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Why Compile and Link Separately?

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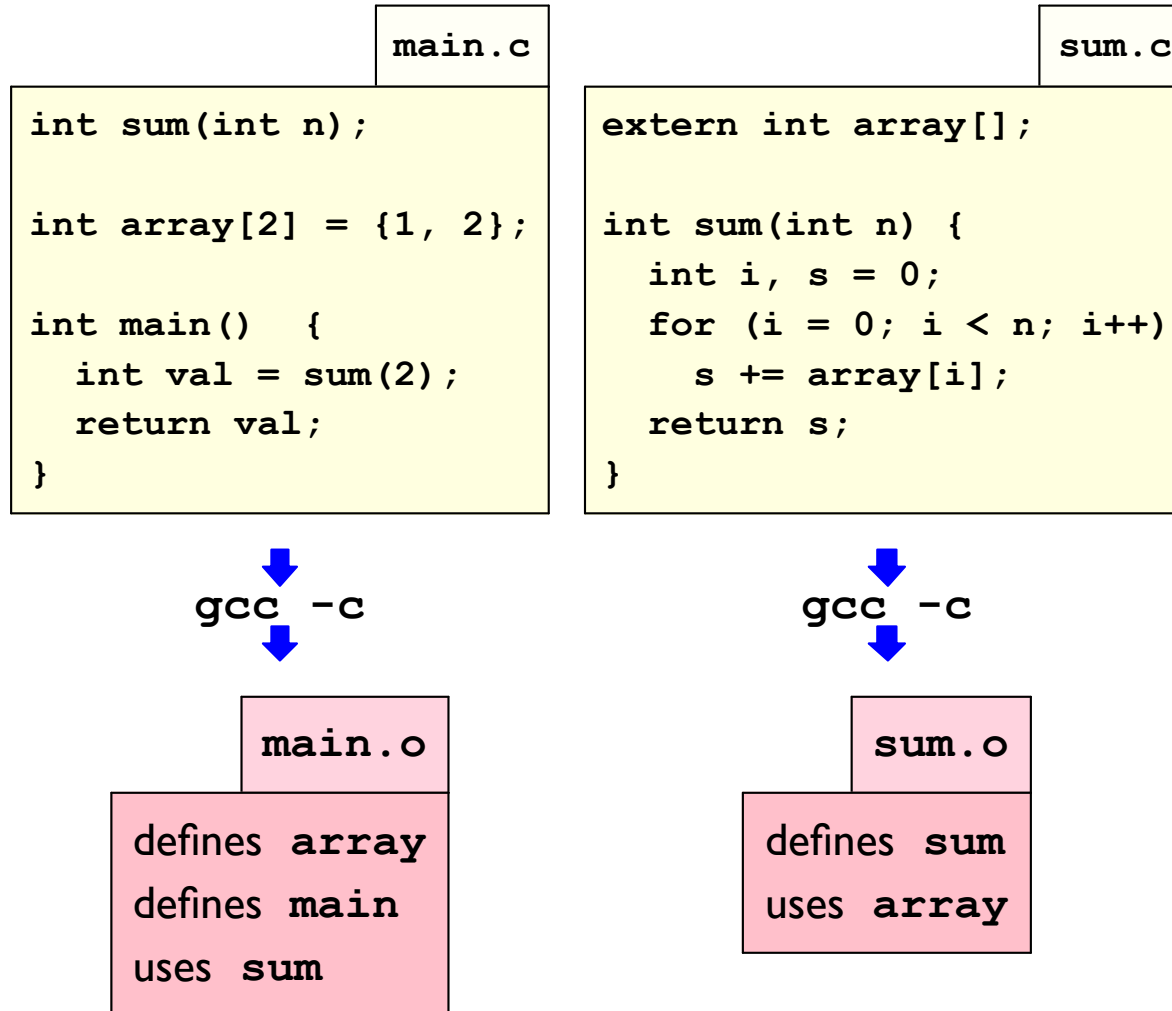
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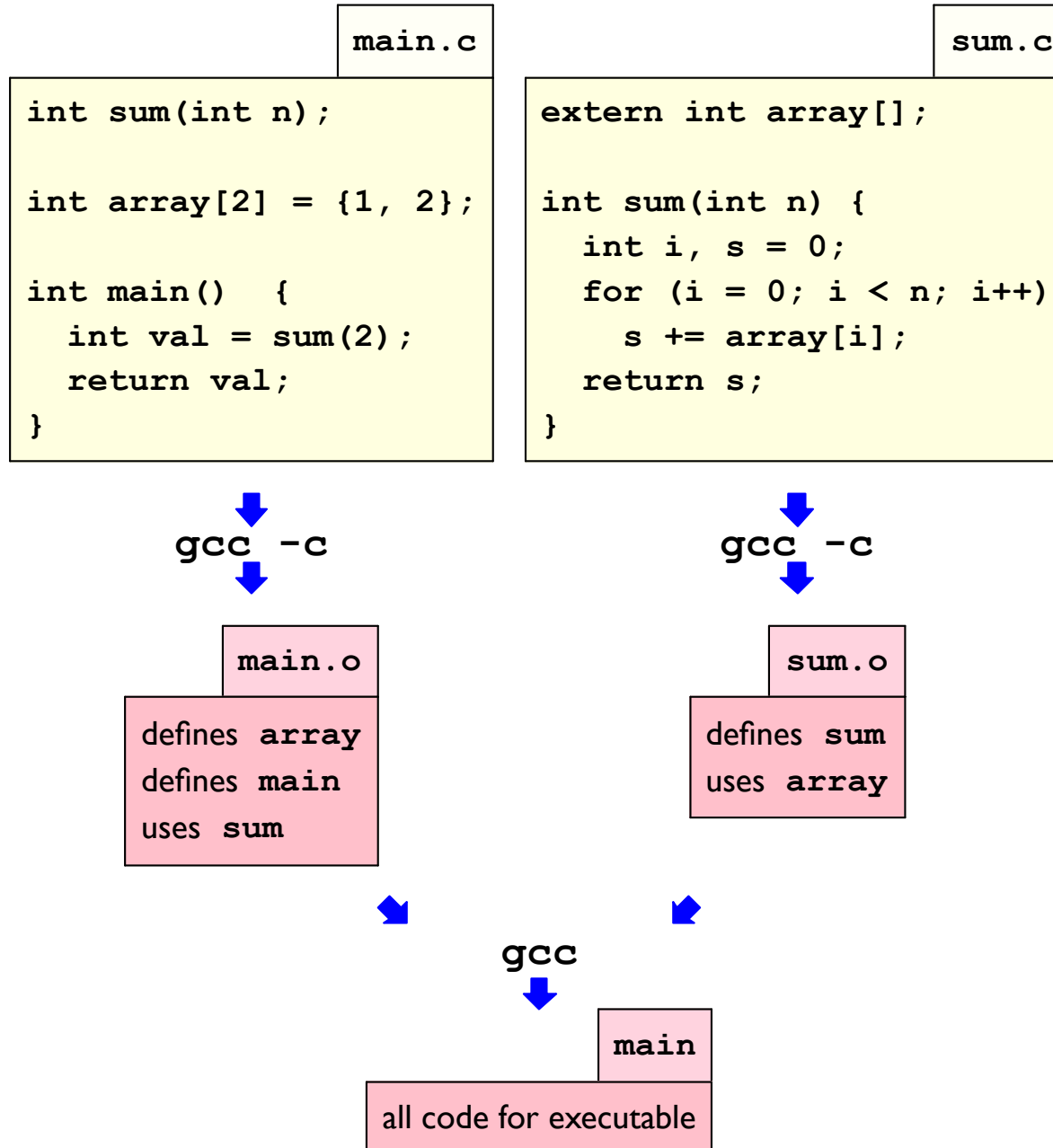
The `cc1` step tends to be the long one

- *Faster*: Don't re-compile if nothing changed
- *Faster*: One `sum.o` with different main programs
- *Smaller*: Sharing `.o` leads to in-memory code sharing

Separate Compilation and Linking



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Using Definitions from Other Files

Function:

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Data:

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Declaring and Defining

It's ok to both declare and define:

```
extern int a[];  
int sum(int n);  
  
....  
  
int a[2] = {1, 2};  
  
int sum(int n) {  
    ....  
}
```

Declaration and definition must be consistent

Weak Symbols

```
int array[2];
```

Definition or use declaration?

... Depends on linking

Data without initialization or **extern** ⇒ **weak** symbol

- Only **weak** ⇒ *weak definition used*
- **Strong** + **weak** ⇒ *strong definition used*
- **Strong** + **strong** ⇒ *error*
- **Weak** + **weak** ⇒ *silent choice!*

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⇒ link with either **array**!

Make multiple definitions an error with
gcc -fno-common

Consistency of Definitions

main.c

```
double sum(int n);

double array[2] = {1, 2};

int main() {
    double val = sum(2) > 0.0;
    return val;
}
```

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“Random” result due to **sum** mismatch

Ensuring Consistency

sum.h

```
extern int array[];  
int sum(int n);
```

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Use `static` to make a definition file-local

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```
static double array[3];  
  
int sum(int a[], int n) {  
    int i, s = 0;  
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)  
        s += a[i];  
    return s;  
}
```

File-local means that two **arrays** don't conflict

Use **static** for all local data and functions

Nested static

```
#include <stdio.h>

int sum(int a, int b) {
    static int counter = 0;
    printf("called %d times\n", ++counter);
    return a+b;
}

int main() {
    return sum(1, 2) + sum(3, 4) + sum(5, 6) + sum(7, 8);
}
```

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Nested `static` restricts a “global” to local block

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```
#include <stdio.h>
static int counter_4279 = 0;

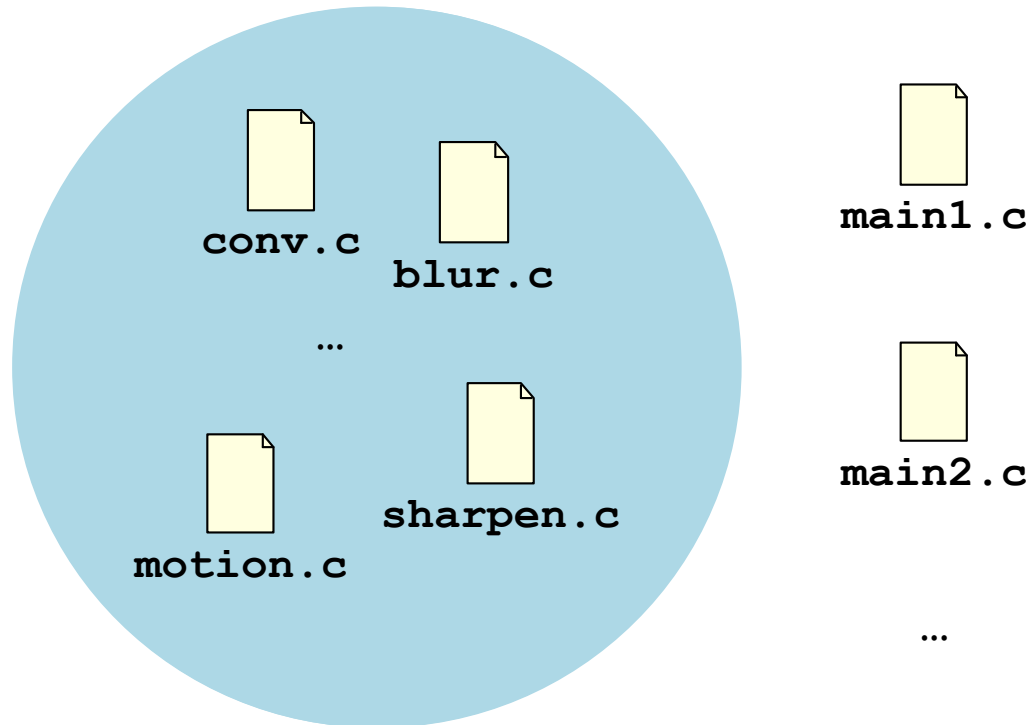
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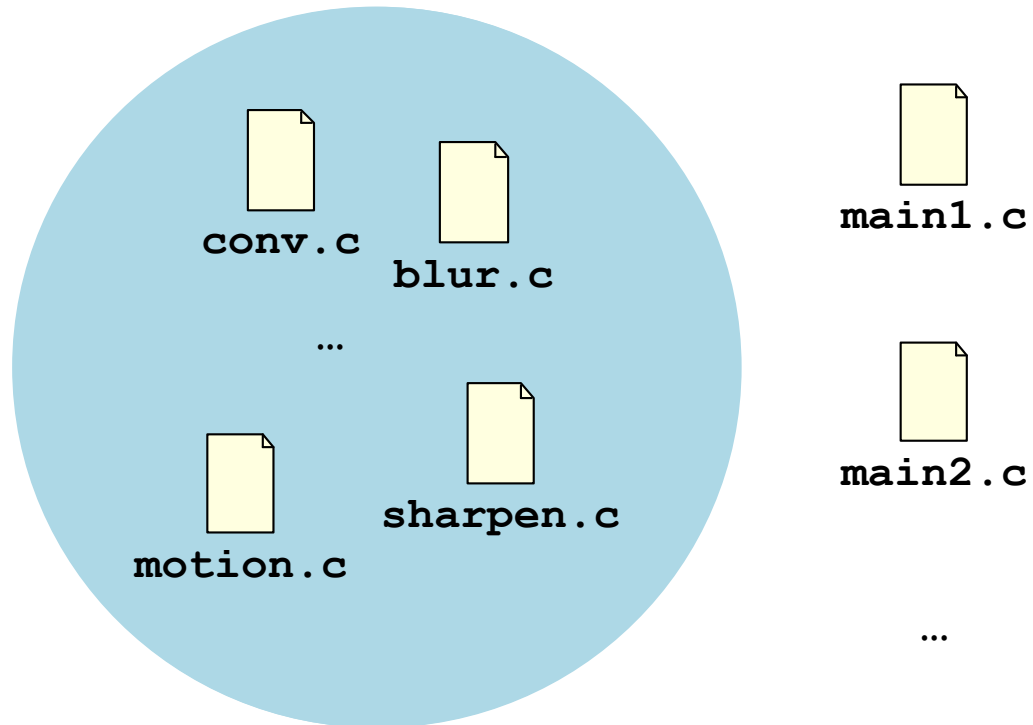
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```
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```
...
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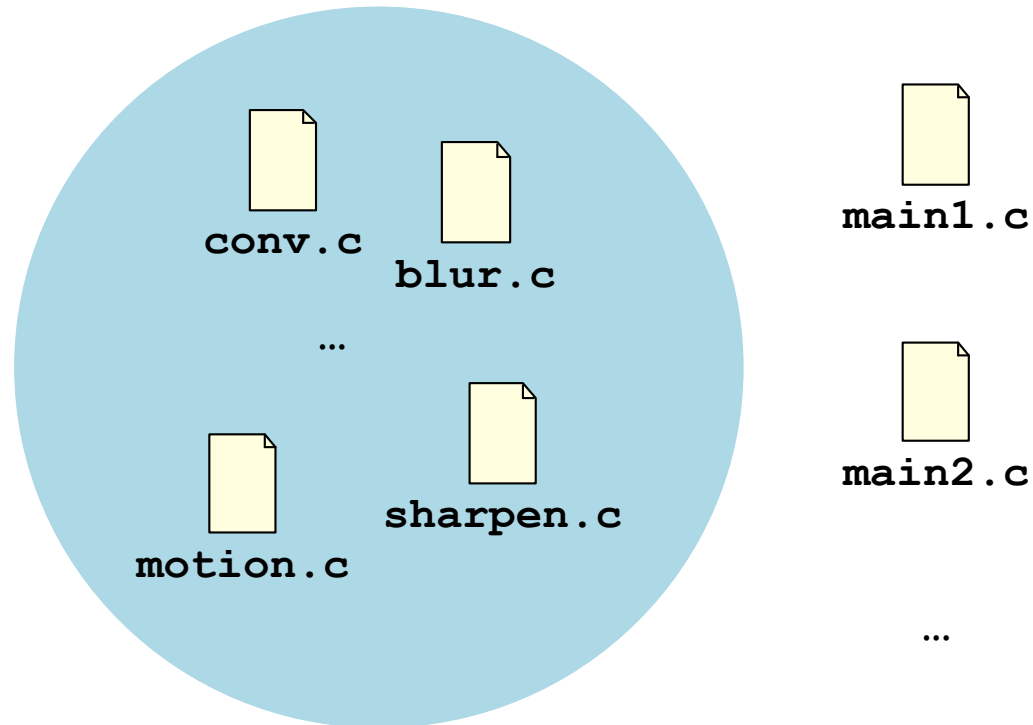
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create a **library** (specifically: a **static library**)

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```
int conv(img_t *i, mat_t *op) {  
    ...  
}
```

blur.c

```
int blur_some(img_t *i) {  
    ... conv(i, small_blur) ... }  
  
int blur_much(img_t *i) {  
    ... conv(i, big_blur) ... }
```



conv.o

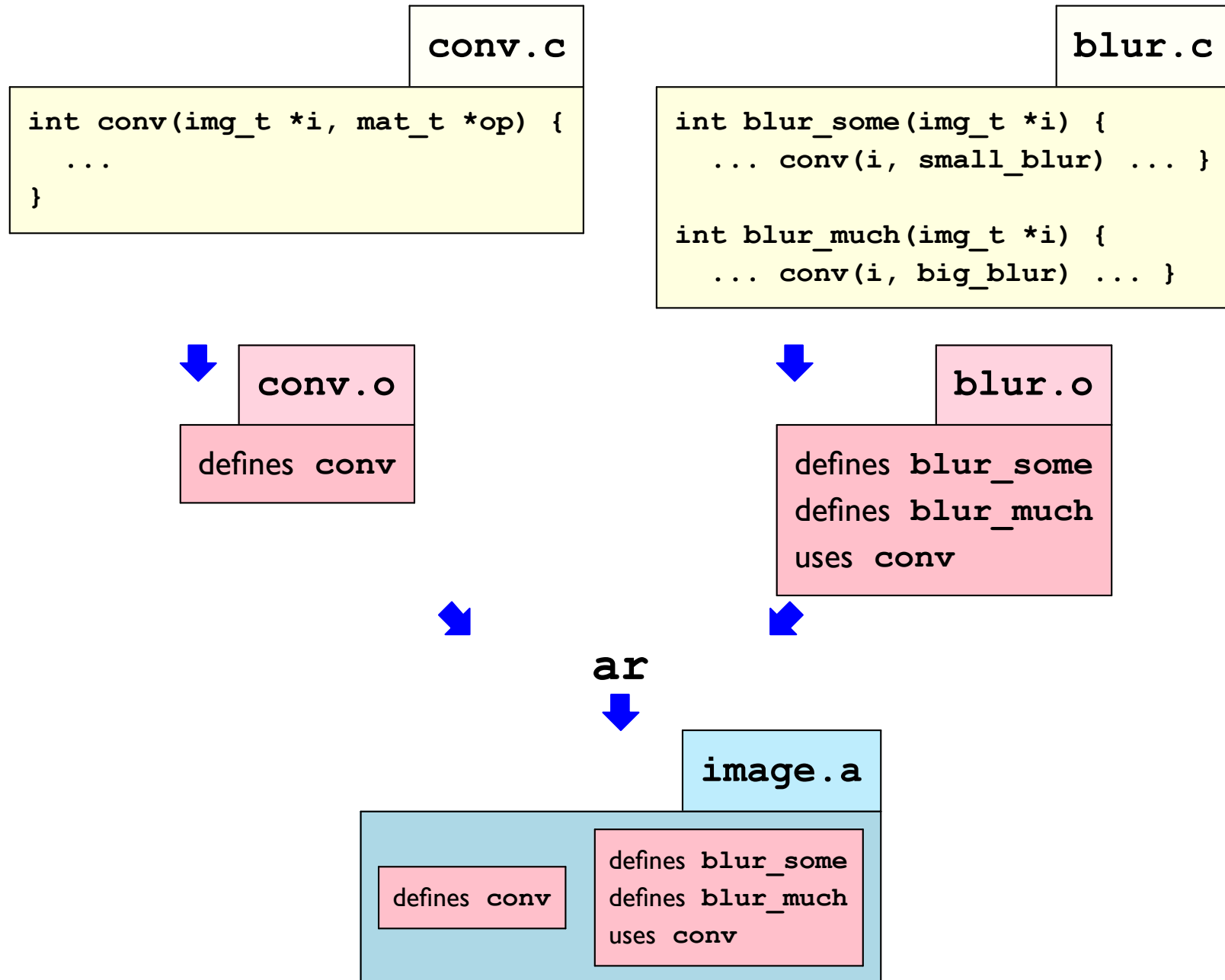
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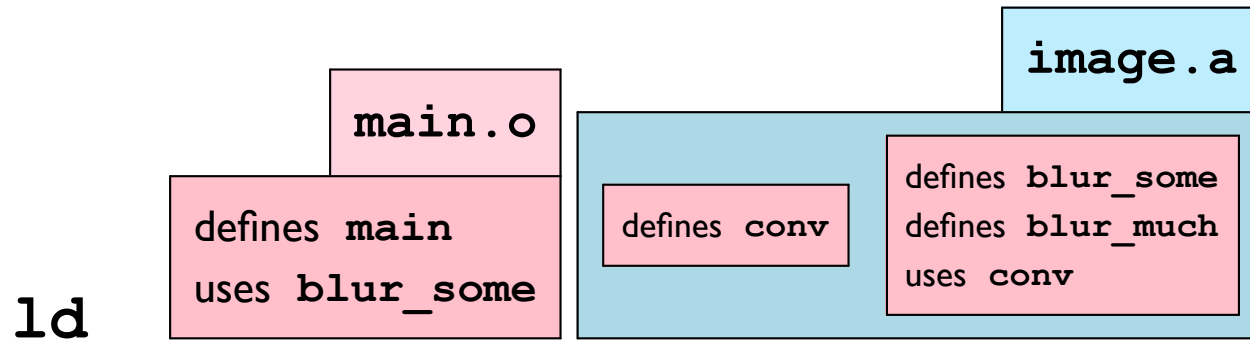
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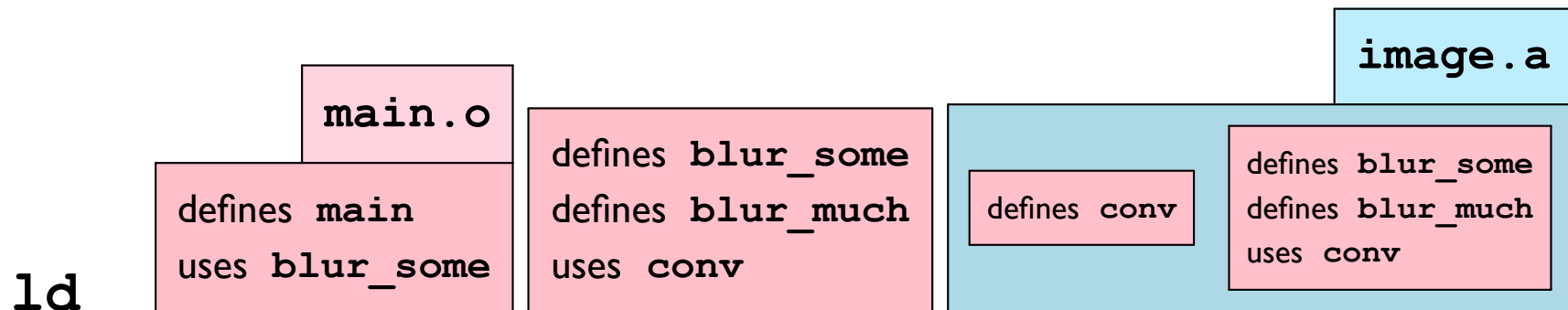
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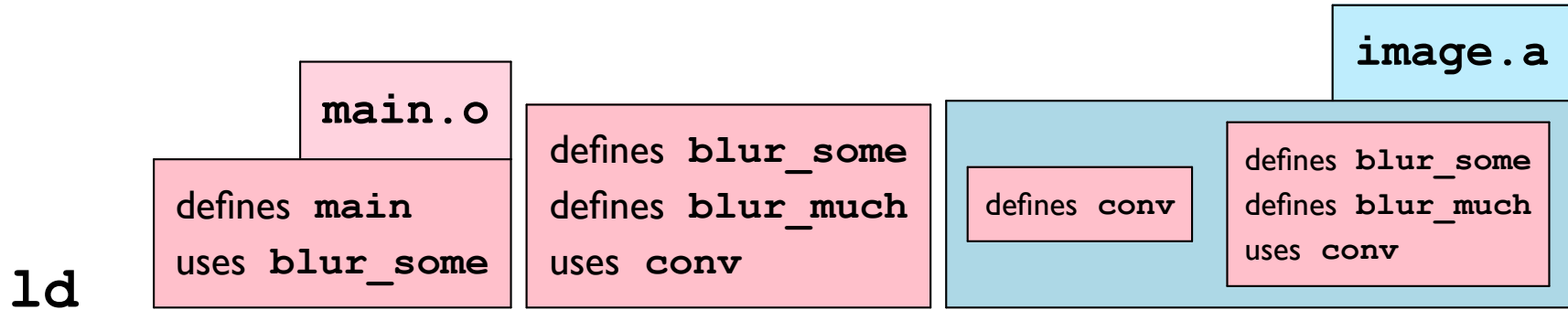
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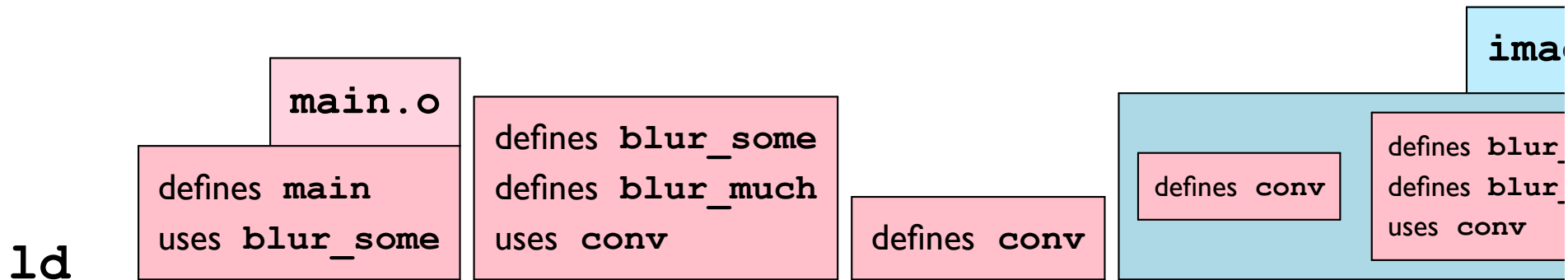
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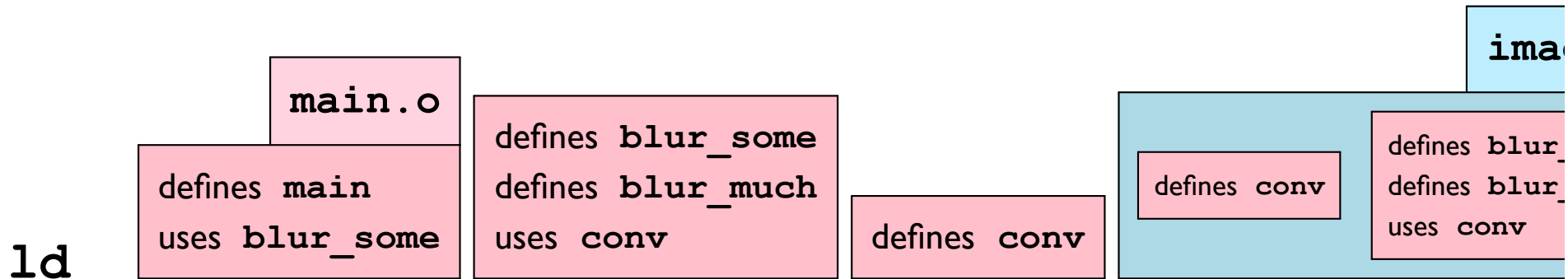
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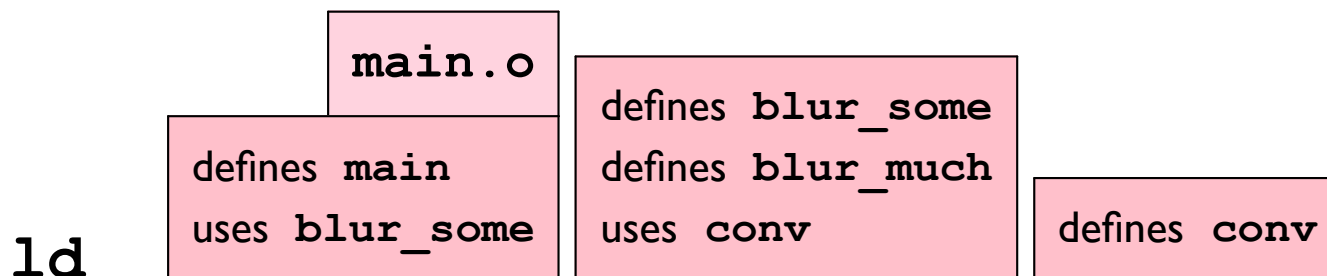
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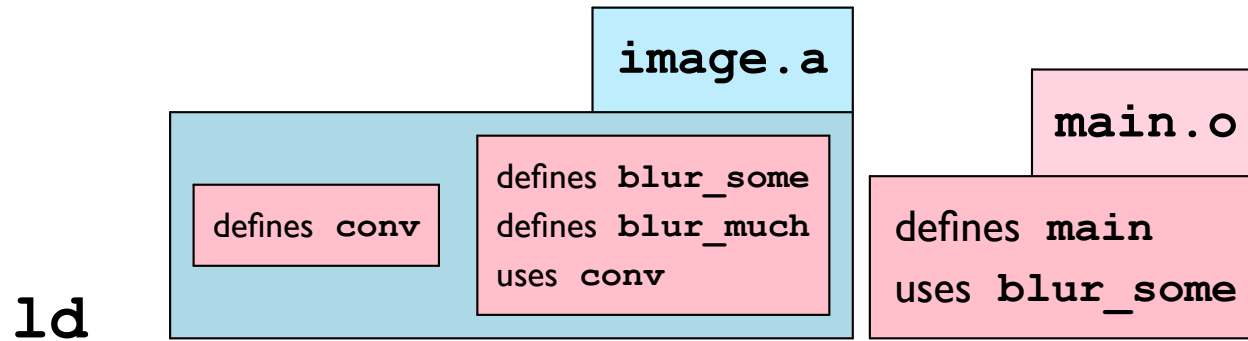
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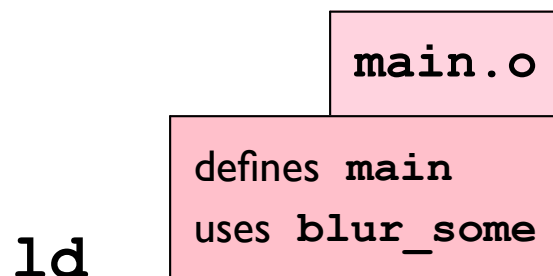
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Static Library Order

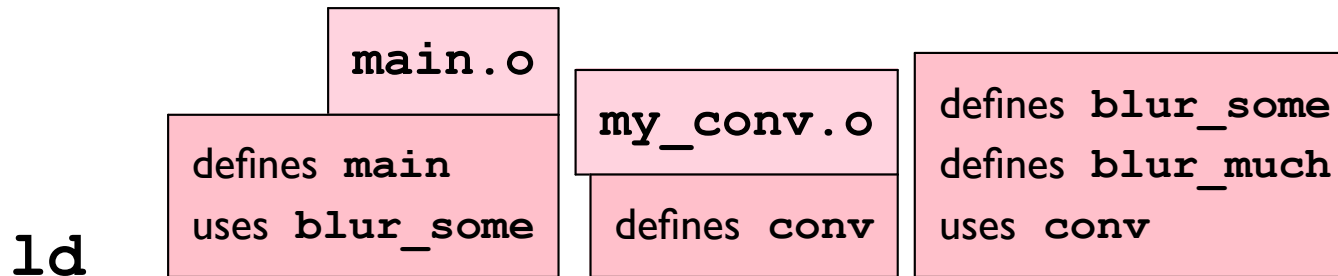
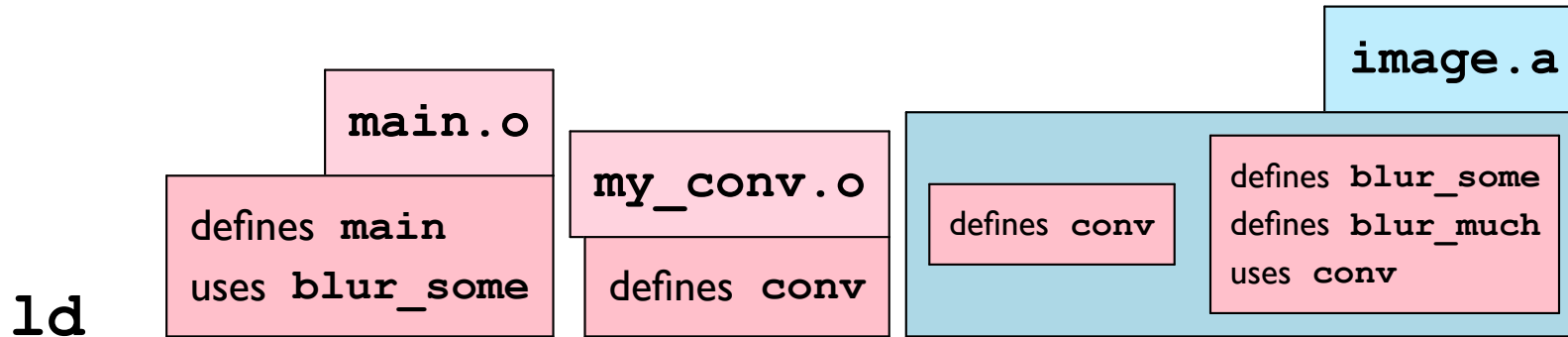


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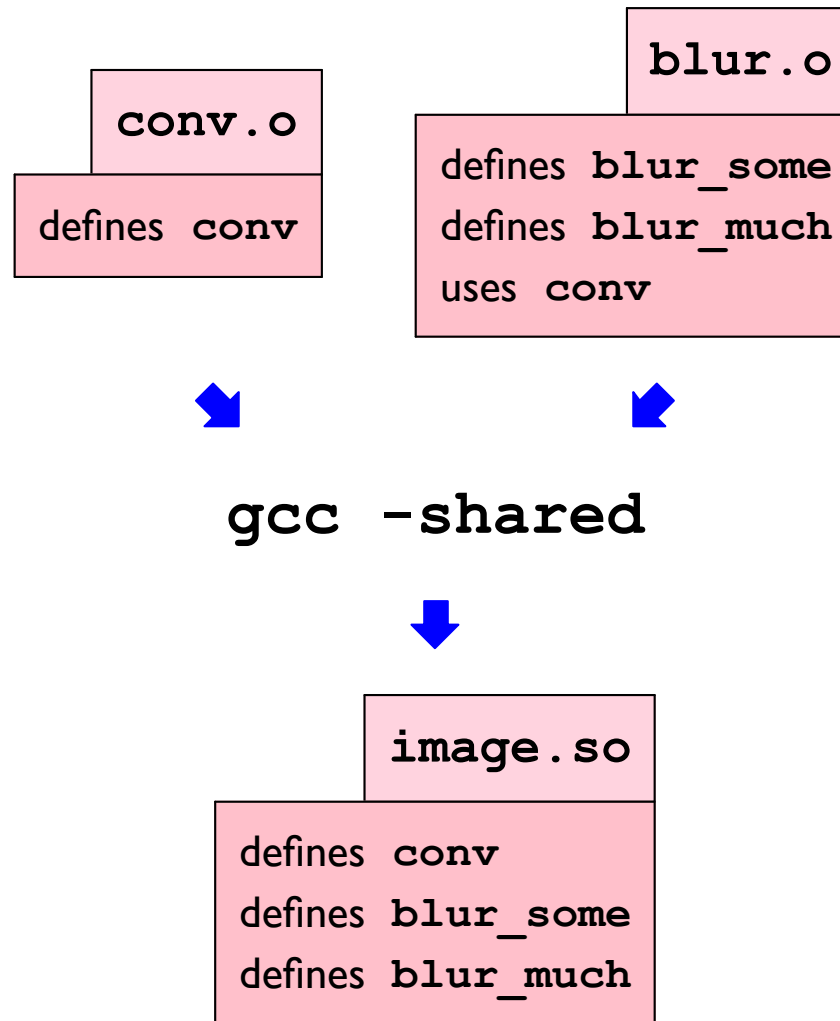
*error: no definition of **blur_some***

Exploiting Order to Replace Functions



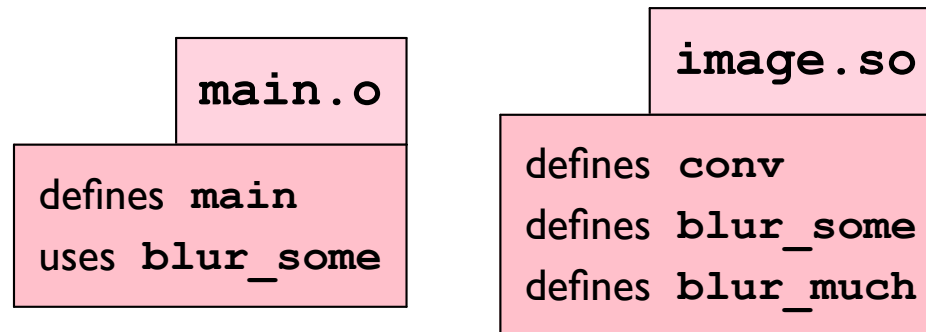
Creating a Shared Library

A **shared library** is more like an object than a static library



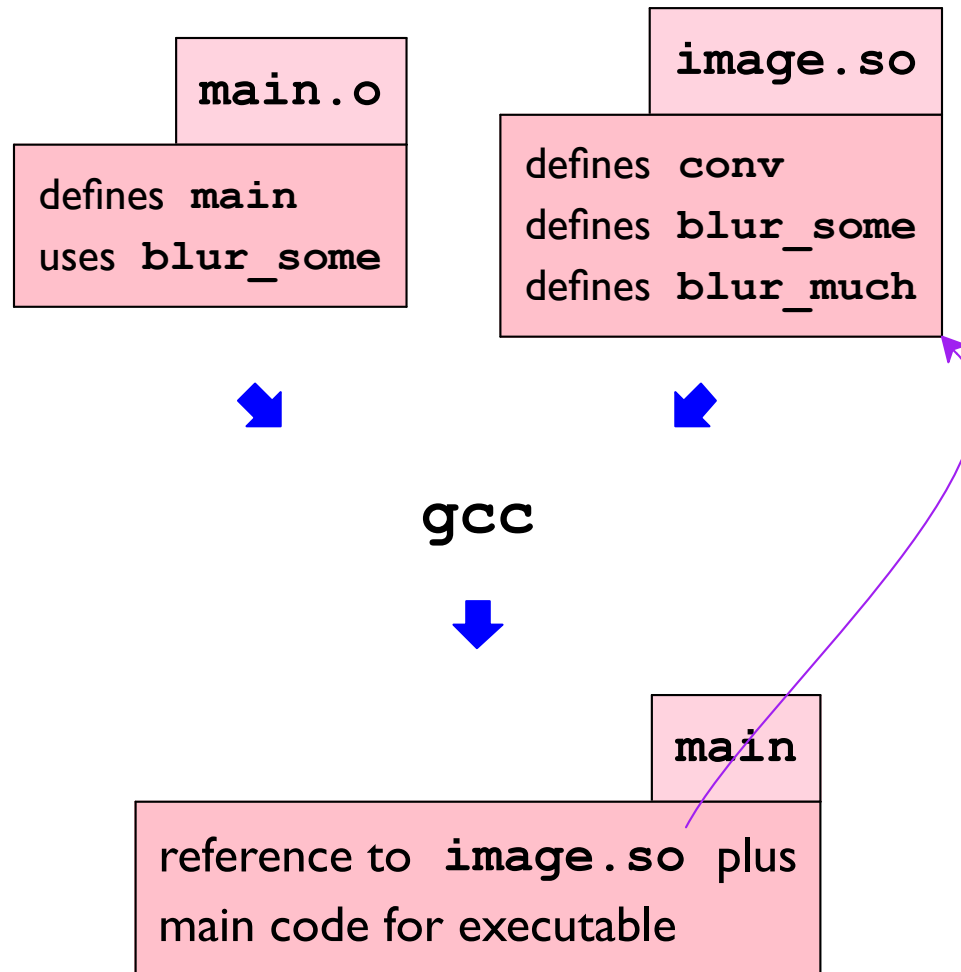
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`gcc` adds `-lc` automatically, which is why calling `printf` works

Using Shared Libraries via Reflection

`dlopen` and `dlsym` load and access a shared library at run time

```
void *dlopen(const char *filename, int flag);
```

Returns a handle for use with `dlsym`

```
void *dlsym(void *handle, const char *symbol);
```

Returns function or variable address for `symbol`

Case Study: Library Interpositioning

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Three approaches:

- Compile time via `cpp`
- Link time via `ld`
- Run time via `dl` `sym`

Compile-Time Interposition

mymalloc.c

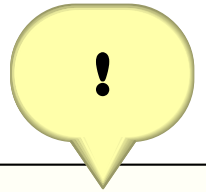
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void *mymalloc(size_t size) {
    void *ptr = malloc(size);
    printf("malloc(%d)=%p\n",
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    return ptr;
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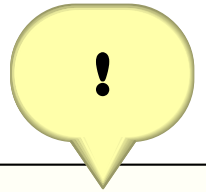
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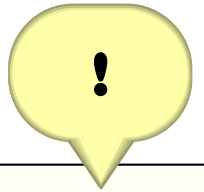
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```
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stdlib.h

```
#define malloc(sz) mymalloc(sz)
#define free(ptr) myfree(ptr)

void *mymalloc(size_t sz);
void myfree(void *ptr);
```

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```
gcc -c mymalloc.c
```

```
gcc -I. int.c mymalloc.o
```

Causes gcc to find replacement
stdlib.h

Link-Time Interposition

wmalloc.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void *__real_malloc(size_t size);
void __real_free(void *ptr);

void *__wrap_malloc(size_t size) {
    void *ptr = __real_malloc(size);
    printf("malloc(%d)=%p\n",
           (int)size, ptr);
    return ptr;
}

void __wrap_free(void *ptr) {
    __real_free(ptr);
    printf("free(%p)\n", ptr);
}
```

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Link-Time Interposition

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}
```

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```
gcc -c wmalloc.c
```

```
gcc -c int.c
```

```
gcc -Wl,--wrap,malloc
-Wl,--wrap,free
int.o wmalloc.o
```


Link-Time Interposition

wmalloc.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void *__real_malloc(size_t size);
void __real_free(void *ptr);

void *__wrap_malloc(size_t size) {
    void *ptr = __real_malloc(size);
    printf("malloc(%d)=%p\n",
           (int)size, ptr);
    return ptr;
}

void __wrap_free(void *ptr) {
    __real_free(ptr);
    printf("free(%p)\n", ptr);
}
```

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```
gcc -c wmalloc.c
```

```
gcc -c int.c
```

```
gcc -Wl,--wrap,malloc
-Wl,--wrap,free
int.o wmalloc.o
```

-Wl ⇒ pass flag to ld

Link-Time Interposition

wmalloc.c

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    printf("malloc(%d)=%p\n",
           (int)size, ptr);
    return ptr;
}

void __wrap_free(void *ptr) {
    __real_free(ptr);
    printf("free(%p)\n", ptr);
}
```

```
gcc -c wmalloc.c
```

```
gcc -c int.c
```

```
gcc -Wl,--wrap,malloc
-Wl,--wrap,free
int.o wmalloc.o
```

--wrap, free:

free → __wrap_free

__real_free → free

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Link+Run-Time Interposition

rmalloc.c

```
#define _GNU_SOURCE
#include <stdio.h>
#include <dlfcn.h>

void *malloc(size_t size) {
    void *(*mallocp)(size_t size) = dlsym(RTLD_NEXT, "malloc");
    char *ptr = mallocp(size);
    printf("malloc(%d) = %p\n", (int)size, ptr);
    return ptr;
}

void free(void *ptr) {
    void (*freep)(void *) = dlsym(RTLD_NEXT, "free");
    if (!ptr) return;
    freep(ptr);
    printf("free(%p)\n", ptr);
}
```

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```
gcc int.c rmalloc.c -ldl
```

Run-Time Interposition

Since `libc.so` is dynamically linked:

```
gcc -o int int.c
```

```
gcc -o rmalloc.so -shared -fpic rmalloc.c -ldl
```

```
env LD_PRELOAD=./rmalloc.so ./int
```

Setting `LD_PRELOAD` to `./rmalloc.so` causes `rmalloc.so` to be consulted before `libc.so`