Sample Project

I’ve put together a sample project to illustrate a suggested physical architecture and Makefile system. I do not expect or suggest that you look at the code, just at the way the files are laid out and at the way the Makefiles are set up.

- Check it out:
  
  \[ \text{cvs -d} /home/barrett/public/repository co sample_project \]

- Browse it online:
  
  Click on Sample Project from the course web page.

To build the sample project on a CIMS machine, type:

\[ . /configure; make \]

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To use the Makefile system from the sample project for your own code, you must do the following:

- Mimic the directory structure of the sample project:
  
  project, project/bin, project/src, project/src/include, project/src/main, project/src/module1, project/src/module2, ...

- Copy files from the sample project: configure, Makefile

  Makefile.local.in, Makefile.std, bin/unpack.in, src/Makefile

- Edit Makefile.local.in and change the “Project-specific definitions” as appropriate.

- Edit src/Makefile and replace the sample header files and module names with your header files and module names.

- Create a Makefile in each of your modules similar to the ones in the sample project (note the difference between a library module such as expression and an executable module such as main).

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Notes

If your project does not use external libraries, then the only thing in your “Project-specific definitions” section of Makefile.local.in should be the project name.

The sample project uses an external library called libbdd located in /home/barrett/public/cudd-2.3.1/. I compiled and installed this external library in this directory. The “Project-specific definitions” of in sample project tell the Makefile where to find the headers and libraries of this external package.

Note that you must replace the sample module names with your module names in two places in src/Makefile. Look for the comments that say: “List all modules here”.

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What can you do with this Makefile system?

- **Easy to add new source files.** Module files are listed in `src/module/Makefile`. Public header files (in `src/include`) are listed in `src/Makefile`. New modules must be added to the module lists in `src/Makefile`.

- **Support for multiple build-types.** Default build is optimized. To compile the *debug* version, do one of the following:
  - Run `./configure --with-build=debug`
  - Edit `Makefile.local` and change `OPTIMIZED=1` to `OPTIMIZED=0`.
  - Type `make OPTIMIZED=1`.

- Similarly, the default build is a static build. To build dynamic libraries, do one of the following:
  - Run `./configure --disable-static`
  - Edit `Makefile.local` and change `STATIC=1` to `STATIC=0`.
  - Type `make STATIC=0`.

- **Support for multiple platforms.** To compile for a different platform (i.e. object files, libraries, and executables are stored separately), rerun `./configure` and then `make`.

Note that every time you run `./configure`, your `Makefile.local` gets clobbered, so any local configuration options that you changed will get set back to their defaults.

- **Support for unit testing.**
  1. Create test directory `src/module/test`
  2. Write unit test in `src/module/test/test.cpp`
  3. Create local `src/module/test/Makefile` (see example in sample_project/src/expression/test)
  4. Type `make` in `src/module/test` to build unit test
  5. Executable for unit test is placed in top level `bin` directory

- **Support for source distributions.**
  1. Make sure you have all your public include files and modules listed in `src/Makefile`
  2. Type `make dist` at the top level.
  3. You will get a file called `project.tar.gz`
  4. Type `tar xzvf project.tar.gz` to unpack the distribution.

- **Support for source searching in emacs**
  - To find a class declaration:
    1. Move the cursor onto the class name
    2. Type `M-`
    3. Make sure `emacs` has the right class name and press return
    4. Give path to tags table: `project/` and press return
    5. To go back to where you were, use `M-x b`
  - To search through all files in your project
    1. Type `M-x tags-search`
    2. Enter the expression to search for
    3. If you haven’t before, give the path to the tags table: `project/`
    4. Use `M-`, to “find next”