

COMP2012 Object-Oriented Programming and Data Structures

Self-study: Separate Compilation (Class) and Makefile

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#### Example: Bulbs and Lamps

- Recall that the example deals with 2 classes: Bulb and Lamp.
- A lamp has at least one light bulb.
- All bulbs of a lamp are the same in terms of price and wattage (power).
- The price of a lamp that is passed to the Lamp's constructor does not include the price of its bulbs which have to be bought separately.
- One installs bulb(s) onto a lamp by calling its member function install\_bulbs.





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## Example: lamp-test.cpp

## Example: bulb.h



#### Example: bulb.cpp

```
/* File: bulb.cpp */
#include "bulb.h"
int Bulb::get_power() const { return wattage; }
float Bulb::get_price() const { return price; }
void Bulb::set(int w, float p) { wattage = w; price = p; }
```



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## Example: lamp.cpp

```
/* File: lamp.cpp */
#include "lamp.h"
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
Lamp::Lamp(int n, float p) { num_bulbs = n; price = p; bulbs = new Bulb [n]; }
Lamp::~Lamp() { delete [] bulbs; }
int Lamp::total_power() const { return num_bulbs*bulbs[0].get_power(); }
float Lamp::total_price() const { return price + num_bulbs*bulbs->get_price(); }
void Lamp::print(const char* prefix_message) const
    cout << prefix_message << ": total power = " << total_power() << "W"</pre>
         << " , total price = $" << total_price() << endl;</pre>
}
void Lamp::install_bulbs(int w, float p)
    for (int j = 0; j < num_bulbs; ++j)
        bulbs[j].set(w, p);
```

#### Example: lamp.h

```
#include "bulb.h"
                        /* File: lamp.h */
class Lamp
  private:
    int num_bulbs; // A lamp MUST have 1 or more light bulbs
                   // Dynamic array of bulbs installed onto a lamp
    float price;
                   // Price of a lamp, NOT including price of its bulbs
  public:
    Lamp(int n, float p); // n = number of bulbs; p = lamp's price
    int total_power() const; // Total power/wattage of the light bulbs
    float total_price() const; // Price of a lamp PLUS its light bulbs
    // Print out a lamp's information; see outputs from our example
    void print(const char* prefix_message) const;
    // All light bulbs of a lamp have the same power/wattage and price:
    // w = a light bulb's wattage; p = a light bulb's price
    void install bulbs(int w, float p);
};
```

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## Compilation of a Program with Several .cpp Files

- In the Bulbs and Lamps example, there are:
  - ▶ 2 header files: bulb.h and lamp.h
  - ▶ 2 class implementation files: bulb.cpp and lamp.cpp
  - ▶ 1 app program file: lamp-test.cpp
- On Linux, you may compile the app executable using g++ compiler in one line of command:

```
g++ -o lamp-test lamp-test.cpp bulb.cpp lamp.cpp
```

- In Eclipse, the above command is run automatically.
- g++ has many options; google it for details.

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#### Separate Compilation

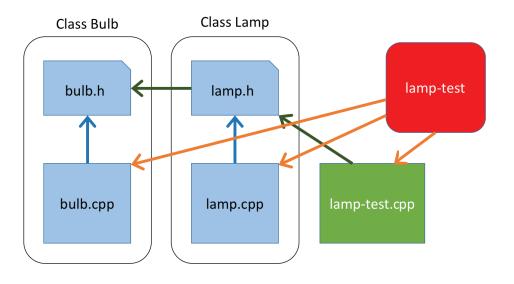
• One may also compile each .cpp source file separately as follows:

```
g++ -c bulb.cpp
g++ -c lamp.cpp
g++ -c lamp-test.cpp
g++ -o lamp-test bulb.o lamp.o lamp-test.o
```

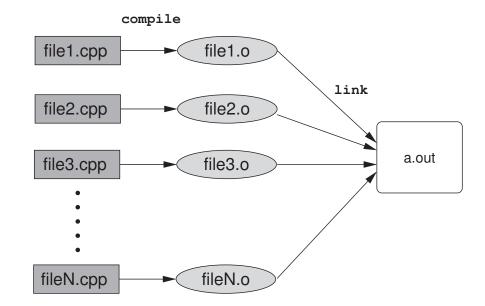
- The first 3 lines that use g++ with the "-c" option create the object files "bulb.o", "lamp.o", "lamp-test.o".
- The .o object files can't run on their own.
- The last line creates the executable program called "lamp-test" (with the "-o" option) by linking the object files together.
- Linker: a program that combines separately compiled codes together.

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# Dependencies Among Files



#### Linking Object Files



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## Separate Compilation ..

• If only "bulb.cpp" is modified, separate compilation allows us to only re-compile as few files as possible:

g++ -c bulb.cpp

g++ -o lamp-test bulb.o lamp.o lamp-test.o

• Similarly, if only "lamp.h" is modified but other files are not:

g++ -c lamp.cpp

g++ -c lamp-test.cpp

g++ -o lamp-test bulb.o lamp.o lamp-test.o

- Question: Which files need be re-compiled if "bulb.h" is modified?
- To do separate compilation efficiently, we need to find out the dependencies among all the sources .h and .cpp files.
- If you have tens or hundreds of source files in your program, finding out all the dependencies manually is not easy.
- Solution: automate with "make" using a "Makefile".

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#### A Simple Makefile

```
# Definition of variables
       = bulb.cpp lamp.cpp lamp-test.cpp
       = bulb.o lamp.o lamp-test.o
# Rules' Format
# TARGET: DEPENDENCIES
        COMMAND USED TO CREATE THE TARGET
lamp-test: $(OBJS)
        g++ -o lamp-test $(OBJS)
bulb.o: bulb.cpp bulb.h
        g++ -c bulb.cpp
lamp.o: lamp.cpp lamp.h bulb.h
        g++ -c lamp.cpp
lamp-test.o: lamp-test.cpp lamp.h bulb.h
        g++ -c lamp-test.cpp
# makedepend can find the .h dependencies automatically
depend::
           makedepend $(SRCS)
```

• Eclipse generates a Makefile automatically for a project.

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# Libraries

- If you use any functions declared in the standard C++ header files (iostream, string, etc.), to produce a working executable, the linker needs to include their codes, which can be found in the standard C++ libraries.
- A library is a collection of object codes.
- The linker selects object codes from the libraries that contain the definitions for functions used in the program files, and includes them in the executable.
- Some libraries, such as the standard C++ library, are searched automatically by the C++ linker.
- Other libraries have to be specified by the user during the linking process with the '-I" option.
- e.g., To link with a library called "libABC.a" in the local folder, g++ -o myprog myprog.o -IABC

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## Static and Dynamic Linking With a Library

Static linking: copy all relevant library functions that are used by a program into its executable.

- Pros: Run faster and is more portable since everything it needs are in the executable.
- Cons: larger file size

Dynamic linking: assume that the library functions are shared — and can be found on the target machines and only write down which shared libraries are required to use at runtime in the executable.

- Pros: smaller file size, and many programs can share a single copy of the shared libraries.
- Cons#1: Run more slowly as the actual linking with the libraries are done at runtime.
- Cons#2: Less portable as a machine may not have installed the required shared libraries.

### Preprocessor Directives: #include

- Besides statements allowed in a programming language, useful program development features are added via directives.
- Directives are handled by a program called preprocessor before the source code is compiled.
- In C++, preprocessor directives begin with the # sign in the very first column.
- The #include directive reads in the contents of the named file.

```
#include <iostream>
#include "myfile.h"
```

- < > are used to include standard header files which are searched at the standard library directories.
- "" are used to include user-defined header files which are searched first at the current directory.
- "g++ -I" may be used to change the search path.

### #ifndef, #define, #endif

```
/* program.h */ /* b.h */ /* c.h */
#include "b.h" #include "a.h" #include "a.h"
#include "c.h" #include "d.h" #include "e.h"
...
```

Since #include directives may be nested, the same header file may be included twice!

- ullet multiple processing  $\Rightarrow$  waste of time
- re-definition of global variables, constants, classes

Thus, the need of conditional directives

```
#ifndef LAMP_H
#define LAMP_H
// object declarations, class definitions, functions
#endif // LAMP_H
```

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That's all!
Any questions?

