Reversing with GDB and GEF

Starting GDB

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gdb program [core|pid]
gdb gdb-options [--args program args]
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At startup, GDB reads the following init files and executes their commands: /etc/gdb/gdbinit and ~/.gdbinit, plus ./.gdbinit, if set auto-load local-gdbinit is set to on.

Some options are:

-q/quiet/silent	don't print version number on startup
-h/help	print help
tty= TTY	use TTY for I/O by debugged program
nh	do not read ~/.gdbinit
-x FILE	execute GDB commands from $FILE$
-ix $FILE$	like -x but execute before loading inferior
-ex CMD	execute a single GDB command; may be used
	multiple times and in conjunction with $-x$
-iex CMD	like -ex but before loading inferior
-s SYMFILE	read symbols from SYMFILE

set writing into executable and core files

To quit, q[uit] or Ctrl-D.

--write

You can invoke commands on the standard shell by using: shell command-string or simply: !command-string

You can abbreviate a gdb command to the first few letters of the command name, if that abbreviation is unambiguous; and you can repeat certain gdb commands by typing just *Return*. You can also use the *TAB* key to get gdb to fill out the rest of a word in a command (or to show you the alternatives available, if there is more than one possibility).

You can always ask gdb itself for information on its commands, using the command h[elp].

Getting information

i[nfo] is for describing the state of your program. For example, you can show the arguments passed to a function with info args; you can get a complete list of the info sub-commands with help info.

You can assign the result of an expression to an environment variable with set. For example, you can set the gdb prompt to a \$-sign with set prompt \$.

In contrast to info, show is for describing the state of gdb itself. You can change most of the things you can show, by using the related command set; for example, you can control what number system is used for displays with set radix, or simply inquire which is currently in use with show radix

To display all the settable parameters and their current values, you can use show with no arguments; you may also use info set: both produce the same display.

Logging output

set	logging	on	enable logging
set	logging	off	disable logging
set	logging	$\mathtt{file}\ \mathit{file}$	change the current logfile
			default logfile is gdb.txt
set	logging	overwrite [on off]	
set	logging	redirect [on off]	output to both terminal and logfile
show	logging	5	show current logging settings

Starting your program

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