

Build Tools (make)

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Talk Example

- ❖ We have a small program that is split into multiple tiny modules (code on the web linked to this lecture):
- ❖ Modules:
 - `speak.h/speak.c`: write a string to stdout
 - `shout.h/shout.c`: write a string to stdout LOUDLY
 - `main.c`: client program

`main.c``speak.h``speak.c``shout.h``shout.c`

- ❖ Demo: build this program incrementally, and recompile only necessary parts when something changes

Building Software

- ❖ Programmers spend a lot of time “building”
 - Creating programs from source code
 - Both programs that they write and other people write
- ❖ Programmers like to automate repetitive tasks
 - Repetitive: `gcc -Wall -g -std=c11 -o widget foo.c bar.c baz.c`
 - Retype this every time: 😭
 - Use up-arrow or history: 😐 (still retype after logout)
 - Have an alias or bash script: 😊
 - Have a Makefile: 😄 (you're ahead of us)

make

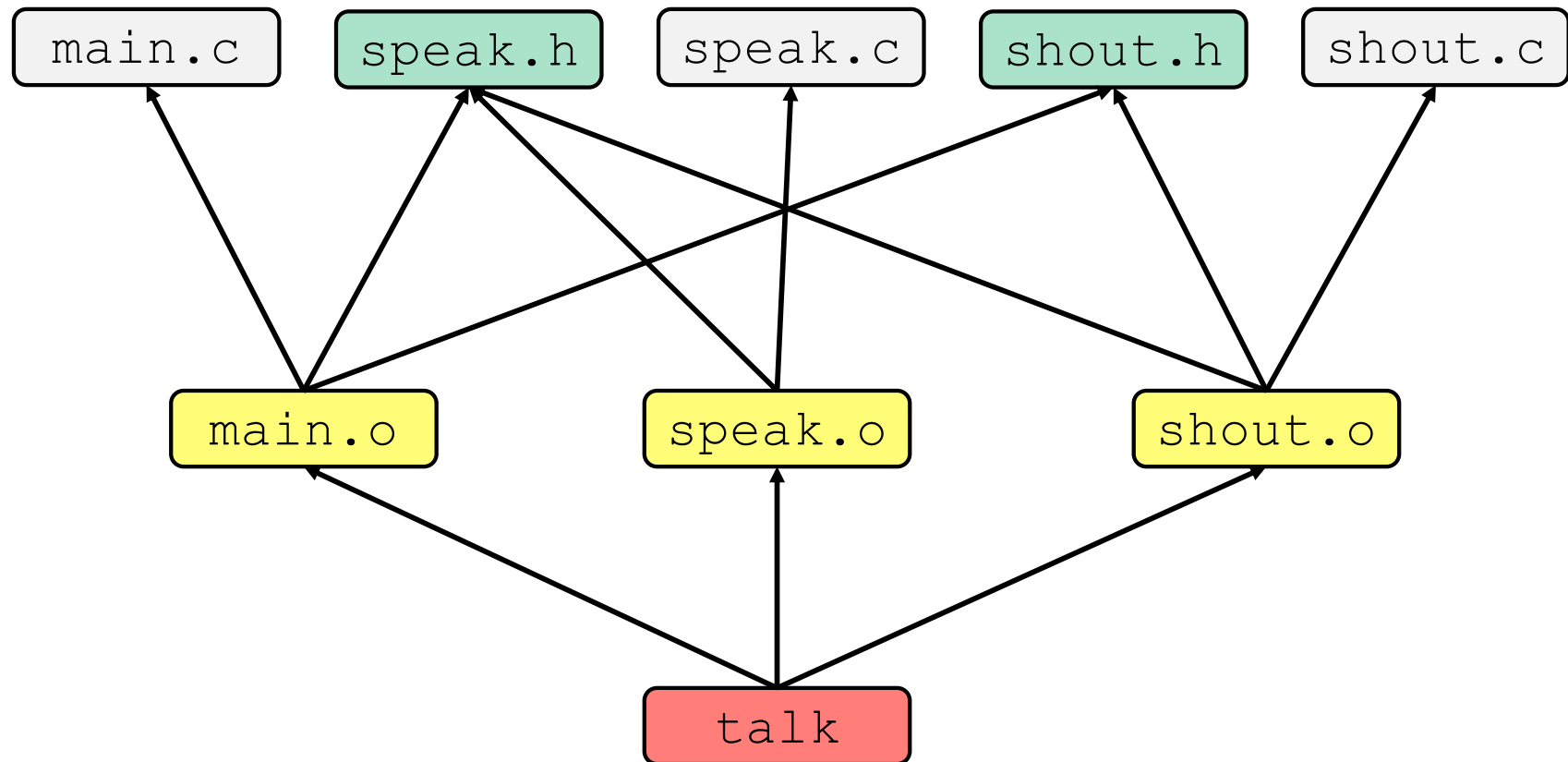
- ❖ `make` is a classic program for controlling what gets (re)compiled and how
 - Many other such programs exist (*e.g.* `ant`, `maven`, IDE “projects”)
- ❖ `make` has tons of fancy features, but only two basic ideas:
 - 1) Scripts for executing commands
 - 2) Dependencies for avoiding unnecessary work
- ❖ Why not just use scripts ?
 - 1) You don't want to recompile everything every time you change something (especially if you have 10^5 - 10^7 files of source code)
 - 2) Make is smarter than just using scripts. Knows what to rebuild.

Recompilation Management

- ❖ The “theory” behind avoiding unnecessary compilation is a *dependency dag* (**d**irected, **a**cyclic **g**raph)
- ❖ To create a target t , you need sources s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n and a command c that directly or indirectly uses the sources
 - It t is newer than every source (file-modification times), assume there is no reason to rebuild it
 - Recursive building: if some source s_i is itself a target for some other sources, see if it needs to be rebuilt...
 - Cycles “make no sense”!

Theory Applied to Our Example

- ❖ What are the dependencies between built and source files?
- ❖ What needs to be rebuilt if something changes?



make Basics

- ❖ A makefile contains a bunch of **triples**:

```
target: sources
← Tab →      command
```

- Colon after target is *required*
- Command lines must start with a **TAB**, NOT SPACES
- Multiple commands for same target are executed *in order*
 - Can split commands over multiple lines by ending lines with ‘\’

- ❖ Example:

```
foo.o: foo.c foo.h bar.h
      gcc -Wall -o foo.o -c foo.c
```

Using make

```
bash% make -f <makefileName> target
```

❖ Defaults:

- If no `-f` specified, use a file named `Makefile`
- If no `target` specified, will use the first one in the file
- Will interpret commands in your default shell
 - Set `SHELL` variable in makefile to ensure

❖ Target execution:

- Check each source in the source list:
 - If the source is a target in the Makefile, then process it recursively
 - If some source does not exist, then error
 - If any source is newer than the target (or target does not exist), run `command` (presumably to update the target)

Makefile for our example + Demo

default target

```
talk: main.o speak.o shout.o
    gcc -Wall -g -std=c11 -o talk main.o speak.o
    shout.o
```

individual source files

```
speak.o: speak.c speak.h
    gcc -Wall -g -std=c11 -c speak.c
```

```
shout.o: shout.c shout.h speak.h
    gcc -Wall -g -std=c11 -c shout.c
```

```
main.o: main.c speak.h shout.h
    gcc -Wall -g -std=c11 -c main.c
```

phoney target - delete built files (including OS X debug files)

```
clean:
    rm -rf talk *.o *~ talk.dSYM
```

make Variables

- ❖ You can define variables in a makefile:
 - All values are strings of text, no “types”
 - Variable names are case-sensitive and can't contain ':', '#', '=', or whitespace

- ❖ Example:

```
CC = gcc
CFLAGS = -Wall -std=c11
foo.o: foo.c foo.h bar.h
        $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o foo.o -c foo.c
```

- ❖ Advantages:

- Easy to change things (especially in multiple commands)
- Can also specify on the command line (CC=clang CFLAGS=-g)

More Variables

- ❖ It's common to use variables to hold list of filenames:

```
OBJFILES = foo.o bar.o baz.o
widget: $(OBJFILES)
    gcc -o widget $(OBJFILES)
clean:
    rm $(OBJFILES) widget *~
```

- ❖ `clean` is a convention
 - Remove generated files to “start over” from just the source
 - It's “funny” because the target doesn't exist and there are no sources, but it works because:
 - The target doesn't exist, so it must be “remade” by running the command
 - These “phony” targets have several uses, such as “all”...

Revenge of the Funny Characters

❖ Special variables:

- `$$` for target name
- `$$^` for all sources
- `$$<` for left-most source
- Lots more! – see the documentation

❖ Examples:

```
# CC and CFLAGS defined above  
widget: foo.o bar.o  
          $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $$ $$^  
foo.o: foo.c foo.h bar.h  
          $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c $$<
```