

GDB commands by function - simple guide

More important commands have a (*) by them.

Startup

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% gdb -help      print startup help, show switches
%% gdb object     normal debug
%% gdb object core core debug (must specify core file)
%% gdb object pid  attach to running process
% gdb            use file command to load object
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Help

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*(gdb) help      list command classes
(gdb) help running list commands in one command class
(gdb) help run    bottom-level help for a command "run"
(gdb) help info   list info commands (running program state)
(gdb) help info line help for a particular info command
(gdb) help show   list show commands (gdb state)
(gdb) help show commands specific help for a show command
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Breakpoints

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*(gdb) break main      set a breakpoint on a function
*(gdb) break 101       set a breakpoint on a line number
*(gdb) break basic.c:101 set breakpoint at file and line (or function)
*(gdb) info breakpoints show breakpoints
*(gdb) delete 1        delete a breakpoint by number
(gdb) delete          delete all breakpoints (prompted)
(gdb) clear           delete breakpoints at current line
(gdb) clear function   delete breakpoints at function
(gdb) clear line       delete breakpoints at line
(gdb) disable 2        turn a breakpoint off, but don't remove it
(gdb) enable 2         turn disabled breakpoint back on
(gdb) tbreak function|line set a temporary breakpoint
(gdb) commands break-no ... end set gdb commands with breakpoint
(gdb) ignore break-no count ignore bpt N-1 times before activation
(gdb) condition break-no expression break only if condition is true
(gdb) condition 2 i == 20 example: break on breakpoint 2 if i equals 20
(gdb) watch expression set software watchpoint on variable
(gdb) info watchpoints show current watchpoints
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Running the program

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*(gdb) run          run the program with current arguments
*(gdb) run args redirection run with args and redirection
(gdb) set args args... set arguments for run
(gdb) show args     show current arguments to run
*(gdb) cont        continue the program
*(gdb) step        single step the program; step into functions
(gdb) step count   singlestep \fIcount\fR times
*(gdb) next        step but step over functions
(gdb) next count   next \fIcount\fR times
*(gdb) CTRL-C      actually SIGINT, stop execution of current program
*(gdb) attach process-id attach to running program
*(gdb) detach      detach from running program
*(gdb) finish      finish current function's execution
(gdb) kill         kill current executing program
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Stack backtrace

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*(gdb) bt          print stack backtrace
(gdb) frame        show current execution position
(gdb) up           move up stack trace (towards main)
(gdb) down         move down stack trace (away from main)
*(gdb) info locals print automatic variables in frame
(gdb) info args    print function parameters
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Browsing source

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*(gdb) list 101      list 10 lines around line 101
*(gdb) list 1,10     list lines 1 to 10
*(gdb) list main     list lines around function
*(gdb) list basic.c:main list from another file basic.c
*(gdb) list -        list previous 10 lines
(gdb) list *0x22e4   list source at address
(gdb) cd dir         change current directory to \fIdir\fR
(gdb) pwd            print working directory
(gdb) search regexpr forward current for regular expression
(gdb) reverse-search regexpr backward search for regular expression
(gdb) dir dirname    add directory to source path
(gdb) dir            reset source path to nothing
(gdb) show directories show source path
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Browsing Data

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*(gdb) print expression print expression, added to value history
*(gdb) print/x expressionR print in hex
(gdb) print array[i]@count artificial array - print array range
(gdb) print $          print last value
(gdb) print *$->next   print thru list
(gdb) print $!        print value 1 from value history
(gdb) print ::gx      force scope to be global
(gdb) print 'basic.c'::gx global scope in named file (>=4.6)
(gdb) print/x &main   print address of function
(gdb) x/countFormatSize address low-level examine command
(gdb) x/x &gx         print gx in hex
(gdb) x/4wx &main     print 4 longs at start of \fImain\fR in hex
(gdb) x/gf &gd1       print double
(gdb) help x          show formats for x
*(gdb) info locals    print local automatics only
(gdb) info functions regexp print function names
(gdb) info variables regexp print global variable names
*(gdb) ptype name     print type definition
(gdb) whatis expression print type of expression
*(gdb) set variable = expression assign value
(gdb) display expression display expression result at stop
(gdb) undisplay       delete displays
(gdb) info display    show displays
(gdb) show values     print value history (>= gdb 4.0)
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(gdb) info history      print value history (gdb 3.5)
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Object File manipulation

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(gdb) file object      load new file for debug (sym+exec)
(gdb) file             discard sym+exec file info
(gdb) symbol-file object load only symbol table
(gdb) exec-file object  specify object to run (not sym-file)
(gdb) core-file core    post-mortem debugging
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Signal Control

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(gdb) info signals     print signal setup
(gdb) handle signo actions set debugger actions for signal
(gdb) handle INT print  print message when signal occurs
(gdb) handle INT noprint don't print message
(gdb) handle INT stop    stop program when signal occurs
(gdb) handle INT nostop  don't stop program
(gdb) handle INT pass    allow program to receive signal
(gdb) handle INT nopass  debugger catches signal; program doesn't
(gdb) signal signo       continue and send signal to program
(gdb) signal 0           continue and send no signal to program
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Machine-level Debug

```
(gdb) info registers   print registers sans floats
(gdb) info all-registers print all registers
(gdb) print/x $pc      print one register
(gdb) stepi            single step at machine level
(gdb) si               single step at machine level
(gdb) nexti            single step (over functions) at machine level
(gdb) ni               single step (over functions) at machine level
(gdb) display/i $pc    print current instruction in display
(gdb) x/x &gx          print variable gx in hex
(gdb) info line 22      print addresses for object code for line 22
(gdb) info line *0x2c4e print line number of object code at address
(gdb) x/10i main        disassemble first 10 instructions in \fImain\fR
(gdb) disassemble addr dissassemble code for function around addr
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History Display

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(gdb) show commands    print command history (>= gdb 4.0)
(gdb) info editing      print command history (gdb 3.5)
(gdb) ESC-CTRL-J        switch to vi edit mode from emacs edit mode
(gdb) set history expansion on turn on c-shell like history
(gdb) break class::member set breakpoint on class member. may get menu
(gdb) list class::member list member in class
(gdb) ptype class        print class members
(gdb) print *this        print contents of this pointer
(gdb) rbreak regexpr     useful for breakpoint on overloaded member name
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Miscellaneous

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(gdb) define command ... end define user command
*(gdb) RETURN            repeat last command
*(gdb) shell command args execute shell command
*(gdb) source file        load gdb commands from file
*(gdb) quit              quit gdb
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