

Bug 29370 - dwarf.c: infinite loop in display_debug_abbrev

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file that caused infinite loop

During fuzzing campaign, I found some files will cause infinite loop inside
`display_debug_abbrev()` with the command below:

```
readelf -w poc
```

```
build on the latest commit (9afca381e2e46ccee433ce09001506e7683b273f), with default  
config `../configure`
```

Command output:

```
readelf: Warning: The e_shentsize field in the ELF header is larger than the size  
of an ELF section header  
readelf: Error: Reading 3584 bytes extends past end of file for program headers  
readelf: Error: Reading 1717502016 bytes extends past end of file for .trace_abbrev  
section data
```

```
... warnings ...
```

Contents of the .trace_abbrev section:

... contents ...

Section '.trace_abbrev' has no debugging data.

Contents of the .trace_abbrev section:

Number TAG (0x0)

```
3878592198768      DW_TAG_padding      [no children]
Unknown AT value: 70e1c3870e1c3870 Unknown FORM value: 45
DW_AT_virtuality    Unknown FORM value: 46
DW_AT_location      DW_FORM_addr
DW_AT_sibling       DW_FORM_value: 0
DW_AT_value: 0      DW_FORM_value: 0
```

readelf: Warning: Debug info is corrupted, abbrev offset (1240) is larger than abbrev section size (8)

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DW_AT_value: 0      DW_FORM_value: 0
```

... looping same contents ...

I observed through gdb when the program starts to loop, break on `if (list == NULL)` line and print out the variables:

`gdb$ p start`

`$43 = (unsigned char *) 0x555555660b70 "\177ELF.trace_abbrev"`

`gdb$ p section->start`

`$44 = (unsigned char *) 0x555555660b70 "\177ELF.trace_abbrev"`

`gdb$ p *list`

```
$45 = {
  first_abbrev = 0x55555565f3d0,
  last_abbrev = 0x55555565f3d0,
  abbrev_base = 0x0,
  abbrev_offset = 0x0,
  next = 0x0,
  start_of_next_abbrevs = 0x555555660b70 "\177ELF.trace_abbrev"
}
```

The `offset` variable will always be 0, and the `start` variable will never updated since `list->start_of_next_abbrevs` is the same as `start`, maybe it's caused by entering this function more than once?

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The master branch has been updated by Alan Modra <amodra@sourceware.org>:

<https://sourceware.org/git/gitweb.cgi?p=binutils-gdb.git;h=695c6dfe7e85006b98c8b746f3fd5f913c94ebff>

commit 695c6dfe7e85006b98c8b746f3fd5f913c94ebff

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~~PR29370~~, infinite loop in display_debug_abbrev

The ~~PR29370~~ testcase is a fuzzed object file with multiple .trace_abbrev sections. Multiple .trace_abbrev or .debug_abbrev sections are not a violation of the DWARF standard. The DWARF5 standard even gives an example of multiple .debug_abbrev sections contained in groups. Caching and lookup of processed abbrevs thus needs to be done by section and offset rather than base and offset. (Why base anyway?) Or, since section contents are kept, by a pointer into the contents.

~~PR-29370~~

```
* dwarf.c (struct abbrev_list): Replace abbrev_base and
abbrev_offset with raw field.
(find_abbrev_list_by_abbrev_offset): Delete.
(find_abbrev_list_by_raw_abbrev): New function.
(process_abbrev_set): Set list->raw and list->next.
(find_and_process_abbrev_set): Replace abbrev list lookup with
new function. Don't set list abbrev_base, abbrev_offset or next.
```

Alan Modra 2022-07-21 04:20:58 UTC

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Fixed for 2.40

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