

## 4. Listing variables and examining their values.

Code :

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1  #include <stdio.h>
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4  void func(int a, int b, char* c) {
5      int arr[10] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
6      printf("%d %d %s\n", a, b, c);
7  }
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9  int main(int argc, char** argv) {
10     int a = 5;
11     func(10, 20, "test");
12     return 0;
13 }
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gourav@LAPTOP-868QQ3N0: X + v
test.c
4 void func(int a, int b, char* c) {
5     int arr[10] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
6     printf("%d %d %s\n", a, b, c);
7 }
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9 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
B+ 10     int a = 5;
B+> 11     func(10, 20, "test");
12     return 0;
13 }

0x55555555169 <func>          endbr64
0x5555555516d <func+4>        push    %rbp
0x5555555516e <func+5>        mov     %rsp,%rbp
0x55555555171 <func+8>        sub     $0x40,%rsp
0x55555555175 <func+12>       mov     %edi,-0x34(%rbp)
0x55555555178 <func+15>       mov     %esi,-0x38(%rbp)
0x5555555517b <func+18>       mov     %rdx,-0x40(%rbp)
0x5555555517f <func+22>       mov     %fs:0x28,%rax
0x55555555188 <func+31>       mov     %rax,-0x8(%rbp)
0x5555555518c <func+35>       xor     %eax,%eax
0x5555555518e <func+37>       movq    $0x0,-0x30(%rbp)
0x55555555196 <func+45>       movq    $0x0,-0x28(%rbp)

multi-thre Thread 0x7ffff7d8a7 In: main          L11  PC: 0x5555555522a
(gdb) print a
$1 = 21845
(gdb) break 11
Breakpoint 2 at 0x5555555522a: file test.c, line 11.
(gdb) continue
Continuing.

Breakpoint 2, main (argc=1, argv=0x7fffffffdf28) at test.c:11
(gdb) print a
$2 = 5
(gdb) info locals
a = 5
(gdb) |
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- **info locals:** The **info locals** command is used to display the values of local variables in the current scope. When you are stopped at a breakpoint or when your program is running in the debugger, we can use **info locals** to see the values of all local variables in the current function.
- In this example, **info locals** was used to display the value of the local variable `a`. Here **info locals** gives the output **a=5**.
- **info locals** will only show the values of local variables in the current scope. If we have nested scopes or if we are using function calls, we may need to use the `up` and `down` commands to change the current scope and display the values of local variables in other scopes.
- Note that the **info locals** command does not display the information about the function arguments

## 5. Printing content of an array or contiguous memory

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gourav@LAPTOP-868QQ3N0: × + v
test.c
B+ 4 void func(int a, int b, char* c) {
5     int arr[10] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
> 6     printf("%d %d %s\n", a, b, c);
7 }
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9 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
B+ 10     int a = 5;
B+ 11     func(10, 20, "test");
12     return 0;
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multi-thre Thread 0x7ffff7d8a7 In: func
Breakpoint 3, func (a=10, b=20, c=0x55555555600e "test") at test.c:4
(gdb) n
(gdb) print arr
$2 = {1431650368, 21845, -134338468, 32767, 0, 0, -7831, 32767,
-134471680, 32767}
(gdb) n
(gdb) print arr
$3 = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0}
(gdb) x/5w arr
0x7fffffffddb0: 1      2      3      4
0x7fffffffddc0: 5
(gdb) |
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- **`x/5w arr`**: In GDB, the `x` command is used to examine memory. The `/5w` in the **`x/5w arr`** command is a format specifier that tells GDB how to format the output.
- The `/5w` format specifier is used to display 5 memory words in hexadecimal format. A word is typically 4 bytes on most systems, so this command will display the values of 20 bytes of memory.
- The **`arr`** argument specifies the memory address to start displaying from, which is name of array. In this example, **`x/5w arr`** was used to display the values of the first 5 elements of the **`arr`** array. The output shows that the values of the elements are stored in consecutive memory locations, starting from the address **`:0x7fffffffddb0`**.
- If we give the command **`print arr`** then it will give all the array elements including 0.
- But if we want only particular elements to print then we have to use **`x/nw arr`** where `n` is the number of elements we want to print.

## 6. Printing function arguments

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test.c
B+ 4 void func(int a, int b, char* c) {
5     int arr[10] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
> 6     printf("%d %d %s\n", a, b, c);
7 }
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9 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
B+ 10     int a = 5;
B+ 11     func(10, 20, "test");
12     return 0;
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multi-thre Thread 0x7ffff7d8a7 In: func
0x7fffffdddb0: 1      2      3      4
0x7fffffdddc0: 5
(gdb) info args
a = 10
b = 20
c = 0x55555555600e "test"
(gdb) print a
$4 = 10
(gdb) print b
$5 = 20
(gdb) print c
$6 = 0x55555555600e "test"
(gdb) |
```

- **info args**: the **info args** command is used to display the arguments of the current function. When we are stopped at a breakpoint or when our program is running in the debugger.
- we can use **info args** to see the values of all arguments passed to the current function.
- **info args** will only show the values of arguments in the current function. If we are calling other functions, we need to set breakpoints in those functions and use **info args** to see the values of arguments passed to those functions.
- Here in our program if we give the command **info args** it gives the values of arguments **a=10, b=20 and c=0x55555555600e "test"**.