

# ***Open Watcom Debugger Trap File Interface***

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# 1 Introduction

The Open Watcom debugger consists of a number of separate pieces of code. The main executable, WD.EXE (wd on UNIX systems), provides a debugging 'engine' and user interface. When the engine wishes to perform an operation upon the program being debugged such as reading memory or setting a breakpoint, it creates a request structure and sends it to the 'trap file' (so called because under DOS, it contains the first level trap handlers). The trap file examines the request structure, performs the indicated action and returns a result structure to the debugger. The debugger and trap files also use Machine Architecture Description (MAD) files which abstract the CPU architecture. This design has the following benefits:

1. OS debugging interfaces tend to be wildly varying in how they are accessed. By moving all the OS specific interface code into the trap file and having a defined interface to access it, porting the debugger becomes much easier.
2. By abstracting the machine architecture specifics through MAD files, it becomes possible to use one debugger for several target CPU architectures (such as x86 and Alpha AXP). Unlike most other debuggers, the Open Watcom debugger is not tied to a single host/target combination and if appropriate trap and MAD files are available, the debugger running on any host can remotely debug any target.
3. The trap file does not have to actually perform the operation. Instead it could send the request out to a remote server by a communication link such as a serial line or LAN. The remote server can retrieve the request, perform the operation on the remote machine and send the results back via the link. This enables the debugger to debug applications in cases where there are memory constraints or other considerations which prevent the debugger proper from running on the remote system (such as Novell Netware 386).

This document describes the interface initially used by version 4.0 of the WATCOM debugger (shipped with the 10.0 C/C++ and FORTRAN releases). It has been revised to describe changes incorporated in Watcom 11.0 release, as well as subsequent Open Watcom releases. It is expected to be modified in future releases. Where possible, notification of expected changes are given in the document, but all aspects are subject to revision.

## 1.1 Some Definitions

Next follow some general trap definitions.

### 1.1.1 Byte Order

The trap file interface is defined to use little endian byte order. That is, the least significant byte is stored at the lowest address. Little endian byte order was chosen for compatibility with existing trap files and tools. Fixed byte order also eases network communication between debuggers and trap files running on machines with different byte order.

### 1.1.2 Pointer Sizes

In a 16-bit hosted environment such as DOS, all pointers used by the trap file are "far" 16:16 pointers. In a 32-bit environment such as Windows NT the pointers are "near" 0:32 pointers.

### 1.1.3 Base Types

A number of basic types are used in the interface. They are defined as follows:

| Type | Definition |
|------|------------|
|------|------------|

|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>unsigned_8</i> | 1 byte unsigned quantity |
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|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>unsigned_16</i> | 2 byte unsigned quantity |
|--------------------|--------------------------|

|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>unsigned_32</i> | 4 byte unsigned quantity |
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|-------------------|--|
| <i>access_req</i> | The first field of every request is of this type. It is a 1 byte field which identifies the request to be performed. |
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|-------------------|---|
| <i>addr48_ptr</i> | This type encapsulates the concept of a 16:32 pointer. All addresses in the debuggee memory are described with these. The debugger always acts as if the debuggee were in a 32-bit large model environment since the 32-bit flat model and all 16-bit memory models are subsets. The structure is defined as follows: |
|-------------------|---|

```
typedef struct {
    unsigned_32    offset;
    unsigned_16    segment;
} addr48_ptr;
```

The **segment** field contains the segment of the address and the **offset** field stores the offset of the address.

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| <i>bytes</i> | The type <b>bytes</b> is an array of <b>unsigned_8</b> . The length is provided by other means. Typically a field of type <b>bytes</b> is the last one in a request and the length is calculated from the total length of the request. |
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|               |   |
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| <i>string</i> | The type <b>string</b> is actually an array of characters. The array is terminated by a null ('\0') character. The length is provided by other means. Typically a field of type <b>string</b> is the last one in a request and the length is calculated from the total length of the request. |
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|                   |  |
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| <i>trap_error</i> | Some trap file requests return debuggee operating system error codes, notably the requests to perform file I/O on the remote system. These error codes are returned as an <b>unsigned_32</b> . The debugger considers the value zero to indicate no error. |
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| <i>trap_phandle</i> | This is an <b>unsigned_32</b> which holds process (task) handle. A task handle is used to uniquely identify a debuggee process. |
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|---------------------|--|
| <i>trap_mhandle</i> | This is an <b>unsigned_32</b> which holds a module handle. Typically the main executable will be one module, and on systems which support DLLs or shared libraries, each library will be identified by a unique module handle. |
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## 2 The Request Interface

Next follow detailed description of interface elements.

### 2.1 Request Structure.

Each request is composed of two sequences of bytes provided by the debugger called messages. The first set contains the actual request code and whatever parameters that are required by the request. The second sequence is where the result of the operation is to be stored by the trap file.

The two sequences need not be contiguous. The sequences are described to the trap file through two arrays of message entry structures. This allows the debugger to avoid unnecessary packing and unpacking of messages, since **mx\_entry**'s can be set to point directly at parameter/result buffers.

Multiple requests are **not** allowed in a single message. The **mx\_entry**'s are only used to provide scatter/gather capabilities for one request at a time.

The message entry structure is as follows (defined in **trptypes.h**):

```
typedef struct {
    void          *ptr;
    unsigned      len;
} mx_entry;
```

The **ptr** is pointing to a block of data for that message entry. The **len** field gives the length of that block. One array of **mx\_entry**'s describes the request message. The second array describes the return message.

It is not legal to split a message into arbitrary pieces with **mx\_entries**. Each request documents where an **mx\_entry** is allowed to start with a line of dashes.

### 2.2 The Interface Routines

The trap file interface must provide three routines: **TrapInit**, **TrapRequest**, and **TrapFini**. How the debugger determines the address of these routines after loading a trap file, as well as the calling convention used, is system dependent and described later. These functions are prototyped in **trpimp.h**.

#### 2.2.1 TrapInit

This function initializes the environment for proper operation of **TrapRequest**.

```
trap_version TRAPENTRY TrapInit(
    char          *parm,
    char          *error,
    unsigned_8 remote
);
```

The **parm** is a string that the user passes to the trap file. Its interpretation is completely up to the trap file. In the case of the Open Watcom debugger, all the characters following the semicolon in the **/TRAP** option are passed as the **parm**. For example:

```
wd /trap=nov;testing program
```

The **parm** would be "testing". Any error message will be returned in **error**. The **remote** field is a zero if the Open Watcom debugger is loading the trap file and a one if a remote server is loading it. This function returns a structure **trap\_version** of the following form (defined in **trptypes.h**):

```
typedef struct {
    unsigned_8  major;
    unsigned_8  minor;
    unsigned_8  remote;
} trap_version;
```

The **major** field contains the major version number of the trap file while the **minor** field tells the minor version number of the trap file. **Major** is changed whenever there is a modification made to the trap file that is not upwardly compatible with previous versions. **Minor** increments by one whenever a change is made to the trap file that is upwardly compatible with previous versions. The current major version is 17, the current minor version is 1. The **remote** field informs the debugger whether the trap file communicates with a remote machine.

**TrapInit** must be called before using **TrapRequest** to send a request. Failure to do so may result in unpredictable operation of **TrapRequest**.

### 2.2.2 TrapRequest

All requests between the server and the remote trap file are handled by **TrapRequest**.

```
unsigned TRAPENTRY TrapRequest(
    unsigned num_in_mx,
    mx_entry *mx_in,
    unsigned num_out_mx,
    mx_entry *mx_out
);
```

The **mx\_in** points to an array of request **mx\_entry**'s. The **num\_in\_mx** field contains the number of elements of the array. Similarly, the **mx\_out** will point to an array of return **mx\_entry**'s. The number of elements will be given by the **num\_out\_mx** field. The total number of bytes actually filled in to the return message by the trap file is returned by the function (this may be less than the total number of bytes described by the **mx\_out** array).

Since every request must start with an **access\_req** field, the minimum size of a request message is one byte.

Some requests do not require a return message. In this case, the program invoking **TrapRequest** **must** pass zero for **num\_out\_mx** and NULL for **mx\_out**.



### 2.2.2.1 Request Example

The request REQ\_READ\_MEM needs the memory address and length of memory to read as input and will return the memory block in the output message. To read 30 bytes of memory from address 0x0010:0x8000 into a buffer, we can write:

```
mx_entry      in[1];
mx_entry      out[1];
unsigned char  buffer[30];
struct in_msg_def {
    access_req req;
    addr48_ptr addr;
    unsigned_16 len;
} in_msg = { REQ_READ_MEM, { 0x8000, 0x0010 }, sizeof( buffer ) };

unsigned_16 mem_blk_len;

in[0].ptr = &in_msg;
in[0].len = sizeof( in_msg );
out[0].ptr = &buffer;
out[0].len = sizeof( buffer );

mem_blk_len = TrapRequest( 1, in, 1, out );

if( mem_blk_length != sizeof( buffer ) ) {
    printf( "Error in reading memory\n" );
} else {
    printf( "OK\n" );
}
```

The program will print "OK" if it has transferred 30 bytes of data from the debuggee's address space to the **buffer** variable. If less than 30 bytes is transferred, an error message is printed out.

### 2.2.3 TrapFini

The function terminates the link between the debugger and the trap file. It should be called after finishing all access requests.

```
void TRAPENTRY TrapFini( void );
```

After calling **TrapFini**, it is illegal to call **TrapRequest** without calling **TrapInit** again.



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## 3 The Requests

This section describes the individual requests, their parameters, and their return values. A line of dashes indicates where an **mx\_entry** is allowed (but not required) to start. The debugger allows (via **REQ\_GET\_SUPPLEMENTARY\_SERVICE/REQ\_PERFORM\_SUPPLEMENTARY\_SERVICE**) optional components to be implemented only on specific systems.

The numeric value of the request which is placed in the **req** field follows the symbolic name in parentheses.

### 3.1 Core Requests

These requests need to be implemented in all versions of the trap file, although some of them may only be stub implementations in some environments. Note that structures suitable for individual requests are declared in **trpcore.h**.

#### 3.1.1 REQ\_CONNECT (0)

Request to connect to the remote machine. This must be the first request made.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
unsigned_8      major;    <--+ struct trap_version
unsigned_8      minor;    |
unsigned_8      remote;   <--+
```

The **req** field contains the request. The **trap\_version** structure tells the version of the program making the request. The **major** field contains the major version number of the trap file while the **minor** field tells the minor version number of the trap file. The **major** is changed whenever there is a modification made to the trap file that is not upwardly compatible with previous versions. The **minor** increments by one whenever a change is made to the trap file that is upwardly compatible with previous versions. The current major version is 17, the current minor version is 1. The **remote** field informs the trap file whether a remote server is between the Open Watcom debugger and the trap file.

**Return message:**

```
unsigned_16 max_msg_size
-----
string      err_msg
```

If error has occurred, the **err\_msg** field will return the error message string. If there is no error, **error\_msg** returns a null character and the field **max\_msg\_size** will contain the allowed maximum size of a message in bytes. Any message (typically reading/writing memory or files) which would require more than the maximum number of bytes to transmit or receive must be broken up into multiple requests. The minimum acceptable value for this field is 256.

### 3.1.2 REQ\_DISCONNECT (1)

Request to terminate the link between the local and remote machine. After this request, a REQ\_CONNECT must be the next one made.

**Request message:**

```
access_ req      req
```

The **req** field contains the request.

**Return message:**

```
NONE
```

### 3.1.3 REQ\_SUSPEND (2)

Request to suspend the link between the server and the remote trap file. The debugger issues this message just before it spawns a sub-shell (the "system" command). This allows a remote server to enter a state where it allows other trap files to connect to it (normally, once a remote server has connected to a trap file, the remote link will fail any other attempts to connect to it). This allows the user for instance to start up an RFX process and transfer any missing files to the remote machine before continuing the debugging process.

**Request message:**

```
access_ req      req
```

The **req** field contains the request.

**Return message:**

```
NONE
```

### 3.1.4 REQ\_RESUME (3)

Request to resume the link between the server and the remote trap file. The debugger issues this request when the spawned sub-shell exits.

**Request message:**

```
access_ req      req
```

The **req** field contains the request.

**Return message:**

```
NONE
```

### 3.1.5 REQ\_GET\_SUPPLEMENTARY\_SERVICE (4)

Request to obtain a supplementary service id.

**Request message:**

```
access_req  req
-----
string      service_name
```

The **req** field contains the request. The **service\_name** field contains a string identifying the supplementary service. This string is case insensitive.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error    err;
trap_shandle  id;
```

The **err** field is non-zero if something went wrong in obtaining or initializing the service. **Id** is the identifier for a particular supplementary service. It need not be the same from one invocation of the trap file to another. If both it and the **err** field are zero, it means that the service is not available from this trap file.

**Notes:** In the future, we might allow for user developed add-ons to be integrated with the debugger. There would be two components, one to be added to the debugger and one to be added to the trap file. The two pieces could communicate with each other via the supplementary services mechanism.

### 3.1.6 REQ\_PERFORM\_SUPPLEMENTARY\_SERVICE (5)

Request to perform a supplementary service.

**Request message:**

```
access_req  req
unsigned_32 service_id
-----
unspecified
```

The **req** field contains the request. The **service\_id** field indicates which service is being requested. The remainder of the request is specified by the individual supplementary service provider.

**Return message:**

```
unspecified
```

The return message is specified by the individual supplementary service provider.

### 3.1.7 REQ\_GET\_SYS\_CONFIG (6)

Request to get system information from the remote machine.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
```

The **req** field contains the request.

**Return message:**

```
unsigned_8  cpu;
unsigned_8  fpu;
unsigned_8  osmajor;
unsigned_8  osminor;
unsigned_8  os;
unsigned_8  huge_shift;
mad_handle  mad;
```

The **mad** field specifies the MAD (Machine Architecture Description) in use and determines how the other fields will be interpreted. Currently the following MADs are used:

```
MAD_X86 - Intel IA-32 compatible
MAD_AXP - Alpha AXP
MAD_PPC - PowerPC
```

The **cpu** fields returns the type of the remote CPU. The size of that field is unsigned\_8. Possible CPU types for MAD\_X86 are:

```
bits 0-3
X86_86  = 0    - 8086
X86_186 = 1    - 80186
X86_286 = 2    - 80286
X86_386 = 3    - 80386
X86_486 = 4    - 80486
X86_586 = 5    - Pentium
X86_686 = 6    - Pentium Pro/II/III
X86_P4  = 15   - Pentium 4
bit 4    - MM registers
bit 5    - XMM registers
bits 6,7 - unused
```

The **fpu** fields tells the type of FPU. The size of the field is unsigned\_8. FPU types for MAD\_X86 include:

```
X86_EMU = -1    - Software emulated FPU
X86_NO   = 0     - No FPU
X86_87   = 1     - 8087
X86_287  = 2     - 80287
X86_387  = 3     - 80387
X86_487  = 4     - 486 integrated FPU
X86_587  = 5     - Pentium integrated FPU
X86_587  = 6     - Pentium Pro/II/III integrated FPU
X86_P47  = 15    - Pentium 4 integrated FPU
```

The **osmajor** and **osminor** contains the major and minor version number for the operating system of the remote machine. The type of operating system can be found in **os** field. The size of this field is unsigned\_8. The OS can be:

|             |   |    |                                       |
|-------------|---|----|---------------------------------------|
| OS_IDUNNO   | = | 0  | - Unknown operating system            |
| OS_DOS      | = | 1  | - DOS                                 |
| OS_OS2      | = | 2  | - OS/2                                |
| OS_PHAR     | = | 3  | - Phar Lap 386 DOS Extender           |
| OS_ECLIPSE  | = | 4  | - Eclipse 386 DOS Extender (obsolete) |
| OS_NW386    | = | 5  | - NetWare 386                         |
| OS_QNX      | = | 6  | - QNX 4.x                             |
| OS_RATIONAL | = | 7  | - DOS/4G or compatible                |
| OS_WINDOWS  | = | 8  | - Windows 3.x                         |
| OS_PENPOINT | = | 9  | - PenPoint (obsolete)                 |
| OS_NT       | = | 10 | - Win32                               |
| OS_AUTOCAD  | = | 11 | - ADS/ADI development (obsolete)      |
| OS_NEUTRINO | = | 12 | - QNX 6.x                             |
| OS_LINUX    | = | 13 | - Linux                               |

The **huge\_shift** field is used to determine the shift needed for huge arithmetic in that system. It stores the number of left shifts required in order to calculate the next segment correctly. It is 12 for real mode programs. The value in a protect mode environment must be obtained from the OS of the debuggee machine. This field is only relevant for 16-bit segmented architectures.

### 3.1.8 REQ\_MAP\_ADDR (7)

Request to map the input address to the actual address of the remote machine. The addresses in the symbolic information provided by the linker do not reflect any relocation performed on the executable by the system loader. This request obtains that relocation information so that the debugger can update its addresses.

#### Request message:

```
access_req      req;
addr48_ptr      in_addr;
trap_mhandle    handle;
```

The **req** field contains the request. The **in\_addr** tells the address to map. The **handle** field identifies the module which the address is from. The value from this field is obtained by REQ\_PROG\_LOAD or REQ\_GET\_LIB\_NAME. There are two magical values for the **in\_addr.segment** field.

```
MAP_FLAT_CODE_SELECTOR = -1
MAP_FLAT_DATA_SELECTOR = -2
```

When the **in\_addr.segment** equals one of these values, the debugger does not have a map segment value and is requesting that the trap file performs the mapping as if the given offset was in the flat address space.

#### Return message:

```
addr48_ptr      out_addr
addr48_off      lo_bound;
addr48_off      hi_bound;
```

The mapped address is returned in **out\_addr**. Note that in addition to the segment portion being modified, the offset of the portion of the address may be adjusted as well if the loader performs offset relocations (like OS/2 2.x or Windows NT). The **lo\_bound** and **hi\_bound** fields identify the lowest and highest input offsets for which this mapping is valid. If the debugger needs to map another address whose input segment value is the same as a previous request, and the input offset falls within the valid

range identified by the return of that previous request, it can perform the mapping itself and not bother sending the request to the trap file.

### 3.1.9 REQ\_ADDR\_INFO (8)

This request is x86 specific and obsolete; REQ\_MACHINE\_DATA should be used instead. It needs to be provided only for backwards compatibility.

Request to check if a given address is using 32-bit addressing (the 386 compatible CPU's current selector's B-bit is on) by default. The debugger requires this information to properly disassemble instructions.

#### Request message:

```
access_req      req
addr48_ptr      in_addr
```

The **req** field contains the request and the **in\_addr** tells the input address.

#### Return message:

```
unsigned_8      is_32
```

The field returns one if the address is a USE32 segment, zero otherwise.

### 3.1.10 REQ\_CHECKSUM\_MEM (9)

Request to calculate the checksum for a block of memory in the debuggee's address space. This is used by the debugger to determine if the contents of the memory block have changed since the last time it was read. Since only a four byte checksum has to be transmitted back, it is more efficient than actually reading the memory again. The debugger does not care how the checksum is calculated.

#### Request message:

```
access_req      req;
addr48_ptr      in_addr;
unsigned_16      len;
```

The **req** field stores the request. The **in\_addr** contains the starting address and the **len** field tells how large the block of memory is.

#### Return message:

```
unsigned_32      result
```

The checksum will be returned in **result**.

### 3.1.11 REQ\_READ\_MEM (10)

Request to read a block of memory.

#### Request message:



```

access_req      req;
addr48_ptr      mem_addr;
unsigned_16     len;

```

The **mem\_addr** contains the address of the memory block to read from the remote machine. The length of the block is determined by **len**. The memory data will be copied to output message.

**Return message:**

```

bytes          data

```

The **data** field stores the memory block read in. The length of this memory block is given by the return value from TrapRequest. If error has occurred in reading memory, the length of the data returns will not be equal to the number of bytes requested.

### 3.1.12 REQ\_WRITE\_MEM (11)

Request to write a block of memory.

**Request message:**

```

access_req      req
addr48_ptr      mem_addr
-----
bytes           data

```

The **data** field stores the memory data to be transferred. The data will be stored in the debuggee's address space starting at the address in the **mem\_addr** field.

**Return message:**

```

unsigned_16 len

```

The **len** field tells the length of memory block actually written to the debuggee machine. If error has occurred in writing the memory, the length returned will not be equal to the number of bytes requested.

### 3.1.13 REQ\_READ\_IO (12)

Request to read data from I/O address space of the debuggee.

**Request message:**

```

access_req      req
unsigned_32      IO_offset
unsigned_8       len

```

The **IO\_offset** contains the I/O address of the debuggee machine. The length of the block is determined by **len**. It must be 1, 2 or 4 bytes. The data will be copied from **IO\_offset** to the return message.

**Return message:**

```

bytes          data

```

The **data** field stores the memory block read in. The length of this memory block is given by the return value from `TrapRequest`. If an error has occurred in reading, the length returned will not be equal to the number of bytes requested.

### 3.1.14 REQ\_WRITE\_IO (13)

Request to write data to the I/O address space of the debuggee.

**Request message:**

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <code>access_req</code>  | <code>req</code>       |
| <code>unsigned_32</code> | <code>IO_offset</code> |
| -----                    |                        |
| <code>bytes</code>       | <code>data</code>      |

The **IO\_offset** contains the I/O address of the debuggee machine. The data stored in **data** field will be copied to **IO\_offset** on the debuggee machine.

**Return message:**

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| <code>unsigned_8</code> | <code>len</code> |
|-------------------------|------------------|

The **len** field tells the number of bytes actually written out. If an error has occurred in writing, the length returned will not be equal to the number of bytes requested.

### 3.1.15 REQ\_READ\_CPU (14)

This request is x86 specific and obsolete; `REQ_READ_REGS` should be used instead. It needs to be provided only for backwards compatibility.

Request to read the CPU registers.

**Request message:**

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| <code>access_req</code> | <code>req</code> |
|-------------------------|------------------|

**Return message:**

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| <code>bytes</code> | <code>data</code> |
|--------------------|-------------------|

The **data** field contains the register information requested. It contains the following structure:

```

struct cpu_regs {
    unsigned_ 32 EAX;
    unsigned_ 32 EBX;
    unsigned_ 32 ECX;
    unsigned_ 32 EDX;
    unsigned_ 32 ESI;
    unsigned_ 32 EDI;
    unsigned_ 32 EBP;
    unsigned_ 32 ESP;
    unsigned_ 32 EIP;
    unsigned_ 32 EFL;
    unsigned_ 32 CR0;
    unsigned_ 32 CR2;
    unsigned_ 32 CR3;
    unsigned_ 16 DS;
    unsigned_ 16 ES;
    unsigned_ 16 SS;
    unsigned_ 16 CS;
    unsigned_ 16 FS;
    unsigned_ 16 GS;
};

```

### 3.1.16 REQ\_READ\_FPU (15)

This request is x86 specific and obsolete; REQ\_READ\_REGS should be used instead. It needs to be provided only for backwards compatibility.

Request to read the FPU registers.

**Request message:**

```
access_req    req
```

**Return message:**

```
bytes        data
```

The **data** field contains the register information requested. Its format is the same as the result of a "fsave" instruction in a 32-bit segment (the instruction pointer and operand pointer fields take up 8 bytes each). Implementations of trap files in 16-bit environments should expand the instruction pointer and operand pointer fields from 4 bytes to 8 (shuffling the data register fields down in memory) before returning the result to the debugger.

### 3.1.17 REQ\_WRITE\_CPU (16)/REQ\_WRITE\_FPU (17)

These requests are x86 specific and obsolete; REQ\_WRITE\_REGS should be used instead. They need to be provided only for backwards compatibility.

Requests to write to the CPU or FPU state.

**Request message:**

|            |      |
|------------|------|
| access_req | req  |
| -----      |      |
| bytes      | data |

Information in **data** field will be transferred to the debuggee's registers. The formats of data can be found in REQ\_READ\_CPU/REQ\_READ\_FPU

**Notes:** For the REQ\_WRITE\_FPU case, the data will be in a 32-bit "fsave" instruction format, so 16-bit environments will have to squish the instruction and operand pointer fields back to their 4 byte forms.

**Return message:**

NONE

### 3.1.18 REQ\_PROG\_GO (18)/REQ\_PROG\_STEP (19)

Requests to execute the debuggee. REQ\_PROG\_GO causes the debuggee to resume execution, while REQ\_PROG\_STEP requests only a single machine instruction to be executed before returning. In either case, this request will return when a breakpoint, watchpoint, machine exception or other significant event has been encountered. While executing, a trap file is allowed to return spurious COND\_WATCH indications. The debugger always checks its own watchpoint table for changes before reporting to the user. This means that a legal implementation of a trap file (but **very** inefficient) can just single step the program and return COND\_WATCH for every instruction when there are active watchpoints present.

**Request message:**

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| access_req | req |
|------------|-----|

The request is in **req** field.

**Return message:**

|             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| addr48_ptr  | stack_pointer   |
| addr48_ptr  | program_counter |
| unsigned_16 | conditions      |

The **stack\_pointer** and **program\_counter** fields store the latest values of SS:ESP and CS:EIP (or their non-x86 equivalents) respectively. The **conditions** informs the debugger what conditions have changed since execution began. It contains the following flags:

|        |                     |                           |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Bit 0  | : COND_CONFIG       | - Configurations change   |
| Bit 1  | : COND_SECTIONS     | - Program overlays change |
| Bit 2  | : COND_LIBRARIES    | - Libraries (DLL) change  |
| Bit 3  | : COND_ALIASING     | - Alias change            |
| Bit 4  | : COND_THREAD       | - Thread change           |
| Bit 5  | : COND_THREAD_EXTRA | - Thread extra change     |
| Bit 6  | : COND_TRACE        | - Trace point occurred    |
| Bit 7  | : COND_BREAK        | - Break point occurred    |
| Bit 8  | : COND_WATCH        | - Watch point occurred    |
| Bit 9  | : COND_USER         | - User interrupt          |
| Bit 10 | : COND_TERMINATE    | - Program terminated      |
| Bit 11 | : COND_EXCEPTION    | - Machine exception       |
| Bit 12 | : COND_MESSAGE      | - Message to be displayed |
| Bit 13 | : COND_STOP         | - Debuggee wants to stop  |
| Bit 14 | : not used          |                           |
| Bit 15 | : not used          |                           |

When a bit is off, the debugger avoids having to make additional requests to determine the new state of the debuggee. If the trap file is not sure that a particular item has changed, or if it is expensive to find out, it should just turn the bit on.

### 3.1.19 REQ\_PROG\_LOAD (20)

Request to load a program.

#### Request message:

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| access_req | req       |
| unsigned_8 | true_argv |
| -----      |           |
| bytes      | argv      |

The **true\_argv** field indicates whether the argument consists of a single string, or a true C-style argument vector. This field is set to be one for a true argument vector and zero otherwise. The **argv** is a set of zero-terminated strings, one following each other. The first string gives the name of the program to be loaded. The remainder of the **argv** field contains the program's arguments. The arguments can be a single string or an array of strings.

#### Return message:

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| trap_error   | err        |
| trap_phandle | task_id    |
| trap_mhandle | mod_handle |
| unsigned_8   | flags      |

The **err** field returns the error code while loading the program. The **task\_id** shows the task (process) ID for the program loaded. The **mod\_handle** is the system module identification for the executable image. It is used as input to the REQ\_MAP\_ADDR request. The **flags** field contains the following information:

|         |                           |                                |
|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bit 0 : | LD_FLAG_IS_32             | - 32-bit program (obsolete)    |
| Bit 1 : | LD_FLAG_IS_PROT           | - Protected mode (obsolete)    |
| Bit 2 : | LD_FLAG_IS_STARTED        | - Program already started      |
| Bit 3 : | LD_FLAG_IGNORE_SEGMENTS   | - Ignore segments (flat)       |
| Bit 4 : | LD_FLAG_HAVE_RUNTIME_DLLS | - DLL load breaks supported    |
| Bit 5 : | LD_FLAG_DISPLAY_DAMAGED   | - Debugger must repaint screen |
| Bit 6 : | not used                  |                                |
| Bit 7 : | not used                  |                                |

### 3.1.20 REQ\_PROG\_KILL (21)

Request to kill the program.

#### Request message:

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| access_req   | req     |
| trap_phandle | task_id |

The **req** field contains the request. The **task\_id** field (obtained from REQ\_PROG\_LOAD) identifies the program to be killed.

#### Return message:

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| trap_error | err |
|------------|-----|

The **err** field returns the error code of the OS kill program operation.

### 3.1.21 REQ\_SET\_WATCH (22)

Request to set a watchpoint at the address given.

#### Request message:

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| access_req | req        |
| addr48_ptr | watch_addr |
| unsigned_8 | size       |

The address of the watchpoint is given by the **watch\_addr** field. The **size** field gives the number of bytes to be watched.

#### Return message:

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| trap_error  | err        |
| unsigned_32 | multiplier |

The **err** field returns the error code if the setting failed. If the setting of the watchpoint worked, the 31 low order bits of **multiplier** indicate the expected slow down of the program when it's placed into execution. The top bit of the field is set to one if a debug register is being used for the watchpoint, and zero if the watchpoint is being done by software.

### 3.1.22 REQ\_CLEAR\_WATCH (23)

Request to clear a watchpoint at the address given. The trap file may assume all watch points are cleared at once.

**Request message:**

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| access_req | req        |
| addr48_ptr | watch_addr |
| unsigned_8 | size       |

The address of the watch point is given by the **watch\_addr** field. The **size** field gives the size of the watch point.

**Return message:**

NONE

### 3.1.23 REQ\_SET\_BREAK (24)

Request to set a breakpoint at the address given.

**Request message:**

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| access_req | req        |
| addr48_ptr | break_addr |

The address of the break point is given by the **break\_addr** field.

**Return message:**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| unsigned_32 | old |
|-------------|-----|

The **old** field returns the original byte(s) at the address **break\_addr**.

### 3.1.24 REQ\_CLEAR\_BREAK (25)

Request to clear a breakpoint at the address given. The trap file may assume all breakpoints are cleared at once.

**Request message:**

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| access_req  | req        |
| addr48_ptr  | break_addr |
| unsigned_32 | old        |

The address of the break point is given by the **break\_addr** field. The **old** field holds the old instruction returned from the REQ\_SET\_BREAK request.

**Return message:**

NONE

### 3.1.25 REQ\_GET\_NEXT\_ALIAS (26)

Request to get alias information for a segment. In some protect mode environments (typically 32-bit flat) two different selectors may refer to the same physical memory. Which selectors do this is important to the debugger in certain cases (so that symbolic information is properly displayed).

**Request message:**

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| access_ req  | req |
| unsigned_ 16 | seg |

The **seg** field contains the segment. To get the first alias, put zero in this field.

**Return message:**

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| unsigned_ 16 | seg   |
| unsigned_ 16 | alias |

The **seg** field contains the next segment where an alias appears. If this field returns zero, it implies no more aliases can be found. The **alias** field returns the alias of the input segment. Zero indicates a previously set alias should be deleted.

### 3.1.26 REQ\_SET\_USER\_SCREEN (27)

Request to make the debuggee's screen visible.

**Request message:**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| access_ req | req |
|-------------|-----|

**Return message:**

NONE

### 3.1.27 REQ\_SET\_DEBUG\_SCREEN (28)

Request to make the debugger's screen visible.

**Request message:**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| access_ req | req |
|-------------|-----|

**Return message:**

NONE

### 3.1.28 REQ\_READ\_USER\_KEYBOARD (29)

Request to read the remote keyboard input.

**Request message:**



```

access_req      req
unsigned_16     wait

```

The request will be time out if it waits longer than the period specifies in the **wait** field. The waiting period is measured in seconds. A value of zero means to wait forever.

**Return message:**

```

unsigned_8      key

```

The **key** field returns the input character from remote machine.

### 3.1.29 REQ\_GET\_LIB\_NAME (30)

Request to get the name of a newly loaded library (DLL).

**Request message:**

```

access_req      req
trap_mhandle    handle

```

The **handle** field contains the library handle. It should be zero to get the name of the first DLL or the value from the **handle** of a previous request.

**Return message:**

```

trap_mhandle    handle
-----
string          name

```

The **handle** field contains the library handle. It contains zero if there are no more DLL names to be returned. The name of the library will be returned in **name** field. If the **name** field is an empty string (consists just of the '\0' character), then this is a indication that the DLL indicated by the given handle has been unloaded, and the debugger should remove any symbolic information for the image. It is an error to attempt to remove a handle that has not been loaded in a previous REQ\_GET\_LIB\_NAME request.

### 3.1.30 REQ\_GET\_ERR\_TEXT (31)

Request to get the error message text for an error code.

**Request message:**

```

access_req      req
trap_error      err

```

The **err** field contains the error code number of the error text requested.

**Return message:**

```

string          error_msg

```

The error message text will be returned in **error\_msg** field.

### 3.1.31 REQ\_GET\_MESSAGE\_TEXT (32)

Request to retrieve generic message text. After a REQ\_PROG\_LOAD, REQ\_PROG\_GO or REQ\_PROG\_STEP has returned with COND\_MESSAGE or COND\_EXCEPTION, the debugger will make this request to obtain the message text. In the case of a COND\_EXCEPTION return text describing the machine exception that caused the return to the debugger. Otherwise return whatever generic message text that the trap file wants to display to the user.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
```

**Return message:**

```
unsigned_8      flags
-----
string          msg
```

The message text will be returned in the **msg** field. The **flags** contains a number of bits which control the next action of the debugger. They are:

```
Bit 0          : MSG_NEWLINE
Bit 1          : MSG_MORE
Bit 2          : MSG_WARNING
Bit 3          : MSG_ERROR
Bit 4 - 7      : not used
```

The MSG\_NEWLINE bit indicates that the debugger should scroll its display to a new line after displaying the message. The MSG\_MORE bit indicates that there is another line of output to come and the debugger should make another REQ\_GET\_MESSAGE\_TEXT. MSG\_WARNING indicates that the message is a warning level message while MSG\_ERROR is an error level message. If neither of these bits are on, the message is merely informational.

### 3.1.32 REQ\_REDIRECT\_STDIN (33)/REQ\_REDIRECT\_STDOUT (34)

Request to redirect the standard input (REQ\_REDIRECT\_STDIN) or standard output (REQ\_REDIRECT\_STDOUT) of the debuggee.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
-----
string          name
```

The file name to be redirected to/from is given by the **name** field.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
```

When an error has occurred, the **err** field contains an error code indicating the type of error that has been detected.

**Notes:** 2008/07/17: Standard I/O redirection is not currently supported on all trap files and almost all of them also do not return an accurate error code for failures. This is work in progress. The debugger may report an error to open the specified file rather than report that the requested operation is not supported.

### 3.1.33 REQ\_SPLIT\_CMD (35)

Request to split the command line into the command name and parameters.

**Request message:**

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| access_req | req |
| -----      |     |
| string     | cmd |

The **cmd** field contains the command. Command can be a single command line or an array of command strings.

**Return message:**

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| unsigned_16 | cmd_end    |
| unsigned_16 | parm_start |

The **cmd\_end** field tells the position in command line where the command name ends. The **parm\_start** field stores the position where the program arguments begin.

### 3.1.34 REQ\_READ\_REGS (36)

Request to read CPU register contents. The data returned depends on the target architecture and is defined by the MAD file.

**Request message:**

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| access_req | req |
|------------|-----|

**Return message:**

unspecified

The return message content is specific to the MAD in use and will contain a **mad\_registers** union (defined in **madtypes.h**).

### 3.1.35 REQ\_WRITE\_REGS (37)

Request to write CPU register contents. The data is target architecture specific.

**Request message:**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| access_req  | req |
| -----       |     |
| unspecified |     |

The message content is specific to the MAD in use and will contain a **mad\_registers** union.

**Return message:**

NONE

### 3.1.36 REQ\_MACHINE\_DATA (38)

Request to retrieve machine specific data.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req;
unsigned_8      info_type;
addr48_ptr      addr;
-----
unspecified
```

The **info\_type** field specifies what kind of information should be returned and **addr** determines the address for which the information is requested. The remainder of the message is MAD specific.

**Return message:**

```
addr48_off      cache_start;
addr48_off      cache_end;
-----
unspecified
```

The return message content is specific to the MAD in use.

## 3.2 File I/O requests

This section describes requests that deal with file input/output on the target (debuggee) machine. These requests are actually performed by the core request REQ\_PERFORM\_SUPPLEMENTARY\_SERVICE and appropriate service ID. The following descriptions do not show that "prefix" to the request messages.

The service name to be used in the REQ\_GET\_SUPPLEMENTARY\_SERVICE is "Files".

The file requests use a new basic type in addition to the ones already described:

| <i>Type</i> | <i>Definition</i> |
|-------------|-------------------|
|-------------|-------------------|

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <i>trap_fhandle</i> | This is an <b>unsigned_32</b> which holds a debuggee file handle. |
|---------------------|---|

### 3.2.1 REQ\_FILE\_GET\_CONFIG (0)

Request to retrieve characteristics of the remote file system.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
```

**Return message:**

```
char          ext_separator;
char          path_separator[3];
char          newline[2];
```

The **ext\_separator** contains the separator for file name extensions. The possible path separators can be found in array **path\_separator**. The first one is the "preferred" path separator for that operating system. This is the path separator that the debugger will use if it needs to construct a file name for the remote system. The new line control characters are stored in array **newline**. If the operating system uses only a single character for newline, put a zero in the second element.

### 3.2.2 REQ\_FILE\_OPEN (1)

Request to create/open a file.

**Request message:**

```
access_req    req
unsigned_8    mode
-----
string        name
```

The name of the file to be opened is given by **name**. The **mode** field stores the access mode of the file. The following bits are defined:

```
Bit 0        : TF_READ
Bit 1        : TF_WRITE
Bit 2        : TF_CREATE
Bit 3        : TF_EXEC
Bit 4 - 7    : not used
```

For read/write mode, turn both **TF\_READ** and **TF\_WRITE** bits on. The **TF\_EXEC** bit should only be used together with **TF\_CREATE** and indicates that the created file needs executable permission (if relevant on the target platform).

**Return message:**

```
trap_error    err
trap_fhandle   handle
```

If successful, the **handle** returns a handle for the file. When an error has occurred, the **err** field contains a value indicating the type of error that has been detected.

### 3.2.3 REQ\_FILE\_SEEK (2)

Request to seek to a particular file position.

**Request message:**

```
access_req    req
trap_fhandle   handle
unsigned_8     mode
unsigned_32    pos
```

The handle of the file is given by the **handle** field. The **mode** field stores the seek mode. There are three seek modes:

```
TF_SEEK_ORG = 0 - Relative to the start of file
TF_SEEK_CUR = 1 - Relative to the current file position
TF_SEEK_END = 2 - Relative to the end of file
```

The position to seek to is in the **pos** field.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
unsigned_32     pos
```

If an error has occurred, the **err** field contains a value indicating the type of error that has been detected. The **pos** field returns the current position of the file.

### 3.2.4 REQ\_FILE\_READ (3)

Request to read a block of data from a file.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
trap_fhandle    handle
unsigned_16     len
```

The handle of the file is given by the **handle** field. The **len** field stores the number of bytes to be transmitted.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
-----
bytes           data
```

If successful, the **data** returns the block of data. The length of returned data is given by the return value of TrapRequest minus 4 (to account for the size of **err**). The length will normally be equal to the **len** field. If the end of file is encountered before the read completes, the return value will be less than the number of bytes requested. When an error has occurred, the **err** field contains a value indicating the type of error that has been detected.

### 3.2.5 REQ\_FILE\_WRITE (4)

Request to write a block of data to a file.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
trap_fhandle    handle
-----
bytes           data
```

The handle of the file is given by the **handle** field. The data is given in **data** field.

**Return message:**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| trap_error  | err |
| unsigned_16 | len |

If there is no error, **len** will equal to that in the **data\_len** field. When an error has occurred, the **err** field contains a value indicating the type of error that has been detected.

### 3.2.6 REQ\_FILE\_WRITE\_CONSOLE (5)

Request to write a block of data to the debuggee's screen.

**Request message:**

|            |      |
|------------|------|
| access_req | req  |
| -----      |      |
| bytes      | data |

The data is given in **data** field.

**Return message:**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| trap_error  | err |
| unsigned_16 | len |

If there is no error, **len** will equal to the **data\_len** field. When an error has occurred, the **err** field contains a value indicating the type of error that has been detected.

### 3.2.7 REQ\_FILE\_CLOSE (6)

Request to close a file.

**Request message:**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| access_req   | req    |
| trap_fhandle | handle |

The handle of the file is given by the **handle** field.

**Return message:**

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| trap_error | err |
|------------|-----|

When an error has occurred, the **err** field contains a value indicating the type of error that has been detected.

### 3.2.8 REQ\_FILE\_ERASE (7)

Request to erase a file.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
-----
string          file_name
```

The **file\_name** field contains the file name to be deleted.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
```

If error has occurred when erasing the file, the **err** field will return the error code number.

### 3.2.9 REQ\_FILE\_STRING\_TO\_FULLPATH (8)

Request to convert a file name to its full path name.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
unsigned_8      file_type
-----
string          file_name
```

The **file\_type** field indicates the type of the input file. File types can be:

```
TF_FILE_EXE    = 0
TF_FILE_DBG    = 1
TF_FILE_PRS    = 2
TF_FILE_HLP    = 3
```

This is so the trap file can search different paths for the different types of files. For example, under QNX, the PATH environment variable is searched for the FILE\_EXE type, and the WD\_PATH environment variable is searched for the others. The **file\_name** field contains the file name to be converted.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
-----
string          path_name
```

If no error occurs the **err** field returns a zero and the full path name will be stored in the **path\_name** field. When an error has occurred, the **err** field contains an error code indicating the type of error that has been detected.

### 3.2.10 REQ\_FILE\_RUN\_CMD (9)

Request to run a command on the target (debuggee's) system.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
unsigned_16     chk_size
-----
string          cmd
```



The **chk\_size** field gives the check size in kilobytes. This field is only useful in the DOS implementation. It contains the value of the /CHECKSIZE debugger command line option and represents the amount of memory the user wishes to have free for the spawned sub-shell. The **cmd** field stores the command to be executed.

#### Return message:

```
trap_error      err
```

If error has occurred when executing the command, the **err** field will return the error code number.

## 3.3 Overlay requests

This section describes requests that deal with overlays (supported only under 16-bit DOS). These requests are actually performed by the core request REQ\_PERFORM\_SUPPLEMENTARY\_SERVICE and appropriate service ID. The following descriptions do not show that "prefix" to the request messages.

The service name to be used in the REQ\_GET\_SUPPLEMENTARY\_SERVICE is "Overlays".

The overlay requests use a new basic type in addition to the ones already described:

| Type              | Definition   |
|-------------------|--|
| <i>addr32_ptr</i> | This type encapsulates the concept of a 16:16 pointer into the debuggee's address space. Since overlays are only useful for 16-bit environments, using the <i>addr48_ptr</i> type would be inefficient. The structure is defined as follows: |

```
typedef struct {
    unsigned_16    offset;
    unsigned_16    segment;
} addr32_ptr;
```

The **segment** field contains the segment of the address and the **offset** field stores the offset of the address.

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <i>ovl_address</i> | This type contains the overlay address and the number of entries down in the overlay stack. The structure is defined as follows: |
|--------------------|--|

```
typedef struct {
    addr32_ptr    mach;
    unsigned_16    sect_id;
} ovl_address;
```

The **mach** field is the machine address. The **sect\_id** field stores the address section number.

### 3.3.1 REQ\_OVL\_STATE\_SIZE (0)

Request to return the size of the overlay state information in bytes of the task program. This request maps onto the overlay manager's GET\_STATE\_SIZE request. See the Overlay Manager Interface document for more information on the contents of the return message.

### Request message:

access\_ req req

The **req** field contains the request.

### Return message:

unsigned\_ 16 size

The **size** field returns the size in bytes. A value of zero indicates no overlays are present in the debuggee and none of the other requests dealing with overlays will ever be called.

## 3.3.2 REQ\_OVL\_GET\_DATA (1)

Request to get the address and size of an overlay section. This request maps onto the overlay manager's GET\_SECTION\_DATA request. See the Overlay Manager Interface document for more information on the contents of the return message.

### Request message:

access\_ req req  
unsigned\_ 16 sect\_ id

The **sect\_id** field indicates the overlay section the information is being requested of.

### Return message:

unsigned\_ 16 segment  
unsigned\_ 32 size

The **segment** field contains the segment value where the overlay section is loaded (or would be loaded if it was brought into memory). The **size** field gives the size, in bytes, of the overlay section. If there is no section for the given id, the **segment** field will be zero.

## 3.3.3 REQ\_OVL\_READ\_STATE (2)

Request to read the overlay table state. This request maps onto the overlay manager's GET\_OVERLAY\_STATE request. See the Overlay Manager Interface document for more information on the contents of the return message. The size of the returned data is provided by the REQ\_OVL\_STATE\_SIZE trap file request.

### Request message:

access\_ req req

### Return message:

bytes data

The **data** field contains the overlay state information requested.

### 3.3.4 REQ\_OVL\_WRITE\_STATE (3)

Request to write the overlay table state. This request maps onto the overlay manager's SET\_OVERLAY\_STATE request. See the Overlay Manager Interface document for more information on the contents of the return message.

**Request message:**

|            |      |
|------------|------|
| access_req | req  |
| -----      |      |
| bytes      | data |

The **data** field contains the overlay state information to be restored.

**Return message:**

NONE

### 3.3.5 REQ\_OVL\_TRANS\_VECT\_ADDR (4)

Request to check if the input overlay address is actually an overlay vector. This request maps onto the overlay manager's TRANSLATE\_VECTOR\_ADDR request. See the Overlay Manager Interface document for more information on the contents of the messages.

**Request message:**

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| access_req  | req      |
| ovl_address | ovl_addr |

The **mach** field is the machine address. The **sect\_id** field stores the number of entries down in the overlay stack.

**Return message:**

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| ovl_address | ovl_addr |
|-------------|----------|

The translated address will be returned in the **ovl\_addr** field. If the address is not an overlay vector, then the input address will be returned and the **sect\_id** field will be zero.

### 3.3.6 REQ\_OVL\_TRANS\_RET\_ADDR (5)

Request to check if the address is the overlay manager parallel return code. This request maps onto the overlay manager's TRANSLATE\_RETURN\_ADDR request. See the Overlay Manager Interface document for more information on the contents of the messages.

**Request message:**

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| access_req  | req      |
| ovl_address | ovl_addr |

**Return message:**

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| ovl_address | ovl_addr |
|-------------|----------|

The translated address will be returned in the **ovl\_addr** field. If the address is not an parallel return code, then the input address will be returned and the **sect\_id** field in the structure **ovl\_addr** will be zero.

### 3.3.7 REQ\_OVL\_GET\_REMAP\_ENTRY (6)

Request to check if the overlay address needs to be remapped. This request maps onto the overlay manager's GET\_MOVED\_SECTION request. See the Overlay Manager Interface document for more information on the contents of the messages.

**Request message:**

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| access_req  | req      |
| ovl_address | ovl_addr |

The **ovl\_addr** field contains the overlay address.

**Return message:**

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| unsigned_8  | remapped |
| ovl_address | ovl_addr |

If the address gets remapped the **remapped** field will return one. The remapped address will be returned in the **ovl\_addr** field. The input address will be unchanged if the address has not been remapped.

## 3.4 Thread requests

This section describes requests that deal with threads. These requests are actually performed by the core request REQ\_PERFORM\_SUPPLEMENTARY\_SERVICE and appropriate service ID. The following descriptions do not show that "prefix" to the request messages.

The service name to be used in the REQ\_GET\_SUPPLEMENTARY\_SERVICE is "Threads".

The thread requests use a new basic type in addition to the ones already described:

| Type | Definition |
|------|------------|
|------|------------|

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <i>trap_thandle</i> | This is an <b>unsigned_32</b> which holds a thread handle. |
|---------------------|--|

### 3.4.1 REQ\_THREAD\_GET\_NEXT (0)

Request to get next thread.

**Request message:**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| access_req   | req    |
| trap_thandle | thread |

The **thread** contains the either a zero to get information on the first thread, or the value of the **thread** field in the return message of a previous request.

**Return message:**

```
trap_thandle    thread
unsigned_8      state
```

The **thread** field returns the thread ID. There are no more threads in the list, it will contain zero. The **state** field can have two values:

```
THREAD_THAWED = 0
THREAD_FROZEN = 1
```

### 3.4.2 REQ\_THREAD\_SET (1)

Request to set a given thread ID to be the current thread.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
trap_thandle    thread
```

The **thread** contains the thread number to set. If it's zero, do not attempt to set the thread, just return the current thread ID.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      error
trap_thandle    old_thread
```

The **old\_thread** field returns the previous thread ID. If the set fails, the **err** field will be non-zero.

### 3.4.3 REQ\_THREAD\_FREEZE (2)

Request to freeze a thread so that it will not be run next time when executing the task program.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
trap_thandle    thread
```

The **thread** contains the thread number to freeze.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
```

If the thread cannot be frozen, the **err** field returns non-zero value.

### 3.4.4 REQ\_THREAD\_THAW (3)

Request to allow a thread to run next time when executing the program.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
trap_thandle    thread
```

The **thread** contains the thread number to thaw.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
```

If the thread cannot be thawed, the **err** field returns non zero value.

### 3.4.5 REQ\_THREAD\_GET\_EXTRA (4)

Request to get extra information about a thread. This is arbitrary textual data which the debugger merely displays in its thread window. The trap file can place any information in the return message which it feels would be useful for the user to know.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
unsigned_32      thread
```

The **thread** field contains the thread ID. A zero value means to get the title string for the thread extra information. This is displayed at the top of the thread window.

**Return message:**

```
string          extra
```

The extra information of the thread will be returned in **extra** field.

## 3.5 RFX requests

This section deals with requests that are only used by the RFX (Remote File Xfer) program. These requests are actually performed by the core request REQ\_PERFORM\_SUPPLEMENTARY\_SERVICE and appropriate service ID. The following descriptions do not show that "prefix" to the request messages.

The service name to be used in the REQ\_GET\_SUPPLEMENTARY\_SERVICE is "RFX".

### 3.5.1 REQ\_RFX\_RENAME (0)

Request to rename a file on the debuggee's system.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
-----
string          from_name
-----
string          to_name
```

The file whose name is indicated by the field **from\_name** will be renamed to the name given by the field **to\_name**

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
```

If error has occurred, the **err** field will return the error code number.

### 3.5.2 REQ\_RFX\_MKDIR (1)

Request to create a directory on the target (debuggee) system.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
-----
string          dir_name
```

The **dir\_name** field contains the name of the directory to be created.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
```

If error has occurred when creating the directory, the **err** field will return the error code number.

### 3.5.3 REQ\_RFX\_RMDIR (2)

Request to remove a directory on the target system.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
-----
string          dir_name
```

The **dir\_name** field contains the name of the directory to be removed.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
```

If error has occurred, the **err** field will return the error code number.

### 3.5.4 REQ\_RFX\_SETDRIVE (3)

Request to set the current drive on the target system.

**Request message:**

```
access_req    req
unsigned_8    drive
```

The **drive** field contains the drive number to be set on the target system.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error    err
```

If error has occurred, the **err** field will return the error code number.

### 3.5.5 REQ\_RFX\_GETDRIVE (4)

Request to get the current drive on the target system.

**Request message:**

```
access_req    req
```

The **req** field contains the request.

**Return message:**

```
unsigned_8    drive
```

The **drive** field returns the current drive number on the target system.

### 3.5.6 REQ\_RFX\_SETCWD (5)

Request to set a directory on the target system.

**Request message:**

```
access_req    req
-----
string         dir_name
```

The **dir\_name** field contains the name of the directory to be set.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error    err
```

If error has occurred, the **err** field will return the error code number.

### 3.5.7 REQ\_RFX\_GETCWD (6)

Request to get the current directory name on the target system.

**Request message:**



|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| access_req | req   |
| unsigned_8 | drive |

The **drive** field contains the target drive number.

**Return message:**

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| trap_error | err      |
| -----      |          |
| string     | dir_name |

The **dir\_name** field contains the name of the directory to be set. If error has occurred, the **err** field will return the error code number.

### 3.5.8 REQ\_RFX\_SETDATETIME (7)

Request to set a file's date and time information on the target system.

**Request message:**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| access_req   | req    |
| trap_fhandle | handle |
| time_t       | time   |

The **handle** contains the file handle. The **time** field follows the UNIX time format. The **time** represents the time since January 1, 1970 (UTC).

**Return message:**

NONE

### 3.5.9 REQ\_RFX\_GETDATETIME (8)

Request to get the date and time information for a file on the target system.

**Request message:**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| access_req   | req    |
| trap_fhandle | handle |

The **handle** contains the file handle.

**Return message:**

|        |      |
|--------|------|
| time_t | time |
|--------|------|

The **time** field follows the UNIX time format. The **time** represents the time since January 1, 1970 (UTC).

### 3.5.10 REQ\_RFX\_GETFREESPACE (9)

Request to get the amount of free space left on the drive.

**Request message:**

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| access_req | req   |
| unsigned_8 | drive |

The **drive** field contains the target drive number.

**Return message:**

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| unsigned_32 | size |
|-------------|------|

The **size** field returns the number of bytes left on the drive.

### 3.5.11 REQ\_RFX\_SETFILEATTR (10)

Request to set the file attribute of a file.

**Request message:**

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| access_req  | req       |
| unsigned_32 | attribute |
| -----       |           |
| string      | name      |

The **name** field contains the name whose attributes are to be set. The **attribute** field contains the new attributes of the file.

**Return message:**

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| trap_error | err |
|------------|-----|

If error has occurred, the **err** field will return the error code number.

### 3.5.12 REQ\_RFX\_GETFILEATTR (11)

Request to get the file attribute of a file.

**Request message:**

|            |      |
|------------|------|
| access_req | req  |
| -----      |      |
| string     | name |

The **name** field contains the name to be checked.

**Return message:**

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| unsigned_32 | attribute |
|-------------|-----------|

The **attribute** field returns the attribute of the file.

### 3.5.13 REQ\_RFX\_NAMETOCANNONICAL (12)

Request to convert a file name to its canonical form.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
-----
string          file_name
```

The **file\_name** field contains the file name to be converted.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
-----
string          path_name
```

If there is no error, the **err** field returns a zero and the full path name will be stored in the **path\_name** field. When an error has occurred, the **err** field contains an error code indicating the type of error that has been detected.

### 3.5.14 REQ\_RFX\_FINDFIRST (13)

Request to find the first file in a directory.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
unsigned_8      attrib
-----
string          name
```

The **name** field contains the name of the directory and the **attrib** field contains the attribute of the files to list in the directory.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
-----
dta             info
```

If found, the **err** field will be zero. The location and information of about the first file will be in the structure **info**. Definition of the structure **dta** is as follows:

```
typedef struct dta {
    struct {
        unsigned_ 8      spare1[13];
        unsigned_ 16     dir_entry_num;
        unsigned_ 16     cluster;
        unsigned_ 8      spare2[4];
    } dos;
    unsigned_ 8          attr;
    unsigned_ 16         time;
    unsigned_ 16         date;
    unsigned_ 32         size;
    unsigned_ 8          name[14];
} dta;
```

### 3.5.15 REQ\_RFX\_FINDNEXT (14)

Request to find the next file in the directory. This request should be used only after REQ\_RFX\_FINDFIRST.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
-----
dta             info
```

The **req** field contains the request. The **info** field contains the dta returned from the previous REQ\_FIND\_NEXT or REQ\_FIND\_FIRST.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
-----
dta             info
```

The **info** field is the same as in REQ\_FIND\_FIRST.

### 3.5.16 REQ\_RFX\_FINDCLOSE (15)

Request to end the directory search operation.

**Request message:**

```
access_req      req
```

The **req** field contains the request.

**Return message:**

```
trap_error      err
```

If successful, the **err** field will be zero, otherwise the system error code will be returned.

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## 4 System Dependent Aspects

Every environment has a different method of loading the code for the trap file and locating the TrapInit, TrapRequest, and TrapFini routines. This section describes how the Open Watcom debugger performs these operations for the various systems.

### 4.1 Trap Files Under DOS

A trap file is an "EXE" format file with the extension ".TRP". The debugger searches the directories specified by the PATH environment variable. Once found, it is loaded into memory and has the normal EXE style relocations applied to the image. Then the lowest address in the load image (NOTE: not the starting address from EXE header information) is examined for the following structure:

```
typedef struct {
    unsigned_16    signature; /* == 0xDEAF */
    unsigned_16    init_off;
    unsigned_16    acc_off;
    unsigned_16    fini_off;
} trap_header;
```

If the first 2 bytes contain the value 0xDEAF, the file is considered to be a valid trap file and the **init\_off**, **acc\_off**, and **fini\_off** fields are used to obtain the offsets of the TrapInit, TrapRequest, and TrapFini routines respectively.

The starting address field of the EXE header should be set to point at some code which prints out a message about not being able to be run from the command line and then terminates.

### 4.2 Trap Files Under OS/2

A trap file is a normal OS/2 DLL. The system automatically searches the directories specified by the LIBPATH command in the CONFIG.SYS file. Once loaded, the Open Watcom debugger uses export ordinal 1 from the DLL for TrapInit, export ordinal 2 for TrapFini and export ordinal 3 for TrapRequest. Some example code follows:

```
rc = DosLoadModule( NULL, 0, trap_file_name, &dll_module );
if( rc != 0 ) {
    return( "unable to load trap file" );
}
if( DosGetProcAddr( dll_module, "#1", &TrapInit ) != 0
    || DosGetProcAddr( dll_module, "#2", &TrapFini ) != 0
    || DosGetProcAddr( dll_module, "#3", &TrapRequest ) != 0 )
{
    return( "incorrect version of trap file" );
}
```

## **4.3 Trap Files Under Windows.**

A trap file is a normal Windows DLL. The system automatically searches the directories specified by the PATH environment variable. Once loaded, the Open Watcom debugger uses export ordinal 2 from the DLL for TrapInit, export ordinal 3 for TrapFini and export ordinal 4 for TrapRequest. Some example code follows:

```
dll = LoadLibrary( trap_file_name );
if( dll < 32 ) {
    return( "unable to load trap file" );
}
TrapInit    = (LPVOID) GetProcAddress( dll, (LPSTR)2 );
TrapFini    = (LPVOID) GetProcAddress( dll, (LPSTR)3 );
TrapRequest = (LPVOID) GetProcAddress( dll, (LPSTR)4 );
if( TrapInit == NULL || TrapFini == NULL || TrapRequest == NULL ) {
    return( "incorrect version of trap file" );
}
```

## **4.4 Trap Files Under Windows NT.**

A trap file is a normal Windows NT DLL. The system automatically searches the directories specified by the PATH environment variable. Once loaded, the Open Watcom debugger uses export ordinal 1 from the DLL for TrapInit, export ordinal 2 for TrapFini and export ordinal 3 for TrapRequest. Some example code follows:

```
dll = LoadLibrary( trap_file_name );
if( dll < 32 ) {
    return( "unable to load trap file" );
}
TrapInit    = (LPVOID) GetProcAddress( dll, (LPSTR)1 );
TrapFini    = (LPVOID) GetProcAddress( dll, (LPSTR)2 );
TrapRequest = (LPVOID) GetProcAddress( dll, (LPSTR)3 );
if( TrapInit == NULL || TrapFini == NULL || TrapRequest == NULL ) {
    return( "incorrect version of trap file" );
}
```

## **4.5 Trap Files Under QNX**

A trap file is a QNX load module format file with the extension ".trp" and whose file permissions are not marked as executable. The debugger searches the directories specified by the WD\_PATH environment variable and then the "/usr/watcom/wd" directory. Once found, it is loaded into memory and has the normal loader relocations applied to the image. Then the lowest address in the load image (NOTE: not the starting address from load module header information) is examined for the following structure:

```
typedef struct {
    unsigned_16    signature; /* == 0xDEAF */
    unsigned_16    init_off;
    unsigned_16    acc_off;
    unsigned_16    fini_off;
} trap_header;
```

If the first 2 bytes contain the value 0xDEAF, the file is considered to be a valid trap file and the **init\_off**, **acc\_off**, and **fini\_off** fields are used to obtain the offsets of the TrapInit, TrapRequest, and TrapFini routines respectively.

The starting address field of the load image header should be set to point at some code which prints out a message about not being able to be run from the command line and then terminates.

## ***4.6 Trap Files Under Netware 386***

The trap file routines are linked directly into the remote server code and TrapInit, TrapRequest, TrapFini are directly called.

