GDB/Make/Valgrind

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Prerequisites

Some C or C++

Overview of Topics

- ► Make Build Tool
- ► **GDB** Debugging Tool
- ▶ Valgrind Profiling Tool

Why use it?

- Automate common tasks
- Avoid mistakes
- Save Frustration
- Impress your friends
- ► Integrated into vim/emacs

Syntax of a Makefile

- Rules
- Targets
- Prerequisites
- Recipes

Invocation

- ▶ Naming the file makefile, Makefile
- Command line make
- with target make <targetname>

Why use it?

- ► %\$#@! print statements
- ► The quiet art of debugging
- A logical approach
- ► Information is never a waste

GDB Essentials

- ▶ where/bt
- ▶ frame
- ▶ list 1,10
- step, next, continue
- break
- run
- help
- ▶ info
- print

Why profile?

- Firefox fail.
- What is a memory leak?
- Running Valgrind

Outro

Use these tools.