CSC161 2010F *Imperative Problem Solving*

Class 29: Macros

Held: Friday, 15 October 2010

Summary: We consider ways in which to use the C preprocessor, particularly in the use of macros.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: Macros and the C Preprocessor.
- Reading: K&R 4.11.

Notes:

- For the Monday after break, please read Chapters 1 and 2 of the Make Book.
- I got way too few questions on the reading.
- Homework for Wednesday after break will be posted in a few days.
- Have a great break!

Overview:

- Using the Preprocessor.
- Your Questions.
- Macros and the C Preprocessor.

Basics

- The C preprocessor processes a variety of simple directives, such as `#include`, `#define` and such.
- Run the C preprocessor with `cc -E` *`file`*`.c`
- The output goes to standard out, so you may want to read through it with `less`

Your Questions

When making `#include` statements with quotation marks, if the mentioned file isn't found in the working directory, will the compiler look for it in the same directory as the standard C libraries? I felt like the reading implied this but I wanted to be sure.

If it's not in the working directory, then the C compiler will issue an error.

What are are the arcane rules for nested uses of ##?

I don't think there are any. Concatenation can happen left-to-right or right-to-left.

Lab

- Do the lab.