Debugging

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Outline

- Debugging Basics
- Debugging with the command line: GDB
- Memory debugging with the command line: valgrind
- (Parallel) Debugging with DDT





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Help, my program doesn't work!





















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Debugging:

Methodical process of finding and fixing flaws in software



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- Floating point exceptions
- Segmentation fault
- Aborted
- Incorrect output (nans)



Common issues

Arithmetic	corner cases (sqrt(-0.0)), infinities
Memory access	Index out of range, uninitialized pointers.
Logic	Infinite loop, corner cases
Misuse	wrong input, ignored error, no initialization
Syntax	wrong operators/arguments
Resource starvation	memory leak, quota overflow
Parallel	race conditions, deadlock



What is going on?

- Almost always, a condition you are sure is satisfied, is not.
- But your programs likely relies on many such assumptions.
- First order of business is finding out what goes wrong, and what assumption is not warranted.
- *Debugger:* program to help detect errors in other programs.
- You are the real debugger.



How to avoid debugging:

Write better code.

- Simpler, clear, straightforward code.
- Modularity (no global variables or 10,000-line functions)
- Avoid 'cute' tricks (no obfuscated C code winners)
- Don't write code, use existing libraries
- Write (simple) tests for each part of your code
- Use version control so you can 'roll back'.



Debugging Workflow

First things first:

- As soon as you are convinced there is a real problem, create the simplest situation in which it reproducibly occurs.
- ► This is science: model, hypothesis, experiment, conclusion.
- Try a smaller problem size, turning off physical effects with options, etc. until you have a simple, fast repeatable example of the bug.
- Try to narrow it down to a particular module/function/class. For fortran, switch on bounds checking (-fbounds-check.)
- Now you're ready to start debugging.





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- Local work station: graphical is convenient
- Remotely (SciNet): can be slow

In any case, graphical and text-based debuggers use the same concepts.



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Command-line based symbolic debuggers: gdb



GDB





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What is GDB?

- Free, GNU license, symbolic debugger.
- Available on many systems.
- Been around for a while, but still developed and up-to-date
- Text based, but has a '-tui' option.

```
$ module load gcc/4.7.2
$ gcc -Wall -g -00 example.c -o example
$ module load gdb/7.6
$ gdb -tui example
...
(gdb)_
```



GDB basic building blocks





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Demonstration of GDB features

- ▶ We will look at the features of gdb using a running example.
- Example reads integers from command line and sums them.
- There's a C and a Fortran version.
- \$ ssh USER@login.scinet.utoronto.ca -X
- \$ ssh gpc01 -X
- \$ qsub -1 nodes=1:ppn=8,walltime=8:00:00 -I -X -qteach
- \$ cp -r /scinet/course/ss2015/debug \$SCRATCH
- \$ source \$SCRATCH/debug/code/setup
- \$ cd \$SCRATCH/debug/code/bugexample
- \$ make bugexample #(or make bugexample_f)





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Related gdb commands

run	run the executable from the start
list	list code lines (where current execution is, or range)

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GNU gdb (GDB) 7.6
Copyright (C) 2013 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
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Reading symbols from debug/code/bugexample/bugexample...done.
[New LWP 3817]
warning: Can't read pathname for load map: Input/output error.
Core was generated by './bugexample 1 3 5'.
Program terminated with signal 11, Segmentation fault.
#0 0x4007d5 in sum_integers (n=3, a=0x4) at intlisttools.c:30
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continue	continue
down	go to called function
up	go to caller



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#1 0x40082a in process (argc=4,argv=0x7fff0b89ce58) at process.c
#2 0x4006d3 in main (argc=4,argv=0x7fff0b89ce58) at bugexample.c
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print	print variable
display	print at every prompt
set variable	change variable
watch	stop if variable changes



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Remember: We were looking at a seg fault in s += a[i].
     (gdb) print i
     0
     (gdb) print a[0]
     Cannot access memory at address 0x4
     (gdb) print a
     0x4
     (gdb) up
     #1 0x00000000000040082a in process (argc=4, argv=0x7fff0b89ce58)
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             int s = sum_integers(n, arg);
     (gdb) print arg
     1 = (int *) 0x4
     (gdb) list
     7 void process(int argc, char** argv)
     8 {
     9
            int* arg = read_integer_arguments(argc, argv);
     10
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GDB building block #4: Automatic interruption Breakpoints

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Related gdb commands

delete condition disable	unset breakpoint break if condition met disable breakpoint
enable	enable breakpoint
info breakpoints	list breakpoints
tbreak	temporary breakpoint



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gdb commands

list	list part of code
next	continue until next line
step	step into function
finish	continue until function end
until	continue until line/function



```
. . .
(gdb) list 6,14
6 int* read_integer_arguments(int n, char** a)
7 {
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9
      int i:
10
      /* convert every argument, but skip '0', because it is ju
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          executable name */
12 for (i=1;i<n;i++)
           result[i] = atoi(a[i]);
13
14 }
(gdb) display result
1: result = (int *) 0x0
(gdb) next
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       for (i=1;i<n;i++)</pre>
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(gdb) until 14
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Contradicts your assumption of what the program does. The program is always right, you are wrong.



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GDB command summary

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run	r	run
backtrace/where	ba	fun
list	1	list
break	Ъ	set
delete	d	dele
continue	с	con
step	s	ste
next	n	con
print	р	prir
finish	fin	cor
set variable	set var	cha
down	do	go
tbreak	tb	set
until	unt	cor
up	սթ	go
watch	wa	sto
quit	q	qui

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Memory Debugging





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Memory Checking: Valgrind

- Memory errors do not always give segfaults
- Commonly have to go way out of bounds to get a segfault.
- Write into other variable hard to find problem.
- ► Valgrind intercepts each memory call and checks them.
- Finds illegal accesses, uninitialized values, memory leaks.
- Warning: Quite verbose, typically, and, if you use external libraries, sometimes false positives. debugging too.





Valgrind example

\$ valgrind ./bugexample 1 3 5 ==909== Memcheck, a memory error detector ==909== Copyright (C) 2002-2013, and GNU GPL'd, by Julian Seward ==909== Using Valgrind-3.9.0 and LibVEX; rerun with -h for copyr ==909== Command: ./bugexample 1 3 5 ==909== ==909== Invalid write of size 4 ==909== at 0x400741: read_integer_arguments (intlisttools.c:1 ==909== by 0x40080B: process (process.c:9) by 0x4006D2: main (bugexample.c:12) ==909== ==909== Address 0x51c304c is 0 bytes after a block of size 12 a ==909== at 0x4C2636D: malloc (vg_replace_malloc.c:291) ==909== by 0x4006FF: read_integer_arguments (intlisttools.c:8 ==909== by 0x40080B: process (process.c:9) by 0x4006D2: main (bugexample.c:12) ==909== ==909== ==909== Invalid read of size 4



. . .

Valgrind example (continued)

```
==909== HEAP SUMMARY:
==909==
            in use at exit: 12 bytes in 1 blocks
==909==
          total heap usage: 1 allocs, 0 frees, 12 bytes allocate
==909==
==909== LEAK SUMMARY:
==909==
           definitely lost: 12 bytes in 1 blocks
==909==
           indirectly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==909==
             possibly lost: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==909==
           still reachable: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==909==
                suppressed: 0 bytes in 0 blocks
==909== Rerun with --leak-check=full to see details of leaked me
==909==
==909== For counts of detected and suppressed errors, rerun with
==909== ERROR SUMMARY: 2 errors from 2 contexts (suppressed: 6 f
Segmentation fault
$_
```



Valgrind recommendations

- Using valgrind on mature codes often shows lots of errors. Now, some may not be an issue (e.g. dead code or false positives from libraries), but hard to know.
- So: start using valgrind early in development.
- Program modularly, and create small unit tests, on which you can comfortably use valgrind.
- Apart from this basic valgrind usage, there are other tools availble with valgrind to deal cache performance, to get more detailed memory leak information, to detect race conditions, etc. (some of which we'll discuss later).



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Available on SciNet: ddd and ddt

► ddd

- \$ module load gcc ddd
- \$ ddd <executable compiled with -g flag>

```
    ddt
```

```
$ module load ddt
$ ddt <executable compiled with -g flag>
(more later)
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Graphical symbolic debuggers - ddd

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- "Distributed Debugging Tool"
- ► Powerful GUI-based commercial debugger by *Allinea*.
- ► Supports C, C++ and Fortran
- Supports MPI, OpenMP, threads, CUDA and more
- Available on all SciNet clusters (GPC, TCS, ARC, P7)
- Available on SHARCNET's kraken, requin, orca and monk.
- Part of the "Allinea Forge" suite, which also includes a 'profiler' called MAP.



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First Demonstration DDT

- \$ cd \$SCRATCH/debug/code
- \$ source setup
- \$ cd bugexample
- \$ make
- \$ ddt bugexample



Other features of DDT (1)

- Some of the user-modified parameters and windows are saved by right-clicking and selecting a save option in the corresponding window (Groups; Evaluations)
- DDT can load and save sessions.
- Find and Find in Files in the Search menu.
- ► *Goto line* in Search menu (or Ctrl-G)
- Synchronize processes in group: Right-click, "Run to here".
- View multiple source codes simultaneously: Right-click, "Split"
- Right-click power!



Other features of DDT (2)

- Signal handling: SEGV, FPE, PIPE,ILL
- Support for Fortran modules
- Change data values in evaluate window
- Examine pointers (vector, reference, dereference)
- Multi-dimensional arrays
- Viewer



Other features of DDT (3)

Memory debugging

- Select "memory debug" in Run window
- Stops on error (before crash or corruption)
- Check pointer (right click in evaluate)
- View, overall memory stats



Demonstration Memory Debugging with DDT

- \$ cd \$SCRATCH/debug/code
- \$ source setup
- \$ cd ex4
- \$ make
- **\$** ddt ex4





Parallel debugging - 1 Shared memory Use gdb for

- Tracking each thread's execution and variables
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Use helgrind for

Finding race conditions:

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$ module load valgrind
$ valgrind --tool=helgrind <exe> &> out
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\$ grep <source> out

where **<source>** is the name of the source file where you suspect race conditions (valgrind reports a lot more) Shared memory debugging with DDT

Or use DDT:

Thread debugging example

- \$ cd \$SCRATCH/debug/code
- \$ source setup
- \$ cd ex5
- \$ make
- **\$** ddt ex5



Parallel debugging - 2 Distributed memory

Multiple MPI processes

- Your code is running on different cores!
- Where to run debugger?
- Where to send debugger output?
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Good approach:

- 1. Write your code so it can run in serial: perfect that first.
- 2. Deal with communication, synchronization and deadlock on *smaller* number of MPI processes/threads.
- 3. Only then try full size.

Parallel debugging demands specialized tools: ddt



Demonstration MPI Debugging with DDT

- \$ cd \$SCRATCH/debug/code
- \$ source setup
- \$ cd ex2
- \$ make
- **\$** ddt ex2



Detecting deadlock with DDT

Message Queue

- View \rightarrow show message queue
- produces both a graphical view and table for active communications
- Helps to find e.g. deadlocks



Demonstration MPI Message Queue in DDT

- \$ cd \$SCRATCH/debug/code
- \$ source setup
- \$ cd ex3
- \$ make
- \$ ddt ex3



Useful references

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