

# DTS202TC Fundamentals of Parallel Computing

## Tutorial 3: Introduction of Debugging



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# **Debug: To look for and remove the faults in a computer program**

Setting **Break point** to do the debug

or add the flag **-g** when you use command line or write makefile file

For example: `gcc -Wall -g -o the_name_of_executable_file the_name_of.c_file`

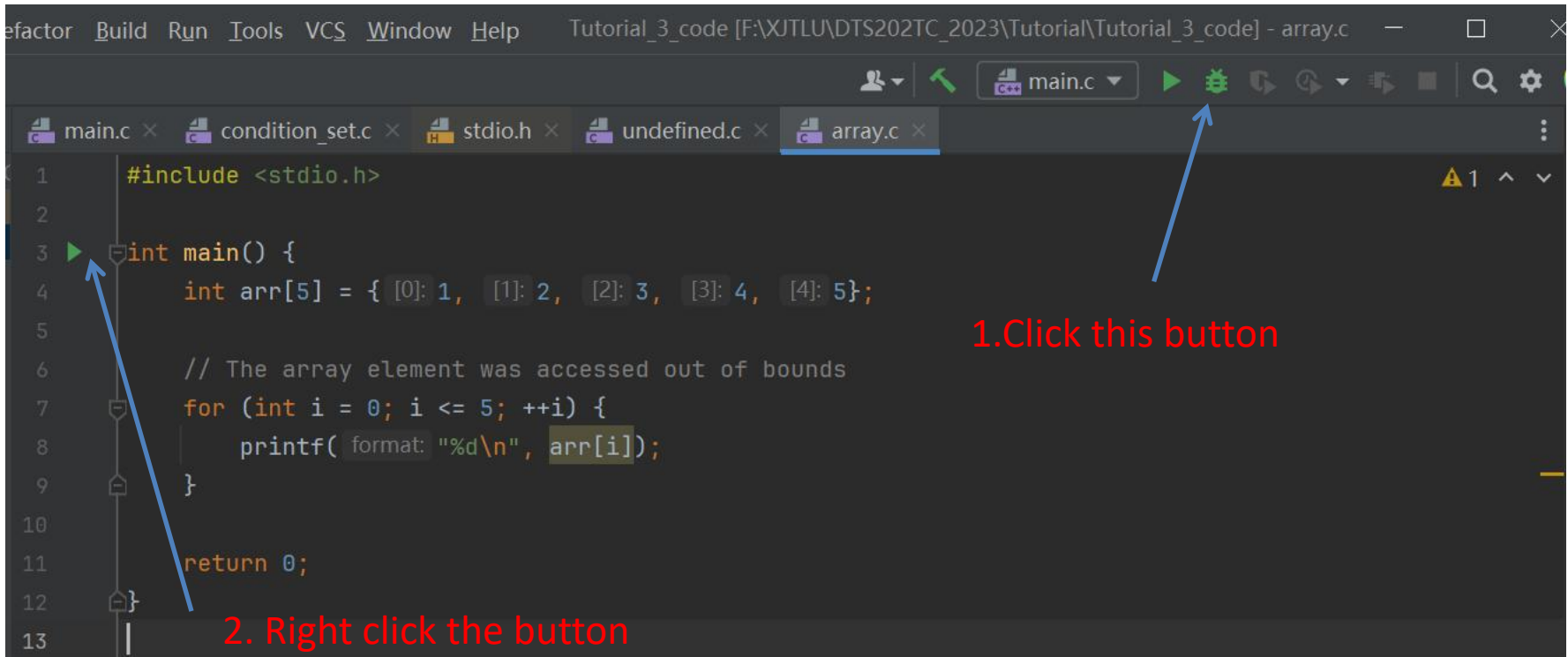
## **What is Break point:**

**Break Point** can be understood as an obstacle.

People cannot walk when encountering an obstacle,  
and the program suspends execution when it encounters a breakpoint.



# The location of debug button



1.Click this button

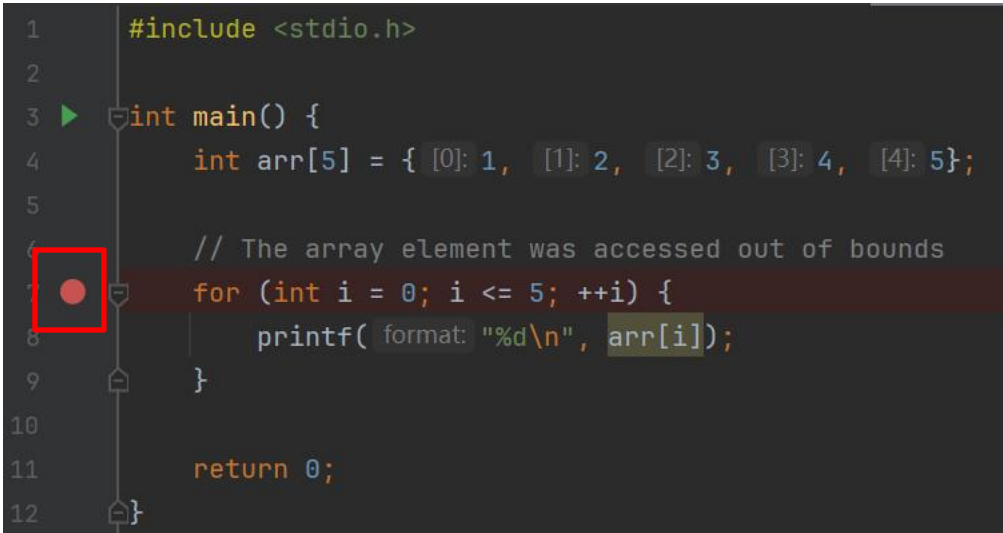
2. Right click the button  
then choose Debug

Make sure that the whole file address is ENGLISH!



# How to set a Break point

Left click the line you want to set the break point



```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int main() {
4      int arr[5] = { [0]: 1, [1]: 2, [2]: 3, [3]: 4, [4]: 5};
5
6      // The array element was accessed out of bounds
7      for (int i = 0; i <= 5; ++i) {
8          printf( format: "%d\n", arr[i]);
9      }
10
11     return 0;
12 }
```

The image shows a code editor with a dark background. A red circle, representing a breakpoint, is placed on the left margin next to line 7 of the code. The code is a C program that includes `<stdio.h>`, defines a `main` function, and declares an array `arr` of size 5 with values 1 through 5. A comment on line 6 indicates that the array element was accessed out of bounds. The `for` loop on line 7 iterates from `i = 0` to `i <= 5`, printing each element of the array. The `printf` statement on line 8 uses a format string `format: "%d\n"` and the array element `arr[i]`. The program ends with `return 0;` on line 11 and a closing brace on line 12.

Break point will hang up the program and Put the program into a special state - the interrupt state

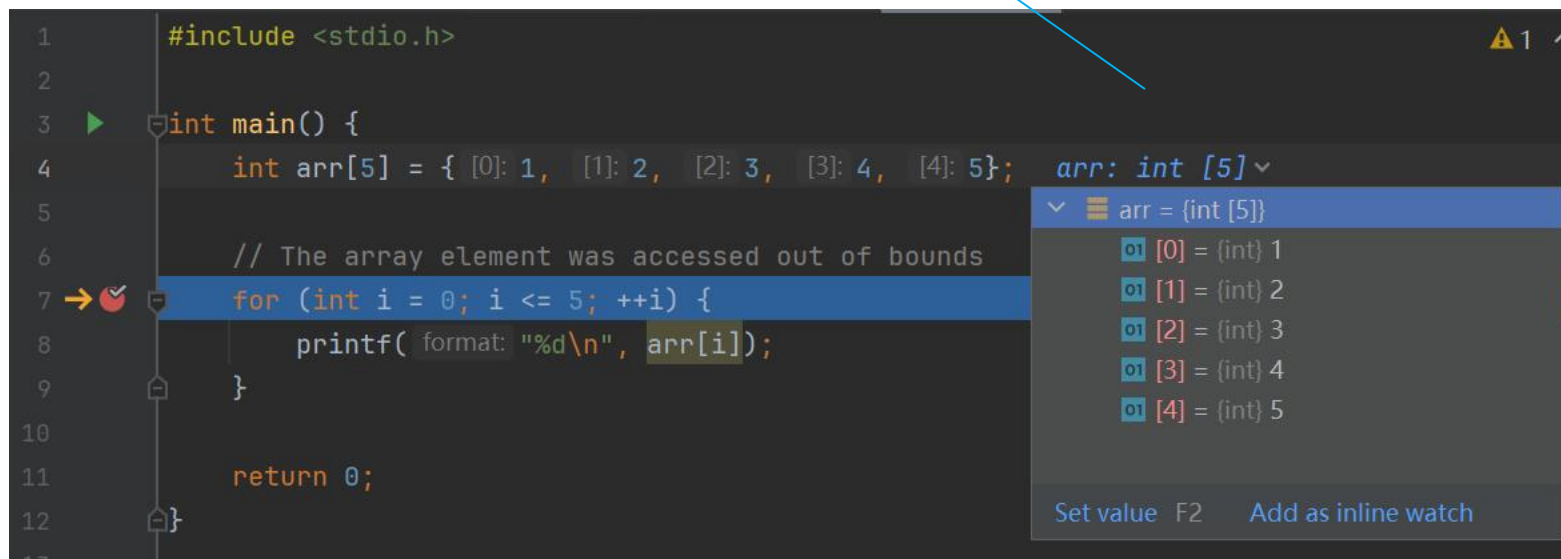
In this state, the program **will not** be stopped and the element will not be deleted like variable.

During the debugging process, multiple breakpoints can be set, and the program will pause every time a breakpoint is encountered during execution



# Things you need to focus while Debugging

During the debugging, the most important thing to do is to check the state of the variable  
In clion, During debugging, the state of the variable will be shown on the right of the variable



The screenshot shows the CLion IDE with a C program being debugged. The code is as follows:

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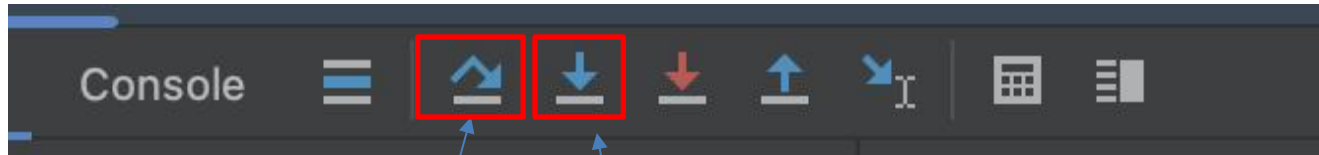
The line `for (int i = 0; i <= 5; ++i) {` is highlighted in blue, indicating it is the current line of execution. A red arrow points to the line, and a blue arrow points to the watch window on the right. The watch window shows the state of the variable `arr`:

- `arr = (int [5])`
- `[0] = (int) 1`
- `[1] = (int) 2`
- `[2] = (int) 3`
- `[3] = (int) 4`
- `[4] = (int) 5`

At the bottom of the watch window, there are buttons for `Set value F2` and `Add as inline watch`.



# Introduction to the interface



To continue debuggin after the break point  
You can click **step over** or **step into**

Here some difference, step over means if you use some package from other .c it will not go into the package but step into means it will go to the package and debug the package

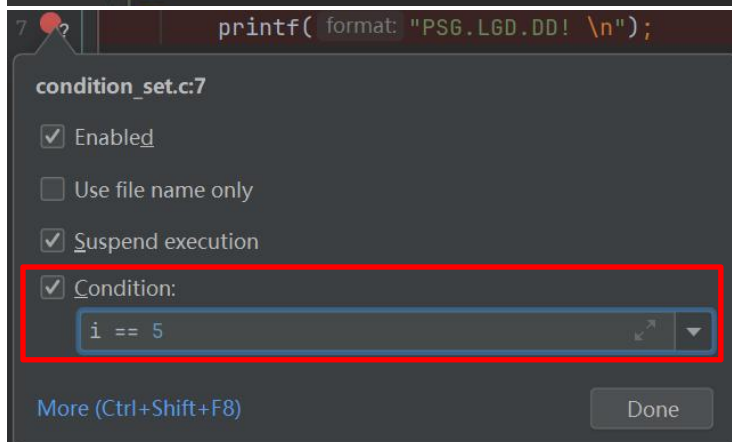


# Process demonstration

To set break point condition

If you have loop and you want to make the break point work on several loops you can set the break point condition

```
1  #include "stdio.h"
2
3  int main(){
4      int p = 10;
5      for (int i = 1; i <= p ; i ++ ){
6          // Insert the condition for loop number
7          printf( format: "PSG.LGD.DD! \n");
8      }
9  }
```

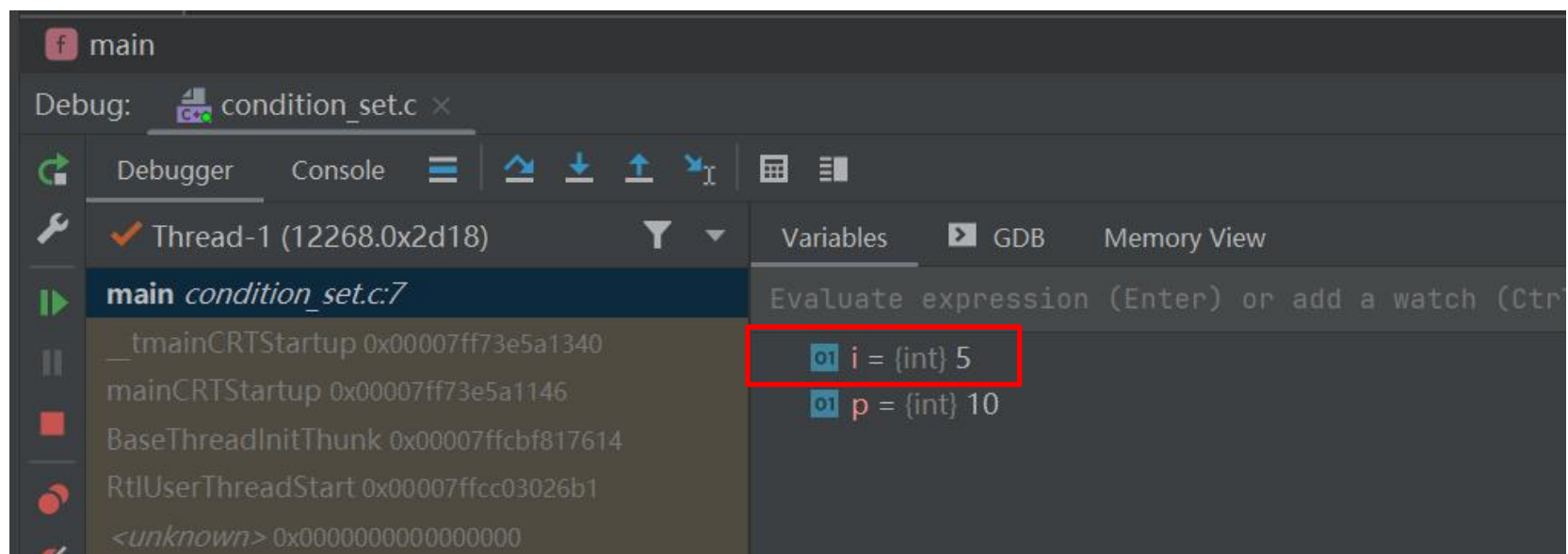


Right click the break point we set and choose the “condition”, then type the condition “i == 5”



# Process demonstration

You can see the program pause at condition  $i = 5$





## Demo 1: Sorting an array

```
1  #include<stdio.h>
2
3  int main()
4  {
5      int arr[] = { [0]: 9, [1]: 8, [2]: 7, [3]: 4, [4]: 5, [5]: 6, [6]: 1, [7]: 2, [8]: 3, [9]: 0 };
6      for (int i = 0; i < 9; i++)
7      {
8          for (int j = 0; j < 9-i; j++)
9          {
10             if (arr[j] > arr[j + 1])
11             {
12                 int temp = arr[j];
13                 arr[j] = arr[j + 1];
14                 arr[j + 1] = temp;
15             }
16         }
17     }
18     for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
19     {
20         printf( format: "%d ", arr[i]);
21     }
22     return 0;
23 }
```

In this code we implement an array from low to high, and try to use the debug function to see the change of different variables in each loop



## Demo 2: Uninitialized variable

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int main() {
4      int x;
5      int y = x + 5; // x is an uninitialized variable
6
7      printf("format: \"%d\\n\", y);
8
9      return 0;
10 }
```

In this code, we do not assign a value to the integer x, and use x to add the value to the integer y, we will use the debug function to explore its output and why



## Other approaches

We also use Try except or ASSERT funtion to do the debug in the program in Python

In C you can also use assert function.

First you should use `#include <assert.h>`

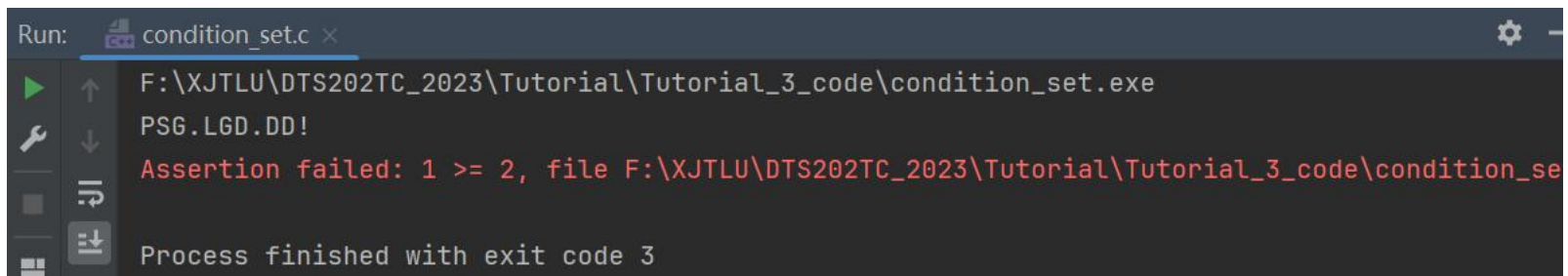
Then write assert:

```
1  #include "stdio.h"
2  #include "assert.h"
3
4  int main(){
5      int p = 10;
6      for (int i = 1; i <= p ; i ++ ){
7          // Insert the condition for loop number
8          printf( format: "PSG.LGD.DD! \n");
9          assert(1 >= 2);
10     }
11 }
```



## Other approaches

Run the program if trigger assert  
It will show like this



```
Run: condition_set.c x
F:\XJTLU\DTS202TC_2023\Tutorial\Tutorial_3_code\condition_set.exe
PSG.LGD.DD!
Assertion failed: 1 >= 2, file F:\XJTLU\DTS202TC_2023\Tutorial\Tutorial_3_code\condition_se
Process finished with exit code 3
```

However I usually write this in case of read file fault or some unexcept problem  
Usually I recommand use break point to do the debugging

