

Objectives – Fri 2/14/2020

□ Build steps

- preprocessor
- compiler
- linker

□ Preprocessor

■ #define

- #define  
- #define  () 
- #define 

■ #include

■ #ifdef



#else



#endif

Note: I very rarely use PowerPoint slides in lecture. Most of these were handwritten in class. I digitized them after the lecture.

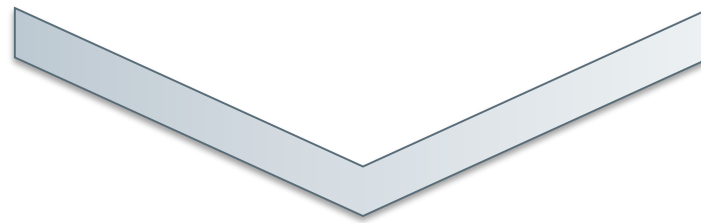
Snippets from today's lecture can be found on the Schedule page of the course web site.

Building a program entails three stages.

```
gcc -o test_mintf mintf.c test_mintf.c
```

executable implementation code test code

source files



1. Preprocessor
2. Compiler
3. Linker

Each stage converts your code to another form.

1. Preprocessor

- Remove comments
- Process preprocessor directives (`#` )

2. Compiler

- Convert each C function to machine instructions
- .c $\Rightarrow$ .o ... one file at a time
- `int main(...) { ... }` $\Rightarrow$ 0100101011100110101101

3. Linker

- Create a single executable from any number of .o files
- Connect function calls to function code

Compiled functions are in separate object files.

test_mintf.c

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



test_mintf.o

```
<main>  
  1110110101010110  
  0011101101001101  
  0010110110011000  
  1000101111000110
```

mintf.c

```
void mintf(...){  
      
}  
  
void print_integer(...) {  
      
}
```



mintf.o

```
<mintf>  
  0011111011101000  
  0111111001001011  
  1000101111000110  
  0001001011101001  
  
<print_integer>  
  0110000110111011  
  1110110110110110  
  0001001011101001  
  0000100110000011
```

libc.so

```
...  
<fputc>  
  0011111001101000  
  0111111001001011  
  0001001011101001  
  
<printf>  
  0110000110111011  
  0001001011101001  
  0000100110000011  
...
```

Linker joins compiled functions into an executable.

test_mintf.o

```
<main>
 1110110101010110
 0011101101001101
 0010110110011000
 1000101111000110
```

mintf.o

```
<mintf>
 0011111011101000
 0111111001001011
 1000101111000110
 0001001011101001

<print_integer>
 0110000110111011
 1110110110110110
 0001001011101001
 0000100110000011
```

libc.so

```
...
<fputc>
 0011111001101000
 0111111001001011
 0001001011101001

<printf>
 0110000110111011
 0001001011101001
 0000100110000011
...
```

test_mintf

```
01100001101110111011101110111011101101
100001001011101001000010011000001101
100001101110111011011110110110110110
000100101110100100101110100100001001
100000110110000110111011101101111011
011011011000010010111010010000100110
000011011000011011101110110111101101
101101100001001011101001000010000001
001100000110110000110111011101101111
```

Build stages can be performed separately.

1. Preprocessor

`/usr/bin/cpp` .c $\Rightarrow$ .c

2. Compiler

`gcc -c` .c $\Rightarrow$ .o

3. Linker

`ld -o`  .o .o .o

Understand preprocessor effects with /usr/bin/**cpp**.

/usr/bin/**cpp** test_count_words.c

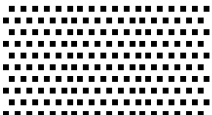
... to see preprocessor will transform your code.

/usr/bin/**cpp** test_count_words.c -DDEBUG

... to define a symbol, just as you would with GCC.

/usr/bin/**cpp** test_count_words.c | indent

... to indent the result for better legibility.

#define  (...) macros are used like functions.

```
#define squared(x) ((x) * (x))
```

squared(4) $\Rightarrow$ 16

 #define does not reduce argument to a value.

#define macros use simple text substitution.

```
#define triple(x)  x * 3          BAD!!!
```

```
triple(2 + 5)    ⇒    2 + 5 * 3
                  ⇒    2 + 15
                  ⇒    17          X
```

```
#define add_five(x)  x + 5      BAD!!!
```

```
add_five(7) * 4  ⇒    7 + 5 * 4
                  ⇒    7 + 20
                  ⇒    27          X
```

Rule: Parenthesize (almost) everything for safety.

```
#define triple(x)  ((x) * 3)      GOOD!!!
```

```
triple(2 + 5)      ⇒  ((2 + 5) * 3)
                   ⇒  ((7) * 3)
                   ⇒  21          ✓
```

```
#define add_five(x)  ((x) + 5)      GOOD!!!
```

```
add_five(7) * 4    ⇒  ((7 + 5) * 4)
                   ⇒  ((12) * 4)
                   ⇒  48          ✓
```

Don't use printf(...) to debug

```
printf("%d\n", squared(1));  
printf("%d\n", squared(2));  
printf("%d\n", squared(3));  
printf("%d\n", squared(4));  
printf("%d\n", squared(5));
```

OUTPUT

1

4

9

16

25

Problem: Output is hard to interpret.

Don't use printf(...) to debug

```
printf("squared(1) == %d\n", squared(1));  
printf("squared(2) == %d\n", squared(2));  
printf("squared(3) == %d\n", squared(3));  
printf("squared(4) == %d\n", squared(1));  
printf("squared(5) == %d\n", squared(5));
```

Problem: Separating your debugging printf's from the printf's that support the core functionality may be error-prone.

Partial solution: Use a variadic macro

```
#define my_printf(...)    printf(__VA_ARGS__)  
  
my_printf("squared(1) == %d\n", squared(1));  
my_printf("squared(2) == %d\n", squared(2));  
my_printf("squared(3) == %d\n", squared(3));  
my_printf("squared(4) == %d\n", squared(1));  
my_printf("squared(5) == %d\n", squared(5));
```

Problem: Copying expression in two places per line may be error-prone.

Better solution: Use `#ifdef ... #endif` to toggle.

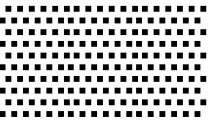
```
#ifdef ENABLE
#    define my_printf(...)    printf(__VA_ARGS__)
#else
#    define my_printf(...)
#endif
```

```
#define ENABLE
my_printf("squared(5) == %d\n", squared(5));
printf("squared(5) == %d\n", squared(5));
```

```
// #define ENABLE
my_printf("squared(5) == %d\n", squared(5));
;
```

clog.h exists to solve this in a versatile way.

- `log_int(...)`, `log_str(...)`, and `log_addr(...)` allow you to print an expression and its value.
- `#ifdef ... #endif` prevents interference with the main functionality of any project.
- `log_«color»(...)` make the output easier to read and interpret, even when intermingled with the program's normal output.

gcc  -DDEBUG ⇔ #define DEBUG

```
#ifndef ENABLE
#   define my_printf(...)    printf(__VA_ARGS__)
#else
#   define my_printf(...)
#endif
```

```
gcc -o test_squared test_squared.c squared.c -DDEBUG
my_printf("squared(5) == %d\n", squared(5));
↓
```

```
printf("squared(5) == %d\n", squared(5));
```

```
gcc -o test_squared test_squared.c squared.c -DDEBUG
my_printf("squared(5) == %d\n", squared(5));
↓
;
```