Modern C++ Programming

10. Debugging and Tools

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Debugging

Assertions

<u>Assertions</u> are intended to be used as a means of detecting programming bugs. Assertions represent an *invariant* in the code

Error/Exceptions can indicate "exceptional" conditions (invalid user input, missing files, etc.)

- Exceptions are more robust but slower
- Error are fast but difficult to handle in complex programs

```
#include <cassert> // <-- needed
int sqrt(int value) {
   int ret = sqrt_internal(value);
   assert(ret >= 0 && (ret == 0 || ret == 1 || ret < value));
   return ret;
}</pre>
```

<u>Assertions</u> may slow down the execution. They can be disable by define the NDEBUG macro

How to compile for debugging:

```
g++ [-g] -ggdb3 <program.cpp> -o program
```

-g Enable debugging

- stores the *symbol table information* in the executable
- for some compilers, it may disable certain optimizations
- slow down the compilation phase
- -ggdb3 Produces debugging information specifically intended for gdb
 - the last number produces extra debugging information, for example: including macro definitions
 - in general, it is not portable across different compiler (supported by gcc, clang)

How to run the debugger:

```
gdb --args ./program <args...>
```

Execution Debugging (gdb) - Breakpoints/Watchpoints 2/4

Command	Abbr.	Description
breakpoint <file>:<line></line></file>	Ъ	insert a breakpoint in a specific line
breakpoint <function_name></function_name>	b	insert a breakpoint in a specific function
breakpoint <ref> if <condition></condition></ref>	b	insert a breakpoint with a conditional statement
delete	d	delete all breakpoints or watchpoints
${\tt delete} < {\it breakpoint_number} >$		delete a specific breakpoint
<pre>clear [function_name/line_number]</pre>		delete a specific breakpoint
$\verb enable/disable < breakpoint_number>$		enable/disable a specific breakpoint
watch <expression></expression>		stop execution when the value of expression changes (variable, comparison, etc.)
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Command	Abbr.	Description
run	r	run the program
continue	С	continue the execution
finish	f	continue until the end of the current function
step	s	execute next line of code (follow function calls)
next	n	execute next line of code
until <pre>cprogram_point></pre>		continue until reach line number, function name, address, etc.
CTRL+C		stop the execution (not quit)
quit	q	exit

Command	Abbr.	Description
list	1	print code
<pre>list <function #start,#end="" or=""></function></pre>	1	print function/range code
ир	u	move up in the call stack
down	d	move down in the call stack
backtrace	bt	prints stack backtrace (call stack)
${\tt backtrace} < {\it full}>$	bt	print values of local variables
help [<command/>]	h	show help about command
<pre>info <args breakpoints="" local="" registers="" watchpoints=""></args></pre>		show information about program arguments/breakpoints/watchpoints/registers/local variables

Command	Abbr.	Description
print <variable></variable>	р	print variable
print/h < variable>	p/h	print variable in hex
print/nb < variable>	p/nb	print variable in binary (n bytes)
print/w <address></address>	p/w	print address in binary
p /s <char address="" array=""></char>		print char array
p *array_var@n		print n array elements
p (int[4]) <address></address>		print four elements of type int
p *(char**)& <std::string></std::string>		print std::string

Command	Description
disasseble <function_name></function_name>	print variable
${\tt disasseble} < {\tt OxStart,OxEnd} \ {\tt addr} >$	print variable
nexti <variable></variable>	execute next line of code (follow function calls)
stepi < <i>variable</i> >	execute next line of code
x/nfu <address></address>	examine address n number of elements, f format (d: int, f: float, etc.), u data size (b: byte, w: word, etc.)

The debugger automatically stops when:

- breakpoint (by using the debugger)
- assertion fail
- segmentation fault
- trigger software breakpoint (e.g. SIGTRAP on Linux)
 github.com/scottt/debugbreak

Full story: www.yolinux.com/TUTORIALS/GDB-Commands.html (it also contains a script to de-referencing STL Containers)

gdb reference card V5 link



valgrind is a tool suite to automatically detect many
memory management and threading bugs

Website: valgrind.org

Basic usage:

- compile with -g
- valgrind ./program <args...>

Output example 1:

Output example 2:

```
!!memory leak
==19182== 40 bytes in 1 blocks are definitely lost in loss record 1 of 1
==19182==
            at 0x1B8FF5CD: malloc (vg replace malloc.c:130)
==19182== by 0x8048385: f (a.c:5)
==19182== by 0x80483AB: main (a.c:11)
==60127== HEAP SUMMARY:
==60127==
             in use at exit: 4,184 bytes in 2 blocks
==60127==
          total heap usage: 3 allocs, 1 frees, 4,224 bytes allocated
==60127==
==60127== LEAK SUMMARY:
==60127==
            definitely lost: 128 bytes in 1 blocks !!memory leak
==60127==
            indirectly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==60127==
              possibly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==60127==
            still reachable: 4,184 bytes in 2 blocks !!not deallocated
==60127==
                 suppressed: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
```

Advanced use flags:

- --leak-check=full print details for each "definitely lost" or "possibly lost" block, including where it was allocated
- --show-leak-kinds=all to combine with --leak-check=full.
 Print all leak kinds
- --track-fds=yes list open file descriptors on exit (not closed)
- --track-origins=yes (very slow execution)

```
valgrind --leak-check=full --show-leak-kinds=all
     --track-fds=yes --track-origins=yes ./program <args...>
```

Track stack usage:

```
valgrind --tool=drd --show-stack-usage=yes ./program <args...>
```

Address Sanitazer is a memory error detector (out-of-bounds, use-after-free, etc.). It relies on code instrumentation at compile-time. Similar to valgrind but faster (2X slowdown)

Website: clang.llvm.org/docs/AddressSanitizer.html

```
clang++ -01 -g -fsanitize=address -fno-omit-frame-pointer cprogram>
```

-01 disable inlining

-g generate symbol table

<u>Memory Sanitazer</u> is detector of uninitialized reads. It relies on code instrumentation at compile-time. Similar to valgrind but faster (3X slowdown)

Website: clang.llvm.org/docs/MemorySanitizer.html

```
clang++ -01 -g -fsanitize=memory -fno-omit-frame-pointer cprogram>
```

<u>LeakSanitizer</u> is a run-time memory leak detector. It relies on code instrumentation at compile-time. Similar to valgrind but faster

Website: clang.llvm.org/docs/LeakSanitizer.html

```
clang++ -01 -g -fsanitize=leak -fno-omit-frame-pointer cprogram>
```

<u>UndefinedBehaviorSanitizer</u> is a undefined behavior detector (signed integer overflow, enumerated not in range, etc.). It relies on code instrumentation at compile-time. Not included in valgrind

Website: clang.llvm.org/docs/UndefinedBehaviorSanitizer.html

```
clang++ -01 -g -fsanitize=undefined -fno-omit-frame-pointer cprogram>
```

Demangling

Name mangling is a technique used to solve various problems caused by the need to resolve unique names

Transforming C++ ABI (Application binary interface) identifiers into the original source identifiers is called **demangling**

Example (linking error):

```
_ZNSt13basic_filebufIcSt11char_traitsIcEED1Ev
```

After demangling:

```
std::basic_filebuf<char, std::char_traits<char> >::~basic_filebuf()
```

How to demangle:

```
■ make | c++filt | grep -P '`.*(?=))'
```

Online Demangler: demangler.com

How to Debug Common Errors

Segmentation fault/assertion fail

- gdb
- valgrind
- Segmentation fault when just entered in a function \rightarrow stack overflow

Double free or corruption

valgrind

Infinite execution

■ gdb + (CTRL + C)

Incorrect results

 valgrind + assertion + gdb + UndefinedBehaviorSanitizer

CMake



CMake is an open-source, cross-platform family of tools designed to build, test and package software

Website: cmake.org

CMake is used to control the software compilation process using simple platform and compiler independent configuration files, and generate native makefiles and workspaces that can be used in the compiler environment of your choice

CMake features:

- Turing complete language
- Multi-platform (Windows, Linux, etc.)
- Open-Source
- Generate: makefiles, ninja, etc.
- ullet Supported by many IDE: Visual Studio, Eclipse, etc. $_{17/45}$

CMakeLists.txt minimal example:

```
PROJECT(my_project) # project name

CMAKE_MINIMUM_REQUIRED(VERSION 3.5) # minimum version

ADD_EXECUTABLE(out_program program.cpp) # compile command
```

```
PROJECT(my_project)
                                           # project name
CMAKE MINIMUM REQUIRED (VERSION 3.5) # minimum version
# verify if a compiler flag is supported
CHECK CXX COMPILER_FLAG("-std=c++14" COMPILER_SUPPORTS_CXX14)
IF (COMPILER SUPPORTS CXX14)
                            # if statement
    ADD COMPILE OPTIONS("-std=c++14") # if supported add the flag
ELSE()
                                        # else statement
    # if not supported exit and print message
    MESSAGE(FATAL ERROR "Compiler ${CMAKE CXX COMPILER} has no C++14"
                       "support.")
ENDIF()
                                        # end if statement
# indicate include directory
INCLUDE_DIRECTORIES("${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/include")
# find all .cpp file in src/ directory
FILE(GLOB RECURSE SRCS ${PROJECT SOURCE DIR}/src/*.cpp)
ADD_EXECUTABLE(out_program ${SRCS}) # compile all *.cpp file
```

```
PROJECT(my_project)
                                           # project name
CMAKE MINIMUM REQUIRED(VERSION 3.5) # minimum version
IF (CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE STREQUAL "Debug") # "Debug" mode
   ADD COMPILE OPTIONS("-g")
   ADD_COMPILE_OPTIONS("-01")
   IF (CMAKE_COMPILER_IS_GNUCXX) # if compiler is gcc
       ADD_COMPILE_OPTIONS("-ggdb3")
   ELSEIF (CMAKE_CXX_COMPILER_ID EQUAL "Clang") # if compiler is clang
       ADD_COMPILE_OPTIONS("-fsanitize=address")
       ADD COMPILE OPTIONS("-fno-omit-frame-pointer")
   ENDIF()
ELSEIF (CMAKE BUILD TYPE STREQUAL "Release") # "Release" mode
   ADD COMPILE OPTIONS("-02")
ENDIF()
ADD_EXECUTABLE(out_program program.cpp)
```

```
PROJECT(my_project)
                       # project name
CMAKE MINIMUM REQUIRED(VERSION 3.5) # minimum version
FIND PACKAGE (Boost 1.36.0 REQUIRED) # compile only if Boost library
                                   # is found
IF (Boost FOUND)
   INCLUDE_DIRECTORIES("${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/include"
                       Boost INCLUDE DIRS) # automatic variable
FLSE()
   MESSAGE(FATAL ERROR "Boost Lib not found")
ENDIF()
                                  # makefile target name
ADD CUSTOM TARGET(rm
                 COMMAND rm -rf *.o # real command
                 COMMENT "Clear build directory")
ADD_EXECUTABLE(out_program program.cpp)
```

```
$cmake . $make rm
```

Generate JSON compilation database (compile_commands.json) It contains the exact compiler calls for each file (used by other tools)

```
PROJECT(my_project) # project name

CMAKE_MINIMUM_REQUIRED(VERSION 3.5) # minimum version

SET(CMAKE_EXPORT_COMPILE_COMMANDS ON) # <--

ADD_EXECUTABLE(out_program program.cpp)
```

Change compiler:

```
CC=gcc CXX=g++ cmake .
```

Useful variables:

cmake.org/Wiki/CMake_Useful_Variables

Code Checking and

Analysis

Compiler Warnings

Enable specific warnings:

```
g++ -W<warning> <args...>
```

Disable specific warnings:

```
g++ -Wno-<warning> <args...>
```

Common warning flags to minimize accidental mismatches:

- **-Wall** Enables many standard warnings (\sim 50 warnings)
- -Wextra Enables some extra warning flags that are not enabled by -Wall (~15 warnings)
- -Wpedantic Issue all the warnings demanded by strict ISO C/C++

Enable ALL warnings (only clang) -Weverything

Full list: gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/gcc/Warning-Options.html Which Clang Warning Is Generating This Message? fuckingclangwarnings.com

Static Analyzer (clang static analyzer)



The <u>Clang Static Analyzer</u> is a source code analysis tool that finds bugs in C/C++ programs at compile-time Website: clang-analyzer.llvm.org

It find bugs by reasoning about the semantics of code (may produce false positives)

Example:

```
void test() {
   int i, a[10];
   int x = a[i]; // warn: array subscript is undefined
}
```

How to use:

```
scan-build make
```

scan-build is included in the LLVM suite

Static Analyzer (cppcheck/oclint)

<u>Cppcheck</u> provides code analysis to detect bugs, undefined behavior and dangerous coding constructs

Website: cppcheck.sourceforge.net or

 $\underline{ t Oclint}$ is a tool for improving quality and reducing defects by inspecting C/C++ code and looking for potential problems

Website: oclint.org

Code Quality

Linter (clang-tidy)

lint: The term was derived from the name of the undesirable bits of fiber

clang-tidy provides an extensible framework for diagnosing and fixing typical programming errors, like style violations, interface misuse, or bugs that can be deduced via static analysis Website: clang.llvm.org/extra/clang-tidy

```
$cmake -DCMAKE_EXPORT_COMPILE_COMMANDS=ON .
$clang-tidy -p .
```

clang-tidy searches the configuration file $\underline{.clang-tidy}$ file located in the closest parent directory of the input file

clang-tidy is included in the LLVM suite

Linter (clang-tidy)

Coding Guidelines:

- CERT Secure Coding Guidelines
- C++ Core Guidelines
- High Integrity C++ Coding Standard

Supported Code Conventions:

- Fuchsia
- Google
- LLVM

Bug Related:

- Android related
- Boost library related
- Misc
- Modernize
- Performance
- Readability
- clang-analyzer checks
- bugprone code constructors

.clang-tidy

```
Checks: 'android-*,boost-*,bugprone-*,cert-*,cppcoreguidelines-*, clang-analyzer-*,fuchsia-*,google-*,hicpp-*,llvm-*,misc-*,modernize-*, performance-*,readability-*'
```

Linter (vera++)

<u>Vera++</u> is tool for verification and analysis of C++ source code. It is complementary to clang-tidy: It provides weaker checkers, more oriented to syntax, then semantic

- well-formed file names
- space rules
- variable names
- etc.

Website: bitbucket.org/verateam/vera/wiki/Home

```
vera++ --rule <rule_list> <src_file/include_file>
vera++ --profile <profile_name> <src_file/include_file>
```

Code Testing

<u>CTest</u> is a testing tool (integrated in CMake) that can be used to automate updating, configuring, building, testing, performing memory checking, performing coverage

```
PROJECT(my_project)
CMAKE MINIMUM REQUIRED (VERSION 3.5)
ADD_EXECUTABLE(program program.cpp)
ENABLE TESTING()
ADD_TEST(NAME Test1 # check if "program" returns 0
         WORKING DIRECTORY ${PROJECT SOURCE DIR}/build
         COMMAND ./program <args>) # command can be anything
ADD_TEST(NAME Test2 # check if "program" print "Correct"
         WORKING DIRECTORY ${PROJECT SOURCE DIR}/build
         COMMAND ./program <args>)
SET TESTS PROPERTIES(Test2
                    PROPERTIES PASS REGULAR EXPRESSION "Correct")
```

Basic usage (call ctest):

```
$make test # run all tests
```

ctest usage:

```
$ctest -R Python  # run all tests that contains 'Python' string
$ctest -E Iron  # run all tests that not contain 'Iron' string
$ctest -I 3,5  # run tests from 3 to 5
```

Each ctest command can be combined with other tools (e.g. valgrind)

 $\underline{\mathtt{Catch2}}$ is a multi-paradigm test framework for $\mathtt{C}++$

Alternatives: Google Test, Boost.Test, CppUnit, etc.

Website: catch-lib.net

Catch2 features

- Header only and no external dependencies
- Assertion macro
- Floating point tolerance comparisons

Basic usage:

- Create the test program
- Run the test

```
$./test_program [<TestName>]
```

Other commands:

github.com/catchorg/Catch2/blob/master/docs/command-line.md 31/45

```
#define CATCH CONFIG MAIN // This tells Catch to provide a main()
#include "catch.hpp" // only do this in one cpp file
unsigned int Factorial(unsigned int number) {
   return number <= 1 ? number : Factorial(number - 1) * number;</pre>
float floatComputation() { ... }
"Test description and tag name"
TEST_CASE( "Factorials are computed", "[factorial]" ) {
    REQUIRE( Factorial(1) == 1 ):
    REQUIRE( Factorial(2) == 2 );
    REQUIRE( Factorial(3) == 6 ):
   REQUIRE( Factorial(10) == 3628800 );
}
TEST_CASE( "floatCmp computed", "[floatComputation]" ) {
    REQUIRE( floatComputation() == Approx( 2.1 ) );
```

Code coverage is a measure used to describe the degree to which the source code of a program is executed when a particular test suite runs

 $\underline{\mathtt{gcov}}$ is a tool you can use in conjunction with GCC to test code coverage in programs

<u>lcov</u> is a graphical front-end for gcov. It collects gcov data for multiple source files and creates HTML pages containing the source code annotated with coverage information

Step for code coverage:

- compile with --coverage flag (objects + linking)
- run the test
- visualize the results with gcov or lcov

```
program.cpp:
#include <iostream>
#include <string>

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    int value = std::stoi(argv[1]);
    if (value % 3 == 0)
        std::cout << "first\n";
    if (value % 2 == 0)
        std::cout << "second\n";
}</pre>
```

```
$gcc --std=c++11 --coverage program.cpp -o program
$./program 9
first
$gcov program.cpp
File 'program.cpp'
Lines executed:85.71% of 7
Creating 'program.cpp.gcov'
$lcov --capture --directory . --output-file coverage.info
$genhtml coverage.info --output-directory out
```

program.cpp.gcov:

```
1: 4:int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
1: 5: int value = std::stoi(argv[1]);
1: 6: if (value % 3 == 0)
1: 7: std::cout << "first\n";
1: 8: if (value % 2 == 0)

#####: 9: std::cout << "second\n";
4: 10:}
```

lcov output:

Current view:	top level - /home/ubuntu/workspace/prove	H	lit	Total		Coverage
Test:	coverage.info	Lines:	6		7	85.7 %
Date:	2018-02-09	Functions:	3		3	100.0 %
	Filename	Line Coverage ≑		Functions \$		
	program.cpp	85.7 %	6/7	100.0 %	3/3	
Current view: top level - home/ubuntu/workspace/prove - program.cpp (source / functions)			Hit		Total	Coverage
Test:	coverage.info	Lines	:	6	7	85.7 %
Date:	2018-02-09	Functions	:	3	3	100.0 %
Line d	ata Source code					

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Code Commenting

<u>Doxygen</u> is the de facto standard tool for generating documentation from annotated C++ sources

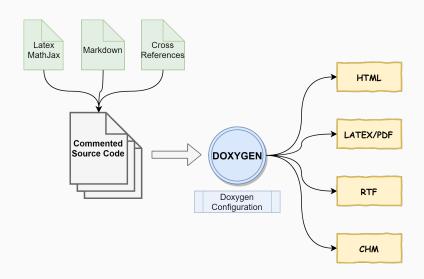
Doxygen usage

- comment the code with /// or /** comment */
- generate doxygen base configuration file

```
$doxygen -g
```

- modify the configuration file doxygen.cfg
- generate the documentation

```
$doxygen <config_file>
```



Doxygen provides support for:

- Latex/MathJax Insert latex math \$<code>\$
- Markdown (Markdown Cheatsheet link) Italic text *<code>*, bold text **<code>**, table, list, etc.
- Automatic cross references Between functions, variables, etc.
- Specific highlight Code `<code>`, parameter
 @param <param>

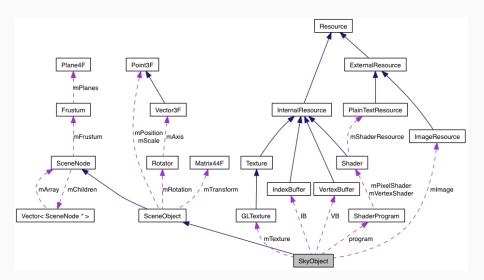
Doxygen guidelines:

- Include in every file copyright, author, date, version
- Comment namespaces and classes
- Comment template parameters
- Distinguish input and output parameters
- Call/Hierarchy graph can be useful in large projects
 (should include graphviz)
 HAVE_DOT = YES
 GRAPHICAL_HIERARCHY = YES
 CALL_GRAPH = YES
 CALLER_GRAPH = YES

 μ OS++ Doxygen style guide link

Code Commenting (doxygen) - Example

```
/**
                                     /**
 * @copyright MyProject
                                       * @brief "What the function does?"
 * license BSD3, Apache, MIT, etc.
                                      * @details "Some additional details",
 * Qauthor MySelf
                                                 Latex/MathJax: $\sqrt a$
 * Quersion v3.14159265359
                                      * Otparam T Type of input and output
 * @date March, 2018
                                      * @param[in] input Input array
                                       * @param[out] output Output array
 */
                                       * @return `true` if correct,
/// @brief Namespace brief
                                                `false` otherwise
/// description
                                       * @remark it is *useful* if ...
namespace my_namespace {
                                       * @warning the behavior is **undefined** if
                                                 Op input is `nullptr`
/// @brief "Class brief description"
                                      * @see related function
/// @tparam R "Class template for"
                                       */
template<typename R>
                                     template<typename T>
class A {
                                     int my_function(const T* input, T* output);
                                     /// @brief
                                     void related function;
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```



Code Statistics

Count Lines of Code (cloc)

\$cloc my_project/

C/C++ Header

Bourne Shell

Website: cloc.sourceforge.net

Features: filter by-file/language, SQL database, archive support, line count diff, etc. 42/45

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147 7650 12093 44042

3402 5789 36882

Cyclomatic Complexity Analyzer (1yzard)

Website: github.com/terryyin/lizard

Cyclomatic Complexity: is a software metric used to indicate the complexity of a program. It is a quantitative measure of the number of linearly independent paths through a program's source code

- CCN: cyclomatic complexity (should not exceed a threshold)
- NLOC: lines of code without comments
- token: Number of conditional statements
- param: Parameter count of functions

Other Tools

Code Formatting (clang-format)

 $\underline{\mathtt{clang-format}}$ is a tool to automatically format C/C++ code (and other languages)

Website: clang.llvm.org/docs/ClangFormat.html

```
$clang-format <file/directory>
```

clang-format searches the configuration file $\underline{.clang-format}$ file located in the closest parent directory of the input file

clang-format example:

```
IndentWidth: 4
UseTab: Never
```

BreakBeforeBraces: Linux

ColumnLimit: 80
SortIncludes: true

Assembly Explorer

<u>Compiler Explorer</u> is an interactive tool that lets you type source code and see assembly output

Website: godbolt.org

