Build Systems

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Q: Who has used a one?

Make, the Grandbinary of them all

- Automate compiling and linking
- Easily repeat long/complex commands
- Eliminate unnecessary work

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target: dependencies
        rules
```

3 Makefiles

1. EECS 280 WN15
2. Build a sentence
3. EECS 281 (time permitting)

Let's Makefile!

- Build a sentence
  - Subject
  - Verb
  - Object
- "Source" files (.sh) create "Output" files (.txt)
  - Need a source file for each word
  - Need a source file for the whole sentence
- NEED A MAKEFILE

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Other languages for scripting and building

- Rake (ruby)
- Apache Ant (Java + XML)
- A-A-P (python)
- sbt (Scala)
- ...

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- Build script generation
- Installation
- Testing
- Continuous Integration (CI)