

Systems Dev. Tutorial II:

Make, utilities, & scripting

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Overview

- Compiling with gcc
- Using makefiles
- tar, grep, & sed
- Basic shell scripts

Simple gcc

If we have files:

- prog.c: The main program file
- lib.c: Library .c file
- lib.h: Library header file

```
gcc -c prog.c (create prog.o)
```

```
gcc -c lib.c (create lib.o)
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gcc lib.o prog.o -o myprog (create binary)
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gcc flags

Flags can help gcc find external libraries, tell it to provide more information, or instruct it to modify output.

Useful Flags:

- g : includes debugging symbols
- Wall : errors on "suspicious code"
- lsocket, -lnsl : include external networking libs
- O3 : optimize code for speed (not development)
- E : stop compilation after pre-processing macros

Makefiles

What are they?

Simple way to invoke different build, link and test behavior.

Why use them?

- save typing
- avoid silly mistakes
- automate good behavior (e.g. tests)

Key Makefile Concepts

- Variables
Can be defined in file, extracted from ENV or set to defaults by Make.
- Targets
Specify different possible actions within the makefile. Type "make <target name>"
- Dependencies
If one target relies on the result of another, this is described as a dependency. Automatically tracks need to recompile based on file modification times.
- Spacing & Lines Matter
Certain white-space must be tabs, lines extended using "\"

Makefile Example

```
# This is a comment

CFLAGS=-Wall -g
LIBS=lib.o \
    lib2.o
HEADERS=lib.h
BINS=prog

all: $(BINS)

prog: prog.o $(LIBS) $(HEADERS)
$(CC) $(LDFLAGS) prog.o $(LIBS) -o $@

test:
./run_tests.sh

clean:
/bin/rm -rf $(BINS) *.o core *.core
```

3 very useful utilities

- **tar** : create and unpack archives of files
- **grep**: search for a text string or regular expression within a set of files...
- **sed**: powerful search and replace for within a set of files

tar

collect files & directories into a single file, possibly compressed, archive.

examples:

archive: `tar czf my_code.tar.gz my_code/`

unpack: `tar xzf my_code.tar.gz`

grep

search a set of files for lines that contain a certain string, or match a regular expression.

basic: `egrep hello debug.txt`

recursive: `egrep -r hello .`

Advanced (line number, case insensitive):

`egrep -n -i 'strcpy|strlen' sock.c`

sed

“stream editor” useful for powerful search and replace operations, of filtering data files.

examples:

Search/replace:

`sed -e 's/Bush/Andersen/g' votes.txt > new_votes.txt`

Filter for some text:

`sed -e '/^[^error1]/d' debug.txt`

shell scripting

Basic idea: anything you type into the command-line can be automated.

e.g. create script to run all tests.

Suggestions:

- 1) Use `-x` option to debug line-by-line
- 2) With great power, comes....

Shell Example (run_tests.sh)

```
#!/bin/bash

# this is a comment

if [ "$1" = "all" ]; then
    for file in input1.txt input2.txt input3.txt ; do
        echo "beginning test with file '$file'"
        ./myprog < $file
    done
else
    echo "running main test"
    ./myprog < input1.txt
fi

echo "done with tests"
```

Walk-through on Andrew

wget http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~dwendlan/make_fun.tar.gz

General Hints...

- When in doubt... "make clean"
- Tab-complete and command history are your friends.
- Pick one editor and learn it WELL
- Always compile with `-Wall`, `-g` for dev.
- Google error messages... find root cause
- If you find yourself doing something repetitively, script it!

References/Tutorials

Obviously, "man <command name>"

- gcc: <http://www.cs.washington.edu/orgs/acm/tutorials/dev-in-unix/compiler.html>
- Make: http://www.hsrl.rutgers.edu/ug/make_help.html
- Grep: <http://pegasus.rutgers.edu/~elflord/unix/grep.html>
- Sed: <http://pegasus.rutgers.edu/~elflord/unix/sed.html>
- Shell Scripting:
<http://www.linuxfocus.org/English/September2001/article216.shtml>

If you're serious about work in computer systems,
take the time to learn these tools NOW.

Project 1 & Homework 1 Q & A

- HW1 due 9/21
- Project 1 due
 - next checkpoint 9/26
 - final assignment due 10/12

Other questions?