

Link 6. Library Search Examples

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"Study of ELF loading and relocs", 1999

http://netwinder.osuosl.org/users/p/patb/public_html/elf_relocs.html

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Compiling 32-bit program on 64-bit gcc

- `gcc -v`
- `gcc -m32 t.c`
- `sudo apt-get install gcc-multilib`
- `sudo apt-get install g++-multilib`
- `gcc-multilib`
- `g++-multilib`
- `gcc -m32`
- `objdump -m i386`

TOC: Examples of search libraries

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TOC: 1. Example source code and dependencies

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- Function dependencies of `foo()`, `bar()`, `foobar()`

Example source codes of foo(), bar(), foobar()

1. foo.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void foo(void)
{
    puts(__func__);
    // puts("foo");
}
```

2. bar.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void bar(void)
{
    puts(__func__);
    // puts("bar");
}
```

3. foobar.c

```
extern void foo(void);
extern void bar(void);

void foobar(void)
{
    foo();
    bar();
}
```

4. main.c

```
extern void foobar(void);

int main(void)
{
    foobar();
    return 0;
}
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

Function dependencies of `foo()`, `bar()`, `foobar()`

```
main()    → foobar()
foobar()  → foo(), bar()
```

```
main()    in prog
foobar()  in libfoobar.so
foo()     in libfoo.so
bar()     in libbar.so
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

direct and nested dependencies of a binary

binary	direct dependencies	nested dependencies
<code>libfoobar.so</code>	→ <code>libfoo.so</code> , → <code>libbar.so</code>	
<code>prog</code>	→ <code>libfoobar.so</code>	→ <code>libfoo.so</code> , → <code>libbar.so</code>

Specifying dependencies and search paths (1)

	dependencies	link time search paths	runtime search paths
<code>-l</code>	<input type="radio"/>		
<code>-L</code>		<input type="radio"/>	
<code>-rpath-link</code>		<input type="radio"/>	
<code>-rpath</code>		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Specifying dependencies and search paths (2)

	for direct dependencies	for nested dependencies
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Method 1	<code>-L d_direct -l direct</code>	<code>-L d_nest -l nest</code>
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Method 2	<code>-L d_direct -l direct</code>	<code>-rpath-link d_nest</code>
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Method 3	<code>-L d_direct -l direct</code>	<code>-rpath d_nest</code>
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Method 4	<code>-L d_direct -l direct</code>	<code>-rpath d_direct</code>
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Specifying dependencies and search paths (3)

Method 1	<code>-L d_direct -l direct -L d_nest -l nest</code>
Method 2	<code>-L d_direct -l direct -rpath-link d_nest</code>
Method 3	<code>-L d_direct -l direct -rpath d_nest</code>

need to specify *runtime* search paths, e.g.,
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=dir1:dir2

Method 4	<code>-L d_direct -l direct -rpath d_direct</code>
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no need to specify *runtime* search paths
`-rpath` enables each binary to *record*
its *direct* search paths in the `RUNPATH` entry
of its `.dynamic` section

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Example summary using `-L` and `-l`

- 1 Make two shared libraries, `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so`:

```
$ gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foo.c bar.c
$ gcc -shared -o libfoo.so foo.o
$ gcc -shared -o libbar.so bar.o
```

- 2 Make a third shared library, `libfoobar.so`

```
$ gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foobar.c
$ gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -L. -lfoo -lbar
```

- 3 Make `prog` that depends on `libfoobar.so`:

```
$ gcc -c -Wall main.c
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -lfoo -lbar
```

- 4 Execute using `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`

```
$ export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=.
$ ./prog
foo
bar
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

Making libfoo.so and libbar.so

- Make two shared libraries, `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so`:

```
$ gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foo.c bar.c
```

```
$ gcc -shared -o libfoo.so foo.o
```

```
$ gcc -shared -o libbar.so bar.o
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

Making libfoobar.so

- Make a third shared library, `libfoobar.so` that depends on the first two (`libfoo.so`, `libbar.so`)

```
$ gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foobar.c
$ gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -lfoo -lbar
/usr/bin/ld: cannot find -lfoo
/usr/bin/ld: cannot find -lbar
collect2: error: ld returned 1 exit status
```

- *direct dependencies* (`libfoo.so` and `libbar.so`) were specified by `-lfoo` and `-lbar`
- but could not find the libraries (`libfoo.so` and `-libbar.so`)
`/usr/bin/ld: cannot find -lfoo`
`/usr/bin/ld: cannot find -lbar`
- because the linker (`ld`) didn't know where to look to *resolve* `-lfoo` or `-lbar` thus were not able to *resolve* them

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

Using `-L. -lfoo -lbar` to make `libfoobar.so`

- The `-L.` informs where to look to resolve `-lfoo` and `-lbar`

```
$ gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -L. -lfoo -lbar
```

- the `-L` option (`-Ldir`) tells the linker (`ld`) to search `dir` for libraries to resolve **dependencies** that are specified by the `-l` option
 - the linker (`ld`) searches the `-L` directories, in their command line order;
eg. when multiple `-L` options are used like `-Ldir1 -Ldir2` `dir1` is searched first, then `dir2`
- then it searches its configured default directories, in their configured order.

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

Making an application prog that uses libfoobar.so

- make a program `prog` that depends on `libfoobar.so`:

```
$ gcc -c -Wall main.c
```

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar
```

- `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so` are the *direct* dependencies of `libfoobar.so`, and thus the *nested* dependencies of `prog`
- only *direct* dependency is specified (`-lfoobar`) with the correct search path (`-L.`)
- *nested* dependencies are not specified (`-lfoo -lbar`) but `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so` can be found in the specified search path (`-L.`)

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

Not specifying *nested* dependencies

- although `-lfoo` and `-lbar` are not specified,

```
$ gcc -c -Wall main.c  
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar
```

- by looking into `NEEDED` entry of the `.dynamic` section of `libfoobar.so`,
- the linker (`ld`) detects the *nested dynamic dependencies* but they were not specified with `-lfoo -lbar`
warning : not found libfoo.so, not found libbar.so
- the linker (`ld`) did not resolve the *nested* dependencies because they were not specified
error: undefined reference to foo, undefined reference to bar

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

Warning and error messages

- make a program `prog` that depends on `libfoobar.so`:
 - the *nested* dependencies are not specified (`-lfoo -lbar`) though with the correct search path (`-L.`)
 - not found `libfoo.so` ← `-lfoo` not specified
 - not found `libbar.so` ← `-lbar` not specified
 - undefined reference to `bar` ← `-lbar` not resolved
 - undefined reference to `foo` ← `-lfoo` not resolved

```
$ gcc -c -Wall main.c
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar
/usr/bin/ld: warning: libfoo.so, needed by ./libfoobar.so, not found
(try using -rpath or -rpath-link)
/usr/bin/ld: warning: libbar.so, needed by ./libfoobar.so, not found
(try using -rpath or -rpath-link)
./libfoobar.so: undefined reference to `bar'
./libfoobar.so: undefined reference to `foo'
collect2: error: ld returned 1 exit status
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

Using only `-L` and `-l` to make an application

- to resolve the *nested dependencies*, we will consider the following ways
 - 1 `-L` and `-l`
 - 2 `-rpath-link`
 - 3 `-rpath`
- let us first ignore the gcc compiler's advice
try using `-rpath` or `-rpath-link`
- to handle *nested dependencies*, try first using `-L` and `-l`
 - search path for *nested dependencies* : `-L.`
(the same directory specified for `libfoobar.so`)
 - *nested dependencies* : `-lfoo -lbar`

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -lfoo -lbar
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

Need to specify runtime search paths

- now, the application **prog** can be made, but cannot be made to run:

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -lfoo -lbar
```

```
$ ./prog
```

```
./prog: error while loading shared libraries: libfoobar.so:\ncannot open shared object file: No such file or directory
```

- at the **runtime**, the loader (**ld.so**) could not find **libfoobar.so** nor **libfoo.so** nor **libbar.so**
- need to specify the **runtime** search paths

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

More experiment with nested dependencies

- before specifying runtime search paths, let's experiment more with *nested dependencies*
- move `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so` libraries to `lib2`

```
$ mkdir lib2
$ mv libfoo.so libbar.so lib2
```

- then, make `prog` as before

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -lfoo -lbar
```

- the *nested dependencies* were specified (`-lfoo -lbar`)
- but the linker (`ld`) could not find `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so` at the specified directory (`-L.`)

```
/usr/bin/ld: cannot find -lfoo
/usr/bin/ld: cannot find -lbar
collect2: error: ld returned 1 exit status
```

- the correct search path `-Llib2` must also be specified

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

Specifying the runtime shared library paths

- now move `libfoo.so`, `libbar.so` back to the current directory . and make `prog` again

```
mv lib2/libfoo.so lib2/libbar.so .  
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -lfoo -lbar
```

- the `-L` option is used to tell the linker (`ld`) where to *find the libraries* (shared objects) at the compile, and link time
- lots of ways to tell the runtime linker (dynamic loader `ld.so`) where to *find the libraries* (shared objects) at the runtime
 - `-R`
 - `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`
 - `LD_RUN_PATH`

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/31455979/how-to-specify-libraries-paths-in-gcc>

Using LD_LIBRARY_PATH to run an application

- `prog` is made by using `-L` and `-l` only
not by using `-rpath` nor `-rpath-link`

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -lfoo -lbar
```

- `prog` is made run by us `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`

```
$ export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=.  
$ ./prog  
foo  
bar
```

- at the **runtime**, `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` enables the loader (`ld.so`)
to find `libfoobar.so`, `libfoo.so`, and `libbar.so`
in the current directory .

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=.
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

TOC: 3. -rpath-link

Handling *direct* and *nested* dependencies

- *direct* **dependency** must be handled by specifying **-L** and **-l**
- *nested* **dependencies** can be handled by specifying **-rpath-link** or **-rpath**

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

Specifying `-L` and `-l` handles *direct* dependencies

- the *direct* **dependencies** of the current binary must be handled by `-L` and `-l`
 - specifying `-L` and `-l` creates **NEEDED** entries in `.dynamic` section of the current binary
 - by specifying `-rpath-link` or `-rpath`
 - the **NEEDED** entries are not created, but
 - the **NEEDED** entries of each binary can be utilized to find the *nested* **dependencies** of a given binary

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

Specifying `-rpath-link` handles *nested* dependencies

- the `-rpath-link=dir` option tells the linker (`ld`) that when *dynamic nested dependencies* are requested, directory `dir` is searched to *resolve* them.
- only for a successful linkage, `-rpath-link` specifies the *directories* where the nested dependencies of the current binary can be found

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath-link=$(pwd)
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

-rpath-link v.s. -rpath

- `-rpath-link=dir`
 - provides the linker with **runtime search path** information
 - but does not instruct the linker to write that information into **RUNPATH** or **RPATH** entries in the **.dynamic** section
- `-rpath=dir`
 - also provides the linker with **runtime search path** information
 - and instructs the linker to write that information into **RUNPATH** or **RPATH** entries in the **.dynamic** section

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

`-rpath-link` does not create `RUNPATH` / `RPATH` entries

- `-rpath-link=dir`

- does not guarantee us a *runnable prog*
but only a *successful linkage*

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath-link=$(pwd)
$ ./prog
./prog: error while loading shared libraries: libfoobar.so
cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory
```

- creates neither `RUNPATH` nor `RPATH`
- therefore, in order to *execute prog*,
`runtime search path` must be specified explicitly

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

`-rpath` creates `RUNPATH` / `RPATH` entries

- `-rpath=dir`
 - creates `RUNPATH` or `RPATH` entries in the `.dynamic` section to specify `runtime search path`
 - `RUNPATH` (for modern gcc)
 - `RPATH` (for older gcc)
 - guarantees us a *runnable prog*
 - no need to specify `runtime search path` explicitly

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

RPATH v.s. RUNPATH (1)

- in the `.dynamic` section of a binary (*executable* or *shared library*)
 - the `RPATH` entry is used by default in the older versions of gcc
 - `RPATH` allows nested dependencies to inherit the specified search path
 - the `RUNPATH` entry is used by default in modern versions of gcc
 - `RUNPATH` applies the search path only to the direct dependencies of the *current binary* (no recursive application)

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

RPATH v.s. RUNPATH (2)

older gcc **RPATH** all dependencies (direct, nested)
utilize the specified path

modern gcc **RUNPATH** only direct dependencies
utilize the specified path

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

Runtime search path precedence (1)

- at the **runtime**, to locate a **dynamic library** (**.so** file), the loader (dynamic linker) will try the followings
 - search **RPATH** (older versions of gcc)
 - search **LD_LIBRARY_PATH**
 - search **RUNPATH** (modern versions of gcc)
 - directories on the **system search path**, which consists of the entries in **/etc/ld.so.conf** plus **/lib** and **/usr/lib**

<https://unix.stackexchange.com/questions/22926/where-do-executables-look-for-shared-libraries>

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-and-rdynamic>

Runtime search path precedence (2)

- there are many other ways to specify the **runtime search path**
- **-rpath-link=dir** does not give any information of **runtime search path**

<https://unix.stackexchange.com/questions/22926/where-do-executables-look-for-shared-libraries>

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-link-and-rpath>

bfd ld and -rpath-link (1)

- The `--rpath-link` option is used by `bfd ld` to add to the search path used for finding `DT_NEEDED` shared libraries (direct dependencies of a given binary) when doing link-time symbol resolution

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

bfd ld and -rpath-link (2)

- It's basically telling the linker what to use as the **runtime search path** when attempting to mimic what the dynamic linker would do when resolving symbols
 - as set by **--rpath** options or the **LD_LIBRARY_PATH** environment variable

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

Gold ld and -rpath-link

- Gold linker does not follow `DT_NEEDED` entries when resolving symbols in shared libraries,
- so the `--rpath-link` option is ignored when `gold linker` is used
- this was a deliberate design decision; `indirect (nested) dependencies` do not need to be present or in their runtime locations during the link process.

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

Example summary using `-rpath-link`

- 1 Make two shared libraries, `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so`

```
$ gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foo.c bar.c
$ gcc -shared -o libfoo.so foo.o
$ gcc -shared -o libbar.so bar.o
```

- 2 Make a third shared library, `libfoobar.so`

```
$ gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foobar.c
$ gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -L. -lfoo -lbar
```

- 3 Make `prog` that depends on `libfoobar.so`

```
$ gcc -c -Wall main.c
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath-link=$(pwd)
```

- 4 Execute using `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`

```
$ export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=.
$ ./prog
foo
bar
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

Making libfoo.so and libbar.so

- Make two shared libraries, `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so`:

```
$ gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foo.c bar.c
```

```
$ gcc -shared -o libfoo.so foo.o
```

```
$ gcc -shared -o libbar.so bar.o
```

- no *direct* dependencies
- no specification with `-l`
- no **NEEDED** entries for *direct* dependencies that are specified by a user

```
$ readelf -d libfoo.so | grep NEEDED
```

Tag	Type	Name/Value
0x0000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libc.so.6]

```
$ readelf -d libbar.so | grep NEEDED
```

Tag	Type	Name/Value
0x0000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libc.so.6]

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

Making libfoobar.so

- Make a third shared library, `libfoobar.so` that depends on the first two (`libfoo.so`, `libbar.so`)

```
$ gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foobar.c
```

```
$ gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -L. -lfoo -lbar
```

- *direct dependencies* were specified by `-lfoo -lbar`
- these *dependencies* were recorded as the **NEEDED** entries in the `.dynamic` section of `libfoobar.so`

```
$ readelf -d libfoobar.so | grep NEEDED
```

Tag	Type	Name/Value
0x0000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libfoo.so] <---
0x0000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libbar.so] <---

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

Making an application prog that uses libfoobar.so

- make a program `prog` that depends on `libfoobar.so`:

```
$ gcc -c -Wall main.c
```

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath-link=$(pwd)
```

- only *direct* dependency was specified (`-lfoobar`) with the correct search path (`-L.`)
- *nested* dependencies were not specified (`-lfoo -lbar`) but can be handled by `-rpath-link=$(pwd)`
 - `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so` are the *direct* dependencies of `libfoobar.so`, and thus the *nested* dependencies of `prog`

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

Creating **NEEDED** entries

- make a program **prog** that depends on **libfoobar.so**:

```
$ gcc -c -Wall main.c
```

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath-link=$(pwd)
```

- in the **.dynamic** section of **prog**
 - *direct dependency* specified by **-lfoobar** was recorded as **NEEDED** entries
 - *nested dependency*, even though specified by **-lfoo -lbar**, are not recorded as **NEEDED** entries

```
$ readelf -d prog | grep NEEDED
```

Tag	Type	Name/Value
0x0000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libfoobar.so] <---
0x0000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libc.so.6]

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

NEEDED entries and nested dependencies (1)

- `libfoo.so`, `libbar.so` :
 - these are the *direct dependencies* of `libfoobar.so`
 - thus, these are the *nested dependencies* of `prog`
 - when `libfoobar.so` was made, its *direct dependencies* were specified with `-lfoo -lbar`
 - this allows the *direct dependencies* of `libfoobar.so` to be recorded as **NEEDED** entries in the `.dynamic` section of `libfoobar.so`

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NEEDED entries and nested dependencies (2)

- `-rpath-link=dir`
 - the *nested dependencies* of `prog` can be found through the **NEEDED** entries in the `.dynamic` section of the *direct dependency* of `prog`
 - when `prog` was made, its *direct dependency* were specified with `-lfoobar`
 - the *direct dependencies* of `libfoobar.so` can be found by looking the **NEEDED** entries in the `.dynamic` section of `libfoobar.so`
 - the directory `dir` will be searched for these *nested dependencies* of `prog`

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath-link=$(pwd)
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

NEEDED entries of each binary

binary	dependencies	entry	section
<code>prog</code>	<code>libfoobar.so</code>	NEEDED	<code>.dynamic</code>
<code>libfoobar.so</code>	<code>libfoo.so,</code> <code>libbar.so</code>	NEEDED	<code>.dynamic</code>

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

Using LD_LIBRARY_PATH to specify a runtime search path

- but the **loader** might be able to locate them
 - through the **ldconfig** cache or
 - a setting of the **LD_LIBRARY_PATH** environment variable, e.g:

```
$ export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=.; ./prog  
foo  
bar
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

-rpath-link example (6)

- `-rpath-link=dir`
 - gives the linker (`ld`) the directory information that the loader (`ld.so`) *would* need to resolve some of the **dynamic dependencies** of `prog` at **runtime**
 - assuming that the directory information remained true at **runtime**
 - but does not write that directory information into the **.dynamic** section of `prog`
 - only the *direct* dependency (`libfoobar.so`) is written in the **.dynamic** section of `prog`

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

TOC: 5. -rpath examples

Example summary using `-rpath` (1)

- 1 Make two shared libraries, `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so`:

```
$ gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foo.c bar.c
$ gcc -shared -o libfoo.so foo.o
$ gcc -shared -o libbar.so bar.o
```

- 2 Make a third shared library, `libfoobar.so` that depends on the first two;

```
$ gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foobar.c
$ gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -L. -lfoo -lbar -Wl,-rpath=$(pwd)
```

- 3 Make an application, `prog` that depends on `libfoobar.so`

```
$ gcc -c -Wall main.c
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath=$(pwd)
```

- 4 Make `prog` run

```
# to show that this environment variable is not used
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=      # clear the env variable
$ ./prog
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

-rpath example (4)

- **prog** contains the **runtime search path** information for shared libraries that **prog** depends on

```
$ gcc -c -Wall main.c
gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath=$(pwd)
```

```
# $(pwd) --> /home/imk/develop/so/scrap
```

```
$ readelf -d prog
```

```
Dynamic section at offset 0xe08 contains 26 entries:
```

Tag	Type	Name/Value
0x0000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libfoobar.so]
0x0000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libc.so.6]
0x000000000000000f	(RUNPATH)	Library rpath: [/home/imk/develop/so/scrap]
...	
...		

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

-rpath example (5)

- `libfoobar.so` (direct dependency) will be found at **runtime**, but `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so` (nested dependencies) won't,
 - because `libfoobar.so` does not inherit **RUNPATH** information of `prog`
- `-rpath=$(pwd)` must be specified also for `libfoobar.so` to write *runtime search path* information into **RUNPATH** entry of the **.dynamic** section of `libfoobar.so`

```
$ gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foobar.c
```

```
$ gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -L. -lfoo -lbar -Wl,-rpath=$(pwd)
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

-rpath example (6)

- check what libraries are needed by `libfoobar.so` could be:

```
$ readelf -d ./libfoobar.so
```

```
Dynamic section at offset 0xe38 contains 22 entries:
```

Tag	Type	Name/Value
0x0000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libfoo.so]
0x0000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libbar.so]
0x0000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libc.so.6]
0x000000000000000f	(RPATH)	Library rpath: [/home/imk/develop/so/scrap]
(...)		

<https://unix.stackexchange.com/questions/571861/is-there-an-rpath-for-dynamic-linking>

-rpath example (7)

- `prog` executable depends on `libfoobar.so` shared object
`RUNPATH` entry of `.dynamic` section of `prog` set by

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath=$(pwd)
```

- `libfoobar.so` shared object depends on
`libfoo.so` and `libbar.so` shared objects
`RUNPATH` entry of `.dynamic` section of `libfoobar.so` set by

```
$ gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -L. -lfoo -lbar -Wl,-rpath=$(pwd)
```

- to run `prog` does not need to set `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`

```
$ LD_LIBRARY_PATH=  
$ ./prog  
foo  
bar
```

<https://unix.stackexchange.com/questions/571861/is-there-an-rpath-for-dynamic-linking>

-rpath example (8*)

- **RPATH** is searched in before **LD_LIBRARY_PATH**
- **RUNPATH** is searched in after **LD_LIBRARY_PATH**
 - ① search **RPATH** (older versions of gcc)
 - ② search **LD_LIBRARY_PATH**
 - ③ search **RUNPATH** (modern versions of gcc)
 - ④ search **ldconfig**-ed directories

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-1>

<https://refspecs.linuxbase.org/elf/gabi4+/ch5.dynamic.html>

-rpath example (9*)

- if `-Wl,--disable-new-dtags` is specified
`RPATH` is used as if 'older versions' of gcc were used,
instead of `RUNPATH`
 - makes *nested* dependencies inherit the specified search path
 - thus, `-rpath=$(pwd)` need not be specified for `libfoobar.so`

```
$ export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=
```

```
$ gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -L. -lfoo -lbar
```

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath=$(pwd) -Wl,--disable-new-dtags
```

```
$ ./prog
```

```
foo
```

```
bar
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/49138195/whats-the-difference-between-rpath-l>

TOC: 5. Summary and more examples

Directories for example shared libraries

- 1 using `-L` and `-l`
- 2 using `-rpath-link`
- 3 using `-rpath` (like `-rpath-link`)
- 4 using `-rpath` (using `RUNPATH`)

binaries	compile time	run time 1,2,3	run time 4
<code>libfoo.so</code>	<code>./lib2</code>	<code>./lib2</code>	<code>./librun</code>
<code>libbar.so</code>	<code>./lib2</code>	<code>./lib2</code>	<code>./librun</code>
<code>libfoobar.so</code>	<code>./lib</code>	<code>./librun</code>	<code>./librun</code>
<code>prog</code>	<code>.</code>	<code>.</code>	<code>.</code>

Specifying dependencies and search paths (1)

Method 1	<code>-L d_direct</code>	<code>-l direct</code>	<code>-L d_nest</code>	<code>-l nest</code>
Method 2	<code>-L d_direct</code>	<code>-l direct</code>	<code>-rpath-link d_nest</code>	
Method 3	<code>-L d_direct</code>	<code>-l direct</code>	<code>-rpath d_nest</code>	
Method 4	<code>-L d_direct</code>	<code>-l direct</code>	<code>-rpath d_direct</code>	

<code>libfoobar.so</code>	<code>direct</code>	<code>foo</code> and <code>bar</code>	<code>d_direct</code>	<code>lib2</code>
	<code>nested</code>	-	<code>d_nest</code>	-
<code>prog</code>	<code>direct</code>	<code>libfoobar</code>	<code>d_direct</code>	<code>lib</code> or <code>librun</code>
	<code>nested</code>	<code>foo</code> and <code>bar</code>	<code>d_nest</code>	<code>lib2</code>

Specifying dependencies and search paths (2)

- for `libfoobar.so`

- 1 `-Llib2 -lfoo -lbar`

- 2 `-Llib2 -lfoo -lbar`

- 3 `-Llib2 -lfoo -lbar`

- 4 `-Llib2 -lfoo -lbar -Wl,-rpath=lib:librun`

- for `prog`

- 1 `-Llib -lfoobar -Llib2 -lfoo -lbar`

- 2 `-Llib -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath-link=lib2`

- 3 `-Llib -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath=lib2`

- 4 `-Llib -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath=lib:librun`

Example2 summary using -L and -l

1 Make `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so` in `./lib2`

```
$ gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foo.c bar.c
$ gcc -shared -o libfoo.so foo.o
$ gcc -shared -o libbar.so bar.o
$ mv libfoo.so libbar.so lib2
```

2 Make `libfoobar.so` in `./lib`

```
$ gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foobar.c
$ gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -Llib2 -lfoo -lbar
$ mv libfoobar.so lib
```

3 Make `prog` in `.`

```
$ gcc -c -Wall main.c
$ gcc -o prog main.o -Llib -lfoobar -Llib2 -lfoo -lbar
```

4 Execute using `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` (libraries in `librun`, `lib2`)

```
$ mv lib/libfoobar.so librun
$ export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=librun:lib2
$ ./prog
```

Specifying *dependencies* using `-l` only

- unless `rpath-link` or `rpath` is used
 - *all dependencies* must be specified with `-l` (*direct* and *nested dependencies*)
 - specify `-lfoobar` (*direct dependency* of `prog`)
 - specify `-lfoo -lbar` (*nested dependencies* of `prog`)

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -lfoo -lbar
```
 - the *direct dependency* of `prog` : `libfoobar.so`
 - the *nested dependencies* of `prog` : `libfoo.so`, `libbar.so`
(the *direct dependencies* of `libfoobar.so`)

Specifying *link time* search paths using `-L` only

- `-Ldir1 -Ldir2 ...`
 - when an input file *requests* **dynamic dependencies** the linker *searches* the specified directories to *resolve* them.
 - specify all the search paths for *direct* and *nested* **dependencies**
 - since *nested* dependencies does *inherit* the search path
 - the linker *searches* **dir1**, **dir2**, etc., only to *resolve* references
 - only for a successful linkage, not for a successful execution
 - in this example, to link successfully, **\$(pwd)** is searched
 - for **libfoobar.so** (the *direct* **dependency**)
 - for **libfoo.so** and **libbar.so** (the *nested* **dependencies**)

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -lfoo -lbar
```


Example2 summary using `-rpath-link`

1 Make `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so` in `./lib2`

```
gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foo.c bar.c
gcc -shared -o libfoo.so foo.o
gcc -shared -o libbar.so bar.o
mv libfoo.so libbar.so lib2
```

2 Make `y, libfoobar.so` in `./lib`

```
gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foobar.c
gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -Llib2 -lfoo -lbar
mv libfoobar.so lib
```

3 Make `prog` in `.`

```
gcc -c -Wall main.c
gcc -o prog main.o -Llib -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath-link=lib2
```

4 Execute using `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` (libraries in `librun, lib2`)

```
mv lib/libfoobar.so librun
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=librun:lib
./prog
```

Specifying *dependencies* using `-rpath-link=dir`

- when `rpath-link` or `rpath` is used
 - specify only *direct dependencies* using `-l` and their search paths with `-L`
 - no need to specify *nested dependencies*
 - *nested dependencies* can be found by the `NEEDED` entry in the `.dynamic` section of a given *direct dependency*
 - `-lfoobar` necessary
 - `-lfoo -lbar` unnecessary
- ```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath-link=$(pwd)
```
- the *direct dependency* of `prog : libfoobar.so`
  - the *nested dependencies* of `prog : libfoo.so, libbar.so` (the *direct dependencies* of `libfoobar.so`)

# Specifying *link time* search paths using `-rpath-link=dir`

- when `-rpath-link=dir` is used
  - since *nested* dependencies do inherit the search path
  - specify all the search paths for *direct* and *nested* dependencies using `rpath-link=dir1:dir2` or multiple `rpath-link` options
  - only for a successful linkage, not for a successful execution
  - in this example, to link successfully, `$(pwd)` is searched
    - for `libfoobar.so` (the *direct* dependency)
    - for `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so` (the *nested* dependencies)

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath-link=$(pwd)
```

# Example2 summary using `-rpath` (like `-rpath-link`)

## 1 Make `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so` in `./lib2`

```
gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foo.c bar.c
gcc -shared -o libfoo.so foo.o
gcc -shared -o libbar.so bar.o
mv libfoo.so libbar.so lib2
```

## 2 Make `libfoobar.so` in `./lib`

```
gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foobar.c
gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -Llib2 -lfoo -lbar
mv libfoobar.so lib
```

## 3 Make `prog` in `.`

```
gcc -c -Wall main.c
gcc -o prog main.o -Llib -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath=lib2
```

## 4 Execute using `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` (libraries in `librun`, `lib2`)

```
mv lib/libfoobar.so librun
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=librun:lib
./prog
```

## Example2 summary using `-rpath` (using `RUNPATH`)

### 1 Make `libfoo.so` and `libbar.so` in `./lib2`

```
gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foo.c bar.c
gcc -shared -o libfoo.so foo.o
gcc -shared -o libbar.so bar.o
mv libfoo.so libbar.so lib2
```

### 2 Make `libfoobar.so` in `./lib`

```
gcc -c -Wall -fPIC foobar.c
gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -Llib2 -lfoo -lbar -Wl,-rpath=lib:librun
mv libfoobar.so lib
```

### 3 Make `prog` in `.`

```
gcc -c -Wall main.c
gcc -o prog main.o -Llib -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath=lib2:librun
```

### 4 Execute without `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` (now all libraries in `librun`)

```
mv lib/libfoobar.so lib2/libfoo.so lib2/libbar.so librun
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=
./prog
```

# Specifying *dependencies* using `-rpath=dir`

- when `rpath-link` or `rpath` is used
  - specify only *direct dependencies* using `-l` and their search paths with `-L`
  - no need to specify *nested dependencies*
    - *nested dependencies* can be found by the `NEEDED` entry in the `.dynamic` section of a given *direct dependency*

- `-lfoobar` necessary
- `-lfoo -lbar` unnecessary

```
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath=$(pwd)
```

- the *direct dependency* of `prog` : `libfoobar.so`
- the *nested dependencies* of `prog` : `libfoo.so`, `libbar.so` (the *direct dependencies* of `libfoobar.so`)

# Specifying *link time* search paths using `-rpath=dir`

- when `-rpath` is used, there are two approaches for specifying the *link time* search paths
  - 1 specify *all* the search paths for *direct* and *nested dependencies* of a given binary using `-rpath`
    - for a successful linkage only, not for a successful execution
    - since *nested* dependencies *inherit* the search path
    - as long as specifying *link time* search paths are concerned, the `rpath` option is the same as the `rpath-link` option
  - 2 let each binary be specified with search paths using `-rpath` for its *direct dependencies* only
    - those paths are recorded as *runtime* search paths in the `RUNPATH` entry of `.dynamic` section of a binary

# Specifying *run time* search paths using `-rpath=dir`

- `-rpath=dir`
  - the `ld` searches directory `dir` to *resolve* references
  - the `ld.so` searches directory `dir` to *load* shared libraries
  - to load shared libraries, *nested* dependencies may not inherit the search path
  - for modern versions of `gcc` that use `RUNPATH` instead `RPATH` do not allow the search path to be *inherited*
    - thus, each binary should be specified with search paths for its *direct dependencies*, using `-rpath`
    - that those paths may be recorded as *runtime* search path in the `RUNPATH` entry of `.dynamic` section of the binary

```
$ gcc -shared -o libfoobar.so foobar.o -L. -lfoo -lbar -Wl,-rpath=$(pwd)
$ gcc -o prog main.o -L. -lfoobar -Wl,-rpath=$(pwd)
```



# TOC: 5. -Wl, -rpath, . examples

# Using `-Wl, rpath .` (1)

- in order to pass `-rpath .` to the linker, consider them as two arguments (`-rpath` and `.`) to the `-Wl`
- you can write `(-Wl, arg1, arg2)` or `(-Wl, arg1, -Wl, arg2)`
  - `-Wl, -rpath, .`
  - `-Wl, -rpath -Wl, .`

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/6562403/i-dont-understand-wl-rpath-wl>

## Using `-Wl, -rpath, .` (2)

- the `-Wl,xxx` option for `gcc` passes a **comma**-separated list of tokens as a **space**-separated list of arguments to the linker (`ld`)
- to pass `ld aaa bbb ccc` (space separated)  
`gcc -Wl,aaa,bbb,ccc` (comma separated)
- to pass `ld -rpath .` (space separated)  
`gcc -Wl,-rpath,.` (comma separated)

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/6562403/i-dont-understand-wl-rpath-wl>

## Using `-Wl,-rpath,.` (3)

- alternatively, **repeat instances** of `-Wl` can be specified
- to pass `ld aaa bbb ccc` (space separated)  
`gcc -Wl,aaa -Wl,bbb -Wl,ccc` (repeated instances)
  - there is no comma between `-Wl,aaa` and the second `-Wl,bbb` but there is space
- thus, to pass `ld -rpath .`
  - `gcc -Wl,-rpath,.` (comma separated)
  - `gcc -Wl,-rpath -Wl,.` (repeated instances)

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/6562403/i-dont-understand-wl-rpath-wl>

## Using `-Wl,-rpath, .` (4)

- can remove the comma by using `=`  
`gcc -Wl,-rpath=.`
  - arguably more readable than adding extra commas
  - exactly what gets passed to `ld`
- thus, to pass `ld -rpath .`
  - `gcc -Wl,-rpath, .` (comma separated)
  - `gcc -Wl,-rpath -Wl, .` (repeated instances)
  - `gcc -Wl,-rpath=.` (using `=` instead of `,`)

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/6562403/i-dont-understand-wl-rpath-wl>

## Using `-Wl,-rpath, .` (5)

- You may need to specify the `-L` option as well

```
-Wl,-rpath,/path/to/foo -L/path/to/foo -lbaz
```

or you may end up with an error like

```
ld: cannot find -lbaz
```

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/6562403/i-dont-understand-wl-rpath-wl>