

Intermediate Programming

Day 8

Outline

- Separate compilations
- Makefiles
- Header guards
- Review questions

Source code

Separate source files

- Big software projects are typically split among multiple files
- Code accomplishing related tasks is often grouped together (forming a library of functions)
- Different developers may create/edit/test different pieces

Header files

Q: How do different files in a software package communicate?

A: When compiling functions in one file, we need the declarations of functions in the other file

- ✗ We could include the declarations at the beginning of the file
 - This causes “code bloat” and makes it hard to see what the code is doing
- ✓ We gather declarations in header (.h) files and then **#include** the header files
 - A separate source (.c) file will contain definitions for functions declared in the header file
 - Typically, functions defined in `file-name.c` are declared in a function named `file-name.h`
 - We use **#include <file-name.h>** when the header file is part of the general library
 - We use **#include "file-name.h"** when the header file is ours

Header files

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#include "func.h"
```

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func.c
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    printf( "%d\n" , mult2( 7 ) );  
    return 0;  
}  
main.c
```

```
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>> ./a.out  
7.00      14  
>>
```

Header files

Note:

If we do not include the .h file(s), the compiler can try to guess the declaration:

- It can try to guess the types of the function's input from the arguments passed
- It will assume the output is an `int`
 - This is right for `mult2`
 - This is wrong for `mult2add`

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func.h

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                        ^~~~~
mainFile.c:6:13: warning: format %f expects argument of type double, but argument 2 has type int [-Wformat=]
    printf( "%.2f\t" , mult2add( 2 , 3.f ) );
        ^
mainFile.c:7:19: warning: implicit declaration of function mult2 [-Wimplicit-function-declaration]
    printf( "%d\n" , mult2( 7 ) );
                ^~~~~
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```

func.h

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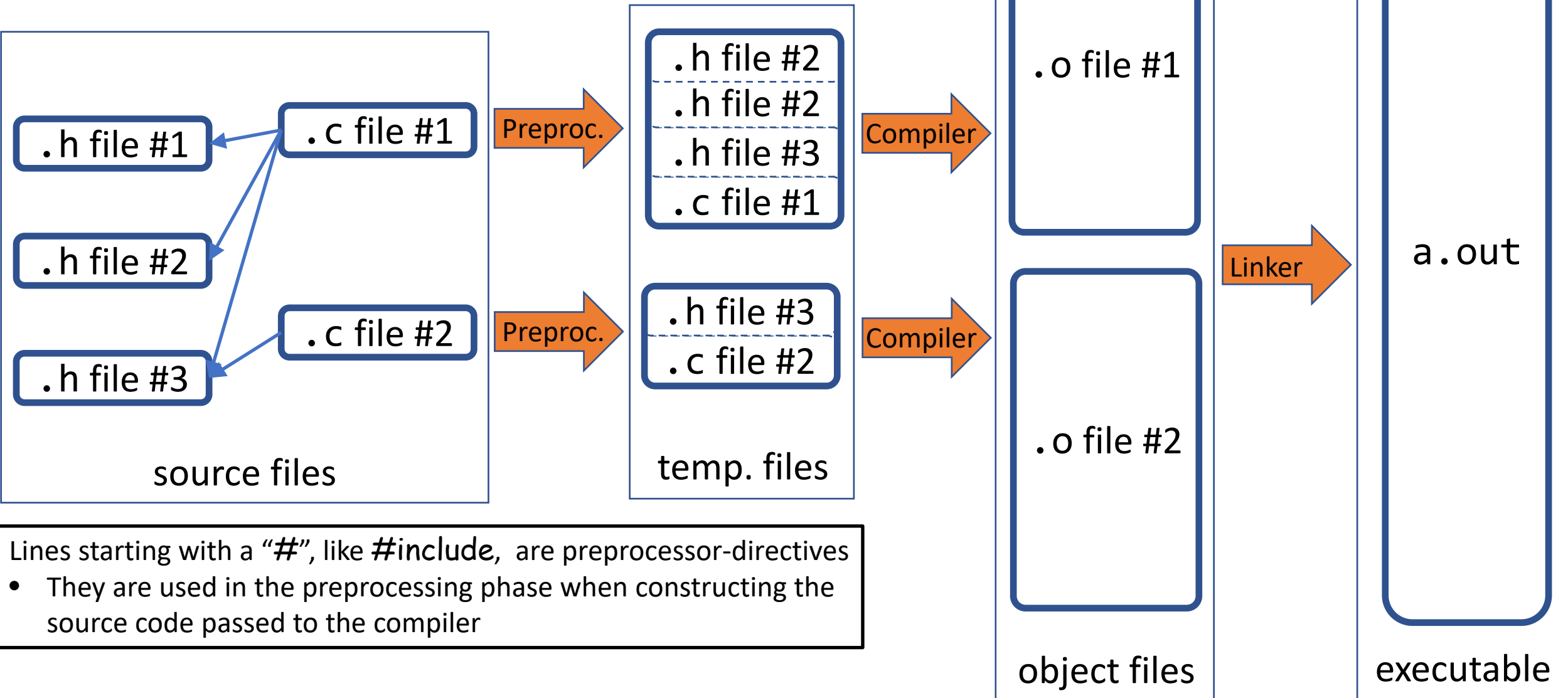
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>> ./a.out
0.00      14
>>
```

The answer is junk because the compiler is reading the 4 float bytes as 4 int bytes

Compiling and linking

- Until now, we've used one `gcc` command for compilation and linking
 - *compiling* translates source (`.c`) files into intermediate object (`.o`) files
 - *linking* combines `.o` files into one executable file called `a.out`
(Recall that we can optionally specify the executable name with the `-o` flag)

Compiling and linking



Using header files

When we run gcc, we can do all three steps at once:

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- Compilation
- Linking

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We can separately invoke the compiler (with preprocessor) and the linker

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main.c

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>> gcc main.o func.o
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- Separate compilations
- **Makefiles**
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make and Makefiles

- Separately invoking the compiler and linker can be a pain:
 - We need to track dependencies
 - We need to track which files changed since the last time we compiled / linked

make and Makefiles

- make is a tool that helps keep track of which files need to be reprocessed so that those, and only those, are recompiled
- It takes a file containing a list of rules for generating specific files / targets:
 - *Prerequisites*: What targets does this target depend on?
 - *Recipes*: What should be done to generate this target?

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- It takes a file containing a list of rules for generating specific files / targets
 - Simplest to name the file `Makefile` or `makefile`, otherwise need to run the `make` command with extra flags (specifying the name of the configuration file)
 - There are strict rules about structure of `Makefile`, so it's easiest to follow a template and modify
 - Note that tabs and spaces are not equivalent in a `Makefile`!

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clean:
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 - a set of lines with a tab followed by a command-line instructions

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Examples:

>> `make clean`

- Delete all object files and executable

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Examples:

>> `make func.o`

- Has `func.c` or `func.h` changed since the last creation of `func.o`?
 - Yes: Compile `func.c` → `func.o`
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Examples:

>> `make main.o`

- Has `main.c` or `func.h` changed since the last creation of `main.o`?
 - Yes: Compile `main.c` → `main.o`
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>> make
```

```
>> make main
```

- `make main.o` and `func.o`
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 - Yes: Link `main.o + func.o` → `main`
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Note:

This means that `make` can have a cascading effect, with the making of one target requiring the making of another.

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 - If the pre-processor variable `FUNC_H` has not been defined
 - Then define it and declare the functions
 - Otherwise, don't do anything

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Header guards

Example:

- The first time we `#include func.h`, `FUNC_H` is undefined, so we define it and include the declarations.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include "func.h"
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int main( void )
{
    printf( "%.2f\t" , mult2add( 2 , 3.f ) );
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Header guards

Example:

- The second time we `#include` `func.h`, `FUNC_H` is defined, so the declarations are ignored.

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#include <stdio.h>
#include "func.h"
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int main( void )
{
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Header guards

Example:

- If we don't have a header guard, the compiler doesn't mind. Yet. (As we include more complex C constructs in header files, it will.)

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Review questions

1. Why do we need header guards?

Review questions

2. What is the difference between compiling and linking?

Review questions

3. What compiler flag do we use to create object files and what extension do those files have?

Review questions

4. What is a target in a Makefile?

Review questions

5. What are the advantages of using Makfiles?

Exercise 3-2

- Website -> Course Materials -> Ex3-2