

make: File Dependency System

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- **THE UNIX FILE-DEPENDENCY SYSTEM: MAKE**

- In order to update the two main program executables "main1" and "main2" manually,
 1. **Recompile** "reverse.c"
 2. **Link** "reverse.o" and "main1.o" to produce a new version of "main1".
 3. **Link** "reverse.o" and "main2.o" to produce a new version of "main2".
- imagine a system with **1000 object modules and 50 executable programs**.
⇒ a nightmare.

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One way to avoid these problems is to use the UNIX **make** utility, which allows you to create a *makefile* that contains a list of all file interdependencies for each executable.

Developed at Bell Labs around 1978 by S. Feldman (now at IBM)



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- **THE UNIX FILE-DEPENDENCY SYSTEM: MAKE**

- Once such a file is created,
to re-create the executable is easy:

\$ make -f makefile

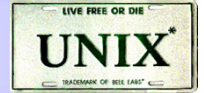
- **synopsis of make**

Utility: **make** [**-f** makefile]

make is a utility that updates a file based on a series of dependency rules stored in a special-format "make file".

The **-f** option allows you to specify your own make -filename; if none is specified, the name "makefile" is assumed.

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- **Make Files**

- To use **the make utility** to maintain an executable file,
⇒ create a make file.
- contains a list of all of the interdependencies
that exist between the files that are used to create the executable.

Example:

the name of the make file for "main1" , "main1.make"

- a make file contains make rules of the form

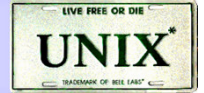
*target*List: *dependency*List
*command*List

*target*List : a list of target files

*dependency*List : a list of files on which the files in *target*List depend.

*command*List : a list of zero or more commands,
separated by new lines,

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- **Make Files**

- For example, “`main1.make`”

```
main1: main1.o reverse.o
      cc main1.o reverse.o -o main1
```

```
main1.o : main1.c reverse.h
      cc -c main1.c
```

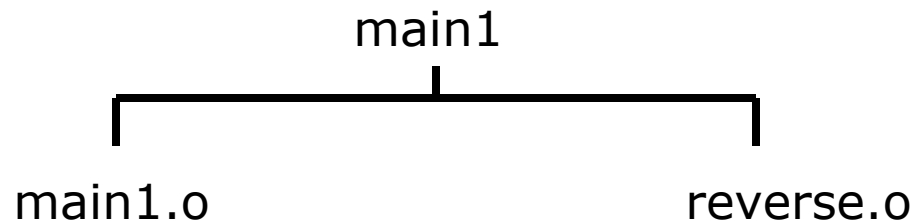
```
reverse.o : reverse.c reverse.h
      cc -c reverse.c
```



- **The Order of Make Rules**

- The **make** utility creates a “tree” of interdependencies.
Each target file in the first rule is a root node of a dependency tree,
Each file in its dependency list is added as a leaf of each root node.

In example,

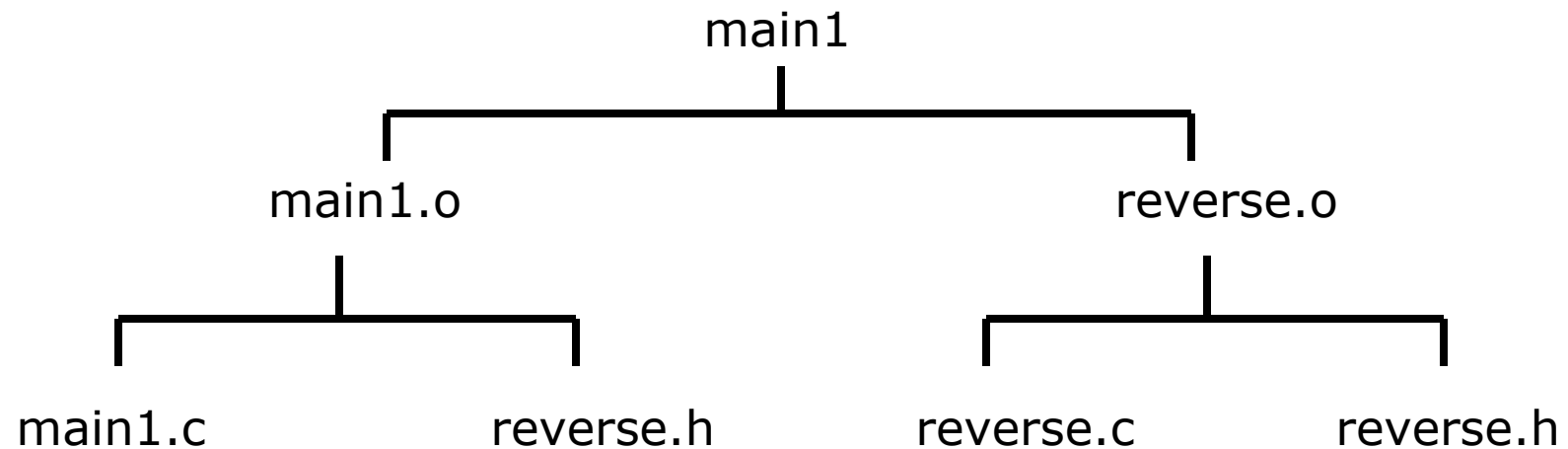


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- **The Order of Make Rules**

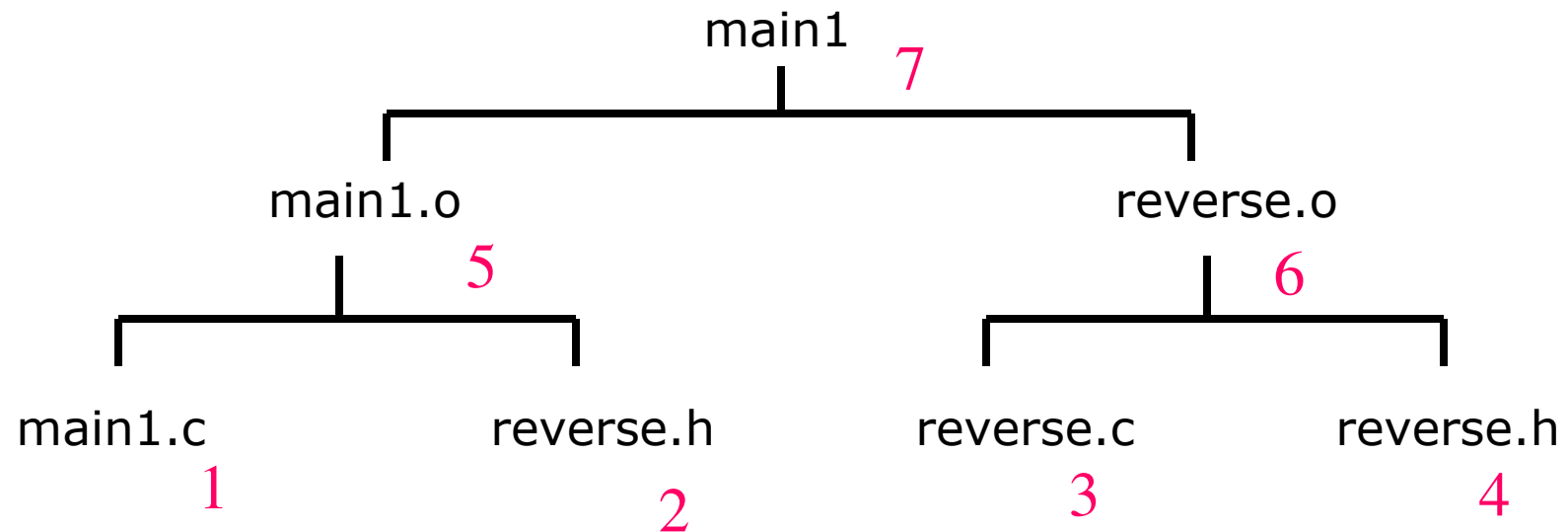
- In example, the final tree



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- **Make Ordering**



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- **Executing a Make**

- Once a make file has been created, the make process is set into action by using the make utility as follows:

```
make [ -f makeFileName ]
```

- To re-create the executable file whose dependency information is stored in the file makeFileName.

If the "-f" option is omitted,
the default make-file name "makefile" is used.

```
$ make -f main1.make
cc -c main1.c
cc -c reverse.c
cc main1.o reverse.o -o main1
$ _
```

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- A second make file, called “main2.make”

```
main2: main2.o reverse.o  palindrome.o
      cc main2.o reverse.o palindrome.o -o main2

main2.o: main2.c palindrome.h
      cc -c main2.c

reverse.o: reverse.c reverse.h
      cc -c reverse.c

palindrome.o: palindrome.c palindrome.h reverse.h
      cc -c palindrome.c
```

```
$ make -f main2.make
cc -c main2.c
cc -c palindrome.c
cc main2.o reverse.o  palindrome.o -o main2
$ _
```

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- **Make Rules**

- Note that several of the rules are of the form

```
xxx.o : reverse.c      reverse.h  
       cc -C xxx.C
```

where **xxx** varies between rules.

```
main2:      main2.o reverse.o palindrome.o  
           cc main2.o reverse.o palindrome.o -o main2
```

```
main2.o:    main2.c palindrome.h
```

```
reverse.o:  reverse.c reverse.h
```

```
palindrome.o: palindrome.c palindrome.h reverse.h
```

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- **Make Rules**

- a sleeker version of “main2.make”

```
main2:      main2.o  reverse.o  palindrome.o
            cc main2.o reverse.o palindrome.o -o main2
main2.o:    palindrome.h
reverse.o:  reverse.h
palindrome.o: palindrome.h reverse.h
```

This makefile uses one of the [build-in compilation rules](#):

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

[\\$<](#) is a built-in variable whose value is the filename of the dependency (i.e., “main2”, “reverse”, “palindrome”, and so on)

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More Advanced Makefile

```
SUPPORT_DIR = /home/whatever
CC=gcc
CFALGS=-g -Wall -DDEBUG
CPPFLAGS = -I $(SUPPORT_DIR)
LDFLAGS = -L $(SUPPORT_DIR)
LDLIBS =
```

---> none here

```
all:                main1 main2
main1:              main1.o reverse.o
    $(CC) $(CFALGS) $(CPPFLAGS) main1.o reverse.o -o main1 $(LDLIBS)
main1.o : main1.c reverse.h
    $(CC) $(CFALGS) $(CPPFLAGS) -c main1.c
reverse.o :         reverse.c reverse.h
    $(CC) $(CFALGS) $(CPPFLAGS) -c reverse.c
main2:              main2.o reverse.o palindrome.o
    $(CC) $(CFALGS) $(CPPFLAGS) main2.o reverse.o palindrome.o -o main2
main2.o:            palindrome.h
reverse.o:          reverse.h
palindrome.o:       palindrome.h reverse.h
lint :
    lint $(CPPFLAGS) *.c
clean:
    rm palindrome reverse *.o
```

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- **Touch**

- To confirm that the new version of the make file worked, we executed make and obtained the following output:

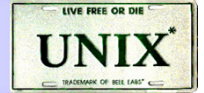
```
$ make -f main2.make  
'main2' is up to date.  
$ -
```

- make uses **the last modification time** of all of the named files
- compiles those that have time stamps less or equal to **the current system time**.

Utility : **touch** -c { fileName }+

touch updates **the last modification and access times** of the named files to the current time.

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- **Touch**

- we touched the file "reverse.h",
which subsequently caused the recompilation of several source files:

```
$ touch reverse.h
$ make -f main2.make
/bin/cc -c -O reverse.c
/bin/cc -c -O palindrome.c
cc main2.o reverse.o palindrome.o -o main2
$ _
```


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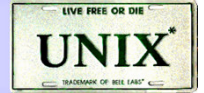


- **Touch**

- To [recompile the suite of programs](#), we can use [the touch utility](#) to force recompilation of all of the source files:

```
$ touch *.c          ---> force make to recompile everything.  
$ make -f main2.make  
/bin/cc -c -p main2.c  
/bin/cc -c -p palindrome.c  
/bin/cc -c -p reverse.c  
cc -p main2.o reverse.o palindrome.o -o main2  
$ _
```

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Better Make Tools

- **gmake**
 - GNU make, from free software foundation
 - Support for parallel building
 - More flexibility with macros
- **nmake**
 - From AT&T and Bell Labs
 - Uses state files instead of time stamps
 - Dynamic dependency checking
 - Steps can alter dependency graph
 - Includes rules for C header files, several others