

# CS 354 - Machine Organization & Programming

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**Homework hw8:** DUE on or before Monday December 9

**Homework hw9:** DUE on or before Wednesday December 11

**Project p6:** Due on or before last day of classes Wednesday December 11. **NOTE: There is no LATE day or OOPS point available for p6. All work must be submitted before 11:59 pm Dec 11th. Please complete p6 this week as all support is very busy last week of classes.**

### Learning Objectives

- ◆ able to describe how multiple signals are received “handled”
- ◆ able to describe purpose and how to use forward declarations
- ◆ able to explain difference between declaration and definition in resolving symbols
- ◆ know how to declare variable without defining and when and why; reserved word “extern”
- ◆ be able to code and compile a project across multiple source files, use make and Makefile
- ◆ able to create, read, and interpret a Relocatable Object File, ROFs
- ◆ name and describe sections of object files
- ◆ understand and describe static linking of multiple files into a single Executable Object File
- ◆ understand and describe how compiler resolves symbols across multiple source files

### This Week

Issues with Multiple Signals Forward Declaration Multifile Coding Multifile Compilation Makefiles	Relocatable Object Files Static Linking Linker Symbols Linker Symbol Table Symbol Resolution
<b>Next Week:</b> Resolving Globals Symbol Relocation Executable Object File Loader What's next? take OS cs537 as soon as possible and Compilers cs536, too!	<b>Read:</b> B&O 7.1 Compiler Drivers 7.2 Static Linking 7.3 Object Files 7.4 Relocatable Object Files 7.5 Symbols and Symbols Tables 7.6 Symbol Resolution 7.7 Relocation

## Issues with Multiple Signals

**What?** Multiple signals of the same type as well as those of different types can be sent during same period that other signals are sent and even while a signal handler is running.

### Some Issues

→ Can a signal handler be interrupted by other signals? **YES, but...**  
Linux signals of the same type as running signal handler don't interrupt. Instead, they become pending.

\* *Block any signals you don't want to interrupt your handler:*

```
sigemptyset(&sa.sa_mask); //blocks all signals
sigfillset(&sa.sa_mask); //enables all signals
sigaddset/sigdelset/sigismember(&sa.sa_mask, signum)
```

→ Can a system call be interrupted by a signal? **YES** for  
slow system calls potentially take a long time, e.g., read()-scanf / write() - printf

Such system calls return immediately with an error condition

```
sa.sa_flags = SA_RESTART;
NOTE: sleep() CANNOT be restarted
```

→ Does the system queue multiple standard signals of the same type for a process? **NO**  
Bit vector can't keep a count of duplicates.  
Instead they're ignored.

\* *Your signal handler shouldn't assume that a signal was sent only once.*

### Real-time Signals

Linux has 33 additional application defined signals.

- ◆ They can include an integer or pointer in their message.
- ◆ Multiple signals of same type are queued in order delivered.
- ◆ Multiple signals of different types are received from low to high signal number

# Forward Declaration

## What? Forward declaration

tells the compiler about certain attributes of an identifier before it is fully defined

\* Recall, C requires that an identifier *be declared before it is used*.

## Why?

- ◆ one pass compiler (gcc) can then ensure the identifier exists and is correctly used
- ◆ large programs can be divided into separate functional units that can be independently compiled
- ◆ mutual recursion is possible

## Declaration vs. Definition

declaring tells the compiler about

variables:

functions:

defining provides the full details

variables:

functions:

\* Variable declarations *usually both declare and define*.

```
void f(){
    int i = 11;
    static int j;
```

\* A variable proceeded with

# Multifile Coding

## What?

divide programs into functional units, each coded with its own header file and source file

## Header File (filename.h) - "public" interface

contains things you intend to share mainly function declarations

recall **heapAlloc.h** from project p3:

```
#ifndef __heapAlloc_h__
#define __heapAlloc_h__

int  initHeap(int sizeOfRegion);
void* allocHeap(int size);
int  freeHeap(void *ptr);
void dumpMem();

#endif // __heapAlloc_h__
```

✳ *An identifier can be defined only once in the global scope. ODR*

#include guard: prevents multiple inclusion of same header file

## Source File (filename.c) - "private" implementation

Must include definitions of things declared in its header file.

recall **heapAlloc.c** from project p3:

```
#include <unistd.h>
. . .
#include "heapAlloc.h"

typedef struct blockHeader {
    int size_status;
} blockHeader;

blockHeader *heapStart = NULL;

void* allocHeap(int size) { . . . }
int  freeHeap(void *ptr) { . . . }
int  initHeap(int sizeOfRegion) { . . . }
void dumpMem() { . . . }
```

# Multifile Compilation

## gcc Compiler Driver

directs all the tools needed to BUILD an executable from source code

Filename	->	build step	tool name	description of work or result
main		preprocessor	removes comments, does pp directives	
main		compiler	translates C to ASM	
main		assembler	translates ASM to MC (ROF)	
main		linker	combines R/SOF's into EOF	
main			the EOF	

## Object Files

contain binary code and binary data in ELF

relocatable object file (ROF) produced by

executable object file (EOF) produced by

shared object file (SOF) produced by

## Compiling All at Once (gcc does it all to create EOF)

```
gcc align.c heapAlloc.c -o align produces EOF named align
```

## Compile Separately (gcc builds individual ROF)

```
gcc -c align.c produces align.o ROF
```

```
gcc -c heapAlloc.c produces heapAlloc.o ROF
```

```
gcc align.o heapAlloc.o -o align produces align EOF
```

✱ *Compiling separately is more efficient and easier to manage.*

# Makefiles

## What? Makefiles are

- ◆ text files named m/Makefile that have rules
- ◆ used with “make” command

## Why?

- ◆ convenience - specifies how to build a program
- ◆ efficiency - only builds what’s necessary using rules and file dates

**Rules** have target (name), dependencies (files), instructions (commands) in this form:

```
<target>: <files the target depends on>  
<tab><command(s) for making target>
```

## Example

```
#simplified p3 Makefile  
align: align.o heapAlloc.o Rule 1: how to make align EOF  
    gcc align.o heapAlloc.o -o align  
align.o: align.c Rule 2: how to make align.o ROF  
    gcc -c align.c  
heapAlloc.o: heapAlloc.c heapAlloc.h Rule 3: how to make heapAlloc.o ROF  
    gcc -c heapAlloc.c  
clean: Rule 4: delete OFs to allow build EOF from scrch  
    rm *.o  
    rm align
```

## Using

```
$ls  
align.c Makefile heapAlloc.c heapAlloc.h  
$make  
gcc -c align.c  
gcc -c heapAlloc.c  
gcc align.o heapAlloc.o -o align  
$ls  
align align.c align.o Makefile heapAlloc.c heapAlloc.h heapAlloc.o  
$rm heapAlloc.o  
rm: remove regular file 'heapAlloc.o'? y  
$make  
gcc -c heapAlloc.c  
gcc align.o heapAlloc.o -o align  
$make heapAlloc.o  
make: 'heapAlloc.o' is up to date.  
$make clean  
rm *.o  
rm align  
$ls  
align.c Makefile heapAlloc.c heapAlloc.h
```

# Relocatable Object Files (ROFs)

What? A *relocatable object* file is (aka object file)

- ◆ a file with “.o” extension containing object code - the binary instructions and data
- ◆ in a format that the linker can easily combined with other ROFs

## Executable and Linkable Format (ELF)

Object file format used by Linux [layouts vary by OS]

ELF Header	.text/.rodata/.data/.bss all start at address 0x0
.text	machine code
.rodata	Read Only data = string literals, switch jump tables
.data	init to non-0 global and static local vars
.bss	uninit global and static local vars ONLY A PLACE HOLDER
.symtab	linker symbol table - global vars & extern funcs
.rel.text	
.rel.data	
.debug	if gcc -g then debug sym tab + locals & typedefs
.line	maps src with machine code
.strtab	table of names used in ROF
Section Header Table	

### ELF Header

contains general info:

ELF header size, object file type (ROF,SOF,EOF),  
offset to SHT, size of SHT and num entries in SHT

also contains arch info:

word size, byte ordering, machine type

### Section Header Table (SHT)

contains location and size of each section in the object file

# Static Linking

## What? Static linking

generates a complete EOF with no var or func identifiers remaining in the OF

static vs. dynamic

executable size:

library code:

## How?

Note: All language translation has already been done (cc and as).

Need only to combine R/SOFs into an EOF.

→ What issues arise from combining ROFs?

1. variable and function identifiers need to be checked for having exactly one definition ODR
2. variable and function identifiers need to be replaced with their addresses

## Making Things Private

→ Are functions and global variables only in a source file actually private if they're not in the corresponding header file?

→ How do you make them truly private?



# Linker Symbols

## What?

Symbols are identifiers used for variables and functions in a source code

Linker Symbols are symbols managed by the linker

→ Which kinds of variables need linker symbols?

those that are allocated in the data segment

1. local variables
2. `static` local variables
3. parameter variables
4. global variables
5. `static` global variables
6. `extern` global variables

→ Which kinds of functions need linker symbols?

ALL functions for relocation, likely all for resolution

1. `extern` functions
2. `non-static` functions
3. `static` functions

# Linker Symbol Table

What? The linker symbol table is

- ◆ built by assembler using symbols exported by compiler
- ◆ represented as an array are `Elf_Symbol` structures

## ELF\_Symbol Data Members and their Use

code/link/elfstructs.c

```
typedef struct {
    int name;           /* String table offset */
    int value;         /* Section offset, or VM address */
    int size;          /* Object size in bytes */
    char type:4,       /* Data, func, section, or src file name (4 bits) */
        binding:4;    /* Local or global (4 bits) */
    char reserved;     /* Unused */
    char section;      /* Section header index, ABS, UNDEF, */
                    /* Or COMMON */
} Elf_Symbol;
```

code/link/elfstructs.c

## Example

Num:	Value	Size	Type	Bind	Ot	Ndx	Name
1 - 7	not shown						
8:	0	4	OBJECT	GLOBAL	0	3	bufp0
9:	0	0	NOTYPE	GLOBAL	0	UND	buf
10:	0	39	FUNC	GLOBAL	0	1	swap
11:	4	4	OBJECT	GLOBAL	0	COM	bufp1

→ Is `bufp0` initialized? **Yes - section is Ndx 3 its data OBJECT in .data**

→ Was `buf` defined in the source file or declared `extern`? **extern - section is UND**

→ What is the function's name? **swap - type is FUNC, section is Ndx 1**

→ What is the alignment and size of `bufp1`? **4 byte alignment and 4 byte min size**

# Symbol Resolution

## What? Symbol resolution

- ◆ checks ODR
- ◆ work is divided between the compiler and the linker

## Compiler's Resolution Work

resolves local symbols in one source file at a time

- ◆ locals checks ODR

`static locals` also ensures each has a unique name for the linker

- ◆ globals leaves for linker to resolve

`static globals` can check ODR since private to this source file

\* *If a global symbol is only declared in this source file the compiler assumes it's defined in another source file.*

## Linker's Resolution Work

resolves global symbols across multiple OFs (source files)

- ◆ `static locals` - linker doesn't resolve
- ◆ globals - checks ODR - only one definition in all R/SOFs

\* *If a global symbol is not defined or is multiply defined it is a Linker error*