
Creative Software Design

5 – Compilation and Linkage, CMD Args

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Schedule Updates

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Midterm Exam

- Date & time: TBD, candidates are
 - 10/31 or 11/1 or 11/2 (lecture & lab time)
- Place: TBD
- Scope: Lecture 2 ~ 7
- **You cannot leave until 30 minutes after the start of the exam** even if you finish the exam earlier.
- That means, **you cannot enter the room after 30 minutes from the start of the exam** (do not be late, never too late!).
- Please bring your **student ID card** to the exam.
- We will not accept questions unless the error in the problem is clearly evident. You should solve the problem based on the information provided in the question.

Outline

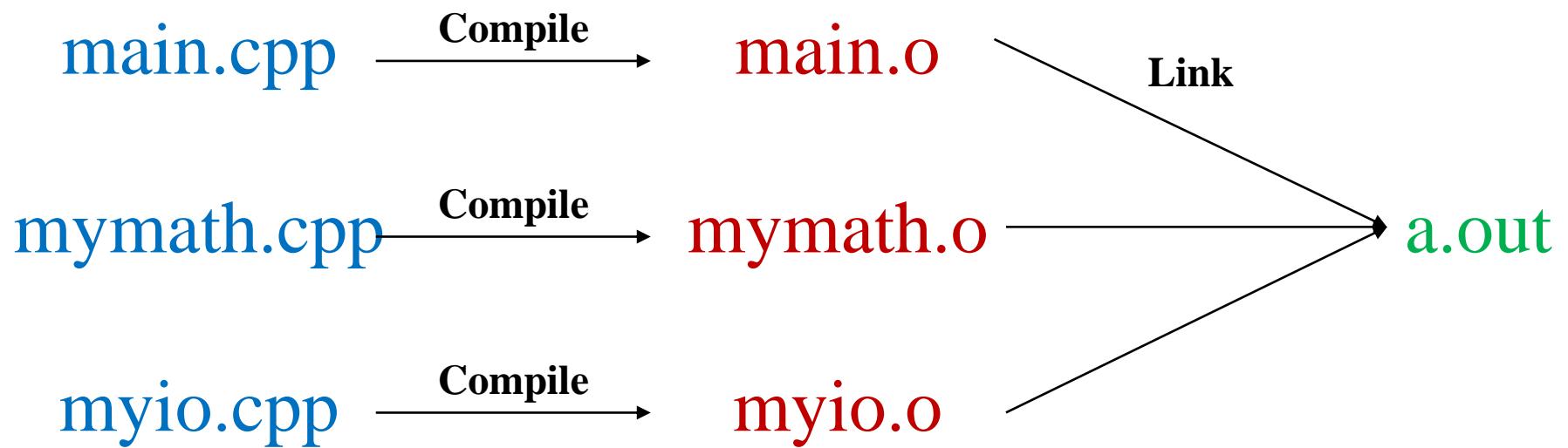
- Compilation and Linkage
 - C/C++ Build Stages
 - Header and Source Files
 - Function / Class Declaration and Definition
 - Include Guards
 - Inline Function
 - Preprocessor
- Command-line Arguments
- Building a Multi-file Project
 - Introduction to CMake

Compilation and Linkage

Compile & Link

- **Compile**
 - source code → machine code
 - ex) `main.cpp` (source file) → `main.o` (object file)
 - "compiler"
- **Link**
 - Create the final executable file (or library) by linking several object files (+libraries)
 - A library is just a collection of object files.
 - ex) `main.o, ... → a.out, mylib.so`
 - "linker"

Compile & Link Example



C/C++ Build Stages

example.c

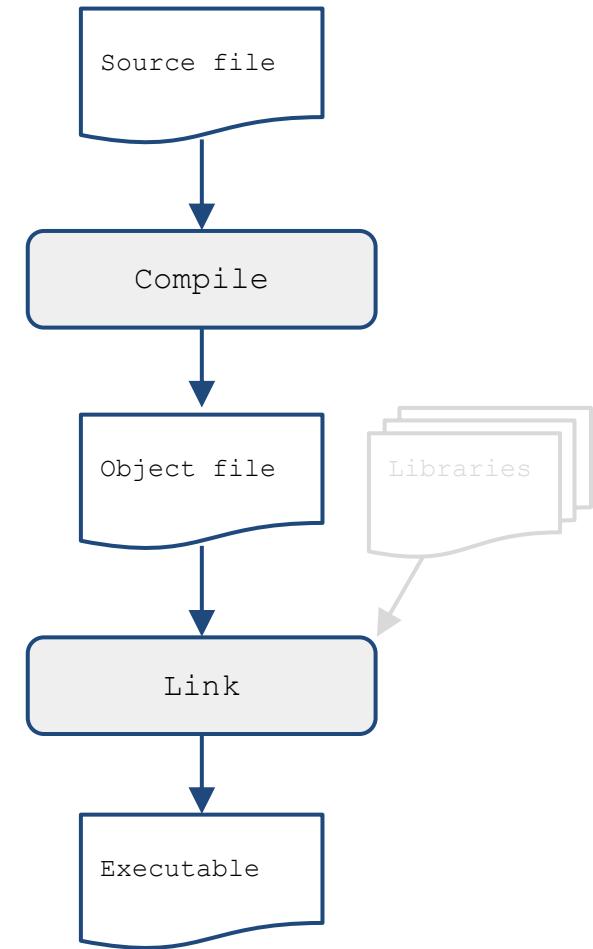
```
int FuncInt(int a, int b) {  
    ...  
}  
  
int FuncDouble(double a, double b, double c) {  
    ...  
}  
  
int main() { ... }
```

example.o

```
_FuncInt: ....  
_FuncDouble: ....  
_main: ....
```

example (example.exe)

```
.....
```



C/C++ Build Stages

`example.c`

```
#include <math.h>

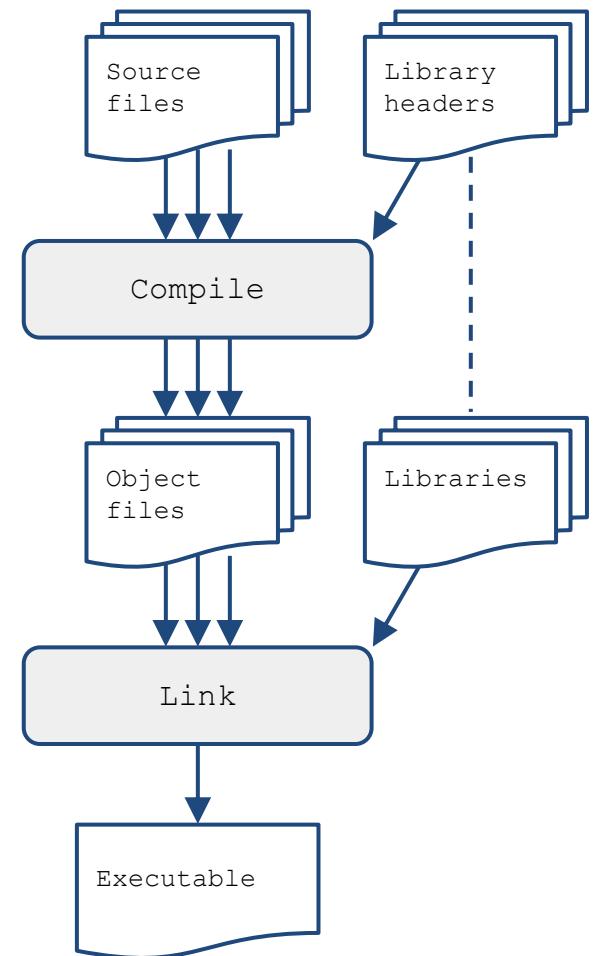
int FuncInt(int a, int b) {
    ...
}

int FuncDouble(double a, double b, double c) {
    double d = sin(a) * b + cos(a) * c;
    ...
}

int main() { ... }
```

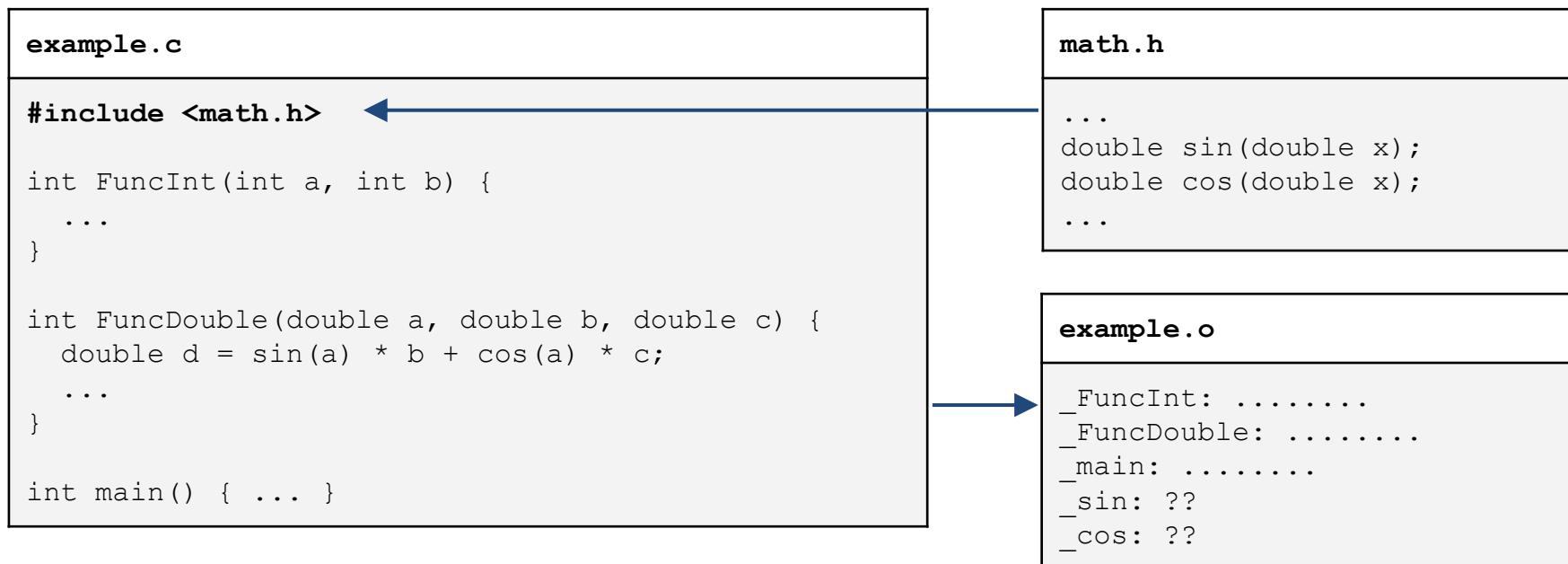
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C/C++ Compilation

- Compilers only need to know the declarations (types) of the functions or external variables.
- How can the compiler know the type of the function `sin` and `cos`?
- → Including `math.h`
- The preprocessor just replaces `#include` statements with their file content.



C/C++ Build Stages

`example.c`

```
#include <math.h>

int FuncInt(int a, int b) {
    ...
}

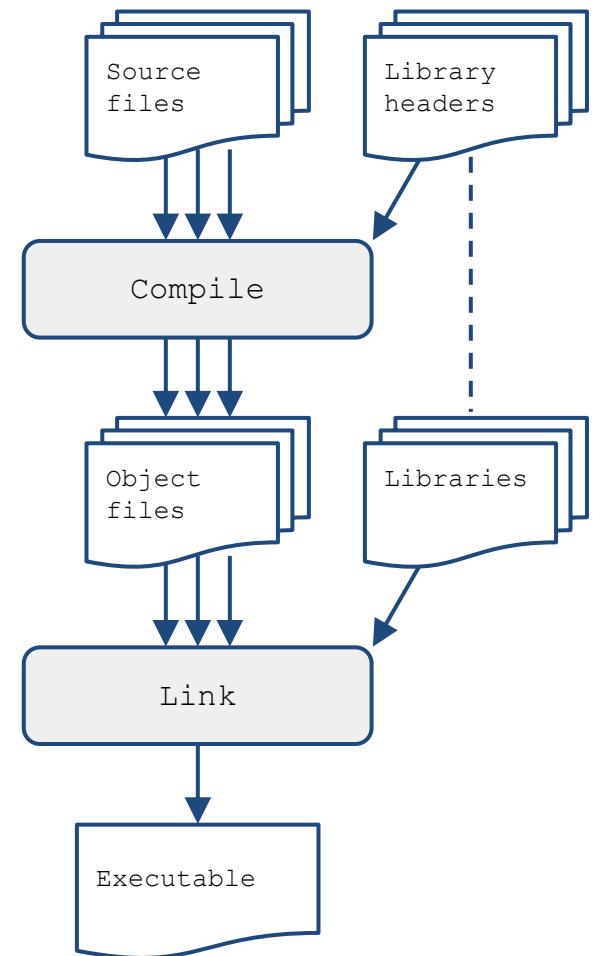
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    ...
}

int main() { ... }
```

`example.o`

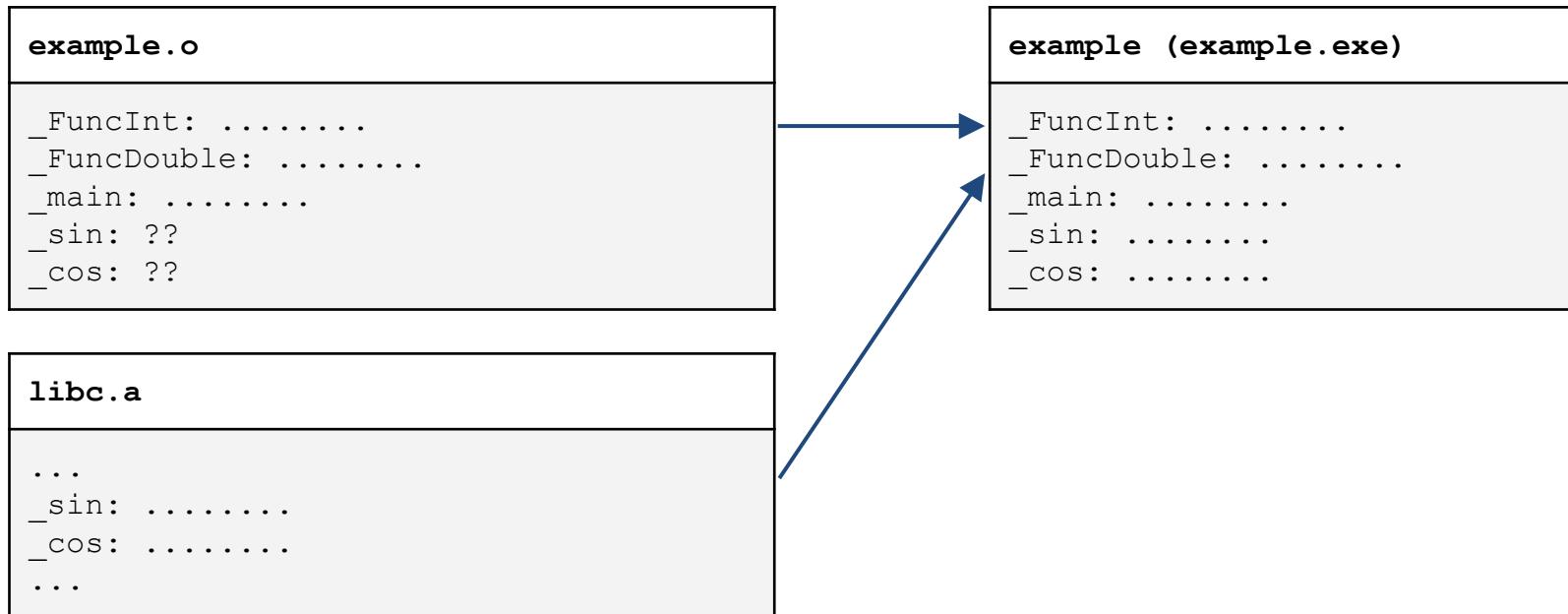
```
_FuncInt: .....
(FuncDouble: .....
_main: .....
_sin: ???
_cos: ???
```

Where can we find the definition
of the function `sin` and `cos`?



C/C++ Linking

- A library is just a collection of object files.
 - sin() and cos() are defined in C standard library (libc)
- Linker tries to find all unknown symbols in the object files and the libraries.



Header and Source Files

In C++, a header file's extension is '**.h**' or '**.hpp**', and a source file's is '**.cpp**' or '**.cc**'.

C/C++ header files contain

- function and external variable declarations.
- struct and class (type) definition.
- enumeration definitions.
- macro definitions.
- inline function definitions (C++).
- ...

Headers show the interface of the entities in the source files.

Header & Source Files for Functions

- ***Function declaration*** which only specifies the function name, parameter profile, and the return type → in a **header file**
- ***Function definition*** which provides the actual implementation of the function body → in a **source file**

```
// myfunc.h - header file
int FuncInt(int a, int b);
double Norm(const double* array, int n);
```

```
// myfunc.cpp - source file
#include <math.h>
#include "myfunc.h"

int FuncInt(int a, int b) {
    return a * 10 + b * b;
}
double Norm(const double* array, int n) {
    double sqsum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) sqsum += array[i] * array[i];
    return sqrt(sqsum);
}
```

Header & Source Files for Classes

- *Class definition* which contains member variables and member functions declarations → in a **header file**
- *Class member functions definition* → in a **source file**
- Separating a class code into header & source files is important!
- If you do not understand, skip it. Classes will be covered in more detail next time.

```
// rectangle.h - header file
class Rectangle
{
private:
    int width, height;
public:
    void setValues(int x, int y);
};
```

```
// rectangle.cpp - source file
#include "rectangle.h"

void Rectangle::setValues (int x, int y)
{
    width = x;
    height = y;
}
```

Include Guard: Will this code compile?

```
// point.h
typedef struct
{
    double x;
    double y;
} Point;
```

```
// pointfunc.h
#include "point.h"
double calcDist(Point p1, Point p2);
```

```
// pointfunc.c
#include <math.h>
#include "pointfunc.h"

double calcDist(Point p1, Point p2)
{
    double xdiff = p2.x - p1.x;
    double ydiff = p2.y - p1.y;
    return sqrt(xdiff*xdiff + ydiff*ydiff);
}
```

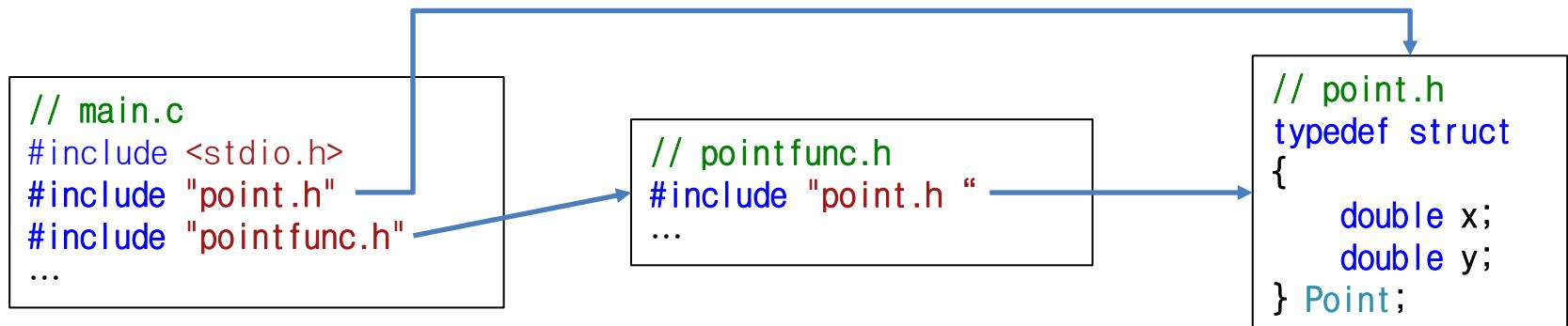
```
// main.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include "point.h"
#include "pointfunc.h"

int main()
{
    Point p1 = { 0,0 };
    Point p2 = { 1,1 };

    // print distance btwn two points
    printf("distance: %f\n", calcDist(p1, p2));

    return 0;
}
```

No, because of double inclusion of point.h



- As a result, the definition of `Point` appears twice in `main.c`. → Generates a compile error
- Deleting `#include "point.h"` from `main.c` solves the problem, but
- The more files, the more complicated include dependencies, so it's not easy to check all the inclusions.
- We have a better way to handle this issue!

Include Guard: `#pragma once`

- Add `#pragma once` at the top of header files
 - Preprocessor directive to instruct that the file to be included only once
- Although it is not an official C / C++ standard, it is widely supported by most compilers.

Include Guard: #pragma once

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// point.h
#pragma once

typedef struct
{
    double x;
    double y;
} Point;
```

```
// pointfunc.h
#pragma once

#include "point.h"
double calcDist(Point p1, Point p2);
```

```
// pointfunc.c
#include <math.h>
#include "pointfunc.h"

double calcDist(Point p1, Point p2)
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    return sqrt(xdiff*xdiff + ydiff*ydiff);
}
```

```
// main.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include "point.h"
#include "pointfunc.h"

int main()
{
    Point p1 = { 0,0 };
    Point p2 = { 1,1 };

    // print distance btwn two points
    printf("distance: %f\n", calcDist(p1, p2));

    return 0;
}
```

Another Include Guard: #ifndef

```
// point.h
#ifndef __POINT_H__
#define __POINT_H__

typedef struct
{
    double x;
    double y;
} Point;

#endif
```

- If the name `__POINT_H__` is not already defined in the *preprocessed main.c*, define `__POINT_H__` and include the later part of point.h in the preprocessed main.c.
- If `__POINT_H__` is already defined in the preprocessed main.c, the entire point.h is not included in the preprocessed main.c.
- When point.h is about to be included second time, `__POINT_H__` is already defined. Therefore, entire point.h is not included in the compilation.
- Still used a lot.

Quiz 1

- Go to <https://www.slido.com/>
- Join #csd-ys
- Click "Polls"
- Submit your answer in the following format:
 - **Student ID: Your answer**
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Inline Function

- Function definitions should not be in header files, **except *inline* functions.**
- Inline expansion : an inline function works as if the function call is replaced with the function body.
- Use 'inline' keyword to specify an inline function.
 - Note that using 'inline' is only a request to the compiler, not a command. The compiler can ignore the request for inlining.

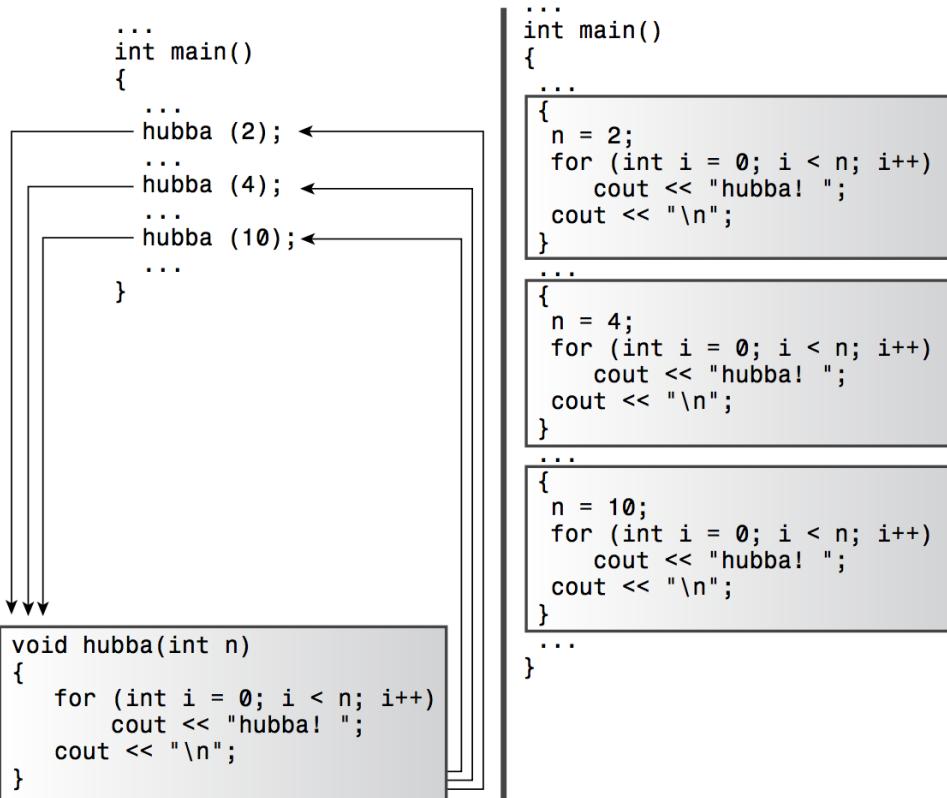
```
// test.h - header file
inline int max(int a, int b) {
    return a > b ? a : b;
}
```

```
// test.cpp - source file
#include <iostream>
#include "test.h"

int main() {
    std::cout << max(1, 2) << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Inline Function

- The difference between normal functions and inline functions is how the compiler incorporates them into a program.



A regular function transfers program execution to a separate function.

An inline function replaces a function call with inline code.

- Use with care : often executes faster but increases the size of the compiled binary code.

Inline Function in Classes

- Member functions defined in a class definition (in a header file) are inline functions.
- Again, if you do not understand, skip it for now.

```
// rectangle.h - header file
class Rectangle
{
private:
    int width, height;
public:
    void setValues(int x, int y)
    {
        width = x;
        height = y;
    }
};
```

C/C++ Preprocessor

- When compilation begins, the preprocessor replaces the # directives in the source.

```
#include <math.h>
#include <iostream>
#include "my_header.h"

#pragma once

#define PI 3.141592
#define PI_2 (PI/2)

#define MAX(a, b) ((a) > (b) ? (a) : (b))

int main() {
    const double angle = PI / 3;
    int n, min_iter = 10;
    std::cin >> n;
    const int num_iter = MAX(n, min_iter);
    // What happens if we use MAX(++n, min_iter);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        ...
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Command-line Arguments

Command-line Arguments

- C/C++ main function may take additional input parameters.

```
int main();                                // OR int main(void);  
int main(int argc, char **argv);    // OR int main(int argc, char *argv[]);
```

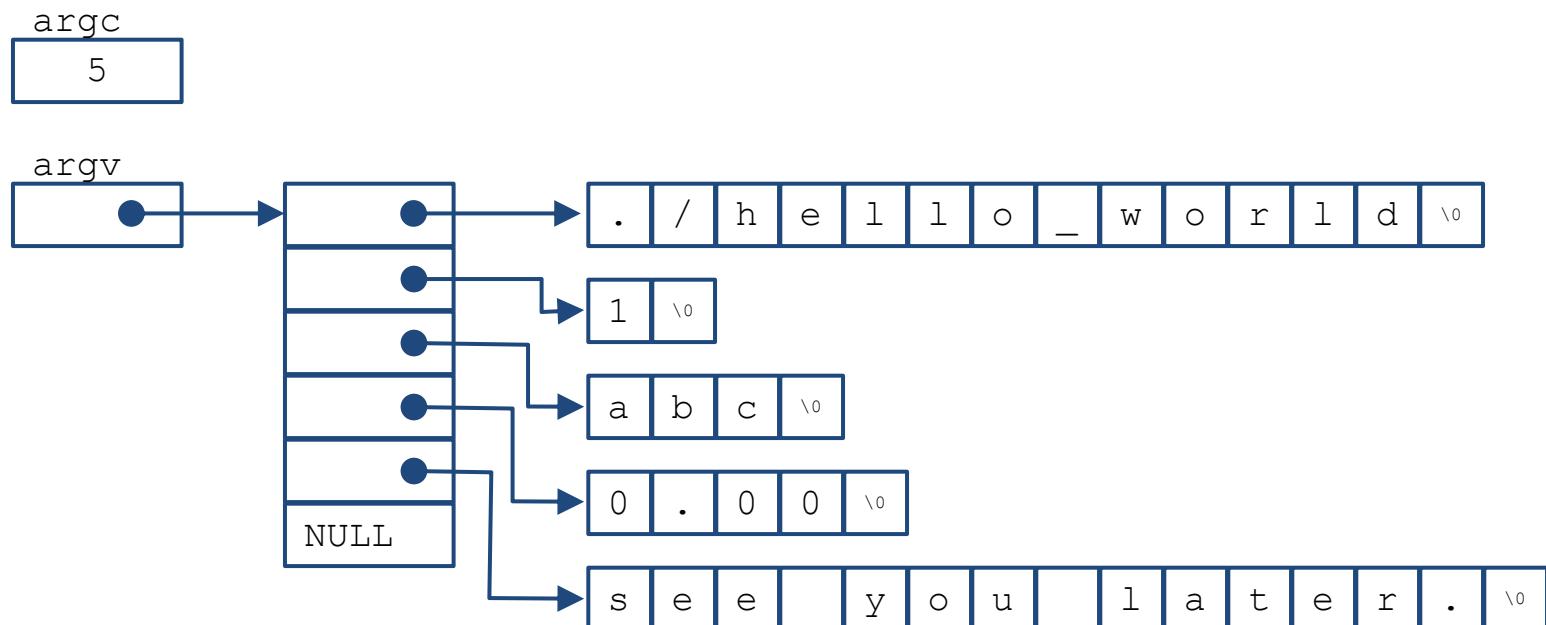
- When the program is executed, the *command-line arguments* are passed.

```
$ ./hello_world 1 abc 0.00 "see you later."  
  
-> argc: 5  
    argv[0]: "./hello_world"    argv[3] = "0.00"  
    argv[1]: "1"                argv[4] = "see you later."  
    argv[2]: "abc"              argv[5] = NULL
```

Command-line Arguments

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int main(int argc, char **argv);
```

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$ ./hello_world 1 abc 0.00 "see you later."  
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```



Review: Double Pointer (Pointer to Pointer)

- A string array: `const char* strArr[] = { "aaa", "bbb", "ccc" };`
- Recall: Passing an Array to a Function:
 - Pass the **start address** of the array as a pointer parameter
- Example 1: A function to print an **int** array:
- `void printArray(int* arr, int len)`
- Example 2: A function to print an **char*** array:
- `void printArray(char** strArr, int len)`

Command-line Arguments

- A simple program to print all command-line arguments.

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, const char **argv) {
    for (int i = 0; i < argc; ++i) printf("%s\n", argv[i]);
    return 0;
}
```

- You may need string-to-number conversion.

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

int main(int argc, const char **argv) {
    for (int i = 1; i < argc; ++i) printf("%d\n", atoi(argv[i]));
    return 0;
}
```

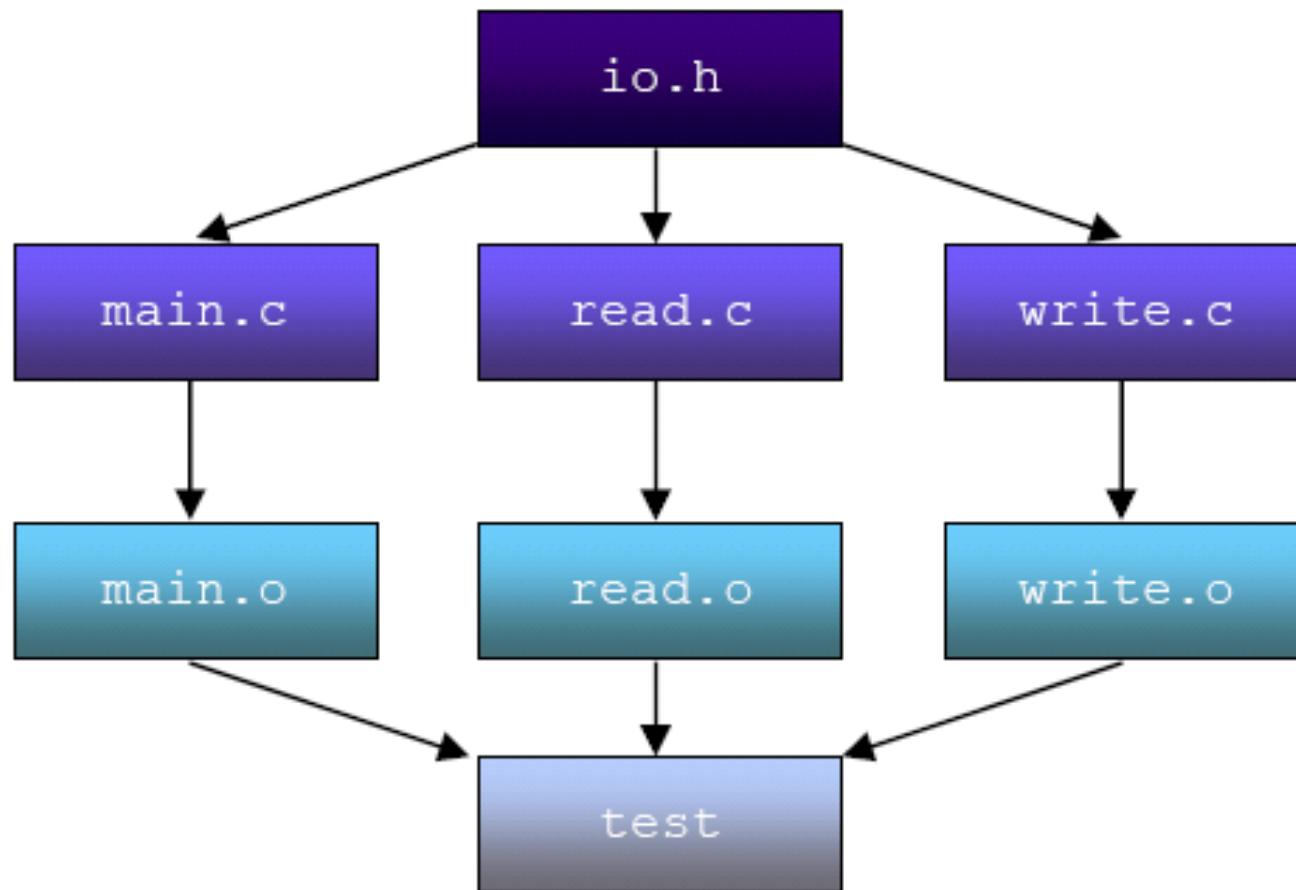

Quiz 2

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Building a Multi-file Project

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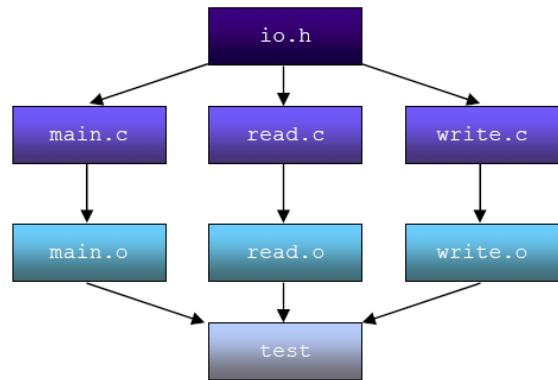
- How to build this project effectively?



1) Using g++ directly

(Shell)

```
g++ -c test read.c write.c main.c # compile and link  
  
# or  
g++ -c read.c write.c main.c      # compile  
g++ -o test read.o write.o main.o # link
```



- Typing these lines every time is cumbersome!
- How about putting these commands into a shell script?
- → Cannot use dependency information
 - It means you need to recompile main.c and write.c even if you only modify read.c
- Using dependency information is essential for building large projects
 - Because it takes too long to compile and link all files every time

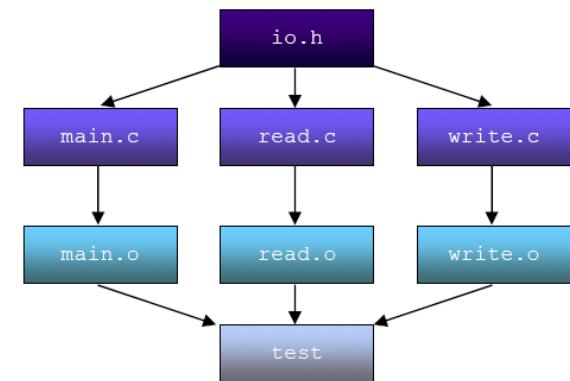
2) Make

- A Makefile contains dependency information

Makefile

```
test : read.o write.o main.o  
        gcc -o test read.o write.o main.o  
  
main.o : io.h main.c  
        gcc -c main.c  
  
read.o : io.h read.c  
        gcc -c read.c  
  
write.o: io.h write.c  
        gcc -c write.c
```

Dependency information



2) Make

- More sophisticated one

Makefile

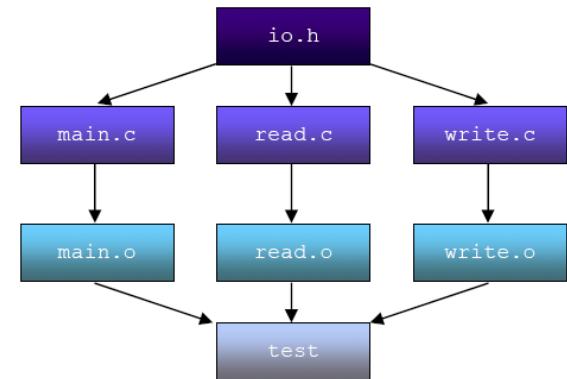
```
CC=g++
SRCS=main.c read.c write.c
OBJS=$(SRCS:.c=.o)
TARGET=test

.SUFFIXES : .c .o

$(TARGET) : $(OBJS)
    $(CC) -o $(TARGET) $(OBJS)

main.o: io.h main.c
read.o: io.h read.c
write.o: io.h write.c
```

} Dependency information



Quiz 3

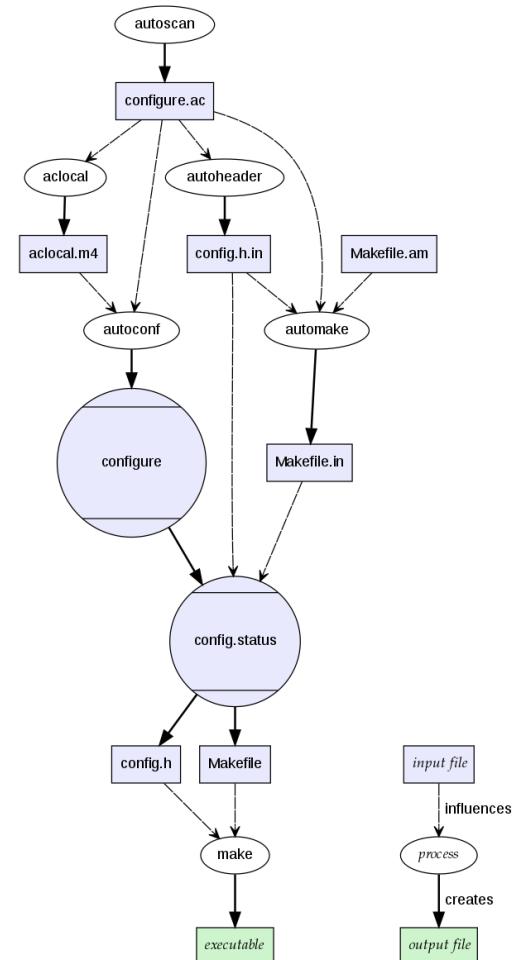
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2) Make

- The larger and more complex the project, the more difficult it is to...
 - Keep track of vast dependency information
 - Specify additional tasks before / after build
 - Adjust build options for different target platforms
- So, pure Makefiles are rarely used in the field. All serious projects on Unix/Linux use "Makefile generators" or alternatives.

3) Autotools

- Traditional Makefile generator
 - Many GNU tools are built using it
- Too complicated!
 - Main tools (autoconf, automake, libtool) are separate but highly dependent on each other
 - Need to know how to use other languages: bash script, m4
 - "autohell"



4) CMake



- Much easier to use with relatively simple syntax
- Cross-platform
 - On Unix/Linux: Generates Makefile
 - On Windows: Generates Visual Studio project file (.vcxproj)
- Some large open source projects has moved to CMake
 - KDE, <https://lwn.net/Articles/188693/>
 - <https://gitlab.kitware.com/cmake/community/wikis/doc/cmake/Projects>
- **Starting from Assignment 5-1, you should use CMake instead of Make.**

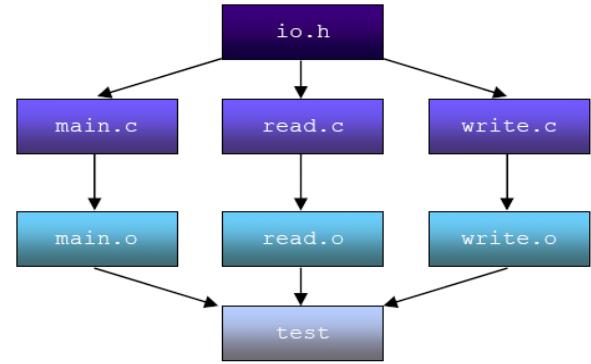
Example using Makefile

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        gcc -c main.c  
  
read.o : io.h read.c  
        gcc -c read.c  
  
write.o: io.h write.c  
        gcc -c write.c
```

(Shell)

```
make
```

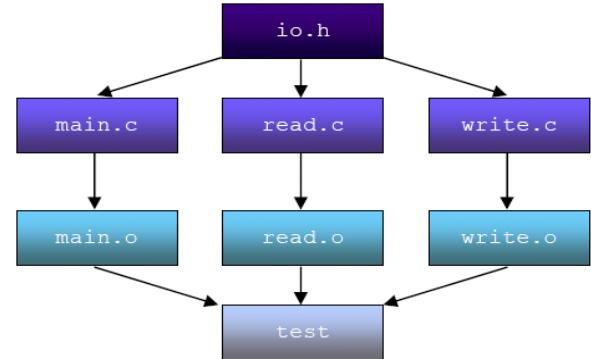


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$(TARGET) : $(OBJS)  
        $(CC) -o $(TARGET) $(OBJS)
```

```
main.o: io.h main.c  
read.o: io.h read.c  
write.o: io.h write.c
```

Example using CMake



CMakeLists.txt

```
add_executable( test main.c read.c write.c )
```

command

target name

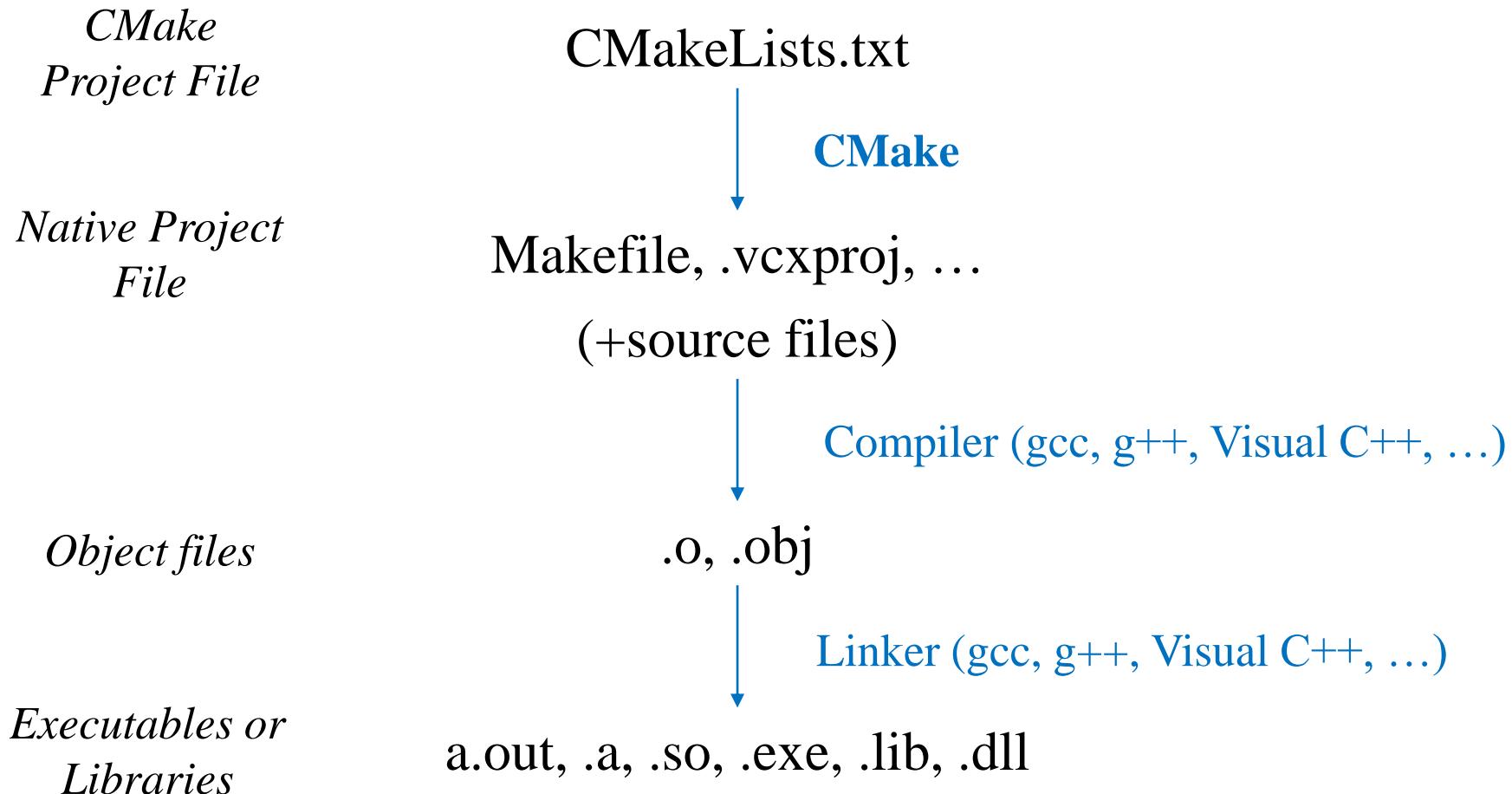
source files

arguments

(Shell)

```
cmake  
make
```

Build Process using CMake



[Practice] CMake

- Install CMake

(Shell)

```
sudo apt-get install cmake
```

[Practice] CMake

- Create these files somewhere

myprint.h

```
#pragma once
void myprint(const
std::string& s, int n);
```

main.cpp

```
#include <string>
#include "myprint.h"

int main()
{
    myprint("hello world", 5);

    return 0;
}
```

myprint.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>

void myprint(const std::string& s,
int n)
{
    for(int i=0; i<n; ++i)
        std::cout << s << std::endl;
}
```

CMakeLists.txt

```
add_executable(test main.cpp myprint.cpp)
```

[Practice] CMake

- Create a build directory & cd
 - The name does not have to be “build”.

(Shell)

```
mkdir build  
cd build
```

```
▼ test/  
      build/  
      CMakeLists.txt  
      main.cpp  
      myprint.h  
      myprint.cpp
```

[Practice] CMake

- Run CMake
 - “Generate Makefile using CMakeLists.txt in the parent directory(../)”

(Shell)

```
cmake ../
```

```
▼ build/
  ▶ CMakeFiles/
    cmake_install.cmake
    CMakeCache.txt
    Makefile
```



Intermediate
output

Final output

- Run Make

- “Compile & link the project using Makefile in the current directory(.)”

(Shell)

```
make
```

(Shell)

```
./test # run the final executable
```

More about CMake

- We've just covered very basic usage of CMake.
- The real power of CMake comes from more complicated projects using a bunch of libraries, subdirectories, etc.
 - `add_library()`, `target_link_libraries()`, `add_subdirectory()`, `target_include_directories()`, `find_package()`, ...
- More resource
 - <https://cmake.org/cmake-tutorial/>
 - <https://cmake.org/cmake/help/v3.12/#reference-manuals>

Next Time

- Labs for this lecture:
 - Lab1: Assignment 5-1
 - Lab2: Assignment 5-2
- Next lecture:
 - 6 - Class