CS631 - Advanced Programming in the UNIX Environment
–
UNIX development tools

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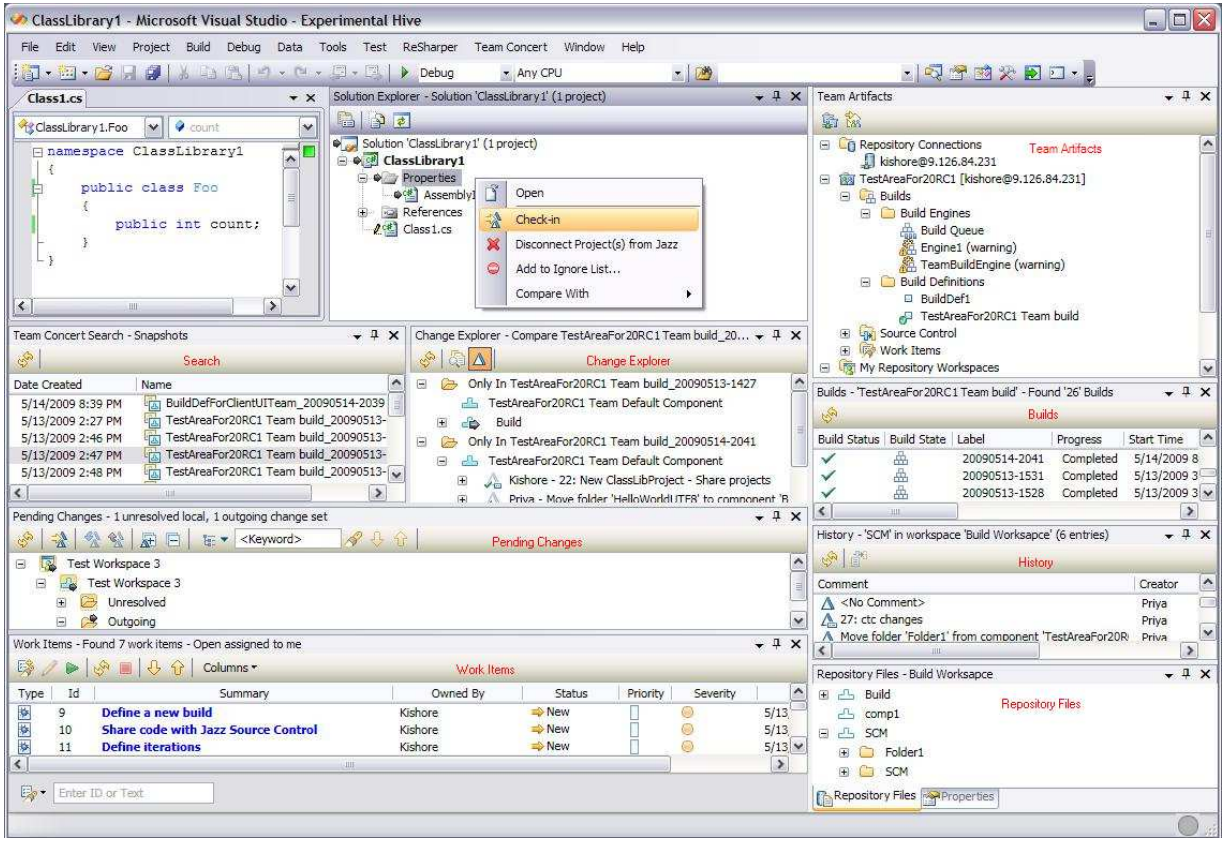

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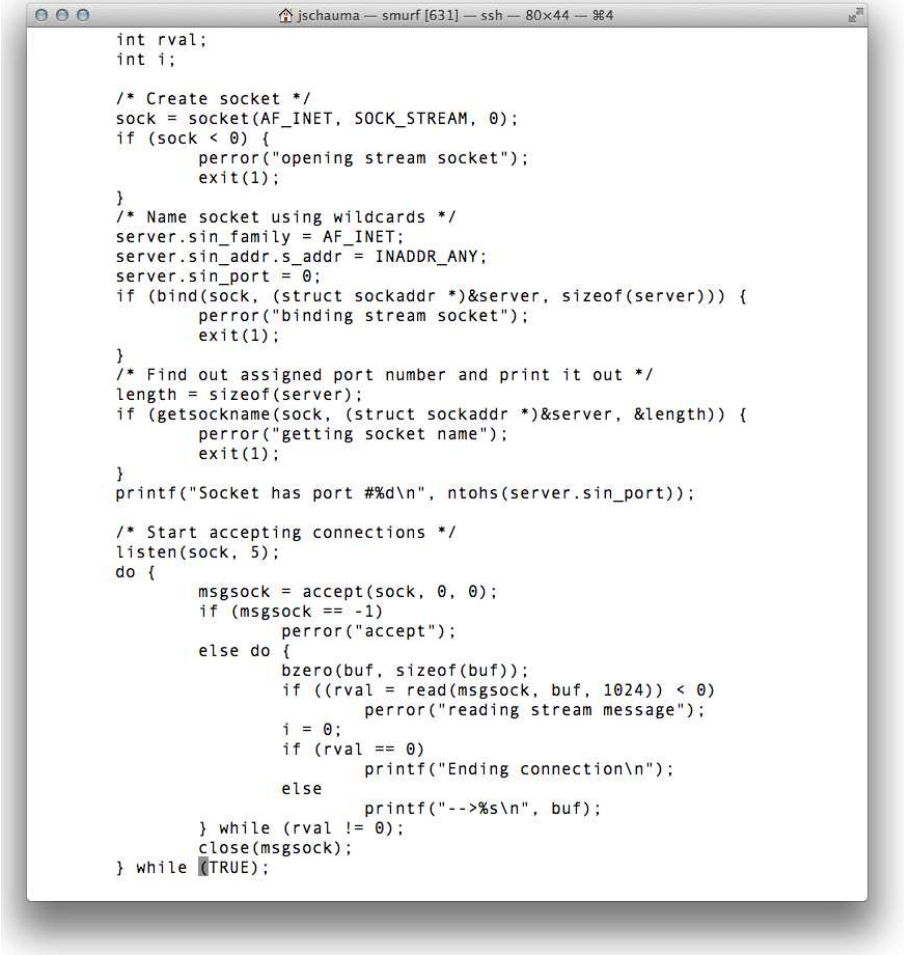

Software Development Tools

UNIX Userland is an IDE – essential tools that follow the paradigm of "Do one thing, and do it right" can be combined.

The most important tools are:

- `$EDITOR`
- the compiler toolchain
- `gdb(1)` – debugging your code
- `make(1)` – project build management, maintain program dependencies
- `diff(1)` and `patch(1)` – report and apply differences between files
- `cvs(1)`, `svn(1)`, `git(1)` etc. – distributed project management, version control

EDITOR

Know your `$EDITOR`. Core functionality:

- syntax highlighting
- efficient keyboard maneuvering
- setting markers, using buffers
- copy, yank, fold e.g. blocks
- search and replace
- window splitting
- autocompletion
- jump to definition / manual page
- applying external commands and filters

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Examples given using `vim(1)`.

Efficient keyboard maneuvering:

- up, down, left, right (h, j, k, l)
- move by word, go to end (w, b, e)
- search forward, backward, move to beginning or end of line (, /, ?, ^, $)
- page up or down (^D, ^B)
- center page, top or bottom (zz, zt, zb)
- move to matching brace, move to beginning/end of code block (%,]}, [{)
- move through multiple files (:n, :prev, :rew)

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Examples given using `vim(1)`.

Copy, yank, fold, markers, buffers etc.:

- set and display markers (m [a-zA-Z], :marks)
- select visual blocks (v, V)
- format / indent selected block (=)
- delete, yank, use of buffers (d, y, ”xy, ”xp)
- fold sections (zf, zA)

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Look-ups:

- ```
  find /usr/src -name '*[ch]' -print | xargs ctags -f ~/.ctags
  ```
- `echo "set tags+=~/.ctags" >> ~/.vimrc`
- Ctrl+], Ctrl+t – jump to definition and back
- K – jump to manual page
- Ctrl+N – autocomplete
  ```

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Examples given using `vim(1)`.

Integration with compiler, debugger, `make(1)` etc.

```
vim welcome.c
:make
Ctrl+]
:cnext
...
```

Finally, two of your most powerful Unix IDE integrations are a terminal multiplexer (e.g. `screen(1)` or `tmux(1)`) and copious use of Ctrl+Z (i.e., the shell's job control mechanisms).

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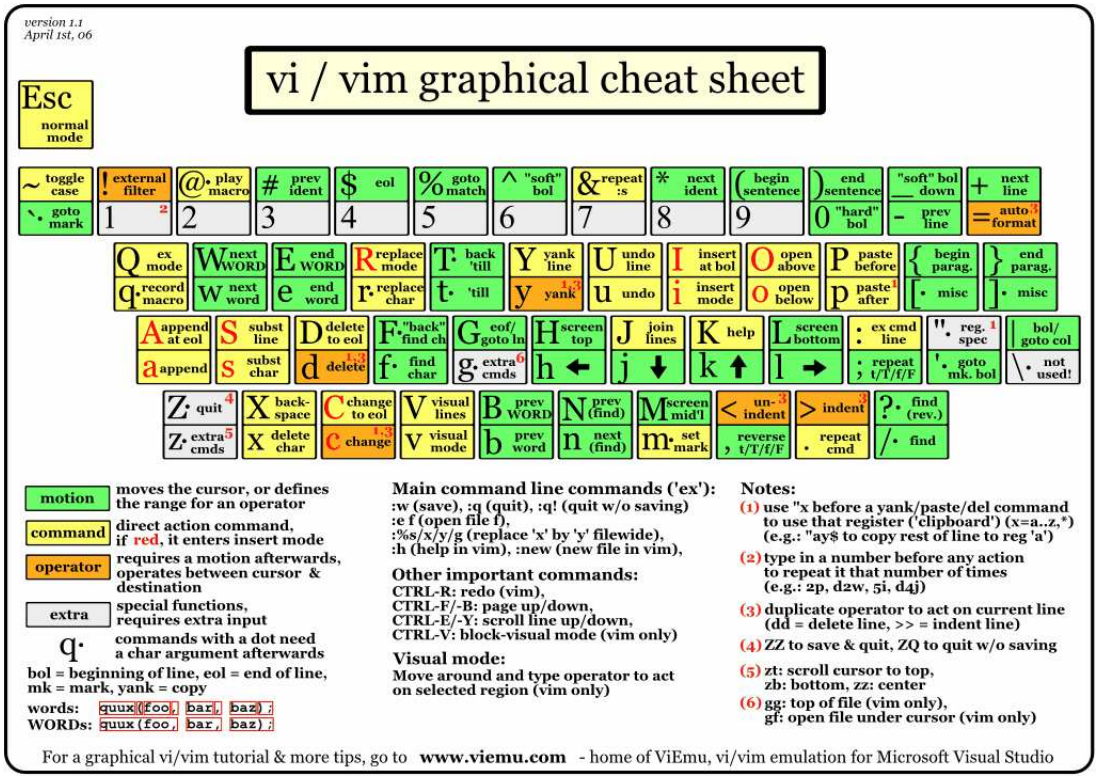

`https://duckduckgo.com/?q=vim+tutorial`

Compilers

A compiler translates *source code* from a high-level programming language into *machine code* for a given architecture by performing a number of steps:

- lexical analysis
- preprocessing
- parsing
- semantic analysis
- code optimization
- code generation
- assembly
- linking

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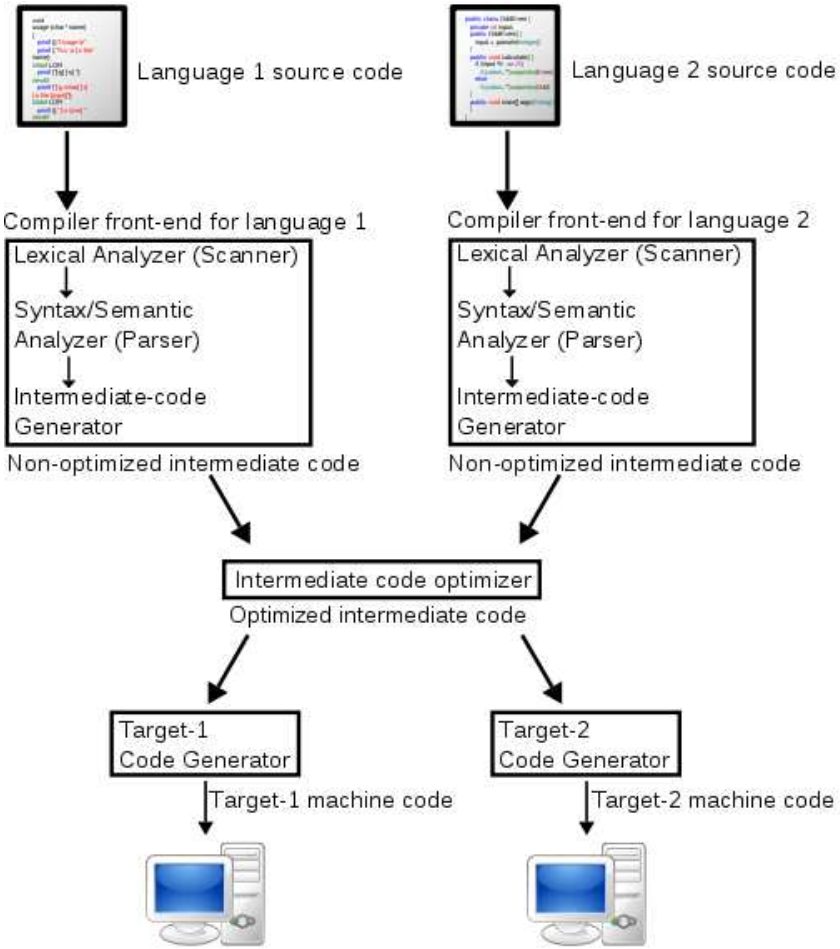
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Intermediate code optimizer
Optimized intermediate code
Target-1 Code Generator
Target-2 Code Generator
Target-1 machine code
Target-2 machine code

Compilers

There are many different closed- and open-source compiler chains:

- Intel C/C++ Compiler (or `icc`)
- Turbo C / Turbo C++ / C++Builder (Borland)
- Microsoft Visual C++
- ...

- Clang (a frontend to LLVM)
- GNU Compiler Collection (or `gcc`)
- Portable C Compiler (or `pcc`)
- ...

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```
$ cd compilechain
$ cat hello.c
$ man cpp
$ cpp hello.c hello.i
$ file hello.i
$ man cc
$ cc -v -E hello.c > hello.i
$ more hello.i
$ cc -v -DFOOD=\"Avocado\" -E hello.c > hello.i.2
$ diff -bu hello.i hello.i.2
```

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```
$ more hello.i
$ cc -v -S hello.i
$ file hello.s
$ more hello.s
```

Assembly

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```
$ as -o hello.o hello.s
$ file hello.o
$ cc -v -c hello.s
$ objdump -d hello.o
[...]
```

Linking

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```
$ ld hello.o
[...]
$ ld hello.o -lc
[...]
$ cc -v hello.o
[...]
$ ld -dynamic-linker /usr/libexec/ld.elf_so                    \
        /usr/lib/crt0.o /usr/lib/crti.o /usr/lib/crtbegin.o \
        hello.o -lc /usr/lib/crtend.o /usr/lib/crtn.o
$ file a.out
$ ./a.out
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$ cc -v -O2 -g hello.c 2>&1 | more
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The behavior of the compiler toolchain may be influenced by environment variables (eg TMPDIR, SGI_ABI) and/or the compilers default configuration file (MIPSPro's /etc/compiler.defaults or gcc's specs).

```
$ cc -v hello.c
$ TMPDIR=/var/tmp cc -v hello.c
$ cc -dumpspec
```

A Debugger

gdb(1)

The purpose of a debugger such as `gdb(1)` is to allow you to see what is going on "inside" another program while it executes – or what another program was doing at the moment it crashed. `gdb` allows you to

- make your program stop on specified conditions (for example by setting *breakpoints*)
- examine what has happened, when your program has stopped (by looking at the *backtrace*, inspecting the value of certain variables)
- inspect control flow (for example by *stepping* through the program)

Other interesting things you can do:

- examine stack frames: *info frame*, *info locals*, *info args*
- examine memory: *x*
- examine assembly: *disassemble func*

gdb(1)

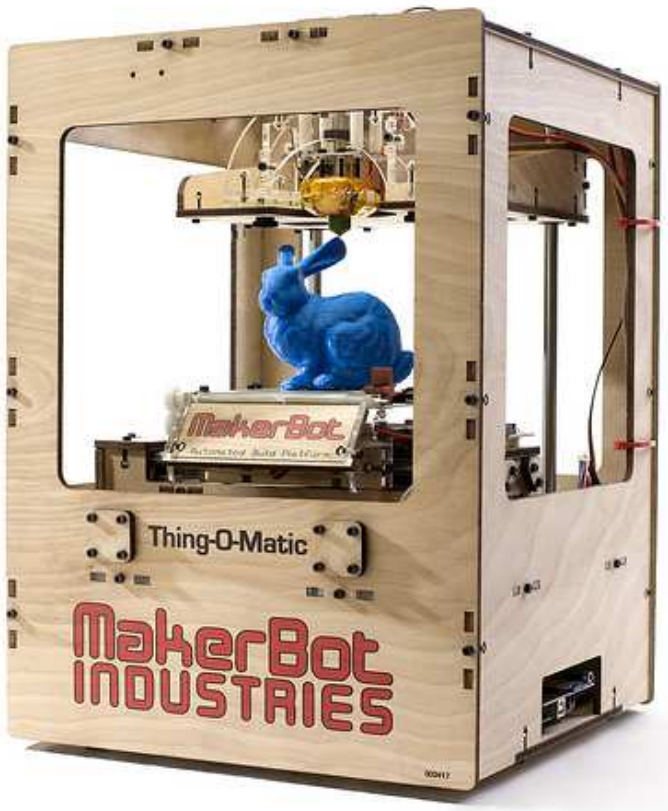
```
$ cc simple-ls.c
$ ./a.out ~/testdir
Memory fault (core dumped)
$ gdb ./a.out
(gdb) run ~/testdir

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x0000000000400cc7 in main (argc=2, argv=0x7f7fffa71978) at simple-ls-stat.c:48
warning: Source file is more recent than executable.
48                      printf("%s (%s)\n", dirp->d_name, pwd->pw_name);

(gdb) bt
(gdb) frame 0
(gdb) li
(gdb) print pwd
```

gdb(1)

```
$ cc gdb2.c
$ ./a.out
$ gdb ./a.out a.out.core
(gdb) from 2
(gdb) p argv[1]

$ ./a.out -1
$ ./a.out 1234567890123456

$ ./a.out 1
123456789

$ gdb ./a.out
(gdb) break main
(gdb) run 1
(gdb) p buf
(gdb) p buf2
```

```
(gdb) call sizeof buf
(gdb) p buf
(gdb) p (buf+8)
```

make(1)



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- different versions of `make(1)` (BSD make, GNU make, Sys V make, ...) may differ (among other things) in
  - variable assignment and expansion/substitution
  - including other files
  - flow control (for-loops, conditionals etc.)

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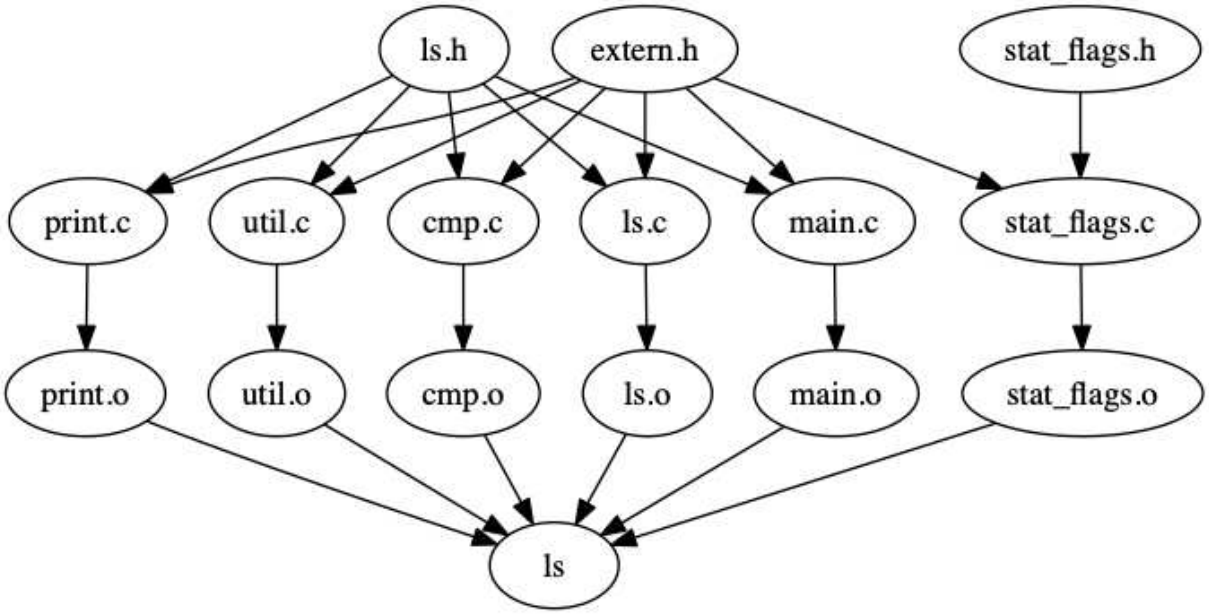

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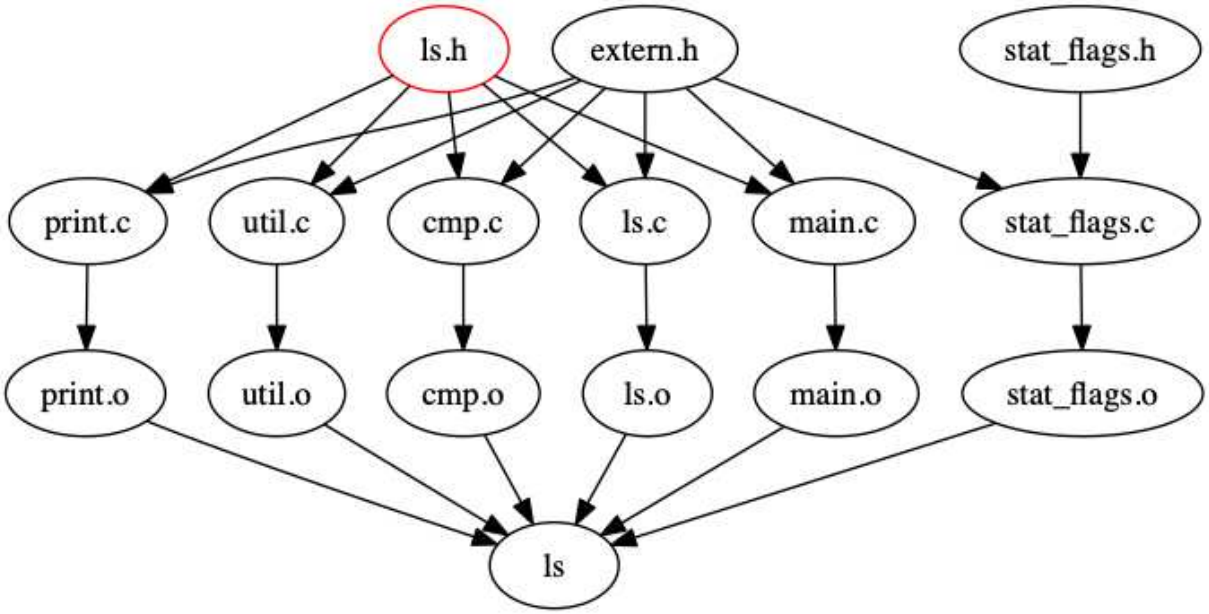

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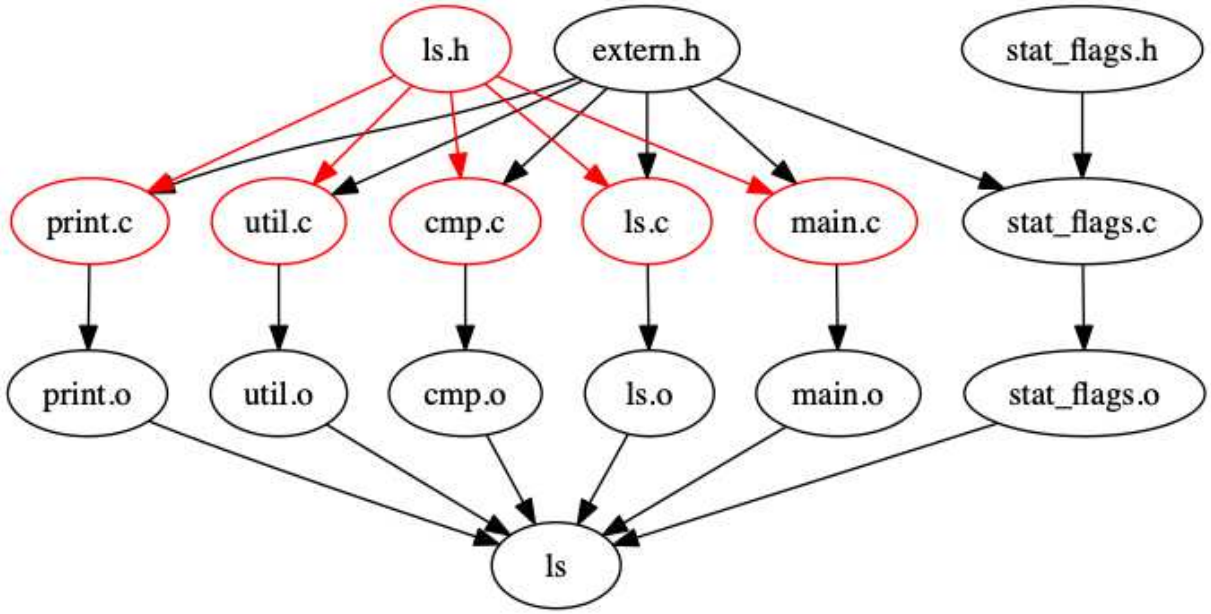

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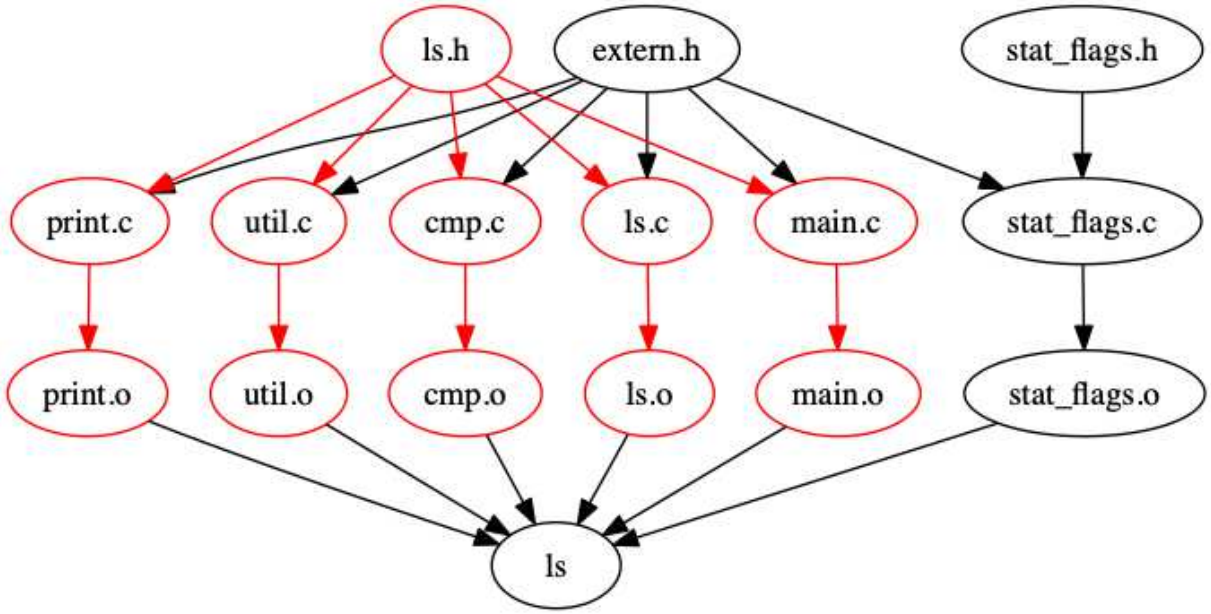

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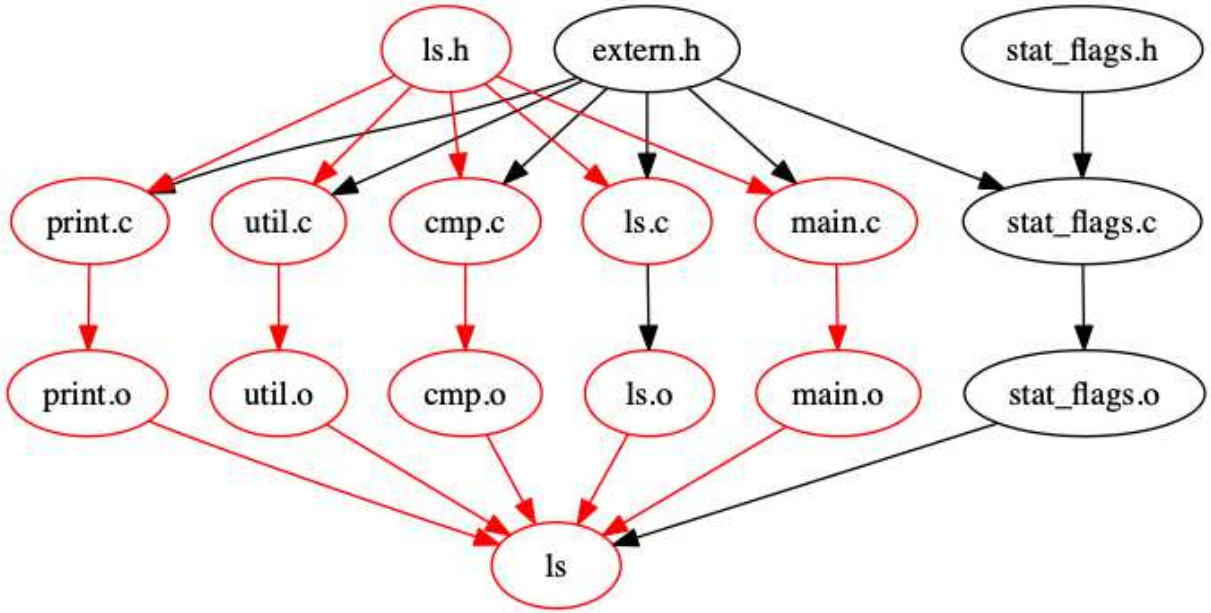

make(1)

```
$ ln -s Makefile.1 Makefile
$ make # or: make -f Makefile.1
[...]
$ make
[...]
$ make clean
$ export CFLAGS="-Wall -Werror"
$ make
[...]
$ make clean
[...]
$ make showvars
[...]
$ make CFLAGS="${CFLAGS}" showvars
[...]
```

Repeat with other Makefiles.

Priority of Macro Assignments for `make(1)`

1. Internal (default) definitions of `make(1)`
2. Current shell environment variables. This includes macros that you enter on the *make* command line itself.
3. Macro definitions in *Makefile*.
4. Macros entered on the `make(1)` command line, if they follow the *make* command itself.

Ed is the standard text editor.

```
$ ed
?
help
?
quit
?
exit
?
bye
?
eat flaming death
?
^C
?
^D
?
```

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```
$ ed
a
ed is the standard Unix text editor.
This is line number two.
.
2i

.
%l
3s/two/three/
w foo
q
$ cat foo
```

`diff(1)` and `patch(1)`

`diff(1)`:

- compares files line by line
- output may be used to automatically edit a file
- can produce human “readable” output as well as diff entire directory structures
- output called a *patch*

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`patch(1)`:

- applies a `diff(1)` file (aka *patch*) to an original
- may back up original file
- may guess correct format
- ignores leading or trailing “garbage”
- allows for reversing the patch
- may even correct context line numbers

diff(1) and patch(1)

```
$ diff Makefile.2 Makefile.5
[...]
$ cp Makefile.2 /tmp
$ ( diff -e Makefile.2 Makefile.5; echo w; ) | ed Makefile.2
$ diff Makefile.[25]
$ mv /tmp/Makefile.2 .
$ diff -c Makefile.[25]
$ diff -u Makefile.[25] > /tmp/patch
$ patch </tmp/patch
$ diff Makefile.[25]
```

`diff(1)` and `patch(1)`

Difference in `ls(1)` between NetBSD and OpenBSD:

```
$ diff -bur netbsd/src/bin/ls openbsd/src/bin/ls
```

Difference in `ls(1)` between NetBSD and FreeBSD:

```
$ diff -bur netbsd/src/bin/ls freebsd-ls/ls
```

Revision Control

To be continued...

Links

GDB:

https://sourceware.org/gdb/current/onlinedocs/gdb/

http://heather.cs.ucdavis.edu/~matloff/UnixAndC/CLanguage/Debug.html

http://www.unknownroad.com/rtfm/gdbtut/gdbtoc.html