

简史 ▶ KGDB was implemented as part of the NetBSD kernel in 1997, and FreeBSD in version 2.2. ▶ The concept and existing remote gdb protocol were later adapted as a patch to the Linux kernel. ▶ A scaled-down version of the Linux patch was integrated into the official Linux kernel in version 2.6.26. ▶ 2.6.35 - KDB was merged, and uses the same backend as KGDB. ▶ 2.6.36 - The atomic kernel mode setting (KMS) API was merged (currently on the Intel i915 class of video cards are supported)

▶ 2.6.37 - Radeon and Nouveau atomic KMS support merged

along with improved KDB keyboard support

Re: Availability of kdb

- ▶ Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 12:52:29 -0700 (PDT)
- ▶ From: Linus Torvalds
- ► "I don't like debuggers. Never have, probably never will."
- "So I don't make it part of the standard distribution..."



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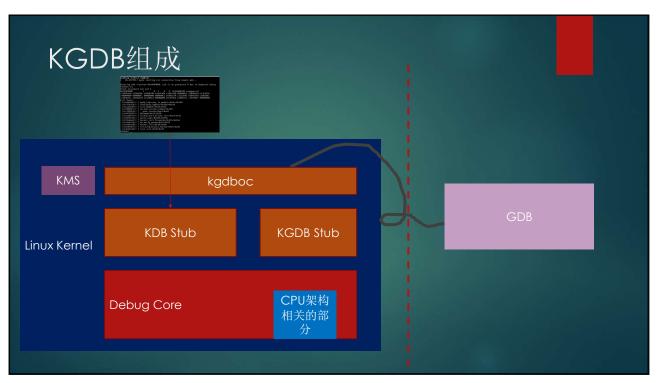
▶ Subject: Linux 2.6.26-rc1

▶ **Date**: Sat, 3 May 2008 12:38:20 -0700 (PDT)

"Another feature that is notable not for its size, but because people have tried to get me to merge it for some long is kgdb support. Which really turned out pretty small and clean, once people started putting their effort into making it so."

维护者

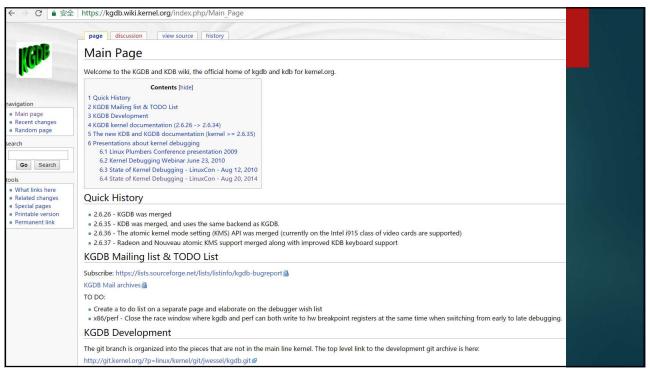
- ▶ Amit Kale maintained the Linux KGDB from 2000 to 2004.
- ▶ From 2004 to 2006, it was maintained by Linsyssoft Technologies, after which Jason Wessel at Wind River Systems, Inc. took over as the official maintainer.
- ▶ Ingo Molnar and Jason Wessel created a slimmed-down and cleaned up version of KGDB which was called "kgdb light" (without Ethernet support and many other hacks). This was the one merged into the 2.6.26 kernel. This version of kgdb supports only RS-232 connectivity, using a special driver which can split debugger inputs and console inputs such that only a single serial port is required.



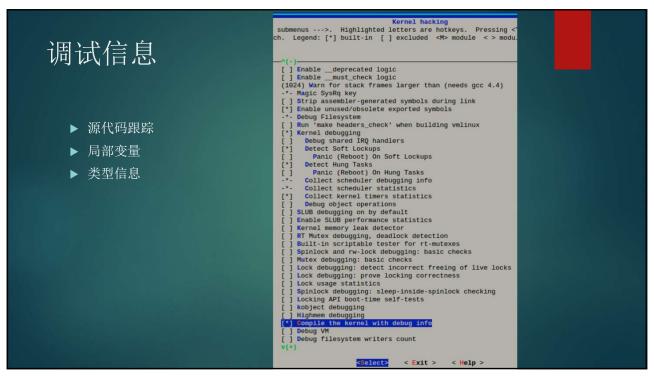


KMS (kernel mode setting)
 ▶ Linux图形系统中负责管理显示模式的部分
 ▶ 显示模式切换
 ▶ 避免切换控制台式屏幕闪烁

*Merging KGDB KDB and Kernel Mode Setting, Jason Wessel – Wind River, Jesse Barnes - Intel









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GPG key import

sudo apt-key adv --keyserver keyserver.ubuntu.com --recv-keys C8CAB6595FDFF622

Add repository config

codename=$(lsb_release -c | awk '{print $2}')
sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/ddebs.list << EOF
deb http://ddebs.ubuntu.com/ ${codename} main restricted universe multiverse
deb http://ddebs.ubuntu.com/ ${codename}-security main restricted universe multiverse
deb http://ddebs.ubuntu.com/ ${codename}-proposed main restricted universe multiverse
deb http://ddebs.ubuntu.com/ ${codename}-proposed main restricted universe multiverse
EOF

sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install linux-image-$(uname -r)-dbgsym

(credit to Ubuntu Wiki)
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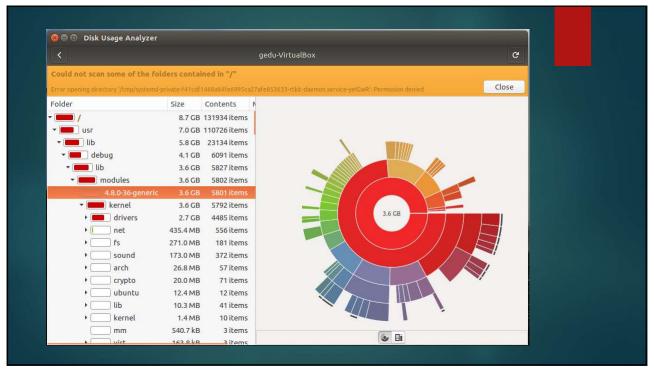
▶ https://askubuntu.com/questions/197016/how-to-install-a-package-that-contains-ubuntu-kernel-debug-symbols

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示例

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fed@fed-VirtualBox:-/work$ sudo apt-get -c aptproxy.conf install linux-image-`uname -r`-dbgsym
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
    linux-image-3.8.0-29-generic-dbgsym
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 458 not upgraded.
Need to get 770 MB of archives.
After this operation, 2,332 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://ddebs.ubuntu.com/ precise-updates/main linux-image-3.8.0-29-generic-dbgsym amd64 3.8.0-29.42-precise1
[770 MB]
Fetched 770 MB in 1h 21min 54s (157 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package linux-image-3.8.0-29-generic-dbgsym.
(Reading database ... 142486 files and directorles currently installed.)
Unpacking linux-image-3.8.0-29-generic-dbgsym (from .../linux-image-3.8.0-29-generic-dbgsym_3.8.0-29.42-precise1_am d64.ddeb) ...
(Setting up linux-image-3.8.0-29-generic-dbgsym (3.8.0-29.42-precise1) ...
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编译时启用
config HAVE_ARCH_KGDB
         bool
menuconfig KGDB
         bool "KGDB: kernel debugger"
         depends on HAVE_ARCH_KGDB
         depends on DEBUG_KERNEL && EXPERIMENTAL
           If you say Y here, it will be possible to remotely debug the kernel using gdb. It is recommended but not required, that
           you also turn on the kernel config option
           CONFIG_FRAME_POINTER to aid in producing more reliable stack
           backtraces in the external debugger. Documentation of kernel debugger is available at http://kgdb.sourceforge.net
           as well as in DocBook form in Documentation/DocBook/. If
           unsure, say N.
 http://kernel.org/pub/linux/kernel/people/jwessel/kdb/
 https://www.ridgerun.com/developer/wiki/index.php/How_to_us
     e_kgdb
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kernel configuration

- ► CONFIG_DEBUG_INFO is in the Kernel hacking | Compile-time checks and compiler options | Compile the kernel with debug info menu
- ➤ CONFIG_FRAME_POINTER may be an option for your architecture, and is in the Kernel hacking | Compile-time checks and compiler options | Compile the kernel with frame pointers menu
- ► CONFIG_KGDB is in the Kernel hacking | KGDB: kernel debugger menu
- ► CONFIG_KGDB_SERIAL_CONSOLE is in the Kernel hacking | KGDB: kernel debugger | KGDB: use kgdb over the serial console menu

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menuentry 'Ubuntu, with Linux 3.12.2 Kernel Debug Serial' --class ubuntu --class gnu-linux --class gnu-
-class os {
   recordfail
   gfxmode $linux_gfx_mode
   insmod gzio
   insmod part_msdos
   insmod ext2
   set root='(hd0,msdos1)'
   search --no-floppy --fs-uuid --set=root eb5d8aee-6a0f-4257-b5b8-8d6731ba6764
   echo 'Loading Linux 3.12.2 with KGDB built by GEDU lab...
           /boot/vmlinuz-3.12.2 root=UUID=eb5d8aee-6a0f-4257-b5b8-8d6731ba6764 ro quiet
splash nomodeset $vt_handoff print-fatal-signals=1 kgdbwait
kgdb8250=io,03f8,ttyS0,115200,4 kgdboc=ttyS0,115200
kgdboe=@192.168.26.244/,@192.168.26.245/ kgdbcon nokaslr
   echo 'Loading initial ramdisk ...
   initrd /boot/initrd.img-3.12.2
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Kernel parameter: kgdbcon

- ▶ Send printk() messages to gdb
- echo 1 > /sys/module/kgdb/parameters/kgdb_use_con
- ▶ IMPORTANT NOTE: You cannot use kgdboc + kgdbcon on a tty that is an active system console. An example incorrect usage is console=tty\$0,115200 kgdboc=tty\$0 kgdbcon
- lt is possible to use this option with kgdboc on a tty that is not a system console.

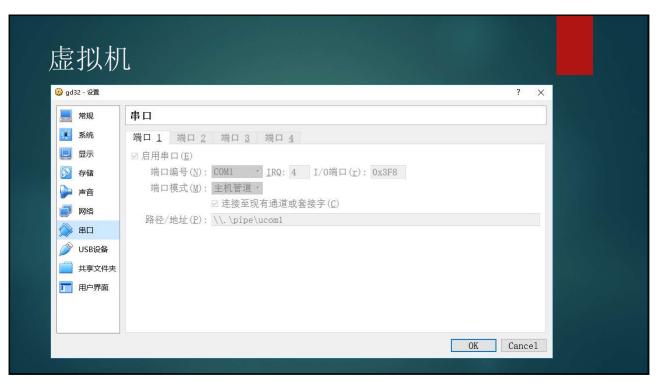
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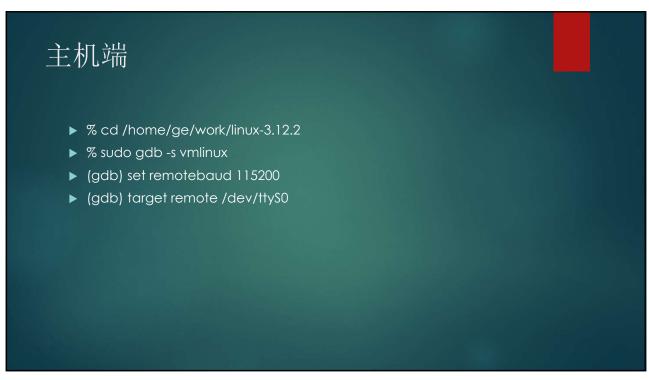
Jason的建议

- ▶ KGDB and KDB use the same debug backend
- ▶ kgdboe (KGDB over ethernet) is not always reliable
 - ▶ kgdboe in the current form WILL NOT BE MAINLINED
 - Linux IRQs can get preempted and hold locks making it unsafe or impossible for the polled ethernet driver to run
 - ▶ Some ethernet drivers are so complex with separate kernel thread that the polled mode ethernet can hang due to locking or unsafe HW resource access
 - ▶ If you really want to attempt use kgdboe successfully, use a dedicated interface if you have one and do not use kernel soft or hard IRQ preemption.
- kgdboc is slow but the most reliable
- ▶ The EHCI debug port is currently the fastest KGDB connection

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GDB Remote Serial Protocol

- ▶ c continue
- g read general registers
- ▶ G write general registers
- m read memory
- ▶ M write memory
- ▶ s single step
- ▶ X write binary data to memory
- ▶ z remove breakpoint
- ➤ Z insert breakpoint

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kgdbwait machine Early serial map platform ▶ The kernel will stop and wait as early as the I/O Serial port driver and architecture initialization setup arch allows when you use this option. Setup ▶ If you build the kgdb I/O debug traps driver as a loadable kernel Yes KGDB? module kgdbwait will not do anything. Wait for BKPT() Host GDB No Connection



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信动GDB

fed@fed-VirtualBox:-$ gdb -s /media/sf_temp/ge/vmlinux
GNU gdb (Ubuntu/Linaro 7.4-2012.04-0ubuntu2.1) 7.4-2012.04
Copyright (C) 2012 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <a href="http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html">http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html</a>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law. Type "show copying" and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "x86_64-linux-gnu".
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<a href="http://bugs.launchpad.net/gdb-tlnaro/>...">http://bugs.launchpad.net/gdb-tlnaro/>...</a>
Reading symbols from /media/sf_temp/ge/vmlinux...done.

(gdb) set remotebaud 115200
(gdb) target remote /dev/tty50
Remote debugging using /dev/tty50
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(gdb) bt
#0 kgdb_breakpoint () at kernel/debug/debug_core.c:1014
                                                                First Break
#1 0xc10db20c in kgdb_initial_breakpoint ()
 at kernel/debug/debug_core.c:912
#2 kgdb_register_io_module (new_dbg_io_ops=0xc19a3740)
  at kernel/debug/debug_core.c:954
#3 kgdb_register_io_module (new_dbg_io_ops=0xc19a3740)
  at kernel/debug/debug_core.c:921
#4 0xc13fd32b in configure_kgdboc ()
  at drivers/tty/serial/kgdboc.c:200
#5 0xc1a2dd92 in init_kgdboc ()
 at drivers/tty/serial/kgdboc.c:229
#6 0xc10020fc in do_one_initcall (
  fn=0xc1a2dd7f <init_kgdboc>) at init/main.c:690
#7 0xc19e6be2 in do_initcall_level (level=<optimized out>)
  at init/main.c:756
#8 do_initcalls () at init/main.c:764
#9 do_basic_setup () at init/main.c:783
#10 kernel_init_freeable () at init/main.c:885
#11 0xc166b6f0 in kernel_init (unused=<optimized out>)
  at init/main.c:818
#12 0xc1683037 in ?? () at arch/x86/kernel/entry_32.S:311
#13 0xc166b6e0 in ?? ()
Backtrace stopped: previous frame inner to this frame (corrupt ---Type <return> to continue, or q <return> to q
stack?)
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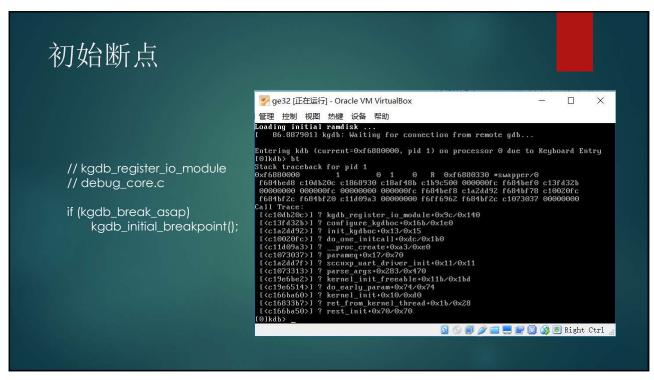
Debugging early code

- ▶ kgdboc=ttyO0,115200 kgdbwait
- Now, when you boot, you will see this on the console:
- ▶ 1.103415] console [ttyO0] enabled
- ▶ [1.108216] kgdb: Registered I/O driver kgdboc.
- ▶ [1.113071] kgdb: Waiting for connection from remote gdb...
- ▶ At this point, you can close the console and connect from GDB in the usual way.

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观察寄存器
(gdb) info reg
eax
               0x2f
                        47
ecx
               0x135
                        309
edx
               0x8c8a
                        35978
               0x0
ebx
                                0xe644bec0
esp
               0xe644bec0
               0xe644bec0
                                0xe644bec0
ebp
esi
               0xc19a3740
                                -1046857920
edi
               0xc1aa4614
                                -1045805548
eip
               0xc10da3e5
                                0xc10da3e5 <kgdb_breakpoint+21>
                        [ IF ]
eflags
               0x202
               0x60
                        96
cs
SS
               0x68
                        104
ds
               0xe644007b
                                -431751045
es
               0xc167007b
                                -1050214277
               0xffff
                        65535
gs
(gdb)
               0xffff
                        65535
```









按法

On x86 - You press the key combo 'ALT-SysRq-<command key>'. Note - Some keyboards may not have a key labeled 'SysRq'. The 'SysRq' key is also known as the 'Print Screen' key. Also some keyboards cannot handle so many keys being pressed at the same time, so you might have better luck with "press Alt", "press SysRq", "release SysRq", "press <command key>", release everything.

*** 对老雷使用的HP Inspiration 7000应该使用后一种方法可能禁止,使用如下命令启用echo 1 > /proc/sys/kernel/sysrq

Ubuntu 16.04默认禁止g功能 /etc/sysctl.d/10-magic-sysrq.conf中配置为176 \$ echo 1 > /proc/sys/kernel/sysrq 后即可以 El Linux Magic System Request Key Hacks
Documentation for sysrq.c

* What is the magic SysRq key?

It is a 'magical' key combo you can hit which the kernel will respond to regardless of whatever else it is doing, unless it is completely locked up.

* How do I enable the magic SysRq key?

You need to say "yes" to 'Magic SysRq key?

You need to say "yes" to 'Magic SysRq key (CONFIG MAGIC SYSRQ)' when configuring the kernel. When running a kernel with SysRq compiled in, /proc/sys/kernel/sysrq controls the functions allowed to be invoked via the SysRq key. The default value in this file is set by the CONFIG MAGIC SYSRQ DEFAULT EMBBLE config symbol, which itself defaults to 1. Here is the list of possible values in /proc/sys/kernel/sysrq:

0 - disable sysrq completely

1 - enable all functions of sysrq

>1 - bitmask of allowed sysrq functions (see below for detailed function description):

2 = 0x2 - enable control of console logging level

4 = 0x4 - enable sync command

32 = 0x20 - enable remount read-only

6 = 0x80 - enable sync command

22 = 0x20 - enable remount read-only

6 = 0x80 - allow reboot/poweroff

25 = 0x80 - allow incing of all RT tasks

You can set the value in the file by the following command:

echo "number" >/proc/sys/kernel/sysrq

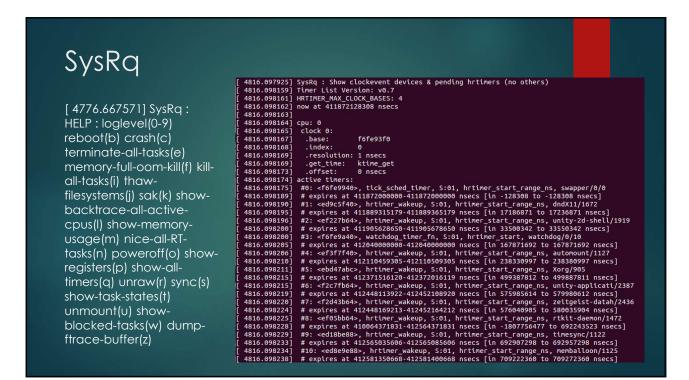
The number may be written here either as decimal or as hexadecimal with the 0x prefix. CONFIG MAGIC_SYSRQ DEFAULT_ENABLE must always be written in hexadecimal.

Note that the value of /proc/sys/kernel/sysrq influences only the invocation via a keyboard. Invocation of any operation via /proc/sysrq-trigger is always allowed (by a user with admin privileges).

* How do I use the magic SysRq key?

On x86 - You press the key combo 'ALT-SysRq-Ccommand key>'. Note - Some keyboards may not have a key labeled 'SysRq'. The 'SysRq' key is also known as the 'Print Screen' key. Also some keyboards cannot handle so many keys being pressed at the same time, so you might have better luck with 'press fit', "press SysRq', "release SysRq', "

'b'	Will immediately reboot the system without syncing or unmounting your disks.
'c'	Will perform a system crash by a NULL pointer dereference. A crashdump will be taken if configured.
'd'	Shows all locks that are held.
'e'	Send a SIGTERM to all processes, except for init.
f'	Will call the oom killer to kill a memory hog process, but do not panic if nothing can be killed.
'g'	Used by kgdb (kernel debugger)
'h'	Will display help (actually any other key than those listed here will display help. but 'h' is easy to remember :-)
ï'	Send a SIGKILL to all processes, except for init.
j'	Forcibly "Just thaw it" filesystems frozen by the FIFREEZE ioctl.
k'	Secure Access Key (SAK) Kills all programs on the current virtual console. NOTE: See important comments below in SAK section.
T'	Shows a stack backtrace for all active CPUs.
'm'	Will dump current memory info to your console.
'n'	Used to make RT tasks nice-able
'o'	Will shut your system off (if configured and supported).
'p'	Will dump the current registers and flags to your console.
'q'	Will dump per CPU lists of all armed hrtimers (but NOT regular timer_list timers) and detailed information about all clockevent devices.
'r'	Turns off keyboard raw mode and sets it to XLATE.
's'	Will attempt to sync all mounted filesystems.
't'	Will dump a list of current tasks and their information to your console.
υ'	Will attempt to remount all mounted filesystems read-only.
'v'	Forcefully restores framebuffer console
'v'	Causes ETM buffer dump [ARM-specific]
'w'	Dumps tasks that are in uninterruptable (blocked) state.
x'	Used by xmon interface on ppc/powerpc platforms. Show global PMU Registers on sparc64. Dump all TLB entries on MIPS.
у'	Show global CPU Registers [SPARC-64 specific]
z'	Dump the ftrace buffer
)'-'9'	Sets the console log level, controlling which kernel messages will be printed to your console. ("0", for example would make it so that only emergency messages like PANICs or OOPSes would make it to your console.)

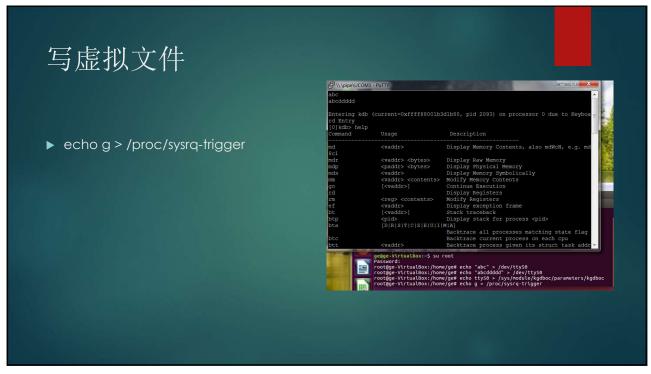


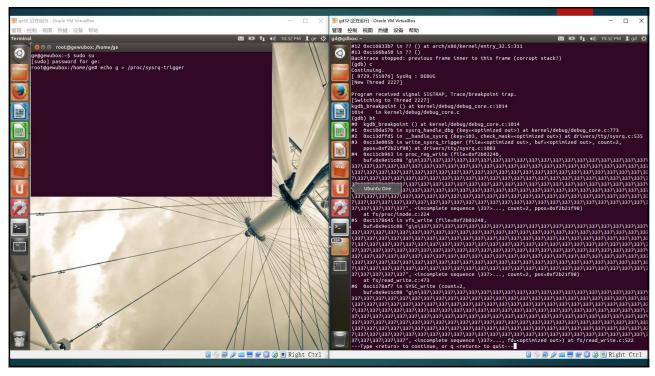
#0 kgdb_breakpoint () at kernel/debug/debug_core.c:1014 #1 0xc10da57b in sysra_handle_dbg (key=<optimized out>) at kernel/debug/debug_core.c:773 #2 0xc13dffd5 in __handle_sysra (key=103, check_mask=<optimized out>) at drivers/tty/sysra.c:535 #3 0xc13e005b in write_sysra_trigger (file=<optimized out>, buf=<optimized out>, count=2, ppos=0xf2365f98) at drivers/tty/sysra.c:1083 #4 0xc11cb963 in proc_reg_write (file=0xf22286c0, buf=0x9926c08 "g\n\

与KDB的Break-in过程非常类似 Entering kdb (current=0xelc22700, pid 2822) on processor 0 due to Keyboard Entry [0]kdb> bt Stack traceback for pid 2822 0xelc22700 2822 2814 1 0 R 0xelc22a30 *bash elcefff08 cl0da57b elcefff14 elceff2c cl3dffd5 cl857ad3 cl8744fd 000000000 00000004 000000002 fea66cco cl3ec030 elceff183 cl3ec05b f23f0e40 elceff5c cl1cb963 elcefff8 el8594b0 000000002 084dec08 f23f0e40 084dec08 cl1cb910 Call Trace: [<cl0da57b)] ? sysrq handle_dbg+0x2b/0x50 [<cl3deffd5)] ? mintle_sysrq+0x150/(0x150 [<cl3ec005b)] ? write_sysrq trigger+0x2b/0x30 [<cl1cde505b)] ? write_sysrq trigger+0x2b/0x30 [<cl1cb9103] ? proc_reg_poll+0x80/0x80 [<cl1cb9103] ? proc_reg_poll+0x80/0x80 [<cl1cl4b9103] ? sys_write+0x65/0x1d0 [<cl178af73] ? SyS_write+0x657/0xa0 [<cl6254d5) ? sys_write+0x657/0xa0 [<cl6254d5) ? sys_write+0x657/0xa0 [<cl6264d5) ? sys_write+0x657/0xa0 [<cl6264d5) ? sys_write+0x657/0xa0

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#ifdef CONFIG_MAGIC_SYSRQ
static void sysrq_handle_dbg(int key)
     if (!dbg_io_ops) {
         pr_crit("ERROR: No KGDB I/O module available\n");
     if (!kgdb_connected) {
#ifdef CONFIG_KGDB_KDB
         if (!dbg_kdb_mode)
              pr_crit("KGDB or $3#33 for KDB\n");
#else
         pr_crit("Entering KGDB\n");
#endif
     kgdb_breakpoint();
static struct sysrq_key_op sysrq_dbg_op = {
    .handler = sysrq_handle_dbg,
    .help_msg = "debug(g)",
.action_msg = "DEBUG",
};
#endif
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x64
Entering kdb (current=0xffff88001b3d1b80, pid 2093) on processor 0 due to Keyboa
rd Entry
[0]kdb> bt
Stack traceback for pid 2093
0xffff88001b3d1b80 2093
                               2092 1 0 R 0xffff88001b3d2500 *bash
ffff880008b1be38 0000000000000018
<#DB> <<EOE>> [<ffffffff8112f73c>] ? sysrq_handle_dbg+0x2c/0x50
 [<ffffffff814edf4a>] ? handle_sysrq+0xea/0x140
 [<ffffffff814ee3cf>] ? write_sysrq_trigger+0x2f/0x40
 [<fffffff81279522>] ? proc_reg_write+0x42/0x70
 [<ffffffff8120bf38>] ? vfs write+0x18/0x40
 [<ffffffff8120c8c9>] ? vfs write+0xa9/0x1a0
 [<ffffffff8120d585>] ? SyS_write+0x55/0xc0
 [<ffffffff818244f2>] ? entry SYSCALL 64 fastpath+0x16/0x71
[0]kdb>
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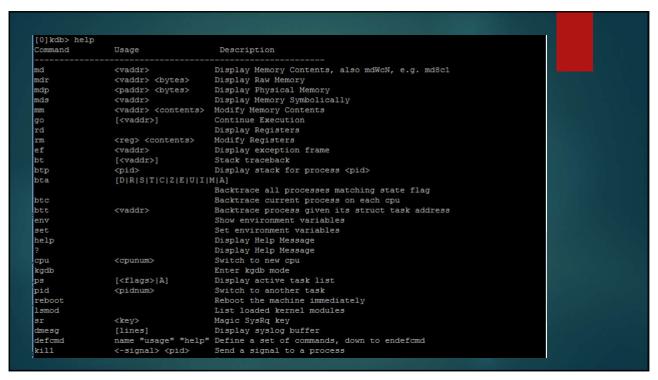
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工作过程
  breakpoint causes exception
    exception handler saves state
    exception handler calls qdb stub
      kgdb_handle_exception()
        if (kgdb active) return 0
        marshall other processors
        put packet to host -- exception occurred
        do
         get command packet from host (polled wait)
         process command in packet
         put reply packet to host
       while (command != 'c', 's', 'D', 'k', 'r')
       # continue, single step, detach, kill, reset
        release other processors
    restore state, return to execute instruction that caused break
   * Jason Wessel
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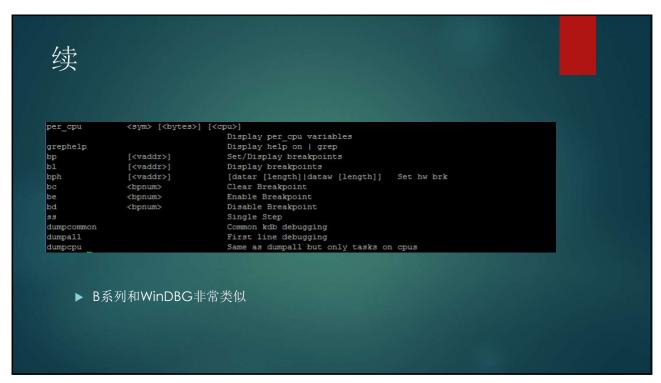
适用命令

- ▶ 大多数GDB命令都可以与普通GDB一样使用
 - ▶ 断点
 - ▶ bt
 - ▶ 观察变量
 - ▶ 观察内存
- ▶ 设置符号时有所不同
 - ▶ 内核加载在固定地址,可以直接指定
 - ▶ 可加载模块需要指定内存布局参数
- ▶ 使用KGDB时,把整个系统大致看作一个进程

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monitor ps eeping system daemon (state M) processes suppressed, ps A' to see all. Pid Parent [*] cpu State Thread Com 使用kdb命令 Parent [*] cpu State Thread 2219 1 0 R 0xf29390 Command 38d00 2227 R 0xf2939030 *bash 80000 0 0 0 0xf6880330 init 0xf6ba8330 kworker/0:2 1 0 1 0 343 0 343 0 1 0 0xef1f8330 0xef155e30 0xed4b1d30 f8000 55b00 339 upstart-udev-br 343 574 575 udevd udevd ▶ 通过monitor命令使用一 b1a00 部分kdb命令 0xed4b2a30 b2700 udevd 722 733 772 776 803 b0000 0xed4b0330 upstart-socket-0 0 32700 0xecc32a30 dbus-daemon 0xf6baeb30 0xed4b1030 ae800 b0d00 modem-manager bluetoothd avahi-daemon avahi-daemon 0xf6a75e30 75b00 aa700 c5b00 804 803 0xf6baaa30 808 0 0xef3c5e30 cupsd 0 0 0 NetworkManager 30d00 d0d00 853 0xecc31030 gdbus 886 0xed6d1030 968 0xeb870330 70000 gmain d1a00 884 0xed6d1d30 0 polkitd d0000 888 0xed6d0330 0xeb875130 74e00 926 gdbus getty getty 30000 897 0 0xecc30330 0xecc35e30 35b00 911 0xed6d5130





add-symbol-file

(gdb) add-symbol-file /media/sf_temp/ge/e1000.ko 0xf858c000 -s .bss 0xf85a6ba4 -s .data 0xf85a5000

add symbol table from file "/media/sf_temp/ge/e1000.ko" at

.text_addr = 0xf858c000

 $.bss_addr = 0xf85a6ba4$

 $.data_addr = 0xf85a5000$

(v or n) v

Reading symbols from /media/sf_temp/ge/e1000.ko...done.

root@gedu-VirtualBox:/home/gedu/labs/llaolao# cat /sys/module/llaolao/sections/.bss 0xffffffffc01084c0 root@gedu-VirtualBox:/home/gedu/labs/llaolao# cat /sys/module/llaolao/sections/.data 0xfffffffc0108000 root@gedu-VirtualBox:/home/gedu/labs/llaolao# cat /sys/module/llaolao/sections/.text 0xffffffffc01060000

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Python脚本

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Debugging kernel and modules via gdb

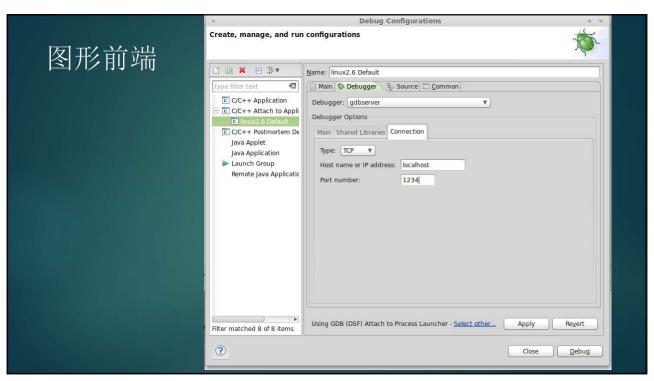
The kernel debugger kgdb, hypervisors like QEMU or JTAG-based hardware interfaces allow to debug the Linux kernel and its modules during runtime using gdb. Gdb comes with a powerful scripting interface for python. The kernel provides a collection of helper scripts that can simplify typical kernel debugging steps. This is a short tutorial about how to enable and use them. It focuses on QEMU/KUM virtual machines as target, but the examples can be transferred to the other gdb stubs as well.

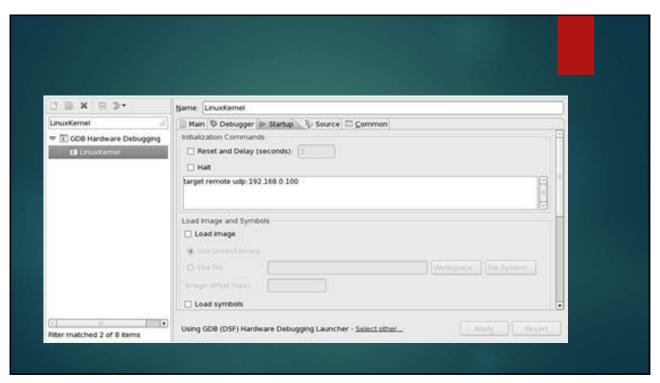
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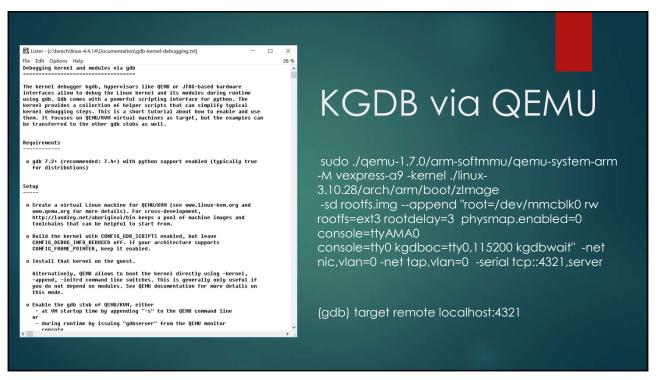
o gdb 7.2+ (recommended: 7.4+) with python support enabled (typically true for distributions)

Setup

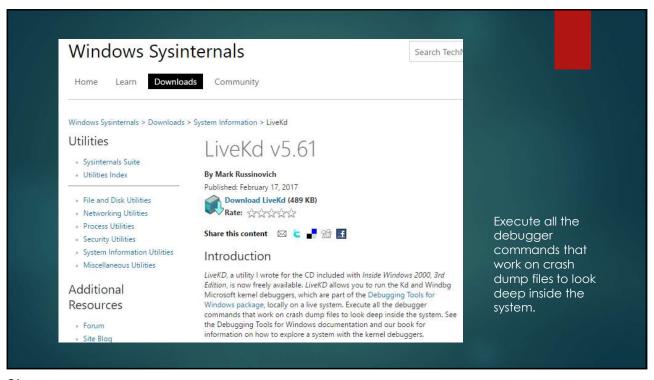
- o Create a virtual Linux machine for QEMU/KVM (see www.linux-kvm.org and www.qemu.org for more details). For cross-development, http://landley.net/aboriginal/bin keeps a pool of machine images and toolchains that can be helpful to start from.
- o Build the kernel with CONFIG_GDB_SCRIPTS enabled, but leave CONFIG_DEBUG_INFO_REDUCED off. If your architecture supports CONFIG_FRAME_POINTER, keep it enabled.
- o Install that kernel on the guest.





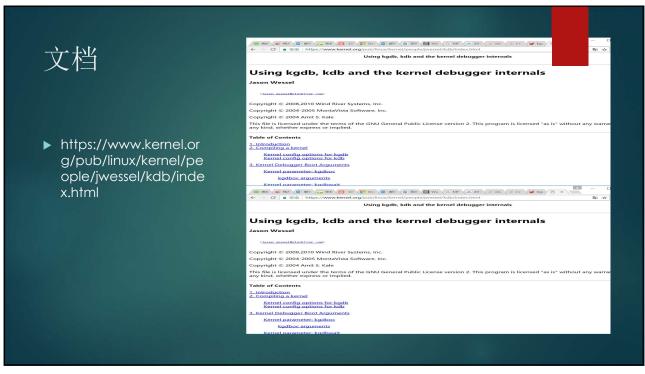












Pitfalls of a Kernel Debugger

For some software developers, the majority of their life is focused on fixing broken software. All developers spend at least some time fixing defects. The first step of fixing is to determine the cause of the breakage, in other words debugging. Kernel level debugging is considered to be in the advanced domain of wizards.

There are many styles, techniques, and tools for kernel level debugging. This tutorial will provide a quick overview of some of these, then will focus on using kgdb to debug the Linux kernel, including a real life case study. This information is useful for developers who work with drivers, file systems, machine dependent code, system bringup, and the core kernel.

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- Sony experts present new kernel research and a tool to measure wake up latency at LinuxCon Japan
- Next week, experienced Linux developers Frank Rowand (left) and Tim Bird (right) from Sony will be presenting at LinuxCon Japan, where many top Linux developers, administrators, users and experts will come together. Frank will share insights on how to use and understand the Real-Time Cyclictest benchmark, and Tim will explain how Linux developers can reduce the size of their Linux systems (and possible improve their performance in the process). Learn more the event and the presentations after the jump!



