

Android build system

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(Android.bp)

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How does **Android.mk** get access to Android build template?



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Does **Android.mk** include Android core .mk templates?



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What is Android core mk file associated with
BUILD_SHARED_LIBRARY?



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What is Android core mk file associated with
CLEAR_VARS?



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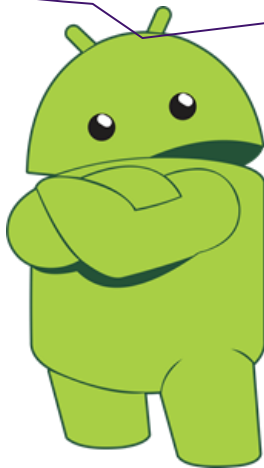
What is Android core mk file associated with
BUILD_EXECUTABLE?



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Which Android variable describes ABI build system?



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How can we check for check for a x86_64 device running on Android API level 32?



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Why do we need to use `CLEAR_VARS` variable before each module?



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```
LOCAL_PATH := $(call my-dir)

# ... declare one module

include $(LOCAL_PATH)/foo/`Android.mk`

LOCAL_PATH := $(call my-dir)

# ... declare another module
```



What is wrong with this code?



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```
include $(CLEAR_VARS)
LOCAL_MODULE := foo
LOCAL_SRC_FILES := foo/foo.c
LOCAL_EXPORT_CFLAGS := -DFOO=1
include $(BUILD_STATIC_LIBRARY)
```

```
include $(CLEAR_VARS)
LOCAL_MODULE := bar
LOCAL_SRC_FILES := bar.c
LOCAL_CFLAGS := -DBAR=2
LOCAL_STATIC_LIBRARIES := foo
include $(BUILD_SHARED_LIBRARY)
```



Explain this script? What will happen if “nguyen” refers “bar” library?



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```
ifneq ($(filter vsoc_arm64 vsoc_x86 vsoc_x86_64, $(TARGET_BOARD_PLATFORM)),)
LOCAL_PATH:= $(call my-dir)

include $(CLEAR_VARS)
include $(LOCAL_PATH)/fetcher.mk

include $(CLEAR_VARS)
include $(LOCAL_PATH)/../host_package.mk

endif

LOCAL_PATH:= $(call my-dir)

include $(CLEAR_VARS)
include $(call all-makefiles-under,$(LOCAL_PATH))
~
```



Explain this script? Is there any issue with that script?



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```
LOCAL_MODULE_TAGS := optional
```



What will happen to
Android build system if we
declare like that?



Introduction

- Before the Android 7.0 release, Android used **Android.mk** to describe and execute its build rules.
- **Android.mk** is widely supported and used, but at **Android's scale** became **slow, error prone, unscalable, and difficult to test**.
- **The Soong build system** provides the **flexibility** required for Android builds.
- It replaces **Android.mk** files with **Android.bp** files, which are **JSON-like** simple declarative descriptions of modules to build.

Introduction

```
LOCAL_PATH := $(call my-dir)
```

```
include $(CLEAR_VARS)
```

```
LOCAL_MODULE := libxmlrpc++
```

```
LOCAL_MODULE_HOST_OS := linux
```

```
LOCAL_RTTI_FLAG := -frtti
```

```
LOCAL_CPPFLAGS := -Wall -Werror -fexceptions
```

```
LOCAL_EXPORT_C_INCLUDES := $(LOCAL_PATH)/src
```

```
LOCAL_SRC_FILES := $(call \
    all-cpp-files-under,src)
include $(BUILD_SHARED_LIBRARY)
```

```
cc_library_shared {
    name: "libxmlrpc++",

    rtti: true,
    cppflags: [
        "-Wall",
        "-Werror",
        "-fexceptions",
    ],
    export_include_dirs: ["src"],
    srcs: ["src/**/*.cpp"],

    target: {
        darwin: {
            enabled: false,
        },
    },
}
```


File format

- By design, **Android.bp** files are very simple.
- There are **no conditionals or control flow statements** - any **complexity** is handled in build logic written **in Go**.
- It is a **JSON-like** declarative descriptions, which bases name/value pairs.

Modules

- A module in an **Android.bp** file starts with a module type, followed by a set of properties in **name:value**, format
- Every module must have a **name** property, and the **value** must be **unique** across all **Android.bp** files.
- For a list of valid module types and their properties see **[\\$OUT_DIR/soong/docs/soong_build.html](#)**.

```
cc_binary {  
    name: "gzip",  
    srcs: ["src/test/minigzip.c"],  
    shared_libs: ["libz"],  
    stl: "none",  
}
```

Common module types

- In **Android.bp**, we will build what we need **based on the module type**. The following types are commonly used:
 - **cc_library_shared**: compiled into a **dynamic library**, similar to **BUILD_SHARED_LIBRARY** in **Android.mk**.
 - **cc_binary**: compiled into an **executable file**, similar to **BUILD_EXECUTABLE** in **Android.mk**.
 - **name**: The **name of the compiled module**, similar to **LOCAL_MODULE** in **Android.mk**.
 - **srcs**: **Source files**, similar to **LOCAL_SRC_FILES** in **Android.mk**.

Common module types

- In **Android.bp**, we will build what we need **based on the module type**. The following types are commonly used:
 - **local_include_dirs**: Specifies the **path to find header files**, similar to **LOCAL_C_INCLUDES** in **Android.mk**.
 - **shared_libs**: The **dynamic library that the compilation depends on**, similar to **LOCAL_SHARED_LIBRARIES** in **Android.mk**.
 - **static_libs**: The **static library that the compilation depends on**, similar to **LOCAL_STATIC_LIBRARIES** in **Android.mk**.
 - **cflags**: **Compile Flag**, similar to **LOCAL_CFLAGS** in **Android.mk**.

Common module types

```
cc_library_shared {
  name: "hdmi_cec.yukawa",
  proprietary: true,
  srcs: ["hdmi_cec.c"],
  cflags: ["-Werror"],

  relative_install_path: "hw",

  shared_libs: [
    "liblog",
    "libcutils",
    "libhardware",
  ],
}
```

```
cc_binary {
  name: "hdmicec_test",
  defaults: ["hidl_defaults"],
  vendor: true,
  srcs: ["hdmi_cec_test_hal.c"] + ["hdmi_cec.c"],
  cflags: [
    "-Wno-error",
    "-Wno-unused-parameter",
  ],
  header_libs: ["libhardware_headers"],
  shared_libs: [
    "liblog",
    "libcutils",
  ],
}
```

Common module types

- **android_app**:
 - build the **Android application installation package**.
 - It is a commonly used module type in **Android system application development** and has the same function as **BUILD_PACKAGE** in **Android.mk**.

```
android_app {
    name: "TvProvision",
    srcs: ["**/*.java"],
    product_specific: true,
    sdk_version: "system_current",
    certificate: "platform",
    privileged: true,
    overrides: ["SdkSetup"],
    required: ["privapp_whitelist_com.android.tv.provision"],
    optimize: {
        proguard_flags_files: ["proguard.flags"],
    },
}
```

Common module types

- **java_library**:
 - **build** and **link** the source code into the **device's .jar** file. However, it still has issue:
 - By default, **java_library** has only one variable, which generates a **.jar** package containing **.class** files compiled according to the **device boot classpath**.
 - The resulting jar is **not suitable** for **direct installation** on the device and will usually be used as a **static_libs** dependency of another module.
 - In order to overcome this issue, we should:
 - Specify **installable:true** will generate a **.jar** file containing the **classes.dex** file, suitable for installation on the device.
 - Specify **host_supported: true** will generate two variables, one compiled according to the **bootclasspath of the device**, and the other compiled according to the **bootclasspath of the host**.

Common module types

- `java_library`:

```
java_library {  
  name: "goldfish-fork-sap-api-java-static",  
  srcs: ["proto/sap-api.proto"],  
  proto: {  
    type: "micro",  
  },  
}
```


Common module types

- **android_library:**
 - **build** the source code along with the android resource files and **link** it into the **device's ".jar" file**.

```
android_library {  
    name:"boschcarplaysdk",  
    srcs: ["src/**/*.java","transport/**/*.java"],  
    manifest: "src/main/AndroidManifest.xml",  
    static_libs: ["androidx.appcompat.appcompat","junit","androidx.test.ext.junit","mplay_CinemoSDK"],  
  
    sdk_version: "system_current",  
    target_sdk_version: "system_current",  
    min_sdk_version: "31",  
}
```

Common module types

- **android_app_import:**

- import a **prebuilt apk** with **additional processing** specified in the module.
- **DPI-specific apk** source files can be specified using **dpi_variants**.

```
android_app_import {  
    name: "example_import",  
    apk: "prebuilts/example.apk",  
    dpi_variants: {  
        mdpi: {  
            apk: "prebuilts/example_mdpi.apk",  
        },  
        xhdpi: {  
            apk: "prebuilts/example_xhdpi.apk",  
        },  
    },  
    presigned: true,  
}
```

Common module types

- **android_app_certificate:**
 - **android_app_certificate** modules can be referenced by the **certificate's** property of **android_app** modules to select the signing key.

```
android_app_certificate {  
    name: "com.android.bluetooth.updatable.certificate",  
    certificate: "com.android.bluetooth.updatable",  
}
```

```
apex {  
    name: "com.android.bluetooth.updatable",  
    enabled: false,  
  
    manifest: "apex_manifest.json",  
  
    native_shared_libs: [  
        "libbluetooth_jni",  
        "libbluetooth"  
    ],  
    apps: ["Bluetooth"],  
  
    compile_multilib: "both",  
  
    key: "com.android.bluetooth.updatable.key",  
    certificate: ":com.android.bluetooth.updatable.certificate",  
}
```

Common module types

- **android_test:**
 - compile test sources and Android resources into an **Android application package** `.apk` file and create an `AndroidTest.xml` file to allow running the test with `atest` or a `TEST_MAPPING` file.

```
android_test {
    name: "LocationAccessingApp",
    defaults: ["cts_defaults"],
    srcs: [
        ":location_accessing_app_srcs",
    ],
    aidl: {
        local_include_dirs: ["aidl/"],
    },
    sdk_version: "test_current",
    test_suites: [
        "cts",
        "general-tests",
        "mts",
    ],
}
```

Common module types

- **android_test_helper_app:**
 - compile sources and Android resources into an **Android application package** `.apk` file that will be used by tests but **does not produce an** `AndroidTest.xml` file so the module will **not be run directly as a test**.

```
android_test_helper_app {
    name: "AudioRecorderTestApp_AudioRecord",
    static_libs: ["AudioRecorderTestApp_Base"],
    defaults: ["cts_support_defaults"],
    srcs: ["src/**/*.java"],
    // tag this module as a cts test artifact
    test_suites: [
        "cts",
        "gts",
        "vts10",
        "general-tests",
    ],
    sdk_version: "current",
}
```

Common module types

- **cc_prebuilt_binary:**

- install a **precompiled executable** in srcs property in the device's directory, for **both the host and device**
- It is very useful when there's **already a cc_binary with the same name**.
- This gives developers the flexibility to choose which version to include in their final product.

```
cc_prebuilt_binary {
  name: "linkerconfig",
  prefer: false,
  visibility: ["//visibility:public"],
  apex_available: [
    "//apex_available:platform",
    "com.android.runtime",
  ],
  device_supported: false,
  host_supported: true,
  stl: "c++_static",
  compile_multilib: "64",
  target: {
    host: {
      enabled: false,
    },
    linux_bionic_x86_64: {
      enabled: true,
      srcs: ["linux_bionic/x86_64/bin/linkerconfig"],
    },
    linux_glibc_x86_64: {
      enabled: true,
      srcs: ["linux_glibc/x86_64/bin/linkerconfig"],
    },
  },
}
```

Common module types

- **cc_prebuilt_library**:
 - install a **precompiled shared library** that are listed in the `srcs` property in the device's directory

```
cc_prebuilt_library {
    name: "art-module-host-exports_libartbase@current",
    sdk_member_name: "libartbase",
    visibility: [
        "//art:__subpackages__",
        "//packages/modules/NetworkStack/tests:__subpackages__",
        "//prebuilts/module_sdk/art/current/host-exports",
        "//prebuilts:__subpackages__",
    ],
    apex_available: [
        "com.android.art",
        "com.android.art.debug",
    ],
    licenses: ["art-module-host-exports_art_license@current"],
    device_supported: false,
    host_supported: true,
    installable: false,
    compile_multilib: "64",
    shared_libs: [
        "libbase",
        "libziparchive",
        "libz",
        "liblog",
        "art-module-host-exports_libartpalette@current",
    ],
    export_include_dirs: [
        "include/art/libartbase",
        "include/system/libbase/include",
        "include/external/fmtlib/include",
    ],
    target: {
        host: {
            enabled: false,
        },
        linux_glibc_x86_64: {
            enabled: true,
            static: {
                srcs: ["x86_64/lib/libartbase.a"],
            },
            shared: {
                srcs: ["x86_64/lib/libartbase.so"],
            },
        },
    },
}
```

Common module types

- **cc_prebuilt_library_shared:**

- install a **precompiled shared library** that are listed in the srcs property in the device's directory

```
cc_prebuilt_library_shared {  
    name: "AdbWinApi",  
    defaults: ["AdbWinApi_defaults"],  
  
    export_include_dirs: ["usb/api"],  
    srcs: ["prebuilt/usb/AdbWinApi.dll"],  
    windows_import_lib: "prebuilt/usb/AdbWinApi.lib",  
}
```


Common module types

- **cc_prebuilt_library_static**:
 - install a **precompiled static library** that are listed in the `srcs` property in the device's directory

```
cc_prebuilt_library_static {
    name: "art-module-sdk_libdexfile_support@current",
    sdk_member_name: "libdexfile_support",
    visibility: ["//visibility:public"],
    apex_available: [
        "//apex_available:platform",
        "com.android.art",
        "com.android.art.debug",
        "com.android.media",
        "com.android.media.swcodec",
        "com.android.runtime",
    ],
    licenses: ["art-module-sdk_art_license@current"],
    host_supported: true,
    installable: false,
    compile_multilib: "both",
    shared_libs: [
        "liblog",
        "libbase",
    ],
    export_include_dirs: [
        "common_os/include/art/libdexfile/external/include",
        "common_os/include/system/libbase/include",
    ],
    target: {
        host: {
            enabled: false,
        },
        android_arm64: {
            srcs: ["android/arm64/lib/libdexfile_support.a"],
        },
        android_x86_64: {
            srcs: ["android/x86_64/lib/libdexfile_support.a"],
        },
        android_arm: {
            srcs: ["android/arm/lib/libdexfile_support.a"],
        },
        android_x86: {
            srcs: ["android/x86/lib/libdexfile_support.a"],
        },
        linux_glibc_x86_64: {
            enabled: true,
            srcs: ["linux_glibc/x86_64/lib/libdexfile_support.a"],
        },
        linux_glibc_x86: {
            enabled: true,
            srcs: ["linux_glibc/x86/lib/libdexfile_support.a"],
        },
    },
}
```

Common module types

- **cc_library_headers:**

- contain a set of **c/c++ headers** which are imported by other soong cc modules using the **header_libs** property.
- For best practices, use **export_include_dirs** property or **LOCAL_EXPORT_C_INCLUDE_DIRS** for **Android.mk**.

```
cc_library_headers {  
    name: "libinstall_headers",  
    export_include_dirs: ["."],  
}
```

Common module types

- **cc_prebuilt_library_headers:**
 - a prebuilt version of **cc_library_headers**

```
cc_prebuilt_library_headers {
  name: "bionic_libc_platform_headers",
  prefer: false,
  visibility: [
    "//art: __subpackages__",
    "//bionic: __subpackages__",
    "//device/generic/goldfish-opengl: __subpackages__",
    "//external/gwp_asan: __subpackages__",
    "//external/peretto: __subpackages__",
    "//external/scudo: __subpackages__",
    "//frameworks: __subpackages__",
    "//system/core/debuggerd: __subpackages__",
    "//system/core/libcutils: __subpackages__",
    "//system/memory/libmemunreachable: __subpackages__",
    "//system/unwinding/libunwindstack: __subpackages__",
    "//tools/security/sanitizer-status: __subpackages__",
  ],
  apex_available: [
    "//apex_available: anyapex",
    "//apex_available: platform",
    "com.android.media",
    "com.android.runtime",
  ],
  host_supported: true,
  recovery_available: true,
  vendor_available: true,
  product_available: true,
  sdk_version: "current",
  stl: "none",
  system_shared_libs: [],
  export_include_dirs: ["common_os/include/bionic/libc/platform"],
  target: {
    host: {
      enabled: false,
    },
    android: {
      compile_multilib: "both",
    },
    linux_bionic: {
      compile_multilib: "64",
    },
    linux_bionic_x86_64: {
      enabled: true,
    },
  },
}
```

Common module types

- **prebuilt_etc:**
 - **prebuilt artifact** that is installed in **<partition>/etc/<sub_dir>** directory.

```
prebuilt_etc {  
    name: "privapp_whitelist_com.android.tv.provision",  
    product_specific: true,  
    sub_dir: "permissions",  
    src: "com.android.tv.provision.xml",  
    filename_from_src: true,  
}
```

File lists

- Properties can be:
 - Normal **Unix wildcard** *, for example **"*.java"**.
 - Even contain **** wildcard** as a path element, which will **match zero or more path elements**. For example, **java/**/*.java** will match:
 - **java/Main.java**
 - and **java/com/android/Main.java**.

```
cc_library_shared {  
    name: "libxmlrpc++",  
  
    rtti: true,  
    cppflags: [  
        "-Wall",  
        "-Werror",  
        "-fexceptions",  
    ],  
    export_include_dirs: ["src"],  
    srcs: ["src/**/*.cpp"],  
  
    target: {  
        darwin: {  
            enabled: false,  
        },  
    },  
}
```

Variables

- An **Android.bp** file may contain top-level variable assignments:

```
gzip_srcs = ["src/test/minigzip.c"],

cc_binary {
    name: "gzip",
    srcs: gzip_srcs,
    shared_libs: ["libz"],
    stl: "none",
}
```

- Variables are **scoped to the remainder of the file** they are declared in, as well as any **child Android.bp files**.
- Variables are **immutable** with one exception - they can be appended to with a **+=** assignment, but **only before** they have been referenced.

Comments

```
package {
    default_applicable_licenses: ["device_generic_goldfish_audio_license"],
}

// Added automatically by a large-scale-change
// See: http://go/android-license-faq
license {
    name: "device_generic_goldfish_audio_license",
    visibility: [":__subpackages__"],
    license_kinds: [
        "SPDX-license-identifier-Apache-2.0",
    ],
    license_text: [
        "NOTICE",
    ],
}
```

```
/*
 * Copyright (C) 2018 The Android Open Source Project
 *
 * Licensed under the Apache License, Version 2.0 (the "License");
 * you may not use this file except in compliance with the License.
 * You may obtain a copy of the License at
 *
 *     http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0
 *
 * Unless required by applicable law or agreed to in writing, software
 * distributed under the License is distributed on an "AS IS" BASIS,
 * WITHOUT WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF ANY KIND, either express or implied.
 * See the License for the specific language governing permissions and
 * limitations under the License.
 */
package {
    default_applicable_licenses: ["Android-Apache-2.0"],
}
```

Types

- **Variables and properties** are **strongly typed**
- **Variables** **dynamically** based on the first assignment, and **properties** **statically** by the module type.
- The supported types are:

- Bool (**true** or **false**)

```
proprietary: true,  
recovery_available: true,
```

- Integers (**int**)

```
sdk_version: 28 ,
```

- Strings (**"string"**)

```
name: "android.hardware.health@2.1-impl-cuttlefish",  
state: "android.hardware.health@2.1-impl-2.1-cuttlefish"
```

- Lists of strings (**["string1", "string2"]**)

- Maps (**{key1: "value1", key2: ["value2"]}**)

```
version: {  
  py2: {  
    enabled: true,  
    embedded_launcher: true,  
  },  
  py3: {  
    enabled: false,  
  },  
},
```

```
static_libs: [  
  "android.hardware.health@1.0-convert",  
  "libbatterymonitor",  
  "libhealthloop",  
  "libhealth2impl",  
],
```


Operators

- **Strings**, **lists of strings**, and **maps** can be appended using the **+ operator**.
- **Integers** can be summed up using the **+ operator**.

```
genrule {
  name: "glesv1_dec_cuttlefish_gensrc",
  srcs: ["GLESv1_dec/*"],
  tools: ["emugen_cuttlefish"],
  cmd: "$(location emugen_cuttlefish) " |+
        "-i device/generic/opengl-transport/host/libs/virglrenderer/GLESv1_dec " +
        "-D $(genDir) gles1",
  out: ["gles1_dec.cpp"],
}
```

```
cc_binary {
  name: "hdmicec_test",
  defaults: ["hidl_defaults"],
  vendor: true,
  srcs: ["hdmicec_test_hal.c"] + ["hdmicec.c"],
  cflags: [
    "-Wno-error",
    "-Wno-unused-parameter",
  ],
  header_libs: ["libhardware_headers"],
  shared_libs: [
    "liblog",
    "libcutils",
  ],
}
```

Conditionals

- Soong **doesn't support conditionals** in **Android.bp** files.
- Instead, **complexity** in build rules that would require conditionals are **handled in Go**, where high-level language features can be used, and implicit dependencies introduced by conditionals can be tracked.
- **Most conditionals** are converted to a **map** property, where one of the values in the map is selected and appended to the top-level properties.

Conditionals

- For example, to support architecture-specific files:

```
cc_prebuilt_library_headers {
  name: "bionic_libc_platform_headers",
  prefer: false,
  visibility: [
    "//art: __subpackages__",
    "//bionic: __subpackages__",
    "//device/generic/goldfish-opengl: __subpackages__",
    "//external/gwp_asan: __subpackages__",
    "//external/peretto: __subpackages__",
    "//external/scudo: __subpackages__",
    "//frameworks: __subpackages__",
    "//system/core/debuggerd: __subpackages__",
    "//system/core/libcutils: __subpackages__",
    "//system/memory/libmemunreachable: __subpackages__",
    "//system/unwinding/libunwindstack: __subpackages__",
    "//tools/security/sanitizer-status: __subpackages__",
  ],
  apex_available: [
    "//apex_available: anyapex",
    "//apex_available: platform",
    "com.android.media",
    "com.android.runtime",
  ],
  host_supported: true,
  recovery_available: true,
  vendor_available: true,
  product_available: true,
  sdk_version: "current",
  stl: "none",
  system_shared_libs: [],
  export_include_dirs: ["common_os/include/bionic/libc/platform"],
  target: {
    host: {
      enabled: false,
    },
    android: {
      compile_multilib: "both",
    },
    linux_bionic: {
      compile_multilib: "64",
    },
    linux_bionic_x86_64: {
      enabled: true,
    },
  },
}
```

Defaults modules

- A defaults module can be used to repeat the same properties in multiple modules. For example:

```
cc_defaults {  
    name: "gzip_defaults",  
    shared_libs: ["libz"],  
    stl: "none",  
}  
  
cc_binary {  
    name: "gzip",  
    defaults: ["gzip_defaults"],  
    srcs: ["src/test/minigzip.c"],  
}
```

Packages

- The build is organized into packages where each package is a collection of related files and a specification of the dependencies among them in the form of modules.
- A package is defined as a directory containing a file named **Android.bp**, residing beneath the top-level directory in the build and its name is its path relative to the top-level directory.
- A package includes all files in its directory, plus all subdirectories beneath it, except those which themselves contain an **Android.bp** file.

Packages

- The modules in a package's **Android.bp** and included files are part of the module.

```
.../android/my/app/Android.bp  
.../android/my/app/app.cc  
.../android/my/app/data/input.txt  
.../android/my/app/tests/Android.bp  
.../android/my/app/tests/test.cc
```

Referencing Modules

- A module **libfoo** can be referenced by its name

```
cc_binary {  
    name: "app",  
    shared_libs: ["libfoo"],  
}
```

Namespace modules

- Until Android fully converts from **Make** to **Soong**, the **Make** product configuration must specify a **PRODUCT_SOONG_NAMESPACES** value.
- Its value should be a **space-separated** list of namespaces that Soong exports to **Make** to be built by the **m** command.
- Soong provides the ability for modules in different directories to specify **the same name**, as long as each module is declared within a **separate namespace**.

Namespace modules

- A namespace can be declared like this:

```
soong_namespace {  
    imports: ["path/to/otherNamespace1", "path/to/otherNamespace2"],  
}
```

Exercises

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- 1) Write an **Android.bp** file to build C/C++ source code to:
 - a) An executable file
 - b) A static library
 - c) A share libraries
 - d) An executable file for API level 32 or above

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Thank for your listening!