Overview

Introduction

Origins and Purposes of Projects

- Need for flexibility
 - Managing huge applications is a difficult task
 - Build tools are always useful
- GNAT compilation model
 - Compiler needs to know where to find Ada files imported by Ada unit being compiled
- IDEs
 - AdaCore IDEs need to know where to find source and object files
- Tools (metrics, documentation generator, etc)
 - AdaCore Tools benefit from having knowledge of application structure

Subsystems of Subsystems of ...

- Projects support incremental, modular project definition
 - Projects can import other projects containing needed files
 - Child projects can extend parent projects
 - Inheriting all attributes of parent
 - Can optionally override source files and other attributes
- Allows structuring of large development efforts into hierarchical subsystems
 - Build decisions deferred to subsystem level

Project Files

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GNAT Project Files

- Text files with Ada-like syntax
- Also known as GPR files due to file extension
- Integrated into command-line tools
 - Specified via the -P project-file-name switch
- Integrated into IDEs
 - A fundamental part
 - Automatically generated if desired
- Should be under configuration management

Configurable Properties

- Source directories and specific files' names
- Output directory for object modules and .ali files
- Target directory for executable programs
- Switch settings for project-enabled tools
- Source files for main subprogram(s) to be built
- Source programming languages
 - Ada / C / C++ are preconfigured
- Source file naming conventions
- et cetera

Project Files

The Minimal Project File

```
project My_Project is
end My_Project;
```

Specifying Main Sub

Specifying Main Subprogram(s)

- Optional
 - If not specified in file, must be specified on command-line
- Can have more than one file named
- A project-level setting

```
project Foo is
```

```
for Main use ("bar.adb", "baz.adb");
end Foo;
```

About Project Files and Makefiles

- A Makefile performs actions (indirectly)
- A project file describes a project
- Command lines using project files fit naturally in Makefile paradigm

gprbuild -P <project-file> ...

Building with GPRbuild

Generic Build Tool

- Designed for construction of large multi-language systems
 - Allows subsystems and libraries
- Manages three step build process:
 - Compilation phase:
 - Each compilation unit examined in turn, checked for consistency, and, if necessary, compiled (or recompiled) as appropriate
 - Post-compilation phase (binding):
 - Compiled units from a given language are passed to language-specific post-compilation tool (if any)
 - Objects grouped into static or dynamic libraries as specified
 - Linking phase:
 - Units or libraries from all subsystems are passed to appropriate linker tool

Command Line

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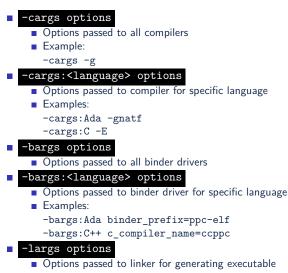
Command Line

GPRbuild Command Line

- Made up of three elements
 - Main project file (required)
 - Switches (optional)
 - gprbuild switches
 - Options for called tools
 - Main source files (optional)
 - If not specified, executable(s) specified in project file are built
 - If no main files specified, no executable is built

Command Line

Common Options Passed To Tools



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Common Command Line Switches

-P <project file=""></project>	Name of main project file (space between P and <i><filename></filename></i> is optional)		
-aP <directory></directory>	Add <i><directory></directory></i> to list of directories to search for project files		
-u [<source file=""/> [, <source file=""/>]]	If sources specified, only compile these sources.		
	Otherwise, compile all sources in main project file		
-U [<source file=""/> [, <source file=""/>]]	If sources specified, only compile these sources.		
	Otherwise, compile all sources in project tree		
-Xnm=val	Specify external reference that may be read via built-in function external.		
version	Display information about GPRbuild: version, origin and legal status		
help	Display GPRbuild usage		
config= <config file="" name="" project=""></config>	Configuration project file name (default default.cgpr)		

Common Build Switches

Switches to be specified on command line or in Builder package of main project file

create-map-file[= <map file="">]</map>	When linking, (if supported)	by the platform, create a map file	<map file=""> .</map>
	(If not specified, filename is	<pre><executable name="">.map)</executable></pre>	
-j <num></num>	Use <num> simultaneous compilation jobs</num>		
-k	Keep going after compilation errors (default is to stop on first error)		
-p (orcreate-missing-dirs)	Creating missing output directory (e.g. object directory)		

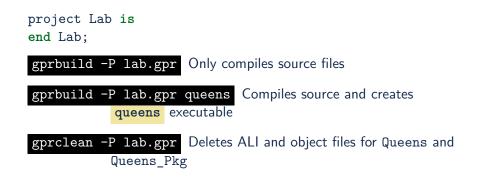
Start GPRBuild

- Open a command shell
- Go to 020_building_with_gprbuild directory (under source)
 - Contains a main procedure and a supporting package for the "8 Queens" problem
- Use an editor to create minimum project file
 - Name the project anything you wish
 - Filename and project name should be the same
- Build Queens using gprbuild and the project file as-is
 - Use -P argument on the command line to specify project file
 - Must also specify file name on command line to get executable
 - For example: gprbuild -P lab.gpr queens
- Clean the project with gprclean
 - Use **-P** argument on the command line to specify project file
 - Note that the queens.exe executable remains
 - Plus (possibly) some intermediate files

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GPRbuild Lab - Simple GPR File



GPRbuild Lab Part 2

- Change project file so that it specifies the main program
- Build again, without specifying the main on the command line
 - Use only -P argument on the command line to specify project file
- Clean the project with gprclean again
 - Note the queens executable is now also deleted (as well as any intermediate files)

GPRbuild Lab - Main Program Specified

project Lab is
 for Main use ("main.adb");

end Lab;



gprclean -P lab.gpr Deletes all generated files

Project Properties

Introduction

Specifying Directories

Any number of Source Directories

- Source Directories contain source files
- If not specified, defaults to directory containing project file
- Possible to create a project with no Source Directory
 - Not the same as not specifying the Source Directory!

One Object Directory

- Contains object files and other tool-generated files
- If not specified, defaults to directory containing project file
- One Executables Directory
 - Contains executable(s)
 - If not specified, defaults to same location as Object Directory

• *Tip: use forward slashes rather than backslashes for the most portability*

- Backslash will only work on Windows
- Forward slash will work on all supported systems (including Windows)

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Variables

Typed Set of possible string values **Untyped** Unspecified set of values (strings and lists) project Build is type Targets is ("release", "test"); -- Typed variable Target : Targets := external("target", "test"); -- Untyped string variable Var := "foo": -- Untyped string list variable Var2 := ("-gnato", "-gnata"); . . .

end Build;

Typed Versus Untyped Variables

- Typed variables have only listed values possible
 - Case sensitive, unlike Ada
- Typed variables are declared once per scope
 - Once at project or package level
 - Essentially read-only constants
 - Useful for external inputs
- Untyped variables may be "declared" many times
 - No previous declaration required

Property Values

- Strings
- Lists of strings
 - ("-v", "-gnatv")
- Associative arrays
 - Map input string to either single string or list of strings for <name> (<string-index>) use <list-of_strings>; for Switches ("Ada") use ("-gnaty", "-gnatwa");

Directories

Directories

Source Directories

- One or more in any project file
- Default is same directory as project file
- Can specify additional / other directories

for Source_Dirs use ("src/mains", "src/drivers", "foo");

- Can specify an entire tree of directories
 - for Source_Dirs use ("src/**");
 - src directory and every subdirectory underneath

Source Files

Must be at least one immediate source file

Immediate

Resides in project source directories OR

Specified through source-related attribute

Unless explicitly specified none present

```
for Source_Files use ();
```

Can specify source files by name

for Source_Files use ("pack1.ads","pack2.adb");

Can specify an external file containing source names

for Source_List_File use "source_list.txt";

Object Directory

Specifies location for compiler-generated files

- Such as .ali files and object files
- For the project's immediate sources

```
project Release is
    for Object_Dir use "release";
    ...
end Release;
```

- Only one object directory per project
- If Child extends project Parent and then building Child
 - For any source that exists only in Parent but has not been compiled, it's object files will appear in the Child object directory

Executable Directory

Specifies the location for executable image

```
project Release is
   for Exec_Dir use "executables";
   ...
end Release;
```

- Default is same directory as object files
- Only one per project

Project Packages

Project Packages

Packages Correspond to Tools

- Packages within project file contain switches (generally) for specific tools
- Allowable names and content defined by vendor
 - Not by users
- Analyzer
- Binder
- Builder
- Check
- Clean
- Compiler
- Cross_Reference
- Documentation
- Eliminate
- Finder

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- Gnatstub
- IDE
- Install
- Linker
- Metrics
- Naming
- Pretty_Printer
- Remote
- Stack
- Synchronize

Setting Tool Switches

May be specified to apply by default

package Compiler is for Default_Switches ("Ada") use ("-gnaty", "-v"); end Compiler;

May be specified on per-unit basis

Associative array "Switches" indexed by unit name

```
package Builder is
   for Switches ("main1.adb") use ("-02");
   for Switches ("main2.adb") use ("-g");
end Builder;
```

Naming Considerations

Rationale

- Project files assume source files have GNAT naming conventions Specification <unitname>[-<childunit>].ads Body <unitname>[-<childunit>].adb
- Sometimes you want different conventions
 - Third-party libraries
 - Legacy code used different compiler
 - Changing filenames would make tracking changes harder

Source File Naming Schemes

- Allow arbitrary naming conventions
 - Other than GNAT default convention
- May be applied to all source files in a project
 - Specified in a package named Naming
- May be applied to specific files in a project
 - Individual attribute specifications

```
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```

Foreign Default File Naming Example

Sample source file names

- Package spec for Utilities in utilities.spec
- Package body for Utilities in utilities.body
- Package spec for Utilities.Child in utilities.child.spec
- Package body for Utilities.Child in utilities.child.body

project Legacy_Code is

```
package Naming is
   for Casing use "lowercase";
   for Dot_Replacement use ".";
   for Spec_Suffix ("Ada") use ".spec";
   for Body_Suffix ("Ada") use ".body";
end Naming;
```

```
end Legacy_Code;
```

```
Project Properties
```

GNAT Default File Naming Example

Sample source file names

- Package spec for Utilities in utilities.ads
- Package body for Utilities in utilities.adb
- Package spec for Utilities.Child in utilities-child.ads
- Package body for Utilities.Child in utilities-child.adb

project GNAT is

```
package Naming is
   for Casing use "lowercase";
   for Dot_Replacement use "-";
   for Spec_Suffix ("Ada") use ".ads";
   for Body_Suffix ("Ada") use ".adb";
end Naming;
```

end GNAT;

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Individual (Arbitrary) File Naming

Uses associative arrays to specify file names

- Index is a string containing the unit name
 - Case insensitive
- Value is a string containing the file name
 - Case sensitivity depends on host file system
- Has distinct attributes for specs and bodies
- for Spec ("<unit name>") use "<filename>"
- for Spec ("MyPack.MyChild") use "MMS1AF32.A";
- for Body ("MyPack.MyChild") use "MMS1AF32.B";

Variables for Conditional Processing

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Two Sample Projects for Different Switch Settings

```
project Debug is
for Object_Dir use "debug";
package Builder is
for Default_Switches ("Ada")
    use ("-g");
end Builder;
package Compiler is
for Default_Switches ("Ada")
    use ("-fstack-check",
                      "-gnata",
                     "-gnato");
end Compiler;
end Debug;
```

```
project Release is
  for Object_Dir use "release";
  package Compiler is
    for Default_Switches ("Ada")
        use ("-O2");
  end Compiler;
end Release;
```

External and Conditional References

- Allow project file content to depend on value of environment variables and command-line arguments
- Reference to external values is by function

external (<name> [, default])

- Returns value of name as supplied via
 - Command line
 - Environment variable
 - If not specified, uses **default** or else ""
- Command line switch

gprbuild -P... -Xname=value ...

gprbuild -P common/build.gpr -Xtarget=test common/main.adb

Note: Command line values override environment variables

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Variables for Conditional Processing

External/Conditional Reference Example

```
project Build is
   type Targets is ("release", "test");
   Target : Targets := external("target", "test");
   case Target is -- project attributes
      when "release" =>
         for Object Dir use "release";
         for Exec Dir use ".":
      when "test" =>
         for Object Dir use "debug";
   end case:
   package Compiler is
      case Target is
         when "release" =>
            for Default Switches ("Ada") use ("-02"):
         when "test" =>
            for Default Switches ("Ada") use
                  ("-g", "-fstack-check", "-gnata", "-gnato");
      end case;
   end Compiler;
end Build:
```

Variables for Conditional Processing

Scenario Controlling Source File Selection

```
project Demo is
...
type Displays is ("Win32", "ANSI");
Output : Displays := external ("OUTPUT", "Win32");
...
package Naming is
case Output is
when "Win32" =>
for Body ("Console") use "console_win32.adb";
when "ANSI" =>
for Body ("Console") use "console_ansi.adb";
end case;
end Naming;
end Demo;
```

Source Files

console.ads	<pre>console_win32.adb</pre>	<pre>console_ansi.adb</pre>	
package Console is	package body Console is	package body Console is	
end Console;	end Console;	end Console;	

Project Properties Lab

- Create new project file in an empty directory
- Specify source and output directories
 - Use source files from the 030_project_properties directory
 (under source)
 - Specify where object files and executable should be located
- Build and run executable (pass command line argument of 200)
 - Note location of object files and executable
 - Execution should get Constraint_Error

Directories Solution

Project File

```
project Lab is
   for Source_Dirs use ("source/030_project_properties");
   for Main use ( "main.adb" );
   for Object_Dir use "obj";
   for Exec_Dir use "exec";
end Lab;
```

Executable Output

41	267914296
42	433494437
43	701408733
44	1134903170
45	1836311903

raised CONSTRAINT_ERROR : fibonacci.adb:16 overflow check failed

Project Properties Lab - Switches

- Modify project file to disable overflow checking
 - Add the Compiler package
 - Insert Default_Switches attribute for Ada in Compiler package
 - Set switch -gnato0 in the attribute
 - Disable overflow checking
- Build and run again
 - Need to use switch -f on command line to force rebuild
 - (Changes to GPR file do not automatically force recompile)
 - No Constraint_Error
 - But data doesn't look right due to overflow issues

Switches Solution

Project File

```
project Lab is
  for Source_Dirs use ("source/030_project_properties");
  for Main use ( "main.adb" );
  package Compiler is
     for Default_Switches ("Ada") use ("-gnato0");
  end Compiler;
   ...
end Lab;
```

Executable Output

43	701408733
44	1134903170
45	1836311903
46	-1323752223
47	512559680
48	-811192543
49	-298632863
50	-1109825406

. . .

Project Properties Lab - Naming

- Modify project file to use naming conventions from a different compiler
 - Change source directories to point to naming folder
 - File naming conventions:
 - Spec: <unitname>[.child].1.ada
 - Body: <unitname>[.child].2.ada
 - Remember to fix executable name
- Build and run again
 - Note: Accumulator uses more bits, so failure condition happens later

Naming Solution

Project File

```
project Lab is
  for Source_Dirs use ("source/030_project_properties/naming");
  package Naming is
    for Casing use "lowercase";
    for Dot_Replacement use ".";
    for Spec_Suffix ("Ada") use ".1.ada";
    for Body_Suffix ("Ada") use ".2.ada";
  end Naming;
  for Main use ( "main.2.ada" );
    ....
  end Lab;
```

Executable Output

 38
 1779979416004714189

 89
 2880067194370816120

 90
 4660046610375530309

 91
 7540113804746346429

 92
 -6246583658587674878

 93
 1293530146158671551

 94
 -4953053512429003327

 95
 -3659523366270331776

 96
 -8612576878699335103

. . .

Project Properties Lab - Conditional

- Modify project file to select precision via compiler switch
 - conditional folder has two more package bodies using different accumulators
 - Read a variable from the command line to determine which body to use
 - Hint: Naming will need to use a case statement to select appropriate body
- Build and run again
 - Hint: Name used in external call must be same casing as in GPRBUILD command, i.e
 - external ("FooBar"); means gprbuild -XFooBar...

Conditional Solution

Project File

project Lab is

```
type Precision_T is ( "unsigned", "float", "default" );
Precision : Precision_T := external ( "PRECISION", "default");
```

package Naming is

```
case Precision is
when "unsigned" =>
for Body ("Fionacci") use "fibonacci.unsigned";
when "float" =>
for Body ("Fibonacci") use "fibonacci.float";
when "default" =>
for Body ("Fibonacci") use "fibonacci.2.ada";
end Case;
end Naming;
```

end Lab:

end Lab;

- Executable Output
 - 1 1.000000000000E+00
 - 2 2.00000000000E+00
 - 3 3.000000000000E+00
 - 4 5.000000000000E+00
 - 5 8.00000000000E+00
 - 6 1.300000000000E+01
 - 7 2.10000000000E+01
 - 8 3.400000000000E+01
 - 9 5.50000000000E+01
 - 10 8.900000000000E+01

. . .

Structuring Your Application

Introduction

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- Most applications can be broken into pieces
 - Modules, components, etc whatever you want to call them
- Helpful to have a project file for each component
 - Or even multiple project files for better organization

Dependency

- Units of one component typically depend units in other components
 - Types packages, utilities, external interfaces, etc
- A project can with another project to allow visibility
 - Ambiguity issues can occur if the same unit appears in multiple projects

Extension

- Sometimes we want to replace units for certain builds
 - Testing might require different package bodies
 - Different targets might require different values for constants
- A project can *extend* another project
 - Project inherits properties and units from its parent
 - Project can create new properties and units to override parent

Building an Application

Building an Application

Importing Projects

- Source files of one project may depend on source files of other projects
 - Depend in Ada sense (contains with clauses)
- Want to localize properties of other projects
 - Switches etc.
 - Defined in one place and not repeated elsewhere
- Thus dependent projects *import* other projects to add source files to search path

Project Import Notation

Similar to Ada's with clauses

But uses strings

with <literal string> {, <literal string>};

- String literals are path names of project files
 - Relative
 - Absolute

```
with "/gui/gui.gpr", "../math.gpr";
project MyApp is
```

end MyApp;

. . .

Building an Application

GPRBuild search paths

GPR with relative paths are searched

- From the current project directory
- From the environment variables
 - Path to a file listing directory paths
 - GPR_PROJECT_PATH_FILE
 - List of directories, separated by PATH-like (:, ;) separator
 - GPR_PROJECT_PATH
 - ADA_PROJECT_PATH (deprecated)
- From the current toolchain's install dir
 - Can be target-specific
 - Can be runtime-specific
 - See GPR Tool's User Guide

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Importing Projects Example

with GUI, Math; package body Pack is

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Source Architecture

/gui		/myapp		/math
gui.gpr	\rightarrow	myapp.gpr	· ~	math.gpr
gui.ads		pack.ads		math.ads
gui.adb		pack.adb		math.adb
		main.adb		

Project File

```
with "/gui/gui.gpr", "/math/math.gpr";
project MyApp is
    ...
end MyApp;
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```

Referencing Imported Content

- When referencing imported projects, use the Ada *dot notation* concept for declarations
 - Start with the project name
 - Use the tick (') for attributes

```
with "foo.gpr";
project P is
    package Compiler is
        for Default_Switches ("Ada") use
            Foo.Compiler'Default_Switches("Ada") & "-gnatwa";
    end Compiler;
end P;
```

- Project P uses all the compiler switches in project Foo and adds -gnatwa
- Note: in GPR files, "&" can be used to concatenate string lists and string

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Renaming

Packages can rename (imported) packages Effect is as if the package is declared locally Much like the Ada language with "../naming schemes/rational.gpr"; project Clients is package Naming renames Rational.Naming; for Languages use ("Ada"); for Object_Dir use "."; . . . end Clients;

Building an Application

Project Source Code Dependencies

```
Not unusual for projects to be interdependent
    In the Nav project
      with Hmi.Controls;
      package body Nav.Engine is
         Global Speed : Speed T := 0.0;
         procedure Increase_Speed (Change : Speed_Delta_T) is
            Max_Change : Speed_T := Global_Speed * 0.10;
         begin
            Global Speed :=
              Global Speed + Speed T'max (Speed T (Change),
                                           Max Change):
            Hmi.Controls.Display_Speed (Global_Speed);
         end Increase Speed;
      end Nav.Engine;
    In the HMI project
      package body Hmi.Controls is
         procedure Display Speed (Speed : Nav.Engine.Speed T) is
         begin
            Display Speed On Console (Speed);
         end Display_Speed;
         procedure Change_Speed (Speed_Change : Nav.Engine.Speed Delta T) is
         begin
            Nav.Engine.Increase_Speed (Speed_Change);
         end Change Speed;
      end Hmi.Controls:
```

Project Dependencies

Project files cannot create a cycle using with

- Neither direct (Hmi \rightarrow Nav \rightarrow Hmi)
- Nor indirect (Hmi \rightarrow Nav \rightarrow Monitor \rightarrow Hmi)

So how do we allow the sources in each project to interact?

```
limited with
```

Allows sources to be interdependent, but not the projects

```
limited with "Hmi.gpr";
project Nav is
   package Compiler is
    for Switches ("Ada") use
        Hmi.Compiler'Switches & "-gnatwa"; -- illegal
   end Compiler;
end Nav;
```

Subsystems

- Sets of sources and folders managed together
- Represented by project files
 - Connected by project with clauses or project extensions
 - Generally one primary project file
 - Potentially many project files, assuming subsystems composed of other subsystems
- Have at most one *objects* folder per subsystem
 - A defining characteristic
 - Typical, not required

Building an Application

Subsystems Example

```
with "gui.gpr";
with "utilities.gpr";
with "hardware.gpr";
project Application is
   for Main use ("demo");
   for Object Dir use ("objs");
end Application;
with "utilities.gpr";
project Gui is
   for Object_Dir use ("objs");
end Gui;
with "utilities.gpr";
project Hardware is
   for Object_Dir use ("objs");
end Hardware:
project Utilities is
   for Object_Dir use ("objs");
end Utilities;
```

Building an Application

Building Subsystems

- One project file given to the builder
- Everything necessary will be built, transitively
 - Build Utilities
 - Only source specified in utilities.gpr will be built
 - Build Hardware (or Gui)
 - Source specified in hardware.gpr (or gui.gpr) will be built
 - Source specified in utilities.gpr will be built if needed
 - Build Application
 - Any source specified in any of the project files will be built as needed

Extending Projects

Extending Projects

Extending Projects

- Allows using modified versions of source files without changing the original sources
- Based on *inheritance* of parent project's properties
 - Source files
 - Switch settings
- Supports localized build decisions and properties
 - Inherited properties may be overridden with new versions
- Hierarchies permitted

Limits on Extending Projects

- A project that extends/modifies a project can also import other projects.
- Can't import both a parent and a modified project.
 - If you import the extension, you get the parent
- Can extend only one other project at a time.

Structuring Your Application

Extending Projects

Multiple Versions of Unit Bodies Example

- Assume *Baseline* directory structure:
 - baseline.gpr contains
 - filename.ads
 - filename.adb
 - application.adb
- For testing, you want to
 - Replace filename.adb with a dummy version
 - Use **test_driver.adb** as the main program

Multiple Versions of Unit Bodies Files

Baseline GPR file might look like:

```
project Baseline is
   for Source_Dirs use ("src");
   for Main use ("application");
end Baseline;
```

Test GPR file might look like:

```
project Test_Baseline extends "Baseline" is
   for Source_Dirs use ( "test_code" );
   for Main use ( "test_driver" );
end Test_Baseline;
```

Structuring Your Application Lab

Source is included in folder

040_structuring_your_application

- Very simplistic speed monitor
 - Reads current distance
 - Determines amount of time since last read
 - Calculates speed
 - Sends message
- Four subsystems
 - **Base** types and speed calculator
 - Sensors reads distance from some register
 - Messages sends message to some memory location
 - Application main program
- We could build one GPR file and point to all source directories
 - But as our application grew, this would become harder to maintain

Assignment Part One

- 1 Build GPR files for each subsystem
- Hint: These subsystems *depend* on each other, they do not override source files
- As you build each GPR file, run gprbuild -P <gprfile> to make sure everything works
- Main program is in main.adb
- 2 Run main
- This will fail (leading up to Part Two of the assignment)
- 3 Modify base_types.ads
- Just so source code needs to be compiled
- 4 Rebuild your main program
- Even though the modified source file is not directly referenced in the main GPR file, GPRBUILD should compile everything it needs

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Assignment Part One - Solution

```
with "../base/base.gpr";
with "../messages/messages.gpr";
with "../sensors/sensors.gpr";
project Application is
   for Source_Dirs use ("src");
   for Object Dir use "obj";
   for Main use ("main.adb") & project'Main;
end Application;
with "../base/base.gpr";
project Messages is
    for Source Dirs use ("src");
    for Object_Dir use "obj";
end Messages;
with "../base/base.gpr";
project Sensors is
    for Source Dirs use ("src"):
   for Object Dir use "obj";
end Sensors:
project Base is
    for Source Dirs use ("src");
   for Object_Dir use "obj";
end Base;
```

Assignment Part Two

- 1 Build GPR files to create test stubs for Odometer and Sender
- Test bodies exist in the appropriate test subfolders
- Create extensions for messages.gpr and sensors.gpr
 - We want to inherit the package spec, but use the "test" package bodies
- 2 Build a GPR file for the main application
- Main still works, we just need the GPR file to access our stubs
- We could create a new GPR file, or extend the original. Which is easier?
- 3 Build and run your main program

Assignment Part Two - Solution

messages/test directory

```
project Messages_Test extends "../Messages.gpr" is
   for Source_Dirs use (".");
end Messages_Test;
```

sensors/test directory

```
project Sensors_Test extends "../sensors.gpr" is
   for Source_Dirs use (".");
end Sensors_Test;
```

test directory

```
with "../messages/test/messages_test.gpr";
with "../sensors/test/sensors_test.gpr";
project Test extends "../application/application.gpr" is
    for Main use ("main.adb") & project'Main;
end Test;
```

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Advanced Capabilities

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Other Types of GPR Files

Project files can also be used for

- Building libraries
- Building systems
- Project files can also have children
 - Similar to Ada packages

Library Projects

Libraries

- Subsystems packaged in specific way
- Represented by project files with specific attributes
- Referenced by other project files, as usual
 - Contents become available automatically, etc.
- Library Project

```
library project Static_Lib is
    -- keyword "library" is optional
    ...
end Static_Lib;
Standard Project referencing library
```

```
with "static_lib.gpr";
project Main is
```

end Main;

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Creating Library Projects

- Several global attributes are involved/possible
- Required attributes

Library_Name Name of library

Library_Dir Where library is installed

Important optional attributes

Library_Kind *static, static-pic, dynamic, relocatable* (same as *dynamic*)

Library_Interface Restrict interface to subset of units

Library_Auto_Init Should autoinit at load (if supported)

Library_Options Extra arguments to pass to linker

Library_GCC Use custom linker

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Supported Library Types

- Static Libraries
 - Code statically linked into client applications
 - Becomes permanent part of client during build
 - Each client gets separate, independent copy
- Dynamic Libraries
 - Code dynamically linked at run-time
 - Not permanent part of application
 - Code shared among all clients
- Stand-Alone Libraries (SAL)
 - Minimize client recompilations when library internals change
 - Contain all necessary elaboration code for Ada units within
 - Can be static or shared
- See the GNAT Pro Users Guide for details

Static Library Project Example

```
library project Name is
   for Source_Dirs use ("src1", "src2");
   for Library_Dir use "lib";
   for Library_Name use "name";
   for Library_Kind use "static";
end Name;
```

Creates library libname.a on Windows

Standalone Library Project Example

```
library project Name is
    Version := "1";
    for Library_Interface use ("int1", "int1.child");
    for Library_Dir use "lib";
    for Library_Name use "name";
    for Library_Kind use "relocatable";
    for Library_Version use "libdummy.so." & Version;
end Name;
```

Creates library libname.so.1 with a symlink libname.so that points to it

Aggregate Projects

Aggregate Projects

Complex Applications

- Many applications have multiple exectuables and/or libraries
 - Shared source code
 - Multiple "top-level" project files
- Assume project A withs project B and project C
 - Build of project A will only compile/link whatever is necessary for project A's executable(s)
 - Executables in project B and C will need to be generated separately
 - Running gprbuild on all three projects causes redundant processing
 - Determination of files that need to be compiled
 - Libraries are always built when gprbuild is called

Aggregate Projects

- Represent multiple, related projects
 - Related especially by common source code
- Allow managing options in a centralized way
- Compilation optimized for sources common to multiple projects
 - Doesn't compile more than necessary

Aggregate Projects

Aggregate Project Example

```
aggregate project Agg is
   -- Projects to be built
   for Project_Files use ("A.gpr", "B.gpr", "C.gpr");
   -- Directories to search for project files
   for Project_Path use ("../dir1", "../dir1/dir2");
   -- Scenario variable
   for external ("BUILD") use "PRODUCTION";
   -- Common build switches
```

```
package Builder is
   for Global_Compilation_Switches ("Ada")
        use ("-01", "-g");
   end Builder;
end Agg;
```

Child Projects

Child Projects

Grouping Projects

- Sometimes we want to emphasize project relationships
 - Similar to parent/child relationship in Ada packages
- Child project
 - Declare child of project same as in Ada: project Parent.Child ...
 - No inheritance assumed (unlike Ada)
 - Behavior of child follows normal project definition rules

Child Projects

Original project

```
-- math_proj.gpr
project Math_Proj is
...
end Math_Proj;
```

```
    Child depends on parent
```

```
with "math_proj.gpr";
project Math_Proj.Tests is
    ...
end Math_Proj.Tests;
```

Child extends parent

```
project Math_Proj.High_Performance extends "math_proj.gpr" is
    ...
end Math_Proj.High_Performance;
```

Illegal project

```
project Math_Proj.Test is
    ...
end Math_Proj.Test;
```

Summary

Conclusion

GNAT Project Manager Summary

- Supports hierarchical, localized build decisions
- IDEs provide direct support
- $\blacksquare\ {\rm GPRBUILD}$ allows broad or narrow control over build process
- See the GPRbuild and GPR Companion Tools User's Guide for further functionality and capabilities
 - Target build processing
 - Distributed builds
 - Etc