CP2 Exercise 7 04/12/2006

1. Re-examine the calendar programs from the previous exercises and extract the most used functions from them into a separate source file with a separate header, containing the necessary type definitions and prototypes (*suggested filenames: calendar.c & calendar.h*). Then create a statically linked library libcal.a. Try building the calendar exercises, using the newly created library.

Notes:

a) secure calendar. h using include guards to prevent multiple inclusion of the file b) to link an executable with a library in the same directory, the current directory must be added to the library path:

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gcc -ansi prog.c -L. -lcal -o program to add the current directory to the include path, the -I. option is necessary.
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2. Similarly to the above exercise extract the functions from last week's tree exercises (*insert, depth, printInOrder, printPreOrder, printPostOrder*) into a separate source file with a separate header, containing the necessary type definitions and prototypes. Then create a statically linked library libtree.a. Then build the tree exercises, using the newly created library.

Under unix-like systems (e.g. Linux) library files are usually archives containing one or more C object files. These libraries are usually called libX.a, where X is a string (the name of the library). The filename extension .a shows that it is an archive file. To enable programs to access functions from objects contained within a library, header files containing the prototypes of these functions must be provided.

Archives are created using the *ar* command:

(useful) ar options:

- -r add or replace object files in the archive
- -d delete specified object files from the archive
- -x extract copies of specified object files from archive