CS4414 Recitation 9
Cmake, Performance (gprof)

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Cmake

- What is Cmake
- Simple Cmake
- Cmake with linked libraries
- Cmake with subdirectories

Code source: https://github.com/aliciayuting/CS4414Demo.git
Build Files & Generate Executables

- Makefile is just a text file that is used or referenced by the ‘make’ command to build the targets.

```
CC = g++
CFLAGS = -g -Wall
TARGET = output
all: $(TARGET)
$(TARGET): main.o hello.o
  $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $(TARGET) main.o hello.o
main.o: main.cpp hello.hpp
  $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c main.cpp
hello.o: hello.hpp hello.cpp
  $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c hello.cpp
```

Run “make” in the shell
Why CMake?

- Makefiles are low-level, clunky creatures
- CMake is a higher level language to automatically generate Makefiles
- CMake contains more features, such as finding library, files, header files; it makes the linking process easier, and gives readable errors

What is CMake?

- CMake is an extensible, open-source system that manages the build process in an operating system and in a compiler-independent manner.

CMakeLists.txt files in each source directory are used to generate Makefiles

Run `cmake` in shell

CMakeLists.txt  →  Makefile
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1. simple CMake

- Helloworld demo example

```cmakelists.txt
# cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.10) # set the project name
project(MyProject) # add the executable
add_executable(output main.cpp)
```

- Build and Run
  - Navigate to the source directory, and create a build directory
    
    ```bash
    $ cd ./myproject & $ mkdir build
    
    $ cd build & $ cmake ..
    
    $ make
    or   $ cmake --build .
    ```
2. Cmake with libraries

- Demo: main.cpp with hello library

- Declare a new library
  - Library name: say-hello
  - Source files: hello.hpp, hello.cpp
  - Can add library type: STATIC (default), SHARED

- Tell cmake to link the library to the executable (output)
  - Private link
  - Public link
  - interface

```cmakelists.txt
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.12)
project(MyProject VERSION 1.0.0)

add_library{say-hello [library type](optional)
    hello.hpp
    hello.cpp
}

add_executable(output main.cpp)

target_link_libraries(output PRIVATE say-hello)
```
Library Types in C++

• Static-linked library:
  • contains code that is linked to users’ programs at compile time.
  • The executable produced is standalone and you don’t access to the library file at runtime
  • Suppose building 100 executables, each one of them will contain the whole library code, which increases the code size overall
  • Longer to execute, because loading into the memory happens every time while executing.

• Shared library:
  • contains code designed to be shared by multiple programs. (.so in linux, or .dll in windows, .dylib in OS X files)
  • The executable produced is not standalone and you need access to the library file at runtime
  • All the functions are in a certain place in memory space, and every program can access them, without having multiple copies of them.
  • Faster to execute, because shared library code is already in the memory; and don’t need to be loaded if not required
Library Types in C++

--- compile time

User Application Code

Static Library:
function foo() {
    ...
}
function bar() {
    ...
}

Executable

Using Static Library

Dynamic Library:
function foo() {
    ...
}
function bar()

Symbol Table:

Executable

Using Dynamic Library
Library Types in C++

--- run time

Executable A's memory

Executable B's memory

Executable A

library code:
function foo()
{
    ...
}
function bar()
{
    ...
}

Executable B

library code:
function foo()
{
    ...
}
function bar()
{
    ...
}

Executable A's memory

Executable B's memory

Executable A

Dynamic Library:
function foo()
{
    ...
}
function bar()
{
    ...
}

Executable B

Symbol Table:
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function bar()

Using Static Library at runtime

Using Dynamic Library at runtime

Shared memory address space
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--- Target_link_libraries

• target_link_libraries(<target>)

   <PRIVATE | PUBLIC | INTERFACE> <lib> ...]

• <target> is the name of generated executable/library

• Each <lib> may be:
  • a library target name (The named target must be created by add_library() or as an IMPORTED library.)
  • a full path to a library file (e.g. /usr/lib/libfoo.so)
  • a plain library name (e.g. foo becomes -lfoo or foo.lib)
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--- Target_link_libraries/Target_include_directories

• target_link_libraries(<target>

  \(<\text{PRIVATE}|\text{PUBLIC}|\text{INTERFACE}> \ <\text{lib}> \ ...\)\n
• The PUBLIC, PRIVATE and INTERFACE keywords can be used to specify both the link dependencies and the link interface in one command.
  • PUBLIC: Libraries and targets following PUBLIC are linked to, and are made part of the link interface.
  • PRIVATE: Libraries and targets following PRIVATE are linked to, but are not made part of the link interface.
  • INTERFACE: Libraries following INTERFACE are appended to the link interface and are not used for linking <target>.
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3. Cmake with subdirectory

- CMakeLists.txt files placed in each source directory are used to generate standard build files (e.g., makefiles on Unix and projects/workspaces in Windows MSVC).
- CMake supports in-place and out-of-place builds, and can therefore support multiple builds from a single source tree.
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3. Cmake with subdirectory

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.12)
project(MyProject VERSION 1.0.0)
add_subdirectory(say-hello)
add_subdirectory(hello-exe)

add_executable(hello-exe main.cpp)
target_link_libraries(hello-exe PRIVATE say-hello)
```

```cpp
add_library(say-hello
    hello.hpp
    hello.cpp
)
target_include_directories(say-hello PUBLIC
    "$\{CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR\}$")
target_compile_definitions(say-hello PUBLIC
    SAY>Hello=5)
```
• `add_subdirectory(source_dir [binary_dir] [EXCLUDE_FROM_ALL])`

• Adds a subdirectory to the build. The `source_dir` specifies the directory in which the source CMakeLists.txt and code files are located.
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• target_include_directories(<target> [SYSTEM] [AFTER | BEFORE]
  <INTERFACE | PUBLIC | PRIVATE> [items1... ] )

• Set include directory properly

• The PUBLIC, PRIVATE and INTERFACE keywords can be used to specify both the link dependencies and the link interface in one command.
  • PUBLIC(default): All the directories following PUBLIC will be used for the current target and the other targets that have dependencies on the current target
  • PRIVATE: All the include directories following PRIVATE will be used for the current target only
  • INTERFACE: All the include directories following INTERFACE will NOT be used for the current target but will be accessible for the other targets that have dependencies on the current target
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3. Cmake with subdirectory

- Demo of Traffic Controller Simulator in Sagar’s HW1 solution
Performance Optimization

• 5 steps to improve runtime efficiency
• Time study
• How to use gprof
• Demo
Improve Execution Time Efficiency

1. Do timing studies
2. Identify hot spots
3. Use a better algorithm or data structure
4. Enable compiler speed optimization
5. Tune the code
Time the program

--- Unix ‘time’ command

• Run $ time ./output

  real  0m12.977s
  user  0m12.860s
  sys   0m0.010s

• Real: Wall-clock time between program invocation and termination

• User: CPU time spent executing the program

• System: CPU time spent within the OS on the program’s behalf
Identify hot spots

• Gather statistics about your program’s execution

• Runtime profiler: gprof (GNU Performance Profiler)

• How does gprof work?
  • By randomly sampling the code as it runs, gprof checks what line is running, and what function it’s in
Gprof

• Compile the code with flag –pg
  • `g++ –pg helloworld.cpp –o output`

• Run the program
  • `$ ./output`
  • Running the application produce a profiling result called gmon.out

• Create the report file
  • `gprof output > myreport`

• Read the report
  • `vim myreport`
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<th>% time</th>
<th>cumulative seconds</th>
<th>self seconds</th>
<th>calls</th>
<th>self s/call</th>
<th>total s/call</th>
<th>name</th>
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- **name**: name of the function
- **%time**: percentage of time spent executing this function
- **cumulative seconds**: [skipping, as this isn’t all that useful
- **self seconds**: time spent executing this function
- **calls**: number of times function was called (excluding recursive)
- **self s/call**: average time per execution (excluding descendents)
- **total s/call**: average time per execution (including descendents)
Improve Execution Time Efficiency

1. Do timing studies
2. Identify hot spots
3. Use a better algorithm or data structure
4. Enable compiler speed optimization. (compile flag with -O3)
5. Tune the code
Where to find the resources?

• CMake tutorials:
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMP_sxOaz6g

• Library Linking:
  - https://domiyanyue.medium.com/c-development-tutorial-4-static-and-dynamic-libraries-7b537656163e
  - https://leimao.github.io/blog/CMake-Public-Private-Interface/

• Code:
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• Gprof: