# Makefiles, and .h files, and .c files, and .o files, OH MY!

For projects with more complexity. (Great.. Just what we needed)

# Breaking your program into files

- main.c
- stack.c
- stack.h

## Breaking your program into files

- I have an example on ~cs157/class/7 Makefile
  - main.c
    - The main function, to actually do the "job"
  - stack.c
    - The code for a stack of integers.
  - stack.h
    - The "declarations" of a stack of integers.

## Why break them up?

- main just needs a stack
  - It does not want (or need) to care how it is built or used!
- Smaller files are easier to read
- Faster to compile
  - More on this later
- Breaks the program into logical CHUNKS

#### stack.h

```
typedef struct S_stack {
  int number;
  struct S_stack *next;
} stack;

void push(int number, stack **stk_ptr);
int pop(stack **stk_ptr);
```

- No actual code!
- Just "this is the structure" and
- These are the functions. ... "never mind how they work"

#### stack.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "stack.h"
```

- Why include stack.h?
- Note the "" instead of <>
  - <> means "include from the system libraries"
    - For predefined .h files
  - "" means "include from THIS directory"
    - For your OWN .h files

#### stack.c

```
void push(int number, stack **stk_ptr) {
   stack *stk, *tmp;
   stk = *stk_ptr;
   tmp = malloc(sizeof(stack));
   tmp->number = number;
   tmp->next = stk;
   stk = tmp;
   *stk_ptr = stk;
}
```

#### stack.c

```
int pop(stack **stk_ptr) {
   int number;
   stack *stk, *tmp;
   stk = *stk_ptr;
   tmp = stk;
   number = tmp->number;
   stk = stk->next;
   free(tmp);
   *stk_ptr = stk;
   return number;
}
```

### main.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "stack.h"
```

• Why include stack.h this time?

#### main.c

```
int main() {
    stack *stk = NULL;
    push(7, &stk);
    push(2, &stk);
    push(9, &stk);
    push(12,&stk);
    printf("%d\n",pop(&stk));
    printf("%d\n",pop(&stk));
    printf("%d\n",pop(&stk));
    printf("%d\n",pop(&stk));
    printf("%d\n",pop(&stk));
    return 0;
}
```

## Compiling multiple files (Opt 1)

- gcc –Wall main.c stack.c
  - Compiles BOTH files... and makes a.out
- Advantages:
  - Easy to remember
- Disadvantages:
  - If you have a LOT of .c files, then it becomes tedious AND slow!

## Compiling multiple files (Opt 2)

- gcc –Wall –c main.c
  - turns main.c into main.o
- gcc –Wall –c stack.c
  - turns stack.c into stack.o
- gcc –Wall –o stacktest stack.o main.o
  - takes stack.o and main.o and makes "stacktest" out of them
  - Called "LINKING"

#### Whats a .o?

- An "Object File"
- Contains the compiled contents of the corresponding .c program
- For example:
  - stack.o contains the computer-language version of stack.c
- Can't turn a .h into a .o (no code in .h)

# Compiling multiple files (Opt 2)

- Advantages:
  - Faster (Only recompile parts then re-link)
- Disadvantages:
  - Loads of typing!

- Automate the process
- You tell the Makefile:
  - What you want to make
  - How it goes about making it
- And it figures out
  - What needs to be (re) compiled and linked
  - What order to do it in
- You just type "make"

Can be HUGELY complex

 Just use the one I give you, and only modify the top parts

Makefiles could be a class on their own...

```
CC = gcc ←
                                       Which compiler to use
CFLAGS = -Wall
LDFLAGS =
OBJFILES = stack.o main.o
TARGET = stacktest
all: $(TARGET)
$(TARGET): $(OBJFILES)
  $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $(TARGET) $(OBJFILES) $(LDFLAGS)
clean:
  rm -f $(OBJFILES) $(TARGET) *~
```

```
CC = gcc
                                        Which flags to use
                                        -ggdb -Wall etc...
CFLAGS = -Wall ←
LDFLAGS =
OBJFILES = stack.o main.o
TARGET = stacktest
all: $(TARGET)
$(TARGET): $(OBJFILES)
  $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $(TARGET) $(OBJFILES) $(LDFLAGS)
clean:
  rm -f $(OBJFILES) $(TARGET) *~
```

```
CC = gcc
                                        Which libraries to use
                                        -lm -lefence etc...
CFLAGS = -Wall
LDFLAGS
OBJFILES = stack.o main.o
TARGET = stacktest
all: $(TARGET)
$(TARGET): $(OBJFILES)
  $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $(TARGET) $(OBJFILES) $(LDFLAGS)
clean:
  rm -f $(OBJFILES) $(TARGET) *~
```

```
CC
                                          Which object files are
         = gcc
                                          part of the final program
         = -Wall
CFLAGS
LDFLAGS
OBJFILES = stack.o main.o4
TARGET = stacktest
all: $(TARGET)
$(TARGET): $(OBJFILES)
  $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $(TARGET) $(OBJFILES) $(LDFLAGS)
clean:
  rm -f $(OBJFILES) $(TARGET) *~
```

```
CC = gcc
                                        What to name
                                        the final prog
CFLAGS = -Wall
LDFLAGS =
OBJFILES = stack.o main.ø
TARGET = stacktest ✓
all: $(TARGET)
$(TARGET): $(OBJFILES)
  $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $(TARGET) $(OBJFILES) $(LDFLAGS)
clean:
  rm -f $(OBJFILES) $(TARGET) *~
```

```
CC = gcc
                                        TAB
                                        not several spaces
CFLAGS = -Wall
                                        Sorry...
LDFLAGS
OBJFILES = stack.o main.o
TARGET = stacktest
all: $(TARGET)
$(TARGET): $(ØBJFILES)
 *$(CC) $(CFLAGS) -0 $(TARGET) $(OBJFILES) $(LDFLAGS)
clean:
 rm -f $(OBJFILES) $(TARGET) *~
```

#### To use our Makefile:

- Just type "make"
  - It will figure out which .c files need to be recompiled and turned into .o files
    - If the .c file is newer than the .o file or
    - the .o file does not exist
  - Figures out if the program needs to be relinked
    - If any of the .o files changed or
    - If the program does not exist

## To use our Makefile:

- Or type "make clean"
  - Deletes:
    - all the .o files
    - all the ~ files (from emacs)
    - the program itself
  - Leaves:
    - .c files
    - .h files
    - Makefile

#### To use our Makefile:

- make clean
- make

What happens?