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Lab 4: Debugging with gdb

In this lab, you will learn to use a command line debugger such as gdb to debug some programs.

- compile lab4.c using the command or add these flags to your makefile:
 - gcc -g -std=c99 -o lab4 lab4.c findCity.c
- execute the program:
 - ./lab4
- why does the routine findCity always return -1?
- why does the program crash?
- Use gdb to debug these issues
- Minimum subset of debugger commands expected to be learnt in this lab—you can try out other commands by entering help and help <class of command>--for example help running:
 - break
 - run
 - continue
 - step
 - next
 - where
 - backtrace
 - up
 - down
 - print
 - list
 - file
 - ...

Deliverables

- debugged program without the existing bugs
- a report of the observations and what the bugs were?
- what gdb commands you tried and learnt? For each command a 1-2 line explanation of how you used it.