

# **CS 241: Systems Programming**

## **Lecture 11. Make and Compiling**

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THE #1 PROGRAMMER EXCUSE  
FOR LEGITIMATELY SLACKING OFF:  
"MY CODE'S COMPILING."

HEY! GET BACK  
TO WORK!

COMPILING!

OH. CARRY ON.



<https://xkcd.com/303/>

# Only compile what you need

All at once

- ~~\$ clang -std=c11 -Wall -o program \*.c~~

One file at a time with separate linking step

- \$ clang -std=c11 -Wall -c -o foo.o foo.c
- \$ clang -std=c11 -Wall -c -o bar.o bar.c
- \$ clang -std=c11 -Wall -c -o qux.o qux.c
- \$ clang -o program foo.o bar.o qux.o

# One option: Make a script

```
#!/bin/bash
```

Are there any problems with this approach?

```
changed=no
```

```
if [[ ! -f foo.o || foo.c -nt foo.o ]]; then
```

```
    clang -std=c11 -Wall -c -o foo.o foo.c
```

```
    changed=yes
```

```
fi
```

```
if [[ ! -f bar.o || bar.c -nt bar.o ]]; then
```

```
    clang -std=c11 -Wall -c -o bar.o bar.c
```

```
    changed=yes
```

```
fi
```

```
if [[ ${changed} = yes ]]; then
```

```
    clang -o myprogram foo.o bar.o
```

```
fi
```

# Potential problems

Lots of very similar code (imagine many different files)

Didn't mention header files! Need to recompile if any included header files change

# Enter Make

A **Makefile** consists of a set of rules like

```
myprogram: main.o foo.o bar.o  
        clang -o myprogram main.o foo.o bar.o -lsomelibrary
```

The target (myprogram) names the file to be created

The prerequisites (main.o foo.o bar.o) name the files that are required to exist or be built before the target can be made

The recipe (clang ...) specifies a sequence of shell commands to run

- Each line is its own command
- Each line must start with a literal tab character, spaces won't work

# Making things

At the command line

- `$ make target1 ... targetn`
- `$ make #` makes the first target in the Makefile

Make creates a list of the prerequisites of each target and their prerequisites and their prerequisites and...

For each item in the list, make decides if it is up to date (newer than each of its prerequisites) or if it needs to run a recipe to remake it

Make then runs the necessary rules to make all the targets

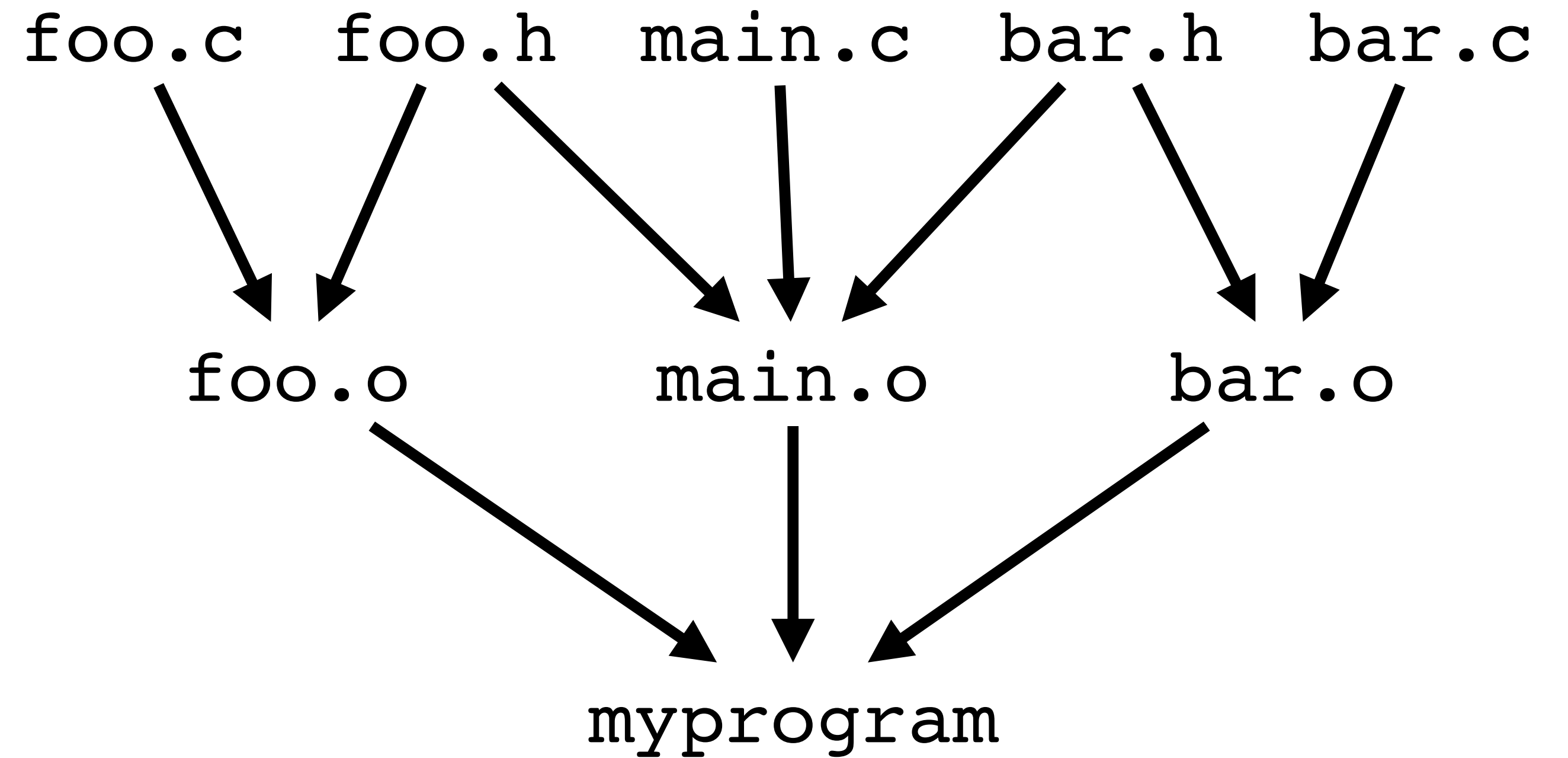
# Prerequisite example

myprogram depends on  
main.o, foo.o, and bar.o

bar.o depends on bar.c and  
bar.h

foo.o depends on foo.c and  
foo.h

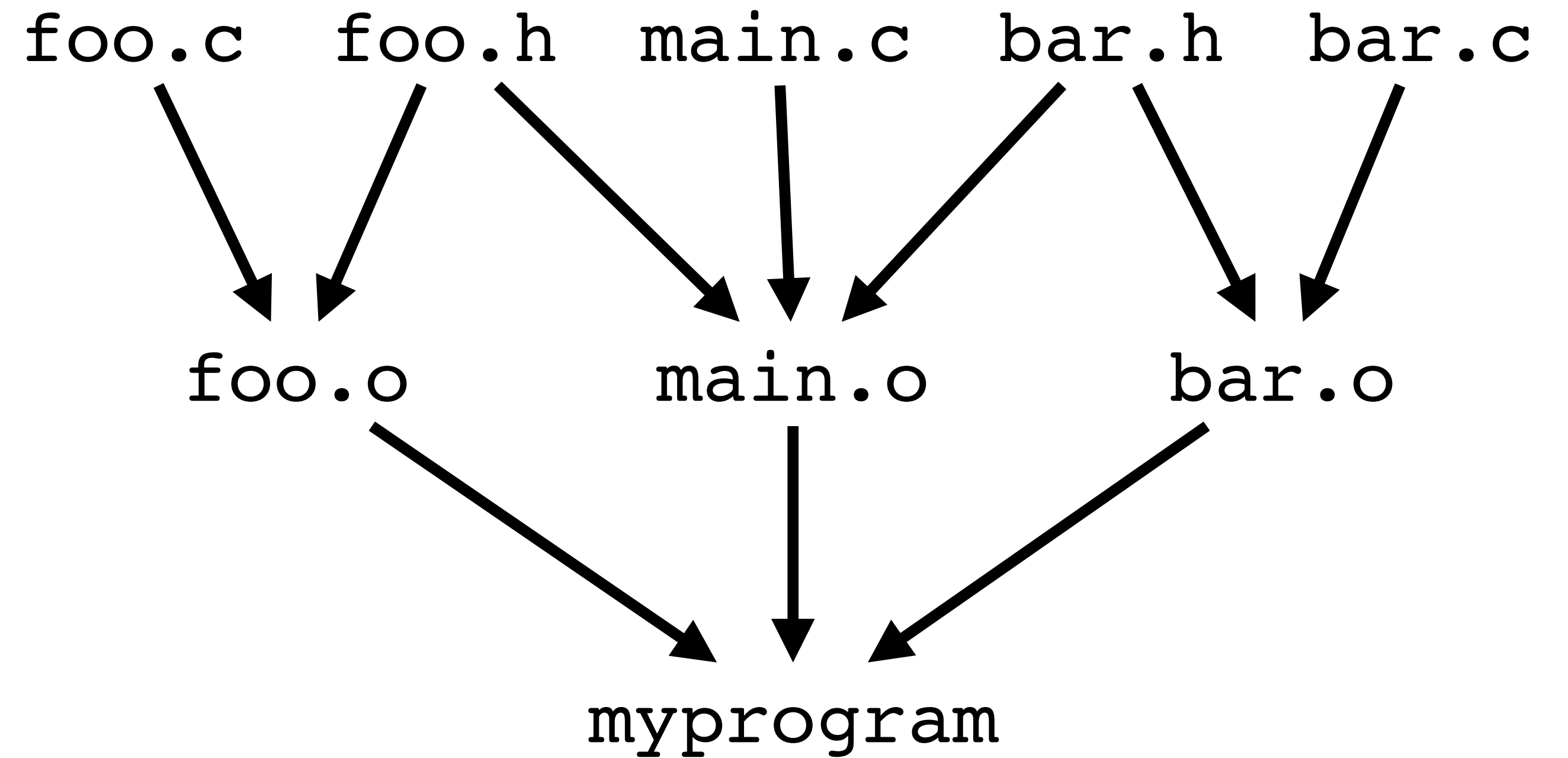
main.o depends on main.c,  
foo.h and bar.h





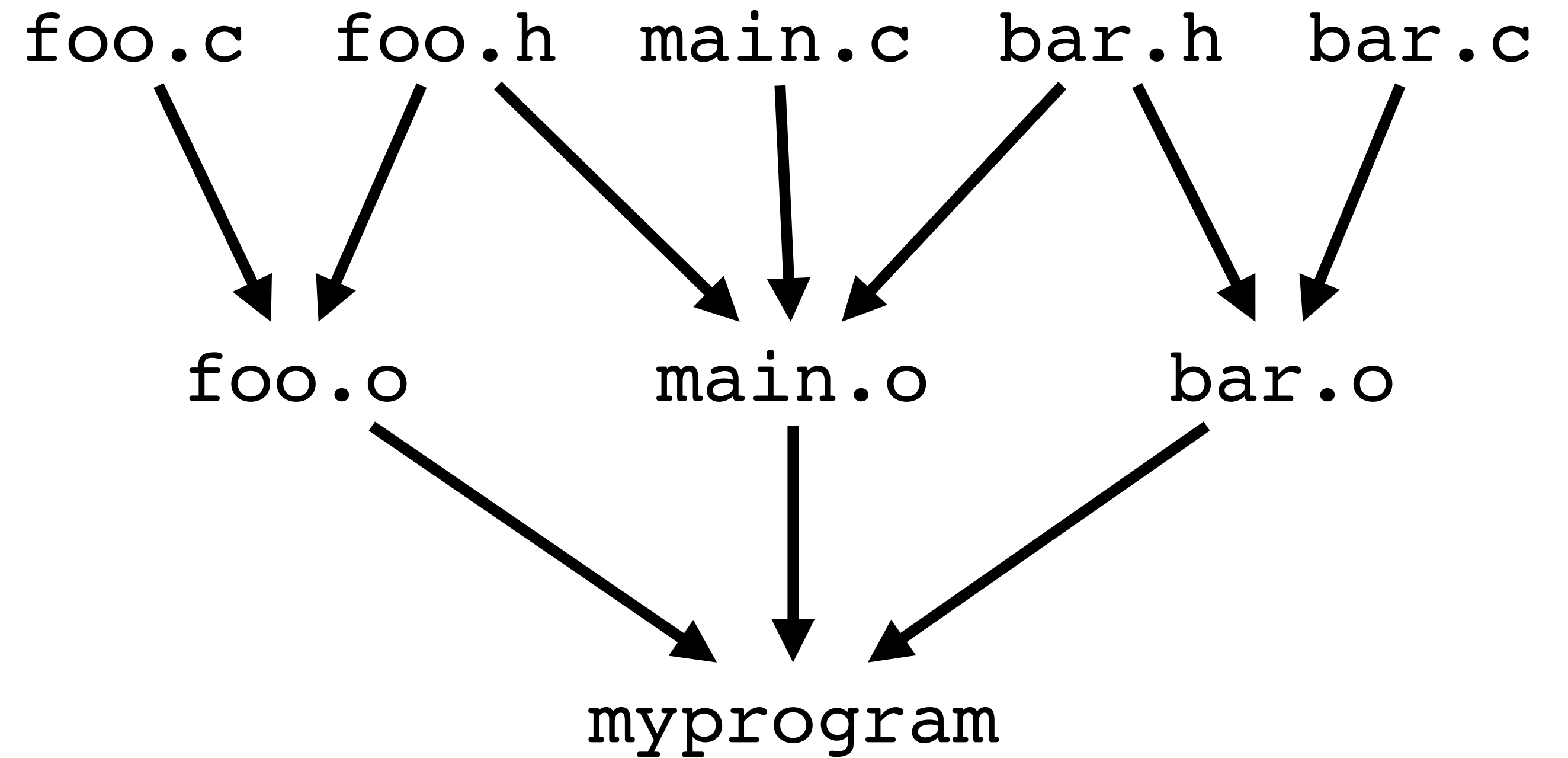
If foo.c changes, which files need to be remade?

- A. foo.o
- B. foo.o and myprogram
- C. foo.o, main.o, and myprogram
- D. foo.o, main.o, bar.o, and myprogram
- E. None



If foo.h changes, which files need to be remade?

- A. foo.o
- B. foo.o and myprogram
- C. foo.o, main.o, and myprogram
- D. foo.o, main.o, bar.o, and myprogram
- E. None



# A complete Makefile

```
myprogram: main.o foo.o bar.o  
    clang -o myprogram main.o foo.o bar.o  
  
main.o: main.c foo.h bar.h  
    clang -std=c11 -Wall -c -o main.o main.c  
  
foo.o: foo.c foo.h  
    clang -std=c11 -Wall -c -o foo.o foo.c  
  
bar.o: bar.c bar.h  
    clang -std=c11 -Wall -c -o bar.o bar.c
```

# DRY: Don't Repeat Yourself

```
CC := clang
```

```
CFLAGS := -std=c11 -Wall
```

```
objs := main.o foo.o bar.o
```

```
myprogram: $(objs)
```

```
    $(CC) -o myprogram $(objs)
```

```
main.o: main.c foo.h bar.h
```

```
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c -o main.o main.c
```

```
foo.o: foo.c foo.h
```

```
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c -o foo.o foo.c
```

```
bar.o: bar.c bar.h
```

```
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c -o bar.o bar.c
```

# Pattern rules and automatic vars

## Pattern rule

- ▶ target contains one % which matches any nonempty sequence of chars
- ▶ prerequisites can also (and usually do) contain % which match

## Automatic variables (the two most useful)

- ▶ \$@ is set to the rule's target
- ▶ \$< is set to the first prerequisite

## Example rule to compile .c files to .o files

**% .o: % .c**

**\$ (CC) \$ (CFLAGS) -c -o \$@ \$<**

# DRYer

```
CC := clang  
CFLAGS := -std=c11 -Wall  
objs := main.o foo.o bar.o
```

```
myprogram: $(objs)  
            $(CC) -o myprogram $(objs)
```

```
%.o: %.c  
      $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c -o $@ $<
```

**But wait, we forgot something!**

# Phony targets

Phony targets don't correspond to actual files

Phony targets' recipes always run if the target is specified (or is a prerequisite of a target to be built)

Common phony targets

- `all`: Usually the first target, depends on the program(s) to be built
- `clean`: Removes all of the files built by make

```
.PHONY: all clean
```

```
all: myprogram
```

```
clean:
```

```
    $(RM) myprogram $(objs)
```

# Generating Makefiles (opinion!)

GNU Automake (together with GNU Autoconf) generate Makefiles

- ▶ Really great to use as a user, you run
  - \$ ./configure
  - \$ make
  - \$ make install
- ▶ Horrible for developers (need to know m4, autoconf, automake, make, sh)

Cmake

- ▶ Horrible for users, a huge hassle for developers
- ▶ Can generate Makefiles, Ninja files (Ninja is great!), or IDE configurations

Make Makefile (mkmf): The less said about it the better



# Generating dependencies

makedepend

- ▶ Pretty simple to use to generate the dependencies
- ▶ Modifies the Makefile itself!
- ▶ Doesn't play nice with version control

The compiler knows what files it needs to compile each source file, you can ask it to dump out the dependency information in Makefile format (usually .d files) and then include that information

- ▶ Complicated to get right
- ▶ Fantastic when it works
- ▶ <http://make.mad-scientist.net/papers/advanced-auto-dependency-generation/#include>

# In-class exercise

<https://checkoway.net/teaching/cs241/2019-fall/exercises/Lecture-11.html>

Grab a laptop and a partner and try to get as much of that done as you can!