



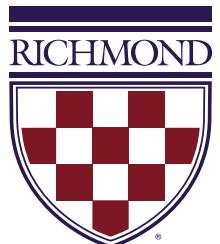
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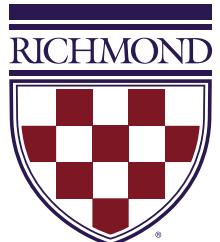
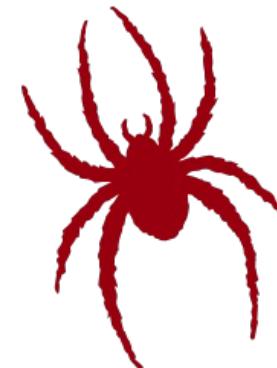
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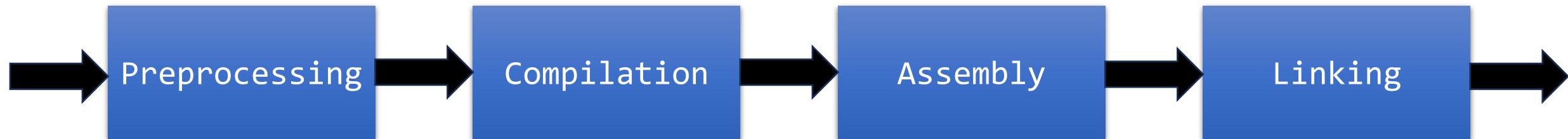
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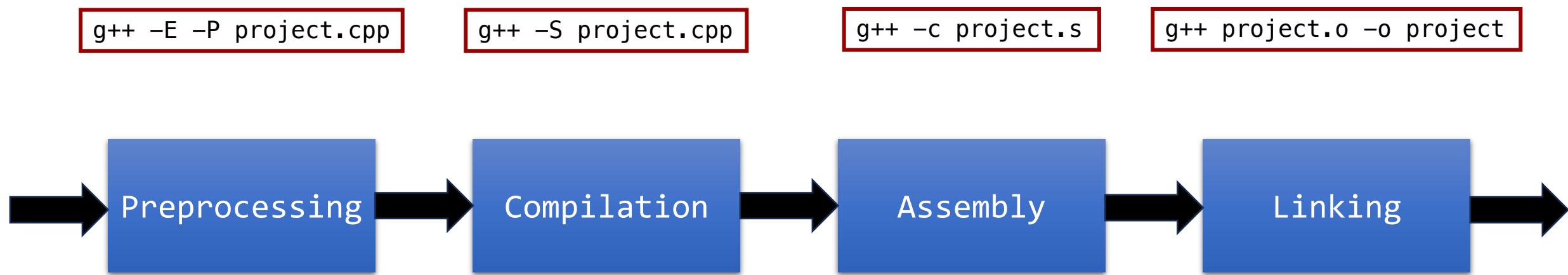


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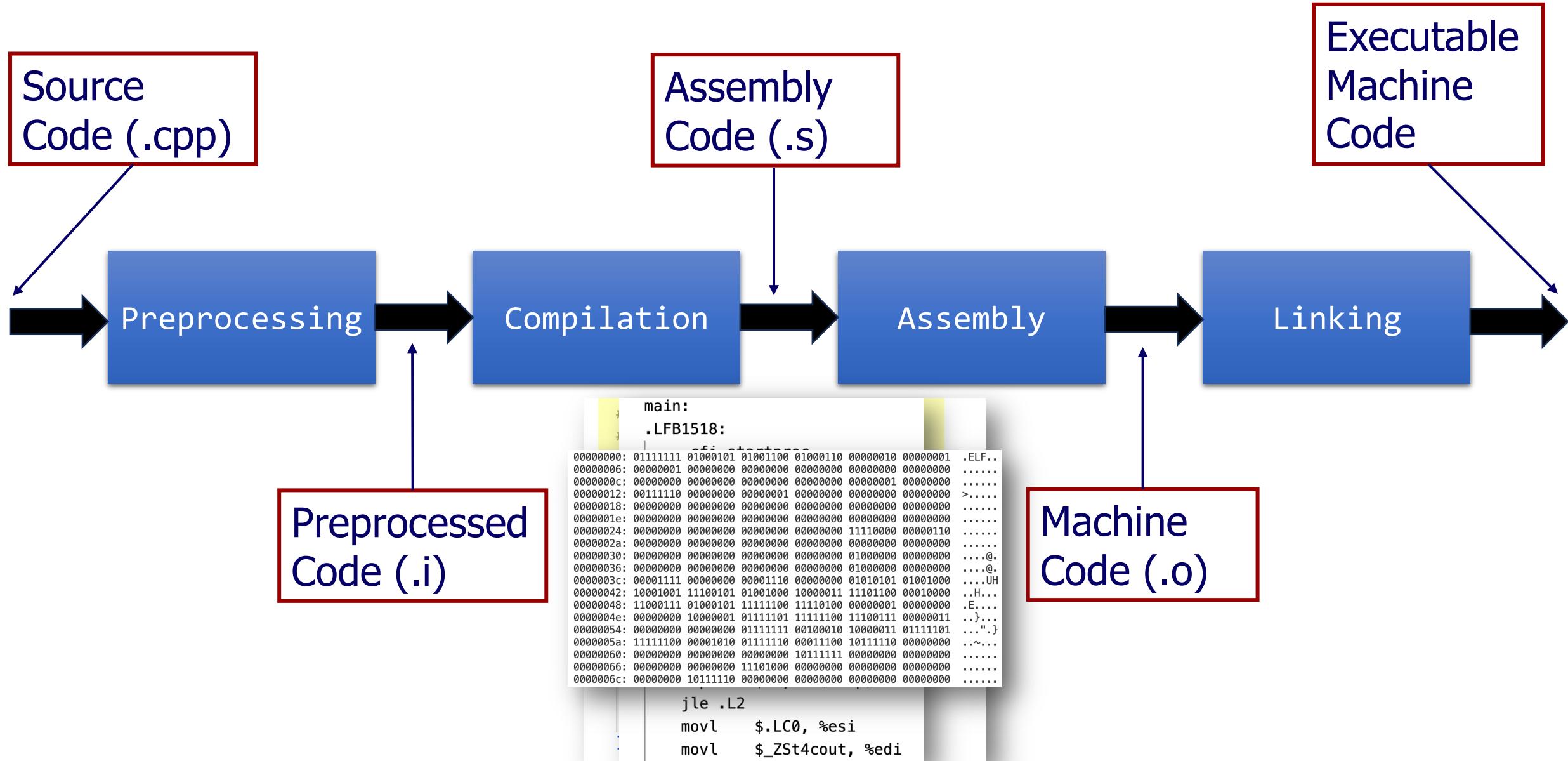
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g++ project.cpp -o project
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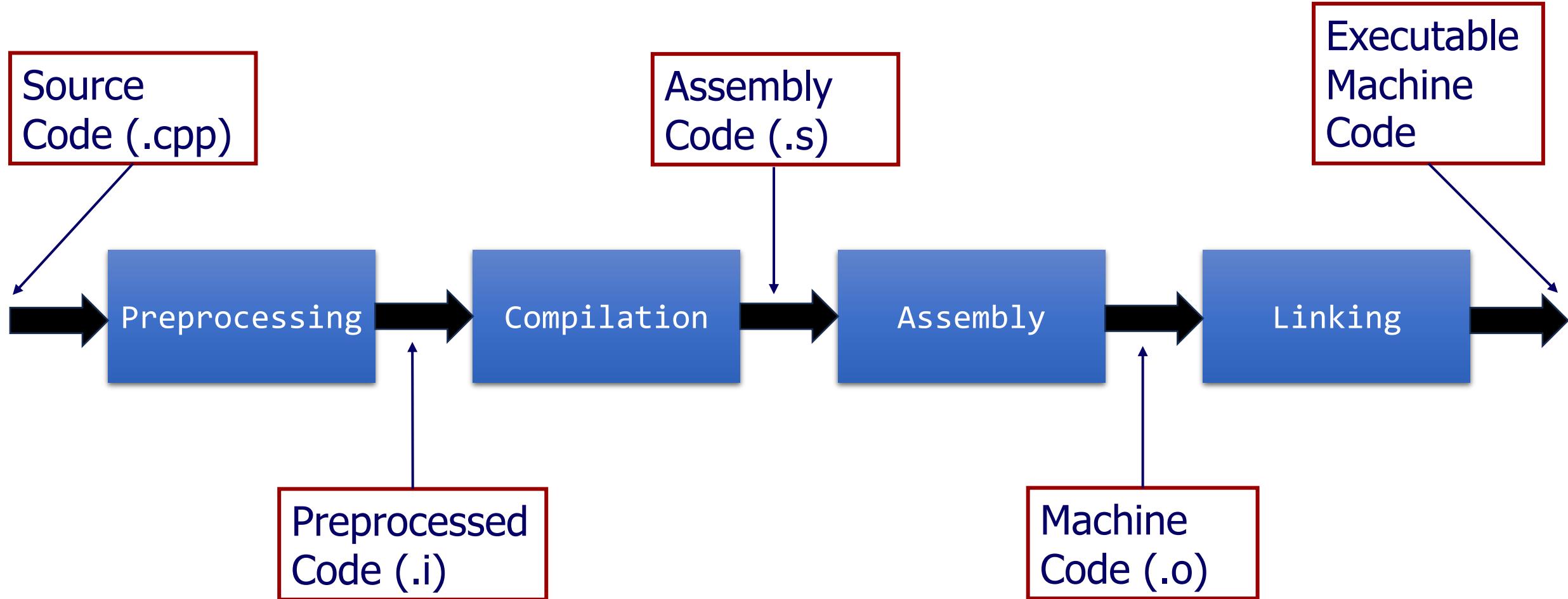
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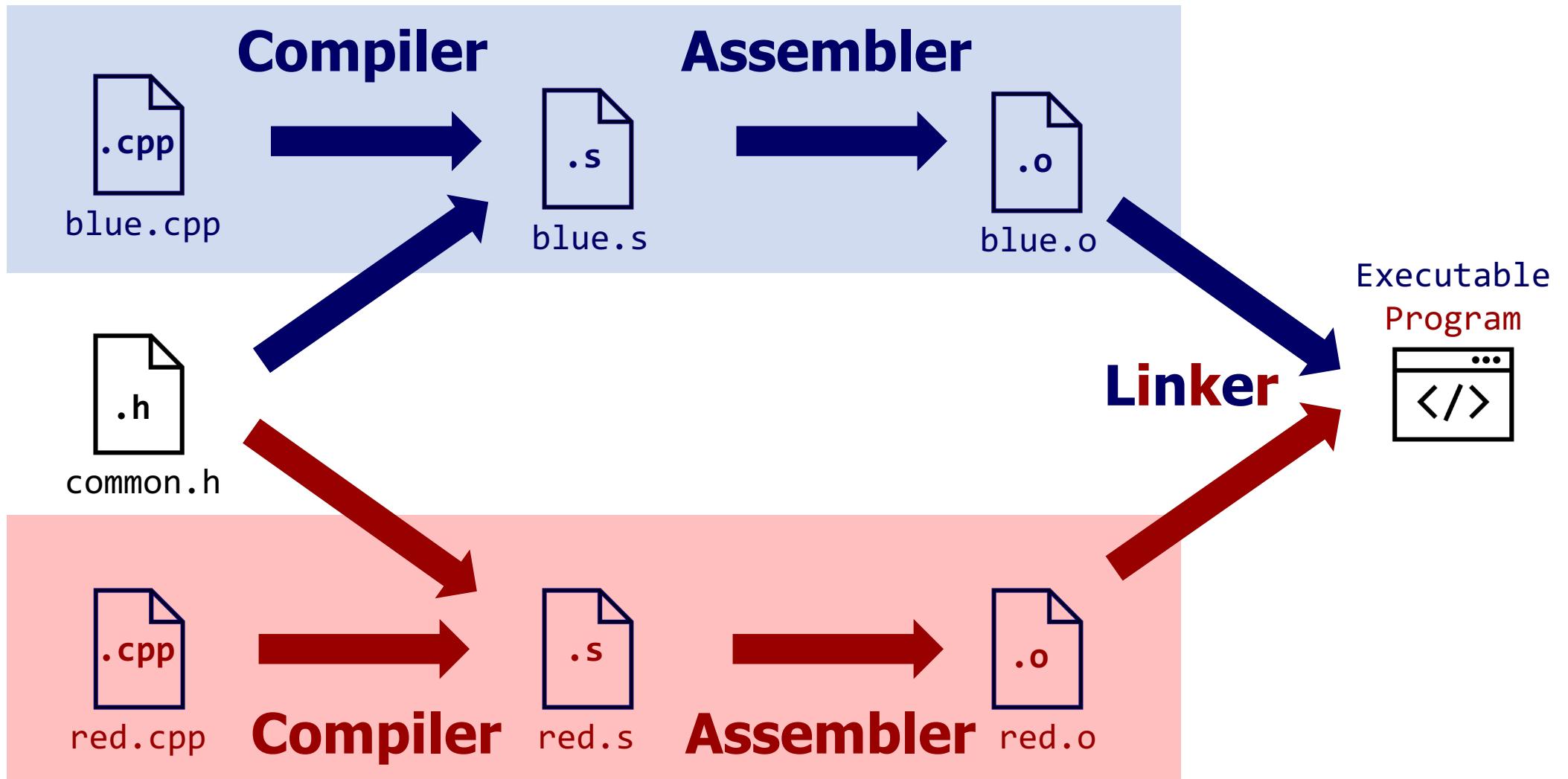
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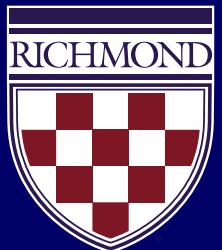
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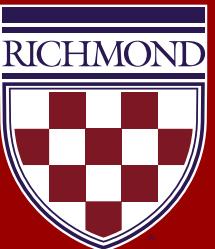
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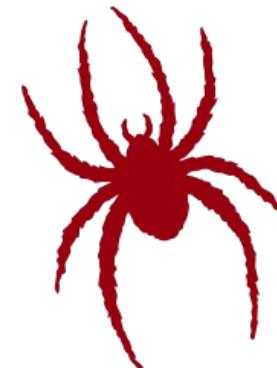


Give it a try!



Today – Build Automation

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make

- The build tool **make** is a classic program for controlling what gets (re)compiled and how
 - Many other such programs exist (e.g. ant, maven, IDE “projects”)
- Two basic ideas of **make**:
 1. Scripts for executing commands
 2. Dependencies for avoiding unnecessary work

make

- Programmers spend a lot of time “**building**”
 - Creating programs from source code
 - Both programs that they write, and other people write
- Programmers like to **automate** repetitive tasks
 - `g++ -Wall functions.cpp calculate.cpp -o calculate`
 - Retype this every time → 😢
 - Use up-arrow or history → 😐
 - Create an alias or bash script → 😊
 - Use **make** → 😃

Creating a “Real” Build Process

- On larger projects, you don’t want to have one big set of commands to run every time anything is changed
- When thinking on how to do things “smarter” consider:
 1. It could be worse: If `g++` didn’t combine steps for you, you’d need to preprocess, compile, and link on your own
 2. Source files could have multiple outputs (e.g. generated docs)
 3. Your source code should be relatively simple for others to build
 4. You don’t want to recompile everything every time you make a change

Recompilation Management

- The theory behind avoiding unnecessary compilation is a dependency graph
- To create a build target **t**, you need sources **s₁, s₂, … , s_n** and a command **c** that uses the sources
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Sources

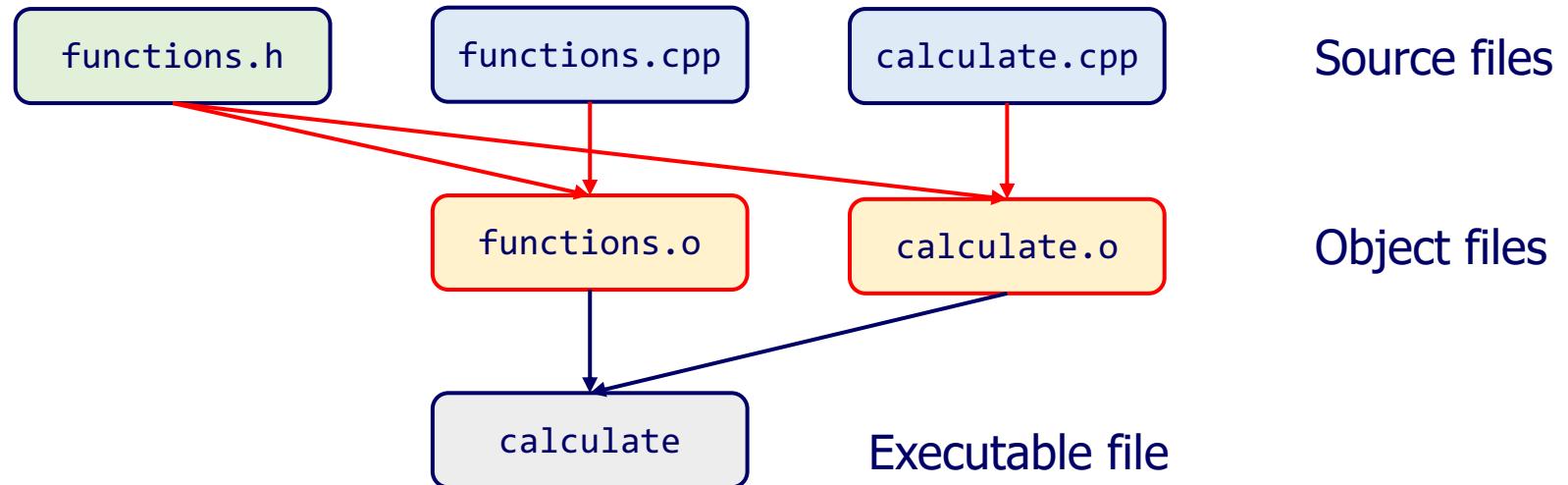
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 - Recursive building: if the source **s_i** is itself a build target of some other sources, check to see if it needs to be rebuilt

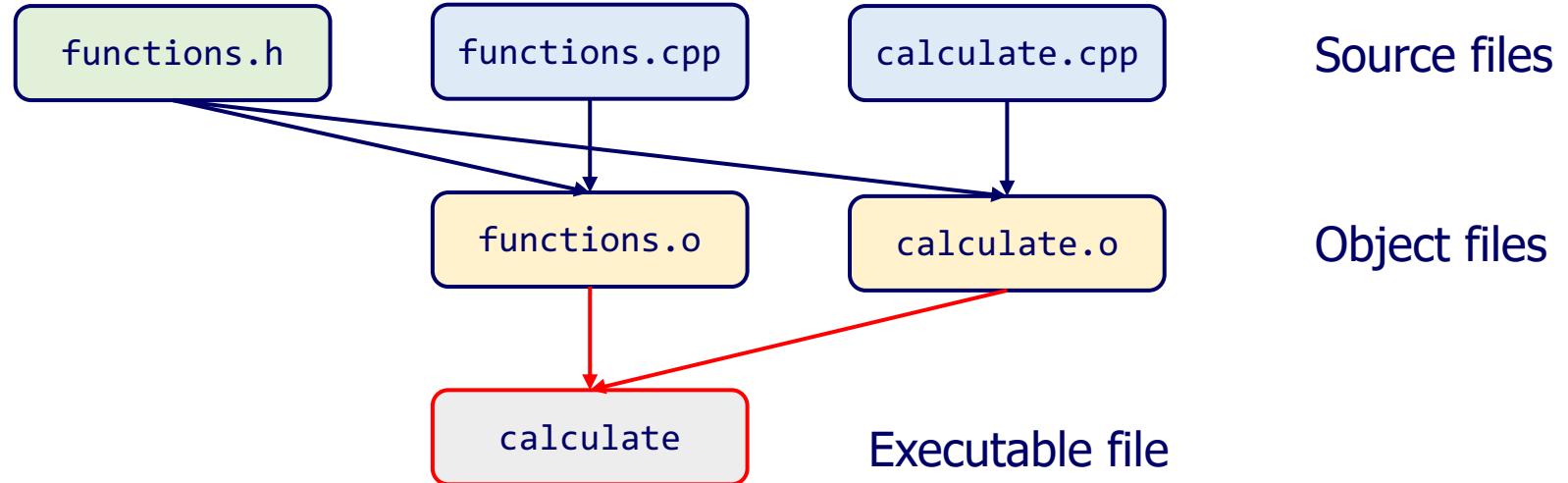
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Example: C++ Build



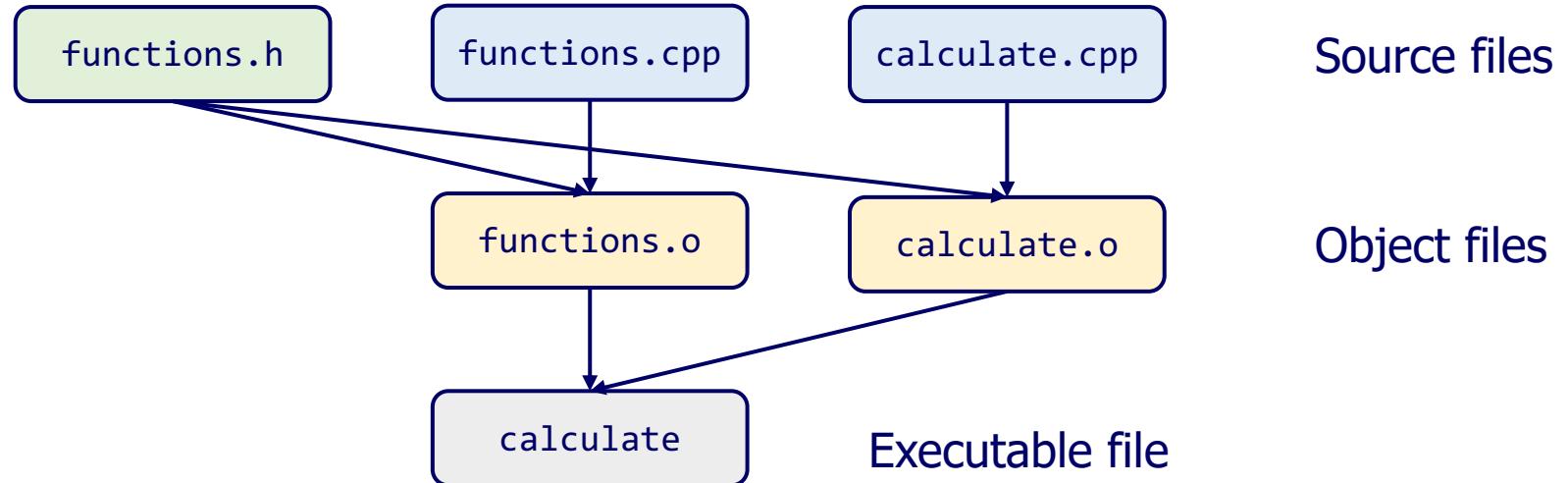
- Compiling a `.cpp` file creates a `.o` file
- The `.o` depends on the `.cpp` and all included files (`.h`)

Example: C++ Build



- Creating an executable
- Linking depends on `.o` files

Example: C++ Build



- If one **.cpp** file changes, we just need to rebuild one **.o** file
- If a **.h** file changes, may need to rebuild more

Using the `make` command

```
$ make -f <MakefileName> target
```

- Defaults:
 - If no `-f` specified, use a file named **Makefile** in current directory
 - If no **target** specified, will use the first one in the makefile

Makefiles

- A makefile contains a bunch of **triples**:

target: sources

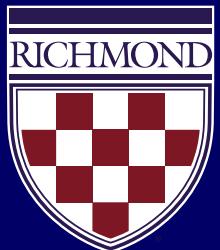
← Tab → command

- Colon after target is required
- Command lines must start with a **TAB**, not spaces
- Multiple commands for same target are executed in order
 - Can split commands over multiple lines by ending lines with '\'

- Example:

functions.o: functions.cpp
g++ -c functions.cpp

Ask a question



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