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gcc -o HelloWorld HelloWorld.c
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- Meaning: Compiles the C source file `HelloWorld.c` into an executable named `HelloWorld`.
 - Short: Compile and link → executable
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gcc -E HelloWorld.c > HelloWorld.i
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- Meaning: Runs the preprocessor on `HelloWorld.c` and saves the output (with expanded macros and headers) to `HelloWorld.i`.
 - Short: Preprocessing → `.i` file
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gcc -S -masm=intel HelloWorld.i
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- Meaning: Converts the preprocessed `.i` file into assembly code using Intel syntax, outputting `HelloWorld.s`.
 - Short: Compile to Intel-style assembly → `.s` file
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as -o HelloWorld.o HelloWorld.s
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- Meaning: Assembles the assembly file `(.s)` into an object file `(.o)`.
 - Short: Assemble `.s` → `.o`
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objdump -M intel -d HelloWorld.o > HelloWorld.dump
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- Meaning: Disassembles the object file into Intel-format assembly instructions and saves the output in `HelloWorld.dump`.
 - Short: Disassemble `.o` → readable dump
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gcc -c -o HelloWorld.o HelloWorld.c
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- Meaning: Compiles `HelloWorld.c` into an object file only `(.o)`, without linking.
 - Short: Compile only → object file `(.o)`
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objdump -M intel -d HelloWorld.o > HelloWorld2.dump
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- Meaning: Disassembles the newly created object file again and writes output to `HelloWorld2.dump` (useful for comparison/debugging).
- Short: Disassemble `.o` again → second dump

🔄 Overall Summary of Workflow:

Step	Action	Output File	Purpose
1	Compile & Link	HelloWorld	Final executable
2	Preprocess	HelloWorld.i	Expanded code (macros, headers)
3	Compile to Assembly	HelloWorld.s	Human-readable assembly
4	Assemble	HelloWorld.o	Machine code (object)
5	Disassemble	HelloWorld.dump	Reverse-engineer assembly
6	Compile (only)	HelloWorld.o	Clean object file
7	Disassemble (again)	HelloWorld2.dump	For validation or inspection

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