

# UEFI debugging environment construction

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**摘要** This article details how to use QEMU and OVMF images with the GDB tool in a Linux environment to debug the HelloWorld program of MdeModulePkg, including debugging code, compiling the OVMF image, setting the debugging environment, and setting breakpoints for in-depth troubleshooting.

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## QEMU and OVMF image under Linux to debug UEFI program directly with GDB

HelloWorld under MdeModulePkg as the target debugging program as an example.

### Add debugging code in HelloWorld.c

mainly used to assist debugging, such as determining whether symbols are loaded correctly, whether the program is executed correctly, etc.

Header files:

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```
#include <Library/DebugLib.h>
```

Log to obtain the program entry address in the main program UefiMain.

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```
Print(L"HelloWorld:My Entry Point is 0x%08x\n", (CHAR16 *)UefiMain);
```

### Compile the OVMF image

Add HelloWorld to OvmfPkg for easy compilation. Open OvmfPkgX64. **dsc** and add after contents]:

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```
MdeModulePkg/Application/HelloWorld/HelloWorld.inf {
  <LibraryClasses>
  DebugLib|MdePkg/Library/UefiDebugLibConOut/UefiDebugLibConOut.inf
}
```

Compile OVMF:

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```
source edksetup.sh
build -p OvmfPkg/OvmfPkgX64.dsc -t GCC5 -a X64 -b DEBUG
```

### : Prepare the debug folder

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```
mkdir ovmf_dbg
cd ovmf_dbg
mkdir hda-contents
cp ../Build/OvmfX64/DEBUG_GCC5/FV/OVMF.fd ./
cp ../Build/OvmfX64/DEBUG_GCC5/X64/HelloWorld.* ./hda-contents/
```

### : Start QEMU and run UEFI Shell

```
qemu-system-x86_64 -s -pflash OVMF.fd -hadfat:rw:hda-contents/ -net none -debugcon file:debug.log -global isa-debugcon.iobase=0
```

he UEFI shell and execute the HelloWorld.efi program. The content added in step 1 will be printed out. At the same time, check the location where world.efi is loaded in debug.log , which will be used later.

```
fs0:
HelloWorld.efi
```

```
2.70 (EDK II, 0x00010000)
g table
FS0: Alias(s):HD0a1:;BLK1:
      PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1,0x1)/Ata(0x0)/HD(1,MBR,0xBE1AFDFA,0x3F,0xFBFC1)
LK0: Alias(s):
      PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1,0x1)/Ata(0x0)
LK2: Alias(s):
      PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1,0x1)/Ata(0x0)
ESC in 4 seconds to skip startup.nsh or any other key to continue.
fs0:
HelloWorld.efi
world:My Entry Point is 0x061DA21D
ello World!

HelloWorld.efi
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```

```
en: Open '\HelloWorld.efi' Success
en: Open '\HelloWorld.efi' Success
[urity] 3rd party image[0] can be loaded after EndOfDxe: PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1,0x
allProtocolInterface: 5B1B31A1-9562-11D2-8E3F-00A0C969723B 5D41040
ing driver at 0x00005D3E000 EntryPoint=0x00005D3F24B HelloWorld.efi
allProtocolInterface: 8C62157E-3E33-4FEC-9920-2D3B36D750DF 5D88018
allProtocolInterface: 6A1EE763-D47A-43B4-AABE-EF1DE2AB56FC 5D40070
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```

### : Start GDB and mount the debugger

another terminal, enter the subdirectory hda-contents, and start gdb.

```
gdb
```

```
(gdb) file HelloWorld.efi
Reading symbols from HelloWorld.efi...
(No debugging symbols found in HelloWorld.efi)
(gdb) info file
Symbols from "/home/code/edk2/_UDK_gdb/hda-contents/HelloWorld.efi".
Local exec file:
  `/home/code/edk2/_UDK_gdb/hda-contents/HelloWorld.efi',
  file type pei-x86-64.
Entry point: 0x124b
```

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ing to the address of the image loading obtained in the previous step:

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```

ate the offset address of the code segment and the data segment:

$0x5D3E000 + 0x240 = 0x5D3E240$

$0x5D3E000 + 0x240 + 0x1F00 = 0x5D40140$ After

ulation is completed, you can unload the efi file loaded by GDB.

ou can load symbols, set breakpoints , and mount GDB on QEMU to prepare for debugging.

```
(gdb) add-symbol-file HelloWorld.debug 0x5d3e240 -s .data 0x5d40140
add symbol table from file "HelloWorld.debug" at
```

```
.text_addr = 0x5d3e240
.data_addr = 0x5d40140
(y or n) y
Reading symbols from HelloWorld.debug...
(gdb) break UefiMain
Note: breakpoint 1 also set at pc 0x5d3f21d.
```

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```
g symbols from HelloWorld.debug...
break UefiMain
breakpoint 1 also set at pc 0x5d3f21d.
breakpoint 1 also set at pc 0x5d3f238.
point 2 at 0x5d3f21d: UefiMain. (2 locations)
c
Program is not being run.
target remote localhost:1234
debugging using localhost:1234
g: No executable has been specified and target does not support
ining executable automatically. Try using the "file" command.
000006d27061 in ?? ()
c
uing.

point 1, UefiMain (ImageHandle=ImageHandle@entry=0x5d88d18, SystemTable=Sy:
/home/code/edk2/MdeModulePkg/Application/HelloWorld/HelloWorld.c:42
{
c
uing.

point 1, UefiMain (SystemTable=0x75ec018, ImageHandle=0x5d88d18)
/home/code/edk2/MdeModulePkg/Application/HelloWorld/HelloWorld.c:56
Print ((CHAR16 *)PcdGetPtr (PcdHelloWorldPrintString));
c
uing.
```

```
UEFI Interactive Shell v2.2
EDK II
UEFI v2.70 (EDK II, 0x00010000)
Mapping table
FS0: Alias(s):HD0a1::BLK1:
PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1,0x1)/Ata(0x0)/HD(1,Mbr
FS1: Alias(s):F1::BLK3:
PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x3,0x0)/Pci(0x0,0x0)/NVMe
2)
BLK0: Alias(s):
PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1,0x1)/Ata(0x0)
BLK2: Alias(s):
Press ESC in 1 seconds to skip startup.nsh or any other
Shell> fs0:
FS0:\> HelloWorld.efi
HelloWorld:My Entry Point is 0x05D3F21D
UEFI Hello World!
FS0:\>
```

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## : Debug the code

ie environment is ready, you can use gdb to perform various debugging.

ove is an example of debugging a UEFI application. Drivers and applications can be debugged using the same method.

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