CS-202 Course Introduction C++ Primer – GNU Compilation starters

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Course Requirements

> CS-135 (@least C- grade)

Basic program design
Control structures for selection, iteration
Use functions, employ/implement prototypes, pass parameters
Multi-dimensional arrays (declaration/usage/passing as parameters)
Basic stream I/O (with external file usage)

ALL are Strict Prerequisites!

Course Objectives

Introductory-level experience to:

- Object-oriented programming (**OOP**)
- Diject-oriented design (OOD)

Basic software engineering techniques, Proper program design principles

Pointers, Dynamic Memory

C++ libraries, Classes – operators, the STL

(Coding) Tools:

- C++ programming language
- GCC (GNU Compiler)
- The GNU Make tool
- Linux Operating System

Course Rules

Grading Policy (tentative):

Component	Percentage		
Projects & Assignments	50% (Breakdown: 40% – 10% each)		
Midterm Exam	20%		
Final Exam	30%		

You cannot earn a passing grade in the course without a passing grade on both:

- > The average of the Midterm and Final exams.
- The average of the Projects.

Plus/Minus grading will be assigned as indicated in the Syllabus. Grade re-scaling may be assigned based on an outstanding or inferior Final exam.

Class presence will be required, tracked, and factored in, for the course's Lab Sections. For general university policy regarding class absence, see <u>UAM 3,020</u>.

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Tasks & Responsibilities:

Weekly Projects – Bi-weekly MAX

Turn in via WebCampus! LATE submission (24hrs max) incurs 20% penalty.

After 24hrs NO SUBMISSION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Lab Assignments – In-Lab! NO SUBMISSION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER.

Academic Dishonesty:

Cheating, plagiarism or otherwise obtaining grades under false pretenses constitute academic dishonesty according to the code of this university. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and penalties can include filing a final grade of "F"; reducing the student's final course grade one or two full grade points; awarding a failing mark on the coursework in question; or requiring the student to retake or resubmit the coursework. For more details, see the <u>University of Nevada, Reno General Catalog</u>. (Also, refer to Academic Standards in course syllabus and <u>online</u>)

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Academic Dishonesty:

Note:

There exist widely accessible and reliable tools to cross-compare you code:

vs your classmates' code!

vs students' code from previous semesters!

Semantic analysis and comparison means IT WILL CATCH similarly structured code, even if you rename your variables / change indentation / etc.!

Course Help

Course & Projects:

Peer-Assisted Study Session (PASS) Leader:

Kurtis Rodrigue kurtisr@nevada.unr.edu

3 hrs in-class, 4 hrs PASS sessions

Teaching Assistants:

XinYing Wang, Hemanta Sapkota, Shuvo Kumar Paul, Yuchuan Liu xinyingw@, hsapkota@, shuvo.k.paul@, ycliu@ [nevada.unr.edu] 50 mins per Lab section, Tutoring & quizzes

Disability Services:

Any student with a disability needing academic adjustments or accommodations is requested to speak with the Disability Resource Center as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodations.

Course Week

Course, Projects, Labs:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Lab (8 Sections)	
	CLASS		CLASS	
PASS	PASS	Project DEADLINE	NEW Project	
Session	Session			

Projects will start this Thursday 1/24.

Labs will start this Thursday 1/24.

Challenges

Getting started:

The Linux environment (some transfer students could have a hard time).

Start with your Projects early on!

Familiarize yourselves with the NoMachineTM client and the ECC systems.

Don't play down the significance of the Lab sessions.

Don't wait to seek help. Benefit from all sources.

Your TAs.

Your PASS Leader.

WebCampus material (lectures, samples, etc.) & discussions.

The web... http://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp
http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/

Today's Concepts

Differences between programming languages

Compiled vs Interpreted programs

Programming "style" restrictions

C++ concepts (Learning C++ is only part of the deal)

Classes

Object-Oriented Programing

- > Encapsulation
- > Inheritance
- > Polymorphism

Object-Oriented Design

(But Remember: C++ is the "Latin" of programming languages)

Today's Practices

Using the Linux Operating System.

Developing under the GCC (GNU Compiler Collection) suite.

- Linux basics, Shell usage introduction.
- Text editor for code writing gedit / emacs / nano / vim.

(IDEs such as Eclipse, XCode, Codeblocks etc. are not part of the supported toolchains, your programs will have to compile & run on installations like the ones on the machines of SEM321).

- Compilation toolchain invocation.
- Basics for large (sort of) software development project setup.

Code – Compile – Run

C++ Basic Info

Created in 1979 by Bjarne Stroustrup – *the originator*. At Bell Labs (home of UNIX and C).

The story: "Invent a computer programming language so arcane and complex that no one except him would be able to use it."

The background: "Languages like Simula and Ada."

The anecdote: "Colleagues laughed a his first cut at an inscrutably hard language. Then, he went back to his lair and didn't emerge until he had added references and templates."

C++ Basic Info

Added object-oriented features to C.

Renamed to C++ in honor of auto-increment operator.

Later standardized with several International Organization for Standards (ISO) specifications.

Constantly expanding/updating standards: <</p>

Greatly influenced Java development (1991).

- Popular modern OO language
- ➤ Wide industry usage
- > Used in many types of applications
- ➤ Object-Oriented
- Portable (not as much as Java, but fairly so)
- > Efficient
- Retains much of its C origins

C++98 C++03 C++11 C++14 C++17 C++20

Procedural vs Object-Oriented

Procedural

Modular units: functions

Program structure: hierarchical

Data and operations are not bound

to each other

Examples:

C, Pascal, Basic, Python

Object-Oriented (OO)

Modular units: objects

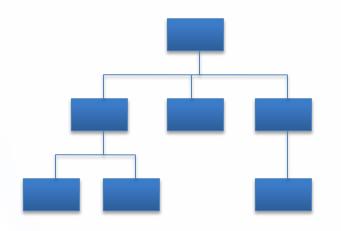
Program structure: a graph

Data and operations are bound to each

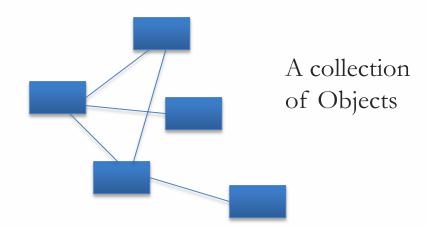
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Examples:

C++, Java, Python



A hierarchy of functions

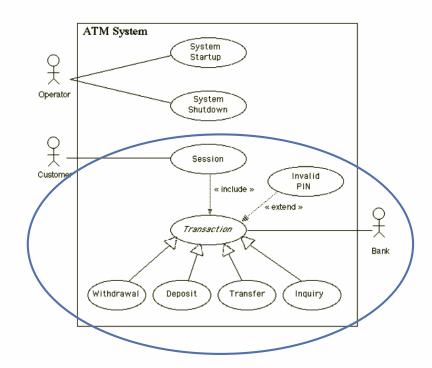


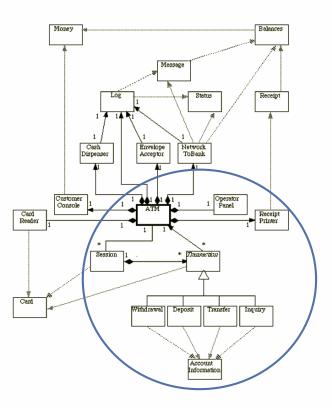
Procedural vs Object-Oriented

The ATM Machine paradigm

Fundamental Software Development problems:

- ➤ Maintainability
- ➤ Adaptability (modularity)
- > Expressiveness



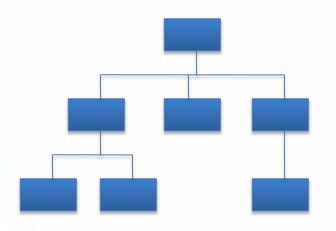


Procedural vs Object-Oriented

Procedural

Focused on the question: "What should the program do next?" Structure program by:

- > Splitting into sets of tasks and subtasks.
- Make *Functions* for tasks.
- Perform tasks in sequence (computer). Large amount of data and/or tasks makes projects/programs unmaintainable.



A hierarchy of functions

Object-Oriented (OO)

Package-up **self-contained** & **modular** pieces of code. The world is made up of **interacting** *Objects*.

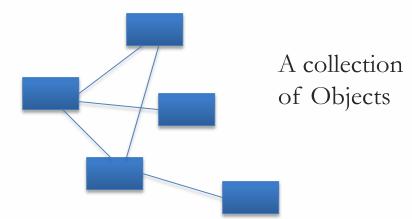
Pack away details into boxes (*Objects*), allowing us to consider them in their abstract form.

Focus on their (numerous) interactions.

Key concepts: > Encapsulation

> Inheritance

Polymorphism



Classes

What is a ... Class

C++ Classes are very similar to C Structs, in that they both include user-defined sets of data items, which collectively describe some entity such as a Student, a Book, an Airplane, or a data construct such as a String, a ComplexNumber, etc...

class BankAccount

Type Bank Account String account number sequence of characters Attributes owner's name encoding (state) balance more? interest rate compute length more? concatenate Operations deposit money test for equality (behaviors) withdraw money more? check balance transfer money more?

class String

Classes

What is a ... Class

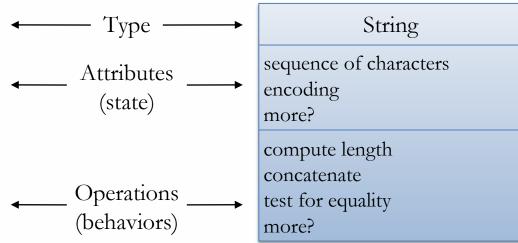
A non-primitive & user-defined data type containing:

- Attributes make up the object's state
- > Operations define the object's behaviors

class BankAccount

Bank Account account number owner's name balance interest rate more? deposit money withdraw money check balance transfer money more?

class String



Objects

What is an ... Object

A particular instance of a class.

class BankAccount

Bank Account

account number owner's name balance

interest rate

deposit money withdraw money check balance transfer money Scrooge's Account

12-345-6 Ebenezer Scrooge \$ 9,999,999,999 . 99 0.0125 % Wilde's Account

65-432-1 Oscar Wilde \$ 8 . 45 3.5 % Smith's Account

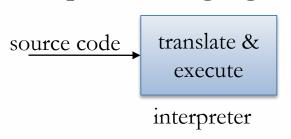
43-261-5 Adam Smith \$ 1,766 . 00 2.5 %

For any of these accounts, one can...

- > Deposit money
- Withdraw money
- Check the balance
- Transfer money

Interpreters, Compilers, Hybrids

Interpreted Languages (e.g. JavaScript, Perl, Ruby)

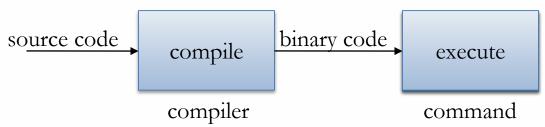


Interpreter translates source into binary operations and executes it.

Small, easy to write

Interpreter is a *program* unique to each platform (i.e. operating system).

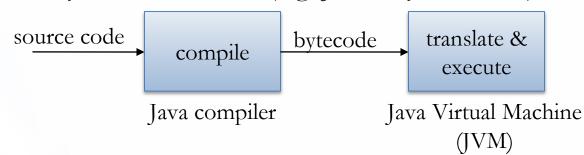
Compiled Languages (e.g. C, C++)



Compiler is platform dependent.

Code once compiled is expressed in the *instructions* of the target machine (e.g. target architecture).

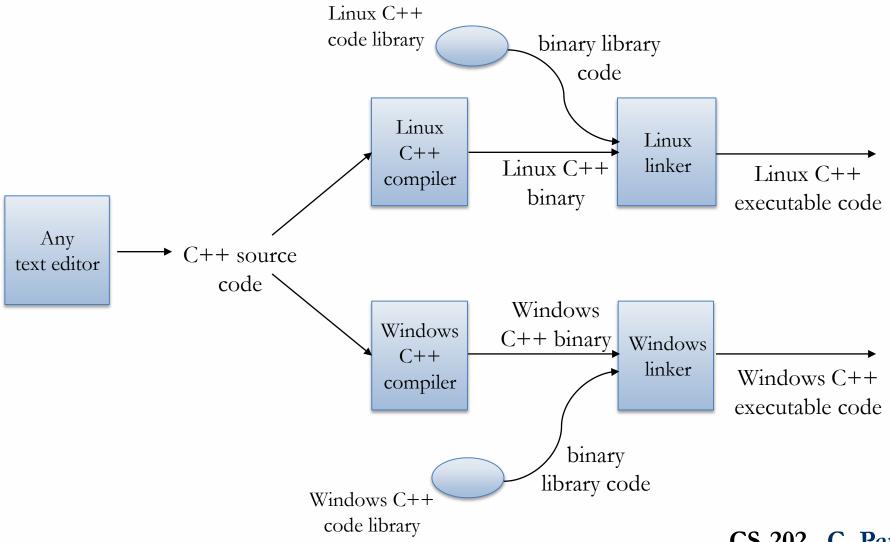
Many other models: (e.g. Java, Python etc.)

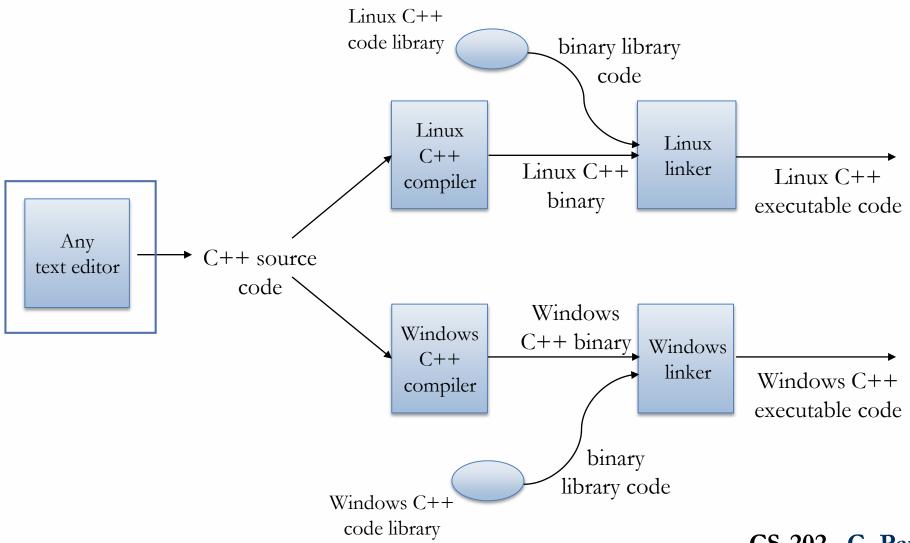


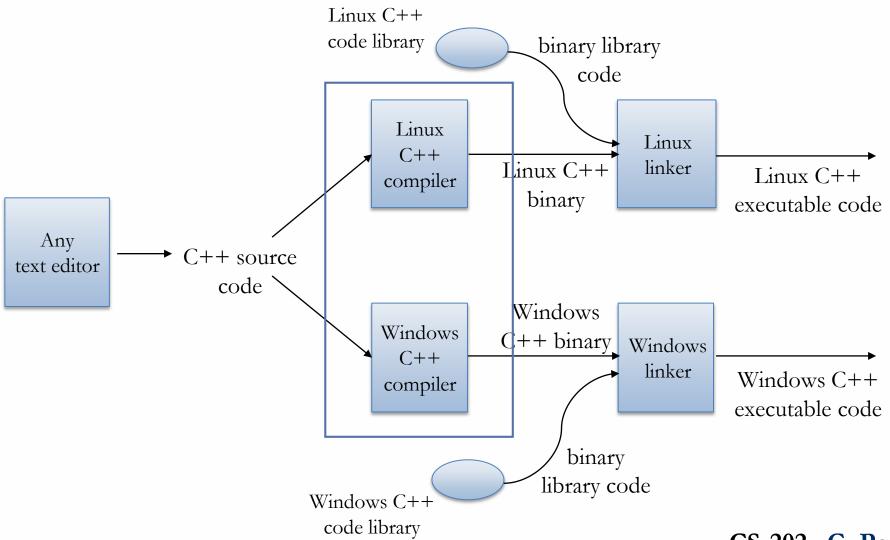
Bytecode is platform independent Java *Virtual Machine* (the target platform) is an interpreter that is platform dependent.

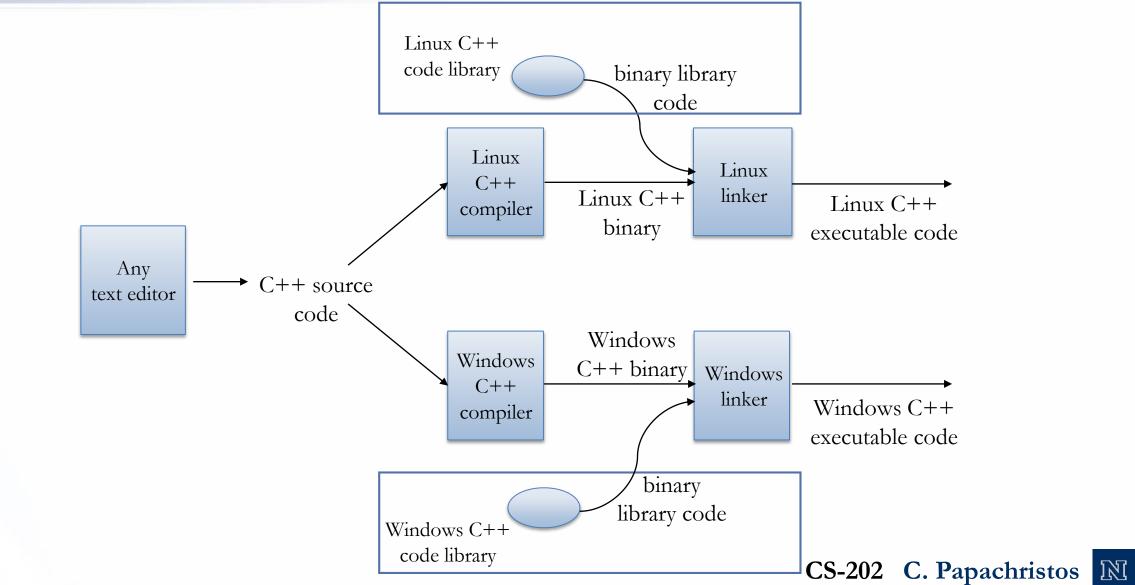
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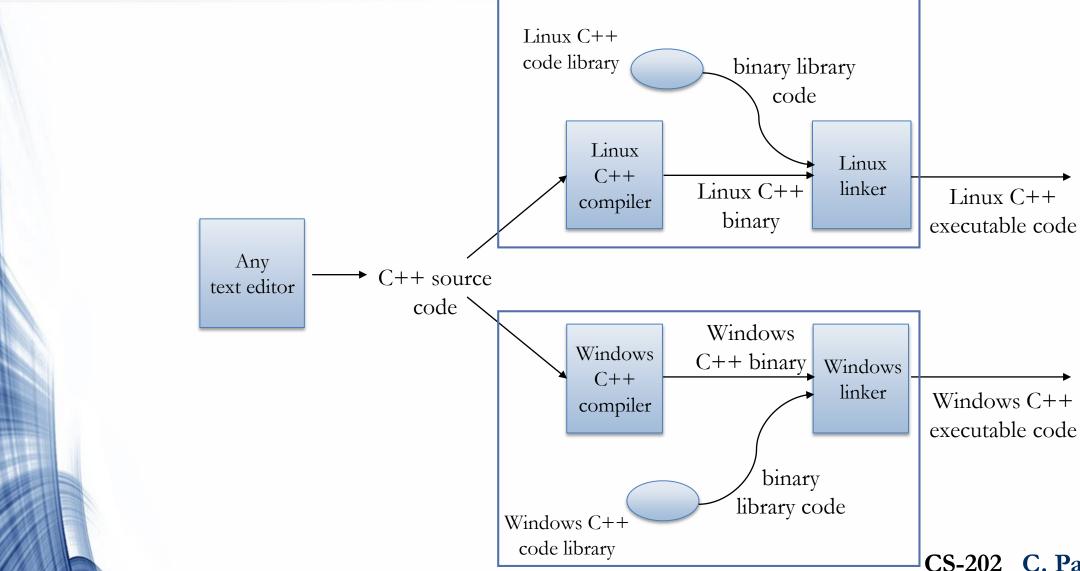


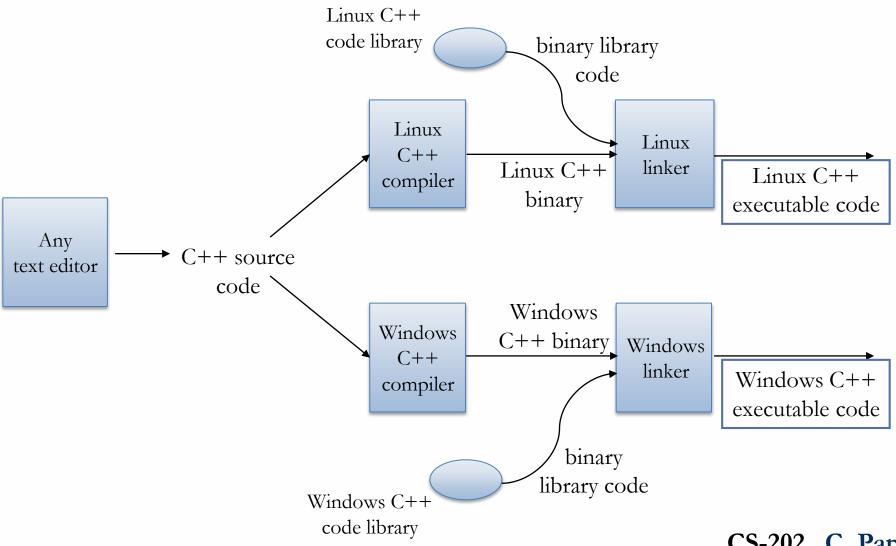












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The C++ compilation process

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the compilation process looks like this:

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- 3. The assembler code generated by the compiler is assembled into the object code for the platform.
- The object code file generated by the assembler is linked together with the object code files for any library functions used to produce an executable file.

By using appropriate compiler options, we can stop this process at any stage.

1. To stop the process after the preprocessor step, you can use the -E option:

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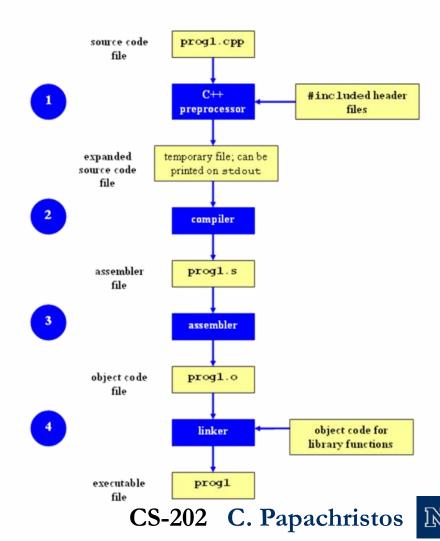
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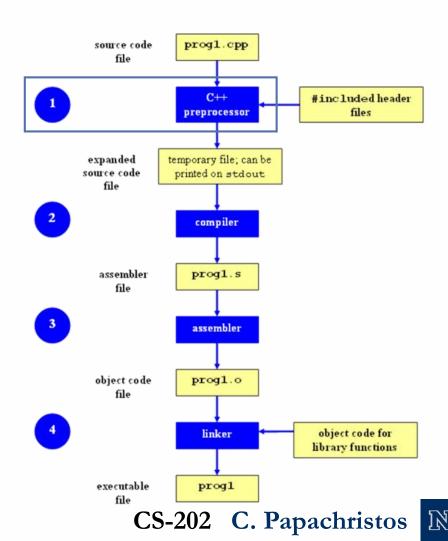
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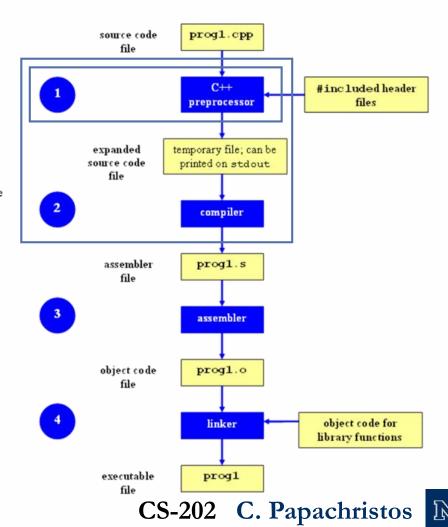
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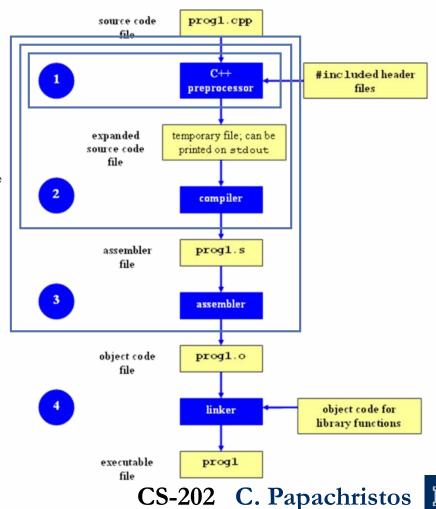
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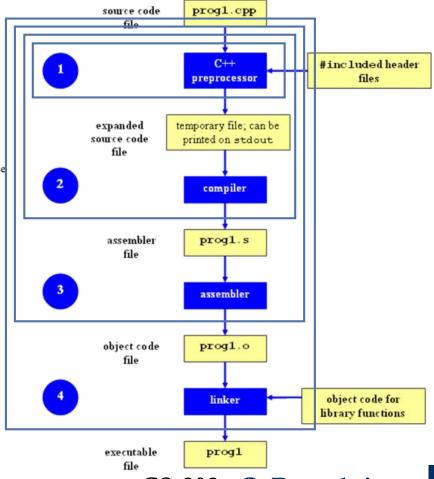
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Compile Objects & Link

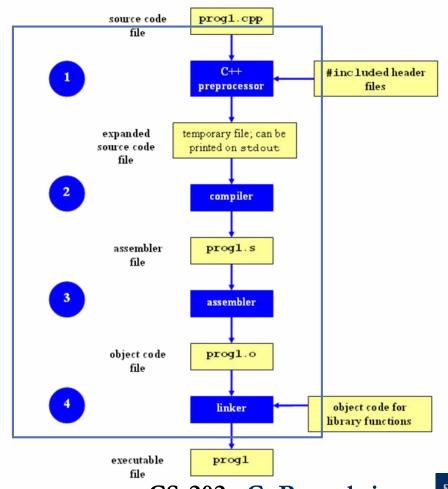
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Linking

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g++ -Wall -O3 -std=c++11 -o prog1 prog1.cpp -lm
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Running under (Linux)

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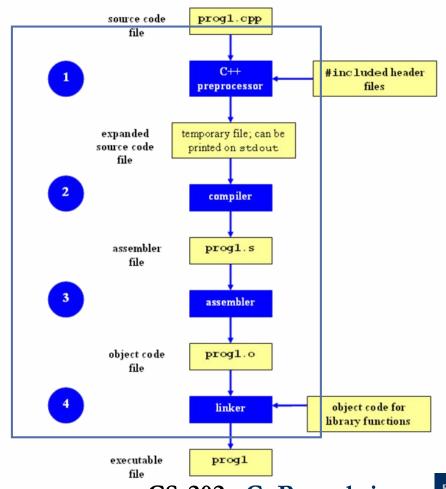
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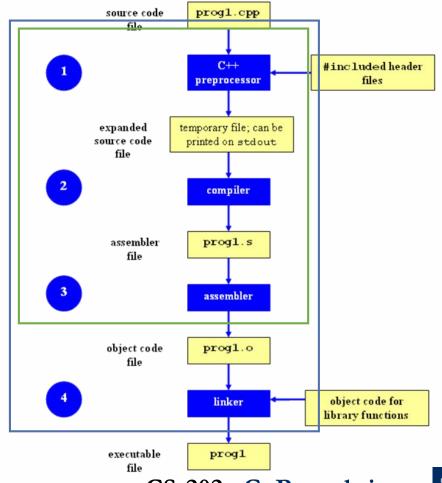
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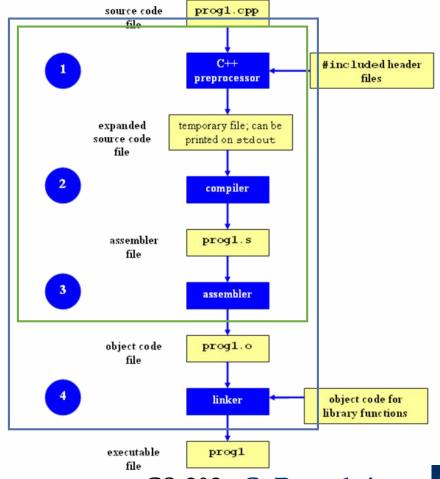
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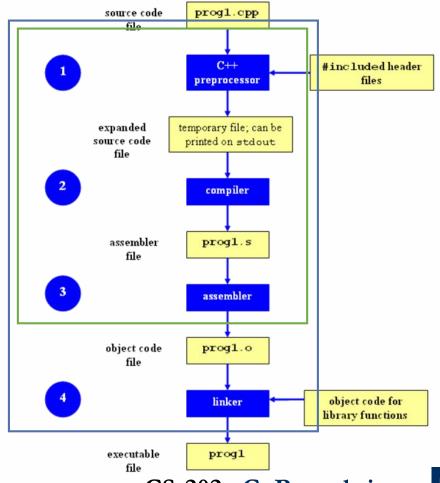
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g++ -Wall -O3 -std=c++11 -o prog12 prog1.o prog2.o
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Linking

Also Link to an external Library libm.so

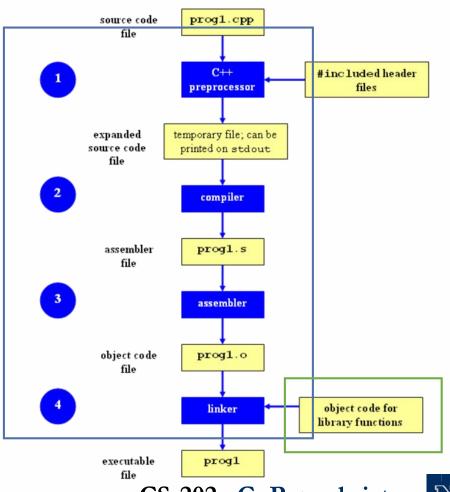
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Note: Actually **libstdc++** requires **libm**, so with **g++** it is automatically linked.

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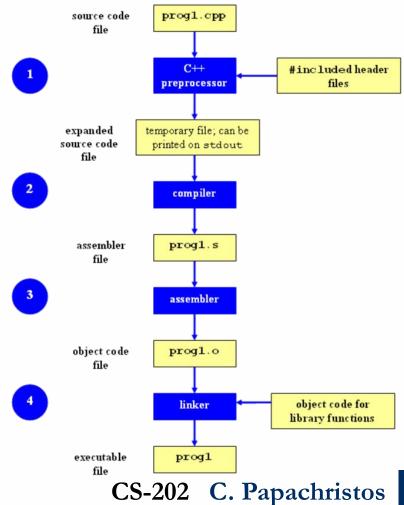
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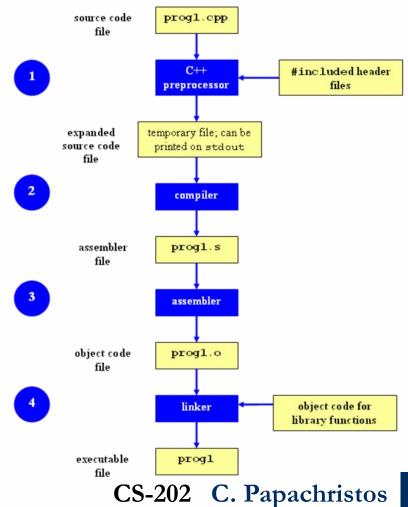
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Hands-on C++ Compilation

Install the **NoMachineTM** Client:

https://www.nomachine.com/

Connect to the **CSE** Ubuntu Virtual Machine Environment:

https://unr.canvaslms.com/files/2324648

- Right click on the desktop screen, choose "Create Document" \rightarrow "Empty File", name it proj 1.cpp
- Double-click to open it (with the default text editor gedit), write your code and save it.
- Back on the Desktop screen, click the Blue sign on the top-left, and then click on "Terminal Emulator" 3)
- In the terminal give the command "cd Desktop" to go to the Desktop folder
- In the same terminal give the command "g++ -o proj_1 proj_1.cpp" to compile your code 5)
- If it compiles correctly you will have a **proj_1** file created which is your executable 6)
- You can run to test the executable by giving the command "./proj 1" in the same terminal screen. If it compiles and runs, you can take the source code (proj_1.cpp) and put it in an archive file (zip, tar.gz) together with the documentation file. Then upload this compressed archive file on WebCampus.
- You will find the program that creates compressed files by clicking on the Blue sign on the top-left, and then go to "Accessories" \rightarrow "Archive Manager". You can add the files to compress via drag-and-drop.

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C++ Identifiers & Variables

C++ Identifiers

Can't use keywords/reserved words.

Case-sensitivity and validity of identifiers.

Meaningful names!

Used for variables, class names, and more.

Variables

Must declare all data before use in program.

- A memory location to store data for a program.
- Referenced by the variable name.

Variable Declaration

C++ Variables

When we declare a variable, we tell the compiler:

When and where to set aside memory space for the variable.

How much memory to set aside.

How to interpret the contents of that memory;

I.e., the specified data type.

```
int | a ;
double | b ;
```

What name we will be referring to that location in memory;

I.e. by its identifier, or name.

```
int
double |b|;
```

Variable Declaration

C++ Variables

```
Syntax: <type> <legal identifier> ;
Examples:
```

```
int sum ;;
float average ;;
double grade = 98 ;;
```

Must be <u>declared</u> before being used

Must be declared to be of a <u>specific & known type</u> (e.g. int, float, char, etc.)

Don't forget the semicolon at the end!

Variable Declaration

C++ Variables

Naming conventions are rules for names of variables to improve readability

Different standards exist, suggested:

Start with a lowercase letter

Indicate "word" boundaries with an uppercase letter

Restrict the remaining characters to digits and lowercase letters

topSpeed bankRate1 timeOfArrival

Indicate "word" boundaries with an underscore

top_speed bank_rate_1 time_of_arrival

Note: variable names are still case sensitive!

Widely-used standard:

Google standard https://google.github.io/styleguide/cppguide.html

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Mostly seen/used primitive types.

Data Assignment

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Note: Otherwise results *can* be "Undefined" if you don't initialize!

Assigning data during execution

Value Categories (C++ Heritage from C):

Lvalues (left-side) & Rvalues (right-side)

Note: Actually C++ has GLvalues, Xvalues, PRvalues)

Lvalues must be variables

Rvalues can be any expression

Note: More complicated than where they can appear, but keeping it simple for now ...

```
Example:
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```

Rvalue: "rate * time" (Note: The entire expression)

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```
0; | OK
int myValue = 0;
```

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Note: "Reading" from an Uninitialized variable is **Undefined Behavior**

4.1 Lvalue-to-rvalue conversion

1 - A glvalue of a non-function, non-array type T can be converted to a prvalue. ... If the object to which the glvalue refers is not an object of type T ... or if the object is uninitialized, a program that necessitates this conversion has undefined behavior.

```
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Data Assignment

Compatibility of Data Assignments

Type mismatches

Cannot place value of one type into variable of another type! But sometimes, a *conversion* is possible ...

Literals

2, 5.75, 'Z', "Hello World\n"

Also known as "constants": can't change in program

Program Data

Literals / Literal Data

Cannot change their values during execution
Called "literals" because you "literally typed" them in your program!

Program Data

Constants / Constant Data

You should not use literal constants directly in your code –

It might seem obvious to you, but not so:

Is this weeks per year... or cards in a deck?

- Instead, use named constants.
- Give the constants names.

Also allows you to change multiple instances in a central place.

Program Data

Constants / Constant Data

Two ways to go about this:

One way: Preprocessor Define

#define WEEKS PER YEAR 52

(Note: there is no "=")

This means that the Preprocessor will just replace the WEEKS_PER_YEAR text in the code before compilation.

➤ **WEEKS PER YEAR** itself is not a variable!

Alternative way: Constant Variable

Append "const" keyword to declaration

const float PI = 3.14159;

PI is a fully-fledged variable!

This means we know its type and can dependably predict its behavior across code!



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