

Introducing LLDB for Linux on Arm and AArch64

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Agenda

- Brief introduction and history behind LLDB
- Status of LLDB on Linux and Android
- Linaro's contributions in LLDB
- An overview of LLDB Architecture
- More detail on working and architecture
- Overview of basic functionality and commands
- Overview of expressions and data formatters.

LLDB - Introduction

- Debugger component of LLVM project.
- A modular, high-performance source-level debugger written in C++
- Re-uses LLVM/Clang code JIT/IR for expression parsing, disassembly etc.
- Provides a C++ Debugger API which can be used by various clients
- Very permissive BSD-like license.





LLDB - Introduction (cont...)

Supported Host Platforms

OS X, Linux/Android, FreeBSD, NetBSD, and Windows

Supported Target Architectures

o i386/x86_64, Arm/AArch64, MIPS/MIPS64, IBM s390

Supported Languages

Fully support C, C++ and Objective-C while SWIFT and GoLang (under development)





LLDB - History

- Apple stopped shipping GDB after version 6.3.5
- Last GPLv2 based GDB release.
- Announced LLDB at WWDC2010.
- Extensively under development for various use-cases.
- Active code contributors are Apple and Google.
- Default debugger for OSX, Xcode IDE, Android Studio.
- Also adopted by FreeBSD as their default debugger.





LLDB - Linaro's contributions

- LLDB port for ARMv7 architecture.
 - Register Context and Basic Debugging support.
 - Support for SysV ARM/Linux ABI.
 - Support for Arm Hardware Watchpoints
 - Support for Arm Single Byte-Selection Watchpoints.
 - Various bug fixes and improvements.
 - Support for Arm Hardware Breakpoints (NEW)





LLDB - Linaro's contributions (cont...)

- LLDB port for ARMv8 architecture.
 - Support for SysV AArch64/Linux ABI.
 - Support for AArch64 Hardware Watchpoints
 - Various bug fixes and improvements.
 - Support for AArch64 Hardware Breakpoints (NEW)

Maintenance and Testing

- Buildbot development and maintenance
- Tester bring up and validation
- Buildbot Failure Triage





LLDB - Features Status ARM/AArch64

- LLDB features stable on ARM and AArch64
- For more details visit: http://lldb.llvm.org/status.html

	Process control attach continue exec fork launch status	Thread Control step-in step-out step-over inspection	Breakpoints HW Breakpoints HW Watchpoints DWARF Symbols ELF Obj File C++11 Support Backtracing	Register Inspection Memory Inspection Expression Evaluation JIT Expressions Disassembly Remote Debugging
ARM	OK	OK	ОК	ОК
AArch64	ОК	OK	ОК	OK



LLDB - Arm/AArch64 Test Devices

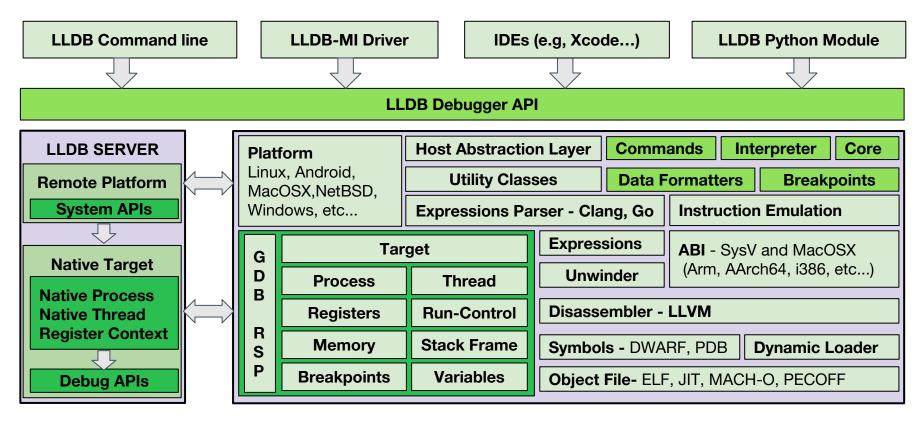
- Buildbots contributed by google test various Android devices
 - Link: lab.llvm.org:8011/builders/lldb-x86_64-ubuntu-14.04-android
- Linaro keeps track of LLDB on Linux platform for ARM and AArch64 targets.
 - Buildbot is still not public but we plan to do so.

Platform/Architecture	ARMv7	ARMv8 - AArch64	ARMv8 - AArch32
Android M	Nexus 5	Nexus 5x	Nexus 5x
Ubuntu Linux - Xenial	Raspberry Pi2	Pine64	Pine64



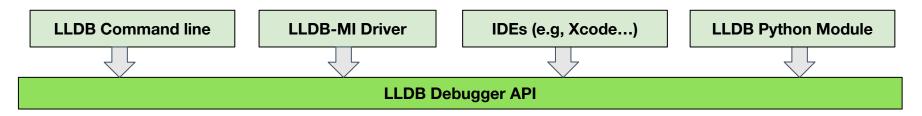


LLDB Architecture





LLDB Debugger API



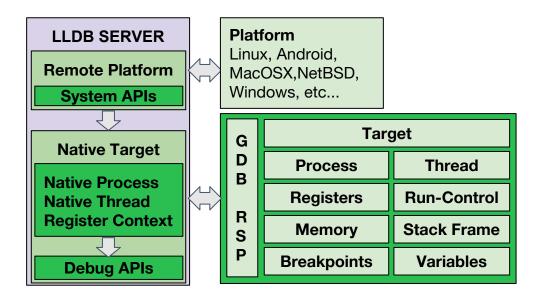
- A C++ shared library with object-oriented interface.
- LLDB.framework on MacOS X and Ildb.so on linux.
- Used by
 - o IIdb The LLDB Debugger command line
 - IIdb-mi and IIdbmi2 Machine Interface (MI) drivers
 - XCode and Android Studio IDEs with graphical front-ends.
 - Ildb Python module LLDB API exposed through python script bindings using SWIG.





Ildb-server - Platform Mode

- File transfer to remote target.
- Spawns gdbserver on target.
- Runs shell commands on target.
- List remote processes.
- Allows single or multiple parallel debug sessions.







Ildb-server - Platform Mode (Single Session)

- Spawn Ildb-server on remote-android target in platform mode for single session.
- Select remote-android platform and connect.
- Try connecting another IIdb remote-android platform session.

```
bullhead:/data/local/tmp/lldb/arm64 $
/lldb-server platform --listen *:5432
```

```
omair@omAlien:~/work/lldb-test/build/host/bin$ ./lldb
(lldb) platform select remote-android
  Platform: remote-android
  Connected: no
(lldb) platform connect connect://localhost:5432
  Platform: remote-android
    Triple: aarch64-*-linux-android
OS Version: 25.0.0 (3.10.73-gfe160e5)
    Kernel: #1 SMP PREEMPT Wed Dec 7 20:26:32 UTC 2016
  Hostname: localhost
  Connected: yes
WorkingDir: /data/local/tmp/lldb/arm64
(lldb)
```

```
omair@omAlien:~/work/lldb-test/build/host/bin$ ./lldb
(lldb) platform select remote-android
  Platform: remote-android
  Connected: no
(lldb) platform connect connect://localhost:5432
error: failed to get reply to handshake packet
(lldb)
```



Ildb-server - Platform Mode (Multiple Sessions)

Select remote-android platform and connect.

```
omair@omAlien:~/work/lldb-test/build/host/bin$ ./lldb
(lldb) platform select remote-android
  Platform: remote-android
  Connected: no
(lldb) platform connect connect://localhost:5432
  Platform: remote-android
    Triple: aarch64-*-linux-android
OS Version: 25.0.0 (3.10.73-gfe160e5)
    Kernel: #1 SMP PREEMPT Wed Dec 7 20:26:32 UTC 2016
  Hostname: localhost
  Connected: yes
WorkingDir: /data/local/tmp/lldb/arm64
(lldb)
```

Connect another remote-android platform session.

```
omair@omAlien:~/work/lldb-test/build/host/bin$ ./lldb
(lldb) platform select remote-android
  Platform: remote-android
  Connected: no
(lldb) platform connect connect://localhost:5432
  Platform: remote-android
    Triple: aarch64-*-linux-android
0S Version: 25.0.0 (3.10.73-gfe160e5)
    Kernel: #1 SMP PREEMPT Wed Dec 7 20:26:32 UTC 2016
  Hostname: localhost
  Connected: yes
WorkingDir: /data/local/tmp/lldb/arm64
(lldb)
```

Ildb-server platform -- server mode

```
bullhead:/data/local/tmp/lldb/arm64 $
/lldb-server platform --listen *:5432 --server
Connection established.
```

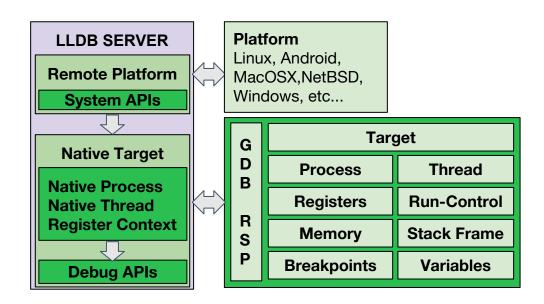
Ildb-server multiple sessions connected

```
bullhead:/data/local/tmp/lldb/arm64 $
/lldb-server platform --listen *:5432 --server
Connection established.
Connection established.
```



Ildb-server - GDB Server Mode

- Run as a gdb-remote-stub.
- Communicates with LLDB over RSP protocol.
- On Mac OSX and iOS, the remote-gdb functionality is in debugserver binary.







Ildb-server - GDB Server Mode

Start IIdb-server in gdbserver mode

```
omair@omAlien:~/work/lldb-test/build/host/bin$ ./lldb-server gdbserver *:5432
lldb-server-local_buildConnection established.
Launched '/home/omair/work/lldb-dev/hwbreak/x86_64.out' as process 26892...
```

Connect to gdb remote stub and start a debugging session

```
omair@omAlien:~/work/lldb-test/build/host/bin$ ./lldb /home/omair/work/lldb-dev/hwbreak/x86 64.out
(lldb) target create "/home/omair/work/lldb-dev/hwbreak/x86 64.out"
Current executable set to '/home/omair/work/lldb-dev/hwbreak/x86 64.out' (x86 64).
(lldb) process connect connect://localhost:5432
(lldb) b main
Breakpoint 1: where = x86 64.out`main + 8 at test.c:14, address = 0x000000000040054b
Process 26892 launched: '/home/omair/work/lldb-dev/hwbreak/x86 64.out' (x86 64)
Process 26892 stopped
* thread #1, name = 'x86 64.out', stop reason = breakpoint 1.1
    frame #0: 0x00000000000040054b x86 64.out main at test.c:14
   11
        int main()
   13
          int temp = 0;
  14
   15
   16
          printf("Read Op: Value of temp is %i",temp);
 lldb)
```



IIdb - Debuggee (or inferior) context on host system

Platform

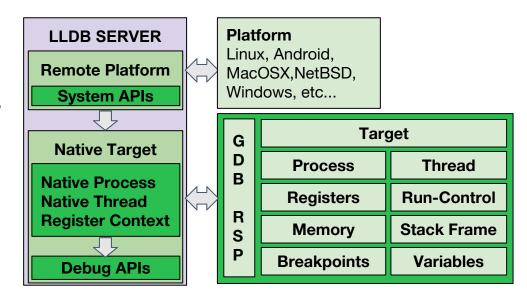
Local or remote platform functions.

Process GDB Remote Client

- Let Ildb host talks to Ildb-server running in gdb remote mode.
- Performs debug operations via GDB Remote Serial Protocol (RSP)

Target

- Implements debugee (inferior)
 management functions like
 - Process Control
 - Thread Control
 - Registers and Memory
 - Stack Frames and Variables
 - Breakpoints and Watchpoints
 - Module loading





Ildb - target create and process launch

- # Select target platform platform select <name>
- # Connect to platform platform connect <url>
- # Load file and symbols target create <file-name>
- # Set breakpoint at main breakpoint set -b main
- # Start remote inferior process launch

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 Hostname: localhost
Connected: yes
WorkingDir: /data/local/tmp/lldb/arm64
(lldb) target create /home/omair/work/lldb-dev/hwbreak/arm64.out
Current executable set to '/home/omair/work/lldb-dev/hwbreak/arm64.out' (aarch64).
(lldb) breakpoint set -b main
Breakpoint 1: where = arm64.out main + 8 at test.c:14, address = 0x0000000000000006dc
(lldb) process launch
Process 17232 launched: '/home/omair/work/lldb-dev/hwbreak/arm64.out' (aarch64)
Process 17232 stopped
 thread #1, name = 'arm64.out', stop reason = breakpoint 1.1
   frame #0: 0x000000558e4a06dc arm64.out`main at test.c:14
  11
  12
        int main()
  13
         int temp = 0;
-> 14
  15
         printf("Read Op: Value of temp is %i",temp);
  16
  17
```



Ildb - Target and Process commands

Target

- Create / Delete
- List and Select
- Symbols
- Variables

Process

- Connect to remote debug.
- Launch current target executable
- Attach/Detach to a process
- Continue/Interrupt/Kill current target process.
- Load/Unload shared library





Ildb - Thread, Frame, Memory & Registers commands

Thread

- Stepping
 - Step-in, step-out and step-over
 - step-inst and step-inst-over
- Select Select current thread.
- Backtrace Thread call stacks.
- Continue Continue one or all threads.
- info/list Information about threads in current process.

Frame, Memory and Registers

- Frame
 - Variable
 - Select
- Memory
 - Read
 - Write
- Registers
 - o register read <reg-name>
 - o register write <reg-name> <data>





IIdb - Break/Watchpoints & Disassembly commands

breakpoint/watchpoint

- set <options>
 - Set a breakpoint based on options.
- **clear** < line-no or filename>
- command <add, delete or list>
 - Run command or script when breakpoint is hit.
- delete
 - All or specified breakpoint is deleted.
- enable/disable
 - All or specified breakpoint.
- read/write
 - Read from or write breakpoints to file.

disassemble

- (-f) --frame
 - from the start of the current frame
- (-m) --mixed
 - mixed source and assembly display.
- (-n) --name <function-name>
 - entire contents of the given function.
- (-p) --pc
 - around the current pc.
- (-a) --address <address>
 - function containing address.
- --start-address / --end-address



Ildb - command alias <alias> <command> <args>

Some Built-in Aliases

File <file>

- target create <file>

b main

- breakpoint set -b main

run

- process launch

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    Kernel: #1 SMP PREEMPT Wed Dec 7 20:26:32 UTC 2016
 Hostname: localhost
 Connected: yes
WorkingDir: /data/local/tmp/lldb/arm64
(lldb) file /home/omair/work/lldb-dev/hwbreak/arm64.out
Current executable set to '/home/omair/work/lldb-dev/hwbreak/arm64.out' (aarch64).
(lldb) b main
Breakpoint 1: where = arm64.out main + 8 at test.c:14, address = 0x00000000000006dc
(lldb) run
Process 17286 launched: '/home/omair/work/lldb-dev/hwbreak/arm64.out' (aarch64)
Process 17286 stopped
 thread #1, name = 'arm64.out', stop reason = breakpoint 1.1
    frame #0: 0x00000055863896dc arm64.out`main at test.c:14
   11
        int main()
   13
-> 14
          int temp = 0;
   15
          printf("Read Op: Value of temp is %i",temp);
   17
```





lldb - Using .lldbinit file

.lldbinit file on top right of this slide is running at startup:

- Platform select and connect
- Load object file and symbols
- Set breakpoint at main
- Start inferior process
- Run to main.

LLDB command-line output on bottom right shows Ildb state after we start it with .lldbinit file in user's home directory.

```
1 # Select platform
2 platform select remote-android
3
4 # Connect to platform
5 platform connect connect://localhost:5432
6
7 # Create debuggee target with executable
8 file /home/omair/work/lldb-dev/hwbreak/arm64.out
9
10 # Set breakpoint at main function
11 b main
12
13 # Launch debuggee process
14 run
```

```
omair@omAlien:~/work/lldb-test/build/host/bin$ ./lldb
Process 17782 stopped
* thread #1, name = 'arm64.out', stop reason = breakpoint 1.1
    frame #0: 0x000000558151d6dc arm64.out`main at test.c:14
    11
    12    int main()
    13    {
    -> 14         int temp = 0;
    15
    16         printf("Read Op: Value of temp is %i",temp);
    17
(lldb)
```



LLDB - Brief description of components

ABI

- Executes JITTed function calls in process being debugged.
- Call frame calculation based on target calling convention.

Unwinder

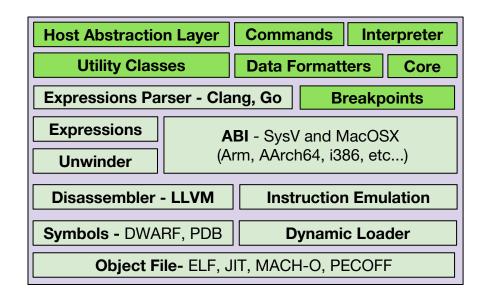
Implements stack unwinding features.

Instruction Emulation

- Helps with stack frame constructions.
- Helps single step by emulating execution paths.

Expression Parser

- A modified DWARF expression parser
- Clang front-end latest c++ support

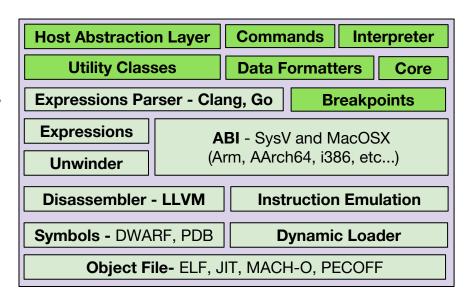






LLDB - Brief description of components

- Disassembler
 - LLVM disassembler
- Dynamic Loader
 - Helps detect dynamically loaded modules
- Object File
 - Handles object files management.
- Symbols
 - Handles debug symbols mangement
- Host Abstraction Layer
- Core and Utility Classes
- Interpreter and Commands
- Data Formatters
- Breakpoint Utilities





LLDB - unique_ptr variables with data formatters

Without deleter

- frame variable nup
- frame variable iup
- frame variable sup

With deleter

- frame variable ndp
- frame variable idp
- frame variable sdp

```
thread #1, name = 'unique.out', stop reason = breakpoint 1.1
   frame #0: 0x00000000000400baf unique.out main at main.cpp:21
         std::unique ptr<std::string, Deleter> sdp(new std::string("baz"),
                                                 Deleter{3, 4});
   19
   20
-> 21
         return 0; // Set break point at this line.
   22
(lldb) frame variable nup
(lldb) frame variable iup
(std::unique ptr<int, std::default delete<int> >) iup = 0x616c20 {
  object = 123
(lldb) frame variable sup
(std::unique ptr<std:: cxx11::basic string<char, std::char traits<char>, std::allocator<char> >, std::def
sup = 0x616c40 {
  object = "foobar"
(lldb) frame variable ndp
(std::unique ptr<char, Deleter>) ndp = nullptr {
  object = <parent is NULL>
  deleter = (a = 0, b = 0)
(lldb) frame variable idp
(std::unique ptr<int, Deleter>) idp = 0x616c70 {
  object = 456
  deleter = (a = 1, b = 2)
(lldb) frame variable sdp
(std::unique ptr<std:: cxx11::basic string<char, std::char traits<char>, std::allocator<char> >, Deleter>
  object = "baz"
  deleter = (a = 3, b = 4)
```



LLDB - shared_ptr & weak_ptr with data formatters

--ptr-depth 1

 Dereference pointer once

std::shared_ptr

- frame variable **nsp**
- frame variable isp
- frame variable ssp

std::weak_ptr

- frame variable nwp
- frame variable iwp
- frame variable swp

```
Process 13041 launched: '/home/omair/work/bud17/formatters/smart.out' (x86 64)
Process 13041 stopped
 thread #1, name = 'smart.out', stop reason = breakpoint 1.1
   frame #0: 0x000000000000400cc7 smart.out main at main.cpp:15
            std::weak ptr<int> iwp = isp;
           std::weak ptr<std::string> swp = ssp;
   13
   14
-> 15
           nsp.reset(); // Set break point at this line.
   16
            isp.reset();
           ssp.reset();
   17
   18
(lldb) frame variable --ptr-depth 1 nsp
(std::shared_ptr<char>) nsp = nullptr {
  M ptr = 0x0000000000000000
(lldb) frame variable --ptr-depth 1 isp
(std::shared ptr<int>) isp = 123 {
  M ptr = 0x0000000000617c20 {
    * M ptr = 123
(lldb) frame variable --ptr-depth 1 ssp
(std::shared ptr<std:: cxx11::basic string<char, std::char traits<char>, std::allocator<char> > )
  M ptr = "\x80|a"... {}
(lldb) frame variable --ptr-depth 1 iwp
(std::weak ptr<int>) iwp = 123 {
  M ptr = 0x0000000000617c20 
    * M ptr = 123
(lldb) frame variable --ptr-depth 1 swp
(std::weak ptr<std:: cxx11::basic string<char, std::char traits<char>, std::allocator<char> > ) s
  M ptr = "\x80|a"... {}
```



LLDB - std::map variables with data formatters

std::map<std::string, int>

frame variable si

std::map<int, std::string>

frame variable is

std::map<std::string, std::string>

frame variable ss

```
Process 13892 launched: '/home/omair/work/bud17/formatters/map.out' (x86 64)
Process 13892 stopped
 thread #1, name = 'map.out', stop reason = breakpoint 1.1
    frame #0: 0x00000000000401363 map.out main at main.cpp:29
            ss["qatto"] = "cat";
            ss["a Mac.."] = "..is always a Mac!";
   28
            return 0;// Set break point at this line.
-> 29
   30
(lldb) frame variable si
(std::map<std:: cxx11::basic string<char, std::char traits<char>, std::allocator<char> >,
<std::pair<const std:: cxx11::basic string<char, std::char traits<char>, std::allocator<cha
  [0] = (first = "one", second = 1)
  [1] = (first = "three", second = 3)
  [2] = (first = "two", second = 2)
  [3] = (first = "zero", second = 0)
(lldb) frame variable is
(std::map<int, std::__cxx11::basic_string<char, std::char_traits<char>, std::allocator<char>
 std::allocator<char> > > >) is = size=4 {
  [0] = (first = 1, second = "is")
  [1] = (first = 2, second = "smart")
  [2] = (first = 3, second = "!!!")
  [3] = (first = 85, second = "goofy")
(lldb) frame variable ss
(std::map<std:: cxx11::basic string<char, std::char traits<char>, std::allocator<char> >,
tring<char, std::char_traits<char>, std::allocator<char> > >, std::allocator<std::pair<cons
ar. std::char traits<char>. std::allocator<char> > > >)                       s = size=4 {
  [0] = (first = "a Mac..", second = "..is always a Mac!")
  [1] = (first = "casa", second = "house")
  [2] = (first = "ciao", second = "hello")
  [3] = (first = "gatto", second = "cat")
```



- Compile "hello world" code
- Launch it using LLDB.
- Stop in main before return.
- Now our expressions will have a context to work with.
- Let's try some example expressions.

```
#include <iostream>
int main()
  std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl:
  return 0;
```





- Let's try evaluating a few simple expressions.
- Create integer type local variables i and j
- Let see if we can call getpid
- Evaluate getpid() + i + j
- Evaluate getpid() + i & j
- Evaluate getpid() + i ^ j
- Evaluate getpid() + i << j

```
omair@omAlien:~/work/lldb-test/build/host/bin$ ./lldb ~/work/bud17/jit/hello
(lldb) target create "/home/omair/work/bud17/jit/hello"
Current executable set to '/home/omair/work/bud17/jit/hello' (x86 64).
(lldb) breakpoint set -l 7
Breakpoint 1: where = hello`main + 32 at hello.cpp:7, address = 0x000000000004(
(lldb) run
Process 15744 launched: '/home/omair/work/bud17/jit/hello' (x86 64)
Hello World!
Process 15744 stopped
 thread #1, name = 'hello', stop reason = breakpoint 1.1
    frame #0: 0x00000000000400866 hello`main at hello.cpp:7
          std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl;</pre>
          return 0;
(lldb) expression int $i = 9
(lldb) expression int $j = 3
(lldb) expression (int)getpid()
(int) S0 = 15744
(lldb) expression (int)getpid() + Si + Si
(int) S1 = 15756
(lldb) expression (int)getpid() + $i & $j
(int) S2 = 1
(lldb) expression (int)getpid() + $i ^ $j
(int) $3 = 15754
(lldb) expression (int)getpid() + $i << $j</pre>
(int) S4 = 126024
```



- Create context as we did in previous slide.
- Try evaluating a for loop expression.

```
omair@omAlien:~/work/bud17$ ../lldb-test/build/host/bin/lldb ./jit/hello
(lldb) target create "./jit/hello"
Current executable set to './jit/hello' (x86 64).
(lldb) breakpoint set -l 7
Breakpoint 1: where = hello`main + 32 at hello.cpp:7, address = 0x0000000000400866
(lldb) run
Process 13579 launched: './jit/hello' (x86 64)
Hello World!
Process 13579 stopped
* thread #1, name = 'hello', stop reason = breakpoint 1.1
    frame #0: 0x0000000000400866 hello main at hello.cpp:7
          std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl;
          return 0;
(lldb) expression for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) printf("%d x %d = %d\n".i.i. i * i);
 x 9 = 81
 (db)
```



- Create a c++ lambda expression named add.
- Specify return value auto
- Evaluate lambda expression on our dummy context.
- Cool we have them working.
- Lets try a more complex
 lambda with auto arguments

```
omair@omAlien:~/work/lldb-test/build/host/bin$ ./lldb ~/work/bud17/jit/hello
(lldb) target create "/home/omair/work/bud17/jit/hello"
Current executable set to '/home/omair/work/bud17/jit/hello' (x86 64).
(lldb) breakpoint set -l 7
Breakpoint 1: where = hellomain + 32 at hello.cpp:7. address = 0x000000000000406
(lldb) run
Process 16036 launched: '/home/omair/work/bud17/jit/hello' (x86 64)
Hello World!
Process 16036 stopped
* thread #1, name = 'hello', stop reason = breakpoint 1.1
    frame #0: 0x00000000000400866 hello main at hello.cpp:7
          std::cout << "Hello World!" << std::endl;
          return 0;
(lldb) expression auto $add = [](int a, int b) { return a + b; }
(lldb) expression $add(2,3)
(int) S0 = 5
(lldb) expression $add(33,66)
(int) S1 = 99
(lldb) expression auto $add = [](auto a, auto b) { return a + b; }
error: 'auto' not allowed in lambda parameter
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(lldb)
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Conclusion

- Start using LLDB.
- Its more stable than ever before.
- Wanna go an extra mile? Feel free to contribute.
- Topics for future
 - Using LLDB Python API and built-in Python interpreter
 - How-To on more advanced expressions
 - How to use more advanced and Python based data formatters



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