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Appendix A gdb Currently available observers

Scope of this Document

2.1 The Symbol Side

The symbolic side of gdb can be thought of as “everything you can do in gdb without

3.1 Frames

A frame is a construct that gdb

Watchpoints can be either hardware-assisted or not; the latter type is known as “software watchpoints.” gdb always uses hardware-assisted watchpoints if they are available, and falls

`target_insert_watchpoint (addr, len, type)`

`target_remove_watchpoint (addr, len, type)`

Insert or remove a hardware watchpoint starting at *addr*, for *len* bytes.

`i386_cleanup_dregs (void)`

This function clears all the reference counts, addresses, and control bits in the

-

void **ui_out_tuple_**

[Function]

void

[Function]


```
ui_out_table_header (ui_out, 3, ui_left, "enabled", "Enb"); /* 4 */
if (addressprint)
{
    if (nr_printable_breakpoints > 0)
        annotate_field (4);
    if (TARGET_ADDR_BIT <= 32)
        ui_out_table_header (ui_out, 10, ui_left, "addr", "Address"); /* 5 */
    else
        ui_out_table_header (ui_out, 18, ui_left, "addr", "Address"); /* 5 */
}
if (nr_printable_breakpoints > 0)
    annotate_field (5);
ui_out_table_header (ui_out, 40, ui_noalign, "what", "What"); /* 6 */
ui_out_table_body (ui_out);
if (nr_printable_breakpoints > 0)
    annotate_breakpoints_table ();
```

This example, from the `print_one_breakpoint`


```
struct ui_stream *stb = ui_out_stream_new (ui out);
struct cleanup *old_chain = make_cleanup_ui_out_stream_delete
...
annotate_field
print_expression (stream);
ui_out_field_stream (ui out, t",
```

This example, also from `print_one_breakpoint`, shows how to use `ui_out_text` and `ui_out_field_string`

which is a pointer to another type. Typically, several `FT_*` types map to one `TYPE_CODE_*` type, and are distinguished by other members of the type struct, such as whether the type is signed or unsigned.

6.5.1 stabs

stabs started out as special symbols within the a.out format. Since then, it has been encapsulated into other file formats, such as COFF and ELF.

While 'dbxread.c' does some of the basic stab processing, including for encapsulated versions, 'stabsread.c' does the real work.

6.5.2 stabsF

The basic COFF definition includes debugging information. level of support is minimal and non-extensible, and is not often used.

6.5.3 stabsps debug (Third Eye)

ECOFF includes a definition of a special debug format.

The file 'mdebugread.c' implements reading for this format.

6.5.4 stabsWARF 1

DWARF 1 is a debugging format that was originally designed to be used with ELF in

operations in the `evaluate_subexp` function defined in the file `'eval.c'`. Add

8 Host Definition

With the advent of Autoconf, it's rarely necessary to have host definition machinery anymore. The following information is provided, mainly, as an historical reference.

8.1 Adding a New Host

gdb's host configuration support normally happens via Autoconf. New host-specific definitions should not be needed. Older hosts gdb still use the host-specific definitions and files listed below, but these mostly exist for historical reasons, and will eventually disappear.

'gdb/config/arch/xyz.mh'

This file once contained both host and native configuration information (see [Chapter 11 \[Native Debugging\], page 61](#)) for the machine xyz. The host configuration information is now handed by Autoconf.

Host configuration information included a definition of `XM_FILE=xm-xyz.h` and possibly definitions for `CC`, `SYSV_DEFINE`, `XM_CFLAGS`,

'ser-tcp.c'

This contains generic TCP support using sockets.

8.2 Host Conditionals

When gdb is configured and compiled, various macros are defined or left undefined, to control compilation based on the attributes of the host system. These macros and their meanings (or if the meaning is not documented here, then one of the source files where they are used is indicated) are:

`gdbINIT_FILENAME`

The default name of gdb's initialization file (normally '.gdbinit').

`NO_STD_REGS`

This macro is deprecated.

`NO_SYS_FILE`

Define this if your system does not have a `<sys/file.h>`.

`SIGWINCH_HANDLER`

HAVE_MMAP

In some cases, use the system call `mmap` for reading symbol tables. For some machines this allows for sharing and quick updates.

HAVE_TERMIO

NORETURN If defined, this should be one or more tokens, such as `volatile`, that can be used in both the declaration and definition of functions to indicate that they never return. The default is already set correctly if compiling with GCC. This will almost never need to be defined.

GDB_OSABI_FREEBSD_ELF
FreeBSD using the ELF executable format

GDB_OSABI_NETBSD_AOUT
NetBSD using the a.out executable format

GDB_OSABI_NETBSD_ELF
NetBSD using the ELF executable format

GDB_OSABI_WINCE
Windows CE

GDB_OSABI_G032
DJGPP

GDB_OSABI_NETWARE
Novell NetWare

GDB_OSABI_ARM_EABI_V1
ARM Embedded ABI version 1

GDB_OSABI_ARM_EABI_V2
ARM Embedded ABI version 2

GDB_OSABI_ARM_APCS


```

        return TYPE_FLAG_ADDRESS_CLASS_1;
    else
        return 0;
}

static char *
somearch_address_class_type_flags_to_name (int type_flags)
{
    if (type_flags & TYPE_FLAG_ADDRESS_CLASS_1)
        return "short";
    else
        return NULL;
}

int
somearch_address_class_name_to_type_flags (char *name,
                                           int *type_flags_ptr)
{
    if (strcmp (name, "short") == 0)
    {
        *type_flags_ptr = TYPE_FLAG_ADDRESS_CLASS_1;
        return 1;
    }
    else
        return 0;
}

```

The qualifier `@short` is used in gdb's type expressions to indicate the presence of one of these "short" pointers. E.g, if the debug information indicates that `short_ptr_var` is one of these short pointers, gdb might show the following behavior:

```

(gdb) ptype short_ptr_var
type = int * @short

```

9.5 Raw and Virtual Register Representations

9.6 Using Different Register and Memory Data Representations


```
int frame_red_zone_size
```

CORE_ADDR unwind_sp (struct frame_info *

`IN_SOLIB_RETURN_TRAMPOLINE` (*pc*, *name*)

Define this to evaluate to nonzero if the program is stopped in the trampoline that returns from a shared library.

`IN_SOLIB_DYNSYM_RESOLVE_CODE` (*pc*)

Define this to evaluate to nonzero if the program is stopped in the dynamic linker.

`SKIP_SOLIB_RESOLVER` (*pc*)

Define

REGISTER_RAW_SIZE (*reg*)

-

By default, the stack is grown sufficient to hold a frame-aligned (see [\[frame_align\]](#), page 45) breakpoint, *bp_addr* is set to the address reserved for that breakpoint, and *real_pc* set to *funaddr*.

This method replaces `DEPRECATED_CALL_DUMMY_WORDS`, `DEPRECATED_SIZEOF_CALL_DUMMY_WORDS`, `CALL_DUMMY`, `CALL_DUMMY_LOCATION`, `DEPRECATED_REGISTER_SIZE`, `GDB_TARGET_IS_HPPA`, `DEPRECATED_CALL_DUMMY_BREAKPOINT_OFFSET`, and `DEPRECATED_FIX_CALL_DUMMY`.

`DEPRECATED_PUSH_DUMMY_FRAME`

Used in 'call_function_by_hand' to create an artificial stack frame.

`DEPRECATED_REGISTER_BYTES` gdb

TARGET_DOUBLE_COMPLEX_BIT

There isn't a size limit on a patch, however, a developer is strongly encouraged to keep the patch size down.

Since each patch is well defined, and since each change has been tested and shows no regressions, the patches are considered *fairly*

10 Target Vector Definition

The target vector defines the interface between gdb's abstract handling of target systems,

10.5 Transport Layer

10.6 Builtin Simulator

11 Native Debugging

Several files control gdb's configuration for native support:

'gdb/config/arch/xyz.mh'

Specifies Makefile fragments needed by a *native* configuration on machine xyz. In particular, this lists the required native-dependent object files, by defining 'NATDEPFILES=...'. Also specifies the header file which describes native support on xyz, by defining 'NAT_FILE= nm-xyz.h'. You can also define 'NAT_CFLAGS', 'NAT_ADD_FILES'

11.3 /proc

KERNEL_U_ADDR

SVR4_SHARED_LIBS

12.2 opcodes

The opcodes library provides gdb's disassembler. (It's a separate library because it's also used in binutils, for 'obj dump').

12.3 readline

Some functions, e.g. `fputs_filtered()` or `error()`, specify that they “should not be called when cleanups are not in place”. This means that any actions you need to reverse in the case of an error or interruption must be on the cleanup chain before you call these

```
void *gdbarch_data (struct gdbarch *gdbarch, struct  
gdbarch_data *data_handle)
```

[Function]

gdb can use the non-portable function `alloca` for the allocation of small temporary

13.4.4 Formatting

The standard GNU recommendations for formatting must be followed strictly.

Pragmatics: The core of gdb must be buildable on many platforms including DJGPP and MacOS/HFS. Every time an unfamiliar file is introduced to the build process both Makefile.in and configure.in need to be modified accordingly. Compare the convoluted conversion process needed to transform 'COPYING' into 'copying.c' with the conversion needed to transform 'version.in' into 'version.c'.

Any file non 8.3 compliant file (that is not used when building the core of gdb) must be added to 'gdb/config/djgpp/fnchange.lst'.

Pragmatics: This is clearly a compromise.

When gdb has a local version of a system header file (ex 'string.h') the file name based on the POSIX header prefixed with 'gdb_' ('gdb_string.h'). These headers should be relatively independent: they should use only macros defined by 'configure', the compiler,

SLASH_STRING

This evaluates to a constant string you should use to produce an absolute filename from leading directories and the file's basename. `SLASH_STRING` is `"/"` on most systems, but might be `"\\"` for some Windows-based ports.

Review 'gdb/README'

Grab one of the nightly snapshots and then walk through the 'gdb/README' looking for anything that can be improved. The `schedule` script will mention this in its e-mail.

Refresh any imported files.

A number of files are taken from external repositories. They include:

- 'texinfo/texinfo.tex'
- 'config.guess' et. al. (see the top-level 'MAINTAINERS' file)
- 'etc/standards.texi', 'etc/make-stds.texi'

Check the ARI

- by using `-D YYYY-MM-DD-gmt` the branch is forced to an exact date/time.
- the trunk is first tagged so that the branch point can easily be found
- Insight (which includes GDB) and dejagnu are all tagged at the same time
- 'version.in' gets bumped to avoid version number conflicts
- the reading of '.cvsrc'

Maintainer note: Other projects generate 'README' and 'INSTALL' from the core

```
M gdb/ChangeLog
M gdb/NEWS
M gdb/README
M gdb/version.in
... lots of generated files ...
$
```

1. Commit 'version.in' and 'ChangeLog'
2. Tweak 'version.in' (and 'ChangeLog' to read *L.M.N-0000-00-00-cvs* so that the version update process can restart.
3. Make the release candidate available in <ftp://sources.redhat.com/pub/gdb/snapshots/branch>

16 Testsuite

The testsuite is an important component of the gdb

The gdb maintainers will only install “cleanly designed” patches. This manual summarizes what we believe to be clean design for gdb.

If the maintainers don’t have time to put the patch in when it arrives, or if there is any question about a patch, it goes into a large queue with everyone else’s patches and bug reports.

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STACK_END_ADDR

extern **struct** observer *observer_attach_normal_stop

[Function]

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