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- Declaration:

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} ;
```

- Definitions:

```
struct person mike,  
                pete ;
```

- Assignment / field references ('dot' notation):

```
mike = pete ;  
pete.age = mike.age + 3
```



Using Structs

- Note: Space allocated for the whole struct at definition.
- Struct arguments are passed by value (i.e., copying)

WRONG

```
void give_raise(struct person p, double pct) {  
    p.income *= (1 + pct/100) ;  
    return ;    // Note that return is not needed for void function  
}  
  
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```

RIGHT

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struct person give_raise(struct person p, double pct) {  
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- Examples:

```
typedef double price_t ;    // alias for double to declare price variables
typedef double weight_t ;  // alias for double to declare weight variables

price_t    p ;              // double precision value that's a price
weight_t   lbs ;            // double precision value that's a weight
```

typedef In Practice

- Symbolic names for array types

```
#define MAXSTR (100)
```

```
typedef char long_string_t[MAXSTR+1];
```

```
long_string_t line;
```

```
long_string_t buffer;
```

typedef In Practice

- Shorter name for struct types:

```
typedef struct {  
    long_string_t label ; // name for the point  
    double x ;           // xcoordinate  
    double y ;           // ycoordinate  
} point_t ;             // pick a name that suggests it is a struct  
  
point_t origin ;  
point_t focus ;
```



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 - Depth first traversal of the DAG to bring things up-to-date.



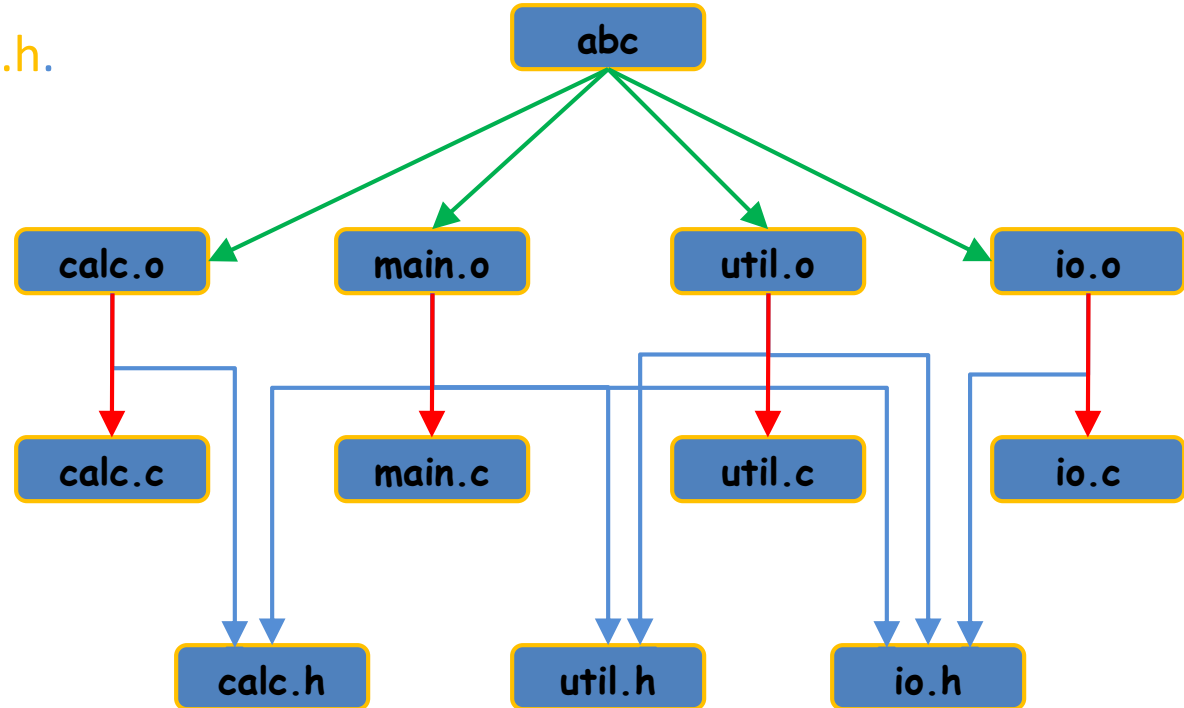
What Is A Dependency?

- File *A depends* on file *B* if the correctness of *A*'s contents are affected by changes to *B*.
- Thus an **object file** depends on its **source**:
 - A change to the source makes the object file incorrect.
- An **object file** depends on **interfaces** its source file uses:
 - Interface change may change the meaning of the source code
 - E.g., change a configuration constant, a struct, etc.
- An **executable program** depends on the **object code** files from which it is built.



Example

- Program **abc** made from **main.o**, **util.o**, **calc.o** and **io.o**.
- **main.c** includes **calc.h**, **util.h** and **io.h**.
- **util.c** includes **util.h** and **io.h**.
- **calc.c** includes **calc.h**.
- **io.c** includes **io.h**.



DEPENDENCY KEY

program to object **green**
object to source **orange**
object to interface **blue**



Dependencies in Makefiles

target: dependency₁ dependency₂ . . . dependency_N

For our example the dependency lines are

```
abc: main.o util.o calc.o io.o
```

```
main.o: main.c util.h calc.h io.h
```

```
util.o: util.c util.h io.h
```

```
calc.o: calc.c calc.h
```

```
io.o: io.c io.h
```


Is a Target Up-To-Date?

- A target is *up-to-date* iff
 - It exists (obviously).
 - It was modified later than any of its dependencies *after they have all been brought up-to-date*.
- What do we do if a file is *not* up-to-date?
 - We run one or more commands to bring it up-to-date.
 - For a program, we link the object files.
 - For an object file, we recompile its source.
- For make, command lines:
 - Follow the dependency line.
 - **MUST** begin with a **hard tab** (Tab key or CTRL-I).



Completed Makefile for the Example

```
abc: main.o util.o calc.o io.o
    gcc -o abc -g main.o util.o calc.o io.o

main.o: main.c util.h calc.h io.h
    gcc -c -Wall -g main.c

util.o: util.c util.h io.h
    gcc -c -Wall -g util.c

calc.o: calc.c calc.h
    gcc -c -Wall -g calc.c

io.o: io.c io.h
    gcc -c -Wall -g io.c
```

Assuming Existence of "Makefile"

make

- Brings the default up to date which is the first target (**abc** in this case)

make abc

- Specifically brings **abc** up to date.
- First brings **main.o util.o calc.o** and **io.o** up to date
- Then relink **abc** iff
 - **abc** does not exist
 - **abc** is older than at least one of its dependencies (any of four .o files)

make main.o

- Just brings **main.o** up to date.
- Any target can be specified.

Things to Note

- Targets need not have any dependencies.
- Targets need not ever really be made – runs command(s) every time.
- Multiple commands can be run.
- Example: Generic "clean" target:

`clean:`

```
rm -f *.o *~* abc
```