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Writing QMP commands using the QAPI framework

General Steps Taken

1. Write the command and type’s specification in the QAPI schema file (the qapi-schema.json in the root source directory)
2. Write the QMP command in C; preferably the command should be exported by some QEMU subsystem (ie, frost\_qmp.c instead of qmp.c)
3. Test the command under the QMP protocol
4. Write the HMP command equivalent; though this is not required, and only should be done if it makes sense to have the functionality in HMP; the HMP command is implemented in terms of the QMP command

**Testing 1 (basics):**

* QEMU is started as…

$ sudo ./i386-softmmu/qemu-system-i386 -chardev socket,id=qmp,port=4444,host=localhost,server -mon chardev=qmp,mode=control,pretty=on -monitor stdio -m 1024 -hda ~/vms/xpsp2-x86.img -net none -machine accel=kvm

* In a different terminal…

$ telnet localhost 4444

* Then should get the following shown on the terminal which basically means the QMP server is saying you’re connected
  + INSERT IMAGE
* Next, need to enter in command mode type

{ “execute” : “qmp\_capabilities” }

* The server responds with the following to basically say the latest command was executed OK and didn’t return any data…
  + INSERT IMAGE
* There are a bunch of query commands you can access such as system\_reset
  + INSERT IMAGE OF QUERY COMMANDS
* System\_reset example
  + INSERT IMAGE OF WINDOWS XP VM AND THE QEMU TERMINAL

**Testing 2 (hello-world):**

* Now I implement a simple command that doesn’t return any data
* Print hello world to the standard output
* Edit the json file to define my new QMP command, a JSON object
  + { ‘command’ : ‘hello-world’ }
  + the QAPI will automatically generate any prototypes and the necessary code to marshal and unmarshal protocol data
* next, write the hello-world implementation
  + void qmp\_hello\_world(Error \*\*errp) { printf(“Hello, world!\n”); }
  + note that…
    - the QMP command implementation functions are prefixed with “qmp\_”
    - it takes an “Error \*\*” argument; this is required; the Error argument should not be touched if the command doesn’t return errors
    - the function’s prototype is automatically added by the QAPI
    - normally, printing to the terminal is discouraged, but as a demonstration, it works great
* Editing the internal dispatch table in the qmp-commands.hx file

{

.name = “hello-world”,

.args\_type = “”,

.mhandler.cmd\_new = qmp\_marshal\_input\_hello\_world,

},

* Now, rebuild qemu and run just like earlier
  + Typing in the following command:
    - { “execute” : “hello-world” }
  + yields the output in the other terminal
    - Hello, world!

**Testing 3 (less typing via a python wrapper script)**

**Testing 4 (display packet information using custom QMP command)**

**Testing 5 (displaying packet information from two different terminals and distinguishing the packet information—one from linux and one from mac)**