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GDB, ctags, cscope and make

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GDB, the tool

• What is GDB?

- Default debugger for GNU software system
- GDB can trace execution of program and support other functionalities.

How to compile file that can be debugged by gdb?

• \$ gcc -g gdb_test.c -o gdb_test

Run gdb

- \$ gdb [FILENAME]
- How to pass arguments to program in gdb?
 - \$ gdb [FILENAME]
 - (gdb) set args [argument]



- 9 (gdb) continue or c
 - Continue execution of program
- (gdb) step or s
 - Run a line of code in program. If the code calls function, it enter to inside of function
- 9 (gdb) next or n
 - Run a line of code in program. If the code calls function, it not enter to inside of function but execu te next line.
- 🝳 (gdb) finish
 - Continue execution of program until current function returns
- (gdb) return value
 - Stop the execution of current function, and use value as return value

GDB - basic commands (Cont.)

- ♥ (gdb) list 90
 - Print source code at 90 line
- (gdb) list badfunc
 - Print the source code of specific function that you specified
- 9 (gdb) set listsize n
 - Set the number of lines that is printed when the list command is excuted
 - default is 10



GDB - print

^o When you want to examine some variables

- (gdb) whatis [variable] : Print the type of variable
- (gdb) print [variable] : Print the value of variable

Print

- (gdb) print a->member
- (gdb) print add(1,2)
- (gdb) print /x value
- (gdb) print p->state
- (gdb) print p->pid
- (gdb) print (*p)
- You can specify the format of output as use x, u, o, c keyword



^o When you want to stop execution of program at position you want

- (gdb) break 31
- (gdb) break func
- (gdb) break hello.c:main
- (gdb) break utilc:300
- (gdb) info break
- (gdb) delete 1 : (If you not specify number, all breakpoints are deleted)

Print the backtrace information in current function

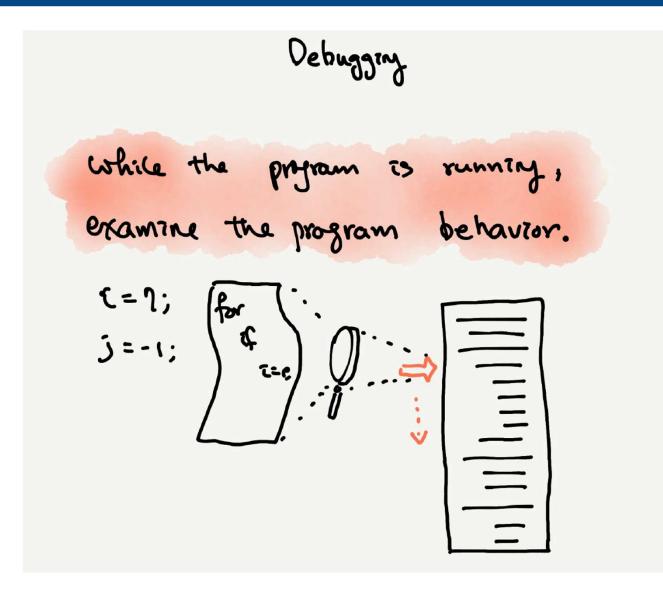
- (gdb) backtrace
- (gdb) backtrace n



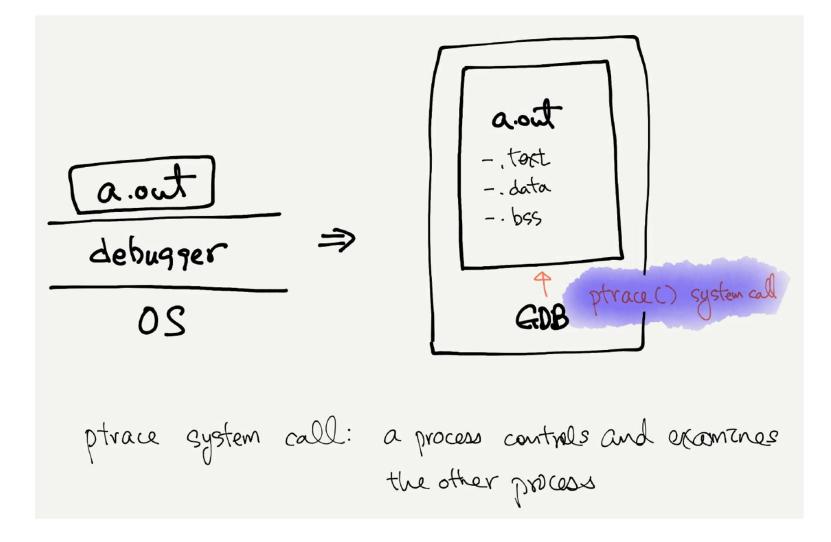
```
#include <stdio.h>
1.
2.
3.
   void print() {
       printf("hello world!\n");
4.
5. }
6.
7.- int main() {
8.
9.
      int i;
10. for (i=0; i<10; i++) print();
11. return 0;
12. }
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GDB(Cont.)

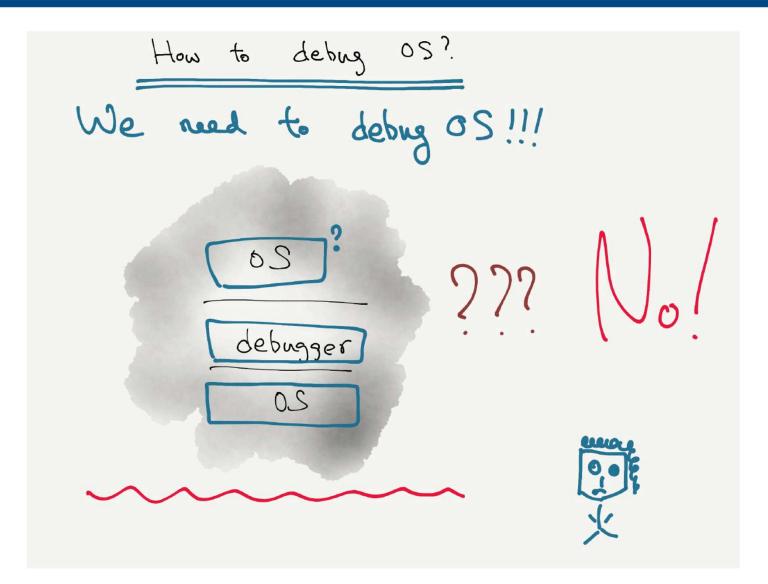
```
Reading symbols from gdb_test...done.
(gdb) break 7
Breakpoint 1 at 0x40053f: file gdb_test.c, line 7.
(gdb) break print
Breakpoint 2 at 0x40052a: file gdb_test.c, line 4.
(qdb) run
Starting program: /home/sundoo/gdb_test
Breakpoint 1, main () at gdb_test.c:10
warning: Source file is more recent than executable.
10
                        for (i=0; i < 10; i++) print();</pre>
(gdb) continue
Continuing.
Breakpoint 2, print () at gdb_test.c:4
                        printf("Hello World!\n");
(gdb) next
Hello World!
        }
(gdb) continue
Continuing.
Breakpoint 2, print () at gdb_test.c:4
                        printf("Hello World!\n");
(gdb) bt
#0 print () at gdb_test.c:4
#1 0x00000000000400552 in main () at gdb_test.c:10
(gdb) q
A debugging session is active.
        Inferior 1 [process 20018] will be killed.
Quit anyway? (y or n) y
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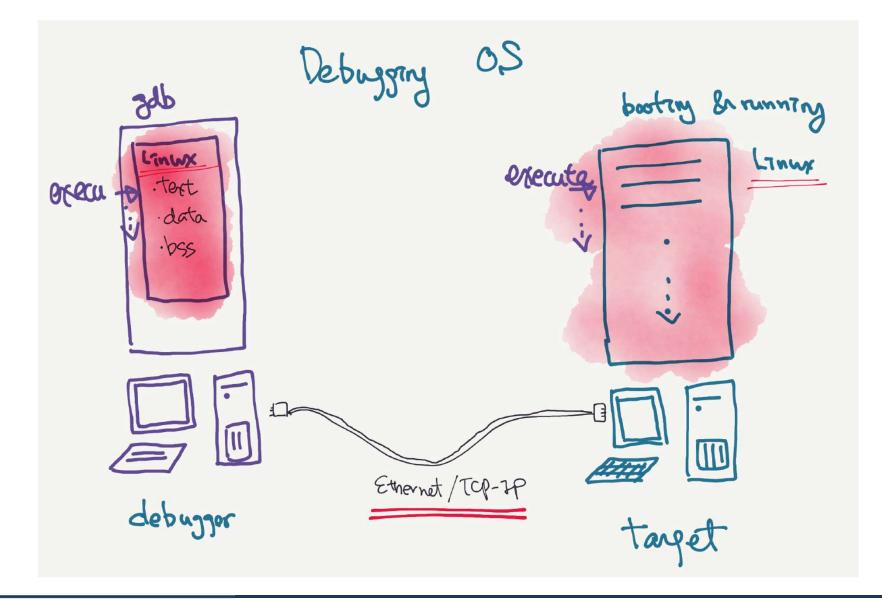




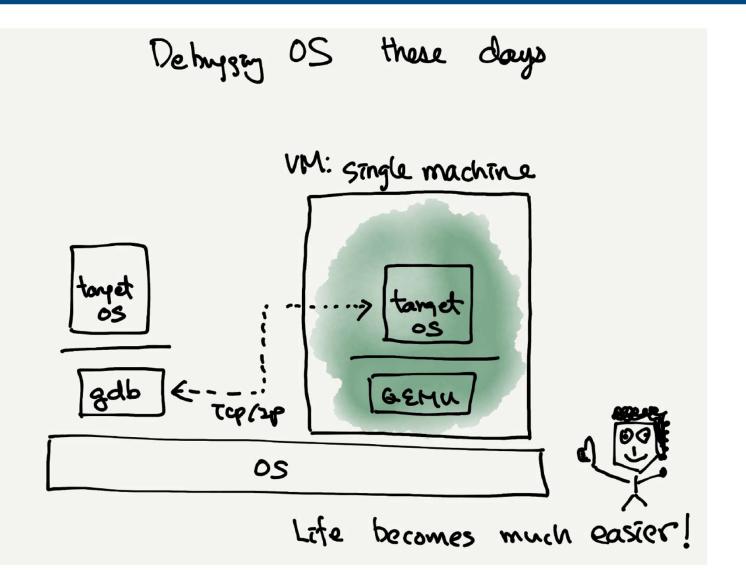




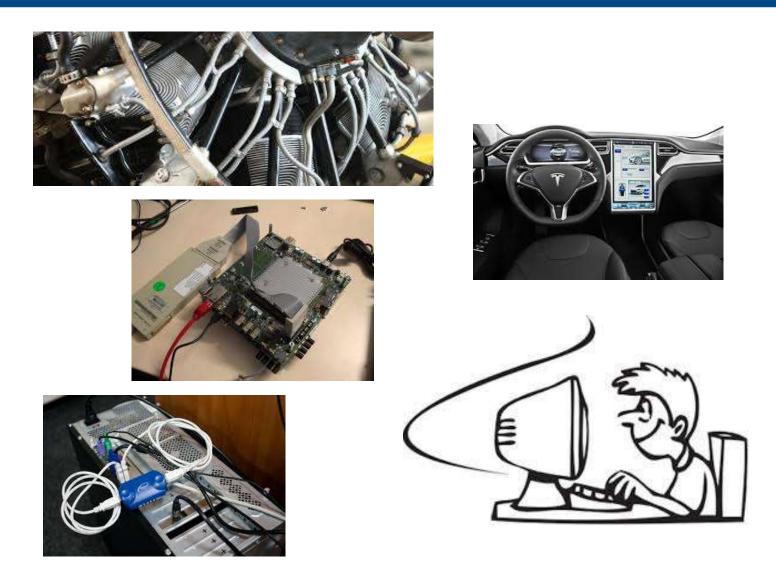














normal booting & debug mode booting

make qemu

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• qemu-system-i386 -serial mon:stdio -drive
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file=fs.img,index=1,media=disk,format=raw -drive
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file=xv6.img,index=0,media=disk,format=raw -smp 2 -m 512
```

make qemu-gdb

```
    qemu-system-i386 -serial mon:stdio -drive
file=fs.img,index=1,media=disk,format=raw -drive
file=xv6.img,index=0,media=disk,format=raw -smp 2 -m 512 -S
    -gdb tcp::25501
```

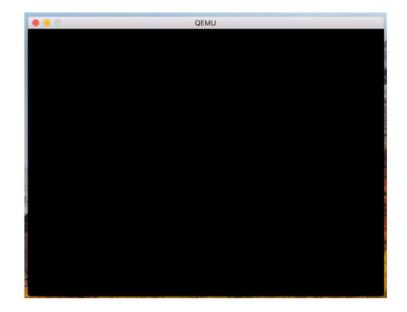
Difference between two upper command is "-S -gdb tcp::25501"

- -S : suspend the debug target just before the booting starts
- -gdb tcp::[port]
 - port number that is used to accept the command from gdb.

First, run the debug target

\$ qemu-system-i386 -serial mon:stdio -drive file=fs.img, index=1,media=disk, format=raw -drive file=xv6.img, index=0,media=disk,format=raw -smp 2 -m 512 -S -gdb tcp::25501

- execute upper command from the shell.
- QEMU stops and waits for the gdb command.



Second, run the debugger

- Open a new terminal.
- Go to the directory where kernel binary resides.
- Execute gdb with loading the target binary.
 - \$ gdb [binary file to load]

\$ gdb kernel

// linux & WSL

\$ i386-elf-gdb kernel // macOS

For help, type "help". Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"... Reading symbols from kernel... + target remote localhost:26000 The target architecture is assumed to be i8086 [f000:fff0] 0xffff0: ljmp \$0x3630,\$0xf000e05b 0x0000fff0 in ?? () + symbol-file kernel

Output of WSL



.gdbinit

- GDB reads the .gdbinit first and executes the commands in this file.
- .gdbinit helps to automatically execute the commands you need to execute each time.

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target remote localhost:26000
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- Git repository of xv6-public already has .gdbinit file.
- If gdb is not connected to QEMU automatically, please check whether there is the .gdbinit file or not.

connect the gdb to debug target

dohyun@DESKTOP-LQQ3DGV: ~/xv6-public X phyun@DESKTOP-LQQ3DGV:~/xv6-public\$ gdb kernel Copyright (C) 2020 Free Software Foundation, Inc. icense GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html> This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it. There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law. Type "show copying" and "show warranty" for details. This GDB was configured as "x86_64-linux-gnu". Type "show configuration" for configuration details. For bug reporting instructions, please see <http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>. Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at: <http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>. For help, type "help". Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word".... Reading symbols from kernel... target remote localhost:26000 The target architecture is assumed to be i8086 0xffff0: ljmp \$0x3630,\$0xf000e05b f000:fff0])fff0 in ?? () symbol-file kernel adb)

- Load the kernel to gdb.
- It loads the program information and the symbols.
- It was not connected to the actual debug target.

connect to the debug target

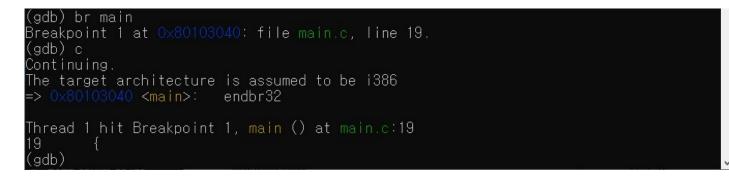
(gdb) target remote localhost:[port]

Specify the port number with the one you

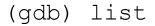
+ target remote localhost:26000 The target architecture is assumed to be i8086 [f000:fff0] 0xffff0: ljmp \$0x3630,\$0xf000e05b 0x0000fff0 in 22 ()

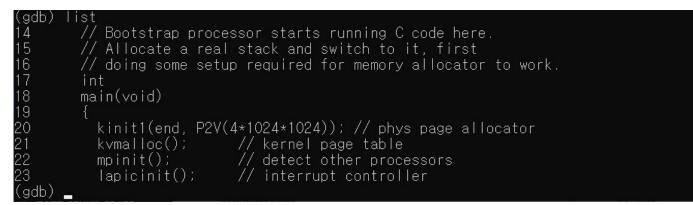
setup the break point.

- (gdb) br main // set the breakpoint at main
- (gdb) c // continue



connect to the debug target





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(gdb) br userinit
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- (gdb) c
- (gdb) n or s
 - s: step into
 - n: next





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- ctags
 - A tool for making "tag file" which contains the location of function, variable, string, and etc. of a source file.
 - You can use "tag file" to find the objects by name.
- ctags installation (linux)
 - \$ sudo apt-get install ctags

Setup ctags (1)

Step1. building tag file

• \$ ctags [option] [filename(s)]

• example

- \$ ctags hello.c :making tag file which include index of "hello.c"
- \$ ctags -R :making the tag file for all subdirectories under current directory.
- option list

option	PATH
-R	Scan all subdirectory recursively.
exclude=[pattern]	Exclude files and directories which have 'pattern' in name fr om creating tag file.
-x	Print tags as table to stdout without creating tag file.



Setup ctags (2)

- Step2. Setting Tag file for Vim
 - open vim and type command below in vim command mode set tags=[path of tag file]
 - adding above command in ~/.vimrc will save this configuration

Prepare the practice for ctags (1)

Download the source code of bash with below command

\$ git clone https://sourceware.org/git/glibc.git

Move to the glibc directory in and Make tags file with below command

```
$ cd glibc
$ ctags -R
```

If you are using an old version of ctags so you cannot use the -R option, make tags file with below command (The eelab5 server has an old

```
version)
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$ cd glibc
$ find . -name "*.[chS]" | ctags -
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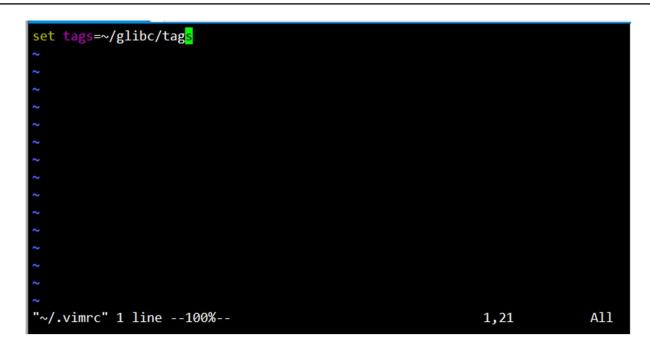
Prepare the practice for the ctags (2)

Open the ~/.vimrc file

\$ vi ~/.vimrc

• Type below text in ~/.vimrc file

set tags+="Path of tha tags file you made"





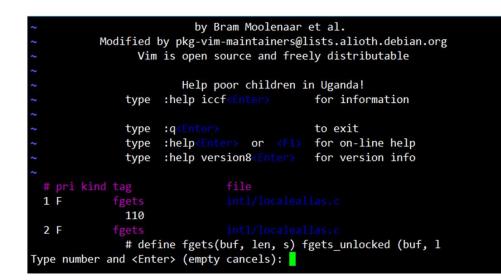
Prepare the practice for the ctags (3)

Save and quit the vi

:wq

• Open vi in glibc directory and run below command for testing

:tj fgets





Command	Description of the command
:ta [tagname]	Jump to definition of tagname
:po	Jump back to previous position
Ctrl +]	Shorcut of command 'ta'. The tagname is a string pointed by current cursor.
Ctrl + t	Shorcut of command 'po'.
:ts [tagname]	Print list of definition of tagname
:tj [tagname]	Jump to definition of tagname if there is single definition Otherwise, print list of definition of tagname
:tn	Jump to next definition in list printed by command ts
:tp	Jump to previous definition in list printed by command ts
:tags	Print history of jump using ctags
:sts	Same with command 'ts', but split windows

The command 'ta'

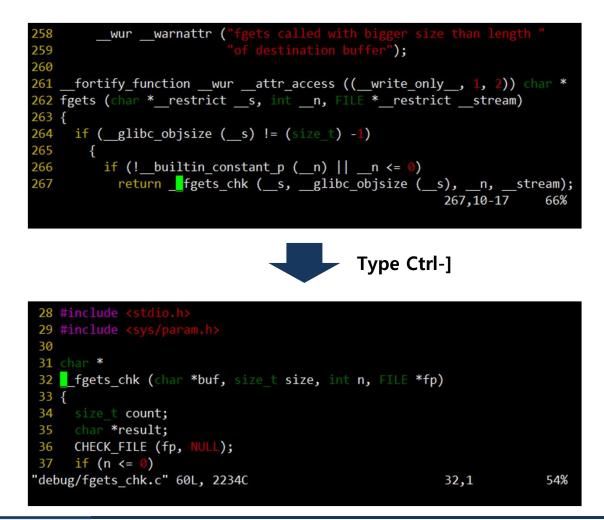
":ta fgets": Jump to definition of fgets



Shorcut of the command 'ta'

"Ctrl-]":

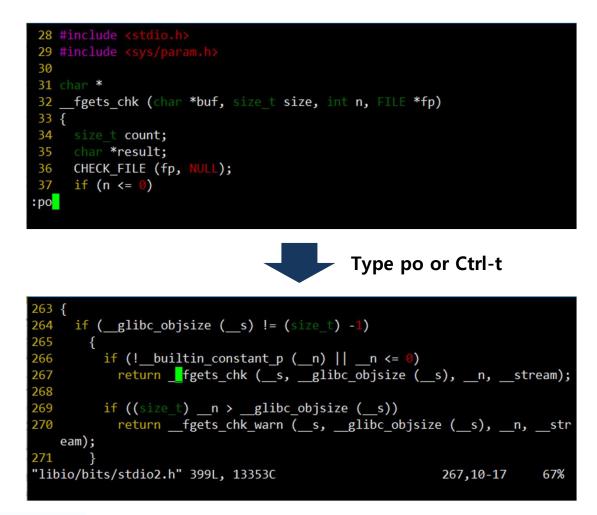
Jump to definition of function pointed by current cursor



The command "po" and its shortcut

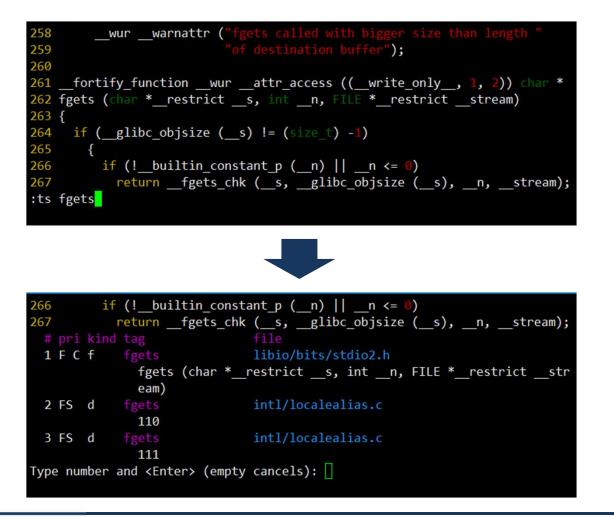
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":po" & "Ctrl-t":
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Jump to previous position (Continue to previous slide...)



The command "ts"

":ts fgets": Print list of definition of fgets



The command "tj"

``:tj fgets": Print the list of definition of fgets <u>*It has multiple definitions</u>

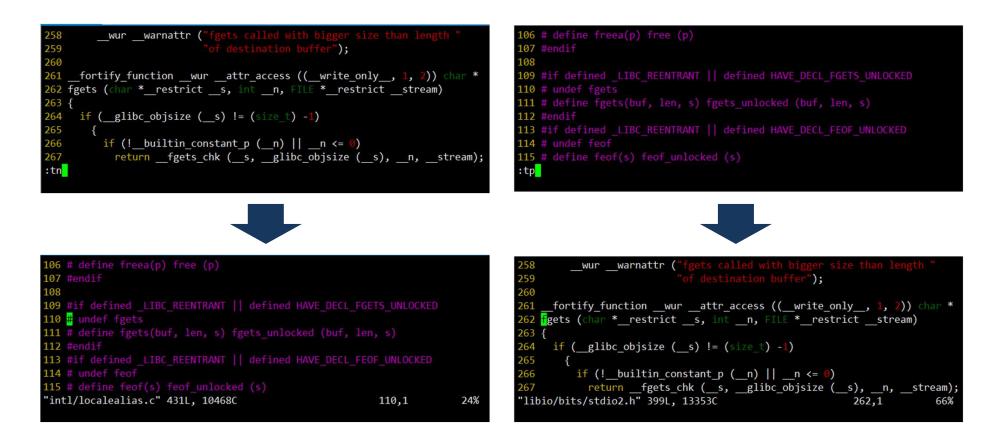


Type the number of tag you want

The command "tn" and "tp" (Cont. to "tj fgets")

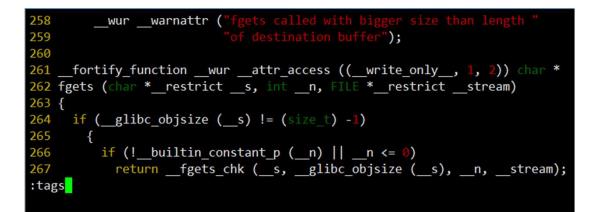
 $\frac{\text{``:tn'':}}{\text{Jump to next definition of fgets}}$

`:tp": Jump to previous definition of fgets

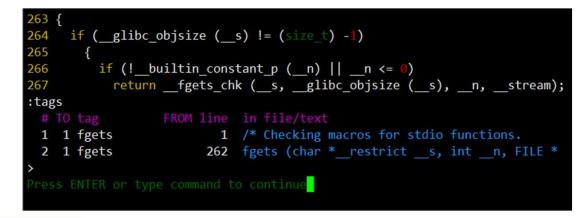


The command "tags" (Cont. to prev. slide)

``:tags": Print history of jump using ctags

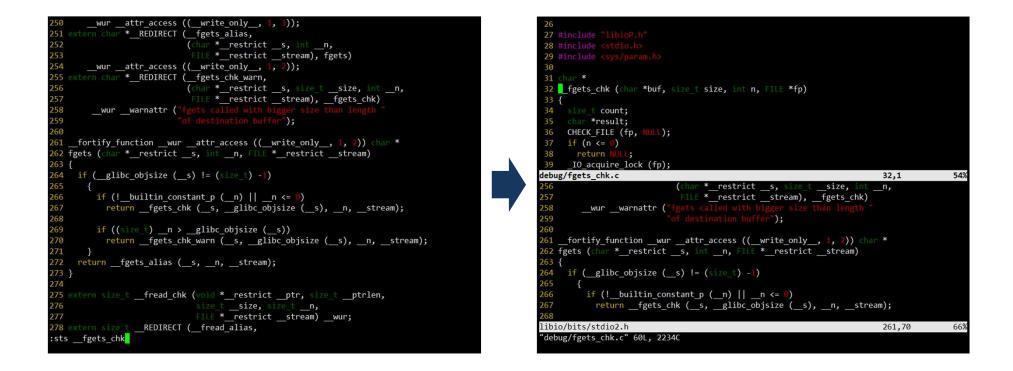






The command "sts" (Cont. to prev. slide)

``:sts __fgets_chk": Same with command 'ts', but split windows







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cscope

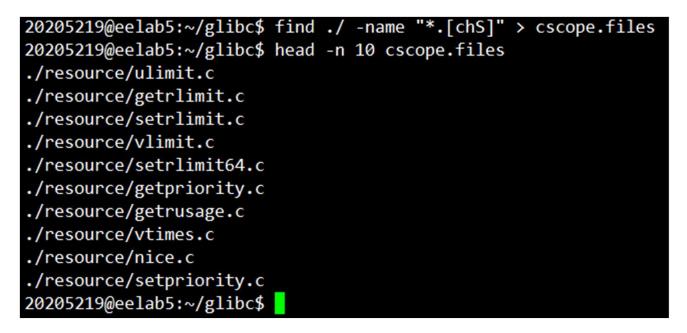
- The tool supports functionalities that are not in ctags.
- The functionalities include:
 - Find the definition of symbol.
 - Find the positions where a given function is called or a variable is accessed.
 - Find the functions that specific function calls.
 - Find text string.
- Installation (Linux)
 - \$ sudo apt-get install cscope

Setup cscope (1)

Step 1. Make a file "cscope.files" containing list of files what you want to analyze in the glibc directory.

\$ find . -name "`*.[chS]" > cscope.files

Result:



Setup cscope (2)

Step 2. Make a file "cscope.out" which is a database file for cscope with below command

\$ cscope -i cscope.files

The cscope.out has the information of each file in cscope.files

• Result:

Cscope version 15.8b nce	Press	the	? key	for	help
Find this C symbol:					
Find this global definition: Find functions called by this function:					
Find functions calling this function: Find this text string: Change this text string:					
Find this egrep pattern: Find this file:					
Find files #including this file: Find assignments to this symbol:					

* You can leave the cscope with Ctrl-D

Setup cscope (3)

- Step 3. Set the cscope in vim with the command below.
 - : cs add ./cscope.out
- Add above command in ~/.vimrc will save this configuration.





command

- Find the functions that "call" a given function or that "is called" by a given function.
 - Find all functions that call malloc()
 - Find all functions that are called by malloc().

Command	Description
S	Find C symbol String
g	Find definition String
d	Find functions called by function String
С	Find functions calling function String
t	Find text String
е	Find egrep pattern String
f	Find file String
i	Find files #including file String

cs find <Command Character> <String>



"cs find s printf": Search the symbol "printf"

Cscope	tag:	printf
#	line	filename / context / line
1	130	<pre>elf/tst-auditmod1.c <<global>></global></pre>
		printf ("pltexit: symname=%s, st_value=%#lx, ndx=%u, retval=%tu\n",
2	39	elf/tst-dlsym-error.c < <global>></global>
		<pre>printf ("error: asprintf: %m\n");</pre>
3	46	elf/tst-dlsym-error.c < <global>></global>
		printf ("error: %s: found symbol \"no_such_symbol\"\n", name);
4	52	elf/tst-dlsym-error.c < <global>></global>
		printf ("error: %s: missing error message\n", name);
5	58	elf/tst-dlsym-error.c < <global>></global>
		printf ("error: %s: unexpected error message: %s\n", name, message);
6	66	elf/tst-dlsym-error.c < <global>></global>
		printf ("error: %s: unexpected error message: %s\n", name, message);
7	81	elf/tst-dlsym-error.c < <global>></global>
		printf ("error: cannot dlopen %s: %s\n", LIBC_SO, dlerror ());
8	115	<pre>libio/bits/stdio2.h <<global>></global></pre>
		#define printf() \
Mor	e	



``cs find e ..printf": Search the symbol ..printf with regular expression

Ceco	ina ta		nnintf
CSC0			printf
Ŧ			filename / context / line
1	. 1	103	<pre>argp/argp-fmtstream.c <<<unknown>>></unknown></pre>
			fxprintf (fs->stream, "%.*s", (int) (fs->p - fs->buf), fs->buf);
2	2 2	292	<pre>argp/argp-fmtstream.c <<<unknown>>></unknown></pre>
			fxprintf (fs->stream, "%.*s\n",
3	3 3	359	<pre>argp/argp-fmtstream.c <<<unknown>>></unknown></pre>
			<pre>fxprintf (fs->stream, "%.*s", (int) (fs->p - fs->buf), fs->buf);</pre>
4	4	400	<pre>argp/argp-fmtstream.c <<<unknown>>></unknown></pre>
			<pre>argp_fmtstream_printf (struct argp_fmtstream *fs, const char *fmt,)</pre>
5	5 4	415	
			<pre>out =vsnprintf_internal (fs->p, avail, fmt, args, 0);</pre>
6	5 4	429	<pre>argp/argp-fmtstream.c <<<unknown>>></unknown></pre>
			<pre>weak_alias (argp_fmtstream_printf, argp_fmtstream_printf)</pre>
7		58	<pre>argp/argp-fmtstream.h <<<unknown>>></unknown></pre>
			<pre>#defineargp_fmtstream_printf fprintf</pre>
8	3	59	<pre>argp/argp-fmtstream.h <<<unknown>>></unknown></pre>
			#define argp_fmtstream_printf fprintf
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``cs find c printf": Prints the functions calling the symbol printf

Cscope	tag:	printf
#	line	filename / context / line
1	53	<pre>argp/argp-test.c <<weak_alias>></weak_alias></pre>
		<pre>printf ("NO SUB ARGS\n");</pre>
2	53	<pre>argp/argp-test.c <<sub_parse_opt>></sub_parse_opt></pre>
		<pre>printf ("NO SUB ARGS\n");</pre>
3	56	<pre>argp/argp-test.c <<weak_alias>></weak_alias></pre>
		printf ("SUB ARG: %s\n", arg);
4	56	
		printf ("SUB ARG: %s\n", arg);
5	60	
		printf ("SUB KEY %c\n", key);
6	60	<pre>argp/argp-test.c <<sub_parse_opt>></sub_parse_opt></pre>
		printf ("SUB KEY %c\n", key);
7	132	
		printf ("KEY %s: %s\n", buf, arg);
8	134	
	_	printf ("KEY %s\n", buf);
Mor	e	

"cs find d printf":

Print the functions called by the symbol printf.



"cs find g printf": Search position defining the symbol printf

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Csco	pe tag:	printf
#	line	filename / context / line
1	110	<pre>libio/bits/stdio2.h <<printf>></printf></pre>
		printf (const char *restrictfmt,)
2	115	<pre>libio/bits/stdio2.h <<printf>></printf></pre>
		<pre>#define printf() \</pre>
3	5	<pre>sysdeps/ieee754/ldbl-opt/nldbl-printf.c <<printf>></printf></pre>
		printf (const char *fmt,)
4	102	<pre>/usr/include/bits/stdio2.h <<printf>></printf></pre>
		printf (const char *restrictfmt,)
5	107	<pre>/usr/include/bits/stdio2.h <<printf>></printf></pre>
		#define printf() \
Туре	number	and <enter> (empty cancels):</enter>



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What Is Makefile?

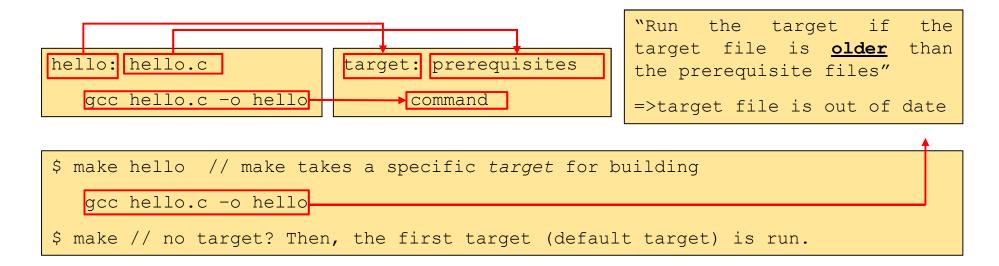
- A file that helps decide which parts of a large program need to be recompiled.
 - Makefile = a configuration file for partial build.
- Example: build a wordprocessor with 10,000 source code files.
 - Don't want to recompile them all if you edit just one line.
 - Recompile only those files that have changed.
 - make (a tool) enables this task.
 - A GNU tool that executes the *"appropriate"* rules in makefile.





make & makefile

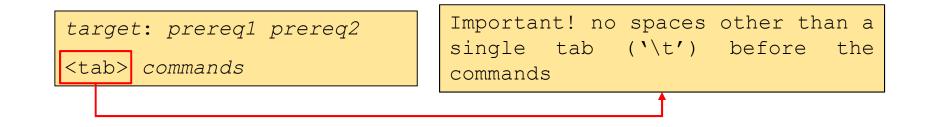
- make executes rules in 'makefile' (or 'Makefile' or 'GNUMakefile').
 - 'makefile' content:





Targets and Prerequisites

- 'makefile' contains a set of rules to build an application.
 - Can have multiple rules in one file.
 - Each rule can have (multiple) dependencies.
- **Default** rule = the first rule in 'makefile'.
 - Default rule is executed if make runs without any arguments.
- A rule consists of a target, prerequisite(s), and command(s).





Example Rules in Makefile

foo: foo.o libfoo.o foo.h

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gcc foo.o libfoo.o -o foo
```

- *target*=foo, *prerequisites*=foo.o, libfoo.o, and foo.h
- *command*=gcc foo.o libfoo.o -o foo
- How to evaluate a rule?
 - 1. It finds the files for the prerequisites and the target.
 - 2. If the prerequisites have associated rules, evaluate them recursively.

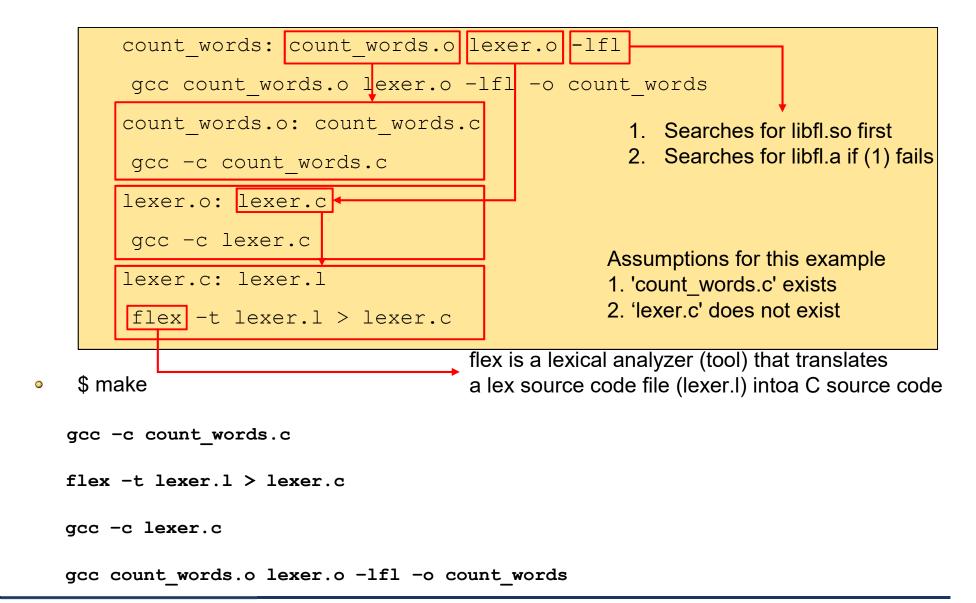
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foo.o: foo.c foo.h
gcc -c foo.c
```

3. If any prerequisite is *newer* (modified more recently) than the target, the target is rebuilt by executing the command(s).

- Each command line is run in its own shell.
- If any command fails, building of the target terminates and make exits.



An Example for Evaluating Rules



A Few Tips on Rules

- A rule can have multiple targets.
 - Each target has the same set of prerequisites.

vpath.o variable.o: make.h config.h getopt.h gettext.h dep.h

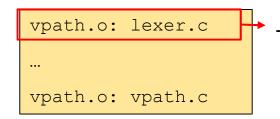
vpath.o: make.h config.h getopt.h gettext.h dep.h

variable.o: make.h config.h getopt.h gettext.h dep.h

• Not all prerequisites need to be defined *all at once.*

vpath.o: make.h config.h getopt.h gettext.h dep.h

vapth.o: filedep.h hash.h job.h commands.h variable.h vapth.h



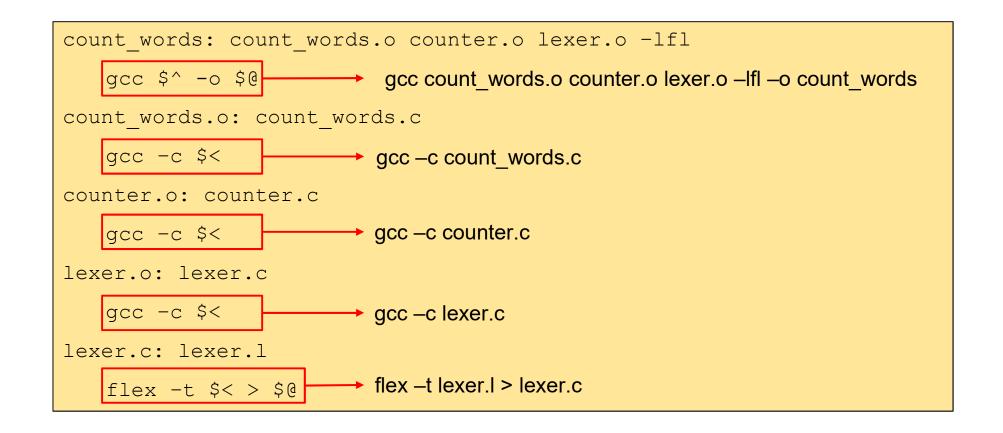
Whenever lexer.c is updated, vpath.o must be updated. The prerequisite is always updated before the target is updated.



Wildcards and Variables

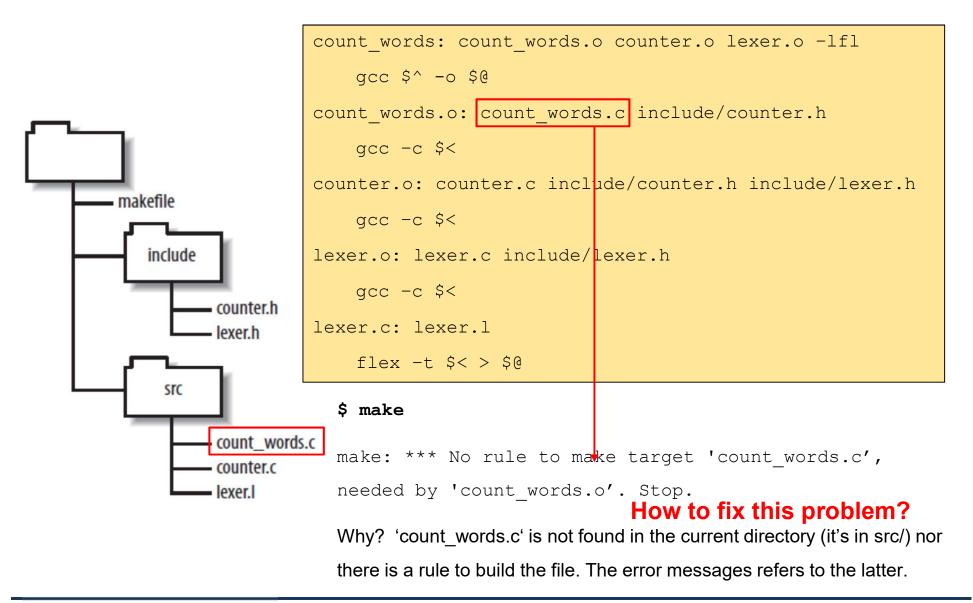
- make supports wildcards. (*, ~, ?, [...], [^...])
 - *: replaced with all file names in the current directory. (*.c: all '.c' files in current directory)
 - ~: replaced with the home directory.
- \$ (variable-name): expand the variable whose name is variable-name.
 - Format: variable-name = value
 Variables can contain almost any text
 Automatic variables
 \$@: the filename that represents the target.
 \$<: The filename of the first prerequisite.
 - \$? : the names of all prerequisites newer than the target, separated by spaces.
 - \$^: the filename of all the prerequisites, separated by spaces. (with duplicate files removed)
 - \$+: Similar to \$^, but allows duplicate files.
 - \$*: the stem of the target filename, "stem" = a filename without its suffix.

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Files in Different Directories?



VPATH & CPPFLAGS

VPATH = src

CPPFLAGS = -I include

count words: count words.o counter.o lexer.o -lfl

gcc **\$(CPPFLAGS)** \$^ -o \$@

count words.o: count words.c include/counter.h

gcc **\$(CPPFLAGS)** -c \$<

counter.o: counter.c include/counter.h include/lexer.h

gcc **\$(CPPFLAGS)** -c \$<

lexer.o: lexer.c include/lexer.h

gcc **\$(CPPFLAGS)** -c \$<

lexer.c: lexer.l

flex -t \$< > \$@

- VPATH: environment variable. tells make where to look for the files.
- CPPFLAGS: provides an option to gcc for finding the header files.
 - CPPFLAGS: preprocessor options
 - CFLAGS: c compiler options

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vpath directive - more precise

vpath %.c src
vpath %.l src
vpath %.h include

- Look for .c or .l files in "src/".
- Look for .h in "include/" .
 - No need for include/X in prerequisites.



Phony Targets

- Phony target: a target that does not represent a file.
 - Always out of date, so always evaluate the rule.

```
clean:
   rm -f *.o lexer.c
$ make clean // always executes `rm -f *.o lexer.c'.
```

- What if there happens to be a file, 'clean', in the current directory?
 - \$ make clean

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make: 'clean' is up to date.

- Problem: make does not know whether a target is phony or not.
- . PHONY to explicitly tell make that 'clean' is a phony target.

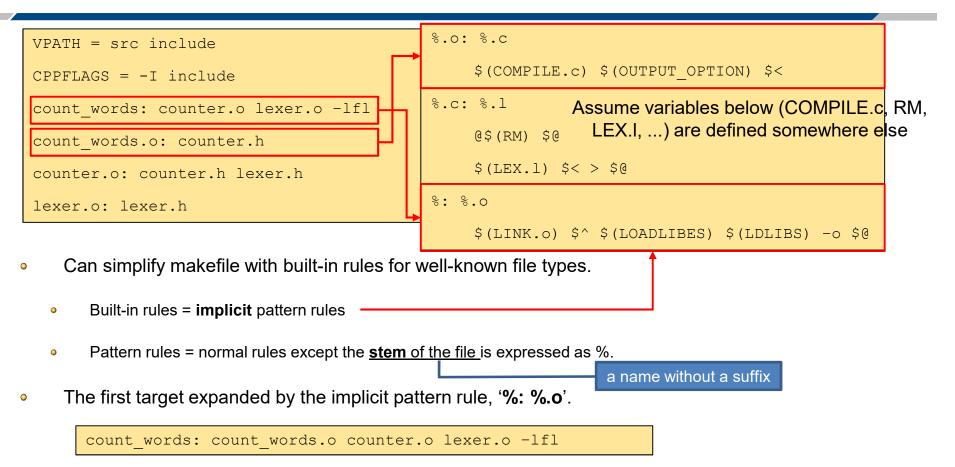
```
.PHONY: clean
clean:
rm -f *.o lexer.c
```



Popular Phony Targets

- Typical phony targets & typical meaning
 - **all**: perform all tasks to build the application.
 - **install**: create an installation of the application from the compiled binaries.
 - **clean**: delete the binary files, temporary files generated from source files.
 - **distclean**: delete all the generated files not in the original source distribution.
 - **TAGS**: create a tag tale for use by editors. (ctags/etags)
 - **info**: create GNU info files from their Texinfo sources.
 - **check**: Run any tests associated with this application.

Pattern Rules

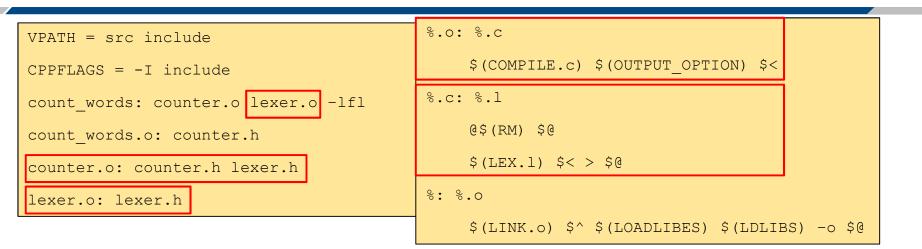


- % = count_words, %.o = count_words.o
- Next target = count_words.o, its rule expanded by '%.o: %.c'.

count_words.o: count_words.c counter.h

• src/count_words.c exists, and it does not have a prerequisite => run the command & move on.

Pattern Rules



• Next target = counter.o

counter.o: counter.c counter.h lexer.h

(expanded by %.o: %.c)

• Next target = lexer.o (expanded by %.o: %.c)

lexer.o: lexer.c lexer.h

	lexer.c: lexer.l
But src/lexer.c does NOT exist	@\$(RM) \$@
This triggers the rule, '%.c: % .	\$(LEX.l) \$< > \$@



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Predefined Variables in Built-in Rules

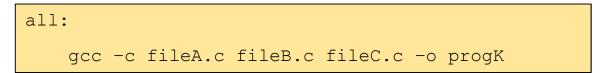
```
%.0: %.C
$(COMPILE.c) $(OUTPUT_OPTION) $<
%.c: %.1
@$(RM) $@
$(LEX.1) $< > $@
%: %.0
$(LINK.0) $^ $(LOADLIBES) $(LDLIBS) -0 $@
```

- \$ make -p // will show all predefined/default variables
 - COMPILE.c = \$(CC) \$(CFLAGS) \$(CPPFLAGS) \$(TARGET_ARCH) -c
 - CC = cc, can be redefined to the path of an alternate C compiler.
 - CFLAGS: options for \$(CC) command. none by default.
 - CPPFLAGS: options for cpp. none by default .
 - TARGET_ARCH: architecture-specific options. none by default.
 - LINK.o = \$(CC) \$(CFLAGS) \$(CPPFLAGS) \$(LDFLAGS)
 - LDFLAGS: options for ld; none by default.

- LEX.I = \$(LEX) \$(LFLAGS) -t
- LEX = lex
- LFLAGS = options for lex, none by default.
- RM = rm –f

Practice Writing Makefile

- Want to build *progK*. (program binary name)
 - C source code consists of fileA.c, fileB.c, and fileC.c
 - fileA.c includes a1.h and a2.h, fileB.c includes b1.h, and fileC.c includes c1.h.
 - All files (.c or .h) can be modified any time.
- Let's write reasonable makfefile.
- Version 1:



- Problem: no prerequisites don't recompile even if any files are modified.
- Version 2:

all: fileA.c fileB.c fileC.c a1.h a2.h b1.h c1.h
gcc -c fileA.c fileB.c fileC.c -o progK

• Problem? Recompile every file if any prerequisite files are modified.

Practice Writing Makefile (Continued)

• Version 3:

```
OBJFILES = fileA.o fileB.o fileC.o
CC = gcc
CFLAGS = -Wall -Werror
All: $(OBJFILES)
    $(CC) $(OBJFILES) -o progK
fileA.o: al.h a2.h
fileB.o: bl.h
fileC.o: cl.h
```

- A reasonable one that does
 - Partial/incremental build.
 - Properly uses built-in pattern rules.
 - Properly overrides CFLAGS with –Wall (print all warnings) –Werror (make all warnings)

Debugging is not easy.

In 1997, Pathfinder on Mars has stopped. OS has crashed due to the priority inversion.



- The Mars Pathfinder Mission Status Reports First Week
- The Mars Pathfinder Mission Status Reports Second Week
- The Mars Pathfinder Mission Status Reports Third Week
- What really happened on Mars?
- A Conversation with Glenn Reeves



How did NASA remotely fix the code on the Mars Pathfinder?

17	In 1997, NASA remotely fixed a bug that caused priority inversion on their Mars Pathfinder. How did they go about doing this? What kind of communication protocols are used? How do they update the source for an operating system, compile it, and run it from a remote location? This might be simpler than I thought, but to me this seems like quite the feat!	asked viewed active	ł
*	Story of the bugfix here: <u>http://research.microsoft.com/en-</u> us/um/people/mbj/mars_pathfinder/authoritative_account.html	Linked	b
5	The author said to email him and he would provide details, but this was almost 20 years ago. Curious to see if anyone else knows how this worked.		E

