Operating Systems gdb tutorial

Compiling

gdb is a line interface debugger for C (and C++).

- To prepare a program for debugging with **gdb**, you must compile it with the **`-g`** flag. Example:

```
gcc –g –o myprog myprog.c
```

Running and quitting gdb

To debug your program, run

```
> gdb myprog
(gdb)
```

To quit debugging your program, give command

quit (or just q)

Command help

`help` displays a list of topics (classes of commands).

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……….
breakpoints -- Making program stop at
               certain points
data -- Examining data
files -- Specifying and examining files
……….
```

Command help

help topic displays information about that topic

```
(gdb) help breakpoints
```

help command displays information about a specific command

```
(gdb) help print
```

Command run

run (r) run the executable given as argument to **gdb**.

run args run the executable given as argument to gdb, with the arguments that you would pass in the command line

r arg_1 arg_2 ... arg_n

Input/output redirection is possible

r > outfile.txt

Command break

`break linenumber` or

`break filename:linenumber`

sets the breakpoint to the given line number in the source file.

Execution will stop before that line has been executed.

`break (b) function` or

`break function:linenumber`

sets the breakpoint at the **`linenumber`** of function

Command delete and info

`delete` deletes all breakpoints.

`delete number` deletes breakpoint number **`number`**

`info breakpoints`

shows all current breakpoints, including their **`number`**

Commands continue, next, step

`continue (c)`

continues the program execution, after the breakpoint

`next (n)`

executes the next instruction (function)

`step (s)`

steps into the first instruction of a function

Command list

`list(l)linenumber`

displays 10 lines from the source code around linenumber.

`list(l) function`

displays 10 lines from the beginning of **`function`**

`list(l)`

displays the next 10 lines

Commands print

`print (p) expression`

displays the value of **`expression`**.

`print v[0]@5`

displays the first 5 values in array **`v`**