Compiling and Linking

nasm -f elf -g russian.asm gcc -c -g rusmain.c gcc -g russian.o rusmain.o -o russian

Running the Debugger

gdb ./russian

Getting Help

help: get list of classes of commands

help breakpoints / breakpoints help running / running the program help data / examining data help info / list of info subcommands

info: generic command for showing things about the program being debugged

Breakpoints

break function_name break line number

clear function_name clear line number

Scenario: break russian run continue

clear russian break main run continue

clear main

break 8 // breakpoint at russian.asm line 8.

run

continue

Running

start: run the debugged program until the beginning of the main procedure

run: start debugged program

continue : continue program being debugged

next: step program

nexti: step one instruction

step: step program until it reaches a different source line

stepi: step one instruction exactly

Scenario

break russian

run

next / nexti / step / stepi

continue

clear russian

start // stops at beginning of main function //see effects of next, nexti, step and stepi

Note: "next 5", "step 5", "nexti 5" and "stepi 5" repeat same 5 times

Info

info breakpoints

Scenario:

break russian

break 12

info breakpoints

clear russian

clear 12

info address russian : describe what symbol is at location ADDR. Only for symbols with fixed

locations

info address main info address even

info address y : remember that y is not a symbol with a fixed location

info frame backtrace frame ...

Examining Registers

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info registers: list of integer registers and their contents
Scenario:
break russian
run
info registers
info registers edx
//see how the register contents change after each operation
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Examining Data

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Examine memory: x/FMT ADDRESS
FMT is: a repeat count followed by a format letter and a size letter.
Format letters: o(octal), x(hex), d(decimal), u(unsigned decimal), t(binary), f(float), a(address), i(instruction), c(char) and s(string).
Size letters: b(byte), h(halfword), w(word), g(giant, 8 bytes).
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Scenario:

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info breakpoints
// clear all previous breakpoints
break russian
run // breakpointte durur
info registers // i r
look at ebp and eip
calculate ebp+8 and ebp+12
x/d [ebp+8]
x/d [ebp+12]
x/2d [ebp+8]
x/i [eip]
x/2i [eip]
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