
}

double cube(double x) {
    return /* Calculate cube of x here */;
}

double minus(double x) {
    /* Add code to return negation of x */
}
```

7. To create the executable file we compile each .c file to produce a corresponding object file. Such a file contains the machine code for the associated .c file. The object filename suffix is changed to '.o'. Ensure the .c files are in the same folder and issue the following commands in the folder to compile the .c files and produce the object files:

```
gcc -c calc.c -Wall -Werror -Wextra -std=c11 -o calc.o
gcc -c main2.c -Wall -Werror -Wextra -std=c11 -o main2.o
```

8. Next we issue the following command to link the .o files to create a single executable file called ex2:

```
gcc -Wall -Werror -Wextra -std=c11 calc.o main2.o -o ex2
```

9. Run ex2 and check the output values are right.

File-Level Documentation

All source files must contain *file-level* documentation block at the top of each file. Here is a *template* of a file-level documentation block:

Make modifications to the template so that it identifies your information correctly. Add this file-header at the top of source file calc.c that you will author and submit together with calc.h.

Deliverables and Submission

You must submit files calc.h and calc.c in Moodle by using the submission user interface there. After clicking on 'Submit', click on 'Continue' to grade your submission.