

How to use the DDD on the top of the GNU Cross Debugger

The GNU cross tool chain for DNP/5280 Linux C programming offers a pre-build cross version of the GNU Debugger, called m68k-elf-gdb. This debugger runs on a PC-based Linux and allows you to debug DNP/5280 uCLinux executables with ELF layout at C source code level over a remote connection to the DNP/5280. The cross debugger needs a Ethernet-based TCP/IP link between the PC and the DNP/5280. In addition the debugger needs also a remote debugging agent, called gdbserver for the DNP/5280. This agent is pre-installed within the DNP/5280 Linux.

The GNU debugger offers a simple command line interface and a lot of different commands. With the help of DDD (Data Display Debugger - a graphical front-end for command line debuggers) you get a powerful graphical user interface for the GNU debugger. DDD is a part of many PC Linux distributions. DDD is also available form http://www.gnu.org/software/ddd/.

• 1. Step: Write your C program and translate the C source code with the GNU cross C compiler to a executable and a symbol file. Use the following command line with the -g parameter. This sample command line builds a executable, called loop from a source code file with the name loop.c and a file loop.gdb with symbol information.

m68k-elf-gcc -Wall -g -m5307 -Wl,-elf2flt -Os -o loop loop.c -lc

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| int square (int x) { return (x * x); } | | |
| <pre>linux:/home/dnp5280 # loop.c: In function `m loop.c:9: warning: imp linux:/home/dnp5280 #</pre> | m68k-elf-gcc -Wall -g -m5307 -Wl,-elf2flt -Os -o loop loop.c -] ain': licit declaration of function `square' ls -al loon.gdb | lc |
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• 2. Step: Transfer the executable from your PC hard disk drive to the DNP/5280 RAM disk or JFFS-based flash disk drive and run the executable on your DNP/5280 with the help of gdbserver. Use a TFTP session and a Telnet session for this task. Please enter the following commands within the DNP/5280 Telnet session window:

tftp -g -l loop 192.168.0.1 chmod +x loop



gdbserver 192.168.0.1:2222 ./loop

The first command line transfers the executable **loop** from the PC to the DIL/NetPC DNP/5280. This line assumes that your PC is using the IP address 192.168.0.1. The second line makes sure that the executable attribute is set for **hello**. The next command line runs **loop** with the help of **gdbserver**. Within this command line you need the IP address of the PC together with a TCP/IP port number. We use the port number 2222 for this sample.

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• 3. Step: Run the GNU cross Debugger m68k-elf-gdb with the help of DDD on your PC. Use the following command line. The parameter --debugger m68k-elf-gdb tells DDD the name of the debugger, loop.gdb is the file name for the symbol information file.

ddd --debugger m68k-elf-gdb loop.gdb





• **4. Step**: Now the debugger waits for your debugging commands. First please enter always the following command line within the DDD command line window:



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This debugger command line is setting up the Ethernet-based TCP/IP connection between the PC and the DNP/5280. Please use the same TCP/IP port number (see step 2). The sample command line assumes that the DNP/5280 is using the IP address 192.168.0.126.

• 5. Step: Then set your breakpoints within the C source code and run your program with your remote debugging session between the PC and the DNP/5280.





DDD allows you to set breakpoints with your mouse. Just put the mouse cursor over the source code line of your choice and press the right hand mouse button. Then use the command button for

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from the command button menu window for running the program. The program runs to the next (or first) breakpoint. You can also use the command button

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for single-stepping at C language level thru your program. If the program execution stops, you can enter debugger commands within the DDD command line window. For example

show version

The GNU Debugger shows then some copyright and version information and the current configuration (Build for Host i686-pc-linux-gnu. Build for Target m68k-bdm-elf).

That is all.