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1. INTRODUCTION

The normal cycle of developing a program is to edit the source code, compile it, and then execute the resulting binary. However, sometimes this cycle can be too restrictive. We may wish to change the program while it is executing or after it has been linked, thus avoiding the process of recompiling, re-linking, or even re-executing the program to change the binary. At first, this may seem like a bizarre goal, however there are several practical reasons why we may wish to have such a system. For example, if we are measuring the performance of a program and discover a performance problem, it might be necessary to insert additional instrumentation into the program to understand the problem. Another application is performance steering; for large simulations, computational scientists often find it advantageous to be able to make modifications to the code and data while the simulation is executing.

This document describes an Application Program Interface (API) to permit the insertion of code into a computer application that is either running or on disk. The API for inserting code into a running application, called dynamic instrumentation, shares much of the same structure as the API for inserting code into an executable file or library, known as static instrumentation. The API also permits changing or removing subroutine calls from the application program. Binary code changes are useful to support a variety of applications including debugging, performance monitoring, and to support composing applications out of existing packages. The goal of this API is to provide a machine independent interface to permit the creation of tools and applications that use runtime and static code patching. The API and a simple test application are described in [1]. This API is based on the idea of dynamic instrumentation described in [3].

The key features of this interface are the abilities to:

- Insert and change instrumentation in a running program.
- Insert instrumentation into a binary on disk and write a new copy of that binary back to disk.
- Perform static and dynamic analysis on binaries and processes.

The goal of this API is to keep the interface small and easy to understand. At the same time, it needs to be sufficiently expressive to be useful for a variety of applications. We accomplished this goal by providing a simple set of abstractions and a way to specify which code to insert into the application¹.

¹ To generate more complex code, extra (initially un-called) subroutines can be linked into the application program, and calls to these subroutines can be inserted at runtime via this interface.

2. ABSTRACTIONS

The DyninstAPI library provides an interface for instrumenting and working with binaries and processes. The user writes a *mutator*, which uses the DyninstAPI library to operate on the application. The process that contains the *mutator* and DyninstAPI library is known as the *mutator* process. The *mutator* process operates on other processes or on-disk binaries, which are known as *mutatees*.

The API is based on abstractions of a program. For dynamic instrumentation, it can be based on the state while in execution. The two primary abstractions in the API are *points* and *snippets*. A *point* is a location in a program where instrumentation can be inserted. A *snippet* is a representation of some executable code to be inserted into a program at a point. For example, if we wished to record the number of times a procedure was invoked, the *point* would be entry point of the proceure, and the *snippets* would be a statement to increment a counter. *Snippets* can include conditionals and function calls.

Mutatees are represented using an address space abstraction. For dynamic instrumentation, the address space represents a process and includes any dynamic libraries loaded with the process. For static instrumentation, the address space includes a disk executable and includes any dynamic library files on which the executable depends. The address space abstraction is extended by process and binary abstractions for dynamic and static instrumentation. The process abstraction represents information about a running process such as threads or stack state. The binary abstraction represents information about a binary found on disk.

The code and data represented by an *address space* is broken up into *function* and *variable* abstractions. *Functions* contain *points*, which specify locations to insert instrumentation. *Functions* also contain a *control flow graph* abstraction, which contains information about *basic blocks*, *edges*, *loops*, and *instructions*. If the *mutatee* contains debug information. DyninstAPI will also provide abstractions about variable and function *types*, *local variables*, *function parameters*, and *source code line information*. The collection of *functions* and *variables* in a mutatee is represented as an *image*.

The API includes a simple type system based on structural equivalence. If mutatee programs have been compiled with debugging symbols and the symbols are in a format that Dyninst understands, type checking is performed on code to be inserted into the mutatee. See Section 4.27 for a complete description of the type system.

Due to language constructs or compiler optimizations, it may be possible for multiple functions to *overlap* (that is, share part of the same function body) or for a single function to have multiple *entry points*. In practice, it is impossible to determine the difference between multiple overlapping functions and a single function with multiple entry points. The DyninstAPI uses a model where each function (BPatch_function object) has a single entry point, and multiple functions may overlap (share code). We guarantee that instrumentation inserted in a particular function is only exe-

cuted in the context of that function, even if instrumentation is inserted into a location that exists in multiple functions.

3. EXAMPLES

To illustrate the ideas of the API, we present several short examples that demonstrate how the API can be used. The full details of the interface are presented in the next section. To prevent confusion, we refer to the application process or binary that is being modified as the mutatee, and the program that uses the API to modify the application as the mutator. The mutator is a separate process from the application process.

The examples in this section are simple code snippets, not complete programs. Appendix A provides an example of a complete Dyninst program.

3.1 Instrumenting a function

A mutator program must create a single instance of the class BPatch. This object is used to access functions and information that are global to the library. It must not be destroyed until the mutator has completely finished using the library. For this example, we will assume that the mutator program has declared a global variable called bpatch of class BPatch.

All instrumentation will be done with a BPatch_addressSpace object, which allows us to write code that will work for both static and dynamic instrumentation. During initialization we will use either BPatch_process to create or attach to a process, or BPatch_binaryEdit to open a file on disk. When instrumentation is completed, we will either run the BPatch_process or write the BPatch_binaryEdit back onto the disk.

The mutator first needs to identify the application to be modified. If the process is already in execution, this can be done by specifying the executable file name and process id of the application as arguments in order to create an instance of a process object:

```
BPatch process *appProc = bpatch.processAttach(name, processId);
```

This creates a new instance of the BPatch_process class that refers to the existing process. It had no effect on the state of the process (i.e., running or stopped). If the process has not been started, the mutator specifies the pathname and argument list of a program it seeks to execute:

```
BPatch process *appProc = bpatch.processCreate(pathname, argv);
```

If the mutator is opening a file for static binary rewriting, it will execute:

```
BPatch binaryEdit *appBin = bpatch.openBinary(pathname);
```

The above statements will create either a BPatch_process object or BPatch_binaryEdit object, depending on whether Dyninst is doing static or dynamic instrumentation. The instrumentation and analysis code can be made agnostic towards static or dynamic modes by using a

BPatch_addressSpace object. Both BPatch_process and BPatch_binaryEdit inherit from BPatch addressSpace, so we can use cast operations to move between the two:

```
BPatch_process *appProc = static_cast<BPatch_process *>(appAddrSpace)
-or-
BPatch_binaryEdit *appBin = static_cast<BPatch_binaryEdit *>(appAddrSpace)
```

Similarly, all instrumentation commands can be performed on a BPatch_addressSpace object, allowing similar code to be used between dynamic instrumentation and binary rewriting:

```
BPatch_addressSpace *app = appProc;
-or-
BPatch_addressSpace *app = appBin;
```

Once the address space has been created, the mutator defines the snippet of code to be inserted and identifies where the points should be inserted.

If the mutator wanted to instrument the entry point of InterestingProcedure it should get a BPatch_function from the application's BPatch_image, and get the entry BPatch_instPoint from that function:

```
std::vector<BPatch_function *> functions;
std::vector<BPatch_point *> *points;

BPatch_image *appImage = app->getImage();
appImage->findFunction("InterestingProcedure", functions);
points = functions[0]->findPoint(BPatch entry);
```

The mutator also needs to construct the instrumentation that it will insert at the <code>BPatch_point</code>. It can do this by allocating an integer in the application to store instrumentation results, and then creating a <code>BPatch_snippet</code> to increment that integer:

The mutator can set the BPatch_snippet to be run at the BPatch_point by doing an insert-snippet call:

```
app->insertSnippet(addOne, *points);
```

Finally, the mutator should either continue the mutate process and wait for it to finish, or write the resulting binary onto the disk, depending on whether it is doing static or dynamic instrumentation:

```
appProc->continueExecution();
while (!appProc->isTerminated()) {
    bpatch.waitForStatusChange();
}
-or-
appBin->writeFile(newPath);
```

A complete example can be found in Appendix A - Complete Examples

3.2 Binary Analysis

This example will illustrate how to use Dyninst to iterate over a function's control flow graph and inspect instructions. These are steps that would usually be part of a larger data flow or control flow analysis. Specifically, this example will collect every basic block in a function, iterate over them, and count the number of instructions that access memory.

Unlike the previous instrumentation example, this example will use binary rewriting as part of the analysis. Bear in mind, these techniques can also be applied when working with processes. This example makes use of InstructionAPI, details of which can be found in the <u>InstructionAPI Reference Manual</u>.

Similar to the above example, the mutator will start by creating a BPatch object and opening a file to operate on:

```
BPatch bpatch;
BPatch binaryEdit *binedit = bpatch.openFile(pathname);
```

The mutator needs to get a handle to a function to do analysis on. This example will look up a function by name; alternatively, it could have iterated over every function in BPatch_image or BPatch module:

```
BPatch_image *appImage = binedit->getImage();
std::vector<BPatch_function *> funcs;
image->findFunction("InterestingProcedure", funcs);
```

A function's control flow graph is represented by the <code>BPatch_flowGraph</code> class. The <code>BPatch_flowGraph</code> contains, among other things, a set of <code>BPatch_basicBlock</code> objects connected by <code>BPatch_edge</code> objects. This example will simply collect a list of the basic blocks in <code>BPatch_flowGraph</code> and iterate over each one:

```
BPatch_flowGraph *fg = funcs[0]->getCFG();
std::set<BPatch_basicBlock *> blocks;
fg->getAllBasicBlocks(blocks);
```

Each basic block has a list of instructions. Each instruction is represented by a Dyninst::InstructionAPI::Instruction::Ptr object.

```
std::set<BPatch_basicBlock *>::iterator block_iter;
for (block_iter = blocks.begin(); block_iter != blocks.end(); ++block_iter)
{
    BPatch_basicBlock *block = *block_iter;
    std::vector<Dyninst::InstructionAPI::Instruction::Ptr> insns;
```

```
block->getInstructions(insns);
}
```

Given an Instruction object, which is described in the <u>InstructionAPI Reference Manual</u>, we can query for properties of this instruction. InstructionAPI has numerous methods for inspecting the memory accesses, registers, and other properties of an instruction. This example simply checks whether this instruction accesses memory:

3.3 Instrumenting Memory Access

There are two snippets useful for memory access instrumentation: BPatch_effectiveAddressExpr and BPatch_bytesAccessedExpr. Both have nullary constructors; the result of the snippet depends on the instrumentation point where the snippet is inserted. BPatch_effectiveAddressExpr has type void*, while BPatch_bytesAccessedExpr has type int.

These snippets may be used to instrument a given instrumentation point if and only if the point has memory access information attached to it. In this release the only way to create instrumentation points that have memory access information attached is via BPatch_function.findPoint(const std::set<BPatch_opCode>&). For example, to instrument all the loads and stores in a function named foo with a call to printf, one may write:

```
BPatch addressSpace *app = ...;
BPatch image *appImage = proc->getImage();
// We're interested in loads and stores
std::set<BPatch opCode> axs;
axs.insert(BPatch opLoad);
axs.insert(BPatch opStore);
// scan the function foo and create instrumentation points
std::vector<BPatch function*> funcs;
img->findFunction("InterestingProcedure", funcs);
std::vector<BPatch point*>* points = funcs[0]->findPoint(axs);
// create the printf function call snippet
std::vector<BPatch snippet*> printfArgs;
BPatch snippet *fmt = new BPatch constExpr("Access at: %p.\n");
printfArgs.push back(fmt);
BPatch_snippet *eae = new BPatch_effectiveAddressExpr();
printfArgs.push back(eae);
std::vector<BPatch function *> printfFuncs;
img->findFunction("printf", printfFuncs);
```

```
BPatch_funcCallExpr printfCall(*(printfFuncs[0]), printfArgs);
// insert the snippet at the instrumentation points
app->insertSnippet(printfCall, *points);
```

4. INTERFACE

This section describes functions in the API. The API is organized as a collection of C++ classes. The primary classes are BPatch, Bpatch_process, BPatch_binaryEdit, BPatch_thread, BPatch_image, BPatch_point, and BPatch_snippet. The API also uses a template class called std::vector. This class is based on the Standard Template Library (STL) vector class.

4.1 Class BPatch

The **BPatch** class represents the entire Dyninst library. There can only be one instance of this class at a time. This class is used to perform functions and obtain information that is not specific to a particular thread or image.

```
std::vector<BPatch process*> *getProcesses()
```

Returns the list of processes that are currently defined. This list includes processes that were directly created by calling processCreate/processAttach, and indirectly by the UNIX fork or the Windows CreateProcess system call. It is up to the user to delete this vector when they are done with it.

Each of these functions returns a pointer to a new instance of the BPatch_process class. The path parameter needed by these functions should be the pathname of the executable file containing the process image. The processAttach function returns a BPatch_process associated with an existing process. On Linux platforms the path parameter can be NULL since the executable image can be derived from the process pid. Attaching to a process puts it into the stopped state. The processCreate function creates a new process and returns a new BPatch_process associated with it. The new process is put into a stopped state before executing any code.

The stdin_fd, stdout_fd, and stderr_fd parameters are used to set the standard input, output, and error of the child process. The default values of these parameters leave

the input, output, and error to be the same as the mutator process. To change these values, an open UNIX file descriptor (see open (1)) can be passed.

The mode parameter is used to select the desired level of code analysis. Activating hybrid code analysis causes Dyninst to augment its static analysis of the code with run-time code discovery techniques; more details can be found in Section 1.

This function opens the executable file or library file pointed to by path for binary rewriting. If openDependencies is true then Dyninst will also open all shared libraries that path depends on. Upon success, this function returns a new instance of a BPatch_binaryEdit class that represents the opened file and any dependent shared libraries. This function returns NULL in the event of an error.

```
bool pollForStatusChange()
```

This is useful for a mutator that needs to periodically check on the status of its managed threads and does not want to check each process individually. It returns true if there has been a change in the status of one or more threads that has not yet been reported by either isStopped or isTerminated.

```
void setDebugParsing (bool state)
```

Turn on or off the parsing of debugger information. By default, the debugger information (produced by the –g compiler option) is parsed on those platforms that support it. However, for some applications this information can be quite large. To disable parsing this information, call this method with a value of false prior to creating a process.

```
bool parseDebugInfo()
```

Returns true if debugger information parsing is enabled, and false otherwise.

```
void setTrampRecursive (bool state)
```

Turn on or off trampoline recursion. By default, any snippets invoked while another snippet is active will not be executed. This is the safest behavior, since recursively-calling snippets can cause a program to take up all available system resources and die. For example, adding instrumentation code to the start of printf, and then calling printf from that snippet will result in infinite recursion.

This protection operates at the granularity of an instrumentation point. When snippets are first inserted at a point, this flag determines whether code will be created with recursion protection. Changing the flag is **not** retroactive, and inserting more snippets will not

change the recursion protection of the point. Recursion protection increases the overhead of instrumentation points, so if there is no way for the snippets to call themselves, calling this method with the parameter true will result in a performance gain. The default value of this flag is false.

```
bool isTrampRecursive ()
```

Returns whether trampoline recursion is enabled or disabled. True means that it is enabled.

```
void setTypeChecking(bool state)
```

Turn on or off type-checking of snippets. By default type-checking is turned on, and an attempt to create a snippet that contains type conflicts will fail. Any snippet expressions created with type-checking off have the type of their left operand. Turning type-checking off, creating a snippet, and then turning type-checking back on is similar to the type cast operation in the C programming language.

```
bool isTypeChecked()
```

Returns true if type-checking of snippets is enabled, and false otherwise.

```
bool waitForStatusChange()
```

This function waits until there is a status change to some thread that has not yet been reported by either isStopped or isTerminated, and then returns true. It is more efficient to call this function than to call pollForStatusChange in a loop, because waitForStatusChange blocks the mutator process while waiting.

```
void setDelayedParsing (bool)
```

Turn on or off delayed parsing. When it is activated Dyninst will initially parse only the symbol table information in any new modules loaded by the program, and will postpone more thorough analysis (instrumentation point analysis, variable analysis, and discovery of new functions in stripped binaries). This analysis will automatically occur when the information is necessary.

Users which require small run-time perturbation of a program should not delay parsing; the overhead for analysis may occur at unexpected times if it is triggered by internal Dyninst behavior. Users who desire instrumentation of a small number of functions will benefit from delayed parsing.

```
bool delayedParsingOn()
```

Returns true if delayed parsing is enabled, and false otherwise.

```
void setInstrStackFrame(bool)
```

Turn on and off stack frames in instrumentation. When on, Dyninst will create stack frames around instrumentation. A stack frame allows Dyninst or other tools to walk a call stack through instrumentation, but introduces overhead to instrumentation. The default is to not create stack frames.

```
bool getInstrStackFrames()
```

Returns true if instrumentation will create stack frames, false otherwise.

```
void setMergeTramp (bool)
```

Turn on or off inlined tramps. Setting this value to true will make each base trampoline have all of its mini-trampolines inlined within it. Using inlined mini-tramps may allow instrumentation to execute faster, but inserting and removing instrumentation may take more time. The default setting for this is true.

```
bool isMergeTramp ()
```

This returns the current status of inlined trampolines. A value of true indicates that trampolines are inlined.

```
void setSaveFPR (bool)
```

Turn on or off floating point saves. Setting this value to false means that floating point registers will never be saved, which can lead to large performance improvements. The default value is true. Setting this flag may cause incorrect program behavior if the instrumentation does clobber floating point registers, so it should only be used when the user is positive this will never happen.

```
bool isSaveFPROn ()
```

This returns the current status of the floating point saves. True means we are saving floating points based on the analysis for the given platform.

```
void setBaseTrampDeletion(bool)
```

If true, we delete the base tramp when the last corresponding minitramp is deleted. If false, we leave the base tramp in. The default value is false.

```
bool baseTrampDeletion()
```

Returns true if base trampolines are set to be deleted, false otherwise.

```
void setLivenessAnalysis(bool)
```

If true, we perform register liveness analysis around an instPoint before inserting instrumentation, and we only save registers that are live at that point. This can lead to faster run-time speeds, but at the expense of slower instrumentation time. The default value is true.

```
bool livenessAnalysisOn()
```

Returns true if liveness analysis is currently enabled.

```
void getBPatchVersion(int &major, int &minor, int &subminor)
```

Return Dyninst's version number. The major version number will be stored in major, the minor version number in minor, and the subminor version in subminor. For example, under Dyninst 5.1.0, this function will return 5 in major, 1 in minor, and 0 in subminor.

```
int getNotificationFD()
```

Returns a file descriptor that is suitable for inclusion in a call to <code>select()</code>. Dyninst will write data to this file descriptor when it to signal a state change in the process. <code>BPatch::pollForStatusChange</code> should then be called so that Dyninst can handle the state change. This is useful for applications where the user does not want to block in <code>BPatch::waitForStatusChange</code>. The file descriptor will reset when the user calls <code>BPatch::pollForStatusChange</code>.

Create a new array type. The name of the type is name, and the type of each element is ptr. The index of the first element of the array is low, and the last is high. The standard rules of type compatibility, described in Section 4.27, are used with arrays created using this function.

Create a new enumerated type. There are two variations of this function. The first one is used to create an enumerated type where the user specifies the identifier (int) for each element. In the second form, the system specifies the identifiers for each element. In both cases, a vector of character arrays is passed to supply the names of the elements of the enumerated type. In the first form of the function, the number of element in the element-Names and elementids vectors must be the same, or the type will not be created and this function will return NULL. The standard rules of type compatibility, described in Section 4.27, are used with enums created using this function.

```
BPatch type *createScalar(const char *name, int size)
```

Create a new scalar type. The name field is used to specify the name of the type, and the size parameter is used to specify the size in bytes of each instance of the type. No additional information about this type is supplied. The type is compatible with other scalars with the same name and size.

```
BPatch_type *createStruct(const char *name, std::vector<char *>
    &fieldNames, std::vector<BPatch type *> &fieldTypes)
```

Create a new structure type. The name of the structure is specified in the name parameter. The fieldNames and fieldTypes vectors specify fields of the type. These two vectors must have the same number of elements or the function will fail (and return NULL). The standard rules of type compatibility, described in Section 4.27, are used with structures created using this function. The size of the structure is the sum of the size of the elements in the fieldTypes vector.

```
BPatch type *createTypedef(const char *name, BPatch type *ptr)
```

Create a new type called name and having the type ptr.

Create a new type, named name, which points to objects of type ptr. The first form creates a pointer whose size is equal to <code>sizeof(void*)</code> on the target platform where the mutatee is running. In the second form, the size of the pointer is the value passed in the <code>size</code> parameter.

```
BPatch_type *createUnion(const char *name, std::vector<char *>
    &fieldNames, std::vector<BPatch type *> &fieldTypes)
```

Create a new union type. The name of the union is specified in the name parameter. The fieldNames and fieldTypes vectors specify fields of the type. These two vectors must have the same number of elements or the function will fail (and return NULL). The size of the union is the size of the largest element in the fieldTypes vector.

4.2 Callbacks

The following functions are intended as a way for API users to be informed when an error or significant event occurs. Each function allows a user to register a handler for an event. The return code for all callback registration functions is the address of the handler that was previously registered (which may be <code>NULL</code> if no handler was previously registered). For backwards compatibility reasons, some callbacks may pass a <code>BPatch_thread</code> object when a <code>BPatch_process</code> may be more appropriate. A <code>BPatch_thread</code> may be converted into a <code>BPatch_process</code> using <code>BPatch_thread::getProcess()</code>.

4.2.1 Errors

This function registers the error callback function with the BPatch class. The return value is the address of the previous error callback function. Dyninst users can change the error callback during program execution (e.g., one error callback before a GUI is initialized, and a different one after). The severity field indicates how important the error is (from fatal to information/status). The number is a unique number that identifies this error message. Params are the parameters that describe the detail about an error, e.g., the process id where the error occurred. The number and meaning of params depends on the error. However, for a given error number the number of parameters returned will always be the same.

4.2.2 Signals

This function registers the signal handler callback function with the BPatch class. The return value indicates success or failure. The signal_numbers set contains those signal numbers for which the callback will be invoked.

The at_point parameter indicates the point at which the signal/exception was raised, signum is the number of the signal/exception that was raised, and the handlers vector contains any registered handler(s) for the signal/exception. In Windows this corresponds to the stack of Structured Exception Handlers, while for Unix systems there will be at most one registered exception handler. This functionality is only fully implemented for the Windows platform.

4.2.3 Stopped Threads

This is the prototype for the callback that is associated with the stopThreadExpr snippet class (see Section 4.13). Unlike the other callbacks in this section, stopThreadExpr callbacks are registered during the creation of the stopThreadExpr snippet type. When-

ever a stopThreadExpr snippet executes in a given thread, the snippet evaluates the calculation snippet that stopThreadExpr takes as a parameter, stops the thread's execution and invokes this callback. The at_point parameter is the BPatch_point at which the stopThreadExpr snippet was inserted, and returnValue contains the computation made by the calculation snippet.

4.2.4 Asynchronous Callbacks

```
typedef void (*BPatchAsyncThreadEventCallback)(
          BPatch_process *proc, BPatch_thread *thread)
bool registerThreadEventCallback(BPatch_asyncEventType type,
          BPatchAsyncThreadEventCallback cb)
bool removeThreadEventCallback(BPatch_asyncEventType type,
          BPatch AsyncThreadEventCallback cb)
```

The type parameter can be either one of BPatch_threadCreateEvent or BPatch_threadDestroyEvent. Different callbacks can be registered for different values of type.

4.2.5 Exec

4.2.6 Fork

This is the prototype for the pre-fork and post-fork callbacks. The parent parameter is the parent thread, and the child parameter is a BPatch_thread in the newly created process. When invoked as a pre-fork callback, the child is NULL.

```
BPatchForkCallback registerPreForkCallback(
BPatchForkCallback func) not implemented on Windows
BPatchForkCallback registerPostForkCallback(
BPatchForkCallback func) not implemented on Windows
```

Register callbacks for pre-fork (before the child is created) and post-fork (immediately after the child is created). When a pre-fork callback is executed the child parameter will be NULL.

4.2.7 Exit

Register a function to be called when a process terminates. For a normal process exit, the callback will actually be called just before the process exits, but while its process state still exists. This allows final actions to be taken on the process before it actually exits. The function <code>BPatch_thread::isTerminated()</code> will return true in this context even though the process hasn't yet actually exited. In the case of an exit due to a signal, the process will have already exited.

4.2.8 Dynamic libraries

4.2.9 One time code

The thr field contains the thread that executed the <code>oneTimeCode</code> (if thread-specific) or an unspecified thread in the process (if process-wide). The <code>userData</code> field contains the value passed to the <code>oneTimeCode</code> call. The <code>returnValue</code> field contains the return result of the <code>oneTimeCode</code> snippet.

4.2.10 Dynamic calls

```
typedef void (*BPatchDynamicCallSiteCallback)(
          BPatch_point *at_point, BPatch_function *called_function);
bool registerDynamicCallCallback(BPatchDynamicCallSiteCallback cb);
bool removeDynamicCallCallback(BPatchDynamicCallSiteCallback cb);
```

4.2.11 User-triggered callbacks

Register a callback that is executed when the user sends a message from the mutatee using the DYNINSTuserMessage function in the runtime library.

4.3 Class BPatch_addressSpace

The **BPatch_addressSpace** class is a superclass of the BPatch_process and BPatch_binaryEdit classes. It contains functionality that is common between the two sub classes.

```
BPatch image *getImage()
```

Return a handle to the executable file associated with this BPatch process object.

This function returns the line information associated with the mutatee address, addr. The vector lines contain pairs of filenames and line numbers that are associated with addr. In many cases only one filename and line number is associated with an address, but certain compiler optimizations may lead to multiple filenames and lines at an address. This information is only available if the mutatee was compiled with debug information.

This function returns true if it was able to find any line information at addr, and false otherwise.

Given a filename and line number, fileName and lineNo, this function this function returns the ranges of mutatee addresses that implement the code range in the output parameter ranges. In many cases a source code line will only have one address range implementing it. However, compiler optimizations may transform this into multiple disjoint address

ranges. This information is only available if the mutatee was compiled with debug information.

This function returns true if it was able to find any line information, false otherwise.

```
BPatch_variableExpr *malloc(int n)
BPatch variableExpr *malloc(const BPatch type &type)
```

These two functions allocate memory. Memory allocation is from a heap. The heap is not necessarily the same heap used by the application. The available space in the heap may be limited depending on the implementation. The first function, <code>malloc(int n)</code>, allocates n bytes of memory from the heap. The second function, <code>malloc(const BPatch_type& t)</code>, allocates enough memory to hold an object of the specified type. Using the second version is strongly encouraged because it provides additional information to permit better type checking of the passed code. The returned memory is persistent and will not be released until <code>BPatch process::free</code> is called or the application terminates.

This method creates a new variable at the given address addr in the module in_module. If a name is specified, Dyninst will assign var_name to the variable; otherwise, it will assign an internal name. The type parameter will become the type for the new variable.

When operating in binary rewriting mode, it is an error for the in_module parameter to be NULL; it is necessary to specify the module in which the variable will be created. Dyninst will then write the variable back out in the file specified by in module.

```
bool free(BPatch variableExpr &ptr)
```

Free the memory in the passed variable ptr. The programmer is responsible for verifying that all code that could reference this memory will not execute again (either by removing all snippets that refer to it, or by analysis of the program). Returns true if the free succeeded.

```
bool getRegisters(std::vector<BPatch register> &regs)
```

This function returns a vector of BPatch_register objects that represent registers available to snippet code.

Insert a snippet of code at the specified point. If a list of points is supplied, insert the code snippet at each point in the list. The optional when argument specifies when the snippet is to be called; a value of BPatch_callBefore indicates that the snippet should be inserted just before the specified point or points in the code, and a value of BPatch callAfter indicates that it should be inserted just after them.

The order argument specifies where the snippet is to be inserted relative to any other snippets previously inserted at the same point. The values <code>BPatch_firstSnippet</code> and <code>BPatch_lastSnippet</code> indicate that the snippet should be inserted before or after all snippets, respectively.

It is illegal to use <code>BPatch_callAfter</code> with a <code>BPatch_entry</code> point. Use <code>BPatch_callBefore</code> when instrumenting entry points, which inserts instrumentation before the first instruction in a subroutine. Likewise, it is illegal to use <code>BPatch_callBefore</code> with a <code>BPatch_exit</code> point. Use <code>BPatch_callAfter</code> with exit points. <code>BPatch_callAfter</code> inserts instrumentation at the last instruction in the subroutine. <code>insertSnippet</code> will return <code>NULL</code> when used with an illegal pair of points.

bool deleteSnippet(BPatchSnippetHandle *handle)

Remove the snippet associated with the passed handle. If the handle is not defined for the process, then deleteSnippet will return false.

void beginInsertionSet()

Normally, a call to insertSnippet immediately injects instrumentation into the mutatee. However, users may wish to insert a set of snippets as a single batch operation. This provides two benefits: First, Dyninst may insert instrumentation in a more efficient manner. Second, multiple snippets may be inserted at multiple points as a single operation, with either all snippets being inserted successfully or none. This batch insertion mode is begun with a call to beginInsertionSet; after this call, no snippets are actually inserted until a corresponding call to finalizeInsertionSet. Dyninst accumulates all calls to insertSnippet during batch mode internally, and the returned BPatchSnippetHandles are filled in when finalizeInsertionSet is called.

Insertion sets are unnecessary when doing static binary instrumentation. Dyninst uses an implicit insertion set around all instrumentation to a static binary.

bool finalizeInsertionSet(bool atomic)

Inserts all snippets accumulated since a call to beginInsertionSet. If the atomic parameter is true, then a failure to insert any snippet results in all snippets being removed; effectively, the insertion is all-or-nothing. If the atomic parameter is false, then snippets are inserted individually. This function also fills in the BPatchSnippetHandle structures returned by the insertSnippet calls comprising this insertion set. It returns true on success and false if there was an error inserting any snippets.

Insertion sets are unnecessary when doing static binary instrumentation. Dyninst uses an implicit insertion set around all instrumentation to a static binary.

bool removeFunctionCall(BPatch point &point)

Disable the mutatee function call at the specified location. The point specified must be a valid call point in the image of the mutatee. The purpose of this routine is to permit tools to alter the semantics of a program by eliminating procedure calls. The mechanism to achieve the removal is platform dependent, but might include branching over the call or replacing it with NOPs. This function only removes a function call; any parameters to the function will still be evaluated.

bool replaceFunction (BPatch_function &old, BPatch_function &new)
bool revertReplaceFunction (BPatch function &old)

Replace all calls to user function old with calls to new. This is done by inserting instrumentation (specifically a BPatch_funcJumpExpr) into the beginning of function old such that a non-returning jump is made to function new. Returns true upon success, false otherwise.

bool replaceFunctionCall(BPatch point &point, BPatch function &newFunc)

Change the function call at the specified point to the function indicated by newFunc. The purpose of this routine is to permit runtime steering tools to change the behavior of programs by replacing a call to one procedure by a call to another. Point must be a function call point. If the change was successful, the return value is true, otherwise false will be returned.

WARNING: Care must be used when replacing functions. In particular if the compiler has performed inter-procedural register allocation between the original caller/callee pair, the replacement may not be safe since the replaced function may clobber registers the compiler thought the callee left untouched. Also the signatures of the both the function being replaced and the new function must be compatible.

Replaces all calls to function old with calls to function new. Unlike replaceFunction above, the old function can still be reached via the name specified by the provided symbol sym. Function wrapping allows existing code to be extended by new code. Consider the following code that implements a fast memory allocator for a particular size of memory allocation, but falls back to the original memory allocator (referenced by origMalloc) for all others.

```
void *origMalloc(unsigned long size);

void *fastMalloc(unsigned long size) {
    if (size == 1024) {
        unsigned long ret = fastPool;
        fastPool += 1024;
        return ret;
    }
    else {
        return origMalloc(size);
    }
}
```

The symbol sym is provided by the user and must exist in the program; the easiest way to ensure it is created is to use an undefined function as shown above with the definition of origMalloc.

The following code wraps malloc with fastMalloc, while allowing functions to still access the original malloc function by calling origMalloc. It makes use of the new convert interface described in Section 5.

For a full, executable example, see Appendix A.

```
bool replaceCode(BPatch point *point, BPatch snippet *snippet)
```

This function has been removed; users interested in replacing code should instead use the PatchAPI code modification interface described in the PatchAPI manual. For information on accessing PatchAPI abstractions from DyninstAPI abstractions, see Section 5.

```
BPatch_module * loadLibrary(const char *libname, bool reload=false)
```

For dynamic rewriting, this function loads a dynamically linked library into the process's address space. For static rewriting, this function adds a library as a library dependency in the rewritten file. In both cases Dyninst creates a new BPatch_module to represent this library.

The libname parameter identifies the file name of the library to be loaded, in the standard way that dynamically linked libraries are specified on the operating system on which the API is running. This function returns a handle to the loaded library. The reload parameter is ignored and only remains for backwards compatibility.

```
bool isStaticExecutable()
```

This function returns true if the original file opened with this BPatch_addressSpace is a statically linked executable, and false otherwise.

4.4 Class BPatch_process

The **BPatch_process** class represents a running process, which includes one or more threads of execution and an address space.

```
bool stopExecution()
bool continueExecution()
bool terminateExecution()
```

These three functions change the running state of the process. stopExecution puts the process into a stopped state. Depending on the operating system, stopping one process may stop all threads associated with a process. continueExecution continues execution of the process. terminateExecution terminates execution of the process and will invoke the exit callback if one is registered. Each function returns true on success, or false for failure. Stopping or continuing a terminated thread will fail and these functions will return false.

```
bool isStopped()
int stopSignal()
bool isTerminated()
```

These three functions query the status of a process. isStopped returns true if the process is currently stopped. If the process is stopped (as indicated by isStopped), then stop-Signal can be called to find out what signal caused the process to stop. isTerminated returns true if the process has exited. Any of these functions may be called multiple times, and calling them will not affect the state of the process.

```
BPatch_variableExpr *getInheritedVariable(BPatch_variableExpr &parentVar)
```

Retrieve a new handle to an existing variable (such as one created by BPatch_process::malloc) that was created in a parent process and now exists in a forked child process. When a process forks all existing BPatch_variableExprs are copied to the child process, but the Dyninst handles for these objects are not valid in the child BPatch_process. This function is invoked on the child process' BPatch_process, parentVar is a variable from the parent process, and a handle to a variable in the child process is returned. If parentVar was not allocated in the parent process, then NULL is returned.

This function is similar to <code>getInheritedVariable</code>, but operates on <code>BPatchSnippetHandles</code>. Given a child process that was created via fork and a <code>BPatchSnippetHandle</code>, <code>parentSnippet</code>, from the parent process, this function will return a handle to <code>parentSnippet</code> that is valid in the child process. If it is determined that <code>parentSnippet</code> is not associated with the parent process, then <code>NULL</code> is returned.

```
void detach(bool cont)
```

Detach from the process. The process must be stopped to call this function. Instrumentation and other changes to the process will remain active in the detached copy. The cont parameter is used to indicate if the process should be continued as a result of detaching.

Linux does not support detaching from a process while leaving it stopped. All processes are continued after detach on Linux.

```
int getPid()
```

Return the system id for the mutatee process. On UNIX based systems this is a PID. On Windows this is the HANDLE object for a process.

If the process has exited, terminationStatus will indicate whether the process exited normally or because of a signal. If the process has not exited, NoExit will be returned. On AIX, the reason why a process exited will not be available if the process was not a child of the Dyninst mutator; in this case, ExitedNormally will be returned in both normal and signal exit cases.

```
int getExitCode()
```

If the process exited in a normal way, getExitCode will return the associated exit code. On AIX, this code will not be available if the process was not a child of the Dyninst mutator.

```
int getExitSignal()
```

If the process exited because of a received signal, <code>getExitSignal</code> will return the associated signal number. On AIX, this code will not be available if the process was not a child of the Dyninst mutator.

```
void oneTimeCode(const BPatch snippet &expr)
```

Cause the snippet expr to be executed by the mutatee immediately. If the process is multi-threaded, the snippet is run on a thread chosen by Dyninst. If the user requires the snippet to be run on a particular thread, use the BPatch_thread version of this function instead. The process must be stopped to call this function. The behavior is synchronous; one-TimeCode will not return until after the snippet has been run in the application.

This function sets up a snippet to be evaluated by the process at the next available opportunity. When the snippet finishes running Dyninst will callback any function registered through BPatch::registerOneTimeCodeCallback, with userData passed as a parameter. This function return true on success and false if it could not post the oneTimeCode.

If the process is multithreaded, the snippet is run on a thread chosen by Dyninst. If the user requires the snippet to be run on a particular thread, use the <code>BPatch_thread</code> version of this function instead. The behavior is asynchronous; <code>oneTimeCodeAsync</code> returns before the snippet is executed.

If the process is running when oneTimeCodeAsync is called, expr will be run immediately. If the process is stopped, then expr will be run when the process is continued.

```
void getThreads(std::vector<BPatch_thread *> &thrds)
```

Get the list of threads in the process.

```
bool isMultithreaded()
bool isMultithreadCapable()
```

The former returns true if the process contains multiple threads; the latter returns true if the process can create threads (e.g., it contains a threading library) even if it has not yet.

4.5 Class BPatch_thread

The **BPatch_thread** class represents and controls a thread of execution that is running in a process.

```
void getCallStack(std::vector<BPatch_frame>& stack)
```

This function fills the given vector with current information about the call stack of the thread. Each stack frame is represented by a BPatch_frame (see section 4.24 for information about this class).

```
dynthread t getTid()
```

This function returns a platform-specific identifier for this thread. This is the identifier that is used by the threading library. For example, on pthread applications this function will return the thread's pthread t value.

```
Dyninst::LWP getLWP()
```

This function returns a platform-specific identifier that the operating system uses to identify this thread. For example, on UNIX platforms this returns the LWP id. On Windows this returns a HANDLE object for the thread.

```
unsigned getBPatchID()
```

This function returns a Dyninst-specific identifier for this thread. These ID's apply only to running threads, the BPatch ID of an already terminated thread my be repeated in a new thread.

```
BPatch function *getInitialFunc()
```

Return the function that was used by the application to start this thread. For example, on pthread applications this will return the initial function that was passed to pthread create.

```
unsigned long getStackTopAddr()
```

Returns the base address for this thread's stack.

```
bool isDeadOnArrival()
```

This function returns true if this thread terminated execution before Dyninst was able to attach to it. Since Dyninst performs new thread detection asynchronously, it is possible for a thread to be created and destroyed before Dyninst can attach to it. When this happens, a new BPatch_thread is created, but isDeadOnArrival always returns true for this thread. It is illegal to perform any thread-level operations on a dead on arrival thread.

```
BPatch process *getProcess()
```

Return the BPatch process that contains this thread.

```
void *oneTimeCode(const BPatch_snippet &expr, bool *err = NULL)
```

Cause the snippet <code>expr</code> to be evaluated by the process immediately. This is similar to the BPatch_process::oneTimeCode function, except that the snippet is guaranteed to run only on this thread. The process must be stopped to call this function. The behavior is synchronous; <code>oneTimeCode</code> will not return until after the snippet has been run in the application.

This function sets up the snippet expr to be evaluated by this thread at the next available opportunity. When the snippet finishes running, Dyninst will callback any function registered through BPatch::registerOneTimeCodeCallback, with userData passed as a parameter. This function returns true if expr was posted and false otherwise.

This is similar to the BPatch_process::oneTimeCodeAsync function, except that the snippet is guaranteed to run only on this thread. The process must be stopped to call this function. The behavior is asynchronous; oneTimeCodeAsync returns before the snippet is executed.

4.6 Class BPatch_binaryEdit

The BPatch_binaryEdit class represents a set of executable files and library files for binary rewriting. BPatch_binaryEdit inherits from the BPatch_addressSpace class, where most functionality for binary rewriting is found.

bool writeFile(const char *outFile)

Rewrite a BPatch_binaryEdit to disk. The original file opened with this BPatch_binaryEdit is written to the current working directory with the name outFile. If any dependent libraries were also opened and have instrumentation or other modifications, then those libraries will be written to disk in the current working directory under their original names.

A rewritten dependency library should only be used with the original file that was opened for rewriting. For example, if the file a.out and its dependent library libfoo.so were opened for rewriting, and both had instrumentation inserted, then the rewritten libfoo.so should not be used without the rewritten a.out. To build a rewritten libfoo.so that can load into any process, libfoo.so must be the original file opened by BPatch::openBinary.

This function returns true if it successfully wrote a file, and false otherwise.

4.7 Class BPatch sourceObj

The BPatch_sourceObj class is the C++ superclass for the BPatch_function, BPatch_module, and BPatch_image classes. It provides a set of common methods for all three classes. In addition, it can be used to build a "generic" source navigator using the <code>getObjParent</code> and <code>getSourceObj</code> methods to get parents and children of a given level (i.e. the parent of a module is an image, and the children will be the functions).

Returns the type of the current source object.

```
void getSourceObj(std::vector<BPatch sourceObj *> &objs)
```

Returns the child source objects of the current source object. For example, when called on a BPatch_sourceProgram object this will return objects of type BPatch_sourceFunction. When called on a BPatch_sourceFunction object it may return BPatch sourceOuterLoop and BPatch sourceStatement objects.

```
BPatch sourceObj *getObjParent()
```

Return the parent source object of the current source object. The parent of a BPatch_-image is NULL.

```
typedef enum BPatch_language {
    BPatch_c,
    BPatch_cPlusPlus,
    BPatch_fortran,
    BPatch_fortran77,
    BPatch_fortran90,
    BPatch_fortran95,
    BPatch_fortran95,
    BPatch_assembly,
    BPatch_mixed,
    BPatch_hpf,
    BPatch_java,
    BPatch_language;

BPatch_language;
```

Return the source language of the current BPatch_sourceObject. For programs that are written in more than one language, BPatch_mixed will be returned. If there is insufficient information to determine the language, BPatch unknownLanguage will be returned.

4.8 Class BPatch_function

An object of this class represents a function in the application. A BPatch_image object (see description below) can be used to retrieve a BPatch_function object representing a given function.

```
std::string getName();
std::string getDemangledName();
std::string getMangledName();
std::string getTypedName();
void getNames(std::vector<std::string> &names);
void getDemangledNames(std::vector<std::string> &names);
void getMangledNames(std::vector<std::string> &names);
void getTypedNames(std::vector<std::string> &names);
```

Return name(s) of the function. The <code>getName</code> functions return the primary name; this is typically the first symbol we encounter while parsing the program; <code>getName</code> is an alias for <code>getDemangledName</code>. The <code>getNames</code> functions return all known names for the function, including any names specified by weak symbols.

Returns the bounds of the function; for non-contiguous functions, this is the lowest and highest address of code that the function includes.

```
std::vector<BPatch localVar *> *getParams()
```

Return a vector of BPatch_localVar snippets that refer to the parameters of this function. The position in the vector corresponds to the position in the parameter list (starting from zero). The returned local variables can be used to check the types of functions, and can be used in snippet expressions.

```
BPatch type *getReturnType()
```

Return the type of the return value for this function.

```
BPatch variableExpr *getFunctionRef()
```

For platforms with complex function pointers (e.g., 64-bit PPC) this constructs and returns the appropriate descriptor.

```
std::vector<BPatch localVar *> *getVars()
```

Returns a vector of BPatch_localVar objects that contain the local variables in this function. These BPatch_localVars can be used as parts of snippets in instrumentation. This function requires debug information to be present in the mutatee. If Dyninst was unable to find any local variables, this function will return an empty vector. It is up to the user to free the vector returned by this function.

```
bool isInstrumentable()
```

Return true if the function can be instrumented, and false if it cannot. Various conditions can cause a function to be uninstrumentable. For example, there exists a platform-specific minimum function size beyond which a function cannot be instrumented.

```
bool isSharedLib()
```

This function returns true if the function is defined in a shared library.

```
BPatch module *getModule()
```

Return the module that contains this function. Depending on whether the program was compiled for debugging or the symbol table stripped, this information may not be available. This function returns NULL if module information was not found.

```
char *getModuleName(char *name, int maxLen)
```

Copies the name of the module that contains this function into the buffer pointed to by name. Copies at most maxLen characters and returns a pointer to name.

```
enum BPatch_procedureLocation {
    BPatch_entry,
    BPatch_exit,
    BPatch_subroutine,
    BPatch_locInstruction,
    BPatch_locBasicBlockEntry,
    BPatch_locLoopEntry,
    BPatch_locLoopExit,
    BPatch_locLoopStartIter,
    BPatch_locLoopStartExit,
    BPatch_allLocations }
const std::vector<BPatch_point *> *findPoint(const BPatch_procedureLocation_loc)
```

Return the BPatch_point or list of BPatch_points associated with the procedure. It is used to select which type of points associated with the procedure will be returned. BPatch_entry and BPatch_exit request respectively the entry and exit points of the subroutine. BPatch_subroutine returns the list of points where the procedure calls other procedures. If the lookup fails to locate any points of the requested type, NULL is returned.

Return the vector of <code>BPatch_points</code> corresponding to the set of machine instruction types described by the argument. This version is used primarily for memory access instrumentation. The <code>BPatch_opCode</code> is an enumeration of instruction types that may be requested: <code>BPatch_opLoad</code>, <code>BPatch_opStore</code>, and <code>BPatch_opPrefetch</code>. Any combination of these may be requested by passing an appropriate argument set containing the desired types. The instrumentation points created by this function have additional memory access information attached to them. This allows such points to be used for memory access specific snippets (e.g. effective address). The memory access information attached is described under Memory Access classes in section 4.26.1.

```
BPatch localVar *findLocalVar(const char *name)
```

Search the function's local variable collection for name. This returns a pointer to the local variable if a match is found. This function returns NULL if it fails to find any variables.

Return a set of variables matching name at the scope of this function. If no variables match in the local scope, then the global scope will be searched for matches. This function returns NULL if it fails to find any variables.

```
BPatch localVar *findLocalParam(const char *name)
```

Search the function's parameters for a given name. A $BPatch_localVar * pointer is returned if a match is found, and <math>NULL$ is returned otherwise.

```
void *getBaseAddr()
```

Return the starting address of the function in the mutatee's address space.

```
BPatch flowGraph *getCFG()
```

Return the control flow graph for the function, or NULL if this information is not available. The BPatch flowGraph is described in section 4.16.

```
bool findOverlapping(std::vector<BPatch function *> &funcs)
```

Determine which functions overlap with the current function (see Section 2). Return true if other functions overlap the current function; the overlapping functions are added to the funcs vector. Return false if no other functions overlap the current function.

4.9 Class BPatch_point

An object of this class represents a location in an application's code at which the library can insert instrumentation. A <code>BPatch_image</code> object (see section 4.10) is used to retrieve a <code>BPatch_point</code> representing a desired point in the application.

Return the type of the point.

```
BPatch function *getCalledFunction()
```

Return a BPatch_function representing the function that is called at the point. If the point is not a function call site or the target of the call cannot be determined, then this function returns NULL.

```
std::string getCalledFunctionName()
```

Returns the name of the function called at this point. This method is similar to <code>getCalledFunction()->getName()</code>, except in cases where DyninstAPI is running in binary rewriting mode and the called function resides in a library or object file that DyninstAPI has not opened. In these cases, Dyninst is able to determine the name of the called function, but is unable to construct a <code>BPatch function</code> object.

```
BPatch function *getFunction()
```

Returns a BPatch function representing the function in which this point is contained.

```
BPatch basicBlockLoop *getLoop()
```

Returns the containing BPatch_basicBlockLoop if this point is part of loop instrumentation. Returns NULL otherwise.

```
void *getAddress()
```

Return the address of the first instruction at this point.

```
bool usesTrap NP()
```

Return true if inserting instrumentation at this point requires using a trap. On the x86 architecture, because instructions are of variable size, the instruction at a point may be too small for Dyninst to replace it with the normal code sequence used to call instrumentation. Also, when instrumentation is placed at points other than subroutine entry, exit, or call points, traps may be used to ensure the instrumentation fits. In this case, Dyninst replaces the instruction with a single-byte instruction that generates a trap. A trap handler then calls the appropriate instrumentation code. Since this technique is used only on some platforms, on other platforms this function always returns false.

```
const BPatch memoryAccess* getMemoryAccess()
```

Returns the memory access object associated with this point. Memory access points are described in section 4.26.1.

Return the BPatchSnippetHandles for the BPatch_snippets that are associated with the point. If argument when is BPatch_callBefore, then BPatchSnippetHandles for snippets installed immediately before this point will be returned. Alternatively, if when is BPatch_callAfter, then BPatchSnippetHandles for snippets installed immediately after this point will be returned.

```
bool getLiveRegisters(std::vector<BPatch register> &regs)
```

Fill regs with the registers that are live before this point (e.g., BPatch_callBefore). Currently returns only general purpose registers (GPRs).

```
bool isDynamic()
```

This call returns true if this is a dynamic call site (e.g. a call site where the function call is made via a function pointer).

```
Dyninst::InstructionAPI::Instruction::Ptr getInstructionAtPoint()
```

On implemented platforms, this function returns a shared pointer to an InstructionAPI Instruction object representing the first machine instruction at this point's address. On unimplemented platforms, returns a NULL shared pointer.

4.10 Class BPatch_image

This class defines a program image (the executable associated with a process). The only way to get a handle to a BPatch_image is via the BPatch_process member function getImage.

```
const BPatch point *createInstPointAtAddr (caddr t address)
```

This function has been removed because it is not safe to use. Instead, use findPoints:

Returns a vector of BPatch_points that correspond with the provided address, one per function that includes an instruction at that address. There will be one element if there is not overlapping code.

```
std::vector<BPatch variableExpr *> *getGlobalVariables()
```

Return a vector of global variables that are defined in this image.

```
BPatch process *getProcess()
```

Returns the BPatch process associated with this image.

```
char *getProgramFileName(char *name, unsigned int len)
```

Fills provided buffer name with the program's file name up to len characters. The filename may include path information.

```
bool getSourceObj(std::vector<BPatch sourceObj *> &sources)
```

Fill sources with the source objects (see section 4.6) that belong to this image. If there are no source objects, the function returns false. Otherwise, it returns true.

```
std::vector<BPatch_function *> *getProcedures(
    bool incUninstrumentable = false)
```

Return a vector of the functions in the image. If the incuminstrumentable flag is set, the returned table of procedures will include uninstrumentable functions. The default behavior is to omit these functions.

```
void getObjects(std::vector<BPatch object *> &objs)
```

Fill in a vector of objects in the image.

```
std::vector<BPatch module *> *getModules()
```

Return a vector of the modules in the image.

```
bool getVariables(std::vector<BPatch variableExpr *> &vars)
```

Fills vars with the global variables defined in this image. If there are no variable, the function returns false. Otherwise, it returns true.

```
std::vector<BPatch_function*> *findFunction(
    const char *name,
    std::vector<BPatch_function*> &funcs,
    bool showError = true,
    bool regex_case_sensitive = true,
    bool incUninstrumentable = false)
```

Return a vector of BPatch_functions corresponding to name, or NULL if the function does not exist. If name contains a POSIX-extended regular expression, and dont_use_regex is false, a regular expression search will be performed on function names and matching BPatch_functions returned. If showError is true, then Dyninst will report an error via the BPatch::registerErrorCallback if no function is found.

If the incuninstrumentable flag is set, the returned table of procedures will include uninstrumentable functions. The default behavior is to omit these functions.

[NOTE: If name is not found to match any demangled function names in the module, the search is repeated as if name is a mangled function name. If this second search succeeds, functions with mangled names matching name are returned instead.]

```
std::vector<BPatch_function*> *findFunction(
    std::vector<BPatch_function*> &funcs,
    BPatchFunctionNameSieve bpsieve,
    void *sieve_data = NULL,
    int showError = 0,
    bool incUninstrumentable = false)
```

Return a vector of BPatch_functions according to the generalized user-specified filter function bpsieve. This permits users to easily build sets of functions according to their own specific criteria. Internally, for each BPatch_function f in the image, this method makes a call to bpsieve(f.getName(), sieve_data). The user-specified function bpsieve is responsible for taking the name argument and determining if it belongs in the output vector, possibly by using extra user-provided information stored in sieve_data. If the name argument matches the desired criteria, bpsieve should return true. If it does not, bpsieve should return false.

The function bpsieve should be defined in accordance with the typedef:

```
bool (*BPatchFunctionNameSieve) (const char *name, void* sieve data);
```

If the incumentable flag is set, the returned table of procedures will include uninstrumentable functions. The default behavior is to omit these functions.

Find all functions that have code at the given address, addr. Dyninst supports functions that share code, so this method may return more than one BPatch_function. These functions are returned via the funcs output parameter. This function returns true if it finds any functions, false otherwise.

Performs a lookup and returns a handle to the named variable. The first form of the function looks up only variables of global scope, and the second form uses the passed <code>BPatch_point</code> as the scope of the variable. The returned <code>BPatch_variableExpr</code> can be used to create references (uses) of the variable in subsequent snippets. The scoping rules used will be those of the source language. If the image was not compiled with debugging symbols, this function will fail even if the variable is defined in the passed scope.

```
BPatch type *findType(const char *name)
```

Performs a lookup and returns a handle to the named type. The handle can be used as an argument to BPatch_addressSpace::malloc to create new variables of the corresponding type.

Returns a module named name if present in the image. If the match fails, NULL is returned. If substring_match is true, the first module that has name as a substring of its name is returned (e.g. to find libpthread.so.1, search for libpthread with substring_match set to true).

Given an address addr, this function returns a vector of pairs of filenames and line numbers at that address. This function is an alias for BPatch_process::getSourceLines (see section 4.4).

Given a file name and line number, fileName and lineNo, this function returns a list of address ranges that this source line was compiled into. This function is an alias for BPatch process::getAddressRanges (see section 4.4).

This function takes as input a list of function entry points indicated by the funcEntryAddrs vector, which are used to seed parsing in whatever modules they are found. All affected modules are placed in the newModules vector, which includes any existing modules in which new functions are found, as well as modules corresponding to new regions of the binary, for which new BPatch_modules are created. The return value is true in the event that at least one previously unknown function was identified, and false otherwise.

4.11 Class BPatch_object

An object of this class represents the original executable or a library. It serves as a container of BPatch_module objects.

```
std::string name()
std::string pathName()
```

Returns the name of this file; either just the file name or the fully path-qualified name.

```
Dyninst::Address fileOffsetToAddr(Dyninst::Offset offset)
```

Converts the provided offset into the file into a full address in memory.

```
struct Region {
    typedef enum { UNKNOWN, CODE, DATA } type_t;
    Dyninst::Address base;
    unsigned long size;
    type_t type;
};
void regions(std::vector<Region> &regions)
```

Returns information about the address ranges occupied by this object in memory.

```
void modules(std::vector<BPatch module *> &modules)
```

Returns the modules contained in this object.

```
std::vector<BPatch_function*> *findFunction(
    const char *name,
    std::vector<BPatch_function*> &funcs,
    bool showError = true,
    bool regex_case_sensitive = true,
    bool incUninstrumentable = false)
```

Return a vector of BPatch_functions corresponding to name, or NULL if the function does not exist. If name contains a POSIX-extended regular expression, and dont_use_regex is false, a regular expression search will be performed on function names and matching BPatch_functions returned. If showError is true, then Dyninst will report an error via the BPatch::registerErrorCallback if no function is found.

If the incuninstrumentable flag is set, the returned table of procedures will include uninstrumentable functions. The default behavior is to omit these functions.

[NOTE: If name is not found to match any demangled function names in the module, the search is repeated as if name is a mangled function name. If this second search succeeds, functions with mangled names matching name are returned instead.]

```
bool findPoints(Dyninst::Address addr,
    std::vector<BPatch point *> &points);
```

Returns a vector of BPatch_points that correspond with the provided address, one per function that includes an instruction at that address. There will be one element if there is not overlapping code.

4.12 Class BPatch_module

An object of this class represents a program module, which is part of a program's executable image. A BPatch_module represents a source file in an executable or a shared library. Dyninst automatically creates a module called DEFAULT_MODULE in each exectuable to hold any objects that it cannot match to a source file. BPatch_module objects are obtained by calling the BPatch_image member function getModules.

```
std::vector<BPatch_function*> *findFunction(
    const char *name,
    std::vector<BPatch_function*> &funcs,
    bool notify_on_failure = true,
    bool regex_case_sensitive = true,
    bool incUninstrumentable = false)
```

Return a vector of BPatch_functions matching name, or NULL if the function does not exist. If name contains a POSIX-extended regular expression, a regex search will be performed on function names, and matching BPatch_functions returned. [NOTE: The

std::vector argument funcs must be declared fully by the user before calling this function. Passing in an uninitialized reference will result in undefined behavior.]

If the incuninstrumentable flag is set, the returned table of procedures will include uninstrumentable functions. The default behavior is to omit these functions.

[NOTE: If name is not found to match any demangled function names in the module, the search is repeated as if name is a mangled function name. If this second search succeeds, functions with mangled names matching name are returned instead.]

Return a BPatch_function for the mangled function name defined in the module corresponding to the invoking BPatch module, or NULL if it does not define the function.

If the incuminstrumentable flag is set, the functions searched will include uninstrumentable functions. The default behavior is to omit these functions.

```
BPatch function *findFunctionByEntry(Dyninst::Address addr)
```

Returns the function that begins at the specified address.

```
size t getAddressWidth()
```

Return the size (in bytes) of a pointer in this module. On 32-bit systems this function will return 4, and on 64-bit systems this function will return 8.

This function returns the line information associated with the mutatee address addr. The vector lines contain pairs of filenames and line numbers that are associated with addr. In many cases only one filename and line number is associated with an address, but certain compiler optimizations may lead to multiple filenames and lines at an address. This information is only available if the mutatee was compiled with debug information.

This function may be more efficient than the <code>BPatch_process</code> version of this function. Calling <code>BPatch_process::getSourceLines</code> will cause Dyninst to parse line information for all modules in a process. If <code>BPatch_module::getSourceLines</code> is called then only the debug information in this module will be parsed.

This function returns true if it was able to find any line information at addr, and false otherwise.

Given a filename and line number, fileName and lineNo, this function this function returns the ranges of mutatee addresses that implement the code range in the output parameter ranges. In many cases a source code line will only have one address range implementing it. However, compiler optimizations may turn this into multiple, disjoint address ranges. This information is only available if the mutatee was compiled with debug information.

This function may be more efficient than the <code>BPatch_process</code> version of this function. Calling <code>BPatch_process::getAddressRange</code> will cause Dyninst to parse line information for all modules in a process. If <code>BPatch_module::getAddressRange</code> is called then only the debug information in this module will be parsed.

This function returns true if it was able to find any line information, false otherwise.

```
std::vector<BPatch_function *>
*getProcedures( bool incUninstrumentable = false )
```

Return a vector containing the functions in the module.

```
char *getName(char *buffer, int len)
```

This function copies the filename of the module into buffer, up to len characters. It returns the value of the buffer parameter.

```
char *getFullName(char *buffer, int length)
```

Fills buffer with the full path name of a module, up to length characters when this information is available.

```
unsigned long getSize()
```

Return the size of the module. The size is defined as the end of the last function minus the start of the first function.

```
bool getVariables(std::vector<BPatch variableExpr *> &vars)
```

Fill the vector vars with the global variables that are specified in this module. Returns false if no results are found and true otherwise.

```
void *getBaseAddr()
```

Return the base address of the module. This address is defined as the start of the first function in the module.

```
bool isSharedLib()
```

This function returns true if the module is part of a shared library.

```
BpatchSnippetHandle* insertInitCallback(Bpatch snippet& callback)
```

This function inserts the snippet callback at the entry point of this module's init function (creating a new init function/section if necessary).

```
BpatchSnippetHandle* insertFiniCallback(Bpatch snippet& callback)
```

This function inserts the snippet callback at the exit point of this module's fini function (creating a new fini function/section if necessary).

```
char *getUniqueString(char *buffer, int length)
```

Performs a lookup and returns a unique string for this image. Returns a string the can be compared (via stromp) to indicate if two images refer to the same underlying object file (i.e., executable or library). The contents of the string are implementation specific and defined to have no semantic meaning.

4.13 Class BPatch_snippet

A snippet is an abstract representation of code to insert into a program. Snippets are defined by creating a new instance of the correct subclass of a snippet. For example, to create a snippet to call a function, create a new instance of the class <code>BPatch_funcCallExpr</code>. Creating a snippet does not result in code being inserted into an application. Code is generated when a request is made to insert a snippet at a specific point in a program. Sub-snippets may be shared by different snippets (i.e, a handle to a snippet may be passed as an argument to create two different snippets), but whether the generated code is shared (or replicated) between two snippets is implementation dependent.

```
BPatch type *getType()
```

Return the type of the snippet. The BPatch type system is described in section 4.14.

```
float getCost()
```

Returns an estimate of the number of seconds it would take to execute the snippet. The problems with accurately estimating the cost of executing code are numerous and out of the scope of this document[2]. It is important to realize that the returned cost value is, at best, an estimate.

The rest of the classes are derived classes of the class BPatch snippet.

BPatch actualAddressExpr()

This snippet results in an expression that evaluates to the actual address of the instrumentation. To access the original address where instrumentation was inserted, use <code>BPatch_originalAddressExpr</code>. Note that this actual address is highly dependent on a number of internal variables and has no relation to the original address.

Perform the required binary operation. The available binary operators are:

Operator	Description
BPatch_assign	assign the value of roperand to loperand
BPatch_plus	add 10perand and r0perand
BPatch_minus	subtract rOperand from lOperand
BPatch_divide	divide rOperand by 10perand
BPatch_times	multiply roperand by loperand
BPatch_ref	Array reference of the form 10perand[r0perand]
BPatch_seq	Define a sequence of two expressions (similar to comma in C)

BPatch arithExpr(BPatch unOp, const BPatch snippet &operand)

Define a snippet consisting of a unary operator. The unary operators are:

Operator	Description
BPatch_negate	Returns the negation of an integer
BPatch_addr	Returns a pointer to a BPatch_variableExpr
BPatch_deref	Dereferences a pointer

Define a relational snippet. The available operators are:

Operator	Function
BPatch_lt	Return 10perand < r0perand
BPatch_eq	Return 10perand == r0perand
BPatch_gt	Return 10perand > r0perand
BPatch_le	Return 10perand <= r0perand
BPatch_ne	Return 10perand != r0perand
BPatch_ge	Return 10perand >= r0perand
BPatch_and	Return 10perand && r0perand (Boolean and)
BPatch_or	Return 10perand r0perand (Boolean or)

The type of the returned snippet is boolean, and the operands are type checked.

```
BPatch breakPointExpr()
```

Define a snippet that stops a process when executed by it. The stop can be detected using the isStopped member function of BPatch_process, and the program's execution can be resumed by calling the continueExecution member function of BPatch process.

```
BPatch bytesAccessedExpr ()
```

This expression returns the number of bytes accessed by a memory operation. For most load/store architecture machines it is a constant expression returning the number of bytes for the particular style of load or store. This snippet is only valid at a memory operation instrumentation point.

```
BPatch_constExpr(int value)
BPatch_constExpr(long value)
BPatch_constExpr(const char *value)
BPatch_constExpr(const void *value)
```

Define a constant snippet of the appropriate type. The char* form of the constructor creates a constant string; the null-terminated string beginning at the location pointed to by the parameter is copied into the application's address space, and the BPatch_constExpr that is created refers to the location to which the string was copied.

```
BPatch dynamicTargetExpr()
```

This snippet calculates the target of a control flow instruction with a dynamically determined target. It can handle dynamic calls, jumps, and return statements.

```
BPatch effectiveAddressExpr()
```

Define an expression that contains the effective address of a memory operation. For a multi-word memory operation (i.e. more than the "natural" operation size of the machine), the effective address is the base address of the operation.

Define a call to a function. The passed function must be valid for the current code region. Args is a list of arguments to pass to the function; the maximum number of arguments varies by platform and is summarized below. If type checking is enabled, the types of the passed arguments are checked against the function to be called. Availability of type checking depends on the source language of the application and program being compiled for debugging.

Platform	Maximum number of arguments
AMD64/EMT-	No limit
64	
IA-32	No limit
POWER	8 arguments

BPatch funcJumpExpr (const BPatch function &func)

This snippet has been removed; use BPatch addressSpace::wrapFunction instead.

This constructor creates an if statement. The first argument, <code>conditional</code>, should be a Boolean expression that will be evaluated to decide which clause should be executed. The second argument, <code>tClause</code>, is the snippet to execute if the conditional evaluates to <code>true</code>. The third argument, <code>fClause</code>, is the snippet to execute if the conditional evaluates to <code>false</code>. This third argument is optional. Else-if statements, can be constructed by making the <code>fClause</code> of an if statement another if statement.

```
BPatch insnExpr(BPatch instruction *insn) implemented on x86-64
```

This constructor creates a snippet that allows the user to mimic the effect of an existing instruction. In effect, the snippet "wraps" the instruction and provides a handle to particular components of instruction behavior. This is currently implemented for memory operations, and provides two override methods: overrideLoadAddress and overrideStoreAddress. Both methods take a BPatch_snippet as an argument. Unlike other snippets, this snippet should be installed via a call to BPatch_process::replaceCode (to replace the original instruction). For example:

```
// now replace the original instruction with the new one.
// Point is a BPatch_point corresponding to the desired location, and
// process is a BPatch_process.
process.replaceCode(point, insn);

BPatch originalAddressExpr()
```

This snippet results in an expression that evaluates to the original address of the point where the snippet was inserted. To access the actual address where instrumentation is executed, use BPatch actualAddressExpr.

```
BPatch paramExpr(int paramNum)
```

This constructor creates an expression whose value is a parameter being passed to a function. ParamNum specifies the number of the parameter to return, starting at 0. Since the contents of parameters may change during subroutine execution, this snippet type is only valid at points that are entries to subroutines, or when inserted at a call point with the when parameter set to BPatch callBefore.

```
BPatch_registerExpr(BPatch_register reg)
BPatch registerExpr(Dyninst::MachRegister reg)
```

This snippet results in an expression whose value is the value in the register at the point of instrumentation.

```
BPatch retExpr()
```

This snippet results in an expression that evaluates to the return value of a subroutine. This snippet type is only valid at BPatch_exit points, or at a call point with the when parameter set to BPatch callAfter.

```
BPatch sequence(const std::vector<BPatch snippet*> &items)
```

Define a sequence of snippets. The passed snippets will be executed in the order in which they appear in items.

```
BPatch threadIndexExpr()
```

This snippet returns an integer expression that contains the thread index of the thread that is executing this snippet. The thread index is the same value that is returned on the mutator side by BPatch thread::getBPatchID.

```
BPatch tidExpr(BPatch process *proc)
```

This snippet results in an integer expression that contains the tid of the thread that is executing this snippet. This can be used to record the threadId, or to filter instrumentation so that it only executes for a specific thread.

Define a while loop. The code specified by body repeats so long as condition evaluates to true.

```
BPatch nullExpr()
```

Define a null snippet. This snippet contains no executable statements.

4.14 Class BPatch_type

The class BPatch_type is used to describe the types of variables, parameters, return values, and functions. Instances of the class can represent language predefined types (e.g. int, float), mutatee defined types (e.g., structures compiled into the mutatee application), or mutator defined types (created using the create* methods of the BPatch class).

```
std::vector<BPatch field *> *getComponents()
```

Return a vector of the types of the fields in a BPatch_struct or BPatch_union. If this method is invoked on a type whose BPatch_dataClass is not BPatch_struct or BPatch union, NULL is returned.

```
std::vector<BPatch cblock *> *getCblocks()
```

Return the common block classes for the type. The methods of the <code>BPatch_cblock</code> can be used to access information about the member of a common block. Since the same named (or anonymous) common block can be defined with different members in different functions, a given common block may have multiple definitions. The vector returned by this function contains one instance of <code>BPatch_cblock</code> for each unique definition of the common block. If this method is invoked on a type whose <code>BPatch_dataClass</code> is not <code>BPatch_common, NULL</code> will be returned.

```
BPatch type *getConstituentType()
```

Return the type of the base type. For a BPatch_array this is the type of each element, for a BPatch_pointer this is the type of the object the pointer points to. For BPatch typedef types, this is the original type. For all other types, NULL is returned.

```
enum BPatch_dataClass {
    BPatch_dataScalar, BPatch_dataTypeClass, BPatch_dataStructure,
    BPatch_dataUnion, BPatch_dataArray,
    BPatch_dataPointer, BPatch_dataReference,
    BPatch_dataFunction, BPatch_dataTypeAttrib,
    BPatch_dataUnknownType, BPatch_dataMethod,
```

```
BPatch_dataCommon, BPatch_dataPrimitive,
BPatch_dataTypeNumber, BPatch_dataTypeDefine,
BPatch_dataNullType }

BPatch dataClass getDataClass()
```

Return one of the above data classes for this type.

```
unsigned long getLow()
unsigned long getHigh()
```

Return the upper and lower bound of an array. Calling these two methods on non-array types produces an undefined result.

```
const char *getName()
```

Return the name of the type.

```
bool isCompatible(const BPatch type &otype)
```

Returns true if otype is type compatible with this type. The rules for type compatibility are given in Section 4.27. If the two types are not type compatible, the error reporting callback function will be invoked one or more times with additional information about why the types are not compatible.

4.15 Class BPatch_variableExpr

The **BPatch_variableExpr** class is another class derived from BPatch_snippet. It represents a variable or area of memory in a process's address space. A BPatch_variableExpr can be obtained from a BPatch_process using the malloc member function, or from a BPatch_image using the findVariable member function.

Some BPatch_variableExpr have an associated BPatch_type, which can be accessed by functions inherited from BPatch_snippet. BPatch_variableExpr objects will have an associated BPatch_type if they originate from binaries with sufficient debug information that describes types, or if they were provided with a BPatch_type when created by Dyninst.

BPatch_variableExpr provides several member functions not provided by other types of snippets:

```
void readValue(void *dst)
void readValue(void *dst, int size)
```

Read the value of the variable in an application's address space that is represented by this BPatch_variableExpr. The dst parameter is assumed to point to a buffer large enough to hold a value of the variable's type. If the size parameter is supplied, then the number of bytes it specifies will be read. For the first version of this method, if the size of the variable is unknown (i.e., no type information), no data is copied and the method returns false.

```
void writeValue(void *src)
void writeValue(void *src, int size)
```

Change the value of the variable in an application's address space that is represented by this <code>BPatch_variableExpr</code>. The <code>src</code> parameter should point to a value of the variable's type. If the <code>size</code> parameter is supplied, then the number of bytes it specifies will be written. For the first version of this method, if the size of the variable is unknown (i.e., no type information), no data is copied and the method returns false.

```
void *getBaseAddr()
```

Return the base address of the variable. This is designed to let users who wish to access elements of arrays or fields in structures do so. It can also be used to obtain the address of a variable to pass a point to that variable as a parameter to a procedure call. It is similar to the ampersand (&) operator in C.

```
std::vector<BPatch variableExpr *> *getComponents()
```

Return a pointer to a vector containing the components of a struct or union. Each element of the vector is one field of the composite type, and contains a variable expression for accessing it.

4.16 Class BPatch_flowGraph

The **BPatch_flowGraph** class represents the control flow graph of a function. It provides methods for discovering the basic blocks and loops within the function (using which a caller can navigate the graph). A <code>BPatch_flowGraph</code> object can be obtained by calling the <code>getCFG</code> method of a <code>BPatch_function</code> object.

```
bool containsDynamicCallsites()
```

Returns true if the control flow graph contains any dynamic call sites (e.g., calls through a function pointer).

```
void getAllBasicBlocks(std::set<BPatch_basicBlock*>&)
void getAllBasicBlocks(BPatch Set<BPatch basicBlock*>&)
```

Fill the given set with pointers to all basic blocks in the control flow graph. BPatch basicBlock is described in section 4.17.

```
void getEntryBasicBlock(std::vector<BPatch basicBlock*>&)
```

Fill the given vector with pointers to all basic blocks that are entry points to the function. BPatch basicBlock is described in section 4.17.

```
void getExitBasicBlock(std::vector<BPatch basicBlock*>&)
```

Fill the given vector with pointers to all basic blocks that are exit points of the function. BPatch basicBlock is described in section 4.17.

```
void getLoops(std::vector<BPatch basicBlockLoop*>&)
```

Fill the given vector with a list of all natural (single entry) loops in the control flow graph.

```
void getOuterLoops(std::vector<BPatch basicBlockLoop*>&)
```

Fill the given vector with a list of all natural (single entry) outer loops in the control flow graph.

```
BPatch loopTreeNode *getLoopTree()
```

Return the root node of the tree of loops in this flow graph.

Find instrumentation points for the given loop that correspond to the given location: loop entry, loop exit, the start of a loop iteration and the end of a loop iteration.

BPatch_locLoopEntry and BPatch_locLoopExit instrumentation points respectively execute once before the first iteration of a loop and after the last iteration.

BPatch_locLoopStartIter and BPatch_locLoopEndIter respectively execute at the beginning and end of each loop iteration.

[NOTE: Dyninst is not always able to generate a correct flow graph in the presence of indirect jumps. If a function has a case statement or indirect jump instructions, the targets of the jumps are found by searching instruction patterns (peep-hole). The instruction patterns generated are compiler specific and the control flow graph analyses include only the ones we have seen. During the control flow graph generation, if a pattern that is not handled is used for case statement or multi-jump instructions in the function address space, the generated control flow graph may not be complete.]

4.17 Class BPatch_basicBlock

The **BPatch_basicBlock** class represents a basic block in the application being instrumented. Objects of this class representing the blocks within a function can be obtained using the BPatch_flowGraph object for the function. BPatch_basicBlock includes methods for navigating through the control flow graph of the containing function.

```
void getSources(std::vector<BPatch basicBlock*>&)
```

Fills the given vector with the list of predecessors for this basic block (i.e, basic blocks that have an outgoing edge in the control flow graph leading to this block).

```
void getTargets(std::vector<BPatch basicBlock*>&)
```

Fills the given vector with the list of successors for this basic block (i.e, basic blocks that are the destinations of outgoing edges from this block in the control flow graph).

```
void getOutgoingEdges(std::vector<BPatch edge *> &out)
```

Fill out with all of the control flow edges that leave this basic block.

```
void getIncomingEdges(std::vector<BPatch edge *> &inc)
```

Fills inc with all of the control flow edges that point to this basic block.

Fills the given vector with InstructionAPI Instruction objects representing the instructions in this basic block, and returns true if successful. See the InstructionAPI Programmer's Guide for details. The second call also returns the address each instruction starts at.

```
bool dominates(BPatch basicBlock*)
```

This function returns true if the argument is pre-dominated in the control flow graph by this block, and false if it is not.

```
BPatch basicBlock* getImmediateDominator()
```

Return the basic block that immediately pre-dominates this block in the control flow graph.

```
void getImmediateDominates(std::vector<BPatch basicBlock*>&)
```

Fill the given vector with a list of pointers to the basic blocks that are immediately dominated by this basic block in the control flow graph.

```
void getAllDominates(std::set<BPatch_basicBlock*>&)
void getAllDominates(BPatch Set<BPatch basicBlock*>&)
```

Fill the given set with pointers to all basic blocks that are dominated by this basic block in the control flow graph.

```
bool getSourceBlocks(std::vector<BPatch sourceBlock*>&)
```

Fill the given vector with pointers to the source blocks contributing to this basic block's instruction sequence.

```
int getBlockNumber()
```

Return the ID number of this basic block. The ID numbers are consecutive from 0 to n-1, where n is the number of basic blocks in the flow graph to which this basic block belongs.

```
std::vector<BPatch_point *> findPoint(const
    std::set<BPatch_opCode> &ops)
std::vector<BPatch_point *> findPoint(const
    BPatch Set<BPatch opCode> &ops)
```

Find all points in the basic block that match the given operation.

```
BPatch_point *findEntryPoint()
BPatch point *findExitPoint()
```

Find the entry or exit point of the block.

```
unsigned long getStartAddress()
```

This function returns the starting address of the basic block. The address returned is an absolute address.

```
unsigned long getEndAddress()
```

This function returns the end address of the basic block. The address returned is an absolute address.

```
unsigned long getLastInsnAddress()
```

Return the address of the last instruction in a basic block.

```
bool isEntryBlock()
```

This function returns true if this basic block is an entry block into a function.

```
bool isExitBlock()
```

This function returns true if this basic block is an exit block of a function.

```
unsigned size()
```

Return the size of a basic block. The size is defined as the difference between the end address and the start address of the basic block.

4.18 Class BPatch_edge

The **BPatch_edge** class represents a control flow edge in a BPatch_flowGraph.

```
BPatch point *getPoint()
```

Return an instrumentation point for this edge. This point can be passed to BPatch_process::insertSnippet to instrument the edge.

Return a type describing this edge. A <code>CondJumpTaken</code> edge is found after a conditional branch, along the edge that is taken when the condition is true. A <code>CondJumpNottaken</code> edge follows the path when the condition is not taken. <code>UncondJump</code> is used along an edge that flows out of an unconditional branch that is always taken. <code>NonJump</code> is an edge that flows out of a basic block that does not end in a jump, but falls through into the next basic block.

```
BPatch basicBlock *getSource()
```

Return the source BPatch basicBlock that this edge flows from.

```
BPatch basicBlock *getTarget()
```

Return the target BPatch basicBlock that this edge flows to.

```
BPatch flowGraph *getFlowGraph()
```

Returns the CFG that contains the edge.

4.19 Class BPatch basicBlockLoop

An object of this class represents a loop in the code of the application being instrumented.

```
bool containsAddress (unsigned long addr)
```

Returns true if addr is contained within any of the basic blocks that compose this loop, excluding the block of any of its sub-loops.

```
bool containsAddressInclusive(unsigned long addr)
```

Returns true if addr is contained within any of the basic blocks that compose this loop, or in the blocks of any of its sub-loops.

```
BPatch edge *getBackEdge()
```

Return a pointer to a back edge that defines this natural loop.

```
int getBackEdges(std::vector<BPatch edge *> &edges)
```

Returns the number of back edges that define this natural loop and adds those edges to the edges vector. A loop can have multiple back edges if those edges define loops comprising the same set of nodes.

```
bool getContainedLoops(std::vector<BPatch basicBlockLoop*>&)
```

Fill the given vector with a list of the loops nested within this loop.

```
BPatch flowGraph *getFlowGraph()
```

Return a pointer to the control flow graph that contains this loop.

```
BPatch basicBlock *getLoopHead()
```

Return a pointer to the basic block that is at the head of this loop.

```
bool getOuterLoops(std::vector<BPatch basicBlockLoop*>&)
```

Fill the given vector with a list of the outer loops nested within this loop.

```
bool getLoopBasicBlocks(std::vector<BPatch basicBlock*>&)
```

Fill the given vector with a list of all basic blocks that are part of this loop.

```
bool getLoopBasicBlocksExclusive(
    std::vector<BPatch basicBlock*>&)
```

Fill the given vector with a list of all basic blocks that are part of this loop but not its sub-loops.

```
BPatch basicBlock* getLoopHead()
```

Return the basic block at the head of this loop.

```
bool hasAncestor(BPatch basicBlockLoop*)
```

Returns true if this loop is nested within the given loop (the given loop is one of its ancestors in the tree of loops).

```
bool hasBlock(BPatch basicBlock *b)
```

Returns true if this loop or any of its sub-loops contain b, false otherwise.

```
bool hasBlockExclusive(BPatch basicBlock *b)
```

Returns true if this loop, excluding its sub-loops, contains b, false otherwise.

4.20 Class BPatch_loopTreeNode

The BPatch_loopTreeNode class provides a tree interface to a collection of instances of class BPatch_basicBlockLoop contained in a BPatch_flowGraph. The structure of the tree follows the nesting relationship of the loops in a function's flow graph. Each BPatch_loopTreeNode contains a pointer to a loop (represented by BPatch_basicBlockLoop), and a set of sub-loops (represented by other BPatch_loopTreeNode objects). The root BPatch_loopTreeNode instance has a null loop member since a function may contain multiple outer loops. The outer loops are contained in the root instance's vector of children.

Each instance of BPatch_loopTreeNode is given a name that indicates its position in the hierarchy of loops. The name of each root loop takes the form of loop_x, where x is an integer from 1 to n, where n is the number of outer loops in the function. Each sub-loop has the name of its parent, followed by a _y, where y is 1 to m, where m is the number of sub-loops under the outer loop. For example, consider the following C function:

The foo function will have a root BPatch_loopTreeNode, containing a NULL loop entry and two BPatch_loopTreeNode children representing the functions outer loops. These children would have names loop_1 and loop_2, respectively representing the x and i loops. loop_2 has no children. loop_1 has two child BPatch_loopTreeNode objects, named loop_1_1 and loop_1_2, respectively representing the y and z loops.

```
BPatch basicBlockLoop *loop
```

A node in the tree that represents a single BPatch_basicBlockLoop instance. std::vector<BPatch_loopTreeNode *> children

The tree nodes for the loops nested under this loop.

```
const char *name()
```

Return a name for this loop that indicates its position in the hierarchy of loops.

This function fills the vector v with the list of functions that are called by this loop.

```
const char *getCalleeName(unsigned int i)
```

This function return the name of the ith function called in the loop's body.

```
unsigned int numCallees()
```

Returns the number of callees contained in this loop's body.

```
BPatch basicBlockLoop *findLoop(const char *name)
```

Finds the loop object for the given canonical loop name.

4.21 Class BPatch_register

A **BPatch_register** represents a single register of the mutatee. The list of BPatch_registers can be retrieved with the BPatch_addressSpace::getRegisters method.

```
std::string name()
```

This function returns the canonical name of the register.

4.22 Class BPatch_sourceBlock

An object of this class represents a source code level block. Each source block objects consists of a source file and a set of source lines in that source file. This class is used to fill source line information for each basic block in the control flow graph. For each basic block in the control flow graph there is one or more source block object(s) that correspond to the source files and their lines contributing to the instruction sequence of the basic block.

```
const char* getSourceFile()
```

Returns a pointer to the name of the source file in which this source block occurs.

```
void getSourceLines(std::vector<unsigned short>&)
```

Fill the given vector with a list of the lines contained within this source block.

4.23 Class BPatch_cblock

This class is used to access information about a common block.

```
std::vector<BPatch field *> *getComponents()
```

Return a vector containing the individual variables of the common block.

```
std::vector<BPatch function *> *getFunctions()
```

Return a vector of the functions that can see this common block with the set of fields described in getComponents. However, other functions that define this common block with a different set of variables (or sizes of any variable) will not be returned.

4.24 Class BPatch_frame

A **BPatch_frame** object represents a stack frame. The <code>getCallStack</code> member function of <code>BPatch_thread</code> returns a vector of <code>BPatch_frame</code> objects representing the frames currently on the stack.

BPatch frameType getFrameType()

Return the type of the stack frame. Possible types are:

Frame Type	Meaning
BPatch_frameNormal	A normal stack frame.
BPatch_frameSignal	A frame that represents a signal invocation.
BPatch_frameTrampoline	A frame the represents a call into instrumentation code.

void *getFP()

Return the frame pointer for the stack frame.

void *getPC()

Returns the program counter associated with the stack frame.

BPatch function *findFunction()

Returns the function associated with the stack frame.

4.25 Container Classes

4.25.1 Class std::vector

The **std::vector** class is a container used to hold other objects used by the API. As of Dyninst 5.0, std::vector is an alias for the C++ Standard Template Library (STL) std::vector.

4.25.2 Class BPatch Set

BPatch_Set is another container class, similar to the set class in the STL. THIS CLASS HAS BEEN DEPRECATED AND WILL BE REMOVED IN THE NEXT RELEASE. In addition the methods provided by std::set, it provides the following compatibility methods:

```
BPatch Set()
```

A constructor that creates an empty set with the default comparison function.

```
BPatch_Set(const BPatch_Set<T,Compare>& newBPatch_Set)
```

Copy constructor.

```
void remove(const T&)
```

Remove the given element from the set.

```
bool contains (const T&)
```

Returns true if the argument is a member of the set, otherwise returns false.

```
T* elements(T*)
void elements(std::vector<T> &)
```

Fill an array (or vector) with a list of the elements in the set that are sorted in ascending order according to the comparison function. The input argument should point to an array large enough to hold the elements. This function returns its input argument, unless the set is empty, in which case it returns <code>NULL</code>.

```
T minimum()
```

Return the minimum element in the set, as determined by the comparison function. For an empty set, the result is undefined.

```
T maximum()
```

Return the maximum element in the set, as determined by the comparison function. For an empty set, the result is undefined.

```
BPatch Set<T,Compare>& operator+= (const T&)
```

Add the given object to the set.

```
BPatch_Set<T,Compare>& operator|= (const BPatch_Set<T,Compare>&)

Set union operator. Assign the result of the union to the set on the left hand side.

BPatch_Set<T,Compare>& operator&= (const BPatch_Set<T,Compare>&)

Set intersection operator. Assign the result of the intersection to the set on the left hand side.

BPatch_Set<T,Compare>& operator-= (const BPatch_Set<T,Compare>&)

Set difference operator. Assign the difference of the sets to the set on the left hand side.

BPatch_Set<T,Compare> operator| (const BPatch_Set<T,Compare>&)

Set union operator.

BPatch_Set<T,Compare> operator& (const BPatch_Set<T,Compare>&)

Set intersection operator.

BPatch_Set<T,Compare> operator- (const BPatch_Set<T,Compare>&)
```

4.26 Memory Access Classes

Instrumentation points created through findPoint(const std::set<BPatch_opCode>& ops) get memory access information attached to them. This information is used by the memory access snippets, but is also available to the API user. The classes that encapsulate memory access information are contained in the BPatch_memoryAccess_NP.h header.

4.26.1 Class BPatch_memoryAccess

Set difference operator.

This class encapsulates a memory access abstraction. It contains information that describes the memory access type: read, write, read/write, or prefetch. It also contains information that allows the effective address and the number of bytes transferred to be determined.

```
bool isALoad_NP()
    Returns true if the memory access is a load (memory is read into a register).
bool isAStore_NP()
```

Returns true if the memory access is write. Some machine instructions may both load and store.

```
bool isAPrefetch NP()
```

Returns true if memory access is a prefetch (i.e, it has no observable effect on user registers). It this returns true, the instruction is considered neither load nor store. *Prefetches are detected only on IA32*.

```
short prefetchType NP()
```

If the memory access is a prefetch, this method returns a platform specific prefetch type.

```
BPatch addrSpec NP getStartAddr NP()
```

Return an address specification that allows the effective address of a memory reference to be computed. For example, on the x86 platform a memory access instruction operand may contain a base register, an index register, a scaling value, and a constant base. The BPatch addrSpec NP describes each of these values.

```
BPatch countSpec NP getByteCount NP()
```

Return a specification that describes the number of bytes transferred by the memory access.

4.26.2 Class BPatch_addrSpec_NP

This class encapsulates the information required to determine an effective address at runtime. The general representation for an address is a sum of two registers and a constant; this may change in future releases. Some architectures use only certain bits of a register (e.g. bits 25:31 of XER register on the Power chip family); these are represented as pseudo-registers. The numbering scheme for registers and pseudo-registers is implementation dependent and should not be relied upon; it may change in future releases.

```
int getImm()
```

Return the constant offset. This may be positive or negative.

```
int getReg(unsigned i)
```

Return the register number for the i^{th} register in the sum, where $0 \le i \le 2$. Register numbers are positive; a value of -1 means no register.

```
int getScale()
```

Returns any scaling factor used in the memory address computation.

4.26.3 Class BPatch_countSpec_NP

This class encapsulates the information required to determine the number of bytes transferred by a memory access.

4.27 Type System

The Dyninst type system is based on the notion of structural equivalence. Structural equivalence was selected to allow the system the greatest flexibility in allowing users to write mutators that work with applications compiled both with and without debugging symbols enabled. Using the create* methods of the BPatch class, a mutator can construct type definitions for existing mutatee structures. This information allows a mutator to read and write complex types even if the application program has been compiled without debugging information. However, if the application has been compiled with debugging information, Dyninst will verify the type compatibility of the operations performed by the mutator.

The rules for type computability are that two types must be of the same storage class (i.e. arrays are only compatible with other arrays) to be type compatible. For each storage class, the following additional requirements must be met for two types to be compatible:

```
Bpatch dataScalar
```

Scalars are compatible if their names are the same (as defined by strcmp) and their sizes are the same.

```
BPatch dataPointer
```

Pointers are compatible if the types they point to are compatible.

```
BPatch_dataFunc
```

Functions are compatible if their return types are compatible, they have same number of parameters, and position by position each element of the parameter list is type compatible.

```
BPatch dataArray
```

Arrays are compatible if they have the same number of elements (regardless of their lower and upper bounds) and the base element types are type compatible.

```
BPatch dataEnumerated
```

Enumerated types are compatible if they have the same number of elements and the identifiers of the elements are the same.

```
BPatch_dataStructure BPatch_dataUnion
```

Structures and unions are compatible if they have the same number of constituent parts (fields) and item by item each field is type compatible with the corresponds field of the other type.

In addition, if either of the types is the type BPatch_unknownType, then the two types are compatible. Variables in mutatee programs that have not been compiled with debugging symbols (or in the symbols are in a format that the Dyninst library does not recognize) will be of type BPatch_unknownType.

5. USING DYNINSTAPI WITH THE COMPONENT LIBRARIES

In this section, we describe how to access the underlying component library abstractions from corresponding Dyninst abstractions. The component libraries (SymtabAPI, InstructionAPI, ParseAPI, and PatchAPI) often provide greater functionality and cleaner interfaces than Dyninst, and thus users may wish to use a mix of abstractions. In general, users may access component library abstractions via a convert function, which is overloaded and namespaced to give consistent behavior. The definitions of all component library abstractions are located in the appropriate documentation.

```
PatchAPI::PatchMgrPtr PatchAPI::convert(BPatch_addressSpace *);
PatchAPI::PatchObject *PatchAPI::convert(BPatch_object *);
ParseAPI::CodeObject *ParseAPI::convert(BPatch_object *);
SymtabAPI::Symtab *SymtabAPI::convert(BPatch_object *);
SymtabAPI::Module *SymtabAPI::convert(BPatch_module *);
PatchAPI::PatchFunction *PatchAPI::convert(BPatch_function *);
ParseAPI::Function *ParseAPI::convert(BPatch_function *);
PatchAPI::PatchBlock *PatchAPI::convert(BPatch_basicBlock *);
ParseAPI::Block *ParseAPI::convert(BPatch_basicBlock *);
PatchAPI::PatchEdge *PatchAPI::convert(BPatch_edge *);
PatchAPI::Point *PatchAPI::convert(BPatch_edge *);
PatchAPI::Point *PatchAPI::convert(BPatch_point *, BPatch_callWhen);
PatchAPI::SnippetPtr PatchAPI::convert(BPatch_snippet *);
SymtabAPI::Type *SymtabAPI::convert(BPatch_type *);
```

6. USING THE API

In this section, we describe the steps needed to compile your mutator and mutatee programs and to run them. First we give you an overview of the major steps and then we explain each one in detail.

6.1 Overview of Major Steps

To use Dyninst, you have to:

- (1) Build and install DyninstAPI (Section 6.2): You will need to build and install the DyninstAPI library.
- (2) Create a mutator program (Section 6.3): You need to create a program that will modify some other program. For an example, see the mutator shown in Appendix A .

- (3) Set up the mutatee (Section 6.4): On some platforms, you need to link your application with Dyninst's run time instrumentation library. [NOTE: This step is only needed in the current release of the API. Future releases will eliminate this restriction.]
- (4) Run the mutator (Section 6.5): The mutator will either create a new process or attach to an existing one (depending on the whether createProcess or attachProcess is used).

Sections 6.2 through 6.5 explain these steps in more detail.

6.2 Building and Installing DyninstAPI

This section describes how to build and install Dyninst, which can be downloaded from http://www.dyninst.org. You may either download source code or an installation package; if you choose to use an installation package, you should run the installation package and then skip to section 6.3.

6.2.1 Building on UNIX

Building Dyninst on UNIX platforms is a four step process that involves: unpacking the Dyninst source, installing any Dyninst dependencies, configuring paths in make.config.local, and running the build.

Dyninst's source code is packaged in a tar.gz format. If your Dyninst source tarball is called srcDist_v8.0.tar.gz, then you could extract it with the command tar -xzvf srcDist_v8.0.tar.gz. This will create a source directory dyninst-8.0.

Dyninst has several dependencies, including libdwarf, libelf, and boost. The libelf and boost packages can often be found as part of a distribution.

At the time of this writing the libdwarf Linux package could be found at:

• libdwarf - http://reality.sgiweb.org/davea/dwarf.html

Once the dependencies for Dyninst have been installed, Dyninst must be configured to know where to find these packages. This can be done with the configure script located in the root of the Dyninst source directory; run ./configure --help for a current list of options.

The LD_LIBRARY_PATH variable should be set in a way that it includes *libdwarf home directory*/lib and, if configuration options were used, the location specified by --exec-prefix.

Once configuration is complete execute make install to build Dyninst and install it to the directory you specified.

6.2.2 Building on Windows

Dyninst for Windows is built with Microsoft Visual Studio 2010 project and solution files. Building Dyninst for Windows is similar to UNIX in that it is a four step process: Unpack the DyninstAPI source code, install Dyninst's package dependencies, configure Visual Studio to use the dependencies, and run the build system.

Dyninst source code is distributed as part of a tar.gz package. Most popular unzipping programs are capable of handling this format. Extracting the Dyninst tarball results in two directories: dyninst and scripts.

6.3 Creating a Mutator Program

The first step in using Dyninst is to create a mutator program. The mutator program specifies the mutatee (either by naming an executable to start or by supplying a process ID for an existing process). In addition, your mutator will include the calls to the API library to modify the mutatee. For the rest of this section, we assume that the mutator is the sample program given in Appendix A - Complete Examples. The following fragment of a Makefile shows how to link your mutator program with the Dyninst library on most platforms:

```
# DYNINST_INCLUDE and DYNINST_LIB should be set to locations
# where Dyninst header and library files were installed, respectively
retee.o: retee.c
$(CC) -c $(CFLAGS) -I$(DYNINST_INCLUDE) retee.c -std=c++0x
retee: retee.o
$(CC) retee.o -L$(DYNINST_LIB) -ldyninstAPI -o retee -std=c++0x
```

On Linux, the options <code>-lelf</code> and <code>-ldwarf</code> may be required at the link step. You will also need to make sure that the <code>LD_LIBRARY_PATH</code> environment variable includes the directory that contains the Dyninst shared library. If libdwarf was specified as a static library, you will need to add the following link options:

```
ld: -export-dynamic --whole-archive -ldwarf --no-whole-archive
g++: -rdynamic -Wl,--whole-archive -ldwarf -Wl,--no-whole-archive
```

Since Dyninst uses the C++11x standard, you will also need to enable this option for your compiler. For GCC versions 4.3 and later, this is done by specifying -std=c++0x. For GCC versions 4.7 and later, this is done by specifying -std=c++11.

Some of these libraries, such as libdwarf and libelf, may not be standard on various platforms. Check the README file in dyninst/dyninstAPI for more information on where to find these libraries.

Under Windows NT, the mutator also needs to be linked with the dbghelp library, which is included in the Microsoft Platform SDK. Below is a fragment from a Makefile for Windows NT:

```
# DYNINST_INCLUDE and DYNINST_LIB should be set to locations
# where Dyninst header and library files were installed, respectively

CC = cl

retee.obj: retee.c
    $(CC) -c $(CFLAGS) -I$(DYNINST_INCLUDE)/h

retee.exe: retee.obj
    link -out:retee.exe retee.obj $(DYNINST_LIB)\libdyninstAPI.lib \
    dbghelp.lib
```

6.4 Setting Up the Application Program (mutatee)

On most platforms, any additional code that your mutator might need to call in the mutatee (for example files containing instrumentation functions that were too complex to write directly using the API) can be put into a dynamically loaded shared library, which your mutator program can load into the mutatee at runtime using the loadLibrary member function of BPatch_process.

To locate the runtime library that Dyninst needs to load into your program, an additional environment variable must be set. The variable <code>DYNINSTAPI_RT_LIB</code> should be set to the full pathname of the run time instrumentation library, which should be:

```
NOTE: DYNINST_LIB should be set to the location where Dyninst library files were installed $(DYNINST_LIB)/libdyninstAPI_RT.so(UNIX) %DYNINST_LIB/libdyninstAPI_RT.dll(Windows)
```

6.5 Running the Mutator

At this point, you should be ready to run your application program with your mutator. For example, to start the sample program shown in Appendix A - Complete Examples:

```
% retee foo <pid>
```

6.6 Optimizing Dyninst Performance

This section describes how to tune Dyninst for optimum performance. During the course of a run, Dyninst will perform several types of analysis on the binary, make safety assumptions about instrumentation that is inserted, and rewrite the binary (perhaps several times). Given some guid-

ance from the user, Dyninst can make assumptions about what work it needs to do and can deliver significant performance improvements.

There are two areas of Dyninst performance users typically care about. First, the time it takes Dyninst to parse and instrument a program. This is typically the time it takes Dyninst to start and analyze a program, and the time it takes to modify the program when putting in instrumentation. Second, many users care about the time instrumentation takes in the modified mutatee. This time is highly dependent on both the amount and type of instrumentation put it, but it is still possible to eliminate some of the Dyninst overhead around the instrumentation.

The following subsections describe techniques for improving the performance of these two areas.

6.6.1 Optimizing Mutator Performance

CPU time in the Dyninst mutator is usually consumed by either parsing or instrumenting binaries. When a new binary is loaded, Dyninst will analyze the code looking for instrumentation points, global variables, and attempting to identify functions in areas of code that may not have symbols. Upon user request, Dyninst will also parse debug information from the binary, which includes local variable, line, and type information.

All of these items are parsed lazily, that is Dyninst won't try to generate this information until it is requested. Information is parsed on a per-library basis, so a request for information about a specific library function will cause Dyninst to parse information about all functions in that library. Much of the Dyninst parsing performance problems can be removed, or mitigated, by structuring the mutator application so that it only requests information from Dyninst if and when it needs it.

Not all operations require Dyninst to trigger parsing. Some common operations that lead to parsing are:

- Requesting a BPatch_point object
- Any operation on a BPatch_function other than getting its name

Debugging information is lazily parsed separately from the rest of the binary parsing. Accessing line, type, or local variable information will cause Dyninst to parse the debug information for all three of these.

Another common source of mutator time is spent re-writing the mutatee to add instrumentation. When instrumentation is inserted into a function, Dyninst may need to rewrite some or all of the function to fit the instrumentation in. If multiple pieces of instrumentation are being inserted into a function, Dyninst may need to rewrite that function multiple times.

If the user knows that they will be inserting multiple pieces of instrumentation into one function, they can batch the instrumentation into one bundle, so that the function will only be re-written once, using the BPatch process::beginInsertionSet and BPatch process::endInser-

tionSet functions (see section 4.4). Using these functions can result in a significant performance win when inserting instrumentation in many locations.

To use the insertion set functions, add a call to beginInsertionSet before inserting instrumentation. Dyninst will start buffering up all instrumentation insertions. After the last piece of instrumentation is inserted, call finalizeInsertionSet, and all instrumentation will be atomically inserted into the mutatee, with each function being rewritten at most once.

6.6.2 Optimizing Mutatee Performance

As instrumentation is inserted into a mutatee, it will start to run slower. The slowdown is heavily influenced by three factors: the number of points being instrumented, the instrumentation itself, and the Dyninst overhead around each piece of instrumentation. The Dyninst overhead comes from pieces of protection code (described in more detail below) that do things such as saving/restoring registers around instrumentation, checking for instrumentation recursion, and performing thread safety checks.

The factor by which Dyninst overhead influences mutatee run-time depends on the type of instrumentation being inserted. When inserting instrumentation that runs a memory cache simulator, the Dyninst overhead may be negligible. On the other-hand, when inserting instrumentation that increments a counter, the Dyninst overhead will dominate the time spent in instrumentation. Remember, optimizing the instrumentation being inserted may sometimes be more important than optimizing the Dyninst overhead. Many users have had success writing tools that make use of Dyninst's ability to dynamically remove instrumentation as a performance improvement.

The instrumentation overhead results from safety and correctness checks inserted by Dyninst around instrumentation. Dyninst will automatically attempt to remove as much of this overhead as possible, however it sometimes must make a conservative decision to leave the overhead in. Given additional, user-provided information Dyninst can make better choices about what safety checks to leave in. An unoptimized post-Dyninst 5.0 instrumentation snippet looks like the following:

Save General Purpose Registers	In order to ensure that instrumentation doesn't corrupt the program, Dyninst saves all live gen-
	eral purpose registers.
	Dyninst may decide to separately save any
Save Floating Point Registers	floating point registers that may be corrupted
	by instrumentation.
	Dyninst builds a stack frame for instrumentation
Generate A Stack Frame	to run under. This provides the illusion to in-
	strumentation that it is running as its own func-

	tion.
Calculate Thread Index	Calculate an index value that identifies the current thread. This is primarily used as input to the Trampoline Guard.
Test and Set Trampoline Guard	Test to see if we are already recursively executing under instrumentation, and skip the user instrumentation if we are.
Execute User Instrumentation	Execute any BPatch_snippet code.
Unset Trampoline Guard	Marks the this thread as no longer being in instrumentation
Clean Stack Frame	Clean the stack frame that was generated for instrumentation.
Restore Floating Point Registers	Restore the floating point registers to their original state.
Restore General Purpose Registers	Restore the general purpose registers to their original state.

Dyninst will attempt to eliminate as much of its overhead as is possible. The Dyninst user can assist Dyninst by doing the following:

• Write BPatch_snippet code that avoids making function calls. Dyninst will attempt to perform analysis on the user written instrumentation to determine which general purpose and floating point registers can be saved. It is difficult to analyze function calls that may be nested arbitrarily deep. Dyninst will not analyze any deeper than two levels of function calls before assuming that the instrumentation clobbers all registers and it needs to save everything.

In addition, not making function calls from instrumentation allows Dyninst to eliminate its tramp guard and thread index calculation. Instrumentation that does not make a function call cannot recursively execute more instrumentation.

- Call BPatch::setTrampRecursive(true) if instrumentation cannot execute recursively. If instrumentation must make a function call, but will not execute recursively, then enable trampoline recursion. This will cause Dyninst to stop generating a trampoline guard and thread index calculation on all future pieces of instrumentation. An example of instrumentation recursion would be instrumenting a call to write with instrumentation that calls printf—write will start calling printf printf will re-call write.
- Call BPatch::setSaveFPR(false) if instrumentation will not clobber floating point registers. This will cause Dyninst to stop saving floating point registers, which can be a significant win on some platforms.
- Use simple BPatch_snippet objects when possible. Dyninst will attempt to recognize, peep-hole optimize, and simplify frequently used code snippets when it finds them. For example, on x86 based platforms Dyninst will recognize snippets that do operations like 'var = constant' or 'var++' and turn these into optimized assembly instructions that take advantage of CISC machine instructions.
- Call BPatch::setInstrStackFrames (false) before inserting instrumentation that does not need to set up stack frames. Dyninst allows you to force stack frames to be generated for all instrumentation. This is useful for some applications (e.g., debugging your

- instrumentation code) but allowing Dyninst to omit stack frames wherever possible will improve performance. This flag is false by default; it should be enabled for as little instrumentation as possible in order to maximize the benefit from optimizing away stack frames.
- **Avoid conditional instrumentation wherever possible.** Conditional logic in your instrumentation makes it more difficult to avoid saving the state of the flags.
- **Avoid unnecessary instrumentation.** Dyninst provides you with all kinds of information that you can use to select only the points of actual interest for instrumentation. Use this information to instrument as selectively as possible. The best way to optimize your instrumentation, ultimately, is to know *a priori* that it was unnecessary and not insert it.

APPENDIX A - COMPLETE EXAMPLES

In this section we show two complete examples: the program from Section 3 and a complete Dyninst program, retee.

```
#include "BPatch.h"
#include "BPatch addressSpace.h"
#include "BPatch_process.h"
#include "BPatch binaryEdit.h"
#include "BPatch function.h"
#include "BPatch_point.h"
#include "BPatch flowGraph.h"
#include <string>
// Example 1: create an instance of class BPatch
BPatch bpatch;
// Example 2: attaching, creating, or opening a file for rewrite
typedef enum {
  create,
  attach,
  open } accessType t;
BPatch addressSpace *startInstrumenting(accessType t accessType,
                              const char *name,
                              int pid, // For attach
                              const char *argv[]) { // For create
  BPatch addressSpace *handle = NULL;
  switch (accessType) {
  case create:
   handle = bpatch.processCreate(name, argv);
   break;
  case attach:
   handle = bpatch.processAttach(name, pid);
   break;
  case open:
   handle = bpatch.openBinary(name);
   break;
  }
  return handle;
// Example 2: find the entry point for "InterestingProcedure"
std::vector<BPatch point *> *findEntryPoint(BPatch addressSpace *app) {
  std::vector<BPatch function *> functions;
  std::vector<BPatch point *> *points;
  BPatch image *appImage = app->getImage();
  appImage->findFunction("InterestingProcedure", functions);
  points = functions[0]->findPoint(BPatch entry);
  return points;
// Example 3: create and insert an increment snippet
void createAndInsertSnippet(BPatch addressSpace *app,
                      std::vector<BPatch point *> *points) {
  BPatch image *appImage = app->getImage();
```

```
BPatch variableExpr *intCounter = app->malloc(*(appImage->findType("int")));
  BPatch arithExpr addOne(BPatch assign, *intCounter,
                    BPatch arithExpr(BPatch plus,
                                                                   *intCounter,
BPatch constExpr(1)));
  app->insertSnippet(addOne, *points);
// Example 4: finish things up (continue or write out)
void finishInstrumenting(BPatch addressSpace *app, const char *newName) {
  BPatch process *appProc = dynamic cast<BPatch process *>(app);
  BPatch binaryEdit *appBin = dynamic cast<BPatch binaryEdit *>(app);
  if (appProc) {
    appProc->continueExecution();
    while (!appProc->isTerminated()) {
     bpatch.waitForStatusChange();
  if (appBin) {
    appBin->writeFile(newName);
}
// Example 5: binary analysis
int binaryAnalysis(BPatch addressSpace *app) {
  BPatch image *appImage = app->getImage();
  int insns access memory = 0;
  std::vector<BPatch function *> funcs;
  appImage->findFunction("InterestingProcedure", funcs);
  BPatch flowGraph *fg = funcs[0]->getCFG();
  std::set<BPatch basicBlock *> blocks;
  fg->getAllBasicBlocks(blocks);
  std::set<BPatch_basicBlock *>::iterator block iter;
  for (block iter = blocks.begin(); block iter != blocks.end(); ++block iter)
    BPatch basicBlock *block = *block iter;
    std::vector<Dyninst::InstructionAPI::Instruction::Ptr> insns;
   block->getInstructions(insns);
    std::vector<Dyninst::InstructionAPI::Instruction::Ptr>::iterator
insn iter;
    for (insn iter = insns.begin(); insn iter != insns.end(); ++insn iter) {
      Dyninst::InstructionAPI::Instruction::Ptr insn = *insn iter;
      if (insn->readsMemory() || insn->writesMemory()) {
      insns access memory++;
  }
  return insns access memory;
// Example 6: memory instrumentation
void instrumentMemory(BPatch addressSpace *app) {
  BPatch image *appImage = app->getImage();
```

```
// We're interested in loads and stores
  BPatch Set<BPatch opCode> accessTypes;
  accessTypes.insert(BPatch opLoad);
  accessTypes.insert(BPatch opStore);
  // Get points for each load and store
  std::vector<BPatch function *> funcs;
  appImage->findFunction("InterestingProcedure", funcs);
  std::vector<BPatch point *> *points = funcs[0]->findPoint(accessTypes);
  // Create a snippet that calls printf with each effective address
  std::vector<BPatch snippet *> printfArgs;
  BPatch snippet *fmt = new BPatch constExpr("Access at: 0x%lx\n");
  printfArgs.push back(fmt);
  BPatch snippet \overline{*}eae = new BPatch effectiveAddressExpr;
  printfArgs.push back(eae);
  std::vector<BPatch function *> printfFuncs;
  appImage->findFunction("printf", printfFuncs);
  BPatch funcCallExpr printfCall(*(printfFuncs[0]), printfArgs);
  app->insertSnippet(printfCall, *points);
}
int main() {
  const char *progName = "InterestingProgram"; // = ...
  int progPID = 42; // = ...
  const char *progArgv[] = {"InterestingProgram", "-h", NULL}; // = ...
  // Example 1: create/attach/open a binary
  BPatch addressSpace *app = startInstrumenting(create, // or attach or open
                                    progName,
                                    progPID,
                                    progArgv);
  // Example 2: get entry point
  std::vector<BPatch point *> *entryPoint = findEntryPoint(app);
  // Example 3: create and insert increment snippet
  createAndInsertSnippet(app, entryPoint);
  // Example 4: finish up instrumenting
  finishInstrumenting(app, progName);
  // Example 5: get a count of memory accesses
  int insns access memory = binaryAnalysis(app);
  // Example 6: instrument memory accesses
  instrumentMemory(app);
  return 0;
}
```

The second example is a program called "re-tee." It takes three arguments: the pathname of an executable program, the process id of a running instance of the same program, and a file name. It

adds code to the running program that copies to the named file all output that the program writes to its standard output file descriptor. In this way it works like "tee," which passes output along to its own standard out while also saving it in a file. The motivation for the example program is that you run a program, and it starts to print copious lines of output to your screen, and you wish to save that output in a file without having to re-run the program.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include "BPatch.h"
#include "BPatch point.h"
#include "BPatch process.h"
#include "BPatch function.h"
#include "std::vector.h"
#include "BPatch thread.h"
* retee.C
 * This program (mutator) provides an example of several facets of
 * Dyninst's behavior, and is a good basis for many Dyninst
 * mutators. We want to intercept all output from a target application
 * (the mutatee), duplicating output to a file as well as the
 * original destination (e.g., stdout).
 * This mutator operates in several phases. In brief:
 * 1) Attach to the running process and get a handle (BPatch process
     object)
 * 2) Get a handle for the parsed image of the mutatee for function
      lookup (BPatch image object)
  3) Open a file for output
      3a) Look up the "open" function
      3b) Build a code snippet to call open with the file name.
      3c) Run that code snippet via a oneTimeCode, saving the returned
         file descriptor
 * 4) Write the returned file descriptor into a memory variable for
     mutatee-side use
 * 5) Build a snippet that copies output to the file
      5a) Locate the "write" library call
      5b) Access its parameters
      5c) Build a snippet calling write(fd, parameters)
      5d) Insert the snippet at write
 * 6) Add a hook to exit to ensure that we close the file (using
      a callback at exit and another oneTimeCode)
 * /
void usage() {
    fprintf(stderr, "Usage: retee cess pid> <filename>\n");
    fprintf(stderr, " note: <filename> is relative to the application pro-
cess.\n");
}
// We need to use a callback, and so the things that callback requires
// are made global - this includes the file descriptor snippet (see below)
BPatch variableExpr *fdVar = NULL;
// Before we add instrumentation, we need to open the file for
```

```
// writing. We can do this with a oneTimeCode - a piece of code run at
// a particular time, rather than at a particular location.
int openFileForWrite(BPatch process *app, BPatch image *appImage, char
*fileName) {
    // The code to be generated is:
    // fd = open(argv[2], O WRONLY|O CREAT, 0666);
    // (1) Find the open function
    std::vector<BPatch function *>openFuncs;
    appImage->findFunction("open", openFuncs);
    if (openFuncs.size() == 0) {
        fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: Unable to find function for open()\n");
        return -1;
    }
    // (2) Allocate a vector of snippets for the parameters to open
    std::vector<BPatch snippet *> openArgs;
    // (3) Create a string constant expression from argv[3]
    BPatch constExpr fileNameExpr(fileName);
    // (4) Create two more constant expressions WRONLY|O CREAT and 0666
    BPatch constExpr fileFlagsExpr(O WRONLY|O CREAT);
    BPatch constExpr fileModeExpr(0666);
    // (5) Push 3 & 4 onto the list from step 2, push first to last parameter.
    openArgs.push back(&fileNameExpr);
    openArgs.push back(&fileFlagsExpr);
    openArgs.push back(&fileModeExpr);
    // (6) create a procedure call using function found at 1 and
    // parameters from step 5.
    BPatch funcCallExpr openCall(*openFuncs[0], openArgs);
    // (7) The oneTimeCode returns whatever the return result from
    // the BPatch snippet is. In this case, the return result of
    // open -> the file descriptor.
   void *openFD = app->oneTimeCode( openCall );
    // oneTimeCode returns a void *, and we want an int file handle
    return (int) (long) openFD;
}
// We have used a oneTimeCode to open the file descriptor. However,
// this returns the file descriptor to the mutator - the mutatee has
// no idea what the descriptor is. We need to allocate a variable in
// the mutatee to hold this value for future use and copy the
// (mutator-side) value into the mutatee variable.
// Note: there are alternatives to this technique. We could have
// allocated the variable before the oneTimeCode and augmented the
// snippet to do the assignment. We could also write the file
// descriptor as a constant into any inserted instrumentation.
BPatch variableExpr *writeFileDescIntoMutatee(BPatch process *app,
                                              BPatch image *appImage,
                                              int fileDescriptor) {
    // (1) Allocate a variable in the mutatee of size (and type) int
    BPatch variableExpr *fdVar = app->malloc(*appImage->findType("int"));
```

```
if (fdVar == NULL) return NULL;
    // (2) Write the value into the variable
    // Like memcpy, writeValue takes a pointer
    // The third parameter is for functionality called "saveTheWorld",
    // which we don't worry about here (and so is false)
   bool ret = fdVar->writeValue((void *) &fileDescriptor, sizeof(int),
                                  false);
    if (ret == false) return NULL;
   return fdVar;
}
// We now have an open file descriptor in the mutatee. We want to
// instrument write to intercept and copy the output. That happens
// here.
bool interceptAndCloneWrite(BPatch process *app,
                            BPatch image *appImage,
                            BPatch variableExpr *fdVar) {
    // (1) Locate the write call
    std::vector<BPatch function *> writeFuncs;
    appImage->findFunction("write",
                           writeFuncs);
    if(writeFuncs.size() == 0) {
        fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: Unable to find function for write()\n");
        return false;
    // (2) Build the call to (our) write. Arguments are:
    // ours: fdVar (file descriptor)
// parameter: buffer
    // parameter: buffer size
    // Declare a vector to hold these.
    std::vector<BPatch snippet *> writeArgs;
    // Push on the file descriptor
    writeArgs.push back(fdVar);
    // Well, we need the buffer... but that's a parameter to the
    // function we're implementing. That's not a problem - we can grab
    // it out with a BPatch paramExpr.
    BPatch paramExpr buffer(1); // Second (0, 1, 2) argument
    BPatch paramExpr bufferSize(2);
    writeArgs.push back(&buffer);
    writeArgs.push back(&bufferSize);
    // And build the write call
    BPatch funcCallExpr writeCall(*writeFuncs[0], writeArgs);
    // (3) Identify the BPatch point for the entry of write. We're
    // instrumenting the function with itself; normally the findPoint
    // call would operate off a different function than the snippet.
    std::vector<BPatch point *> *points;
    points = writeFuncs[0]->findPoint(BPatch entry);
    if ((*points).size() == 0) {
        return false;
    }
```

```
// (4) Insert the snippet at the start of write
    return app->insertSnippet(writeCall, *points);
    // Note: we have just instrumented write() with a call to
    // write(). This would ordinarily be a _bad thing_, as there is
// nothing to stop infinite recursion - write -> instrumentation
    // -> write -> instrumentation....
    // However, Dyninst uses a feature called a "tramp guard" to
    // prevent this, and it's on by default.
// This function is called as an exit callback (that is, called
// immediately before the process exits when we can still affect it)
// and thus must match the exit callback signature:
//
// typedef void (*BPatchExitCallback) (BPatch thread *, BPatch exitType)
//
// Note that the callback gives us a thread, and we want a process - but
// each thread has an up pointer.
void closeFile(BPatch thread *thread, BPatch exitType) {
    fprintf(stderr, "Exit callback called for process...\n");
    // (1) Get the BPatch process and BPatch images
    BPatch process *app = thread->getProcess();
    BPatch image *appImage = app->getImage();
    // The code to be generated is:
    // close(fd);
    // (2) Find close
    std::vector<BPatch_function *> closeFuncs;
    appImage->findFunction("close", closeFuncs);
    if (closeFuncs.size() == 0) {
        fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: Unable to find function for close()\n");
        return;
    // (3) Allocate a vector of snippets for the parameters to open
    std::vector<BPatch snippet *> closeArgs;
    // (4) Add the fd snippet - fdVar is global since we can't
    // get it via the callback
    closeArgs.push back(fdVar);
    // (5) create a procedure call using function found at 1 and
    // parameters from step 3.
    BPatch funcCallExpr closeCall(*closeFuncs[0], closeArgs);
    // (6) Use a oneTimeCode to close the file
    app->oneTimeCode(closeCall);
    // (7) Tell the app to continue to finish it off.
    app->continueExecution();
    return;
}
BPatch bpatch;
```

```
// In main we perform the following operations.
// 1) Attach to the process and get BPatch process and BPatch image
   handles
// 2) Open a file descriptor
// 3) Instrument write
// 4) Continue the process and wait for it to terminate
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    int pid;
    if (argc != 3) {
       usage();
       exit(1);
    }
    pid = atoi(argv[1]);
    // Attach to the program - we can attach with just a pid; the
    // program name is no longer necessary
    fprintf(stderr, "Attaching to process %d...\n", pid);
    BPatch process *app = bpatch.processAttach(NULL, pid);
    if (!app) return -1;
    // Read the program's image and get an associated image object
    BPatch image *appImage = app->getImage();
    std::vector<BPatch function*> writeFuncs;
    fprintf(stderr, "Opening file %s for write...\n", argv[2]);
    int fileDescriptor = openFileForWrite(app, appImage, argv[2]);
    if (fileDescriptor == -1) {
        fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: opening file %s for write failed\n",
                argv[2]);
        exit(1);
    }
    fprintf(stderr, "Writing returned file descriptor %d into"
                    "mutatee...\n", fileDescriptor);
    // This was defined globally as the exit callback needs it.
    fdVar = writeFileDescIntoMutatee(app, appImage, fileDescriptor);
    if (fdVar == NULL) {
        fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to write mutatee-side variable\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    fprintf(stderr, "Instrumenting write...\n");
   bool ret = interceptAndCloneWrite(app, appImage, fdVar);
    if (!ret) {
        fprintf(stderr, "ERROR: failed to instrument mutatee\n");
        exit(1);
    fprintf(stderr, "Adding exit callback...\n");
   bpatch.registerExitCallback(closeFile);
    // Continue the execution...
    fprintf(stderr, "Continuing execution and waiting for termination\n");
    app->continueExecution();
```

APPENDIX B - RUNNING THE TEST CASES

This section describes how to run the Dyninst test cases. The primary purpose of the test cases is to verify that the API has been installed correctly (and for use in regression testing by the developers of the Dyninst library). The code may also be of use to others since it provides a fairly complete example of how to call most of the API methods. The test suite consists of mutator programs and their associated mutatee programs.

To compile the test suite, type make in the appropriate platform specific directory under dyninst/testsuite. To run, execute runTests. Each test will be executed and the result (PASSED/FAILED/CRASHED) printed.

Test mutators are run by the test_driver executable (test_driver.exe on Windows). The test_driver loads a mutator test from a shared object and runs it on a test mutatee. A single run of the test_driver may execute multiple tests (depending on parameters passed), and each test may execute multiple times with different parameters and on different mutatees.

Dyninst's test space can be very large. Each mutatee can be run under different tests, compiled by different compilers, and run with different parameters. For example, one point in this space would be the test1 mutatee being run under under test1_13, when compiled with the g++ compiler, and in attach mode. When run without any options, the test_driver will run all test combinations that are valid on the current platform. Many of the options that are passed to test driver can be used to limit the test space that it runs in.

In order to prevent a crashing test from stopping the test_driver from running subsequent tests, test_driver can be run under a wrapper application, runTests. The runTests wrapper invokes the test_driver with the any arguments that were passed to runTests. It will watch the test_driver process, and if test_driver exits with a fault it will print an appropriate error message and restart the test_driver on the next test.

It is generally recommended that runTests be used when running a large sequence of tests, and test driver be used when debugging issues with a single test.

The test_driver and runTests applications can be invoked with the following list of arguments. Most arguments are used to limit the space of tests that the testsuite will run. For example, to run the above test1_13 example, you could use the following command line:

test driver -run test1 13 -mutatee test1.mutatee g++ -attach

-attach

Only run tests that attach to the mutatees.

-create

Only run tests that create mutatees.

-rewriter

Only run tests that rewrite mutatees.

-staticlink

Run rewriter tests that use statically linked mutatees.

-dynamiclink

Run rewriter tests that use dynamically linked mutatees.

-allmode

Run tests for all modes (create, attach, rewriter on statically linked binaries, rewriter on dynamically linked binaries).

Run tests on mutatees built with the specified compiler.

-noclean

Don't remove rewritten mutatees after running rewriter tests.

-all

Run tests for all possible combinations of unoptimized mutatees.

Only run tests for mutatees of the given optimization level.

-allopt

Run tests for all mutatee optimization levels.

-full

Run tests for all possible combinations of mutatees, including all optimization levels. Requires make all to build the optimized mutatees.

```
-dyninst, -symtab, -instruction, -proccontrol, -stackwalker
```

Only run tests for the specified component.

-allcomp

Run tests for all components.

-32, -64

Only run tests for 32-bit or 64-bit mutatees. This option is only valid on platforms such as AMD64/Linux and PowerPC/Linux where both 32-bit and 64-bit build environments are available.

-pic

Only run tests for mutatees compiled as position-independent code. Default is non-PIC mutatees. —all and —full include both.

```
-sp, -mp, -st, -mt
```

ProcControl-specific: run tests in single process, multiprocess, single thread, multithread modes, respectively.

-j n

This option spawns up to n test_driver instances from a given runTests invocation. This option is highly recommended for large test runs.

```
-hosts host1 [host2 ... hostn]
```

In conjunction with the —j option above, will distribute tests over the hosts *host1* ... *hostn*. The hosts must share a filesystem with the machine from which runTests is being run, and ssh must be configured to allow password-less authentication to those hosts. Note that —j controls the total number of test_driver instances, not the number per host, so you will need to use a —j N at least equal to the number of hosts you wish to use.

```
-mutatee <mutatee name>
```

Only run tests that use the specified mutatee name. Only certain mutatees can be run with certain tests. The primary test number specifies which mutatees it can be run with. For example, all of the test1_* tests can be run with the test1.mutatee_* mutatees, and all of the test2_* tests can be run with the test2.mutatee_* mutatees.

```
-run <subtest> <subtest> ...
```

Only runs the specific sub-tests listed. For example, to run sub-test case 4 of test2 you would enter test driver -run test2 4.

-test

Alias for -run.

-log

Print more detailed output, including messages generated by the tests. Without this option the testsuite will capture and hide any messages printed by the test, only showing a summary of whether the test passed or failed. By default, output is sent to stdout.

-logfile <filename>

Send output from the -log option to the given filename rather than to stdout.

-verbose

Enables test suite debugging output. This is useful when trying to track down issues in the test suite or tests.

APPENDIX C - COMMON PITFALLS

This appendix is designed to point out some common pitfalls that users have reported when using the Dyninst system. Many of these are either due to limitations in the current implementations, or reflect design decisions that may not produce the expected behavior from the system.

Attach followed by detach

If a mutator attaches to a mutatee, and immediately exists, the current behavior is that the mutatee is left suspended. To make sure the application continues, call detach with the appropriate flags.

Attaching to a program that has already been modified by Dyninst

If a mutator attaches to a program that has already been modified by a previous mutator, a warning message will be issued. We are working to fix this problem, but the correct semantics are still being specified. Currently, a message is printed to indicate that this has been attempted, and the attach will fail.

Dyninst is event-driven

Dyninst must sometimes handle events that take place in the mutatee, for instance when a new shared library is loaded, or when the mutatee executes a fork or exec. Dyninst handles events when it checks the status of the mutatee, so to allow this the mutator should periodically call one of the functions BPatch::pollForStatusChange, BPatch::wait-ForStatusChange, BPatch_thread::isStopped, or BPatch_thread::isTerminated.

64-bit binaries (AIX)

Dyninst does not support 64-bit binaries on AIX.

Missing or out-of-date DbgHelp DLL (Windows)

Dyninst requires an up-to-date DbgHelp library on Windows. See the section on Windows-specific architectural issues for details.

Portland Compiler Group – missing debug symbols

The Portland Group compiler (pgcc) on Linux produces debug symbols that are not read correctly by Dyninst. The binaries produced by the compiler do not contain the source file information necessary for Dyninst to assign the debug symbols to the correct module.

When Building Dyninst from Source

Commonly, required external libraries and headers (such as libdwarf or libelf) are not found correctly by the compiler. Often, such packages are installed, but outside of the compiler's default search path.

Because of this, we have provided the following extention to our make system. If the file make.config.local exists inside the \$DYNINST_ROOT/dyninst directory, it will automatically be included during the build process.

You can then set the makefile variables FIRST_INCLUDE and FIRST_LIBDIR inside make.config.local. These variables represent the compiler flags used during the compilation and linking phase, respectively. These paths will be searched before any others, insuring that the correct package is used. For example:

FIRST_INCLUDE=-I/usr/local/packages/libelf-0.8.5/include
FIRST_LIBDIR =-L/usr/local/packages/libelf-0.8.5/lib

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