Lab 2.2 Running a Hello World Program in C using GCC

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Overview

The lab helps familiarize you with writing a simple Hello World program using C, the GCC compiler link, and Pico(a text editor, link). It uses Ubuntu VM created in Lab 2.1.Here is lab objective:

- 1. Learn to run a program in gcc.
- 2. Learn to debug a program in qdb.

Open the Terminal in Ubuntu.

1. 安装必要套件

为了完成实验, 我们首先需要安装 gcc 和 gdb, 命令是 sudo apt install build-essential

2. Create 'debug_me.c':

使用 vim, 将题目中的 c 程序放到 debug_me.c 文件中

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3. Invoke gdb to debug 'debug_me.c':

使用 gcc -g debug_me.c -o debug_me 进行编译, 使用 gdb 运行。

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zhuangytfet@zhuangytfet-vtrtual-machine:-/Desktop/test$ ycc -g debug_me.c
zhuangytfet@zhuangytfet-vtrtual-machine:-/Desktop/test$ gcb debug_me
gku gdb (Ubuntu 12.1-0ubuntu1-22.04) 12.1
Copyright (C) 2022 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: CNU GPL version 3 or later <a href="https://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html">https://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html</a>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law.
Type "show copying" and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "x86.64-linux-gnu".
Type "show configuration" for configuration details.
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<a href="https://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/">https://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/></a>
Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
<a href="https://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/">https://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/</a>.

For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
Reading symbols from debug_me...
(gdb)
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4. Run the program inside gdb:

运行 run "hello, world" "goodbye, world", 查看输出。

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Reading symbols from ueoug_me...

(gdb) run "hello, world" "goodbye, world"

Starting program: /home/zhuangytfet/Desktop/test/debug_me "hello, world" "goodbye, world"

[Thread debugging using libthread db enabled]

Using host libthread db library "/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libthread_db.so.1".

String '1' - 'hello, world'

String '2' - 'goodbye, world'

Total number of strings: 3

[Inferior 1 (process 4268) exited normally]
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5. Set breakpoints. You can set breakpoints using two methods:

使用两种方式设置断点。

```
(gdb) break debug_me.c:9
Breakpoint 1 at 0x555555555199: file debug_me.c, line 9.
(gdb) break main
Breakpoint 2 at 0x555555551af: file debug_me.c, line 17.
```

6. Step a command at a time. After setting breakpoints, you can run the program step by step. There are also two methods:

使用两种 next 和 step 两种方式继续程序运行,区别主要在于后者如果是函数调用的话会进入到子函数里面,前者则不会。

7. Print variables

使用 print 观察变量的值.

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  debug_me.c
                   printf("String '%d' - '%s'\n", num, string);
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              main(int argc, char* argv[])
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                   int i;
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                   if (argc < 2) { /* 2 - 1 for program name (argv[0]) and one for a param. */
    printf("Usage: %s [ ...]\n", argv[0]);</pre>
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                        exit(1);
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                   for (argc--, argv++, i=1; argc > 0; argc--, argv++
                       print_string(i, argv[0]); /* function call */
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                   printf("Total number of strings: %d\n", i);
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                                                                                               PC: 0x555555551ef
(gdb) Quit
(gdb) n
main (argc=2, argv=0x7fffffffffdfa0) at debug_me.c:23
(gdb) print i
$2 = 1
(gdb) n
(gdb) print i
$3 = 2
(gdb)
```

8. Examine the function call stack.

使用 where 观察函数调用链。

```
(gdb) where
#0 print_string (num=2, string=0x7fffffffe327 "goodbye, world") at debug_me.c:9
#1 0x0000555555555203 in main (argc=1, argv=0x7ffffffffdfa8) at debug_me.c:24
(gdb) frame 0
#0 print_string (num=2, string=0x7fffffffe327 "goodbye, world") at debug_me.c:9
(gdb) print i
No symbol "i" in current context.
(gdb) frame 1
#1 0x0000555555555203 in main (argc=1, argv=0x7fffffffdfa8) at debug_me.c:24
(gdb) print i
$5 = 2
(gdb)
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可以看到 frame 0 实际上是没有 i 的,原因是没有定义,只有主函数 main 定义了 i。