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Chapter 9 the Make tool

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Reference: GNU make

<http://www.gnu.org/software/make/manual/make.html#Top>



9.1 Make

- Make is a Unix utility tool, which
 - Contains a set of instruction to build a large program;
 - Determines automatically which pieces of the program should be recompiled, and
 - runs the compilation automatically
- can be used to describe any task where some files depends on others
- To use make, you need to create a file called *Makefile*



9.2 A simple Makefile



Create a file called *Makefile*

```
comp:
    gcc -g -o test  sort.c qsort.c
    /home/ccwei/courses/2013/PLB/week6/getline.c

clean:
    rm test
```

Tab



make

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9.3 Writing rules

- A rule explains how and when to remake files(targets)
- Rule Syntax

```
targets : prerequisites  
    recipe  
    . . .
```

- A target is a file name or the name of an action
- A prerequisite is a file that is used as input to create the target
- A recipe is a to create a target if any prerequisites change
 - Every recipe lines start with a tab



Makefiles contain

1. Explicit rules
2. Implicit rules
3. Variable definition
4. Directives
5. Comments
 - #



9.4 how make works

make

- Starts with the first target (default goal)
- Before make can fully process the rule, it must process the files that the target depends on
- Other rules are processed because their targets are prerequisites of the goal
- A rule is not processed if it is not depended on by the goal unless the user tell make to do so (such as *make clean*)

See more details on Makefile



Variables

- objects = list of object file names
- \$(objects)

```
objects = main.o qsort.o getline.o
q_sort: $(objects)
        gcc -o q_sort $(objects)
main.o: sort.c qsort.o getline.o
        gcc -o main.o -c sort.c
qsort.o: qsort.c getline.o
        gcc -o qsort.o -c qsort.c
```

See more details on Makefile_4



9.6 Make deduces

- Implicit rules for updating a “.o” file from corresponding “.c” file using “gcc -c” command

See more details on Makefile_5



9.7 clean up

- ⊙ *Make clean*
- ⊙ Don't put this line at the beginning of Makefile

```
clean:  
    rm test *.o q_sort
```