

GDB Cheatsheet

- **GDB Initialization**

Command	Description
<code>gdb ./myprogram</code>	Debug a specific program
<code>gdb --args ./myprogram arg1 arg2</code>	Debug with arguments
<code>gdb -p <process_id></code>	Attach to a running process

- **Running Program**

Command	Description
<code>run <args></code>	Start the program (r for short)
<code>start</code>	Start and stop at main()
<code>continue</code>	Continue execution (c for short)

- **Breakpoints**

Command	Description
<code>break main</code>	Set breakpoint at main() (b for short)
<code>break file.c:10</code>	Set breakpoint at line 10 of file.c
<code>break function_name</code>	Set breakpoint at a function
<code>info breakpoints</code>	List all breakpoints (i b for short)
<code>delete <breakpoint_num></code>	Remove a breakpoint (d for short)

- **Step through code**

Command	Description
<code>next</code>	Execute next line, skip function calls (n for short)
<code>step</code>	Execute next line, enter function calls (s for short)
<code>finish</code>	Run until current function returns
<code>until <line></code>	Run until specified line

- Execution Control

Command	Description
<code>quit</code>	Exit GDB (q for short)
<code>kill</code>	Stop the running program
<code>Ctrl+C</code>	Interrupt the running program

- Examining Data

Command	Description
<code>print variable</code>	Print value of variable (p for short)
<code>print *pointer</code>	Print value pointed to by pointer
<code>print array[5]@10</code>	Print 10 elements starting at array[5]
<code>display variable</code>	Automatically print variable each step
<code>info locals</code>	Show local variables
<code>info registers</code>	Show CPU registers

- Examining Code

Command	Description
<code>list</code>	Show source code around current position (l for short)

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<code>list function</code>	Show source code of function
<code>list file.c:15</code>	Show source code around line 15 of file.c
<code>backtrace</code>	Show function call stack (bt for short)

• Writing to Registers

Command	Description
<code>set *(char *)(\$ebp-0x8) = 0x41</code>	Writing a single byte char('A' in Ascii)
<code>set *(short *)(\$ebp-0x8) = 0x1c</code>	Writing a 2-byte short integer
<code>set *(int *)(\$ebp-0x8) = 0xdeadbeef</code>	Writing a 4-byte long integer
<code>set *(long long *)(\$ebp-0x8) = 0xdeadbeefcafebabe</code>	Writes an 8-byte long long
<code>set {char [5]}(\$ebp-0x8) = "ABCD"</code>	Writes the 5-byte string "ABCD" (includes null terminator 0)

• Useful Configuration

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set disassembly-flavor intel
set pagination off
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