

# Preprocessor

# Breaking Down the Compilation Process

```
gcc triangle.c test_triangle.c -o  
test_triangle
```

```
gcc -c triangle.c (resulting in triangle.o)
```

```
gcc -c test_triangle.c (resulting in  
test_triangle.o)
```

```
gcc triangle.o test_triangle.o -o  
test_triangle
```

# The Compilation Process

Processor	Input	Output
Text Editor	Program typed from keyboard	C source code (.c file)
Preprocessor	C source code file (.c file)	C source code with the preprocessing directories sorted out
Compiler	C source code with the preprocessing directories sorted out (.c file)	Object code (.o file)
Linker	Object code file and standard C library functions (.o file)	Executable code in machine language

# Preprocessor

- Special feature in C
- Analyzes our C program before it's passed to the compiler
- Preprocessor commands are known as directives
  - `#include` is a preprocessor directive
- gcc has its own preprocessor

# Preprocessing

- Removal of comments since they will not be compiled
- Finds all the preprocessing directives
  - lines that begin with #
- For `#include` statements followed by angular brackets `<>`, preprocessor looks for the files in the system folders and places the contents of the file where the directive is
  - `#include <stdio.h>`
  - Function proto

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
double circle_area(double radius);
```

```
double cylinder_volume(double radius, double height);
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    double radius = 10.0;
```

```
    printf("The area of a circle with radius %lf is %lf\n", radius,  
           circle_area(radius));
```

```
    double height = 5.0;
```

```
    printf("The volume of a cylinder with radius %lf and height %lf is %lf\n",  
           radius, height, cylinder_volume(radius, height));
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
double circle_area(double radius) {  
    return 3.1415 * radius * radius;  
}
```

```
double cylinder_volume(double radius, double height) {  
    return 3.1415 * radius * radius * height;  
}
```

# Magic Number

Numbers that mean something but have no name associated with it are known as magic number

```
double circle_area(double radius) {  
    return 3.1415 * radius * radius;  
}
```

```
double cylinder_volume(double radius, double height) {  
    return 3.1415 * radius * radius * height;  
}
```



# macro

- Another preprocessing directive
- #define IDENTIFIER replacement
  - #define PI 3.1415

# macro

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define PI 3.1415
```

```
double circle_area(double radius) {
    return PI * radius * radius;
}
```

```
double cylinder_volume(double radius, double height) {
    return PI * radius * radius * height;
}
```

# Macro expansion

gcc -E shapes.c

```
double circle_area(double radius) {  
    return 3.1415 * radius * radius;  
}  
  
double cylinder_volume(double radius, double height) {  
    return 3.1415 * radius * radius * height;  
}  
...
```

# Dividing the program into module

- circle.h is included in shapes.c and cylinder.h
- Redundant prototype for circle\_area after preprocessing

gcc -E shapes.c

```
# 2 "shapes.c" 2

# 1 "./circle.h" 1


double circle_area(double radius);
# 4 "shapes.c" 2
# 1 "./cylinder.h" 1
# 1 "./circle.h" 1


double circle_area(double radius);
# 2 "./cylinder.h" 2


double cylinder_volume(double radius, double height);
```

# Include Guard

```
#ifndef CIRCLE_H
#define CIRCLE_H

// This preprocessor directive is a macro which replaces every instance of the
// identifier PI with 3.14159265
#define PI 3.14159265

double circle_area(double radius);

#endif
```

# Include Guard

- If the preprocessor is including the contents of a file, first it checks to see if the identifier, for example, `CIRCLE_H` has not been defined.
- If it has not, it defines `CIRCLE_H` and the contents of the file are included.
- If `CIRCLE_H` is already defined, nothing will be included. This prevents header files from being included multiple times.

# Makefile

```
CFLAGS=-std=c99 -Wall
```

```
shapes: shapes.o cylinder.o circle.o  
    gcc $(CFLAGS) shapes.o cylinder.o circle.o -o shapes
```

```
shapes.o: shapes.c cylinder.h circle.h  
    gcc $(CFLAGS) -c shapes.c
```

```
cylinder.o: cylinder.c cylinder.h circle.h  
    gcc $(CFLAGS) -c cylinder.c
```

```
circle.o: circle.c circle.h  
    gcc $(CFLAGS) -c circle.c
```

```
clean:  
    rm shapes.o cylinder.o circle.o shapes
```



## e09- stats\_module

- Implement range() function to find the range of values in an array
- Instead of using max() and min() which use two separate loops, you'll be implementing range() with a single loop

# e10-Fibonacci

$F_0$	$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$	$F_4$	$F_5$	$F_6$	$F_7$	$F_8$	$F_9$	$F_{10}$	$F_{11}$	$F_{12}$	$F_{13}$	$F_{14}$	$F_{15}$	$F_{16}$	$F_{17}$	$F_{18}$	$F_{19}$	$F_{20}$
0	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55	89	144	233	377	610	987	1597	2584	4181	6765

Source: [Wikipedia](#)

# e10-Fibonacci

- Your program must be organized in the following files:
- **fibonacci.h** - Contains the prototype and documentation for your **fibonacci()** function, with an include guard.
- **fibonacci.c** - Contains the implementation of your **fibonacci()** function.
- **main.c** - Contains **main()** which gets the value of n from the user, uses
- your **fibonacci** function to calculate the nth Fibonacci number, and prints it
- out.
- **Makefile** - Builds the project to create the executable fibonacci. Creates the
- object file **fibonacci.o**, which is then compiled and linked with **main.c**. This file has no extension, it is simply called **Makefile**.